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#91 Larry Patterson, Austin Healey 100; #82 Ron Dempsey, BMW 2002; #50 Skip Foss, BMW 2002.

# VRCBC British Columbia Historic Motor Races

## Mission Raceway Park, BC

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This was the 24th edition of the VRCBC's BC Historic Motor Races and the fourteenth time that they have been held at Mission Raceway Park Road Course. Although the forecasts earlier in the week were a little shaky, the weekend weather turned out to be perfect.

The VRCBC's guest of honour for the weekend was legendary Canadian motor racing car constructor and driver, Bill Sadler. Among his many other achievements – with both cars and aircraft - Bill is believed to be the first to put a big V8 in the rear of a Sports Racing car, and his follow-up 1960 Chevy-powered Sadler Mk V is considered by many to be the inspiration for the later generation Can-Am cars. On Sunday, Bill did some exhibition laps in Myles Winbigler's 1959 Sadler Formula Junior – the first time he

had seen the car in fifty years - and was also an active participant in the traditional Saturday night BBQ, including being 'serenaded' with an original composition by the VRCBC's resident minstrel, Ian Wood.

Another big highlight was the exhibition laps by Merrill Faulk in the Burnett Mk 2 Can-Am car. It was somewhat faster – and noisier – than the Formula Junior!

The first **Group 1** race got the weekend off to a perfect start with a great battle for the win, with Lorne Andras in his (ex-Jim Latham) Volvo 122S besting Leigh Anderson's BMW 1600 by less than a second. Lorne pulled away in the second race while Leigh had to fight off Peter Valkenburg (Volvo PV544) who had to settle for third. The third Group 1 race was more processional, with John Carroll taking the win in his beautiful Ginetta G4.

**Group 2** was extremely competitive. In the first race, Phil Roney (TVR Tuscan) led Mark Brown (Lotus Seven) and Geoff Tupholme (Mini) across the line with less than two seconds covering all three. Further back, Glen Gibbons (Alfa GTV) and Charley Mitchel (TR6) were only four seconds behind the fourth place finisher, Jeff Larson (Datsun 510), while Mike

Owens (Mini) was literally on the rear bumper of seventh place Jim Robinson (Lotus Seven). Phil's TVR dnf'd in the second race, letting Mark take the win, one second ahead of Geoff, with



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#86 Marty Knoll, Ralt RT4; #93 Ron Eckhardt, Lola T590; #03 Alan McColl, Tiga Mk6.

Neil Tregear's Cooper S taking the final podium spot. Mark won the final race by two seconds from Tim Pickstone (Porsche 356C) with Neil again taking third. Geoff lost several laps re-installing a loose gear lever but then returned with a crowd-pleasing charge, resulting in the fastest lap of the race.

The first race for the **Group 3** heavy metal saw the first eight cars all finish within seven seconds! Tom Cantrell (Boss Mustang) led Ernie Yakimovich (Porsche 911T) and Dennis Repel (Camaro) across the line. Tom also won the other two races with Paul Kuckein (Camaro) and Ernie taking second and third respectively.



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#74 Mark Brown, Lotus Seven S3;  
#441 Geoff Tupholme, Mini;  
#58 Neil Tregear, Austin Cooper S.

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Stephen Clark's front-engined 1960 Lola Mk1 showed all of the 'new-fangled' rear-engined cars how it's done in the two **Group 4** races. Jim Cutts (Bobsy Vanguard) took second both times. Third places went to Tedd McHenry (Formula 4 X-Pit) and Mary Lyford (RCA) respectively.

Ian Wood's refreshed Rawlson easily won the first **Group 5** race ahead of Alan McColl's TIGA and Marty Knoll in Tom Johnston's Formula Atlantic Ralt RT4. The Ralt was seeing its first action in over twenty years. Ron Eckhardt (Lola T590) took fourth less than a second ahead of Charlie Lyford's Caldwell D-9. When the Rawlson was felled by drivetrain maladies, Marty gave the Ralt its head in the second race,

winning easily from Alan, with Ron again in third. This time, Tony Carruthers (Swift DB2) took fourth ahead of Charlie. **Groups 4 and 5** were combined for their third race. Marty did not start, leaving an easy win for Alan's TIGA, with Tony taking second, closely followed by Jim Johnston (March 729), Steve Goodfellow (TIGA S2000), Chris Schoap (Titan Mk6), Doug Lorraine (Lola T540) and Tom Balzarini (Titan Mk6).

This year, the VRCBC established the Pete Lovely Memorial Award to commemorate the legendary Pacific North West racer who passed away in May. Among his many other accomplishments, Pete set the first lap record at the VRCBC's original home of Westwood on its opening day - July 26th, 1959 - in a Lotus 15. Alan McColl was the very worthy initial recipient of the award.

The fan favorite was undoubtedly Sunday's **Feature** race, which was open to classic British Sports Cars plus any sedans that would have been eligible for the Under 2.5 litre Trans Am series. The spectators were standing in the bleachers and cheering each of the great multi-car battles down through the field. Ernie Yakimovich eventually

took a hard-fought win by only a quarter of a second from Mark Brown. Five seconds back, John McCoy (Escort TC) took third by a half second from Geoff Tupholme. Ron Dempsey (BMW 2002), Skip Foss (BMW 2002) and Tim Pickstone took the next three positions, covered by a three second 'blanket'.

Full credit to all of the drivers. In spite of some extremely close and very entertaining racing, there was not a single on-track incident throughout the weekend. The planning for 2012 has already begun.



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**#61 Nancy Moore, TVR Grantura; #19 Keith Wong, Triumph GT6; #35 Mike Zbarsky, MGA Deluxe; #82 Ralph Zbarsky, Volvo 142S; #23 Frank Anderson, Alfa Romeo Giulietta.**



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**#64 Al Harvey, MGB; #7 Jim Robinson, Lotus Seven; #510 Paul Haym, Datsun 510; #329 Mark Finnis, Datsun 510.**

#### GROUP 1 RACE 1

##### PL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 L. Andras/1968 Volvo 122S 1:23.101
- 2 L. Anderson/1967 BMW 1600
- 3 P. Valkenburg/1961 Volvo PV544



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**#74 Mark Brown, Lotus 7.**

- 4 R. Childs/1960 MGA
- 5 J. Carroll/1967 Ginetta G4
- 6 G. Stuart/1958 Volvo PV444
- 7 G. Holt/1959 Austin Healey 3000
- 8 R. Zbarsky/1969 Volvo 142S
- 9 K. Wong/1968 Triumph GT-6
- 10 N. Moore/1963 TVR Grantura
- 11 F. Anderson/1957 Alfa Romeo Giulietta

DNF L. Patterson/1955 Austin Healey 100  
DNF M. Zbarsky/1958 MGA Deluxe

#### GROUP 1 RACE 2

##### PL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 L. Andras/1968 Volvo 122S 1:22.330
- 2 L. Anderson/1967 BMW 1600
- 3 P. Valkenburg/1961 Volvo PV544
- 4 J. Carroll/1967 Ginetta G4
- 5 R. Childs/1960 MGA
- 6 G. Stuart/1958 Volvo PV444
- 7 C. Wong/1968 Triumph GT-6
- 8 R. Zbarsky/1969 Volvo 142S

- 9 F. Anderson/1957 Alfa Romeo Giulietta
- DNF N. Moore/1963 TVR Grantura

#### GROUP 1 RACE 3

##### PL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 L. Andras/1968 Volvo 122S 1:22.644
- 2 L. Anderson/1967 BMW 1600
- 3 J. Carroll/1967 Ginetta G4
- 4 G. Stuart/1958 Volvo PV444
- 5 L. Patterson/1955 Austin Healey 100
- 6 C. Wong/1968 Triumph GT-6
- 7 R. Childs/1960 MGA
- 8 F. Anderson/1957 Alfa Romeo Giulietta
- 9 R. Zbarsky/1969 Volvo 142S

#### GROUP 2 RACE 1

##### PL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 P. Roney/1969 TVR Vixen 1:19.486
- 2 M. Brown/1969 Lotus 7
- 3 G. Tupholme/1973 Austin Mini
- 4 J. Larson/1968 Datsun 510
- 5 G. Gibbons/1969 Alfa Romeo GTV
- 6 C. Mitchel/1969 Triumph TR6



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**#82 Ron Dempsey, BMW 2002.**

- 7 J. Robinson/1966 Lotus 7
- 8 M. Owen/1967 Austin Mini
- 9 C. Latzel/1972 Porsche 914
- 10 P. Haym/1969 Datsun 510



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**#84 Stephen Clark, Lola Mk1.**

- 11 E. Williams/1963 TVR Grantura
- 12 M. Finnis/1970 Datsun 510
- 13 A. Reid/1967 MGB
- DNF N. Tregear/1965 Austin Cooper S
- DNF T. Pickstone/1963 Porsche 356C
- DNF A. Harvey/1971 MGB

#### GROUP 2 RACE 2

##### PL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 M. Brown/1969 Lotus 7 1:19.639
- 2 G. Tupholme/1973 Austin Mini
- 3 N. Tregear/1965 Austin Cooper S
- 4 J. Larson/1968 Datsun 510
- 5 T. Pickstone/1963 Porsche 356C
- 6 J. Robinson/1966 Lotus 7
- 7 A. Harvey/1971 MGB
- 8 P. Haym/1969 Datsun 510
- 9 A. Reid/1967 MGB
- DNF M. Owen/1967 Austin Mini
- DNF C. Latzel/1972 Porsche 914
- DNF G. Gibbons/1969 Alfa Romeo GTV
- DNF C. Mitchel/1969 Triumph TR6
- DNF P. Roney/1969 TVR Vixen

#### GROUP 2 RACE 3

##### PL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 M. Brown/1969 Lotus 7 1:20.430
- 2 T. Pickstone/1963 Porsche 356C
- 3 N. Tregear/1965 Austin Cooper S
- 4 J. Robinson/1966 Lotus 7
- 5 C. Mitchel/1969 Triumph TR6
- 6 C. Latzel/1972 Porsche 914
- 7 A. Harvey/1971 MGB
- 8 P. Haym/1969 Datsun 510
- 9 M. Finnis/1970 Datsun 510
- 10 A. Reid/1967 MGB
- 11 G. Tupholme/1973 Austin Mini

#### GROUP 3 RACE 1

##### PL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 T. Cantrell/1969 Mustang Boss 1:17.665
- 2 E. Yakimovich/1969 Porsche 911S
- 3 D. Repel/1974 Chevrolet Camaro
- 4 G. Loeffler/1965 Sunbeam Tiger
- 5 J. McCoy/1969 Ford Escort TC
- 6 T. Hollinger/1965 Ford Shelby GT350



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**#199 Terry Hollinger, Ford Shelby GT350.**

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**#63 Tim Pickstone,  
Porsche 356C.**

- 7 R. Dempsey/1969 BMW 2002
- 8 S. Foss/1969 BMW 2002
- 9 R. Flescher/1967 Sunbeam Tiger
- DNF D. Yip/1967 Sunbeam Tiger

**GROUP 3 RACE 2**

**PL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 T. Cantrell/1969 Mustang Boss 1:16.910

- 2 P. Kuckein/1969 Chevrolet Camaro
- 3 E. Yakimovich/1969 Porsche 911S
- 4 D. Repel/1974 Chevrolet Camaro
- 5 G. Loeffler/1965 Sunbeam Tiger
- 6 T. Hollinger/1965 Ford Shelby GT350
- 7 R. Dempsey/1969 BMW 2002
- 8 S. Foss/1969 BMW 2002

**GROUP 3 RACE 3**

**PL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 T. Cantrell/1969 Mustang Boss 1:19.507

- 2 P. Kuckein/1969 Chevrolet Camaro
- 3 E. Yakimovich/1969 Porsche 911S
- 4 R. Dempsey/1969 BMW 2002
- 5 G. Loeffler/1965 Sunbeam Tiger
- 6 T. Hollinger/1965 Ford Shelby GT350
- 7 S. Foss/1969 BMW 2002

**GROUP 4 RACE 1**

**PL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 S. Clark/1960 Lola Mk1 1:21.059
- 2 J. Cutts/1964 Bobsy Vanguard
- 3 T. McHenry/1972 X-Pit
- 4 M. Lyford/1969 RCA
- 5 K. Johnson/1968 Zink
- 6 S. Guy/1976 Caldwell D-13
- DNF G. Baird/1964 Autodynamics

**GROUP 4 RACE 2**

**PL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 S. Clark/1960 Lola Mk1 1:20.746
- 2 J. Cutts/1964 Bobsy Vanguard
- 3 M. Lyford/1969 RCA
- 4 K. Johnson/1968 Zink
- 5 S. Guy/1976 Caldwell D-13
- 6 G. Baird/1964 Autodynamics

**GROUP 5 RACE 1**

**PL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 I. Wood/1972 Rawlson CR11 1:108.913

- 2 A. McColl/1977 Tiga
- 3 M. Knoll/1983 Ralt RT4
- 4 R. Eckhardt/1981 Lola T590
- 5 C. Lyford/1970 Caldwell D-9
- 6 S. Goodfellow/1984 Tiga S2000
- 7 C. Schoap/1972 Titan Mk6



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**#73 Ian Wood,  
Rawlson CR11.**

- 8 A. Cruickshank/1975 LeGrand Mk21
- 9 D. Lorraine/1978 Lola T540
- 10 T. Balzarini/1970 Titan Mk6



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**#37 Glen Gibbons,  
Alfa Romeo GTV.**

- 11 B. Storz/1977 AMS 277
- DNF J. Johnson/1972 March 729
- DNF T. Carruthers/1986 Swift DB2

**GROUP 5 RACE 2**

**PL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 M. Knoll/1983 Ralt RT4 1:11.431

- 2 A. McColl/1977 Tiga
- 3 R. Eckhardt/1981 Lola T590
- 4 T. Carruthers/1986 Swift DB2
- 5 C. Lyford/1970 Caldwell D-9
- 6 S. Goodfellow/1984 Tiga S2000
- 7 J. Johnson/1972 March 729
- 8 C. Schoap/1972 Titan Mk6
- 9 D. Lorraine/1978 Lola T540
- 10 T. Balzarini/1970 Titan Mk6
- 11 A. Cruickshank/1975 LeGrand Mk21
- 12 S. Clark/1960 Lola Mk1
- DNF B. Storz/1977 AMS 277

**GROUPS 4 & 5 RACE 3**

**PL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 A. McColl/1977 Tiga 1:12.791
- 2 T. Carruthers/1986 Swift DB2
- 3 J. Johnson/1972 March 729
- 4 S. Goodfellow/1984 Tiga S2000
- 5 C. Schoap/1972 Titan Mk6
- 6 D. Lorraine/1978 Lola T540
- 7 T. Balzarini/1970 Titan Mk6
- 8 A. Cruickshank/1975 LeGrand Mk21
- 9 J. Cutts/1964 Bobsy Vanguard

- 10 T. McHenry/1972 X-Pit
- 11 M. Lyford/1969 RCA
- 12 S. Guy/1976 Caldwell D-13
- 13 K. Johnson/1968 Zink
- 14 G. Baird/1964 Autodynamics
- DNF R. Eckhardt/1981 Lola T590

**FEATURE RACE**

**PL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 E. Yakimovich/1969 Porsche 911S 1:20.489

- 2 M. Brown/1969 Lotus 7
- 3 J. McCoy/1969 Ford Escort TC
- 4 G. Tupholme/1973 Austin Mini
- 5 R. Dempsey/1969 BMW 2002
- 6 S. Foss/1969 BMW 2002
- 7 T. Pickstone/1963 Porsche 356C
- 8 J. Robinson/1966 Lotus 7
- 9 C. Latzel/1972 Porsche 914
- 10 P. Haym/1968 Datsun 510
- 11 L. Anderson/1967 BMW 1600
- 12 R. Childs/1960 MGA
- 13 J. Larson/1968 Datsun 510
- 14 L. Patterson/1955 Austin Healey 100
- 15 A. Reid/1967 MGB
- 16 M. Finnis/1970 Datsun 510
- 17 K. Wong/1968 Triumph GT6



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**#23 Tom Cantrell,  
Ford Boss Mustang.**

- 18 M. Zbarsky/1958 MGA Deluxe
- DNF G. Gibbons/1969 Alfa Romeo GTV
- DNF A. Harvey/1971 MGB

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- 30 3B H. Lapine/1970 Porsche 914-6 GT
- 31 3B S. Gold/1964 Porsche 904
- 32 3B G. Walton/1967 Honda S800
- 33 3B R. Madson/1967 Porsche 911
- DNF 3B N. Martin/1967 Austin Mini-Cooper S

- DNF 3B J. Racine/1960 Morris Mini Cooper

**GROUP 4B**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 4B B. Skidmore/1976 Lola T-286
- 2 4B D. Matheson/1973 Chevron B-23
- 3 4B T. Smathers/1973 Lola T-282
- 4 4B S. Harris/1979 Porsche 935J



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**#2 Jim Hague,  
1972 Javelin.**



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**#145 Jeff Abramson,  
Morgan +4.**

- 5 4B R. Webster/1976 Porsche 935 K3
- 6 4B P. Costin/1980 Porsche 911/GTO
- 7 4B W. Morris/1979 Lola T-298 SR
- 8 4B R. Harris/1975 Porsche RSR C
- 9 4B J. Lawrence/1977 Porsche 934.5
- 10 4B T. Johnson/1967 Porsche 910
- 11 4B S. Schmidt/1974 Porsche 911 Kre
- 12 4B B. Hook/1973 Porsche RSR
- 13 4B O. Reindlova/1969 Porsche 911
- 14 4B G. Rattazzi/1973 BMW 3.5 CSL
- 15 4B J. Byrne/1974 Porsche RSR
- 16 4B J. Feuerstein/1974 Landar R8
- 17 4B H. Matloff/1970 Martin BM-8
- 18 4B C. Mac Alister/1971 Chevron B-19
- DNF 4B R. Smith/1971 Chevron B-19
- DNF 4B M. Reischl/1966 Porsche 906
- DNF 4B B. Clucas/1973 Datsun 240Z

**GROUP 5B**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 5B C. MacAllister/1971 McLaren M8F
- 2 5B S. Cook/1968 McLaren M6B
- 3 5B R. Williams/1970 McLaren M8
- 4 5B S. Drnek/1974 Sting
- 5 5B C. Moore/1968 McLaren M6A
- 6 5B B. Blain/1969 Lola T-163
- 7 5B R. Ryan/1968 McLaren M6B
- 8 5B T. Malloy/1971 McLaren M8E
- 9 5B E. Swart/1969 Lola T-163
- 10 5B S. Hughes/1971 McLaren M8F
- 11 5B J. Gallucci/1969 McLaren M8C
- 12 5B R. Webster/1969 McLaren M-12
- 13 5B T. Armstrong/1969 Lola T-162
- 14 5B R. Griot/1967 McLaren M6A
- 15 5B B. Rowley/1967 Lola T-70
- 16 5B T. Garmey/1970 McLaren M8C



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**#14 John Goodman,  
1971 Ferrari 312.**



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**#414 Doug Escriva, 1957  
Austin Healey 100-6.**

- 17 5B L. Zicron/1968 McLaren M6B
- 18 5B F. Cziska/1974 Shadow DN4A
- DNF 5B D. Loshier/1971 Shadow MKII

**GROUP 6B**

**PL CL DRIVER/CAR**

- 1 6B P. Baljet/1990 Beretta
- 2 6B J. Morton/1986 Roush Mustang
- 3 6B R. Tribble/1986 Chevrolet Camaro
- 4 6B C. Liebenberg/1986 Mercury Merkur
- 5 6B G. Gimbel/1986 Mustang
- 6 6B N. DeVitis/1988 Chevrolet Beretta
- 7 6B D. Walters/1982 Pontiac Trans-Am
- 8 6B M. Haemmig/1988 Corvette
- 9 6B R. Myers/1991 Mustang
- 10 6B S. Petty/1991 Camaro
- 11 6B M. McNamee/1985 Buick Trans-Am

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