

HISTORIC HILL CLIMBER

APRIL 2013

THE KELLISON...IN THE NETHERLANDS

RESULTS NEEDED!

- 1959: Fox Gap, Giants Despair, Towne Hill, Hyner View & Big Pocono
- 1960: Spring Pocono, Giants Despair, Hyner View & Fall Hershey
- 1968: Giants Despair
- 1977: Watkins Glen
- 1981: Watkins Glen (May) & Watkins Glen (June)
- 1982: June & October Pocono
- 1983: Weatherly
- 1985: Weatherly
- 1987: Fall Weatherly
- 1990: Spring & Fall Weatherly
- 1991: Spring Weatherly & Rose Valley
- 1993: Rose Valley
- 1997: Spring Weatherly
- 1998: New Hampshire

I was contacted by a prominent Volkswagen collector in the Netherlands about his recent acquisition. As it turns out, he had purchased the VW powered Kellison that was driven by Norma & Robert Oswald Sr. in the 70's and early 80's and then later driven by Jim & Tammy Oswald. It was then owned and campaigned by Robert Pritchard.

The car found it's way down south and went through some various transformations and was ultimately place up for sale on the internet. I even sniffed around it at one time many years ago...but never pulled the trigger on it, and forgot about it until I got an email request for information. I was kind of shocked to hear that it had left the country...but then again, a lot of US cars head over seas!

I was able to supply the new owner with plenty of results and photos of the car in action. I even got him in contact with the Oswald family so he could gather more info about the car. His plan is to bring it back to mid

70's appearance. This particular collector has quite a few vintage Volkswagens and several Formcar formula Vees. I'm looking forward to seeing this car restored!

Above is a photo of Robert Oswald Sr. in action at Duryea. The two photos at left and below were taken with the new owner at his shop in the Netherlands after a long boat trip from the United States!



This car was FTD winner at Giants Despair in 1980 with a time of 51.185



LATEST RIDES III



At left, Bill Hagerty stands beside his SSC Chevy Cobalt.



At right, Kerry Hitt climbs out of his latest Corvette! He competed in the Trans Am race at Sebring in March. Love to see this car at Duryea!!



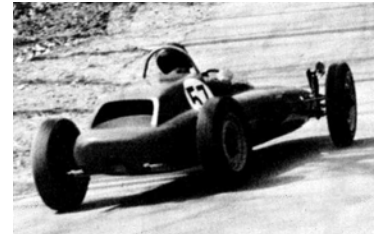
At left: Don Kennedy puts down some smoke at Duryea. Don has been running a Subaru in the Rally class for several years!



At Right: Larry Long stages up at the Giants Despair starting line in his Spec Miata.



WHO IS IT!?



We had quite a few guesses for last issues' Who Is it...Still looking for a clean sweep though! Last month's were as follows: Jim Haas, Cortland Hanum, J. C. Hoffmeier, Len Hess and Henry Hemmen! This issue we feature those drivers with the last name beginning with the letter "I". Some very slim pickings from this photo file...as the PHA never had a huge number of "I" drivers! As a matter of fact...you see all but one above...and the one missing is a current driver. Good luck...some of these are tough!

HAPPENINGS!

Spring approaches...finally!! I must say, I did get quite a few things done this winter!

- I have continued to enter official PHA results into Excel formats...over 130 sets of results were hand typed into spread sheet formats!! This makes searches for drivers/event faster and easier using search functions within Excel! I can also supply anyone results for a complete season with the click of the mouse!
- I have also built several other Excel tools to track class records at all the current hill climbs and one to track overall class wins.
- The PHA Museum & Archive Facebook page has nearly 400 "fans". I recently created the 100th photo album on that page!!
- Currently, on the Facebook page, I'm building a photo album of drivers that have tackled the Duryea Hill Climb in less than 2 minutes! 42 drivers are in this exclusive club...that was founded by Oscar Koveleski in 1976!
- Last year, my goal was to get the Oleyar/Franco/Lewis Subaru sorted out and shown at the Fall Hershey AACA National Meet, which was accomplished. This year...I'd like to get the next historic PHA car in my collection there. This time it will be the Viper SR-1 built by the Oswald family. The car has multiple FTD and class wins and should prove to be as big of a hit as the Superoo on the show field!! The car is close to being ready...just need some quality time with it! So keep your fingers crossed!



2013 Pennsylvania Hill Climb Series Schedule

May 25 - 26	Spring Jefferson @ Summit Point Raceway, WV
June 8 - 9	Spring Weatherly Hillclimb, Weatherly, PA
June 22 - 23	Pagoda Hillclimb, Reading, PA
July 13 - 14	Giant's Despair Hillclimb, Wilkes Barre, PA
Aug 3 - 4	Polish Mountain Hillclimb, Cumberland (Flintstone), Md
Aug 17 - 18	Duryea Hillclimb, Reading, PA
Aug 31 - Sep 1	Fall Jefferson @ Summit Point Raceway, WV
Sep 14 - 15	Fall Weatherly Hillclimb, Weatherly, PA



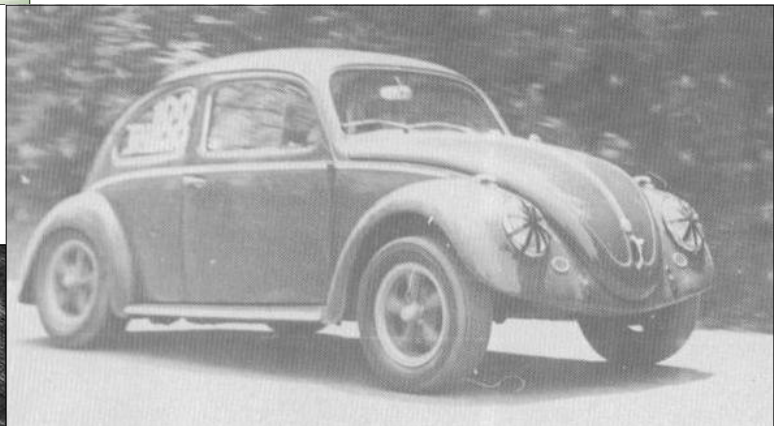
RIP Bill McDaniels...Bill passed away on Feb. 27 of this year after a courageous battle with cancer. Bill is #3 on the all time H Production class winner.

TOURING 4 ALL TIME CHAMPS...BY CLASS WINS



#1 Charles Markham

#2 Jim Bieber



#3 Bruce Perry

#4 Carl Mueller



#5 Bob Griffin