

“Mayday”

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After a prolonged absence, the Mayday is back with all the news that is fit to print. Therefore, this will be an extremely short edition!

CASC RACE CANCELLED

The October 2/3 CASC race has been cancelled due to lack of interest - no, actually it is due to the fact that they do not expect a large turnout as the Enduro is the week after and most of the drivers will be preparing cars for that weekend. Perhaps a little go-karting in lieu of working?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are again approaching the auspicious event at which we elect the Grand Poo-Bah to lead us through another year of turnworking, etc. We are forming a nominating committee next meeting and everyone should be thinking towards the elections in November and presenting any suggestions to the committee.

BIG BUCKS RACING AT LOST WAGES

Don't forget to watch the Las Vegas Grand Prix on Saturday, September 24th at 4 p.m. A few people near and dear to us will be working the race, namely Loretta Major, Dave Forster and Fred Kubossek (if I have forgotten anyone, sorry). Hopefully, we'll be able to spot them - wave you guys!

ENDURO - OCTOBER 9/10

It's bundle-up time again. And remember that we will be needed both days, Saturday for the CASC Regionals and Sunday for that long race. So far, no word on the awards dinner Sunday night, but we will keep you posted. P.S. Please make a special effort to say thanks to the guys from the RDC (especially Danny Totten & Bill Welters) for the burger beer bashes every race weekend. This is your last chance to do so!

AN EDITORIAL OF SORTS

As I look back on this racing year, I am reminded of how dangerous and frightening this sport can be. We have seen or heard of many drivers being seriously injured or killed, the one closest to our hearts being Gilles Villeneuve. I haven't seen a season at Westwood so plagued by Alert and Scramble situations. It seems a lot more accidents are happening along the section of track between the Esses and the pit entrance, which makes Pre-Grid a little nervous. All these incidents induce one to ask why we involve ourselves in this sport. I remember remarking at a B.C. Ice Racing meeting that I thought perhaps we all had a death wish and were closing in on fulfilling it. But I have come to realize that in our case, the workers, we may have a "life wish". This not only means a desire to have others live through our help, but a desire to live well by challenging ourselves. We do challenge our mental and physical abilities everytime we step onto the track and this challenge often precludes our work, our home life, our friends. We all have a basic need to be remembered and if, by performing our duties at the track, we can be thought about favourably by even one person involved, we will likely have satisfied that need.

There is also a particular kind of satisfaction in being recognized by your peers for doing your best. It has been a long time coming, but we are attempting to establish a recognition program through our worker awards. Though we may have a few technical bugs to work out in the next few years, the spirit is there. I would like to urge you to think carefully about who will be the recipients of these inaugural awards. We all need and deserve the effort.

Robin

WORKER AWARD GUIDELINES

We will award three people this year for outstanding service at Westwood. The awards and their qualifications are listed below:

Rookie non-META member of the Year

Must be in first race season.

Must work minimum of 50% SCCBC-organized events.

Receives: Picture and plaque

1 year membership in META

Rookie META member of the Year

Must be a META member (!!)

Must be in first race season.

Must work minimum of 50% SCCBC-organized events.

Receives: Picture and plaque
Set of flags

Outstanding META Member of the Year

Chosen from all corners, Pre-Grid, Timing, Scoring, Registration, Results or Topside.

Must have at least 1 year experience.

Must work minimum 75% of SCCBC-organized events.

Must be a META member.

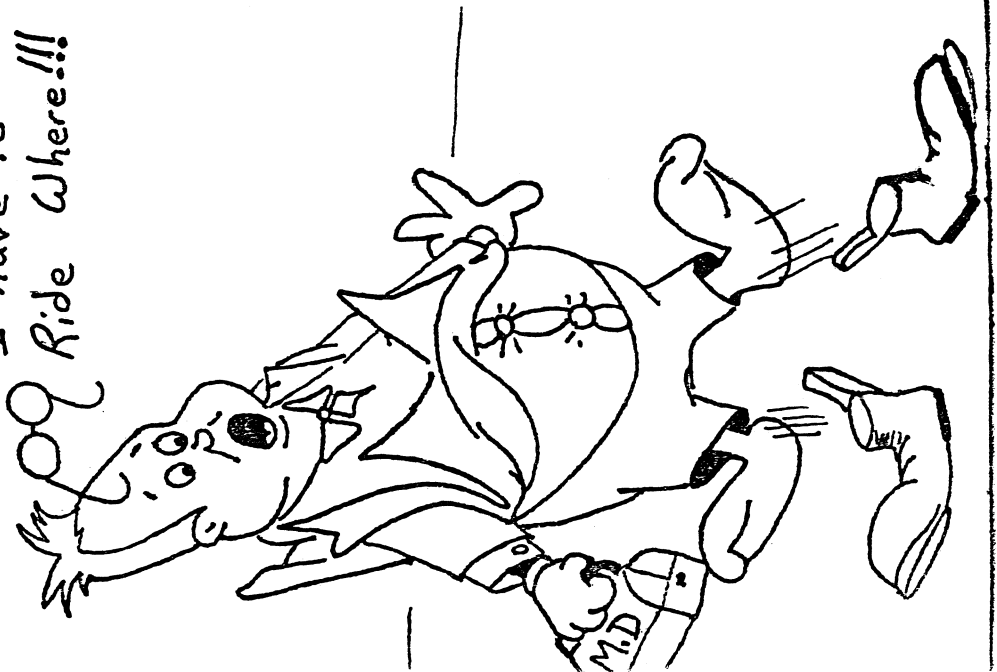
Receives: Picture and plaque
Free Driver Training course at Westwood (transferable).

Excluded from these awards are executive members of META, sanctioning club Officers and concession workers.

Voting on these awards will be conducted at the Saturday evening burger bash and Sunday morning worker meeting on the Enduro Weekend. Exercise your democratic right!

THE DOCTOR UPON SEEING ROGER'S "BABY" -
WITH NO PASSENGER SEAT.

I have to
M.O. Ride Where!!!



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