



# MAYDAY

*THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of M.E.T.A.*

---

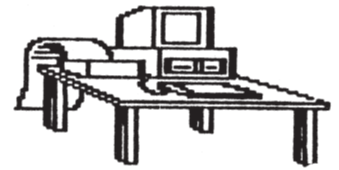
VOLUME 13 NO. 5

MAY 18, 1988

We have now weathered (all kinds for that matter) two race events. The first, the CASC event was rather quiet. Due to the changes to the track, only two tire walls existed along the fence at Pre-Grid and one of them was in the middle of the track, marking the new pit entrance. This necessitated a temporary relocation of the Pre-Grid and Tech area (though it appears Tech will remain in the upper pits). It became necessary for the drivers to learn a new set of skills, such as backing into grid spaces and driving a virtual slalom course to enter the track. One car managed to temporarily destroy the outer tire wall after a spin, but further incidents were avoided. The run-off area in both Three A and the Hairpin have had their configurations altered considerably. It remains to be seen how safe this will be, especially in Turn 4 where the lay of the land tends to slope downward into the tires. It is a great improvement over the previous run-off, though.

By race number two, an equally uneventful weekend, we had some more changes. The armco was up along the Pre-Grid fence, but not the outer part of the pit lane. Pylons marked the new road to the pits and drivers were warned, under penalty of stiff fines (and probable death administered by Danny Totten!) not to hit the pylons. Only one driver did and that's because he'd already lost it coming out of the Esses and besides, he was a Nervous (Pre-Grid talk for "Novice"). But some good racing was had by most, except the Formula Vee & 440 event with 3 (you can count 'em on one hand) cars. Oh well, we take the bad with the good. And good is what it was in the other Formula race - mostly Club Fords - and the Honda race. Both were mostly clean events with some terrific races within races. The Honda contest was the first in the Honda/Michelin Challenge Series with 34 (you can't count 'em on one hand) cars. You may have noticed that last year's cars were mixed in with this year's models - there is an "A" series and a "B" series, and both classes receive awards. There's approximately \$25,000 in prize money available this year, so this series will be hotly contested - as was already seen in this race.

You may have heard rumours about wheels falling off the "A" cars - Roger Salomon actually witnessed this happening on the street, beside Lafarge Lake, when Baz Lee's left wheel went sailing into the drink after practice night! The problem, it seemed, was stock wheel bolts not matching the after market wheels - a case of bevelled and non-bevelled. Honda decided, wisely, to ban the drivers from practising until the problem was solved. They did solve it on Friday and had all the wheel bolts machined to fit. You'll notice, next time you happen to look at the bolts, that they all have a line carved into them to make sure the correct ones are being used.



(This is turning out to be a 2-pager!) Actually, I am finished this semi-race report and it's time to carry on with what's coming up in the near future under the next heading:

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 25	M.E.T.A. Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Moody Park, Music Room
MAY 28/29	CASC Regional/Honda Michelin Race City, Calgary
MAY 28/29/30	SCCA Double National SIR, Seattle
JUNE 4/5	ICSCC Race SIR, Seattle
JUNE 10/11/12	Rose Cup/Escort Endurance/SCCA PIR, Portland
JUNE 11/12	CASC Regional Race City, Calgary
JUNE 17/18/19	CART PIR, Portland
JUNE 22	M.E.T.A. Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Moody Park, Music Room
JUNE 25/26	NASPORT/Player's GM Motorsport/ Honda Michelin (NO 3-HOUR EVENT) Westwood
JUNE 25/26	ICSCC Race PIR, Portland

#### IMPORTANT NOTE!!

As you can appreciate, it is very difficult for Dave Forster to efficiently position experienced workers on the corners if he has no idea who will be coming until Saturday morning. To make a long story short - please call Dave the week prior to the event to advise him of your attendance, and which days you will be there. It is really important, as we are in the process of training new people and Dave wants to make sure they get the best training possible - it is so much easier if he knows who will be there on any given weekend. Of course, this applies to non-training weekends also, later in the year. So, experienced workers, please call 420-0472 before the next event.

THANK YOU!!

SPECIAL NOTICE

SPECIAL NOTICE

PRACTICE NIGHTS

The following are the dates and people scheduled for the next set of practice nights, starting with June 9 (for previous dates, please see last month's MAYDAY). Again, please be at Westwood by 6:00 p.m. if at all possible and check in with Erin at the concession stand to sign the waiver. Please remember that it is your responsibility to find a replacement should you be unable to make it for your scheduled night - use your membership list. Call Shari Forster only as a last resort - 420-0472.

Thursday, June 9	Russ Mitchell Barb Moewes Lori Nerada
Thursday, June 16	Merv New Rick Neyedli Tom Popovich
Tuesday, June 21	Dave Forster Shari Forster Robin Bentley
Thursday, June 23	Nick Roche Roger Salomon Rick Smale
Thursday, June 30	Al Stewart Jo Adair Dorothy Coss
Tuesday, July 5	Jeff Blake June Blake Charmaine Defry
Thursday, July 7	Shari Forster Glenn James Vic Kennedy

Shari will also have some important information to relay at the next meeting regarding these practice nights.

# PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our illustrious leader of META's Social Committee, Joe Proud, has come up with another terrific idea for a PARTY! And it's racing fun, too.

WHAT: A Night Out at Skagit

WHEN: Saturday, July 16th

THE PLAN: To meet at Kovac's, a really good restaurant in Bellingham (far side of Bellingham, EXIT 252, thru the lights to the shopping centre and you're there). Joe figures 5:00 p.m. is a good time to meet for dinner, then carry on to Skagit from there. If you can't make it for dinner, try 6:00 p.m. to catch the gang.



## TRAINING COMMITTEE

Here's the latest update on the Training Committee's efforts. We are proud to say that the training program is in full swing. Eleven of 19 possible new workers have been through the Basic Training Program and have attended or plan to attend their first race as trainees. We have some very enthusiastic new friends of Westwood and the Committee is hopeful that we can continue to keep them interested, happy and of course, well-trained! Thank you to all Turn Marshals and their crews; Rick Smale, our Starter; and Derek & Maida Forster of Scoring for assisting in training all these new marshals (and in the Forsters' case, for giving shelter in most disagreeable weather!)

Some of our trainees are working corners, one is working race control, one is a member of the new Pre-Grid crew and still others are in the process of deciding what their initial specialty will be. We have two more fellows who attended the last race as observers, who will be scheduled for Basic Training prior to the next event. So that makes 13 individuals who have been able to come to Westwood, see and learn a few things about what makes a race happen, meet some people and have an opportunity to get some pre-race training.

As we would like to welcome our new friends in print, all those who have attended the Basic Training will receive this issue of the MAYDAY for free.



So welcome to the following people:

Danielle Baxter  
Tracee Bentley  
Kerry Domich  
Trent Domich  
Linda Gregg  
Chris Grindley  
Dani Kasburg  
Klaus Kasburg  
Gordon Kirby  
Ed Oswald  
Conni Rupp

Glad to have you with us, each and everyone! Hopefully, this newsletter will give you some info about what goes on in our club, M.E.T.A., when events you may want to attend will be and other stuff! We'd be happy to have you join us as guests at our club meeting, too (see Dates to Remember).

And for your information, and anyone of the members who may have forgotten(!), here is a list of the officials and semi-officials of the club:

President	Roger Salomon
Vice-President	Merv New
Secretary	Gail Coss
Treasurer	Rick Smale
Past Executive Member	Barb Moewes

Social Director	Joe Proud
MAYDAY Editor	Robin Bentley
Practice Night Co-ordinator	Shari Forster

Training Committee Members	Grace Lassen
	Merv New
	Dave Forster
	Robin Bentley

M.E.T.A. Members	
Who are Chiefs at Westwood	Rick Smale - Starter
	Dave Forster - Course Marshal
	Grace Lassen - Race Control
	Shari Forster - Pre-Grid
	Jan Smale - Registrar

If any of us can help in any way, please give us a shout. Our numbers are in the Membership List.



# WORKERS' FLEAMARKET

Saturday June 25, 1988

Westwood Main Concession Area

ALL PROCEEDS TOWARD THE PURCHASE  
OF ADDITIONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

**COME ONE, COME ALL !!**

\* Posters \* Badges \* Patches \*  
\* Flags \* Hats \* Pins \*  
\* Car Accessories \*  
**YOU NAME IT !!**

All Donations for the Market will be  
Gratefully Accepted

Please contact the following people if you have  
items to donate :

JAN SMALE at 464-0179 or LORI NERADA at 524-0964