



Michael Reischl, 1956 Porsche 356 roadster (64), won the Group 4 race during the SCCA Vintage race at Laguna Seca Nov. 4. —Paul Zimmerman photo

Jeff Glenn, Fiorenzo Tirinnanzi team to win ACRL hour enduro

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LAS VEGAS, NV, Nov. 4—1997 Super Sports 2000 Driver Champion Jeff Glenn returned to the American City Racing League to co-drive in the series' first one-hour endurance race on the 1.07 mile, eight turn infield road course.

Glenn teamed with Team Hollywood driver Fiorenzo Tirinnanzi in a Super Sports 2000 Carbir/Aerocell to take the victory. Several cars made driver changes during the mandatory five-minute timed pit stop, and refueled the cars as well. Other drivers went the distance solo, but were required to make the five-minute pit stop.

Polesitter Peter Zarcades ran solo, running on tires used for the previous day's finale points race. His Swift led the first seven circuits, but was then overtaken by the Glenn/Tirinnanzi Carbir, with Glenn taking the first stint. The other Hollywood car, with Chris Hundley at the wheel, slotted into third for the first eight laps, then dropped back. Hundley complained of a sore neck. He pitted two laps later, turning the controls over to regular driver John Lombardo Jr.

Daytona 24-Hour SRP1 winner A.J. Smith, his Pratt-Miller the quickest of the Sports 2000 class cars, moved into third for the next four circuits. Margie Smith-Haas, her new Hoosiers now thoroughly warmed up, blew by Smith for third on lap 13. Duke Johnson's Carbir, the second of the Sports 2000 class, moved into fifth on lap nine to join battle with Smith. He was followed by Dave Jansen (Super Sports Lola), John Burke (Sports 2000 Carbir), and the battling trio of David Seuss, Tom Luzzi, and Jim Stengel, all aboard Sports 2000 Pratt-Millers.

The order remained Glenn, Zarcades, Smith-Haas, Smith, Johnson, Jansen, Burke, Luzzi, Seuss, Stengel, and Lombardo Jr. until lap 25, when Burke pitted for his mandatory stop, dropping him to the tail of the field. Luzzi stopped on lap 28, but had an oil leak. When he returned to the fray, he made it as far as Turn 6 when he had a big off, losing the rear bodywork. He limped to the pits with a flat right rear and retired.

Smith-Haas came in on lap 30, turning the Falcon over to 1996 ACRL Driver Champion Bob Schader, who had come back for this race. Wholesale pit stops started at around lap 38, and Glenn peeled off on lap 40 to turn the Hollywood Carbir over to Tirinnanzi. Zarcades led for one lap, then pitted for fuel. This put Jansen's Lola into the lead, which he held for eight laps, then pitted on lap 49.

With pit stops complete, Tirinnanzi led Schader, Smith, Lombardo Jr., Zarcades (delayed in the pits by a 30 second penalty), Jansen, Burke, Seuss, and Stengel. Tirinnanzi lost fourth gear in the late going, and Schader was reeling him in at two seconds per lap. Lombardo Jr., who believed he was in second, closed up behind the other Hollywood car for a "photo-op" finish. On lap 53, Jansen passed Zarcades' evil-handling Swift for fifth. At the checker, Schader was eight seconds behind Tirinnanzi, but the team was assessed a 30 second penalty for a fuel-stop violation, making the official victory margin 38 seconds and change. A.J. Smith was third, the only other car on the lead lap, and the first Sports 2000 finisher. Hundley/Lombardo Jr. were scored fourth, a lap down, with Jansen fifth and Zarcades sixth, also one lap in arrears.

Four past Champions (Margie Smith-Haas - 1994, Bob Schader - 1996, Jeff Glenn - 1997, and Peter Zarcades - 2000, 2001) joined newly-crowned Eastern Champion A.J. Smith in the stellar field. The Enduro format was well-received by all and may well be included in some of the ACRL races for the 2002 season.

The American City Racing League, using a unique team racing concept, races Cosworth-powered Super Sports 2000, Ford-engined Sports 2000, and Toyota-powered Sports 1600 cars, with drivers required to run Hoosier ACRL-stamped R-45 compound tires and Union 76 110 octane Racing Fuel.

LAS VEGAS, NV, Nov. 4—Las Vegas "United We Stand" Enduro Race. Results (Non points race): Finishing position, start position (), drivers, team, chassis, class, division, laps complete, qualifying time, best race lap, reason out (if any).

- 1 (2) Jeff Glenn/Fiorenzo Tirinnanzi, Hollywood, Carbir, SS2, W, 65, 48.428, NA
- 2 (6) Margie Smith-Haas/Bob Schader, San Diego, Falcon, SS2, W, 65, 50.216, NA**
- 3 (4) A.J. Smith, Philadelphia, Pratt Miller, S2, E, 65, 49.751, N/A
- 4 (3) Chris Hundley/John Lombardo Jr., Hollywood, Carbir, SS2, W, 64, 49.365, NA
- 5 (7) David Jansen, Salinas, Lola, SS2, W, 64, 50.390, N/A
- 6 (1) Peter Zarcades, Las Vegas, Swift, SS2, W, 64, 48.256, N/A*
- 7 (8) John Burke, New York, Carbir, S2, E, 63, 50.710, N/A
- 8 (9) David Seuss, Philadelphia, Pratt Miller, S2, E, 61, 51.943, N/A
- 9 (11) Jim Stengel, Philadelphia, Pratt Miller, S2, E, 60, 52.501, N/A
- 10 (5) Duke Johnson, St. Louis, Carbir, S2, E, 30 49.821, N/A, (N/A)
- 11 (10) Tom Luzzi, Philadelphia, Pratt Miller, S2, E, 30, 52.265, N/A (accnt)
- 12 (12) Marvin Jones, Denver, Carbir, SS2, W, 10, 53.983, N/A (Gearbox)

* Car #1 - includes 30 second penalty for fuel stop violation assessed in pits

** Car #6 - includes 30 second penalty for fuel stop violation assessed post

race
 Race Time: 1:00.20.722. Race Length: 69.55 Miles.
 Track Length: 1.070 Miles
 Margin of Victory: 38.083 seconds
 SS2 Overall Average Race Lap Speed: 69.152mph
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 Lap Leaders: Zarcades #1 (1-7, 40), Glenn #72 (8-39), Tirinnanzi #72 (49-65), Jansen #62 (41-48).