



51 seconds, plus another .252 of one. That was the fastest lap of the day in qualifying at Historic Festival 34 presented by the Prestige Family of Fine Cars. Who, and what, did that time? Bill Fickling in his 1975 2-liter March 75B, a Formula Atlantic/Formula B open-wheeler.

That, my friends, is a fast lap of Lime Rock's 1.5, 7-turn challenge of a race course, regardless of era.

Even the "slowest" cars amongst the nine historic and vintage race groups see lap times between 60 and 70 seconds, so don't get the notion that the drivers aren't truly pedaling their machines.

For example, the Historic Trans-Am cars – the actual Mustangs, Camaros, Dodges, Javelins and Firebirds from the 1966 through 1972 era – were turning lap times within a second and a half of the lap times here at Lime Rock back in the day (Jim Hague's 1970 Mustang Boss 302 turned a 1:01.4 today compared to Parnelli Jones' fastest race lap – also in a Boss – in the 1970 Lime Rock Trans-Am race of :59.8).

Saturday begins the races – 18 of them starting at 9:00 a.m. – as every race group gets two!

[Take a look at these great shots](#) – Casey Keil and Greg Clark, thank you very much – from today's action.

See you tomorrow!

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