

CVAR Fall Driver's School and Races



Texas World Speedway, TX
September 5-7, 2008

#16 Joe Foster, Alfa Romeo Spyder; #24 Tom Taff, Porsche 914-6; #74 Tim Woodruff. BMW 2002.

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Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR) drew 116 entries, including 10 students, to a three day session of training, racing and hospitality at Texas World Speedway.

The Fall 2008 student class included Janet Revenaugh, blue #00 FV; Scott Wilson, silver #05 FV; Richard McBride, yellow #26 FV, Kerry McEntire, yellow & blue #27 FV; Alfonso Tomita, red #58 Porsche 911; Peter Glawe, orange #66 Sprite; Danny Piott, white #90 Porsche 914; Bill Collins, blue & white #97 Spitfire; Evan Williams, red #524 Alfa Romeo Giulia; and Mike Floyd, #614 yellow Porsche 914.

CVAR's indoctrination course to vintage racing is no-nonsense. Students are firmly required to attend formal "chalk talk" sessions. If you get in your track time, but don't show up as required at each and every "chalk talk" session, well, sorry, you can always come back next February to get your logbook signed off.

After suffering a mechanical failure in his white #90 Porsche 914, Danny Piott sought and received the Chief Steward's special permission to finish his novice weekend driving his "other" (non-CVAR legal)

Porsche, orange #22. This 3.8 liter PCA monster is not your typical CVAR novice weekend car by a long shot! It was so powerful that Danny struggled with broken half-shaft attachment bolts with his replacement car as well.

CVAR requires that before a new license application will be approved and forwarded to VMC, the novice driver must spend at least one full day as a corner station worker. CVAR's drivers thus develop a much better appreciation for the wonderful team of workers who give of their time that others may race. This becomes readily apparent at the annual awards ceremonies in November, where it is not uncommon for the drivers to voluntarily contribute several thousands of dollars for cash prize drawings open to workers only. CVAR workers truly know they are appreciated.

On Friday evening, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Saxe hosted CVAR racers and friends at their home, complete with a home-cooked Mexican buffet dinner. Michael drives the red #979 Porsche 911 in Group 1.

Saturday's schedule kept the "Group 5" students in a separate group in the morning, then integrated them into their regular race groups in the afternoon and for Sunday's races.

Sunday Afternoon's Points Races

First race of Sunday afternoon was a combined race for **Group 3** (FV and SFP) and **Group 4** (VB, FJR, and DSR). Formula Vees took the first four overall slots, with Mike Callahan driving his white #68 Zink Z-5 to the overall win. Fifth overall and the first non-FV finisher was Mike Orlie, driving his blue #18 Porsche 356 Roadster to the VB class win. Mike Vecellio took the SFP win in his yellow #3 MG Midget, placing sixth overall. John Furlow, Sr. took an unopposed win in DSR driving his silver & red Dolphin America, fresh from receiving the prestigious Ken Miles award "For Outstanding Presentation of a Vintage Car Under 1500cc" at the Monterey Historics.

The second points race was for **Group 6** (FA, FF1, FF2, FB and BSR). Steve Smith's blindingly fast red #27 Ralt RT1 won the FA



CVAR student Keery McEntire in the #26 FV.

class while taking the overall win. His good friend and arch-rival in FA, Scott Monroe, was DNF on his fifth lap driving his equally red and equally fast #38 March 722.

Slightly more than 42 seconds in arrears at the checkered flag, Edward Copley took the FF2 win driving his red #10 Lola T340. Pete Hoekenga finished third overall and second FF2 in his blue & yellow #3 Lola T-540, with Scott Clark right behind him in his black #3 Lola T-540.

Jeff Anderson took an unopposed FB win in his black #16 Brabham BT-29. The yellow #42 Lotus 7, normally driven by Denise Drosche in CP class, Group 7, took the B Sports Racing win with Andrew Fawcett at the wheel.

The **Group 7** (CP, DP and B Sedan) race may need to be renamed the "Porsche Romp". The first six finishers were Porsche C Production cars, either 911s or 914s. San Antonio's Ron Shade led the way in his immaculate blue & yellow #810 Porsche 911T.

The first non-Porsche was Houston's Tim Woodruff driving a good race to win B Sedan class in his blue #74 BMW 2002, finishing seventh overall. Joe Foster, of Round Rock, took D Production, finishing ninth overall, in his black #16 Alfa Romeo Spyder.

The high bankings of Texas World Speedway next shook to the thunder of the **Group 1** (ASR, AP, BP, AS and FIA). Pete Hoekenga took the



CVAR President George Curl proudly supervises his two sons as they work on his blue #40 MGB.

overall win and the A Sports Racing class win driving Jeff Anderson's yellow #29 Lola T-212, the smallest displacement car in the field, powered by a Cosworth BDG four-valve, four cylinder Ford engine. Pete was really flying, turning a fastest lap of 1:49.090, which equates to an average speed of 95.7 mph around the partly-twisty 2.9 mile course. This put him more than 56 seconds ahead of the second overall finisher, no slouch himself, in the form of Jody O'Donnell and his big-block AP-winning white #46 Chevrolet Corvette. Third overall and first in FIA class was Seth Higgins, driving his brown #31 Porsche RSR. Fourth overall and first in A Sedan was Sam LeComte, in his blue #67 Chevrolet Camaro. Tom Upton brought his red #77 Pantera home in the fifth overall slot, placing second in FIA class. Tod Zelinski took the B Production win driving his white & blue #5 Mustang, finishing sixth overall.

GROUP 3&4

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FV M. Callahan/ Zink Z-5 2:10.292
- 2 FV J. Yule/ Kiamann Formular Vee
- 3 FV D. Harrison/ Zink C4
- 4 FV T. Stege/ Porsche Roadster
- 1 VB M. Orlic/ Mg Midget 2:16.087
- 1 SFP M. Vecellio/ Mg A 2:22.445
- 2 VB L. Marchant/ Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce
- 3 VB J. Page/ Austin-Healey Sprite
- 2 SFP G. Emery/ Rca Formula Vee
- 5 FV D. Etcheson/ Zink C4
- 6 FV A. Summerville/ Dolphin America
- 1 DSR J. Furlow, Sr/ Z-5 2:20.802

GROUP 6

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FA S. Smith/ Ralt Rt 1 1:47.949
- 1 FF2 E. Copley/ Lola T340 1:52.570
- 2 FF2 P. Hoekenga/ Lola T540
- 3 FF2 S. Clark/ Lola T-540
- 1 FFI P. Junco/ Formula Ford Lotus 51-B 1:54.609
- 2 FFI M. Hibbs/ Merlyn Mk11A
- 1 FB J. Anderson/ Brabham Bt-29 1:56.964
- 3 FFI R. Hoemke/ Titan MK 6
- 4 FF2 B. Findley II/ Merlyn Mk30 FF
- 5 FF2 J. Macaulay/ Crossle 32F
- 1 BSR A. Fawcett/ Lotus 7 1:59.535
- 6 FF2 S. Jacobs/ Dulon Mp-15 Formula Ford
- 4 FFI L. Lydick/ Formula Ford Merlyn Mk 11A
- DNF FA S. Monroe/ March 722 Formula Atlantic
- DNF BSR B. Haga/ Lotus 23
- DNF FA K. Liming/ Centaur Fsv
- DNF FFI S. Lafferty/ Merlyn Mk 20

Charles Jones, white & gold #289 BP Mustang, came across the line just 0.15 second after Tod, in the first outing of his new car built for him by Walt & Chip Hane.

The final points race of the day and the weekend was **Group 2** (EP, FP and C Sedan). CVAR's Race Registrar, David Littlefield, took the overall win and the F Production class driving the red #57 MG Midget, finishing 2 seconds ahead of CVAR's President, George Curl, driving his blue #40 EP MGB.



#189 Roy Allen, Shelby Gt-350; #02 Jay Seligman, Ford Mustang; #08 Stephen Seitz, Ford Mustang.

GROUP 7

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 CP V. Shade/ Porsche 911T 2:01.072
- 2 CP N. Cullen/ Porsche 911
- 3 CP S. Duplissey/ Porsche 911
- 4 CP M. Hanna/ Porsche 911S
- 5 CP T. Taff/ Porsche 914 6
- 6 CP E. Cullen Iv/ Porsche 911
- 1 BS T. Woodruff/ Bmw 2002 2:08.789
- 7 CP J. Bartos/ Porsche 914-6
- 1 DP J. Foster/ Alfa Romeo Spider 2:07.638
- 8 CP D. Drosche/ Lotus 7
- 2 BS S. Cole/ Fiat 124 Coupe
- 7 CP K. Caldwell/ Porsche 911E
- 8 CP T. Murphy/ Jaguar Xke
- 9 CP J. Iturbe/ Porsche 911
- 2 DP S. Hart/ Alfa Romeo Spider
- 10 CP G. Kopecky/ Porsche 911S
- 11 CPT T. Yemington/ Porsche 911

GROUP 1

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 ASR P. Hoekenga/ Lola T-212 1:49.090
- 1 AP J. O'donnell/ Chevy Corvette 1:55.756
- 1 FIA S. Higgins/ Porsche 911 Rsr 1:56.054
- 1 AS S. Lecomte/ Chev Camaro 1:55.620
- 2 FIA T. Upton/ Detomaso Pantera
- 1 BP T. Zelinski/ Ford Mustang 2:01.175
- 2 BP C. Jones/ Shelby/Ford Gt-350H
- 3 BP R. Allen/ Shelby Gt-350
- 3 AS J. Fershtand/ Ford Mustang
- 3 AS J. Carley/ Chevy Camaro Z28
- 4 AS J. Seligman/ Ford Mustang Cpe
- 3 FIA M. Saxe/ Porsche 911 Carrera Rs
- 4 FIA A. Trotter/ Chevy Corvette
- 4 BP B. Kuers/ Ford Mustang
- 5 AS M. Jenniges/ Ford Mustang Coupe
- 6 AS D. Haynes/ Ford Mustang Boss 302



#32 Patricio Junco, FF Lotus 51-B; #94 Barry Findley II, Merlyn Mk30FF.



The Historic Trans-Am group on the grid.

DNF AS R. Cobb/ T-212

GROUP 2

PL CL DRIVER/ CAR

- 1 FP D. Littlefield/ MG Midget 2:07.687
- 1 EP G. Curl/ Mg B 2:08.687
- 2 FP C. Tiras/ Mg Midget
- 1 CS S. Partin/ Alfa Romeo Gt Junior 2:12.506
- 3 FP S. Coleman/ Mg Midget
- 4 FP J. Setar/ Mga MkII

- 5 FP P.D. Sohn/ Mg Midget
- 6 FP D. Doidge/ Mg Midget
- 7 FP A. Mcdougal/ Austin Healey Sprite
- 8 FP R. Fisher/ Austin Healey Sprite
- 2 EP K. Morris/ Mg B
- 9 FP J. Mcclanahan/ Mg Midget
- 10 FP H. Hilton/ Mg Midget
- 11 FP D. Mcdougal/ Austin Healey Sprite
- DNF FP W. Hill/ MG Midget

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