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Climber listoric Hill

Rabold Porsche Special

Got contacted by a gentlemen on the West Coast...a friend of his shared a link to an early Hershey Hill Climb video on YouTube. His friend shared the video because there is a quick shot of a car he thought looked very much to a car he had in his possession. When he shared the screen shot with me...I quickly recognized the car as the F Mod Porsche special that Jack Rabold ran in 1964!! The current owner was extremely excited to link this part of the car's history to the incredible journey it has had! I was able to supply extra photos (right from Jack's personal collection) and of course a full set of results! He had NO idea!!!



Above: Photo of the Special in the pit area at Hershey.



Above: Screen shot from 8mm film of the Special at Hershey



Right: The Special as it was first found and brought to California.



Left: the car in its current state...in the process of being reworked. What an awesome car...and what a great story!!

In Memory...



Barry Levan (right)

Denny Anderson



Joe Cam



Happenings...

It was a busy summer on the "farm" not only were there countless projects on our property...my In-Laws bought the property next door and there was plenty to do there too! But...as the outside work winds down, focus can once again move inside and some projects related to PHA!

One project I'm excited for is a confirmed presentation for the Lebanon Historical Society! The presentation will be focused on the history of hill climb racing in Lebanon County. The main focus will be on the events at Schaefferstown & Gold Mine. There will be a PowerPoint portion followed by film from both events! It will be modeled after my Hershey & Fleetwood presentations. The Date has been set for November 15th, 2015. We'll aim for this event to be the annual gathering of veterans! Right across the street is Snitz Creek Brewery!

Sometime in the near future...I will be contacting the Auburn Historical Society in the hopes that I can book a presentation with them as well. This presentation would focus on the Jefferson Hill Climb. Stay tuned for more details.

Other objectives for this winter will include a full inventory of programs and dash plaques. Once confirmed as to what we have...I'll make a "wanted" to list, in the hopes we can complete all sets! I also have a lot of scanning of photographs and program covers to do...and if you have done scanning...you know it takes time!

This past weekend, I spent 4 days at the AACA's Fall National Meet in Hershey. 2.5 days were spent wandering the swap meet looking and buying. The other 1.5 days were spent running the Superoo...one of the bigger PHA artifacts here at the museum! This year the Superoo was not alone representing the PHA's past. Del Border had his Austin Healey at the event, Bill Fenicle's old Sprite, Chuck Christ was there with a Sprite and Oscar Koveleski was on hand on Friday, sharing some good stories!







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Who Is It?

This month...our quiz will be those drivers that have a last name beginning with "O"...good luck! A few folks got last issue's...but again no one could name them all. From last month; Ron Neiman, Corky Nesbitt, Jim Newpher, John Nobel & Pete Neff.







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Car with the most class wins...more discussion.

Last issue, I brought up an idea of figuring out what might be the car with the most wins...as we all know...there were many cars that went through several drivers. I got some very interesting feedback...and some links that I was unaware of. This topic will need some further research...but here are a few cars that found great success, with several different drivers at the wheel. Do you remember any of them? Can you come up with the multiple drivers of each?

































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Top 5 BSP Drivers...By Class Wins!



1 Jerry Hartman



2 Kendrick Giambattista & Mike Lacoskie



4 Joe Trapani

3 Tim Royer



5 Randall Grammes