



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF M.E.T.A.

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Hello to one and all once more from the Editor's Office. A few years' rest was evidently enough for me to forget everything I swore to remember about why I quit this post! (The appellation "Sucker for Punishment" comes to mind). I did say, however, in my article for the last MAYDAY, that I wanted to make my contribution by writing - I will just be going a bit further than that by being the Editor.

Now, to catch up on a few things. First of all, thank you from both Ross and I for the wedding gift from M.E.T.A. A bottle of champagne definitely comes in handy for celebrating - and we put it to good use. It was very thoughtful of you. (By the way, you likely heard what Ross's priorities were - couple of days with his new wife at Whistler, then off with the Phoenix Team to race at Sears Point - without his new wife! The life I lead...).

Speaking of the life I lead, I've further complicated it by volunteering to work on the proposed training program (with the capable assistance of Grace Lassen and Dave Forster, so far). A report to follow in this issue on our ideas. ("Sucker" keeps flashing through my mind).

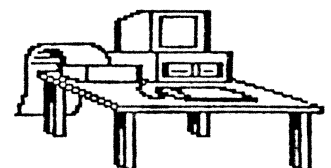
I have submitted a budget for my operating costs to the Executive, which has been approved. Believe me, you guys get a good deal for your membership fee - which is due, by the way - it's not cheap to produce a newsletter. I have the moral support, too, of the Executive along with a commitment by the President and Vice-President to produce an article each month. This issue will feature the Pres.

As I want to be as efficient as possible in producing the MAYDAY, in order for it to be on your doorstep prior to the monthly meeting, I have set the following schedule:

Articles, news, pictures, anything - DEADLINE - 10th of every month

Please, if you are interested in contributing your "exclusive", your groundless rumours or your latest tidings, get it to me by the above deadline. If you have a problem getting material to me, call me at home, 581-6849 (leave a message on the answering machine if necessary) or at work, 665-5192 (I am the answering machine). Chances are I can arrange to get it from you somehow.

P.S. Don't know about you, but I got a Christmas card from CART. They certainly are good at keeping in touch - I even have a complete schedule of races already.



ELECTION REPORT

The results of the 1987 Elections at the Annual General Meeting were as follows:

PRESIDENT	Roger Salomon
VICE-PRESIDENT	Nick Roche
SECRETARY	Barb Moewes
TREASURER	Fran Pelletier

Rick Neyedli completes the Executive in the post of Past-President.

CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL

Thank you also to the past Executive for their relentless work, innovative ideas and putting up with the rest of us.

SPECIAL NOTICE

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JANUARY 28, 1987

M.E.T.A. Meeting - 8 p.m.
Moody Park, Music Room

FEBRUARY 14 & 15, 1987

Variety Club Telethon
(if you are interested in driving for the Telethon,
please call Greg Sturgess at 26~8144, after 6 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 21, 1987

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

At Roger & Grace's place - 10952 McAdam Road, Delta
BYOB and prepare to have a great time!

FEBRUARY 25, 1987

M.E.T.A. Meeting - cancelled See below for reason
why.



FEBRUARY 26, 27 & 28, 1987

Chilliwack Car Show - Cottonwood Mall
Cars will be moved in Wednesday, February 25 and moved
out Saturday, February 28. Times TBA.
(Further car shows will be announced as they are
booked - possibilities are Westwood Mall, Capilano
Mall, Lansdowne, & Park Royal)

MAY 16 & 17, 1987

Kelowna Hill Climb (we received a special request from
CASC B.C. Region Race Director, Bruce Yeo, to work
this event). The Kelowna SCC will billet workers

free, but camping is also available. Saturday - practice and qualifying runs, Sunday - the real thing. 1 person per corner is needed (think it's about 9).

AND JUST FOR INTEREST'S SAKE

	■ April 5	Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach	■ August 2	Marlboro 500	1987 RACE SCHEDULE
	■ April 12	Phoenix 200	■ August 16	Pocono 500	
	■ May 24	Indianapolis 500	■ August 30	Road America 200	
	■ May 31	Miller American 200	■ September 6	Escort Radar Warning 200	
	■ June 14	Budweiser/G.I. Joe's 200	■ September 20	Pennsylvania International Raceway	
	■ June 28	Chase Grand Prix at Meadowlands	■ October 11	Champion Spark Plug 300km	
	■ July 5	Budweiser Cleveland Grand Prix	■ November 1	Nissan Indy Challenge	
	■ July 19	Molson Indy Toronto			

FROM THE SUBLIME TO THE RIDICULOUS (Just kidding!)



ICE RACING DATES	January 25	Clinton	(WCIRABC)
	February 1	Kelowna	(OASC)
	February 7 & 8	Vernon	(WCIRABC)
	February 15	Logan Lake	(WCIRABC)
	February 22	Barnes Lake	(WCIRABC)

If interested in working these events please contact:

Lorne Stead at 271-4651 for WCIRABC events
 Matt Scaife at 762-0260 (Kelowna) for OASC events

Ice racing is an experience you should have at least once - I myself prefer skiing!

"ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS" DEPARTMENT

A letter to Molson's is being drawn up, stating our support for their proposed Indy Car Race through the streets of Vancouver. We may as well stand up and be counted early in the proceedings. A copy will likely go to the Vancouver City Council as well. More details, if available, at the next meeting.

SPECIAL REPORT

As you can probably imagine, the Executive had to commit themselves to the new Editor to supply a report in every MAYDAY issue this year and I got elected to do the first one. (Don't let him snow you - he volunteered. ED.) Here it goes.

First I would like to wish everybody a happy and prosperous New Year and an exciting race season ahead.

PRESS RELEASE

1987 - M.E.T.A. GETS A FACELIFT

What do you think of that? Yes, it's true. The new Executive decided that M.E.T.A. needs a new image to get new members and workers up to Westwood. And so, we will be changing the car shows to better promote our function as workers.

This year, we will have a Formula Atlantic car upside down with mannequins dressed as workers (Vice-President's idea) to generate the interest. We'll have a new M.E.T.A. display with pictures of workers in action, etc.

M.E.T.A. also needs a new approach to the media to promote our existence and purpose of safety in motorsport.

Robin & Grace volunteered to revamp our training presentation and design new guidelines for training instructors and turn marshalls for training new people.

The Executive hopes that we will be able to work the practice nights at Westwood to make some money for the club and work closer together with the R.D.C. (Race Drivers' Committee) of the Sports Car Club.

So as you can see, the Executive needs all the help possible from you members to make 1987 a new adventure for M.E.T.A. The Vice-President and I will feature an article alternatively in the newsletter and I hope to see some other members with articles to support Robin in her efforts with the MAYDAY.

If anyone has new ideas to improve and increase the membership of M.E.T.A., please let us know. Also any volunteers for other jobs would be welcomed - see us. Joe Proud was forcibly volunteered by the Executive to be Social Director for 1987 - thanks Joe!

I hope we can get together for a little party at our place before the first car show. More elsewhere in the newsletter (see PARTY).

All the other goodies, I will save for our first meeting. Hope to see you there.

Roger Salomon



THE TRAINING PROGRAM

The basic proposal for revamping the training sessions involves the following:

- producing a perpetual worker training program
- producing a training package for basic and discipline training to be used as a complete resource for trainers

The modules are as follows:

- 1) Basic Training - includes Flagging
Signals
Personal Preparation
Overview of other functions, disciplines
- 2) Communications
- 3) Safety/Emergency/Fire/First Aid
- 4) Timing/Scoring/Results
- 5) Pre-Grid
- 6) Tech/Scrutineering
- 7) Registration
- 8) Turn Marshall/Department Chief

Our objective is to finish the Basic Training Module prior to Driver Training this year. A trainer's package for this and all modules will outline:

- preparation of trainer - how to's, techniques
- tools (teaching aids, props, equipment, handouts)
- presentation - agenda, course material

We would also like to have the Turn Marshall module ready as soon as possible, along with Communications & Safety.

The project is well underway, with meetings scheduled once a week at the very least.

Future training programs may be along the lines of:

- Workshops for experienced workers
- Follow-up sessions for novices
- Further education from outside sources i.e. drivers, stewards, promoters

As you can see, we have our work cut out for us. We have already had many offers of help, which we intend to pursue (thank you). Further update as available.

The Training Program Committee

Question of the Day

Who in this club is going to be a daddy - again? You'll find out soon, if you don't already know. We gather this is what happens when one doesn't attend every race weekend!

CELEBRATION CELEBRATION CELEBRATION

Most of us attended the M.E.T.A. banquet November 22nd. Congratulations to the organizers - it was a great bash. To those of you who may have missed it, the evening was hosted by Baz Lee, owner of the 819 Restaurant on Pacific at SURPRISE - the 819 Restaurant on Pacific. Baz is also one of those crazy Honda drivers (funny how the word "crazy" always precedes "Honda driver", isn't it?). Anyway, a sumptuous repast of salad, entree (salmon & prime rib were the favourites), wine and a decadent dessert, with a special treat from Baz - a taste of the current crop of Beaujolais Nouveau - filled us all to the satisfied brim. Then came the awards.

Perpetual awards for previous years' winners were presented - a keepsake after giving up the "big one" to the following year's recipient. Those receiving were:

84 Novice Worker - Pam Wood
84 Rookie Member - Rick Zeller
84 Member of the Year - Nick Roche & Fran Pelletier
85 Rookie Member - Barb Moewes
85 Member of the Year - Grace Lassen & Nick Roche

Onto the 86 awards:

Rookie Member - Shari Forster
Member of the Year - Barb Moewes
Most Improved Worker (a new award) - Shari Forster

(What I'd like to know - WHO IS SHARI FORSTER?!)

Congratulations to our new winners and previous recipients!

As was instituted last year, the awards meant for amusement (mostly ours, not the winners):

To assist him in getting to disabled cars a little quicker - a pair of roller skates for Joe Proud.

After the stories told about Grace in the bush by a rookie Porsche driver - she was presented with a roll of toilet paper and a miniature red Porsche.

To assist her in going just that extra bit faster in the Honda races - Julie Wilkinson received her own set of "balls".

Rick. our leader for the past 3 years, was presented with a Ukrainian Cookie - the size of a pizza!

And on a more auspicious note? a very special award was presented this evening. The inaugural "Charlie Lisson Award" for CASC B.C. Region's Most Valuable Worker was bestowed on our own Grace Lassen. Grace could not be at the CASC banquet, so Julie accepted for her. I recall words from Peter Brand to the effect of: displaying clearheadedness, diplomacy, willingness and ability to work with all sorts of people, no matter who they are, where they're from or what they do (i.e. stewards!). She has to have these qualities to do what she does so well.

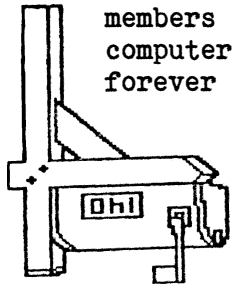
(Hats off to you, Grace - whenever I think, of you up in the tower during an incident, you truly are "Grace under Pressure"! - Ed.)

NEWS

You will find the next two pages to be interesting. First a financial statement, showing our cash in the bank, so to speak. It's been a good year - I, for one, like the Miscellaneous Receipts entry! Just where did that money come from? (Mostly from the R.D.C. in reality - I'm not casting aspersions on our Executive - but had you thinking there for a second, right?)

The second is a newsy reply from Jana Paton, after the club sent Riley Hopkins a terrific picture of Riley racing in Tacoma. And yes, he did reply personally to the "Turn 6 Kids" - very thoughtful of him.

You will notice the absence of an updated membership list - this is because we have few members paid this year & yes, I admit it, I haven't got it completely entered into my computer yet. SO, let this be a reminder, PAY UP THOSE DUES, or your name will live forever in computer never-never land!



Bye bye for this month

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CANADA

Dear Roger:

There is no satisfactory excuse for the lateness of this letter letting you know we received the letter and picture for Riley. The photo is great, at Turn Six I expect, and having the Canadian Turnworkers sign was a great idea. When we received the parcel Riley had just left for an extended tour of the states including the tracks in Miami, St. Petersburg and New Orleans and a big SCCA pow wow in Tampa. Since they just returned this weekend, Riley and Val just saw the picture for the first time a couple days ago. I'm sure he will answer your note to him soon personally.

It was the pleasure of the Tacoma Grand Prix to have such enthusiastic and knowledgeable workers as you folks are. We certainly hope you will be here again enmasse on August 7, 8 & 9, 1987.

Don't know if word has reached B.C. yet...Ken has been elected as the new Regional Executive of SCCA N/W. He is overjoyed and overwhelmed at the same time. He also finally got out of the Pinto/Honda/Fiat mode and made the big leap into a new Fiero GT. He says he has to fit the image of his new position!

Again, our thanks, keep in touch and we'll be looking for you in '87!

Sincerely,

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