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#10 Stephen Seitz, 1965 Ford Mustang; #139 Mark Roczyki, 1965 Mustang

# CVAR Thunder on the Cimarron

## Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Oklahoma

August 26-28, 2016

— story by Don Gwynne

Other than a couple of hours of rain and high wind on Friday night, the 102 entries enjoyed good weather (low 90s) and a weekend of good racing, with no major incidents.

Chief Instructor Berkeley Merrill and Steve Seitz ran a very successful drivers school all day Friday. Six students completed the school, and all were 50 years old or less, dispelling the myth that vintage racing is only for older drivers. One of the students, Heather Barron, is a granddaughter of CVAR's Barron racing family. There has been a Barron student in every CVAR school

for the past year and a half! This student group performed well on track, not missing any of the surprise red flags, black flags or white flags.

The graduates of this fall's drivers school are: Jay Zitterer in silver #074 Porsche 914/6; Sean Kreiger in red #717 Mustang, Mark Rozycki in black and white #139 Mustang, Jerry Robinson in silver #39 Datsun 240Z, Mac Wolfe in white Autodynamic FV, and Heather Barron in yellow Caldwell FV.

On Saturday evening, Connie Stephens and her staff hosted another great hospitality hour, followed by a musical jam session by Bobby Whitehead, Louis Gladfelter and Marty Baker which kept everyone entertained.

In the 16-lap **FORMULA VEE** feature race (race #7 of the 2016 Formula Vee Challenge), about five of the leaders ran in a tight pack, with multiple lead changes, until just past the mid-race point, when it settled into Bill Griffith in front driving his #33 Warrior. Second



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#40 George Curl, 1964 MGB.

and third spots at the checker were claimed by Alexandre Acemyan and William Wolfe. Hard Luck trophy went to Nathan Baldauff for losing his steering.

Four students participated in a nine lap Group 5 (student) race on Sunday afternoon. All had fun with a lot of position changes, showing courtesy and good judgment throughout. At the checkered flag, the order was Mark Rozycki, Sean Krieger, Jay Zitterer and Jerry Robinson.

Sunday's CVAR Championship points races started with a combined grid of **GROUP 1 AND 7** cars. Of 20 cars entered, 12 came to the starting grid, and all finished the eleven lap race. George Kopecky sat on pole in his black #97 Porsche RSR, and was



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#5 Allen Johnson, 1952 MGTD Special.

never headed, leading every lap to take the overall win and the FIA class win. CVAR President Herb Hilton started on the outside of the front row in his yellow #17 Mustang, then ran second to Kopecky the entire race, thus winning the A Sedan class. After starting third, Bobby Whitehead's blue #54 Mustang was soon overtaken by Jim Sandberg's red #84 big block Corvette, but Whitehead regained third overall three laps from the end, and held it to place second in A Sedan. Sandberg thus finished fourth overall to win the A Production class. John Stephens finished fifth overall driving his red & silver Datsun 240Z to win the C Production class. After starting back in tenth, R. Burt Williams finished sixth overall, to place second in C Production driving his blue #43 Porsche 911. Louis Gladfelter enjoyed an unopposed B Production class win in his white #55 Shelby GT-350. Likewise, Chris Langley's white and blue Yenko Stinger took an unopposed D Production class win.

Of the 27 cars entered in **GROUP 2**, 15 came to the grid. Mike Floyd's yellow #614 Porsche 914 sat on pole, with Berkeley



#24 Tom Taff, 1971 Porsche 914/6; #074 Jay Zitterer, 1970 Porsche 914/6.

of the front row, Nathan Baldauff's yellow #38 Beach led the race in mid-distance until being passed by Acemyan. Bigger Hammer

Racing's Bill Griffith drove his black & silver #33 Warrior to third.

CVAR's most historic group, **GROUP 4**, fielded just 5 cars on Sunday afternoon, out of 12 cars entered. Everyone's sweetheart Lou Marchant drove her familiar #186 BRG MGA in first position from flag to flag, taking the overall win and the VB class win in the process. Hank Noble's silver #136 MGA

finished second overall and second in VB, but only after a rousing mid-race battle with Gary

McFarlane's tiny white #91 "Thunderbug." McFarlane went on to finish third overall and win the VC class.

Last race of the weekend was for **GROUP 6**. Sunday's Group 6 field included 12 cars, consisting of 1 B Sports Racer, 8 FF1 Formula Fords, 2 FF2 Formula Fords, and 1 FA Lola T240. Jim Gewinner's green #33 Lotus 23B was the lone Sports Racer in the group, and Jim led the race from flag to flag for the overall win and the BSR class win. Angus Lemon started in second, ran in second, and finished second overall, winning the FF1 class in his purple #86 Merlyn. Similarly, Nathan Baldauff started third, ran third all the way, and finished third overall in his blue & white #96 Beach to place second in FF1.

CVAR's next event will be Sep. 30-Oct. 2 at Motorsports Ranch Houston's 17 turn, 2.38 mile FIA-approved track. The theme will be Oktoberfest, with a feature race for German cars.



#35 David Patton, 1962 Morris Mini.

Merrill's orange #12 Porsche 914 alongside. Floyd led from flag to flag, taking the overall win and the E Production class win. Although Berkeley started second and finished second overall, second in EP, it wasn't easy. Dan Hilton got by him early on, driving Hilton Racing's red #02 MG Midget. Merrill regained second overall after a few laps after Hilton DNF. Anthony Nigro came third overall in his black & white Porsche 914 to win the EP2 class. Gary Reed won the F Production class, finishing fifth overall, driving his yellow #15 MG Midget. Although a lap down on the leaders at the checker, Bob Pinkston won the C Sedan class in his red #7 VW Beetle.

Sunday afternoon's race for **GROUP 3** saw 16 Formula Vees come under the starter's orders. After starting on the second row, Alexandre Acemyan drove his red & yellow #18 Beach to the win, taking the lead on the sixth lap. After starting on the outside



#25 Steve Coleman, 1972 MG Midget; #26 Mike Coleman, 1972 MG Midget.



photo by Tom Giertz

### #97 George Kopecky, 1973 Porsche RSR.

#### ENTRANTS

##### GROUP 1

#### DRIVER/CAR

- K. Ford/1969 Chevy Camaro
- L. Gladfelter/1966 Shelby Mustang GT350
- M. Gohlke/1970 Porsche 914
- H. Hilton/1967 Ford Mustang
- G. Kopecky/1973 Porsche RSR
- S. Pfuehler/1967 Corvette Coupe
- J. Sandberg/1969 Chevrolet Corvette
- S. Seitz/1965 Ford Mustang
- B. Whitehead/1965 Ford Mustang

##### GROUP 2

#### DRIVER/CAR

- M. Baker/1963 MGB
- B. Barnes/1967 Austin Healey Sprite
- K. Bartels/1966 Datsun SPL1600
- M. Briggs/1972 MG Midget
- M. Coleman/1972 MG Midget
- S. Coleman/1972 MG Midget
- G. Curl/1964 MGB
- C. Duroy/1970 MG Midget
- R. Fisher/1959 Austin Healey Sprite
- M. Floyd/1973 Porsche 914
- M. Glass/1972 MG Midget
- D. Hilton/1971 MG Midget
- J. Jones/1972 MGB

#### C. Langley/1966 Chevrolet Yenko Stinger

- P. Lee/1963 Triumph TR-4
- B. Merrill/1972 Porsche 914-4
- A. Nigro/1972 Porsche 914
- S. Partin/1969 Alfa Romeo Gt Junior
- D. Patton/1962 Morris Mini
- G. Perser/1966 MGB
- B. Pinkston/1966 Volkswagen Beetle



photo by Tim Turner

### #614 Mike Floyd, 1973 Porsche 914.

- S. Pinkston/1957 Volkswagen Beetle
- G. Reed/1967 MG Midget
- W. Reid/1964 MGB
- G. Valdes/1972 Triumph Spitfire
- R. Wright/1972 MG Midget

##### GROUP 3

#### DRIVER/CAR

- A. Acemyan/1969 Beach 5C
- N. Baldauff/1969 Beach 5C
- E. Barron/1972 Pegasus Pegasus

- E. Barron/1963 Kellison
- H. Barron/1969 Kellison Mach
- D. Calkins/1972 Lynx B
- C. Chilton/1972 Lynx B
- B. Griffith/1969 Warrior
- D. Harrison/1965 Zink C4
- C. Hearn/1969 Lynx
- M. Jones/1968 Nash Scrambler
- M. Koegel/1969 Zink C4
- D. McDowell/1969 Zeitler
- W. Murphey/1969 Lynx Lynx B
- D. Phillips/1969 Zink C-4
- M. Rogers/1968 Bobsy Vega
- S. Smith/1968 Zink
- M. Strong/1969 Zink C4
- J. White/1968 Zink C4
- W. Wolff/1968 Zink Z-5
- B. Wright/1964 Zink
- E. Ziegler/1967 Beach 5C

##### GROUP 4

#### DRIVER/CAR

- G. Bauer/1959 Austin Healey Sprite
- E. Dick/1967 Austin Healey Sprite
- G. Emery/1964 Austin Healey Sprite
- J. Fudge/1957 Elva Mk 2
- B. Heuer/1958 Jabro Mk. 1
- A. Johnson/1952 MGTD Special
- L. Marchant/1959 MGA
- G. McFarlane/1960 H-Modified Thundermug
- L. Neidell/1959 Kellison J-5
- H. Noble/1962 MGA Mk II
- M. Vecellio/1963 Empi Crusader
- R. Yates/1954 MGTF

##### GROUP 5

#### DRIVER/CAR

- B. Balles/1959 Detomaso Issis
- H. Barron/1972 Caldwell D-13
- S. Krieger/1965 Ford Mustang
- R. Ludlow/1959 Austin A40
- J. Robinson/1972 Datsun 240Z
- M. Rozycki/1965 Ford Mustang

- M. Wolff/1965 Autodynamics Mk 2
- J. Zittner/1970 Porsche 914/6

##### GROUP 6

#### DRIVER/CAR

- A. Acemyan/1969 Beach T11f
- N. Baldauff/1969 Beach T11f
- J. Barron/1972 Lola T240
- T. Blakeney/1972 Royale RP-16



photo by Tim Turner

### #02 Dan Hilton, 1971 MG Midget.

- T. Bond/1975 Legrand Mk 21
- P. Brownlee/1978 Royale RP-24
- J. Carr/1969 Caldwell D9
- W. Gardner/1977 Zink Z-10B
- J. Gewinner/1965 Lotus 23B
- J. Langham/1972 Merlyn Mk20a
- A. Lemon/1969 Merlyn 17A
- P. Magruder/1984 Lola T644
- L. Root/1974 Dulon DB-17
- G. Tussing/1972 Titan Mk6
- D. Waldrop/1973 Titan Mk9b
- R. Wark/1972 Hawke DL9
- E. Ziegler/1969 Beach T11F

##### GROUP 7

#### DRIVER/CAR

- B. Al Haddad/1971 Porsche 911
- J. Kish/1973 Porsche 911E
- R. Pink/1972 Datsun 240Z
- S. Robinson/1972 Datsun 240Z
- R. Rosenberg/1972 Bmw 2002
- J. Stephens/1972 Datsun 240Z
- C. Stutzman/1970 Datsun 240Z
- T. Taff/1971 Porsche 152
- B. Williams/1970 Porsche 911

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