

## The 17th Annual Kastner Cup

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The Kastner Cup is a race held each year at a different race track across the United States and Canada, specifically for Triumph and Triumph powered race prepared cars. The Kastner Cup winner does not get any money and no points towards a championship. The true prize is the Kastner Cup trophy being handed to the winner by R.W. "Kas" Kastner himself. Every racer in the field wants the approving handshake and the trophy displayed at their home for the year until having to hand it off the next year.

The Kastner Cup Champion is chosen by Kas Kastner himself. His decision of who the Champion will be is based half on the presentation of the car and the driver's enthusiasm for vintage racing and the other half is based on performance on the track. Many times the Champion has not been the first place finisher, according to scoring and timing as a result.

This year's Kastner Cup was held in conjunction with the Vintage Auto Racing Association's (VARA) British Extravaganza weekend event May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Buttonwillow Raceway Park in California's hot sun. The track is in the farm region of California two hours north of Los Angeles, surrounded by farmland yielding almonds, walnuts, dates, figs, pistachios, and prunes. The dry heat made for perfect weather for racing. The cars seemed to like environment.

31 cars qualified and 27 of them started the race. Famous and significant cars like the TR250K and the Huffaker Engineering TR8 were amongst the racecars with history, awards, and championships; mixed in with lifelong Triumph race cars maintained, repaired, and even rebuilt by private owners for years. Some the entire existence of the car. The racers were happy to be there in the midst of friends and colleagues, all of them fighting for the Cup. The top performers were awarded the Peggy Kastner Performance Awards based on the top performer of each model.

It was an amazing weekend of door to door vintage racing, historic events, and the best wine and cheese parties in the area. The track was a well maintained facility with camping, paddock parking, and food facilities. The cars were extraordinary and the people were welcoming. We were California dreaming and I could think of much worse ways to spend a weekend. The Kastner Cup 2020 will be held at MidOhio Motorsports Park. Find out more at [www.kaskastner.com](http://www.kaskastner.com)

Here are the results based on scoring and timing:

1. 1980 Triumph TR8 Huffaker Racing #11 John Mueller, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award TR8.*
2. 1967 Triumph TR250K Prototype #47 Tony Garmey, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award Prototype.*
3. 1965 Triumph TR4A #595 Brian Howlett, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award TR4 and Kastner Cup Champion 2019.*

4. 1963 Triumph Herald #124 Jerry Barker, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award Sedan*.
5. 1963 Triumph TR4 #95 Tony Drews.
6. 1967 Triumph Spitfire #116 Kevin Ayers, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award Spitfire*.
7. 1962 Triumph TR3B #29 Steven Belfer, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award TR3*.
8. Morgan +4 Super Sport #45 Greg Solow, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award Morgan*.
9. 1965 Triumph Spitfire #46 Phil Pidcock.
10. 1966 Triumph TR4A #190 Paul Smock.
11. 1964 Triumph Spitfire #77 Dale Wallace.
12. 1970 Triumph TR6 #66b Dale Kent, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award TR6*.
13. 1959 Triumph TR3A #63 David Hogue.
14. 1959 Triumph TR3A #12 Barry Munson.
15. 1970 Triumph TR6 #73 Walter Hollowell.
16. 1962 Triumph Spitfire #9 Richard Grabowski.
17. Morgan +4 Super Sport #33 Greg Powell.
18. 1966 Triumph TR4A #25 Mordy Dunst.
19. 1962 Triumph Spitfire #177 Alan Mizutani.
20. 1957 Triumph Devin #189 John Miller.
21. 1970 Triumph GT6 #66g Randy Ryden, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award GT6*.
22. 1967 Triumph GT6 #56 Stephen Tierney.
23. 1964 Triumph TR4A #16 Kenneth Knight, *Peggy Kastner Performance Award Race Chair*.
24. 1959 Triumph Devin #98 Bill Hart.
25. 1964 Triumph TR4 #221 Frank Daley.
26. 1975 Triumph TR7 Huffaker Racing #11 Joe Huffaker Jr.
27. 1969 Triumph Spitfire #72 Brad Eells.
28. 1965 Triumph TR4A #41 Alan Berry.
29. 1971 Triumph Spitfire #24 Jerry A. Barker.
30. 1970 Triumph Spitfire #14 Chuck Gee.
31. 1968 Triumph GT6 #114 John Frymark.



Group shot of the Kastner Cup 2019 participants.



R.W. "Kas" Kastner and the TR250K 1968. Photo courtesy of Kastner Archives.





Peter Brock with Kas Kastner in front of the TR250K.



Peggy Kastner Performance Award, one for each class.





*The Kastner Cup, Champion's Cup, and Performance Award.*



*P1: #11 John Mueller, The Huffaker Team 1980 TR8. Best lap: 2:07.144 Performance Award TR8.*





P2: #47 Tony Garmey, 1967 TR250K. Best Lap: 2:09.322 Performance Award Prototype.



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P4: #124 Jerry Barker, 1963 Herald, Best Lap: 2:13.545 Performance Award Sedan.



P5: #95 Tony Drews, 1963 TR4, Best Lap: 2:13.889.





*On the horizon, the race cars disturbed the silence.*



*Green, green, green!!!*



*P6: #116 Kevin Ayers, 1967 Spitfire, Best Lap: 2:13.976 Performance Award Spitfires.*



*P7: #29 Steven Belfer, 1962 TR3B, Best Lap: 2:16.908 Performance Award TR3.*





*P8: #45 Greg Solow, Morgan +4 Super Sport, Best Lap: 2:16.249.*



*P9: #46 Phil Pidcock, 1965 Spitfire, Best Lap: 2:16.890.*





*P10: #190 Paul Smock, 1966 TR4A, Best Lap: 2:19.775.*



*P11: #77 Dale Wallace, 1964 Spitfire, Best Lap: 2:18.520.*





P12: #66b Dale Kent, 1970 TR6, Best Lap: 2:16.712.



*Sometimes cool shots happen by mistake.*





*P13: #63 David Hogue, 1959 TR3A, Best Lap: 2:22.564.*



*P14: #12 Barry Munson, 1959 TR3A, Best Lap: 2:24.679.*





*P15: #73 Walter Hollowell, 1970 TR6, Best Lap: 2:23.226.*



*P16: #9 Richard Grabowski, 1962 Spitfire, Best Lap: 2:23.747.*





*P17: #33 Greg Powell, Morgan +4, Best Lap: 2:19.470.*



*P18: #25 Mordy Dunst, 1966 TR4A, Best Lap: 2:08.905.*





P19: #177 Alan Mizutani, 1962 Spitfire, Best Lap: 2:15.742.



P20: #189 John Miller, 1957 Devin, Best Lap: 2:32.911.





*P21: #66 Randy Ryden, 1970 GT6, Best Lap: 2:44.624.*



*P22: #56 Stephen Tierney, 1967 GT6, Best Lap: 2:45.055.*





*P23: #16 Ken Knight, 1964 TR4, Best Lap: 2:09.861.*



*P24: #98 Bill Hart, 1959 Devin, Best Lap: 2:18.567.*





*P25: #221 Frank Daley, 1964 TR4, Best Lap: 2:27.263.*



*P26: #11 Joe Huffaker, TR7, DNS.*





*P27: #72 Brad Eells, 1969 Spitfire, DNS.*



*Brian Howlett coming into the pits after qualifying.*





Brian Howlett: Kastner Cup Champion 2019.



#24 Jerry A Barker tried out his dad's championship winning 1963 Spitfire but did not start.



*#114 John Frymark in his newly acquired 1968 GT6 did not start.*



*#14 Chuck Gee in his 1970 Spitfire did not start.*