



HISTORIC HILL CLIMBER

PHA Museum & Archives

October/November 2015

Researching A Lola

I was contacted by Allen Brown of OldRacingCars.com (if you have not visited this site...you should!) He was doing some research and tracking down info on Lola T140s. How does PHA come into play...well Lola SL140/5 was campaigned by John & Jane Stinsmen from 1972—1974. I was happy to supply results and photos for their archive.

Invoice date 20 Mar 1968 (sold to 'Haas'). Unknown until bought from someone in Michigan in 1971 by John and Jane Stinsmen (Allentown, PA). Stinsmen added wings to the car and entered it as a T142 in Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association (PHA) events from 1972 to 1974. In 1972, Stinsmen won at Duryea, Rose Valley, Tuscarora and Camp Shand to take the PHA 'Formula 1' title. The following year he "swept the season", according to PHA historian Ron Mann, setting a new record at the Pagoda Hill Climb, and retained his title. He won three more events in 1974 but the title went to Bob Johnson in a Brabham.

Advertised by Stinsmen in November 1974 and sold to Robert Metcalf (Dallas, TX) 1974 who used it in club races in 1975. Then to Brian Goellnicht (then in Dallas, TX) and then Alex Polsinello (Toronto, Canada). Advertised by Polsinello as "chassis #5" in *Historic Racing* Nov 1994 p92. From Polsinello to an unknown owner in the Pacific northwest then to Eric and Janet Fitch (Renton, WA) by 2006. Raced by Janet Fitch at the Columbia River Classic Formula 5000 race Sep 2010. Sold to Earl Zwickey (Amarillo, TX) in



As the car looked in 2010



As the car looked back in the PHA days!

2015 Veteran Gathering and Presentation

On November 15th, the Lebanon County Historical Society opened their doors to the PHA! I was asked to do a presentation on hill climb racing in Lebanon County. At the cost of getting this newsletter out a month late...I actually got things together enough to pull this off! As with all presentations...we make them a gathering point for PHA Veterans and active drivers to come out and see old friends and meet new ones. This outing was no different than any other...we had a huge turn out...a saw a lot of smiles and laughs! The presentation went well...the social time after the presentation at the Society and later across the street at Snitz Creek Brew house was great! Thank you to all those that came out...It was good to see so many familiar faces!



As the crowd starts to show up....



Team Fubar, then: Dave Heisey, Lloyd Geib, Randy Miller, Bob Ladd, Eric Liddell & Tom Edkin

Team Fubar, now: Bob Ladd, Eric Liddell, Bert Geib, Dave Heisey & Randy Miller

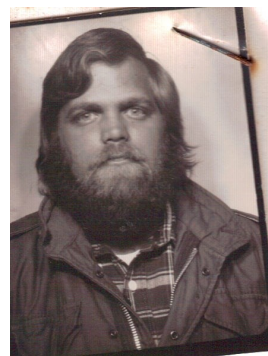


Larry Chubb & Jim Sariano

Thanks John Pitman, Eric Liddell & Jamie Chubb for photos

Who is it!?!

Last issue we featured folks with the last name starting with “R”...and they were: Jack Rabold, Bob Ramsey, Marty Rapoport, Dave Redmond, Terry Reed, Harry Reynolds and Stan Rinkunas. This month...you guessed it...those folks with the last name starting with “S”!



Happenings!!

Although there is nothing officially on the schedule for 2016. I'm looking to do a presentation for the Auburn Historical Society and the History of the Jefferson Hill Climb. So stay tuned as I try to iron that down. There has been chatter with Luzerne County Historical Society as well...and a potential Giants Despair presentation!

Tom Gunshannon also informed me that the International Motor Racing Research Center at Watkins Glen has some interest in having me do something up there as well. Contacts will be shared and see what I can do.

After this last presentation...quite a few bags of goodies were handed over...which will make great winter time scanning and organizing! For those that gave items to be scanned and returned...I'll do my best to turn things around quickly. Your items will be safe and in good hands! Just know that my personal struggles at home continue to be my main priority and will hopefully come to some sort of resolution soon...although, the end result may not be so ideal for me in the long run.

Again...if you want to visit the museum and archive...just get a hold of me. I'm located North of Annville PA...easy off I81.

-Ron



What beer did you try?



Another treat from Sunday; images from the 1961 Hyner Hill Climb showed up! Thanks Mr. Williamson!

All Time DSP Drivers by class wins!!



#1 Rolf Mair



#2 Mike Sarzynski



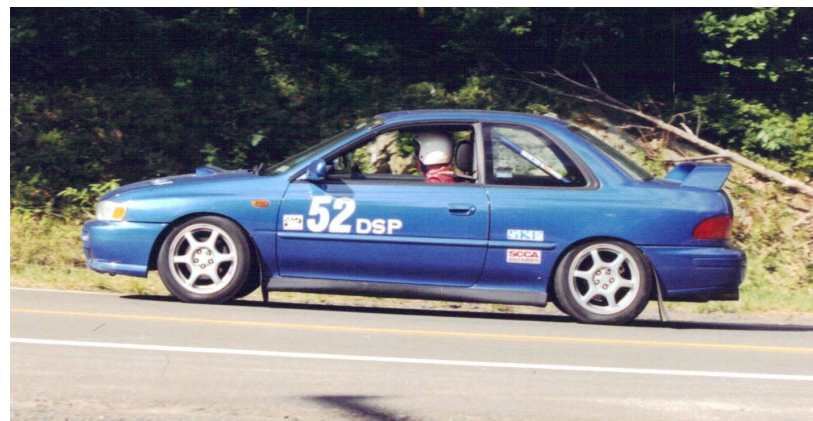
#3 Vincent Wieczorek



#4 Aaron Yeager



#5 Patty Enzman—Alspach



#5 Jeff Doble