

# CVAR 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Marvelous May Races Eagles Canyon Raceway, TX

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photo by Mark Delap

#76 Fred Crowley, Austin Healey; #17 Forrest Tindall, Lola Mk1; #9 Jim Yule, Cooper T56.

## -story by Don Gwynne

Just like CVAR's snowy event at Hallett in March, the big story at the 18th Annual Marvelous May Races at Eagles Canyon Raceway was the weather on Saturday. The heavens opened up and poured rain all day long, slowing lap times considerably but not dampening the spirits of approximately 130 entrants. The Texas skies were sunny for the test/tune/practice sessions on Friday and for Sunday's points races. But on Saturday, everyone got their chance to practice the fine art of racing in the rain.

Although he was soaked through and through, CVAR President George Curl just checked out and left the rest of the Group 2 cars wondering where he went. George's blue #40 MGB crossed the line more than 15 seconds ahead of the rest of the pack, taking the overall win and the EP class win. Strong competitor Herb Hilton finished second overall and first in FP in his red #02 MG Midget.

In Saturday's wet **Group 3** Formula Vee race, Greg Byrne, driving his red #11 Zink, took the checkered flag with a 16 second lead over

Art Summerville Jr.'s blue #16 Zink. "Team Geezer" driver John Gaudette finished the day's second rain soaked FV race in sixth place, only to slip and fall on muddy ground afterwards and break his hip. Happily, John has now undergone hip replacement surgery and is recuperating well at home.

Fred Crowley was out of sight when he took the checker for the overall win in his red Austin Healey 3000, but in truth, everyone was cheering for Robert Ludlow's second overall finish in Group 4 driving a blue Austin A40. The venerable little Austin jauntily splashed across the finish line more than a minute ahead of the third and fourth place cars.

Steve Jacobs, white #69 Dulon MP-15, enjoyed the largest victory margin of the day, finishing 1:48 ahead of second overall Patricio Juncos

blue Lotus 51B. It was the Formula Ford drivers that really got soaked, the skies just poured during their race.

The closest finish during Saturday's rain-fest was in **Group 7**, with Skip Duplissy's green #71 Porsche with the number 71 on the side, and Brett Oliver's blue #140 BMW 2002, held off Tim Woodruff's blue #74 BMW 2002 for the B Sedan win and fifth overall.

In the last rain-race of the day, only three **Group 1** cars made it to the finish line, with Seth Higgins taking the overall win and FIA class in his brown #31 Porsche RSR. Second



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#140 Brett Oliver, BMW 2002;  
#22 Steve Smargiasso, Capri.

overall was Sam LeComte's blue #67 Camaro A Sedan. Ted Filer's black #63 Corvette was third overall and first in B Production.

Sunday was totally different. Blue skies, sunny weather, and a day full of more conventional racing. By Sunday afternoon, things had gotten back to normal. Herb Hilton won the Group 2 points race in his FP red #02 MG Midget, Bill Haga took EP and third overall in his dark green #6 MGB, and Rodger Soucy took C Sedan in his blue #155 Mini Cooper S.

In the **Group 3** race for Formula Vee and Spec Sprite, Mike Callahan "won one for the Gipper" in his white & blue #68 Zink, upholding the honor of "Team Geezer" in John Gaudette's absence. Callahan's margin of victory over second place Roger Bailey's yellow #87 Lynx was only 1/3 of a second. Jeffrey Walker won SFP "Spec Sprite" class in his black AH Sprite.



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#76 David Mock, Merlyn Mk11a FF;  
#28 Bill Johnson Royale RP3A;  
#4 Lee Lydick, Merlyn Mk11a.



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#87 Roger Bailey, Lynx B; #68 Mike Callahan, Zink Z-5.

**RACE RESULTS**

**GROUP 2**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 FP H.Hilton/MG Midget 2:13.405
- 2 FP S.Coleman/MG Midget
- 1 EP B.Haga/MGB 2:17.976
- 3 FP D.Littlefield/MG Midget
- 2 EP G.Curl/MGB

- 2 FV R.Bailey/Lynx B
- 3 FV B.Griffith/Adams 5C
- 4 FV G.Byrne/FV
- 5 FV B.Ravannah/Zink C4
- 6 FV D.Harrison/Zink C4
- 7 FV F.Storer/Formcar
- 8 FV A.Summerville/Zink C4
- 9 FV A.Summerville/Zink C4
- 10 FV B.Hauer/Shark P69
- 11 FV J.Breidenbach/Formcar
- 1 SFP J.Walker/Bugeyed Sprite 2:29.91
- 12 FV J.Revennaugh/Zink C4
- 2 SFP G.Emery/A.H. Sprite
- 3 SFP M.Vecellio/MG Midget
- 4 SFP E.Dick/A.H. Sprite
- 13 FV D.Etcheson/RCA FVee
- 14 FV CL.Turcotte/Baker FV
- 15 FV D.Rolison/Zink Z-5

**GROUP 4**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 FF Jr J.Yule/Cooper T56 2:15.741
- 1 CM F.Tindall/Lola Mk1 2:24.778
- 1 VA F.Crowley/A.H. 3000 2:25.109
- 1 VB M.Orlie/Porsche 2:29.144
- 2 VB J.McCanahan/AH 100
- 3 VB L.Merchant/MGA
- 4 VB C.Barnes/Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce
- 5 VB J.Page/ Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce
- 2 CM J.C.Lopez/Lotus Westfield Xi
- 1 HP R.Ludlow/ Austin A40 2:50.466

**GROUP 6**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 FF2 S.Clark/Lola T-540 2:01.047
- 1 FF1 P.Junco/FF Lotus 51-B 2:02.726
- 2 FF1 B.Johnson/Royale RP3A FF
- 1 FA S.Lafferty/Merlyn Mk20 Merlyn Mk20
- 3 FF1 S.Monroe/March 722 FA
- 1 FB M.Hibbs/Merlyn Mk11a FF 2:02.726
- 3 FF1 J.Anderson/Brabham Bt-29
- 4 FF1 D.Fawcett/Lotus 61
- 2 FF2 D.Salls/Lotus 51
- 2 FA H.H.Jones/Lola Mk 11A
- 5 FF1 S.Garrisi/Fiat Abarth
- 6 FF1 D.Mock/Merlyn Mk11A
- N/A L.Lydicke/Merlyn Mk11A



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#36 Chalmer McWilliams, Lotus Elan; #89 Don Gwynne, Escort.

- 3 FF2 L.Mills/Crossle 16F
- N/A M.Anderson/Crossle F35
- 4 FF2 J.MaCaulay/Crossle 32F

**GROUP 7**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 CP V.Shade/Porsche 911T 2:06.018
- 2 CP R.Reeves/Porsche 914
- 3 CP S.Duplissey/Porsche 911
- 4 CP S.Kent/Porsche 911S
- 5 CP P.Sullivan/Porsche 914/6
- 6 CP B.Merrill/Datsun 240Z
- 7 CP J.Sloan/Lotus Super 7
- 8 CP E.Cullen/Porsche 911
- 9 CP T.Murphy/Jaguar XKE
- 10 CP J.Bartos/Porsche 914/6
- 1 DPG G.Hibbs/Lotus Super 7 2:14.553

- 4 BS S.Brady/Fiat 124 Coupe
- 5 BS S.Smargiasso/Mercury Capri
- 6 BS G.Bauer/Datsun 510
- 13 CP C.McWilliams/Lotus Elan
- 7 BS G.Williams/Datsun 510
- 8 BS D.Oliver/BMW 2002
- 14 CP M.Hannah/Porsche 911S
- 15 CP D.Piott/Porsche 914/6

**GROUP 1**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 AS J.Fershtand/Mustang 2:11.525
- 2 BP R.Allen/Mustang GT 350
- 3 AS J.Atwell/Mustang
- 3 BP T.Filer/Corvette
- 1 AP J.O'Donnell/Corvette 2:01.348
- 1 BP C.Jones/Mustang GT 350 2:05.619



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#67 Sam Lecomte, Camaro.

- 4 FP D.Williams/A.H. Sprite
- 1 CS R.Soucy/Austin Mini Cooper 2:18.168
- 5 FP D.McDougal/A.H. Sprite
- 2 CS D.Patton/Morris Mini
- 3 CS S.Partin/Alfa Romeo GT Jr
- 3 EP T.Welsch/MG MGB
- 6 FP A.Hoeffling/MG Midget
- 7 FP J.Sharp/MG Midget
- 8 FP G.Reed/MG Midget
- 9 FP P.Sandy/A.H. Sprite
- 10 FP J.Hovey/Triumph Spitfire
- 4 EP B.Whitehead/Triumph GT+6
- 11 FP R.Fisher/A.H. Sprite
- 12 FP J.McClanahan/A.H. Sprite
- 13 FP M.Coleman/MG Midget
- 14 FP A.McDougal/ A.H. Sprite
- 5 EP K.Morris/MGB
- 15 FP P.Glawe/ A.H. Sprite
- 4 CS T.Bond/Mini Cooper S
- 16 FP P.D.Sohn/MG Midget

**GROUP 3**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 FV M.Callahan/Zink C5 2:14.774



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#59 Robert Ludlow, Austin A40; #18 Mike Orlie, Porsche 356 Roadster.

- 1 BS T.H.D.Woodruff/BMW 2002 2:13.168
- 2 BS S.Cole/Fiat 124 Coupe
- 11 CP T.Taff/Porsche 914/6
- 2 DP B.Kramer/Triumph TR4A
- 12 CP K.Marshall/Porsche 911S
- 3 BS D.Gwynne/Ford Escort

- 3 FIA J.Slade/Porsche 911S
- 1 AS S.Lecomte/Camaro 2:00.876
- 5 AS G.Hassell/Mustang
- 1 FIA S.Higgins/Porsche 911 RSR 2:02.565
- 2 FIA D.Gough/Corvette
- 1 AS R.J.Anderson/Lola T-212 2:04.050

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