



Race Wrap-up

32nd **Marvelous May Races**

April 25 - 27, 2025

MSR Houston

Angleton, TX

"The Return to MSRH"

Race Wrap-up *from The President*

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What a great return to MSRH.

With just over 100 cars entered, we were able to allow every group their own race sessions, enjoyed great competitive racing, soaked in the sunshine and 80 degree cool gulf breezes and wonderful fellowship with friends and family. As I reflect on this

close to our CVAR spring season, I 'm thinking of all the work it took to return to MSRH and I want to make a special shout out to David Lee, Colby and Joanne Lemmons, Steven Schultze and Greg Matlack for all the work they did in months leading up to this return event.



I chose to make the cover photo of this “Wrap up” as a shout out to all the people that attended the event: Our Members and their Crews and Families. YOU are what make CVAR a possible.



Also, thanks to D. Gillen Photography for supporting our race. Please support D.Gillen by purchasing some of his photos here: [PHOTOS](#)

Financially, this event was a “Break Even”. We are a Not-for-Profit and our goal is to use your money as efficiently as we can to optimize your experience. By Sunday afternoon, we had people asking us to “Shorten the Sessions”, which tells me everyone got their money’s worth!

Finally, I’m very happy to say we raised a nice donation for Hands-on-Driving that joined us for the weekend. This is something that you will hear more about in the future. See the write-up below for more information.

Enjoy the CVAR Summer Break and look for some up-coming announcements for the Fall Season. Have a great and safe summer everyone!

Cheers and see you at the Track. Steve Coleman, CVAR President 2025-26

Hands On Driving Academy rubs elbows with CVAR vintage racers.....

Story by David Lee with photos by D. Gillen

The Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing Marvelous May race weekend, held April 25-27 at Motorsports Resort in Angleton, TX, was packed with amazing wheel to wheel action with cars raging from a 1963 Cooper Monaco T61 to a 2012 B-Spec Honda Fit. Wait.....What??? A Honda Fit is not a CVAR vintage eligible car!! Hold on amigo.....there is a lot more to this story.

MSR-H is home to Hands On Driving Academy, a nonprofit organization who trains disabled drivers how to race with hand control equipped cars and obtain their SCCA license. Founded in 2020 by a well-known name in SCCA racing James Rogerson and James Smith, MD, their team take B-Spec SCCA legal cars and equip them with hand controls so that those with disabilities can learn the ropes of wheel-to-



Hand controlled Honda Pilot driver Stephen Reams leads the MG Midget of Mike Coleman into the esses.

wheel road racing and ultimately obtain their SCCA license.

As all racers know, building a car to take the rigors of racing on the edge is an expensive endeavor. This initial car prep, coupled with consumables such as race fuel and tires, quickly eats up generous donations from sponsors. Hands On Driving Academy relies on outside donations to keep the program on track. The weekend for the B-Spec racers was not without the need for service work. Conner Kelleher at the MSR race shop was on

hand to support the HODA drivers and both cars had the need for tire changes throughout the race weekend.

At the time of this writing, the team maintains 4 hand control equipped cars for their school. These uniquely equipped cars have aided 20 drivers to successfully complete the program. Many of the students are veterans who have injuries received during deployment or after returning home, but there

also have been students who have lost the use of their legs for medical reasons. Students need not be a veteran to apply, but do need the drive to take on this mentally and physically demanding sport.

How did this group end up attending the CVAR vintage race event? The invitation for an exhibition of the racing prowess of Hands On Driving Academy graduates came from the CVAR small bore Group 2 representative David Lee. While aggressive cancer treatment left him without the use of his left leg



Tim Ripley in his Honda Pilot leads Rick Fisher in his MGB onto the front straight.

(clutch leg), he overcame this barrier by developing an “air clutch” to allow use of the racing straight cut 4-speed in his 1959 Bugeye Sprite racer. His communication and technology sharing with HODA founder James Rogerson led to the inquiry about the inclusion of two of their racers in this CVAR event to highlight their hand control racing program.

Two Hands On Driving School graduates, Tim Ripley and Stephen Reams, were happy to join the fun as both

struggle with finding local competitive events and often have to settle for HPDE type sessions. As most racers know, point by passing is just not the same as a traditional race to the front road race. Tim, who races a BMW E46 M3 at home, traveled down to Texas from New Jersey for the CVAR event. Stephen, who’s daily driver is a hand controlled Subaru BRZ had a short drive in from Kingwood, just North of Houston. From the looks of the smiles on their faces and their conversations at our Saturday evening party, it was clear that they were a good fit with the CVAR small bore group. Their laps times put them right in the middle of the pack, with plenty of opportunity to pass others or be passed.....



From left to right: James Rogerson, Tim Ripley, Stephen Reams and Conner Kelleher

During the lunch breaks on Saturday and Sunday, track touring laps for car clubs were available and the donations from these participants were routed directly to the Academy. Stephen even took the opportunity to take CVAR racers for a ride around the track in his street BRZ to demonstrate his hand control techniques. One of the original students Dillon Cannon also made a visit to the track to share his story and support. His details are highlighted in a video interview on the Hands On Driving Academy website.

CVAR was pleased to be able to highlight this amazing program and would encourage readers to reach out to Hands On Driving Academy through their website to learn even more about their organization. Individual donations may be made through the website. Corporate sponsorships are also welcomed and are best coordinated through contacting James Rogerson directly.



[Hands On Driving Academy](https://www.handsondrivingacademy.com)

Thank you to our Sponsors for their continued support!



MSRH Survey Results

Here are the results from our Event Satisfaction Survey for the April 25-27 2025
Marvelous May Race at MSRH

Ratings: 1-10, with 10 being the best.

Pre-Race Registration and Communication: 9.3

Operations (schedule/flagging/driver's meetings/etc): 9.1

Track and Facilities: 6.6

Food Trucks 7.4

Saturday Evening Party: 9.1

Would you return to MSRH again? 100% said YES

A sample of 3 things participants said we got right:

1. "Texting and Grid Calls were Great"
2. "Quick turn arounds between races"
3. "7:30 Driver's meetings"

A sample of 3 things participants said we could improve on:

1. "Food Trucks were slow"
2. "More port-a-Potties"
3. "MSRH needs a Refresh"

Scenes from the Weekend

Photos by D. Gillen, G. Wright, and E. Robau













**See you
at the
Track!**