

SWMS 7th Annual DeutschMarque Classic

Sandia Motor Speedway, New Mexico

August 16-17, 2008



Rounding Turn 14 onto the front straight, #33 Bob McClenahan in his Datsun 1600, #20 Bob Lee in his 240Z, #18 Fred Cordova in his 510, #12 Blane Beckes in his Porsche 912, #5 Terry Michalske in his MGB and #50 Robert Long in another 240Z.

-story by Sharon Sprague -photos by Ross Kells

Yes, Southwest Motor Sport is still out here in beautiful New Mexico having fun at one of the most challenging and exciting road race tracks around these parts. The 7th Annual DeutschMarque was a great success with a good led again by Bob McClenahan. The main Open car count, great cars, fun parties and good people, all to go along with great racing weather.

Saturday's main Vintage Race was led by Bob McClenahan from Los Alamos in his '67 Datsun 1600. He was closely followed by Bob Lee in another Datsun, this one a '72 240Z, then Tom Brenza in a '69 Austin Mini Cooper. chickened out at race time as an enormous black joining us.

thunderhead loomed off to the east coming our way and aiming to hit the track with a vengeance. Of course, this being New Mexico, the behemoth dissipated itself in about ten minutes leaving the bravest of racers having a great time and the rest of us wishing we'd been there. Datsuns ruled the afternoon with three taking the top spots, Wheel race was led by local Ken Adams in his '72 Lynx B, followed by Arizonans Norman Lies in an'84 Swift and John Fitzgerald driving a '71 Formula First. Later that afternoon Arizonan Dean Berry led a smaller group in his *76 FF Lola 540. The open wheel competition for this whole event benefited greatly by the participation Later that afternoon a lot of the earlier entrants of entries from Arizona! Thank you all for



SWMS Club President and Porsche 912 driver Bob McNeill rubs elbows with guest speaker, Bobby Unser, at Saturday's BBQ.



#88 Greg Robbins, #2 Jon Fitzgerald and other openwheelers down the front straight.



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Sunday dawned cool and clear after a terrific BBO dinner Saturday night provided by race hosts Russ Kelso and Sean Cridland; dynamite Porsche racers who have hosted DeutschMarque for seven years now. Qualifying events in the morning were great fun and led up to the afternoonis points races. Vintage Races was dominated by Tom Brenza in his Mini, a little monster chewing through the many turns of Sandia. Fred Cordova, in one of those pesky Datsuns, this on a '70 510, took second, and Dick Hughes from Flagstaff finished third in his beautiful '63 Alfa Romeo Guilia. Eleven Open-Wheelers remained for the Sunday afternoon race and this time John Fitzgerald beat out second place finisher, local John Lewinger, who was quite pleased with the performance of his *71 Crossley FF on its first time out after a full restoration by Denney Bridges, who must have been too wiped out by the work to come race his own car. Terry Murray, another Arizonan in another FF, placed third. Guess those Arizonans got the knack of the track!

The weekend ended with back slapping, tall tales and good wishes all around and our hopes that the Arizonans, and many others, will join us for the SWMS Monster Mash, the final event of our season. Yup, we expect more fun in the late fall sun of New Mexico and beautiful days of racing.

- 1. J. Ftzgerald
- 3. T. Murray
- 6. J. Ratcliffe

RESULTS OPEN WHEEL RACE SUNDAY PL DRIVER

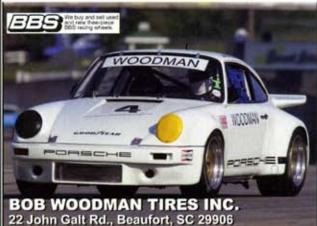
- 2. J. Lewinger
- 4. D. Berry 5. N. Lies

The line for the food!

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4. D. Long 8. M. Giraldi 5. B. Lee 9. G. Robbins 10, K. Adams 6. L. Beatson 11. T. Haskin 7. B. Beckes VINTAGE RACE SUNDAY 8. J. Swope 9. R. Long PL DRIVER 10, S. Sprauge 1. T. Brenza 2. F. Cordova 12. B. McClenah 3. D. Hughes



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