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"One of the best events I have ever attended. Great track, great weather, great racing."
Mike Glass

"I just want to say what a fantastic event the CVAR Race Against Kids Cancer was! The track is great! Unapologetically great. The food was awesome. The entertainment was terrific. And it was all for a good cause. I can't wait to do it again. Thanks Russ, Joan, Clyde, Herb and all the folks who helped make it happen."
Jeff Garrett

Thanks to Barron Racing for getting the party going after our great dinner!

A Message From Our President



Herb Says...

If you didn't make TMS you missed a super weekend of racing. Mother nature was kind to us and we were blessed with beautiful weather. The facilities were top notch, clean and well organized. From my vantage point running the banked oval was simply over the top with some of us reaching over 150MPH.

A special thanks to those that made it happen. Cindy Rodgers and Danny Piott for garages and RV parking. The organizing committee of Russ Rosenberg, Clyde Stutzman, Danny Piott, Jack Marr, Chris Kellner, Greg Matlack and Rick Plonka.

Besides racing we were there to raise money for the Morgan Adams Foundation which we did by generating over \$50,000.00. A special thanks goes out to those that contributed to the auction including Sam LeComte, Greg Reynolds, Tracey Robinson, Judy Kellner, Jean Womble, Alex Smargiasso, Cragg Eubanks, Burt Williams, Tim Woodruff, Brandall Binion, Jeff Norris, Victory Lane and Vintage Motorsport magazines. The Lunch Laps on both Saturday and Sunday were a huge hit raising lots of money for the Foundation. Thanks to those that helped out and drove.

The Saturday night dinner was a big success with over 200 attendees and lots of good food and drinks. The Chris Watson Band kept us entertained along with some Dancing with The Stars candidates and of course the Chicken dance.

Be sure to vote for your Board of Directors and the Lifetime Achievement Award. After you do that remember to renew you CVAR membership.

I was notified at the track that Jim Yule and Gary McFarlane were stepping down as the group 4 reps who will be replaced by Lou Marchant and Danny Piott. Thank you for your service Jim and Gary.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our core staff and corner workers without whose help and support we would not be able to enjoy our sport.

Going into the 2019 racing season at Hallett our new contract allows for 10 of Hallett's best workers along with our core group to man the corners. This gives us the best of both worlds.

The Annual club meeting will be held at 12:00 on January 19, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Express in Fairfield, TX. All members are welcome.

*See you at the races!
Herb*

Eagles Canyon Upgrades!





First off Brandall, Judy and I would like to thank everyone for your generous bidding on the CVAR quilt. The quilt was a team effort, Brandall Binion did the great design work for all of the t-shirts, I know I was stressing him out with the deadlines and lack of directions, but he always can through. Also Judy Kellner for putting the quilt top together and using her race material stash for the extra fabric. We then passed the quilt back and forth so I could do the quilting and finally Judy finished the quilt by doing the binding. Now don't you wish you had bought all of the 30 t-shirts so you could have one of your very own quilts made? A special thanks to Jim Barron who out bid everyone, with his generous bid of \$2,850.00 thank you so very much.



Sales at TMS were very slow but I believe that was due to where I was located. I know you would have supported CVAR SWAG if you could find me. I was really surprised at the number of CVAR members who asked for an event shirt and wanted me to continue doing one for each race, really aren't you tired of event shirts after this last year? The plan is to do one new t-shirt for next year, but first you have to buy all of the old shirts so please bring your cash and credit cards to MSR Houston in Feb for a sale buy one t-shirt get one free. If you have any ideas for the 2019 t-shirt please email them to me at jeanwomble@cox.net ASAP. I would like to have the t-shirt ready for sale in March at Hallett.

Jean

Out Next Event!



Safety Report

2018 was an interesting year to say the least. As you recall Art Summerville and I resurrected the Safety Program as designed in 2002. Wow, it didn't take long for your situational awareness to take flight. Metal to metal incidents took a nose dive and that is exactly what was needed. All in all, you did a great job remembering that the "CARS ARE THE STARS". Art and I thank you for using patience overtaking the car in front of you. The program is still in its infancy and mistakes have been and will be made but without your help, it's not worth a bucket of warm spit. Remember that a good pass slows neither car and gives your competitor room to race.

Car preparation is a big part of safety. Check not only the nut holding the wheel, but tires, brakes, leaks and anything that might go wrong when you're leading the pack. Your car is your responsibility and mechanical soundness is paramount.

Most metal to metal incidents start several days before we hit the track. Check everything. Make a list and follow through on each item. Check yourself! Rested? Ready to play? Remember you are piloting a very heavy club that can hurt you at any given moment.

This year 80% of our incidents could be avoided by "Spin? Both Feet IN". The other 20% were caused by a lack of situational awareness, Know your surroundings, know where your fellow racers are relative to your "place in the sun". You have nothing to win or lose but the respect of your fellow drivers.

Until Feb, Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. (I've never been accused of being politically correct,)
Art and George.





Funding Kids' Cancer Research

Dear CVAR

THANK YOU for a truly great weekend and for everything you did to make the 2 nd Annual Race Against Kids' Cancer a resounding success!!! We are so happy to be your charity partner on this event and cannot thank you enough for all you did to help us move forward our mission to fund better treatments for kids and teens with cancer!

AND we had SUCH a great time! HUGE thanks to everyone who made driver donation pages, to all who gave lunch rides, to those who donated the auction items and to everyone who bid on and won them!

Thank you to a wonderful planning committee, headed by the tireless Russ Rosenberg and the amazing committee of Herb Hilton, Chris Kellner, Jack Marr, Clyde Stutzman, Danny Piott, and Rick Plonka! Our enormous thanks, too, to all the incredible volunteers who helped make the weekend work so well, and a personal special thanks to Elliot Barron for being our impromptu auctioneer and standing up there with me to help keep the Live auction moving so well!

Some numbers for you!!! Our stated goal was \$50k, and together we raised a total of \$57,000! SO GREAT, THANK YOU!!!

We sold all the auction items for \$10,600 all in, and LOVED watching the bidding war for Jean and Judy's beautiful handmade CVAR quilt! Our top fundraisers worked hard for the event and we are grateful to them for their efforts – and a shout out to Heather for *actually* making good on her promise and OVERDELIVERING her very special “Chicken Dance!!!”

In all truth, the work you all will enabling through your fundraising is so important, we can't thank you enough for partnering with us. We know it can be hard to talk about how many kids and teens die from cancer, or have terrible long-term complications as a result of their treatments. The gift you give them through your generous support is the hope of better futures, better quality of life, better outcomes overall. Thank you for that – and thank you for an amazing weekend of working alongside you on their behalf.



With Gratitude, Joan and everyone at The Morgan Adams Foundation

“Those of you that didn't come to TMS for the Morgan Adams Race Against Cancer... MISSED a heck of an experience!!! The track is the most amazing track I've ever been able to experience... BAD ASS !!!! COTA is nice but the banked turns at TMS are a whole new world...trust me!” Bobby Whitehead

CVAR Race Against Kids Cancer

The viewpoint from the organizer, Russ Rosenberg

It was an ambitious plan. CVAR had never raced at this level of a facility. Many were nervous, many said it wouldn't work..... WE NAILED IT! Wow, what a weekend! Special thanks to the Weather Gods!

Sure there were a couple of minor hiccups, like no porta potties or Friday Lunch (the track blew that, both were in the contract). The Car Show didn't happen and the PA system was meh; but we have a better solution for next year so we can all hear the golden tones of Don "Galaxie" Gwynne and Steve "The Smarg" Smargiasso. But otherwise, it was one of if not the best events that CVAR has ever put on. If you missed it, it was definitely your loss!

A big thank you to the Committee who put this on, Clyde Stutzman, Danny Piott, Jack Marr, Chris Kellner Greg Matlack and Rick Plonka. It couldn't have been done without you and all the hard work you put in. With a few minor tweaks, we have the beginnings of a template for next year and we are well on our way to establishing a CVAR event that can potentially rival what other clubs have around the country.

The Racing was fantastic! The infield was smooth enough, fun, if not overly technical and the banking was frighteningly (at first) FAST! Certainly it is a big bore track but as a G7 Driver I was running somewhere around 130-135 mph flat out on the banking, about 10 mph faster than the straights at COTA and VIR. So much fun! No matter the class or group, everyone loved the track as far as I know.

We had over 200 people attend the Dinner with the Drivers and they were treated to great performance by The Chris Watson Band, a great Italian meal prepared by Luigi Andretti (Mario's 12th cousin twice removed), and a decidedly mediocre comedy routine by some guy. Great fun and a lively auction which had members bidding against each other for tires, tickets and a Quilt made by Judy Kellner and Jean Womble that topped out at \$2850.00! Thanks to Sam LeComte, Greg Reynolds, Tracey Robinson, Burt and Shelley Williams, Tim Woodruff, Brandall Binion, Jeff Norris, Cragg Eubanks, Vintage Motorsport, Victory Lane and Kyle Bush. If I forgot anyone I apologize. Oh, and we raised \$57,000.00 for the Morgan Adams Foundation which exceeded our goal.

We are already working on the 2019 TMS event but ask anyone who went to this one, you won't want to miss it!

I appreciate the opportunity and confidence that the BOD placed in me and the committee to put this on and I am so glad we delivered!



The Chris Watson Band

Chief Steward's Report

By Jack Marr

The last race of the year found us at Texas Motor Speedway for the "Race Against Kid's Cancer". Great facility, wonderful weather, good eats and music on Saturday and a turnout of about 110 cars made for a great weekend of racing. I'm not sure what was the most fun to watch; the 18 or so Group 1 big bangers tearing around the oval or the 6 car drafting trains of the Group 3 FVs. Both were exciting and the other groups put on a good show, too! The best part of the weekend is that we helped raise \$40,000 or so benefiting the Morgan Adams Foundation to research children's cancer. My thanks to all who helped make this race happen.

There were a few bumps along the way which is not unusual for the first time at a new track, but we learned a lot. Next year should be bigger and better, don't miss it!

Earlier in the summer we were at Hallett where we had a good number of both cars and workers. Good racing in all groups and a great feed Saturday evening. Many of the drivers commented on how nice it was to see familiar faces on the corners as Hallett has not drawn a lot of worker support in the past. Thanks to all who came for being a part of it.

Next up was the school/race at MSR-Houston. Good turnout for both the race and school. It's really fun to watch the newbies learn the ropes and get better with each session. Unfortunately Mother Nature didn't seem to be having as much fun so Sunday afternoon she sent a thunderstorm or two our way. We shortened the races to try and get everything in ahead of the thunderstorms but we didn't make it, when the radar showed lightning was within 5 miles of the track we shut it down. With a solid line of storms moving in the odds on restarting were slim, so the last Group 3 race was cancelled.

Looking ahead to 2019, we will kick off the season with a school and race at MSR-Houston in February followed by races at Hallett, the repaved Eagles Canyon then back to MSR-H. After the summer break we go to TMS in September followed by a stop at Hallett. We'll wind up the season with a return to Eagles Canyon. Add in the SVRA race at COTA and we have a full schedule at a variety of venues awaiting us.

See you there!

From the Tech Shed.....

The 2018 season is complete and I want to personally thank all CVAR members for a universally great attitude when going through Tech. A smile and a cooperative attitude help grease the wheels that make Tech a painless experience for everyone.

Notes for 2019 season:

- We will be checking all required car labels including: tow points (front and rear), electrical cut off, fire extinguisher, and lithium battery stickers. Many of these are available at Tech for cost but quantities are extremely limited so don't count on it.
- We will be checking all helmets for the required medical info packet. Contact Tech for one of these free packets if you don't have one.
- We will continue to weigh cars and record it in your logbook when scales are available. Thanks to member Gary McFarland for constructing a grid that covers the scales and speeds things up. Scales usually stay open until noon on Sunday. Remember, we usually don't set up scales at Hallett because of uneven ground at our Tech area.

Thanks to all,
Karl Jackson
CVAR Chief of Tech

CVAR 2019 Schedule

Date	Event	Track
Feb 22 – 24	Brian Goldman Race and School	MSR Houston
Mar 22 – 24	12th Mike Stephens Classic Formula Vee Feature	Hallett
April 12 – 14	Detroit Iron challenge	Eagles Canyon Raceway
May 17 – 19	British Small Bore Festival	MSR Houston
Sept (TBD) 6-8 or 20-22	Race Against Kids' Cancer	Texas Motor Speedway
Oct 3 – 6	U.S. Vintage National Championships	COTA w/ SVRA
Oct 11 – 13	Thunder on The Cimarron XVIII Formula Ford Feature	Hallett
Nov 1 – 3	Brad Balles Fall Drivers' School and Races	Eagles Canyon Raceway

All races are points races with 2019 championship determined by the best 7 of 8.

Great Facilities at Texas Motor Speedway



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Bluetooth Jumper Cables
\$35 for the set



**"He who is without oil, shall
throw the first rod"
Compressions 8.7:1**