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Speed reading

Apr 7&8	Vegas Grand Prix	OWRS	Las Vegas, Nv
Apr 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Apr 13&14	Defrost Kickoff – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Apr 14&15	Grand Prix of Long Beach	OWRS	Long Beach, Ca
Apr 14&15	Coastal Club Race #1 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Apr 21&22	Grand Prix of Houston	OWRS	Houston, Tx
Apr 21&22	Regional -- PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Apr 25	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Apr 28&29	CACC Race # 1 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Apr 28&29	Double Regional	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Apr 28&29	Heart of Darkness TSD Rally	WCRA	Fraser Valley, BC
Apr 28&29	Westwood Club Race #2 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
May 5&6	ICSCC Race #1 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
May 5&6	Coastal Club Race #2 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
May 9	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
May 11-13	National / Regional -- PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May 12&13	Coast to Coast TSD Rally	IRC	Vanc. Island, BC
May 12&13	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 19&20	BC Championships #1 – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
May 19&20	ICSCC Race #2 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
May 19&20	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	KMMS	Kelowna, BC
May 19&20	Schools Out TSD Rally	GRRS	Prince George, BC
May 19&20	Zhuhai International Circuit	OWRS	Zhuhai City, China
May 23	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
May 26-28	Double National – PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
May 26&27	Westwood Club Race #3 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
May 27	Indianapolis 500	IRL	Indianapolis, Indiana

Greg Moore Exhibit

BC Sports Hall of Fame

META has organized a group tour of the Greg Moore exhibit on

Sunday, April 22.

Meet at 11:30AM at the Terry Fox Plaza outside of BC Place Stadium. There will be a group lunch afterwards at Moxies restaurant in the Sandman Hotel.

See You There

VP Ramblings:

Hopefully you will be reading this in time to volunteer to help at the SCCBC booth during the Vancouver International Auto Show, this year their space has been changed to #99. If you intend to help contact either Robert Barg(604-721-1794) or myself (and I will pass your name on to him). If enough advance notice is given, credentials can be arranged for pick-up at the east airlock on ground level beside the loading bay (which faces GM Place).

There are new platforms at many of the worker stations made from scaffolding supplied by one of the SCCBC members that owns a scaffolding company, the gesture is much appreciated. There were several issues spotted during the Drivers Training weekend that will probably be addressed before the CACC Dash for Cash weekend Apr. 28 – 29. Dave Nex, Mark (a new worker that lives in Mission) and myself had the opportunity to work at the new location for the station in Turn Three, it has now been moved across track. The new location is an excellent place to blue flag since the drivers do not have to move their eyes from their normal line of sight. The yellow flag person no longer has to spin around to see, in fact most of the track all the way from the kink to turn six can be seen just by turning their head, and this will be nice on those occasions when we are short handed. Admittedly some of the non critical view may be obstructed later in the season once all the trees have leaves on them, the trees along the short straight between two and three will need to be trimmed regularly to prevent obstruction of the blue flag. Dave and I found that the blue flagging is best done from the up track side of the station (against the railing), the yellow flagging best done standing near the center of the platform. I discovered that I could grab the catch fence and straddle between the concrete block and the worker platform during cool off laps to make hand gestures at drivers, although you may want to watch for a certain Vee driver that may use that as an opportunity to toss TP at any workers making gestures at him from that location.

Dave did comment on how lax we have become about tunworking however, using my method of acknowledging drivers at the end of a session as an example. This may be part of what is behind the new plan for training and refreshing workers. The plan is to announce a subject that will be covered on a particular race weekend. The training will take place after the race day on Saturdays to make use of the time before dinner is ready. I think that is a great idea, for example I know it's been a few years since I did more that carry a fire extinguisher to an incident, a refresher on actually using it would be great. On the other hand we probably don't need a refresher on oil clean-up, I know I got way too much practice doing that last year – I don't think anybody missed out on a turn to do oil clean up last year did they?

Now is probably a good time to remind (or possibly inform) everyone that the turn station at turn three is close to an environmentally sensitive area, please keep away from the marked area, and treat the entire area around the turn station as environmentally sensitive. Adherence to this is a must if we want to keep the turn station in that location.

Mike



The 30th Anniversary of the MAYDAY

On February 12, 1976 a number of track workers got together and, after some discussion, it was decided that META needed a newsletter. Roger Salomon was President at the time and was instrumental in the creation of the MAYDAY and was responsible for designing the logo and cover for the very first issue, which came out in April 1976.

Terry English, Donalda Webb and Joe Proud were the founding staff members. Terry was the editor/publisher, Joe as reporter/writer and Donalda as a contributor.

Back then we did our own cut and paste! As a photocopy process was used we could cut out cartoons from whatever source and could also include black and white photos.

The first three issues were printed on an 8 1/2x11 format but in July we switched to an 8 1/2x14 format. This lasted until March 1980. Starting with the April 1980 issue the original format was used until November 1980. Starting in March 1981 and lasting till September 1982 an 8 1/2x7 sized newsletter was used [the editor at the time was having trouble trying to get articles] but with the January 1983 issue things reverted back to the original 8 1/2x11 size where it remains right up to the present.

Over the years there have been many different contributors to the MAYDAY. Some were very funny, some quite serious and all are appreciated. Hopefully this will be continued for a long, long time!!

Joe Proud

Course Marshal's Report

What a great way to kick off the year!!! You have to love it when the weather man is wrong and rain turns into a beautiful sunny day!!! We had 50 drivers taking driving training with many hopefuls to join the novice program this year. Thank you Irene, Krystyna, Angus, Glenn, Vic, Bruce, Tasma, Brian, and Mike along with 2 new workers coming out to work turns!!! And a Special thanks to E-Crew for manning turns 2 and 4 (Great Blue Flags in turn 2!!!)

We have had a few changes to many of the turn stations over the winter. Turn 3 has moved to drivers right (great idea Angus!!!!), Turn 6 has a new deck and "boardwalk" and turn 7 also has a new deck. There is still a lot of work yet to be done. Hopefully we can get it complete for the CACC weekend on April 28th and 29th. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody soon,

Dave Nex

Course Marshal

Editors Note:

If you would like to be on the Course Marshall's list for email updates regarding upcoming events at Mission, please send Dave an email at davenex@shaw.ca

Sports Car Club of British Columbia presents
“SPRING DASH WEEKEND”

April 28 & 29, 2007

Featuring “The Dash for Cash”

This event is sanctioned by CACC as a championship points race conducted under the 2007 CACC regulations and is organized by the Sports Car Club of British Columbia at the River's Edge Road Course at Mission Raceway Park in Mission, BC.
Each regional group will have a point's race on each of Saturday and Sunday.

This event will have 9 groups as follows:

Closed Wheel 1: IP1, IP2, S7, GT1-3, GTU, Honda

Closed Wheel 2: GTLite, GTM, GTO, IP3, IP4

Open Wheel: Formulas, Sports Racers & Legends

Dash for Cash

Open Wheel Novices (Saturday Only)

Closed Wheel Novices (Saturday Only)

Vintage (Sunday Only)

Solo (Saturday only)

CFDA

Grand Prix Edmonton 2007 Track Worker Registration

Greetings GPE Marshals, Officials, Safety Crews, Track Access and other volunteers with the Race Services Group!

My name is Patrick Smith and I'll be helping out GPE Chief Marshal Rudy van Woerkom this year. We wanted to let everyone know that on-line registration for 2007 GPE Racetrack Workers is now open.

Please go to the Northern Alberta Sports Car Club website (<http://www.nascc.ab.ca/>) and fill out the registration form. You should see the bright red flashing "2007 Edmonton Grand Prix Racetrack Worker Registration Form" link at the bottom left corner of the screen. If not, try refreshing your browser window. (F5 on most browsers)

As always, we would love to see more volunteers in our group, so feel free to pass the link along to others.... especially those with on-track experience.

If you have any questions about the registration process, I'll be the first point of contact, so you can email me at: pasmith@telusplanet.net.

Thanks, and we hope to see you at the track in July.

Pat Smith
pasmith@telusplanet.net

April 2007 is the 30th Anniversary of the Mayday. In Honor of this momentous occasion I've decided that throughout the year I will reprint some random articles from days gone by. As Joe Proud wrote in his article, "Some were very funny, some quite serious and all are appreciated." *Editor.*

From April 1994:

President-Ann Peters; Vice President-Thomas Liesner; Secretary-Sandy Meggyesi;
Treasurer-Doris Gildemeister; Past President-Roger Salomon; Mayday Editor-Krystyna Mitchell.

Virgin Turnworker

I never knew 6:30 am came up so soon. Jeff and I rushed to get ready; for the both of us it was going to be a day we would never forget. Eager to get out to the track, I had to keep telling Jeff to slow down. After we hit Mission we stopped off at McDonalds for my usual "Race Day" morning coffee. So at the track around 8:15 we went to the worker meeting. Listening to the "God" of the Driver Training, Mikko, we found out that we were on turn 5 with Ann, Roger and George. So off we went to start out the rainy day.

Once we got to the turn we met two new people just like us. A former ballet star, named George, and Roger went over what all the flags meant and then told us about the "Buddy System." The cars were put on course at 9:00 and we got to test out what we just learned. After the first session Roger and George taught us the hand signalsNow those are confusing! One of the signals that Roger taught us was the "I have to go to the bathroom right now!" signal. It consisted of you being crouched over, holding your midsection and pointing your finger to the ground. Fortunately we didn't have to use these, except the bathroom signal. Time went on; the rain kept falling, and we alternated on using the flags.

Lunch came around at 11:30 and the other two new guys left. "Maybe they couldn't handle the pressure of working beside two naturals like us! !!" Jeff and I went to McDonalds and there we saw George, Sandy and Bernie. We got on the topic about Formula 1 and the new McLaren street car that just came out. I then warned them that I was the new editor and they congratulated me on getting the job At that point they all decided to watch what they would say around me! "I don't know why! Do you think it was something I said???"

Back at our turn a 12:15 we started getting ready for the next group. By this point we were soaked to the bone and frozen stiff. We were having so much fun though Jeff and I decided to ignore it. As the cars started coming out the rain began to come down harder. We had three observers on our corner, one of whom was John Boyko. The car which John was observing, a new red BMW, came around our turn and took the line too wide. As he came around our corner he took out our pylon and went thru a puddle, soaking John thoroughly and Ann just as much. It was sad but everyone couldn't help laughing. When Mr.BMW came around again, all John could do was to shake his fist at him in humor.

The afternoon went on and the rain tapered off and at points we even saw sunshine and blue sky. Jeff and I left around 4:00, just a little early. Happy to get undercover and get some heat on us we started our journey home. At the end of such a fun-filled day we decided that the next time.....We would come more prepared; We'd have "BUCKETS!"

Krystyna Mitchell

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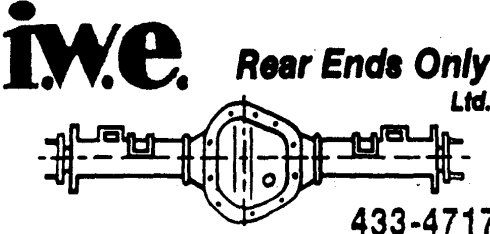
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Deep Thoughts For Those Who Take Life Way Too Seriously:

.....A day without sunshine is like . . . Night.

.....On the other hand, you have different fingers.

.....42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.

.....Remember, half the people you know are below average.

.....He who laughs last thinks slowest.

.....Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

.....The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

.....A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

.....Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.

.....If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.

.....Everyone who believes in psycho-kinesis, raise my hand.

.....OK, so what's the speed of dark?

.....When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

.....Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.

.....Every one has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

.....How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

.....Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

.....What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

.....I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.

.....Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

.....Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.

.....Just remember - if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.

.....Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

.....Life isn't like a box of chocolates . . . it's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today, might burn your butt tomorrow.