

Historic Hill Climber

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Very Rare...Hill Climbing Denzel



I had do confess that I was pretty amazed when I was asked to research a coach built Denzel! Being A VW guy...I know how rare these cars are and to have one race PHA is one thing...but to be contacted by the current owner is another!! Yes...David Moorhead's hill climbing Denzel is alive and well!! It lives with a very serious VW collector in the state of California! Once again...the power of the internet led this owner to me and I was able to supply him with results and a photo of the car in action...although not the best photo! The photo, shown here, shows the car rounding turn 5 (towards finish) at the Hershey Hill Climb!! The current owner was very pleased to receive documentation for his car and also supplied contact info for Mr. Moorhead...who now resides in North Carolina! I just can't believe how many of these "cases" keep popping up...!!!!

The current owner was happy to send a long some photos of the car in its current state...you may notice, he has two (and then a few other cars too!) The Denzel was built in Austria...to learn more, just "google" Denzel car!



Very, very clean car!



In Memoriam



On June 15th...we lost Bob Griffin, long time Volvo Driver and if you remember from last year...#5 all time T4 drivers!

He was 80 years old



On May 25th we lost Dave Lindberg Jr., show here on the right. Member of the Team Lackaballs or Triple Threat Racing. He crewed for Jack Krause & John Katzbeck during the 1973 season.



On May 6th...we lost Bill "Chicken" Gorski. A long time worker, driver and supporter of the PHA



On July 7th...we lost Charles "Chuck" Dietrich. Chuck ran PHA in the early to mid 50's in various forms of MGs. He was 88 years old.

Happenings!

We've had a couple visitors since last issue...Rich Sweigart Jr. and his fiancée Michelle stopped by after they went to visit the Porsche display at the AACA Museum in Hershey. Rich was brought a few boxes of goodies that had many goodies from his Father & Mother!

We also had a visit from the Director of the Luzerne County Historical Society! Their Society is planning on a special display on Giant's Despair in 2014. PHA Museum and Archives will be loaning artifacts in support of this effort. Also, in conjunction with this special display, a limited number of "books" will be published with photos related to the Giant. Stay tuned for more info!

We were also very happy to receive a large collection of artifacts from the widow of Al Loquasto. With the assistance of Marty Rapoport...a friend and I were able to pick up a nice assortment of items. My favorites, include the FTD trophies from the first and second Fleetwood Hill Climbs!

With summer in full swing...not too much action goes on down in the Archive...but due to the number of rainy days...there actually has been some work being done! I have ID'ed several duplicate items that will be donated to the Hershey Historical Society as well as the Fleetwood Historical Society. Duplicate items related to Giants went to Luzerne County's Historical Society. I will be assembling a box for the Lebanon County Historical Society (Goldmine & Schafferstown). If you are involved with a Society that would have a connection to a hill climb...let me know!

It's been a real busy and trying year, so far...a filled schedule leaves me with one date for a potential Museum Open House Party...and that would be Saturday, August 31st. If people want to gather...we can go for it...shoot me an email if you think you could/would want to visit. If I get a get number of folks...we'll make it official!

PS...sorry this issue was a little late!! Thanks..... *Ron*

LATEST RIDES IV



Cliff McCandless's Devin may look just like the Devin he drove back in the day...well it does because it is!!



Curt Bennett...is still behind the wheel of a Formula Vee. This time it is a Protoform P1!

Dave Smith's Sprite...may not look familiar...but it too is his original hill climb car from "back in the day". Dave also has his MG and various FV's.



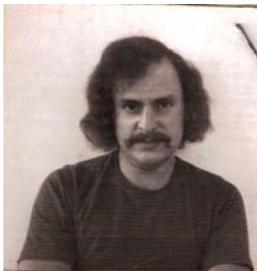
George Bowland has always come to PHA events with a car built for speed!! When he started winning FTD's in the mid 80's it was with his LeGrand...now on the verge of becoming the PHA's all time FTD leader...he's been letting the BBR Shark rip up our hills! Go to YouTube and search for George this car is amazing!



Dennis Williams ran a TR4 back in 1968...and has run one recently in the PHA...I believe he currently has this car for sale...and is now running a Mercedes Benz!

WHO IS IT?

This issue will highlight those drivers with the last name starting with "J"! Last issue proved to be a rough one...our "I" drivers were: George Illif, Jim Irons, Larry Isenberg, Dick Irish & Ed Impink (which was guessed!). Good Luck!



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Top 5 Formula Vee Drivers of all time (by class wins)



#1 John Pitman



#2 Chuck Madison



#3 Willi Ascher



#4 John Grubb



#5 Tammy Oswald