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# SWMS 7th Annual DeutschMarque Classic

Sandia Motor Speedway, New Mexico

August 16-17, 2008



Rounding Turn 14 onto the front straight, #33 Bob McClenahan in his Datsun 1600, #20 Bob Lee in his 240Z, #18 Fred Cordova in his 510, #12 Blane Beckes in his Porsche 912, #5 Terry Michalske in his MGB and #50 Robert Long in another 240Z.

-story by Sharon Sprague  
-photos by Ross Kells

Yes, Southwest Motor Sport is still out here in beautiful New Mexico having fun at one of the most challenging and exciting road race tracks around these parts. The 7th Annual DeutschMarque was a great success with a good car count, great cars, fun parties and good people, all to go along with great racing weather.

Saturday's main Vintage Race was led by Bob McClenahan from Los Alamos in his '67 Datsun 1600. He was closely followed by Bob Lee in another Datsun, this one a '72 240Z, then Tom Brenza in a '69 Austin Mini Cooper. Later that afternoon a lot of the earlier entrants chickened out at race time as an enormous black

thunderhead loomed off to the east coming our way and aiming to hit the track with a vengeance. Of course, this being New Mexico, the behemoth dissipated itself in about ten minutes leaving the bravest of racers having a great time and the rest of us wishing we'd been there. Datsuns ruled the afternoon with three taking the top spots, led again by Bob McClenahan. The main Open Wheel race was led by local Ken Adams in his '72 Lynx B, followed by Arizonans Norman Lies in an '84 Swift and John Fitzgerald driving a '71 Formula First. Later that afternoon Arizonan Dean Berry led a smaller group in his '76 FF Lola 540. The open wheel competition for this whole event benefited greatly by the participation of entries from Arizona! Thank you all for joining us.



SWMS Club President and Porsche 912 driver Bob McNeill rubs elbows with guest speaker, Bobby Unser, at Saturday's BBQ.

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#88 Greg Robbins, #2 Jon Fitzgerald and other open-wheelers down the front straight.



#33 Bob McClenahan in his Datsun 1600; #20 Bob Lee in his 240Z; #18 Fred Cordova in his 510.

Sunday dawned cool and clear after a terrific BBQ dinner Saturday night provided by race hosts Russ Kelso and Sean Cridland; dynamite Porsche racers who have hosted DeutschMarque for seven years now. Qualifying events in the morning were great fun and led up to the afternoon's points races. **Vintage Races** was dominated by Tom Brenza in his Mini, a little monster chewing through the many turns of Sandia. Fred Cordova, in one of those pesky Datsuns, this on a '70 510, took second, and Dick Hughes from Flagstaff finished third in his beautiful '63 Alfa Romeo Giulia. Eleven **Open-Wheelers** remained for the Sunday afternoon race and this time John Fitzgerald beat out second place finisher, local John Lewinger, who was quite pleased with the performance of his '71 Crossley FF on its first time out after a full restoration by Denney Bridges, who must have been too wiped out by the work to come race his own car. Terry Murray, another Arizonan in another FF, placed third. Guess those Arizonans got the knack of the track!

The weekend ended with back slapping, tall tales and good wishes all around and our hopes that the Arizonans, and many others, will join us for the SWMS Monster Mash, the final event of our season. Yup, we expect more fun in the late fall sun of New Mexico and beautiful days of racing.

**RESULTS**  
**OPEN WHEEL RACE SUNDAY**  
**PL DRIVER**  
1. J. Fitzgerald  
2. J. Lewinger  
3. T. Murray  
4. D. Berry  
5. N. Lies  
6. J. Ratcliffe  
7. J. Ploughmann



The line for the food!

8. M. Girdali	4. D. Long
9. G. Robbins	5. B. Lee
10. K. Adams	6. L. Beatson
11. T. Haskin	7. B. Beckes
<b>VINTAGE RACE SUNDAY</b>	8. J. Swope
<b>PL DRIVER</b>	9. R. Long
1. T. Brenza	10. S. Sprague
2. F. Cordova	11. B. McNeill
3. D. Hughes	12. B. McClenahan

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