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Moody Park Recreation centre, 8:00 p.m., Oak Room.

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Deadline for newsletter submissions and advertising for inclusion in the next issue is the 21st of the month. Articles and advertisements should be camera ready, and ideas and suggestions should be written as clearly as possible.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First of all, my apologies for the delay in our newsletter, but be assured we want you to get all the info and knickknacks - even if it is late. We will get the Mayday back on time with the great co-operation of META members.

A few issues back we published a questionnaire about the Molson Indy race. We had some response, but we need more input from everybody, so we decided to publish it once more. Members, please take some time and send it to us as soon as possible. Remember, if we don't know about any problems, we can't correct them. We are already starting to organize for Indy. Two special training meetings are planned for August 8th and August 22nd at 7:30pm at Moody Park. Plan to be there.

I would also encourage everybody to attend races down south to keep up with racing. Remember, experience counts.

Yours in the sport,
Roger



Take Care.

MOLSON (M)

Please don't drink and drive.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

First and foremost, my lavish gratitude goes out to my (unofficial, for all the good it has done her) editorial consultant, Dani Kasburg, who has been conscripted to oversee production of the Mayday while I deal with moving, etc. From the look of things, she's good enough at it that I should start worrying about job security...

The Speed Reading section in this month's Mayday covers quite a wide range of motorsport activities - from what I hear META is represented at most of these in one way or another. So all that remains is for a few of you intrepid adventurers to write a page or so about your experiences. I haven't managed to get to Mission yet - what's it like? Got any pictures? Has anyone worked a motorcycle race lately? Any interesting news from Skagit? Monroe? Western Speedway? Race City Speedway? Anyone travelled beyond our usual haunts lately? It would be great to have stories in the Mayday about some of the alternative activities that are available to us now that Westwood is gone. And if you've found something you think the rest of us would enjoy, write about it and let us know - give us dates and places, so we can make a group event of it!

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In this issue you will find a reprint of Dave Forster's questionnaire on last year's Molson Indy Vancouver: Dave needs more responses to this! It's worth the few minutes it will take to do: put on your whites, cover yourself with dirt, open a cold beer, and having established the correct mood, give him the benefit of your insight and experience. Without input from you (yeah, you) he cannot be expected to address your concerns and make the changes you would like to see for this year's event.

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Okay - that's my pep talk for this month. If you're not heartily sick of them yet I can give you another racing story after the June 8/9 weekend - if you are, then give us something else to print instead!

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SPEED READING

June 15	Mini Sprints	Mission
June 15	NASCAR Northwest Tour	Portland
June 15/16	Rose Cups	P.I.R.
June 16	WMRRA Motorcycle Races	S.I.R.
June 20/21/23	Jim Raper Memorial Super Dirt Cup	Skagit
June 21/22/23	Budweiser/GI Joe's 200 (CART)	P.I.R.
June 22/23	WERA Motorcycle Races	S.I.R.
June 29	Mini Sprints	Mission
June 29/30	ICSOC	P.I.R.
June 30	NASCAR Winston West	Portland
July 5/6/7	Player's/GM, etc.	Calgary
July 6	Mid-Season Championships & Fireworks	Skagit
July 6/7	SOVREN Vintage Races	S.I.R.
July 13	NASCAR Northwest Tour	Monroe
July 13	Mini Sprints	Mission
July 13/14	SOVREN Vintage Races	P.I.R.
July 14	NASCAR Winston West	Monroe
July 19/20	IRDC Drivers' School	S.I.R.
July 21	Molson Indy Toronto	Poughkeepsie?
July 27	NASCAR Northwest Tour	Wenatchee
July 27/28	IMSA	P.I.R.
July 28	WMRRA Motorcycle Races	S.I.R.
August 2/3/4	Honda/Michelin, Players/GM, etc.	Calgary
August 3	NASCAR Winston West	Olympia
August 10	NASCAR Northwest Tour	Portland
August 10/11	ICSOC	S.I.R.
August 17	NASCAR Northwest Tour	Monroe
August 17/18	Honda/Michelin, Players/GM, etc.	Calgary

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

META Shuffle rehearsal will be on Wednesday, June 12th, 1991 at 8:00pm in the hall behind the Presbyterian Church on 41st Avenue and Trafalgar.

There will be two training sessions prior to Indy Vancouver: on Thursday, August 8th and Thursday August 22nd, 1991 at Moody Park Rec. Center from 7:30 to 10:00pm

WANTED - one garage to hold a garage sale, preferably in town, to raise money for the debentures. If you have a garage you're not using, or if you have stuff to get rid of, or if you want to take on this venture, PLEASE call Dani at 251-4591 (Note: I do have an answering machine so no excuses about not finding me home.)

Any other fundraising ideas are more than welcome. Just call up any member of the executive who will be more than pleased to volunteer someone else to help you.

Due to the overwhelming response that Dave and Roger have received on their questionnaire pertaining to Indy, it is being re-run with the hopes that you will put all your grumbles and mutterings onto paper. Dave would like to hear what you have to say, besides the fact that unless you write to him, he will get no mail and feel very neglected. So to refresh your memories, here is the list of points for your consideration:

- 1) flagging and communication stations (adequacy, placement, visibility, etc.);
- 2) crowd control;
- 3) morning meeting location;
- 4) worker parking;
- 5) registration;
- 6) worker refreshments and meals;
- 7) numbers of workers (do we need more, could we have done with less);
- 8) advertising signs;
- 9) communications equipment;
- 10) turn equipment;
- 11) the level of your crew's experience as provided to you;
- 12) the cooperation or lack thereof between you, your crew and other track officials;
- 13) was the information provided to you in your turn marshall packages sufficient;
- 14) due to the cross-section of workers from various regions, was there any problem in standardizing the use of hand signals and flagging procedures.

I'm sure there are probably several other topics that could be discussed and if you happen to see something that was left off the above list, talk to us and tell us what your thoughts are on these topics as well as the ones above. This is meant to be an open format to solicit constructive ideas on how the operation of the flagging and communications crew can be bettered this year.

To those out of town turn marshalls, please feel free to send a copy of this on to somebody within your crew who could provide valued assistance. This questionnaire is being circulated in the newsletter of our local turnworkers club.

Thanks in advance for your anticipated cooperation. Please send your comments to:

Dave Forster
2 - 1336 Pitt River Road
Port Coquitlam, B. C. V3C 5Y7

For all those interested in joining SCCA, Sports Car Club of America, here is their head office address and telephone number:

Sports Car Club of America, Inc.
9033 East Easter Place
P.O. Box 3278
Englewood, Colorado, 80112
Phone: (303)694-7222

SKAGIT, JULY 20, 1991

On Saturday July 20th, META will be heading down to Skagit Speedway to watch them "Do It In The Dirt". We will meet at Izzy's Restaurant on the west side of Guide Meridian Road just north of Bakerview (opposite the Cascade Health Center).

To get there, take the 264th Street border crossing, by the Vancouver Game Farm or if you are coming down I-5, take the Bakerview Exit (No. 256). The restaurant is located north and slightly east of the mall.

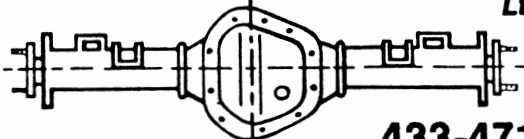
We usually meet for dinner at 5:00pm, then off to the track in time for hot laps which start at 7:00pm. The races begin at 7:30pm.

For those not wanting to go to the dinner but would rather go directly to the track, take the Alger exit (No. 240) south of Bellingham, cross over the freeway to the stop sign by the tavern where you turn right and proceed 5 km to the track. We usually sit just above the turn 4 area, before the start/finish line in the lower seats. There is a washroom and concession stand just above our area.

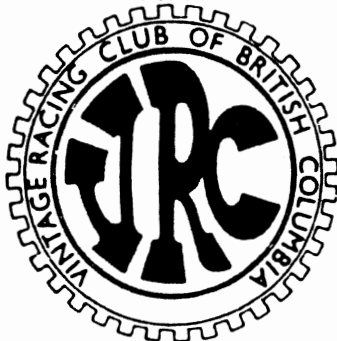
It's best to wear fairly warm clothes as it does get chilly later on, but bring your sunglasses and hat as you will be facing into the sun until it sets. Also, those wood plank seats can get fairly hard so you may want to bring a cushion. It would nice too if we could wear our club jackets with all the crests. And by all means, bring along some friends too!!

Joe Proud

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MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month
Officer's Mess, 4100 W.4th
Vancouver
7:30 PM

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

META MEETING
May 22, 1991

Meeting was called to order by Roger at 8:04pm. There were 29 members present. Minutes were adopted as read by Lori, seconded by Vic.

Treasurer: Rick

Still poor. Poorer even. Equipment fund has \$2,580.50. General Revenue has \$906.03. Received \$50.00 from Joe from Social. There is \$100.00 proceeds from Rally forthcoming from Roger and a \$250.00 donation from Vintage Club. Financial Statements for last year were read and will appear in June issue of the Mayday.

Correspondence: Dani - Vantage and Firehawk Enduro newsletters. 2 get well cards to be signed by all for Mark Dismore and Dean Hall.

Social: Joe

Beer, Armoral, First Aid Kit donated by Ice Racing Club plus secondary prizes.

Mayday: Roger - Sorry May issue is late. Will be out a week Monday.

Membership: Russ

71 members and 7 honorary. Kerry nominated Andy Elliott for membership, seconded by Lori. Unanimously passed. We have us a new member.

Historian: Joe - Album is here and not at Roger's.

Training: Roger - There are two sessions set up: August 8 and August 22, 1991 at 7:30pm here at Moody Park Rec. Center. Be there!

Race Chairman: Bruce - No place local to play.

Course Marshall: Dave

What?! Response to questionnaire not too great, only 5. Voice your opinions. CART has gone to FIA flagging which uses green flag on all corners. Any comments to people back east as he is going to Montreal.

Old Business:

Vic has copies of rally if anyone wishes to inflict pain on any friends. Next rally will be in September and work is already underway with his co-horts in crime. Bruce gave round of thanks to Vic & co-horts for their work on the rally. Russ mentioned that prizes should be geared towards driver and navigator and not driver only.

Vic: only 3 people showed up at Mission Minisprints. We should have more than that there. Russ stated that on May 18th race, our people were not really needed and were pushed aside. Vic will look into the matter.

Vice-President: Brian

-Name tag list has been handed in. Tags should be ready sometime in June.

-Danny Cope's brother is racing in Europe and doing well.

-WCMA, Western Canadian Motorsport Association, is in charge of licensing in Western Canada.

-Victoria track has \$500 debentures to help pay for paving. META cannot afford to pay that.

Break 8:41 - 8:57pm

New Business:

Kerry is now officially a member of the Hunter Trauma Team who had the pleasure of attending to Leeza Gibbons when she crashed in L.A.

Joe: June 1st and July 20th is Skagit night. Starts at 7:00pm. It's fun time, plan to attend.

President: Roger

-Meta was approached by Foremost Milk, courtesy of Dallas Smith, to get us orange firesuits with the name Foremost on the back. Wrote to Jim Heap in order to clear it with the Indy guys for us to wear them during Indy race. Response will take about one week. The suits will be donated to META and we will have ownership of them. People will be allowed to sign them out and they will be responsible for their care and cleaning.

-Jim Heap loves the Mayday and wants to advertise. He will also be discussing with the media about their coverage of last year's Vancouver Indy race.

-Sent letter to Monroe last Tuesday in regards to having us to timing and scoring of Nascar race.

-June 8 & 9th in Seattle is next Conference Race. It's a ball.

-META Shuffle was debuted tonight. It's a hit guys. Next practice date is June 12th at 8:00pm at the hall behind the Presbyterian Church at 41st Avenue and Trafalgar Street.

Open Forum:

-Bruce suggested we raise entry fee of next rally to start a fund for the purchase of a debenture in Victoria track. Bob Randall agreed we should try. Bruce motioned we set up a separate fund to raise money to purchase a \$500 debenture. This way none of META's funds will be used. Dave seconded, motion was unanimously passed.

-Hilda stated that all of the proceeds of the first conference race in Portland went to the track fund.

-Vic queried if Deer Park in Spokane was still a race site possibility but Roger said land was purchased by airport for their purposes.

-Roger would like META crests and decals to be sold at SIR and PIR.

-Also, we need some fundraising ideas for our debenture fund. Some ideas are bake sale, 50-50 draw, and straight donations.

Good & Welfare: none

Swap & Shop:

Rick N. - Smith-Corona word processor \$400 and needs a 351 Windsor engine

Jo - 510 is on the block, make an offer

Brian - '46 Chevy pickup and X1/9 race car, make an offer

Raffle: Ann - Beer

Hilda - Armoral & garbage bags and the Honda crests

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:47pm by Bernie, seconded by Thomas, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dani Kasburg, Secretary

THE RALLY

I slept very poorly Saturday night before the rally. Would anyone enjoy it? Would they understand my instructions? How many would get lost?

With Sunday being a lousy day, I thought things were going downhill and we had not even started. After getting things started and all cars were away, we decided to view our handiwork. We went up to SFU on Ring Road while the rallyists were coming down. Boy did we get some looks! We went to some of the other sections and then headed out to the finish. With two hours gone since the start, I was hoping cars would soon arrive. Wrong!

I started to feel easier when the first two cars came in, but not a whole bunch as certain comments about my lineage were directed my way. Much of the Bar-B-Q was missed while we tallied up the scores but we finally announced the winners and handed out the prizes. This was followed by a review of the rally with the intended directions and answers, supplemented with some of the answers we actually received.

Another rally has been requested and it will be better as we have learned from our initial attempt. So, coming in September is the "It Ain't Gonna Rain Rally".

T.T.F.N.
Vic Kennedy

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ROYAL NOTES FROM THE THRONE ROOM AT THE RALLY FINISH
(Edited for Publication)

Love it! Very thankful that it's here! What a rally!
Coke is not the only "pause that refreshes".
Love it too! When you have to go you have to go! As for the rally FANTASTIC!!!
Great. Let's do it again.
Great job by one and all - What a blast! & guess what?!! We're still married.
Fantastic - frustrating - GREAT!
Super time. Got pissed off. Had to cheat. Ready to do it again.
Fantastic! Can't wait to do it again.
Cold fingers.
Our first rally & it was really great! Congratulations to the organizers.
Water seeks it's own level.
Our first rally and loved every minute of it! We're not even getting a divorce
so it had to be a success! We'll have to do it again soon!
Too damn short!!!
Should be longer, some instructions should be made easier!
A little busy for single driver no c/d.
We will be divorced next week.
Loved every minute of it; should be longer & some instructions more clearer;
sorry it was over!
Now I find out who Phlying Phil is!
A good time was had by all.
Toilet seat is too cold.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1990

Balances as of December 31, 1989 - General Revenue 2534.07
- Equipment Fund 2275.28

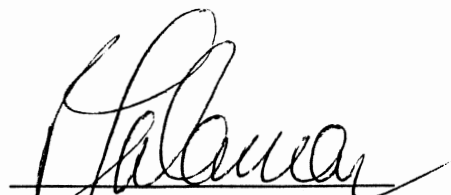
RECEIPTS

Membership	913.87
Social	1891.92
Bank Interest - General Revenue	229.88
- Equipment Fund	254.84
Miscellaneous - General Revenue	2264.00
- Equipment Fund	0.00
(includes all donations)	

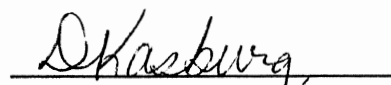
EXPENSES

Membership	351.40
Postage and Printing	899.14
Social	3007.31
Miscellaneous - General Revenue	1905.42
- Equipment Fund	0.00

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Roger Salomon, President


Rick Smale, Treasurer


Dani Kasburg, Secretary

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
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(META)**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Flagging/Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Paddock Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Pit Lane Control
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Grid	<input type="checkbox"/> Race Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration
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