

"Mayday"

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TO ALL M.E.T.A. MEMBERS.

Looking back at last years experiences of Westwood, I wondered if there will be other races held in the years to come.

The past season was disappointing from many points of view, between racing officials and their cooperation with the workers. I asked myself what can be done to improve the situation between our two clubs. After numerous meetings and phone calls with the new S.C.C.B.C. Executive trying to solve some of the problems. We so far have had full cooperation with S.C.C.B.C. and we are solving many problems which we have been fighting for, for years.

This years racing at Westwood is probably the best race season we have had for the past six years, with a Trans-Am Race weekend complete with two Rock Bands and other entertainment. The Atlantic Series, which will be bigger than ever. A Pro Sports Race even later in the year, plus the Antique Car Races (3 races approx. 20 cars). The Honda Series coming to B. C. and the Datsun 510 Claimer Series. Thats one hell of a fine accomplishment for one year. I think congratulations are in order to the new S.C.C.B.C. Executive and their President Tom Wilson.

WHERE IS M.E.T.A. ???? YES YOU !!!! AS A M.E.T.A. MEMBER.

First I.C.S.C.C. Race - Saturday 23 workers???
Sunday 34 workers???

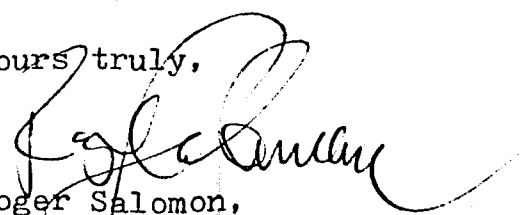
We have a membership of 76. What's the problems? Last year we complained about S.C.C.B.C. for not more support to M.E.T.A. and the disappointing race season.

Well, this season I think we had better prove our point!

I know that some members are working weekends or some wish to spend some time with their families. However, where are the rest of you? We have meetings once a month !! And I am sure that a phone call to another member or your executive won't hurt, just show some interest so we know you are still alive.

So !!! M.E.T.A. MEMBERS lets pull up our socks and prove what M.E.T.A. stands for Safety and Unity for Motorsport.

Yours truly,


Roger Salomon,
President M.E.T.A.

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DRIVER TRAINING and the FIRST CONFERENCE RACE

March 19 - 20 was the date of Westwood's opening event for the 1977 season, when the SCCBC Driver Training was held. Saturday and Sunday both had their share of excitement. A Corvette was crashed heavily at Turn 4 and during the practice on Sunday a Datsun wagon rolled at Turn 2 whilst a Triumph GT6 went backwards into the guard-rail in the pit straight.

By the time the Sunday afternoon race started things seem to have settled down and there were no major incidents during the race.

The first Conference race of the season took place on the week-end of April 2 - 3rd. Once more it looks as though the Formula Fords are the races which are most likely to give us trouble - the Esses being the particular area which causes them problems. Early in the race one of the Fords apparently got airborne and bounced over 2 or 3 other cars which gave the nose cone an upward tilt to the right. The car continued on leading the race for a while and finally finished in second spot.

William Mel of Vancouver, Wash. won the McLoughlin Motors Formula 1600 race - the feature race of the day. Other winners were Pete Siddons of West Vancouver in Sports Racing; Gord Munroe in the All-Formula race; Bob Henkel of Vancouver, Wash. in Production; Trevor Boys of Calgary took Formula Vee and Peter Shoore of North Vancouver won the Improved Production.

(Ed. from notes by Joe Proud)

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ICSCC - CASC RACE May 14 - 15th.

Saturday - Roger Salomon began his new duties as Course Marshall this week-end, and the new Assistant Course Marshall likewise.

There was a good turn-out of workers.

Very few problems except for one Mazda which lost a wheel on his cool-off lap and an unfortunate novice who rolled his Fiat Spyder in Turn 2 in the last lap of the race.

Sunday - In the first practice which was for open wheel cars, there were no less than 7 spin-outs in the Esses. Five of these hit the new tire walls with little damage to the cars.

In the FF practice, one driver, unfortunately, managed to miss the tire walls and crashed into the bushes at the Esses. He was taken to hospital for a check-up and at last report was feeling fine.

Again, there were some problems in the first Formula Ford race. For the McLoughlin F.F. race later, observers were placed around the circuit to prevent the re-occurrences. Even at this, one driver was forced off in Turn 1 where, after climbing the bank he knocked down two 6 x 6 speaker poles. Happily he was unhurt - only the P.A. suffered.

The Mazda driver who lost his wheel Saturday, had even worse trouble on Sunday when he rolled in Turn 3 and had a fire in his car. Again he was a lucky driver and escaped injury.

The Sports Racing event saw the Bert's Automotive Porsche 911 went off when entering Turn 4 and ended up with it's side against a tree.

The final race of the day was the Westwood Claimer. The rain decided to make the driving even more tricky and the number of spin-outs must have been a record! Our P.A. man was able to give some statistics on this as it became more notable than the changing positions. A great spectator performance and, happily, no injuries.

(Reported by Martin 'Bud' Stretton)

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TRANS-AM LATEST!!!

BOB TULLIUS and his Group 44 Jaguar XJ-S are a confirmed entry. The White Tide is coming!!!

Meeting commenced at 8:00 p.m. - 16 members present.

Financial Report to be available for next issue.

OLD BUSINESS: - MAYDAY in need of articles and advertising. SUE GREEN will conduct advertising for MAYDAY.

ICSCC race April 2 - 3rd - 33 turnworkers. Emergency Marshall is MARTIN STRETTON.

Worker Registration is to be handled by BEV CRUMP.

Turn Marshalls are to submit a confidential written report on workers which will be reviewed by ROGER SALOMON, JIM McRAE and RODNEY COCKCROFT. For all Pro Races a registration card will be issued two weeks before the race. This will help the Course Marshall in placing workers and will also control workers who only come to work only the Pro Races.

MEMBERSHIP dues are due - the deadline being the next meeting. MAYDAY will not be sent out to other than META members plus other officials and other club representatives.

Changes in the Race Schedule will be printed later.

CAMPING TRIP for M.E.T.A. will be May 21st long week-end.

April 30th and May 1st M.E.T.A. will be manning the track for the Go-Karts.

Also scheduled is a work party to clean-up the track etc.

A few problems arising from the April 2 - 3rd race week-end were discussed.

The yellow flag violations were discussed. The ruling is that there is absolutely NO PASSING UNDER A YELLOW FLAG. The MEATBALL flag shall only be given ON INSTRUCTION FROM THE STARTER.

A motion was passed that some time be used before the racing to run through the different signals.

The passes which SCCBC issued for the sole purpose of recruiting new workers have already been abused by two META members who themselves used the passes and refused to work the track.

NEW BUSINESS: - Ice Challenge Conference will convene at Biltmore Hotel April 9 & 10. Plans for rulings will be made for the '78 races. The Sunday is the banquet and dance.

Driver Training for Vintage cars will be held April 9 & 10. These cars will be racing on Pro Race weekends and should be quite interesting.

SUE GREEN made a proposal to M.E.T.A. re emergency blankets. Both Seattle and Portland have been approached to make a combined order for these blankets which come from back East. It may be possible to order extra blankets for M.E.T.A. members to purchase for their own use.

ROGER SALOMON is attempting to get C.A.S.C. crests.

Anyone wishing to have a name plaque made up should contact SUE GREEN. They will cost .75¢ each plus .10¢ per letter if we get a fair quantity.

CORRESPONDENCE: C.A.S.C. Report on National AGM.

PERRIN HAYES moved meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m. Motion seconded by DONELDA WEBB.

(Summarized from minutes submitted by Sue Green)
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OTHER RACING NEWS

JODY SCHECKTER and his Canadian Wolf F-1 car won the Monaco Grand Prix, with NIKI LAUDA and CARLOS REUTEMANN second and third in Ferraris. Scheckter now leads the world driving championship.

PRICE COBB of Houston, Tex. won the opening round of the Labatts Challenge series, held at Mosport, Ont. Coming second was defending champion GILLES VILLENEUVE with KEVIN COGAN third.

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The \$1,000.00 clink, clank, no breaks MA! WINS. If Budget only knew, the way they flew, in their Silver Camero, OOPS!!, it's a yellow Mazda, car 23 that takes the loot? Confusion, YOU BET!! But oh !!, what fun and frolics were had by all, who participated as a worker or contestant at the Bar Q Time Trials, held April 16 - 17/77, near Ashcroft. Best time our "Mr. Ice Challenge King", Grant Ingram, with 3:21.51 with his yellow Mini, throwing billows of dust as he sped up the 2.6 mile track. With Rich Huurman coolly driving his red Datsun at 3:24.20 placing second in Class A. Class B congratulations go out to "curly top" Ian Wood, in his blue Volvo, with 3:29.78 and "Kojac", Wayne Jamieson turning in a time of 3:30:43. Class C's two top winners kept one and all in stitches for the last quarter hour of the day. Adrian Carson's time of 3:33.32 beat Andy Field's time of 3:33.53 in the Silver Camero. But that's not where the cheque ended up. With all the keen interest showing, we hopefully are looking forward to future Bar Q Trials, with the first one under our belts, we know the future looks very rosy, and will be even more successful and FUN!!FUN!!FUN!!

(Thanks, Bev. - Ed.)

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TEXAS MICKEY DRAW

Unfortunately the names of the winners are not to hand, but they will be given at the next M.E.T.A. meeting. The following pictures show the draw taking place during the lunch break on the Sunday of the first race week-end - April 3rd.



Notice how Roger rushes over to oversee the draw by Sue Green! One look at Sue's face will tell you that she didn't get lucky either!!!!

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