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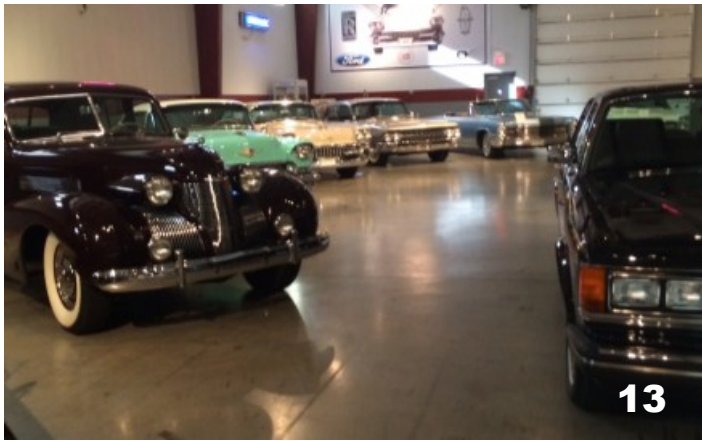
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The weather of 2014 winter has been one to remember.

With all the extreme cold temperatures and snow, I keep reminding myself that March 20th is the first day of spring and each day we are getting closer.

Even with the crazy winter we have been experiencing, the Bluegrass Region has had some great events since our last Rumble.

On January 4th we had a large turnout at Mike Scanlon's collection for Cars & Coffee. Our monthly Cars and Coffee has really grown. During the cold months this winter we have been lucky to have been invited into both Mike Scanlon's and Tom and Connie Jones' collections. The attendance has been huge. February 1st was our second trip to Tom and Connie's. The weather was unseasonably warm and many brought out their rides. Some of the eye candy in the parking lot included a brand new GT3, Audi R8 Cab, Corvette C7, some muscle, and many Porsche cars. The temperature was nice enough

to enjoy the cars outside.

On the 18th of January, we held our annual Holiday Party. Attendance was around fifty; Cherry Blossom was a new venue for us and worked out well. Food was great and everyone won a door prize. Our grand prize winner was Fran Lockwood. She won a full DE weekend, which includes two days on the track with hotel accommodations and food from Bluegrass Motorsport. I would like to thank all that participated in making this a great night! Especially to our advertisers, Bluegrass Motorsport, Porsche of the Village, and Foreign Affairs for all the great door prizes. It was a fun time!

Upcoming events to put on your calendar:

February 10th - Board Meeting, Marikkas on Southland Drive in Lexington. This is our monthly business meeting. All members are invited. Meeting starts at 5:30pm.

February 16th - Our Monthly Social will be at Mi Mexico on New Circle

Road Lexington at 5:30pm

March 1st - Car & Coffee will be at the Fleetwood Collection on Midland Avenue, Lexington. Across from the Lexington Herald Leader.

We are starting to put together our activities calendar for the year. If you have an idea for an event or would like to help or host an event, please contact our Activities Chair David Patrick via email @ ptrck-dvd@yahoo.com. A winery drive, the Keeneland Concours, Ault Park Concours, Annual Membership Appreciation Celebration, and Fall Charity Drive are a few that are already on the calendar. You can check our calendar at <http://bgs.pca.org/Events.aspx>.

Believe it or not, Spring is just around the corner!

Hope to see you at an event soon.

Drive it,
Ed

As you can see on the front cover a 911 really can be driven in all sorts of weather. I would highly recommend winter or all season tires. I took this photo in the parking lot at work during one of our many snow storms this winter. I just wish we could get a break from the white stuff long enough for me to clean the car up a little. Some of you know how obsessed I am about having a clean car.

I can't wait for springtime and some nice weather for driving. Hopefully in a month or so we will see some relief.

This month you will see a nice article from Robert McClelland detailing his visit to the Peterson Automotive Museum. I have also included a peek at the new 911 targa in this edition. If you haven't seen it yet, go to the Porsche website and check it out. What a nice balance

of retro look and modern technology. All I can say is I want one! Enjoy this month's Rumble.



Neil Fisher
Newsletter Editor

BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 13 2014
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David
Hafley
Secretary

Board Members Present:

Ed Steverson, Neil Fisher, David Hafley, Jamie Donaldson, Bob Lovejoy, Mason Wilson, Patrick Meyer, David Patrick, Tim McNeely, Brant Nystrom

Members present:

None

Meeting convened by President Ed Steverson at 5:35

Minutes of the December Meeting:

December meeting minutes were distributed to board members via e-mail, and approved by a majority of board members.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report, except a thank you to board member(s) who took meeting minutes when the Secretary was not able to attend board meetings.

Vice President's Report:

Mason reported the club's Facebook page was up and in use. Some discussion of opportunities and ideas related to the new Facebook presence.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Lovejoy reported that club assets are listed as \$2195.01, which reflects expenditures for recent budgeted events. Bob requested a check for \$400 for purchase of door prize for the upcoming Holiday Party.

Tech:

A tech session focused on 944's was proposed and generally agreed to by board members. The session would be held at Foreign Affairs.

Activities Report:

David Patrick reported on the following items:

Porsches to Ohio which takes place in Granville is scheduled for July 25, 26 and 27.

It was the consensus of board members present to return to Mi Mexico for the upcoming social

The Holiday Party was discussed. It will be held January 18th at the Cherry Blossom Clubhouse in Georgetown. A total of 41 RSVP's have been received to date.

Suggestions for spring and summer activities, such as drives are being solicited. Several ideas were discussed. Opportunities might include a Poker Run.

Discussion of Magnus Walker from California and the possibility of inviting him to the Keeneland event this summer.

Old Business:

Ed reported the following:
Election results have been tallied and all Board members standing for election or re-election have been elected to office.

Safety Report:

No report.

Track Report:

Brant noted it is off-season for track events and suggested members review his section in *Rumble*.

Newsletter Report:

Neil reported that the current issue *Rumble* would be quite large and include a large number of photographs from recent club events and activities. Neil requested members continue to provide articles, photos and related materials. Communications should be to Neil Fisher at nrfisher@outlook.com.

Membership Report:

The club has gained two additional members. One is a transfer in and one new. Ed distributed club cards which can be placed on Porsche's spotted

around town as a means of recruiting members.

Historian:

No report.

New Business:

Board members initiated a discussion of ways to use inventory of mugs to support club efforts. One idea that was generally agreed to is providing a mug to new club members.

The topic of preparing a membership directory was discussed at length. The directory could include basic contact information and be cross referenced by vehicle. Ed will have a draft by either the March board meeting or shortly thereafter.

No progress to report on website.

Club will reimburse Ken Hold for \$15 state filing fee.

Mark and Mary Doerr have moved to Louisville. Jamie agreed to be new club photographer. Yaaay.

National awards season is upcoming. Ed recommended the club submit nominations in Charitable and Region categories, there was consensus on this. It was agreed that a nomination in the Newsletter category be submitted and Neil will select two newsletter issues for the nomination.

Adjourn:

Motion by Ed with second by Jamie to adjourn at 6:26 pm. Approved.

Submitted by David Hafley, Secretary.



TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

The 2014 Rolex 24 at Daytona: A great race for fans and Porsche

Following my overview of US Road Racing last month, and specifically the new IMSA Tudor United SportsCar Championship (TUSC), I am writing this having just watched the inaugural event for the TUSC – The Rolex 24 at Daytona. Yes, short of a few catnaps, I watched all 24 hours. While there was some doubt regarding the success of merging the Grand-AM and ALMS series, I can say with certainty that this is going to be one of the greatest series on the planet.

There were over 65 cars on the starting grid at Daytona International Speedway divided into 4 classes: Prototype, Prototype Challenge, GT Le Mans, and GT Daytona. The track is a combination of the NASCAR oval, a chicane on the back straight called the “bus stop”, and a challenging infield loop. The field of competitors ranged from teenagers to salty old pros. There were past Rolex champions as well as competitors from NASCAR, Formula 1, IndyCar, ALMS, Grand-AM, DTM, European VLN, etc. Most teams utilized 4 drivers per car on a rotating schedule. Teams averaged about 100 tires per car over the 24 hours.

As for Porsche, this was a big event. Perhaps that’s an understatement. Team Flying Lizards and Falken Tire used to represent Porsche in North America. Those relationships ended over the last two seasons (I assume there are long stories to back-up these moves), and Porsche had no real corporate racing presence in North America throughout 2013. Daytona represented the re-emergence of Porsche as a racing force in North America. Their new RSR racecar based off of the new 991 would compete with full factory support (drivers as well as engineers) in the new GT Le Mans class.

Driver Line-Up:

CAR #911

Nick Tandy (Great Britain)
Richard Lietz (Austria)
Patrick Pilet (France)

CAR #912

Michael Christensen (Denmark)
Patrick Long (USA)
Joerg Bergmeister (Germany)



One of the New Porsche Factory RSRs



TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

Porsche faced fierce competition from Ferrari 458s, Dodge Vipers, BMW Z4s, and the new C7 corvette. Following the start, the two Porsche's held steady positions in the top 6 of GT Le Mans class. As you may guess, a 24-hour race is grueling, and Daytona may be the most so. With 4 car classes running together, at significantly different speeds there is constant passing and the ever-present threat of collision or mechanical failure. However, in spite of the complexity, Daytona runs like a sprint race; most competitors run flat-out for the entire event, and after running almost 700 laps, each class finished with multiple cars on the same lead lap.

There was significant drama this year. It seemed a car spun off track or had minor contact almost every lap, and there was a horrific collision early Saturday evening where a full-on prototype car ran into the rear of a slowing and disabled GT car. This stopped the race for a long while as crews extracted the drivers, and cleaned up the vast debris field. In the end, both drivers survived the event and should recover from their injuries.



Daytona Prototype Post-Incident: A Very Scary Moment

Back to Porsche... In addition to the two RSRs running in GT Le Mans, the company had 13 GT America Cup cars competing in the GT Daytona class. In the end, Porsche took a third place in GT Daytona, with the old Flying Lizards team winning a controversial title (in a new Audi R8 LMS) over the Level 5 Motorsports Ferrari 458. The Ferrari crossed the line first, but received a time penalty for contact as they diced the entire final lap with the R8 (and no actual contact happened – hmmm?).



TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM



The Innovative Delta-Wing Prototype Car

The Action Express race team's Daytona Prototype collected the overall win. They barely edged out the Wayne Taylor Racing prototype car whose 4 drivers included a father and his two sons.



The Winning Daytona Prototype

In the hotly contested GT Le Mans class, the Porsche RSR number 912 ran into mechanical issues late in the race, which left them in 9th place. However, the number 911 RSR cruised to a class victory and finished just 6th overall (beating a number of prototype cars). It was a great showing for the new and improved Porsche factory effort in North America.

I am looking forward to watching the remainder of the Tudor SportsCar Championship throughout the year. Plus, Porsche will be debuting a new LMP1 (Le Mans Prototype Category 1) car at Le Mans later this year with Formula 1 great, Mark Webber, leading the driver lineup.

Next month, I'll be returning to the local racing scene and help folks prepare for the upcoming driver education season. 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

Brant

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Tim
McNeely**
*Membership
Chair*

192 members!

Three new members this past month!!! Please join me in welcoming:

Judith Erickson of Frankfort

1982 924

John & Ana Schmidt of Lexington

2000 Boxster S

Mike & Judy Wilson of Georgetown

2011 Boxster

We also had a "GT3RS" pilot transfer in from the Hurricane (NC) Region...Patrick McGovern has moved to Richmond, KY. Perhaps a track rat???. If not, he sure has the car for it!!! A warm welcome to the Bluegrass for Patrick.

Our membership is at 115 Regular Members and 77 Family & Affiliate Members, making our total membership 192. The groundhog says 5 more weeks of this misery....then we can hit the streets for some P-car fun!!!

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

Thomas Ashford	1988
Wigham Arnold	2007
Mathew Milligan	2010
Zac Morvik	2010
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Thomas Barker	2013
Bill Larkin	2013

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Chair

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Feb 10th Board Meeting at Marik-
ka's, 5:30-7:30 pm

Feb 16th Membership Social,
5:30-7:30 pm, Mi Mexico, 818 E.
New Circle Road

Mar Tech Session at Foreign Af-
fairs date and time to be an-
nounced. Refer to calendar on
website for details

Mar 1st Cars & Coffee, 9-11 am,
Mike Scanlon's Collection, Midland
Ave across from Herald Leader

Mar 3rd Board Meeting at Marik-
ka's, 5:30-7:30 pm

Mar 16th Membership Social,
5:30-&:30 pm, place TBD

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

Apr 7th Board Meeting at Marik-
ka's, 5:30-7:30 pm

Apr 20th Membership Social,
5:30- 7:30 pm, Place TBD

May 3rd Cars & Coffee, 9-11 am
at The Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

May 5th Board Meeting at Marik-
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May 18th Membership Social,
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TARGA

The new 911 targa is making the rounds at the auto shows after making it's debut at the Detroit show on January 13th. This new design features some retro styling as well as a state of the art automatic top that folds and stows behind the rear seats in about 20 seconds. The New targa will only be available in all wheel drive in the base model and 'S' variants. The classic styling with the roll bar is a delight. There have been a few aftermarket companies producing this look for a few years now, but the Porsche factory has outdone itself this time! I want one!



PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY: ROBERT MCCLELLAND

We are spending Christmas with my sister-in-law who lives just north of Los Angeles. Yesterday, she took Denise and their mother Ann to hear the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Walt Disney Music Hall, a dramatically modern performance facility in the center of L.A. The performance was reported as amazing. My wife, Denise, a past President of the Lexington Philharmonic, was duly impressed. But as much as I enjoy music, I confess that I am more obsessed with cars and the opportunity to visit one of the great automotive museums was more than I could resist. So I offered to provide the transportation with selfish interests.

I am including a few pictures from the Peterson for your enjoyment. There was a focus on street-ods and a special Jaguar exhibition. I could also have my picture made with Santa in a red and white '56 Chevy convertible. There were no Porsches or Ferrari's currently on display but if I had been blessed with a longer concert for the ladies, I could have paid for a guided "vault tour" which included an additional 200 cars in their underground storage facility which rotates into the exhibits depending on the focus. I have seen a few of them on a prior visit and have a picture of my sons Luke and Ethan posing in front of a P-40.

The museum has activities for children, and the third floor is exclusively a hands-on environment for them. One room has a display of actual created life sized mock-ups of cars "designed" from children's drawings. I have included a photo. The drawing is displayed just beside the mock-up. What a kid's place.

Steve McQueen's "Lister" Jag was enough to satisfy any longing. There is a street rod that was originally designed and started by Chip Foose when he was in design school in the early '90s but not finished until 2005. I



am overwhelmed by what these people can do with details. A 'pick-up' exhibit made me want an old truck. I stood beside a Rolls Royce owned by Fred Astaire and danced on to the next exhibit with class. If you ever get the opportunity to tour this museum, take advantage of it. The gift shop alone is worth the stop. I finished too late to get the photo done but I followed Santa out of the museum and into the

parking facility where his 'sleigh' turned out to be a very early TR-3. "On Dancer, on Prancer, on Donner and Blitzen....

Robert McClelland

PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

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HOLIDAY PARTY CHERRY BLOSSOM GOLF CLUB

The holiday party was well attended this year at Cherry Blossom Golf Course in Georgetown. It was a wintery day with a couple of inches of snow on the ground. The food was good and so was the company. The clubhouse was a very nice setting and thanks to our sponsors and advertisers we had a slew of door prizes to hand out after dinner.





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