

Historic Hill Climber

PHA Turns 50...In A Big Way



PHA veterans gathered at the home of John & Jeanne Brandt to celebrate 50 years of hill climbing! Thanks to everyone that came out! It was a great turnout and a great time!

At left: **Russell Kline** (1964 Touring 1 Champion) talks with Tom Hartman (1968 & 1969 Touring 2 Champion)

Below: **Sam Armstrong** (1966 B Production & 1968 A Production champion) shares some memories with **Mike Oleyar** (multiple F & A Production class championships)



At Left: **Jon Mearig** (H Production class winner at 75 Pine Grove, 76 Gold Mine & 77 Ravine) speaks with

Jake Krone (76 B Sedan champion and FTD at Gold Mine & Pine Grove).

More H production talk continues with **Larry Shaffer** (1976 HP champion & countless class wins) and **Ben Loquasto** (1966 H Production champion)!

At right: **Norma Oswald** (75 Touring I champ at Gold Mine, Pine Grove & Red Rock), **Randy Miller** (73-76 D Sedan champion), **Lynn Wenger** (Touring 3 driver from 75-77), and **Carol Lipperini** (Giant's Despair organizer) chat and sample some of the great food.

Below: **Art Gehret** (FP class champion at 67 Jefferson, 70 Giant's Despair & DP 73 Weatherly), **Lyle Heck** (multiple DP class championships in 66, in 67 various class championships in FP, EP & T3, F1 champ at Fleetwood & Weatherly in 1968, F1 champ and FTD winner at 1970 Duryea and F1 champ 71 Duryea) and **Larry Snover** (64 HP driver, 67 EP & 75 F2 driver) chat and watch the endless films of vintage hill climbing



Above: **Dave Baker** (1971 M1 class champ at Fleetwood, Tipton, Giant's & Tuscarora, 72 M1 champion & 73 M1 champ at Giant's) talks with **Bob** (HP driver 70-71) and **Marcia Laepple**

At Left: **Robert Seel** (1966 FPI champion) has a conversation with **Marc Gerstein** (past PHA President 69-71 & 73 and EP class champ at 72 Pagoda, 73 Duryea, Camp Shand & Tuscarora, 77 York Solo and 78 Ravine and Weatherly).

Don Smith (1968 M3 champion at Tipton & Jefferson, 1970 M3 champion & 1974 M3 champ at Pine Grove & FTD/class winner at Giant's Despair) adjusts his glasses.





Right: **Bob Ladd** (72 FP2 Champ & 73-74 CP champ) catches up with **Mike Oleyar**.

Below: **Martin Rapoport** (1966 FPI class champ at Weatherly) discusses hill climbs with **Robert Oswald Sr.** (71 TI champ at Weatherly, 72 Touring I champion, 73 class champ at Red Rock, Pagoda, Weatherly & Rose Valley, 74 - 80 Modified I champion)



Tom Beil (67 Touring 3 champ at Giant's, Rose Valley, Fall & Spring Hershey, 68 T3 champ, 69 class champ at Spring Hershey, 70 Modified 2 champ at Giant's, Tipton & Fleetwood + FTD there, overall Mod 2 champ in 71, 72, 74 & 75, M2 class champ at 76 Weatherly & Giant's and M2 class champ at 77 Weatherly) is greeted by **Henry Mearig** (1970 GP class champ at Spring Hershey, Jefferson & Fleetwood, HP overall champion 71-74) and **Peter Leiss** (1973 Touring 2 champion at Tuscarora).



PHOTO ID ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE: Don Fatzinger correctly ID'ed Larry Shaffer, Bill Shields and Don McLaughlin.

Larry Shaffer, John Bolton & Don Kennedy were the only ones to correctly ID the Jefferson Hill Climb course

Here are a few more: Unknown formula car, Porsche at Camp Shand & car and driver at Duryea



On the heels of the success of the gathering held this past month a bunch of positive feedback was supplied. I'm looking for even more... Please take a moment to reply to some of the questions below.

1. Would you prefer: a) covered dish picnic setting b) banquet setting c) catered cocktail party d) other
2. Should we attempt a get together: a) annually b) every other year c) every 5 years d) other
3. If ample space was provided, would you consider bringing a historic hill climb car?
4. Would it be better to: a) continue event at private residences b) rent a hall c) rent a picnic grove d) other
5. What time of year is best suited for a gathering: a) spring b) summer c) fall d) winter
6. What other event(s) is it necessary to steer away from (for sure WG vintage festival!)

Some things to keep in mind: This past gathering was heavily focused on PHA Veterans pre SCCA. There were quite a few no shows due to weather or unexpected circumstances. The conflict with the vintage festival at Watkins Glen took away a good number of attendees. I will be reaching out to PHA veterans of the 80's in the up and coming months. The potential of a much larger crowd is there...

