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



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# Another Great Way to Enjoy the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance – Volunteer!



The Keeneland Concours d'Elegance is the premier Concours in Central Kentucky and raises funds for Kentucky Children's Hospital. This year's Concours is Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> on the Keeneland grounds.

As most of you know, the Bluegrass Region PCA is a long-time and ardent supporter of the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance. Our club members serve on the Keeneland Concours Board of Directors, manage the event's website, judge cars in the competitive classes, sell raffle tickets for the Porsche Boxster, promote the event to sponsors and advertisers, coordinate the grounds' activities and organize the parking paddocks set aside for the car clubs ... just to name a few things.

If you haven't been to the Concours for a while I'm sure you will be amazed at how much it has grown over the years. It takes a lot of folks to make the Concours a success – and we are always in need of more volunteers to help the day run smoothly.

Volunteers attend the Concours free of charge and receive a commemorative T-shirt. You will meet fellow car nuts and see some of the finest automobiles in the country. Most of all, you'll be helping Kentucky Children's Hospital continue their mission of providing comprehensive pediatric services to kids in need.

If you would like to volunteer for the Keeneland Concours, please give me a call at 859-537-2704 or email me at <a href="mailto:pimeyer4@gmail.com">pimeyer4@gmail.com</a>. Alternatively, you can learn more about volunteering and register to be a volunteer at <a href="https://www.keenelandconcours.com">www.keenelandconcours.com</a>.

Hope to see you on July 18<sup>th</sup>!

Patrick Meyer



David Hafley Secretary

# **BOARD MINUTES**

MAY 4TH, 2015 MARIKKA'S – LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

#### **Board Members Present:**

David Hafley, Jamie Donaldson, Mason Wilson, Bob Lovejoy, Patrick Meyer, Neil Fisher, Ken Hold

Meeting convened by President Ken Hold at 5:30 pm.

## Minutes of the April Meeting:

Two corrections to the minutes were noted, causing the Secretary to experience performance anxiety. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Mason seconded the motion. Approved.

## Secretary's Report:

Present. No report.

## President's Report:

Ken Hold's report is summarized as follows:

The most recent Cars and Coffee experienced good participation.

Ken led a discussion on the adequacy of continuing at the Clarion in light of on-going complications with access, the amount of parking space available, conflicting events and a lack of communication between the hotel and the club. Several alternative locations were identified and discussed. There was general consensus to investigate new locations and bring this topic back to the board for possible action.

Ken and Robert plan to drive Robert's 1969 911 to Rennsport in California this summer. Godspeed to them.

The Maserati Mingle is being organized for Courthouse Square in downtown Lexington. The field of cars is being expanded from 45 to approximately 70. Ken distributed a list of cars that are confirmed for the event.

Tom Jones is recovering from a heart attack and bypass surgery.

## Past Presidents Report:

None

#### **Vice Presidents Report:**

Mason provided a summary of the recent event at Proud Mary's. Seven cars and approximately 17 people participated.

## Treasurer's Report:

Bob reported an account balance of \$3648.23. Two checks for \$50 each are not included in this amount. The quarterly rebate from National is expected soon. No action necessary.

#### Tech:

The next Tech Session will be held May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Jim's house. The topic will be maintenance of David Hafley's 1977 911S.

### **Activities Report:**

David Patrick not present. Neil Fisher noted the following:

Upcoming Cars and Coffee at the Clarion

Oxford Ohio will host the Red Brick Reunion on June 20th

The May social will be hosted by John Schmidt. A motion was made and seconded to budget \$200 for the May social. Approved.

P2O will again be hosted in Granville, Ohio. A drive by club members to the event was discussed.

#### **Safety Report:**

Mason reported that JW continues to operate safely. It was noted that the Porsche-only event is a Cars and Coffee activity and not an official club drive. This distinction was made to clarify insurance concerns

## Track Report:

Brant not present. Bob reported the following:

A PCA event is scheduled for Mid-Ohio next week.

Putnam Summer Heat is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Bob, Mason and

Brant will be attending.

### **Newsletter Report:**

Neil reported that the upcoming issue of *Rumble* is underway and will be published soon.

#### **Historian Report:**

Julie not present. Ken noted that he recently talked with her. No additional discussion.

## Membership Report:

Tim not present. One new member has joined bringing a 1987 944 to the stable of club vehicles.

#### **Old Business:**

Foreign Affairs have only two club mugs remaining. Board members discussed how best to use these mugs and additional mugs stored at Ed's. General consensus that giving a mug to each new club member is a good idea. No formal action taken.

The board completed the Bylaw review and voted unanimously to accept the current Bylaws as is. - Ken made a motion to note on the Bylaws that they were reviewed with no changes as of May 4, 2015. The motion was seconded by Patrick. Approved.

#### **New Business:**

New business items are summarized as follows:

Discussion of upcoming social events

Keeneland event will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July

Discussion of the amount the Paddock Challenged has risen in recent years.

Ault Park event scheduled for June 14th

Patrick led a discussion about potentially transitioning *Rumble* to a webbased publication. No action taken.

## Adjourn:

Motion by Bob with second by Jamie to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Approved.

## RUMBLE

## President's Message

By Ken Hold

Well May was a great month to sport our Porsche cars!! We had lots of activity. Our Multi-marque Cars & Coffee on May 2 would have been a sell out if we sold tickets. With nearly 70 cars, we far exceeded the capacity of the Clarion's parking area. As a result, we've begun a search for locations that can handle at least 70 cars. Hopefully we will have a location that we can announce at our June 6 Cars & Coffee. The May 9, Porsche Cars & Coffee at Ramsey's was fun with seven members bringing their P cars and enjoying a very good breakfast.

Another big event for us locally was the Maserati Mingle held at the Courthouse Square downtown, on Friday night, May 15. Despite the evening starting out with rain, we had an excellent turn out of cars and spectators. Our intent was to present several margues and only one of each type model. We had a super display consisting of 62 cars. There were 26 different makes and with the exception of the Maserati display, there were no two cars of the same model. We displayed nine great examples of Porsches that spanned from David Jones' beautiful red 356 to Patrick Mcgovern's dynamite GT3 RS. Thanks to Michael Spirito (1971 911), Neil Fisher (2000 911), Jamie Donaldson (1973 914), Bob Lysack (1988 928 S4), and Mason Wilson (2002 997 Turbo) for bringing their cars to display also. In addition, we had one person say he is joining our PCA region, another rejoining, and yet another deciding to transfer to our region from a nearby region. Great for getting new members to the region!!

For the Technical folks, on May 23, Jim Brandon directed David Hafley and his son Tom on how to do a Spring tune-up on a 1977 Targa.

John and Ana Schmidt hosted a very pleasant cookout at their home for our May Social. The weather was beautiful, the wine was cold, the pot-luck dishes were super, and Jamie Donaldson proved his expertise by grilling delicious steaks.

Are you prepared for a very busy June? Well mark the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for Cars & Coffee. The Ault Park Concours will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our National Parade will be at French Lick, Indiana from June 21<sup>st</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>.Remember that Patrick Meyer will be leading a one day drive up to Parade on Monday June 22. That is the day of the concours and the 60-4-60 display. We already have member cars entered in both the concours and the 60-4-60.

An additional treat for us that is associated with Parade is a visit from members of the Chesapeake Region. They are planning to drive from Maryland to French Lick and stop to visit Horse Country. Mason Wilson has graciously offered to act as host for a Saturday, June 20 tour of the Bluegrass and spend Saturday evening at a local "watering hole". Thank you Mason for handling the tough duty! Porsche season just gets better and better. See ya at an event!

Ken Hold



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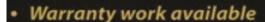
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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Tim McNeely Membership Chair

## **194 Total members!**

Wow! Three new members this month.

Please Welcome:

Alex Boone Lexington 1987 944 Turbo

Steven Plummer Lexington 1986 944

Jason Reichenbach Staffordsville 1987 944 Hey, it must have been the month for 944's to come out and join us. Hope to see these folks at an event soon.

This brings our total up to 194 with 120 primary members and 74 affiliate members.

June is a big month for Porsche events come out and have some fun at Parade or Cars & Coffee or a Social or DE or maybe a Concours or something!

#### 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 <a href="https://www.bluegrasspca.com">www.bluegrasspca.com</a>

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.

#### Rumble

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The May Cars & Coffee was held at the Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike. Please come out and join us the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 11am. New location in July will be Cosi's in Hamburg. Please check the calendar on the website for more details.





















# CORS COFFEE

Our May Porsche Cars only C&C was held at Ramsey's restaurant on Old Harrodsburg Road. Several members showed up and enjoyed a lively conversation plus a great breakfast. We will continue the event each month on the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 am till 11:00 am. We may be moving the location around a little bit and sometimes will feature a drive after breakfast. Stay tuned to the calendar on the website as well as the club emailer for further details.















# **Event Calendar**



David Patrick Activities Chair

June 12th RBI'S & RPM'S at Whitaker bank Ball Park 5pm, see flyer on page 15 of this publication.

June 13th Porsche only Cars & Coffee at Ramsey's Restaurant 4391 Old Harrodsburg Rd, Lexington 9am - 11am.

June 14th Ault Park Concours 3600 Observatory Ave., Cincinnati OH.

June 20th Red Brick Reunion, Oxford OH. Check calendar on website for details.

June 21 - 27th Porsche Parade, French Lick, In. See www.pca.org for details.

June 22nd Drive to Parade. Patrick Meyer is sponsoring a drive to Parade starting from The Clarion Hotel on Newtown pike to French Lick. Be ready to depart by 9am. RSVP to Patrick at pjmeyer4@gmail.com by June 19th.

June 28th Monthly Social at Ricardo's in Versailles. 110 Frankfort Street, Versailles, KY. www.ricardosgrillandpub.com. 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

July 4th Multi Marque Cars & Coffee. New Location, Cosi's in Hamburg. Park in the large lot between Cosi's and Value City Funiture. 9am - 11am.

July 6th Board Meeting at Marikka's on Southland Drive. 5:30pm - 7:pm.

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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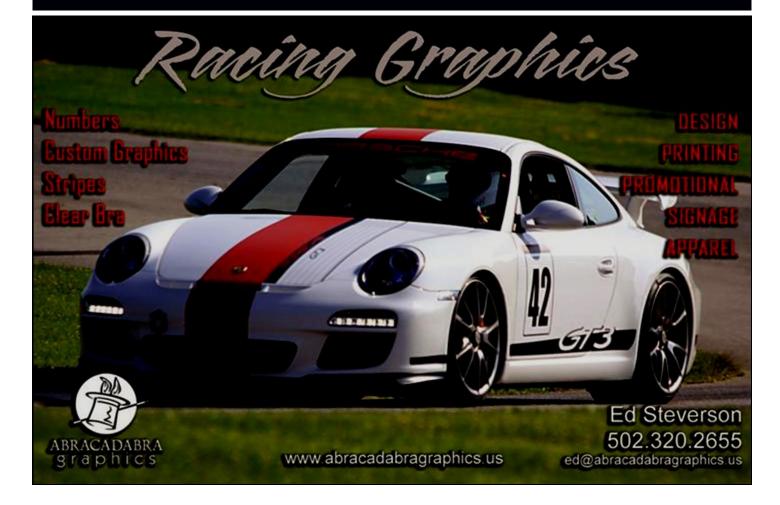
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# **Maserati Mingle**

## May 15th on the Court House Lawn

The Maserati Mingle was held at the Courthouse Square downtown, on Friday night, May 15. The evening started out with a few showers but we had an excellent turn out of cars and spectators. We had a fantastic display consisting of 62 cars. There were 26 different makes and with the exception of the Maserati display, there were no two cars of the same model. Nine great examples of Porsches were on display including David Jones' beautiful red 356, Patrick McGovern's GT3 RS, Michael Spirito's 1971 911, Neil Fishers 2000 911, Jamie Donaldson's 1973 914, Bob Lysack's 1988 928 S4, and Mason Wilson's 2002 997 Turbo.











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# Membership Social May 17th John & Ana Schmidt's

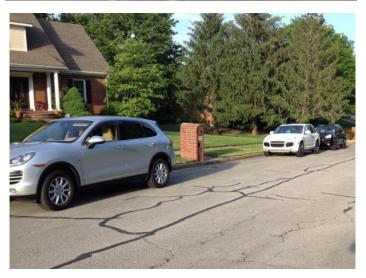
John and Ana Schmidt hosted a very pleasant cookout at their home for our May Social. We had beautiful weather, some great wine and the pot-luck dishes were delicious. Jamie Donaldson proved his expertise by grilling delicious steaks and barbecued chicken. A Special thank you to the Schmidt's for being such gracious hosts.











# TECHNICAL

Taking a closer look

1977 Targa by: David Hafley

Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> was the date of the most recent club Tech Session. As has been usual for the last several years, the session was hosted by Jim Brandon at his garage/shop near Midway. The date coincided with the annual Horsey Hundred bike event, bringing hundreds of riders to the scenic roads in the vicinity of Jim's place. The weather cooperated with warm temperatures and mostly sunny skies. Despite



traffic concerns that delayed a member or two, turnout was good including several 911SC's and a black 928.

The subject car is David Hafley's 2.7 1977 911S Targa. David brought a 'guest' to the session; his 17 year old son Tom. Jim promised that Tom would be turning wrenches before the morning was finished. This session is the continuation of a February 2015 Tech Session with a focus on basic 911 maintenance. An oil and filter change were completed in February. This session was scheduled for plugs, cap and rotor, plus a brake fluid change if time and interest allowed. Per Jim's instructions, David dropped off his car the previous evening to ensure that the engine was cold before diving in. A little after 10:00 am those not drinking coffee, chatting or eating donuts gathered around the back engine deck. A brief inspection revealed the



presence of an aftermarket air conditioning system that was installed after the car was shipped to the US. David noted the fan belt to the compressor had been removed more than 20 years ago and the system had been disabled for an even longer time. The large and inoperable compressor was a weight penalty and blocked access to the starboard side of the engine, including the spark plugs. A consensus quickly emerged to focus on removal of the compressor and various ancillary items at this session and reschedule



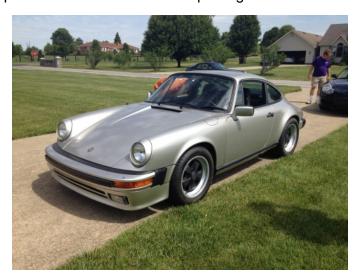
# TECHNICAL

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the other items for a later date. Under Jim's leadership with a strong supporting team including Tom and Larry removal of the system began. After reviewing various options it was decided to remove the compressor unit and bracket as a package.

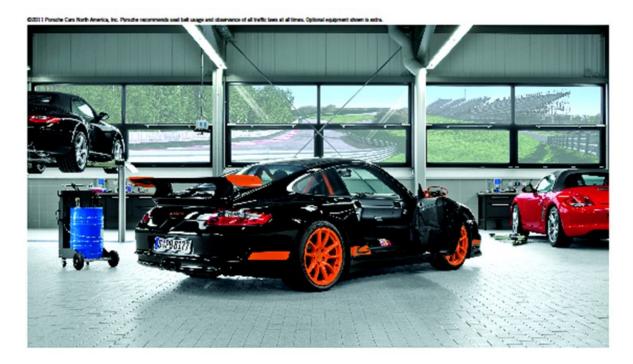


Work then began. Tools were proffered, advice dispensed in bulk, wrenches turned and only a few knuckles skinned. After less than an hour the compressor and bracket were successfully removed from the engine compartment. Cooling hoses mounted on the underside of the back deck were also removed, thus increasing air flow to the engine. The car was now freed from at least 30 pounds of unnecessary weight also rendering the engine more accessible for further repair adventures.



Success was declared shortly after 12:00 noon. The session wrapped up with handshakes and smiles all around.





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BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

We've been talking about track driving for many years now, and I've watched as folks shuffle into and out of the sport that I love. Some come into it with fire and passion, while others timidly slide into the driver's seat. Some advance quickly and move on to regional, club, or time trial racing, and others seem to get overwhelmed and stall-out in their progress. Either way, I've had the good fortune to watch their progress, and hopefully I have provided some positive influence along their journey.



Porsche Cup Racers Fine Tuning Their Craft

No matter what your performance driving goals are, or the level at which you participate, sooner or later you will reach a plateau. It happens to all of us. How you work through those rough spots of seemingly no growth will define you as a person as well as your emerging driving style. Below, I've tried to address some of the issues that I see in emerging drivers that can create such plateaus and interfere with their driving growth. The first of these issues is worry. Like any other sport, drivers can be "in the zone". Here we are alert, assertive, and driving at our peak. There is no way to effectively enter "the zone" if you are consumed with worry. Imagine a football running back constantly worrying about getting hurt, or the state of his knees, or issues at home. There is no way he can perform at his peak. The same is true in performance driving. Constant worry about your health and the risks of driving at speed, or the costs associated with the event weekend, or the possible wear and tear on your car only distract you from the task at hand. This is not to say these are not legitimate concerns, and should be considered strongly before taking part in this or any sport, but once you have chosen to commit, let these worries go, as they will only hurt your performance and poison the fun of the event. I can guarantee you that there are drivers on track with you that are solely focused on their optimal performance. They have learned to enjoy the moment and put their fears / worries / concerns at rest. I find it incredibly relaxing when I finally hop in my seat at the track, as it has become a half-hour or so that I can leave all my worries behind, and enjoy the purely human experience of driving.



BY BRANT D. NYSTROM



Pass Around the Outside at the Nurburgring

Beyond worry, I see a lot of frustration associated with the pace of driver development. I like to think of it this way. Imagine your hobby is tic tac toe. You start by losing, and then enjoy a quick learning curve as you develop an understanding of the game, and in no time you are an expert. Sadly, anyone else who starts playing the game has the exact same experience. The short learning curve renders the game 'no fun' in a matter of minutes.

The best hobbies, sports, and pastimes have a L\_O\_N\_G learning curve. Otherwise anyone who starts becomes and expert, and there is no satisfaction to be had for the mastery that comes from a long-term effort and commitment. Performance driving has a long learning curve. It takes a long time to progress from a first time track participant to a driving instructor and even longer to become a champion racecar driver. Take comfort in the fact that it takes a long time to master driving, and no matter how good you think you are there is always a way to get faster, or smarter, or more alert. The very best drivers always believe there is a faster way, and in time they generally find it.

Avoid blaming your equipment, or spending all of your track-focused time on vehicle mods and upgrades. Yes, you can change your car and run faster. However, anyone that sits in your car will benefit from such a change. You have really accomplished nothing. I strongly encourage you to spend your track-time focused on building self, and being the best driver you can be in any vehicle.

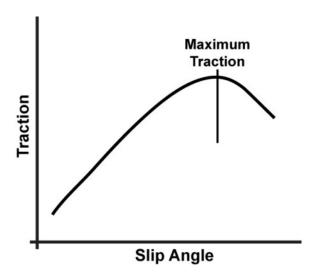


BY BRANT D. NYSTROM



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Another potential pitfall is your ability to push the car to the limit or pushing it too far beyond. Drivers are like tires. A tire develops more and more lateral grip as the slip angle at which it is driven increases. This continues to a maximum grip level, then its grip falls off to the point it loses adhesion all together. Therefore, short of the 100% maximum grip point there is an equal amount of grip available at a point below the maximum as well as above the max. The key to maximum tire performance is operating it as close to its maximum traction point as possible.





BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

Drivers are the same. Most learning track drivers struggle with pushing the car hard enough. Much of this fear comes from worries about wrecking or spinning the car. In reality, bad things usually don't happen when you push beyond the point of perfection. Typically, overdriving the car manifests itself with excessive tire wear, or an inability to hit apexes and exit lines effectively. I encourage drivers that are timid to try to overdrive the car. Oftentimes, they realize the car has a whole lot more to give, and (as an added bonus) it's a lot more fun to drive.

Likewise, super aggressive drivers with confidence in their vehicles at the limit oftentimes over-drive their cars. These guys are frustrated, and want more gains, but their over-driving results in lap time performance similar to their timid counterparts. They wonder why they aren't faster given they have such a refined ability to push their vehicles. In these cases, I suggest running laps at 90% of maximum to solidify their lines. If they are true over drivers, they are usually shocked to find quality lap times in these 'practice' mode laps. In the end, practice makes perfect. It takes time to build trust and confidence in both your vehicle and your skill level. Remember, there is always a better lap to be had. Search for it. Sometimes it requires experimentation, stretching beyond your comfort zone, or watching others to get there. Even pros practice. Other ways to break trough barriers include simulators (where you can safely examine the limits), reading and knowledge work, and/or reconnecting with a trusted instructor.



Highly Committed Porsche at the Nurburgring



BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

After all that we've discussed, it is always a good idea to sit back and watch how the pros perform. You can absorb an amazing quantity of track wisdom by just watching others. Experience and knowledge breed comfort and confidence. These two traits will help you break down the barriers blocking your next best lap time. This month we have a real treat, the 2015 Le Mans 24-Hour race will be running June 13-14. Widely regarded as the pinnacle of motorsports racing worldwide, the Le Mans 24-Hour will showcase the very best road racers from around the world in the fastest factory supported cars (including the P1 prototypes). If you are a Porsche racing fan, this will surely be the best event of the year.



Porsche Preparing for the Upcoming Le Mans 24 Hour

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: <a href="mailto:brantdrystrom@gmail.com">brantdrystrom@gmail.com</a>
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