

## 2024 Inductee -- David Sekella



### From Will Sekella:

Note: PHA related in **BOLD**

Races Attended Before moving to Berks County.

- 1952 Watkins Glen Grand Prix
- 1964 NASCAR at the Glen
- 1964 Watkins Glen Grand Prix
- 1965 Watkins Glen Grand Prix
- 1966 Watkins Glen Grand Prix
- 1966 Glen 600
- 1966 Worked Timing and Scoring for many club events.
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- Timed Jimmy Clark along with three others to confirm all times.
- 1968 Worked Timing and Scoring for many club events.
- 1968 Watkins Glen Grand Prix
- Worked in Pits checking chassis numbers for qualifying.
- Talked with John Surtees and Chris Amons
- 1970 Attended Glen 600
- **Moved to Berks County PA**
- **Drove tow truck for South End Towing.**
- **1968 Worked Reading Road Races as tow truck driver for South End Towing**
- **Joined the Reading Jaycees who ran the concessions at Duryea Hillclimb**
- **1969 to 1980 work concessions at Duryea Hillclimb.**
- **When I turned 35 the Jaycees threw me out, so I Joined BMR.**
- 1979 to 1981 Watkins Glen Grand Prix
- **1980 to 1989 performed many duties at Duryea and Pagoda**
- **Cornerworker**
- **Announcer**
- **Setup/teardown**
- **Committee**
- **Duryea Hill Climb**
- **1989 to 2005 Competitor**
- Too many Autocrosses to count.
- Competitor
- Organizer
- Competed in various TSD Rallies with John Stefanik
- Sunsetter
- Jersey Bounce/Pine Barren Express
- First in class twice.
- Organized Sunsetter Rally with John Stefanik
- 1984 to 2022 Worked Susquehannock Trails Pro Rally.
- Tech Inspection when needed.
- Stage Worker
- 1990 to 2011 Stage Captain
- **1986 to 1991 Regional Executive BMR**
- 1987 Chief of Controls Pocono Mountain Rallye
- 1988 to 2003 Chief of Controls Sawmill Rally School
- 1989 to 1991 Chief of Controls Tiadaghton Pro Rally
- **Sponsored Reading Hillclimbs 2003 to date**

**From John Tumulo:**

Dave was already an active part of Duryea Hillclimb when I first got involved as a corner worker in 1973. He started as one of the JC's running the many concession stands that used to pepper the hill. His real stand out feature was helping with the set-up and tear down in the old days.

This meant him renting a roll-back to drive backwards into the woods at Engleman's Park to retrieve first, rolls upon rolls of wooden snow fence to be used up and down the hill for crowd control. After spending countless hours pounding poles and stringing fence, he then led us all back into the park to retrieve a pile of wet, mosquito-filled tires so we could build a tire wall at turn 7.

When he was majority'd out of the JC's, he became an active member of BMR, eventually becoming RE, and for several years the chairman of the Hillclimb. After spending several years as a corner worker, his talents were better used during the event as the announcer, a position he held for many years until becoming a driver.

When Terry Stephenson and I were working to resurrect Pagoda Hillclimb, Dave was our go-to guy when it came to dealing with the city, including city hall and the fire and police departments. His oratory skills learned as a JC were instrumental in convincing the city that holding another event would be a benefit to the businesses in the area and would not place an undue strain on the city or its services.

In 1990 we were able to bring Pagoda Hillclimb back. While Dave was unable to participate in events outside of the Reading races due to his work constraints, he gave his heart and soul to BMR and Duryea and Pagoda Hillclimbs. I'm glad to see he's been nominated and feel he would be a welcome addition to our ranks in the PHA Hall of Fame.