

CVAR Thunder on the Cimarron IX

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, OK

October 1-3, 2010



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#5 Bill Griffith, Beach C; #38 Tom Stege, Beach; #78 Dwight Calkins, Lynx B; #56 Doane Harrison, Zink C4; #633 Robert Dudding, Zink; #16 Art Summerville Jr., Zink C4.

-story by Don Gwynne

Vintage racers enjoyed beautiful fall Oklahoma weather, the gracious Stephens family hospitality, and lots of track time. What a meal! Hallett always has good parties and good eats, but this year our own Sam LeComte and the Group-1 "chefs" really rocked.

The first race for each group was 15 minutes on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon's race and both Sunday races were all 20 minutes long, so everyone had a chance for 75 minutes of racing time, not counting practice and qualifying sessions. This was mostly a result of combining Group 1 and Group 7 for this event.

Formula Vees were the featured group at Thunder IX, so in addition to their four regular race sessions, the Sunday lunchtime feature race was a half-hour Victory Lane Formula Vee Festival. By Monday morning, a lot of FV drivers were tired and sore!

Chief Steward Greg Reynolds noted "If you missed Hallett you missed one of the best

weekends of the year...the Formula Vee Festival was fun to watch with the usual very close racing from the front to the rear." Tom Atlas joined us all the way from Illinois to pace the starts in his thoroughly modern white Porsche. It was good to see Tom again at Hallett.

CVAR past-President Art Summerville served as Race Chairman, and our regular Chief of Flag & Comm was off to work the Petite LeMans series at Road Atlanta, so Sam Heumann stepped up and took over those duties. Kerry McEntire did double duty as Tech Inspector, in addition to racing his own car (try it sometime; he was very busy all weekend - thanks, Kerry). Bob Green II has taken the additional position of Operations Chief, a job previously held by Judy Green. Many thanks to all of those who make our racing possible.

The "Formula Vee Festival" 30 minute race kicked off the Sunday afternoon feature races. Seventeen drivers came to the grid, but it was



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#711 Jerry Urban, Zink.

Jerry Urban's yellow & black #711 Zink who took the checkered flag a half hour later, winning overall and taking first in the FV1 class. The next eight finishers were in the FV class, with Bill Griffith's red #5 Beach taking second overall and first in the FV class. Third and fourth overall were Mike Callahan, white & blue #68 Zink, and Dwight Calkins, red #78 Lynx, after quite a battle. Mike nipped Dwight by a scant 4/10 of a second.

The pre-'60 Group 4 field was significantly smaller, but showcased several historically significant cars. First across the finish line was Oklahoma City's Chip Fudge, driving his ex-works, ex-Archie Scott-Brown, Lister-Maserati, green #56, to win CM class. Jeff Norris finished second overall and second in CM with his black #44 Lola Mk1. Allen Johnson's red #1 Devin-MGA finished third overall and third in CM. The next two finishers were in VB class, with John Page, white #61 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce, ahead of Jack McClanahan, green & white #104 Austin Healey 100-4. In his first event after driver's school, Gary McFarlane drove a clean race in his white #91 "Thundermug" H-Modified



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#67 Sam LeComte, Camaro.

sports racer, powered by Crosley, taking the unopposed win in VC class.

The **Group 6** race for FA, FF1, FF2 and BSR included a field of fourteen starters. Twenty minutes later, Mexico's Patricio Junco took the overall win in his new (to him) red #21 Merlyn 20A, winning FF1 class as well. Second overall and winner of FF2 class was Ed Copley driving his red #07 Lola T-340, just 1.5 seconds back. Kent Liming, driving his red #15 Centaur FSV won the FA class, finishing eighth overall. Next behind Kent came Lee Lydick in his bright yellow #22 Merlyn Mk6A to win B Sports Racing class unopposed.

A small turnout of **Group 1 and Group 7** entrants was grouped together for the next race, with CVAR Chief Steward Greg Reynolds taking the overall win and the B Production class win in "big 89," his white 1967 Shelby GT-350. Greg is also co-owner of "little 89", the white English Ford Escort RS1600 driven by Don Gwynne, which finished farther back in fifth overall, for an unopposed B Sedan win, after a race-long battle with Ralf Kuehnhoefler's red #58 Porsche 911, which came sixth overall only a second back. Chad Courty was third overall and first in A Sedan in his orange #38 Camaro, setting

fast lap of the race along the way. Patrick Sullivan took the C Production win, and fourth overall, driving his silver & black Porsche 914-6. In spite of finishing three laps down, Tim Webb won the D Production class in his red #28 Elva Courier.

Group 2 (EP, FP and CS) was highlighted by a rousing tussle between the historically famous "Purple People Eater" #61 Mini Cooper S driven by Robert Hoemke and the red #02 MG Midget piloted by Herb Hilton. Hoemke won first overall and first in CS, with just a half-second margin over Hilton's Midget, who won F Production class. Ken Morris won the E Production class, ninth overall, in his black #08 MGB.

Last race of the day was the **Group 3** points race for FV, FV1, and SFP. A nice grid of fifteen cars took the green flag, and twenty minutes later,



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#189 Don Gwynne, Ford Escort; #381 Sherman Hart, Alfa Romeo; #58 Ralf Kuehnhoefler, Porsche 911.

it was CVAR Newsletter Editor Jim Yule taking the overall win driving his green #77 Kaimann FV. Bill Griffith placed second overall and second in FV class in his red #5 Beach. Jerry Urban won the FV1 class, third overall, in his yellow & black #711 Zink, nipping fellow FV1 driver Robert Dudding by just 8/10 of a second. "Spec Sprite" SFP class winner was Gary Emery, driving his green #31 Austin Healey Sprite.

The Hallett race weekend continues to be a must do. On the track the Stephens family hospitality is appreciated.



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#7 Dave Peterson, Zink.

RACE RESULTS

FORMULA VEE RACE

PL/CL/DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FV1 J. Urban/Zink Fv 1:32.422
- 1 FV B. Griffith/Beach C 1:34.318
- 2 FV M. Callahan/Zink Z-5
- 3 FV D. Calkins/Lynx B
- 4 FV J. Yule/Kiamann Formular Vee
- 5 FV R. Dudding/Zink Formula Vee
- 6 FV D. Harrison/Zink C4
- 7 FV A. Summerville Jr./Zink C4
- 8 FV J. Revenaugh/Zink C-4
- 2 FV1 J. Ridings/Zink C4
- 9 FV K. Mcentire/Zink Formula Vee

- 10 FV D. Peterson/Zink Danenhauer Special
- 11 FV B. Heuer/Shark P69
- 12 FV F. Storer/Formcar
- 13 FV T. Stege/Formular Vee Beach
- 14 FV H. Hoemke/Zink C4

GROUP 4

PL/CL/DRIVER/CAR

- 1 CM C. Fudge/Lister-Maserati A6gcs 1:35.992
- 2 CM J. Norris/Lola Mk1
- 3 CM A. Johnson/Devin Mga
- 1 VB J. Page/Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce 1:41.262
- 2 VB J. Mcclanahan/Austin Healey 100-4
- 1 VC G. Mcfarlane/H-Modified Thundermug 1:50.647

GROUP 6

PL/CL/DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FF1 P. Junco/Formular Ford Merlyn 20-A 1:25.362
- 1 FF2 E. Copley/Lola T340 1:24.511
- 2 FF1 R. Hoemke/Winkelman Wdf1
- 3 FF1 R. Karnopp/Titan Mk-6 FF
- 2 FF2 B. Findley Ii/Merlyn Mk30 FF
- 4 FF1 J. Steinmetz/Merlyn 11A FF
- 5 FF1 S. Lafferty/Merlyn Mk 20
- 1 FA K. Liming/Centaur Fsv 1:30.766
- 1 BSR L. Lydick/Merlyn Mk 6A 1:34.921
- 2 FA J. Tanner/Lola T328 Super Vee
- 3 FF2 H. Jones/Lola T-342
- 6 FF1 M. Hibbs/Merlyn Mk11a



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#89 Greg Reynolds, Shelby GT350 Mustang; #10 Steven Seitz, Mustang.

- 7 FF1 B. Johnson/Royale Rp3a
- 3 FA L. Huls/Lola T330

GROUP 1 & 7

PL/CL/DRIVER/CAR

- 1 BP G. Reynolds/Shelby Mustang Gt350 1:30.325
- 2 BP S. Seitz/Ford Mustang
- 1 AS C. Courty/Camaro Rs 1:30.056
- 1 CP P. Sullivan/Porsche 914 1:33.322
- 1 BS D. Gwynne/Ford Escort Rs1600 1:38.377
- 2 CP R. Kuehnhoefler/Porsche 911
- 1 DP T. Webb/Elva Courier 1:30.852
- DNF DP G. Hibbs/Lotus Super Seven

GROUP 2

PL/CL/DRIVER/CAR

- 1 CS R. Hoemke/Cooper Mini S 1:33.053
- 1 FP H. Hilton/Mg Midget 1:32.455
- 2 CS J. Allen/Austin Mini Cooper
- 2 FP W. Gardner/Austin Healey Sprite
- 3 CS T. Bond/Austih Mini
- 3 FP W. Hill/Mg Midget
- 4 FP R. Fisher/Austin Healey Sprite
- 5 FP S. Knight/Austin Healy Sprite
- 1 EP K. Morris/Mg B 1:41.561

- 6 FP G. Cory/Mg Midget
- 7 FP S. Barrett/Mg Midget
- 8 FP D. Williams/Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite

GROUP 3

PL/CL/DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FV J. Yule/Kiamann Formular Vee 1:34.608
- 2 FV B. Griffith/Beach C
- 1 FV1 J. Urban/Zink Fv 1:32.874
- 2 FV1 R. Dudding/Zink Formula Vee
- 3 FV B. Revenaugh/Zink C4
- 4 FV M. Callahan/Zink Z-5
- 5 FV D. Calkins/Lynx B
- 6 FV D. Harrison/Zink C4
- 7 FV J. Revenaugh/Zink C-4
- 8 FV K. Mcentire/Zink Formula Vee
- 1 SFP G. Emery/Austin Healey Sprite 1:42.543
- 9 FV B. Heuer/Shark P69
- 2 SFP E. Dick/Austin Healy Sprite
- 10 FV H. Hoemke/Zink C4
- 3 SFP J. Walker/Austin Healey Sprite



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#61 Robert Hoemke, AH Sprite; #74 Scott Schmidt, Austin Healey Sprite.