

“Mayday”

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We're into a new season of racing again! Looks good for workers, number-wise so far. Good things everywhere are popping up, like new flowers at springtime.

NEW WORKERS, AND THEN SOME

The recent car shows have produced a bonanza of new workers. The two worker orientation meetings held at Carmen's Pizza saw 32 people show up on the Tuesday night and another 23 on Thursday. Driver Training saw most of them show up at Westwood, where all corners had several new workers to train in track procedures. The overall quality of the candidates appears to be quite excellent, and this should make things a lot easier all around. Thanks, everyone for helping.

MEMBER NAME TAGS

META name tags will be made up for all members, the cost to be shared on a 50/50 basis between META and the individual concerned. (Now Roger has no excuse not to remember your name!)

CASC

It has been confirmed that CASC National has, in the past, shown little or no interest in track workers. However, things could be improving as their April 11 National Meeting being held in Winnipeg will have for the first time, a seminar for workers. Bev Crump will attend for B.C. Workers. She said that so far, anything done for the workers by CASC has been done by B.C. Region only.

WORKING AT WESTWOOD

Pre-registration a must!!! Bev Crump, Westwood's Registrar for 1980 now has an answering service and requests that all workers register no later than Thursday night preceding any race weekend. Phone Number 939-9809.

Workers 19 and under must have written parental consent and all workers must sign a waiver!

After 4 races, all workers will be getting a personal log book.

WEARING WHITES A MUST

For those looking for whites to wear at the track, try Army & Navy, New Westminster where white pants are available for around \$5.29 a pair.

MONEY MATTERS

Fred Kubossek, who works in a bakery, said he could get some cakes free to be raffled off - the proceeds to go to META.

META President, Grace Lassen, asked members to come up with ideas on how all our funds could best be spent. A party or what have you???

DRIVER TRAINING (or the D.T.'s as some call it!)

Driver Training has come and gone. An unusually sunny day turned out to be incident and accident-free. Everything ran relatively smoothly with a pretty good show put on by some of the new drivers.

Our own Jim Sheldon took DT and have us heart failure when his right rear wheel started to wobble. Jim was meatballed in Turn 4, but was allowed to finish. Driver Training

was probably fun for Jimmy, but considering he's the founder of the Jim Sheldon School of Insane Driving, I don't imagine DT made a convert of him!
Our new workers got a taste of racing and from all reports they enjoyed every second!

STOCK CARS AT WESTWOOD

An arrangement has been made whereby L.M.O.R.A. (Lower Mainland Oval Racing Association) will be racing at Westwood twice during the upcoming season. The two most likely dates are those at which the motorcycles are also appearing - May 3/4 and August 23/24.

WORK PARTY

Even though a smaller number of people showed up for the last work party on March 16, all who were there had fun. The picnic tables were painted a dazzling shade of white (a colour near and dear to our hearts), more fencing was erected and ditches dug. The highlight of the day was a rollover of the Totten-McGregor vehicle in the kart race. It was a lucky thing the Driver Training students weren't there to see it - not exactly confidence-inspiring! (Luckily, no one was hurt)

ADVERTISING AT WESTWOOD

If you know anyone who wants to advertise at Westwood, spaces are available for \$150.00. You get a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ X 12 foot sign for 1 year and \$350.00 will get the sign for 3 years.

A NEW OLD LOOK TO THE PIT CONCESSION

Al & Else Allinson are back - in the pit concession that is. It's pig-out time for us pancake, donut and good food freaks!

\$13.00 FOR THAT?? at the Sports Car Club meeting!!

A hard fought battle over a Castrol hat ended with the loser winning and vice versa. Roger Salomon and Robin Holloway bid heatedly, upping every price by 50¢ to \$1.00 a shot. Roger won out at \$13.00, then Grace promptly presented the hat to Robin, saying "We don't need it - we've got lotsa hats". There was a chuckle but little protesting from Mrs. Holloway!