



Graham Adelman was a two-time Virginia winner in his March 732

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## Vintage racing returns to Virginia

Historic Sportscar Racing was back at the Virginia International Raceway in Alton, Virginia, USA, for a full weekend for the first time in seven years from 4-7 September with the VIR Historics meeting.

Ben Myers (Porsche 911 GT3 Cup) was a comfortable winner in the hour-long BRM Endurance Challenge for GTM cars, which kicked off the competitive action, before the more classic racing got under way. First to the chequer in the Group 4 feature race for open-wheeled cars was Graham Adelman (March 732), and he also won the sprint race for Groups 4, 6 and 7. Sadly, however, the arrival of a thunderstorm meant that was the end of Saturday's running.

Sunday started with another BRM Endurance Challenge, this

time for older cars, with Andy Willis (Chevron B36) scooping overall and Historic spoils. Sharon Adelman and George McDonald (Porsche 944 turbo Cup) were the Vintage victors, while John Spiers (Ford Mustang) was the top GTC finisher. Spiers claimed another victory aboard his Mustang in the American class of the Sasco Sports International/American Challenge, and was second overall to Greg Micheal (Porsche 944), who also took the Porsche prize. Kathy Blaha (BMW M3) was the International division winner.

In younger cars, Matt Graham and Jake Latham shared Michelin Prototype Challenge glory in their Ligier JS P320, and Drew Ewing (Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport) won the Global GT sprint.



## Local classics star on the loose in debut rally

Pioneer Rally Company's first event, the Rocky Mountain Vintage from 8-11 September in Colorado, USA, took crews across more than 1100 miles, of which almost 300 were gravel. There were Vintage (pre-'46), Classic (1946-'84) and Special classes, plus a Pioneer category for those who wanted to drive the route without the pressure of competition.

The top three crews of Danny Day and Matt Bryson (Pontiac Trans Am, above left), Jim Gately and Tony Brooks (Ford Thunderbird, below left), and Joseph Heil and Mac Dorris (Porsche 911) established themselves at the front by the end of day two in Palisade. Trickier runs through the regularities and tests of days three to Winter Park and four to Cheyenne Mountain dropped Gately/Brooks to third. Out in front it was tight, with eight marks splitting the top-performing crew and class C2 winners Day/Bryson from runners-up Heil/Dorris at the finish. Class C1 was led by Carl Helmetag and Thomas Searls (Volvo Amazon).



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JIM MOIR

## V8 power dominates in Fife

There were very different weather conditions for the two Scottish Classic Sports and Saloon Championship races at Knockhill on 14 September. Alastair Baptie proved unbeatable in both the dry and wet in his MGB GT V8 (left), despite a hard-charging Alasdair Coates, also in a BGT V8.

Behind them there was a standout drive from John Kinmond (Mini), who was eighth in the first, then seventh, fending off far more powerful machinery around the undulating Fife track, including reigning champion Iain Mitchell (Vauxhall Nova). Paul Bowens (Fiat 128), Tony Leese (VW Golf), Craig Houston (Lotus Excel) and Andrew Kinmond (TVR Vixen) impressed in the wet, too.

## Paddock profile



**MARC GORDON**  
CARS Lotus Elite, and Jaguars XK150, XK140, E-type roadster

**SERIES** HRDC, MRL, Equipe Classic Racing, Peter Auto, Fiscar, XK series, Masters, GTSCC, Le Mans Classic

"It all began after an E-type track day with CKL, and my first race was in 2015 - I was terrified. It was in my XK150 [below], at a wet Silverstone, and I told my wife I shouldn't have got into this! Thankfully, I overcame that. I still have that car and won Goodwood Revival's Fordwater Trophy in it last year, one of my most memorable races. I am also proud of twice winning the Index of Performance at the Le Mans Classic. I love racing and trying to improve, but it would be fun to try rallying."



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