

Brazos Time Trial Sunday Lists Variety Of Entries

By WINSTON GREEN
Corvettes, Lotus Elans, Mini Coopers and a King Cobra are just a few of the different makes of sports cars that will roar to the starting line Sunday at the old Bryan Air Force Base.

They will participate in the Brazos Sports Car Club's Grand Prix Time Trial and compete for some 30 trophies valued at more than \$100.

"Top cars and drivers from around the state are expected for this event," said club member Jim

Ray. "Entries are expected from Dallas, Houston, Austin, Fort Worth and Waco.

The event will be a time trial, which is an amateur form of sports car racing, and will cover a course two miles long marked with rubber pylons.

"The drivers will not actually race against each other," Ray said, "but will compete against the clock as they run through the course."

Drivers will be placed in eight men's and two women's classes.

The classes are determined by power and handling characteristics of the automobile.

Ray said cars such as Volkswagens will be competing against cars of similar speed and size.

"An MG wouldn't have to compete with a 427 Corvette," he said.

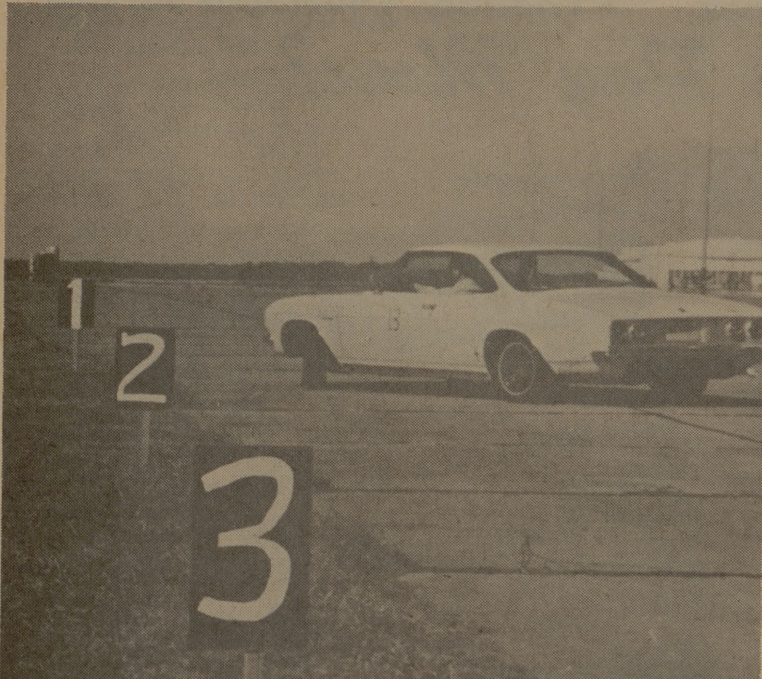
A technical inspection of all cars will be made to insure safe mechanical operation of the car. Also, seat belts are required on all entries.

Ray explained that anyone can "aim a car down a highway at 70 miles per hour" but "when a person has to brake fast, maneuver his car through a tight turn and accelerate down a straightaway, it will tell a lot about his driving and his car."

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the first run will be at 9:30 a.m. The Bryan Air Force Base is located seven miles west of Bryan on Highway 21.

"Those interested may contact Roger Meade at 846-3225," Ray said. "Anyone interested in entering the event may do so, regardless of the type of car he drives. We will have a class for every car. There will be a registration fee of \$3.50."

Ray also expressed the need for walkie-talkies for the event. "We will gladly furnish our own batteries if we can borrow several of the units," he said.



TIME TRIAL ENTRY
A Corvair passes three "shutoff" signs as it brakes for a turn while practicing for Sunday's Grand Prix Time Trial to be held at the old Bryan Air Force Base.

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80-YEAR-OLD STUDENT

An English professor J. Frank Peirce goes over a manuscript of 80-year-old Mrs. Mabel Claire Thomas for a Texas A&M course in creative writing. "Knowledge should increase a person's consciousness of what is still left to learn," the A&M student explains.

Oldsters Enrolled In English Class

Two of the oldest students enrolled at Texas A&M answer when Professor J. Frank Peirce calls roll in English 325.

Studying creative writing in the 36-member class are Mrs. Mabel Claire Thomas, 80, and E. R. Alexander, 78.

Alexander is the retired former head of A&M's Agricultural Education Department.

A poet, playwright and newspaper columnist, Mrs. Thomas plans to write short stories.

"I find the older I get, the more I want to know," the active matron declares. "Several friends have chided me about taking the course, but I tell them education is a continuing process and not something that is suddenly completed."

PEIRCE, 49, and greying himself, finds the senior additions to his class a unique experience.

"Both have alert, active minds," the English assistant professor noted. "Best of all, they are willing to have their work criticized, which the younger student doesn't want."

Peirce said 325 regularly enrolled a variety of students.

"This semester, the roster includes 14 women and 22 men, from college freshmen through Mrs. Thomas and Alexander," he said. Previous classes registered a mother of four, the foreign-born wife of a librarian and an aspiring writer in her 60s.

MRS. THOMAS feels a strong tie with A&M through her husband, retired entomology professor Dr. Frank L. Thomas who taught Aggies 34 years. Three sons attended A&M, their son-in-law Dr. John V. Perry Jr. is a mechanical engineering professor and grandson Frank Thomas III is a junior management major.

"I love young people," the writer of a recently published book of poems, "Sunlight and Shadows," confided. "I enjoy being able to sit and study them in Dr. Peirce's class."

Her primary goal, however, is writing techniques he instructs. "I'M NOT in the class for fun," Mrs. Thomas stated. "I want to learn the pulse, needs and standards of modern story telling and adapt them to my own standards and years of experience."

The silver-haired writer has volumes of experience. The daughter of a scholar and Alabama plantation owner wrote her first poem at the age of 11 and sold her first story to a Baptist Sunday school paper at 14.

Mrs. Thomas wrote for newspapers in Birmingham, Montgomery and Opelika, Ala., and has been penning poetry for the last 20 years, publishing verses in "The Saturday Evening Post," "Progressive Farmer" and other periodicals. She later wrote a column for the Fort Worth Star Telegram, reviewing children's books and was selected Progressive Farmer's "Woman of the Year" in 1962.

THE POETRESS, who feels a person is never too old to learn, lost her father at 16 and was denied opportunity for a formal college education.

Paintings Shown In MSC Lounge

Twenty award-winning paintings are currently on display in the lounge area of the Memorial Student Center.

The Texas Fine Arts Association sponsors the circuit exhibition which is shown all over the state. The paintings selected for the exhibit were award winners in the State Citation Exhibition, July, 1966, or the Fall Invitational, October, 1966.

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Baytown Hometown Club meet at 8 p.m. in the main hall of the YMCA. Will elect sweetheart and Cotton Pajama Duchess.

Bell County Hometown Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Picture for Aggie land will be en and club sweetheart will be elected.

Bi-Stone Hometown Club meet in the Anderson Room of the YMCA at 7:30 p.m. Organization meeting.

Dallas Hometown Club meet in the Ballroom of the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.

El Paso Hometown Club meet in room 2-B of the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.

Fort Bend County Hometown Club will meet in room 3-A of MSC at 7:30 p.m.

Shreveport Hometown Club meet in the lobby of the MSC at 8 p.m. for the club picture to be taken.

Texarkana Hometown Club meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC discuss their hometown party.

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