

# Historic Hill Climber

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## Kieft & Goldschmidt

In the middle of 2009 I got an interesting email from a woman in Great Britain:

*I wonder if you can help or advise me at all?*

*My late husband Bill Morris's last project before he passed away last May, was to replace the missing Kieft de Soto V8 Sports Racer originally commissioned by Erwin Goldschmidt back in 1954. The original car appears to have been destroyed in the 1980's, despite strenuous efforts to trace it nothing was forthcoming, so another car was created using original Kieft parts we had in stock from the earlier Kieft GP V8 Coventry Climax car project he completed back in 2001. The sports car has a 4.6 litre, de Soto Hemi engine, original was supplied by Erwin to the Kieft factory.*

*It was delivered to him in the States in 1954 and used in at least one hill climb, we know this because it was damaged and the factory sent out spares to repair it. However, Cyril Kieft couldn't remember what event or events it took part in and is sadly now dead. I am just wondering if you would be able to trace anything to do with this or could suggest where I might look? I have been checking out the American Sports Car Club competition records for 1954/55 but can only find a Bristol engined Kieft, an MG Kieft and a Kieft Norton mentioned, no de Soto has appeared so far. I have taken over ownership of the two cars and raced them recently in the UK at Goodwood and Donnington Park as a tribute to my husband, without whom these two fascinating cars would not exist. I will send you a photo of the two cars in a separate email. It just seems strange to know so little about the history of the original car, which was white in colour – we painted the replacement to match the GP car so there is no confusion.*



I replied:

Erwin Goldschmidt indeed ran our hills in Pennsylvania. I have him at our events between 1951 - 1954...but, as of now...only have him listed as driving an Allard/Cadillac and a Ferrari 4.5. He was very successful with both.

When I search Kieft built cars in my database I come up with three listings: C. F. Irish, Dick Irish and a Bill Carpenter in a Kieft Bristol. I have photos of Dick Irish in an open wheeled model...and would assume C. F. Irish, is one in the same person or relative and would have also run the open wheeled car.

Our two big hill climbs during that time frame were Duryea in Reading, PA and Giant's Despair in Wilkes-Barre. I can tell you that in 1954 Goldschmidt ran the Allard & the Ferrari at Giant's and the Ferrari at Duryea.

In 1955...I don't have any record of Goldschmidt at our hills.

ID NEEDED



Same car?



## What's Happening....

PHA Museum & Archives Open House is scheduled for October 22nd from 1-5pm. I've gotten very little feedback as to who may be coming. If you plan on dropping by, give me a heads by Oct 14th, so I can prepare light refreshments accordingly. I'll also post up a list of folks planning on attending as word comes in.

PHA Museum & Archives had a great one page write up in the October issue of Hemmings Motor News. From that printing we re-connected with Mike Adler from New Jersey (we plan on hooking up during fall AACA week in Hershey) and got a great package from an old friend of Al Loquasto's that now lives in Texas! The neatest thing in that package was a program from the 1959 Spring Fox Gap Hill Climb in Stroudsburg!! It is the first one I've ever seen and could very well be the only one left in the world!?

If you are going to be in the Hershey area for the big fall AACA car show...I will be hosting a weenie roast on Thursday Oct. 6th, stop on by. I'll also be on the show field with five of my VW's. I'll be in the new "small car" class...stop by and say Hello!

The 2011 PHA season ended up on September 17-18 at Weatherly. Duryea and Weatherly were both celebrating historic years this year...each one had some "doozy" incidents, but no one seriously injured.



## In Memoriam



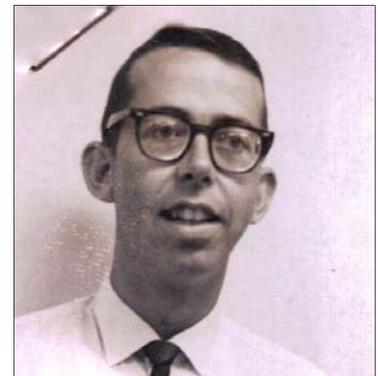
### Jerry Sigal

I only found out about Jerry's passing when we got his Elva ID'ed from last issue. Perhaps many of you didn't hear either. I had the pleasure of meeting Jerry at the 50th gathering in 2009. He offered his legal input for many PHA situations.



### Alex Coles

I got word from Alex's wife that he passed away earlier this year. One of our early PHA drivers, Alex was best know in his Austin Healey. He collected titles at such hills as; Duryea, Pocono & Giant's Despair. I had the honor of meeting him in 2008.



### Lyle Heck

Many of you got my note that Lyle Heck passed away this summer. He was a long time competitor on the PHA circuit. He amassed many class wins and was FTD winner at Duryea and Weatherly. I got to meet Lyle at Duryea, the 50th reunion and our open house in 2010. He was pretty top notch!

## Who Is it??

We weren't overly successful at IDing last issues photos, here are the answers in order as they appeared:  
 Jim Bieber, Nick Bielanowski, Elwood Blose, Nelson Boyer, Carl Burnett (Tom Beil got this one)...remember those guys?

This month's collection have last names that start with "C".



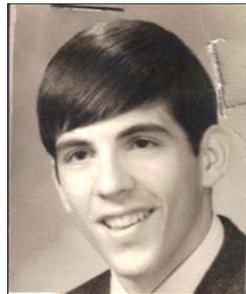
EP Driver



MGA & MGB driver



#12 from Ephrata



A, B & G Production



65 DP Champ

As stated on the previous page, we were able to ID the Elva-Porsche of Jerry Sigal in last issue. Don Fatzinger offered this info:

*"This car was purchased by Jerry from Sandy Sadler, and was sold when Jerry wanted to put an addition on his house. This car is the prototype Elva-Porsche 4 cam, and has since been restored".*



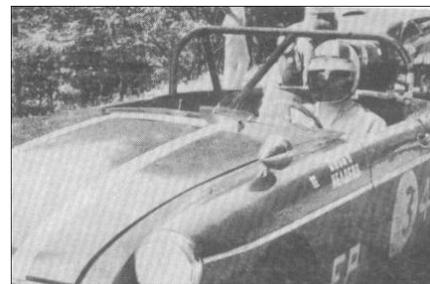
Here is the car now

### BONUS STUFF:

We also got a good ID on the Saab from last issue....it is former PHA President Gene Wilkins!!

We got one person to ID Topton Hill Climb from last issue as well!

After I listed the top EP Drivers I had some questions about some drivers. In reviewing results I did notice that I missed one EP driver in particular, John Debaugh who is tied in 6th with Henry Hemmen.



John Debaugh

# Our F Production Leaders

Again, listed in order by overall class wins.



Steve Hirschrift



Rich Walters



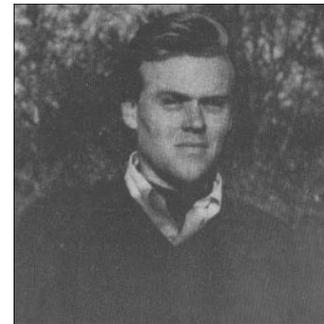
Ron Sibulsky



Radley Rice



Doug Kuhns



Harry Schlambach



Joe Lokuta



Bob Wagner



Tom Donald



Larry Schroeder



Charlie Beidler



Jeff Michael



Timm Murphy



Bob Ladd



Mike Patton



Mike Ancas

Fred Livezey



Joe Wilkie

