

# CVAR Fall Festival

## Texas World Speedway, Tx November 2-4, 2007



**#810 Vernon Shade, 1972 Porsche 911T;**  
**#12 Ned Cullen, 1972 Porsche 911T;**  
**#97 George Kopecky, 1970 Porsche 911S; #18 John McFadden, 1971 MGB;**  
**#58 Steve Kent, 1973 Porsche E; #4 Berkeley Merrill, 1970 Datsun 240Z.**

photo: Wayne Hill

### -report by Don Gwynne

The Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR) racers who came to Texas World Speedway were treated to beautiful weather, close racing for the last points of the 2007 season on Saturday. There was fun racing with Australian Pursuit (inverted, delayed starts) heats and two enduros (one for closed wheel cars and one for open wheel cars) on Sunday, none counted for 2007 points.

The year-end final points races on Saturday afternoon yielded the following results:

**Group 4** (VA, VB, VC) saw Mike Orlie and his blue #18 Porsche 356 edge Fred Crowley's red #76 Austin Healey 100/6 to the overall win by only 1/4 second. Fastest lap during the Group 4 race was set at 2:12.047 by John Furlow Sr. driving his silver #37 C-Modified Kurtis 500KK.

The **Group 6** (FA, FB, BSR, FF1, FF2) crowd witnessed a commanding performance by Stephen Page in his white & blue #29 March Formula Atlantic car. Patricio Junco placed second overall and first in FF1, 56 seconds behind the March. All the rest finished more than a minute behind the overall winner. Lord Page's romp to victory included a fastest lap of 1:45.737, or an average speed of 98.7 mph.

**Group 7** (CP, DP, EP, BS) fielded the largest number of cars, with 26 starters. Vernon ("Ron") Shade took the overall win with his freshly-windowed blue & yellow #810 Porsche 911T, setting a best lap of 1:59.981 along the way. Ned Cullen, Steve Kent, and Tom Taff took the next three C Production spots, all driving Porsches. First non-Porsche finisher was John McFadden in his EP light green #18 MGB. Bob Kramer won DP in his red #29 Triumph TR-4A. Tim Woodruff and his blue #74 BMW 2002 won B

Sedan, placing 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

In Saturday's **Group 1** (AS, AP, BP, FIA, ASR) points race, Tony Shores gave everyone a preview of Sunday's one hour enduro by bringing his light blue & black #00 Boss 302 Mustang home first overall and first in A Sedan. Sam LeComte led most of the race in his blue #67 Camaro, but was heard to remark "I heard Tony coming around in a lower gear and knew he had me". Sam crossed the finish line less than one second in arrears to Shores' Mustang. Seth Higgins bested Michael Saxe to win the FIA class, both driving red Porsche 911s. The black #63 Corvette driven by Ted Filer won B Production, enjoying a large lead over the second place BP #03 Mustang of Robert Cobb. Jim Macaulay took an unopposed A Production class win in his red/white/blue #23 Corvette. Pete Hoekenga was thrilled for the chance to drive Jeff Anderson's yellow #29 ASR Lola T212, but electrical gremlins made him a DNS.

**The Group 2** (FP, CS) points race resulted in yet another close win for Herb Hilton in his red #02 MG Midget, with only a 1/3 second margin over David Littlefield's red #57 MG Midget. The blue #155 Mini driven by Rodger Soucy took the C Sedan win, with less than 1/10 second margin ahead of Trevor Bond's red #85 Mini. John Setar debuted his beautifully prepared silver #36 MGA, finishing fourth in FP in its first outing. Although this Pre-60's car would be eligible to race in CVAR's historic Group 4 class, John chose to compete heads-up in FP to continue racing against his many Midget-driving friends. Bravo, John!

**Group 3** (FV, SFP) was the last points race of the 2007 CVAR season. A Geezer won it. Team Geezer's Michael Callahan took the overall win in his white #68 Zink C4 Formula Vee. Although he finished second, Bill Griffith's red #5 Beach set a new CVAR FV track record at TWS by posting a 2:07.592 lap while chasing

Callahan. The four "Specs" were led across the finish line by Mike Vecillio and his yellow #3 MG Midget.

The Saturday Night Awards Celebration was standing room only for two hours. Thanks go to Event Chairman Dan Haynes for the extra effort on the great meal and drink, including a dessert he made himself in between thrashing on his car. Much appreciation goes to Stephen Page for color commentary, hugs, and generous donations of cash, wine and cigars. The CVAR race group drivers donated more than \$2000 for corner worker cash prizes. CVAR appreciates its workers, and shows them how we feel with prize drawings during the end of season awards celebration. Charlie Jones and Seth Higgins designed the unique CVAR logo for the 2007 Group Champion trophies.

Sunday's "Australian Pursuit" races and the two "Enduros" were ripe for all manner of shenanigans including a plot by the Formula Vees in the first half of their enduro. Plan was to stay in single file with the leader dropping to the back of the line entering Turn 1 so that each driver got to lead a lap. However, all attempts at orchestration reverted to the same pack of four guys leading.



photo: Don Gwynne

**#56 Roger Williams, 1960 A-H Sprite;**  
**#59 Bradley Balles, 1959 Austin A-40.**

During the Saturday night awards, CVAR Ex-President Art Summerville awarded Team Geezer's John Gaudette a beautiful engraved washing machine agitator trophy to inaugurate the coveted CVAR Agitator Trophy. True to form, the G-Man hacked his way into Sunday morning's "Australian Pursuit" Group 1 parade lap in his Formula Vee, knowing full well that reprisal from the Chief Steward would surely follow. The Group 1 drivers will surely find a way to retaliate next November.

Along with the two enduros (one hour for closed wheel cars, one hour for open wheel cars) comes the spectacle of bungling pit-stops. "This ain't NASCAR" somebody shouted as pit crews and drivers milled around in organized(?) confusion.

The **One Hour Open Wheel Enduro** started in the early afternoon, with 12 cars competing. A mandatory 5 minute pit stop complicated timing & scoring's job, but they handled it. Robert Metcalf brought his red #30 Crossle FF2 home in first place, turning a very respectable 1:54.196 fastest lap along the way. Stephen Page, in his white & blue #29 March Atlantic car briefly went faster, turning a 1:49.403, but wound up in eighth overall at the end of the hour.

The closed wheel enduro had 10 starters, ranging from Group 1 A Sedans and FIA cars to a C Sedan Mini. Although Tom Upton's red #77 FIA Pantera proved capable of turning laps at 1:55.735, Tony Shores finished first at the end



**#67 Samuel LeComte, 1967 Camaro;**  
**#5 Tod Zelinsky, 1966 Mustang;**

of the hour in his light blue and black #00 Boss 302 Mustang A Sedan. A steady pace turning 2 minute laps and good pit work sealed the deal. Several members of Tony's family had come to watch, and they were delighted to have witnessed his first big win.

Sunday's enduros received nice coverage by the local TV news station, reportedly thanks to the highly respected Team Geezer "PR Machine".



photo Wayne Hill

**#18 Mike Orlie, 1960 Porsche Rstr; #76 Fred Crowley, 1962 AH-100/6; #61 John Page, 1961 Alfa Guilia Spider.**

**RESULTS**

**GROUP 1**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

1 AS A. Shores/70 Mustang Boss 302 15:54.439

2 AS S. LeComte/67 Camaro

3 FIA S. Higgins/74 Porsche Carrera 15:57.779

4 FIA M. Saxe/74 Porsche

5 AS D. Ruehs/69 Camaro

6 AS J. Fershtand/69 Mustang

7 BP T. Filer/63 Corvette 16:46.290

8 FIA A. Trotter/69 Corvette

9 FIA T. Upton/72 Pantera

10 AP J. Macaulay/72 Corvette

11 AS J. Seligman/66 Mustang

12 AS D. Haynes/70 Mustang Boss 302

13 AS M. McIllyar/68 Camaro

14 BP R. Cobb/65 Mustang

15 AS M. Jennings/66 Mustang

16 AS J. Mangham/65 Falcon

17 AS G. Hassell/70 Mustang

18 AS R. Suggs/65 Mustang

**GROUP 2**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

1 FP H. Hilton/71 MG Midget 16: 47.911

2 FP D. Littlefield/74 MG Midget

3 FP P. Littlefield/72 MG Midget

4 FP C. Tiras/69 MG Midget

5 CS R. Soucy/67 Mini Cooper S 17:55.469

6 CS T. Bond/65 Mini

7 FP J. Setar/62 MGA MKII

8 FP D. McDougal/72 Austin Healy Sprit

9 FP G. Reed/65 MG Midget

10 FP A. McDougal/69 A-H Sprite

11 FP A. Hofeling/71 MG Midget

**GROUP 3**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

1 FV M. Callahan/68 Zink C4 15:11.289

2 FV B. Griffith/65 Beaxh

3 FV J. Yule/69 Kaimnm MkIV

4 FV J. Gaudette/69 Zink C4

5 FV R. Newton/69 Lynx B

6 FV D. Harrison/65 Zink C4

7 FV R. Bailey/69 Lynx B

8 SFP M. Vecillo/72 MG Midget 16:15.604

9 SFP G. Maurer/72 MG Midget

10 SFP D. Turner/64 A-H Sprite

11 FV A. Summerville/68 Zink C 4

12 SFP E. Dick/67 A-H Sprite

13 DV T. Stege/Bigger Hammer

14 FV D. Etcheson/71 RCA Formula Vee

15 FV D. Rolison/67 Zink Z-5

**GROUP 4**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

1 VB M. Orliel/60 Porsche 15:53.621

2 VA F. Crowley/62 A-H 100/6 15:53.871

3 VB J. Page/61 Alfa Guilia Spider

4 DSR D. Chapman/56 Lotus MK 11 15:55.363

5 FFJr J. Breidenbach/60 Lotus 18 Formula 16:26.648

6 VB L. Marchant/ 59 MGA

7 CM J. Furlow Sr./54 Kurtis 500KK

8 VC R. Williams/60 Sprite 16:52.967

9 FFJr J. Anderson/59 Tarashi 17:22.888

10 FFJr L. McKinstry/59 Elva 100

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

12 HP B. Balles/ 59 Austin A-40 8:09.834

**GROUP 6**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

1 FA S. Page/80 March Atlantic 16:18.160

2 FF1 P. Junco/68 Lotus 51B 17:14.204

3 FF S. Smith/69Merlyn MK11A

4 FF2 E. Copley/73 Lola T340 17:42.446

5 FA K. Liming/70 Centaur FSV

6 FF1 B. Revenaugh/71 Titan MK6

7 FF2 M. Bond/75 LeGrand MK21

8 FF2 R. Metcalf/76 Crossle

9 FF2 S. Jacobs/74 Dulon MP15

10 FF1 H. Lydick/ 72 Hawke

11 BSR B. Johnson/65 Elva MK8 9:34.873

**GROUP 7**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

1 CP V. Shade/72 Porsche 911T 16:08.332

2 CP N. Cullen/72 Porsche 911 T

3 CP S. Kent/73 Porsche 911 E

4 CP T. Taff/71 Porsche 911 B

5 EP J. McFadden/ 71 MGB 16:55.430

6 CP E. Cullen/70 Porsche 911S

7 DP B. Kramer/66 Triumph TR 4A 17:11.905

8 BS T. Woodruff/74 BMW 2002 17:17.841

9 DP J. Foster/72 Alfa Spider

10 CP M. Hanna/69 Porsche 911S

11 BS S. Cole/71 Fiat 124 Coupe

12 CP D. Drosche/70 Lotus 7

13 EP G. Curll/64 MGB 17:54.0602

14 EPT. Welsh/74 MGB

15 BS S. Brady/72 Fiat 124

16 EP G. Jackson/66 MGB

17 BS W. Thacker/75 BMW 2002

18 CP J. Iturbe/67 MGB

19 BS K. Brown/71 Porsche 911

20 EP A. Schorcken/67 MGB

21 CP K. Caldwell/72 Porsche 911E

22 DP S. Hart/71 Alfa Romeo Spider

23 BS B. Oliver/75 BMW 2002

24 EP B. Whitehead/70 Triumph GT6

25 CP B. Merrill/71 Datsun 240Z

26 CP G. Kopecky/70 Porsche 911S

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