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Welcome New CVAR Students

The Brad Balles Fall Drivers' School and Races



Photograph by Heather Barron



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A Message From Our President



Herb Says...

Another great race weekend at MSR-H with over 100 racers and 12 students. Thanks to Chief Instructor Berkeley Merrill for another successful school.

The weather was perfect Friday with rain all day Saturday. Sunday was nice until the points races when the rain and lightning started. All groups got 10 minute points races except group 3 that was cancelled due to lightning in the area.

There were a couple of accidents but fortunately no injuries. Race Chairman Bill Wolff, Elliott Barron and the Barron Racing Women's Auxiliary came to the rescue by providing lunch for the corner workers on Saturday.

The Saturday evening Beer and Brats Happy Hour was well attended with everyone walking away full and happy after hours of garage racing.

Thanks to Erica Robau for organizing and coordinating the food trucks that were a big hit. Erica is dealing with a staph infection so please keep her in your positive thoughts and prayers.

Jean Womble, The Queen of Swag, reported brisk sales all three days and what might be a record for Swag sales.

A Special Thanks to our staff and corner workers for making sure everything ran smoothly and we had a successful race weekend. It was good seeing Merl back in the tower.

Our own CVAR author Russ Rosenberg has written a Book titled "Racing Under the Illusion of Grandeur". If you haven't bought your copy yet be sure and contact Russ at vintageracer53@gmail.com

Our next race is at COTA November 1 through 4 where we are Special Invited Guests of our friends from SVRA. This is the "Vintage National Championship" race so be sure and register ASAP. After the track is cold Saturday we are all invited to the annual Awards banquet. This promises to be another great race weekend at a world class track.

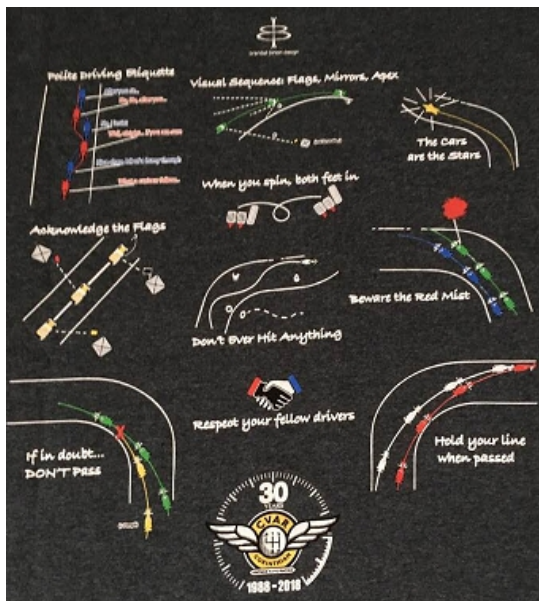
The season ending points race is November 30 through December 2 at Texas Motor Speedway. This is not only the last race of the 2018 season it is also the fund raiser for the Race Against Kids Cancer, RAKC. We need a big turn out so please plan on attending this race. In addition to racing there will be a dinner, beer and wine, live and silent auction plus the Chris Watson Band.

RV hook ups and garages are available for rent. Please contact Cindy Rodgers for reservations.

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Remember to tell your friends and race prospects that we have Formula Vees, Formula Fords, 240Z, Camaro and Corvette rentals available.

See you at the races, HH



New SWAG T-shirt design!



Photograph by Brandall Binion

Was the track wet?

TMS Race Committee Report

10-20-18

As many of us get ready for SVRA @ COTA, we wanted to get everyone up to speed on our big race which is only 6 weeks away! It's time to register! Please don't wait until the last minute as all late fee rules will be enforced, no exceptions! We expect the Garages to be sold out soon, so get your order in to Cindy Rogers as soon as you can. **BTW, TMS rules are One Car per Garage, no exceptions!** When they're gone they're gone!

Auction Items (to be live auctioned at the Saturday Dinner). Thank you to all of the benefactors who are supporting The Morgan Adams Foundation.

- 4 season passes to TMS donated by Sam LeComte and Concierge Motorsports (Est. Value \$4500)
- 2 Goodyear Tires winners choice of 6.00x15, 7.00x15 or 8.00x15 donated by Reynolds Restoration and Products (Est. Value \$750.00)
- 2 Goodyear Tires winners choice of 6.00x15, 7.00x15 or 8.00x15 donated by Robinson Restoration & Service (Est. Value \$750.00)
- Custom Stainless Exhaust System (Header Back) fabricated by Alex Smargiasso and Corsa Technica (Est. Value \$1000.00)
- Custom CVAR Quilt made from CVAR T-Shirts and other items by Judy Kellner and Jean Womble (Est. Value PRICELESS!)

Silent Auction Items

- Kyle Busch Autographed gift basket
- Victory Lane Magazine Swag Basket
- Vintage Motorsport Magazine Swag Basket
- More coming soon!



We are getting great response and want/need even more items for the auctions which will be held during the dinner on Saturday Night

Race Information

- Move in at TMS is 8:00 am on Thursday, November 29th. Garage and RV spots have restricted access to those who have purchased space. 1 car per garage is the rule from TMS, so if you want to put 2 in a garage, better buy a second garage.
- Snack Bar Open for food during Racing hours.
- Saturday Evening Dinner with the Drivers. Open to the Public! Possibly prepared by Mario Andretti. Drivers are **“encouraged”** to wear their Race Suits to Dinner

Menu: Italian Night Dinner

Open Bar: Premium Beer and Wine
Field Greens Salad
Chicken Marsala in a Rich Mushroom Sauce
Penne a la Vodka
Broccoli sauteed with oil and garlic
Garlic Bread
Seasonal Fruit and Berry Salad
Chocolate Cake

- Entertainment by the Chris Watson Band. Tickets:
https://morganadamsfoundation.secure.force.com/default/CnP_PaaS_EVT_ExternalRegistrationPage?event_id=a1U0G00000515YDUAY Buy tickets for family and friends
- We will have Play by Play announcers Saturday and Sunday. We tried to get Paul Tracy, Calvin Fish and Lee Diffey but settled for Don “Galaxy” Gwynne and Steve “The Smarg” Smargiasso!

Sponsors

We have several sponsors on board already with more on the way. Sponsor Packages start at \$500.00 and up. If you know a business who might be interested contact we can get a Sponsor packet out to you ASAP!

- A Car Show will be held on the infield featuring many DFW area Car clubs. Sponsored by Hagerty Insurance, we are expecting many spectators and guests.

Want to help?

Putting on a race of this magnitude is a lot of work. The Committee can always use help. If you can help or have a volunteer who would like to help in another way either financial or with time, contact the following Committee members:

- **Volunteers** contact Clyde Stutsman @ Clydestutzman@att.net
- **Morgan Adams Foundation** which includes the dinner and auction contact Carrie Thomas @ carrie@morganadamsfoundation.org
- **Race Operations** contact Jack Marr @ cvarsteward@gmail.com
- **Paddock and Parking** contact Danny Piott @ dannypiott@gmail.com
- **Sponsor and Media related** contact Russ Rosenberg @ vintageracer53@gmail.com
- **Car Show** contact Nolan Eberl-Coel @ neberl@hagerty.com



Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing ***Race Against Cancer***

Texas Motor Speedway
November 30-December 2, 2018

<u>General</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sessions run anti-clockwise Grid calls on 151.625 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;"><u>Friday</u></p> <p>8:00 - Drivers meeting 8:00 – Workers meeting 9:00 – Hot track</p> <p>Test & Tune– Rotating 15 min sessions. Groups may vary depending on entry level.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Closed wheel Open wheel</p> <p>Lunch will be one hour around noon.</p> <p>After lunch - Rotating 15 minute sessions resume until about 4:30.</p>	<p>7:30 Drivers Meeting 7:30 Corner Workers Meeting 8:00 Group 2 safety meeting 8:30 Hot Track</p> <p>P&Q – 15 Minute Sessions</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Group 3 Group 4 Group 6 Group 7 Group 1 Group 2</p> <p>Race 1 – 15 Minutes</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Group 3 Group 4 Group 6</p> <p>Lunch – 1 hour,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Group 7 Group 1 Group 2</p> <p>Race 2 – 15 Minutes</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Group 3 Group 4 Group 6 Group 7 Group 1 Group 2</p>	<p>7:30 Worship service 7:45 Corner Workers Meeting 8:30 Hot Track</p> <p>Warm-up – 10 Minute Sessions</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Groups 1 & 7 Groups 2 & 4 Groups 3 & 6</p> <p>Race 3 – 15 Minutes</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Group 3 Group 4 Group 6 Group 7 Group 1 Group 2</p> <p>Lunch – 1 hour</p> <p>Points Race 4 – 20 Minutes</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Group 3 Group 4 Group 6 Group 7 Group 1 Group 2</p>

Editor's Paddock



By Scott Barrett

Friday was the day for me to break in my new engine. My goal was to run only on Friday to get it ready for COTA. The last time I raced the Koch was August, 2017, at the Monterey Historics where I experienced major engine failure 200 yards from the checkered on Saturday. After all these years, I finally had it fully sorted and it was running great. Coming out of turn 11 and into the straight I kept up with that GT40...but my hulking 3.0 liter 4 cylinder engine tops out just over 6,000 rpm – so needless to say, the GT40 kept accelerating up the hill.

Lessons Re-Learned at MSR

1. No matter how diligent, you miss something – or one thing leads to another. My pre-race checklist was thorough. New belts installed, all fluids changed and checked. I was ready for my annual tech. It passed...no problems...but it would not start afterwards. I thought the battery was dead? I pushed it (with help) back to my spot, attached the charger, which indicated the battery was charged. It was the starter. I installed a new starter and all was good. I went out for the first session, taking it easy on the new engine. The alternator was functioning – as long as I can start it I will be fine.

2. You may think you fixed it – but still did not solve it. I decided to have the timing checked at the MSR garage so I missed session 2. The tech had to put a charger on my battery. Hmmm...strange. I charged it again. Session 3 went well and the timing adjustment performed well. I discovered I had weak springs in the HEI centrifugal advance, which caused the strobe to dance at idle but acceleration was not a problem. Afterwards, I charged the battery again. It is a special one that I can't just get from AutoZone.

3. Don't trail brake on fast corners. I know that. Turn 8 after the sweeper on the back straight...I had just passed someone so I came in on a new line and the left foot stayed on the brake a fraction too long, so a mid-engined car responded as expected and rotated....and continued to rotate beyond my intention. Both feet down and I stalled on the track outside on turn 9. It would not start. The battery was dead. I was towed in.

4. Adhere to Occam's Razor. Now everything is dead. No power to anything. The smart charger indicates the battery is good. I have remote charging terminals since the battery is way up in the nose of the car inches off the ground. I contort to reach it and discover the positive terminal is loose. I discover the negative terminal is loose. The simplest thing was the solution this whole time. Ugh. There was a reason they did not put this big 4 cylinder engine in cars...vibration!

5. Enjoy it while you have it. The last session was great. I adventured up to 5,000 rpm a few times, even 5,500 and backed off. Using only 3rd and 4th gears and staying around 4,500 rpm I ran a 1.57 lap so I felt good knowing there was a lot more. The car was running great. I am now ready for COTA. However, my wife's dear friend (since junior high) just went into hospice care. Her "Celebration of Life" is scheduled for November 3 in Florida. She is 64. Enjoy it while you have it. COTA can wait for another year.



I have been running in G4 these past years getting acclimated to the car. With Monterey and SVRA I ran with the GT40s, Chevron B16s, Lotus 23s, Porsche 910s and 908s, etc. It just seemed strange driving a closed-wheel car in G6. But it is a B-sports racer. So at MSR-Houston, I participated in the Open-Wheel group on Friday. *It felt good.*

See you at the races...

CVAR 2019 Schedule

Date	Event	Track
Feb 22-24	Spring Drivers' School and Races	MSR-Houston
Mar 22-24	Formula Vee Feature	Hallett
Apr 12-14	Deteoit Iron Challenge	Eagles Canyon
May 17-19		MSR Houston
TBD	Aug 23-25 OR Sept 6-8 (TBD)	MSR Cresson
Oct 3-6	Vintage Nationals	COTA
Oct 11-13	Formula Ford Feature	Hallett
Nov 1-3	Fall Drivers' School	Eagles Canyon
TBD	Nov 29 – Dec 1 (TBD)	Texas Motor Speedway

All races are points races with 2019 championship determined by the best 8 of 9.