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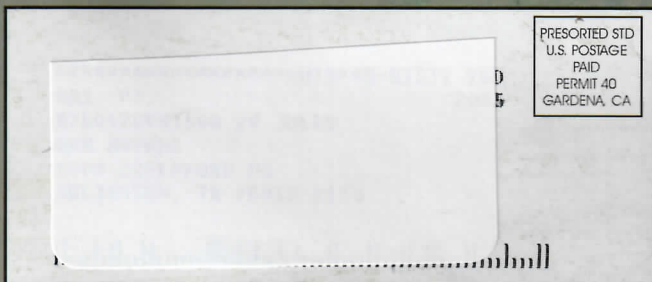
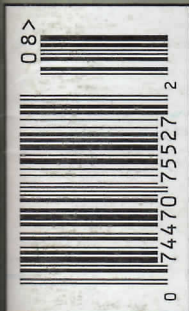
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# CVAR Marvelous May Races



## Motor Sports Ranch Fort Worth, TX

May 19-21, 2006

#76 Fred Crowley, 1962 Austin Healey 100/6;  
#61 John Page, 1961 Alfa Romeo Guililia Spider; and  
#61 Charlie Barns, 1959 Alfa Romeo Spyder, of Group 4.

### -report & photos by Don Gwynne

Close racing, see-saw finishes, and off-track levity were all part of this CVAR event at the 1.7 mile Motor Sport Ranch road course just South of Fort Worth, TX.

Close races with lots of lead swapping were the norm all weekend. For example, it was a real battle in FF2 of **Group 6** between #198 Scott Clark and #1 Pete Hoekenga, both in Lola T540s. While Pete won on Saturday, Scott came out on top in the Sunday afternoon final. Both reckoned it was their most thrilling weekend ever.

The FF1 result was the same both days, with Chris Yates in his green #5 Merlyn MK11A finishing ahead of Patricio Junco's blue #32 Lotus 51B.

Touring of MSR's newly completed 3.1 mile road course was allowed during the lunch breaks. Many participants got their first look at the 3.1 mile circuit, albeit in single file behind a pace car. Those with empty seats gave rides to youngsters, including

dozens of young Boy Scouts of America track helpers, to their immense delight.

Another epic see-saw contest was between Seth Higgins #31 red Porsche Carrera and Roy Allen #59 blue Shelby GT-350. The **Group 1** race went to Roy Allen's Mustang on Saturday afternoon, but Seth Higgins fought his Porsche to the front during Sunday's final Group 1 point race.

The finishing order of Sunday's **Group 4** race was as follows: Fred Crowley's red #76 Austin Healey 100/6 led John Page's white #61 Alfa and Charlie Barns' red #61 Alfa. Two #61 Alfas on course at once kept the flagging and communications people on their toes! Car color suddenly became an important part of all corner station reports.

Jim Yule's green #77 Kaimann Mk IV won the **Group 3** Formula Vee races on both Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Also on both days, Team Geezer's Michael Callahan white #68 Zink C4 placed second, teammate John Gaudette's blue #66 Zink C4 finished third, and Zane Everett's black #321 Bobsy Vanguard finished fourth.

In **Group 2** on Saturday, Russell Roach's white #34 Datsun SPL311 roadster won a photo-finish against Herb Hilton's red #02 MG Midget. Russell's victory margin was less than six hundredths of a second. On Sunday, however, the tables were turned, and Herb Hilton won with a 1.6 second margin over Jay McClanahan's white #74 MG Midget, with Roach's Datsun a distant third.

**Group 7** (CP, DP, BS, EP) was Sunday's finale, and at the front, it was all Porsche. Jim Collier's white #57 Porsche 911 finished first, with Vernon Shade's orange #808 Porsche 911 second by 1.9 seconds. George Kopecky's white #97 Porsche 911 was third, and Ed Marshall's white #128 Porsche 911 was a distant fourth. The first non-Porsche finisher was the red and silver #4 Datsun 240Z driven by Dr. Berkeley Merrill.

In perfect harmony with the jovial tone of the great flamingo egg caper, Bob Green's Chief Steward pit bicycle

was surreptitiously "decorated" by his many admirers. Bob conducted his duties all weekend with as much dignity as a grown man can muster while pedaling a blue bike decked with yellow padding and pink chiffon decorations.

### Flamingo Eggs?



Left to right - Bob Merrill, John Gaudette, Art Summerville, Jr., Art (Pop) Summerville, Jim Yule, and Lou Marchant, and of course the eggs.

In retaliation for the FV Recycled Racing Team's flamboyant presentation of two large plastic pink flamingos to the rival FV Team Geezer at Hallett in April, Team Geezer brought dozens and dozens of sacks filled with brightly colored plastic eggs.

While making no specific allegations, Team Geezer thinks that perhaps the pair of flamingos got into some "performance enhancing medications" while in the possession of the Recycled Racing Team, because they seemed to have laid thousands of the colored eggs. Many entrants arriving at MSR were handed a paper sack full of "flamingo eggs" labeled with a request to distribute them liberally throughout tow cars, tool boxes, helmet bags, etc. of the erstwhile flamingo donators, namely Art Summerville, Lou Marchant, Jim Yule and Bob Merrill. Plastic eggs even appeared at drivers meetings and the Saturday night dinner; they seemed to be everywhere. Recycled Racing Team and Team Geezer both vowed "this isn't over yet!"



The Formula Fords of #5 Chris Yates, 1969 Merlyn Mk11A, and #32 Patricio Junco, 1968 Lotus 51B.





**#31 Seth Higgins, 1974 Porsche Carrera, and #59 Roy Allen, 1966 Shelby GT350, of Group 1.**



**Bob Green, Chief Steward on his highly decorated pit bicycle.**

**RESULTS**

**GROUP 1**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR TYPE**

**1 FIA S. Higgins/74 Porsche Carrera**

**1:25.252**

**1 BP R. Allen/66 Shelby GT350**

**1:25.277**

**1 AS K. Rich/67 Shelby GT350**

**1:26.118**

2 AS J. Fershtand/69 Mustang

2 BP M. Hargrave/65 Mustang

3 AS C. Janin/66 Mustang

4 AS S. LeComte/67 Camaro

3 BP G. Reynolds/67 Shelby GT350

4 BP T. Zelinski/66 Mustang

5 BP T. Filer/63 Corvette

6 BP R. Cobb/65 Mustang

5 AS R. Suggs/70 Mustang

6 AS M. Jenniges/67 Mustang

**1 AS R. J. Anderson/71 Lola T212**

**1:33.167**

2 FIA M. Krupp/75 Porsche RS

7 AS J. Seligman/66 Mustang

7 BP D. Mhoon/66 Sunbeam Tiger

8 AS M. Jenniges/66 Mustang

**GROUP 2**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR TYPE**

**1 FP H. Hilton/71 MG Midget 1:30.807**

2 FP J. McClanahan/70 MG Midget

3 GP R. Roach/66 Datsun SP311

4 FPT. Aguillon/69 MG Midget

**1 CS D. Patton/62 Mini Cooper S**

**1:34.665**

5 FP S. Coleman/72 MG Midget

6 GP R. Fisher/59 A-H Sprite

**1 CP D. Drosche/70 Lotus 7 1:33.821**

2 CS R. Soucy/67 Mini Cooper S

3 CS S. Partin/69 Alfa GT Jr

7 FP D. Littlefield/64 A-H Sprite

8 FP J. McClanahan/69 MG Midget

4 CS T. Davies/66 Mini Cooper S

9 FP K. Gauthier/71 MG Midget

10 FP L. Riggs/72 MG Midget

DNF J. Hovey/67 Triumph Spitfire

DNF S. Rodgers/72 MG Midget

**GROUP 3**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR TYPE**

**1 FV J. Yule/69 Kaimann MkIV**

**1:31.509**

2 FV M. Callahan/68 Zink C4

3 FV J. Gaudette/69 Zink C4

4 FV Z. Everett/64 Bobsy Vanguard

5 FV A. Summerville/68 Zink C4

**1 SFP M. Vecillio/72 MG Midget**

**1:41.372**

2 SFP G. Maurer/72 MG Midget

6 FV B. Heuer/69 Shark P69

7 FV A. Summerville Jr./68 Zink C4

**1 BSR P. Flanery/65 Merlyn Mk6**

**1:45.897**

3 SFP T. Aguillon/69 MG Midget

8 FV T. Desalvo/65 Zink C5

4 SFP E. Dick/67 A-H Sprite

**GROUP 4**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR TYPE**

**1 VA F. Crowley/62 A-H 100/6 1:36.066**

**1 VB J. Page/61 Alfa Guilia Spider**

**1:35.641**

**1 VC C. Barns/59 Alfa Spyder 1:36.560**

2 VB L. Marchant/59 MGA

3 VB M. Orlie/60 Porsche Roadster

**1 FF Jr P. Gonzales/60 Lotus 1:40.026**

2 FF Jr L. McKinstry/59 Elva 100

**1 HP K. Jackson/67 Fiat 850 Abarth**

**1:43.132**

**1 CM J. Lopez/69 Westfield II**

**1:51.980**

2 VA C. Kellner/59 A-H 3000 Mk1

DNF DSR J. Furlow Jr./62 Dolphin

Abarth

**GROUP 6**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR TYPE**

**1 FF2 S. Clark/79 Lola T540 1:19.747**

2 FF2 P. Hoekenga/79 Lola T540

**1 FF1 C. Yates/69 Merlyn Mk11A**

**1:21.929**

2 FF1 P. Junco/68 Lotus 51B

3 FF1 S. Lafferty/71 Merlyn

3 FF2 E. Copley/73 Lola T340

4 FF1 B. Revenaugh/71 Titan Mk6

5 FF1 S. Monroe/69 Caldwell D9

**1 S7 A. Fawcett/70 Lotus 7 1:25.140**

**1 FA K. Liming/70 Centaur FSV 1:25.115**

6 FF1 L. Mills/69 Crossle 16F

2 S7 M. Hibbs/97 Caterham

3 S7 J. Sloan/96 Caterham

7 FF1 A. Brussich/68 Lotus 61 FF

4 S7 D. Gough/95 Caterham

8 FF1 L. Lydick/72 Merlyn Mk20

4 FF2 R. Gutkowski/76 Merlyn 029A

DNF S7 G. Hibbs/96 Caterham

**GROUP 7**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR TYPE**

**1 CP J. Collier/72 Porsche 911 1:26.536**

2 CP V. Shade/65 Porsche 911S

3 CP G. Kopecky/70 Porsche 911S

4 CP E. Marshall/67 Porsche 911S

5 CP B. Merrill/71 Datsun 240Z

6 CP P. Sullivan/70 Porsche 914/6

7 CP J. Bartos/71 Porsche 914/6

**1 EP T. Welsh/74 MGB 1:32.114**

8 CP D. Fawcett/69 Lotus Elan

9 CP D. Noe/67 Porsche 911S

2 EP G. Perser/66 MGB

3 EP J. Hamilton/65 MGB

**1 BS T. Woodruff/74 BMW 2002**

**1:32.262**

4 EP G. Curl III/64 MGB

**1 DP N. Dodson/63 Lotus Super 7**

**1:33.665**

5 EP A. Schorcken/67 MGB

2 BS B. Oliver/75 BMW 2002

3 BS S. Cole/71 Fiat 124 Coupe

4 BS J. Hawkins/67 Alfa GTV



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