



#113 Hunter Barron, 1969 Kellison Mk 2; #23 Elliott Barron, 1972 Pegasus; #87 Dwight Calkins, 1972 Lynx B.

CVAR Race Against Kids Cancer

Texas Motor Speedway

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A few quotes tell the tale well:

“I’m not sure what was the most fun to watch; the 18 or so Group 1 big bangers tearing around the oval or the 6 car drafting trains of the Group 3 FVs. Both were exciting and the other groups put on a good show, too!”

“Those of you that didn’t come to TMS for the Morgan Adams Race Against Kids Cancer... MISSED a heck of an experience!!! The track is the most amazing track I’ve ever been able to experience... BAD ASS !!!! COTA is nice but the banked turns at TMS are a whole new world...trust me!”

“If you didn’t make TMS you missed a super weekend of racing. Mother nature was kind to us and we were blessed with beautiful weather. The facilities were top notch, clean

and well organized. From my vantage point running the banked oval was simply over the top, with some of us reaching over 150MPH.”

“I just want to say what a fantastic event the CVAR Race Against Kids Cancer was! The track is great! Unapologetically great. The food was awesome. The entertainment was terrific. And it was all for a good cause. I can’t wait to do it again. Thanks Russ, Joan, Clyde, Herb and all the folks who helped make it happen.”

“The Saturday night dinner was a big success with over 200 attendees and lots of good food and drinks. The Chris Watson Band kept us entertained along with some “Dancing With The Stars” candidates and of course the Chicken dance.”

Besides racing, CVAR raised a lot of money for the Morgan Adams Foundation supporting children’s cancer research. Special thanks goes out to those that contributed to the charity auction including Sam LeComte, Greg Reynolds, Tracey Robinson, Judy Kellner, Jean

Womble, Alex Smargiasso, Cragg Eubanks, Burt Williams, Tim Woodruff, Brandall Binion, Jeff Norris, Victory Lane magazine



#7 Bob Pinkston, 1966 Volkswagen Beetle.

and *Vintage Motorsport* magazine. The Lunch Laps race car rides on both Saturday and Sunday were a huge hit, and raised a lot of money for the Morgan Adams Foundation.

The infield was smooth enough, fun, if not overly technical and the banking was frighteningly (at first) FAST! For example, some Group 7 drivers reported that they were going about 10 mph faster than on the straights at COTA and VIR.

Over 200 people attend the “Dinner with the Drivers” on Saturday night. They were treated to a great performance by The Chris Watson Band. A charity auction had members bidding against each other for tires, tickets and a quilt made by Judy Kellner and Jean Womble that topped out at \$2850, bid by Jim Barron. Thanks for auction item donations from Sam LeComte, Greg Reynolds, Tracey



#23 Chris Kellner, 1959 Austin Healey 3000; #960 Joseph Ware, 1971 Austin Cooper S.

Robinson, Burt and Shelley Williams, Tim Woodruff, Brandall Binion, Jeff Norris, Cragg Eubanks, *Vintage Motorsport, Victory Lane* and Kyle Bush. CVAR raised \$57,000 for the Morgan Adams Foundation, which exceeded our \$50K goal.

When the Sunday afternoon CVAR Championship 15 minute points races began, earlier problems with the track PA system had been solved, and the garage areas, paddock and pits were subjected to running commentaries from amateur racing announcers Don Gwynne and Steve Smargiasso.

The first points race brought out 16 **GROUP 3** Formula Vees. Although not the fastest cars of the weekend, it produced some of the very best racing. At the end of 8 laps of the 2.63 mile course, the winner was Elliott Barron, driving his silver #23 Pegasus. The road course is a combination of about 2/3 of the NASCAR oval, combined with a wiggly trip through the infield. About four seconds separated him from the second and third place cars. But those two were neck and neck at the finish. Jason White came second in his black and red #98 Zink C4. Hunter Barron's



#70 Rick Wark, 1980 March Formula Atlantic.

red #113 Kellison Mk2 finished third, only a tenth of a second behind White.

CVAR's **GROUP 4** had 12 entrants, but on Sunday afternoon only 5 of them came to the grid. Austin's Howard Phillips led the way in his green #11 Alfa Romeo GTV to take the overall win and the BS class win. New Mexico's Henry Morrison placed second overall and first in VB class driving his white #10 Elva Courier. Fellow New Mexico resident Erik Jacobsen placed third overall and second in VB class driving his yellow #27 Austin Healey Sprite. Texan Chris Kellner placed fourth overall to win the VA class in his red and white #23 Austin Healey 3000. Although both were a lap down on the leader, Kellner and Bob Pinkston had a whale of a race. Pinkston's red #7 VW Beetle was just 0.7 seconds behind Kellner at the checkered flag, to win the recently created G4T class.

The **GROUP 6** (FA, FF1, FF2, FF3, and B Sports Racing) field had 22 entries, but for various reasons, only 14 came to the grid.



#3a Jim Reiss, 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 302; #17a Herb Hilton, 1967 Ford Mustang.

Class of the field was Rick Wark and his red #70 March Formula Atlantic. He ran off and hid from the rest, finishing half a minute ahead of the second place car. Greg Smith brought his red #6 Swift DB1 home behind Wark to win the FF3 class. Angus Lemon and Tom Linton battled for the FF1 class win, with less than 0.3 seconds difference at the checkered flag. Lemon's purple #86 Merlyn 11A/17A took the FF1 win, with Linton's blue and white #71 Winkelmann WDF1 placind fourth overall and second in FF1. Jim Gewinner took an unopposed B Sports Racing win at fifth overall in his green #33 Lotus 23B. The FF2 class win was taken by Charles Daniels from Albuquerque, NM with his yellow #63 Crossle CF25/32.

The **GROUP 7** (C Production, D Production, B Sedan) race produced an epic battle between the red/white/blue #57 Datsun 501 driven by Michael Lovay and the orange #24 Porsche 914-6 driven by Tom Taff. After 9 laps, Lovay took the checkered flag and the B Sedan class win with a 1.4 second lead over Taff's C Production Porsche. Thomas Schluter's blue #77 Datsun 240Z finished third overall and second in C Production, about 15 seconds behind Taff. Donnie Cluck drove his yellow #39 Datsun 510 to fourth overall and second in B Sedan. Race organizer and recently published racing author Russ Rosenberg won the D Production class driving his white #83 Yenko Stinger.

CVAR's Big Thunder, **GROUP 1** (A Production, B Production, A Sedan, FIA) fielded a

spectacular field of 19 cars. 13 more were entered but didn't come to the grid for the points race. Jacob Ammon's silver #27 Chevrolet Corvette finished first overall to win the A Production class, finishing just less than four seconds ahead of Seth Higgins' blue #31 Porsche RSR, which won the FIA class. Charles Jones had his white and gold #289 Shelby GT-350H wound tight, to finish third overall and win the B Production class. This same car was SCCA's B Production National Champion "back in the day." Less than two seconds behind Jones came Jeff Garrett in his blue #389 notchback Mustang to win the A Sedan class.

Last race of the event was for Group 2 (E Production, F Production). San Antonio's Stefan Schluter finished first overall to win the E Production class in his orange #60 Porsche 914-4. Ken Morris had his black #08 MGB running well, finishing second overall and second in E Production, about 9 seconds behind Schluter. Thirty seconds farther back, Mike Glass won the F Production class in third overall driving his black #13 MG Midget.

CVAR's next event is the Brian Goldman Races and School, MSR-H, Feb 22-24. Brian was a founding member of CVAR and a constant supporter. Sadly, he recently succumbed to a massive stroke. Brian will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



#86 Angus Lemon, 1969 Merlyn 11A/17A; #172 Jay Messenger, 1972 Titan Mk 6.



#01 Terry Hefty, 1967 Porsche 911S; #19 Louis Gladfelter, 1971 Datsun 510.

GROUP 1

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 AP J. Ammon/1969 Corvette
- 1 FIA S. Higgins/1973 Porsche 911 Rsr
- 1 BP C. Jones/1966 Shelby GT-350H
- 1 AS J. Garrett/1967 Ford Mustang



#08 Ken Morris, 1969 MGB

- 2 AS H. Hilton/1967 Ford Mustang
- 3 AS C. Janin/1968 Ford Mustang
- 2 BP J. Robau/1964 Corvette

- 2 AP J. Scott/1971 Corvette
- 4 AS J. Fershtand/1969 Ford Mustang
- 5 AS R. Williams
- 2 FIA M. Gohlke/1970 Porsche 914
- 3 BP G. Reynolds/1967 Shelby Mustang GT350
- 6 AS G. Hassell/1968 Ford Mustang
- 7 AS B. Whitehead/1965 Ford Mustang
- 8 AS J. Reiss/1969 Ford Mustang Boss 302
- 3 AP S. Pfuehler/1967 Corvette Coupe
- 9 AS J. Couture/1966 Ford Mustang
- 3 FIA J. Zittner/1970 Porsche 914/6 GT
- 10 AS K. Thomas/1969 Mustang Boss 302

GROUP 2

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 EP S. Schluter/1973 Porsche 914/4
- 2 EP K. Morris/1969 MGB

- 1 FP M. Glass/1972 MG Midget
- 2 FP G. Reed/1967 MG Midget
- 3 EP G. Perser/1966 MGB
- 4 EP B. Merrill/1972 Porsche 914/4
- 3 FP D. Hilton/1959 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite

GROUP 3

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FV E. Barron/1972 Pegasus Pegasus
- 2 FV J. White/1965 Zink C-4
- 3 FV H. Barron/1969 Kellison Mk 2
- 4 FV M. Rogers/1968 Bobsy Vega FV
- 5 FV D. Phillips/1969 Zink C-4
- 6 FV H. Barron/1972 Caldwell D-13
- 7 FV A. Hughes
- 8 FV J. Barron
- 9 FV N. Palgrave/1977 Caldwell D-13
- 11 FV D. Calkins/1972 Lynx B
- 12 FV S. Elieff/1960 V Bug Fast V
- 13 FV K. Barron/1972 Taylor Stewart Autodynamics FV
- 14 FV J-P Carter/1968 Zink C-4
- 15 FV E.O. Barron/1972 Taylor Stewart



#54 Bobby Whitehead, 1965 Ford Mustang.

GROUP 4

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 BS H. Phillips/1972 Alfa Romeo GTV
- 1 VB H. Morrison/1959 Elva Courier
- 2 VB E. Jacobsen/1959 A-H Sprite
- 1 VA C. Kellner/1959 Austin Healey 3000

- 1 G4T B. Pinkston/1966 VW Beetle

GROUP 6

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FA R. Wark/1980 March Formula Atlantic
- 1 FF3 G. Smith/1986 Swift DB-1
- 1 FF1 A. Lemon/1969 Merlyn 11A/17A
- 2 BSR T. Linton/1969 Winkelmann WDF-1



#71 Tom Linton, 1969 Winkelmann WDF-1.

- 1 FF2 J. Gewinner/1965 Lotus 23B
- 1 FF3 C. Daniels/1973 Crosslé Cf 25/32
- 2 FF1 N. Leonard/1985 Swift DB-1
- 3 FF1 D. Mock/1969 Merlyn Mk 11a
- 4 FF1 S. Robinson/1969 Winkelmann FF
- 5 FF1 J. Langham/1972 Merlyn Mk 20a
- 6 FF1 T. Blakeney/1972 Royale RP-16
- 2 FF2 S. Mercer/1969 Alexis FFL&P Mk 15
- 3 FF2 J. Edwards/1978 Citation Z16

GROUP 7

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 BS M. Lovay/1969 Datsun 510
- 1 CP T. Taff/1971 Porsche 152 1/3
- 2 CP T. Schluter/1972 Datsun 240Z
- 2 BS D. Cluck/1972 Datsun 510
- 3 BS C. Trifilio/1971 Fiat 124 Coupe
- 1 DP R. Rosenberg/1966 Yenko Stinger YS-320
- 2 DP J. Frymark/1968 Triumph GT6
- 4 BS D. Oliver/1975 Bmw 2002

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