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the official newsletter of the Motorsport Emergency and Turnworkers Association

MAYDAY

MAY 1992

SPEED READING

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| May 2/3 | (IRDC) ICSCC Race | SIR |
| May 9/10 | (SCCA) Regional (NORC) | PIR |
| May 9 | (SOVREN) Vintage Race | SIR |
| May 16/17 | (CSCC & SCCBC) ICSCC Race | PIR |
| May 16/17 | Knox Mountain Hillclimb | Kelowna |
| May 23-25 | (SCCA) Regional (NORC)/Double National | SIR |
| May 29 | (TC) Drivers' School | PIR |
| May 30/31 | (IRDC) ICSCC Race | SIR |
| June 12-14 | (SCCA) Rose Cup/Reg'l (NORC)/National | PIR |
| June 19-21 | IndyCar/Indy Lights, (SCCA) Trans-Am | PIR |
| June 27/28 | (CSCC) ICSCC Race | PIR |

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Deadline for newsletter submissions and advertising for inclusion in the next issue is the 21st of the month. Advertisements should be camera ready. Articles will be accepted typed, handwritten, or on diskettes (3.5 or 5.25 inch). Ideas and suggestions are welcomed, and should be directed to the editor.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, Moody Park Recreation centre, 7:30 pm, Oak Room

KNOX MOUNTAIN HILLCLIMB takes place on May 16 & 17 in Kelowna. **META workers are needed.** If you are planning to attend, please contact:

Matt Scaife Tel. (604) 765-8670 H, (604) 762-3115 W

Morning meeting time is 8:00am at the starting line at the base of the hill.

META's new Policy & Procedures proposals are included in this issue for the membership's consideration. The June membership meeting will be devoted to discussion of these proposals. If you have any comments regarding the proposed document, please forward them in writing to the Secretary. The document will be presented for a vote at the 1992 Annual General Meeting.

Racing season is once again upon us without a local track to participate at. If you want to keep your turnworking skills tuned up but can't spare a whole weekend at the track - **good news!** It is only slightly more than a two hour drive to Seattle, and it's okay to work single days at SIR (or even PIR), except for major events.

Jo Adair has located a source for **white jackets and t-shirts** for the club for about **\$20.00 each**. She needs to determine the number of people interested in order to arrange a firm price. If you wish to purchase a shirt or jacket, contact Jo at 255-9285 or Dani at 251-4591.

Wheelies? Cross-ups? Whoop-de-doo? Motocross! Hi-Tech Racing Ltd. has contacted META about their need for flaggers at motocross races. Minimum age requirement is 14 years old. Hours of racing are from 9:00am to 4:00pm with a half hour lunch break. The morning meeting is held approximately 20 minutes prior to the start. Pay for the day is \$20.00 plus a lunch ticket. Racing takes place rain or shine.

Upcoming race dates are: May 16 & 17 at Agassiz, May 30 & 31 location TBA, July 19 at Agassiz, August 1 & 2 TBA, September 6 at Agassiz, September 20 TBA.

If you are interested in working, contact Debbie Hong at 856-8443, or C.M.A., B.C. Region at 536-2321.

The Sports Car Club of British Columbia presents the fun rally with the funny name. The **WINNING WIENER WRALLY** will take place on Sunday, June 7, 1992, starting at Volkswagen Canada on United Blvd. (in the Mayfair Industrial Park, Coquitlam) and ending in the Maple Ridge area. Cost is \$10.00 (pre-registered). Pre-registration deadline is May 23rd. For more information, contact Irene Mitchell at 589-1385 or Pam Reynolds at 465-5773.

DB's \$.02 WORTH

Our big news and greatest preoccupation this month is the opening of *Formula Automotive*, our own auto repair and race prep shop. It has been quite an experience so far! All very sudden, with no time to figure out what to do before doing it... We have learned all kinds of things about starting a new business, including that in B.C. there is absolutely NO government assistance, federal or provincial, offered to people starting small businesses. Not even good advice... Much simpler to *give* people unemployment insurance or welfare than to *lend* them capital, I suppose. At any rate, after a few frantic weeks of bank-hopping, paper-signing, hair-tearing, and paint-splashing we opened on April 20! You will find our advertisement elsewhere in this issue, and needless to say we look forward to providing first class service to all META members!

We heard some tragic news mid-April. (Our thanks to Douglas Taylor for filling the unpleasant role of messenger.) During the WMRRRA races at S.I.R. April 12 a young rider lost control coming onto the front straight and crashed into the wall. He was thrown back into the path of the oncoming bikes and was hit, and died instantly. Though he was not a close friend we are shaken and saddened by his death, and our sympathy goes out to his family. This seems like a very good time for me to ask you all again to consider spending a few Sundays this summer working motorcycle races: the dedicated group of people I have met there is unfortunately not as large as they would like, and I know that they are always happy to have more experienced workers.

Well, back to the old paint tray. While Olov exorcises automotive demons I am still working on making our new enterprise look good. Fortunately we have plenty of racing posters to put up - I am not much of a painter!

- Danielle Brandfors

Alternative Forms of Racing (or Racing to Fit the Budget)

Does this sound like a race car? Tube frame chassis, open wheeler, two-piece wheel with Dunlop racing slicks, ventilated rotor braking system, tuned exhaust system, digital temperature and tach gauges, engine 20 HP/100 cc of displacement, and 15 lbs/HP. For comparison: Acura Integra GS-R, 9.5 HP/100 cc, 16.5 lbs/HP; Toyota MR2, 5.9 HP/100 cc, 20.2 lbs/HP; Honda Prelude, 7.1 HP/100 cc, 18.1 lbs/HP. I'll come back to this later.

A while back some of the car magazines I read had articles about going racing. The basic scenario is that the reporter is covering an event and talking to the spectators. These are racing enthusiasts who want to go racing but don't because they are afraid to take the plunge, have not taken the time to think about if it's possible, or like most, just can't afford it.

For myself it's a little of each. I hesitate because I know there is a lot of work that goes on between races just to get the vehicle ready. I do most of the basic maintenance on my own car but getting a race car ready for a weekend takes a lot more grease under the finger nails. Next, I have thought about the possibilities of racing, but never taken it to the point where I put together a plan. One of the thoughts that usually puts me at a dead end is the question - where to race without a local racing facility. Finally there is the money situation. I look at the ads in AutoSport, SportsCar and Formula then look at my bank book and the image of a balance type scale forms in my head. Unfortunately the weight of my bank book can't budge the needle in my favour. So what does one do? In my case you look at alternative forms of racing.

To fill part of my need for some racing speed I took a few courses at a high performance driving school. This was a good first step especially since I took my own car. I got to drive my car on the track and learned a lot about high speed driving, braking and shifting (I now heel and toe all the time). The cost didn't affect the "scale" since it cost me only a helmet, a small fraction of the overall cost of a race car. (Note the use of the international currency known as "Racing Marks",

where dollar values are converted to racing parts and accessories). This may not seem like a form of racing to some of you, but consider the elements, you take a vehicle to (or over) your limits of speed and control on a race track environment. For some this is the closest they come to actually getting track time.

So if you hear what sounds like a bunch of guys mowing their lawns at 50 mph, come over and take a look...

The next form of alternative racing is what most of you reading this do - being a turnworker. This is not actually racing but this is the best value for the buck or loony (after you tell people this is what you do for fun on weekends, they probably think the latter is more appropriate). Whether you're in the protected and environmentally controlled timing and scoring tower or outside facing the whims of Mother Nature working the turns or pre-grid, you are now closer to the racing action and more involved than the spectators in the stands. Not only that, but sometimes you work in areas where most spectators will never be allowed. The sights, sounds, smells, sensations (like when a driver acknowledges your blue flag), and especially the people you meet and work with all add to greater enjoyment of the sport. Then if you do take the next step and get behind the wheel of a race car, you've already got 40 or 50 people to cheer you on. The work is hard but the rewards are everlasting.

As good as these alternatives to racing are, there is nothing like being out there in a competitive atmosphere taking control of a racing vehicle and having some fun. So now what do you do? Try taking a different approach to going racing. First you find a friend whose desires to go racing are as great as yours, you figure on how much money you can afford to spend and then look at what kind of racing will fit the budget. This is opposed to picking a racing venue and then trying to get the money together. Now remember the specs at the beginning of this article, well those belong to the vehicle in which I am now half owner and operator. This is a sprint kart (also known as a go-kart) and this is how my racing career is finally beginning.

The kart is a sit up style made for sprinting on short tracks. On a good straightaway a speed of 75 to 80 mph is possible but for the sprint courses they try to keep top speed down to 50 mph. The parts are simple, single piece tube frame chassis, steering components, a brake, four wheels, seat, Yamaha 100cc 2-stroke engine, clutch, chain, sprocket and an exhaust system. It fits into the back of a light pickup truck and can easily be lifted around by two people. The best part of all this is that race tracks are typically set up in shopping mall parking lots making it easier to attend races. In addition, I could take the kart to SIR and PIR and race with the bigger lay down karts on the full road course.

Although there isn't much to a kart there is still a lot to do in setting it up, especially when you're first learning. In this area my partner and I were extremely fortunate since the person we bought the kart from is a fellow turnworker (remember all the great people you meet working corners). Richard and Joan have worked races at Westwood and make sure they are available for the Indy races in Portland and Vancouver. Richard has a sprint kart and just bought a lay down road kart (same engine but you lie down on your back and reach speeds over 100 mph). Also their daughter runs a sprint kart in the junior class. With his help the kart was painted, some new pieces manufactured and assembled, and we were able to get a day of testing, and did we ever learn a lot!

First adjust the carburetor settings to get the right temperature at the cylinder head. Go out, come in. Hey, this thing doesn't have an off switch, how do you stop the engine? Next replace the nut and bolt that fell off the chain guard. Out again, in again. Refit the exhaust pipe to the engine after the spring holding it on fell off. Can't find the spring so we use safety wire to hold it in place. Again replace the nut and bolt holding the chain guard in place. Go out, come in. Replace the two nuts that came off because we forgot the cotter pins. Replace the nut and bolt off the chain guard again! Out again, stomp on the gas, wait for the clutch to lock up and away we go. Having a great time but it's getting late so I come in. One last look reveals a nut and bolt missing that holds part of the undertray in place, also the nut and bolt holding the top of the seat is lying out on the pavement somewhere. One last note, the big bruise on the upper left part of my back tells me that I have to add padding to the seat back before I go out again. I'm sore but I'm racing!

At the time of this article my partner and I have about a week and a half before our first race out at a Richmond shopping mall. With some time and money (sucking it more like a dustbuster than an upright Hoover) we will be ready. So if you are ever out shopping on the weekend and you hear what sounds like a bunch of guys mowing their lawns at 50 mph, come over and take a look at an alternative form of racing. Look for me (with the META badge on my racing suit) or my partner running the (Fuji film) green kart (hint, hint sponsorship). But beware you parents, young karters can start at the age of eight.

- Kevin Kochi

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META MEETING - April 22, 1992

Meeting called to order by Roger Salomon at 7:35pm with 23 members and 3 guests, Cathy Ace, Dor Goltz, Dave Jagt present. Minutes were adopted as read by Don, seconded by Irene.

Treasurer: Rick - General account \$3268.34 and Equipment Fund \$3323.61.

Correspondence: Dani - none

Social: Joe - Beer and courtesy of Rick N., banners, hat, t-shirts, posters from Australia.

Mayday: Mikko - Additions and changes to membership roster will appear in each issue of the Mayday.

Membership: Jan - 55 members and 7 honorary. Jane Beighton nominated by Ann and Dave Jagt nominated by Mikko for membership. Voted in unanimously.

Historian: Joe - Album is here but Roger still has the pictures. John M. brought pictures from the car rally.

Race Chairman: Bruce - Absent

Course Marshal: Dave - No news.

Old Business:

- Roger has sent off the Conference papers.
- Roger will pick up plaques at Portland this weekend.
- Genevieve brought application to enter into the PNE parade. It appears a float would be preferable. Ros Bentley, Ian Wood and the Sports Car Club are all interested in participating.
- Hondas will be in Victoria on July 18 only and it may be a night race.
- Brian went to Cassidy to see the new track. The go-kart track and drag strip should be paved right now, with long and short tracks next.

Vice-President: Dave - Portland will have a new chicane with a grass and gravel center. Worker manual progressing well. Waiting for one more section to be submitted. We are looking for advertisers.

Break: 8:01 - 8:24pm

New Business:

- ROD applications are up front. See Roger.
- First Conference race of the season this weekend.
- Brian: Sports Car Club has put in a bid for a track at Cat's Flats which is located around Chilliwack and Agassiz.
- Roger: Sports Car Club has verbal agreement with Mission to have a drivers' training out there July 11 & 12. They'll need workers so let's support it. If it goes well, there may be a chance of one race being held there.
- First Mission drag race had so many entries that cars were turned away. We have not been asked to help these races year.
- Dani: (for Jo) Showed example of possible jacket and shirt for the club. Prices \$20.00 each (approx.) White country style denim jacket is \$35.00 to \$40.00. If interested see Jo or Dani.
- Mark Dismore won the Formula Atlantic race.

President's Report: Roger

- Has nothing to say...except that the Meta Shuffle went well last year, and we need a new idea for this year. Dave suggested a softball game with workers versus the drivers. Any other ideas, contact the executive.
- Brian: Think about putting a car together for ice racing next year. He's willing to help set up and get you started.

Good & Welfare:

- Kevin Kochi will be racing his go-kart this weekend at Bridgepoint Market in Richmond. Good luck!
- Bernie & Cathy will be getting married July 11. Party time!

Swap & Shop:

- Lori still has microwave.
- Bernie: 1969 Volvo with spare engine for \$350.00
- Roger: 9 green solid core doors with hinges - no charge.

Raffle: Barb - beer

Jan - JPS banner

Don - Marlboro banner

50/50 Jan

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm by Brian, seconded by Vic. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dani Kasburg
Secretary

CLASSIFIED

WANTED: Large dog house (large enough for a full grown Labrador Retriever). Call: Danielle 533-8851

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META Membership List 1992 - Updates

NEW MEMBERS:

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| JAGT: Dave | 4158 197A Street, Langley, BC | V3A 1C3 | H | 530-1983 | W | 888-1211 |
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RENEWED MEMBERS:

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| HAMM: Bernie | 21888 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge BC | V2X 2R4 | H | 467-3400 | | |
| HAMM: Emil | 7369 James Street, Mission BC | V2V 3V7 | H | 826-5614 | | |

CHANGES & CORRECTIONS:

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| LIEBICH: Don | 639 Cottonwood, Coquitlam BC | V3J 2S5 | H | 936-7838 | | |
| MANSON: Albert | 104-8673 80th N.W., Oak Harbor WA | 98277 | H (206) | 679-2119 | W (206) | 257-8317 |
| MEGGYESI: Sandy | 14090 66A Avenue, Surrey, BC | V3W 6M4 | H | 594-1401 | W | 581-2848 |
| MURRAY: Lise | 639 Cottonwood, Coquitlam BC | V3J 2S5 | H | 936-7838 | | |
| PROUD: Joe | | | H | 431-6997 | (May 23, 1992) | |
| SALOMON: Roger | 10952 McAdam Road, Delta BC | V4C 3E8 | H | 581-7189 | W | 686-3821 |

POLICY & PROCEDURES

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INTRODUCTION

The Motorsport Emergency and Turnworker's Association (META), like many other organizations, has, since its inception, been upheld by the Societies Act of British Columbia, META's own Constitution and a gradually increasing set of informal guidelines and defacto, unwritten rules of procedure.

Because the Constitution does not, as a rule, cover the day-to-day business practice of an organization it was felt that another document was needed to flesh out the guidelines offered by the Constitution, record specific procedures which must be performed for the good of the Order and the time frames for various tasks which must be dealt with. In the past these points have not been written down causing repeated confusion at regular intervals and a decided inconsistency in the running of the Club.

Here, then, is the META Policy and Procedures Manual. It is comprised of Section I, The Societies Act of British Columbia, Section II, The Constitution of the Motorsport Emergency and Turnworker's Association and Section III, such Policies and Procedures not covered by the two documents above. This document may be amended by the inclusion of a revised Societies Act, a revised META Constitution or by the addition, deletion or amendment of the Policies and Procedures in Section III.

An amended Societies Act will be included as it is issued by the Province. The Act will be in effect per the Province of British Columbia.

An amended constitution will be included after proper approval by the membership and the Registrar of Companies, the Province of British Columbia.

Section III, Policy and Procedures, may be amended after due notice to and consideration by the membership and if passed by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Proposals for amendments should be addressed to:

The Secretary
Motorsport Emergency and Turnworker's Association
10952 McAdam Road
Delta, B.C.
V4C 3E8

EXPANSION ON DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

The following is an expansion to the duties as stated in our constitution.

PRESIDENT:

Chairs the meetings and is the keeper of the gavel and procedures book.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Takes over the duties of the President in his/her absence.

SECRETARY:

Picks up the mail and forwards to appropriate people. Writes and files all correspondence.

TREASURER:

Keeps books and works in close association with membership officer, ensures bank records are up-to-date in regards to signing officers and Association address. Ensures, as per sub-section Auditors, that the person who will be the auditor is nominated at the October meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT:

Shall automatically become a member of the executive, to ensure continuity of work that commenced with the previous executive.

REPLACEMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER:

Should it become necessary to replace an executive member during the course of the year due to malfeasance or retirement, the other members of the executive will take over all functions of the absent member until the next regular membership meeting at which time an election will be held for that position.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

MEMBERSHIP:

One or more persons, who are appointed at the AGM, of which one is the chairman. For accepting of dues, issuing of membership credentials (i.e. cards, log books, worker manuals, constitution), receipt of dues in writing and forwarding same to the Treasurer. Maintenance of the membership roster. Supplying a current and complete membership list to the newsletter editor.

SOCIAL:

One or more persons, who are appointed at the AGM, of which one is the chairman. Co-ordinates social gatherings, outings and other club related events. Holds the raffles at each membership meeting.

HISTORIAN:

One or more persons, who are appointed at the AGM, of which one is the chairman. Keeper of the META archives, such as photos, documents, etc.

STANDING COMMITTEES: (con't)

NOMINATING:

Three or more persons to an odd number, who are appointed at the October membership meeting. Responsible for presenting a slate of candidates for election to the executive board at the AGM.

TRAINING:

One or more persons, who are appointed at the AGM, of which one is the chairman. Charged with co-ordinating training, in various race workers specialties to all interested parties.

NEWSLETTER:

One or more persons, who are appointed at the AGM, of which one is the editor. Charged with producing a monthly membership newsletter and ensuring the Treasurer is kept up-to-date on billables for advertising.

AD HOC:

Struck or appointed as necessary to further the interests of the club. (Example: Rally Committee, Banquet Committee).

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

Disbursement of club funds over \$200.00 must be ratified and passed by the club at a regular club meeting.

FISCAL & MEMBERSHIP YEAR:

Fiscal year is October 1 to September 30. Fiscal year end is September 30 to allow sufficient time for accounts of the association to be audited, year end financial statements compiled and the financial reports prepared in time for presentation to the membership at the AGM in November and subsequent filing with the Registrar of Companies of B.C.

Membership year is January 1 to December 31. Dues payable by January 2 with deadline being March 31. Cut off date for acceptance and induction for new members is the August general membership meeting. Defer new members after August to January, and subsequent membership year. Any increase in dues will be proposed by the executive and voted on by the membership at the AGM.

ELECTIONS:

To run for office, candidate must be a member in good standing and have been one for one full membership year. The nominating committee will contact all members in good standing to solicit candidates. Elections will take place during the AGM. Positions shall be filled in the following sequence: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP:

New members must be nominated by a sponsor. Voting will be done by secret ballot with candidates and sponsors out of the room. A member whose membership has lapsed one or more years must be re-proposed and voted in. He/she will not be noted as a rookie and will not be eligible to run for office in the year of re-instatement.

DATE OF MEETINGS:

Monthly club meetings take place the fourth Wednesday of the month. There is no meeting in December. The Annual General Meeting takes place on the fourth Wednesday of November with notice given to all members at least 21 days in advance of the meeting. Meetings are conducted under Robert's Rule of Order. There will be a Parliamentarian, appointed by the Executive, to supervise the conduct of the meeting.

DATE OF BANQUET:

The third Saturday in January.

AWARDS SELECTION PROCEDURES:

President's Award (aka META Worker of the Year Award) is given a member who displays exceptional contribution to the club on and off the track. Candidates must be in good standing for one full membership year, and have attended 75% of the races. If there is no local racing, out of town races worked must be substantiated by log book.

The META Rookie Worker of the Year must have been a member in good standing for one full membership year, and attended 50% of the races. If there is no local racing, out of town races worked must be substantiated by log book.

Non-META Member of the Year must not be a member of META.

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Recipients of the awards will be chosen by an Awards Committee composed of 5 META members from various specialties (2 from flag/comm, 1 from race operations, 1 from timing/scoring and 1 from pre-grid) from nominations received from the membership at large, but not necessarily limited to said nominations. Composition of the committee may be adjusted if there are no META members in a named specialty.

Nominations: Eligible nominees may be submitted to the Awards Committee on forms which will appear in the September issue of the "Mayday". Each recipient must be nominated by a member in good standing and supported by two other members in good standing. Reasons must be cited for nomination.

In the event there is no local racing, then the above mentioned percentage of races worked for eligibility are waived, but races worked elsewhere will be taken in consideration by the Awards Committee.