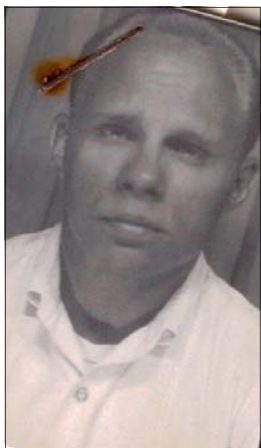




PHA Museum & Archives

* Look for an article in the Dec. issue of Classic Porsche on Tom Beils' RSK!

RIP John Haag:
PHA Veteran of the 60's.
John passed away on 12/13 of Lou Gehrig's disease. He is survived by a wife, two son's and a daughter.



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Historic Hill Climber

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The Meyers Special



Car in action at Giant's Despair

You can speak of all time greats from Giants Despair without mentioning John Van Meyer. John, a resident of New York mainly focused his PA hill climbing at Giant's

Despair...where he was very successful. He amassed a total of 6 FTD's at Giants. Most of those wins came to him while driving the "Meyers Special" or also known as the "Sadler-Meyers Special".

I was contacted by an outfit that was preparing the car for auction sometime ago. They were looking for result documentation and photographs of the car in action.

I gladly supplied all that I could for their portfolio. The car must not have sold at auction and is now being offered by an outfit called Fantasy Junction in

California.



Above: John Meyer on the start line at Giants Despair



On their site you can see many, many more photos of the car in it's current state as well as some of the photos supplied. It sure would be cool to see it back in Wilkes-Barre!!

Left: The Sadler-Meyers special as it looks today!

AACA Fall Hershey Meet

October's visit to the AACA Fall National Car Show in Hershey proved to be one of the best in years. Not only did I score a bunch of stuff at the swap meet. It was the first time I was able to take one of my biggest PHA artifacts, the "Superoo" to the show and share a little PHA history. For those that may not remember or know of this car. It is the first factory backed Subaru race car that was actually competitive. It was first owned by Mike Oleyar and driven by Tom Donald since 1972. It later ended up with Ken Lewis & Horace Franco in the 80's. Anyway...the current and original paint scheme became 25 years old this year making it eligible to be shown with the AACA. On Friday, I had to run the car around the Hershey Stadium to prove it was operational. This is also becoming a big spectator event. The West side stands fill with many visitors to the event. As a car does it's laps, commentators relay the history of the specific car. There were also some special PHA Veterans to be found, as you can see in the photo!

Saturday the car hit the show field. This is one of the largest car shows in the world with folks from all over coming to visit. PHA veteran Scot Hess was a huge help getting the car on and off the show field. The car got great exposure and drew a lot of attention. Some folks stopped and gasped as they remember the car back in the 80's running autocrosses near Scranton. They thought the car was long gone!! All in all...it was a great weekend!



This photo appeared, along with a small paragraph in the AACA's magazine covering the Fall Meet. The car was also covered in a Hemmings Blog...with quite a few photos and history. If you would like a link to it...shoot me an email!

Wow....!! I was able to have my photo taken with two PHA heavy-hitters: Kerry Hitt and Oscar Koveleski!! They were on hand at the Friday race car conditioning runs!!



This photo was taken Saturday, on the show field. You can see the Superoo was getting a lot of attention...a lot of folks were talking PA Hill Climbing! The Superoo was certified by the AACA as a competitive race car and received a 2nd Junior award! Which I was shocked to have gotten, since the car is un-restored and shows much wear and tear on it.

Big THANKS goes out to: Don Fatzinger for giving the Superoo a once over, Tim Conrad, Charlie Russo & Scot Hess for helping get the car to and from the show on Friday and Saturday!!

Fresh Artifacts

There never seems to be an end of good stuff coming into the Archives! Just recently, I got a small stack of slides from Richard Diedrich (Team Tortoise member). They were from the 1960 Duryea Hill Climb. Not only were the photos nice and clear...some were of drivers I didn't have any photos of before!! Here is a sample of the slides I scanned. #132 is Bryant Winchell of Media, PA, #127 is Harry Nowak of Oreland, PA & #139 is Bradford Howes of Newark Del in what is listed as a Kelcooper.



PHA Hall Of Fame

The 2012 class of inductees into the PHA Hall Of Fame were announced at the season ending awards banquet. They included; John Pitman & Ray Tessier. The members of the Hall of Fame accept nominations each year and then the members vote on acceptance. They are currently inducting two candidates per year. The Hall of Fame listing is on the PHA site, under the history tab. It does not reflect the recent additions...and I also think it is missing at least one member, Walt Rice. The paperwork and contact info for the Hall of Fame can be found on the PHA website (I am not in charge of the HOF, but will gladly assist in fact finding and statics support if you would like to send in a nominee)

I will also be adding an album of Hall of Fame members on the PHA Museum & Archive page I run on Facebook. It will have photos and a little more detail on inductees.



Ray is a past PHA President and VP 64-65. Active driver 59-67. Competition Board Chair and Sedan Class Board Chair. Many touring titles throughout the PHA circuit 61-67. Ray ran BMWs, Triumphs and even a Renault in Touring 3!

John worked hills from 60-63. Licensed driver from 63-72. Weatherly HC chair 71. Return to PHA 2004 to present. Current Tech inspector, Novice instructor and current PHA Treasurer. Many FV titles!



Who Is It?

I got a lot of correct answers for last issue's Who Is It...they were; Hap Gardner, Carl Guckelburger, John Grubb, Denny Gernert & Dick Gardner! This issue we will try to guess those drivers with last names starting with "H"!!



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Top All Time Touring 3 Class Winners



The tops, by class wins: Fred Russell, John Flannery, Tom Beil, Palmer Smeltz, Bob Griffin, Dennis Snyder & Tom Monk.