

# Jim Hall Sets Speed Record At Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI)—Fourteen cars, led by Texas Jim Hall's Chevy-powered Chapparral, flattened the Augusta International Speedway record Saturday qualifying for Sunday's inaugural U.S. road racing and manufacturer's championship race.

Hall's best lap, giving him the pole position in Sunday's race for points toward the U.S. driver's championship, was 1:47.2—which works out to 100.7 mph over the twisting three-mile course.

The best lap ever done here before was turned in by Fireball Roberts at 93 mph in winning last year's Augusta 510 for stock cars.

Hall, who builds the Chapparral, was closely followed by the

powerful Ford-powered King Cobras of Carroll Shelby. Dave McDonald's Cobra turned the course an even second slower than Hall, and defending road racing champion Bob Holbert was 7/10ths of a second slower than his teammate.

Buck Fulp, driving for the Ferrari-sponsored North American Racing Team, turned the course in 1:52. Fulp, of Anderson, S.C., was driving the prototype Ferrari 250 IM grand touring car in its first race.

Harry Heurer was behind Fulp in the Meister Brauser Chapparral at 1:54.

Qualifying for the manufacturer's race, for production cars only, was dominated, as expected, by Shelby's A.C. Cobras. Team manager Ken Miles turned the fastest lap

for the A.C. Cobras, equaling Heurer at 1:54. McDonald was a second slower in the other team Cobra. There was a wide gap down to South Carolina sportsman Graham Shaw's A.C. Cobra in third at 2:03.

Two drivers — Ray Heppenstall of North Hills, Pa., and former Indianapolis driver Jack Ensley—lost their cars coming out of Alligator Hollow, a fearsome decreasing-radius curve.

Heppenstall wound up in a ditch with his Cooper-Ford and may have broken his leg. Ensley, driving a Chevy-powered Apache, took to the other side of the road and bashed the wooden fence there, doing body damage to his car and injuring his foot. There remained a possibility, officials said, that Ensley could start Sunday.

