



#80 John Hamilton, 1965 MG B; #40 George Carl, 1964 MG B; #5 Tony Welsh, 1974 MG B.

CVAR Driver's School And Races

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The Fall Drivers School & Races at TWS enjoyed good weather but had a smaller turnout (approx. 120 cars) than the record entry seen in February. Friday was "test, tune & practice" day for the experienced drivers, and a day of education for six students.

CVAR sees development of new vintage racing drivers as its most important responsibility. Every student must attend every "chalk talk" session, no excuses accepted. On-track sessions are supervised by experienced CVAR instructors.



#86 Angus Lemon, 1969 Merlyn MK 6A; #113 James Tanner, 1976 Lola T326.

Each student's car is subjected to a rigorous safety inspection; full compliance with CVAR's vintage-correct car preparation rules can be partially overlooked the first time out, but safety provisions cannot.

CVAR's Fall 2011 Student Class included: Monda Hanna, black CP Porsche 914-6, #5 Mike Glass, blue FP MG Midget, #14 Tom O'Grady, yellow FV Lynx, #52 Lee Romine, gray BSR Lotus 23C, #3 Lee Wilkins, green FIA Porsche 911RS, #444 Jeff Garrett, blue AS Mustang, #389

The last two on the list, Lee Romine and Lee Wilkins, are experienced CVAR racers getting back into the fray. They attended the school in order to renew their long-expired VMC licenses.

The Sunday afternoon points races went something like this...

In the **Group 3** (FV and SFP) race, Mike Callahan brought his white #68 Zink Z-5 home first overall and first in FV. Although Mike led every lap of the race, it wasn't without a fight from Ed Ziegler's red #5 Beach 5C. Dwight Calkins got in front of Ziegler briefly on the sixth lap, but Ziegler promptly took the spot back, only to face an end of race charge by Bruce Revennaugh who pulled to within two seconds of him at the finish to place third. The SFP "Spec Sprite" group started in its own pack behind the FV starters, and Gary Emery brought his green #31 A-H Sprite home to take the class win, moving up from 13th on the grid to 11th overall at the finish.

Group 4 (FFJr, FJr, VA, VB and VC) was won by Mike Vecellio driving his VB-class black #12 EMPI Crusader, but not without a strong challenge from Charles Bamford in his blue #34 Cooper T56 FJr. Dan Ruehs held third overall and first in VA from start to finish driving his 1959 white #51 Corvette, one of the few such cars being vintage-raced with the period-correct heavy duty drum brakes. Gary McFarlane took an unopposed VC win, finishing seventh overall, driving his historic white #91 "Thundermug" H-Modified special, powered by Crosley. Area patriarch Lon McKinstry took an unopposed win in his green #2 Elva 100 front engined Formula Junior (FFJr).

A thirteen car field of **Group 6** (FA, FF1, FF2 and BSR) competitors led off the points races. Houston driver Steve Smith led convincingly from start to finish, winning overall and the FA class driving

his red #27 Ralt RT-1. Steven Jacobs was flying in his white #69 Dulon MP-15, placing second overall and first in FF2 class. "Novice" school student Lee Romine took third overall and first in B Sports Racing driving his grey #3 Lotus 23C. Angus Lemon's steady drive was rewarded by an FF1 class in his recently acquired blue (purple maybe?) #86 Merlyn 11A.

The top three finishers in the **Group 7** (CP, DP, & BS) race were Porsches. Richard Reeves' orange #78 914-6 nipped Ron Shade by three seconds for the overall win and the CP win. Shade's blue & yellow #810 Porsche 911T, on the other hand, was more than half a minute ahead of the third overall car, George Kopecky's psychedelic #97 911S. The first non-Porsche was Dr. Berkeley Merrill and his silver and red #4 Datzun 240Z in fourth overall and fourth in CP. Tim Woodruff was all alone in B Sedan, finishing ninth overall in his blue #74 BMW 2002. The lone D Production car, Joe Foster's black #16 Alfa Romeo Spyder, was unfortunately DNF after three laps.

The penultimate race of Sunday afternoon was for "big thunder" **Group 1** (AS, AP, BP & FIA). After starting fifth on the grid, Sam LeComte brought his blue #67 Camaro to second overall by the second lap, but pole-sitter Tom Upton led the first ten laps driving his red FIA #77 DeTomaso Pantera. But... it was an eleven lap race, and Sam nipped Tom at the finish by less than half a second to take the overall win and the A Sedan class win. Dr. Michael Saxe had a solid grip on third overall from start to finish, and second in FIA class, driving his orange #979



#33 Mark McIlyar, 1971 Chevrolet Corvette; #83 Gene Hassell, 1968 Ford Mustang.

Porsche Carrera RS. Mark McIlyar brought his blue and white #33 Corvette from 13th at the green flag to fourth overall by the second lap, and held it to the finish for the A Production class win. Likewise, CVAR VP and Chief Steward Greg Reynolds brought his white #89 Shelby GT-350 from 14th on the grid up to finish fifth overall to take the B Production class win.

The final points race on Sunday afternoon was for **Group 2** (FP & EP). Polesitter John Setar, having graduated from a beautifully prepared silver MGA to an equally well prepared yellow & orange #30 Porsche 914, led the rest of the way to the checkered flag. John thus also won the E Production class, after Jay McClanahan's orange #117 MG Midget dropped out after the second lap. CVAR driving instructor Bill Haga



L to R: Monda Hanna, Mike Glass, Tom O'Grady, Lee Romine, Lee Wilkins, and Jeff Garrett were the enthusiastic students at this event.

chased Setar to the line in his dark green #6 MGB to finish second overall and second in EP. It wasn't easy for Haga, however, because William Gardner had his blue #45 A-H Sprite really cooking, crossing the line just 0.4 seconds behind the MGB to win F Production.

CVAR's final race of the season will be held at Texas World Speedway in College Station, Texas on November 4-6, 2011. This 20th Fall Vintage Festival will feature the Allard "Gathering of the Clan II" and CVAR's season-end awards dinner and trophy presentation.

A Great Racing Team: Charlie And Martha Barns

-story and photo by Don Gwynne

The Saturday evening dinner program at TWS was provided by one of CVAR's most experienced drivers, Charlie Barns, who began SCCA racing an Alfa Romeo in 1959! Last season, Charlie was still lapping TWS in less than 2:00 driving his red McLaren M1B. He spoke eloquently about his love for vintage racing, but said he had decided it was finally time for him to quit going fast. Martha Barns, standing at her husband's side, received Charlie's profuse thanks and a lot of credit for her unwavering support. She told the group about her early exposure to the world of sports car racing thanks to Charlie. Early in their marriage, Charlie put her in the driver's seat of a Formcar Formula Vee for the Ladies Race during the Nassau Speed Weeks in 1965. She told the group she could have won, if only Charlie had given her a faster car! Charlie then drove the same FV in the 1965 Nassau GP of VWs. The race was won by Chris Amon driving a Beach, so it wasn't fast enough for him either. The couple had traveled to Nassau following the ARRC runoffs at Daytona just earlier. Not coincidentally, Charlie was the first Formcar FV dealer in the DFW area, along with his Merlyn dealership.

Charlie brought an interesting table display of fifty years of racing memorabilia, including photos, articles, and some special trophies, including one for his 1964 G-Modified SCCA National Championship win at Riverside, as described in the biographical article "Charlie Barns and his Collection" in the August 2007 issue of Victory Lane, pp. 40-41.

Veterans Lynn Kysar and John Matlack received Charlie's praise and thanks. Both of them also rose to speak. Lynn not only raced a Merlyn GM car similar to Charlie's "back in the day", he towed both cars all over the country, whereas Charlie often piloted his own Cessna 310 to the races. Lynn also had the distinction of driving Charlie's works-supported Lotus Cortina in a six hour Trans-Am at Green Valley in September 1966, finishing second in class. The reason that Charlie was not driving his own car was because he had been tagged to co-drive one of the red & gold Alan Mann Lotus Cortinas with John Whitmore. Unfortunately, Whitmore crashed the car early in the race, so Charlie never got his turn.

John Matlack has worked alongside Charlie for decades and Charlie gratefully acknowledged his unfailing support and pit crew work. In addition to being a great friend and crackerjack mechanic, Matlack is a racing historian in his own right, and can go for hours, especially as regards the Chaparral folks from Midland. John then explained what an honor that membership in the Road Racing Driver's Club (RRDC) is. RRDC is a US organization made up of many of the America's and Europe's most successful racing drivers. Members are elected by their peers and include Formula One World Champions, Indy-500 winners, Champion Sports Car Drivers, and top American amateur road racers. The membership also includes leading industry professionals, race officials, and motorsports journalists who have made significant contributions to the sport. John urged those interested to browse the www.rrdc.org website and scan down the list of members. It is truly a who's who of road racing. The name "Charlie Barns" has been on the RRDC membership list since the mid-sixties.

After Charlie, Lynn and John spoke, Don Gwynne briefly noted that Bob Winkelmann, the current owner of the ex-Barns/ex-Gwynne Lotus Cortina B Sedan, has shipped the car to England, where he and Robs Lamplough (Google him and be impressed) are preparing the car for next year's 3 Hour vintage enduro at Spa Francorchamps in Belgium. Wink noted that between Robs and himself, the car will have more than 100 years of driving experience on tap when it comes to the grid. And the car itself has 45 years of experience, as noted above.



Charlie Barns began SCCA racing an Alfa Romeo in 1959!

After Don quieted down and went back to taking pictures, it was question & answer time. When asked his favorite tracks, Charlie answered Road America and TWS! When asked what was his favorite car of all he has driven, he said that his green IROC Camaro was the best handling car of all. Whereupon Sam LeComte immediately began negotiations to buy the car! The assembled racers, workers and guests then gave Charlie and Martha a standing ovation, both for his exemplary half-century of racing, and for his excellent talk.

RACE RESULTS GROUP 3

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FV M. Callahan/1968 Zink Z5 2:09.517
- 2 FV E. Ziegler/1967 Beach 5C
- 3 FV B. Revenaugh/1967 Zink C4
- 4 FV D. Calkins/1972 Lynx B
- 5 FV B. Griffith/1970 Caldwell D13
- 6 FV D. Harrison/1965 Zink C4
- 7 FV D. Peterson/1968 Zink C4
- 8 FV T. Stege/1969 Beach
- 9 FV D. Rolison/1967 Zink Z5
- 10 FV J. Revenaugh/ 1967 Zink C4

1 SFP G. Emery/1965 Austin-Healey
Sprite 1:54.823

2 SFP J. Walker/1961 Austin-Healey
Sprite



**#29 Jeff Anderson, 1969
Lola T212.**

11 FV C. Singletary/1965 Autodynamics
MK 2B FV

1 STUDENT T. O'Grady/1969 Lynx B
2:22.186

3 SFP B. Barnes/1967 Austin-Healey
Sprite

4 SFP E. Dick/1967 Austin-Healey Sprite

GROUP 4 PL CL DRIVER/CAR

1 VB M. Vecellid/1963 Empi Crusader
2:08.958

1 FIR C. Bamford/1961 Cooper T56
2:08.766



**#52 Tom O'Grady, 1969
Lynx FV.**

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- 1 VA D. Ruehs/1959 Chevrolet Corvette
2:11.816
2 VA A. Johnson/1958 Devin Mega
2 VB P. Gormly/1961 Morgan 4
3 VB J. McClanahan/1955 Austin-Healey
100-4
1 VC G. McFarlane/1961 H-Modified
Thundermug 2:23.487
4 VB J. Page/1965 Alfa Romeo Spider
Veloce
5 VB S. Hart/1958 Alfa Romeo Giulia
Sprint
1 FFJR L. McKinstry/1959 Elva 100 Jr
2:28.521
3 VA C. Kellner/1959 Austin-Healey
3000



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#47 John Fershtand, 1969 Ford Boss 302.

GROUP 6

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FA S. Smith/1978 Ralt RT1 1:53.631
1 FF2 S. Jacobs/1974 Dulon MP-15 FF
1:56.036
1 NOVICE L. Romine/1964 Lotus 23C
1:58.218
2 FF2 M. Anderson/1979 Crossle F35
2 FA R. Rodgers/1980 Abarth 33
3 FA K. Liming/1970 Centaur FSV
4 FA J. Tanner/1976 Lola T326 Super Vee
1 FFI A. Lemon/1969 Merlyn 11A
2:08.687

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SUNDAY RACE RESULTS

GROUP 4

TWISTED HALFSHAFT AND UPRIGHTS RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FF L. Bangert/1984 Swift DB1
1 CF T. Kregler/1979 Crossle 32F
2 CF S. Dye/1977 Crossle 32F
3 CF Q. Posner/1977 Crossle 32F
4 CF S. Giamberadri/1976 Crossle 32F
1 VF B. Posner/1970 Titan MK 6B
2 VF J. Ballantyne/1969 Titan MK 4
3 VF C. O'Connor/1970 Winkelmann
WDF2
4 VF V. Sturge/1970 Crossle 20F
5 VF J. Farrar/1969 Merlyn MK 2A
6 VF B. Morrison/1969 Titan MK 5
5 CF S. Johnson/1976 Crossle 30F
7 VF D. Stern/1970 Titan MK 6A
6 CF T. Roberts/1981 Crossle 45F
8 VF A. Kamerer/1969 Merlyn MK 2A
9 VF B. Simer/1969 Winkelmann WDF2
10 VF G. Willis/1972 Titan MK 6B
11 VF S. Guy/1972 Royale RP3-A
12 VF C. Schoap/1970 Titan MK 6



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#41 Tom Lee, 1969 Brabham BT30.



photo by Don Gwynne

#30 John Stear, 1971 Porsche 914.

- 1 BSR E. Ziegler/1964 Merlyn MK 6A
2:01.741
3 FF2 E. Copley/1973 Lola T340
5 FA T. Murphy/1979 March 80A

GROUP 7

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 CP R. Reeves/1971 Porsche 914-6
1:59.270
2 CP V. Shade/1972 Porsche 911T
3 CP G. Kopecky/1970 Porsche 911S
4 CP B. Merrill/1971 Datsun 240Z
5 CP A. Tomita/1973 Porsche 911T
6 CP D. Hightower/1972 Datsun 240Z
7 CP D. Fawcett/1970 Lotus 7
8 CP R. Kuehnhoefer/1973 Porsche 911
1 BS T. Woodruff/1974 BMW 2002
2:07.288
9 CP A. Nigro/1972 Porsche 911
10 CP J. Iturbe/1972 Porsche 911
11 CP G. Morgan/1972 Porsche 911



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#071 Mario Primo, 1971 Fiat 124.

- 13 VF S. Treece/1970 Titan MK6
7 CF D. Morrison/1974 Hawke DL11
8 CF M. Keller/1979 Crossle 35F
14 VF C. Dimmer/1969 Lola T200
9 CF M. Wells
15 VF C. Lyford/1970 Caldwell D9

GROUP 5

SOVREN 25TH ANNIVERSARY 1ST RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FB T. Lee/1969 Brabham BT30
2 FB T. Osborne/1968 Brabham BT21
1 CSR M. Viskov/1978 Lola T497
3 FB L. Murray/1967 Brabham BT21
4 FB G. Lovell/1968 Forsgrini MK 10

GROUP 3

MONTE SHELTON JAGUAR RACE PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 AP E. Dolson/1969 Chevrolet Corvette
1 AS L. Bothwell/1968 Ford Mustang
1 BP D. Edelstein/1963 Chevrolet
Corvette
1 CP P. Quackenbush/1963 Lotus S7
1 FIA G4 M. Adams/1969 Jaguar XKE
1 TA B. Dyer/1970 AMC Javelin
1 FIA G3 G. Pichler/1964 Jaguar E-Type
2 AS J. Taylor/1964 Studebaker Daytona
2 CP S. Schuler/1969 Porsche 911
3 CP S. Gilore/1967 Porsche 911
3 AS R. Dunphy/1965 Ford Falcon
4 AS M. Smith/1967 Ford Mustang
4 CP E. Yakimovich/1969 Porsche 911T
5 CP G. Tisdale/1967 Porsche 911S
5 AS M. Ritz/1966 Plymouth Barracuda
2 BP M. Sorsdale
6 CP W. Carrel/1965 Porsche 911
7 CP R. Tesch
2 TA T. Cantrell/1969 Ford Mustang

- 1 STUDENT M. Handa/1972 Porsche
914-6 2:20.336

- 12 CP D. Piott/1972 Porsche 914
13 CP N. Cullen/1972 Porsche 911

GROUP 1

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 AS S. Lecomte/1967 Chevrolet Camaro
1:55.973
1 FIA T. Upton/1972 Detomaso Pantera
1:56.996
2 FIA M. Saxe/1974 Porsche 911 Carrera
1 AP M. McIlyar/1971 Chevrolet
Corvette 1:59.289
1 BP G. Reynolds/1967 Shelby Mustang
GT350 2:01.268



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#68 Mike Callahan, 1968 Zink FV.

- 2 AS G. Pickens/1969 Chevrolet Camaro
2 BP S. Seitz/1965 Ford Mustang
3 FIA C. Fehres/1974 Porsche Carrera
3 BP P. Pickens/1966 Shelby Mustang
GT350
2 AP J. Sandberg/1969 Chevrolet
Corvette
1 STUDENT J. Garrett/1967 Ford
Mustang 2:07.672

- 3 AS G. Hassell/1968 Ford Mustang
4 AS J. Atwell/1967 Ford Mustang
5 AS T. Hassell/1966 Ford Mustang
6 AS J. Fershtand/1969 Ford Mustang

GROUP 2

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 EP J. Setar/1971 Porsche 914 2:07.047
2 EP B. Haga/1964 MG B

GROUP 2

MAD MOLLUSKS RACING RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 FSR M. Osborne/1965 Merlyn MK 6
1 BS J. Murray/1967 BMW 2002
1 DM B. Babcock/1959 Peyote MK 2
2 BS L. Lyford/1969 BMW 2002
3 BS M. McKean/1969 Alfa Romeo GTV



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#9 Gil Stuart, 1958 Volvo PV544.

- 4 BS M. Godsoe/1968 BMW 2002
1 EP J. Lovell/1960 Porsche
1 DP J. Gordon/1963 Elva Courier MK 3
1 L. McDiarmid/1971 Ford Capri
2 DP J. Quick/1967 TR4-A
3 DP G. Silcox/1963 Elva Courier MK 3
1 FIA G3 B. Hegy/1966 Lotus Elan S3
2 EP T. Pickstone/1963 Porsche 356C
5 BS R. Dempsey/1969 BMW 2002
1 FIA G2 B. Slusher/1966 Corvair Cosa
6 BS K. Phelps/1968 Ford Cortina
4 DP W. Hart/1965 MG B
7 BS L. Anderson/1967 BMW 1600ti
2 E. Williams/1963 TVR Grantura 3
5 DP M. Mehl/1962 Triumph TR4
3 EP G. Hill/1963 Elva Courier MK 3
8 BS B. Hunt/1969 BMW 2002
1 GP R. Scollard/1963 Triumph Spitfire
6 DP M. Campbell/1964 Porsche 356C
2 GP S. Hare/1963 Triumph Spitfire



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#810 Vernon Shade, 1972 Porsche 911.

- 1 FP W. Gardner/1963 Austin-Healey
Sprite 2:05.876
2 FP H. Hilton/MG Midget
3 EP G. Curl/1964 MG B
4 EP S. Brady/1972 Fiat Abarth 124
Spyder
3 FP W. Hill/1968 MG Midget
4 FP S. Barrett/1969 MG Midget
5 EP K. Morris/1969 MG B
5 FP C. Duroy/1962 MG Midget
6 FP H. Noble/1962 MG MGA MK 2
7 FP P. Sandy/1959 Austin-Healey Sprite
1 STUDENT M. Glass/1972 MG Midget
2:18.912
8 FP J. McClanahan/1972 MG Midget
9 FP G. Reed/1967 MG Midget



photo by Don Gwynne

#74 Tim Woodruff, 1974 BMW 2002.

GROUP 1

SOVREN 25TH ANNIVERSARY 2ND RACE

PL CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 EM B. Hart/1957 Devin Triumph
1 ESR R. Federspiel/1964 Crusader
1 CM J. Long/1959 Devin SS
1 FT T. Rogers/1957 Porsche Speedster
1 CS S. Smith/1965 Volkswagen
1 VF D. Tilden/1968 Zink C4
2 FV J. Hynes/1968 Zink
1 EM York/1957 Triumph TR3
3 FV J. Cutts/1964 Bobsy
4 FV R. Duperon/1969 Crusader
5 FV B. Westmoreland/1965 Fromcar
6 FV S. Fahnestock/1970 Zeither
7 FV J. Kerney/1968 Lynx B
8 FV C. Larsen/1969 Zink C4
9 FV M. Stacey/1967 Crusader
10 FV D. Walker/1964 Autodynamics
2 ER Zbarsky/1958 MG A
11 FV P. Mahony/1969 Autodynamics
1 HM R. Dusan/1959 Devin Renault
1 F-3 E. Millman/1951 Cooper MK5
2 FM M. Zbarsky/1958 MG A
1 FM M. Muckle/1960 Turner MK 1
1 D D. Ferriday/1958 Alfa Romeo
Giulietta
12 FV M. Lyford/1969 RCA



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#56 Mark Adams, 1969 Jaguar XKE.