

# “Mayday”

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

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C.A.S.C. - A.G.M.

After registering and closing the Wine and Cheese party on Friday night, I attended the B. C. Off Roaders' Hospitality Suite. As soon as I had a beer placed in my hand I noticed the room wasn't quite large enough for the number of people. The overflow having to crowd at the door of the room. After everyone was supplied with the alcohol of their choice, the off roaders proceeded to show some very good films of their sport. For those on you who were involved in the Grouse Mountain Spectacular you only saw a small portion of the sport.

On Saturday, when sobriety ruled, I attended the meeting the reason for the Convention. The first thing that I learned was that McGuffie's Law States that "if you can't convince them, confuse them". At this time I would like to point out that there is a good side to Blake McGuffie.

For example, 4 out of 5 clubs that joined C.A.S.C. this year were from B. C., maybe his rocking the boat in B. C. has created some positive interest-C.A.S.C., for new Clubs, and those that have been members for sometime. Perhaps some good will became of this, at least it beats indifference. It might also be noted that those workers who attended the "Forbidden Plateau Rally Sprint", were welcome with open arms and treated very well by Blake. (and I still have his red flag)

It was announced that there would be a noise bylaw introduced for 1980. The decimal level not known. Also Auto Sport is looking for Regional Coverage by C.A.S.C. members, as its budget is not large enough to pay people to cover regional events.

I will be leaving the coverage of the major politics to someone else who has more knowledge (or guts) than I do.

On Sunday morning I attended the Solo Workshop. They opened the session with a Video Tape film made by C.B.C. Regina. It was suggested that CKVU be approached to do the same sort of film here. Sponsor loyalty was also discussed and it was pointed out that the sponsor's name should always be put forward on all P.R.

The National Slalom event for this year will be done on an asphalt surface all across Canada, (the lower mainland has used the Concrete portion of Boundry Bay Air Field in the past) and a muffling device must be used on all cars.

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- ✚ Road Racers do it- in front of The Grand Stand full of people.
- ✚ Rallyists do it at Night sideways with their lights on.
- ✚ Off Roaders do it-in the dirt.
- ✚ Soloists do it-alone on Sundays.
- ✚ Workers do it-in the corners.

All This was brought to you by Mike Bailey

# 1979 Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs Convention of Recognition



Hosted by **B.C. Region**

**April 20, 21, 22, 1979**  
Bayshore Inn, Vancouver, B.C.  
Official Programme

CONVENTION OF RECOGNITION - 79

Why has B.C. Region chosen this phrase as the theme of our convention? This is the one opportunity in the year where all facets of our Sport meet to mutually agree on the running of our Sport at a National level.

we also get the rare opportunity to meet on a social level; and to acknowledge our champions in the three major areas of competition. Hence, our various functions were organized to recognize motorsport in these areas and to recognize the workers and other newer areas of motorsport in CASC.

We hope you will join us in our endeavour!

The National-A. G. M.-for C.A.S.C. was held this past weekend. It was certainly an interesting place to be for a number of us.

Of course we had a great time at all the social events - they usually are a lot of fun. The food was excellent, and certainly worth the price for all meals.

The actual A.G.M. was an experience in itself. I met a number of the delegates - all nice people. But the atmosphere at the meeting was charged with emotion - hostility for one. There are many people unhappy with the way C.A.S.C. is being run, particularly B. C. and Quebec factions.

By attending this A.G.M., I've come to see what a little club like ours is up against. We are nobody as far as those muckie - mucks are concerned, and we are going to have to do a lot of work to get the name "Worker", recognized, let alone M.E.T.A. We happen to be the only club fighting for recognition. Remember, it's not just licences we're trying to achieve. Without us, few events, particularly race events, would run. Are we not important? Are workers all over Canada not important? Safety in our sport is worth promoting. We may be starting small, but some day it might just be worth it.

Carting was nowhere as far as C.A.S.C. was concerned, but they fought. Now there is a National Carting Director. We could have a National Workers Director. As it is there is but one Worker Director - that's Bev., let's give her our support.

I respect people's right not to get involved, and their right to "do their own thing". It depends on what you want from this club, from the sport. But maybe a common goal is needed. Let's hear from you.

Robin

May 4, 1979

TO JOE & SUE PROUD

"Re the comments I made to and among  
what I thought were friends - as  
demanded, I apologize for my article  
in the second last issue of our  
'friendly rag'"

Jim Sheldon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Knox Mountain Hillclimb - Kelowna, B.C.	May 19 & 20
ICSCC Race - Spokane, Washington	May 26 & 27
Trans-Am - Formula Atlantic - Westwood	June 1, 2 & 3
Rose Cup Trans-Am - Portland, Oregon	June 5 & 6
4 Hour Molyslip Enduro - Westwood	June 16 & 17
Driver Training - Westwood	June 23 & 24
ICSCC Race - Seattle, Washington	June 30 & July 1

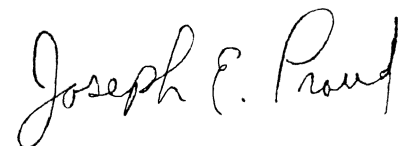
I am submitting my letter of resignation as a reporter for the club newsletter, MAYDAY, as I find it impossible to carry on with conditions being what they are at present with the publication of the newsletter.

As a charter member of META, and also of the publication of MAYDAY, it distresses me greatly to find that I suddenly cannot get my articles published because they are, quote "politically inflammable" while at the same time other items of a somewhat personally related nature which are specifically requested not to be published, are indeed printed.

when we, the club members, are told "If you have any problems, come to the club executive with them.", it is very disconcerting to find that it apparently just doesn't, work, as an apology was indicated at the March meeting (regarding the above mentioned item) and yet absolutely nothing was forthcoming.

I feel that it is a sad Commentary on the state of the newsletter, and the club in general, when any dissenting views (from the club executive) on the present political situation that racing in B.C. finds itself, is suppressed, from the club membership.

Perhaps, at a later date, when conditions are not as one sided as they are now, I will return as a news item reporter for the newsletter as I believe that the club newsletter should be kept as politically neutral as possible (as should the club itself), and should concentrate on news and activity items, rather than becoming virtually a promotional pamphlet for CASC or any other organization.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph E. Proud". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

Please publish this in the newsletter as an explanation to club members as to why my articles are no longer appearing in the newsletter.