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## 2007 Polish Mountain A New Hillclimb is Born



The Paddock Area at The Polish Mountain Hillclimb  
Pictures by Matt Rowe



## From the Timing Tent

**Spring Jefferson, Spring Weatherly, Pagoda, Giant's Despair, Rose Valley, Polish Mountain, Duryea, Fall Jefferson, Fall Weatherly...nine events.** If you made all or most of the events, you know that it has been a full summer. Don't forget there is one more event to come, the **2007 Annual PHA Awards Banquet, November 17, 2007** at the **Holiday Inn in Morgantown, PA.** (See the reservation flyer elsewhere in this issue).

The season was a success even with entries being down at most events. It was great seeing the new competitors along with all of the seasoned veterans

By my count there were 52 class records bested and 30 plus all new records set at **Polish Mountain** for future hillclimbers to best.

Along the way we lost a few friends, **Rob Dysher, John Champion** and **Mike Sarzynski**. I'm sure that they will always be remembered.

The two pictures on the first page were taken, by **Matt Rowe**, from on top of the hill overlooking the paddock area at the **Polish Mountain Hillclimb**. As you can see the turn out was great and the town and the fire company treated all of use like visiting dignitaries. Although I did hear that some of the competitors were showing the drink providers at the local watering hole how to mix the proper drinks.

This may be the last issue of UpHill that will be edited by me. As you can see the only articles that I received were from **Tom Knorr** and **John Stinsmen**. A newsletter cannot be published without input and I cannot supply all of the input. Unless someone else wants to edit the Spring newsletter, I will do that one and if I don't get enough input I will not do another. Maybe the membership does not want a newsletter, if you do please help by contributing to it.

I hope to see all of you at they PHA banquet. **Don't forget the PHA meeting the same day at the same location at 3 PM and don't forget to bring any videos of the season to be shown on a screen at the banquet.**

The light's shut off until next year,  
**Nelson**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

In my view, the 2007 PHA Time Trial Series was very successful. Polish Mountain Hillclimb was a welcomed addition to our series and a great event; collaboration among participating groups provided for a well-run event. Welcome aboard. Overall, the weather was great. What do you think? Attend our PHA Critique Meeting at 3 P.M. on Saturday, November 17 at the Holiday Inn, Morgantown and provide your thoughts, both positive and negative. A tentative 2008 schedule will be presented at this meeting.

This past season, I was pleased by the number of drivers who stepped-up to assist with the operation of our events. Thank you for your help.

The volunteer corner worker situation has improved, however, more must be done to assure we have a full complement at all events.

As we move to the doldrums of the off-season, I am sure many are planning and preparing for next season. As part of this preparation, I highly recommend all spend time reviewing the Time Trial Rules found at [SCCA.COM](http://SCCA.COM) under Club Racing. Following the rules provides safety for all involved and a smooth running event. I failed to follow a rule at Fall Weatherly (which disturbed me a lot), and I will follow my own advice.

Joe Foering has worked hard in preparing for the PHA Banquet. Join us on November 17 as we celebrate the season and honor the class winners and the new inductees to the PHA Hall of Fame.

**Tom Knorr**  
**PHA President**



**Hey, Morgan!!**  
**How about the rest of the story?**

## Team Performance Competition 2007

This year's competition, with the revised rules, was much closer than the last several years because the bonus points had been reduced.

**Morgan Wilson's Time Bandits** and **Mike Ancas' Speed Nation** headed into the last event with less than ten points separating them. The final point spread between the top three teams was less than 50 points after nine events.

The team competition was set up to favor the little guy who may not win his class but consistently paces ahead of a majority of his competitors. A driver is awarded a participation point if he or she finishes one timed run and a point for every car beaten in their respective class. That means that a driver in an ITA car that consistently places second or third in a class of five can score more points per event than a super fast CRS/ DRS who sets FTD, but is the only car in class.

Another change in the rules that has evened out the playing field is the reduction of bonus points. In past years the team championship was won by the team whose members attended all of the events. If six team members attended all eight events they would all add 48 points to their total. This year with only a half point added per event and nine events no team added more than 14 points to their total.

The season started with **Spring Jefferson**. **Mike 'The Marauder' Ancas's** team "**Speed Nation**" took an early lead of 23 points. That lead was hotly contested by **Morg 'The Magician' Wilson's** "**Time Bandits**" and **Daryl 'The Dart' Danko's** team "**Gas and Alcohol**" in a tie of 17 points each. **Dave 'The Yeoman' Yeager's** team "**V Dubs**" was only a point behind with 16 points, a great way to start an exciting competition season.

By mid season at the new **Polish Mt. Hillclimb**, the high scoring team was the **Time Bandits** with a 10-point lead over **Speed Nation** 28 to 18. Teams **V Dubs** and **Danko Gas** were third with 14 points each for the event.

At the last event of the season **Weatherly Hillclimb**, the top two teams **Time Bandits** and **Speed Nation** were less than 6 points apart.

Although the **Time Bandits** managed to set 3 new records and an FTD for the weekend they could not overcome team **Speed Nation's** lead. The final outcome was **Speed Nation** first, **Time Bandits** second and team **Gas and Alcohol** third. All three teams received champion medals and divided two cases of beer donated by **Morgan Wilson**.

As in the previous year, the competition was close throughout the season and team **Speed Nation** will receive their team jackets at the annual banquet.

I want to personally thank the timer, Nelson Kase, the officials and the teams who participated in this years **Team Performance Championship**. Listed below are the teams and their drivers.

**John Stinsmen**



**At Left, Team Speed Nation**  
**Sponsor: Speednation.com**  
**From Left, John Pitman, Mike Ancas,**  
**Joe Foering and Chris Mower, not**  
**pictured: Mark Aubele & Joe Perlo**

**Team Time Bandits**  
**Ken Taggart, Morgan Wilson, Rod**  
**Holtzapple, Tony Preston, Kurt**  
**Eikenberg & Joe Rausa**

**Team Gas & Alcohol**  
**Sponsor: Danko Gas**  
**John Stinsmen, Darryl Danko, Jack**  
**Danko, Bill Feist, Bill Kotyk & Tom**  
**Suveg**

**Team V Dubs Rule**  
**Dave Yeager, Carl Hindman, Joe Specht,**  
**Kevin Kozak, Bob Marx & Paul Behofist**

## PHA ANNUAL BANQUET

TO ALL PHA MEMBERS AND FELLOW ENTHUSIASTS:

Each year we celebrate the conclusion of a season with a gathering of competitors and fellow enthusiasts at our annual banquet.

Here we join together to honor our series champions and hall of fame inductees not only by the presentation of awards but also by sharing our recollections of the season with each other as we dine (and dance) through the evening...

Unfortunately, one of the realities that we have to face is the rapidly escalating cost of such an evening...

One way to attempt to offset these rising costs and to help us keep the cost of attending the banquet from increasing is to solicit new patrons... a \$25 contribution from a “patron” will help defray the costs... the more patrons we have, the less we have to “make up” overages from our treasury and/or charge for the banquet.

For his contribution of \$25, the patron’s name or business or corporation or “team” will appear in the banquet program and the patron should be assured that we support those who support us.

For patron forms or additional information, contact any member of the PHA Banquet Committee or download the patron letter from the PHA website.

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Tom Knorr (610-863-4709)

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John Pitman (717-241-9758)

Rick Rock (610-970-9330)



## *Once more...with feeling!*

Yes, PHA is doing it again. So, dress up (no jeans) for dinner, dancing, and prizes on Saturday, November 17, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Morgantown, just off Exit 298 (PA Turnpike) and adjoining the Morgantown Furniture Outlets.

6:00PM to 7:00PM

Cocktails & Hors D'Oeuvres

Cash Bar (Beer and Soda, our treat)

Live Music by After Hours

7:00PM - Dinner:

Garden Salad

Choice of Entree

Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Iced Tea

Followed by NEDIV Awards, Hall of Fame induction

Dancing, Prizes and Surprises

"50 - 50" Drawing

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn, 610-286-3000. (Discount rates until October 24<sup>th</sup> - Mention PA Hillclimb Association) Help make this a great evening with all of your old and new racing friends. Don't miss this one!

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Tear Here

At only \$35 per person, you can buy that new oil cooler and still afford to come. I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_(number of people). Checks payable to PHA  
Choice of Entree: New York Strip Steak\_\_\_\_ Chicken Divan\_\_\_\_  
Flounder Stuffed with Crab\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by November 7th to:

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