

"Mayday"

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WORKER PROFILE - Bonnie Paul

Bonnie, who is the first one most of us see race mornings, as she is the worker registrar this year, first got started at Westwood in 1971 when she came up the hill to assist Course Marshal Rodney Cockroft. Bonnie helped distribute flags and was a very efficient "Girl Friday".

In 1972 Bonnie started working on the telephones, and says that one of the most memorable experiences was in the Endurance race when Tony Filletti's Alpha landed at her feet (she was working in Turn 3 when the phone station was still on the inside of the track). The decision on which way to take evasive action was complicated by the fact that the Turn 3 Resident Bear had been spotted earlier. Then to top it off, Tony drove off with one less tire causing a shower of sparks.

The following two years were busy ones for Bonnie as she was the Trophy girl for the motorcycle racers and phone girl at Deer's Leap; as well as these responsibilities Bonnie filled in on other jobs as the situation required. Last year the Hairpin was Bonnie's home where, in addition to the phones she also did an odd stint on the yellow flags; she was later appointed Senior Phone girl.

Currently, as mentioned before, Bonnie has been the Worker Registrar and has been very active in a number of M.E.T.A. functions; such as the printing of the early editions of "MAYDAY" and work in various committees for the club.

Bonnie's first sports car was a '69 MGB, which she eventually sold and bought a '68 Alpha Romeo, which is usually seen parked near the worker's registration booth. Bonnie works downtown for Statistics Canada in the User Advisory Services Branch, this being a reference library for the general public.

ANNUAL M.E.T.A. BANQUET

Due to the fact that some of the clubmembers were in a fog during the course of the banquet, it is being reported to you by what most of us "believe" happened that evening. Approximately 110 people attended the banquet this year and I think most of them enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing.

Taped music was supplied by Phil Roberts Productions, and once we got over the customary waltzes at the evening's start the pace picked up and everyone shucked and jived till 12:00 or so. There were a number of endurance dances (danced under extremely adverse conditions), the winners received an assortment of prizes.

All of the door prizes and dance prizes were donated by the following;

Mike Davis - Circuit Motors Ltd.
Erich Schmidt - Westminster Volkswagen
George Boucher - Auto France
Bert Laakman - Bert's Automotive
John Schuberg - Abingdon Motors
Ken Bailey
Ian McIntosh - Kimmac Body & Paint
Peter & Ralph Hildebrand - Surrey Transmission
Reid Hollis - Eastgate Toyota
John Adams
Wally Walker - John F. Adams & Sons Ltd.

We wish to extend our thanks to all of these people for their support of our club and hope that everyone who attended this year's banquet enjoyed themselves.

ENDURO RACE - OCTOBER 10th

With an average speed of 79.7 mph and 558 miles completed, Todd Webb and Michael Fisher came in first in their No. 1 red Porsche 910 to end the 7 hour endurance race at Westwood. Second place went to Ron Brown and Loren St. Lawrence in their Turbo Porsche 934, while third was taken by local favorites Bert Laakman and Charly Godecke in their Porsche 911S.

It was a good race with only a few minor shunts and though it rained for a while after sunset, the temperature remained mild so everyone enjoyed themselves. The ambulance crew had the foresight to check all corners for the most appealing lunch.

One of the big surprises in the race was the NASCAR sanctioned Chevelle of Tom Berrow and Randy Cheadle from Langley Speedway. Few people expected them finish the race but with a few minor difficulties they finished in a respectable 8th place.

ENDURO FINAL STANDINGS:

CAR#	LAPS	CAR	DRIVERS
1	1	310	Porsche 910
2	23	296	Turbo Porsche 934
3	4	289	Porsche 911S
4	20	288	Chevron B8
5	7	282	Morgan Plus 8
6	26	244	Datsun 510
7	3	239	Toyota Corolla
8	16	235	Chevelle
9	25	228	Datsun B210
10	5	228	Scepter
11	6	225	Mazda RX3
12	12	213	Porsche 924
13	24	212	Lotus Elan
14	8	178*	Porsche 911
15	15	125*	Cortina GT
16	9	120*	Datsun 510
17	18	119*	Porsche 911S
18	22	118*	Chevron B8
19	14	102*	Sprite R.T.
20	10	47*	Datsun 2000
21	11	46*	Datsun 240Z
22	2	8*	Karmann Ghia
			Todd Webb, Michael Fisher
			Ron Brown, Loren St. Lawrence
			Bert Laakman, Charly Godecke
			Rob McGregor, Gordon Hemrich
			Al Allinson, Dennis Phillips, Bob Beauchemin
			Doug Lorraine, Bob Brink, Verna Brink
			Tom Phillips, Bill Norris, Jim Reid
			Tom Berrow, Randy Cheadle
			Rick Horton, Tony Hampshire
			Bill Stevens, Sans Thompson
			Doug Moe, Ray Callduro, Lee Pritchard
			Win Casey, John Vurik, Ernie Anderson
			S.W. Bayda, Ray McGowan, Dan Lazar
			Chris Rockweit, Nick Feodorhoff, Gordon Barron
			Frank Quigg, Robert Bacg
			Al Ores, Mike Ores
			Charley Pratt, Don Smothers, Bill Hanel
			Jim Robinson, Wayne Sill
			Ray Robinson, Rod Hamilton
			Steve Rundell, Pat Mooney, Bill McDougall
			Lani Schroeder, Jim Baker, Larry Carroll
			J. Dawson Gieger, John Dowing

* means not running at finish

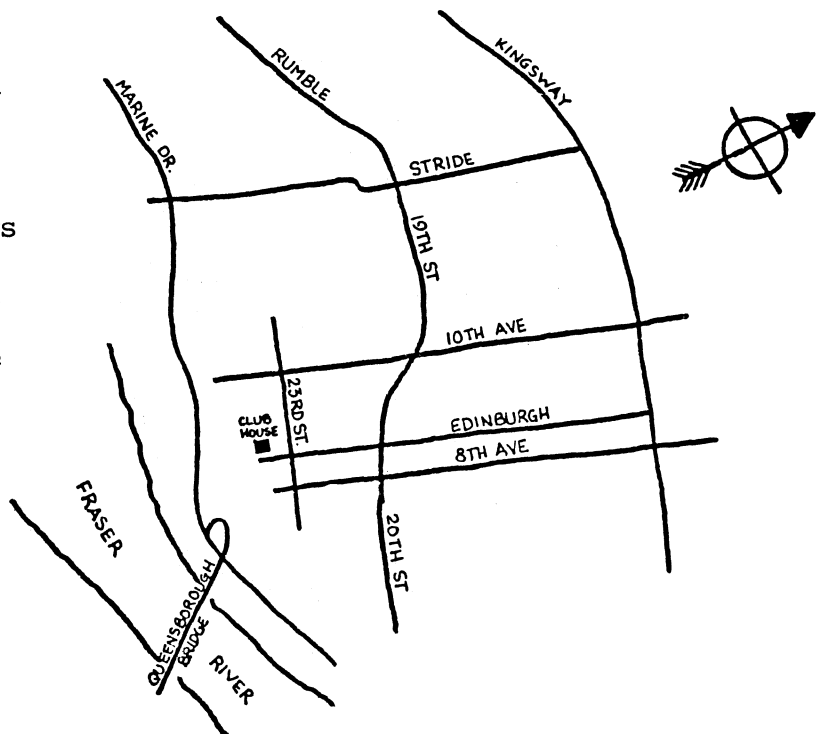
M.E.T.A.'s NEW CLUBHOUSE

Clubmembers voted to move the club meetings from the Admiral Hotel to the facilities available to us at Edinburgh Street in NewWestminster (near the Queensborough Bridge).

There are some small repairs and land clearing to be done but once things have been fixed up we will be able to hold social functions there in addition to our regular meetings. There will also be a bulletin board available for the posting of notices.

The cost to the club is \$8.00 vs the \$25.00 we are currently paying. The first scheduled meeting in the new club will be November 18th where the new executive will be taking over after the elections.

The map to the right should help you in finding the clubhouse so keep it handy.

HOROSCOPE - SCORPIO October 23 - November 21

You are shrewd in business and cannot be trusted. You shall achieve the pinnacle of success because of your absence of business ethics. Most Scorpions are murdered.

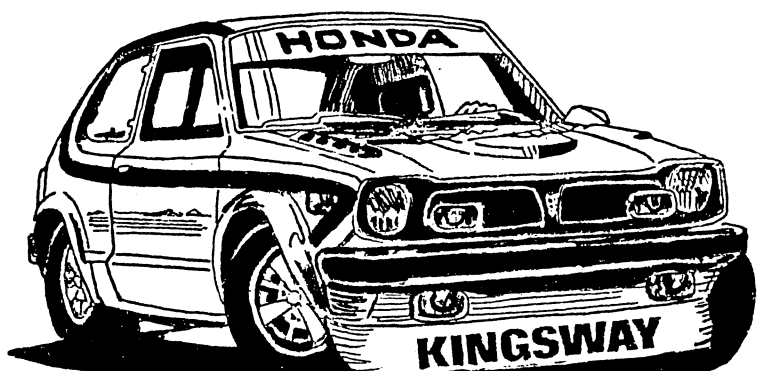


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We also have some overstocked race tires bought during the GOODYEAR strike, which we can sell in the \$40 to \$80 range.

Don't forget there has been a five week strike so buy your WINTER tires early this year and don't pay high prices!!!

CIRCUIT TIRE SALES

Tony Morris 3227 St. John's St.
939-4661 Port Moody, B.C. 939-4661



"...AND THERE THEY GO!!!"
ENDURO '76

M.E.T.A. MEETING - OCTOBER 7th 1976

The financial report showed that we had a balance of \$301.04 but as the banquet resulted in a loss of approximately \$100.00 this amount will be reduced somewhat.

The first order of business was a discussion of recent track improvements, where some of the ditch at Turn 2 has now been covered over with sheets of plywood, courtesy of the SCCBC (Tom Wilson); Colin Booth also assured that all the fire bottles had been checked and fully charged.

A recent meeting of the Competition Committee promised that conditions at the track will be better in the future as the general consensus was that this year was a complete disaster all round. Some of the recommendations of Course Marshall Rodney Cockcroft are as follows;

1. to have a good clear area around each flag station
2. to improve the drainage at Turn 2 and downhill from Deer's Leap
3. to install a new fence between the Esses and the foot of the Pits
4. to have the emergency vehicles on the north side of Start-Finish
5. to cut down the bank on the outside of the Esses
6. to have no trackside structures for personnell comfort
7. to have a free floating marshal system instead of having people work at one corner all the time

The Ice Challenge races at Barnes Lake were discussed and the search is on for workers. Race promoter Herman Kroetlinger says that with his existing finances he can subsidize 18 workers to the amount of \$18.40 each per race weekend. He would however want people who can work all four race weekends. The Bar Q Guest Ranch will be the entertainment headquarters and the Desert Motel will be the living quarters.

October 28th, 29th, and 30th at the P.N.E. will be the time and location of Speed Sport '76; Ice Challenge and M.E.T.A. have combined forces to put up an arrangement of 12 cars in 2700 sq. ft. of display area. A request for workers to assist was given (contact Roger) and please wear whites or blue.

Steve Collins sent word that his white CASTROL jacket is for sale

Wally Walker sent a suggestion that a box be set up next year to collect donations towards the M.E.T.A. banquet.

It has generally been agreed by all concerned that the past year at Westwood has been somewhat of a disaster. There has been a great deal of dissention and fragmentation of worker groups, and, hopefully, next year will be a much smoother and better organized season.

Clerk of the Course, Jim McRae gave an impassioned plea in support of Rodney Cockcroft's announced intention of trying to establish a floating marshal system as he believes it would give all workers a good general idea of how to handle situations. He contends that the psychology behind some people's resistance to the idea stems from a basic lack of confidence in one's ability to get the job done.

Another item that came up during the meeting was the announced intention of the laying of "the heavy hand of authority" on some of the Formula Ford drivers. Possibilities include a grading system and the compelling of some drivers to undergo further training.

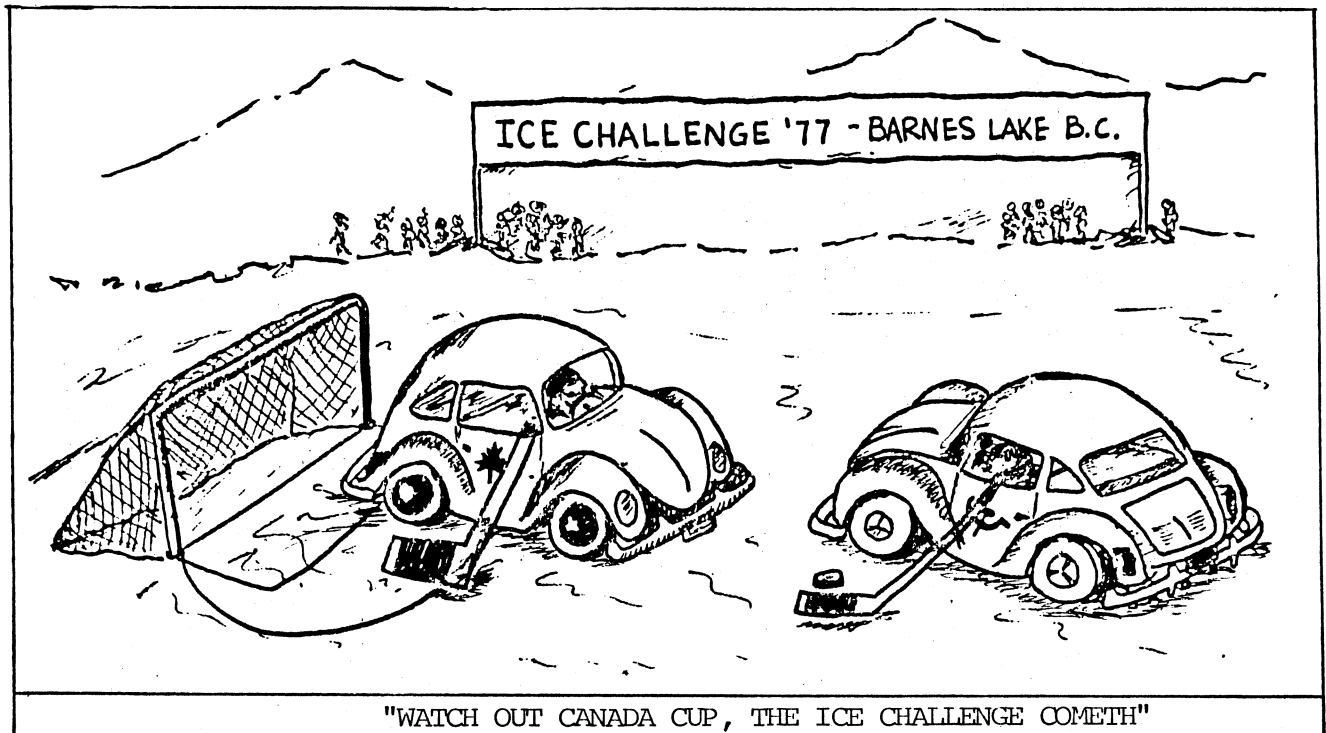
The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m. with a reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Admiral Hotel at 7:30 p.m. on October 21st.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As the racing season draws to a close at Westwood the time draws near to elect the new M.E.T.A. executive. Before this is done I would like to thank all those associated with "MAYDAY"; Joe Proud, who gives the newsletter its depth and personal glimpses. Joe's photographs have helped to make "MAYDAY" more professional looking and infinitely more interesting. Cathy Sailes, who sat undauntingly behind the typewriter and transcribed our chicken scratches into meaningful discourses. Bonnie Paul, who during the initial stages of "MAYDAY" birth aided us by producing the many copies of the newsletter required to reach all our readers. Rick Neyedli, our ad man responsible for the selling of the newsletter to our advertisers. Roger Salomon representing the executive, giving us the approval to go ahead with our ideas. And to the advertisers who made it possible for the newsletter to become self-sufficient and showing us support for M.E.T.A.'s cause. Finally to all those who contributed articles, cartoons and suggestions, making "MAYDAY" representative of the club and it's feelings.

With the solid support all these people have given me over the past seven months my job as Editor was made much easier. The new executive will be appointing a new Editor shortly, so once again I say thank you to all of those involved with "MAYDAY", your newsletter.

Terry Ireland

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21st	M.E.T.A. General Meeting (ELECTIONS)
October 28,29,30th	SPEED SPORT '76 at the P.N.E.
November 18th	M.E.T.A. Meeting at the new clubhouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks go out once again to Dean Warner for another \$25.00 into the M.E.T.A. bank account for one of those referrals to KINGSWAY HONDA

CANADIAN ROAD RACE OF CHAMPIONS - St. Jovite

B.C. drivers enjoyed great success at the CRRC held in St. Jovite, Quebec on September 26th.

Bob Stevens of Richmond took the "B" Sedan event with his well prepared Datsun 510 while Albingdon Motors drivers John Schuberg in a TR7 and Tom Tuttles in a F Production MG Midget both won their events. In the C Sports Racing event Pete Siddons took a very close second place in his locally manufactured Johnston while Barry Child was third in G Production with his MG Midget. Eighth place went to both Mike Ores in his Caldwell D13 Formula Vee and Bob McGregor in his Titan Formula Ford in their respective races. Mike's showing was exceptional as he had rolled his car on Saturday after having qualified in third position.

A good showing by the B.C. drivers who are all to be congratulated.

RULKA WINS AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Stuart Rulka fo Burnaby, a figure well known to Westwood regulars, successfully defended his championship at the recent 1976 Sports Car Club of America BLMI national solo II championship events held in Columbus, Ohio.

Driving his Morgan 4 Plus 4, Stuart won his third "D" stock classification title since he entered the series.