



# Pit Pass

## Volunteer of the Month Gary Walsh

### *Why did you join?*

I was introduced by my father

### *Favorite volunteer position?*

Finish Line

### *Favorite course?*

Land's End

### *Favorite class?*

Open Wheel

### *Dream race car?*

Rod Millen's 1994 Toyota Celica

### *Favorite memory?*

I don't remember the driver, but I was 14 and sitting with my dad at the finish line at Temple Canyon, when I hear a crunch and thud. Before my dad could look at me, I had the red flag and a fire bottle in my hand and through the sticks I went. The truck had a broken rear axle and was sideways in the road. I asked if he was okay, left the fire bottle, went three corners down, and red-flagged the next car. I never had a radio. The next run, I had a radio and a new place to watch from at Canyon.



## Welcome to Pit Pass!

Welcome to Pit Pass, Colorado Hill Climb Association's newsletter. Every month, we hope to introduce you to new people, new information, and new stories. This letter will be emailed to all members, as well as posted to the CHCA and CHCA Racing Memories Facebook pages. If you would like to be removed from the email list, please reply to this email and let us know. You'll also find links to our pages at the bottom of the newsletter.

There are many great people who make up this club, and we'd like you to get to know them. In the newsletter, we'll feature a member of the month, driver/rider of the month, current events, race results, and more. In this section, we hope to present a quick story or article - a memory from past events, informative mechanical tips and tricks, or other automotive interests - written by members and friends of the club.

So, once again, welcome, and we thank you for being a part of our racing community!





Photo by Dave Cannon

## Driver of the Month Chip Griffith

Voted Most Improved Driver/Rider of 2019, Chip Griffith joined CHCA in 2015 driving Todd Cook's #16 Super Sprint car. After his second season, he decided to build his own car, Open Wheel #76, enlisting the help of Gary Ediger. Throughout the building process, he became close friends with other members of the club, witnessing the camaraderie among competitors and club

members. He fell even more in love with dirt racing, finding the constant variability and changing conditions most interesting. Chip began competitive racing through his connection with Paul Dallenbach, who he met through his participation in the Colorado 500, a charity dirt bike event Paul's father started 45 years ago this year. Chip's first foray into racing was with Paul in The Mint 400 in the 5500 class, later joining him in The Norra Mexico 1000. It was then that Paul introduced him to CHCA, and Chip was hooked. He enjoys being part of the club for many reasons. Apart from racing, he appreciates the time and effort put forth by many volunteers, and values the friendships he's made. "I could not be more thankful for the help that Gary Ediger, Harry Baker, Pete Page, and Billy Wright give to me as my crew. I don't know what the incentive for all of their help to me is other than doing it out of the kindness of their heart." Catch Chip in the #76 Open Wheel car, but you'll have to be quick, he's only getting faster from here!



## 2019 Year-End Results

### Class Points Results

- Champ: 1st- Butch Hardman, 2nd- Kenny Brady, 3rd- Brian Hardman
- Pro Quad: 1st- Tyler Portillo, 2nd- David Snodgrass, 3rd- Dustin Snodgrass
- Rally 2WD: 1st- Janis Dancis, 2nd- Brooks Freehill, 3rd- Zach Lumsden
- UTV: 1st- Dennis Durmas, 2nd- Ray Robinson, 3rd- Josh Blalock
- Motorcycle: 1st- Travis Newbold, 2nd- Christopher O'Brien, 3rd- Dezmond Bernhardt
- Rally Lite: 1st- Krishna Gandhi, 2nd- Taig Miller, 3rd- Blake Kinnan
- Rally Turbo: 1st- Dave Kern, 2nd- Troy Smith, 3rd- Brad Ames
- Open Comp: 1st- Spencer Steele, 2nd- Dennis Durmas, 3rd- Jay Stewart
- Super Sprint: 1st- Mark Smith, 2nd- Todd Cook, 3rd- Earl O'Maley
- Comp Truck: 1st- Ryan Middleton, 2nd- Jimmy Olson
- Super Stock Truck: 1st- Ryan Middleton, 2nd- Steve Bennett, 3rd- Chris Curtis
- Stock Car: 1st- Jimmy Ford, 2nd- Kyle Cosgrove, 3rd- Mike Magee
- Sportsman: 1st- Jimmy Ford, 2nd- Kyle Cosgrove, 3rd- John Durmas

### Other Awards

- Hard Luck Award: Kyle Cosgrove
- Most Improved: Chip Griffith
- Mechanic of the Year: Bryan Cosgrove
- Lifetime Member: Norm King
- Outstanding Member: Mark Amsberg
- Rookies of the Year: Tempa Feagin, Jeff Feagin, Janis Dancis, and Christopher O'Brien

# Club News

## New 2020 Rules

You can find the full rulebook with all new rules here: <https://chcaracing.com/rule-book/>

### Some New Changes:

1. It is now MANDATORY to enter all races online (via motorsportsreg.com) and the entry fee is \$160.
  - a. Deadline is Wednesday 11:59 before the race.
  - b. Late entries (including those in person at the race) will include a \$50 late fee.
2. Fast Five Shoot-out
  - a. There will be a shoot-out run at the end of race day composed of the 10 fastest drivers to determine the Fastest Five of the day.
3. Technical Inspection must be completed by 12am the day before the race. There are many ways to get teched well before though, see inspection information below.
4. Throttle Return Springs: All vehicles, regardless of class, must have two (2) throttle return springs. OEM electrical throttles are exempt.

## CHILI COOK-OFF

FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 5-9PM

MILL HILL SALOON

\$5 Bowls or \$10 All-You-Can-Eat

1668 S. 21st St., Colorado Springs

## 2020 Race Schedule

- Temple Canyon: May 16-17
- Rangley I: June 6-7
- Continental Divide: July 11-12
- Land's End: August 8-9
- Rangley II: September 12-13

## Technical Inspection

- Make sure to check your class rules and general safety rules in the 2020 Rulebook
- Your vehicle MUST be teched by 12am before the race
- To schedule an appointment, contact your class rep, or **Harry Baker at (719) 440-2132**

## 2020 Class Representatives

- Quad: Tyler and Joe Portillo
- Motorcycle: Ryan Middleton
- UTV: Dennis Durmas
- Sportsman: Kyle Cosgrove and Jimmy Ford
- Stock Car: Kyle Cosgrove and Jimmy Ford
- Comp Truck: Ryan Middleton
- Super Stock Truck: Ryan Middleton
- Open Comp: Jay Stewart
- Super Sprint: Erny Schucraft and Earl O'Maley
- Rally Turbo and 2WD: Chris Strauch

**Keep working folks, the season will  
be here before you know it!**

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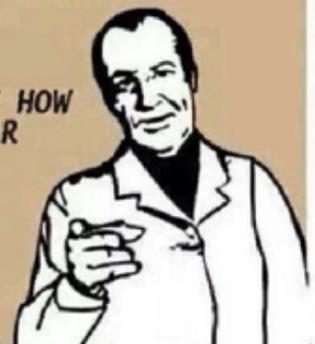
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