



#152 Jeff Melvin, 1970 Fiat 124; #74 Kenneth Barstead, 1964 MG B; #614 Mike Floyd, 1973 Porsche 914.

# CVAR Thunder on the Cimarron X

## Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, OK

October 7-9, 2011

-photos by Don Gwynne

The tenth running of CVAR's Thunder on the Cimarron took place at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit in Hallett, Oklahoma from October 7-9, 2011. Participants drove the course counterclockwise for this event.

A unique fact about this weekend is that the pace car was a 1913 Racer powered by a modified Ford Model T engine with a four valve head. Some young adults from a vocational technical institute made it out to the event and they had a blast. The vintage cars and their engines with carburetors, ignition points, and other older technology fascinated them. All of this vintage and historic technology is still exciting to this day!

Racing started off with **Group 2**. Mark Cory driving his 1960 Austin Healey Sprite took the chequered flag for the points race. Trevor Bond in a 1964 Austin Mini came under the chequered flag second with Rodger Soucy in his 1967 Austin Mini Cooper S directly behind Trevor for the third place finish and second in the CS class. Thirty-four people were in this group at the start of the weekend eighteen cars finished the Sunday race.

There was plenty of exciting on-track antics in the **Group 3** race. The Formula Vee group in CVAR is a large and cohesive group of racers. Bill Griffith was having a good race but retired his 1970 Caldwell after 10 laps. Jerry Urban took the waving checkered flag first at the end of 13 laps in his 1969 FV. Right behind him with a 1968 Zink C-4 was Robert Dudding taking second. Mike Callahan came across the start finish line third and first in the FV class in his 1968 Zink. Jim Yule in his 1963 Formcar Mk 2 had a respectable finish.

**Group 4** is made up of a diverse group of Production and Sports Racing Cars. Charles Bamford brought out his 1961 Cooper T56 out and finished first. Allen Johnston had his 1958 Devin MGA dialed in and came in second overall and first in the VA class. John Page in his 1965 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce finished third overall. Richard Morrison has some very cool cars and at this event he brought out his 1958 Mercedes 220 S Coupe. Gary McFarlane drove his 1961 Thundermug H-Mod for a respectable finish.

**Group 6** Formula Cars were numerous and competitive all weekend. John Mihalich, in his 1969 Lotus Type 61 FF had a good weekend and ran the afternoon race smoothly finishing mid pack. First to finish this group race was Patricio Junco driving a 1972 Formula Ford. Mitchell

Hibbs, driving a 1969 Merlyn MK11a came in directly behind Patricio with less than a tenth of a second behind in lap times. Gerry Tussing driving a 1972 Titan Mk 6A came in third. Fred Haynie brought out his 1975 Royale RP19, and ran a smooth race.



A 1913 Racer powered by a modified Ford Model T engine was the pace car for the racing weekend.

The ten lap race for **Group 1/7** finished with an overall win for Thomas Webb driving his 1961 Elva Courier. Ric Wood drove well to a second place finish in his 1966 Alfa Romeo. Mike Pranka in a 1972 Alfa Romeo GTV ran a smooth race and finished third. The Ford contingent was first represented by Anthony Shores in his 1970 Mustang. Greg Reynolds had a very respectable finish in his Shelby Mustang GT350.

Sometimes lightning strikes twice, and it did in Oklahoma. Two drivers lost their lives during the race weekend. Both passings had to do with medical conditions and were not race related. Condolences to the families and friends of these drivers - they raced 'til the end.



#113 James Tanner, 1976 Lola T326 Super Vee; #36 Joseph Westervelt, 1969 Formula Ford Titan Mk 5.

## RACE RESULTS

### GROUP 2

#### PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FP M. Cory/1960 Austin-Healey Sprite 1:33.441
- 1 CS T. Bond/1964 Austin Mini Cooper 1:34.710



### #252 Jeff Melvin, 1970 Fiat 124 .

- 2 CS R. Soucy/1967 Austin Mini Cooper S
- 3 CS S. Partin/1969 Alfa Romeo GT Junior
- 2 FP H. Hilton/1971 MG Midget
- 3 FP S. Coleman/1972 MG Midget
- 4 CS D. Patton/1962 Morris Mini Cooper
- 1 EP G. Curl/1964 MG B 1:36.818
- 2 EP T. Welsh/1974 MG B
- 4 FP W. Gardner/1963 Austin-Healey Sprite
- 3 EP K. Morris/1969 MG B
- 4 EP M. Floyd/1973 Porsche 914
- 5 FP G. Cory/1961 MG Midget
- 6 FP M. Glass/1972 MG Midget
- 5 EP K. Barstead/1964 MG B
- 7 FP J. Sharp/1972 MG Midget
- 8 FP W. Miles/1961 Austin-Healey Sprite
- 9 FP A. Hofeling/1971 MG Midget

### GROUP 3

#### PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FV J. Urban/1969 Zink FV 1:34.380
- 2 FV R. Dudding/1968 Zink C4
- 1 FV M. Callahan/1968 Zink Z5 1:35.086
- 2 FV J. Yule/1963 Formcar Mk 2
- 3 FV D. Harrison/1965 Zink C4
- 4 FV G. Byrne/1974 Zink FV
- 5 FV J. Ridings/1968 Zink C4
- 6 FV D. Rolison/1967 Zink Z5
- 7 FV T. Stege/1969 Formula Vee Beach
- 8 FV F. Storer/1963 Formcar
- 9 FV C. Singletary/1965 Autodynamics Mk 2B
- 10 FV B. Griffith/1970 Caldwell D13

### GROUP 4

#### PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FJR C. Bamford/1961 Cooper T56 1:35.315
- 1 VA A. Johnson/1958 Devin MGA 1:41.942
- 1 VB J. Page/1965 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce 1:42.826



### #5 Richard Morrison, 1958 Mercedes 220S Coupe.

- 1 VC G. Bauer/1959 Austin-Healey Sprite 1:43.313
- 2 VB R. Morrison/1958 Mercedes 220S Coupe

### 2 VC G. McFarlane/1961 H-Modified

- Thundermug
- 1 CM F. Tindall/1960 Lola Mk 1 1:35.549

### GROUP 6

#### PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FF1 P. Junco/1972 Merlyn 20A 1:25.458
- 2 FF1 M. Hibbs/1969 Merlyn Mk 11A
- 3 FF1 G. Tussing/1972 Titan Mk 6A



### #35 David Patton, 1962 Morris Mini.

- 4 FF1 J. Steinmetz/1969 Merlyn 11A
- 5 FF1 L. Reyburn/1971 Merlyn Mk 20A
- 6 FF1 J. Stokley/1969 Caldwell D9
- 7 FF1 J. Mihalich/1969 Lotus Type 61
- 8 FF1 N. John/1972 Lola T200
- 1 FF2 H. Jones/1974 Lola T342 1:34.680
- 9 FF1 A. Lemon/1969 Merlyn 11A
- 1 FA F. Haynie/1975 Royale RP19 1:30.593
- 10 FF1 D. Collins/1969 Merlyn 11A

### GROUP 1/7

#### PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 DPT. Webb/1961 Elva Courier 1:57.601



### #23 Chris Kellner/1959 Austin-Healey 3000.

- 1 BS E. Wood/1966 Alfa Romeo GTV 1:56.897
- 2 BS M. Pranka/1972 Alfa Romeo GTV
- 1 CP R. Kuehnhoefer/1973 Porsche 911 2:07.492
- 2 CP P. Sullivan/1970 Porsche 911
- 1 AS A. Shores/1970 Ford Mustang 2:04.874
- 3 BS M. Primo/1971 Fiat 124
- 1 BP G. Reynolds/1967 Shelby Mustang GT350 2:06.384
- 3 CP B. Merrill/1971 Datsun 240Z
- 4 CP D. Piott/1972 Porsche 914



### #57 Joe Pizzi, 1968 Datsun 510.

- 1 AP J. Sandberg/1969 Chevrolet Corvette 2:10.033
- 1 FIA T. Upton/1972 Detomaso Pantera 3:06.368
- 2 AS J. Fershrand/1969 Ford Mustang

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