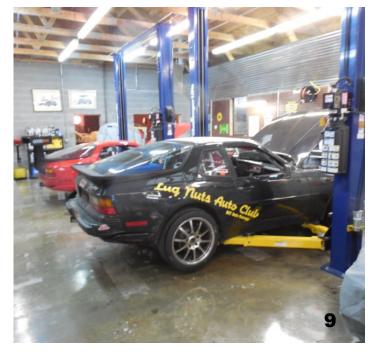




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The Bluegrass Region PCA
Board of Directors meets on the
first Monday of each month.
Dinner and business at 5:30 p.m.
Members are welcome. See calendar for details.



David Hafley

BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2014 MARIKKA'S - LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

Board Members Present:

Ed Steverson, Bob Lovejoy, David Patrick, Patrick Meyer, Mason Wilson, Jamie Donaldson, and Neil Fish-

Members Present:

Mike Wilson and Ken Hold

Steverson at 5:30 pm.

There was a quorum present.

Approval of October meeting minutes:

Approved as presented.

REPORTS

Vice President Report:

Pleased with turnout by members to November events. Facebook page functioning well.

Secretary Report:

David Hafley unable to attend meeting. Charter Secretary, Ken Hold taking December meeting minutes.

Treasurer Report:

Bob Lovejoy presented a status of BGS checking account. Our account balance was \$2,405.48 as of November 30, 2014.

Activity Report:

David Patrick gave a brief review of November events and preview of upcoming events. Detail information for upcoming events will be shared via club blast.

-November 1 Cars & Coffee: It was a very cold, windy day, with snow flurries blowing. Six hearty souls (Ed Steverson, Neil Fisher, Patrick Meyer. Judd and Gaven Campbell, and Ken Hold) attended the event. The Clarion allowed us to use their lounge January 3: Tom and Connie Jones to

for our meeting and even supplied coffee. Most of the meeting was devoted to Patrick lamenting about his "need for a 928".

-November 8 Porsche Only Cars & Coffee: Met at Cosi's in Hamburg. Nice day. Eight members attended: Ken Partymiller, Mike Wilson, Paul Meeting convened by President Ed Elwyn, John Downs, Scotty Rowe, Neil Fisher Seth Bennett, and Ken Hold. Most of event was devoted to Mike Wilson lamenting about his "need for a GT3".

> November 15 Tech Session at Jim. Brandon's garage. "Group" performed an oil change on David Haflev's 1977 911 Targa. Great turnout. Highlight was everyone eating doughnuts, drinking coffee and watching David Patrick add fresh oil! We even had a couple of Lotus owners attend.

-November 16 Pot Luck at the Patrick's: Another good turnout. Many thanks to David and Trish for their hospitality and hosting. Jamie succeeded in not burning himself at the grill. David succeeded in trouncing Ed Steverson repeatedly in Ping Pong.

Upcoming Events

-December 6: First indoor C&C to be at Lug Nuts. Lift will be available. Danny Puchalski will also be available to discuss mechanical issues members bring up. Contact Ken Hold if you wish to schedule lift time. Since a lift is being used, this is considered a "moving vehicle" event and Ken has arranged for National insurance thru JW.

-Note that there will be no BGS Social in December.

host C&C at their Toybox. Regular time. Details to be sent out via blast.

January 10: Porsche Only C&C. Doing Cosi again. Details via blast.

January 17: Holiday Party. Details via blast. Same meal price points as last vear.

February 15: Monthly social. Need to decide on location.

Track Report:

Brant absent. Bob Lovejoy led a discussion on tracking GT3's and catalytic converter issues.

Newsletter Report:

Neil gave us a "heads up" that the Shark Chronicles continue in the new addition. Rumble will be ready end of the week. Friday is the deadline for articles.

Membership Report: Tim was absent, but Ed assured us there are still members.

OLD BUSINESS

-Thanks to Patrick Meyer for setting up the 529 account for Aiden Naude.

Adjourn:

Motion by Ed and seconded by Jamie at 6:16 pm.

Submitted by Ken Hold, Charter Secretarv

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President's Message

By Ken Hold



Well it was a contentious, hard fought election, but despite the lack of a strong campaign or a well-funded PAC, I was elected to the position of President for 2015! Thanks to those of you who followed the suggestions of the Selection Committee for my votes and thanks to those of you who did not write in other candidates for President. Seriously, being a member of the PCA and especially in the Bluegrass Region is a great enjoyment of my life, having the opportunity to serve as an officer of the region is a great privilege. Thank you. And, thanks to Ed Steverson for his hard work and guidance of the region these past three terms. He and his Boards of Directors have made the Bluegrass Region one of the best regions in PCA. I look forward to continuing their direction.

The Bluegrass Region has grown significantly from its charter in 2003. One of my enjoyments is meeting members. I hope to meet and share fun Porsche experiences with folks I haven't met yet. In that vein, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you something about me and then I want to get to know you better. I've been married to Adell for 48 years. We have two adult daughters, both living within driving distance. And, we have two wonderful granddaughters, one who is a teenager and a younger one who thinks she is a teenager. Adell and I have moved 23 times. I have a small business that centers on Human Resources Support, Organization and Individual Effectiveness, and Training. Although my business could be anywhere in North America, a requisite from Adell is that we live within ten miles of our granddaughters. The really good thing is that we both love Lexington and the Bluegrass area.

With respect to my PCA background, I joined in 1999. I've been a member of three regions. It helps when you move 23 times to be a member of PCA! I was fortunate enough to be one of the 66 charter members of the Bluegrass Region. I drew the short straw and was the first Secretary.

After a term as Secretary, I served as President for three terms. I was then asked to join PCA National Staff as the Zone 13 Representative. After completing two terms as Zone Rep, I was asked to serve as a member of the three person National Selection Committee. We were able to complete selection for the 2015-16 PCA National Officers and have recently been asked to continue with selection of members for a new PCA financial oversight board. I hope after this term to achieve the role that Ed Steverson is now filling, that of Past President on the BGS board of directors.

In our first Board of Directors meeting on January **, we discussed key items for the year. A primary focus item for us is to have a region that is fun for our members. We discussed several items around membership and events. We talked various ways to attract new members, on-board new members, retain current members and include them in region events. We agreed that there are several events we want to keep over the next year. These events include: Annual Membership Appreciation Social, Monthly Social (3rd Sunday), Monthly All-Marque Cars & Coffee (1st Saturday), Bi-Monthly Porsche Breakfast (2nd Saturday), Tech Sessions and Drives. We have two very special 2015 events in the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance (that was originally a Bluegrass Region event) and this year's PCA National Parade that is being held in French Lick, Indiana. Both of these events are opportunities for our members to volunteer and participate.

Now I have some questions for you:

- 1) What would (or does) make the PCA Bluegrass Region fun for you?
- 2) How do we increase member satisfaction?
- 3) What events should we consider adding, substituting, or dropping from our current "regulars"?
- 4) Would you consider helping with hosting a Social or chairing/co-chairing an event?

Let me know what you think. Email me at <u>kendell-hold@twc.com</u> or call at 859.396.3502.

For me personally, I find that participating leads to my greatest satisfaction. I hope you and I get an opportunity to share some really good times in 2015!

Let's make it Fun!

Ken Hold

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Tim McNeely Membership Chair

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

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Cars & Coffee

December 6th, Lug Nuts Auto Club

Article by: Ken Hold Photos by: Ken Hold & Neil Fisher

As usual for our first Winter Cars & Coffee, it was a cold and rainy Saturday, December 6. We are fortunate that Brian Hershinow and Danny Puchalski hosted us at their Lug Nuts Auto Club facility. In addition to HEAT, the facility has a club lounge, garage with lifts and a vehicle storage area. And, they provided food and coffee! In addition to this being a C&C we used the opportunity to have a BGS Tech session. Since lifts were being used the event was considered a "moving vehicle" event so we arranged for National PCA insurance coverage thru JW Wilson, our Safety Chair.



We had a very good turnout with over 40 attendees. We had four vehicles provide lift observations. The first was an electric Tesla. Note that there is not a lot to see on the underside of a Tesla. However, the owner answered several interesting questions about the car's history and performance. The second vehicle was a BMW M series followed by two Porsches. These Porsches were recently pur-



chased by our club members. In case you haven't heard, Patrick Meyers FINALLY got his long desired 1986 928 S4, and we got to see the underside! It is very nice from under the hood to under chassis. I still think Porsche got confused about which end to put the engine! We also got a look at a "regular" rear engine car when Mike Wilson put his new 2007 GT3 on the lift. WOW! But Mike, I still miss the Spyder. Tops are optional.



In addition to our "lift" cars, we were able to view and talk about some of the project cars at Lug Nuts. Some examples were the two 951 Porsches both owned by our club members. One already fitted and tracked with a Corvette engine and the other in the process of being converted to a Corvette engine. There was also a beautiful 1951 Chevy truck, and a 1966 Corvette convertible with a 427 big block. In storage was a fantastic Westvalia VW van owned by our own Robert McClelland. Obviously it looks brand new. Robert is just as bad as Neil Fisher at being a "cleanaholic"! Lots of other eye candy there to see. If you haven't had an opportunity to visit Lug Nuts, give them a call and check them out. They are one of our Rumble advertisers.

Thanks to Brian Hershinow, Danny Puchalski, Julie Puchalski and Chad Winkler for hosting the event. Future C&C's are scheduled for Tom and Connie Jones' Toybox and Mike Scanlon's new facility. Be sure and take advantage of these indoor Winter C&C's. We have some great folks putting them on.

Ken Hold

Cars & Coffee

December 6th, Lug Nuts Auto Club

Article by: Ken Hold Photos by: Ken Hold & Neil Fisher













Event Calendar



David Patrick Activities Chair

January 10th Porsche Cars only Cars& Coffee at Cosi in Hamburg 9 am - 11 am.

January 17th Holiday party @ Cherry Blossom Golf Course Club House. More info to come. Check calendar for updates.

February 2nd Board Meeting at Marikka's 5;30pm-7pm.

February 7th Cars & Coffee at Mike Scanlon's Collection, Delaware Ave 9am-11am. Check website calendar for directions.

February 15th Monthly social at Puccini's Smiling Teeth Pizza, 3090 Helmsdale Place Lexington, KY, 40509

Contact David with Porsche related event news: ptrckdvd@yahoo.com

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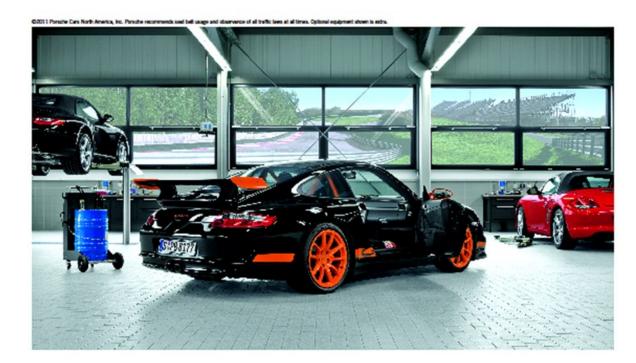


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TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

As a track fanatic I am asked many questions. I enjoy these discussions as they help me to hone my own track philosophies. The questions range from how to transition auto-enthusiasts to firsttime trackers, to licensing procedures for amateur racing, to advanced racing strategy and techniques. This month I am going to address one of the most frequent questions that I receive "what upgrades should I do to my track car and when?" There is no exact answer to the vehicle "upgrades" question, but I will share my current philosophy with you. Perhaps given enough information, those of you considering upgrades will be empowered to make quality decisions that will optimize your investments and will provide noticeable improvements to your vehicle.

First, let's establish a few assumptions regarding track driving and racing:

No one is fast his or her first time driving on a race track.

The techniques necessary to be a quality track driver take time to develop.

When you believe you are finally fast, there is still much improvement to be had.

The car you wish you had the first day on track is NOT the car you will wish for one year later, which is completely different than the one you will wish for a year after that.

It is far more fulfilling to be a fast driver than to drive a fast car.

Racing advice is plentiful, but true racing wisdom is interspersed with tons of hype, salesmanship, BS, and even stupidity.

When you find people you trust, stick with them. Companies and individuals with experience racing cars do better work and offer superior products to those who don't.

Most of all, take time to learn as much as you can, and trust yourself. In the end, the victories will be yours and so will the failures.

This list could go on and on, but the real point is to first focus on building driver skills before building a car. Then as your skills and experience grow, work hard to find reliable parts and service providers. Locally, we are lucky the Porsche dealers in Louisville and Ohio have track driving understanding, and experience maintaining track-driven Porsches. Additionally, there are a number of private service providers locally with Porsche racing experience.

Now that we have established the goal of first building a quality driver, then creating an appropriate vehicle for that driver, let's discuss upgrades. Given this is a Porsche enthusiast's publication; I will assume your track vehicle is a Porsche. If so, you are very lucky. Modern Porsche cars are all excellent track cars, especially for beginners. They are stable, exhibit neutral handling characteristics, and possess the strength and durability necessary for a reliable track car.

Before Your First Track Event:

In order to take part in a PCA Driver Education event, you will need a car capable of passing a technical inspection (all well-kept Porsche vehicles will pass this process) and an appropriate Snell-rated helmet. A stock car on a good set of street tires will be ideal for your first few events. No other vehicle upgrades are necessary or advised. I would suggest purchasing a pair of racing gloves and shoes before the first event. As you continue to advance through your track hobby/career, you will eventually reach a point where racing gloves and shoes are required. It is best to be comfortable with these items from day 1. If you want to go nuts with your credit card, add a nice tinted visor for your new helmet.



TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

Events 2-4:

As you progress from novice to beginner, and you are feeling this sport may stick with you for a while, avoid the temptation to purchase too many vehicle upgrades. This is the time to focus on driving skills development in a vehicle that is stable and predictable from event to event. The only upgrades that I would suggest are those that help the reliability and durability of your vehicle. These vary widely from model to model, but examples include oil pan extenders / baffling, and engine / transmission / power steering coolers. Your local Porsche dealer or performance oriented service center can help identify any weak points to address. One upgrade I would suggest at this time is a quality, performance-oriented alignment.

The Progression to an Intermediate Solo Driver:

As you progress to the intermediate stage, there is an opportunity for vehicle upgrades that support your emerging skills. You are now driving faster and pushing the limits of some of your equipment. The first consideration at this point is safety. This is the time to consider installing a good set of racing seats, harnesses, and the reguired hardware to mount these to your vehicle. These upgrades are fully reversible, but will require a decent investment. Ask to sit in the cars of other drivers at your DE events to find a seat that is comfortable and fits you well. The seat should be snug but allow for full operation of the vehicle without any pain or binding. Once you are accustomed to the feel of a racing seat, it should be rather comfortable. I have been known to crawl inside my racecar for a nap at a long, cold race weekend. Upon the installation of harnesses, you should seriously consider the purchase of a Hans device for added head/neck protection in the event of an accident at high speed.

As far as performance upgrades go, this would be an appropriate time to consider a good set of racing wheels, tires, and brake pads. Buy quality, lightweight racing wheels, not the cheapest set of wheels that fit your car (you will be very disappointed in the long run). Additionally, select the widest wheels and competition tires that fit your car without rubbing (a company like Tire Rack can be very helpful in this selection process). Good performance-oriented brake pads will make braking more reliable, shorter, and not have detrimental effects on your car. Beyond wheels, tires, and pads, an intermediate driver may also consider lowering springs, coilovers (the ultimate suspension upgrade), camber plates, solid bushings, and/or beefy anti-roll bars.

The Advanced Driver:

Advanced drivers should still be working hard on self-development, but the experience gained by this phase of your driving hobby will allow to better select and assess vehicles and upgrades. At this point, anything goes. However, most advanced drivers have developed relationships with parts providers and have a trusted network of knowledgeable technicians. One note for these folks, it is best at this point to define your driving desires and car class interests before building / buying a vehicle. Be careful buying used race cars (but great deals can be had for the knowledgeable).

I look forward to seeing you at the track soon. If you make any upgrades to your track car, give me a full update, then go turn a new personal record.

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