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Welcome New Drivers!

Brad Balles Fall Drivers' School and Races, Nov 1-3



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Our Next Event!

*Brian Goldman
Memorial Race and School*

*MSR-Houston
February 21-23*



A Message From Our President



Herb Says...

WOW, what a fantastic weekend. A little cold in the morning but otherwise perfect racing weather. We ended up putting about 125 cars on track which made for a financial success.

Group 8 had 2 Caterhams so they were placed in Group 7. The Caterhams were driven by long time members Chalmer McWilliams and Jeff Sloan. It was great seeing them back after a lengthy absence.

Thanks to Chief Instructor Berkeley Merrill we had another successful school with 11 Students graduating to Novice class.

Throughout the weekend we had several oil downs, incidents and mechanical failures that put us a little behind schedule but by the end of each day we were able to squeeze everything in. Saturday evening, we had a fabulous dinner party catered by Sam Lecomte that featured adult beverages, an Italian menu along with salad and cheese cake for dessert. The food must have been good because the catering staff ran out.



Tom Atlas and George Curl dropped in on Bob and Judy Green for a nice long visit. Bob was the original Chief Steward and Judy was Race control for CVAR for many years. Both love CVAR and enjoy hearing about the latest news. Unfortunately neither are able to come to the races but both wish CVAR the very best. Good times with good friends. CVAR has both

After dinner CVAR founder Brad Balles spoke about the club's heritage and how far we have come since our humble beginning. After Brad we were treated to live music followed by spirited bench racing.

I want to thank our core staff and corner workers for making sure we had a safe and successful race. At the end of the racing season I especially want to thank our loyal members for supporting our races and sharing the Corinthian Vintage spirit.

We all need to recognize and thank Livio and Paula Galant for buying and rebuilding Eagles Canyon Raceway and making it a world class facility. We enjoyed the short track and look forward to running the long track in April.

Don't forget to renew your membership, vote for your Board of Directors and to send me your nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Annual Members Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Fairfield from 12:00 until 5:00.

*See you at the races!
Herb*



Brad Balles School at ECR Ends 2019 Encouragingly

*Berkeley Merrill
Chief Instructor*

Eleven student drivers completed the recent CVAR Driving School for new drivers. Students came from as far away as Missouri and Indiana and represented cars destined for all six of our race Groups.. Some, such as Doug Oliver's son Brett, returned to renew his license after a long absence. David Griffith's son Mason also returned to where he used to drive his miniature Bugatti child's car through the pits. This time he drove a full size Formula Vee as a grownup. A perennial favorite mechanical consultant to many Jeff Moore drove a Yenko Stenger in preparation for his '63



Corvaair with years of racing history coming to CVAR.. Marcos Huffman, a previous SVRA driver joined our ranks in a borrowed Midget, and Chuck Stong and Jon Musgrove brought new FJ's to swell the Group 6 ranks soon. Newcomer George Wright showed off his authentic rare '63 Corvette split window coupe. Five Formula Vee driving students completed the school successfully enough to be invited into Group 3 for the Sunday sessions.They are Ray Creech, Simon Hughes, Rafael Olmos, Barret Schwarzlose, and Mason Griffith.

Most reassuring of the week-end was the statistic that 50% of these new potential competitors are 50 years old or under, suggesting that CVAR is not yet withering on the vine. Watch for these guys next year with their proudly displayed X's, and give them a welcome.



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Chief Steward's Report

By Jack Marr

With the 2019 season now in the books, it's time to take a break and then start getting ready for next year. There were many highs and a few lows this season, but all in all it was a pretty good year. With five races and two schools plus SVRA on the schedule 2020 should be even better. The long course at Eagles Canyon will be open which looks like a fun circuit,

I'd like to say "Thanks" to the people behind the scenes who you don't often see; Doug Mains, Gary Tomlin and Monica Hargrove in Race Control who keep things moving along, Merl Hansen our timing guru, Karl Jackson in Tech and Safety Steward Greg Matlack. These are the folks who make it all happen...and who keep me out of trouble! Be sure to say "Hi" next time you see them.

A giant "Thank you" goes to Kelly Cupstid and our Corner Workers; without them there would be no racing. This year they encountered heat, cold, rain, dust, mud, giant mosquitoes and some wasps, the only thing they missed was snow. From the first session of the day to the last, they endure it all...and smile all the way. Give'em a wave when you go by and have a beer with them in the evening.

A special shout out to Danny Piott. He has no specific assignment, he just pitches in wherever he's needed; Tech, Grid, Hot pits, he does it all. Thanks, Danny! And the drivers who brought out so many really cool cars for us to enjoy, I thank you one and all. The cars really are the stars of the show!

The good news is that we get to do it all over again starting at MSR Houston on February 21-23. See you there!



Thank you track workers. Some oil spills are unavoidable...others? Be sure to safety tie drain plugs and oil filter.



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CVAR Insurance

Doug Sundquist, our man from American Specialty Insurance, reminded us that the insurance coverage for driver injuries (\$50,000) while secondary to the driver's primary insurance, can be used to cover co-pays or deductibles.

IMPACT Concussion Study and Safety Gear

Jim Malone, our Medical Safety Officer, provided additional details on the IMPACT program being developed by him and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. As was noted at our previous meeting, the IMPACT program envisions race drivers taking (voluntarily) a cognitive test which then operates as a baseline. In the event of an incident, a relatively quick test can then be given, the results of which are highly predictive of brain injury (concussion and the like). After some program tweaking, Jim will be working with the PVGP this next summer to get the program started. Jim related that we may be seeing driving suit regulations in the coming months. These regulations will likely relate to suit age. Jim also suggested to the clubs that helmets be placed on a five year limitation rather than ten due to great strides in helmet safety. He suggested as well that the clubs consider mandating five year FIA belts as the FIA belts are constructed of polyester which will stretch as needed. Jim was clearly not in favor of two year SFI belts which are constructed of nylon. **CVAR has been asked to participate in this study.**

Drones:

Drones are becoming more common place in society and there have been a number of questions regarding their use at the various VMC club events. Since Drones are considered aircraft there is no coverage under the VMC event policy for the use of drones or any bodily injury or property damage caused by drones at covered events. The standard Commercial General Liability policy has an exclusion for "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the ownership, maintenance, use or entrustment to others of any aircraft owned or operated by or rented or loaned to any insured. Due to the exclusion, drones should not be allowed at any club events covered under the VMC Commercial General Liability policy.

2020 CVAR Racing Schedule

Date	Event	Track
Feb 21 – 23	Brian Goldman Memorial Race and School	MSR-Houston
Mar 20 – 22	13th Mike Stephens Classic	Hallett Racing Circuit
Apr 24 – 26	1st Annual Livio Galanti Spring Vintage Race	Eagles Canyon Raceway
Sep 11 – 13	Brad Balles School and The Morgan Adams Race Against Kids Cancer	Eagles Canyon Raceway
Oct 9 – 11	Thunder on the Cimarron XIX	Hallett Racng Circuit
Nov 5 – 8	U.S. Vintage National Championship (Separate time sheets for CVAR)	Circuit of the Americas

All races are points races.