

Historic Hill Climber

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A TVR LOST...AND THEN FOUND!

I received an email, like most inquiries come, from a gentlemen that scored a 1962 TVR Grantura MK IIA. It was sitting behind a garage for sometime and he finally made a move to figure out what was going on with it. He learned it was available for sale and bought it. He learned that it was raced by a Chuck Seinkner of New Castle from 1962 - 1970. At first we researched to see if Mr. Seinkner was a hill climber...which at this time, I could not come up with any info on him.

What was more interesting was a later email from the new owner:

"I was working on the car today and I found the usual hole in the main roll bar hoop for the tech inspection. I was looking for an SCCA ID #...which I didn't find, BUT I did find this number; PHA 155. Would this be yours?"



Mr. Seinkner in action

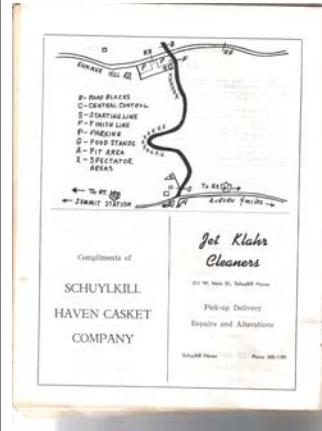


At left, Judy James in action on our hills! Inset, Judy James

Right: TVR as found and below...getting back together!



Heck yea it is ours!! I ran the number and it came back as a TVR that was run by Judy James in and about 1973!! I shared the news with the owner...he went as far as to track down Judy, now living in North Carolina. I was able to provide photos and results to the new owner of the car. The car is in the process of being restored...!!



Remember this hill?

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Latest happenings at the Museum & Archives

Since October, we've had a few visitors to the Museum. The day of the 2010 PHA Banquet George Bowland & Morgan Wilson stopped in to check things out. George donated the 50th anniversary banner that many of you signed in 2009. He bought the banner at the 2009 banquet...and has now turned it back over to PHA Archives. Thanks George! We also had a visit from Gordon Wise, PHA Secretary for the last few years. Not only did he check out the situation...he dropped off PHA minutes dating back to the late 80's. These were part of former Secretary Joe Foering's files and were a great addition to the archives!

I purchased a new lap top for Museum & Archive use. This unit will be loaded with all the files that have been scanned from the original PHA files. A scanner/printer/copier is next on my list to procure.

The next big project I've started, and hope to have finished by winter's end, is to enter all hill climb results into spread sheets. How I'm setting it up is: Each decade will be its own file...within that Excel file will be tabs for each event within that year. Drill down into each event, I'll have each class and every competitor that competed listed by name, car number, car type & best time. See example below. It won't be overly pretty, but will be easier to search for people (other than class winners, which I have spread sheet for) quicker than going through hard copies!! It takes about 30 minutes to enter one event, average 10 events per year, times 50 years...I'll have some time into this, but it will be worth it!



H Production	William McDaniels 45 Sprite 1:32.681	Radley Ricer 13 Sprite 1:36.072	John McCleaf 99 Sprite 1:41.759	Leslie Rimback 12 Sprite 1:42.313	Robert Vorhees 43 Sprite 1:47.513	Arlan Schwoyer 4 Sprite 1:51.896	Sandy Weiss 67 Sprite 1:52.358	Paul Hains 139 Sprite DNS	Terry Reed 144 Sprite DNF	
G Production	Fred Heistand 178 Abarth 1:30.861	Dave Wentling 80 MG Midget 1:36.656	Tom Knorr 81 Sprite 1:41.253	Charles Keller 30 Porsche 1:44.426	Donald Henning 181 Spitfire 1:47.097	Charles Beidler 57 Porsche DNS				
F Production 1	Mike Oleyar 54 MGA 1:29.419	Larry Schroeder 1551 MGA 1:33.137	John Fleischer 116 MGA 1:33.854	Ralph Zinn 551 MGA 1:33.970	Ronald Komishock 154 MGA 1:34.142	Bernard Herzog 16 MGA 1:35.018	Keith Weidner 56 MGA 1:38.097	William Guy Fenicle 42 MGA 1:38.930	Edgar Jett 991 Alpine 1:55.289	Doug Kuhns 471 MGA DNF

Above: Gordon Wise, current PHA Secretary stops by to say hello!

Left: Sample of the developing result spread sheets, this example is from 1968 Topton.

HELP ID THESE CARS

We've been wifing out here quite a bit...did manage to ID Joe Whiteley's Volvo and Jack Rabold stated that the Speedster was not his, so that mystery car remains open! Let's see if we can hit some home runs on these!



Very hard to see any numbers on these cars...all from Duryea of unknown year.

WHO IS IT?

I had no guesses on last issue's folks: Patricia Enzman, Don Kennedy, Dave Smith & Larry Snover. Let's try these.....



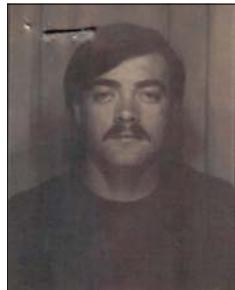
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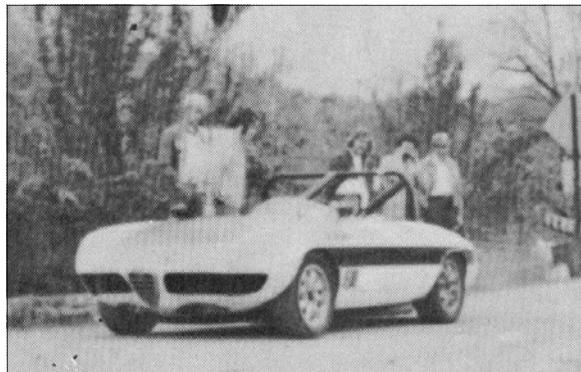
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This Alfa showed up at the Watkins Glen Vintage Festival last year...I saw this photo and thought, wow...looks like the Alfa of Dick Gardner. Roll bar looks a bit different....hmmmmmmm

The Scoop On The Pooper.....

Quite a few folks got back to me about last issues note..."wonder what a Pooper was?" Bill Rutan writes back: "The Pooper was a F 111 car of Cooper derivation. It had a minimalist body to conform to FIA sports car rules. It was powered by a 1,500 ccm Porsche rocker arm engine. It was built by Tippy Lipe (of the Lipe Gear Box Transmission Company) of Mass." Alan Singer & John Pitman also provided information pertaining to another Pooper that was run by Pete Lovely of the West Coast. Thanks guys...awesome having some backup when needed! A quick search on the inter-net using key words can find some hits on Gordon Lipe and his Pooper (that sounds kinda bad, sorry). According to some info, his was the first, built in 1953. Internet can be amazing!!



Left: Pete Lovely's Pooper that ran on the West Coast and still runs today.

PHA'S Top C Production Drivers

Like before, these drivers are selected by class wins not class championships. Remember, the point structure of the PHA could and quite often have drivers that never won a class, win the championship. These drivers often demonstrated consistency at placing in the top of their class event after event. No disrespect is meant to class champions...look for a features in upcoming issues on class champions by year!



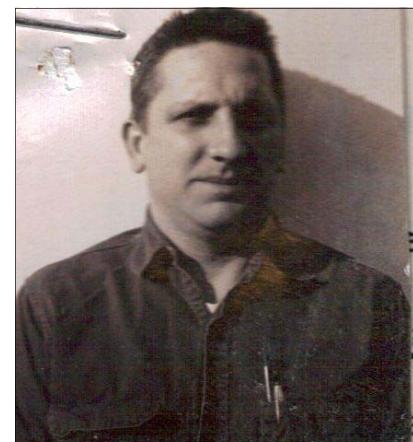
Left: Dave Redmond



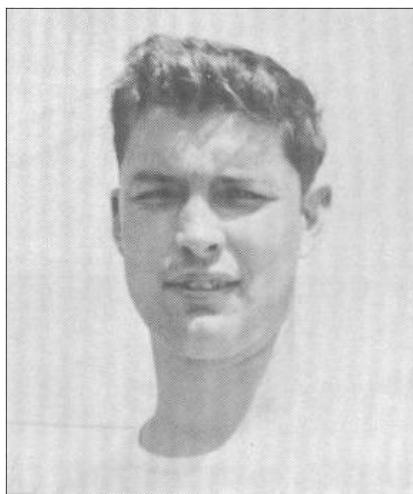
Right: Bob Ladd



Left: Bill Lessig



Right: Richard Schuck



Left: Ralph "Chip" Donnelly



Right: Sam Price