



RING FREE GOES RACING – AGAIN



2013 Lime Rock Historic Festival

LIME ROCK PARK, CT

After a two year absence we were happily back at the Lime Rock Historic Festival, especially, this year with the return of the Historic Trans-Am Group to Lime Rock.



Much effort has been made to assign paddock space since we were here last in 2010. As a result of concessions on our part and negotiations we found ourselves in the back of B Paddock. However, the Historic Trans-Am Group made room for us along Trans-Am Alley with the rest of the cars from the group.



Historic Trans-Am Photo

Sam Posey, Richard Goldsmith and Sams son John.



Jan outside the Courtesy Van for the Historic Trans-Am Group courtesy of Mike Joy and Fox Sports.

After years of ownership, Ken Epsman sold his 1970 Autodynamics Dodge Challenger, originally driven by Sam Posey, to Richard Goldsmith. John Posey, Sam's son, an up and comming driver, took the car out for a few laps.



Historic Trans-Am Photo

Earlier this year Sam Posey was honored by having the front straight re-named Sam Posey Straight. Many of us "old timers" recall naming the escape road at the end of the straight "Posey Alley" for his many excursions down that road back in the day.



Jan and Mark Waller in Falls Village.

A first for us was the Vintage Car Parade to the Falls Village Inn on Thursday afternoon.



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This photo could have been taken over 40 years ago, but it wasn't.



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We decided to go for new tires for this event, which proved to be an asset, as our practice times found us in the middle of the pack. We were 12th fastest in the first practice session. We were 15th fastest in the second practice session despite being over 1 second faster than in the first. Everyone else was also improving on their times.



Historic Trans-Am Photo

Sam Posey presented Vic Edelbrock with a well deserved Birthday present, the Rolex Award for Performance and Presentation, at Friday evenings banquet. Mr. Edelbrock celebrated his 77th Birthday on August 23rd.



Murray Smith, Sam Posey and Vic Edelbrock.



Vic Edelbrock behind the wheel of his 1969 Bud Moore Boss 302 originally driven by George Follmer.

Saturdays races saw everyone improving on their Friday practice times. We finished 18th of 21 in the mornings race despite being a few 10ths faster than we were in Fridays' practice. Knocking off another couple of 10ths in Saturdays afternoon race we finished 15th in the field of 23.



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Sundays Concours in the Park

Our thanks to Pat Ryan, driver of #15 1967 Sunoco Camaro, for driving us to “The Boathouse” for another great “Historic Trans-Am Group” dinner on Saturday night.



front; James Taylor, back: Mike Eisenberg, Frank Dobias & Jan Nelson

Sunday’s “Concours in the Park” saw a few light rain showers with little effect on the festivities. Aside from Jan, this year, James Taylor, the original driver of Mike Eisenbergs’ #5 1963 Ford Falcon, was on hand.



Jan Nelson, James Taylor and their cars.



Historic Trans-Am Photo

Monday’s schedule was disrupted by a heavy rain beginning around 8:30am. Only the first group got out in the dry and the track was closed until the heavy rain subsided around 10:10. Only 7 cars from our group went out for warmup in the rain. We were not one of them as we do not own a set of rain tires.



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The track slowly dried as the rain subsided and the other groups went out for their warmups. By 3:00 when our Feature Race began there was only a 20 foot section of track on “No Name Straight” with water draining across it.



Historic Trans-Am Photo

We started 15th in the Feature Race and finished 16th in the 22 car field. Due to the water on the back straight our best time was over a second off our best time for the weekend.

