

Historic Hill Climber

PHA CAR....DOWN UNDER!!



Restored car in Australia!

Sometime ago, I was contacted by a gentleman in Australia that was restoring a Fiat Abarth coupe. While working around the roll bar, he noticed some numbers punched into it. Turns out...this was a PHA roll bar marking! He did some research...and got a hold of me. The car turned out to be John Mitchell's. John was

from the Landisville/Manheim area. He ran the car in Touring 4 in 1967 and later ran it in G Production in 1969 and 1970. If it was a

Fiat...and from Lancaster County...it came from Henry Mearig! The car was the sister car to the Fiat that Fred Heistand ran in and about the same time frame. Maybe some of you remember it!?

I was able to supply the new owner with results, entry lists and a copy of John's license application. He was very happy! This little Fiat is far from home!

John Mitchell



Fred Heistand at Topton!



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Latest News....

Ok...here is what we got.:

1. PHA Archives open house on July 17th at my home in Annville, PA (8-4pm). 717-838-2698
2. Fall Veteran get together: I was looking at October 2nd. I have not heard much feedback, so I'm not sure if we want to meet again (like last year's 50th meeting). We can try every other year if that works out better? John Brandt has offered his home again...or I'll rent a picnic grove. You're the ones that make the event...we can move forward for this year or wait until next year. I just need to know...
3. The Pagoda Hill Climb will see a change next year....The start line will be moved to Duryea's starting line. Adding a couple more turns into the mix! Not sure how the records will work...remember Duryea was shortened for the 1967 event.
4. We picked up a few Vets on the dist list.: Dave Follett, Dave Huff, Greg Shay & Randy Miller! Welcome!
5. If you have been following my writings on the PHA Forum, you may have noticed that all the "threads" I started lost their photos. For some reason, unexplained to me, during an upgrade...all was lost. I have limited my postings on the forum and may look into other resources to post historic information. I know some of you are on the networking site Facebook. If you are, and I haven't found you...drop me a line!
6. At this time, I have no scheduled presentations...remember, if scheduling permits...I can do presentations on specific hills, general PHA history or a presentation on a type of car and it's impact on hill climbing. Let's talk....!!
7. My attendance at PHA events this year is very limited. Many scheduling conflicts....I HOPE to be at Fall Weatherly at least!

PHOTO ID

We haven't gotten too many of these....let's hope we can ID some of these photos from the archive

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Group of Speedsters at Hershey

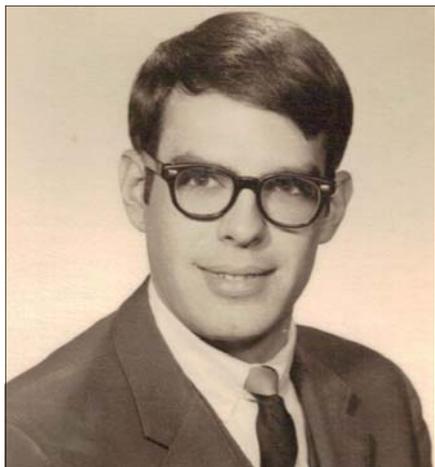


Sprite at Weatherly

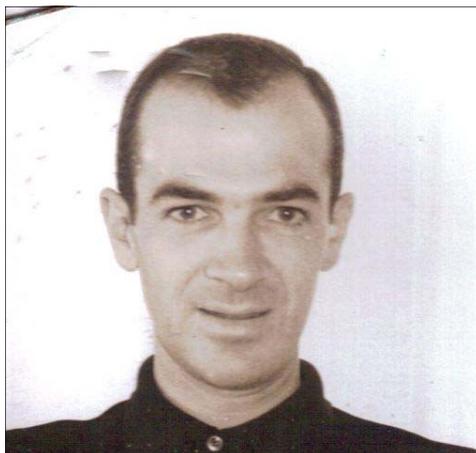
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Who is it?

Last issue answers, from top to bottom: Current PHA President Tom Knorr, John Stinsmen & Lloyd Geib. We had quite a few correct answers!



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Wow....Check This Out!!

After the article on Charlie Kurtz...I got a note from Alan Singer about a trophy he had won:

"After Kurtz's death his local club created a memorial trophy to be given to the fastest two liter racer at the 1964 Octasin Road Races. I have no idea where those races were held. This was a large perpetual trophy with the winner passing it on and receiving a smaller replica. I don't know who won in 1964, but in 1965 it was awarded at the Rose Valley Hillclimb. I won it in my EP Speedster beat Judy Beatty's CP Super 7 and Harry Reynold's GM Lotus 11. I was unable to find the club or people to return it to the following year and still have it."

Through connections all swirling around our group of veterans...Charlie Kurtz's children were located and contacted...and the trophy was sent back to them!! How cool is that!?





ALL TIME "A" PRODUCTION DRIVERS

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Henry Zimmerman

2



Al Loquasto

3



Bill Hassenplug



Hal Keck



Jim Dantzer

4



Dave Walter

5



John Bolton



John Watts