



MAYDAY

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Happy Valentine's Day to all you lovers! Our club did it's part from the heart for the Variety Club Telethon and raised a record number of dollars "for the kids". Good on ya to those who volunteered and those who contributed.

There is a lot more volunteering in store (and possibly contributing, too) this year. The MAYDAY would like to reiterate President Lori Nerada's request for assistance in areas such as the 30th Anniversary Party, car shows, fundraising, etc. Now is a good time to examine what you might want to do, before the season is in full swing. More on some of the ways to help later on in this issue.

Thought I'd let you know what's ahead this year in the MAYDAY...

Profiles of META Members: get to know your colleagues by more than just their blue-flagging ability! Many of us don't know much about our "other" lives outside racing. This will be your chance to get a peak at what makes your fellow members tick. And it also may be your chance to give others a peak at you... So please, when I approach you with notepad and tape recorder in hand, don't assume I'm looking for the driver behind you. Stand your ground and state your case!

Practice Night Schedule: The first practice night is set for Thursday, April 6th - not too far away. This year an entire schedule of dates, RDC member on duty and days you are on duty will be sent to you, separate from the MAYDAY. However, upcoming dates will be published in the MAYDAY, so as to refresh your memory.

MAYDAY & Where to Get It: The MAYDAY will be available at each META meeting this year to save on postage (and get You to the meeting!) For those of you who are out-of-town members, don't worry (be happy - sorry I couldn't resist), you'll still have yours sent to you. I realize not everyone can make it to the Music Room at Moody Park on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. - just a reminder - and your copy will be sent to you, too. Just be aware that some of the news might be a little late.

Those of you who wish to contribute articles or information to the MAYDAY should also be aware that you must get these things to me well in advance as your message will only get to the members at the meeting or after.

Robin

MONEY FOR M.E.T.A.

Recently, the Executive submitted a proposal to the Province of B.C., Ministry of Labour & Consumer Services for funds to support their program to fight substance abuse. As we are a non-profit organization concerned with safety in motorsport, it seemed like a good method to promote our club in conjunction with the principles of fighting drug and alcohol abuse (not to mention good PR for our sport). In any case, the Ministry granted us \$600 to assist us in increasing community participation in responsibility for the prevention of abuse, under the B.C. Community Action Program. This covers to the end of March 89 and so must be used by then. A proposal for the balance of 89 must be submitted by the end of February. We must show how we have used this year's funds to be eligible for a new grant. Unfortunately, the money has not arrived though plans are being executed on the best utilization. The aim is to have something prepared for the Motorsport Show, where we can reach people in the community, and a large number at that. Assuming we can convince the government of the value of our program and we get additional funds for 1989, the Executive would like some ideas for the use of the grant.

Some guidelines are:

- 1) could explore innovative prevention and treatment intervention in the community
- 2) increase community participation in prevention
- 3) develop a network of community action groups in each region of B.C.
- 4) identify local methods of preventing alcohol and drug abuse, which may have application to other B.C. communities

We cannot make any profit through these activities and the money cannot cover our administrative costs of any programs we already do such as training, car shows etc.

Of course, it couldn't hurt if we all do our part in setting a good example by not abusing drugs or alcohol ourselves!

So put your thinking caps on and give the Exec. some feedback. No matter how wild your idea may seem initially, there's a possibility it could be just what they're looking for.

This leads me to the...

MOTORSPORT SHOW - MARCH 3, 4 & 5 - PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION GROUNDS

Volunteers to man/woman our booth are urgently required. Please be aware of our connection to the above META Against Substance Abuse program, too. Mostly, you'll be handing out flyers & schedules to people as they pass by - no hard sell tactics here! If someone wants to talk about working at Westwood, just do that. Mainly, it's an awareness thing that META is at Westwood (and Westwood is still there!) and we're there to help people get involved. Should anyone be serious enough to want to volunteer, they'll usually fill out the form (then or later). If then, you can always refer them to the Training Committee people (Roger, Robin, Grace, Dave etc - keep your META list handy).

In any case, if you have some time to spare on those days, the club would love your help, if only for a few hours. For passes to get in, which you will require, please see Lori Nerada or call her at 438-8611.

C.A.S.C.

Just a reminder that we will be discussing joining C.A.S.C. again this year, either at the February or March meeting.

AWARDS

As the Executive and Dave Forster have found out each year when working to determine the eligibility of members for awards, it is not the easiest task. A solution has been proposed. To be eligible for an award (Rookie & Member of the Year), one must have their races signed off on the M.E.T.A. logbook (which are given to you on paying your membership dues - the yellow one). Any other logbook will not count for this purpose (Westwood events are the only ones which are used in the tally). Help the decision-makers out - do your paperwork!

AND NOW... Some corrections to previously reported news!

Under "Special Awards":

Jo Adair was executing her duty as a flagger, not a communicator, when wounded in Turn One.

Under "SCCBC Executive":

The Westwood Committee is: Felim Power, Ian Wood, Tom Roy & Rob Dunlop (Sorry - the misinformation came from the SCCBC Pit Pass which was a bit outdated).

Under "Hot Tip etc":

The F1 race in Phoenix will be June 3/4 (just can't trust Tommy Phillips with the right info, can you!) So, we don't have to choose between CART and F1 - we can do both.

TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

we have held a number of productive meetings and the following activities are planned:

- 1) Basic Training courses - to be scheduled as needed this year.
- 2) Communications Module - having the finishing touches applied and should be ready to run this year, as necessary.
- 3) A Flagging & Emergency Quiz plus a Communications Quiz have been produced - to be "administered" at the regular February meeting (copies will also be available for those unable to attend).

- 4) A workshop is being planned to address common concerns and problem areas for experienced workers - delivery date to be announced.
- 5) Basic Training and a scaled-down version of Communications Training will be delivered to the workers' club at Race City, Calgary in March.
- 6) New Worker Appreciation Meeting - a mostly social event for our newly trained workers and members at which we can determine long-term results of our training to find out how it can be improved, what is good about it, etc. plus say thank-you to our rookies - date to be determined.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3, 4 & 5	Motorsport Show P.N.E.
March 11	Open House (in support of the proposed Matsqui motorsport complex) Matsqui - location to be-announced (See Lori Nerada for further info)
March 15	S.C.C.B.C. Volunteer Meeting location TBA (See Lori!)
March 22	M.E.T.A. Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Moody Park, New Westminster
April 1/2	Driver Training Westwood
April 15/16	Conference Race Westwood
April 22/23	Conference Race Portland
April 26	M.E.T.A. Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Moody Park, New Westminster
April 29/30	CASC/Enduro Westwood

OTHER STUFF

Included in this issue is a readership survey from the magazine Motorsport West. If you feel so inclined (and they hope you do cuz they need some road racing input), please complete it and either send it off to them or bring it to the meeting in March. If you've already filled one out, give it to a friend.

Also, a copy of a blurb on showing your support for a motorsport complex in Matsqui is included. If you wish to see racing survive in B.C., you should write of your support to the politicians listed.

(Many thanks from those involved in both these worthy causes - Ed.)

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Dear Motorsports Fan,

You are probably aware of the sad state of our motorsport facilities in the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland: Action Raceway shut down by Government action in 1985, Mission Raceway closed the same way some years ago, Westwood closing soon, because the Government is selling the land for residential real estate development.

For the past 6 years, various motorsport groups have been lobbying the Provincial Government to assist in the development of a world class motorsport park so that we can have a place to gather, to race, to slalom and to meet.

Our company has proposed a motorsport park in the Southwest corner of Matsqui, in an area of exhausted gravel pits, and we need your support to make the project go. Our job right now, is to convince the Mayor and Council of Matsqui, and Elwood Veitch the Provincial Minister of Regional Economic Development, that motorsport fans want this project, that we are decent sensible people who also pay taxes, that we deserve a home for our sport, just as hockey or tennis players get facilities for their sports. What we want you to do is to write to the mayor of Matsqui, and to Elwood Veitch and tell them you support the Motorsport Park. I know it takes some time, and it's easy to forget a request like this. It may seem to you like somebody else will do it if you don't, but let me tell you that this is our **last chance!** If we can't convince the Province and the city of Matsqui to let us build this park, there won't be another opportunity anywhere in the Fraser Valley. Please don't let your chance to continue enjoying racing slip away. Here are the names and addresses:

Mayor Dave Kandal and Council
Municipality of Matsqui
200 - 32315 South Fraser Way
Clearbrook, B.C. V2T 1W7

Peter A. Dueck / Harry De Jong
Matsqui MLA's
106A - 2760 Trethewey Street
Clearbrook, B.C. V2T 3R1

Honourable Elwood Veitch
Minister of Regional Development
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

We need thousands of letters! Please write today, get your friends and relatives to write as well!

MOTORSPORT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Thanks for supporting Motorsports!



PRESIDENT



READER SURVEY



YOU COULD BE THE LUCKY WINNER OF A ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO MOTORSPORT WEST MAGAZINE OR A PAIR OF TICKETS TO THE UPCOMING MARCH '89 VANCOUVER MOTORSPORT SHOW, JUST BY FILLING OUT AND RETURNING THIS READER SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE!*

* Ten one year magazine subscriptions and 10 pairs of car show tickets will be awarded to winners randomly drawn from entries received by 14/03/89. Draw date is March 15, 1989.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete the following Motorsport West reader survey.

This information will help us improve the content of future issues of Motorsport West by determining what you the reader wants to see inside the magazine as well as providing vital regional demographic information.

You can be assured that the information you provide will be used only by ABC Motorsport West Publications Ltd. and will not be sold or given to any other company, individual or group.

PLEASE, PRINT CLEARLY.

1.) _____
LAST NAME FIRST NAME INITIAL

2.) _____
COMPANY NAME (IF ANY)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY PROV/STATE POSTAL CODE

PHONE NUMBER

3.) ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

4.) ☐ MARRIED ☐ SINGLE

5.) AGE (Check One ☒ Only)

☐ Under 20

☐ 20 - 29

☐ 30 - 39

☐ 40 - 49

☐ 50 - 59

☐ Over 60

6.) WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATED ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME? (Check ☒ One Only)

☐ Under 10,000

☐ 10,000 - 14,999

☐ 15,000 - 19,999

☐ 20,000 - 24,999

☐ 25,000 - 29,999

☐ 30,000 - 34,999

☐ 35,000 - 39,999

☐ 40,000 - 44,999

☐ 45,000 - 49,999

☐ Over 50,000

7.) ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8.) ARE YOU A UNIVERSITY GRADUATE?

☐ Yes

☐ No

9.) HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MOTORSPORT ENTHUSIAST? (Check ☒ One Only)

☐ Less Than 1 Year

☐ 1 - 2 Years

☐ 3 - 5 Years

☐ 5 - 10 Years

☐ 10 - 20 Years

☐ Over 20 Years

10.) ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A CAR CLUB, MOTORSPORT ASSOCIATION OR RACE SANCTIONING BODY?

☐ Yes

☐ No

11.) WHERE DID YOU RECEIVE THIS ISSUE OF MOTORSPORT (Check ☒ One Only)

☐ Automotive Shop

☐ Race Track

☐ Car Club Event

☐ Car Show

☐ Mail Out

☐ Friend

☐ Other Explain . . . _____

12.) HOW MANY ISSUES OF MOTORSPORT WEST HAVE YOU READ? (Check ✓ One Only)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> This is the First | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> More Than 5 |

13.) DO YOU READ EACH ISSUE ONLY ONCE, THEN DISCARD THE MAGAZINE?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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14.) DO YOU READ EACH ISSUE MORE THAN ONCE AND SAVE THE MAGAZINE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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15.) HOW MANY PERSONS LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD? (Check ✓ One Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yourself Only | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 5 Persons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> More Than 5 |

16.) HOW MANY PERSONS WITHIN YOUR HOUSEHOLD READ YOUR COPY OF MOTORSPORT WEST?

(Check One ✓ Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yourself Only | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 5 Persons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> More Than 5 |

17.) YOUR REGULAR (DAILY DRIVER) VEHICLE IS? (Check ✓ One Only)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Auto | <input type="checkbox"/> Import Truck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Truck | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Import Auto | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Transit |

18.) DO YOU OWN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? (Check ✓ Appropriate Box(s))

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Car | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Truck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Street Machine | <input type="checkbox"/> Race Motorcycle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Factory Muscle Car | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Motorcycle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restored Classic | <input type="checkbox"/> Race Boat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vintage Auto | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Explain . . . |
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19.) HAVE YOU EVER PURCHASED A NEW VEHICLE?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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If yes, what make(s)?

20.) ARE YOU PLANNING TO PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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If yes, what make(s) are you considering?

21.) DO YOU PERFORM THE MAJORITY OF ALL MAINTENANCE AND MECHANICAL REPAIRS ON YOUR OWN VEHICLE(S)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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If no, who does? (Check ✓ One Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dealership Service Dept. | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Relative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Explain ... |
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22.) HAVE YOU, WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS, PERFORMED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? (Check ✓ Appropriate Box(s))

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Changed Engine Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Engine Repair(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replaced Oil Filter | <input type="checkbox"/> Installed New Muffler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replaced Air Filter | <input type="checkbox"/> Installed New Shocks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replaced Spark Plugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair/Replace Transmission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engine Tune Up | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace Clutch/Flywheel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Engine Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Perform Own Body/Paint Work |

23.) HAVE YOU WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS PURCHASED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? (Check ✓ Appropriate Box(s))

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tires | <input type="checkbox"/> Custom Wheels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Electronic Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System/Headers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spark Plug Wires | <input type="checkbox"/> Manifolds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Cleaners/Valve Covers | <input type="checkbox"/> Camshafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carburetors | <input type="checkbox"/> Modified Ignition Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gauges/Instruments | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Pump/Filter | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Duty Shocks | <input type="checkbox"/> Braided Steel Lines |

24.) WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN FUTURE ISSUES OF MOTORSPORT WEST? (Check ✓ Appropriate Box(s))

- A.) RACING - ☐ More ☐ Same ☐ Less
- If more . . . What:
- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drag Racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Oval Racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Racing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify . . . | |
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- B.) STREET - ☐ More ☐ Same ☐ Less
- If more . . . What:
- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Show & Shines | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruises | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Features |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify . . . | | |
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- A.) TECHNICAL - ☐ More ☐ Same ☐ Less
- If more . . . What:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> How to Articles | <input type="checkbox"/> New Product Updates | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Features |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify . . . | | |
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- D.) FEATURES - ☐ More ☐ Same ☐ Less
- If more . . . What:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cars | <input type="checkbox"/> Trucks | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Event Coverage Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycles | <input type="checkbox"/> Boats | <input type="checkbox"/> National/International Coverage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> Nostalgia | <input type="checkbox"/> Aircrafts |
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25.) WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU? (Check One ✓ Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Photos | <input type="checkbox"/> Written Articles |
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This completes the questionnaire. Thank you again for your time, cooperation and support of Motorsport in the Pacific Northwest!

Don't forget that by completing and mailing in this questionnaire you are eligible to win a free years subscription to Motorsport West and / or 2 free tickets to the upcoming March Vancouver Motorsport Show!

So don't delay, mail it today!

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