

CVAR Fall Drivers School and Races

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The first round of the second half of our season was greeted with great weather and close racing. As CVAR's Chief Steward Greg Reynolds noted "TWS provided near record participants both for racing & driving school and the racing on Saturday & Sunday was incident free!"

As always, the prime focus of the event was the development of a new crop of vintage drivers. The Friday school was very well attended, in spite of a few unfortunate student entrants who were not able to make it to the grid on Friday morning for various technical reasons.

CVAR takes development of student drivers very seriously, taking pains to instill the proper "vintage spirit" into even experienced drivers joining us from other sanctioning bodies, e.g. SCCA, NASA, etc. Attendance at each chalk talk session is mandatory for every student, no excuses accepted. CVAR also believes that it is valuable to walk a mile in the other person's moccasins, so every student is required to spend a minimum of one day as a corner worker before CVAR will send their license application forward to VMC. This sometimes results in grumbling beforehand, but always results in smiles and a better appreciation for our volunteer workers after they finish this requirement.

Licensed CVAR racers took to the big TWS road circuit for practice and qualifying races Saturday afternoon, it all went well.

CVAR values its race workers very highly. People with assignments like Timing & Scoring, Grid, Fast Pits, Start/Finish, Stewards, Drivers School Instructors, and Corner Crews are essential elements. Without their efforts, we couldn't race, and we always want them know how very much they are appreciated.

Sunday afternoon's points races kicked off with **Group 2** (EP, FP, and CS). In spite of quite a few entrants who were DNS, fifteen Group 2 cars took the green flag. The first eight cars to take the checkered flag after seven laps of the 2.9 mile TWS course were all in F Production. Herb Hilton took the win in his red and white #02 Spridget, but Jay McClanahan was nipping his heels, only half a second back. As consolation, Jay turned the fastest lap, at 2:05.3, for an average speed of 83.3 mph. George Curl won E Production in his blue #40 MGB, in ninth overall. No C Sedans competed.

The second race of the afternoon was **Group 3** (FV and SFP). Everyone was sorely aware of our



#47 John Fershtand, Mustang; #28 Bill Kuers, Mustang.

recent loss of CVAR Treasurer John Gaudette, aka "The Agitator" after a long illness. John's blue #66 "Team Geezer" Zink FV carried on, with new owner Kerry McEntire at the wheel. Pink flamingo stickers bearing "66" appeared all over the place, a fitting remembrance of "The Agitator's" great pink flamingo caper a few years ago. Team Geezer's Mike Callahan "won one for the Gipper", taking his white & blue #68 Zink FV to the overall win by just a whisker. David Jones was less than 0.1 seconds back, in his #11 FV. Jim Yule finished third, but set fastest lap along the way, with a 2:09.39, 80.69 mph. Of five SFP "Spec Sprites" entered, only three came to the line for a spirited race, finishing tenth, eleventh, and twelfth overall. Mike Vecellio's yellow & black #3 Spridget led the way, followed by Jeff Walker's blue #47 Bugeye and Gary Emery's green #31 Spridget.

A relatively small **Group 4** field represented the pre-1960 crowd. New CVAR Treasurer Bruce Revenaugh took first overall and first in FJR driving his green & red #60 Lotus. The remaining five finishers were all in VB class, with Greg Blake taking first in class, second overall, in his silver #4 Triumph TR-3. Evan Williams' red & yellow #524 Alfa Romeo Guila Spider came next, by less than a nose, only 2 hundredths of a second behind Williams.

A large **Group 6** (FA, FB, FF1, and FF2) field was led by Jim Kelleher's white, red, and black #0 UOP Shadow. Jim turned in a blistering fastest lap of 1:52.651, which equates to a 92.676 mph average around the 2.9 mile TWS course. With five FA cars competing, his was first in class and first overall. The FF1 pack was led by Robert Hoemke in his #55. Steven Jacobs won the FF2 class, finishing fifth overall, driving his #69. Jeff Anderson's #16 was unopposed in FB class, finishing sixth overall.

Ron Shade's blue & yellow #810 Porsche 911T set the pace in **Group 7** (CP, DP, BS.), taking first overall and first in C Production. For once, it wasn't just a Porsche parade. While Ned Cullen's Porsche came second overall and second in CP, Gregory Hibbs came third overall and won the D Production class driving his silver & red 1962 Lotus Super 7. The yellow #42 later model (1970) Lotus Super 7, driven by Denise Fawcett, was fourth overall and third in CP. Tim Woodruff scored a B Sedan win, finishing fifth overall, in his blue #74 BMW 2002. B Sedan fans enjoyed watching Andrew Fawcett finish second in class driving his white #41 Lotus Cortina.

The big bore thunder of **Group 1** (ASR, AP, BP, AS, and FIA) saw Jody O'Donnell's white #46 big-block Corvette romp to the overall win and the AP class win. Jody turned fastest lap as well, getting around the 2.9 mile TWS course in 1:54.168, for an average speed of 91.44 mph. Tom Upton's bright red #77 Pantera was second overall and first in FIA class. Roy Allen's blue #189 Mustang came third, winning B Production. Fourth overall was Kevin Rich's white & red #95 Shelby notchback, winning A Sedan. Rounding out five different classes in the first five finishing spots, Charlie Barns drove his red #63 M1B McLaren to a win in A Sports Racing. Don't we all wish we could lap TWS in under 2 minutes when we are almost 78 years old! Well done, Charlie!

The last race of the weekend was for **Group 5**, the Students. Of 13 students registered, 7 started the Student race, and all but one finished. The students were in all sorts of cars, but first across the finish line was Jim Sandberg, driving his red #84 Corvette. Student cars ranged from Jim's 'Vette, to Mustangs, Spridgets, Formula Veas, and a historic one-off H Modified sports racer, "Thundermug". Gary McFarlane recently purchased and refurbished "Thundermug", which has a race history dating back to 1960, as documented in "Vintage American Road Racing Cars 1950-1970" by Harold Pace and Mark Brinker.

Plan on attending CVAR's 19th Annual Fall Vintage Festival and Annual Awards dinner the 5th through 7th of November at Texas World Speedway in College Station, TX. The Texas Vintage Open Wheel Registry is bringing cars down for a static display. Many of these guys attended last year and are excited to come back and show off their jewels. It should be a great time. The races on Sunday, 7 November, will count as the first points races of the new 2011 racing season, so don't go home early!



#63 Charles Barns, Corvette.



#110 David McMillin, MG.

RACE RESULTS

GROUP 2 RACE 3 POINTS RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

1 FP H. Hilton/Spridget Group 2:05.416

2 FP J. McClanahan/Spridget Group

3 FP W. Gardner/Spridget Group

4 FP T. Aguilon/Spridget Group

5 FP P.D. Sohn/Spridget Group

6 FP W. Hill/Spridget Group

7 FP J. Sharp/Spridget Group

8 FP C. Tiras/Spridget Group

1 EP G. Curl/Spridget Group 2:14.932

2 EP K. Morris/Spridget Group

9 FP S. Knight/Spridget Group

10 FP P. Glawe/Spridget Group

11 FP D. McMillin/Spridget Group

12 FP P. Sandy/Spridget Group

DNF FP D. McDougal/Spridget Group

GROUP 3 RACE 3 POINTS RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

1 FV M. Callahan/Formu V 2:09.701

2 FV R. Jones/Formu V

3 FV J. Yule/Formu V

4 FV D. Peterson/Formu V

5 FV A. Summerville Jr./Formu V

6 FV D. Calkins/Formu V

7 FV K. McEntire/Formu V

8 FV J. Revenaugh/Formu V

9 FV D. Rolison/Formu V

1 SFP M. Vecellio/Spec Sprite 2:20.931

2 SFP J. Walker/Spec Sprite

3 SFP G. Emery/Spec Sprite

10 FV J. Summerville/Formu V

11 FV H. Hoemke/Formu V

DNF FV D. Waldrop/Formu V

DNF FV T. DeSalvo/Formu V

GROUP 4 RACE 3 POINTS RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

1 FJR B. Revenaugh/Formu Jr.

2:07.484

1 VB G. Blake/Alfa 2:10.385

2 VB E. Williams/Alfa

3 VB J. McClannahan/Alfa

4 VB A. Johnson/Alfa

5 VB S. Hart/Alfa

GROUP 6 RACE 3 POINTS RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

1 FA J. Kelleher/Formu Ford Group

1:52.651

1 FF1 R. Hoemke/Formu Ford Group

1:55.033

2 FF1 D. Fawcett/Formu Ford Group

3 FF1 M. Hibbs/Formu Ford Group

1 FF2 S. Jacobs/Formu Ford Group

1:55.330

1 FB J. Anderson/Formu Ford Group

1:52.972

4 FF1 P. Junco/Formu Ford Group

2 FF2 B. Findley II/Formu Ford Group

2 FA K. Copeland/Formu Ford Group

3 FA T. Murphy/Formu Ford Group

5 FF1 J. Breidenbach/Formu Ford

Group

6 FF1 N. John/Formu Ford Group

7 FF1 D. Mock/Formu Ford Group

8 FF1 J. Eberle/Formu Ford Group

3 FF2 M. Anderson/Formu Ford Group

9 FF1 J. Kraemer/Formu Ford Group

10 FF1 L. Lydick/Formu Ford Group

4 FA J. Tanner/Formu Ford Group

DNF FA B. Liming/Formu Ford Group

GROUP 7 RACE 3 POINTS RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

1 CP V. Shade/Porsche 911T 2:00.656

2 CP N. Cullen/Porsche 911

1 DPG. Hibbs/Lotus Super Seven

2:03.431

3 CP D. Fawcett/Lotus 7

1 BS T. Woodruff/BMW 2002 2:07.019

4 CP E. Cullen IV/Porsche 911

5 CP K. Marshall/Porsche 911S

6 CP K. Caldwell/Porsche 911E

2 BS A. Fawcett/Lotus Cortina

7 CP J. Iturbe/Porsche 911

8 CP G. Morgan/Porsche 911

2 DP R. Blake/Triumph TR4

3 BS G. Bauer/Datsun 510

DNF CP R. Kuehnhoefer/Porsche 911

GROUP 1 RACE 3 POINTS RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

1 AP J. O'Donnell/Camaro 1:54.168

1 FIA T. Upton/Ford Power 1:57.140

1 BPR. Allen/Mustang 1:58.215

1 AS K. Rich/Mustang 1:58.885

1 ASR C. Barns/McLaren 1:58.570

2 AS R. Suggs/Mustang

2 BP C. Jones/Mustang

3 BP A. Shores/Mustang

3 AS J. Atwell/Mustang

2 AP M. McIllyar/Camaro

4 AS S. LeComte/Camaro

5 AS J. Fershtand/Mustang

4 BP G. Reynolds/Mustang

6 AS J. Caudle

5 BP S. Seitz/Mustang

3 AP J. MacAulay/Camaro

7 AS J. Seligman/Mustang

6 BP B. Kuers/Mustang

2 FIA M. Saxe/Porsche

8 AS M. Walton/Mustang

9 AS T. Hassell/Mustang

7 BP G. Pickens/Mustang

DNF FIA S. Higgins/Porsche

DNF BP G. Waddell

DNF ASR E. Ziegler/Sports Racer



#810 Vernon Shade, Porsche 911T.

GROUP 5 STUDENTS RACE 3 ENTRY LIST

Student J. Sandberg/Corvette

Student B. Suess/MGB

Student T. Hassell

Student S. Barrett

Student H. Noble

Student G. McFarlane

Student J. Dillard



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