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Ring-Free Takes Award At Daytona



The Tigers took the Cardinals, the underdog Jets mauled the Colts, and lo and behold, the Chevy Lolas did themselves proud as the battle of the big hardware took place at Daytona, during the 24-hour International Endurance Race. Their opponents fell by the wayside, one by one. The Lolas finished 1, 2, and 7. The GT 40s and Porsche 906s just broke. That was one story at Daytona...but while all those massive metal monsters were cutting each other down to size, cars like our Ring-Free Austin Healey Sprite Prototype were having a race all their own. Veteran driver Jim Baker of Atlanta, Ga., headed the Ring-Free Racing Team along with co-drivers Paul Richards, Wappingers Falls, N. Y., and Healey Factory driver Glive Baker of Torquay, England.

The Daytona 24-hour Endurance Race is one of the most grueling and demanding on the international racing schedule. It places severe strain on vehicles and drivers alike. Just to complete the race is an accomplishment in itself. We at Macmillan Ring-Free are proud of the skill displayed by our racing team, not only the drivers, but the pit crew as well.

PROTOTYPE AWARD. Through team effort, the Ring-Free Racing Team received the coveted Prototype Award for second overall in prototype. Yes, the sleek, bright orange prototype completed the 24-hour grind, moving from 52nd on the grid to among the top 20 finishers with a strong 17th overall finish. The car bore the now familiar color and markings of the Ring-Free Oil Racing Team.

RING-FREE ENDURANCE RECORD STILL STANDS. Through the day and evening, Jim Baker, Clive Baker, and Paul Richards kept their very special Ring-Free Sprite in contention over the twisting, banked Daytona road racing course and kept intact the Ring-Free Oil Endurance Record. In four years of endurance racing, a Ring-Free Oil team racing car has never failed to complete an endurance race, establishing records at Daytona, Sebring, and Nassau. Distinguished performance, not only by team crew and cars, but peerless performances by Ring-Free tested and proven products... Ring-Free Racing Formula Motor Oil, Ring-Free High Performance Gear Oils, Ring-Free SuperGard greases, Transmission Fluids and High Temp wheel bearing greases. These products are truly competition proved and formulated to take all stress, strain, and abuse encountered. Whether you drive your car as a race winner or a bread winner.

After twenty-four hours and over 2,500 miles of intensive racing without lubrication problems, Ring-Free Racing Formula Motor Oil continues to prove its quality and endurance characteristics. Unmatched formulations that prevent foaming, thickening, galling, and scuffing. Close examination of the engine bearings of the Ring-Free Sprite Prototype revealed no wear factor. An actual testimonial to the positive film strength and stability that Ring-Free Racing

Formula Motor Oil provides at extreme temperatures...a protective armor of oil over all vital moving parts. Ring-Free high performance petroleum products have been subjected to years of evaluation tests, not just in the laboratory, but at Bonneville, Daytona, Sebring, Riverside, and race courses throughout the nation. These proven achievements of Ring-Free Racing Formula Motor Oil and Ring-Free SuperGard lubricants testify to the superiority of product specifically formulated for the requirements of competition racing and for the demands and variables of everyday driving.

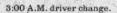
DRIVER PROFILES

JIM BAKER, 45, a ten-year racing veteran, calls Georgia his home where he operates the Baker Motor Company in Atlanta. Last July, Baker was part of the Richards-Baker-Baker combination that wheeled their Austin Healey Sprite Prototype to a second in class finish at Watkins Glen.



The Ring-Free Sprite sprints past the infield area.

Dave Tallaksen, Chief Steward, gives instructions at pre-race drivers' meeting.







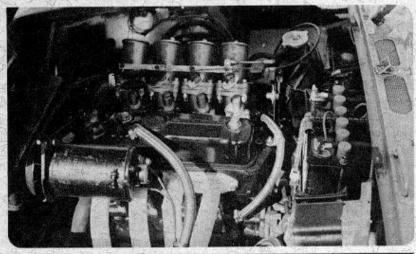


The crew prepares the signal board.



ENGINE DESCRIPTION

HEALEY PROTOTYPE. Manufactured by Donald Healey Motor Co., Warwick, England. 1,300 cc Lucas fuel injected dry sump engine especially engineered for endurance racing. This aluminum bodied F.I.A. Group Six car won its class at the 24-hour of LeMans. Targa Floria, Nurburgring 1,000 Km and was 2nd in class at the Six Hours of Endurance at Watkins Glen in 1968.



DAYTONA RANDOM SNAPSHOTS

(1) Paul Richards. (2) Olive Baker, the new addition to the Ring-Free Team. (3) Jim Baker. (4) Paul Richards, Distributor Jack Jackson and Jim Baker. (5) Team Manager Bill Hamilton checks over pit stop schedule and crew assignments. (6) Driver Paul Richards reports car functioning A-OK to Chief Mechanic Norries Swain and Engine Specialist Ray Brimble, (7) Dr. Peter Marinelli, former Ring-Free veteran driver of Sebring and Daytona, served as Daytona pit medical advisor. (8) Ring-Free Atlanta Distributor Harry Jackson surveys the action at Daytona. (9) Tom Nasca, V.P. Marketing for Ring-Free and Jacksonville Distributor "Russ" Brown. (10) Our roving photographer lensed an unidentified member of a new Indian tribe aboard the latest in Indian transportation. (11) Clive Baker. (12) Ed Cain, Jacksonville TV commentator, interviews Actor-Lola sports car owner James Garner.



