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President's Message

By Ed Stevenson

Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary to the Bluegrass Region!



2013 marks the Bluegrass Region's 10th year. Wow how time flies, it seems like I was just making the Five Fast Years name tags.

In my opinion, our club is stronger and more active than ever.

We have had many quality activities through the year, we are an active region that has repeatedly won national PCA awards, given back to our community graciously, and have produced two national level officers. I want to thank everyone that has helped us get to this point.

It's not just the cars, it's the people!

Please help me in welcoming Neil Fisher as our newsletter editor. This is Neil's first Rumble and I look forward to working with him. Please help make Neil's difficult job a little easier by submitting articles for future Rumble editions.

With 2013, we as a club have elected a new board. I'm pleased to be serving as your President again in 2013 and would like to welcome Mason Wilson as Vice President, Brett

Jackson as Treasurer, David Hafley as Secretary, and Neil Fisher and Jamie Donaldson as Directors. I'm looking forward to serving with each of them.

What we have been doing:

Cars & Coffee

December 1st was an unseasonably warm day and many turned out for our monthly Cars & coffee at the Clarion Hotel. We almost filled the side parking lot and this was in December! Photos are included for your enjoyment later in this Rumble.

Board Meeting

December 3rd was our last board meeting of the year. Thanks go out to our 2012 board for all they have done.

Tech Session

Saturday the 8th, Jim Brandon hosted another awesome tech session at his garage. This time he went over the workings of a 1975 915 5-speed transaxle. We inspect the ring/pinion gear, differential gears, spur gears, helical gears, synchronizers, "dog teeth", shift rods, bearings, and backlash settings. Jim did a great job explaining the functions of each piece. We also fired up the 2.7 Jim had reassembled on an engine stand. Interesting and informative day. Thanks Jim!

What we are gonna do:

Cars & Coffee

January 5th will be our next Cars & Coffee. We will be at the Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike at 9 am. Free coffee and the Sports Page Sports Bar will be reserved for us. A full service breakfast buffet is available 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 Marikka's on Southland Drive, meeting starts at 5:30 pm.

New Years Party

The club's annual party will be January 13th, 5:30 pm at Keene Run's Clubhouse at 5600 Harrodsburg Road, Nicholasville. More details in this Rumble.

Winter Concours at Porsche of The Village

Porsche of The Village has an outstanding annual Winter Concours inside their great facility. More details to come in February's Rumble and on BGSPCA Google Group.

Hope to see you at an event soon.

Drive it,
Ed





New driver

An editorial
By Neil Fisher

Welcome to the January edition of RUMBLE and a new year. It has been quite a year to say the least. First off I would like to thank Paul Elwyn for his years of service as the editor of Rumble. He has done a fantastic job and I hope I can continue the tradition of putting together a publication our club can be proud of. I am sure it will take me some time to get up to speed. One thing I do want to let everyone know is that the RUMBLE can only be as good as the content that you send in for me to include in each issue. So I highly encourage everyone to submit your stories and photos to me and I will try to include as many of them as I can each month. If you have something to send in please send it to rfisher2501@insightbb.com. I have created this e-mail especially for RUMBLE articles, stories and photos. As a rule of thumb I am setting the 25th day of each month as a sort of deadline for information to be submitted for the upcoming month.

Well, if you are reading this then I guess the Mayan calendar was wrong and we have more time to continue enjoying our Porsches either on road or track. I hope everyone is looking forward to this New Year and the activities that will be coming forth. Porsche sure has kept things interesting with the introduction of the new 911, Boxster, and most recently the new Cayman. I would certainly like to see this latest edition up close. Hopefully there will be a local unveiling coming soon. Stay tuned!

Neil Fisher



BOARD MINUTES

Maureen Elwyn
Secretary



December 3, 2012
Marikka's

Board Members Present: Ed Steverson, Maureen Elwyn, Neil Fisher, Mark Doerr, Bob Lovejoy (via phone), Paul Elwyn, JW Wilson

Members present: Ken Hold, Mary Doerr, Mason Wilson, Jamie Donaldson, Brett Jackson

Meeting convened by President Ed Steverson at 5:48 pm

Nov. 5 minutes approved, motion by Mark Doerr, second by Ed Steverson

Treasurer's Report: by Ed Steverson via Bob Lovejoy \$5190.37 balance. New treasur-

er to look into \$5 monthly fee per request by Brett Jackson

Activities Report: Ed Steverson reported Tech Session December 8 at Jim Brandon's garage, January 5 Cars & Coffee at Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike, January 13 Holiday Party at Keene Run.

Newsletter Report: Paul Elwyn reported 22 pages of the usual. Newsletter communications going forward should be to Neil Fisher:
rfisher2501@insightbb.com.

Safety Report: JW Wilson requests a 10-day notice for any event needing PCA insurance.

Old Business:

- Election Ballots mailed December 1 with return requested to Jim Brandon by December 15. Sate: Ed Steverson, President, member since 11/02; Mason Wilson, Vice President, member since 04/12; Brett

Jackson, Treasurer, member since 07/12; David Hafley, Secretary, member since 02/08; Neil Fisher, Director, member since 04/07; Jamie Donaldson, Director, member since 03/05; Brant Nystrom, Track Chair, Member since 03/09; Neil Fisher, Rumble Editor, member since 04/07.

- Presentation of \$1,000 to The Nest Center For Women, Children, and families.
- Presentation of \$1,000 to Cardinal Hill Hospital.

New Business:

- \$200 from treasury to provide Holiday Party door prizes from Porsche of The Village and Bluegrass Motorsport, Approved, motion by Ed Steverson, second by Neil Fisher.
- \$200 from treasury to hire Dot Net Nuke Director of Training, Chris Hammond to make changes in website pages, Motion by Ed Ste-

version, Second by Mark Doerr, Approved.

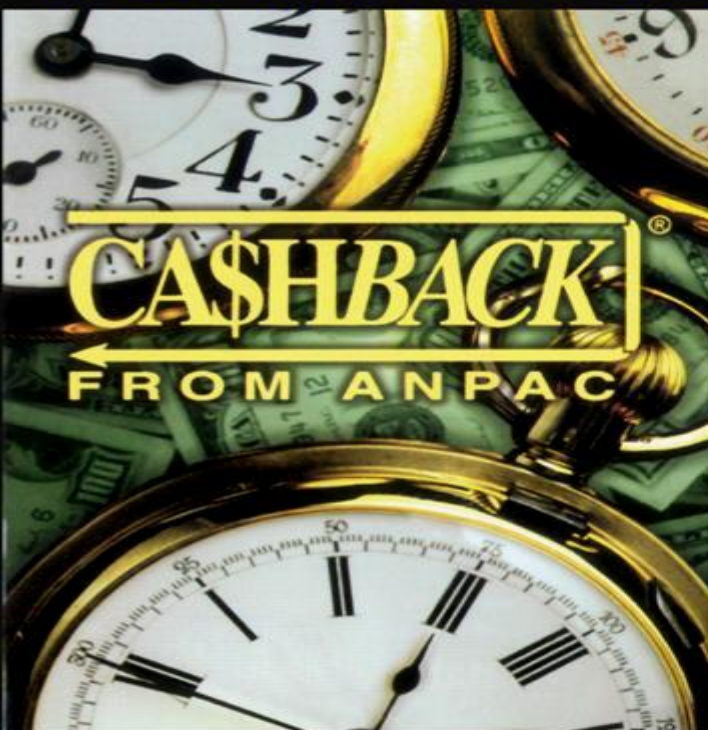
- Discussion held regarding Proxy procedure to simplify absentee voting by board members with item tabled for future meeting.

Announcements:

- Ken Hold announced new Zone 13 PCA Representative James Jackson, past Chicago Region President to begin service in January to fill the vacancy created by the end of term for Ken Hold as Zone 13 Rep.
- President Ed Steverson recognized outgoing board members and Rumble Editor Paul Elwyn for their service to the club.

Adjourn: 7:00 pm, motion by Maureen Elwyn, second by Mark Doerr.

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

Feb 2nd Cars & Coffee,
9-11 am, Clarion Hotel,
Newtown Pike

Mar 2nd Cars & Coffee,
9-11 am, Clarion Hotel,
Newtown Pike



**David
Patrick**
*Activities
Chair*

Jan 7th Board Meeting,
5:30 pm, Marikka's

Feb 4th Board Meeting,
5:30 pm, Marikka's

Mar 4th Board Meeting,
5:30 pm, Marikka's

Jan 13th Holiday Party,
Kenne Run 5600 Harrods-
burg Road, 5:30 pm - 8
pm

Feb 17th Membership
Meeting, 5:30 pm at
Village Host Pizza, 431
Old Vine St Lexington

Mar 17th Membership
Meeting, 5:30 pm, place
TBA

Contact David with
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Tim
McNeely**
*Membership
Chair*



One new member, 182 total membership

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

**Mike Fulkerson of
Lexington. 1974 914.**

**We also had an old
member who moved
away, come back to KY
and is transferring back
in.**

we're glad to welcome:

**Robin D'Alexander back
to her new home in
Nicholasville, KY and
back in the BGPCA!!!**

**Our membership is at
108 Regular Members
and 74 Family & Affili-
ate Members, making
our total membership
182.**

**Also, please recognize the following Member
Anniversary dates:**

Stacy Bearse	1996
Michael Bordes	1997
Steve Krolack	1999
Ron Sanders	2002
David Ratliff	2004
Mark Doerr	2005
Jay Million	2006
Juan Favetto	2009
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TECHNICAL

Taking a closer look

Porsche 915 Transaxle



Tech session: We see the most engaging science project and disas- semble a 915

By Paul Elwyn

Tech Chairman Jim Brandon on December 8th hosted a session at his garage outside Georgetown attended by 16 people to provide an overview of the design of the 915 transaxle and a hot run on the test stand of the 2.7 engine that was the subject of earlier tech sessions.

First, Jim fired the 2.7 which settled into a quiet whir at fast idle. Mounted on a test stand fabricated by Jim, the engine seemed both familiar and new in that we usually do not watch a flat six run up in the air totally exposed. With fuel and electrical lines labeled for clarity, the engine appeared to be the most engaging science project Porsche junkies could imagine. The engine appears to be ready to go, but it may become an ongoing garage project as Jim contemplates mounting a set of Weber carburetors.

Jim then directed everyone's attention to the recently-acquired 915 transaxle. Having studied the earlier 901 unit last

winter, we now had opportunity to see how the two transmissions vary in design. Jim explained, "As with the 901, the unit is constant mesh, meaning that all gears are engaged at all times. What actually moves when we shift is a sliding collar with the dog teeth which engages mating dog teeth on the selected gear and directs power from the input shaft to the pinion shaft (or vise-versa). The sliding collar contacts the synchronizer ring first (to match rotation with the selected gear) and then 'pops' over the synchronizer to keep the gear engaged."

As with the 901, any grinding one might hear when using a 901 or 915 actually is the dog teeth, not the gears, a bad thing, by the way. Worn dog teeth and synchronizers contribute to difficult shifting and popping out of gear, indicators that it's time to spend cubic dollars for a rebuild.

The 915 shift pattern is different from that of the 901, and the unit is more robust, capable of handling more power than the 901. The actual overall length of the two transaxles is the same, and a 915 can replace a 901 as has been done in Henry Burt's 911. We watched as Jim and assistant Larry Woods disassembled the unit. Jim explained how everything works, so when we must spend cubic



dollars, we have a better idea where the money is going. As usual, the informal session allowed for Q&A, lots of off-topic conversation, humor, donuts, coffee, and, of course, a better understanding of the mechanical side of our favorite sports car, along with time to get to know one another a little better offering, in other words, a perfect Saturday morning. If you have never attended a tech session, you should make a point of being at the next session, regardless of the topic.

Cars & Coffee

December 1, Clarion Hotel,
Newtown Pike, 9 - 11 am
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