

CVAR Spring Drivers' School & Races

Texas World Speedway, TX
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#40 Edward Ziegler, Merlyn Mk6A.

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Vintage race cars, drivers, workers, and spectators converged on Texas World Speedway for a weekend festival of speed and fun. In addition to the vintage racing, CVAR conducted a highly successful drivers school, which drew 14 new vintage racing drivers into the fold. The course used is the 2.9-mile combination of twisty turns and short straights in the infield area, combined with a portion of the banked super speedway tri-oval.

Texas World Speedway was built in 1969 and is one of only seven Super Speedways of two miles or greater in the U.S., the others being Indianapolis, Daytona, Pocono, Talladega, California, and Michigan.

Friday started with low fog and drizzle, but the day brightened up and the track dried, much to the relief of all, especially the student drivers. Saturday and Sunday were glorious, with blue Texas skies and gentle breezes.

During the Saturday morning drivers meeting, CVAR President George Curl introduced Bill Mather, the new owner of Texas Motor Speedway. Mather, an ex-Marine, assured the group that although he knows little about racing, he knows how to take good care of valuable property, and that he intends the Speedway to remain open in support of the

surrounding property. He strongly emphasized that he did not buy TWS to plow it under for a housing development, which was very well received by everyone present.

Group 5 was assigned to the students and their instructors. The student drivers drove a very diverse group of cars, including a Corvette, two Mustangs, two Camaros, a Porsche 911, three Porsche 914s, two Alfa Romeos, an MGB, a Triumph Spitfire, and a Formula Vee. Unlike



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#67 San LeComte, Chevy Camaro.

the Saturday preliminary qualifying and race sessions, Sunday's race results count towards CVAR's 2008 Championship determinations.

Winner of Sunday's **Group 1** (A Sedan, A Production, B Production, and FIA classes) points race was Sam LeComte, driving his blue #67 Camaro A Sedan. Second overall and first in

FIA class was Seth Higgins driving his new (to him) brown #31 Porsche 911 RSR. Third overall and second in FIA class was Ron Shade driving his blue & yellow #810 Porsche 911.

Tim Johnson drove his white and green #7 MGB to the overall win and EP win in **Group 2** (E Production, F Production, and C Sedan). Herb Hilton finished second overall and first in FP driving his red and white #02 MG Midget, with Jay McClanahan next in his #113 silver MG Midget. Rodger Soucy won C Sedan in his blue #155 Mini, while Brant Barnes in the silver #48 Mini ran into carburetion problems and Sam Partin's red #44 Alfa Junior had transmission problems.

The **Group 3** (Formula Vee and Spec FF) race went to Team Geezer's Mike Callahan, driving his white #68 Zink FV. His teammate John Gaudette had to settle for third in his blue #66 Zink FV, with Jim Yule taking second in his green #77 Kalman FV. A bit further back in the Group 3 pack, Mike Vecellio drove his (Spec) yellow #3 MG Midget to the SFP win.

CVAR's historic **Group 4** (VA, VB, VC, CM, DSR, FFJr, FJr) showcased many beautiful older cars.

Bruce Revennaugh took the overall win and the FFJr win driving his dark green #150 front engined Elva 100 Formula Junior. Pablo Gonzalez from Santa Catarina, Mexico, took second overall and second FFJr in his green & yellow #20 Lotus 20. John Page placed third overall and first in VB driving his white #61 Alfa Romeo Guilia Spider.

Scott Monroe took the **Group 6** (FA, FB, FF1, FF2, BSR) win driving his bright yellow #80 March 80A FA, ahead of second place finisher Steve Smith in his bright red #27 Merlyn Mk20 FA. Patricio Junco of San Pedro, Mexico, placed third overall and first in FF1 driving his blue Lotus 51B Formula Ford. Steven Jacobs won FF2 with his white & red Dulon MP-15 Formula Ford. Edward Ziegler's blue and orange Merlyn Mk6A won the B Sports Racing class.

The **Group 7** (CP, DP, BS) race turned into a Teutonic romp. George Kopecky's psychedelic #97 Porsche 911 took the overall win and the C Production win, followed by Steve Kent driving the red #58 Porsche 911, and by Ned Cullen in his white & maroon Porsche 911. Many of the B Sedan entrants encountered mechanical problems on Saturday, and one more gremlin popped up on the grid for Sunday's race, leaving only two BS cars at the start. Bill Thacker won B Sedan driving his lime green #175 BMW 2002. D Production was won by Bob Kramer, driving his veteran TR-4A. Bob's red and blue Triumph has a long and proud racing history, including the SCCA's American Road Race of Champions national runoffs at Daytona in 1967 and at Riverside in 1968.



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#32 Patricio Junco, Lotus 51B Formula Ford.

**ENTRY LIST
DRIVER/CAR**

Group 1

M. Butler /Porsche 911 Rs
J. Fershtand/Ford Mustang
T. Filer/Chevy Vette
G. Hassell/Ford Mustang
D. Haynes/Ford Mustang Boss
S. Higgins/Porsche 911 Rsr
B. Kuers/Ford Mustang
S. LeComte/Chev Camaro
J. Macaulay/Chevy Corvette
J. Mangham/Ford Falcon
M. McIlyar/Chevy Camaro
T. Murphy/Jaguar Xke
G. Reynolds/Shelby Mustang Gt350
M. Saxe/Porsche 911 Carrera
D. Schultz/Ford Mustang
V. Shade/Porsche 911St
A. Shores/Ford Boss
R. W. Suggs/Ford Boss
T. Upton/Detomaso Pantera
T. Zelinski/Ford Mustang

Group 2

T. Aguilon/Mg Midget
B. Barnes/Austin Cooper S
R. Beasley/Volvo P1800S
S. Coleman/Mg Midget
G. Curl/MgB
D. Doidge/Mg Midget
W. Gardner/Austin Healey Sprite
J. Hamilton/Mgb Roadster
W. Hill/Mg Midget
H. Hilton/Mg Midget
A. Hofeling/Mg Midget
J. Hovey/Triumph Spitfire
T. Johnson/MgB
D. Littlefield/Mg Midget
J. McClanahan/Mg Midget
J. McClanahan/Austin Healey Sprite
D. McDougal/Austin Healey Sprite
A. McDougal/Austin Healey Sprite
S. Partin/Alfa Romeo Gt Junior
J. Roper/MG B
P. Sandy/Austin Healey Sprite
A. Schorken/Mg Mgbgt
J. Setar/Mga Mkll
J. Sharp/Mg Midget
R. Soucy/Austin Mini Cooper S
C. Tiras/Mg Midget
T. Welsh/Mg Mgb
B. Whitehead/Triumph Gt6+

Group 3

R.r Bailey/lynx B
M. Callahan/Zink Z-5
E. Dick/Austin Healy Sprite
D. Etcheson/Rca Formula Vee
J. Gaudette/Zink C4
B. Griffith/Zink C4
D. Harrison/Zink C4
G. Maurer/Mg Midget
R. Newton/lynx B
D. Peterson/Zink C4
B. Revenaugh/Zink C4
D. Rolison/Zink Z-5
T. Stege/Formular Vee
A. Summerville/Zink C4
M. Vecellio/Mg Midget
J. Yule/Kiamann Formular Vee

Group 4

J. Anderson/Tarashi Formula Junior
J. Breidenbach/Lotus 18 Formular Jr.
D. Chapman/Lotus Mk 11
T. Desalvo/Morris Minor Hm Spc
S. Foster/Elva 100
J. Furlow Sr./Dolphin America
P. Gonzalez/Stanguellini Fjr
D. Griffith/Austin Healey 100-4
L. Marchant/MgA
L. McKinstry/Elva 100 Jr
M. Orlie/Porsche Roadster
J. Page/AR Spider Veloce
B. Revenaugh/Elva 100

R. Williams/Austin Healey Sprite
Group 5

J. Atwell/Ford Mustang pending
D. Bosso/Mg Midget
J. Carley/Chevy Camaro Z28
B. Collins/Triumph Spitfire
S. Duplissey/Porsche 911
M. Floyd/Porsche 914
C. Fox/Mgb E Production Novice
G. Fuqua/Triumph Tr
R. Ludlow/Chevrolet Corvette
K. Morris/MgB
D. Piott/Porsche 914
R. Reeves/Porsche 914
S. Seitz/Ford Mustang
L. Strandh/Volkswagen Fv
E. Williams/Alfa Rome Giulia
T. Yemington/Alfa Romeo Sprint

Group 6

J. Anderson/Brabham Bt-29
A. Barron/Lotus 61
A. Brussich/Lotus Type 61
E. Copley/Lola T340
J. Edenfield/Lotus 61
D. Fawcett/Lotus 61 Ff
D. Fernandez/Crossle Formula Ford
P. Flanery/Merlyn 6A
M. Hibbs/Merlyn Mk11A
S. Jacobs/Dulon Mp-15 FF
B. Johnson/Royale Rp3A
P. Junco/Formular Ford Lotus
J. Kelleher/Merlyn F/F
S. Lafferty/Merlyn Mk 20
K. Liming/Centaur Fsv
H. Lydick/Hawke D1-9
L. Lydick/Formular Ford Merlyn Mk



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#810 Ron Shade, Porsche 911.

L. Mills/Crossle 16F
S. Monroe/March 80A
S. Page/March Atlantic
M. Robinson/Merlyn Mk 029A
S. Smith/Merlyn Mk 20A
P.O. Sohn/Merlyn Mk 11A Ff
E. Ziegler/Merlyn Mk6A

Group 7

S. Brady/Fiat 124 Coupe
K. Brown/Bmw 2002
K. Caldwell/Porsche 911E
S. Cole/Fiat 124 Coupe
N. Cullen/Porsche 911
E. Cullen IV/Porsche
D. Drosche/Lotus 7
A. Fawcett/Lotus Seven S4
J. Foster/Alfa Romeo Spyder

D. Gwynne/Ford Escort
M. Hanna/Porsche 911S
S. Hart/Alfa Romeo Spider
G. Hibbs/Lotus Super Seven
S. Kent/Porsche 911S
G. Kopecky/Porsche 911S
D. Bob/Triumph Tr4A
B. Merrill/Datsun 240Z
A. Nigro/Datsun 240Z
C. Raeder/Alfa Romeo Gtv
B. Rinke/Lotus Super
S. Smargiasso/Mercury Capri
P. Sullivan/Porsche 914-6
T. Taft/Porsche 914 6
W. Thacker/Bmw 2002



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