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Let the season begin! And it will, on April 23 & 24 with a C.A.S.C. Regional event, including the first installment of the Endurance Championship (a 3-hour race). Be prepared for any type of weather - lately it cannot seem to make up it's mind if it's Spring or Winter or something in between.

And speaking of strange weather - we certainly had some for Driver Training on March 26 & 27. It alternately rained, sunned, sleeted, snowed, winded and calmed! The students acquitted themselves admirably in all conditions - and there were some quick drivers in this bunch. Hopefully, we'll see a good number of them in the novice programs this year.

And speaking of Driver Training once more, thank you to all members and non-members who braved the fickle elements to marshal at this event. The turnout surpassed some of our regular race weekends! It was great to see the enthusiasm and commitment begin so early in the year - congrats, all of you.

And to keep you apprised of the events you will want to attend in the future - we have a complete race schedule for the Pacific Northwest and Race City. These are car racing events only - a schedule of motorcycle events for Westwood and Calgary are listed separately for those of you who are interested.

Has anyone finished the the brain teaser quiz from last month's issue? If you have, and you wish to share your accomplishment with the rest of the club, please submit your answers to this publication. Your name will be in lights next issue and we can all marvel at your prowess at solving puzzles. Plus it will give all the answers to us individuals who haven't figured it out yet! (Thanks again, Vic, for the fun idea).

If you didn't know, Dave & Shari Forster are in California working the Long Beach CART race. Originally, they were to be working Turn 1 together, but the latest news direct from Dave via his mom is that Shari's in Turn 1 and Dave's in Turn 9. (Maybe the drive to the land of sun & surf took its toll on their tempers which was quickly recognized by the race organizers!) So, if you tape the race on April 16th (this issue will reach your home after the race unfortunately), look for the long and the short of them in the two places on the course. Hope you have fun, you guys!

Oh yes, Happy Easter and Happy April Fool's Day. Doesn't seem quite right that they fell on the same weekend. And for the first year in a long time, we didn't have a race weekend vying with Easter Weekend. That didn't seem quite right either. But it was nice to have a long weekend to spend with one's family or whatever - heaven knows we have few free ones during a season as busy as this one will be!



TRAINING PROGRAM NEWS

At Driver Training, we began the first part of the new training program. Two new workers, Connie and Linda came for Driver Training on Sunday. Linda spent time with Grace in the Tower, getting familiar with the Communications end of things and Connie took a tour around the corners with me (Robin). This is all part of an effort to make orientation a part of the training - to familiarize new people before they have a flag or radio put in their hands. The next step is the basic training classroom session to follow up on what the new trainees have already seen and heard. Then, on the job training at the next race weekend or more observation should the individual prefer. It appears from the feedback we received from Linda that the time in the Tower, listening to Race Control and the Turns really helps in understanding the "big picture" for a trainee and the Committee plans to incorporate this into the program.

Starting this upcoming race weekend, we will have at least two and possibly four new people training on the corners. We also have 8 to 10 brand new trainees arriving for their observation session on Sunday, April 24 around noon. So keep an eye out for me and the group visiting your corners - we'll show them how it's done and arouse their interest to keep coming back.

By the way, thank you to the Turn Marshals on Driver Training Sunday who were so helpful in the orientation process for Connie. (Except for Merv, Paul Bjerkan and Shari who managed to be as unprofessional as the circumstances would allow - oh, just kidding, you guys, you were great!) The Committee and the trainees really appreciate your assistance. And it will pay off in the long run with some well-trained workers for your turns. Thanks, in advance, for the upcoming sessions at which we will be training more marshals - your support will be vital.

The Training Committee

P.S. The 10 or so trainees were contacted as a result of the P.N.E. Motorsport Show. Hopefully, we'll continue to get some more applications throughout the year. Connie saw the display at Lansdowne and decided to get involved instead of just spectating. Linda was encouraged to come to Westwood by co-worker Grace. Thank you all who have been involved in making such a good impression on potential new marshals!

MOTORCYCLE SCHEDULE

DATE	TRACK
May 8	Westwood
May 22	Calgary
May 28/29	Westwood
June 19	Westwood
June 26	Calgary
July 3	Westwood
July 31	Westwood
July 31	Calgary
August 13/14	Calgary (Superbike Nationals)
August 20/21	Westwood (RACE Nationals)
September 11	Calgary
September 18	Westwood

This schedule obviously doesn't include any State-side races as I don't have any of that information. I'm sure if you wish to know, the Westwood Motorcycle Racing Club could help.

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 23/24	CASC Race - Westwood *** Yes, it is a 2 day event - apologies.
APRIL 23/24	ICSCC Race - PIR
APRIL 27	M.E.T.A. Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Moody Park, Music Room
APRIL 30/MAY 1	SCCA Regional - PIR
MAY 7/8	ICSCC - SIR
MAY 14/15	ICSCC/Honda Michelin - Westwood
MAY 21/22	Knox Mountain Hillclimb - Kelowna

ARTICLE CONTEST

In preparation for this contest I may think about running, how about a report on the Night Out at Andres Winery. I'm dying to know as I was square and had to work late on Friday night at the office - my apologies to Joe who organized the bash. How did it go, who became intoxicated at the wine testing part, how was dinner? Tell us, someone!!

PRACTICE NIGHTS

Once again, in order to raise some money for the club and help out the drivers who are practising for their upcoming events, M.E.T.A. has agreed to supply members for practice nights. Shari Forster volunteered to co-ordinate our efforts in this regard and she asked me to publish the upcoming schedule.

Thursday, May 5	Dave Forster Shari Forster Nick Roche
Tuesday, May 10	Joey Adair Greg Bellavance Robin Bentley
Thursday, May 12	June Blake Jeff Blake Dorothy Coss
Thursday, May 19	Gail Coss Charmaine Defry Glenn James
Thursday, May 26	Vic Kennedy Craig Klyne Grace Lassen
Thursday, June 2	Al Leighton Brian Meakings Ralph Merk

Please be at Westwood by 6:00 p.m. and check in with the RDC member to sign the waiver. Also, it is your responsibility to find a replacement in the event you cannot attend for the day you are scheduled - please use your membership list. If you have exhausted all avenues, contact Shari at 420-0472, but do this only as a last resort (in fairness to Shari and to Nick last year, it is a big job to co-ordinate these practice nights - your help in finding your own replacement is not too much to ask - Ed.)

RACE CITY, CALGARY

As you may notice, the races at Calgary have been included in the master schedule in this issue. Last MAYDAY, mention was made of putting a list together of workers interested in travelling to Calgary for their events. Dave Forster usually compiles a list of personnel for State-side races and likely will do so for Calgary. But I thought I would get the ball rolling for him (while he is enjoying the California sunshine - Dave, you owe me one) and request those who are interested to add their names to the Race City list, available at the next META Meeting (April 27th).

FLASH - Perhaps a list for people wishing to lend a hand at the Knox Mountain Hillclimb might be a good idea, too.

1988 RACE SCHEDULE

DATE	TRACK	EVENT
April 23/24	Portland	ICSCC
April 23/24	Westwood	CASC Regional/Honda Michelin/3 Hr
April 30/May 1	Portland	SCCA Regional
May 7/8	Seattle	ICSCC
May 14/15	Westwood	ICSCC/Honda Michelin
May 21/22	Knox Mountain/Kelowna	Hillclimb
May 28/29	Calgary	CASC Regional/Honda Michelin
May 28/29/30	Seattle	SCCA Double National
June 4/5	Seattle	ICSCC
June 10/11/12	Portland	Rose Cup/Escort/SCCA
June 11/12	Calgary	CASC Regional
June 17/18/19	Portland	CART
June 25/26	Westwood	NASPORT/Player's Challenge/3 Hr/Honda
June 25/26	Portland	ICSCC
July 2/3/4	Portland	SCCA
July 2/3/4	Spokane	Formula Atlantic/NASCAR
July 9/10	Westwood	ICSCC
July 9/10	Calgary	Player's 500/Player's Challenge - Oval
July 16/17	Calgary	CASC Regional
July 23/24	Westwood	Historic Races
July 29/30/31	Portland	IMSA
August 6/7	Westwood	Player's Pacific/P. Challenge/Honda
August 13/14	Seattle	ICSCC
August 13/14	Westwood	Driver Training
August 20/21	Calgary	Player's Challenge/Honda Michelin
August 27/28	Portland	SCCA
September 3/4	Calgary	American Indy Series/Honda - Oval
September 3/4/5	Olympia	ICSCC/SCCA
September 10/11	Westwood	A.I.S. (tent.)/Player' Challenge/Honda
September 10/11	Portland	SCCA Double Regional
September 17/18	Portland	ICSCC
September 17/18	Seattle	Formula Atlantic
September 24/25	Calgary	Player's Challenge/Honda Michelin
October 1/2	Westwood	ICSCC
October 8/9	Westwood	CASC/7 Hour Enduro
October 15/16	Portland	6 Hour Enduro

Are these enough races for you? The Pacific Northwest & Prairie Region could definitely keep us busy this season!

Upcoming events for the month will be listed every MAYDAY in case of changes to this schedule. Happy calendar filling!

