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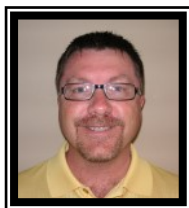
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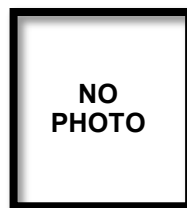
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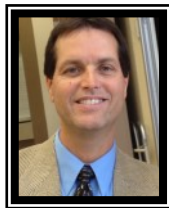
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**David
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BOARD MINUTES

**JUNE 1ST, 2015
MARIKKA'S – LEXINGTON
KENTUCKY**

Board Members Present:

JW Wilson , David Hafley, Jamie Donaldson, Larry and Julie, Brant Nystrom, Ed Steverson, Bob Lovejoy, Patrick Meyer, Neil Fisher, Ken Hold

Meeting convened by President Ken Hold at 5:30 pm

Minutes of the May meeting: One correction was made to the May meeting minutes. Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Jamie seconded the motion. Approved.

Secretary's Report:

Present. No report.

President's Report:

President Hold's report is summarized as follows:

The most recent Cars and Coffee experienced good participation. Over 70 cars participated. The classic Corvette that participated experienced a fire that resulted in a total loss.

The Maserati Mingle held downtown Lexington was a success with more than 62 Cars participating

The recovery of Tom Jones continues and he is expected to fully participate in the July Keeneland event.

Past Presidents Report:

The available remaining club branded mugs includes 29 travel mugs and 58 glass mugs. They are being stored at Ed's house.

Vice Presidents Report:

Mason not present. No report.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob reported an account balance of \$3,742.42. The quarterly rebate from national is expected soon.

Tech:

David Hafley summarized the most recent tech session with his 1977 911S. Ken noted that an important objective of sessions is members learning tools and actively participating in the work. Discussion ensued on demonstrating appreciation to Jim for his sponsoring and hosting tech sessions over several years.

Activities Report:

David Patrick not present. Ken Hold noted the following:

The event at Putnam is scheduled for the upcoming weekend

Porsche of the Village will organize an event this upcoming weekend prior to the event at Ault Park. Magnus Walker is scheduled to participate.

The Red Brick Reunion will be held in Oxford Ohio. There was no interested in an organized club drive.

Ken briefed the club on the upcoming RBI/RPM event at the Lexington Legends ball park that is scheduled for June 12th. He encouraged participation by club members.

Patrick will lead a drive to French Lick Indiana on June 22nd.

The June club social is rescheduled to June 28th. A potential venue is Ricardo's in Versailles.

Safety Report:

JW reported that insurance for the upcoming weekend's event was in place.

Track Report:

Brant reported the following:

An event at Mid-Ohio was recently completed.

An event at Putnam is scheduled for the upcoming weekend and a good turnout is anticipated.

Newsletter Report:

Neil reported the current newsletter is under development and noted the search for a newsletter editor is ongoing.

Website Report:

Ed reported the club website is up and running. It will be submitted for an award in the national website competition.

Historian Report:

Julie distributed a spreadsheet dated May 24th identifying categories and topic areas for the historian section of the website. Julie has requested administration access enabling her to populate the historian section of the website. Her spreadsheet listed topic area (club history, awards, special events, etc) and the point person who is recommended to work with her. She will be following up with each point person in developing content. It was decided by consensus to

recycle hard copies of magazines that are currently being stored.

Membership Report:

Tim has drafted a welcome letter that will be mailed to new members.

Old Business:

A discuss of how to best use available mugs took place. It was agreed by consensus to develop a brochure that can be used with the mugs and placed at locations such as Stuttgart's, Lug Nuts, Paul's and Foreign Affairs.

A discussion of a new location for Cars and Coffee was continued from the previous board meeting. It was agreed that the COSI location at Hamburg was the best location. Approval from COSI's is pending. Neil will be at COSI for the inaugural Cars and Coffee on July 3rd.

New Business:

New business items are summarized as follows:

Discussion of transition the newsletter to a web-based publication. No action taken.

Keeneland event will be 3rd Saturday in July

Members of the Chesapeake region will travel through Lexington on the way to Parade. Mason agreed to meet with them.

Larry mentioned that a new pop-up tent is need for the Paddock. Jamie agreed to look into fixing the existing pop up.

Adjourn:

Motion by Jamie with second by Ed to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Approved.

Submitted by David Hafley, Secretary.



**David
Hafley**
Secretary

BOARD MINUTES

**JULY 6TH, 2015
MARIKKA'S – LEXINGTON
KENTUCKY**

Board President Ken Hold called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm noting a quorum was present and that he was 15 minutes late. Present were Ken Hold, Neil Fisher, James W. Wilson, Mason Wilson, David Patrick, Mike Wilson, Patrick Meyer and Jamie Donaldson.

Minutes of the June meeting were not presented for approval. Ken noted the June minutes will be sent to the Board via email for subsequent approval. Patrick Meyer volunteered to take minutes for the July meeting.

President's Report:

Ken wove his report in with matters of Old and New Business.

There was no Past President's Report.

Vice President's Report:

Mason Wilson had a number of updates for the group. Mason and other members of the club attended a DE day at Putnam Park in June and had a very exciting day on the track. Indeed, it was a first for Mason and he expressed his thanks to his father, JW Wilson, for support and help and for keeping him safe. Mason also cited help from fellow club members Ed Steverson, David Patrick, Bob Lovejoy, and Brant Nystrom. A big shout out went to Bluegrass Motorsports and Foreign Affairs for their involvement, too.

Mason and Dale White hosted a group of members of the Chesapeake Region on Saturday June 20 who were in the area and on their way to Porsche Parade. They brought 7 cars. Mason and Dale led the Chesapeake Region group on a rainy day thru horse country and they stopped off at Grey Goose in Midway for lunch. Afterward the Chesapeake group toured Woodford Reserve. Mason sent the group off with souvenir mugs you can only get from the Bluegrass Region PCA.

Mason also noted there was a very nice turnout at Ricardo's restaurant in Versailles on Sunday June 28 for the monthly social. About a dozen people were in attendance. The food and atmosphere of Ricardo's was ideal for the group and will likely be the destination for future Sunday socials.

There was no Secretary's Report:

There was no Treasurer's Report:

Bob Lovejoy had sent to Ken the bank account balance, which stands at \$3,493.24. No significant outstanding bills or obligations were noted.

Activities Report:

David Patrick reported June was a very busy month for the club and that event attendance was good. Our last all marques Cars & Coffee

at the Clarion in early June was well attended with over 50 cars. The July 4 all marques Cars & Coffee at the Cosi in Hamburg was well attended, again with 50 or so cars. It was noted that we have seen greater participation of the BMW Club, the Corvette Club and from various tuner-car owners.

Bluegrass Region PCA Porsche only Cars & Coffee will be at Cosi on July 11 (followed by a drive to Blue Licks National Battlefield). The August event will return to Ramsey's on Harrodsburg Road.

Other upcoming events of note for club members: Keeneland Concours (July 17-19) and the monthly social on July 26 at Village Host Pizza in Lexington.

Ken noted the RBIs and RPMs event at the Legends Ballpark on June 12 was a huge success, with many different marques and clubs represented. There were about 40 cars in attendance and the cars were driven around the Legend's ballfield along the warning track, past the dugouts and the grandstands and along the base lines, completing encircling the field.

Track Report:

Brant Nystrom was not in attendance but Mike Wilson reported he has improved his skills on the track such that he's moved from Novice to Intermediate Level and shaved 3 seconds off his average track time (nice job Mike). He also noted that the National Corvette Motorsports (NCM) track in Bowling Green is enforcing noise restrictions in response to complaints from local residents and drivers should be prepared for inspections.

There was no Tech Report:

The group is actively seeking tech projects for the remainder of the year. If anyone has a repair or tech session matter that you think would be of interest to club members please contact Ken Hold or the Tech Chairman, Jim Brandon.

Safety Report:

JW Wilson noted that National prefers (or perhaps expects) clubs to submit insurance forms 4 weeks prior to an event. It was noted that we generally have our forms submitted 2-3 weeks in advance and that we have not had any issues with National on this matter. Having just experienced another club's driving tour in Wisconsin that did not go smoothly in all respects, Ken noted that it is important to have sound planning, good directions, inter-car communications and other safety measures in place prior to a drive. He and JW and others will be working on a set of driving tour best practices and safety guidelines. Club members were reminded to submit copies of driv-

ing tour documents to the Club Historian for filing.

Newsletter Report:

Neil Fisher noted the July Rumble is close to being finished and will likely be published within the week. Noting we may have some gaps in ensuring photos are taken and event write-ups are completed for the Rumble the group agreed on some basic guidelines:

If an event has a Chairperson assigned, the Chairperson is responsible for having photos taken and a write-up prepared for the Rumble. The Chairperson does not have to actually take photos or do the write-up, but must ensure such matters are completed and submitted to the Newsletter editor.

If an event does not have an assigned Chairperson then the Board members present and/or other members of the leadership team present will agree among themselves who will take photos and do the write-up.

There were no reports for Website, Membership or Historian.

Ken stated he was pleased with the club's presence at Parade and noted he will have photos from Parade and other June events for the forthcoming Rumble.

David Patrick noted that he will be stepping down from his role as Activities Chairperson due to time constraints. David has served the club in many capacities over the years and has done a fantastic job in scheduling, organizing and delivering top notch club events. The club is actively seeking a replacement.

Similarly, the club is seeking a new Newsletter Editor. Neil Fisher has served in this role for many years and would like to find a successor.

Any member interested in taking on a more active role in the club is invited to jump right in.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Notes by Patrick Meyer

President's Message

By Ken Hold

It's Porsche Time in Kentucky! We definitely had opportunity to get out and enjoy our cars in July. If you didn't have time to make our usual events, we did have some changes this month. And in addition, our region's signature event, the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance was a major blast. Let me tell you more.

Our first monthly event was our Multi-Marque Cars & Coffee. Given that it was being held on a Holiday (July 4), and at our new location in Hamburg (lot in front of Value City Furniture and next to Cosi Restaurant), we were concerned that we would not have a very good attendance. We were very pleasantly surprised that we had over 50 cars attend. Many thanks to Neil Fisher and Lee Wegner for coordinating this event. Neil acted as greeter/director at the venue and Lee was positioned at our former location (Clarion Hotel) to redirect folks who did not get the message of our location move.

David Patrick chaired our Porsche Only Cars & Coffee on July 11. He coupled the C & C with a drive to the Blue Licks Battlefield State Park. This was a very neat drive for attendees. Thanks to David!

Due to several of our members attending the Keeneland Concours Tour d'Elegance on Sunday (July 19), we moved our 3rd Sunday Social to the 4th Sunday (July 26). The venue for the Social was Johnny Carino's Italian Fayette Mall. We had good attendance with 17 members enjoying the Italian cuisine. Tim McNeely tested (or tasted?) the wine to ensure quality. Thank you Tim. The Carino parking lot looked very cool with our 8 Porsches.



Porsche presence at the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance was outstanding!! Of the 485 cars in the Sports Car Paddock area, 101 were Porsches. We had a great turnout from our region and we also had about 25 Porsches attend from the Kentucky Region. They purchased advanced tickets for both the show and the Paddock. This was a super

display of support from the Kentucky Region. Rain or shine they contributed! Many thanks to Jason Miller and the Kentucky Region.

In addition to presence, the Porsche folks also brought presents in the form of donation to the Kentucky Children's Hospital by WINNING the Paddock Challenge with a donation of \$3,098.25. Porsche has won the Paddock Challenge 8 of the 11 times since the Challenge start in 2005. Note that the Sterling British Motoring Society won the Paddock Plaque for having the Highest Individual Car Donation with 15 Brits donating a total of \$560. This is a per car donation of \$37.33. Club giving through the Paddock Challenge is a great way to show support for the Concours and the Hospital, and also to get great community recognition for the clubs. All proceeds from the Paddock Challenge and the Concours are included in the Concours' annual gift to the Hospital.

The concours is also a great attraction to get local Porsche owners interested in joining our club. Tim had two members transfer from other regions and one person join! Fantastic.

For your information, if you would like to get more involved in Bluegrass Region leadership, there are several opportunities currently. Neil Fisher has been Newsletter Editor for several years and would like to take on another role. He has organized the newsletter form into a standard boiler plate that does not require a computer systems expert to operate. If you have an interest in becoming our Newsletter Editor, please contact Neil directly. Also, David Patrick is interested in having someone replace him as the Activities Chair. This is a great role for someone who would like to get broader exposure to our events and the folks who chair the individual events. Also, Tim McNeely, after several years as Membership Chair would like to move from that role. So if you are interested in any of these roles please contact the incumbent directly or contact me.

Join us all in having more Porsche fun!
Ken Hold



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Tim
McNeely**
Membership Chair

199 Total members!

One new member this past month. Please join me in welcoming:

Art Hight of Lexington 1974 911

Art found out about us at the Keeneland Concours paddock when he drove in his newly restored "Sunshine Yellow" '74 911.....man it is sweet!!!

Our membership is at 120 Regular Members and 79 Family & Affiliate Members, making our total membership 199.

So far it's been an event filled summer...lots more to come...keep watching google groups and the website for updates.

Also, please recognize the following Member Anniversary dates:

J W Wilson	1978
Tom Bloch	1989
Tom Jones	1993
Steve Womack	1993
Ken Hold	1999
Lee Wegner	2001
Robby Poindexter	2003
Richard Alloo	2006
James Bugay	2006
Tom Bulleit	2006
Gilbert Mamaug	2009
Patrick McGovern	2011

Club Communication

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 last event? What does it take 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 or more club communication channels below.

Website

Our recently redesigned website is located at www.bluegrasspca.com

While there you will be able to view the clubs calendar, contact club officials, surf classifieds, check out recent events in our photo section, read the latest Rumble, view all track articles, and more. The site is easily navigated on everything from a desktop version, to a mobile phone or tablet.

Google group

The club uses a closed google group for member questions and conversations. The group name is Bluegrass-

PCA. You must be invited to join the group. Anyone interested please request an invitation from Ed Steverson ed@abracadabragraphics.us. This is a great place to ask any type of club or Porsche question to fellow Bluegrass members.

Facebook

Search for Bluegrass Region PCA and like us to follow our events and news.

Vice President Mason Wilson does a fine job overseeing our Facebook account

Mason can be reached at wilsonironworks@gmail.com

Instagram

Find us on instagram under bluegrassregionpca

Instagram photos feed the latest photos section of the new website bluegrasspca.com.

Often photos get posted while the event is still underway.

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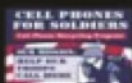


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Event Calendar



David
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August 16th Monthly Social at Ricardo's in Versailles 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

September 5th Multi Marque Cars & Coffee at Cosi in Hamburg. Parking is next to Cosi in Value City Parking lot. 9 am - 11 am.

September 7th Board Meeting at Marikka's on Southland Drive 5:30 pm - 7 pm.

September 12th Porsche Cars & Coffee at Ramsey's on Old Harrodsburg Rd. 9 am - 11 am.

September 20th Monthly Social, Venue TBD 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

October 3rd Rallye Porsche Mariemont, Check for updates on website the date may be moving to September. <http://ovrpca.org/Default.aspx>

Contact David with Porsche related event news: ptrckdvd@yahoo.com
Also check the calendar on the website for DE's and other activities.

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Keeneland Concours de'Elegance & Paddock Challenge

Reported by: Tim McNeely

The Bluegrass Region PCA has SEVEN-PEATED our victory from the last six years and our name will go on the silver cup again for 2015!!!!!! It's great to see our club continuing giving to the Kentucky Children's Hospital....\$2,225 in 2007..... \$4,346 in 2008.....\$5,656 in 2009....\$5,472 in 2010...\$3,637 in 2011, \$2,655 in 2012, \$3,112 in 2013, \$2,107 in 2014, and we raised \$3,098 this year. It was an another awesome effort and we raised almost 6 times as much as the 2nd place car club....in fact, more than all the other paddocks combined. What a Club effort...once again. We all need to thank:

Becke Cleaver for coming up with the concept of a "car club challenge" to raise money for charity

The Corvette Club, for putting us to shame back in 2006 and helping us get serious about supporting this event

The BGPCA Board for supporting, and voting to donate \$1,250 from our treasury to the UK Children's Hospital

The Porsche Club of America, for awarding us a \$250 Hospitality donation

Neil Fisher, Jamie Donaldson, Maureen & Paul Elywn, David Patrick, & our Zone Rep James Jacisin for manning the paddock area

Larry Woods for delivering and setting up our tent

Un-named others that I have forgotten....and for that I apologize

And to all the participants who contributed the cash....all to a great cause

Our goal this year was to raise \$3,500. We didn't quite get there, but we sure made a good effort at it... and we destroyed the competition. We got a few 3 digit checks and "Benjamin's"...and it takes those to raise the kind of money we did for the kids. Support from those who drove into our Paddock was outstanding.

We counted about 110 Porsches in our Paddock. The day turned out to be quite a success because of everybody named above. This was truly a CLUB effort....one that we can all be proud of....again.

More good news...several new member candidates were generated...one already officially signed up!!!



Tim McNeely and Patrick Meyer discussing the parking strategy



Keeneland Concours de'Elegance & Paddock Challenge

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The Photos on this page were taken by Helena Au



Keeneland Concours de'Elegance & Paddock Challenge

The Photos on this page were taken by Neil Fisher



Three previous owners and current owner gather around their first Porsche

By Paul Elwyn

Some cars live long lives, and make a number of people happy. We are fortunate to know one of these cars, and at the Keeneland Concours we encountered three more previous owners who could say the same thing, about the same car!

From 1969 to 1986 Maureen and I entertained ourselves in a series of roadsters, from the 1966 MGB that carried us on our first date, to the 1964 Corvette convertible that carried us on our honeymoon. The 1972 MG Midget, our first new car, two more MGBs, a TR3, and five TR6s had their way with us up to our first PORSCHE, a 1971 911T Targa with Sportomatic transmission.

That first Porsche was a revelation! It was comfortable, fast enough, handled well, and was a great top-down car year round. We won People's Choice in an all-Porsche gathering at Madison, Indiana, and thoroughly enjoyed that car, right up to the time we decided to sell it. But this time, we weren't selling simply to buy another car.

This time we were adopting a little girl who had been born on a street corner in South Korea. The adoption fees equaled exactly what we were paid by Ed Erway in 1986 when he bought the 911. We hated to let the car go, but we think we got a pretty good deal in adopting our daughter, Laura.

From time to time through the years we have seen the Targa at the Keeneland Concours, but we had no idea who owned the car. Every time we lingered around the car and recalled trips in the Targa, which knew us when we were 26 years younger than we are now.

At this year's Keeneland Concours, Tom Scally introduced himself as the current owner of the Targa. We immediately fell into conversation and made haste to the car resting in the Porsche paddock. Maureen and I had been directing traffic, but somehow we had missed seeing the Targa arrive. There it was, looking a little less pristine than it was 26 years ago, but still the Targa we remembered, now sporting new carpet, rebuilt original Recaro sport seats, rain hats on the carbs, stainless heat exchangers, Carrera chain tensioners, fresh electronic ignition, and more.

What was especially gratifying, was that Tom simply beamed with pride in showing us the car! He obviously enjoys it, which made us happy. He said it runs better than ever.

After a few minutes of looking over the car, Ed Erway, the man who bought the car from us in 1986, walked up to us having just concluded his business as a concours judge. He had put about 20,000 miles on the car before selling it to Tom in 2004. Ed now drives a 2008 997 coupe.

We chatted some more about the car, when Bill Spangler (sp?), walked up and said he had once owned a car just like this Targa, except it was silver. Well, I had changed color on the car in '86, and when Bill heard that, he looked again at the interior, saying the car had an unusual transmission with no clutch pedal, but which had to be manually shifted. Sure enough, there was the Sportomatic he recalled.

We now were three previous owners and the current owner of the 1971 911 Targa assembled around the car. What are the chances of that happening? We took photos, laughed some more about the car, all of us recalling good times with the old Targa.

The '71 Targa was for each of us our first Porsche, a special car to us that facilitated another special memory on Saturday at the 2015 Keeneland Concours.



Current owner Tom Scally, Ed Erway, Paul Elwyn, and Bill Spangler stand with the 1971 911 T Targa that was their first Porsche. Photo by Tim McNeely

Porsche Cars & Coffee

and Drive to Blue Licks Battlefield State Park

By: David Patrick

The weather finally broke for one day on July 11. Luckily we had our Porsche Cars and Coffee and a drive planned. The C&C was at Cusi' in Hamburg so we would have an easy time getting our tour out of town together.



We had 9 Porsche's leave from Cusi' at around 10:05 after a short meeting. We headed out of Lexington on Winchester Road and made our way to Briar Hill Road via Cleveland Road. We stayed on Briar Hill all the way through Bourbon County following a pack of very slow motorcycles. I mean who slows down for curves when your only doing 35 to begin with? Mason Wilson caught up with us just as we were in North Middletown giving us 10 cars on the drive. We continued into Carlisle and crashed their "T" Ball parade! Luckily it was an informal affair with about 6 "floats" with the teams on them. Maybe the crowd enjoyed the "Porsche Parade" going the other direction.



We arrived at Blue Licks at 11:30 and after some car talk in the parking lot we had a good buffet lunch in the lodge.

Total we had 16 members attend the event. The Porsche's were a pretty good cross section of models. Starting with a 356 then, a 928, a pair of 996 Cab's, a 996 Carrera, a 996 Turbo, 997 Carrera, 997 Carrera S, 997 GT3 and ending with the latest technology; a Cayenne Hybrid.



The Battle of Blue Licks: On August 19, 1782, a Unit of Kentucky Militia were ambushed near the Licking River in what is now Robertson County, Ky. The unit was in pursuit of a force of American, Canadian loyalists and American Indians who had laid siege on Bryan Station in Fayette County 4 days prior. This is one of the last battles of the American Revolutionary War and was a resounding defeat for the Kentucky Militia. Daniel Boone was present and lost his son Israel in the battle.



Porsche Cars & Coffee

and Drive to Blue Licks Battlefield State Park

By: David Patrick



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TRACK TIME

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We are deep into track season, and a hot and rainy one it's been so far. Judging by the number of available track events, as well as the level of participation, it appears to me that high performance driving and the reach and interest in sports cars continues to grow. Likewise, the number of conversations that I have with folks regarding events, car set-up, performance parts and the like are growing in number and sophistication.

While we all love to modify our track cars to run better lap times, I continue to push my primary focus on those around me; driver development. The DE event can be a confusing place. Everyone takes notice of the few "fastest" guys, and most of "the rest" of us secretly long to be considered one of them. However, in that learning environment, assessments can be very complex. Are cars quick because of their capabilities, or because the driver is really that talented? Joe is fast and runs a certain type of tire, wheel, exhaust, whatever, so perhaps I should move to that particular part as well? If you're an ascending DE driver, and have interest in moving to the head of the pack, or you may be having thoughts of competitive racing in your future, the following are a few thoughts regarding the next-steps in preparation for taking your driving to a higher level.

I would strongly suggest attending (just to watch and learn) a local regional amateur-racing event. Suggestions for sponsoring organizations include NASA (National AutoSport Association), the SCCA (Sports Car Club of America), PCA Porsche Club Racing, and/or the BMWCCA BMW Club Racing. If you can attend such an event at a track you have driven, that's even better. Note the class structure of the event, and think about where your current car may slot in. Then watch that class carefully, and note lap times from fastest to slowest. There is one guarantee at a regional race event. Unlike the DE, each and every one of the racers is experienced, fast, and pushing to get the very best from their cars. Honestly assess your lap times versus theirs. If you slot in mid-group, you may be ready to take the step.



Build your skills, and step-up to one of these bad boys!



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At this point, cross-training activities, and out-of-car training will be real benefits as well. Ross Bentley said, “all things equal between two cars and drivers, the more physically fit driver will win.” Time in the gym and on the treadmill / bicycle / jogging track will pay dividends. If you follow any professional drivers on Facebook, you will notice they all are engaged in endurance athletics like triathlons, competitive bicycling, and marathon running. Additionally, race training on simulators, or in karts can fine-tune your track driving. These tools allow you to experiment with different lines, and varying levels of aggressiveness in a safe environment. Online racing leagues can give you a taste of a real competitive environment. You will also be shocked at the realism these simulators provide. Games and simulators also give you a chance to learn tracks before attending events and drive different types of cars. Personally, I like to drive Formula 1 simulators, as the increased speed of the cars makes you react quicker and work harder than in a sports car. The faster mental pace or cadence makes the world seem incredibly slow when back in your sports car.



Karting is a fun and valuable cross-training activity

Finally, let's talk about your car. Should you decide to advance to competitive sprint, endurance, or time trial racing, a new level of scrutiny will be required in development of a competitive car. Be sure to thoroughly understand the class rules. Most racing organizations have a process for not only inspecting race cars, but impounding random cars throughout a race weekend to ensure rules compliance. How far do you have to go in preparing your car? Assume each and every other competitor has a vehicle at the edge of the rules boundary, and design for that limit.



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It's amazing how closely similarly classed cars will run

Good luck in becoming a better driver, and hopefully you can achieve your goals and more. We share an exciting and personally rewarding sport that others will take interest in as well. Enjoy it, and feel free to contact me for advice or as a sounding board for ideas regarding vehicle and/or driver development.

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 join-in, please feel free to contact me: brantdnystrom@gmail.com
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