



Greetings MG Vintage Racers-

What a wonderful Focus Event weekend at New Jersey Motorsports Park with VRG the weekend of September 15-17. The weather was a huge contrast to Watkins Glen the week before-warm to toasty temps and NO RAIN! Track time was outstanding -four long sessions on Day 1 alone! During one session I noticed racers looking up at Start/Finish as if to hope for a checker-the sessions were that long! VRG once again proved that they understand what vintage racers long for-well organized, well run events where organizers hold the highest regard for exemplary driver behavior on-track. What happens off track...well that is another story-

Many of us arrived at NJMP mid-afternoon Thursday to warm sunny skies-perfect for setting up MGVR Central and the MGVR paddock. VRG provided roving tech and registration to make racer life convenient. Racing began Friday am with untimed practice sessions with each session followed by a driver meeting to establish ground rules. Sessions 2 and 3 were qualifying and racing. Last race of the day was the Special Feature All MG Race 1! When all was said and done MGVRs had 4 sessions Friday! For race results for MGVR Races 1, and 2 please visit <https://speedhive.mylaps.com/Events/1462620> . As temps and racers cooled the MGVR grill heated in anticipation of the Friday Meet and Greet. Thanks to everyone who contributed grub and grog to our traditional elbow rub; plenty of folks enjoyed the festivities and the evening!

Saturday race sessions included 30 minute qualifying followed by 14 lap feature race and *another All MG Feature Race!* This race was a study in how vintage racers should do it-I saw several point-bys and watched as more than a few fast MGs tucked in behind slower cars awaiting the opportunity to pass safely. Kudos to the MGs who displayed exemplary vintage racing spirit! As racing ended everyone brushed off, cleaned up and made ready for VRG's BBQ at the Air Museum. At MGVR Central we prepared for the presentation of our annual awards.

Saturday's BBQ at the adjacent Millville Army Airfield Museum acted as a Museum fundraiser-the \$24 tickets partially covered costs with the rest subsidized by VRG. This year the Joisey Boyz Racing Team sponsored a craft beer tasting complete with bartenders. Was it good? *Fuggedaboutit!* Not bad for a BYOB BBQ! The food was excellent as was the company. Many thanks to VRG and Joisey Boyz for making Saturday's dinner an event!

As is tradition at MGVR Focus Events, we had a few awards to give out at Saturday's dinner. Here are this year's award recipients:

Bill Parish Master of Speed Deception Award- Todd Stevenson

THE BILL PARISH AWARD IS PRESENTED ANNUALLY TO AN MG VINTAGE RACER WHO IS HAVING THE MOST FUN, AND BEING A MASTER OF SPEED DECEPTION WHILE BEING UNCONCERNED ABOUT WINNING -IN MEMORY OF MG RACER BILL PARISH.

The John Targett *DoFF of the Cap* award- Alan Tosler

THE JOHN TARGETT *DOFF OF THE CAP* AWARD IS PRESENTED ANNUALLY TO AN MGB RACER WHO IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE RACE HERITAGE OF THE ICONIC MGB 4 CYLINDER SPORTS CAR. THIS AWARD HONORS THE MEMORY OF MGB RACER JOHN TARGETT

MG-V8 Award-Tom Leavy

THE MG V-8 AWARD IS AWARDED TO THE WINNER OF THE ALL MG RACE.

MG Vintage Racers Spirit Award *The Big Copper Bucket*-Mark Brandow

THE SPIRIT AWARD IS SELECTED BY VOTE OF PARTICIPATING MG VINTAGE RACERS TO THE MGVR HOW BEST REPRESENTS *THE SPIRIT OF MG VINTAGE RACING*.

As the BBQ wound to a close this writer took a few minutes to thank the MGVRs who helped with events and newsletter throughout the year. Let me take a minute to thank again-

Larry Smith-MGVR Treasurer and voice in my ear when needed

Dan and Jane Leonard-Regalia Coordinators and co-hosts of MGVR Central

Chris Kintner-MGVR Webmaster

Dave and Chari Smith-MGVR Tech Editor and assistant TE. Thanks for your help with MGVR Central and Spirit Award voting this year!

Greg Prehodka-MGVR PR and Advisor / Motivator

Lest I forget (thanks for the reminder Butch) -- next year's Focus Event is at the VARAC Vintage Grand Prix at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park June 14-17, 2018!

Sunday was racing, and more racing, followed by MGVR Central pack up and drive home. If you like plenty of track time on a fast, fun track with fast, fun folks, then don't miss this event next year!

Congratulations to VRG and Butch O'Conner for running a smooth, fun event. Thanks for hosting MGVR for this year's Focus Event! Thanks to the MG Vintage Racers who joined us in Millville NJ for this year's Focus Event!

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