

RENO FERNLEY RACE WEEKEND UPDATE

The sixth annual HMSA Reno Historic's began at the National Auto Museum on Wednesday evening featuring films from past Reno Historic races along with special guest past Grand Marshall and Formula One driver Tony Settember.

Thursday evening picked up where Wednesday evening left off with a parade and car show in downtown Reno with a number of stock cars in attendance.

Friday was an open practice day at the track. Those in attendance were Jim Phillion, Dan Verstuyft and Steve Beck. Unfortunately Jim was plagued with transmission problems which ended his day early. Saturday came in with a bang with lots of wind and scattered showers. The stock car field consisted of Jim Phillion, Dan Verstuyft, Steve Beck, Tim Smith, Tom Klauer, Tab McBride and Mike Cesario. Saturday's race was a mix of stock cars and a very fast group of FIA sports cars including Rob Walton's K1 Porsche, Tom Gardner's Can Am McLaren and an IMSA Camaro belonging to Ron Trimble along with several other fast FIA cars and drivers. Saturday afternoon's race featured 18 cars which included seven stock cars and the very fast FIA cars. Rob Walton took first place with Tom Klauer coming in second and Dan Verstuyft third followed by Tim Smith, Steve Beck, Mike Cesario and Tab McBride in the stock cars. Jim Phillion was plagued again, this time with a broken drive plate.

Sunday's weather was not much better than Saturday. All woke up to high winds and rain. This kept most of the stock cars off the track for the morning practice. When the rain let up Steve Beck, Tab McBride and Mike Cesario braved the elements to get in a few practice laps. By the time Sunday afternoon's race began all the FIA cars decided that the conditions were unfavorable for them. The race consisted of five stock cars with Dan Verstuyft leading the pack followed closely by Steve Beck, Jim Phillion, Mike Cesario and Tab McBride. Tom Klauer and Tim Smith declared that they are fair weather racers and did not stay for the Sunday afternoon race.

A good time was had by all and many thanks to Cris Vandergrif and HMSA for a great weekend despite the weather. At least Cris kept his promise of no snow this year.