

# RUMBLE



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**The Bluegrass Region  
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Monday of each month  
Dinner and business  
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### Happy New Year!

I hope your holidays were the best yet.

With a new year comes a new board. I want to thank you for another opportunity to serve you as your President and announce the rest of the board.

Mason Wilson is our Vice President. This is Mason's second year as Vice President. Mason has been a member since April 2012 and drives a yellow 2002 996TT.

Bob Lovejoy is our Treasurer. Bob was our mid-year replacement treasurer in 2013. Bob served previously as treasurer and we appreciate him coming back on board. Bob has been a member since July 2008 and drives a silver 2001 996.

David Hafley is our Secretary. David also served 2013 as our secretary. David has been a member since February 2008 and drives a yellow 1977 911.

We have four director positions which are two year positions and only elect two annually.

The two Directors on the 2014 ballot are Tim McNeely and Patrick Meyer.

Tim McNeely has been a member since April 2003 and drives a red 1999 996. Tim serves as our membership chair and has

for many years. Tim also chairs the award winning Porsche Pad-dock at the Keeneland Con-cours.

Patrick Meyer has been a member since September 2012 and drives a silver 2005 997. Don't let that fact that Patrick is a new-est board member fool you. It's a good chance you will see Patrick at the event you are attend-ing. I think Patrick is having a lot of fun with his Porsche since he joined. That's Cool!

Our directors that will be serving their second year in 2014 are Jamie Donaldson and Neil Fisher.

Jamie Donaldson has been a member since March 2005 and has a hard daily decision to either drive his 1973 Delphi Green 914, his 2008 Forest Green Cayman, or his recently purchased Cayenne Diesel.

Neil Fisher has been a member since April 2007, drives a 2000 Black 996 and does an out-standing job monthly as our newsletter editor.

I would like to thank each for their dedication and volunteer-ism. I'm looking forward to serving with you guys for one more fun year!

Normally with winter our monthly Cars & Coffee attendance dwindle. Not this year! It may have actually picked up in attend-

ance! I didn't make a count at either but attendance was strong at both. In December, Bluegrass Members Tom and Connie Jones invited us to their Toy Box to see their collection. What a great time. The weather was cold and a little snowy but we had a nice turn out. Then just yesterday, Mike Scanlon hosted at his Fleetwood collec-tion. Both are excellent collec-tions and I want to thank Tom, Connie, and Mike sharing. I received a compliment on Sat-urday about how cool it is that the (Bluegrass Region PCA) has brought many car nuts together by inviting them to our event.

The next Cars & Coffee will be back at Tom and Connie Jones' Toy Box on February 1st, 9-11. Location is located at 980 Con-tract Street, Suite 130 in Lexing-ton. I bet you if you check out the photos in this Rumble you will find a way to make it on February 1st.



It's January and for a few years we have celebrated our Holiday Party in January.



Everyone's schedule in December is always crazy, and moving the annual get together to January has been a good way to keep the party going!

Our 2014 Holiday Party will be on January 18th at Cherry Blossom Golf Club.

The quick, starts at 5:30 with a social hour, dinner at 6:30, cost \$25 per person, rsvp to me @ [ed@abracadabragraphics.us](mailto:ed@abracadabragraphics.us) or cell & text @ 502.320.2655.

See article in this Rumble for more info and menu.

Along with the creation of a directory I will be reaching out to some of you to ask if you would be willing to be a club resource on particular model(s). I call these individuals, experts. The Expert will be a resource for fellow club members that own or desire the model that they have expertise with. If you would like to be included in the directory as an Expert, please send me your

info. With Experts we can make owning or acquiring the right Porsche a more knowledgeable experience.

Hope to see you at an event soon.

Drive it,  
Ed

## Holiday Party Announcement

On January 18th we will be partying at the Clubhouse in Cherry Blossom Golf Club in Georgetown KY.

The clubhouse is located inside the Cherry Blossom Subdivision located off of Cherry Blossom Way.

Social hour is 5:30-6:30 with dinner served buffet style at 6:30.

Menu is below:

Chicken Piccata / Pasta

Roast Sirloin of Beef / Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Bean Casserole  
Chocolate Cake  
Pecan Pie

Tea, soft drinks, and coffee

All for only \$25 per person!

Cash bar will be available.

I need RSVP's by January 13th at noon to give to Cherry Blossom. You can RSVP to me via email:

[ed@abracadabragraphics.us](mailto:ed@abracadabragraphics.us) or

cell or text at 502.320.2655.

This will be a great time and a new venue for our club. Parking is plentiful and quality.

Several of our dealership and Rumble advertising friends will be in attendance.

Lotsa Porsche swag for door prizes.

# BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 2ND 2013  
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KENTUCKY



**Ken Hold**  
*Charter  
Secretary*

## **Board Members Present:**

Ed Steverson, Neil Fisher, Bob Lovejoy, Brant Nystrom, Mason Wilson, and Jamie Donaldson

## **Members Present:**

Patrick Meyer and Ken Hold

## **Meeting convened by President Ed Steverson at 5:30 pm**

## **Approval of November meeting minutes:**

Motion by Ed and second by Neil.

## **REPORTS**

### **Vice President Report:**

Mason commented that Jim Brandon's Tech Session held at Foreign Affairs on Intermediate Shaft Failures had a record attendance of 31 attendees.

### **Secretary Report:**

David Hafley unable to attend meeting. Ken is taking December Meeting Minutes.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Bob Lovejoy presented a BGS 2013 checking accounting. Current balance on accounting sheet as of November 25, 2013 is \$1,913.26.

### **Activity Report:**

David Patrick unable to attend meeting. Ed presented update.

Cars & Coffee will be moved inside for December 7 and February 1 gatherings will be at Tom Jones Toy Box. The January 4 gathering will be at Mike Scanlon's Collection. Ed will get out directions to each location.

There will not be a December Social.

### **Track Report:**

Brant gave update.

Attended a good event the end of October at Road Atlanta. Brant to do an event article for Rumble.

The Bluegrass is getting good recognition from other regions for participation at track events. Brant is routinely contacted by other regions and kept informed of upcoming events. Super job Brant!

Brant and Bob will be attending the Rolex 24 Hour on January 24. Tough duty guys, thanks for doing it!

### **Tech Report:**

Jim Brandon not at meeting. Ed made comments.

BGS is really having outstanding Tech Sessions. Jim is sharing/demonstrating very relevant topics as shown by the November 10 session on the Intermediate Shaft concern

### **Newsletter Report:**

Neil said the newsletter will be concise this month. A highlight will be an article on the November Tech Session.

### **Membership Report:**

Tim not at meeting. Ed gave update.

One new member brings the total membership to 187 (111 active and 76 affiliates/family).

There were some longtime members that are shown by National as membership expired. Ed will contact the members to ensure they are aware of lapse.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

November Social: First time holding a social at Mi Mexico. 13 in attendance on a rainy night with tornado watches abound. The food and service were good. We did not have private room. One will be arranged for us in future visits. General comments were to meet there again.

The New Year's Party will be held at the Cherry Blossom Golf Club on January 18, 2014. There will not be a room charge, has a great parking area, and dinner cost of \$25 per person buffet style.

Nominations for 2014 Board: President - Ed Steverson, Vice President- Mason Wilson, Secretary- David Hafley, Treasurer- Bob Lovejoy, Directors: Tim McNeely and Patrick Meyer.

Ed has received many compliments and emails on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. What a great time it was!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Decisions were made regarding menu for the New Year's Party. Entrees: Roast Sirloin of Beef/Gravy, Chicken Piccata/Pasta Sides: Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes Desserts: Chocolate Cake, Pecan Pie. Selections include Salad, Fresh baked rolls & Soft Drinks, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee and Water. Serving will be on Buffet.

Ballots will be mailed out with directory question and a requested return date of December 31, 2013. Postage will not be included on return ballot.

Reminder that Neil has a new email: nrfisher@outlook.com

### **Adjourn:**

Motion by Mason and seconded by Ed at 7:06 pm.

Submitted by Ken Hold, Charter Secretary



# TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

2014: A Great Year for Road Racing and Motorsports. I announced last month that we have entered the official "off-season" for motorsports. Well, I'm bored of that statement. As I look around, 2014 seems to have the potential for the start of something magical in motorsports. Formula 1 continues to grow in popularity and international reach. Personal Comment: I am a huge fan of Formula 1. The sport pits the best drivers on earth, in the most advanced cars on earth against one another. Currently there are 5 F1 world champions on track together, and no love lost between manufacturers, drivers, and sport management. Four-time champion Sebastian Vettel will be fighting to win his fifth championship in a row. He is a true superstar, and may likely retire as the greatest F1 driver in history. Watch him while you can, it is a bit like watching Michael Jordan playing with the Bulls. His very talented teammate Mark Webber has just left the sport (on top – I might add) to join PORSCHE in their prototype campaign for a Le Mans win. Worldwide, racing championships like the WEC - World Endurance Championship, the FIA GT1 World Championship, the WTCC – World Touring Car Championship, and DTM – Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters are more exciting than ever (and available to watch on US cable TV). However, quality road racing series are not limited to Europe any longer.



*German 997 GT3 RSR Winning Race Car*

In the US, we have our own road racing series that rival any from Europe or Asia. First, the Pirelli World Challenge is a great series that features 4 classes from entry-level "touring car B-spec" to the amazing "Grand Touring" cars. The spec series, Ferrari Challenge (Ferrari 458-based race

cars), and IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge (911 GT3 Cup based race cars) are fun to watch and act as a feeder series to higher-level pro racing. This leads us to the IMSA Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge. The CTSCC is a fun professional series where two classes of production-based racecars (Grand Sport (GS) and Street Tuner (ST)) fight for a national championship. Porsche cars are quite prevalent in the CTSCC.



*ALMS Prototype Challenge Car*

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the owners of Grand-AM and ALMS – American Le Mans Series (America's two premiere road racing series) have merged, and 2014 represents the first year where the merged series the IMSA Tudor United SportsCar Championship (TUSC) will compete. The TUSC is significant! It unifies the highest level of prototype and sports car racing in the US. The series features four vehicle classes on-track concurrently:

Prototype: Grand-Am Daytona Prototypes, ALMS P2, and DeltaWing cars

Prototype Challenge: ALMS open-top prototype race cars

GT Le Mans: ALMS Grand Touring class cars (the most advanced production-based race cars)

GT Daytona: Grand-AM GT, Grand-AM GX, and ALMS GTC cars

This series features factory supported racecars and drivers (including many from Porsche) as well as the best private teams in the business. There are over 40 teams and well



# TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

over 100 drivers on the roster. Porsche will provide at least a couple new 993 RSRs and a number of factory drivers to the grid including:

Nick Tandy (Great Britain)

Richard Lietz (Austria)

Patrick Pilet (France)

Michael Christensen (Denmark)

Patrick Long (USA)

Joerg Bergmeister (Germany)

If you have not attended a professional road race, I highly suggest it. The experience is excellent. The events are well run, and provide an unexpected level access to the sports stars. The fans are gracious, calm, and inviting. Events are well suited for family entertainment, and the sheer power, speed, and excitement that road racing offers is second to none. The venues offer many different vantage points and spectators are welcome to walk throughout the track facilities. If you like these events, then I would suggest watching a regional amateur event as well. The venues are the same, but you get full access for free with a very light crowd. The cars are just as interesting and the competition just as fierce.



*Last Generation 997 GT3 RSR – Flying Lizards Racing*



*Last Generation 997 GT3 RSR – Falken Racing - ALMS*

The Rolex 24 at Daytona, a 24-hour endurance race, will be the kick-off event for the TUSC. This race takes place January 25-26 at the Daytona International Speedway. I suggest watching part of this race – it is always a spectacle. It will undoubtedly be broadcasted live. I hope to be in attendance as it marks a new era for road racing in the United States.

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)

Brant



*ALMS Race LMP1 car Passing Porsche RSR*

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Tim  
McNeely**  
*Membership  
Chair*

## 188 members!

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

Seth Bennett of Lexington

2014 Cayenne GTS

We also had a "shark pilot" transfer in from the Michiana Region...Bert & Jan Gingerich have moved south to Nicholasville with their 1987 928. Somehow, back in August, it completely slipped by me to welcome Key & Felicia Wilson as new members. They and their 1990 911 reside in Harrodsburg. A warm (we wish it was warmer, huh?) welcome to the Bluegrass for both couples!!!

Our membership is at 112 Regular Members and 76 Family & Affiliate Members, making our total membership 188. Don't miss the Holiday Party at Cherry Blossom

Country Club on Saturday January 18....lots of cool door prizes to give away!!!

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

Stacy Bearse	1996
Michael Bordes	1997
Steve Krolak	1999
Ron Sanders	2002
David Ratliff	2004
Mark Doerr	2005
Jay Million	2006
Juan Favetto	2009
David Lowe	2010

## RUMBLE

### Editor's Note

Happy new year to everyone in the Bluegrass Region Porsche Club!

I am looking forward to our upcoming holiday party at Cherry Blossom Golf Club to get this year kicked off in style. We had a great year of activities last year and I believe this year will be even better. I included a collage of pictures from last year's events in this Rumble for everyone to reflect upon.

I would like to thank Scotty Rowe for providing me with

some outstanding photos from the North Carolina Museum of Art's Porsche display. You will see a nice spread of these photos in this issue starting on page 20.

The new Macan is making its debut at all of the major auto shows around the world and it seems to have people buzzing. I have included a short piece about it beginning on page 36.

Also this month Robert McClelland provides his report and photos from this past summer's

P2O event starting on page 38.

I hope you enjoy this month's Rumble!



**Neil Fisher**  
*Newsletter Editor*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**David Patrick**  
*Activities  
Chair*

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Porsche-related event  
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dvd@yahoo.com

**Jan 13th** Board Meeting at Marik-  
ka's, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Jan 18th** Holiday Party, 5:30 -  
8:00 pm, Cherry Blossom Golf  
Club, Club House

**Feb 1st** Cars & Coffee, 9 - 11 am,  
Tom Jones's Toy Box, 980 Con-  
tract Street suite 130 Lexington

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

**Feb 16th** Membership Social,  
5:30-7:30 pm, place TBD

**Mar 1st** Cars & Coffee, 9-11 am,

Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

**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



**Gavin & Judd Campbell at Cars N Coffee, Tom & Connie Jones Toy Box**

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# Cars & Coffee

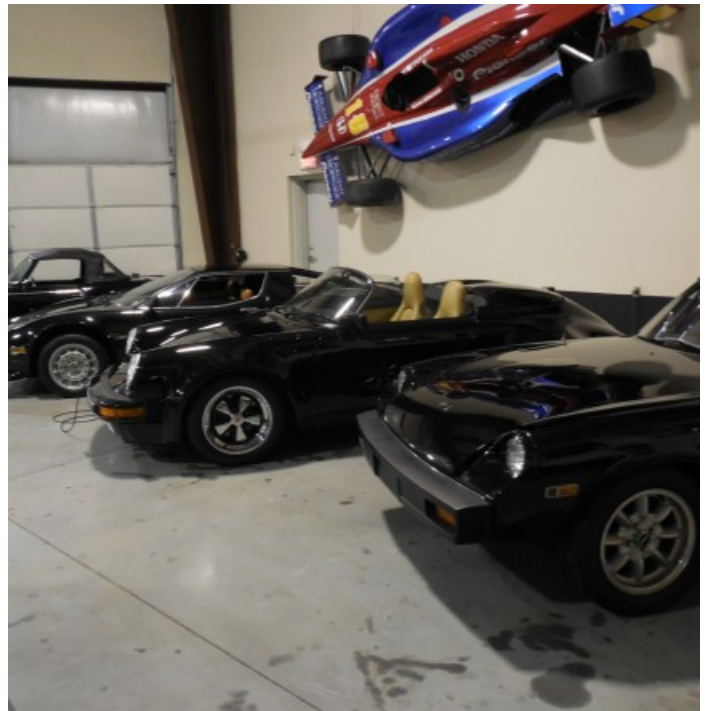
December 7th,  
Tom & Connie Jones's Toy Box!



# Cars & Coffee December 7th



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# PORSCHE BY DESIGN SEDUCING SPEED

North Carolina Museum of Art

Photos by: Scotty Rowe

BGS PCA Member Scotty Rowe submitted these great photos from the North Carolina Museum of Art exhibit titled: Porsche by Design-Seducing Speed. These are on display at the museum through January 20<sup>th</sup> 2014. More information can be found at [www.ncartmuseum.org](http://www.ncartmuseum.org). Thanks Scotty for the great photos!







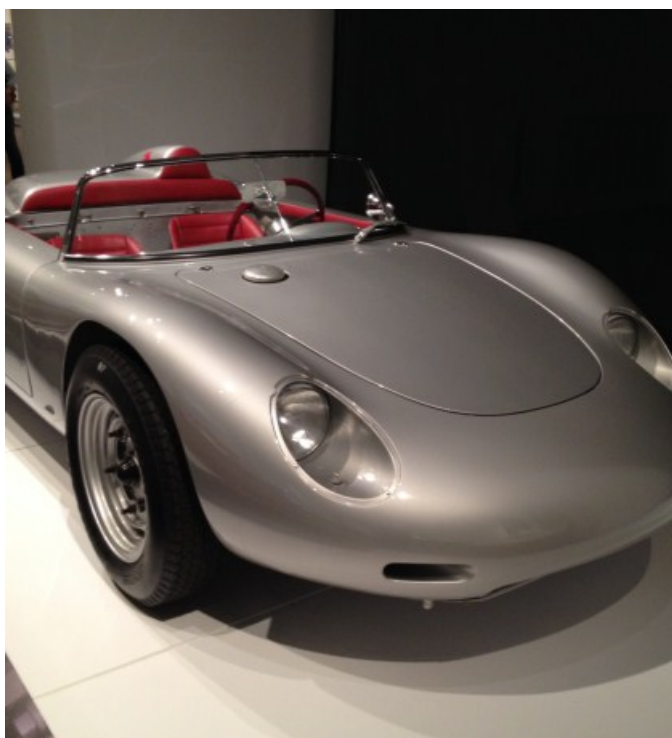
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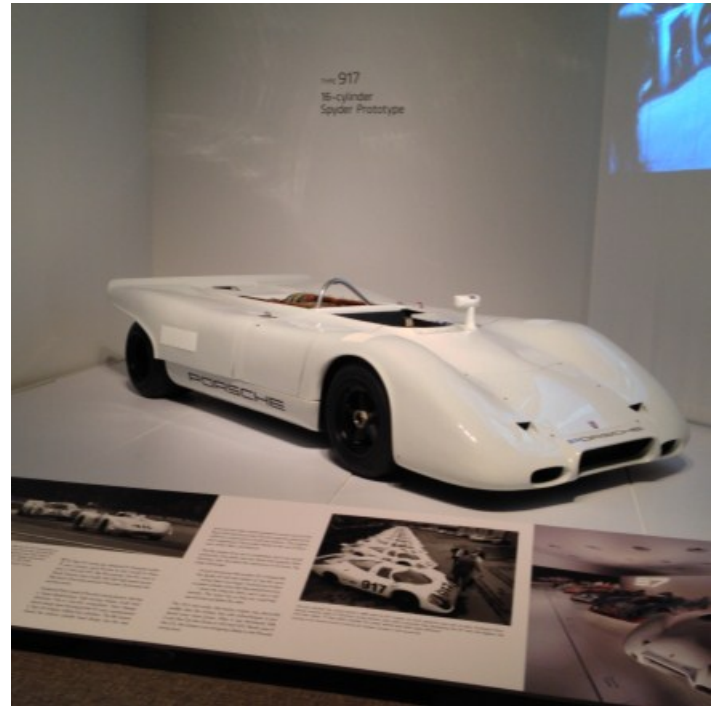
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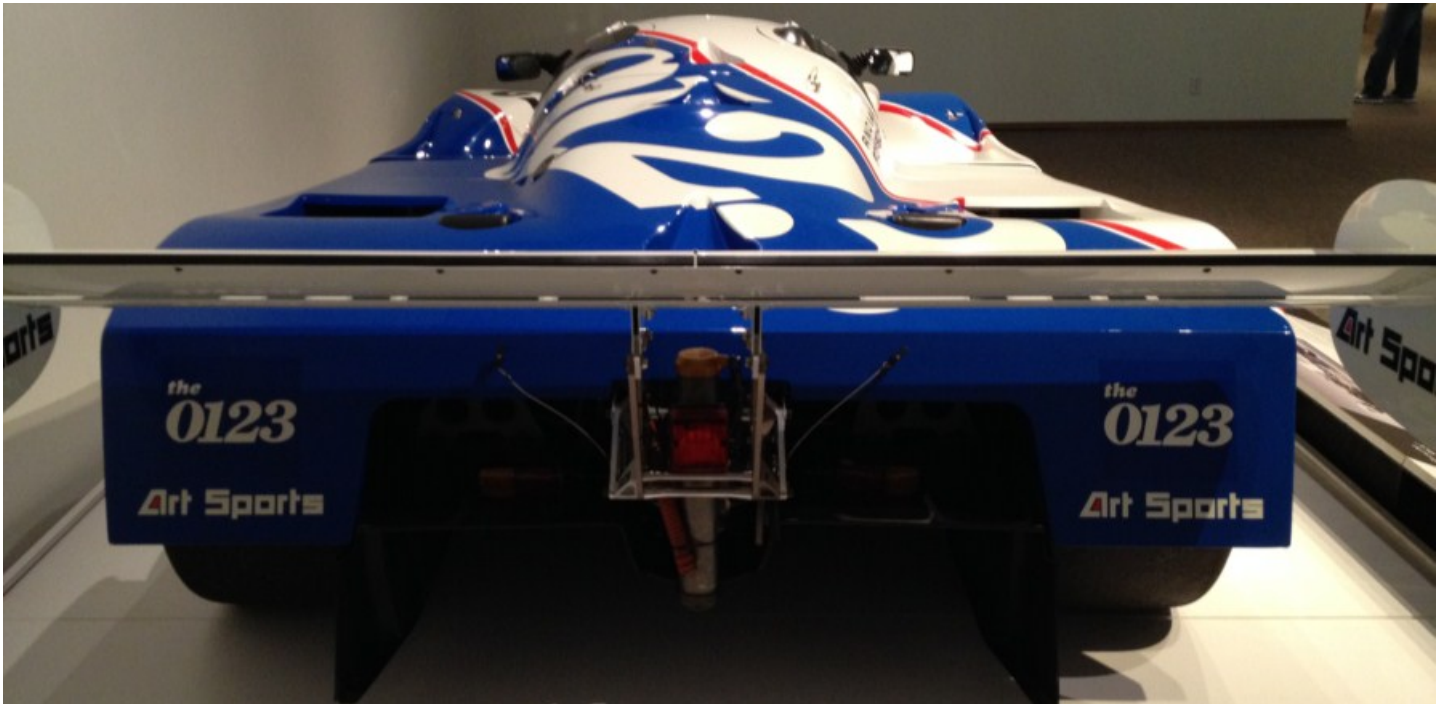


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# 2013 THE YEAR IN PICTURES

A collection of some of the best photos from the past years events



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# PORSCHE *MACAN*

Porsche says the Macan (pronounced Mah-Kahn) is its entry into the compact SUV segment. From the photos and video I have seen the Macan's proportions appear much tighter, much leaner than the Cayenne.

An additional 40 millimeters of ground clearance can be achieved, with an available air suspension system.

The all-wheel drive layout is biased to the rear under normal driving conditions. It is able to transmit up to 100% of the torque to the front axle as required. An off-road mode is standard.

There are two trim levels for Macan, starting with the Macan S (MSRP: \$49,900) and the Macan Turbo (MSRP \$72,300).

The Macan S is no base model. For my money it is the best buy. With a 3.0-litre Twin Turbo V6 It's good for 340 horsepower and 339 lb-ft of torque. This is good for a 0-60 sprint of 5.0 seconds with the optional Sport Chrono package. The Macan Turbo gets a stroked 3.6-litre version with 400 horsepower and 406 lb-ft of torque that is good for 0-60 in 4.4 seconds with Sport Chrono.

A seven-speed PDK is used for both turbo plants, with identical ratios through the gears. There's a standard engine Start/Stop system for maximizing efficiency.

Since both vehicles are turbo charged I am not sure why they call one an 'S' and the other a 'Turbo'.



It seems to me it should be a 'Turbo and a Turbo S'. But hey, that is just my opinion.

The Macan gets a multi-function steering wheel with shift paddles, borrowing cues from the 918 Spyder.

The Macan gets leather seating as

standard equipment, with Alcantara inserts. The center tunnel gets similar banks of outlying switches, much like the current Cayenne and Panamera. The S gets a seven-inch touchscreen, while the Turbo adds the Navigation to it.

I have never really been a fan of the SUV per say. I have always



# PORSCHE *MACAN*

owned small compact cars and sports cars. I think the biggest car I had was a Honda CRV when they first came out. From what I have seen in pictures and video of the Macan, it is definitely a car I would own. It looks great! It is well propor-

tioned and the performance specs are off the charts! I'll be glad to park one in the garage next to my 996. I guess that means Michelle would be driving it every day. I can't wait to see it in person.



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# P2O 2013

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Until I typed the title to this reflection on P2O this past summer I had not thought of how unfamiliar that series of numbers and digits would appear to those who have not been to a P2O event. For several years, P2O has been one of the largest annual Porsche only events. It has grown in maturity each year as more Porschephiles participate. It is a contrast to Parade while providing some of the best elements.



Two years ago P2O moved from Oxford Ohio (i.e. Porsches to Oxford) to Granville, OH (now short for Porsches to Ohio). For us Bluegrass members, that meant the event was no longer a day's drive away. Granville is just minutes east of Columbus, OH. In the past, of course, Oxford was a day "drive" event for Bluegrass to meet in Georgetown and drive cross-country to Oxford, spend the day and return on our own. The new venue requires a dedication if going just for Saturday. With Friday traffic, it took me about 3.5 hours drive time to reach Granville. But my drive time was spread over almost an entire day as I made a tour of it.

I had had a particularly challenging

period of work and needed a complete removal from the office. Our office closes the last Friday of each month and as the event was scheduled for July 26-28 I was free to use my time for my own selfish interests. I wanted to take the 930 as it had recently been returned after a complete engine rebuild and needed some break-in miles.

I like cruise control for interstate driving. The trip to Columbus through Cincinnati was up I-75 and then on I-71 from there to Columbus. The 930 is a "Euro car" and they are not so cushy as to want cruise control.... Of course I didn't have to take that route; there are lots of ways to cross country. But I wanted to "tour" which meant seeing some of the things between Lexington and Granville that I never had taken time to see. Among other things, I wanted to see the Creation Museum near the Greater Cincinnati Airport and the Freedom Center just across the suspension bridge from Covington in Cincinnati.

The Creation Museum is a fascination. Dedicated to countering the arguments for evolution, it presents its points in pictures, film and models. As interesting as it is in its presentation, it is more interesting in its dynamic as a tourism model. I arrived at the park just before its 10:00 AM opening time. The parking lot was at least 80% full with license plates from as far away as South Carolina and Texas. There were church busses and school busses from all over. There were lines of adults and children. I waited in a line of at least 150 people to purchase my ticket. Group sales were another door. This park is truly a positive attraction for Northern Kentucky with a real economic impact. I spoke with one fellow from Columbia, SC who had ridden with 11 other church members to make the trip. There is a restaurant, pizza parlor and gift shop. Kids (of all ages and car preferences) can enjoy a zip

line and a sizable park with gardens. There are plans to build a mock up of Noah's Arc in the near future which I would expect to include a form of zoo as well.

The Freedom Center is dedicated to the "Underground Railway" and the eradication of slavery and bondage. As we know, Kentucky and our bluegrass region hold a particular place in that history. Just up the Ohio River from Cincinnati is Maysville, KY, which was literally a 'jumping off' place for the "Railroad" and the Center has a reconstructed slave holding house from just south of Maysville as a central exhibit. According to the exhibit, the owner was making \$100,000 annually recovering escaped slaves. I can recall tracing real estate titles at the Fayette County Courthouse and finding copies of deeds for human beings. Now, 150 years later, it is difficult to visualize the reality of a slave market in Cheapside. Like the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., the Freedom Center helps remind us how even our own family ancestors could lose focus of their humanity. The Center also includes displays on modern day slavery and trafficking. The facility is stunning in its presentation as well as its content. It was time well spent for me.

I had gotten a late morning start and as I was breaking in my engine, working on a full thousand miles break-in period, I decided that I would head for Granville. The weather prediction was for rain and more rain. I had not experienced it yet but the skies were not promising. The 930 was clean. I like to keep my cars fairly clean and as this car is white, it can be a challenge. I knew that if it rained, I would have some work to do before I put it on the street for display on Saturday morning in Granville.

P2O is a display of Porsche's in down-

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town Granville. Granville (pop. 3,500) is the home of Denison University. The town grows about 2,000 during the school year. This is an historic village with residential streets lined with trees, beautifully preserved homes of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century and a downtown maintained with shops with well preserved trimmings. It is a cozy place to visit even without P2O, having bed and breakfast spots and boutique hotels for accommodations. The event is a weekend of activity, including a gathering at a local drinking hole on Friday evening, a Porsche parking with cars strategically displayed downtown on Saturday and a tour drive on Sunday. When the event was in Oxford and only a morning drive from Lexington, I never participated in the other events. I did not attend last year because of the longer trip. Being a longer drive and making other stops, I still have not participated in the Friday and Sunday activities, maybe next year. It may be an antisocial streak or simply an opportunity to focus exclusively on cars, but I love the Saturday display. It is simply an informal Porsche concours event.

My favorite Parade events are the Concours and the Concour prep. I can prowl Porsches for hours. P2O is a Mecca cure for that itch. This year the prediction was for 400 cars ... but also for rain. I had not made a reservation at a hotel. That probably was not a good idea but I just did not want to be forced into making it all the way to Granville if I didn't want to. I found a Courtyard by Marriott outside of town and registered into their last suite. I am not fond of spending high prices for hotels but with it being the only room left, it was a bargain. I actually heard the clerk tell the next caller that they were full and helped them find another hotel. It started to rain outside.

I knew that rain would limit the attendance as well as cause a flurry of wash

and dries. Porsches start arriving around 6:30 AM and fill the streets by 9:00. I had some breakfast at the hotel but had my eye on a coffee house in the middle of town. The temperature was around 55 degrees (in July) when I went out to dry my car. The rain had paused and held off until I got into the



stream of cars headed into the center of town. I looked in my rear view mirror and saw a black slant nosed 930 following my white slant nosed 930. What are the odds? We waived. I was directed to a slot near the entrance and he moved on into the center of town. I walked through registration; the arrangement was a circular drive through a B&B where central registra-



tion was located. The packet was typically handed through the window without needing to leave the car. It started to sprinkle.

I think it continued to rain, mostly drizzle, all morning. Clearly it limited the attendance but the quality was still there. I kept my iPhone on radar, hoped the rain would stop and found the coffee shop with overstuffed chairs around a fake fireplace. I checked the temperature at 11:00 and it was still in the low 60's (again, this was late July). My enthusiasm was dampened but not rained out. I finally got the shakes from my third cup of coffee and went outside for a tour. I am including some of the pictures with this article.

I truly enjoy going from car to car, comparing aftermarket build-outs as well as originals and restorations. We all know what these cars are worth and how unique they are, but to see a concours '56 Speedster parked in the rain, knowing it was driven a couple hundred miles through bad weather to play with other toys is something to behold. We are truly a strange bunch.

I think my favorite this year was a baby blue 991 brought by some ladies from Columbus. But the Brumos track cars sent by the dealer were special. Heck, all of 'em were special, mine too.

I enjoy the vendors and can't seem to avoid buying some Griot's product. I also picked up a couple of things from AASE who bring what seems to be a whole parts department of things. Vendors bring wheels, trim parts, new, used, factory originals, aftermarket, dealer specials, WOW! I got a set of valve stem caps with Porsche emblems painted on top for \$12.00 to tweak the 930. A little outrageous if I think about it. But I rarely do, obviously.

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All in all, I had fun. Not as much as if the weather had blessed us, but there were still lots of P-cars for me to enjoy and the trip got me away from the office. The drive back was determined to not be interstate. I punched in Maysville, KY on the GPS and headed south. Some roads were 4 lanes but I escaped as soon as possible to take 2 lane county roads. I stopped at an Amish bakery for a fried pie. Oh, my! I couldn't make up my mind, apple or boysenberry? So, I had both. The weather cleared and the drive became one of my best. Southern Ohio roads were swooping, traffic was light and I was driving a 930 with a full tank of gas. Life was good.

I certainly recommend P2O to those who have never experienced it. With Parade in Monterrey, CA in 2014, it will be a good July alternative for a week-end drive in July. I do believe that the



count will be much higher in Granville than Oxford when the weather cooperates. The town is well suited to the display and certainly more suited to an overnight stay because of the character of the place. For those who have been in the past, make a reservation

for downtown lodgings in a B&B or small hotel, it's a great stay.

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