

*The Official Newsletter of the Motorsport Emergency and Turnworkers Association*

# MAYDAY

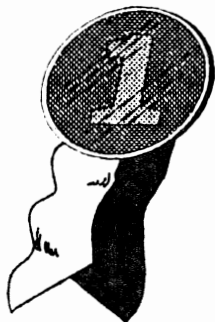
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 22, 1995

Plan on attending the annual general meeting to help vote in a new Executive and to vote on the Policy & Procedures manual change noted later in this Mayday. If you are planning to nominate someone for an Executive Position, please be sure to discuss it with them first.



## ***WORKER AWARDS....***

It's time to start thinking about the annual Worker awards. Please use the nomination form if you would like to nominate someone for:

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD (META MEMBER OF THE YEAR):

This award is presented to a member who displays exceptional contribution to the Association and the sport on and off the track. Candidates must be members in good standing for one full membership year and have attended at least 75% of the races as a paid up META member.

### THE META ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:

The rookie of the year must have been a member in good standing for one full membership year and attended at least 50% of the races as a paid up META member.

### THE NON-META WORKER OF THE YEAR:

Must not be a META member.

## **FAST TALKING**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>EVENT:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>
November 4-5	Driving School	Portland, Or.
November 10-11	ICSCC AWARDS BANQUET	Seattle, Wa.
November 18	SCCBC AWARDS BANQUET	White Rock, BC
January 6-7	WCIRABC - Barnes Lake	Ashcroft, B.C.
January 20	META AWARDS BANQUET	
January 20-21	WCIRABC - Barnes Lake	Ashcroft, B.C.
February 3-4	WCIRABC - Barnes Lake	Ashcroft, B.C.
February 17-18	WCIRABC - Barnes Lake	Ashcroft, B.C.
March 2-3	WCIRABC - Barnes Lake	Ashcroft, B.C.

**\* \* All race dates are subject to change or cancellation without notice \* \***

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### ***The Bulletin Board.....***

#### **ICSCC AWARDS BANQUET...**

The Conference Banquet will be held on November 10th & 11th at the Seattle Marriott at Sea-Tac (3201 South 176th Street, Seattle, Wa, 98188; Phone 206-241-2000). Rooms are \$79.00 per night. Banquet tickets reserved by calling Melinda Hillison; (503) 692-0901.

#### **SCCBC AWARDS BANQUET...**

The Sports Car Club of BC will hold their banquet at the Best Western Pacific Inn on November 18. Tickets are available by calling Irene Mitchell at

#### **NO META MEETING IN DECEMBER...**

In honour of the holiday season, remember to go out and have fun with some of your other close friends (or, invite the entire META party crew over to your place for a celebration)!!

#### **R.O.D. MEETING AT 11:00...**

The R.O.D. (Race Officials Division of ICSCC) meeting will be held on the Saturday at 11:00 am. If you aren't yet a member, you can join R.O.D. for 1996 by contacting Roger Salomon in the new year. Member or not, please make your comments known if you would like to see any changes to the ICSCC rules, regulations or procedures in the coming year.

#### **NEXT ICE RACING MEETING IS NOVEMBER 27...**

The next meeting for WCIRABC is at the Douglas College in New Westminster at 7:00pm. Stop on by, their discussions are always kind of cool....

## **What if the "Driver OK" signal doesn't apply?**

*by Steven Bilby*

*An interesting thing happened to me this year. What had become second nature to me while doing emergency response, suddenly became an item of concern. I was getting to the point where I felt I could respond to an incident on automatic pilot. It wasn't quite complacency, but more a feeling of comfort in my own ability to deal with what I might find in an efficient manner. Two separate incidents have corrected this line of thinking.*

*The first occurred in Seattle during a Formula Mazda event. I was responding to a car which had a rather hard impact into the bank at turn five. When I arrived at the car, the driver was looking straight forward and his eyes appeared to be darting back and forth, but not looking at anything in particular. His hands were grasping the steering wheel tightly. When I asked him if he was OK, he did not respond. I asked him a second time and he still did not respond. It appeared as if he was unaware of my questions, and I began to get a sinking feeling as I realized I may not be able to give a "Driver OK" signal. Finally I leaned over right into his face and yelled "Can you hear me?". He looked at me rather stunned, as if just noticing my presence, and opened his face shield to tell me that he was just speaking with his crew on the in-car radio! I can't tell you what was going through my mind in those split seconds. While discussing this incident later that day, one of the experienced workers explained that she would have caught on to the radio bit immediately because of how often this occurs in her area (After being put cleanly in my place by Barb Moewes, I decided it was time that I spent one or two days in Pregrid to expand on my knowledge and mend my ego).*

*The next incident occurred at the Molson Indy Vancouver, when a formula Atlantic tagged the wall in turn one and continued to spin and spray debris halfway down to turn two. I was responding along drivers right, and had to wait for traffic to clear before I could go out to the car. Just as a break appeared, the driver got out of the car and headed across the track to Bonnie Healy who was also responding from turn two on drivers left. Realizing that Bonnie had the driver, I signaled to my communicator that we needed a wrecker now, and then assisted my TM in clearing the large amount of debris off the course. At this point I had lost sight of Bonnie, the driver and my communicator.*

*What I didn't notice was that Bonnie had been cut off from the line of sight of everyone, including our communicators. I was unaware that the driver, although able to walk, had been cut and required medical assistance. For a short time she was unable to get anyone's attention to obtain assistance, and we were fortunate that the driver came out of this one OK.*

*The moral of this story is that, by the end of the day, we had worked out a system to ensure that we would relay the signals when we moved further than a communicator could go when attached to a land-line headset. But now I should ask, when two separate turns send their "first out" person to respond to an incident, who should give the hand signals when one person has the driver, and the other has the car?*

### CLUB EXECUTIVE:

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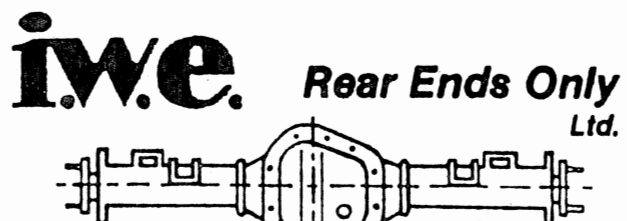
## The following change has been proposed to the Policy & Procedures Manual for META

Delete the wording under "The META Rookie of the Year:" and add:

The rookie of the year must be a member in good standing in their first membership year and attended at least 50% of the local races as a paid-up META member. If there is no local racing, out of town races worked must be substantiated by logbook.



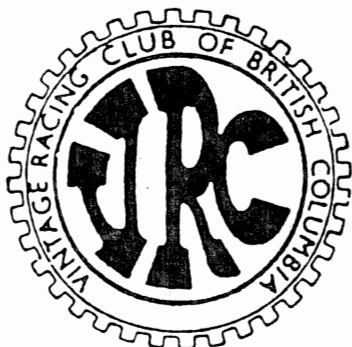
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*Only at an enduro can your mind wander to the point where you ask yourself, What if Shakespeare were a turnworker.....*

**What light in yonder window breaks, it is the track, and juliards are in the sun. But hark, what mystical car doth approacheth, with such divine spirit thy leaders shall prevail upon the backmarker, for unto the blue flag which thou dost now show.....**



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**MEETINGS:** 2nd Tuesday of every month

**INFORMATION:** Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

Dear Anonymous Letter-writer,

Your letter in the last edition of the Mayday has caused me some concern. I am glad that you felt that you could bring these matters before the membership, as it has always been the club's practice to allow all letters to be published in the Mayday, without any censorship, no matter how controversial they may have been. Without free and open discussion, I personally feel that our club would not be the club it is today - constantly growing both in numbers, in experience and in expanding our reputation throughout the racing community.

Without knowing who you are, it is hard to know if you are a long-time member who feels that the original purpose of the Mayday was to print articles about safety and training, or a new member who feels that this is what the Mayday *should* be doing. In my view, the purpose of the Mayday is firstly to keep members informed about club happenings, particularly for those members who cannot attend the monthly meetings. It also has to be interesting, so that members will want to read those articles, and it can also educate, through articles and through the question and answer sections seen previously. I think we do a fine job in all respects and in no way do the various articles detract from our original mandate to promote safety and training at race events.

Throughout the year, we hold several training sessions and we are always open to suggestions for themes for these sessions. To answer one of your questions, earlier this year we held a session for all turn marshalls, which was also open to anyone interested in becoming a turn marshall, and there the role and responsibility of a TM was discussed in great detail. Briefly, the TM is responsible for managing a corner, ensuring that the turn is run in a safe manner and that the corner is properly equipped, that the people under him/her are aware of, and capable of dealing with the job assigned to them. He or she must also ensure that all infractions are reported properly and for ongoing coaching and training of the crew. It goes without saying that anyone who is designated as a turn marshall should be a role model for everyone.

Your last question asked about having a manual listing the safety requirements at an event. All new members are given a worker manual which outlines the basic operating procedures of an event, however, since many of the details vary according to the body sanctioning the event, it would be virtually impossible to have a manual which covered everything for all sanctions.

I am sorry that you felt you had to make your letter anonymous, but I want to thank you for asking the questions - I am sure they will generate many responses from our membership.

Ann Peters

## META MEETING

October 25, 1995

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 P.M. In attendance were 27 members and 1 guest - Kedre Murray. Minutes from the September meeting were amended as follows. 1.) The money from Roger was for two memberships 2.) The jackets available from Ruthie are \$10. Amended minutes were adopted by George seconded by Hugh Mungous.

### Treasure: Doris

General fund \$1,378.94 Equipment Fund \$5,366.97 Gaming \$11,356.46 for a total of \$18,102.46 . Joe contributed \$50 from social

### Correspondence: Ann

Conference newsletter , letter from Westwood Karting asking if we would be interested in working their races. Roger will attend one of their meetings .

### Social: Joe

Beer, odds & sods, a couple new posters and some Indy paraphernalia from Mikko

### Mayday: Steve

Yes last mayday was late, some people still haven't received it yet. Needs more help stuffing envelopes for the next Mayday. Several people actually volunteered. **YEAH!!!!**

### Membership: Mikko

94 Regular and 10 Honorary for a total of 104. Ann has new address for Buzz and Mary-Margaret.

### Historian: Joe

Photo albums are here

### Training Committee: Roger, Jo, Thomas, Barb, Brian

Roger: Mailed out approximately 100 letters to people who filled out the form at the car shows. Held an informal open house for these people with a couple of Meta people at Roger's house. Only one person showed up with phone calls from three others. We will have to come up with another idea next year.

Roger commented on the article in the last Mayday about training. He is still planning a training meeting at his house .

Rick suggested we have a time limited session to deal with a specific training issue, either at morning meetings or at the Meta meetings. A majority of the members present were in favor of having a session at the meetings. Ann mentioned that because of the timing it would be left to next years executive.

Roger commented that it's up to Turn Marshall's to have proper morning meetings and that their workers are doing their jobs properly.

Charmaine suggested a debriefing session at the end of day.

### Race Chairman: Dave

Race?? What Race? Bruce will be the Race Chairman this weekend. Hancocks and 4 Hour Enduro this Sunday, morning meeting at 8:00 A.M. Open practice Saturday afternoon with Chili Saturday night.

Kedre lost her Koala last race weekend in turn 5, if you find it please return it.

### Course Marshall : Roger and Nick

Bring your woollies and rain gear

### Old Business

It was suggested that Meta get a laminated photo membership card, which would be good for several years. If you have any ideas on a design bring them to the January Meeting and we can vote on them.

### Vice President: Thomas

To damn busy playing secretary to give a report

### New Business

George was at the 510 weekend at Mission. They were very happy with the turnout . Since no one stuck around for the beer because of the rain the 510 club donated the beer to Meta.

George was also at the BCMA weekend at Mission. BCMA made a profit on their weekend which they split Meta. We got \$200, Thanks BCMA

The executive was thinking of giving new workers a bucket with gloves and other simple necessities after they have worked a couple of races.

We received a letter from Conference, Our affiliate membership cost is going up from \$40 to \$100.

Charmaine will look into Hotel vs Restaurant for our banquet and have info for November meeting.

We need to start thinking about door prizes for the banquet. Please check with the executive before begging for goodies so that we don't end up going to some one twice.

Next BCMSA meeting is on November 12.

Awards Committee was appointed. Ann Barb Bonnie Nick and Marcus Ravenous are the lucky suckers.

Reminder to hand in log books next meeting.

#### President: Ann

Next month is the AGM expect a call from the Nominating Committee in the near future.

#### Good & Welfare

The 1995 National SCCA winner in Formula Atlantic is 76 years young. There's hope for you yet Roger.

Sept. issue of Racer has a 'Lest we Forget' section which mentioned J.P. Heim.

Ruthie still has 2 medium jackets \$10.

A nice thank-you letter in the Conference newsletter from driver who crashed in turn 9 at P.I.R.

Conference R.O.D. meeting Saturday November 11 at 11:00 A.M. at the Sea-Tac Marriott.

There is a possibility of IRDC having two Conference races in Spokane.

It was suggested we have another bowling night.

Jo is moving to Newton this weekend.

Marcus Ravenous talked to the guys at the Formula 440 to set up a club date, approximate cost \$25 and they have a barbecue setup we can use. More details to follow.

There is an indoor Karting facility in the works in Vancouver.

#### Swap & Shop

Brian Nuttal is looking for a 79-82 Ford Louisville Prefer cat no Detroit. Twin stick or 5 & 2. Twin screw or single must accept 22' to 24' bed. Phone pager 1-604-978-2728 24 Hrs. Home 581-8926

#### Raffle:

Ruthie-Indy poster & hat

Don-Indy book & hat

Vic-beer

Mark- 50/50

Motion to adjourn at 9:21 P.M. by George seconded by Ruthie

T.G.I.O.



Thomas Liesner