

“Mayday”

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COMING UP

A Vintage Weekend

August 1 & 2, unfortunately the same weekend as IMSA in Portland though, it should be great for antique race-car buffs (and for young race-car buffs too!)

Can-Am, Formula Atlantic, Edmonton, Alberta

Workers interested in working this event should let Roger know. He will have further details on what, when, where and how for next meeting, so start planning now for a fantastic weekend.

Las Vegas Grand Prix

October 17th Apparently the organizers of the Grand Prix in Las Vegas have got the go ahead from the Sin City council to submit their proposal to FISA. If all goes well, we may have another warm-as-toast Grand Prix to go to.

NEWS FLASH NEWS FLASH NEWS FLASH

An announcement was made at the CASC B.C. Region AGM in Nanaimo May 30th to the effect that the B.C. Region Worker Director position has been dissolved. Further discussion was not held on the matter.

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Any articles, artwork, advice or anecdotes are happily accepted for the MAYDAY. Anyone, member or otherwise, is welcome to contribute. Send stuff to:

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RACES AT WESTWOOD

Both of the upcoming races have been reduced to 1 day events. According to Jim McRae, Competition Chairman, we should have some exciting racing. The morning sessions will be qualifying for a grid position in the qualifying race in the early afternoon. The qualifying race will determine the grid positions for the actual race. Follow that? Should prove interesting! Both events have been named, as is the custom.

July 4/5 has been imaginatively titled "The July Sprints". July 18/19 however, sports the name "Rat River Sprints" (see Vic's article) You can put that infamy in your pipe and smoke it, eh, Al?

CASC MEETS US HALFWAY

As a result of our correspondence with B.C. Region over the dissatisfaction with licences and worker program, a meeting was held between reps from both META & Region Executives. Region has asked us to help with their worker program by forming a committee which will assist in issuing licences. We are trying to establish better communication than has been the norm. If we all make the effort, perhaps we will see some positive results in the near future.

MEETING OF MINDS AND OTHER THINGS

The July meeting will be held at the Plum Blossom Restaurant at 8pm, June 24. Be ready to select a nominating committee for the 81/82 elections. We'll be able to give them lots of time to decide.

PORSCHE CLUB DRIVER TRAINING

Due to a sudden exodus of turnworkers to Portland (heaven knows why), 3 of META's left-behinds bopped up to track to help the Porsche Club with their driver training. As it was a miserable evening (no sun to show off expensive paint jobs) not too many Porsche owners showed up (15-20 at the most). When it began to pour, some even went home. We did consider it a good time to have a break, so we waited until the rain abated. Out on the course again, we counted about 8 vehicles,- two Turbos, a 911SC, two 914's, one 928 and two Targas. We could smell the green! Everyone was pretty careful with their babies, so we all gave up and went to Art's for dinner. There, we were treated to pizza & beer or lasagne & wine or whatever. It was great and we met a lot of nice people. Mike counselled a couple of guys on their lines through Turn 3 and discussed whether or not they could 'boil the fluid' in the brakes. He had some avid listeners! Jack Habart, the President of the Club mentioned that our help would be welcome at their event on Sunday June 21st. An autocross between the Corvette Club & the Porsche Club is being held at S.F.U. in the parking lots around 10 am. Oooh, lots of pretty machines. If it's a sunny day, there should be a good turnout of vehicles, too. So, if you have nothing to do, it could be a fun day. Come on out!

THE TRACK HIERARCHY - reprinted from 1978, but timely still!
(I believe thanks are in order to Pat Gleeson,
the witty guy)

REGISTRAR

- leaps tall buildings in a single bound
- is more powerful than a locomotive
- is faster than a speeding bullet
- walks on water
- gives policy to God

RACE CHAIRMAN

- leaps short buildings in a single bound
- is more powerful than a switch engine
- is just as fast as a speeding bullet
- walks on water if the sea is calm
- talks to God

COURSE MARSHALL

- leaps short buildings with a running start and favourable winds
- is almost as powerful as a switch engine
- walks on water in an indoor swimming pool
- talks with God if special request is approved

PRE GRID MARSHALL

- barely clears quonset hut
- loses tug-of-war with a locomotive
- can fire a speeding bullet
- swims well
- is occasionally addressed by God

STARTER

- makes high marks on walls when trying to leap tall buildings
- is run over by locomotives
- can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury
- dog-paddles
- talks to animals

ASSISTANT STARTER

- runs into buildings
- recognizes locomotives two out of three times
- is not issued ammunition
- can stay afloat with a life jacket
- talks to walls

VICE-PRESIDENT OF META

- falls over doorstep when trying to enter buildings
- says, "Look at the choo-choo!"
- wets himself with a water pistol
- plays in mud puddles
- mumbles to himself

TURN WORKER

- lifts tall buildings and walks under them
- kicks locomotives off the tracks
- catches speeding bullets in his/her teeth and eats them
- freezes water with a single glance
- THEY ARE GODS!!!

META CRESTS & T-SHIRTS

If you would like one of our colourful crests or terrific T-shirts, call Joe, our Social Director. He will be happy to bring your order to the next meeting or race at Westwood. Crest are \$2.50, T-shirts are \$5.00.

SKAGIT VALLEY SPEEDWAY

At the last meeting, the idea came up that, as the Formula Atlantic Weekend was cancelled, we should arrange a META outing of some sort. Rick Neyedli suggested Skagit Valley Speedway, and that's where we ended up.

On June 6th, about 15 of us met at Kovac's in Bellingham and after dinner, we headed for the track. What a change of pace!!! A 3/10th mile dirt track makes for some pretty fast lap times. Like 13.3 seconds for the top Sprinters! Sprinters themselves are a whole new ball game - four different sized tires, tons of horsepower and wings big enough to hide Doug's Bug under. One we got used to the unorthodox lines taken, all eyes were glued to Turn 4 so we wouldn't miss any crack-ups, which seemed guaranteed to happen everytime Jo left for the can. Another Skagit specialty was match races, with the spectators putting up the pot. When a match between two of our favourite Sprinters was announced, Uwe's flying feet and silver tongue got META's grand contribution of \$18.00 into the pot, and a thirty second plug over the air.

For half-time entertainment, we got to watch a grader turn the numerous ruts into one big pile of dirt running right around the track. Just when he looked like he was leaving, he decided to move the mountainous molehill down to the infield, while the 4X4s being used as push-cars played their own version of roundy-round to pack the mud.

The other cars running were Super Stocks. There were two entries from Surrey, and between them, they justified Vicky's recommendation to call in a Surrey, Surrey, Surrey when we were in Victoria. While they didn't actually

have us scrambling, they certainly learned a lot about being on the receiving end in a demo derby.

All in all, it was a good night's racing and tentative plans have been made to return for the Dirt Cup.

By Jo and Uwe

GO-KARTING AT WESTWOOD

On June 13/14, when most people were at the Trans-Am in Portland, there was a go-kart race on the large track at Westwood. Being as I could not go to Portland, I decided to try it. I thought it would be a good chance to get some rest, but was I in for a surprise. Saturday, when I went up, I found out they did not want workers until Sunday. Chris Phocheny was also there, so we went down to Turn Four to watch. We just got down there, when a kart stalled on the track. We went out to help him until the trailer came around to get him. Chris and I decided to stay on the turn and work since we found out that enduro karts seem to like spinning in Four. A short time later Chris noticed a kart off at Deers Leap, so we took my car over there and using a rope, towed him back to the pits. Sunday started early with the karts on the track at eight. (and you though nine was bad!) There were about 60 entries with five race groups. After a great breakfast from the concession, we went out to Turn Four again. It started out quiet, but soon we had our hands full. At

one point, we had seven karts at various points around the Turn including two teammates. The third race was a good one with about ten starters and no finishers. During one race, someone spotted a mother bear and a cub, two deer and one wild dog. In the last race, we got a real surprise when the leader of the race lost a brake pad in Four and didn't find out until Turn One. We had a real spectacular accident when a kart did a 360° and hit a tire wall. Both kart and driver were ok and once we got him back on track, he continued for two laps till he spun it again in Four.

It was one of the best weekends I had in a long time and I will gladly go to the next race on the large track which is on September 5/6. They are well worth working.

By Brian Meakings

So now we are the Riverrats, and with a race weekend named after us. For those of you who care, this started at the May CASC event. Our crew consisting of Al, Jo and myself, were observing the run-off from the hail storm and decided to have a "Name the River" contest. The apathy of fellow communicators was astounding. The best entry came from turn 3, who named it "The Jim McRae Memorial River," to symbolize the honour and respect we hold for this person. Then to hear our revered TM called a River Rat, with the

rest of the crew implicated, you can bet you haven't heard the last of this.

Jo Humphry
Vic Kennedy
Al Lobsinger

AH - THE VARIETY OF MOTORSPORT

Road racing is fine, but this year I wanted to see other forms of racing.

Pacific Forest Rally-Chilliwack

I loved it! These guys haven't seen the course, a logging road, and all they have is an arrow on a route book and a navigator yelling, "Left 90, Right 45". Controlled slides, flying dirt, bumps, and dips are all part of their track. Great!!

Knox Mtn. Hillclimb-Kelowna

Turn 8 It was that kind of morning. The first car through dumped oil from turn 8 to turn 9. An hour later, a Dune Buggy rearranges our tire wall. A few cars later, we have a Mazda bar-b-q and right after that, a Dune Buggy goes and inspects the trees. As we are extracting our last incident, along comes a video crew to the action corner and all the drivers get camera shy. Nothing happened for the rest of Saturday and Sunday. Turn 7 had two bangs on Sunday, one very serious, however, the driver will be ok.

Roundy Round at Action Speedway
Langley

Watching from inside the pits, it's fast, with body thumping in the turns, stand-on-it down the straights, and brake-heavy for the turn. Great fun for an evening.

IGSCC-Victoria

Turn 1A (over the bridge, turn left). It's a good thing tire walls are re-usable and re-buildable, 7 or 8 times, (I lost count) Everything from a familiar yellow 510 to Formula Fords. Jo now has a new job, Driver Services.

by Vic Kennedy

Practice Nights At Westwood

If you wish to help out at any practice night, here are the R.D.C. members to contact for the months of June & July

Bill Macham	594-7900	June 30 & July 2
Andy Mahood	985-7372	July 7 & 9
Tim Millar	926-7682	July 14 & 16
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Here are some summer suggestions that may be of interest for us to do. If you're interested in any of them, please contact Joe Proud at 438-6648 or send the tear slip back to Robin Holloway Mayday. If you have some more suggestions, you can add them too.

- (a) Bowling
- (b) Go Karts
- (c) Camping
- (d) Golf Tournament
- (e) Baseball
- (f) Chess Tournament

- (g) Horseback Riding
- (h) Sat. Races at Skagit
- (i) Pool Tournament
- (j) Roller Skating
- (k) Any other suggestions

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