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Welcome New Drivers!

Brian Goldman Memorial Race and School, February 20-22



MSRH School Nets CVAR 9 New Members

Berkeley Merrill, Chief Instructor



Feb. 23 saw nine graduates of our CVAR school added to the ranks of our participants. Of those, the oldest was 66 years old and all the rest were less than 53 years old. The youngest was 18 years old. Two students were sons of present CVAR racers. Two students brought cars previously lost from CVAR participation. The school is effectively rebuilding CVAR for the future.

One student has been the team manager for a national racing team and returned to on track racing himself. One student, an SVRA license holder, requested to take the school any way and commented afterward on its effectiveness. "You really do some things differently from others and one needs to know those things. I am glad I took it and I learned a lot of useful information."

There was one contact incident, in which no personal injury occurred. The students involved experienced CVAR's Safety Program first hand. They were contrite, cooperative and have learned from their experience. They will be fine from here on.. Please welcome George Wright, 1963 Corvette coupe, David Lee in a yellow Sprite, Jon Pinston in a red VW Beetle, Kevin Vincent in a yellow Triumph Spitfire (who learned gratefully the helping and generous spirit of CVAR members), Rob Miller in a silver 240Z, Richard South in a FV, Carter Fournier in a FV, and Ashe Zittreer in a FV.



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A Message From Our President



Prez Says...

Bill Wolff

I think most everyone thought we had a great race weekend at MSR-H. Friday dawned chilly but clear and it remained dry for the rest of the weekend. We had 104 race entries which puts us a little above breakeven. Most of the groups were well represented and there was some very spirited racing going on throughout the event.

Joe and Erica Robau were both instrumental in making the event run so well. Joe arranged for a tent, tables and chairs to be delivered in the paddock on Thursday morning and it was a great venue for the entire weekend. He also arranged for a terrific barbeque dinner on Saturday evening catered by Pappas Barbeque. We planned for 150 guest and it turned out that we had over to 160 so we will take that into account for the future! Erica arranged for a couple of Food Trucks to be on site for the event which made were very great for all and particularly helpful for taking care of our corner workers.

Chief Instructor Berkeley Merrill had nine students for the weekend and was very complementary on how well the groups ran and was also pleased with how well the different instructors were helping the students.



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On Friday evening Group 3 had its annual “potluck and awards” ceremony which was fun and students from other groups dropped by for adult beverages and snacks. On Friday morning we all heard the sad news about Jim Barron the “patron” of Barron Racing passing away and the Barron family was on our minds for the rest of the weekend.

In the Driver's Meeting on Saturday morning Art Summerville and a few friends helped organize a short video to be sent to Bob Green, Sr. that was fun and we hope Bob, Judy, and the rest of their family enjoyed it.

On Saturday evening, courtesy of CVAR Vice President Chris Kellner, we gave out our 2019 awards, which are always fun. Of course, the most coveted one was the “Agitator Award” which was presented from its previous holder, Bobby Whiteheat, to the new winner, which was non-other than the aforementioned, Joe Robau!

Our next event is March 21-23, 2020, at Hallett Racing Circuit and we are looking forward to another successful event.

See you at the races!



Photograph by Jeff Barley

Chief Steward's Report

Jack Marr

Our season opening school/race at MSR-Houston is now in the books with a good turnout for both the race and school. It's great to watch the students improve with each session as they learn the ropes. For a change it was dry with cool but sunny weather.

The Friday evening Group 3 gathering was fun with some of Art Summerville's really unique trophies being passed out. Saturday evening we gathered for the annual awards party which featured some really good BBQ. Thanks to Erica and Joe Robau for pulling it together!

One down side was the amount of car to car contact. I'm not sure if it was the cool track or just rusty drivers after the winter lay off, hopefully it is not a harbinger of things to come. Remember that the cars are the stars, and that Roger Penske is not scouting our races for his next Indy car shoe!

The driver members of the Safety Committee for this year are Angus Lemon, George Kopecky, Lou Marchant and Elliott Baron. George Curl is Safety Chairman. Let's hope they have little to do this summer, for them boredom is a good thing!

Looking ahead our next stop is Hallett, then on to the long course at Eagles Canyon. With the new paving ECR should be a treat! After the summer break we will return to Hallett and Eagles Canyon, and then we wind up the season with the SVRA race at COTA.

See you at the races!



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Tribute Lap for Jim Barron...driven by his son, Elliott Barron. The entire Barron crew were on hand to support each other in what must have been an impossibly hard weekend. The CVAR family allowed this special tribute lap with corner workers doing a LeMans wave. It was handled just beautifully by all involved.



Photograph by Brandall Binion

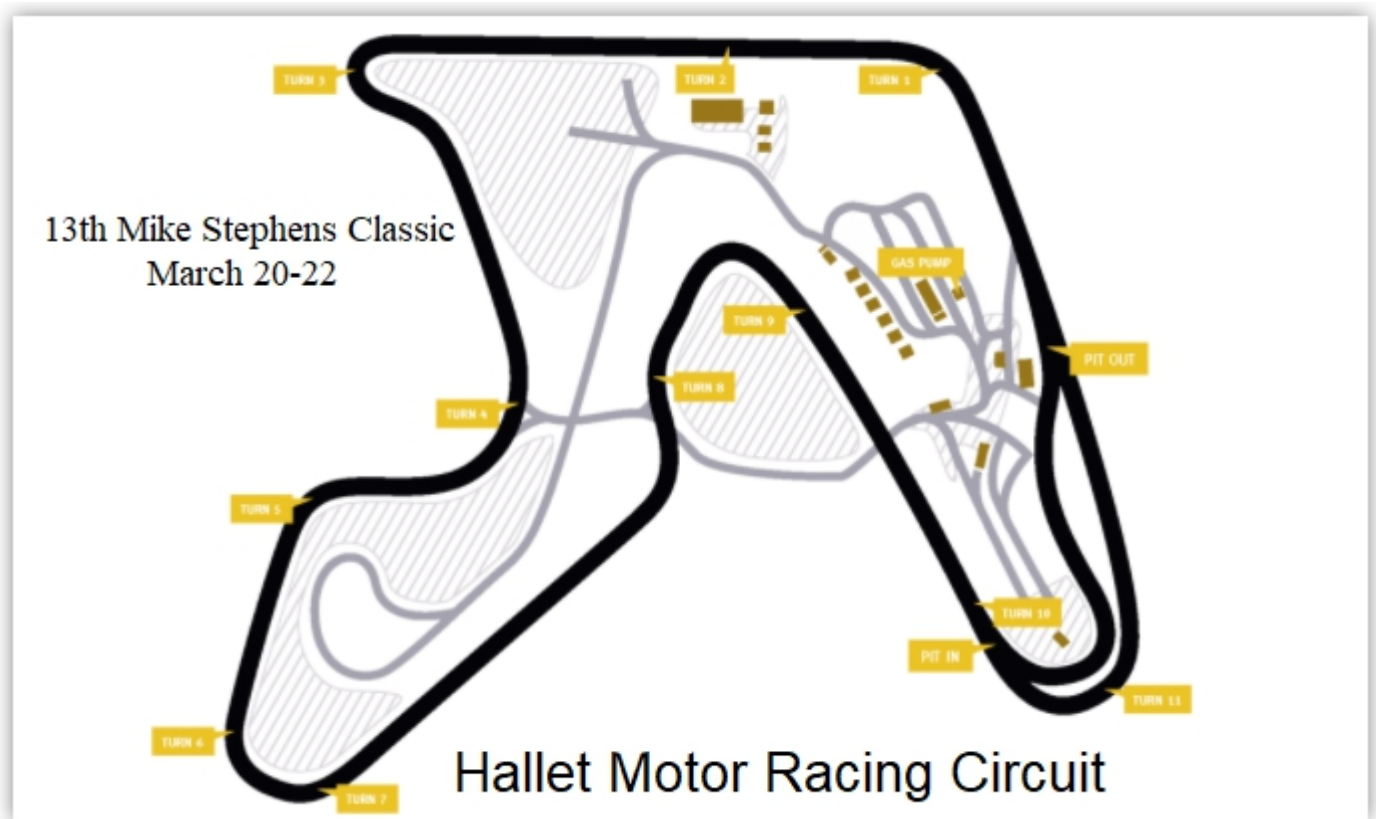
Registration Raffle

Historically, half of each CVAR event registrations occur within the last 14 days of open registration. At the annual 2020 CVAR members meeting, the BoD approved a drawing for a \$250 Event Credit to be given to one Registrant at each 2020 CVAR event. Criteria for the award are:

1. Entry must be dated 14 days prior to online registration closure (March 4 for Hallett).
2. Award will be at the driver's meeting, Saturday morning, for each event.
3. Winning registrant must be present. If the winner is not present, no subsequent drawing will be conducted.

The first winner was Jon Pinkston. Congratulations, Jon!!

Our Next Event!



The fee for the race weekend is \$500. This includes Test-and-Tune Friday, and the Saturday and Sunday races. Please note the new Online Registration Fee Schedule:

- At 7 days (Wednesday, March 11) prior to online registration closure, a late fee of \$50 begins.
- Online Registration closes at 10:30pm Central the Wednesday prior to race weekend (March 18).
- At Track Registration incurs a \$100 late fee.

Editor's Paddock



By Scott Barrett

During my years driving in CVAR, I have participated in Groups 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Most of my time was spent in Group 2, where many friendships were made. We seem to naturally gravitate socially towards the familiarity our own group. I have had the opportunity to meet many CVAR racers as I progressed through the groups. After the MSR-Houston, **David Gillen (DgillenPhoto.com)** posted many great shots from around the Pits. I selected some and posted them below. How many of these people do you know? The first to identify all wins an award not greater than \$100!



Check Out The New CVAR Website

Thanks to a team effort led by Joanne Lemmons (design and implementation), Brandall Binion (photo content and design guidance), and Scott Barrett (content delivery) – a NEW CVAR website has been created. It is an updated and improved site geared to support the avid racer as well as enthusiast.

<http://CorinthianVintageAutoRacing.com>

The Latest Classifieds



Run with CVAR over 20 years. Extremely fast.
Tom Upton, 713-816-2472, tomupton77@gmail.com



Porsche 911 CVAR Race car. 1973 MFI 2.4L that is very competitive.
Richard Reeves at 817-932-5492
Price is firm at \$26,000



1972 Datsun 240 Z 2018 Group 7 Winner!
Stefan Schluter stefanschluter@live.com
\$35,000



1977 FF Van Diemen
Mike Winn at 501-580-8623 or microgrinding@att.net
\$10,500.00



1965 Koch Chevy Special
Winner D-Mod, 1967 American Road Race of Champions at Daytona
Scott Barrett sbarrettster@gmail.com
\$47,000



MGB #5 “buttercup” wants to stay in CVAR
Located at David Taylor’s shop in Dallas.
Email George Curl ggcurl@gmail.com to set up viewing.
\$14,000

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 Races	MSR Houston
Oct 9 – 11	Thunder on the Cimarron XIX	Hallett Racing Circuit
Nov 5 – 8	U.S. Vintage National Championship (Separate time sheets for CVAR)	Circuit of Americas

Remember to Check the Condition of Your Safety Equipment



Photograph by David Gillen (DgillenPhoto.com)

Thank You, Ken Evesson for sharing your beautiful MGA. “This weekend I had the time of my life. 1st time at the races. I came to meet with friends, club members from the Houston MG car club to see Vintage car racing and to support a few club members involved in your event. After parking my car, kicking some tires with a few friends and meeting other car enthusiasts, a young man approached me in a golf cart and asked if this was my car. I thought I may have parked in the



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wrong place. He explained that their Pace car driver was unable to make the event and asked if I would be interested in being the pace car, I am still beside myself and had the time of my life. I am very Honored and feel privileged to be on the track where dreams come true. I met a whole new group of friends. I met dozens of people who thanked me for being the pace car. I couldn't thank everyone enough from the guys and gals who worked the track to the people who organized the event. I am humbled ,and Honored and would like to say thank you for having me and my granddads car to be a part of your event.” **Ken Evesson**