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LOCAL RACING NEWS

PENTAX CONES THROUGH

Andy Mahood, a local Formula Ford favourite, decided to go Formula Atlantic for this year. After lots of hard work by brother-in-law, Bruce Goldsworthy, sister Lynn and Andy himself, then endless waiting, his Pentax sponsorship came through. It appears Andy will be running all the Canadian Formula Atlantic races - Westwood, Mosport and the Grand Prix in Montreal. He also mentioned the TransAm, Formula Atlantic, Pro Ford race at Golden State in California. Andy will also borrow Jon Landes' Ford for CASC Regional races at Westwood. We wish him luck at his first pro-racing season - he deserves it!

NEW ADDRESS

The club has a new address - the box number has changed. It is now:

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PRACTICE NIGHTS AT WESTWOOD

If you can't get enough of working at the track, the drivers could probably use your help on practice nights. Each driver has to have a minimum of 3 crew with him when he practises to man the track, but all the stations have to have at least one person on them (6, in other words). Below are the names and numbers of the R.D.C. members and the days each is in charge of. Call and let him know that you can lend a hand.

Roger Bartman	██████████	Apr 14 & 16
Dick Barwell	██████████	Apr 21 & 23
Ross Bentley	██████████	Apr 28 & 30
Laurie Fraser	██████████	May 5 & 7
Charlie Godecke	██████████	May 12 & 14
Bert Laakman	██████████	May 19 & 21



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12 BOTTLES OF SCOTCH

I had 12 bottles of Scotch in my house and my wife told me to empty them down the sink or else, so I said I would and proceeded with this unhappy task.

I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I withdrew the cork from the third bottle and emptied the good ole booze down the sink with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I then pulled the cork out of the fourth sink and poured the bottle down the glass which I drank. I then pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink of it and threw the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. I then pulled the next cork from my throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the cork and drank the pour.

When I had everything emptied, I steadied the house with one hand and counted the bottles and corks and glasses with the other, which were 29. To be sure, I counted them again. Finally, I had all the houses and bottles and corks and glasses counted except for one house, and one bottle, which I drank.

I am not under the alcofluence of incohol, as some thinkle peep I am, nor am I half so thunk as they drink I am, but I fool so feelish, I don't know who is me and the drunker I stand, the longer I get.

Dave Forster (circa 1978)

META CRESIS & T-SHIRTS

If you would like one of our colourful crests or terrific T-shirts, call Joe, our Social Director. He will be happy to bring your order to the next meeting or race at Westwood. Crests are \$2.50, T-shirts, \$5.00

D.G. REID ENTERPRISES
PHOTOGRAPHER

Next meeting April 22/81
Plum Blossom Restaurant
8pm

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SPRINGING THROUGH THE COBWEBS OF MY MIND

Why do I do this? I ask myself this every year around B.C.M.A. Sprint time. I get to stand out on a corner, by myself, with no radio communication (an unthinkable situation for communicators) in the blistering heat, or more recently, the rain, sleet, fog, etc. and watch about 30 cars go 6 times each around the course, one at a time, in runs of two laps each. Whew! Surely, I must be insane - a race worker used to 30 cars at one moment coming through my turn (or over my feet in Pre-Grid) lowering myself to this mundane nonsense. Well guess again - I had a great time. As the person designated to call each car by my station on its hot lap, I began one or two short-distance friendships-by-phone with the starters. I was beginning to get a bit bored with calling in "Toyota through 3"

and "Datsun through 3" so I decided to throw them for a loop every once in awhile. As Mike Bailey went through I called him alternately "Rust Bucket" and "Lamborghini". A couple of Fiat 850's were "Itty Bitty Fiat" and "Extremely Small Fiat". The Trans-Am prepared Camaro was named "Ground Pounder" & "Really Noisy Car". I was waiting for Ron Cameron's red whatsit to come around cuz I had a few interesting names, but he spoiled my fun by coming prepared with slicks only. I'll save them for the next Sprint!

I also carried on very stimulating conversations with a bird, a worm and a slug. I must admit they were rather quiet, but I certainly mad3 up for that. I taught myself the alphabet backwards in French. I sang every song I could remember from "Sound of music". I made up a really horrid cheer for Westwood, left over from my high school days (which I decline to repeat - my one effort was horribly ridiculed). I cleaned the headlights on the car and counted the Michelin tires in the tire wall. I also mired

the Mazda in muck in my efforts to get quickly to Turn Two for beer and burgers.

Now doesn't that sound like it was all worthwhile? Sure, it does. Besides, If you can get to work with Ron Cameron, you're lucky cuz he's one swell guy. In fact all B.C.M.A. members are pretty keen. We thank them for their continuing support of our beer & hamburger habit and for the good time had by all - in one way another!

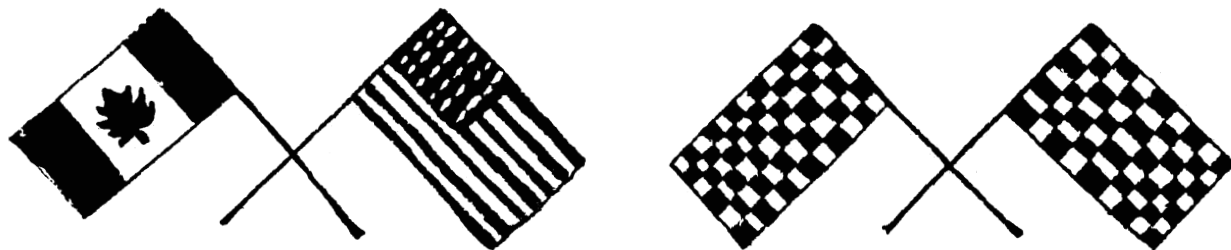
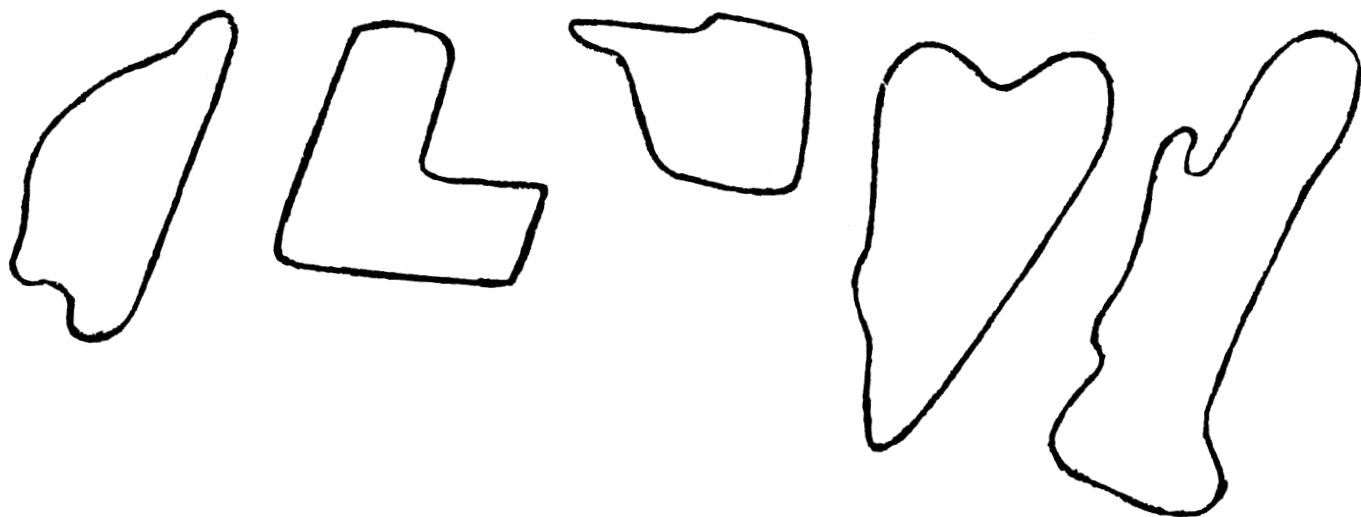
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Any articles, artwork, advice or anecdotes are happily accepted for the MAYDAY. Anyone, member or otherwise, is welcome to contribute. Send your stuff to:

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST RACE CALENDAR

APRIL 18/19	ICSCC Race	Portland
APRIL 25/26	ICSCC Race	Seattle
MAY 2/3	CASC Regional	Westwood
MAY 2/3	SCCA Driver Training	Portland
MAY 9/10	ICSCC Race	Westwood
MAY 23/24	ICSCC Race	Spokane
MAY 30/31	ICSCC Race	Victoria
MAY 29/30/31	Trans-Am, Formula Atlantic, Pro-Ford	Golden State (Cal.)
JUNE 6/7	Formula Atlantic	Westwood
JUNE 12/13/14	Rose Cup Trans-Am	Portland
JUNE 20/21	ICSCC Race	Westwood
JUNE 27/28	Driver Training	Westwood
JUNE 27/28	ICSCC Race	Seattle
JULY 4/5	CASC Regional	Westwood
JULY 11/12	ICSCC Race	Portland
JULY 18/19	CASC Regional	Westwood
JULY 18/19	SCCA Regional	Portland
JULY 25/26	SCCA National & Regional	Seattle
JULY 31 AUG 1/2	IMSA	Portland
AUGUST 15/16	ICSCC Race	Portland
AUGUST 29/30	Westwood Pro	Westwood
AUGUST 29/30	SCCA National & Regional	Seattle
SEPT. 5/6	ICSCC Race	Spokane
SEPT. 5/6	SCCA National & Regional	Portland
SEPT. 12/13	ICSCC Race	Westwood
SEPT. 19/20	ICSCC Race	Portland
SEPT. 26/ 27	CASC Regional	Westwood
OCT. 3/4	ICSCC Race	Seattle
OCT. 10/11	CASC, Westwood 7 Hour Enduro	Westwood
OCT. 17	6 Hour Enduro	Portland

Artwork for this and the
Westwood schedule by
BRIAN MEAKINGS

I recently attended a B.C.M.A. (Burnaby-Coquitlam Motorsport Association) social event. It was held at the Richmond go-kart track with 2 hours of private use of the track.

The day started with four fifteen minute practice runs, then four fifteen minute races. There was much excitement with karts going into, over and through tire walls and one kart lost a wheel, ending up facing the wrong way on the track! The races were between B.C.M.A. and U.B.C.S.C.C. (the car club at the University). I drove for B.C.M.A. and ran two races. In the first race, on the first lap, I t-boned another kart and three of us ended up in the tire wall. After getting back in the race, I passed three karts to finish seventh. In my second race, I took the lead from the start and managed to hold on to it to come in first. But, when all the action was over, U.B.C. won by one point, 8 - 7.

It was a super day and everyone had fun and then some. In the future, I would like to arrange something for META. Anyone who is interested, please let me or Joe know, so that we'll know if we have enough people to make it possible.

Brian Meakings

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FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Light weeks late and unaccustomed to article writing as I am, I will endeavor to add my views to the many others adorning this delightful publication.

Fresh from a very successful inter-conference weekend; where, from the vantage point of turn 2, I was able, via a soaking wet radio net, to monitor what was happening; including insulting references to age from those in high places who should know better.

There seemed to be less confusion, less chatter and more calm than I recall from last year, as people did their jobs with calm assurance. Very impressive and a pleasure to be a part of it.

Which leads me to the area that I get quite excited about and that is the way Westwood and S.C.C.B.C. appear to be being operated this year. Communications between everybody are unbelievably good; things happen when they are promised, or supposed to; and generally, it is a pleasure to be associated with the sport.

All the above is the work of a handful of people, who we all know and respect and who don't have to be named here. What should be said is that any successful group is usually the result of long hours of planning and executing by people who totally believe, and if the readers can't help, then kind, positive words of encouragement are always better than criticism.

In closing, we who enjoy Westwood might keep in mind that the lease will not last forever, and instead of a handful of people being concerned, we all might give some thought to keeping the course where it is. Westwood would be very expensive to re-locate; maybe impossible????

PROMOTING WESTWOOD

We seem to be getting considerable publicity for our sport in the past few weeks. Articles in the newspapers on the demise of Westwood abound (maybe this will increase awareness!) and radio is getting into the act, notably CFOX & CKNW.

CFOX has a program called "Daily Planet" on at 8 am & 6 pm each day. Mark Akerstream, local Formula Atlantic driver (who ran at Long Beach) was interviewed and he explained how he got into racing, what professional competition is like and some aspects of the Formula Atlantic series. CKNW's Gary Bannerman had Roger Salomon & Marty Knoll on his open-line show. These two experts did a great job of promoting our track and fielding questions - intelligent & otherwise!

This kind of promotion can do nothing but good for Westwood at this stage of the game. We can help by talking to our friends and co-workers about Westwood, handing out schedules and assisting with car shows, etc. Every little bit helps.

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