

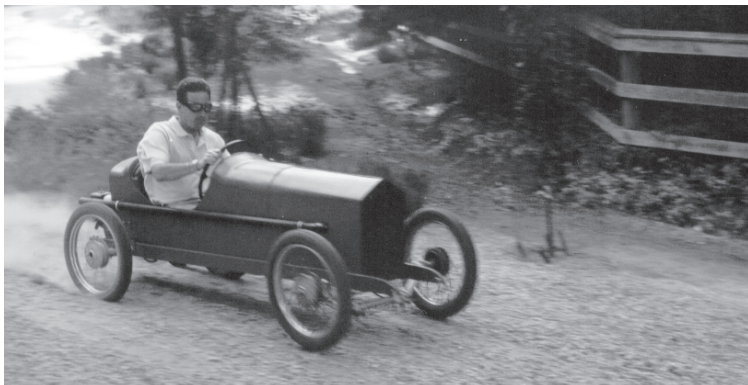
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This season we're seeing some new blood on the scene (and not all of it from skinned knuckles, either). Getting the totally excellent first-effort of David Mysona's P-3 Alfa rolling for its first track tests made for an exciting weekend of discovering how it feels to have all your building efforts fling you through the corners.



David's Alfa is still lacking its shaped and nicely-grilled nose decor, thanks to his not being able to stop driving it long enough to turn his attention to the finishing stuff (like replacing

the MG steering wheel with something more Alfa-like, and maybe attaching the already-built boat tail). But once the throb of the one-lungers starts, it's hard to concentrate on the niceties.

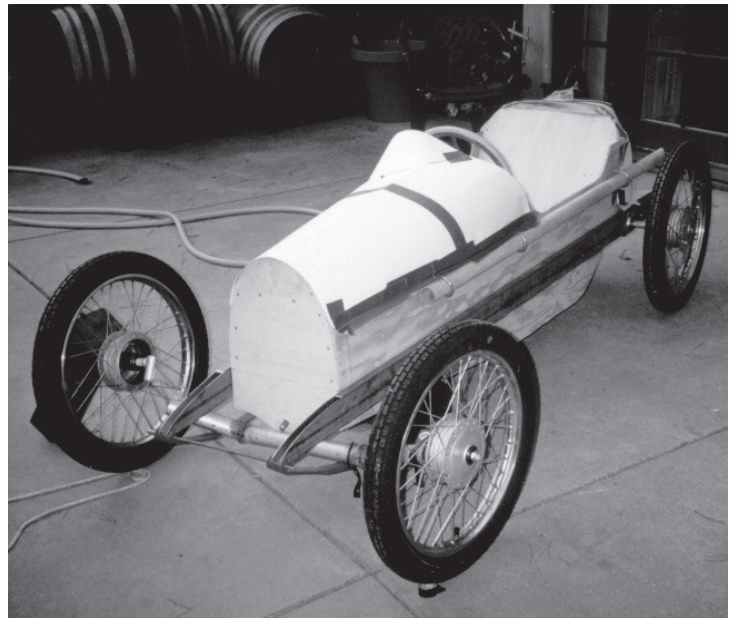


Mysona watches as future C-K builder Gary Sjoberg throws some gravel, at the

Pre-Historic get-together at Falling Pines starting off the week's action.



*"It turned right ok. Let's see if it can deal with a left turn too."
-D. Mysona does cornering tests at Falling Pines.*



Next effort to come down the pike is the new Type-59 Bug being built in the sheds (the "Usine") at Falling Pines. Here we see it in its cardboard patterns and propped-up front wheels. This car will be the first using no fibreglass body panels, so that builders can just

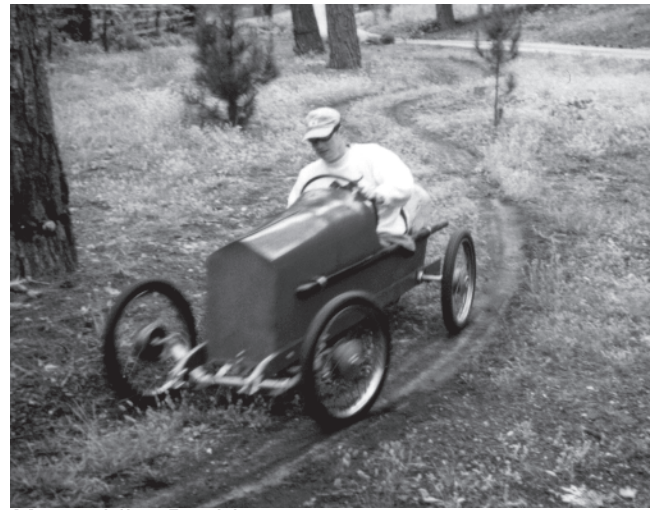
use patterns to cut out a simple aluminum hood top and boat tail. All chassis parts and running gear are the same as the other C-Ks seen around Falling Pines. The only way to hop up a Cyclekart class car is to build it lighter.



After playing pit crew for John Kerridge's Frazer-Nash at the August vintage races at the neighboring Laguna Seca track, judging at Pebble Beach, and ferrying Sterling Moss around in a golf cart, members of the AMCK let their hair down (such as they can) at the annual Falling-Pines Ball. Members could cut loose on the open-air slot car track, play tequila-shooter-ping-pong (seen here), fire-off the club trebuchet, take a shot at the now-traditional helium balloon skeet, eat, drink, and watch Kirk Douglas and Bella Darvi get emotional in "the Racers" at the club's lavish outdoor theatre.



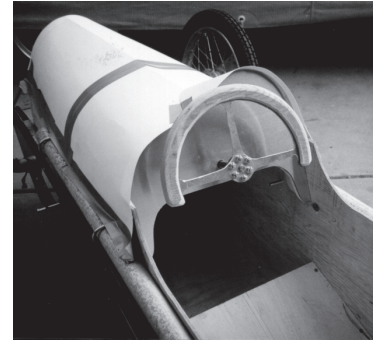
Living up to its name, the pines started falling soon before Race Week. A 100-footer began the festivities, followed by a sapling and this "branch" (bigger than the tree behind it) that hit the gasworks spot-on.



Meanwhile, David ran some more cornering tests.



Members acting as starter motor for the Frazer-Nash



Bugatti-like touches (oak-rimmed steering wheel and brushed aluminum dash) are creeping into the new second-generation cars.



Mike puts Old #1, the first Cyclekart through its paces at Falling Pines



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