

MAYDAY

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Happy St. Patrick's Day for all you Irish and non-Irish types! (I'm going to have to think up something to celebrate every month, now). Well, there's just a wee bit o' blarney in this issue, not too much. And another special Irish day to celebrate - Arlene Young married Felim Power on March 12th - ahh, the "power" of love.

Luckily the leprechauns of the floppy disks did not strike my program and everything seems to be running s

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The wee folk do manage to slip one in every once in awhile, don't they!

In this issue, we have some additions to your racing schedule from Race City, Calgary (tentative as yet). As far as I know, the last racing calendar published is correct, although I stand to be corrected if the case may be. So, please add the Calgary events in to your schedule from last month and a fully updated one will appear in the April issue.

There are a few delightful pieces of news regarding our social night out, the success of the motorsport show, and the fact that we want your money, NOW. Also, a report on the training program and a brain teasing quiz. All you've ever wanted in a newsletter, right?

And maybe more! The idea has been bandied about that I should run a contest for the best article for the Mayday. I'll give that and a few other ideas I have some serious thought. (You see, I kinda like my articles and I may just decide to submit them under a fictitious name - then I'd win!!) So, it behooves me to think of a way in which anyone can participate and win, excluding yours truly). Watch this space for further clues!

Oooh, last month I forgot to say anything about my next deadline and I had more submissions than ever. Maybe I'll forget to mention it this month, too!

TRAINING PROGRAM UPDATE

The Training Committee has been a busy bunch. We are in the process of determining dates and times for a Basic Training, plus working on a few new modules: a Basic Training Refresher, a New Communicator Program and a Communicator Refresher Program. The process has been relatively painless, with the original Basic Training module in place - it is possible to build on that program for each new module.

A new video is also slated to be produced by Merv New and his lovely wife Mary. Merv plans to film marshals in action, not just incidents which have marshals in the pics. We ideally will be able to use the film to train new people and to promote what we do at car shows, etc. From all reports, this will be something very special and thanks in advance go to Mary & Merv, our production crew.

Just to update you on who is on what committee in case you have any suggestions or ideas to pass along - your input is most welcome.

Working on the "Overall Training Committee" (no, we're not teaching trousers anything!)

Merv New
Dave Forster
Grace Lassen
Robin Bentley

and in the Communicator's Training Group:

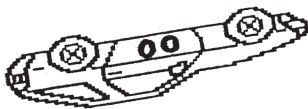
Grace Lassen
Joey Adair
Barb Moewes
Shari Forster
Robin Bentley

The last report given at a M.E.T.A. meeting mentioned one of our priorities being a Turn Marshal's Module. Well, we are getting there. We do need some help from those in our club who are Turn Marshals.

The Training Committee would like you to provide suggestions for this module. What information would you like to see taught? What do you feel is necessary for you to know as a Turn Marshal? What should be included in a refresher course, used on a regular basis?

Preferably, write your ideas down. If you prefer to discuss your suggestions first with someone on the Committee, Dave Forster or Grace Lassen would be happy to do this. (If you wish to make a submission in writing, Dave or Grace will accept these, too.)

We, as the O.A.T. (see above) hope to make a positive difference to this club by training new people well and keeping the standard high for experienced individuals. This certainly fits with M.E.T.A.'s purpose, which is to promote safety in motorsport.



CAR SHOWS

As everyone knows by now, the Capilano show was cancelled, but the Motorsport Show went ahead as scheduled. With at least three M.E.T.A. members manning & womaning the Westwood display at all times, we kept a high profile. Over (count 'em) 1,000 M.E.T.A. applications were handed out along with Westwood schedules, Racing for M.S. flyers and ProFormance Advanced Driving School contest forms (thank you, thank you). We can put quite a package together when we get the opportunity! We hope to see some, no, lots of applications come in to find out more about working at Westwood. Wouldn't it be nice to have a brand new crop of potential marshals to train! And if they don't want to do that, perhaps we'll see some new spectators at the track - we can always use people who pay the bills! Congratulations to all members who put in some long hours at the show and really hustled to get info to prospective fans and marshals. A special congrats to Lori Nerada, who must have talked a great case, and signed someone up as a member right on the spot. Welcome to Michael Calberry - so was it something she said, or that long blonde hair!?

UPDATE ON RACE CITY, CALGARY

Dave Forster received a nice & newsy letter from Sue Wilson, now Executive Director of Volunteer Workers at Race City. In it, she gives us a tentative race schedule, which includes Honda/Michelin and Player's Challenge races. (According to rumour, there may even be a 3-Hour Enduro as part of our Endurance Series Championship).

Sue has also extended an invitation to Westwood workers to attend and work their events. They are currently putting a list together of individuals willing to billet us and provide transportation. All they will require is the dates, times, locations and names of the people coming. And she extends the invitation to any State-side workers, too. Great hospitality, eh?

Sue says she will send us a finalized schedule as soon as she has one. Then, perhaps we can check our crowded schedules for for a free (ha, ha) weekend and make the trek to Calgary. It certainly is an interesting track and worth a trip at least once. And Calgary workers did come and give us a hand last year at Westwood. Maybe we can make this a good "working" relationship!

Further information on a definite schedule and registration procedures to be announced hopefully by next issue.

TELETHON

As you may or may not know, the Variety Club Telethon, which normally happens in February was moved to March due to the Olympics. It falls on Driver Training weekend, now. Some of our members have committed themselves each year to being drivers for incoming celebrities, etc. and this year is no exception. Most of the members will be working Saturday and if you wish to get involved, probably the best thing to do is to contact Roger, Barb, Grace or Vic (as I don't have a contact name for the Variety Club), And if you are not helping out here, don't forget that we need your assistance at

Westwood for Driver Training. As far as I know, we will only be needed on Sunday, as per usual.

DRIVER TRAINING/WORKER TRAINING

Depending on how many new and eager workers we have knocking down our doors for training, Saturday and Sunday may be used for this purpose, but this has not been finalized. And if we are training some people, we may need your help throughout the day, so please be prepared to take a new person under your wing, however briefly.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Well, our Social Director Joe Proud has organized a fun night for all. A tour of Andres Winery in Port Moody has been confirmed:

Date: Friday, April 15, 1988

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Andres Winery, 2120 Vintner St., Port Moody (just before where
Barnet Hwy turns left
into Port Moody)

Dinner has also been booked at Moody's Walk, at 3127 St. Johns Street, Port Moody for chinese food - be there by 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Sound good? You betcha! Be there, or be square...

1992 WINTER OLYMPICS SUGGESTION

How about a 4 person bobsled team made up of Formula Ford drivers or Honda drivers?

Vic Kennedy

Well, I don't know - seems to me they might argue as to who's going to be first into the corner!

Ed.

LAST CHANCE TO PAY UP

This is it - the absolute last chance to pay the Treasurer or yes, you too will be stricken from the membership list. Please forward \$10.00 in Cdn. funds to:

Rick Smale, 3016 Ashbrook Place, Coquitlam, B.C. V3C 4A7

And now, in keeping with his fun & games tradition, Vic Kennedy proudly presents a fascinating brain teaser:

This test does not measure your intelligence, your fluency with words and certainly not your mathematical ability. It will, however, give you some gauge of your mental flexibility and creativity. In the three years since it has been developed, the test has shown that few people could solve more than half of the 25 questions on the first try. Many, however, reported getting the answers long after the test had been put aside, particularly at unexpected moments when their minds were relaxed; and some reported solving all the questions over a period of several days. Take this as a personal challenge.

INSTRUCTIONS: Each question below contains the initials of words that will make it correct. Find the missing words.

EXAMPLE: 16 = 0. in a P. ounces in a pound

1. 26 = L. of the A.
2. 7 = W. of the A.W.
3. 1001 = A.N.
4. 12 = S. of the Z.
5. 54 = C. in a D. (with the J.)
6. 9 = P. in the S.S.
7. 88 = P.K.
8. 13 = S. on the A.F.
9. 32 = D.F. at which W.F.
10. 18 = H. on a G.C.
11. 90 = D. in R.A.
12. 200 = D. for P.G. in M.
13. 8 = S. on a S.S.
14. 3 = B.M. (S.H.T.R.)
15. 4 = Q. in a G.
16. 24 = H. in a D.
17. 1 = W. on a U.
18. 5 = D. in a Z.C.
19. 57 = H.V.
20. 11 = P. on a F.T.
21. 1000 = W. that a P. is W.
22. 29 = D. in a F. in a L.Y.
23. 64 = S. on a C.
24. 40 = D. and N. of the G.F.
25. 15 = M. on a D.M.C. (Y.H.H.)
26. 8 = B. in a B.

Answers to be published whenever I figure them out.

Ed.

And one more for all you race fans -

64 = F.C. at S.I.R.

RACE CITY, CALGARY

(TENTATIVE DATES)

May 7	CASC Driving School
May 21	RACE Driving School (Motorcycles)
May 22	Motorcycle Race
May 28/29	Honda Michelin/CASC Regional Race
June 11/12	CASC Regional Race
June 26	Motorcycle Race
July 9/10	Player's 500/Player's Challenge - Oval
July 16/17	CASC Regional Race
July 31	Motorcycle Race
August 13/14	Super Bike Nationals
August 20/21	Player's Challenge/Honda Michelin/CASC Regional Race
September 3/4	American Indy Car Series (A.I.S.)/Honda Michelin - Oval (whooee baby!)
September 11	Motorcycle Race
September 24/25	Player's Challenge/Honda Michelin/CASC Regional Race

MORE DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 23	M.E.T.A. Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Moody Park, Music Room
MARCH 26	Variety Club Telethon
MARCH 27	Driver Training - marshals needed Sunday only
APRIL 15	Night Out at Andres
APRIL 24	First race at Westwood - Sunday only, so far

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