

“Mayday”

The M.E.T.A. Newsletter

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MINUTES of MEETING held January 20th, 1977.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

Financial statement will be available as soon as audit is completed. Roger requested anybody who has the bill for the fire-suit should contact him.

Raffle tickets are now ready. They are \$1.00 each and there will be three draws for a Texas Mickey each.

Correspondence.

Letter received from Colleen Kistner confirming her resignation. A copy of the 'Flag & Phone' was received from Portland. The President of C.A.S.C. wrote Roger Salomon stating that they would welcome the future addition of M.E.T.A. as an affiliate member of the club.

Roger mentioned a lengthy letter which was written by a group of drivers who attended the first Ice Race. This letter was critical of everything and everybody connected with the racing. Copies were sent to the R.C.M.P., and the Attorney-General among others. Should any M.E.T.A. member hear any talk about this episode they are asked not to discuss the matter, but should refer the person to Roger or any other Official that was at Ashcroft that week-end.

Election.

A by-election was held to fill the two vacancies left by Ed and Colleen. There were 22 voting members present - including 2 proxy votes.

Secretary-Treasurer

Nominated: Sue Green ---- Elected
Rick Neyedli
Linda Parker

Vice President

Nominated: Dave Tomlinson
Martin Stretton ----- Elected.
Perrin Hayes
Dennis Mullock

Moved by Rick Neyedli, seconded by Joe Proud that the ballots be destroyed.

Brentwood Car Show. Plans are proceeding well. Radio and newspaper advertising will be generous. It will be the Biggest Car Racing Show in B.C. 10 - 15 films are available. 2000 balloons have been given by Quaker State. Entries include go-karts, bikes, NASCAR, sports racers, Formulas and others. A request for all club members to help set-up on Sunday, February 13th was made.

C.A.S.C. - A vote was taken re. joining this club and the majority of those present voted to do so. Licencing of workers will be planned by a group of six people. This group to be decided upon at the next meeting.

S.C.C.A. workers application forms are available from Sue Green.

Membership Fees are due by the end of February. The fee remains at \$3 and a copy of the new Workers Manual is available for 50%. Be prepared to pay dues at the next meeting.

Next Meeting will be on the SECOND Thursday of the month, which is February 10th and will again be held at the clubhouse.

Moved by Dennis Mullock, seconded by Dennis Neyedli that the meeting be adjourned.

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ICE CHALLENGE 77 - Race 2

The sky was cloudy but the racing was good for the January 22-23 week-end event. With the experience of the previous race behind them, things went very smoothly this time.

The following are the winners of the races:

- Race 1 - Limited Studs, Bill Hunter, Datsun F10.
- " 2 - Unlimited Studs, Andy Field, Honda.
- " 3 - Unlimited Studs, Kees Nierup, Datsun 240Z
- " 4 - Rubber to Ice, Andy Fields, Honda.
- " 5 - Limited Studs, Andy Fields, Honda.
- " 6 - Unlimited Studs, Kees Nierup, Datsun 240Z.

Several cars experienced mechanical problems and the Unlimited Stud class races were cut from 30 to 20 minutes, as the vibration from the ice was causing some problems.

The Foreign Stock races were cancelled as only two cars were available and both of those were experiencing mechanical problems. The idea of an Officials Foot race to replace the cancelled Foreign Stock race was also scrubbed as it was felt that there were insufficient ambulances to haul away the casualties. In addition there was some disagreement as to whether studded footwear would be allowed!

In a lighter vein still. Track C.B'S in the hands of the communicators provided conversations such as the following. "There is someone who needs a 10-100 quick like, and it's not me!" and, "I don't know if this is an infraction, but we have the driver of car no. ~~44~~ doing a 10-100 on the track!"

In the Limited Stud division speeds of up to 86 m.p.h. were recorded by a police radar unit, while on the last lap of the Unlimited Stud race at the end of the day two cars were clocked at 101 m.p.h.

HEMRICH FAMILY BUYS LANGLEY SPEEDWAY

For an estimated \$45,000 the Hemrich family of Vancouver bought the Speedway from Craig Frazer of Surrey. Father August and sons Edward and Gordon purchased the 3/8 mile oval with two years remaining on the Provincial Government lease, and plan to continue operations through the Lower Mainland Oval Racing Association. Races are still to be held Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons.

Plans call for close co-operation with Skagit Speedway in Munroe, Wash. and Western Speedway in Victoria. This will bring in a wider variety of cars for the coming season in addition to the Super Stocks and Modified Sportsmen.

Gordy Hemrich is known to Westwood workers through his co-driving of the Chevron in the Enduro and also for his part in the driver training program.

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WARM FEET AT THE ICE RACES

If you have been suffering from cold feet lately, (probably at Barnes Lake) you might like to contact Joe Proud who has spotted an ad. in one of our larger Mail Order catalogues for battery-powered electric socks! Seems they sell for around \$13. I can think of many weeks at Westwood when they might have been welcome! (Ed.)

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WHAT DO WESTWOOD WORKERS DO WHEN THEY ARE NOT WORKING AT WESTWOOD?

Have you ever wondered about the other-side of your fellow workers? Have you wondered how they spend their working lives and their leisure?

Currently known are the following occupations (unidentified - maybe you can match them.)
Mechanic - U.B.C. Student - Cake Decorator - Steel salesperson
Machinist - Secretary - Cashier.

Among the hobbies and interests (other than car and ice racing) are
Photography - Theatre -

How about a bit of feed-back. If you have a different occupation of hobby, share it with the rest of us.

THIS IS YOUR NEWS LETTER. How about something from you. This is not a means to have a bitch-session but some interesting articles or reports on shows, observations of vehicles you may have acquired etc. etc. would be welcome.

If there are no contributions for the next 'blurb' we shall just print the summary of the M.E.T.A. meeting and the Ice Challenge results on one sheet. Very interesting.

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DON'T FORGET- YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT BRENTWOOD
FEBRUARY 13TH. LET'S MAKE A GOOD DISPLAY!