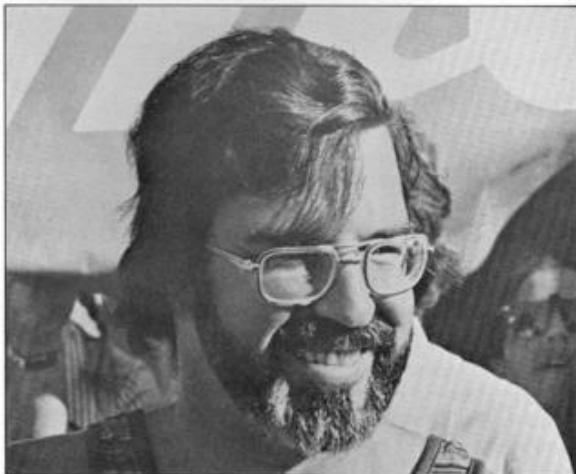


The Glen Snider Memorial Award



GLEN SNIDER

May 22, 1943 – September 27, 1975

An accident on Saturday of the Hill Climb weekend tragically took the life of our friend and fellow member, Glen Snider. Services were held in Santa Clara on October 1, 1975. The Club was represented by many members and a floral arrangement from the Bay Area Region. Our sympathies go out to his family and many friends. Glen's lust for living and love for Ferraris will be greatly missed.

On October 1, 1975, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Region established the "Glen Snider Memorial Award" which will be presented annually to the Bay Area Region member who most distinguishes himself at the Laguna Seca Historic Automobile Races. As you may know, Glen won the most hotly contested race this year in his Tour de France, and in so doing had distinguished himself to such an extent that Honorary Member Phil Hill asked Glen for his autograph.

[Glen Snider at Laguna Seca](#)

[Glen Snider at Virginia City](#)

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Glen Snider Memorial Award Winners

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Glen Snider at Virginia City

Cupertino Racer Dies In Nevada

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (UPI) — A California sports car racer was killed Saturday when his car overturned in practice for the Virginia City Hill Climb.

Glen Snider, 32, of Cupertino, lost control of the Ferrari-powered Fiat, which overturned and came to rest against a tree.

His passenger, Nicholas Mannarello, 39, of San Jose, was injured in the crash and was listed in satisfactory condition Sunday at Carson-Tahoe Hospital.



Last Rites Today For Race Driver

Funeral services will be held today for Glen Snider, 32, a Cupertino sports car enthusiast who was killed Saturday when his car went off the embankment of a twisting road outside of Virginia City, Nev.

A skilled race driver, Snider was making a practice run preparing for the fourth annual Virginia City Hill Climb when he lost control of his car on a sharp curve and crashed, authorities reported.

The hill climb was sponsored by the Ferrari Club, of which Snider was a member. He had won his last race at Laguna Seca on Aug. 9.

Snider, of 1198 S. Sterling Road, worked as a salesman at Ramsey Motors in Monterey.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961-68.

The 11 a.m. services at the Lima Family Santa Clara Mortuary will be followed by burial at Mission City Cemetery.

SNIDER, Glen, Entered into rest, Virginia City, Nevada, September 27, 1975. Glen Snider beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Snyder of Pennsylvania, dear brother of Wendy Bell and Craig Snyder, both of Franklin, Pa., devoted friend of Linda Luis of Cupertino. A native of Pa., age 32 years.

Friends are invited to attend funeral services Wednesday, October 1, 1975 at 11 a.m. from the Lima Family Santa Clara Mortuary, 466 N. Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara (Successor to Harmon A. Smith). Phone 296-2977.





Images from the FCA-PR Glen Snider Memorial Album and the 1975 album

Glen Snider's 1958 Ferrari 250 GT



The FCA-PR has tracked down the 1958 Ferrari 250 GT once owned by Glen Snider (pictured above with his car) and driven by him at the 1975 Monterey Historics. With some searching on the [web](#) we found the chassis number is 0895 GT and has this early ownership history:

0895GT Berlinetta - Delivered to C. Marchi, Italy, on 21st March 1958. A Scaglietti 1958, red, regular covered headlight Berlinetta, converted to open lights in 1959. Tipo 508C/128C. 1958: Marchi. Competition history, if any, unknown. 1960: Sold back to Ferrari. Sold to R. W. Porta, USA. 1960s: Sold to D. Johnson. 1975: Monterey Historic Race: 1st in class. Sold to J. Boulware. Sold to R. Cowherd. Sold to Glen Snider. 1977: Sold to S. Baumgard. 1983: Offered for sale by Jon Baumgartner.

More searching for 0895 GT turned up a few more owners and places this Ferrari has been. In the July 1999 issue Sports Car Market Michael Sheehan wrote about some of the cars in Greg Garrison's collection being sold, a Tour de France S/N 0895 GT is mentioned there and is an [interesting article](#) to read.

Next in the time line for 0895 GT that we could find is the [Cavallino Classic XII, Palm Beach-Moroso/FL, 23-26 January 2003](#) where it was listed as owned by Syd Silverman, Boca Raton/FL.

Then it looks like 0895 GT [was offered for sale](#) in the UK by ClassicCarsForSale.co.uk

And after that 0895 GT looks like it started [living the good life in Europe](#) and ran in the 2004 Mille Miglia. Described as "The very well prepared Ferrari 250 TDF # 0895 entered successfully - right after the big * TOUR AUTO * the 2004 Mille Miglia and finished without any problems. A wonderful Race-Rally car from 1958"



Continuing having fun, 0895 GT, also appeared in the 2007 Mille Miglia. And a journalist Henri Clavery was the navigator and wrote up a [nice article](#) about his experience.

At this point the on line trail of 0895 GT goes cold. So now the FCA-PR calls on its considerable resources. Which starts with the FCA retired Chief Conours Judge Ed Gilberton to ask his contacts around the globe as to who might currently own 0895 GT. A single day goes by and Ed reports that the 250GT LWB Berlinetta (TdF) s/n 0895GT was sold in April 2007 by Axel Urban, Germany, to Mark Davies, Greenwich, CT. Then contacting the FCA national membership chair we are now in touch with Mark and he does currently owns 0895 GT. A current picture of 0895 GT is below.



Mark takes 0895 GT for drives on of back country roads Greenwich. Mark says it is a great car and and enjoys it tremendously driving it virtually every day that weather permits on the east coast.

Mark has a very busy schedule but he has put Saturday August 16th, 2008 of the Monterey Historics on his calendar. And there is a chance he can fit it into his schedule and we may see 0895 GT parked next to the FCA-PR tent at turn 5 at Laguna Seca.

Mark has been kind enough to provided many current pictures of 0895 GT and the complete history of the car. Which have all been included on a [separate web page](#).

'THROUGH THE RED MIST'

By Bill Schworer

On September 27, 1975 during a practice run on Saturday at the Virginia City Hill Climb run, Glen Snider 32 along with Nick Mannarello crashed a Fiat Dino on the ill famed turn 17. Glen was killed and Nick was seriously hurt.

I was President of the Ferrari Owners Club at the time. The Bay Area Chapter of the FOC on October 1, 1975 established the Glen Snider Memorial Award which was to be presented on an annual basis to the Bay Area Ferrari Region Club member who most distinguished himself at the Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca in Monterey.

On August 9th that year at the 2d Annual Monterey Historic Automobile Races in Race 5 for 1957 to 1961 GT Racing Cars, Glen won the race in his 1958 250 GT Tour de France. The race was described as the mostly contested race of the day as he beat Bill Rudd in his 250 GT to the finish line. In that race there were 5 Ferrari 250's, Aston Martin DB 4's, a Porsche Abarth Carr era, and several Alpha Romeo specials- all quick cars in 1975.

Phil Hill was there entered in race 8 and won in a 1937 Alpha Romeo 8C-2900B. He was so impressed with the way Glen Snider drove to his race win that he approached Glen in his pit to congratulate him. He then asked Glen for his autograph!

Over the succeeding years the award constructed by Bill Morton was presented to:

1976 Dr Lou Sellyei 1958 250 TR
1977 Bob Epstein 1964 250 LM
1978 Henry Smith 1948 166MM
1979 Mike Cotsworth 1960 250 LWB CALIFORNIA
1980 Don Wasserman 195 2 225
1981 David Love 1958 250 TR
1983 Bill Schworer 1966 206 SP
1984 Bill Morton 1953 166MM/11
1985 Gil Nickel 1951 340
1986 Bill Chizar 1958 250 TR
1987 George Jewett 1949 166MM
1990 Tom Price 1962 250 GTO
2007 Jeff Abramson 1954 500 Mondial

Since 1990 no Pacific Region member has entered a Ferrari in competition at the Monterey Historic's.

Last year and again this year Jeff Abramson has entered and raced his 1954 500 Mondial Spyder in the Historic's. It is a car with a great deal of racing history including ice racing. Jeff and his wife Heidi have a 330 GTS and several Italian and German cars. This last year he acquired a Lotus 23C, a Cooper F-1 and a very fast Morgan Racing Car. Jeff is President of Pacific Union Homes in Alamo.

On a personal note, I had the opportunity to work for Pacific Union Homes for 2 years.

The Glen Snider Memorial Award Trophy will be presented to Jeff at the Monterey Historic races this year.

There is a full album featuring the winners in the possession of the club Historian (and this is what is presented on these web pages).

Glen Snider Award Criteria

8.2. The Glen Snider Memorial Award

- 8.2.1. In recognition of Glen Snider who on September 27, 1975 during a practice run on Saturday at the Virginia City Hill Climb run was killed driving a Fiat Dino in the ill famed turn 17 The Bay Area Chapter of the FOC on October 1, 1975 established the Glen Snider Memorial Award which was to be presented on an annual basis to the Bay Area Ferrari Region Club member who most distinguished himself at the Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca in Monterey. The month before, on August 9th that year at the 2nd Annual Monterey Historic Automobile Races in Race 5 for 1957 to 1961 GT Racing Cars, Glen won the race in his 1958 250 GT Tour de France. The race was described as the mostly contested race of the day. Phil Hill was there entered in race 8 and won in a 1937 Alpha Romeo 8C-2900B. He was so impressed with the way Glen Snider drove to his race win that he approached Glen in his pit to congratulate him. He then asked Glen for his autograph. In 1989 when the Pacific Region left the FOC and affiliated with Ferrari Club of America it continued to present this award to FCA-PR members.
- 8.2.2. The award recipient will be selected by the FCA-PR board of directors after the Monterey Historic Races and will be awarded to the recipient at a large gathering of the FCA-PR members such as the annual Christmas Party, Delta Dash, or the tent at the Monterey Historic Races.
- 8.2.3. Criteria for a candidate:
 - 8.2.3.1. The car driven at the Monterey Historic Races must be a Ferrari.
 - 8.2.3.2. The candidate must be an FCA-PR member.
 - 8.2.3.3. This award may only be received once by a FCA-PR member.
- 8.2.4. In years when there is no FCA-PR member driving a Ferrari in the Monterey Historic Races the award will not be awarded.
- 8.2.5. The FCA-PR board of directors will select an award winner after the Monterey Historic Races from the qualified candidates based on their discretion as to which candidate most distinguished themselves at races.
- 8.2.6. The winning candidate will receive the perpetual award to keep for a year. Their name, and year of their award will be engraved on a plaque, placed on the perpetual award. Before the next Monterey Historic Races the perpetual award will be returned to the board of directors and candidate will receive an award to keep. The perpetual award will reside in the FCA National Museum and Foundation in years it is not awarded.

Above is the current criteria. Below was the original criteria.

Glen Snider was an active and most enthusiastic charter member of the Bay Area Region of the Ferrari Owners Club.

Several months after the founding of our region in 1975, Glen was fortunate in being able to acquire a very nice 1958 Tour de France 250 GT. It was Glen's intention to race the 'TDF' at the 'Second Annual Laguna Seca Historic Car Races'. Glen was not only able to compete, but put on the best show of the day winning his race after a most spirited duel with Bill Rudd in a Short Wheelbase Berlinetta.

Glen, in doing this, brought not only distinction upon himself but our club as well. Glen was proud to be a member and told anyone he knew how much he enjoyed his relationship with the club.

After his Laguna Seca win, Glen was looking forward to representing the Bay Area Region at the annual F.O.C. Virginia City Hillclimb.

During the Hillclimb weekend, an accident tragically took the life of our friend and fellow member.

The 1975 Board of Directors, consisting of: Howard Ashmore, Chuck Weber, Marshall Mathews, Jim Boulware, Ernie Mendicki, and Lee Anderson made the decision that something should be done to perpetuate Glen's memory. Acting upon the suggestion of Ron Tredway, a fellow Ferrari owner and friend of Glen's, the Board established a perpetual award to be called the 'GLEN SNIDER MEMORIAL AWARD' to be presented, following the annual 'Historic Car Races' to the Bay Area Region member who, in the eyes of the Board most met the following requirements:

1. must be a member of the Bay Area Region
2. a member showing interest in and active in our region
3. the member who brings the most distinction upon himself and our region at the Historic Car Races and is driving a Ferrari

The trophy, made by Ernie Mendicki, is in the shape of the Scuderia Ferrari shield which is also used as the emblem for the Bay Area Region. The prancing horse in the center of the shield is from a 250 GT Ferrari and was donated by Nick Manarello who was a passenger in the car with Glen at the time of the accident.

It is most emphatically encouraged that this award is not to be presented with sadness at the loss of Glen, but to perpetuate the enjoyment and love of living in general and Ferraris in particular that Glen had. HE WOULD WANT IT NO OTHER WAY.

As Glen would say 'Use full lock, keep the rubber side down, and stay on the black part'.

Image above is from the FCA-PR board meeting minutes in 1975