

“Mayday”

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NOTES ON M.E.T.A. MEETING OF MAY 14th, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. with a Financial Report of \$586.96 in the bank. (this later proved to be in error, as the bank had made a mistake)

- There was nothing new to report on the Club Crests, following which Stan East handed out some C.A.S.C. Marshall's Log Books, which various people had requested. Next, Stan announced his retirement from his position of Regional Director of C.A.S.C., due to job pressures. Ed Burnel will take his place.

- Bobby Forbes (I.C.S.C.C.) sent a letter of thanks for his copy of "Mayday".

- The Go-Kart races had 8 workers turn out each day, so we should be getting a cheque from them for \$100.00. (It has arrived)

- Letting the corner crews know when racing is to be re-started after a delay was discussed and a plan developed to that effect (the problem being that some of the people leave their corners to seek shelter from the rain, etc.)

- A request from Richard Barwell for some club members to assist in the Mission Day celebrations was received.

NOTES ON M.E.T.A. MEETING OF MAY 26th, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 P.M. The first item of business was the Financial Report, where we now have a balance of \$278.21.

- Next, Rob Tanner, Race Co-ordinator from Player's was introduced and gave instructions for the corner crews. 8-10 people from California were expected up for the Player's.

- A serious lack of blue flagging at the Edmonton race was mentioned with a request to make sure that there would be no repetition of that at Westwood.

- Dave Rommer then gave instructions on the location and use of kill switches on the Player's cars, requesting special care be taken as some of the switches also activate the fire extinguishing systems.

- A special card, made by Club President Roger Soloman, along with a \$25.00 bottle of Champagne will be presented to the most sportsmanlike driver during the running of the Player's Pacific.

- June 13th will be a special National Event for the motorcycles and if enough club members turn out to help, M.E.T.A. will receive \$100.00. If a good turnout is achieved, we can completely man the track ourselves, thus, avoiding some unpleasant situations encountered at the last bike race when some of the motorcycle crowd was manning some of the track.

I.C.S.C.C. RACE - MAY 15-16

Nine races were held on Sunday, May 16th, in the somewhat inclement weather. The first race provided an excellent contest between five Datsun "Zed" cars. One of the feature races was a B and C Sedan race which was won by Tony Morris in the East-gate Toyota, beating out Richard Boyk in a C Sedan 1200 Datsun after a race long fight. Racing ended on a wet note around 6:30 P.M.

PLAYER'S PACIFIC '76

The "Wetwood '76 Water Follies" were ushered in with a 14 foot water fountain on Turn Two. (due to a mis-managed water pump)

Once again, the Player's Pacific was on? To make the Challenge Series more challenging, the track was given a special treatment of oil and water. Unfortunately, oil and water don't mix, neither do race cars, virtually every car was off the track at one time or another. It was an interesting race from start to finish.



COMING OUT OF THE ESSESS

Local favorite Marty,Loft won the race with Johnny Gerber coming in second and Bertil Roos as third. Marcel Talbot, who started thirty-first, finished the race fourth. Quite an accomplishment! The M.E.T.A. Sportsmanship Award was won by Marty Loft. We all hope he will enjoy his bottle of Champagne. Votes also went out for Marcel Talbot and Bertil Roos.

SPECIAL MEETING OF S.C.C.B.C. - MAY 4TH, 1976

A special meeting was called for May 4th to discover the reasons for poor competition turnouts and to decide the direction of Westwood's future race programs.

Some of the problems resulting in poor turnouts, especially for C.A.S.C. races, were rule differences (car preparation and driver licencing), too many races for competitors to participate in them all, and pure economics. Another problem was that many drivers were not receiving their entry forms in time to enter a race without having to face a late entry penalty.

Among the solutions discussed were co-sanctioned events between c.A.S.C. and I.c.s.s.c., mixed events featuring motorcycles and go-karts in addition to the cars, and a s.c.c.B.C. club licence,

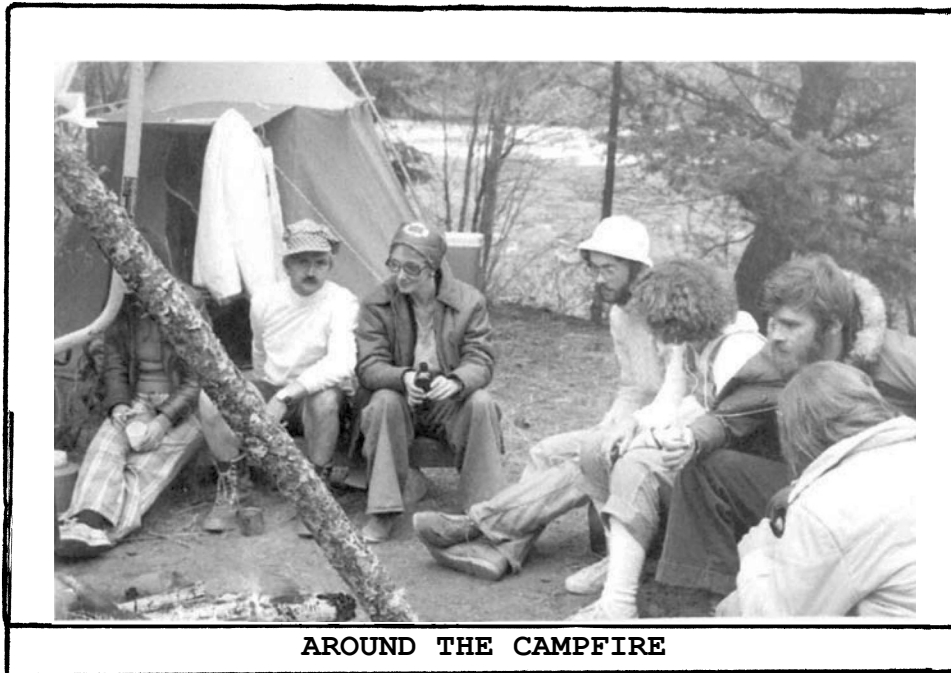
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allowing qualified drivers to compete at Westwood (not good for other tracks). Other possible solutions are: making it easier for people to get into racing by easing up on the licensing standards and encouraging different Car Clubs (Vette Club, Alfa Club, etc.) to come out and participate, as well as Solo I type events.

One new policy was definitely decided upon and that is to relax C.A.S.C. rules, thus making it possible for Conference cars and drivers to participate in C.A.S.C. events. Hopefully, with these and other changes, we will be able to get more entries for our race programs.

CAMPING WEEKEND AT COPPER CREEK

On the Victoria Day weekend about ten club members and their families enjoyed a few days away from "it all". Seth Adams allowed us the use of his property at Copper Creek, just 8 miles outside of Manning Park. A caravan to the campsite left Guilford Shopping Centre at 6:30 Saturday morning and, driving through the wilds of British Columbia, the caravan observed such creatures as the ferocious four-wheeled one-eyed speedy land-changer, the ever present hidden-shrill radar-trap, and the elusive "driver normallus"!



AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

After setting up camp Saturday morning, the afternoon was spent playing badminton and volley-ball, lazing in the sun, exploring the surrounding woods and inbibing in river cooled "hop water". As evening fell, a sing-song developed around the campfire. Needless to say, the next morning found a few nameless members with the dreaded 26 oz. flu.

Monday's weather was not as warm and clear as Saturday's but in spite of this a baseball game was arranged between ourselves and a group of dirt-biking families, who were camping near by. The casualties were high in the game, ranging from baseball bats in the groin to tripping in gopher holes and spraining one's ankle. Did these injuries affect our playing ability? Sure as hell did! We lost 27-14! That evening the fireside sing-song was considerably tamer than Saturday's.

Monday morning found some of us exploring and panning for gold in the Similkameen River, (found a few flakes, but nothing to retire on) and by lunch-time the camp began to break-up.

I am sure everyone there thoroughly enjoyed themselves and look forward to our next outing. Thanks go out to Seth Adams for allowing us to use his property for the weekend.



MARTIN
 "BABE"
 STRETTON
 AT THE BAT

NEW FIRE SUIT

M.E.T.A. and S.C.C.B.C. have combined to purchase a new fire suit for use at the track. Valued at over \$300.00, the cost will be shared by the two clubs.

First used at the Player's Pacific, the basic design is a two piece suit, pants and overcoat, with a hood and gloves. The boots are on the way as they were backordered. The hood is of a better design than the old one and the pants are something that the old suit didn't have at all. This is a big advantage as now a firefighter can actually straddle a burning car, should the need arise.

Breathing apparatus is available for the suit, but costs over \$500.00. The suit is a valuable addition to our equipment and will be of great assistance should it ever have to be used.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 17 | - M.E.T.A. Meeting |
| June 19 - 20 | - I.C.S.C.C. Race |
| June 24 | - M.E.T.A. Meeting |
| June 26 - 27 | - C.A.S.C. Race |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to Jim and Linda Parker on their recent wedding.
- Congratulations to Jim Sheldon, who referred a Honda buyer to Dean Warner; both Jim and M.E.T.A. will receive \$25.00.
- We hope Gwen Neyedli's ankle is fully healed by now!
- Deadline for the July "Mayday" articles and ads is July 5th.
- For advertising information, please contact Rick Neyedli at 328-2792 or Terry Ireland at 985-6065.