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MGs aplenty at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

**M**G race cars were out in force at this year's Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, which celebrated its 37th year accompanied by record-breaking heat and humidity.

Billed as the nation's largest vintage street race, with 10 days of racing, car shows, parties, parades and motorsport events, the event attracted a huge crowd despite the weather.

While MG TDs have been regular contenders at the PVGP since its beginning, and three raced this year, a growing number of MGAs and MGBs have taken on the challenging course.

This year, six MGBs were registered

to race along with five MGAs – in various classes.

From within the 456-acre Schenley Park, a little more than two miles of roadway are carved into one of the most complex and slippery race courses imaginable – 23 turns, to be precise, complete with hay bales, water barriers and wooden horses.

Miles of bright yellow police tape also are wrapped around parking meters, telephone bores and stone walls to help drivers stay on course.

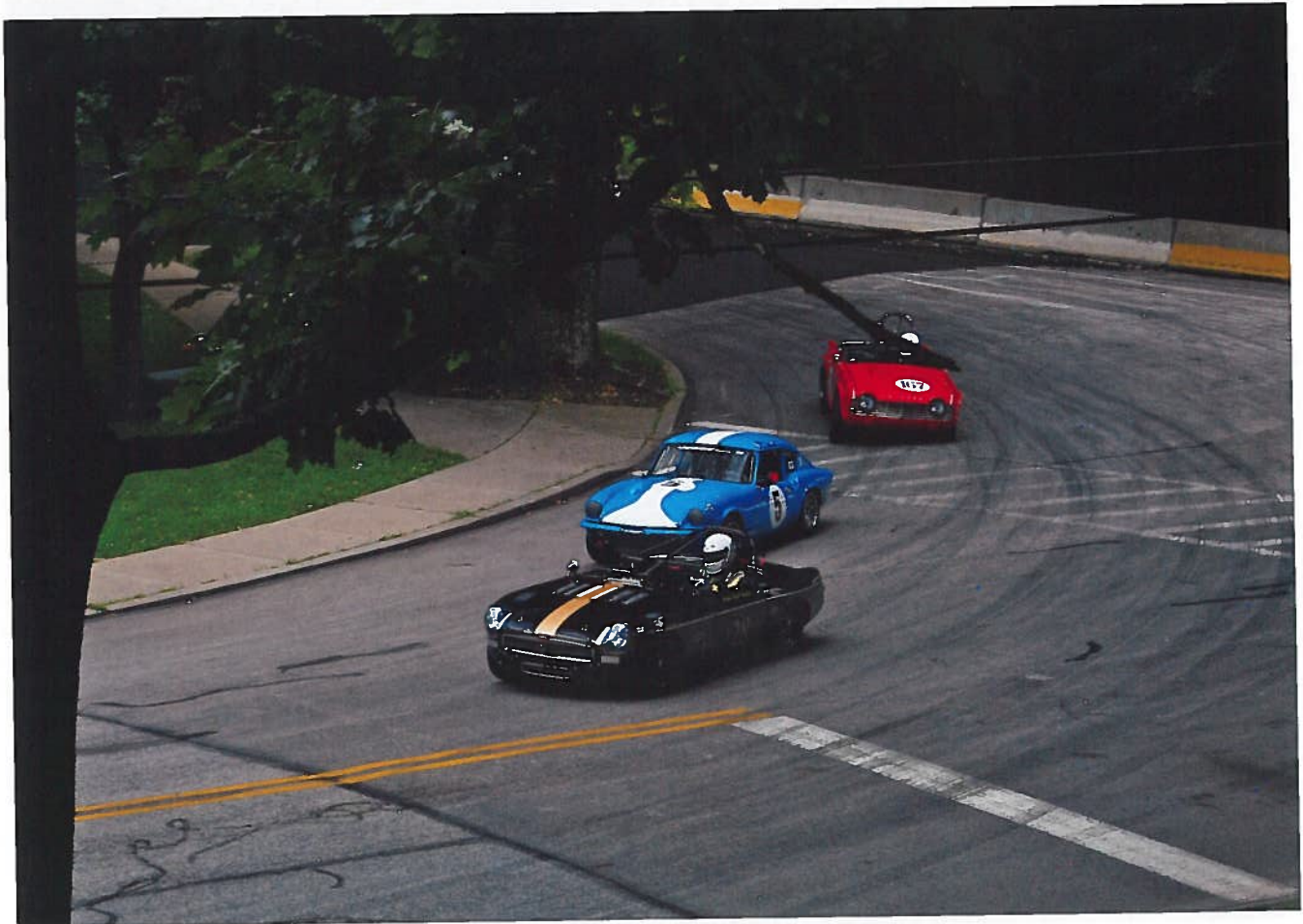
A volunteer army of nearly 1,000 people help to make the PVGP an incredible success. And because this event is free to spectators – a rarity in today's world of motorsports – upwards of 250,000 people

routinely attend the gala event each year.

If there's any question about the significance of MG in the event, just look at the official PVGP logo, which prominently features the MG TC owned by Alan Patterson, the PVGP's first race director.

"The MG is our favorite car here at the Grand Prix and has been the center of our logo," said Dan DelBianco, the PVGP's Executive Director.

The race through Schenley Park is part of a 10-day motorsports event and includes races at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex in Wampum, PA, outside of Pittsburgh, for newer and faster cars. ○







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