

"Mayday"

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FORMULA ATLANTIC CANCELLED

Well race fans, we will not be seeing the Formula Atlantic series at our race track this year, unless a miracle occurs. As the latest story goes, The Keg pulled its sponsorship and without financial backing, the event cannot be staged. A sad state of affairs for all concerned. (Ed. Note - I think of how I would have loved to grid Ross, Andy, Bob & Marc, our hometown heroes). However, we have a Pro weekend coming up in August that can keep us hopeful.

META CRESTS & 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 our order to the next meeting or race at Westwood. Crests are \$2.50, T-shirts are \$5.00

PRACTICE NIGHTS AT WESTWOOD

If you wish to help out at practice nights, here are the RDC members to contact for the months of May & June.

Glenn Lim	May 26 & 28
Rick Lim	June 2 & 4
Bob McGregor	June 9 & 11
Rob McGregor	June 16 & 18
Brian McLoughlin	June 23 & 25

NEWS FLASH NEWS FLASH

At the last Sports Car Club meeting, Tom Wilson spoke on behalf of Gateway, who are organizers of our pro events. He explained the situation with the Formula Atlantic race being cancelled but stated that we do have a good chance of still seeing the race at Westwood. As Edmonton is hosting a combined Can-Am, Formula Atlantic weekend (ooh boy!) we could likely get the next weekend after that for the Atlantic. This will be slated for August, so hold on to your flags - we may get lucky yet!

MORE SPRINTING!

May 2h is the date of B.C.M.A.'s second Super Sprint for this year: As is standard Practice, Westwood is the venue. Running as a competitor in these events is a real blast. Just ask anyone who has run one. You get to drive your own style, even if your style looks more befitting of a gorilla. Take myself for instance - I usually just try and go with no real style. Therefore, you see me spinning tires, using lots of opposite lock, all in my efforts to hold on.

Now other people us a lot more skill and proper driving style (to set faster times) but at least I keep everyone on his or her toes. I mean at that last one, the worker must have been eyeing me in Turn 2 as I slid through (sideways) plus the people in the esses and start/finish as I slid around coming out of the esses.

Anyways, my point is, you too can come out and enjoy yourself. All you need is a car which isn't required to have a rollbar if it has a tin top, three-point seat belt (standard lap-shoulder) a helmet, leather gloves & leather shoes. Then for about \$35 you're ready to run your 3 runs. So why don't you give it a try!

Ron Snook

For Further Information
call Ron Cameron or Roger &
Jacque Edgar at 524-4195 or
273-1181

SPRING THAW RACES

Though entries were down for this first event on the Conference Race calendar, the Spring Thaw Races did prove to be an interesting weekend. A rainy Saturday kept enthusiasm down, but Sunday brought out the sun and excitement. Mind you we did have a wee bit of fun in Pre-Grid when Neal Kinnaman in the green MGB, stalled in the pit lane at the beginning of his novice race. Arlene and I have never, repeat, never seen anyone move so fast as that Doug Blackburn. He just jumped right over the chain link fence to help us push the car back into Pre-Grid! Arlene & I have since decided that we would trust our lives with that guy!

Anyway, back to Sunday Turn One had an orange 510 clock the tire wall, then fall over on it side. Turn 4 saw a wee Triumph GT6 sail off, only to land on its roof, somewhat worse for wear -(See letter elsewhere in this publication - does that sound official?) Luckily no one was hurt in either mishap. Some good racing went on though, including a first win of the season in his Formula

Atlantic for Ross Bentley, beating long-time Conference racers, Ron Householder & Gordie Munroe. Al Ores, a perennial favourite of ours ran away with Formula Vee, while Toivo Heinonen once again showed us his inimitable style --

Absolutely Crazy!! The Revo Evom R100 Finnished (no that's not a spelling mistake) 1st in BI Sedan & 2nd in B S/R. The Mazda Madness is catching on as Brian Berg came 1st in F Production and Novice Barry Allan took the checkered in Closed Wheel Novice. (Watch for this guy - he's fast). Randy Bach DNFed in one race & DNSed the other, but he's always around, too.

I must say, we missed familiar faces in the Ford lineup - at least from the Vancouver Area. No Ross, Andy, Mike or Rick this time - how boring eh? At least, we still have Jon Landes & Felim Power around. A couple of newcomers to watch though are Michael Clifford and Bill Macham in the two white Van Diemans.

BYE BYE FOR NOW

John Shone, our Membership Chairman, has had to relinquish duties, due to a recent career move. His new job will take him far and wide as the province rep. for his company, and John feels he will not be able to devote the time required of him. We thank John for his help and enthusiasm and wish him luck in his new endeavor.

Thanks are also in order for one of our newest members for volunteering to take over John's position. As new Membership Chairman, we welcome Pat Shewchuk. Pat worked last year down in Driver Services and will be the "Results Lady" this season. Her number is now on your META telephone list.

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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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NEXT META MEETING A SPECIAL ONE

Our next meeting will include a smorgasbord at the Plum Blossom Restaurant, home of terrific Chinese food. The price will be \$7.50 or thereabouts. Please call Grace, Joe or Pat if you can come so we know how many are eating! Dinner will be at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 8pm



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SPRING TROPHY RACES

or Spring Atrophy Races!

Saturday greeted us with miserable weather and comparable entries. Luckily JO grew to just over 50 for Sunday, though the weather was no better. A big bonus was the motorcycles, whose race weekend was postponed due to snow at the track. They generated a lot of spectators and some interesting racing, giving turnworkers everywhere a few heart attacks and a chance to use their skills! An unfortunate accident in the rain at the top of Turn 3 necessitated an ambulance for one rider, well-called by Turn 2's TM, Joe Proud. The rider spent the night in hospital after complaining of back pains, but is apparently okay now.

Tony Weinberger, a former META member, now motorcycle enthusiast was racing that weekend. Tony finished first in his first race, but said he didn't stand a chance in the second as he was out-powered. Nice to know and cheer for someone in these races - it may take a while before we get to know all these guys, like we do the race drivers.

SCCBC NEWS

At the last meeting of the Sports Car Club of B.C., President Bob Randall initiated discussions on quality of race weekends. It

was agreed that many would like to go back to co-sanctioning with CASC & Conference and some good points were brought up about how to make CASC races better. The most interesting and new idea was introduced by Bob. After mentioning one day CASC events, he talked about approaching not just the motorcycle club, but the go-kart club also for combined weekends. We can then offer complete motorsport to the public.

Roger Salomon, V.P., talked about the success of the CFOX promotion at this last race. All people wearing CFOX t-shirts or sweatshirts got into the race free on Sunday. The crowds were quite incredible and Roger hopes to continue this with CFOX. Apparently this year is a look-see for CFOX and they will possibly be sponsoring races in the future.

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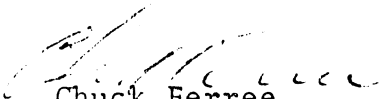
ATTENTION: Turn Crew for Turn #4, Ambulance
Crew and Tow Truck Crew at the
April 5th Race

TO ALL OF THE ABOVE

From the driver of car #142 which "fell over" in turn #4
on Sunday 4/15/81. I just want to say thank you again, for
your quick and intelligent response to my slight mishap.

We drivers all know that we could not race without you,
but sometimes we forget to thank you - so, THANKS!

Best regards,


Chuck Ferree
Ex-GT6 Driver

MOTHER'S DAY RACES

You can tell the season is in full swing as the number of entries zoom. Bunches of cars attended this weekend (& drivers too!) Late entries abounded - Grace can attest to this. Her boss thought she was running a bookie joint at work and sent the entries back. Grace pleads - send no money, she doesn't want to get arrested!

Lots of novices got their vehicles together and were out for either their first novice race or getting their upgrades. From a pre-grid point of view, this caused considerable confusion as many extra cars motored in to the C/D improved Sedan, F/G Imp. Prod. race, swelling the grid to almost 30 cars - plenty crowded down there, And pretty crowded on the track, too!

A real treat was the number of Formula cars that ran. There were so many, timing couldn't get them all, unless they were octopi. It was decided that the Atlantics would run separately from the Fords, which was probably a good thing. At least we had a chance to see all our local Atlantic drivers out there at once - Bob, Andy, Ross & Marc. There was some neat racing in the Ford event with Michael Clifford in the

KVOS, Kits camera Van Dieman, battling it out with favourite Jon Landes in his Pentax Lola.

In G. Production, Manfred Kubossek, otherwise known as Fred, won his first race. A big cheer for Freddy, one of our resident crazy bakers.

In a long awaited debut, Michael Holloway appeared in the Europarts Imports, Mission Custom Auto Fiat 124 Sport Coupe. Transmission problems encountered in practice during the week took their toll and Mike found himself without 2nd gear plus no oil pressure. He was able to get his upgrade by finishing the novice race from the pits, but luck ran out in the DI Sedan race as 3rd gear went also. Oh well that's racing as was so aptly put.

Uwe Gildemeister, brother of Duwe & Luwe, ran his novice race in Fred's 510 without incident. Real boring Uwe, but good job nevertheless.

Mike Bailey, another META Guy, showed up on a newly painted 510, a super bright yellow so we wouldn't miss him! Mike was having a few problems, too. The one that really did it to him was a fogging-up windshield. As he came through the esses, he couldn't see, which sent him into a spin ending in a bashed Armco in Pre-Grid. A crumpled trunk resulted. Mike, your 510 doesn't like the esses, eh?

Well, let's look forward to a super Victoria weekend on May 30/31. All these guys should be out there. And there's nothing like Victoria for a good time, racing and otherwise.

I know, I know - I realize one of these fellows got more press than the others, but can you blame me - I'm just a sponsor doing what I can for my driver!

RH

THE LATEST ON WORKER LICENCES

ICSCC Licences are going like hotcakes according to Mindy Robinson, Conference Licence Rep. 16 have been issued so far in B.C. If you would like to purchase a licence, obtain the application form from Mindy, fill it out and return to her with the fee of \$5.00.

CASC licences are somewhat up in the air at the moment. A meeting between CASC and META executives in the near future will likely resolve any questions and we will have further information for those of you who wish to obtain a CASC licence.

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FINALLY - OUR CONSTITUTION
After what seems like decades, our constitution has finally been accepted by Victoria. We are now a full-fledged, on-the-books, report-filing club!! Much thanks should go to the constitution committee and extra thanks to Grace and Al for putting a lot of their precious time into getting it all together.

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