

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

Schenley Park, Pennsylvania
July 13-15, 2018

#24 Jerry Barker, 1963
Triumph Herald; #41
Joseph Plunkett, 1967
Cooper Mini S; #76 Dave
Nicholas, 1960 MGA;
#79 Andrew Moore, 1964
Austin Healey Sprite;
#36 John Jones, 1967
Austin Healey Sprite.



#202 Perry Genova, 1970 BMW 2002; #16 Andre Herke, 1968 BMW 2002

— story by *Ralph Laurie*

The 36th annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix weekend at Schenley park took place on July 14-15 2018. The races in the park have been taking place since 1983. It all began when a small group of racing enthusiasts met in Alan Patterson's Shadyside garage back in 1982 with a vision of bringing a street race to Pittsburgh. The circuit at Schenley is arguably, the most unique vintage racing venue in the country. Construction of the temporary street circuit begins Friday morning and wraps up right after rush-hour on Friday night. The result is a 20 turn 2.3-mile course that winds through the park and loosely follows the perimeter of "Panther Hollow." The course includes a hay bale chicane that slows the cars a bit before they head across the Panther Hollow Bridge. Significant elevation changes, manhole covers and those stone walls along the iconic "Serpentine Drive" make this a course like no other.

The weekend starts Friday with registration and roving tech inspections. A mandatory track walk is held for first time drivers to the park. Friday evening, a vintage car parade

starts in the paddock, winds through the neighborhood of Squirrel Hill and ends with a car show in the shopping district, where fans can view the cars and meet the drivers.

The race cars take the streets early Saturday morning with practice and qualifying sessions of 20 minutes that includes two laps under yellow to familiarize drivers with the unique circuit they only race once a year.

BMW was the featured marque this year at the PVGP and the BMW Car Club of America selected the event as the site of the BMW Oktoberfest, a weeklong celebration of all things BMW. The weekend drew record number of cars to the show field. Over 750 BMW cars gathered on and around the traditional "German Hill" overlooking turn 13. This year is the 50th anniversary of the popular BMW 2002 and to celebrate that, a BMW Marque of Year Race took place, with 30 BMW 2002s racing through the park.

The **BMW 2002 RACE**, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, began the day's group races that previewed the

Sunday offerings Group Winners Circle Feature races. A huge field of BMWs rolled up to the starting line for a 7 lap race. This was a single class race for BMW 2002 only.



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#58 Robert Finkel, 1959 MGA.

As the green flag fell, it was a real sight to watch over 30 similar BMW 2002s stream past in a jumbled order. It was a real treat to see the featured marquee of the event saluted with this race. The field raced with verve but respect for this through the woods and meadows real road circuit. Almost all finished. Perry Genova #202, 1970 BMW 2002, took the chequer first. He was followed by Andre Herke #16, 1968 BMW 2002, for second. Third was Scott Hughes #64, 1969 BMW 2002. It was a great tribute to the marquee of the year. After winning this race in Pittsburgh, the 1970 model Genova drove will now return to the newly opened BMW CCA Foundation Museum in Greer, N.C.

GROUP 1 Winners Circle Feature Race for Preservation, Prewar Under One Liter opened the Sunday afternoon racing at noon. Based on the day's group races that previewed the



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#5 Paul Wilson, 1959 Jabro Mk II; #773 David Allison, 1960 Lotus 18.

MGTDs perhaps challenged by some Bugeye Sprites. It was a big field. Michael Barstow #450, 1953 MGTD, Kurt Brynes #283, 1951 MGTD, and Steve Konsin #151, 1953 MGTD, had all performed well in previous races. Top challengers looked to be Michael Richmond #33, 1959 Bugeye Sprite, and Adolfo Massari #139, 2959 Bugeye Sprite. They almost finished in that order with only Craig Shafer #191, 1951 MGTD, being the interloper in fifth. Both top TD and Sprite finishers won their class. Some over 2 liter cars had fine drives and entertained the crowds with the roar of big engines on this challenging circuit. Leonard McCue #108, 1953 Nash Healey, won the class ahead of Alan Patterson #77, 1952 Allard J2X. The PreWar Cars always looks good racing through the tree lined



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#28 Mike Zappa, 1962 MGB; #26 Norman Berke, 1959 Elva Courier.

A delight for photographers. Paul O'Malley #21, 1952 Culbert Sprinter, reached the finish line first, ahead of John Guehl #999, 1939 Mercury Sprinter, and John Romano #349, 1939 BMW 328.

GROUP 2 Winners Circle Feature Race for Production Sports Cars Under 2 Liter flagged off about 12:40 p.m. for an 8-lap race. This was a competitive field of three classes: MGA, U1L and U1.6L. It was a real throw back for 1950s and 1960s British Cars:

MGAs, Turners, Austin Healey, Mini Coopers, Triumphs and Elva Couriers. Pittsburgh driver Charlie Dolan #57, MGA, turned fast lap on the way to a fine win. John Vann #425, 1959 Turner, chased Dolan as hard as could be with only one liter and took second overall and the U1L class. The third class winner took also third overall

and that was Nate Scigliano #379, 1959 Elva Courier, taking the U1.6L class, but he was well challenged by Dave Goode #37, 1959 MGA, and Peter McCarthy

#23, 1962 Sprite, with all turning similar lap times. We were delighted watching Jerry Bafker in #24, 1963 Triumph Herald, driving this Sports Sedan with vigor! He was chased by Joseph Plunkett #41, 1967 Mini Coopers S, for overall position, but well back by race end.

GROUP 3 Winners Circle Feature Race for Production Sports and Sport Sedan Cars



#2 Paul O'Malley, 1952 Culbert 1/2 Mile Sprint; #999 John Guehl, 1939 Mercury Sprint Car.

Under 2 Liter was a very big field of over three dozen cars. There were five class awards on offer for the winner after 5 laps. It was entertaining at the front, four cars looked capable of an overall win led by Rudy Garner #02, 1974 BMW 2002. He pulled it out to win overall and BMW class but Bill Dolan #5, 1972 Triumph GT6, turned fast lap of the race in challenging for the win ending second



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#141 Bill Kovick, 1963 Formcar Mk 1; #148 Dave Gibson, 1958 Vay Special Sports Racer.

overall and first in U2L class. Joe Mendel #12, 1971 Lotus Elan, looked to be a winner for a lap or two, but took a well driven third overall. The U1.6L winner was Stefan Vapaa in a 1968 Saab Sonnet, delighting the crowd with two cycle engine noises. MGA class winner was Chris Longo driving #7, 1968 MGB GT. The Porsche class was taken by Randy Evans #51, 1969 Porsche 911.

GROUP 4 Winners Circle Feature Race Production Sports Cars Over 2 Liter took the green flag just after the scheduled 2:00 p.m. start. This was another large field. There were three classes in a long 10-lap race. Scott Ryan 363, 1971 Porsche 914/6, turned the best times of the race to build a large and larger lead lap after lap. That performance was rewarded with a first overall and first in POR class. Gary Schultz, #66, 1972 Porsche 914/6, drove a cool race finishing second overall. Third overall and first in the BMW class was Perry Genova #202, 1970 BMW 2002. Alexander Ross #7, 1970 Datsun 510, was clearly using

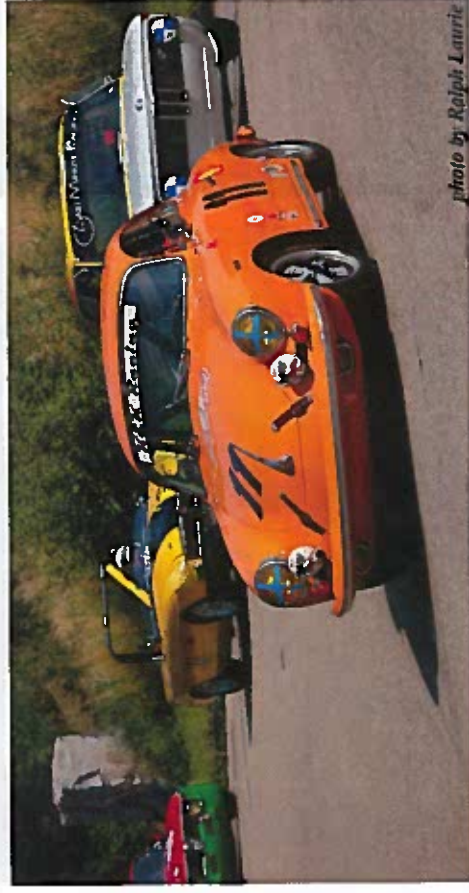


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#11 Michael Schindel, 1974 Porsche 911; #66 Gary Schultz, 1972 Porsche 914/6.



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#347 Richard Maloumian, 1956 Austin Healey 100-4.

all the circuit offered to take 02.0 liter class, just ahead of event operations manager John Bechtol #72, 1972 Datsun #402. One has to also recognize Charles Schwimer #02, 1965 Maserati Tipo 15, for a great drive in a spectacular car.

GROUP 5, Winners Circle Feature Race for Vintage Sports Racers FB and F Jr started with the green flag at 3:00 p.m.. These cars turned very impressive times on this challenging true street circuit. This was a 9 lap affair and Christian Morici, #69, 1971 Lotus, led it off. He also had the circuit well figured and won easily for both overall and FF class. Joey Bojalad #70, 1960 Elva Mark VI Sports Racer, had second overall and first in SR class

proceeded to wow the crowd lap after lap picking off cars. By lap 8, with the chequers flying, he finished off an incredible win. Joe Mendel #22, 1971 Lotus Elan, and Roy Hopkins #411, 1969 BMW 2002, looked to have a good time racing second and third overall. They finished in that order overall, Joe taking U2OL and Roy taking BMW class. There were good races through the large field. Duane Smith #77, 1971 Porsche 914/6, won the POR class. Brad Kolesar #08, 1973 MGB, took the MGB class while holding off Charlie Dolan #57, 1957 MGA, who took the MGA class. The race was a fitting end to a great weekend. This is one of the top vintage racing weekends in the world.

The PVGP has grown from a small group that met in the Patterson garage in 1982 to a family of over 1,000 volunteers. Many of them are multi-generational family members who return each summer out of love for the event and the camaraderie of their fellow volunteers. The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is a charity event and raises funds for individuals with autism and other intellectual/developmental disabilities. Since 1983, the PVGP has donated over \$5 million dollars to the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Valley School. Congratulations to the PVGP Volunteers, the Steel Cities Region SCCA workers and residents of Pittsburgh for a safe and successful event.

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GROUP 1 PL/CL DRIVER/CAR

- 1 MGT M. Barstow/1953 MGTD 2-29 646
- 2 MGT K. Byrnes/1951 MGTD
- 3 MGT S. Konist/1953 MGTD
- 1 ULL M. Richmond/1959 Austin Healey
- 1 Sprint 2-30 551
- 4 MGT C. Shafer/1951 MGTD
- 2 ULL A. Massari/1959 Austin Healey
- Bugeye
- 5 MGT E. Cronin/1953 MGTD
- 1 02.0L L. McCue/1953 Nash Healey
- LeMans Coupe 2-46 053
- 1 MGA M. Snider/1959 MGA 2-45 477
- 1 PW F. Mount/1939 MGTH Special 2-46 291



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#70 Joey Bojalad, 1960 Elva Mk VI.

- 2 02.0L A. Patterson/1952 Allard J2X
- 3 ULL D. Thomas/1962 Austin Healey
- Sprint
- 2 PW P. O'Malley/1952 Culbert 1/2 Mile Sprint
- 3 PW J. Guich/1939 Mercury Sprint
- 4 PW J. Romano/1979 BMW 320
- 1 SR G. Emery/1957 Arnold Special 3-07 934
- 5 PW L. Beck/1929 Ford Speedster
- 4 ULL R. Deull/1955 Panther Dyna Jr
- 1 ULL M. Machting/1969 Abarth Scorpione SS 2-41 650

- 10 U1.6L D. Smith/1959 Austin Healey Sprite Mk 1
- 11 U1.6L M. Hammuth/1963 Triumph Spitfire
- 12 U1.6L N. McCabe/1967 MG Midget
- GROUP 3
- PL/CL DRIVER/CAR
- 1 BMW R. Glanzer/1974 BMW 2002 2-16 756
- 1 U2.0L B. Dolan/1972 Triumph GT6 2-19 843
- 2 U2.0L J. Mendel/1971 Lotus Elan
- 1 U1.6L S. Vapaa/1968 SAAB Sonett 2-20 367
- 3 U2.0L P. Dolan/1972 Triumph GT6
- 4 U2.0L N. Berke/1959 Elva Courier
- 5 U2.0L J. Dolan/1972 Triumph GT6
- 2 U1.6L D. Mann/1965 Lotus Elan
- 6 U2.0L B. Criss/1967 Volvo 122 Amazon
- 1 MGC C. Longo/1968 MGB GT 2-26 427
- 1 02.0L M. Moore/1962 Triumph TR4 2-26 912
- 1 POR R. Evans/1969 Porsche 911 S 2-31 145



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#425 John Vann, 1959 Turner Mk 1.

- 2 02.0L J. Bechtol/1972 Datsun 240Z
- 3 02.0L R. Maloumian/1956 Austin Healey 100-4
- 5 BMW R. Hopkins/1969 BMW 2002
- 6 BMW G. Clarke/1973 BMW 2002
- 4 02.0L J. Ross/1973 Datsun 240 Z
- 3 POR D. Smith/1971 Porsche 914-6
- 4 POR W. Herren/1972 Porsche 914
- 5 POR M. Schindler/1974 Porsche 911
- 7 BMW J. Ingold/1969 BMW 2002
- 8 BMW A. Hughes/1975 BMW 2002
- 9 BMW K. Fryer/1975 BMW 2002
- 6 POR J. Southwood/1972 Porsche 911 Tipo 151
- 10 BMW A. Fryer/1976 BMW 2002
- 6 02.0L M. Kuli/1972 Datsun 240Z
- 11 BMW D. Farnsworth/1972 BMW 2002
- 12 BMW M. Skeen/1972 BMW 2002
- 13 BMW K. Hughes/1973 BMW 2002
- 14 BMW M. Francis/1972 BMW 2002
- 15 BMW A. Gramis/1979 BMW 320i
- 7 POR R. Hayes/1971 Porsche 911E
- 16 BMW P. Stillwell/1972 Porsche 911
- 17 BMW R. Ball/1974 BMW 2002
- 18 BMW J. Barbydd/1975 BMW 2002

- 2 SR P. Wilson/1959 Jabro Mk II
- 3 FV D. Yeager/1969 Zeitler FV
- 3 SR D. Gibson/1958 Vay Special Sports Racer

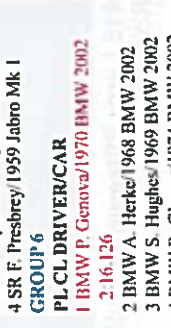


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#37 George Vapaa, 1963 Quantum IV.

- 1 FJ S. Morici/1963 Cooper T-67 2-35 794
- 4 FV B. Kovick/1963 Formcar Mk I FV
- 2 FJ G. Vapaa/1963 Quantum IV
- 4 SR F. Presbrey/1959 Jabro Mk I

- GROUP 4
PL/CL DRIVER/CAR
- 1 POR S. Ryan/1971 Porsche 914/6 2-13 094
- 2 POR G. Schuler/1972 Porsche 914/6 2-16 756
- 1 BMW P. Genova/1970 BMW 2002 2-16 756
- 2 BMW A. Herke/1968 BMW 2002
- 3 BMW C. Lappa/1971 BMW 2002ii
- 4 BMW C. Schindler/1975 BMW 2002
- 1 02.0L A. Ross/1970 Datsun 240Z 2-19 319

- GROUP 5
PL/CL DRIVER/CAR
- 1 FF C. Morici/1971 Lotus 69 FF 2-09 192
- 1 SR J. Bopald/1960 Elva Mark VI Prototype 2-12 399
- 1 FV C. Livengood/1972 Lynx B FV 2-22 064
- 2 FV O. Scigliano/1972 Lynx FV
- 2 FF B. Albert/1988 Chevron B-67 FF
- 1 L7 C. Morici/1958 Lotus 7 2-28 453

- GROUP 6
PL/CL DRIVER/CAR
- 1 BMW P. Genova/1970 BMW 2002 2-16 126
- 2 BMW A. Herke/1968 BMW 2002
- 3 BMW S. Hughes/1969 BMW 2002
- 4 BMW R. Glanzer/1974 BMW 2002
- 5 BMW R. Ball/1974 BMW 2002
- 6 BMW J. Barbydd/1975 BMW 2002ii
- 7 BMW C. Lappa/1971 BMW 2002ii
- 8 BMW C. Schindler/1975 BMW 2002
- 9 BMW S. Smith/1972 BMW 2002
- 10 BMW G. Clarke/1973 BMW 2002
- 11 BMW A. Hughes/1975 BMW 2002
- 12 BMW R. Hopkins/1969 BMW 2002
- 13 BMW K. Fryer/1975 BMW 2002
- 14 BMW R. Ross/1971 BMW 2002
- 15 BMW J. Ingold/1969 BMW 2002
- 16 BMW T. Cashman/1970 BMW 2002
- 17 BMW D. Farnsworth/1972 BMW 2002

- GROUP 7
PL/CL DRIVER/CAR
- 1 FF C. Morici/1971 Lotus 69 FF 2-09 192
- 1 SR J. Bopald/1960 Elva Mark VI Prototype 2-12 399
- 1 FV C. Livengood/1972 Lynx B FV 2-22 064
- 2 FV O. Scigliano/1972 Lynx FV
- 2 FF B. Albert/1988 Chevron B-67 FF
- 1 L7 C. Morici/1958 Lotus 7 2-28 453

- GROUP 8
PL/CL DRIVER/CAR
- 12 BMW M. Skeen/1972 BMW 2002
- 13 BMW K. Hughes/1973 BMW 2002
- 14 BMW M. Francis/1972 BMW 2002
- 15 BMW A. Gramis/1979 BMW 320i
- 7 POR R. Hayes/1971 Porsche 911E
- 16 BMW P. Stillwell/1972 Porsche 911
- 17 BMW R. Ball/1974 BMW 2002
- 18 BMW J. Barbydd/1975 BMW 2002

- GROUP 9
PL/CL DRIVER/CAR
- 1 FF C. Morici/1971 Lotus 69 FF 2-09 192
- 1 SR J. Bopald/1960 Elva Mark VI Prototype 2-12 399
- 1 FV C. Livengood/1972 Lynx B FV 2-22 064
- 2 FV O. Scigliano/1972 Lynx FV
- 2 FF B. Albert/1988 Chevron B-67 FF
- 1 L7 C. Morici/1958 Lotus 7 2-28 453

- GROUP 10
PL/CL DRIVER/CAR
- 12 BMW M. Skeen/1972 BMW 2002
- 13 BMW K. Hughes/1973 BMW 2002
- 14 BMW M. Francis/1972 BMW 2002
- 15 BMW A. Gramis/1979 BMW 320i
- 7 POR R. Hayes/1971 Porsche 911E
- 16 BMW P. Stillwell/1972 Porsche 911
- 17 BMW R. Ball/1974 BMW 2002
- 18 BMW J. Barbydd/1975 BMW 2002

- GROUP 11
PL/CL DRIVER/CAR
- 1 FF C. Morici/1971 Lotus 69 FF 2-09 192
- 1 SR J. Bopald/1960 Elva Mark VI Prototype 2-12 399
- 1 FV C. Livengood/1972 Lynx B FV 2-22 064
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