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Sports car auto-cross thrills hundreds of area spectators

By John Moffitt

CAROLINA BEACH - The first Auto-Cross, sponsored by the Sports Car Club of America, Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce and Miller Brewing Company, thrilled hundreds of area spectators Sunday afternoon.

The Sports Car Club of America registered approximately 74 cars, in 13 different classes Saturday afternoon, followed by a "before the race" party held at the town hall.

The Auto-Cross officially got underway around 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning and cars raced through the half mile obstacle course until around 3:00 p.m. Hundreds of area residents lined the streets of Carolina Beach to witness the first sports car race ever held in the Pleasure Island area.

Men, women, and children lined the half mile track, laid out with a series of slalom, S and 180 degree turns. Sports cars in the race began the run at Harper Avenue, turned left onto Hwy. 421, through eight slalom turns, turned left on Cape Fear Blvd., by Macks, going through two more slalom turns, executed a 180 degree turn to the town hall after three "S" curves.

The event was not for Sports Car Club members only, Carolina Beach entered a few Mario Andretti's of its own, like local participant, Albert Hardison, for one. Hardison raced his 1968 El Camino, Chevy in the "F Stock" class running the course in a very respectable 57 seconds. Racing against experienced Camaro and Trans Am drivers in the competition, Hardison did extremely well in his first attempt at an Auto-Cross event.

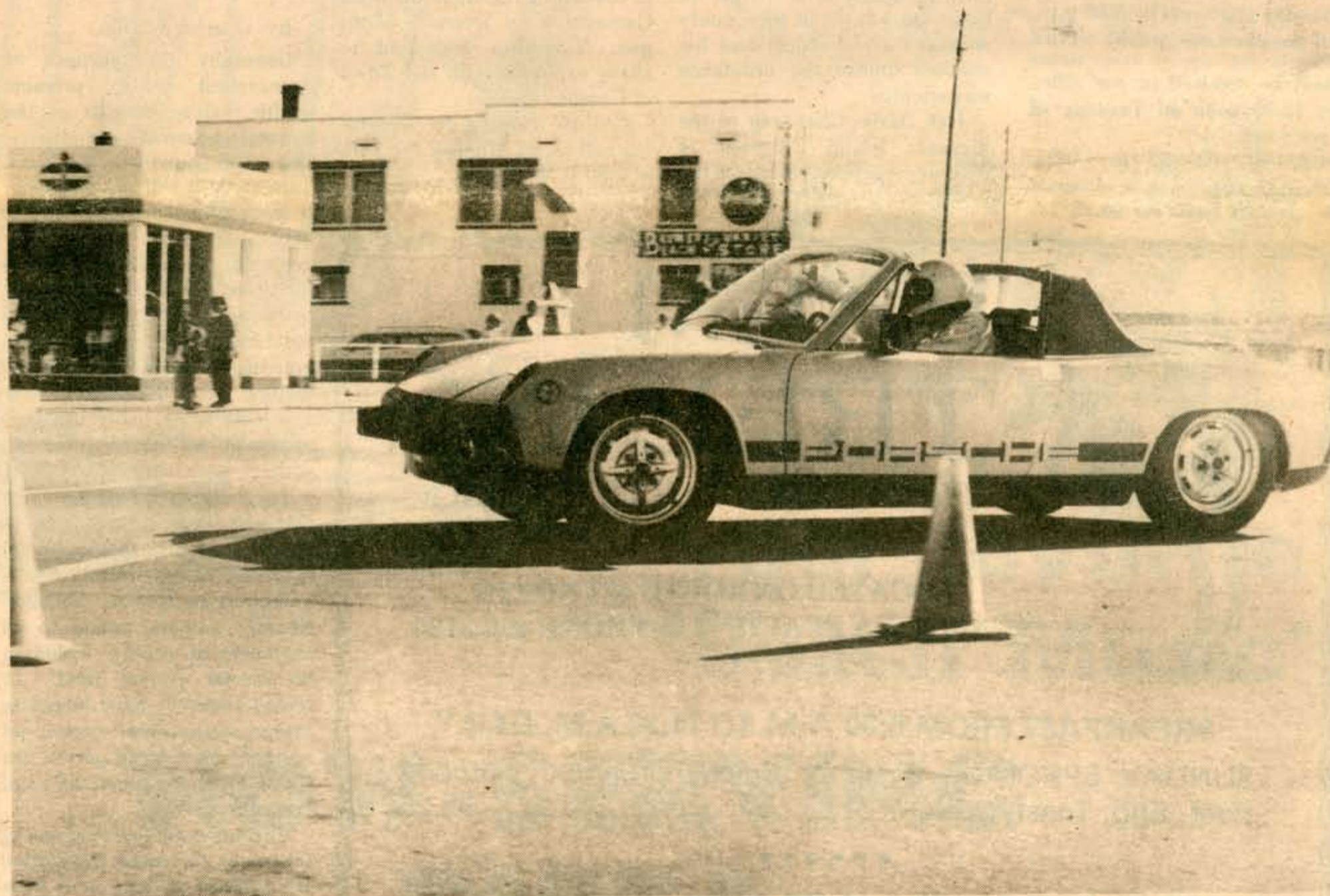


Photo by John Moffitt

The Sports Car Club of America registered some 74 drivers, in 13 different classes during registration Saturday. The Auto-Cross sponsored by The Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce, Sports Car Club of America and Miller Brewing Company was the first of its kind ever held in the area. Drivers in 1/2 mile obstacle course run, run for best time, handling and overall performance as they raced thru S-curves, eight slalom turns and 180 degree turns Sunday. [Related pictures on Pages 10 & 11.]

The Auto-Cross scheduled to last until 5:00 p.m. was cut short because of a lack of crowd control. Club officials say they under estimated the large crowds that turned out for the event, and consequently did not have the necessary crowd control, they felt comfortable with.

"There was a problem with

lots of children on bikes being too close to the track. We're concerned with safety first, and we just didn't feel comfortable, so we cut the race short," said one club official.

After the Auto-Cross, drivers, helpers and other members connected with the Auto-Cross gathered at town hall for a round of applause from specta-

tors and trophy presentations for the winners of each division.

"From the looks of the crowd, we'd say, everyone at the Auto-Cross enjoyed the event and are looking forward to next year and another great show of sportsmanship and competition," said one Chamber member,

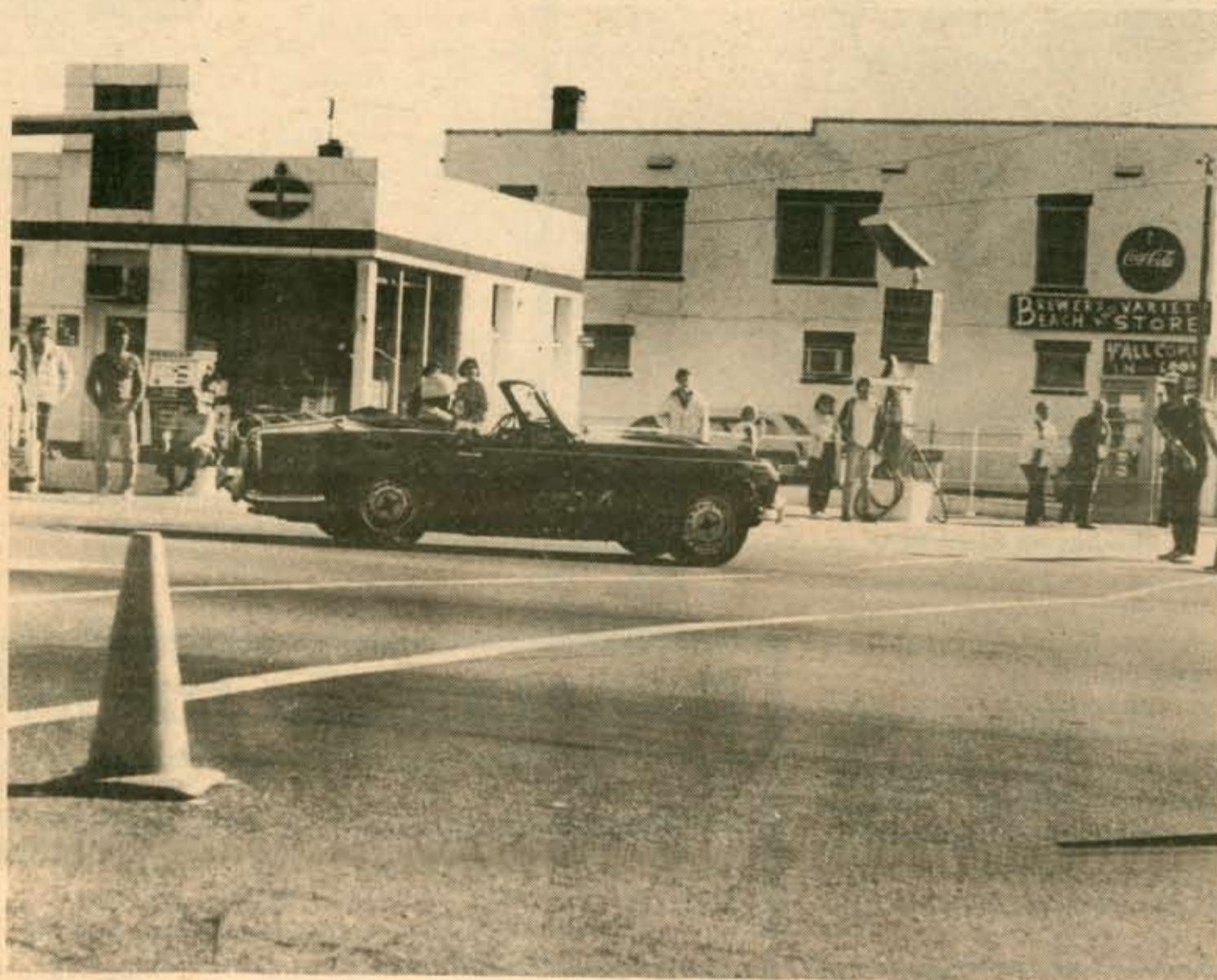
Chamber officials say they

hope to make the Auto-Cross an annual event and help it become a real asset to the businesses, and a source of real enjoyment for the entire community.

"Next year, maybe we can do a little more advanced promotion, and anticipate the crowds a little better."

Auto Cross 1981 One fantastic race!

Photos by John Moffitt



Sports Cars raced through the half mile track making a series of difficult maneuvers and 180 degree turns, thrilling crowds of spectators.



Thirteen different classes of sports cars participated in the event.



Club members showed off their trophy winning cars after the race.

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Boy Scout News



Pictured above some of the winners of Carolina Beach's first Auto-Cross.



Hundreds of spectators gathered to watch the cars race through the 1/2 mile course.

Special Thanks Given to Volunteers: With the arrival of the Thanksgiving Season, the Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America, wishes to extend a special expression of appreciation to the volunteers who make Scouting come alive for the youth in Southeastern North Carolina.

"Our young people would not receive the many benefits of Scouting were it not for the continuing efforts of the 1500 adults in our area who give unselfishly of their time and talents," said Ron Carroll, Scout Executive. "Since its beginning in this country, Scouting has recognized the importance of the involvement of men and women in the activity programs of our young people."

Volunteer service takes many forms, Carroll pointed out. Many adults provide service as Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Explorer Advisors, and unit committee personnel, key leaders of the three phases of Scouting. Others serve as den leaders, guiding groups of Cub Scouts. Many others give of their time by serving as merit badge counselors in more than 110 career and hobby fields.

Supporting the units and

local organizations charged to operate them are district and council committee members. Scouting coordinators are those volunteers with each chartered organization who serve as a link between the organization and Scouting.

Bringing Scouting to handicapped or disadvantaged youth is another effort in which volunteers are actively involved. Still others work with young men and women, helping them examine career choices and special interests.

"We are fortunate in having volunteers who continue to believe that Scouting gives young people a strong foundation on which to build their lives," Carroll said.

THETA THETA CHAPTER OF BETA SIGMA PHI TO MEET

The Theta Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Yvonne Pharr.

The following Rushees will receive their Pledge Ritual: Mrs. Beck Talbert, Mrs. Cathy Heglar and Mrs. Gail Bullard.

Program for the evening will be "Purpose and Goals of Education," which is to be presented by Mrs. Greta Smith and Mrs. Vicki Holland.

