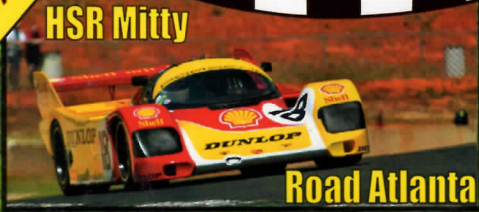


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Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, OK

March 29 - April 1, 2007

#48 Blake Gibb, 1950 MG TD; #16 Tom Young, 1959 Triumph; #11 Reed Yates, 1954 MG TF; #61 John Page, 1961 Alfa Romeo Giulia Spider; and #05 Gary Bauer, 1959 Austin Healey Sprite.

-report by Erik Karlsson

The CVAR group made the trek to the region just west of Tulsa, Oklahoma for the annual Spring Races over the weekend of March 31-April 1, 2007 at the newly resurfaced Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. The entrants were challenged by the weather of the previous week as the region had torrential rains and many tornados reported. No permanent damage was suffered by the track, however, so when the sun broke through for Sunday there was rejoicing by all and racing by many. During the inclement weather leading up to Sunday, though, the terrific track personnel at Hallett were much in evidence to remove hapless competitors and spectators (as well as writers) from the slippery, slidey stuff. The Stevens Family did their usual job of combining efficiency with hospitality to make the event a great time for everyone.

Group 1 for big bore production cars Sunday points race saw great action. Bobby Steffens in his AP Corvette took the honors with Daryl Gough following him for second and Jeff Anderson finally had his Lola T212 fully on song and finished third. Mention should be made of Samuel LeComte who had his Big Dog

Racing '67 Camaro really flying for all but the end of the weekend. He had fast lap of the group all weekend but had transmission issues that wouldn't go away and DNF'd the final race. Dan Ruehs had a solid weekend and captured AS in his Camaro.

Group 2, as usual was a large group for the points race on Sunday. Perennial fast guy, Mark Hansen brought his FP Sprite all the way from Casper, Wyoming along with his buddy, Ron Randolph (FP Bugeye) from Colorado. On the way, they were confronted with snow, tornados, high winds, and torrential rains. Hansen made the trip only to have mechanical gremlins spoil a potentially fine weekend. While he was running he had a very fast car as was evidenced by the fact that he started 19th in race 2 and finished 5th! Randolph didn't miss him, though, as he had his hands full with Herb Hilton in the Pinnacle Racing prepped FP Midget. Hilton and Randolph traded race wins and fastest race laps throughout the event but in the Sunday final Hilton had a very rare DNF and a jubilant Randolph took the checker. P.D. Sohn gave a fine performance to finish second. By the way, long time competitor Douglas Doidge was on hand as usual with his blue Midget. What was different was that he had along a new co-pilot, traded his trusty school bus transporter for a Class A motor home, and didn't stop smiling all weekend in spite of mechanical issues with his race car. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

The top of the time sheets in **Group 3** for FV were only unusual in that the name of Roger Bailey was missing. Roger has sold his racing car and is moving to some place where there is snow in the winter. We may miss him as

much as he misses the weather of Houston. The racing in FV is always very good and this weekend was no exception. The same guys always seem to run at the front and have a great time dicing and slicing with one another and then laugh about it after the race. This is the attitude that is typified by "Team Geezer Racing" with Mike Callahan and John Gaudette. Callahan is nowadays to be found at the front of the pack mixing it up with the likes of Yule, but Gaudette has been steadily improving and is about to crack the barrier. Gaudette finished the points race in fourth but was higher than that most of the weekend. Another driver who made quite an impression was Dave Peterson. Dave went from fifteenth to fifth during one of the Saturday races and finished the points race on Sunday in second place just under two seconds behind Callahan. Yule was third on Sunday but he too had better finishes during the weekend. The races were also notable by the presence of three Summervilles, Art Sr., Art Jr., and Patrick. Art gets free gas for his racing car for life as a perk given to him when he retired as the grand poobah of CVAR and I wonder if he is piping it to the cars of his offspring.

Nah!

The only question regarding **Group 4** was the margin of victory that Tom Young would



photo: Mark Bracewell

#56 Cliff Koehler, 1971 Datsun 240Z, and #02 Terry Sayther, 1974 BMW 2002.

amass by the time the checkered flag flew. Tom has taken over the driving duties vacated by his dad and is now a reliable bet to win every event, the combination of driver and TR3 is that good. Lou Marchant took her sunny disposition and her immaculate MGA to second place all weekend until Sunday, when Mike Orlie got his Porsche 356 Roadster on song and relegated her to third. Mike was a story of his own as his car had comprehensively burned at a previous event and a marathon restoration and rebuilding effort had the car (almost) ready for this event. Orlie started the points race in eighth and was third on lap two and in second on lap five. I'd say he got it going.

Pete Hoekenga drove a FF2 Formula Ford this weekend in **Group 6** and it carried the number 1. It was a very appropriate number as he led every lap of every race but for three laps and finished all his races in first. His margin of victory varied from five to fifteen seconds and he was always about one second a lap quicker than any of his competitors. Second for most



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#64 Daryl Gough, 1964 Corvette; #668 Bobby Steffens, 1980 Corvette; and #47 John Fershtand, 1969 Mustang.

of the weekend was Stephen Page in a FF2 Crossle but he was not around for the points race. His F-Atlantic March is almost ready after some major engine work so we hope to see him out with it soon. Ed Copley was lurking near the front all weekend and in the final race made it all work for a fine second place. Scott Monroe and Bruce Revenaugh ran close together near the front for most of the weekend as well.

The Porsche Parade that is **Group 7** had the usual suspects at the front but it was never really certain which of them would be the winner. I guess that's why they call it racing. Jim Collier, Vernon Shade, Jim Buckley, and George Kopecky were the fast guys all weekend. The

final race was won by Collier but Shade was 0.3 behind at the checkered flag. This was some great racing. Buckley was third with Kopecky fourth and, oh, by the way, they were all in some variant of the venerable Porsche 911. Shade had his new car, a 72 911T in a fine replication of Penske Sunoco Blue with yellow trim and wheels and it was a stunner. We should also give a tip of the hat to Terry Sayther, BMW 2002, who seemingly passed more cars over the course of the weekend than anyone and was rewarded with the prize in BS.

Another great weekend of racing, socializing, and sampling the varied weather of this region in spring as well as hospitality at its finest.



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#810 Vernon Shade, 1972 Porsche 911T; #71 Jim Buckley, 1971 Porsche 911T; #97 George Kopecky, 1970 Porsche 911S.



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#59 Charlie Schmidt, 1972 Royale RP14, and #72 Gerry Tussing, 1972 Titan Mk6.

RESULTS

GROUP 1

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 AP B. Steffens/80 Corvette 1:27.552
- 1 FIA D. Gough/64 Corvette 1:27.900
- 1 ASR J. Anderson/71 Lola T212 1:27.950

1 AS D. Ruehs/69 Camaro 1:28.767

- 2 AS J. Fershtand/69 Mustang
- 3 AS M. McIlyar/68 Camaro
- 4 AS S. LeComte/67 Camaro
- 2 AP J. Neathery/66 Mustang

GROUP 2

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FP R. Randolph/58 A-H Sprite 1:33.731
- 2 FP P.D. Sohn/71 MG Midget
- 3 FP R. Noblett/59 A-H Sprite
- 4 FP T. Aguillion/69 MG Midget
- 5 FP C. Tiras/67 MG Midget
- 6 FP D. Littlefield/74 MG Midget
- 7 FP P. Littlefield/72 MG Midget
- 8 FP M. Cory/60 A-H Sprite
- 1 CS S. Partin/69 Alfa GT Jr 1:37.593
- 2 CS T. Davies/66 Mini Cooper S
- 3 CS D. Patton/62 Mini Cooper S
- 9 FP J. McClanahan/68 A-H Sprite
- 10 FPT. Deats/59 A-H Sprite

- 11 FP R. Von Roenn/64 Triumph Spitfire
- 12 FP J. McClanahan/69 MG Midget
- DNF FP H. Hilton/71 MG Midget

GROUP 3

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 M. Callahan/68 Zink C4 1:36.731
- 2 D. Peterson/72 Zink C4
- 3 J. Yule/63 Formcar
- 4 J. Gaudette/69 Zink C4
- 5 K. Adams/69 Wolf
- 6 A. Summerville/68 Zink C4
- 7 P. Summerville/70 Caldwell D13
- 8 A. Summerville, Jr/68 Zink C4
- 9 D. Harrison/65 Zink C4

1 G. Maurer/72 MG Midget 1:43.381

- 2 M. Vecillio/72 MG Midget
- 3 E. Dick/67 A-H Sprite
- 10 B. Heuer/69 Shark P69
- 4 G. Emery/63 A-H Sprite

GROUP 4

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 VB T. Young/59 Triumph 1:36.914
- 2 VB M. Orlie/60 Porsche Rdstr
- 3 VB L. Marchant/59 MGA
- 4 VB J. Page/61 Alfa Guilia Spider
- 1 VC R. Yates/54 MG TF 1:44.266
- 2 VC B. Gibb/50 MG TD
- 3 VC G. Bauer/59 A-H Sprite



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#77 Grover Maurer, 1972 MG Midget; #31 Gary Emery, 1963 Austin Healey Sprite; and #3 Mike Vecillio, 1972 MG Midget.

1 FFJR L. McKinstry/59 Elva 100 1:49.383

1 VA C. Kellner/59 A-H 3000 Mk1 1:51.357

1 CM J. Lopez/69 Westfield 11 1:57.088

GROUP 6

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FF2 P. Hoekenga/79 Lola T540 1:23.898
- 2 FF2 E. Copley/73 Lola T340
- 1 FF1 S. Monroe/69 Caldwell D9 1:26.530
- 2 FF1 B. Revenaugh/71 Titan Mk6
- 3 FF1 G. Tussing/72 Titan Mk6A
- 1 FA C. Schmidt/72 Royale RP14 1:26.913
- 4 FF1 A. Brussich/68 Lotus 61
- 5 FF1 J. Henderson/69 Caldwell D9
- 6 FF1 J. Lewinger/71 Crossle
- 1 S7 C. McWilliams/96 Caterham 1:31.813
- 7 FF1 L. Lydick/69 Merlyn Mk11A
- 8 FF1 J. Westervelt/69 Titan Mark 5
- 9 FF1 J. Mihalich/69 Lotus 61
- DNF FF2 S. Clark/79 Lola T540
- DNF S7 G. Hibbs/96 Caterham

DNF FF2 R. Metcalf/78 Merlyn Mk31

GROUP 7

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 CP J. Collier/72 Porsche 911 1:27.417
- 2 CP V. Shade/72 Porsche 911T
- 3 CP J. Buckley/71 Porsche 911T
- 4 CP G. Kopecky/70 Porsche 911S
- 1 EP D. Dickey/63 MGB 1:30.460
- 5 CP P. Sullivan/70 Porsche 914/6
- 1 BS T. Sayther/74 BMW 2002 1:30.536
- 2 BS J. Pizzi/68 Datsun 510
- 6 CP E. Cullen/70 Porsche 911S
- 7 CP C. Koehler/71 Datsun 240Z
- 1 DP G. Hilyer/63 Triumph TR4 1:34.232
- 3 BS S. Cole/71 Fiat 124 Coupe
- 8 CP T. Taff/71 Porsche 914/6
- 2 EP T. Welsh/74 MGB
- 9 CP J. Bartos/71 Porsche 914/6
- 3 EP G. Curl III/64 MGB
- 4 EP N. Korey/63 MGB
- 4 BS S. Brady/72 Fiat 124
- 2 DP B. Swope/667 Porsche 911S
- 5 EP A. Schorcken/67 MGB
- 5 BS G. Kyde/69 BMW 1600
- 6 BS S. Smargiasso/73 Capri



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