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## Taking It to the Streets

Pittsburgh Public Roads Become the Race Track



PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX

July 6-15

Pittsburgh International Race Complex

Wampum, Pennsylvania & Schenley Park, Pittsburgh Since its creation in 1983, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix has evolved into a 10-day celebration of the automobile. Two separate race events bracket the gathering: a weekend at Pittsburgh International Race Complex, and the climax, a street race through the city's Schenley Park.

The 20-turn, 2.3-mile street course winds through the park and loosely follows the perimeter of Panther Hollow. Significant elevation changes, manhole covers and those stone walls.

along the iconic Serpentine Drive make this a course like no other.

Spectators gather along the sweeping turns that parallel the Bob O'Connor Golf Course, which hosted nearly 3000 display cars that weekend. The Schenley paddock, located under the trees on Prospect Drive, provided a shady escape from the summer sun. The day wrapped up with a parade of vintage race cars that wound through the Squirrel Hill neighborhood and arrived at a car show and drivers reception.—*Bill Stoler* 



## The Kas Factor

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix weekend at Pittsburgh International Race Complex hosted the 16th Annual Kastner Cup, an event dedicated to preserving Triumph race cars and their history. The event visits a different track each year and honors long-

time Triumph factory competition manager R.W. "Kas" Kastner—that's him above on the right.

Jim Dolan, standing next to Kastner, was named chair for the Pittsburgh event. He and his three sons race similarly prepared Triumph GT6s, including two featured on our cover earlier this year. Jim Dolan drove the Group 44 car, with son Peter driving the Kastner Brophy machine.

The Triumphs competed within their usual race groups all weekend, but they came together Saturday afternoon for the Kastner Cup's 30-minute feature race. More than 30 Triumphs took the green flag, with Sam Halkias prevailing in a Kastner Brophy TR6.

The Kastner Cup itself doesn't necessarily go to the race winner, though. It's awarded to one Triumph competitor each year based on a formula that gives weight to presentation, attitude and vintage racing interest. This year's Kastner Cup went to Jim Dolan.