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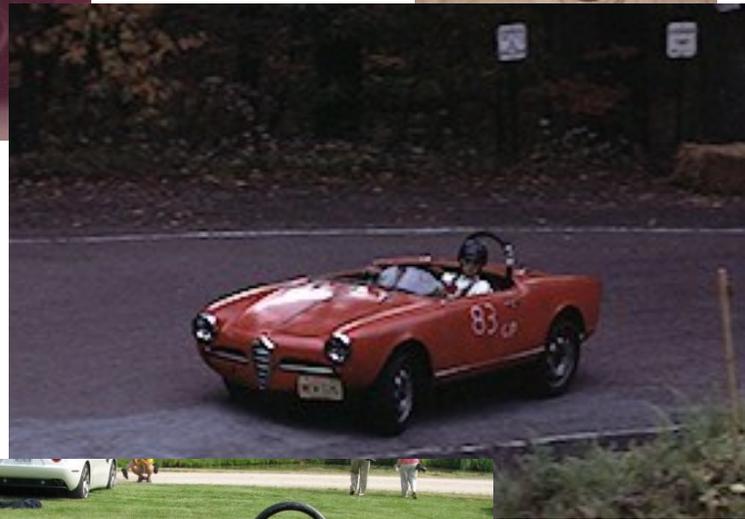
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The Kay Smith Alfa

Was contacted by a person seeking information about an Alfa that was currently in their possession. They had a good amount of info but were looking to fill in some of the car's hill climb history...it turns out the car was once owned and campaigned in the PHA by Kay Smith of Morristown, New Jersey. Kay first ran a Triumph TR3 from 63-66 and then jumped in the Alfa Romeo for the 67 & 68 seasons. I was able to provide some results and some vintage photos of the car to the current owner...and in return, got some pretty neat photos of the car as it is today! Anyone remember Kay...or know if he is still around?



Kay in action back in 1967 @ left. Kay's PHA license photo @ right and Kay at the 1967 Weatherly event below.



Above and at right is how the car looks today...almost right out of a time machine!! Was very happy to provide information and photos to the new owner! Good to see yet another former PHA race car standing the test of time!

IN MEMORY OF...



Jon Lehman, member of Team Beam & Gil Morrissey, co driver of the Sabel, passed since our last issue. Our sympathies go out to their family and friends.



MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Made a trip to Lancaster to visit with Deidre Lehman, wife of Jon...she was gracious enough to donate some of Jon's items to the archive. The most interesting thing...the bag with his race gear in it! The bag, not much bigger than a bowling ball bag...was filled with everything he needed to race! Photos to come!

So...Scotty & Janet Dietz was out visiting Alan Singer & Neil Fogelberg at a vintage motorcycle show near the Allentown area (I think) and on their way back home they stopped at a random yard sale...What a shocker as they came across a nice stash of EARLY PHA dash plaques (right)!! What a lucky score and save...as they promptly sent them to the Archive! Thanks guys!!

Not quite PHA related...but kinda sorta...This Fall the Derry Township/Hershey Historical Society will be celebrating the unique and deep history of the Hershey Park Stadium as it becomes a historical landmark. On Saturday, the 20th...I was asked if I could provide my 65 VW Notchback for a display to represent the Compact Mini Stock cars that ran in the stadium in the late 60's. There were many hill climb racers that would participate in these events. They are also trying to nail down a Midget race car...anyone have one or know of one? Attempts to work with EMMR to get one...has come up empty.

Which leads me to the next thing...there was talk, early this year that I would be doing a presentation at EMMR on hill climb racing in PA...alas, I've heard nothing more about it and will most likely not happen this year. If anything should change, I'll send out an email.

Again...if you would like to visit...let's set a date! Feel free to call 717-838-2698.



WHO IS IT?

Last month's answers are: John MaConnell, Jim Margrave, Charles Markham, Jon Mearig, Carl Mugford, Gene Munchak & Carl Mueller.

This month's quiz is made up of those drivers whose last name begins with "N". Good luck!



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MOST WINNINGEST CAR...???

So it was pointed out to me, after the last issue, that the Camaro that Doug Mills & Burnell Cochran drove was the same car. This got me thinking...there has been quite a few cars that exchanged hands within the PHA and quite a few of these cars racked up some pretty impressive win records. When you think of cars that may have had multiple owners and continued to produce results..which ones come to mind as being the standouts?

I have worked on a list...made up of such cars...lets compare notes!

A new hill record has been set at the 2014 running of Giant's Despair. John Burke in a 97 Reynard (Champ Car) with a time of 38.024. Darryl Danko's time of 38.360 was set in 2007 in a Lola TB900. You can view an in car camera video on YouTube by searching 2014 Giant's Despair.



John Burke
38.024

PHA'S TOP 5 ASP DRIVERS by class wins

#1 Jon Valentine



#2 Gordon Wise



#3 Steve Sincavage



#4 Dennis Fink & Dave Williams



#5 John Halbing & Rick Valetti