

Speedway Park Revival

Spectators were very impressed with our windshield card/posters from back in the day - they lent a certain credibility to our presence at the Revival. A few questions from the younger crowd about who was Euro Auto Parts and are they still around.



About twenty ECSCC cars showed up, and nine of our cars went in the track parade - Bob W and I were the only two from the 1981-82 parades that participated, and of course Bob was the only one driving the same car that he drove back then. We were all set to go when we were told that the helmets were only optional.



Much tamer parade this time, with two pace cars. No Le Mans start, five laps with corner marshals, and we never got over 50kph. Very good track, with some challenging turns, if you're driving at speed. They weren't particular about what drove in the parade, as Pat Mireau's 2019 Miata Targa and my 1997 Miata went in the parade (hey, at least my Miata Speedster has a fifties style model name).

Bob W filmed the parade with his GoPro, so no doubt you'll get to see some Cam Bailey style home movies of the event.

Jay Kessler brought out his collection of 3 or 4 Can Am cars, an original Ferrari 512 that had raced at Le Mans, a Japanese F1 car, and a replica Ferrari shark nose. Most of these cars raced yesterday.

Quite a number of cars from our era were racing, the oldest being a race-prepped MGA, and a Lotus Ford. Ital Motors were once again running their original, very quick Alfa, c/w two of the oldest race mechanics I have ever seen, hobbling around the car. Not surprisingly, Miatas were the most common race cars on the track, some of them seriously fast.



The organizers are talking about trying to make the Revival an annual event.

All in all a great reminder of the fun we had 38 years ago.

Cheers,
Bill



The Show and Shine was a great success, by the end of the morning we were joined by a Thames Van, an E-Type Jaguar, Bob Hawkins Jaguar and two Rolls-Royces.



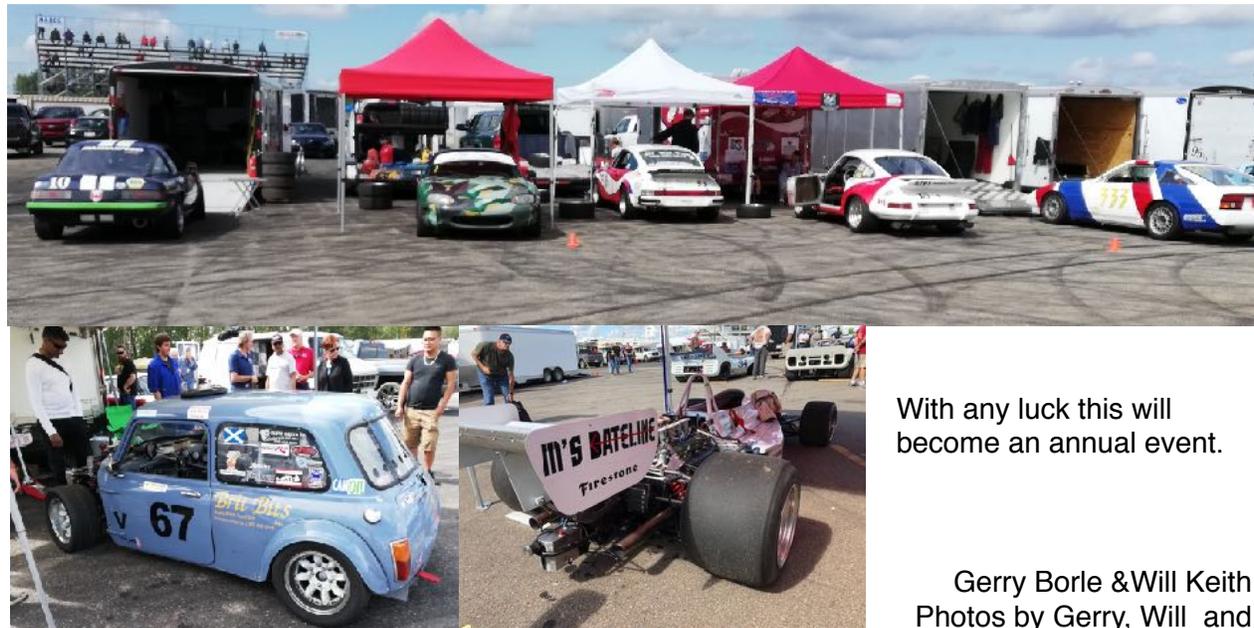
Dave Rolls checking out Terry Hanlon's 1948 Thames Van.



It was great being able to wander around the paddock and talk to the drivers owners and mechanics.



The races were usually 17 minutes plus one lap. They had vintage, speedway park era, open wheel, closed wheel, Can-Am and a King of the road race (all closed wheel classes) ending with the parade lap.



With any luck this will become an annual event.

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