



HISTORICAL HILL CLIMBER

PHA MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

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SAAB Story, No Way!

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Sometime back in the 80's a gentleman purchased a 1960 SAAB with an inspection sticker on the dash from the Hershey Hill Climb. (Unfortunately during the car's restoration process the dash pad was in such a distressed condition that it was replaced so the Hershey Inspection Sticker is no longer with the car.) He began to re-search the cars history and came up with some very interesting facts.

The car had been driven in the 1961 Fall Hershey Hill Climb by Bob Sinclair. Competing in Touring Under 1300 cc Modified he turned a time of 65.4167, placing third in class.

Bob had worked for SAAB but at the time and had moved on to Volvo, however he still had friends at SAAB and was invited to drive one of the Corporate cars at the Hill. Bob later returned to SAAB and worked his way up to Corp. President.

But the story goes back farther than Hershey. In researching the cars serial number it came to light that the car #178 had been the 1960 winner of the RAC Rally driven by Eric Carlsson and Stuart Turner. They had started at the very back of the field in the 96, but were the only entry to be un-penalised on the four special stages.

#178 show the car at a check point with Eric Carlsson at the wheel , below.



The tech sticker from Hershey and Sinclair's results!



CLASS TOURING UNDER 1300cc - MODIFIED

Anthony Scalia	Volkswagen Special 63.9845	New class record
Dave Latsha	Saab	64.0477
Bob Sinclair	Saab	65.4167
John Eisenhauer	BMW Sedan	66.0658
Jerry Long	Saab	69.0119
Jack Schwab	Saab	69.1485
Joe Lauver	Saab	69.7672
Harry Tisdale	Volkswagen	69.9379
Phil Krantz	Saab	70.6569
James Buck	Saab	71.1514
Roy Walter	Saab	72.9041

HAPPENINGS!!

Well...another late or missed issue...I apologize. 2017 really got away from me...I honestly don't know where time goes.

Anyway...I was asked to do a special even for the Hershey Historical Society this past fall. They were doing a trolley tour that took passengers to "stops" in Hershey of historic importance. They chose to have one of the stops related to the Hershey Hill Climb. I was set up in the "Beehive" just off the finish line...and did three mini presentations!

This prompted the Society to invite me back (for the third time) to do the full History of The Hershey Hill Climb presentation. I last did it in 2012!! Which I can't believe...This is the time to come out and hang out with PHA friends from the past! I hope to freshen up the presentation with new photos...and I hope to have a new film to show....so come on out....!!! The 2012 event was filled with PHA Veterans and was standing room only...get there early!! I'm hoping to break the record for attendance!!!



Presenting in the Beehive...

After some tech issues...I was able to pull off 3 quality mini presentations!! Thanks to Lisa Maloy for her assistance and company...thank goodness the weather was good!!



Guests were engaged and enjoyed the flashback...to days gone by!

WHOSE CAR IS IT?



Can you guess the car....and even better can you ID the hill??

THE DETAILS FOR THE NEXT PRESENTATION....LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE COMING!!



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6:30 pm @ Hershey/Derry Township Historical Society
40 Northeast Drive, Hershey, PA

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TOP 5 HISTORIC 4 DRIVERS



#1 Peter McCarthy



#2 Tom Knorr



#3 Garth Knorr



#4 Ian Wagner



#5 Joe Whiteley