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Good news for Indy car fans (and we all know who we are!). Labour Day Weekend 1990 is scheduled for the Vancouver Molson Indy. A few conditions must be met, the major one being the completion of the Pacific Boulevard extension around B.C. Place Stadium. At the press conference, CART Chairman John Frasco was very optimistic about the chances of the race happening here. Let's cross our fingers for it to come about, not to mention the opportunity to work it.

On a more local note, the Westwood Endurance Series now has a confirmed purse of \$50,000 up for grabs, supplied by various sponsors. The breakdown is as follows: \$10,000 per 3 Hour event and \$20,000 for the 7-Hour. I expect we will see an excellent entry with such dollars at stake.

Another series which should prove exciting is the Pro Club Ford series, one race of which will be at Westwood. It will be wonderful to see a full grid of Fords again, dicing each moment for position.

And of course, we'll have two Toyota Formula Atlantic races here which are excitement enough all on their own. Latest news is that the Formula Atlantic boys will be the only support race to the Fl event in Phoenix - I suppose that will be more than enough to make up for the loss of Kennewick from the schedule!

With our always-entertaining club events, it all adds up to a year to enjoy and a year to anticipate, amid all the doom and gloom of the Westwood Plateau being sold. (We'll try not to think about it...)

MAYDAY FLASH!!!

I have received the most gracious offer of assistance with the Mayday from 1-year racing veteran Danielle Baxter. I'm delighted to accept and Danielle will be part of the Mayday staff (such as it is!) beginning next issue. Welcome, Danielle!

Robin

PRACTICE NIGHT SCHEDULE

By now, all you META members eligible to work practice nights have received-your practice night schedule for the season. But just in case you forget, we'll publish the upcoming dates and people scheduled in each issue.

MAY 4, 1989 Rick Neyedli Fran Pelletier Nick Roche Roger Salomon (RDC) Ian Mcintosh

MAY 11, 1989 Rick Smale Dallis Smith Al Stewart Jo Adair (RDC) Ron Nessel

MAY 18, 1989 Danielle Baxter Robin Bentley Jeff Blake June Blake (RDC) Andy Mahood

MAY 23, 1989 Charmaine Defry Trent Domich Dave Forster Shari Forster (RDC) Ray Stec

MAY 25, 1989 Kerry Hutchings Glenn James Dani Kasburg Kiromo Kauppi (RDC) Laurie (RDC) Laurie Fraser (RDC) Felim Power

JUNE 1, 1989 Mikko Kauppi Vic Kennedy Grace Lassen Bob Leduc

Remember to call a fellow member to switch with you if you are unable to make your night. Last resort is to call Nick or Shari.

TRAINING COMMITTEE

Our first basic training program was held a day later than scheduled but netted three new workers. Bob Allinson, Al & Elsie's son and racer; Carol Duggan, racer Barry Duggan's brother Tuffy's wife (whew!) and Jen Duggan, Carol & Tuffy's daughter. Although Bob was unable to make it to the first Conference race, he will be out for the upcoming CASC event. Carol and Jen took their walkabout on Saturday and worked in Turn 3 on Sunday afternoon (after "the incident" - I wouldn't want to be there on my first day flagging!). From all reports, we have some mighty fine workers in the making and we hope to see the Duggans at more races this year.

Because many of the people we contacted could not make it for that first classroom session, we scheduled another on Thursday, April 27th. Looks like we'll have 5 or 6 new trainees this time.

The Communications Training was originally thought to be for new communicators only, however, we have rethought this and it will be open to anyone who has ever or will ever use the radio, in addition to new people. The originally scheduled date of April 28th will be rescheduled soon, date to Be announced. If you are interested in coming to this session, please see Grace or Robin.

Thanks to all that assisted at the last training session and race weekend...

INDY CARS FOR THE HOME OR OFFICE

With the Indy cars coming in 1990, the interest is building. to that-interest are some 1/24th model kits of Indy cars.

Now available from Monogram:

Valvoline March Chevy Mac Tools Planters Lola Buick

Due in July:

STP Lola Cosworth

Coming from AMT:

K-Mart Lola Chevy Provimi Lola Cosworth Kraco March Cosworth Domino's March Cosworth Pennzoil PC-17 Chevy Miller PC-17 Chevy

These are all 1988 cars. Check your local hobby store.

Vic Kennedy

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6/7 Vintage Weekend Westwood

> (workers are urgently needed for this event - see Nick Roche)

May 6/7 SCCA Regional, Portland

May 20/21 Knox Mountain Hillclimb

Kelowna

May 24 M.E.T.A. Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Moody Park, New Westminster

May 26/27/28 Player's Ltd./Toyota Formula

> Atlantic/GM Motorsport/Honda Michelin Challenge Series

Westwood

June 3/4 Conference Race, Seattle

June 10/11 Conference Race, Portland

June 16/17/18 Rose Cup/SCCA National, Portland

June 23/24/25 CART Portland 200, Portland The Chosen site for the Molson Indy 1990!

