

Group C/GTP

## Silver Arrow takes its first historic racing victory

**BOB BERRIDGE** and Gareth Evans notched up a first victory for the Mercedes-Benz C11 in the Group C/GTP series at Paul Ricard last weekend.

The British pair won

the first of two one-hour races that headlined the French circuit's 40th anniversary event. Berridge came from third place after taking over from Evans to win by more than a lap.

Spa 24 Hours legend Jean-Michel Martin ended up second together with Stephan Meyer. They went on to win the later race in Meyer's ex-Obermaier Porsche 962C.

Larry Kinch opted not to race his Lola-Judd T92/10.

Other winners at the meeting included the Bizzarrini of WTCC racer Fredy Barth and Alberto Francioni, and LMP OAK Racing team boss Jacques Nicolet's rare Gulf M3 in the second Classic Endurance Racing event.

Berridge took his first C11 win



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Obituary

## Roy McCarthy 1942-2010

**STALWART CLUB** racer Roy McCarthy passed away last Thursday after losing his fight with cancer. He was 68.

Although he raced other cars from time to time, McCarthy's roots were embedded in the MG marque. This year was his 40th racing with the MG Car Club.

He began his title winning in the MGA Register, taking six crowns. More titles, including MG BCV8 and Thoroughbred Sports, followed.

A strong family man, Roy derived pleasure from racing alongside sons Russell and Spencer in their self-built MGBs. Wife Pam was omnipresent.

McCarthy was diagnosed with cancer two years ago but, despite physically tiring courses of chemotherapy, he continued to



McCarthy was an MG ace for many years

compete and raced as recently as Donington Park's reopening last month. It was a date he wanted to keep, having won the MGA section of a Modified Sports Car race at the circuit's original 1977 reincarnation.

His funeral will take place at Randalis Park Crematorium in Leatherhead at 1230 on October 21. Any contributions to the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher, Surrey will be gratefully received. *Dud Candler*