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DRIVER PROFILE - AL ORES

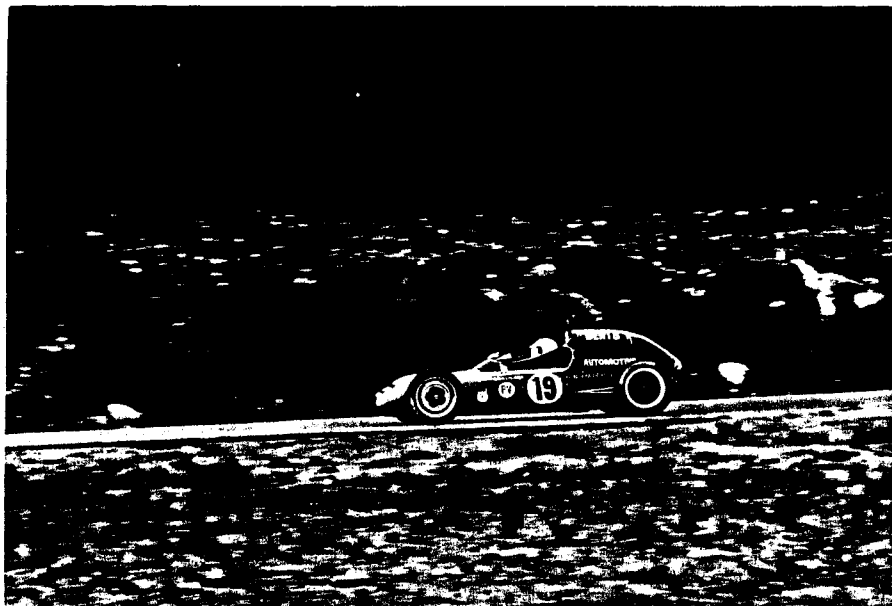
Well known Formula Vee driver, Al Ores, father of four (enough for a pit crew) has been racing since 1968. Racing in both C.A.S.C. and Conference events, Al has listed among his accomplishments S.C.C.B.C. Sportsman of the Year in 1969 and 1971,

B.C. Overall Championship and the 1975 C.A.S.C. Formula Vee Championship.

Voted the Most Improved Driver in 1972, the general shop foreman of Bert's Automotive also belongs to the Westwood Committee and is a member of the R.D.C.

Al's most recent accomplishment was a strong 3rd place in the recent money Formula Vee race at Westwood; his son Mike won the race and also had the audacity to beat Al on the previous weekend too! (Father's Day)

In an intrepid attempt to keep up with track conditions, Al has even been known to tape a flashlight to the top of his helmet and do two laps in a bold endeavour to press on, regardless.



AL ORES' RED FORMULA VEE

Plans for next year include taking over son Mike's factory F.V., if Mike can establish himself in a Formula Ford.

I.C.S.C.C. RACE ON JUNE 20th

Good race conditions, a full field of cars and good driving provided race fans with seven races on Sunday. During the second lap of the Formula Ford race a brown F. F. lost control in the Esses, resulting in a five car pile-up; a serious lack of corner workers complicated the emergency procedures.

On the lighter side, it was rumoured that a few co-operative drivers aided the workers in Turn 4 by helping to clean-up the oil some of them spilled! Also, at Turn 4, the pick-up (towing a FF) broke down and, consequently, the wrecker ended up towing the pick-up, which was towing the F.F.

C.A.S.C. RACE ON JUNE 27th

Sunburn weather was enjoyed by all for the weekend which featured three special races on Sunday. The points races were run in two 15 minute heats, of the four races the only trouble being a three car F.F. pile-up in the opening laps of the second heat which resulted in the race being cancelled until later in the afternoon. The mayday was handled well however, as one car ended on top of the others.

The special F. F. race was won by Jack Sher and was also included in the points races due to the earlier pile-up. The F. V. race was won by a very happy Mike Ores and the handicap race was won by Miller in his smart looking Morgan.

MOTOR-CYCLE RACES ON JUNE 13th

On June 13th the motorcycle club held their National race at Westwood and M.E.T.A. was paid \$100.00 for supplying workers to man the track. The day was very interesting with Baker doing wheelies out of Turn Two into Turn Three and watching participants hanging out of sidecars! There were eight races run in 10 lap heats for a total of sixteen events and the day finished only 20 minutes behind schedule. The members who supported M.E.T.A. by turning out for the races would like to thank the Motorcycle Club for their consideration to the workers, for lunch, for the Yamaha Tee shirts and the \$100.00.

LETTERS

I always wondered how good race drivers get to the top, well I sure found out how at the last CASC race at Westwood. If one driver gets out and beats the track record eight times in the same race he's got one hell of a future in front of him.

Who is that driver? Well you guessed it. Mike Ores in a Formula Vee. Congratulations from all the M.E.T.A. members and lots of luck in the future Mike.

Roger Saloman

This letter is to inform all M.E.T.A. members and anyone else associated with Westwood that the position of STARTER is open for 1977.

Anyone interested in training for this position during the balance of the 1976 season is invited to submit a letter outlining experience and qualifications to;

K. Walker
105-6559 Sussex Ave.
Burnaby, B.C.

Experience may be as a worker and/or driver. The letters will be used to select several potential starters from whom the final choice will be made.

K. Walker

M.E.T.A. DISPLAY AT MISSION

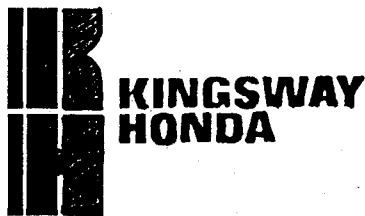
On a cloudy Saturday, July 3rd, we displayed two cars; Richard Barwell's ALFA and Bert Laakman's PORSCHE, plus our own M.E.T.A. photo display at Mission Days. The interest from the people was great especially the kids five years and under. Why? Because one of our members came up with the idea to give balloons out to the kids. So we blew about 150 balloons up and wrote "WESTWOOD RACING" on them. We had a draw for three prizes; one case of oil, Monroe shocks and a \$20.00 gift certificate compliments of ACME Machine Shop and Fraser Body Ltd of Mission.

The whole day was interesting and fun. Special thanks to Bert Laakman and Dick Barwell for lending us their cars, plus all the M.E.T.A. workers; Colleen, Anne, Diane, Marilyn, Rick, Dave, Pat and Roger. By the way drinking beer and blowing up balloons don't mix!

HOROSCOPE -- LEO (July 23 - August 22)

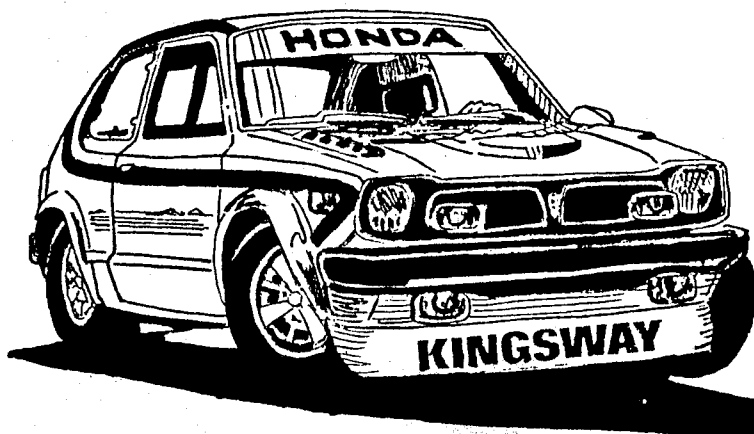
You consider yourself a born leader. Others think you are pushy. Most Leo people are bullies. You are vain and dislike honest criticism. Your arrogance is disgusting. Leo people also steal a lot.

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PLAYER'S MANITOBA - GIMLI

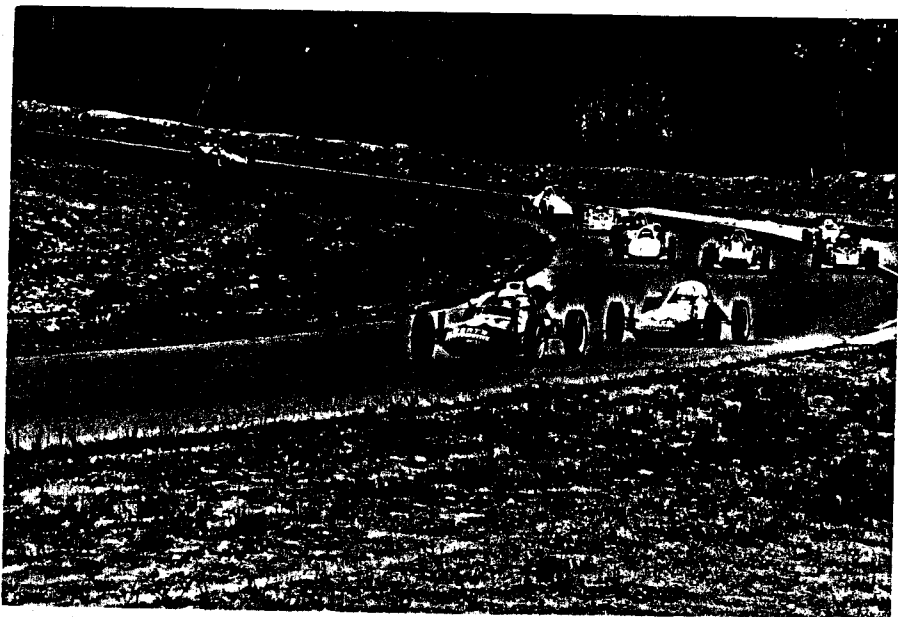
Driving at a fast and steady pace Gilles Villeneuve won the Player's Manitoba at Gimli, his fifth win in six starts. Holding off strong challenges from last year's Canadian Driving Champion Bill Brack, Villeneuve led throughout with Tom Klausler taking second, Brack taking third and Rahal taking fourth. Brack was pressing hard in the race but spun out dropping him down to fifth, he then made his way up to second and was starting to challenge Villeneuve for first when he spun again late in the race, dropping back to third.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 22	M.E.T.A. Meeting (Important meeting to discuss the races of June 20th and 27th)
July 24-25	Driver's Training
July 31- 1	Fun Weekend at Westwood
July 31- 2	Camping Weekend at Copper Creek
Aug. 12	M.E.T.A. Meeting
Aug. 14-15	I.C.S.C.C. Race

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The male chauvinist at MAYDAY wishes to apologize to Bobby Forbes. (He didn't receive his copy of MAYDAY, as reported in June, SHE did!) Sorry.
- A correction in the advertising contacts:
Rick Neydeli at 325 2792
Terry Ireland at 985 6065
- The August issue of MAYDAY will be arriving later in August, due to holidays.
- Close off for articles and advertisements will be August 9th.
- The M.E.T.A. Banquet will be held at the Elks Hall in New Westminster on Saturday, October 2nd. Tickets will be available from July 22nd on.
- Thanks again to Lynn and Vinnie and all their friends from California for their help during the Player's Pacific.



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M.E.T.A. MEETING OF JUNE 17th 1976

The meeting opened with the minutes of the previous meeting and the financial report which shows us with a balance of \$140.71.

The Player's race was discussed, with some objections to the way we had to work until 7:30 pm after having been told that the cut off time would be 6:00 pm. A letter of thanks was received from Rob Tanner. The reason for continuing the Player's race in spite of the inclement conditions was that 35 laps had to be completed in order to become an official race. Once the 35 laps had been completed the race official's decision was that conditions were improving so the race was allowed to continue to its normal completion.

For the motor-cycle races on the 12th and 13th of June, 16 people showed up, somewhat less than the 25 who had promised to come, however, we will still be receiving a \$100.00 cheque. Unfortunately, Ruby Stretton, from Turn Two, was injured as a result of one of the bikes coming off the track and striking her. This dazed her and in an attempt to get to the telephone she fell into a large ditch, cracking the bones in one arm. The club gave her some flowers and a card signed by all members present as a small consolation. The only other problem during the races was one of crowd control.

Plans were finalized to assist Richard Barwell with the Mission Days display on July 3rd. We were also able to procure the Bert Laakman Porsche.


Proposed upcoming events are another camping trip to Copper Creek on the 1st of August weekend and a banquet/dance on the 2nd of October.

The Jack Sher incident of the last race was again brought up and it was announced that the 60 day suspension imposed by the Race Committee has been rescinded and replaced with a 30 day suspension instead. In addition a number of conditions we attached to the 30 day penalty.

The long awaited club crests have arrived and are available to members only from Ruby Stretton for the small sum of \$2.00.

AUGUST WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP

- LOCATION: Copper Creek, private property owned by a M.E.T.A. member. Located approximately eight miles after Manning Park.
- WHEN: July 31st to August 2nd
- MEET: At Eaton's parking lot in the Guilford Shopping Centre at 6:00 A.M., Saturday, July 31st to join the "Caravan", or go to Copper Creek on your own.
- BRING: Tent, warm clothes, food, fishing gear, gold-panning equipment and something to keep you warm at night.
- HOW TO GET THERE: Follow the Hope-Princeton Highway through Manning Park, then follow the map below. It should direct you there!



Club Crests \$2.00 each

- 6 colours
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*Ruby Stretton
(Turn Two)*

