

HISTORIC HILLCLIMBER

THE PHA, IN THE UK!

Once again...we have another PHA car that made its way far from home. This time we're talking about the Volvo PV544 (The 401) originally campaigned by John Flannery and later by Craig Danks. I was contacted by CCK Historics in East Sussex, United Kingdom as they became the next in line on the ownership tree. They were looking for anything I could supply them...photos, results and entry data. I was able to supply them with a nice pile of things!

By 1966 Flannery had managed to claim two class victories at Rose Valley and Weatherly hill climbs. His career built from there and in both the 1969 and 1970 seasons John drove the PV544 to win 8 out of 10 races for back to back class championship titles. In the 1972, season John claimed a win at Pine Grove, Pagoda and Camp Shand where he achieved the FTD and the first overall fastest time for a Saturday driver. I believe 1974 was the last season John drove the PV, claiming 3 wins, bettering his class record at Duryea and claiming another FTD.

The car to had no less than 5 class records between 1969 and 1974, twice at the Tipton hill climb in 1969 and '70, at the Duryea hill climb in '72, and twice again at the Tuscarora hill climb.

The PV544 was retired for a Volvo 142. The car was stored until 1992 when Craig Danks, another Pennsylvania hill climber bought it. Craig carried out some work to the car and continued its hill climbing career for another 10 years achieving yet more wins.

This PV544 has continued its success, across the pond, with class wins at Brands Hatch, an outright win at Snetterton and 3rd overall in the St Mary's Trophy at the 2008 Goodwood Revival.

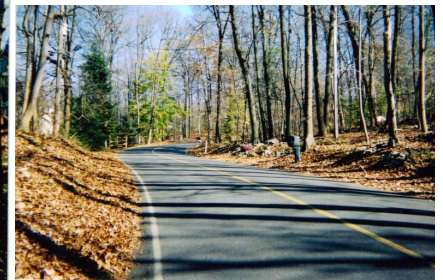


Here you can see that the old PHA decal is still on the car!!



Not sure if it ever did wheel to wheel racing with John...but it seems to be doing quite well on the track!

MYSTERY HILL CLIMB...can you ID this hill from these modern day photos?



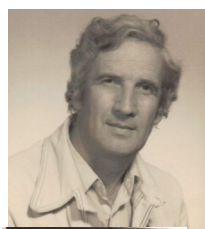
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Who Is It!?!



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This issue's selection of photos comes from the "M" file...Who do you got?

Last issue we had quite a few correct answers...they were as follows: Robert Ladd, Robert Laepple, Steve LeBoutiller, Terry Lehr, Lamar Ludwig, Al Loquasto & Joe Lokuta.

ARTIFACTS:



At Left, we have the very first FTD Trophy from Fleetwood, won by Al Loquasto in 1961. Above: Is the first award we have from the short lived Montage Hill Climb.

Right: This is the 1962 Fleetwood FTD won by Al Loquasto.

Below: Another award from a short lived Hill...this one is from Ravine. Both of these came via donation from Denny Anderson's collection.



Thanks to Marty Rapoport & John & Thor Pitman with the assisting on securing these donations.

TOP 5 A SEDAN DRIVERS...BY CLASS WINS



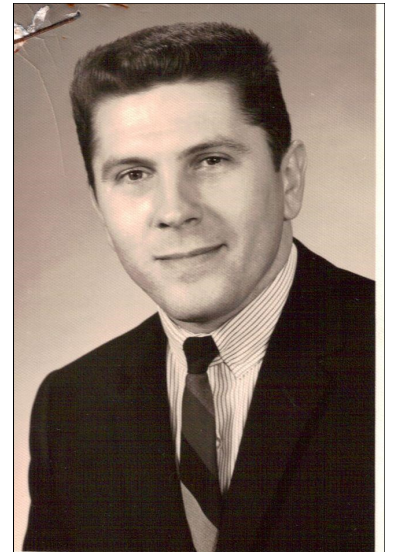
#1 Doug Mills

#2 Burnell Cochran



#3 Ron Neiman

#4 Jim Dantzer



#5 Glenn Corder