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2016 Bluegrass Region PCA Board Members: (L-R) Jim Brandon, Patrick Meyer, Bob Lovejoy, Ed Stevenson, Brant Nystrom, Jamie Donaldson, Mike Wilson, Bill Larkin, Neil Fisher, J.W.Wilson, Julie Woods, Tim McNeely, Mason Wilson and Ken Hold.

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The Bluegrass Region PCA Board Members meet on the first Monday of each month. Dinner and business at 5:30 p.m. Members are welcome. See Event Calendar for details.



## BOARD MINUTES by Mike Wilson

Date: December 7, 2015

Location: Marikkas Restaurant and Bar, Southland Dr.

Start: 5:30 pm

#### A: Meeting Start

Meeting convened 5:35pm by Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Donaldson.

1) Verified quorum: Attending: Ken Hold, Neil Fisher, Jamie Donaldson, Patrick Myer, Helena Hau, Rey Au, Ed Stevenson, Mike Wilson, Bob Lovejoy, Bill Larkin 2) Motion to approve November meeting minutes by Patrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neil Fisher.

#### **B:** Board Reports

- 1) President Report Ken opted to defer until Old
- 2) Vice President Report Mason was unable to attend
- 3) Secretary Report Mike volunteered to fill in for David
- 4) Treasurer Report Bob reported \$2,575.43 balance in the checking account.
- 5) Past President Report Ed Steverson reviewed menu choices for Holiday Party and specific items were chosen by popular vote of the members present. Name badges were ordered for a few members.
- 6) Director Reports No updates
- 7) Safety Report JW unable to attend. There are no known safety issues at this time.
- 8) Activities Report Ed led a discussion regarding club support for door prizes for the Holiday Party. He then made a motion, 2nd by Jamie for the club to fund \$200 for gift purchases at Bluegrass Porsche and Porsche of the Village. Traditionally both dealerships have always given equal to or more than the value of our budget. Ed reiterated we should be sure to thank those who support
- · A discussion was held regarding the merits of creating a printed information piece about the club for potential new members to be used at Cars & Coffee, and various business merchants. Ed volunteered to create at no charge and print at cost. Patrick volunteered to create the content. Jamie made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to start a project with a \$200 maximum budget and the content/ draft subject to final review and approval by the board members before going to print and funds are spent. Vote held and approved.
- December Porsche Only Cars & Coffee will be held at Cosi Hamburg, our default location until further notice. A reminder there will be no MMCC in January.

- · Ken reported approximately 70 people attended the MMCC at Tom Jones Toy Box. Our club had strong representation.
- 9) Historian Report Julie reported via email that all previous Rumbles are now in the Historian's Corner.
- 10) Membership Report Tim was unable to attend. Ken reported there was no change in membership.
- 11) Newsletter Report Rey reported the Rumble will be published Monday.
- 12) Social Media Report Mason was unable to attend. Ken reported there is a lot happening in the national office to support both National and Regional Social Media rollouts.
- 13) Tech Report
- 14) Track Report
- 15) Webmaster Report

#### C: Old Business

- 1) Election Process Ken reported that all ballots have been mailed to club members.
- 2) Director appointment Ken pointed out that if Mike Wilson is confirmed as Secretary the 1 year balance of his Director at Large position will be vacant. Bill Larkin volunteered to serve in this position. A vote was held and approved to appoint Bill.
- 3) Role changes Newsletter/Activity Chair -Áfter relinquishing the helm as newsletter editor, Neil Fisher is our new activities chair. Neil gave a great speech sharing his personal vision of the future and the many exciting activities he has planned for the upcoming year.

#### D: New Business

- 1) Webmaster Ken presented to the board and it was approved that Julie Woods be appointed as webmaster.
- 2) Multi-Marque Cars & Coffee funding Ken led a discussion for the club to fund coffee and donuts for indoor/winter multi-marque Cars & Coffee instead of the host. He then motioned we spend up to \$75 per event. Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was approved.
- 3) Committee plans for 2016 Ken

#### E: Meeting Close

At 6:43pm Bob motioned and Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> the meeting be adjourned.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ken Hold

Well we made it through December!! The warm December weather allowed us to spend more time outdoors extending our Porsche fun. With all of the holiday events the last two weeks of December we chose to not have a December Social or a January 2, First Saturday Multi-Marque Cars & Coffee. We did have very enjoyable times at both our December 9, First Saturday MM/C&C and our Porsche Cars & Coffee during the first two weeks of the month.

The December 5 event was our largest indoor C&C ever. We had over 70 attendees at Tom and Connie Jones' Toy Box. It was a great opportunity to swap car "lies" with many friends from other clubs. This monthly event has become the central gathering for all local car clubs. It provides a forum for clubs to share what's going on at the various clubs and is a great means of getting new members for all our local clubs. With the sunny and cool weather, most attendees had their favorite ride staged outside for "eye-candy". And, oooh..... the sweet sounds of tuned engines for our audio pleasure. Lots of thanks to Tom and Connie for providing the venue! Our February 6, First Saturday MM/C&C will be at Lug Nuts. This tuning shop is primarily focused on racing mechanics. You will see some very nice racers as well as various sports cars and will have the opportunity to talk mechanical issues with Danny Puchalski who runs the business and is a long time Porsche "track guy" and mechanic.

Our second monthly C&C for Porsches was on December 12 at Cosi Restaurant in Hamburg. We had another nice turnout of nine attendees bringing six Porsches (there was also a VW Touareg and a BMW motorcycle). Again the 65 degree, sunny day made for nice discussions in the parking lot. These Porsche C&C's are very informal, around a breakfast table, and enjoyable times. They allow us to have discussions and get to know each other better. Come out to one soon.

Even without having a First Saturday MM/C&C, January 2016 will be a busy month. Our Porsche C&C will be at Cosi Restaurant on

January 9. Whatever the weather, folks will be inside enjoying breakfast and gab.

Our Annual Holiday Party will be on January 16. So if you have gotten over all the "holiday season" and are rested, be sure and attend our party. We will present our 2016 Region Board and they will present plans for 2016. I've heard there may even be door prizes. Does anyone need a door? Remember to RSVP to Ed Steverson.

On January 23 will be the PCA National Winter Board Meeting in Atlanta, GA. I'll bring back news of the latest happenings in National from that meeting.

I hope to see you at an event soon.

Best wishes for 2016

Ken Hold

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS by Tim McNeely

## 202 Total Members!

Two new members this past month!!! Please join me in welcoming:

Bill Griffin of Danville 2005 911 Jim Troidl of Lexington 2000 Boxster

Our membership is at 124 Regular Members and 78 Family & Affiliate Members, making our total membership 202.

Looks like winter is finally here. Come join us on Saturday January 16 for our annual Holiday Party...great camaraderie and lots of cool door prizes!

Also, please recognize the following Member Anniversary dates:

•	Thomas Ashford	1988
•	Wigham Arnold	2007
•	Matthew Milligan	2010
•	Robert Deal	2012
•	Thomas Barker	2013
•	William Larkin	2013
•	Seth Bennett	2014
•	Míke Wílson	2014

## Bluegrass Region Porsche Club of America Name Badge Ordering

Each club member and associate member may order a name badge at no cost to them.

If a replacement badge is needed,

it can be obtained at the club's cost to be determined at that time.



Please email Ed Steverson with the name to appear on badge.

ed@abracadabragraphics.us



What's going on in the club? How do I change my oil? Who are the officers and how do I contact them? Where can I see photos of the latest events? What does it takes to get my Porsche on the track? I wonder if anyone in our club has a Bosch hammer?

All of those questions can be answered in one of the club social media sites or communication channels listed below.















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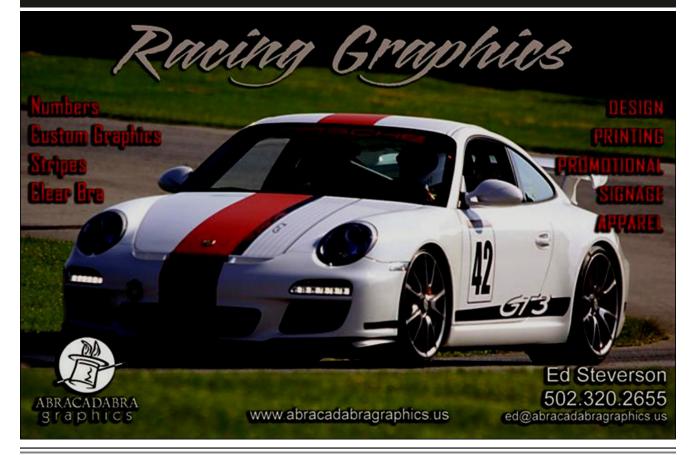






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# EVENT CALENDAR DY Neil Fisher

Welcome to 2016! I hope everyone had a great holiday season! It is finally starting to feel like winter. Let's hope it doesn't hit us as hard as it did last year. Here are the upcoming events. If you have an idea for a club event, shoot me an email at nrfisher@outlook.com. Also be sure to check the calendar on the website for the latest updates.

January 9, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Porsche Cars & Coffee at Cosi, 1890 Star Shoot Pkwy, Lexington

January 16, Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Annual Holiday Party at Cherry Blossom Golf Course Clubhouse, 150 Clubhouse Drive, Georgetown. Social hour starts at 5:30, Dinner Served at 6:30.

### Menu:

- · Meat choice of Sliced Roast Beef or Chicken Marsala
- · Veggies Grilled Asparagus, Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- · Desserts Carrot Cake, Chocolate cake
- RSVP by January 11<sup>th</sup> at noon with your meat selection. Price \$25 per person. Cash bar
- RSVP to Ed Steverson ed@abracadabragraphics.us or call/text 502-320-2655

February 1, Monday, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting at Marikka's, 411 Southland Drive, Lexington

February 6, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Multi Marque Cars & Coffee at Lug Nuts Garage, 391 United Ct, Lexington

February 13, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Porsche Cars & Coffee at Cosi, 1890 Star Shoot Pkwy, Lexington

February 21, Sunday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Social, Ramsey's Diner, 4391 Old Harrodsburg Road, Lexington

March 5, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Multi Margue Cars & Coffee at Foreign Affairs, 624 W 4th St, Lexington



About a year and a half ago, I was driving through some serious weather in New York The rain, wind, and dark skies minimized visibility, and created rather treacherous driving conditions. The semi truck beside me was throwing spray and complicating the situation. Then came the big gust of wind. The semi was blown over into my lane, and I had no place to go but off the highway and into the wet grass. Without too much concern, I swerved into the wet grass, gently began to slow the vehicle, and kept telling myself to keep her straight with no drastic movements. Almost uneventfully, a few hundred yards later, I merged back onto the highway and continued along as though nothing had happened. wasn't too tense, nor was my heart beating particularly quickly. Proud of myself, I really had to thank all those high-speed off-track excursions through wet grass associated with my DE and racing events (sadly, there have been many).

Beyond the obvious fun and excitement, the ability to handle complex driving events with grace is a huge secondary benefit of high performance track driving. In addition to driving off-track at speed, and wet track / grass familiarity, a track driver also obtains a sense of focus behind the wheel, and an ability to deal with driving events with a calm and focused Driving at high speeds on the track, makes even highway speed events seem slow by comparison. When I train with online simulators, I always run faster cars than I do in reality as it helps develop comfort with a faster cadence or pace. When you return to your relatively 'slower' racecar, everything happens so seemingly slowly. I have digressed.

The above is one of millions of stories where track-driving experience has helped minimize damage or injury during our day-to-day driving With a new driving season not to far lives. ahead of us, I'd like to recommend to anyone having considered a DE event in the past, but not yet participated, to do so this coming year. But just as track habits can improve street safety, all too often I see bad street habits carrying-over to track events. Below are a few

of the sins I've seen in students and novice track day attendees all too often.

First and foremost, when attending a Driver Education event, recognize There Are No Lanes on a track. As such there should be no expectations that a driver ahead or behind will adhere to a 'your lane / my lane' mentality, nor should you make any attempt to choose a lane. The ideal line around a track crosses back and forth across the race surface and uses the full extent of the width of the track. Forget the concept of lanes at track events. This may seem simple and obvious at first glance, but I see this as well as the following flaws time and time again in DE students.

Next, it may seem cool to drive down the road with your arm out the window, or resting on the windowsill, or slung across the back of the passenger seat, but doing this at a track event will get you black-flagged. Continuing to do so may get you ejected from the event. I have had many students that want to drive the entire track with their arm on the window ledge. Unless shifting, your hands should remain on the wheel at all times, even in the pit lane. Additionally, I would suggest this is a bad habit on the street as well. Should a sudden event occur, the most common solution is to drive around the event. How do you do this without freedom of motion of both arms, and direct contact of your hands on the steering wheel? Similarly, you should not rest your hand on the gearshift lever (unless actually shifting), nor drive with your hand draped over the wheel at 12:00. Most would agree that the proper place for your hands to be for the greatest driving efficiency is at 9:00 and 3:00 on the steering wheel.

Beyond hand placement, let's talk about seating and foot position. Your seat should be adjusted such that your arms and legs have a comfortable bend in them when on the controls. Driving too close or too far from the pedals interferes with quick foot movements. Similarly, your seat should not be tilted so far backward that you are forced to drive with straight arms. If you like driving with straight arms or legs (no

it's not cool), now is the time to start modifying your driving position. Please don't wait for your instructor to do so at the track. Additionally, when not activating the clutch or left-foot braking (a complex technique for beginners), you should get in the habit of resting your left foot on the dead pedal. If your left foot hovers over the clutch pedal when driving, this will get you in trouble as g-forces increase at track speeds. Additionally, left foot on the dead pedal reinforces being deliberative and decisive about your in-car movements. Good driving requires confidence in personal driving decisions.

One final driving directive; be deliberative but gentle with the gearshift lever in a manual transmission car. I see too many drivers who like to jam the car into gear with a harsh, firm attack. Inevitably, these drivers blow engines by cramming the car into too low of a gear when shifting. All drivers miss shifts, and some cars make it more complicated than others. You may have noticed that with a gentle grip and deliberative but not forceful throw, your car will struggle to go into the wrong gear. On the track, it is a great failsafe mechanism to be able to sense this natural resistance, and recognize that you've made an incorrect gear selection before releasing the clutch. If you happen to be a gear crammer in this situation, you will likely overcome the cars resistance, and end up overrevving the engine on clutch release (the one failure car insurance and your new vehicle warranty will NOT cover). Perhaps this

technique stems from a desire to shift quickly, but I assure you that a slower shifting technique will have little to no impact on lap times.

Following the suggestions above when starting your performance driving hobby will definitely save you long hours of relearning the way you drive and may also save you from some costly incidents or repairs.

If you have interest in joining us at any upcoming event, or would like more information on PCA DE events and what is required to joinin, please feel free to contact me:

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# More than 70 attendees gathered at Tom and Connie Jones' Toy Box for our largest indoor C&C ever.

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## PORSCHE C&C December 12















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# The Shark Hunter Chronicles - Part III

Loyal Rumble readers will recall I purchased a 1987 928 S4 last November. Let's call it 37% impulse buy and 63% well researched. I survived my apprentice year living with the shark and can honestly say it's been a blast. Frustrating at times, but enough fun to persuade me to sign on for another year.

Here are a few nuggets of wisdom I can pass along.

There are 7 stages of 928 ownership. And I think I've experienced them all. Owning an old Porsche subjects you to a variety of physical and mental states. I break it down this way:

- 1. Purchase euphoria. This is temporary, because soon follows ...
- 2. Mild regret. The buyer's remorse stage starts to take over at the first signs of ...
- Mechanical frustration. When the cumulative nagging little problems conspire against you, it can only lead to
- Bouts of non-drivability depression. To power thru this stage you have to go deep inside yourself, take control and find ...

- Resilience through wrenching. Your scraped knuckles, outrageous parts bills and long hours in the garage lead to success, resulting in ...
- Motorway exhilaration. Your German beast is back on the road and tearing up the twisties, resulting in the final stage of
- 7. Serenity. You have accepted your fate. You reach a Zen state. You are at peace with your Porsche.

You get by with a little help from your friends. The Beatles were on to something. Fortunately, my S4 is pretty solid mechanically. Our good friends and sponsors at Lug Nuts and Stuttgart Motors have helped me with motor mounts, A/C work, leaks and other maladies. I've tinkered with the electronics and control unit, solved the hatch problem, and kept it pampered. I'm doing what I can to keep the dream alive. But honestly, is there anything better than having your Porsche mechanic call to say it's only a couple of hundred dollar bill when you were prepared to push back your retirement 3 years?

The 928 cult is alive and well and will suck you

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in if you let it. Every Porsche model has its enthusiasts. The 928 owners, though, seem to be more like a cult. I'm a changed person now that I have a 928 and I find myself fighting the dark side. The progression of behaviors is scary. You aren't in the cult at first. It creeps up on you over time til one day you wonder - how did I live before I

owned the 928? You start with the little things – logging into the Rennslist 928 Forum and spending countless hours reading the posts, drinking from the fire hose of owners' personal Then you realize you have to experiences. have a full set of 928 repair manuals, PET diagrams, and technical write-ups. After that you establish your relationships with the parts suppliers and start scoring deals. Soon, you're knee deep into the Jerry Feather modifications, lusting over Paul Champaign's leather products for your interior, and plotting out ways to cram a supercharger kit under the hood. About this time it hits you - I'm no longer an enthusiast, I'm in a freaking cult!

Going into my sophomore year, I've decided to temper my cult-like tendencies. I want to stay in my Zen-like Stage 7. I don't want to be the guy with a couple of 928 parts cars out back.

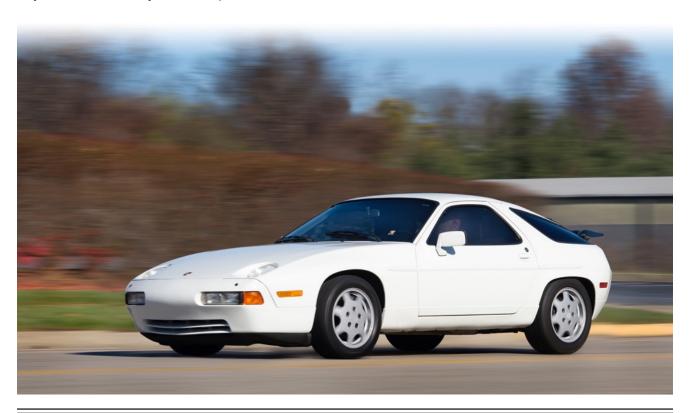
Like their beloved cars, 928 owners have a few quirks too. They love a technical challenge, complexity over simplicity, and design over functionality. They aren't afraid to wrench or solder. They adapt, evolve and persevere in the face of constant adversity. They live comfortably in the knowledge timing belt failure and catastrophic engine damage can occur at any moment. They are not persuaded other

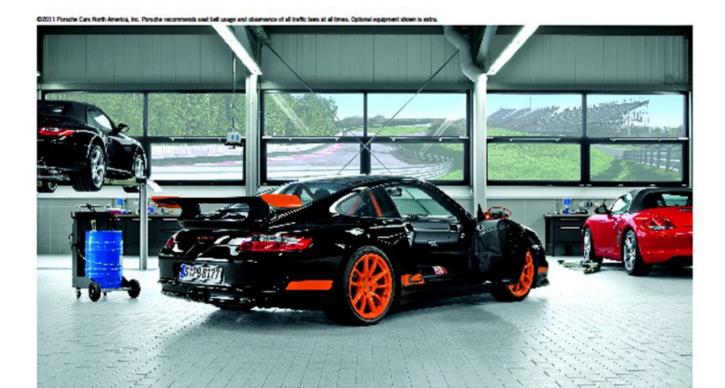
Porsche models matter. Indeed, many shark owners secretly harbor thoughts the 928 is forever the apex of the Porsche line, Carrera GT and 918 notwithstanding. (Not me, though.)

The 928 is a hellcat on the highway. I've thrashed it around some of our local winding roads and it never disappoints. It isn't as quick off the start as a 911 and it doesn't corner quite as well, but one never tires of that roaring 5.0 liter motor and throaty exhaust coming out of the cross pipes. When the garage door opens and I see its curvaceous rear end, I still go weak in the knees.

So I'm going to spend another year in the shark tank, gain more wisdom from the experience and see where it takes me. Every day, every road, every Porsche is an adventure.

## Patrick Meyer





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