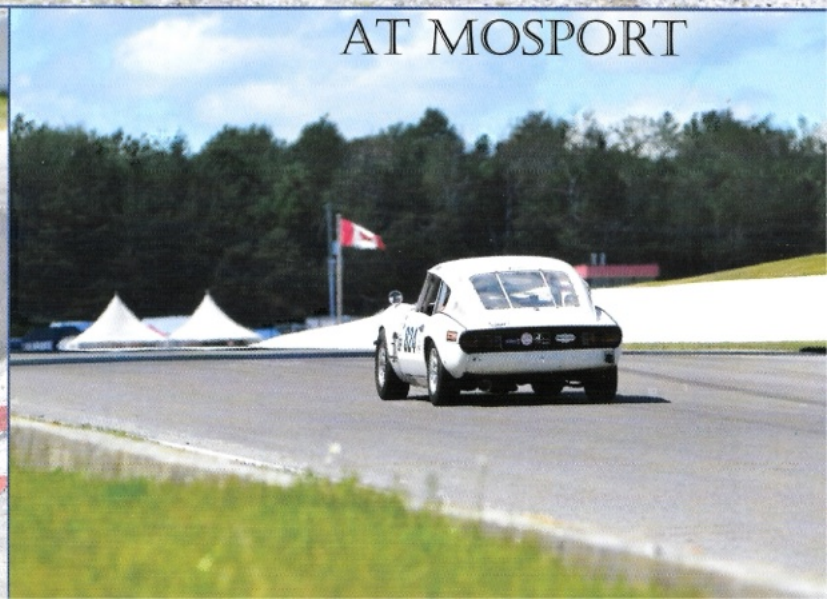


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THE 24TH ANNUAL KASTNER CUP AT MOSPORT





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The 25th Annual Kastner Cup A Lasting Tribute

The name Kas Kastner is synonymous with Triumph Racing. R.W. "Kas" Kastner established the US Triumph Competition Department in the early 1960s. He authored manuals instructing racers and enthusiastic street car owners on how to tune and prepare their cars. He helped countless people prove to the world that Triumphs are a force to be reckoned with, both on and off of the racetrack. Kas's many accomplishments during his time focusing on Triumphs could fill these pages, rest assured. He left an indelible mark on the Triumph racing world before he moved on in 1970. While Kas is known well to the Triumph world, perhaps his greatest success was with Nissan. Competing in the IMSA GT Championship, Kas's team won the driver's championship four years in a row, the manufacturer's championship three years in a row, and in 1988 won eight consecutive GTP events.

After the Nissan years, Kas retired from racing. Then, in 1997, at the insistence of his wife Peggy,

Kas and Peggy showed up at Tustin Thunder, a vintage race at an old Marine base in southern California. One of our racers spotted Kas looking over a line of Triumph race cars and just like that, Kas was brought back into the fold of Triumph racing.

Around this time, an "unorganization" called the Friends of Triumph had formed, existing mostly as an email list for Triumph racers. Kas started contributing, and a new generation of Triumph racers was getting information from Kas. In 2003, with the help of Russ Moore, the idea of what evolved into the Kastner Cup was born. Billed as the International Triumph Challenge, Kas was invited to be Grand Marshal at the VARAC Vintage Grand Prix at Mosport. Kas came with the Kastner Cup in hand and awarded it to Jack Drews. The following year, the event became The Kastner Cup and has carried on every year since at a different racetrack across North America.

We lost Kas Kastner on April 11th, 2021, at the age

of 92. His legacy lives on with us. In honor of his accomplishments and in tribute to him, Triumph racers continue to gather every year to race for the coveted Kastner Cup! 🏆

Kas Kastner at Summit Point in 2015



Past Kastner Cup Champions L-R: 2026 Grand Marshal Keith Files 2010, Henry Frye 2022, Dave Gott 2025, Chuck Gee 2007, Tony Drews 2023, Bob Lang 2026



KASTNER CUP RACE REPORT MOSPORT '26

By Henry Frye, #29 TR250
2026 Kastner Cup Race Chair
2022 Kastner Cup Champion

It took us 24 years to do it, but we finally returned to where it all began, Mosport. Back in 2003, a small group of Triumph racers descended upon the track known as Mosport International Raceway. It is now called Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, but everybody still just calls it Mosport. We called the event the International Triumph Challenge, and Kas Kastner came with his Kastner Cup and a tradition was born. Kas awarded the Cup to Jack Drews, after Jack passed almost the entire field starting from last place when his car wouldn't start to report to the grid. The following year, the event was renamed the Kastner Cup, and we have traveled around North America to different tracks every year since, allowing more Triumph racers to compete.

We had a total of 32 Triumph-powered race cars that made the journey to Mosport this year. We filled an entire paddock with our group. Our host for the event was VARAC (Vintage Automobile Racing Association of Canada). As the featured marque of the event, we were given two All-Triumph races on top of the regular and special sessions. Most were not prepared to take full advantage!

Thanks to everyone who made the trip to Mosport. It was my pleasure to share my favorite event of the year. It was pretty amazing on so many levels; the track, the Canadian hospitality, having all our



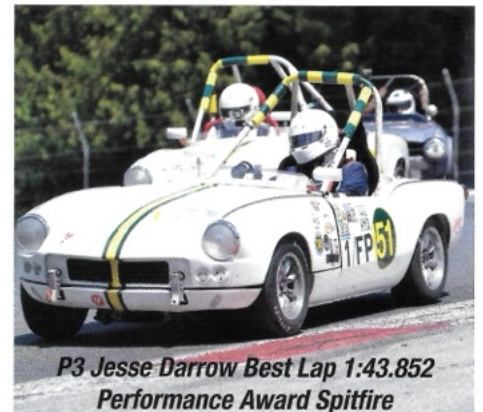
**P1 Tim Cook Best Lap 1:40.958
Performance Award TR8, V8**



**P2 Henry Frye Best Lap 1:41.195
Performance Award TR250/TR6, 6-cyl**



**P4 Bob Lang Best Lap 1:43.620
Kastner Cup Champion**



**P3 Jesse Darrow Best Lap 1:43.852
Performance Award Spitfire**



**P5 Chuck Gee Best Lap 1:43.099
Performance Award TR4**



**P6 Jason Sukey Best Lap 1:45.953
Performance Award GT6
Tim Langreder photo**



P7 Stewart Wigg Best Lap 1:46.810

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friends together again to race for the Cup.

Our neighbors to the North always put on a great event, and this year was no different. With Triumph being the featured marque of the event, we had no less than ten sessions available to us, but I was only able to do nine. By the time that last race of the weekend came around, I was spent. I was literally sore from tossing the car around all those laps at speed!

I wish I could have been more effective setting the schedule a little better. I did push back but we got what we got. One of the challenges with so much track time and cars that run in four different groups was spreading out that track time enough to be comfortable.



P8 Alex Schlesinger Best Lap 1:48.501



P9 Phil Gott Best Lap 1:48.070



P10 Scott Janzen Best Lap 1:49.534
Eric Langreder Photo



P11 Walter Hollowell
Best Lap 1:49.775
Eric Langreder Photo



P12 Sean Alexander Best Lap 1:49.612

I feel our racers who were seeing the track for the first time at speed did a wonderful job. Congrats to all first timers for surviving turns 1, 2, and 8, plus figuring out how to get around turn 5B. It takes a very special person to gain enough confidence to be fast at Mosport, especially on their first visit. It took me years to be able to go all-out in turns 1 and 2. I know there is still more speed for me in turn 8, but that risk-to-reward alarm goes off in my head every time I try to find said speed!

Kudos and a special mention go to Kallie Sukey! What a great job she did with only a handful of races under her belt. The former Bill Rampe Spitfire was looking great out there, I have no doubt Kallie will be mixing it up with the best of us, soon!

The Darrow brothers came with that incredibly fast pair of matching



P13 Rod Pierce Best Lap 1:50.374



P15 Bob Kramer Best Lap 1:51.125



**P14 Brendan Alexander Best Lap 1:50.685
Performance Award Triumph Special**

Spitfires and put on quite a show. They Triumphed over adversity all weekend. It was great fun to watch. Then, there was Fireball Bob Kramer, surviving the epic tow from Texas. He came to try to break the jinx of Mosport. He was unsuccessful, I am afraid. He just earned another nickname, Oily Bob! The contents of his TR4's engine decided that the Mario Andretti Straight was a good place to say goodbye, resulting in a yellow flag and a major cleanup effort. Sorry Bob, hopefully your next event goes better!

Then we have the luckiest person at the track, our most recent Kastner Cup winner (2025 at Lime Rock), Dave Gott. In one of the group races, we were circling the track under double yellow for an unrelated incident when I came around to see Dave's TR4 beached in a very peculiar place. Nobody would pull off there by choice. The



P16 Dave Riddle Best Lap 1:50.961



P17 Tim Slater Best Lap 1:54.018



P18 Marty Sukey Best Lap 1:56.227

next time around, the flatbed was there, pulling the car backwards. I could see the left front wheel flopping down. He broke the left front vertical link at the threading into the trunnion! I shuddered, wondering how that happened under yellow in the ONLY slow corner on the whole track. Only moments before, he was running right-hand corners at full chat where that failure would be catastrophic. I suggested he buy a lottery ticket... Unfortunately, Dave was done for the weekend.

We had our share of mechanical issues on top of Dave's near calamity. I saw at least three head gasket replacements, a diff failure, a gearbox shredded some gears, and a bespoke shock blow-out, just to name a few. Most persevered to get things fixed, but some became spectators by necessity and not by choice. A pretty typical showing for

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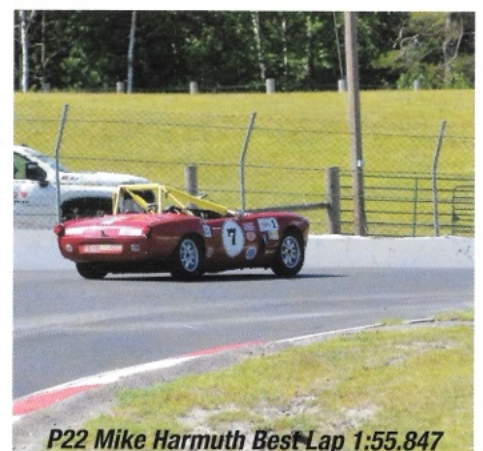
P19 Tom Reiss Best Lap 1:51.832



P20 Mike Deweerd Best Lap 1:57.201



P21 Matt Molson Best Lap 1:55.939



P22 Mike Harmuth Best Lap 1:55.847



P23 Mathieu Huovinen Best Lap 2:01.444



P24 Kallie Sukey Best Lap 2:04.269



P25 Pat Darrow Best Lap 1:42.947, DNF
Tim Langreder Photo



P26 Greg Thompson Best Lap 1:50.145, DNF



P27 Rick McCurdy Best Lap 2:40.093, DNF



P28 Dave Gott, Did Not Start



P29 John Frymark, Did Not Start
Tim Langreder Photo



P30 Tony Drews, Did Not Start

our group, as we know, attrition is part of the sport.

At the Kastner Cup presentation after the track went quiet on Saturday, a completely unsuspecting Bob Lang was awarded the Cup. Keith Files made his choice based on how Kas Kastner would choose. His appointing of the Cup to Bob Lang was spot on, as Bob drove beyond the limits of his equipment. Well deserved, Bob Lang, 2026 Kastner Cup Champion! A heartfelt thanks to Keith Files who came over from the UK to be our special guest and

Grand Marshal. A job well done, Keith. It was a

privilege to meet the lovely Lady Louisa as well!

Thanks to all the non-racers who showed up, as well. We had no less than ten of our Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association (WPTA) buds, plus our friends Irv Korey and Jay Holecamp came from Illinois. Dave Amys and his wife drove their beautiful TR6 all the way from Minnesota to be with us! Plus, many more!

After the last two Kastner Cup races at Lime Rock Park '25 and now Mosport in '26, I'll call it a wrap on my time as your Race Chair. Jason Ostrowski and Brian Garcia are on the task for the Kastner Cup 2027 at Grattan Raceway Park in Belding, Michigan, August 13 to 15, 2027! 🏁

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