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The Classic Motorsports Small Bore Cup: Excitement Builds at Round Three

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Vintage racing's ultimate promise is to resurrect the glories of the past for a modern audience. And no series does that better than the Classic Motorsports Small Bore Cup, which continued to build momentum at its third round event.

The series is designed to feature the cars that gave birth to sports car racing in America—cars from the likes of Triumph, MG, Lotus, Porsche, Alfa and Elva. The result is a virtual recreation of the way sports car racing looked in the '50s and '60s, giving the fans—and the drivers—a trip back into the past at speed.

The third round went off without a hitch on the weekend of June 25 as part of a Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) event at the storied Mid Ohio raceway. A Thursday-night party welcomed the Small-Bore Cup racers as usual, while Friday featured qualifying. The next day over 30 cars took the green flag for the afternoon's Classic Motorsports Small Bore Cup race.

The endurance format and emphasis on smaller-displacement cars means the race for the checker is always a hard-fought duel at Small Bore Cup events, and the Round Three action was no different. Many position changes took place, but when it was all over, George Balbach of Lake Forest, Illinois, had taken the checker with his Porsche 356 Roadster.

"This series is so much fun," said Tim Suddard, publisher of Classic Motorsports magazine and a competitor himself. "The enduro's pit stop format gives guys a chance to use co-drivers, and we had some great matchups on hand, like MG legend Kent Prather teaming with noted author and ride mooch Burt Levy, and SCCA national champion Sam Halkias co-driving my TR3."

Pick up the November issue of Classic Motorsports magazine (on sale September 21) for a full race report as well as an in-depth look at driving the new Savannah circuit. In the meantime, go to ClassicMotorsports.net for coverage of the Mid Ohio race, as well as for rules, race results and full standings for the series.

The Small Bore Cup heads to Savannah/Hutchinson Island for an exciting Halloween weekend finale October 28-30 in conjunction with a Historic Sportscar Racing (HSR) weekend. The series is presented by Classic Motorsports magazine and sponsored by Hagerty Insurance, TraqMate data acquisition, Bob Woodman Tires and Cool Shirt.

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