

CHAPTER 4 GB's Trophies

With 401 trophies ultimately in his collection,
GB was a "trophy hound."



1959



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From the Vancouver Province



CANADIAN RACING CHAMP

Bob McLean, left, congratulated fellow BC Sports Car Club member George Sterne, winner of two of the three top cups in annual club presentations, last Friday night. Sterne, a sports car dealer in Burnaby, is one of few men these days able to combine business with pleasure.

Dave Mabell photo



Burnaby Racing Driver Scores Double Triumph

Wins 2 of 3 Cups in BC Club Presentations

By Gene Diachuk

A 53 year old Burnaby business man, G. B. Sterne, has added six more racing trophies to his collection. Sterne, of 3785 Edinburgh, now has 191 trophies won over the past nine and a half years, in pursuit of his hobby and business.

Last Friday night George Sterne was presented with two large trophies for production and sport racing championship along with four smaller ones, at the annual presentation night of the BC Sports Car Club.

Sterne once worked installing windmills on prairie farms, then spent some 18 years on Vancouver Island operating a service station and now operates Sterne Motors at 3712 Clydesdale (Grandview and Boundary), a business he established a year and a half ago.

But it's when the shop closes that Sterne comes into his own with sports car racing. He started his racing career with an MG he raced for a year and a half. Sterne then bought his first Morgan, a four-seater, which he raced for three years. Now three Morgans later, Sterne and his car both are well known to most drivers and spectators throughout the North West Circuit.

G. B. Sterne has been one of the strongest competitors at Westwood, never missing a race since Westwood opened in July 1959. This year he has been appointed the North-West Novice License Director of 1966, putting an added responsibility on his back.

Young Robert Sterne is also following his father's footsteps by forming the first sports car club at SFU, acting as its president. The club recently held its first meet at the Brentwood Shopping Centre with 81 entries to its credit.

Other Burnaby winners in the annual trophy presentations were Denis Phillips, 3890 Sunset, winning in F class in production, and Larry Curtis, 6910 Boundary, taking second in G class. In the overall production championship, G. B. Sterne placed first followed by Denis Phillips. Placing first in improved production were John Hall, 4622 Hastings, in E class, and Norm Matovich, 4227 Union, in G class.

John Hall also placed third in the overall improved production championship. In sports racing, G. B. Sterne placed first in E class, followed by Mrs. Karen Hall and Wayne Sievers, 550 North Edmonds, in F class.

The complete results of B.C.S.C.C trophy presentations:

PRODUCTION

A class: Cliff Lindberg (1st) Henry Porter (2nd)

B class: Stan Holinaty

C class: John Randall

D class: **G.B. Sterne** (1st), John Fawell (2nd), Bill Taylor (3rd)

E class: Chas. McKaigh, Gio. Coleta, Bob Axford

F class: Denis Phillips, Chas. Barrett, Tony Campbell

G class: Horst Katins, Larry Curtis

H class: Bill Damm; Dave Ogilvy, Pat McCormick

I class: Mickey McGuire, Rudy Von Hertzberg, Pat McCormick

PRODUCTION CHAMPIONSHIP OVERALL

G. B. Sterne, Dennis Phillips, Bill Damm

IMPROVED PRODUCTION

A class: Cliff Lindbergh

B class: Stan Holinaty

C class: John Randall

D class: John Fawell, Charles McKaig

E class: John Hall, Tony Campbell, Laurie Cater

F class: Gordon McMillan, Gerry Barrett, Charles Barrett

G class: Norm Matovich, Pat McCormick, Peter Heaster

IMPROVED PRODUCTION

CHAMPIONSHIP OVERALL

Gordon McMillan, John Randall and Gerry Barrett; John Hall and Charles Barrett

SPORTS RACING

C class: Cliff Lindbergh, Jim Rattenbury

D class: Ernie Ledgerwood, Chas. McKaig, Bob Constabaris

E class: **G. B. Sterne**, Karen Hall, Ted Flanders

F class: John Randall, Wayne Sievers, Bob McLean

G class: Geoff Hortin, Ron Moscrop Frank Matovich

SPORTS RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

G. B. Sterne, Karen Hall, John Randall

FORMULA JUNIOR I

Dave Ogilvy, Sid Fowids

FORMULA V

Chas. McKaig, Walt Zbinden

SEDANS

Class I: Mickey McGuire, Al Kline, Rudy Vin Hertzberg

Class II: Manfred Mertsch, Geo. Wagstaff

Class III: Bob McLean, Joe Robinson, Milt Goodman

TOP LADY DRIVER

Karen Hall (B) (won three years in a row)

TOP MGA DRIVER

Bill Damm

1968

MOTORSPORT

Endurance - that's his forte

By Brian Lewis, Province Motorsport Writer

Westwood veteran George Sterne and Morgan sports cars go together like plugs and points⁸ in fact, they go together so well that the 56-year-old grandfather has won 153 trophies in 11 years of racing. And Sterne, the oldest competitor driving regularly at the 1.8-mile circuit, has a chance to add another trophy to his collection when he runs in The Daily Province 10 Hours of Endurance race at Westwood on Oct. 19.

The Endurance is the longest in Canada and third longest in North America, with only the 24-hour Daytona and the 12-hour Sebring being longer.

This will be the first time Sterne has run a 10-hour race, but the 40-odd younger drivers expected on the starting grid at 11 a.m. had better not write him off.

George has made his mark on auto racing in the northwest, winning 10 International Conference titles, the last one being the E Production class this year.

He's got an excellent chance to take the E Improved class when he races in the final Conference race next Sunday in Kent, going into the race with a 10-point lead.

In 1964, Sterne won the Endurance when it was a five-hour race, with co-driver Dave Ogilvy of New Westminster. This year Sterne has recruited another Westwood favourite, Bill Evans of Vancouver, to co-drive with him over the 400-mile marathon. Evans was rookie-of-the-year in 1967.

Because of the length of this year's Endurance, Sterne had made a few changes in his preparation. He's got George Hollinger of Vancouver, an excellent mechanic, as his pit captain, and fired his wife, captain in the other endurance.

"Well, she'll be doing a bit of everything," says Sterne. "But she's especially good at keeping track of my position during the race. I remember her scoring in one Endurance and she told me my exact position right through the race, which isn't easy over five hours."

Sterne's strategy in striving for the winner's share of the \$1,230 and The Daily Province Endurance Trophy is simple. "Just run a steady race," he says. "Of course you have to have a good reliable car to start with, but what I plan to do is pick a pace just down from my very best speed. You can't go flat out in a race like this: You'd never finish!"

The race will finish at 9 p.m., but night driving doesn't bother Sterne. "If you've been around that track as much as I have, you know where the street is," he says.

It's true too. Sterne has raced so many laps around Westwood that he could probably find his way round the track in the dark just as easily as he does in daylight.

G.B. Sterne Gains ICSCC Overall title

By Bill Sendelback

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G.B. Sterne, the gray haired elder statesman of northwest road racing and Vancouver, B.C., Morgan dealer, has won the 1968 points title and taken two 1968 class victories in International Conference of Sports Car Clubs, according to final standings released today.

Sterne won the 1968 overall title by collecting 69 points, nine points ahead of his nearest competitor, Eric Greenwell, and romped home in his Morgan with the season championships in E production and E improved production (ICSCC's version of SCCA production classes). It



was a repeat win for Sterne in E Production, and he finished second in E Production in 1967.

Only one other Conference driver collected championships in two classes. Tommy Hamilton drove his Shelby

GT350 to victory in B Improved Production and A Sports/Racing. But a half dozen ICSCC drivers will take home trophies in two classes during the ICSCC annual meeting, Nov. 16, in Seattle.



Lydia and G. B. Sterne with the ICSCC Novice of the Year Award named in G. B.'s honour

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 John Randall - 1st overall
 Charlie Godecke - 2nd overall
 G. B. Sterne - 3rd overall



SCCBC Awards Banquet, Coach House Inn - 1969

Left to right: L. D. "Lynn" Ledgerwood, President, Skip Alexandra, Treasurer, G. B. Sterne, 3rd overall, Bob Randall, President (1969-70), Bob Trickett, 2nd overall, Lance Morley, 1st overall, Gordon McMillian, RDC Chairman