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President's Message

Thanks for a great year!

By Ed Steverson



Assembled for the ceremonial \$1,000 check presentation to The Nest Center for Women, Children, and Families are (from left) Bluegrass Region PCA Vice President Elect Mason Wilson, Bluegrass Region board member Neil Fisher, Nest Treasurer Tim Guthrie, Bluegrass Region PCA President Ed Steverson, Nest Executive Director Jeffrey White, Bluegrass Region PCA member Judd Campbell, and Bluegrass Region PCA Secretary Maureen Elwyn.

With the end of the year drawing to a close, I want to take a moment and thank everyone who has participated in our events over the year. You have made the Bluegrass Region activities a blast. What fun we have!

2012 produced several GREAT drives for us to enjoy our cars, we once again won the Paddock Challenge at the Keeneland Counours, the Rumble won First place at the Parade, and we raised funds for the Reindeer Express, Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation, and the Kentucky Children's Hospital. I feel we have a great club that is active and cares about our community.

This is the time of the year

when we elect our new board. You will receive your ballots early this week via snail mail. Please return ballots by December 15th.

We could not of have had a successful year if it were not for our current board. I thank you for your volunteerism.

I'm excited to see that four of the six people on this year's

ballot are new to our board! A new group of people and cars to get to know.

Along with the elected officials we will have two new non-elected positions filled.

Neil Fisher will be our newsletter editor. Please help me welcome him and contribute with content for the Rumble. Neil's first issue will be January 2013.

Brant Nystrom will be our new track chair. Brant frequents many tracks annually and has a great insight into everything from what it takes to get you and your car to the track and enhancements to make your car faster on the track. Brant finished 2012 as the runner up for NASA TT series.

Would you please join me in a standing ovation for Paul Elwyn our outgoing newsletter editor. Paul has knocked it out of the park with each issue. Thank you for your contributions. The club and the Rumble are better off as a result from your efforts.

What we have been doing

CARS & COFFEE

December 1st was unseasonably warm and we had 31 cars attend our Cars & Coffee. This is a great reason to get out early

on a Saturday morning. Join us at the Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike at I-64 the first Saturday of each month. The Sports Page Sports Bar inside the Clarion will be reserved for us once it is too cold outside.

REINDEER EXPRESS

On November 20th we presented the Nest with a \$1000 check to help with their Reindeer Express. See article later in this Rumble.

What we are going to do

CARS & COFFEE

January 5th will be our next Cars & Coffee. We will be at the Clarion on Newtown Pike @ 9am. The Sports Page Sports Bar will be reserved for us and they have a full service breakfast buffet for under five dollars.

BOARD MEETING

January 7th is our first board meeting with our new board. Everyone is invited to attend. It will be at Marikkas on Southland Drive, meeting starts at 5:30.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

The club's annual party will be January 13th, 5:30 at Keene Run's Clubhouse at 5600 Harrodsburg Road, Nicholasville. More details to come via the club's national emailer.

Hope to see you at an event soon.

**Drive it,
Ed**



Bluegrass Region PCA presents \$1,000 to The Nest to benefit area children



Gathered at The Nest for a ceremonial check presentation on November 20th were (from left) Bluegrass Region PCA board member Neal Fisher, President Ed Stevenson, Nest Treasurer Tim Guthrie, Nest Executive Director Jeffrey White, Bluegrass Region PCA member Judd Campbell, Bluegrass Region PCA Vice President-Elect Mason Wilson, and Bluegrass Region PCA Secretary Maureen Elwyn.

Bluegrass Region recently presented The Nest Center for Women, Children & Families of Lexington with a check for \$1,000.

The contribution will support the Reindeer Express program designed to provide gifts for children ages one through five from among over 600 desig-

nated families in the Lexington area.

The Reindeer Express program will provide toys, games, puzzles, dolls, art supplies, sports items, books, coats hats, mittens and gloves, and scarves.

The Nest, launched in 1977, provides child care, parenting

classes, domestic violence counseling, and crisis care services. Over 1,200 people requested assistance from the crisis care component during the past year.

Nest Executive Director Jeffrey White, PHR, provided an overview of Nest services to Bluegrass Region members

assembled for the check presentation. He noted that 90% of the contribution would go directly to services for clients.

The Bluegrass Region contribution was drawn from the club treasury at a rate of \$20 per 2012 Winter Party attendee.

Changing drivers

An editorial farewell
By Paul Elwyn



The strength of a club driven by volunteers lies in the willingness of members to climb into the cabin to take over the controls.

After 44 issues and over 2,000 hours at the publishing wheel, the time has arrived for a fresh driver.

I informed the board in July of my intent to retire.

Neal Fisher has volunteered to take over RUMBLE beginning with the January issue.

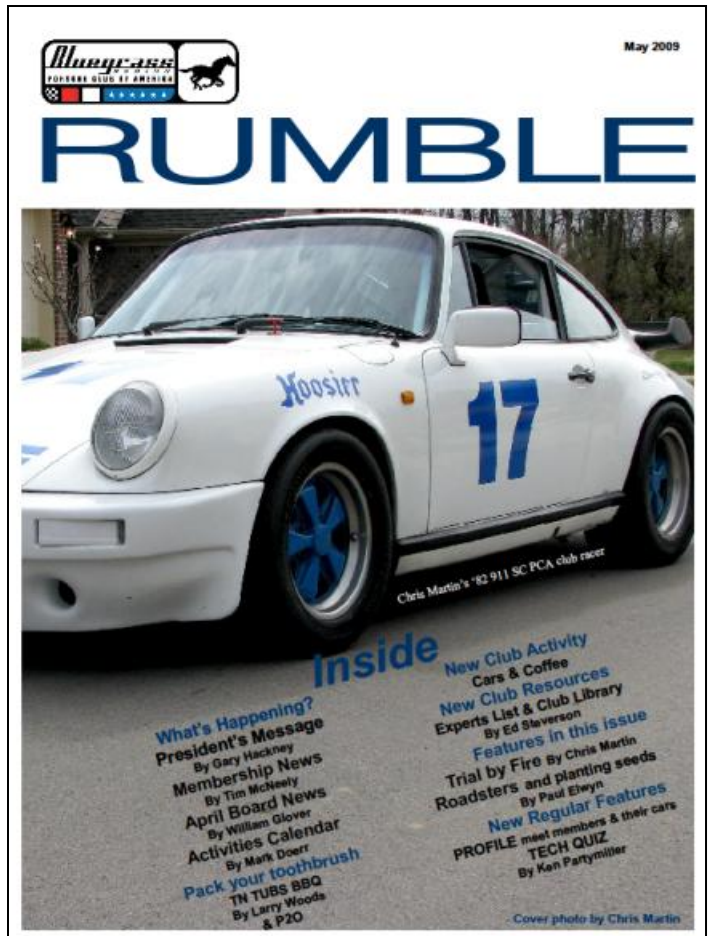
So this is my last issue, and I hope this club will assist Neal by contributing local content.

Nurturing original, local content remained the focus for me. I was thrilled when for

my first issue **Chris Martin** submitted a two-part story about the construction of his 911 SC club racer and his first race, in the rain! **Larry Woods, Ken Partymiller,** and **Ed Steverson** also contributed. *That's* exactly the sort of material an editor needs.

In that knowledge I intend to write on occasion, not because I think I'm a great writer, but because I know that clubs have value when members participate.

So, join me in welcoming **Neal Fisher**, and let's help him produce a publication that we value. Contact Neal at rfisher2501@insightbb.com.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 8 Tech Session: 915 transaxle, hot test 2.7L, Jim Brandon's garage, Georgetown, 10am-Noon.

Jan 5 Cars & Coffee, Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike & I-64, 9-11 am

Jan 7 Board Meeting

Jan 13 Winter Party, 5:30 pm, Keene Run. This is a larger site with excellent food. Door prizes will be presented. Ed will post more infor-

mation through the PCA national emailer.



David
Patrick
*Activities
Chair*

Contact David with Porsche-related event news:
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A 4S, finally!

Chris Martin finally owns what he has lusted after for years, an air-cooled Carrera 4S with Turbo wide body, brakes and suspension.

Having sold his Euro SC PCA club racer, he found this handsome '97 4S featuring an Andial-built 3.8.

No one would guess on inspection that this car has covered over 160,000 miles.

Congratulations,
Chris!



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BOARD MINUTES

**Maureen
Elwyn**
Secretary



November 5, 2012
Marrika's

Board Members Present: Ed Steverson, Maureen Elwyn, Paul Elwyn, Tim McNeely, Ken Slone, and Mark Doerr
Members present: Mary Doerr and Ken Hold

Meeting convened by President Ed Steverson at 5:45

October minutes approved.
Motion by Ed Steverson; second by Tim McNeely

Activities Report: Upcoming events:

- November 18- Social @ Grey Goose in Midway
- December 3 – Board Meeting

Newsletter: The November newsletter contains 30 pages and lots of pictures.

New Business:

Election: We need to elect a new treasurer, vice president, secretary, and two board members. Nominating committee will report the following nominees to club at November social.

President – Ed Steverson, Vice President – Mason Wilson, Secretary – David Hafley,

Treasurer – Brett Jackson, Directors: Neil Fisher and Jamie Donaldson (Non-elected chairs; Neil Fisher – *Rumble* editor; Track chair – Brant Nystrom

Ballots mailed December 1 and returned by December 15.

Election Results: Ballots will be counted by Jim Brandon and verified by Ben Prewitt.

New Board: New board will be presented to club at holiday party on January 13.

- Don Roof has been named national website coordinator and is available to assist us with our website.
- Fall charity drive raised \$500 which the club will match for a total of \$1,000.

A check will be presented to Cardinal Hill Hospital in honor of Ramon and Mason.

- Membership survey will be sent out annually each October.
- Ed and Neil will decide charity which will benefit from holiday party monies and make recommendation to board and club.

Next Board Meeting: December 3 @ Marrika's

Adjourn: Motion by Ed Steverson; second by Mark Doerr

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Cars & Coffee

November 3, Clarion Hotel,
Newtown Pike, 9-11 am
Join us, 1st Sat. of each month.

We assembled on November 3rd under dark skies that eventually provided a light rain, but not until after President Ed Stevenson handed out door prizes.

Gary Whitaker (right) delighted attendees with his 2011 Boxster Spyder with PDK.

Again, Cars & Coffee offered a wide range of interesting cars, this time ranging from a Boattail Auburn to a Ferrari 512, and two slant-nose 930 Turbos, one after-market and one factory built.

Hotel Sales Manager Lames Abraham provided free coffee and inside a \$4.99 breakfast buffet.

We plan to continue this event into the winter, so join us on the first Saturday of each month.



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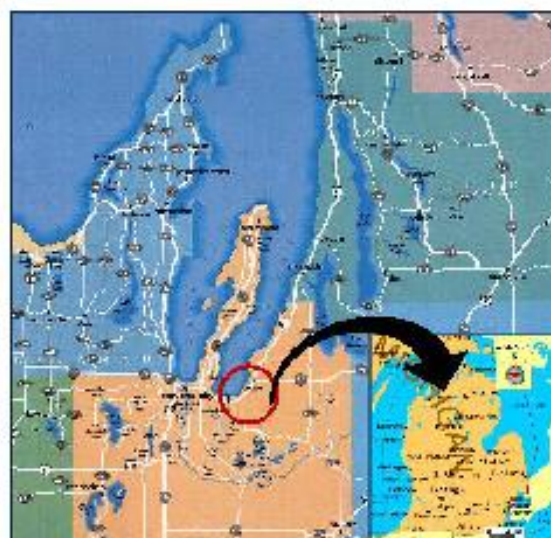
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Bluegrass Region assembles in Midway at Grey Goose for November Social

Approximately 30 Bluegrass Region members gathered at the Grey Goose in Midway on November 18th for the monthly social.

Nominating Committee member David Patrick announced the nominees for board members and invited nominees from the membership.

Nominees include Ed Steverson, President; Mason Wilson, Vice President; David Hafley, Secretary; Brett Jackson, Treasurer; Neil Fisher and Jamie Donaldson, Directors.

Ballots will be mailed December 1st and are to be returned by December 15th. Results will be announced at the January 13th Winter Party.

President Ed Steverson announced the Christmas charity recipient. Ed said, "The club voted to donate \$20 for each attendee at the holiday party earlier this year to a Christmas charity. Forty-six were in attendance generating \$920.00.

"At the last board meeting I was given the task of selecting where to donate. After a bit of research, I chose Reindeer Express. Reindeer Express is in Lexington, they support families with children from birth to five years of age."

Charter Bluegrass member and three-time President Ken Hold reported as PCA Zone 13 Representative on the latest PCA news. Ken concludes his Zone 13 role for PCA this month.



Ken Hold, Zone 13 Rep., reports latest from PCA.



Bluegrass Region assembles in Midway at Grey Goose for November Social

Photos contributed by Mary Doerr



Flying through organic droppings on Hubble Road in a 2011 Boxster Spyder

After snapping photos, we, of course, had to road test, being the serious car people we are. We ran over one of my test loops, which always leaves plenty of organic material on the paint (above right). At one point on a straight stretch with no one behind us, Gary stopped, pressed the "Sport Plus" button and floored the throttle. Acceleration was hard enough that this old man struggled to keep his head upright off the headrest to see the earth rushing past us. This was a moving experience. My cars are *so old!*

—PE



Freshly-refurbished '79 SC puts big grin on my not-so-fresh face



This is my third SC since 1986, and the '71 T, '76 S, and '85 Carrera owned previously also were entertaining, but I am enjoying this car

more than I did the others.

It's been about 10 months since my last report on the '79 SC project, so here's the latest.

Jim Brandon, Ben Prewitt, and I rebuilt the 3.0 engine

from the crank up with 9.3 compression Mahle pistons and cylinders in place of the old 8.5 compression Alusil set.

Mike Fraley in Mt. Sterling (859-498-3440) rebuilt the

heads.

Stock SC cams and a Barry Hershon distributor rebuild/recurve with mechanical advance work well with the 40mm PMO carbs, which following a few



Freshly-refurbished '79 SC puts big grin on my not-so-fresh face



spits on cold start otherwise deliver the driveability of fuel injection. The engine with PMO induction, re-curved distributor and backdated exhaust, sounds wonderful and provides significantly better performance than a stock 3.0 or early 3.2.

With over 1,200 miles now on the engine, I am finally free to run past 5,000 rpm and with full throttle. The SC sounds faster than it is, of course, but handling is surprisingly good at a spirited back road pace.

Much remains to be sorted, but the car has been reliable and fun during the break-in miles.

The 915 is shifting well now with new OEM sport engine and transaxle mounts, new cable, coupler and bushings. The old clutch looked good, but I replaced the friction disc, pilot and throw-out bearings.

The interior with RS carpet and door panels awaits new seats, sun visors and belts. I look forward to retiring the

original seats, preferably to be replaced by OEM sport seats, but likely new seats with adjustable backs that will allow use of 3-point belts.

If the ABE version of the Pole Position were available, I would go with that fixed-back seat. I am considering rebuilt Recaro LS or LX seats or new

Recaro Speed seats or possibly Corbeau GTS II seats which appear to be influenced by the Recaro LS, or my first choice, new GTS Classics Monte Carlo seats, an interpretation of Recaro seats of the late '70's, which can be ordered with corduroy inserts. I'm saving money.

Fuchs wheel center color now is traditional black, rather than Bilstein (John Deere) Green, but I may try red petals to coordinate with red door straps and red seatbelts.

I may add a ducktail, but the current stock engine lid—which is supremely light, by the way—affords stability up to 100 mph. Call me old and slow, but I don't spend much time above 90 mph on public roads.

Much remains to be done through the winter, such as tweaking the headlight switch internal contact arm to avoid spending \$120 on a new switch.

The SC is no replacement for my '96 4S, at least not without air conditioning, but it delivers a strikingly different and appealing level of performance, a simple yet refined sports car experience unlike any from other manufacturers.

This car likely will never be finished, and that's fine with me and the understanding I had going in. I do not say, however, that working on the car is as much fun as driving.



Unfinished interior awaits black sport seats, but the original touring seats are ...better than milk crates.



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