

# "Mayday"

## The M.E.T.A. Newsletter

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### ICE CHALLENGE 77

Since the last report there have been two week-ends of Ice Racing at Ashcroft.

February 5th & 6th had major upset when the course was changed after the warm-up. Both drivers and workers were confused when the change was made just before the Rubber to Ice race, but in true racing tradition all was soon accepted. The most exciting race was between Toivo Heininen and Andy Fields in the Unlimited Studs. Throughout the race they were never more than one second apart.

The winners of this week-end were:-

Rubber to Ice:	1.Andy Fields
Limited Studs:	1.Andy Fields
Unlimited Studs:	1.Toivo Heinonen, 2.Andy Fields, 3.Kees Nierop

February 26th & 27th was even a gamble as to whether or not the racing would be held. There was some thought that possibly someone had been ice-fishing and had the good fortune to catch the ice and was homeward bound with it! The ice was extremely slippery due to some help from the sun, and even walking became quite a problem for the workers.

The race was a spectators delight but a strain on the drivers.

The victors of this week-end were:-

Rubber to Ice:	1.Andy Fields
Limited Studs:	1.Bill Hunter
Unlimited Studs:	1.Andy Fields.

All in all the series was most enjoyable for all those who were able to make the trip to Ashcroft and the enjoyment of the surroundings of Barnes Lake.

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### SOUTH AFRICAN GRAND PRIX

It is certain that all of you will have read of the unfortunate accident at this race.

The only reason for again drawing attention to this is merely to render a word of caution to our workers.

Whenever possible never cross the track carrying an extinguisher and, NEVER, NEVER, cross without having been given clearance by people who may be in a better position than you to assure safe crossing distance.

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### FUTURE BIG MAJOR EVENTS

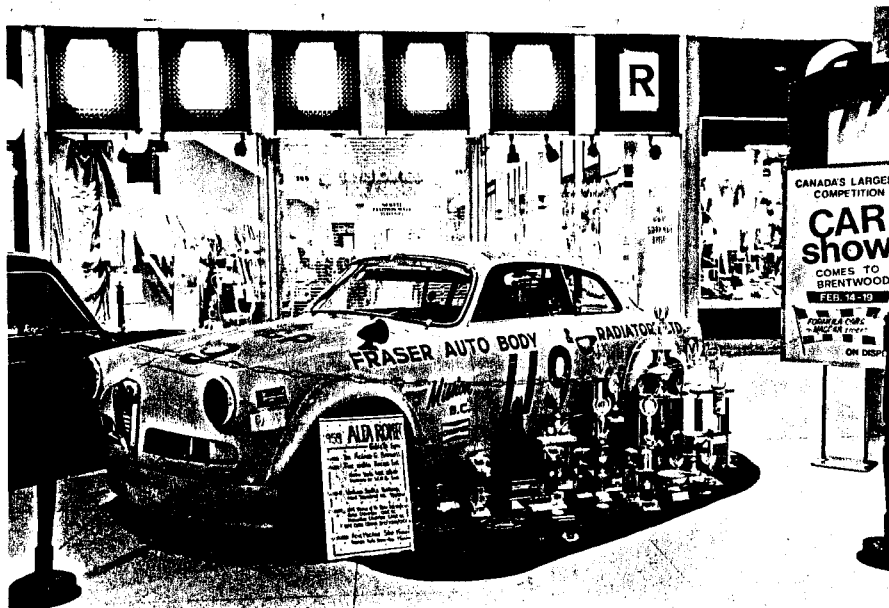
Ecurie of Canada, producers of the Atlantic engine, will be the main sponsor of this years Canadian Driving Champion Series.

A six race series with \$50,000 prize money for each event will be scheduled for the alternating weeks of the European Formula Two series, thus making it possible for the European drivers to compete in this Canadian series. Westwood's date for one of this series is tentatively June 25th & 26th. This will mean some re-scheduling of the Driver Training week-end.

Another strong possibility is a Trans-Am Race. As soon as confirmation of this is received we will advise the dates.

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Langley Super Modifieds are a possibility at Westwood this season.

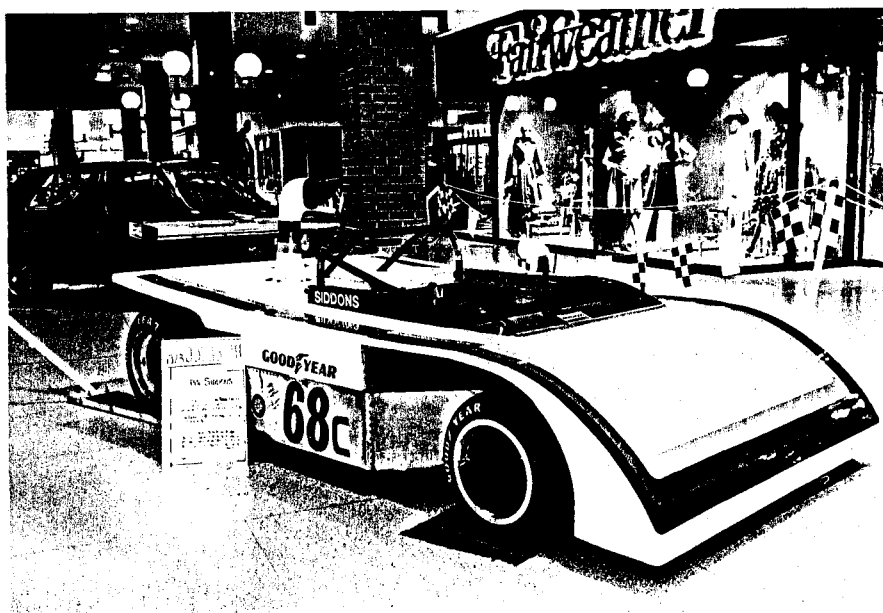


With a total of 32 cars on display in the Brentwood Mall, the recent show put on by M.E.T.A. was quite a success. Ice Challenge 77 also participated, as did S.C.C.B.C. and representation was also made by Langley Speedway.

The centre of the show was the raised dais in front of Eaton's and the booths and displays surrounding this area.

Around this central area were some cars from Ice Challenge 77 and several formula cars from Westwood.

Spread along the north wing of the mall were numerous sedans, production and sports racing vehicles. Also one Rally prepared Fiat was amongst them.



The west wing displayed three cars from Langley two Super Modifieds and a Super Stock.

Other features included driver interviews conducted by Herman Kroetlinger; films shown by Rick Neyedli and several prize draws. The main draw for the Week-end for Two at the Bar Q Guest Ranch was won by Mike Sawchuk. The Sawchuks spent an enjoyable week-end at the Ranch and also attended the last of the series of the Ice Challenge 77. A list of other prize winners is on file.

Although S.C.C.B.C. put up a display there were seldom any of their representatives present to speak specifically about the Club or Westwood. Due to this, M.E.T.A. members were unable to devote as much time as they wished to promoting M.E.T.A.



Thanks go to all those who helped in any way with the show. To name a few would likely offend many, so.... thank you all.

Photographs by Joe Proud.

Meeting commenced at 7:50 p.m. President Roger Salomon welcomed the new Vice-President, Martin Stretton and the new Secretary-treasurer, Sue Green.

There were 18 members present.

There was again no financial report as the books are still not prepared. \$18.00 was received in membership dues.

Re: Brentwood Car Display, Feb.14 - Feb.19th,1977.

Confirmation was received at the last Ice Challenge week-end that a trip for two at the Bar Q Guest Ranch would be offered as a prize in conjunction with the M.E.T.A. display at the show. An age limit will be posted at the show. All vehicles are to be brought in on Saturday the 12th and set up on the Sunday. Help will be required to set up and to man the display. Workers are requested to wear their 'whites'. Drivers will be on hand to offer information about their vehicles and racing in general. No 'FOR SALE' signs are permitted to be posted on any vehicles. We expect 2,000 balloons from Quaker State. M.E.T.A. members are reminded to try to recruit new workers.

#### Workers' Passes.

An arrangement between M.E.T.A. and S.C.C.B.C. has been made to offer initiative and encouragement to workers. There will be tickets and pass tickets. Method of distribution yet to be decided. Ticket will be admission to the races. Passes will enable movement through pits etc. These tickets are NOT to be sold, and will not be valid for Pro Races. More about this later.

#### Workers' Training

A training program will be in effect this season. Progression from Flags, followed by Emergency and Communications will give a licence showing sections completed successfully. This will be necessary for a worker to be upgraded to Turn Marshall. The first training is to be held on the Drivers' Training week-end at the Start-Finish. There will be both classroom and practical training. C.A.S.C. licence will enable a worker to work at any track as C.A.S.C. is affiliated with F.I.A. A firefighting class is to be arranged.

#### C.A.S.C. Committee

A committee will be set up consisting of experienced people within M.E.T.A. to allow M.E.T.A. to licence workers who they feel are qualified in their duties. This will eliminate workers from being licenced before they are proficient and will give recognition to the licenced workers. The Turn Marshall must, as well as being proficient in all corner work, know how to set up a turn both with equipment and manpower. He must be able to explain any situation and give directions to newcomers. It is also his/her duty to gain the trust and respect of the workers and be tactful with co-workers.

#### M.E.T.A. Raffle.

Ticket money and unsold tickets hould be in by 3rd March,1977.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

##### Flag Repairs

The equipment shed was broken into and damage was done to our new flags. Any person willing to help repair these should contact Rick Neyedli. A proposal was made that M.E.T.A. keep the flags to prevent any further damage and to enable maintenance.

##### Red Flag

A proposal was put forward to have a red flag on each corner and to be used only at the discretion of the starter. It was mentioned that a Red Flag system would only be feasible when we have an open line communication system. No further discussion ensued.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 17th,1977.