

"Mayday"

The M.E.T.A. Newsletter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

Perhaps you are wondering what is happening in the photo, that is not our intent. We just wanted to get your attention. It seems we have entered the summer doldrums



at M.E.T.A., unfortunately the disinterest and non-support of the club presents more of a problem than one might expect. When corners are not fully manned the possibility of serious injury to all participants of "WESTWOOD" increases dramatically. Is this not the purpose of M.E.T.A. to prevent such possibilities?

We have all heard criticisms of the Sports Car Club of B.C. Whether they are warranted or not M.E.T.A. members should be cautious of where they throw stones. Take a look at our club. When was the last time you were at a meeting or race to take a look at the club? What you will find is a small core of people willing to support M.E.T.A. on and off the track. It is true we can not all attend every event but surely we can show up

for more than one "major" race of the year.

Perhaps the most important factor to consider is the safety of the track and those around it. When a corner is manned with two workers are we doing the job that you think we should? You joined M.E.T.A. for a reason, we hope this reason would be an interest in motor sport and a desire to see races run in the safest manner possible. It is time to re-examine your motives.

CONFERENCE RACE AUG 14th - 15th

Saturday's activities went by quite well considering a late start and a shortage of corner workers. The day ended with two novice races in which the sedans were the most interesting.

Sunday, the day of the main races, commenced with almost perfect weather and the morning warm-up sessions started just about on time. There were approximately 200 cars entered which made for an interesting race day.

Besides having Evans and his Johnston MK 3 shatter the C/SR record by six seconds in Sports Racing; Ron Householder winning with his F/A at a steady pace (around 1:07) without spinning anywhere, the day's main excitement came once again in the FF race. It was fortunate that there were no injuries in a mule-car shunt starting in the Esses and extending to the pit straight, resulting in the race being red flagged and delayed for about one hour.

Considering that the Player's was more of a test of survival, the Conference Race could be considered one of the best race dates of the year.

WESTWOOD RESULTS

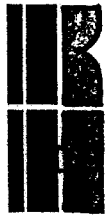
A Sedan, A-G Production: 1. Craig Davis, Connell, Wash. (Datsun) 2. Glenn Lim, North Vancouver, (Datsun) 3. R. W. Friedli, Seattle, (Datsun).
B-D Sedan, H-I Production, F-Sports Racing: 1. John Kendew, Victoria, (Cooper S) 2. Peter Heal, Aggasiz Capri) 3. Ralph Raimondi, Portland (Capri)
Formula Vee: 1. David Doan, Snohomish, (Autodyn) 2. Bruce Benson, Washington (Beach) 3. Mike Ores, Burnaby (D13)
A-B Imp Sedan, A-D Imp Prod.: 1. Gary Noble, Vancouver (Camaro) 2. Bert Laakman, Vancouver (Porsche 911) 3. Stewart Moss, Portland (Alpha)
Formula A-C, FF, Super Vees: 1. Ron Householder, Vancouver, (Brabham) 2. John Storr, Victoria (Brabham) 3. Gord Munroe, Victoria (Brabham)
C-D Improved Sedan, E-H Imp. Production: 1. Rolf Beauchemin, Kamloops (Cooper) 2. Wick Feodorhoff, Portland (Porsche) 3. John Varik, Gresham, Ore. (MGB)
Formula Ford: 1. Jack Schier, Seattle (Crossle) 2. Tom Phillips, Portland (Titan) 3. Bill Nachan, Surrey (Peterson)
Sports Racing: 1. Bryan Evans, White Rock, (Johnston MK 3), Bill Sainsbury/Lons Bay (Lola) 3. Ken Coupland, Trail (Chevron)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The M.E.T.A. Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21st for the purpose of electing the club executive. The positions open are:

- PRESIDENT
- VICE-PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER

All nominations must be in writing and contain the signature of the nominator and the signature of two (2) seconders, as well as the approval of the person being nominated.

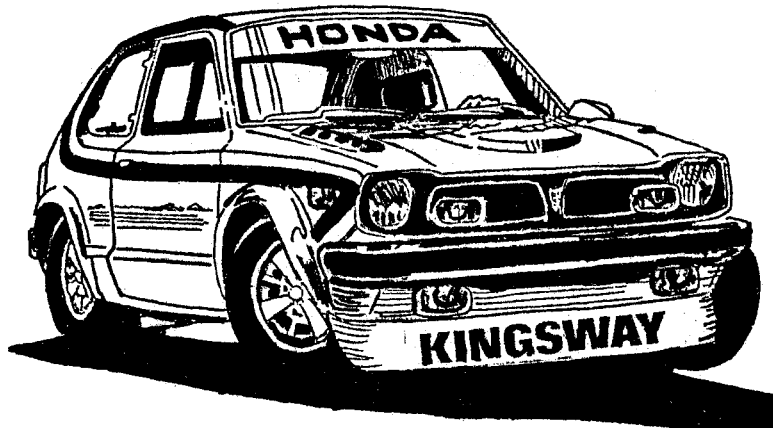


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M.E.T.A. BANQUET

- TIME:** Saturday, October 2nd 1976, 7:30 pm to ???
- PLACE:** Elk's Hall, 56 6th St., New Westminster, B.C.
- DINNER:** Italian Buffet: Tossed Green Salad with assorted Dressings
 Creamy Cole Slaw
 Assorted Pickles
 Crispy Rolls with whipped Butter
 SPAGHETTI with Meat Balls and Tomato Sauce
 Parmesan Cheese
 Fruit Pies (Apple, Raisin, Blueberry)
 Tea and Coffee
- ENTERTAINMENT:** Disco Music (same fellow as last year)
 Door Prizes, Spot Dances, 50-50 Draw, Leg Contest, etc
- Only \$15.00 per couple
- B.Y.O.B. and mix

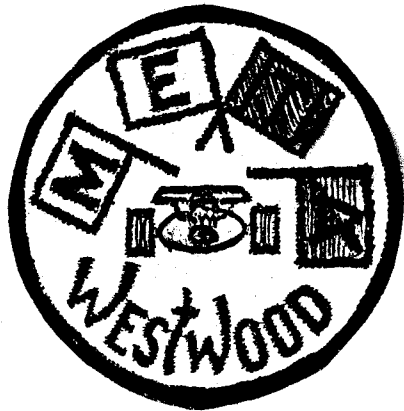
M.E.T.A. MEETING OF JULY 22nd

One of the subjects discussed was the CASC race of June 27th where a Formula Ford accident in Turn 1 was handled quite well. The Conference Formula Ford accident in the Esses on the June 20th race was dicussed and some improvement procedures were suggested.

A suggestion for Worker Profiles to appear in the newsletter was brought up (see the next issue).

The motorcycle race of August 29th will require corner workers. If we can get 20 people we will receive another \$100, if not they will pay us on a basis of how many people turn out.

Proposed for November was a raffle to raise money for M.E.T.A. Some sort of liquid refreshment will likely be the prize.



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M.E.T.A. MEETING OF AUG 12th

The last financial report showed a balance of \$230.14 with another \$100.00 still owing from the Motorcycle Club. Another \$25.00 was received from Dean Warner of Kingsway Honda.

The Bikini Festival Weekend was enjoyed by all and featured a giant slalom running reverse track around the Westwood course. The best time was turned in by a Dune Buggy (not your average Dune Buggy!!) with a time of 1:25. One Mini was flipped at the Hairpin, but the car has since been fixed and is running well now.

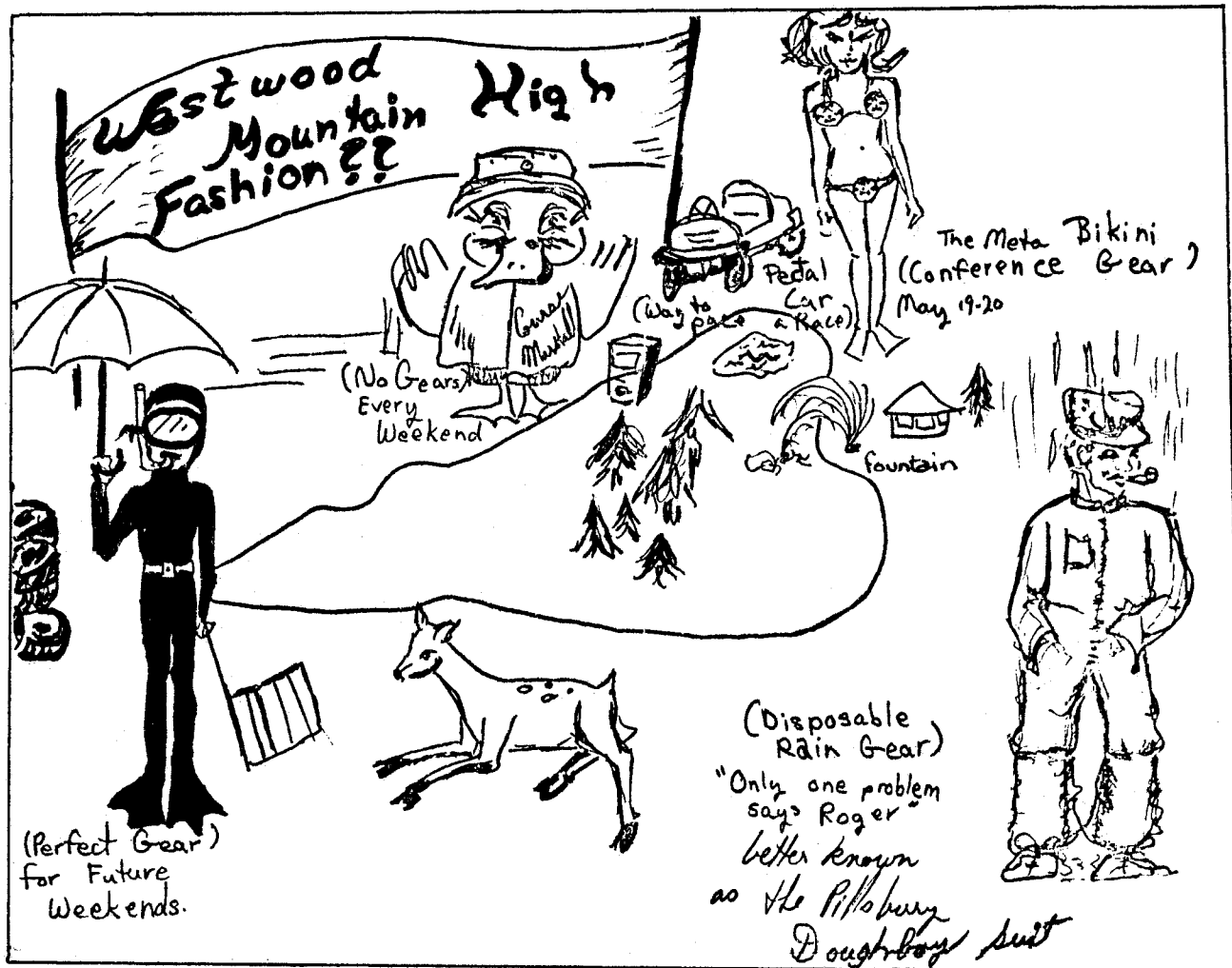
Course Marshall, Rodney Cockroft announced that the Sept. 12th CASC meet will be a Nation Points Meet, but, will be one day only.

Also, on the Enduro, to be held on Oct 9th - 10th, there will be a number of sprint type races to be held in conjunction with the main event.

Any legitimate complaints from Turn Workers regarding the track safety (procedures, hardware, etc) should be put in writing and presented to the Course Marshall, Rodney Cockroft. ("Not more than one page long, please" says R.C.)

A large group of workers will be going to Portland for the August 25th U.S. National Points Meet. Over 400 entries have already come in and some race grids will have over 40 cars.

Dave Bevan apologized to the clubmembers as due to business pressures he was unable to organize a proposed Car Rally for clubmembers.



NEW CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES

The possibility of the club meeting at a new clubhouse has been raised. Located at the foot of Edinburgh St. in New Westminster, near the Queensborough Bridge, the building will cost only \$5.00 per meeting as opposed to the \$25.00 we are currently paying at the Admiral Hotel. Some of the advantages are that we can hold social functions there and have a bulletin board, whereas this is now not possible at our current location. The interior is decorated with panelling and has a seating capacity of 50 or more people. There is provision for installing a bar (unofficially of course!). The facility would be shared with a motorcycle club, and it was suggested that approximately twice yearly a work party be organized to help keep the facility in good order. So, take a look at the photo above, if you like the appearance of the clubhouse say so at the next meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept 9th | M.E.T.A. Meeting |
| Sept 12th ONLY | CASC National |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thanks again to Dean Warner for another \$25.00 into the kitty (another car purchase referral)
- - Thanks go out to Dick Barwell for the presentation of a bottle of wine to each corner in appreciation of the work done over the year
- Don't forget our cheap advertising rates (\$5.00 to \$20.00), call, Rick Neyedli at 325-2792 or Terry Ireland at 985-6065
- Close off for September articles and advertising will be Sept. 7th

THE \$50 OFFER...

Simply refer a friend to Dean Warner at KINGSWAY HONDA. Should they buy a HONDA, Dean will pay you \$25 and donate \$25 to M.E.T.A. With the way HONDAs are selling we should all be millionaires by mid-fall.

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HOROSCOPE VIRGO August 23rd to September 22nd

You have a logical mind and hate disorder. This nit-picking is sickening to your friends. You are cold and unemotional and sometimes fall asleep while making love. Virgos make good bus drivers.