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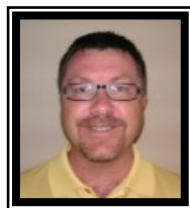
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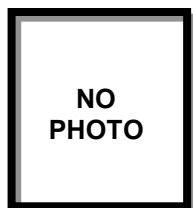
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## Editor's Note

Wow! What an introduction to the month of March. I hope the old saying of March coming in like a Lion and going out like a lamb holds true. If that is the case we will have some great weather by month's end to enjoy driving our Porsche's. I guess those of you who own the SUV varieties are enjoying their capabilities in the snow. My 996 has been out a few times in the snow and has performed admirably. I didn't see any corvettes driving in the stuff that's for sure.

In this month's edition of Rumble we have a preview of the new 911 GT3RS. What a car! How can they continue to keep making this car better? For those of you die hard manual gearbox folks the GT3RS won't be for you but you might like the new Cayman GT4. I'll run a preview of that car in an upcoming issue. Be sure to check out the video link to some cool driving impressions of the new GT3RS.

This year will be my third season as editor of your Rumble monthly newsletter. I have decided to hand over the reigns at the end of the year to someone new to carry on. I had the honor of taking over from Paul Elwyn who set the benchmark for this club's newsletter and I hope I have been able to put something out there each month that our membership has enjoyed. I wanted to make this announcement now to give us ample time to find the next editor. Being the newsletter editor truly is an honor. It has been and continues to be a labor love for me. That being said, I think

we need to continue to involve as many people in our club as we can in everything we do. If you have any interest in being the next editor of Rumble please contact me via email at [nrfisher@outlook.com](mailto:nrfisher@outlook.com). I will be happy to discuss the details of the newsletter editor position. You may also contact our president Ken Hold at [kendelhold@twc.com](mailto:kendelhold@twc.com).

Be sure to check out our club's new website at [www.bluegrasspca.com](http://www.bluegrasspca.com)

Please enjoy this month's Rumble!

Neil Fisher  
Editor





**David  
Hafley**  
*Secretary*

# BOARD MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 2ND, 2015  
MARIKKA'S – LEXINGTON  
KENTUCKY**

## **Board Members Present:**

Ed Stevenson, Bob Lovejoy, Mason Wilson  
Tim McNeeley, Brant Nystrom, Mike Wilson

## **Members Present:**

Neil Fisher, David Patrick

## **Meeting Convened by President Ken Hold at 5:30pm.**

There was a quorum present.

## **Approval of December meeting minutes:** Approved as presented.

## **REPORTS**

### **President Report:**

Ken reviewed a summary of recommended National PCA Budget changes to be discussed at Winter Meeting in Baltimore on February 7. The recommendations include: hiring a Panorama Editor to report to Pete Stout, investing \$50K for Rennsport Reunion V, funding yearlong PCA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations (\$50K) and funding additional website design evolution (\$50K).

### **Past President Report:**

A vote was taken and approved at the Holiday party to provide name badges for members and one affiliate. Replacement cost will be paid by the member. Ed reported 22 people submitted requests for name badges.

### **Vice President Report:**

Mason reported a great time was had at the Holiday party. He also bragged about inheriting the DE gift certificate his mother won. It was agreed he would not be eligible to win the DE gift card next year. He also reported he continues to post photos regularly on Facebook and would like to receive photos from members to post.

### **Secretary Report:**

David Hafley unable to attend. Mike Wilson volunteered to take meeting minutes after he was easily bribed with a free 2015 Monochrome wall calendar from Ken.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Bob Lovejoy presented a printed summary of BGS checking account with a balance of \$2,304.40.

### **Activity Report:**

David Patrick reported that he attended a Parade 101 class sponsored by OVR at

Porsche of the Village in Cincinnati. The purpose was to educate attendees about events and improve attendance. David reviewed a lengthy calendar of activities throughout the week and pointed out registration begins March 17<sup>th</sup> at noon and usually sells out in a matter of hours. Information will be included in the next Rumble. He also suggested we have a few volunteers from BGS attend the Gimmick Rally at parade to learn how to run one for a future opportunity here.

- Adding more events to the calendar
- A Concours judging class will be offered in March (date TBD) hosted jointly by Zones 13&4.
- Current Events planned: 2/7 C&C at Mike Scanlon's, 2/14 Porsche Only C&C; 2/15 Social at Puccini's)

### **Track Report:**

Brant Nystrom discussed highlights of the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona and how various Porsche teams finished including the two GTLM class cars who hit each other. He also reviewed upcoming events for WEC, F1 and Tudor Series. PCA Club Racing is scheduled in March at NOLA, Mid Ohio in June and September.

### **Tech Report:**

David Patrick is planning a spark plug change on his 911 in the near future.

### **Safety Report:**

Mason Wilson reminded everyone to drive safe.

### **Newsletter Report:**

Neil Fisher said the deadline for submission is this Friday. Ken will be sending in something of high quality and informative at the last minute as he usually does.

### **Website Report:**

Ed Stevenson reported progress is ongoing and is currently working on an interface that will work with multiple devices including iPads, Tablets, mobile devices, etc. He also shared what the home page would look like from his tablet. It was impressive.

### **Membership Report:**

Tim McNeely reported we have 1 new member, Jack Morris from Lawrenceburg, KY who owns a 1960 356. Tim will continue to send his Welcome Letter to new mem-

bers. He will cc Ken who will do a follow up phone call and invite them to participate in an upcoming event. Possibly have a name badge made for them for event.

Ken led a discussion around his 3 "Porsche Puddles" diagrams which contained elements to improve member involvement, events and build a stronger club.

### **Make it Happen puddle:**

- The By Laws have not been updated for 5 years and it needs to be done. An electronic version does not exist. Patrick Meyer will scan the printed By Laws to make an editable version and send to all members for review and suggestions.
- It was agreed to add a 'Communication Page' to the Rumble to include Facebook, Google Chat and the address to submit photo's for the Facebook page.

### **The Hook puddle:**

- Discussed the use of radios during Porsche tours to provide a safer and more organized experience. Discussed expense versus practicality. Will develop 'best practices' for tours.
- Ken will extend an offer to Zone 13 and offer our assistance during Porsche Parade.

### **Fun puddle:**

- Discussed contacting local dealerships to renew practice of offering a dealership package and free 1 year membership to new Porsche owners.
- Possible club trip to Louisville to see the remodeled Porsche dealer showroom.

### **Keeneland Concours update:**

Ken commented that the gravel roads behind the entertainment center have been recently paved providing a nice upgrade. Seven clubs have contacted us for Paddock participation.

### **Adjourn:**

Motion by Ed and seconded by Bob Lovejoy at 6:50pm

Submitted by Mike Wilson.

## President's Message

By Ken Hold



Good food and good time.

Our Social at Puccini's was lightly attended with eight members bringing three Porsches. A good time was had by all.

Jim Brandon had to cancel his "Machine Shop 101" tech session on February 21 due to the inclement weather. This event will be rescheduled. It will be a super interesting session that you do not want to miss if you are interested in shop tools and proper tool usage.

Well February started as great weather to sport our 911's and rapidly turned to a month where our Cayennes proved their worth. I am still amazed of how well my Cayenne handles in ice and snow conditions. I was glad to have it for this record breaking month of cold and snow. Despite the weather challenges we were able to hold three of our four scheduled club events in February.

Our All Marque C&C had really nice weather and a super turnout at The Fleetwood Collection. The new venue features fine vehicles with complementing art, a neat social area with couches and refreshment bar, and a SUPER shop area. There were several "in-process" cars for us to see and discuss. I was very pleased to have one of the Miata Club members bring a friend who had just purchased a 911 so he could meet Porsche Club members. The friend decided to join and will be a new member in March. We are also getting attention from some dealers and automotive service folks. The Lexus store brought 4 vehicles including a Lexus LFA supercar. The folks who are in the service business are there to view cars but are always willing to talk technical "stuff" to any attendees. The C&C's are very informal gatherings and not intended to promote business or pressure any purchases. They are intended to provide an opportunity for us to see neat vehicles and discuss what's on our automotive mind. The next C&C will be at Tom & Connie Jones' Toy Box on March 7.

Our February Porsche C&C was held on February 14 at Ramsey's on Harrodsburg Road. We had ten members attend bringing seven Porsches.

Now is the time to be planning your automotive schedule for the rest of the year. Big events for us include Porsche Parade (June 21-27), Keeneland Concours (July 18), and Rennsport Reunion V (September 25-26). Check out our activities schedule for our monthly events.

Other local events being worked on are the Maserati Mingle and a Legends outing. The Mingle will be held Friday, May 15 in the Courthouse Square, downtown Lexington, 5:30-9:00 pm. Car clubs will be able to display some of their member vehicles. Let me know if you would be interested in displaying a vehicle. An outing at a Legends Baseball game is currently being discussed. It would be an opportunity for area car clubs to get together, informally display their vehicles and attend a Legends game. This is still in the planning stage, more to come.

If you are interesting in volunteering for the Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana you can do so at <http://parade2015.pca.org/>. Remember Registration opens on Tuesday, March 17 at 12 Noon EDT.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Keeneland Concours, contact me.

Have some Porsche fun soon,

Ken Hold



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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Tim  
McNeely**  
*Membership Chair*

## 189 Total members!

No new members this past month....no wonder, everybody stayed at the house with this winter blast we got!!! The good news is, the cold weather is about over...SPRING is on the way. Time to back your P-Car out of the garage and stretch its legs.

Our membership is at 118 Regular Members and 71 Family & Affiliate Members, making our total membership 189.

Also, please recognize the following Member Anniversary dates:

Larry Woods	1984
Ken Partymiler	1988
Terry House	1998
Ed Merkler	2002
Chris Martin	2005
Jamie Donaldson	2005
Howard Stanfill	2008
Brant Nystrom	2009
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Roger Fischer	2013
William Combs	2013
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# Cars & Coffee

February 7th,  
Fleetwood Collection

Our February all Marque Cars & Coffee was held at the Fleetwood Collection on Delaware Ave. The car collection inside was awesome and the cars that showed up on the street were equally interesting. Many of us had our first glance at the Lexus LFA up close and in person.





# Cars & Coffee

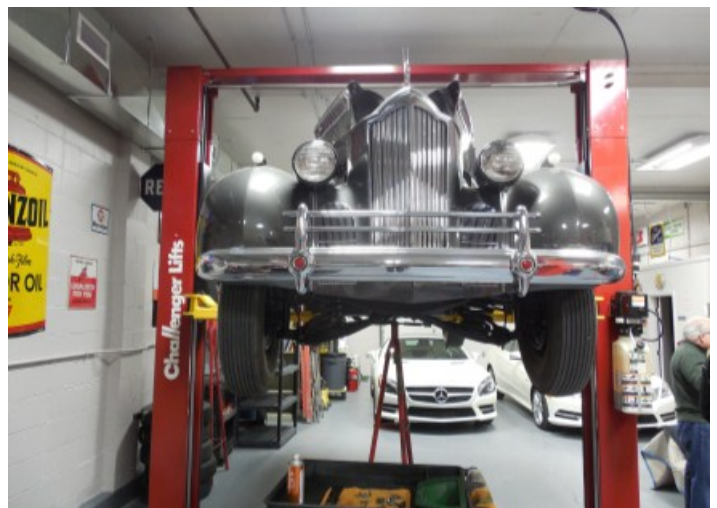
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# PORSCHE ONLY CARS AND COFFEE

February 14th,  
Ramsey's Harrodsburg Road



Our February Porsche Cars & Coffee was held on February 14th at Ramsey's on Harrodsburg Road. We had ten members attend bringing seven Porsches.

We will continue each month on the second Saturday of the month with our Porsche ONLY Cars & Coffee. The next one will be March 14th at Ramsey's on Harrodsburg Road once again.

We may be including a drive after future Cars & Coffee's as we head into spring and summer months. This was very popular last year. We will also consider moving it around to a few different venues. Stay tuned.





# Event Calendar



David  
Patrick *Activities Chair*

**March 7th** Cars & Coffee at Tom & Connie Jones Toybox, 980 Contract Street suite 130

**March 14th** Porsche Only Cars & Coffee at Ramsey's 4391 Old Harrodsburg Road 9 am-11 am.

**March 15th** Monthly Social at Grey Goose Restaurant in Midway 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

**March 21st** Tech session at Jim Brandon's Garage 9 am-11 am.

**April 4th** Multi Marque Cars & Coffee at The Clarion Hotel Newtown Pike 9 am-11 am.

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

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# Membership Social February 14th

## Puccini's Smiling Teeth Pizza Helmsdale Place



Our February social took place at Puccini's Smiling Teeth Pizza at Helmsdale Place on February 15th. It was very cold the day before the first big snow storm but a few members braved the cold and we had three Porsches in the parking lot. The food was good as well as the conversation. Everyone seemed to have a good time as we prepared for the wintry weather that followed.

I think everyone is ready for some springtime weather. Hopefully it is just around the corner.



# 911 GT3RS



The 991 version of the 911 GT3RS is in production. Once again Porsche has upped the ante with a track focused 911 that sets a new benchmark. It has recorded a lap time of 7 minutes 20 seconds on the North Loop of the Nurburgring which bests the historic record of the Carrera GT of 7 minutes 29 seconds.

The new RS engine is a 4.0 litre beast that puts out 500 HP at 8250 RPM and 460 NM of torque at 6250 RPM. It has a maximum speed of 8800 RPM.

0 – 62 MPH comes in a mere 3.3 seconds which is .6 seconds quicker than the previous GT3RS.

The GT3RS will be equipped with a short ratio PDK 7 speed transmission specifically designed for the car.

Light weight components have been used throughout to reduce overall weight including carbon fiber deck lid and cargo lid.

The car is celebrating its world premiere at the Geneva International Motor Show and will begin selling in Germany in May. Most likely it will become available shortly thereafter in the U.S.

Click here for a cool video of the GT3RS:  
<http://goo.gl/rqtlhr>





# 60th Annual Porsche Parade

French Lick, Indiana

## The 60th Annual Porsche Parade

The Porsche Club of America cordially invites you to attend our 60th Annual Porsche Parade Celebration in French Lick Indiana from June 21-27, 2015. Our 60th Parade coincides with the Club's 60th Anniversary Celebration, and we're planning a series of special events at French Lick that will pay tribute to the cars and people who have made us the greatest single marque sports car club in the world. The 60th Parade will rightfully pay homage to the members and events of our past, but will also celebrate the Club's newest enthusiasts who will shape our future.

Parade Registration will open to PCA members on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 12 Noon EDT. The best place to read about Parade activities is <http://parade2015.pca.org/>

For the first time in recent memory, we have not one, but TWO resort properties awaiting your visit, both listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The 3,000 acre compound also features three golf courses and a world class spa at each facility.

The **French Lick Springs Hotel**, established in 1832 and the larger of the two resorts, will be host to many of our familiar Parade activities. This city and the resort were named for an early French fur trading outpost and nearby salt lick. They recently completed a 600 million dollar restoration, bringing many comfortable present day amenities to surroundings that are authentic to the mid-19th century when the current facility was built. It is perhaps most known for their medicinal springs – “Pluto Mineral Water”. The actual spring is still part of their landscape, and the Gardens nearby will host our Welcome Party as well as various activities throughout the week.

Known as the 8th wonder of the world, and just down the street, you'll find the **West Baden Springs Hotel**. This resort is home to the most breathtaking feature of our combined facilities this year; a free-span dome, the largest in the world until the Houston Astrodome was built in the 1960's. An architectural marvel, this breathtaking Atrium will host our Concours and Victory banquets.

Our Concours will be held a few steps through the covered bridge from the north end of the French Lick property. Rallies will depart from the grounds of the West Baden, and banquets will be held on both properties. The Parade 60th year museum, Hospitality, Goodie Store, seminars and many meetings will be at French Lick. Both resorts have lots of parking and car wash stations.

For those of you who are new to Parade, you need to register for Parade on the PCA or Parade website before getting access to the codes necessary to hold your room. Therefore, we recommend browsing all necessary information prior to opening day so you're ready to go. You'll need to know what events you want to enter, as well as which hotel is your preference. The registration guide will be on the Parade website by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will have our full complement of competitive events: Concours, TSD Rally, Autocross (at the nearby French Lick airport), and Tech Quiz. Add to that the Tours, Gimmick Rally, Golf Tournament, Art Show, Michelin Drive and Compare, Kids' events, Tech Academy, cooking school, 5K run/walk, Parade of Porsches and more – you'll be kept busy!



# 60th Annual PORSCHE PARADE

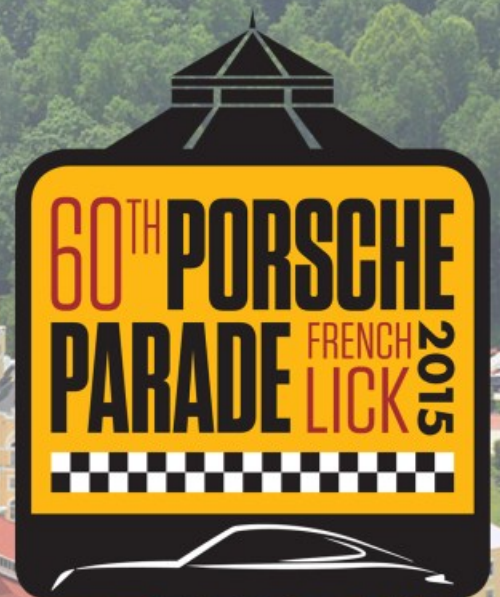
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# TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

March is the month in which we generally schedule our first track event of the season. The friends that I tend to share these events with have a variety of cars. Some of them have stock street cars that also serve as daily drivers; some have track prepared cars that get weekend and sunny day use on the road; and the rest have very dedicated race cars. However, no matter what type of vehicle you may use for track events, it is critical to have it looked over prior to the start of track season and to correct or repair any issues that may have arisen over the winter.

Let's talk about preparing for the beginning of track season. First and foremost, as the owner and primary driver of your car, you should give it a quick inspection. I know some of you will give it a tremendous scouring, but even the hands-off performance driver should look for a few obvious telltale signs of serious issues. I would suggest a quick look at the general attitude and stance of the car. Additionally, a quick inspection of tires and brakes, under the hood, exhaust system and exhaust gas appearance, the sound of the motor running, any warning lights or vibrations, as well as good look at your favorite parking spot or garage floor for unexpected fluid leaks will catch many issues before they become bigger problems, as well as providing a little piece of mind while you are driving around town.

If you're willing to look a little closer there are some things that require special attention. Brakes are wear items that only function by deteriorating. They will wear out, and on track vehicles they will wear out fast. Pay attention to brake pad wear, and rotor issues. You should consider replacing your brake pads if they have less than about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of material remaining. Rotors are harder to assess but if they have any visible spider cracks between the cross-drilled holes you are nearing replacement. Feel around your calipers for fluid leaks or drips. If you have a tire pressure gauge handy, check that your tire pressure is within the normal operating window (I would do this even on vehicles equipped with tire pressure monitoring systems TPMS as well). Inspect your tires and wheels for abnormalities, and note any alignment or wobble issues while driving. Remember too, that performance and racing parts can be significantly more fragile and susceptible to the effect of the elements than stock parts, so if you have any, give them an extra look to be safe.



*My car in the shop for her pre-season check-up*

After your self-assessment, should there be any questions; schedule a visit to your favorite dealer or private repair shop. In fact, if you frequently run the car at a high rate of speed or attend more than a couple track events per year, a quick once-over by the shop should be mandatory. Additionally, as your first track event nears, virtually every event will require a pre-event technical inspection to be performed and signed-off by at least the driver if not a professional repair shop. Be sure you or your shop perform a thorough tech inspection before each event, it may save you significant dollars or even your life.



# TRACK TIME

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In addition to your car, I suggest a good look at your support equipment as well. Your gear (helmet, clothing, gloves, shoes, etc.), as well as your travel toolbox, floor jack, torque wrench and such should all be in good working order, clean, and tidy.



*Now let's get ready for some real racing action!*

Now that your vehicle and equipment are ready for action, it's time to search the event listings and sign-up for that track event. As a refresher, there are two primary track event web sites. Most clubs and organizations use either [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) or [www.motorsportsreg.com](http://www.motorsportsreg.com) for event enrollment. Both sites will allow the user to browse current and future events. Please note that the two systems are mutually exclusive so you may have to search both for the event of your choice. Good luck in preparing your car for the coming season. I hope to see you out on the grid in the near future.

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](mailto:brantdnystrom@gmail.com)

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