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#75 Peter Hardsteen, 1968 Lotus 51; #84 Dan Chapman, 1968 Brabham BT-21B; #52 Chris Forrer, 1978 Tiga Formula Ford; #62 Duke Waldrop, 1982 Van Dieman VD 82.

SVRA Mardi Gras in October

NOLA Motorsports Park, Louisiana

October 13-16, 2016

— story by Don Gwynne

The turnout at NOLA, and the track time, was divided between vintage cars and modern TA (Trans Am) cars. The event was smoothly run and pretty much stayed on schedule the whole weekend. Repaving of the track has removed several bumps at the end of the front straight. Although an SVRA sanctioned event, CVAR members made it to the podium in almost every vintage race group.

Associated weekend activities at NOLA included a car show, the Jaguar Challenge, Jaguar Hot Laps and the Land Rover All Terrain driving experience. Saturday evening SVRA hosted a Mardi Gras party complete with Cajun cuisine, New Orleans style music and bench racing.

CVAR Chief Instructor Berkeley Merrill was photographed on the podium between two

of his closest competitors, both of whom were prior students, and both of whom are female. After the shot, someone in the crowd called out “What a fitting finish for a retired gynecologist!”

Sunday’s racing began with an hour-and-a-half long **ENDURO** for all entered classes. It was led from start to finish (excepting during one mandatory pit stop) by the team of Bruce Hamilton and Tonis (last name ?), driving the #85 Dallara Infinity, all the way from Monkton, MD. In addition to the overall win, this notched first place in SVRA’s 9F1 class. The next two finishers were both Ferrari F340’s in (what else?) SVRA’s F430

class. Barry Fromberg from Plano, Texas, took second overall in his #43 Ferrari, with the Copper Canyon, Texas, team of Steven Hill and Jason Hart taking third overall in the #33 Ferrari.

After the completion of the Enduro, fourteen SVRA **GROUP 2** (open wheel formula cars) came to the grid. Dan Chapman of New Braunfels, Texas, sat on pole in his #84 Brabham BT-21B, with San Antonio’s Jeff Anderson alongside in his

#16 Brabham BT-29. When the green flag waved, it didn’t take long before Anderson took the overall lead, only to get passed by Chapman on the last lap for the overall win. Both were in SVRA’s 2FB class. Dick Scariano of Grand Junction, CO, ran in third overall from flag to flag, taking the 2SV class win in his #356 Winkelmann FSV1.

SVRA’s **GROUP 5 AND GROUP 7** closed wheel sports racers came next, with a small grid of five starters. After starting in fourth,



photo by Kirk Zickler

#55 Cynthia Trifilio, 1972 Fiat 124.

Phil Dalgrenpont charged his way into the lead after only two laps, for the overall win and the 7BSR class win in his Toj/206-24 Spider. After starting on pole, Ralf Kuehnhoefer had to settle for second overall and the 5ASR class win in his #196 Chevron B19. Noteworthy for other reasons was the #51 Lola T-492 driven by Scott Clark of Fort Worth, Texas. This was the car’s first outing after 20 years of neglect and a six month intensive restoration, so a fourth overall finish to win the 7HS2 class was a bonus.

GROUPS 1, 3 AND 4 (small sports cars) fielded a grid of nine cars in seven different classes. SVRA President Tony Parella sat on pole in his black #56 Chevrolet Corvette Roadster, with Randy Riney’s #100 MG Midget alongside. After the green flag, Parella’s



photo by Kirk Zickler

#12 Berkeley Merrill, 1972 Porsche 914/4.



photo by Chris Langley

#99 Chris Langley, 1966 Corvair Yenko Stinger; #06 Skott Burkland, 1969 Porsche 911.

Corvette soon dropped out, so Riney went on to lead to the checkered flag for the overall and 1FP class win. CVAR Chief Instructor Berkeley Merrill came in second overall to win the 3DP class in his #12 Porsche 914. Cynthia Trifilio brought her #55 Fiat 124 Sport Coupe to third overall to win the 3 BS class.

SVRA's big bore **GROUP 6** class had nine cars come to the grid, with Conroe, Texas, driver Phil Mulacek on pole in his real-deal #27 427 Cobra. Unfortunately, he fell back on the first lap, and had to fight to regain a fourth overall slot at the finish. Both he and Clair Schwenderman were in the 6AP class, with Swenderman's big block #37 Chevrolet Corvette Roadster taking the overall and

class win. CVAR President Herb Hilton finished second overall in his #17A Mustang sedan, winning the 6TA class.

GROUPS 10, 12 AND IGT brought five cars to the grid, with four different classes represented. Steven Hill of Copper Canyon, Texas, led from pole to flag in his #33 Ferrari F430, winning the F430 class as well as the overall win. On the last lap, Ohioan John Mauro moved

into second overall in his #23 Porsche GT3 Cup car, winning the GT3.6 class.

GROUP 8 small bore production sports cars fielded six drivers, with Lee Talbot on the pole in his #62 Ginetta G4. John Rogers Smith sat alongside in his #76 Datsun 240Z. After the green flag, Talbot soon DNFed, with Smith leading the rest of the pack to the checkered flag for the overall win and the 8CP class win. John Stevens finished second overall and second 8CP in his #9 Datsun 240Z. Chris Langley was a crowd favorite in his #99 Yenko Stinger, finishing third overall and winning the 8RS class.

The last race of the day was for Group 9 cars, with Bruce Hamilton leading from green to checker driving his #85 Dallara Infinity to win the 9F1 class. Rick Wark finished second overall to win the 9FB class in his #38 March 722 Formula Atlantic. Colorado's Allen Johnsen finished third overall in his #555 Lola T-320 Formula Super Vee to win the 9FC class.

Current reports indicate that this may be the last SVRA race taking place at NOLA Motorsports Park, which is too bad, because



photo by Kirk Zickler

#61 Christel Kuehnhoefer, 1965 Alfa Romeo Giulia Spider Veloce.

NOLA is a nice facility with a really fast and technical track.

CVAR's next event will be the Spring Drivers School & Races, Feb 24-26 at MSR-Houston, Angleton, Texas.

ENDURO

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 9F1 B. Hamilton/T. Kasemets/2008 Dallara Infinity 1:32.808
- 1 F430 B. Fromberg/2006 Ferrari 430 Challenge 1:47.885
- 2 F430 S. Hill/J. Hart/2007 Ferrari 430 CH
- 1 GT3.6 J. Mauro/2009 Porsche GT3 Cup 1:46.995
- 1 F355 C. Cohen/2007 Ferrari 355 Challenge 1:56.336



photo by Kirk Zickler

#25 Richard Baldwin, 2005 Spec Racer Ford.

- 1 5M R. Baldwin/2005 SCCA Spec Racer Ford 1:53.178
- 1 6TA P. Mulacek/A. Vinson/Shelby Mustang GT350 2:02.093
- 1 8AP R. B. Williams/1970 Porsche 911 2:04.403
- 1 8BP S. Burkland/1969 Porsche 911 2:15.315
- 1 C3.4 B. Riddell/2011 Porsche Cayman S 1:52.309

GROUP 1,3,4

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 1FP R. Riney/1970 MG Midget 2:05.181
- 1 3DP B. Merrill/1972 Porsche 914-4 2:11.640

- 1 3BS C. Trifilio/1972 Fiat 124 2:11.327
- 1 1CS S. Partin/1969 Alfa Romeo GT Junior 2:10.998

- 1 3EP C. Kuehnhoefer/1965 Alfa Romeo Giulia Spider Veloce 2:13.827

- 2 3EP H. Morrison/1959 Elva Courier
- 2 1FP D. Vick/1964 Triumph Spitfire
- 1 4FM S. Patterson/1952 Devin MG Speedster TD 2:34.547
- 1 4BP T. Parella/1958 Corvette Roadster 2:15.856

GROUP 2

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 2FB D. Chapman/1968 Brabham BT-21B 1:52.628
- 2 2FB J. Anderson/1969 Brabham BT29
- 1 2SV D. Scario/1971 Winkelmann FSV 1 1:56.541
- 3 2FB M. Winn/1972 GRD FB/F3
- 1 2PCF D. Waldrop/1982 Van Dieman VD 82 1:58.518
- 1 2FF L. Romine/1968 Lotus 51 1:57.705

- 2 2PCF G. Bilawsky/1986 Swift DB-1
- 1 2CF C. Forrer/1978 Tiga Formula Ford 1:58.462
- 4 2FB C. Derbes/1970 Brabham BT29
- 2 2FF P. Hardsteen/1968 Lotus 51
- 2 2CF M. Anderson/1979 Crossle F-35
- 3 2PCF R. Roberts/1981 Crossle 45F
- 1 2F C. Hearn/1969 Lynx B 2:09.489
- 2 2F E. Barron/1972 Pegasus FV

GROUP 5, 7

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 7BSR P. Daigrepont/1978 Toj/206-24 Spider 1:46.377
- 1 5ASR R. Kuehnhoefer/1971 Chevron B19 1:51.198



photo by Scott Clark

#51 Scott Clark, 1978 Lola T492.

- 1 5FM J. Gewinner/1965 Lotus 23B 2:00.002
- 1 7HS2 S. Clark/1978 Lola T492 1:58.371
- 1 5M R. Baldwin/2005 SCCA Spec Racer Ford 1:53.937

GROUP 6

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 6AP C. Schwendeman/1968 Corvette Roadster 1:56.347
- 1 6TA H. Hilton/1967 Ford Mustang 1:58.710
- 1 6AS J. Garrett/1967 Ford Mustang 1:58.616
- 2 6AP P. Mulacek/1966 Shelby Cobra 427
- 1 6BP A. Vinson/1966 Shelby GT350 1:58.821
- 3 6AP J. Sandberg/1969 Corvette
- 2 6BP L. Gladfelter/1966 Shelby GT 350
- 2 6TA C. Janin/1968 Ford Mustang
- 1 6MPL J. Hamilton/1968 MGB GT V8 2:16.054

GROUP 8

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 8CP J.R. Smith/1971 Datsun 240Z 2:09.125
- 2 8CP J. Stephens/1972 Datsun 240Z

- 1 8RS C. Langley/1966 Corvair Yenko Stinger 2:15.016

- 1 8BP S. Burkland/1969 Porsche 911 2:17.610
- 2 8RS R. Rosenberg/1966 Corvair
- 1 8AP L. Talbot/1967 Ginetta G4 2:08.304

GROUP 9

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 9F1 B. Hamilton/2008 Dallara Infinity 1:35.465
- 1 9FB R. Wark/1972 March 722 Formula Atlantic 1:50.843
- 1 9FC A. Johnsen/1972 Lola 320 FSV 1:51.253
- 1 9FD D. Siebert/2008 Dallara F007 1:54.718
- 2 9FE E. Copley/1980 Ralt RT4



photo by Kirk Zickler

#405 Susan Patterson, 1952 Devin MG.

GROUP 10, 12, IGT

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 F430 S. Hill/2007 Ferrari 430 CH 1:45.762
- 1 GT3.6 J. Mauro/2009 Porsche GT3 Cup 1:47.871
- 2 F430 B. Fromberg/2006 Ferrari 430 Challenge
- 1 10GT4 J. Robinson/2010 Dodge Viper 1:55.714
- 1 12MP2 P. Read/1988 Corvette 2:03.094