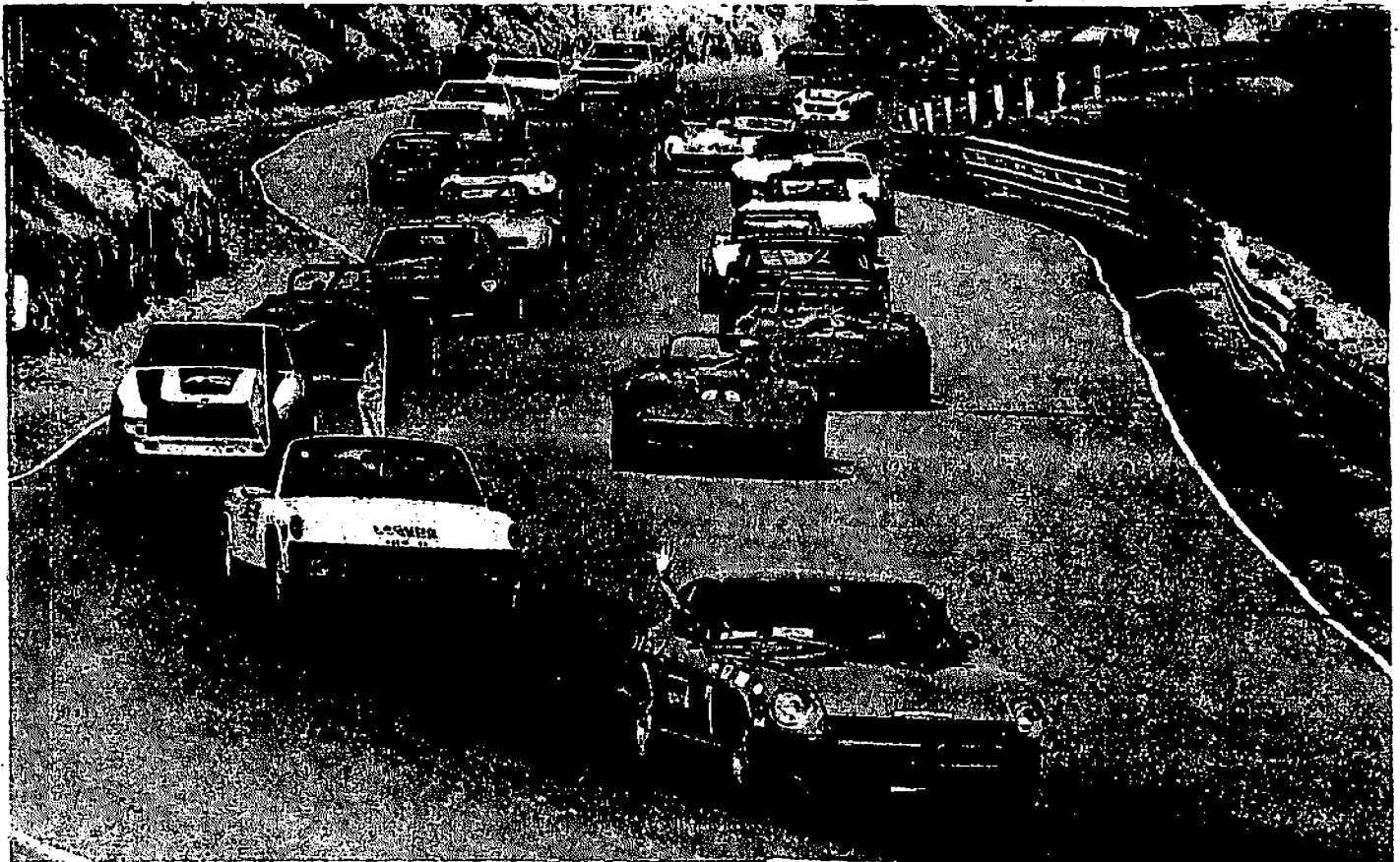


# Bondurant Challenge Cup



It was a coalition between Bob Bondurant, Don Wester and the SCCA that got the whole thing together and it was a great idea. When the smoke, broken fiberglass and post-race hassling had cleared Jim Barber was a thousand bucks richer. That's right race fans, one thousand crisp new ones laid right in his hand. Besides that all of the qualifiers including last place got back at the very least 60 per cent of the hundred dollar entry fee. The rules were simple, it was strictly invitational and limited to A through E production cars that had turned a 1:20 or thereabouts lap on the Laguna circuit. There was a total purse of \$4100.00 to be split in the following. A thousand for first, \$500.00 for second, \$400.00 for third, \$250.00 for fourth, \$150.00 for fifth, \$100.00 for sixth thru tenth and \$60.00 for the rest of the field. Whooee money racing.

Jim Barber took the pole with the fantastic time of 1:12.32 in his blue 454 C.I. Corvette but sitting next to him was the giant killer 240Z Datsun of Walt Maas. Jim Herlinger and Dave Mock in a brace of Corvettes shared the second row and Rainer Neumann in a Mustang and Buzz Dyer in a AMC Javelin filled the third row with the fastest sedans.

The touts in the pits were laying the pre-race odds heavily on Maas pulling an overall win but it was obvious from the green flag that Barber was un no mood to play games. Maas had the handling but Barber had the horsepower as he nailed the lead at the start. Maas tucked tightly in behind with Herlinger and Mock a short ten feet in arrears. Things settled in that order for the

first four laps then Maas pulled all the stops and passed Barber on the twitchy back section of the course. They sailed down into turn nine in that order and whether Maas braked early or Barber late is a point for conjecture, but at any rate the Datsun was promptly booted in the butt by the Corvette. In the ensuing melee Herlinger grabbed the lead with Mock a short car-length behind. Maas got the quickest bite on the greasy track and sped off in a short third. Barber was a little slow in getting things sorted and was passed and knocked to fifth by the Red, White and Blue Corvette of Frank Fahey. Fahey had moved up from his seventh spot on the grid and had been lurking a second or three behind the closely bunched first four cars. Barber now in fifth and with fiberglass damage on his front end set off in determined pursuit. On the next circuit Maas, still in third, went sailing under the start-finish bridge trailing great gouts of smoke and assorted engine parts. He coasted off the track in turn two his money race done for the day. Barber's crew told him he was fourth and a lap later he was by Fahey and into third. On the thirteenth lap the order was re-arranged as Herlinger slid into turn nine and spun in the greasemud allowing both Mock and Barber to slip by. He got untracked quick enough to keep Fahey in fourth.

Neumann was holding down fifth and Rich Sloma was holding down a distant sixth in his Lime Green Corvette. Further back in the pack the racing was just as tight as Stewart Wells, Bill Geen and Gary Carlen, all in Corvettes argued over the seventh

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The Bondurant and Laguna Seca pace cars show the field on the parade lap. Ron Miller photo

spot. A few seconds behind this group was Frank Search in his Camaro a second or two ahead of a simular of A sedans, led by the Javelin of Buzz Dyer. Elliot Forbes - Robinson was lurking close behind the sedans in his Porsche 914 but every time he tried a pass one of the bigger cars would jump sideways and force him to retreat.

On the sixteenth lap of the twenty four lap event Barber powered by Mock for the lead and Fahey slipped by an ailing Herlinger to take over third and finalize the finishing order. Neumann held on to fifth and Sloma was sixth.

It wasn't an easy race for Barber he was forced to work for his money but it was by far the most exciting event of the day.

#### BONDURANT CHALLENGE CUP RACE

Jim Barber (Corvette), Dave Mock (Corvette), Frank Fahey (Corvette), Jim Herlinger (Corvette), Rainer Neumann (Mustang), Rich Sloma (Corvette), Stewart Wells (Corvette), Bill Geen (Corvette), Gary Carlen (Corvette), Frank Search (Camaro), Wes Dawn (Mustang), Buzz Dyer (Javelin), Hugh Harn (Camaro), Greg Pickett (Camaro), Elliot Forbes-Robinson (Porsche 914), Rob McFarlin (Datsun 2000), Jeff Gardner (Corvette), Jerry Slick (MGB), John Bauer (Javelin), Ed Ruiz (Corvette), Bill Maier (Mustang), Frank Leary (Mustang), Pete Braller (Corvette), Jim Wilson (Corvette), Frank Joyce (Datsun 2000), Web Brownlee (Corvette), Bruce Esajian (Corvette), Walt Maas (Datsun 240Z), Mike Meek (Corvette)

# ENTRIES

## BONDURANT CHALLENGE CUP RACE ENTRY LIST

CAR	COLOR	MAKE/MODEL	DRIVER	HOME	SPONSOR
<b>A PRODUCTION</b>					
3	black	Corvette 427	Dave Mock	Oakland	Vic Hubbard—Orrell-Keefe, Inc.
4	orange	Corvette 427	Dave Schwafel	Mtn. View, Ca.	
5	red	Corvette 7500cc	Jim Herlinger	Palo Alto, Ca.	Coca-Cola
6	white	Corvette 427	Stewart Wells	Nyack, Ca.	Nyack Racing
9	blu/wht	Corvette 427	Bill Geen	Alamo, Ca.	Sbarbaro Racing Ent.
14	yellow	Corvette 427	Jim Wilson	Oakland, Ca.	
17	r/w/b	Corvette 7000cc	Frank Fahey	San Diego, Ca.	Gene Townsend Auto Body
24	blu/gld	Corvette	Jeff Gardner	Lincoln, Ca.	Jon Durringer Chevrolet
27	Green	Corvette LT1 350	Rich Sloma	Cupertino, Ca.	Unique Metal Products
33	yel/blk	Corvette 427	Pete Brallier	Hillsborough, Ca.	J.D.B. Engineering
44	red	Corvette 427	Bruce Esajian	Fresno, Ca.	Automotive Enterprise
68	blue	Corvette 454	Jim Barber	Los Altos, Ca.	Round Table Pizza
83	black	Corvette 427	David Barnett	N. Hollywood, Ca.	Esajian Enterprises
99	white	AC Cobra 427	Dick Workman	San Francisco	St. Gauden Auto Service Ctr.
<b>B PRODUCTION</b>					
2	wht/grn	Corvette 327	Gary Carlen	Alameda, Ca.	Goodies Speed Shop
18	r/w/b	Corvette 327	Ron Leahey	Redondo Beach, Ca.	Engines by Kraus
21	blk/blu	Corvette 350	Edward Ruiz	Livermore, Ca.	Ron Leahey Enterprises
22	white	Corvette 327	Mike Meek	San Jose	Kruz Recording
47	orange	Corvette 350	Web Brownlee	Hayward, Ca.	
82	gold	Corvette 327	Patrick Lane	Vallejo, Ca.	Gold Country Racing, Ltd.
95	blue	Shelby Mustang	Skeeter McKittrick	Sherman Oaks	Bob Colosia Racing
<b>C PRODUCTION</b>					
8	yellow	Porsche 914-6	Grey Egerton	Costa Mesa, Ca.	Pharr Yarns
15	silver	Porsche 914-6	Wolfgang Maiké	Santa Barbara, Ca.	Condor Realty
40	blk/or	Datsun 2000/Solex	Dr. Frank Joyce	Salinas, Ca.	Vacilando Racing Entr.
45	red/wh	Datsun 240Z	Walt Maas	Mtn. View, Ca.	Safety-Braker
66	wh/blu	Sunbeam Tiger	Art Firmes	Downey, Ca.	Pierotti Fremont Datsun
<b>D PRODUCTION</b>					
43	rd/wht	Datsun 2000	Rob McFarlin	Los Altos Hills, Ca.	Entrant: F.A.R. Performance
<b>E PRODUCTION</b>					
10	red	Porsche 1600	Walt Benson	Sonoma, Ca.	Lukes & Shorman
28	black	MGB 1840	Jerry Slick	Mill Valley, Ca.	Slick Films
30	yel/or	Porsche 914	Elliott Forbes-Robinson	La Crescenta, Ca.	No. California Porsche/Audi Dealers
<b>A SEDAN</b>					
1	white	Ford Boss 302	Frank Leary III	Santa Clara, Ca.	San Jose Crane & Rigging
12	orange	Camaro 302	Frank Search	San Leandro, Ca.	Frank Search Enterprises
20	orange	Mustang 302	William Maier	San Leandro, Ca.	
37	black	Ford Boss 302	Rainer Neumann	Belmont, Ca.	B. Mowry
41	red	Camaro 305	Greg Pickett	Alamo, Ca.	Pickett Racing
58	blue	Ford Boss 302	Wes Dawn	Hollywood, Ca.	Road & Competition Engr.
72	blu/yel	Camaro 5000cc	Bud Turner	Long Beach	Utilities Service Co.
75	white	Camaro 302	Hugh Harn	Belvedere, Ca.	Sears Point Intr'l Raceway
77	rd/blu	AMC Javelin	Buzz Dyer	Corte Madera, Ca.	
89	white	AMC Javelin	John Bauer	Atascadero, Ca.	Cal Crank

## REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR FORMULA CARS ENTRY LIST

### GROUP 1 — FORMUAL VEE

1	red	Beach	Wm. Noblitt	Fresno, Ca.	Noblitt Enterprises
3	purple	Autodynamics	Bill Fobian	Concord	
4	r/w/b	Lynx	Brent Milner	Salinas, Ca.	Bill's Auto Center
9	r/w/b	Crusader	Eric Schalansky	Sacramento	
14	red	ASP	David Bradford	Orinda, Ca.	The Squire Newspaper
15	blk/blu	Crusader	Gary Keller	Sparks, Nev.	Keller's Garage
17	blu/or	Autodynamics	John Duttera	Fremont	Nut Bowl Arco
18	black	H & K Special	Richard Newsome	Pebble Beach, Ca.	H & K Imported Auto Repair
22	blu/wh	W.E.	Gary Hamilton	San Jose	
26	rd/wh	Lear	Jerry Lyon	Pacific Grove, Ca.	Pepsi/Dairy Queen/Don & Jerrys
31	silver	Links	John Downing	Portland, Ore.	Law & Son's Plumbing
33	white	Formcar	Gordon Spellman	Walnut Creek, Ca.	
36	black	E.V.A.	Juan Spampinato	Albany, Ca.	Tony & John's Foreign Car Service
37	yel/blk	El Gaucho	Roger Espin	San Jose, Ca.	El Gaucho Restaurant/ Tony & John Garage
38	orange	Lynx	Ben Nencini	Nevada City	
39	green	AD-MK5B	Ted Rugala	Mtn. View, Ca.	Larrys Bug Shop
51	orange	Lynx	Stuart Fisher	San Rafael, Ca.	
53	red	Leach	Arthur Ager, Jr.	San Francisco, Ca.	Import Auto Parts
70	orange	Crusader	Americo Cabral	Rohnert Park, Ca.	
71	blue	Kellison	Fred Dilorenzo	Longview, Wash.	AMRC Racing
72	blu/sil	Beach	Bill Young	Los Gatos	Youngs Automotive
76		RCA III	Leon Eichner	Napa	Valley Imported Cars
77	yellow	Vanguard	Greg Vroman	Los Gatos	
81	blue	Autodynamics	Mark Rasmusson	Los Gatos	
88	red	Zink	Paul Johnson	Oakland, Ca.	
99	wh/grn	Crusader	Oran Crumley	Oroville, Ca.	Dalton Collier