

“Mayday”

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I'm really behind schedule this time. But judging from the way people keep busy, you probably didn't miss it too much! Anyway, we have a bit of catching up to do in this and the next issue. (Coming sooner than you think)

FORMULA ATLANTIC FANATIC (or Professional Racer Chaser)

As most of you know, Pre-Grid did not get to show off their custom-made T shirts on Sunday due to inclement weather, but that didn't stop them from carrying out what those garments read. And talk about run around - Friday we were enlisted as (gasp!) corner workers and once again joined that illustrious group. Well, I tell you, talk about efficiency. Ole Turn 4 was just humming along with spins & wheels off a-bounding and over the radio comes:

"Turn 4"

"Go 4"

"Are you calling us on the landline?"

"That is affirmative"

"Well, you can let it ring. I can't answer it because I'm waving the yellow flag" Arlene - such talents! Meanwhile, in Turn 1, Sue Martinson was accomplishing the same thing, basically, while Ron Snook and I ran to Mike Ores after a spin-out. We actually had a pretty quiet time, though I must confess to being slightly rusty on my flagging at first - goes to show you how with little or no practice, your alertness can be affected. An interesting point, wouldn't you agree?

Susan and I got a little silly and posed for cheesecake photos to relieve the boredom though I'm not sure it relieved Ron's boredom.

Then Saturday, we had fun running around trying to stop Formula Atlantics from being pushed into the racing pits while other qualifying groups were out (until we found out they were allowed to pit this way). We fended off huge stock car drivers with a single smile, leaped tall grid markers with a single bound and became turnworkers again When a Formula Ford spun out in front of Pre-Grid. Luckily we had a nice lady from Seattle with us by the name of Kate who helped tremendously. She was doing Pre-Grid in Portland of late and was a real asset with all those cars.

Finally, Sunday. Dressed in our new whites, we hoped for a sunny day and were disappointed but everything went off pretty well from our end. Funny thing though - we were told left, right and centre that these Formula Atlantic gridding procedures were insane and we'd really have to watch it. Well, it may have been so in the past, but it was the calmest, most orderly, easiest gridding we ever have seen!

Of course, our highlight was watching Jacques take the chequered, while jumping up and down and screaming. Then, Arlene was given the task of asking Jacques to sign the Driver Services door where his brother Gilles has signed before. (Real difficult eh Arlene?)

Our evening was (beer) capped off by drinking ourselves silly at Turn Two, taking lots of pictures and finally going to eat at the Keg. A few of the group promptly fell asleep over dinner and most of us didn't know what we were eating. Another normal end to a not-so-normal weekend. (We missed you Roger and Grace et al)

OUR (much maligned!) CLUB SONG

Now listen you guys - do you want a prize or don't you? Really, we want a well-thought - out singable (as well as printable) second verse to our song. I've only got one entry so far and it's not half-bad, so move it. Please submit your tuneful tale to the editor of this publication and your grandest fantasy may be realized. (Well almost)

LAVA OR LEAVE 'EM

For those of you who plan on travelling to races south of the Border past Mt. St. Helen's this summer, I thought I'd pass on this 'Official Notice' I came across.

Upon the first seismic tremors:

- 1) Move to an area upwind from the crater to avoid ashfall and dangerous gases.
- 2) Avoid riverbeds and other valleys, which are likely to be in the path of mudflows.
- 3) Locate in an area of good visibility so that you can dodge flying lava rocks.
- 4) Do not locate downstream from dams or reservoirs as they are unlikely to withstand the severe forces of flooding and mudslides.
- 5) When reports of "Harmonic Tremors" are received, expect a major eruption any moment.
- 6) Immediately upon observing the brilliant flash of molten lava exploding from the volcano, bend over and place your head firmly between your legs.
- 7) Then kiss your ash goodbye.

This is taken from a poster at the local bowling alley.

Mike Bailey

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL YOUSE

The Municipality of Coquitlam has granted one more five year lease to Westwood. However, it may be dicey after those five years - we may get a lease one year at a time. Westwood has to show that we are necessary to the community that we are continuing to improve and be a worthwhile operation. So keep supporting the SCCBC by helping with work parties and anything else you can do including promoting our track - every little bit helps.

THE IMPENDING DISASTER OF THE SUMMER

By now (or fairly soon) we should know if a beer strike is going to hit us in the gut. I don't quite know how we'll survive the rest of the racing season! But at least, let's not kick up too much of a fuss if the RDC can't supply the brew. They can't buy it either! Let's prepare for those dry days by bringing our own refreshments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ICSCC Race - Victoria
July 19 & 20

Don't miss this one - see Ms. Young's article last issue!

SCCA National
CASC National
CASA Regional
July 26 & 27

This should be a biggie - rumour has it that there will be 3 Huffaker TR8's entering, meaning the competition will follow.

IMSA - Portland
August 2 & 3

Always a crowd pleaser, but remember your instructions for eruptions!

BCMA Sprint
August 9 & 10

Though somewhat on the (dare I say it) boring side for what we are used to, a good time is had by all. If you wish to pay the entry fee you can run the sprint half a day and work the other half. Just ask Mike H. Saturday is a fun day with orientation on the track - they need us for Sunday as workers if you can make it.

ICSCC Race - Seattle
August 16 & 17

Last race is Seattle of the season - so get down there.

CASC Regional
& Motorcycles
August 23 & 24

Fun & Games with the Cars & Bikes!

PLEASE WRITE, I'M LONELY

I'm still having this problem. You know. You see, every time I pick up the latest issue of the Mayday, all I see is the occasional article by someone else and the rest I already know by heart. I'm getting sick of reading my own writing (don't you dare say that you are too). So start submitting those articles so I'll have something new to look at. (Many thanks to Joe Proud, Arlene Young, Sue Martinson and Mike Bailey for coming to my rescue on occasion)

COMING UP NEXT ISSUE

Driver Training
Molyslip Enduro
Victoria Weekend and so much more - I hope!