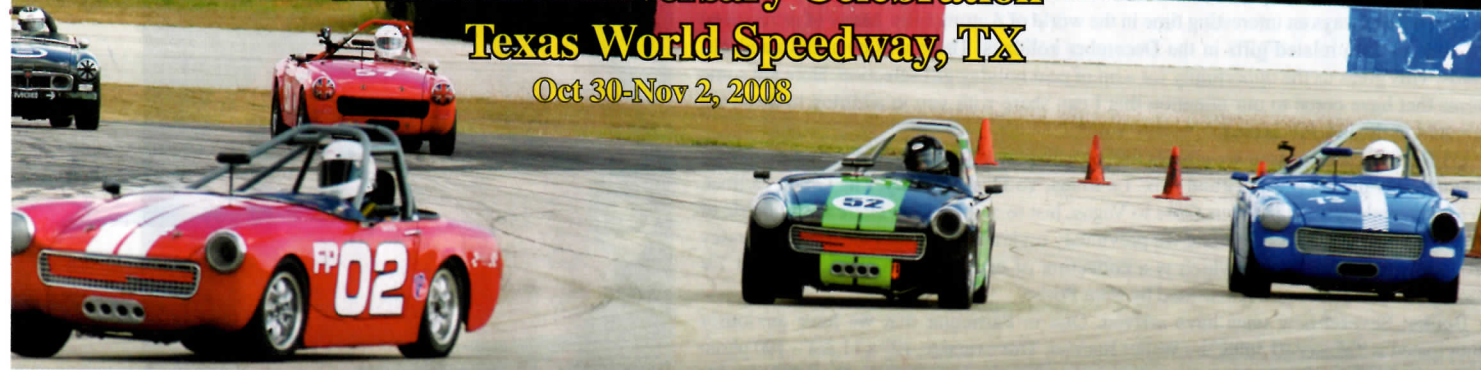


CVAR 17TH Annual Fall Festival And 20th Anniversary Celebration Texas World Speedway, TX

Oct 30-Nov 2, 2008



#02 Herb Hilton, MG Midget; #52 Steve Coleman, MG Midget; #73 P.D. Sohn, MG Midget; #57 David Littlefield, MG Midget; #6 Bill Haga, MGB.

-story and photos by Don Gwynne

The vintage racers attending CVAR's 17th Annual Fall Festival at TWS got a "three-fer". The Saturday races were the last points races of CVAR's 2008 racing season. For the first time, the Sunday races constituted the first points event of the new 2009 season.

Things got off to a slow start on Saturday morning, due to a thick blanket of fog over the entire area. Once the fog burned off sufficiently, practice and qualifying got underway. After the morning's 15 minute preliminary races, the final points races of the 2008 season got underway. In a real testament to race organizational efficiency, by the end of the day, things were back on schedule, in spite of the morning fog delay of more than an hour.

On Saturday, Steve Smith romped to the overall win in **Group 6** (FA, FF1, FF2) driving his red #27 Ralt RT1. Second overall and first in FF2 went to Ed Copley in his red #10 Lola T-340. Mexico's Patricio Junco came third overall to take the FF1 win in his blue & silver #32 Lotus 51-B, with Steven Jacobs just 0.2 seconds back, placing second in FF2 and fourth overall driving his white & red #69 Dulon MP-15. Sunday's result was a repeat in the first and second overall slots, but with Jacobs finishing 1.1 seconds ahead of Junco at the wire.

The **Group 7** (CP, DP, BS) race on Saturday was a CP Porsche 911 romp. Ron Shade's blue

& yellow #810 Porsche 911T took the overall win and first in CP with a 10 second cushion over the second place car driven by George Kopecky. Kopecky's #97 Porsche 911S has a psychedelic color scheme that defies description, and fans love it. Porsche preparation expert Steve Kent drove his red #58 Porsche 911S to third overall. This pattern repeated in the Sunday points race, except that this time, Shade's lead over Kopecky was 18 seconds at the checkered flag.

The D Production and B Sedan results provided less predictability. On Saturday, Chalmer McWilliams finished fourth overall and first in DP driving his #64 Lotus Super Seven. John Fershtand drove Dr. Berkeley Merrill's silver & red #4 Datsun 240Z to the first non-Porsche CP finishing position, placing sixth CP and eighth overall. First B Sedan was the blue #74 BMW 2002 driven by Tim Woodruff, who finished eleventh overall. On Sunday, Norm Dodson's red #1 Lotus Super Seven placed first in DP and fifth overall, and Tim Woodruff's blue BMW scored a brilliant sixth overall and first in BS.

The **Group 1** (AP, AS, ASR, BP, FIA) big iron event is often held as the last race of the day, but this weekend, they went third in order.

On Saturday, Tom Upton drove his red #77 deTomaso Pantera to first overall and first in FIA class. Jody O'Donnell, driving his white & green

#46 Corvette was less than a second behind him at the checker to place second overall and with the A Production class. Third overall and first in A Sports Racing class was Jeff Anderson driving his yellow & white #29 Lola T212.

Charles Jones won B Production driving his new white & gold #289 Mustang, built by Walt & Chip Hane. John Fershtand won A Sedan, placing seventh overall, in his blue #47 Boss 302 Mustang.

The flavor of Sunday's race was very different, with Jeff Anderson taking the overall win and ASR class in his Lola T212, easily the smallest displacement car on the track. Tom Upton again won FIA class in his Pantera, but crossed the line almost ten seconds in arrears to the little yellow Lola.

John Fershtand moved up to fourth overall to win A Sedan. CVAR newcomer Steven Seitz was delighted with the B Production win in his white #08 Mustang (ex-Robert Cobb).

Group 2 (EP, FP, SFP, CS) was pretty much owned by a group of very fast F Production Spridgets, led by Herb Hilton's red #02 MG Midget.

Herb finished first overall and first in FP for the points races both on Saturday and Sunday. It was close on Saturday, however, with Steve Coleman's black & green #52 MG Midget just 0.6 seconds behind him at the checker.



#27 Steve Smith, Ralt Rt1.



#47 John Fershtand, Mustang.

CVAR's Year End Banquet; Celebrating CVAR's 20th Anniversary

-story by Don Gwynne



photo by Don Gwynne

Judy Green receives her award from CVAR President George Curl.

The Saturday night awards banquet presentations included the year-end class awards and a pair of special recognition awards, while everyone celebrated CVAR's 20th Anniversary.

Brad Balles, CVAR founder was honored as were the founding officers and members. The new CVAR Lifetime Recognition Award was presented to Reb Folbre. Reb's distinguished career building, driving, and supporting racing cars goes back more than 50 years. He designed, built and drove his H Modified "Tadpole" special quite successfully in the mid-'60s. He has also received lifetime recognition awards from other organizations, including Alfa Romeo and Fiat clubs, for his support and technical expertise keeping their cars on the track. Folbre's FastCar was a well known race

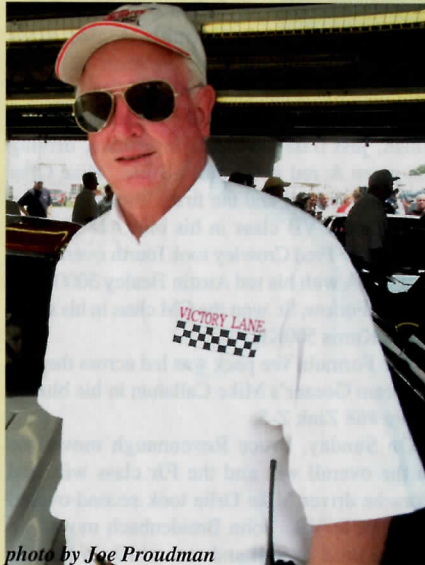


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Brad Balles was the founder and first President of CVAR.

support shop "back in the day" and Reb continues to support vintage racing in the 21st century.

Judy Green received the McLaughlin Trophy, in recognition of her outstanding performance as a CVAR race event worker for more than 19 years. From her start with SCCA flagging, she progressed to corner captain, worked some pro events in Race Control, and eventually became CVAR's Race Control Communications Chief and Operating Steward. Judy is the wife of CVAR Chief Steward and Vice President, Bob Green.

The Honorees were:

CVAR Founder and 1st President:

Brad Balles

1st Officers

Secretary Frank D'Aquanno,

Treasurer Jeff Lewis,

Competition Director, J.C. Kilburn



photo by Don Gwynne

CVAR Lifetime Recognition Award Winner Reb Folbre.

The Founding Members:

Brad Balles

Frank D'a Quanno

Paul Harris

Marvin Johnson

J.C. Kilburn

Debra Kilburn

Harold Kreck

Jim Landrum

Jeff Lewis

Harry Mathews

Rita Mathews

Bob McLaughlin

Rob Thurman

Gary Valent

Keith Young

Our thanks to everyone for such a great event, see you next year.



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#46 Jody O'Donnell, Corvette.

On Sunday, P.D. Sohn came second overall and second FP in his blue & white #73 MG Midget. Bill Haga, one of CVAR's principal driver school instructors, won the Group 2 E Production class on both days driving his dark green #6 MGB, finishing fifth overall on Saturday and fourth overall on Sunday. Sam Partin's red #44 Alfa Romeo GT Junior ran unopposed in C Sedan, placing seventh overall on Saturday, moving up to fifth overall on Sunday.

In CVAR's "Spec Sprite" SFP class, Mike Vecellio won the class on Saturday in his yellow #3 MG Midget. Gary Emery finished ahead of Eddie Dick on Sunday to win SFP in his green #31 Austin Healey Sprite.

No separate Group 3 race was held. Instead, **Group 4** was expanded to include the Group

RESULTS

GROUP 6

PL CL DRIVER CAR

- 1 FA S.Smith/Ralt Rt1 1:45.902
- 1 FF2 E.Copley/1:53.928
- 2 FF2 S.Jacobs/Dulon Mp-15 Formula Ford
- 1 FFI P.Junco/Formula Ford Lotus 1:54.446
- 2 FFI J.Kelleher/Merlyn FF
- 3 FFI A.Barron/Lotus 61 FF
- 4 FFI L.Lydicke/Formulla Ford Merlyn

- 1 CP V.Shade/Porsche 911T 1:58.239
- 2 CP G.Kopecky/Porsche 9115
- 3 CP S.Kent/Porsche 9115
- 4 CP S.Duplissey/Porsche 911
- 1 OP N.Dodson/Lotus Super Seven 2:02.977
- 1 BS T.H.D.Woodruff/BMW 2002: 04.860
- 5 CP D.Fershtand/Datsun 240Z 2:05.063
- 6 CP E.Cutten/Porsche911
- 7 CP T.Taft/Porsche 914-6
- 8 CP T.Murphy/JaguarXKE
- 2 BS S.Brady/Fiat 124 Coupe

3 cars, resulting in Group 4 (VA, VB, VC, CM, FJr, FV) for the weekend. On Saturday, Dan Chapman took first overall and first in Formula Junior class driving his green & white #28 Cooper FJr. Bruce

Revenaugh came second in a virtual photo finish, just 0.087 seconds in arrears, driving his green & red #60 Lotus 18 FJr. Mike Orlie was third overall and the first closed-wheel car, winning the VB class in his blue #18 Porsche Speedster. Fred Crowley took fourth overall and first in VA with his red Austin Healey 3000.

John Furlow, Sr. won the CM class in his silver & red Kurtis 500KK.

The Formula Vee pack was led across the line by Team Geezer's Mike Callahan in his blue & white #68 Zink Z-5.

On Sunday, Bruce Revenaugh moved up to the overall win and the FJr class win, and Porsche driver Mike Orlie took second overall and first in VB. John Breidenbach moved up to take third overall and second FJr in his #78

blue & white Lotus 18. Mike Callahan scored another F-Vee class win with an excellent fourth overall finish.

Early in the weekend, Steve Coleman encountered engine difficulties with his unique 1968 Austin Healey Targa Florio TFR7. This technically interesting car has a long and well documented history, including Sebring 1970 (entered as an "MG") and an SCCA event at TWS in 1977 (entered in C Sports Racing). A fascinating and detailed history of this car, originally built in Warwick to compete in the 1969 Targa Florio (but instead, sold to MG and AH dealer Ed Bussey in Florida), is found beginning at page 118 of Geoffrey Healey's book "More Healeys: Frog Eyes, Sprites and Midgets". Everyone was looking forward to seeing it on the track. Steve promises it will return in fine shape soon.

Slightly less historic, but nonetheless quite impressive, is the handbuilt MG miniature built by CVAR Tech Inspector David Griffith for his son Mason (behind the wheel). Powered by a small motorcycle engine, with working mechanical brakes, it is clearly a labor of love.



#77 Thomas Upton, De Tomaso Pantera.

- 2 DP J.Foster/Alfa Romeo Spider
- 11 CP K.Marshall/Porsche 9115
- 12 CP A.Tomita/Porsche911
- 3 DP B.Kramer/Triumph TR4A
- 4 DP G.Hibbs/Lotus Super Seven
- 2 FP P.D.Sohn/MG Midget
- 3 FP S.Coleman/M.G. Midget
- 1 EP B.Haga/M.G.B 2:09.361
- 1 CS S.Partin/Alfa Romeo GT Junior 2:09.599

GROUP 1

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 ASR J.Anderson/Lola T-212 1:55.088
- 1 FIA T.Upton/De Tomaso 1:56.923
- 2 FIA S.Higgins/Porsche 911 RSR
- 1 AS J.Fershtand/Mustang 2:04.147
- 2 AS J.Mangham/Ford Falcon
- 1 BP S.Seitz/Mustang 2:04.394
- 3 AS G.Hassell/Mustang
- 2 BP B.Hill/Shelby Mustang Gt350
- 4 AS M.Jones/Mustang
- 5 AS D.Haynes/Mustang Boss 302
- 6 AS M.Jenniges/Mustang
- DNF M.Jennings/Mustang
- 4 FP P.Sandy/Sprite
- 2 EP R.Tilton/Porsche 914
- 5 FP G.Reed/ M.G. Midget
- 6 FP J.Hovey/Triumph Spitfire
- 7 FP J.Setar/MGA MkII
- 8 FP D.Doidge/M.G. Midget
- 9 FP A.Mcdougal/Sprite
- 3 EP T.Welsh/M.G. MGB
- 1 SFP G.Emery/Sprite 2:22.783
- 4 EP J.Mcdanahan/Austin Healey Sprite
- 5 EP K.Morris/M.G. Sport
- 10 FP J.Sharp/
- 11 FP B.Collins/Triumph Spitfire
- 2 SFP E.Dick/Sprite
- 12 FP D.Uttlefield/M.G. Midget

GROUP 2

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FP H.Hilton/M.G. Midget 2:05.608

GROUP 3/GROUP 4

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FJr B.Revenaugh 2:06.048
- 1 VB M.Ortie/Porsche Roadster 2:07.563
- 2 FJr J.Breidenbach/Lotus 18
- 1 F-Vee M.Canahan/ZinkZ-S 2:08.687
- 2 FV B.Griffith/Adams5C
- 2 VB J.Page/Alta Romeo Spider Veloce
- 3 FV J.Gaudette/ZinkC4
- 1 CM J.Furlow,Sr/Kurtis 500Kk 2:19.900
- 4 FV D.Harrison/2:13.159 ZinkC4
- 5 FV A.Summerville Jr./ZinkC4
- 1 VA F.Crowley/ Austin-Healey 3000 2:14.741
- 6 FV D.Rolison/ZinkZ-5
- 7 FV J.Revenaugh/ZinkC-4
- 3 FFJr J.Yule/CooperT 56
- DNF T.Stege/Formulla Vee



#810 Vernon Shade, Porsche 911T.

- Mk11A
- 2 FA K.Liming/Centaur FSV
- 1 FFI S.Mintz /Lexus MK 14 2:22.593
- 9 CP K.Caldwell/Porsche 911E
- 3 BS S.Smargiasso/Mercury Capri
- 4 BS W.Thacker/BMW 2002
- 1 DP S.Hart/Alfa Romeo Spider 2:13.893
- 10 CP J.Iturbe/Porsche911
- 5 BS D.Gwynne/Ford Escort

GROUP 7

PL CL DRIVER/CAR



#68 Mike Callahan, Zink Z-5