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THERE'S SNOW CHRISTMAS LIKE
A WHITE CHRISTMAS

Editors' Soapbox

Ah yes. The festive season, end-of-year issue. Full of mistletoe, holly and plum pudding. But, mostly, the same old turkey. No, seriously folks, it's been a right old blast working and playing with all of you through the past year and the editors would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of you and those close to you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

"May your days be merry and bright...."

CHEERS!!!

Executive Corner

Farewell and thank you from the outgoing head table:

President: Rick Neyedli
Vice President: Roger Salomon
Secretary: Fran Pelletier
Treasurer: Tom "Pop" Popovich

Hello, and we expect your usual professional efforts this year, from your incoming Executive:

President: Rick Neyedli
Vice President: Roger Salomon
Secretary: Fran Pelletier
Treasurer: Dave Forster

Many thanks to the outgoing Executive for their work and leadership in 1985 and Congratulations to the newly-elected. Let's have more of the same.

Next Meeting

For obvious reasons there will be no META meeting in December. The next meeting will thus be held:

January 22, 1986
Music Room
Century House
Moody Park Rec. Centre
8th Avenue at 8th Street
New Westminster, B.C.
8:00 p.m. sharp

Let's all turn out and kick the new year off on the right (or left) foot.

Unofficial Proceedings of the Motorsport Emergency and
Turnworkers Annual General Meeting
November 27, 1985

Brought to order by President Neyedli at 8:15 p.m. 21 members present

Reading of minutes of October meeting - adopted

Treasurer's Report: Tom absent (new parenthood). Fran announced that SCCBC donated \$300.00 to META at their banquet on November 23. Rick Smale thanked them on behalf of META.

Mayday: Rick - nothing, Joanne - absent

Social Director: Nick announced the usual raffle - 4 prizes

Training: Dave - some dash plaques left from the last 3 races

Membership: Fran - 39 paid, 5 honorary

Historian: Joe Proud - has some new photographs
- new photo albums courtesy Vic Kennedy

Thanks Vic

Race Chairmen: - absent

Course Marshall: - on strike until March 1, 1986

Old Business

- Robin gave an end of season report on the tire wall project. See this issue.
- Vic provided more information on Ron Livingston's continuing involvement in the project. The Action Bowl at the PNE seems to be an unfeasible test locale as of this moment.
- Discussion of the article in On Track Vol. 5 #20 re: Porsche testing of barriers. A letter has been sent to Peter Falk informing him of your intentions as well.
- Rick Zeller still trying to check in with our contact at Ford regarding the use of a truck. Unable to get an answer.
- Reading of last years A.G.M. minutes.

Vice President's Report

- Roger reported on the Executive's discussion on combining the production of the worker posters with the possibility of Players subsidizing new jackets and the costs of running the posters.
- No luck on getting the emergency vehicle from Ford, yet.
- Comment on ICSCC banquet - a good time had by all, both at the meeting and at the dinner.

President's Report

Rick thanked the members for their support and for working as a club. Thanks to those who had specific duties for acquitting themselves well.

Suggestion for changing our awards to perpetual trophies with miniature replicas which the winners would keep. No firm decision.

Break 8:57 - 9:07

New Business

Chairperson Grace Lassen, aided and abetted by Joe Proud and Rick Smale.

- Proposed for President - Rick Neyedli
- From the floor:
 - Robin nominated Dave Forster
 - Pat S. nominated Vic Kennedy
 - Both declined:
 - Rick acclaimed as President

- for Vice President:
- Roger Salomon
 - Gail Coss
 - from the floor:
 - Robin nominated Dave Forster
 - Dave nominated Chris Morris
 - Chris nominated Rick Smale
 - all declined
 - Vote held - Roger elected.

- for Secretary:
- Fran Pelletier
 - none from the floor
 - Fran acclaimed as Secretary

- for Treasurer:
- Dave Forster
 - Pat Sewchuk
 - none from the floor
 - Vote held - Dave elected

Duane Mattson happened to mention (since he didn't care to tell us himself) that Tom Popovich and his lady are now proud parents of a baby girl, born November 25, 1985. All the best to you, Tom.

Discussion of assembling the project committee now that the study committee has exhausted its mandate.

No December membership meeting but a reminder that, yes, it's that time of year again and membership dues are payable starting in January.

Good and Welfare

Shop at Impact Foods in Surrey - Roger's new place of employment and in which he has 1/75 share.

Rick N. auctioned off a Vivitar 2500 flash - value approx. \$80.00, proceeds to META. Vic owns it for \$20.00, no other bidders.

Robin tries to extort travel funds to subsidize her trip to Daytona in February - Hoo! Hoo!

No Swap and Shop

Meeting adjourned 9:33p.m.

Raffle: Roger - Snow scraper/brush
 Chris Morris - World Racing '86 Calendar
 Dave Forster - bottle of wine
 Duane Mattson - bottle of windshield antifreeze/washer

META would like to thank the members of the feasibility committee for all the work they put in this year. So a big "Good on ya" to:

Robin Holloway
Vic Kennedy
Duane Mattson
Dennis Paul
Brad Velander

for a job very well done.

TIREWALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday November 25/85

Present:

Robin Holloway
Dennis Paul
Vic Kennedy
Duane Mattson

As our original date for this test has come and gone due to unforeseen circumstances, this meeting was called to discuss further what will take place when the actual testing occurs.

A number of recommendations are submitted which should be acted upon before testing takes place.

- 1) Negotiations begin now with the Sports Car Club of B.C. for a date in February, March or April with alternate dates being selected.
- 2) Determine what the SCCBC's insurance does cover and does not cover, either through the club or by contacting the insurance company directly. What avenues do we then have if insurance is inadequate to cover our testing.
- 3) Appoint a chairman for the committee as we do for Social Committees, etc. (The current members were originally a feasibility study group and have work or personal commitments which preclude more involvement at this time). We recommend this person be someone willing and well-prepared to negotiate on the club's behalf with the SCCBC, Motorsport B.C. or whoever we may seek assistance ~~from~~.
- 4) We consider requesting assistance from Motorsport B.C. for this or the following year (funds are likely allocated for 1986, but it may be a good idea to ask now for the future).

That said, we now have some recommendations on how to accomplish the test.

- 1) The test will require two days. First day should be used to sort tires, stack and band tires in preparation for the testing on the second day.
- 2) Determine availability of tires - will we need to tear down existing tirewalls, or are there enough tires for our purposes. We expect to require 250 - 300.
- 3) Tests will be done against the following:

One row of single-stacked tires, 10 tires wide, 5 tires high, banded
(this is a base line test by which we can measure others)

Three rows of single-stacked tires, 10 tires wide, 5 tires high, banded

Five rows of single-stacked tires, 10 tires wide, 5 tires high, banded

Three rows of single-stacked tires, 10 tires wide, 5 tires high, unhanded
(comparison testing)

All tirewalls will be free-standing.

- 4) A second series of tests could be done with herringbone configuration at a separate time
- 5) Speeds of vehicle should begin at 20 mph, proceed to 35 mph with further speeds determined in consultation with the driver. Could rig the car with sandbags.
- 6) In conjunction with the above, we have been offered a vehicle, small V8 Automatic for approximately \$100.00 with buyback option for the scrap metal. Ron Livingston a stunt car driver has offered this along with his services as driver and we recommend we take advantage of this.
- 7) We should measure:
 - Distance past point of impact.
 - Will tirewall remain intact.
 - How much force does it take to break banding and how many times can it be hit before it should be rebuilt.
 - How far does car roll back without brakes on - deflection.
 - Do the bands break - yes or no.
 - At what speeds do the bands break, which bands, where.
- 8) We should be aware of the-driver's input - perhaps formulate some questions ahead of time.
- 9) We recommend at least 15 minutes between tests to re-set.

Most of this testing will show some prediction of how the tirewalls will react at higher speeds or increased rows.

This concludes our recommendations!

Any further ideas are welcome and can be submitted to whoever the Chairman of the Committee will be.

November 27, 1985

The First Annual META Awards Dinner and

Year-End Banquet

Actually, the evening turned out pretty well considering that for Joanne, Barb, Brad, Dave, Rick s. and Jan Hammond it started with a few jars in the Austin Hotel 'mongst the nekked dancing-ladies and a wet T-shirt contest. (Just seemed a convenient place close to the restaurant to meet and kill time before dinner.)

People wandered into the back room at Dan's Galactic Gardens (Hornby and Davie) from about 7:00 to 8:00p.m. Dinner was a leisurely affair, a choice of ham, turkey or salmon Wellington available to the attendees. Seemed a long time between drinks but maybe that was just as well. After the pudding, the presents.....Roger Salomon had discovered a frame shop (not automotive) going out of business and those fortunate enough to win a door prize took one of these treasures home. The Executive, with its usual "style" had gag gifts for some of the more notorious among us. To Dennis Paul, a desk sign indicating that the rats may be catching up. Jim MacRae got a pump to use the next time Rick Smale's Coleman stove blows up at the Enduro. Mr. Smale himself was the recipient of the coveted blue and yellow striped flag for his stylish manner of taking a fit after discovering he has thrown a great flag (wrong flag - oil, at the right time - blue). Jan Hammond was presented with a mechanical hamburger as a remembrance for those long hours slinging others for us. Brad snagged a toy race car as consolation for his attempt to better the META drivers' school lap record. Pat Sewchuk got a sign which should give her a little more room in the Results corner (was it "Danger: or "Disaster area" - can't remember). Robin Holloway will be playing Executive Basketball with those things that keep trying to get at her through the pre-grid armco and fence with the basketball net she was presented with. Mr. Roche, of course, got a broom and garbage can for handling all the messes that seemed to follow him around the track this year. Last, and perhaps at the moment, least Melissa Proud was presented, in absentia, with a paper put-together road-race kit and a city kit so she can start practicing the organization and execution of professional street races.

Thanks, Executive. You really know how to get us, don't you. Also not blameless in this whole affair was our illustrious Course Marshall and new Treasurer, Dave Forster. It was in the former capacity that Dave presented the real awards.

The first award was a new one to most of us. The Course Marshall's Special Award that, this year, Dave decided to present to the worker who most improved over the season. It went to Pat LeBaron for her steady acclimatizing to the art of road race communications. A well deserved award.

There was no Non-Meta member this year because you all joined up. And a great bunch you all turned out to be. When the dust settles though we only pick one Rookie META member of the year and this year it was Barb Moewes, a very popular selection and really, even more of an honour when you consider the high quality of the new people that turned out to join us this year. Barb will undoubtedly put those flags to good use. (Thanks again Grace.)

And finally, the META MEMBER OF THE YEAR!! (Ta-Da!!) And, again, co-winners. Grace Lassen and Nick Roche. Nick appears on the award for the second time. Grace's name is long overdue. Very good selections and congratulations to you both and to the membership for voting for you. Shows quality decision-making. There is, however, some talk of doing away with tie votes by some manner in the future so as not to "dilute" the award. Something to consider for the next meeting.

It was getting rather late for some of us by this point and this editor soon lost track of proceedings by forging out into a very chilly night for the long drive home. I feel a pretty good time was had by all and a big bunch of thanks should go to the Executive for making it the success it was. Let's do it again.