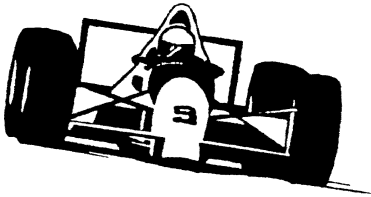




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Congratulations!!
to
Karen Forward & Andrew Clouston
The now new
Mr & Mrs Clouston
August 14th, 1999

Worker Awards



It's time to start thinking about nominations for META's annual awards. Categories for nomination are: 1. META Member of the Year 2. META Rookie Member of the year 3. Non-META Worker of the year. Enclosed in this issue of the Mayday is annual worker awards nomination forms.

Annual General Meeting

Meta's Annual General Meeting will be held on
Wednesday November 25th.

Please plan on attending this meeting as our annual elections will be held at this time. The positions available are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

President's Report September 1999

This is the first time I have been president of anything. I find this to be at times both an advantage and a disadvantage. It affords me the opportunity to look at old issues in a new light. It allows me to create a vision of what this club could potentially become. However communicating this vision and effecting change is a slow process. The disadvantage is that I am afraid I have not had time to develop a complete skill set for manoeuvring around the political landscape. This I find is my biggest challenge. Yes, you heard it here for the first time ever in a public forum; politics is alive and well in your club.

I have basically sat on the political sidelines for nine years focusing on turnworking and having fun. It has certainly been an eye opening experience to discover how deep rooted people's feelings and beliefs have become. I readily admit this was an underestimation on my part and I was not prepared for this.

However, when you have people who feel so passionately about the good work that they do, differences of opinions inevitably come to the surface. The key is not to let these differences interfere with the big picture when placed in the context of what we do. Our focus should be first and foremost on "Safety in Motorsport". A by-product of this is the fun, the spirit of team work, and professionalism we create out of it.

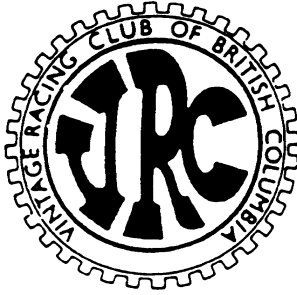
I do not write about negative things in this column. I try to keep this report as positive and informative as possible, so you will have to forgive me for delving into the political realm just this once.

Please do not assume I am writing this as a response to Brian's recent revelations at the last general meeting. This is a message of cooperation and understanding going out to all club members. The beginning point towards achieving these goals is communication. I include myself in this and I applaud those club members and executive members who have come forward on occasion and offered their suggestions and pearls of wisdom. I encourage all members to do the same in a constructive and beneficial manner.

Please read this message for what it is, a message of hope and potential. The future of your club is at hand. Let's make this a fun club to be associated with. The net result will be greater member retention .and it will attract new people to our club. If you doubt what I say, ask yourself why haven't we topped 100 members yet? With the number of new workers we have seen over the years our membership should be at least 130 or more.

I am eager to hear your opinions on this and any other topic you feel is important. Once again, I encourage you to call or Email me.

Respectfully submitted
Don Liebic



... to restore, race, and exchange information concerning vintage sports and racing automobiles

Meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Officer's Mess at Jericho Barracks

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Suzy Blue

All right I admit it, I like waving the blue flag. Call me a closet flagger if you wish but I tried it for the first time in Spokane and it felt goooooood. Some of you will be wondering where this is coming from. Let me fill you in.

It started on Saturday during qualifying at the conference race in Spokane. There were 10 or so cars on the track which translates to very large gaps between the cars on this 2.5 mile course. I was day dreaming a little when all of a sudden the fastest car on the track was about to swallow up and pass a back marker. I knew I had only seconds to react. Intense ridicule from my fellow Canadians was at stake should I miss the only blue flagging opportunity of the session. The wind was howling, the pressure mounting, the thought of a 7 hour drive back to Canada and being the butt of everyone's jokes, flashed through my mind. In the heat of the moment the corner of the flag was ripped from my fingers. Unable to gather up the flag due to the gale force winds, I decided to wave it for all it was worth. At least that is my story and I am sticking to it. Besides, Indy was just mound the corner and practicing the waving blue seemed like a good idea.

Thus Suzy Blue was born. To Manny and Matthew all I can say is: wave it - wave it - you may see, you too will like it and let me be.

Don Liebich

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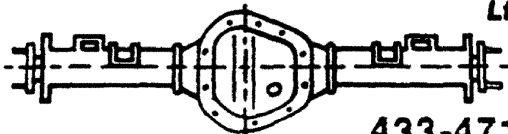
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Limited amount of Entertainment books will be available for sale mid September. So get yours early, they'll go fast.

contact Ann Peters

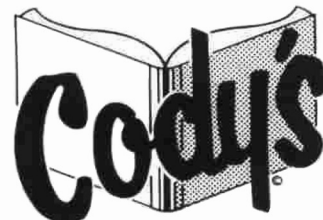
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IMAGINE IF YOU WILL.....



Imagine a weekend at the races at Mission where a good time was had by all - drivers, workers and spectators. Imagine a weekend at the races at Mission where even the weather cooperated (it only rained after racing was done for the day). Imagine a weekend at the races at Mission where the old spirit of Westwood was alive once again, with beautiful cars on the track during the day and drivers, owners, workers and friends all coming together for bench racing at the end of the day, to exchange stories and talk about good times (and sad times) from days gone by, remembering old friends from the past, especially friends no longer with us, and new friends made through the years. Imagine also looking forward to many more similar weekends of racing in the years to come. However, enough of this imagining - because this dream weekend actually happened.

May 29th and 30th, 1999 – Historic races return after a gap of almost ten years, for the first Vintage Racing Club of B.C. event to be held at Mission Raceway. And what a splendid event it was. There were large grids, including some exhibition classes, a few motorcycles, and many different clubs represented throughout the weekend. There were the usual thrills and spills associated with vintage race events, and there was also some excellent racing. The pace cars changed daily - Aston Martins you may not have seen before - and a huge number of old favourites performing much as they did in the past, or even better! I could not decide which was my most favourite car - either the Jaguar XK180 or the GT40. Or maybe one of the Morgans. Or maybe a Porsche.....

As is usually the case with any Vintage event, the workers were treated like royalty. There were ‘goody’ bags for all when they registered, with posters, a T -shirt, dash plaque etc and tons upon tons of excellent food throughout the weekend. (In fact there was so much that some of us ate vintage salads and pies for the rest of the week!) Not to mention the cold beer and wine which was very much appreciated at the end of the day.

Personally, I can’t thank the organizers enough for such a wonderful weekend and for all the efforts they put into making it such a success for everyone. It truly was a memorable event and did much to restore my belief that racing can be FUN for all concerned. I can’t wait to hear when the next Vintage event will be held at Mission- make it soon, please!

Ann Peters

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WORKER PROFILE

ANGUS GLASS

Hometown Dunbar in the Lothians of Scotland
Occupation

Came to Canada May 9 1975 to work for Kelly Douglas. Working in the wholesale grocery division as a merchandise ad designer as well as helping with the electronic cash register system.

Main job at the track
Yellow and blue flagging.
looking forward to cross training as quick response.

Activities outside of racing
Genealogy - has traced his family chart back to 1745.
Reading books about airplanes.

When did you become interested in racing?
When the Indy came to Vancouver it peaked his curiosity, the pre-race activities, and invitations to various seats by suppliers to Kelly Douglas. Saw the workers dressed in white.

How did you find out about META?
Bonnie was talking at a meeting and Angus asked how to get involved. He was given Rogers phone number, he called and asked if he could be one of those people in white. He came out to driver training, enjoyed it, and has been coming back for more.

What do you find most gratifying?
Blue flagging a race well. Concentration on car numbers, Especially if a fast car spins off and works its way back through the field.

A favorite track?
No favorite track so far but finds Portland interesting. Would like to work Seattle 3, 4, 5. Looking forward to Mission track expansion.

A favorite turn?
Turn 5 at Mission except when it is Ice Station Zebra!

Advice to new workers
There is something to be gained.
Requires concentration on what you are doing.

About being a first year worker?

Being able to do other events such as Knox Mtn. and the Boundary Bay solo. Angus was voted META rookie of the year.

Favorite food?

Spaghetti with Alfredo sauce.

Favorite relaxation?

**Reading-people books-biographical,
-autobiographical.**

Recently read a local author L.R. Wright

Favorite movie?

Hope and Glory about the Blitz in London. The Blackadder series.

Most embarrassing racing moment?

First race weekend away was Portland. During morning practice he went to wave a blue flag and the flag was so big it wouldn't pop. His yellow flagger then showed him how to do it, with the yellow flag.

Most embarrassing driving moment?

Lost his car in the airport parking lot.

Biggest thrill so far?

Blue flagging the Indy lights at Vancouver in his first year as a worker.

Biggest thrill outside racing?

50th anniversary of D-DAY in Normandy 10,000 paratroopers in a re-enactment of the invasion.

What would you like to do in racing?

Wave the checkered flag at an important race. Train to become a turn marshal. Hope to work more CART races such as Long Beach, Toronto. and Portland Next time back in Britain to work a race.

By the way Thomas. Kelowna Malibu Grand Prix times are sub 50's.

Bernie is 49.09 & 49.07 The track record is 47.4.

This worker profile was written prior to Angus Glass turn working in Toronto.

Contributor Victor Kennedy.

I was told recently by our Club President that I do too much for the Club, and that I should let someone else have a chance. So, as of this time I am resigning from the jobs of Mayday Editor, from the Truck Committee, and the sale of Licence Plate Frames. I will still do the Worker Draws at Race Weekends, as this is something I started and has no official connection with the Club. Now I can show up if the weather is good, help if I feel like it, and say, "What's in it for Me." This seems to be the preferred way, rather than speaking up or actually being concerned about the Club and doing something!

Brian Meakings

THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING, HELD ON AUGUST 26, WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS ISSUE; HOWEVER THEY WILL BE PRINTED IN OCTOBER'S ISSUE, INSTEAD. I AM SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE.

BRIAN MEAKINGS

ANNUAL WORKER AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing. All nominations must be forwarded to the Awards committee.

Consult the policy and procedures manual for criteria on all awards except the Buzz Beley Memorial Award which has not yet been entered into the policy and procedures manual.

Please note that only one member is required to nominate for an award this year. No additional signatures are required.

Please offer a brief explanation as to why you wish to nominate a given person for an award.

President's Award (META Member of the Year)

I wish to nominate _____ for the President's Award for the following reasons

Rookie member of the Year

I wish to nominate _____ for the Rookie member of the Year for the following reasons: _____

Non-META Member Worker of the Year

I wish to nominate _____ for the Non-META Member worker of the year for the following reasons: _____

Buzz Beley Memorial Award

The Buzz Beley Memorial award is presented annually to the META member who exemplifies the spirit of the Club by making the greatest contribution towards the goal of having fun and ensuring that all workers experience the greatest enjoyment possible from Motorsport.

I wish to nominate _____ for the Buzz Beley Memorial Award for the following reasons: _____

Nomination submitted by _____ on _____, 19__.

M.E.T.A. BANQUET SURVEY

This Survey is to get the Membership's views on the Banquet held in January of this year, so that I can make next year's Banquet more enjoyable for YOU. Please don't be afraid to be totally honest; it is an anonymous survey, so no names are required. When you have completed the survey, please mail it, or give it to me at one of the Club meetings. All mail-in's can be sent to . . .

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Thank you for your participation.

1.) What did you like about the Banquet?

2.) what would you like to see changed for the next Banquet?

3.) What do you think of the location (Re: Royal Towers Hotel), or do you have an alternate suggestion?

4.) Was the cost reasonable for the Food & Entertainment you recieved?

5.) If you chose not attend Banquet, what was your reason? (Cost, Other Personal Commitment, Past Banquets a disappointment, Etc.)

6.) Other Suggestions:

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