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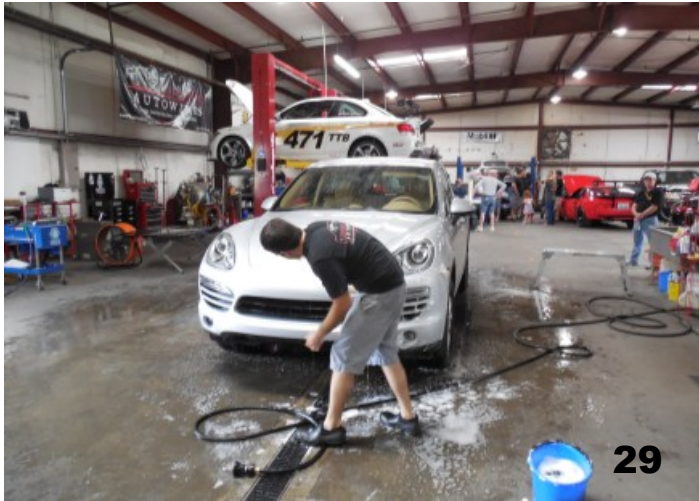
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## President's Message

By Ed Steverson



### Summer has started out as a busy one for the Bluegrass Region.

At the beginning of the month we had our monthly Cars & Coffee which drew over 45 cars and immediately after C&C we went to Foreign Affairs for a detailing tech session and lunch. The Kentucky Region's Summer Heat was heavily attended by bluegrass members, and The Porsche Parade in Traverse City Michigan was attended by several members.

I would like to congratulate our previous newsletter editor as the Rumble won second place at the Parade. I say previous editor because the contest was judged from last year's newsletters while Paul was still our editor. Nice job Paul.

We have an outstanding newsletter which has won several national awards over the years. I would also bet on doing well in next year's competition. Neil continues to do an outstanding job as our new editor.

Please congratulate Paul, and thank Neil for his hard work in getting the Rumble to us.

The newsletter is only as good as its content and Neil would appreciate any member submissions to the Rumble. It could be a simple write up from an event you attended, a tech article, or just a photo and story about your Porsche. Please send all content for Rumble to Neil's email: [rfisher2501@insightbb.com](mailto:rfisher2501@insightbb.com)

Don't forget, every month on the first Saturday, we have a multi marque Cars & Coffee. We are at the Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike. Cars start arriving at 9am. You never know what will show up. I have seen all kinds of Porsche cars, Ferrari's, BMW's, VW's, various muscle cars, and a 1932 boat tail speedster! Tell all your car friends. Coffee is free and a hot breakfast buffet is only \$4.99.

The next one is Saturday July 6th!

Come on out and let's have some fun!

**What we are gonna do**

### CARS & COFFEE

July 6th will be our next Cars & Coffee. We will be at the Clarion on

Newtown Pike @ 9am. A full service breakfast buffet is available for under five dollars. April, May, and June all turned out over 45 cars.

### KEENELAND CONCOURS

July 20th will be the Keeneland Concours. The Bluegrass Region will have people helping out in the Paddock. If you will be there and want to volunteer a couple of hours to help parking Porsche cars contact Tim McNeely @ [tmcneely@vp.com](mailto:tmcneely@vp.com) or 859-619-7443.

### WINERY DRIVE

July 27th will be our annual Winery Drive. We will visit Elk Creek this year.

We will meet at Wal-Mart in Georgetown time TBD and take the fun route of 227 to the winery.

Hope to see you at an event soon.

Drive it,  
Ed

# RUMBLE

## Editor's Note

Are we having fun yet? Things are just getting interesting with the advent of summer. Lots of Porsche drives and events. I would like to thank several members for sending in some great articles and or pictures to make this edition of Rumble bigger than ever. Ken Hold made a nice report on the Ault Park Concours as well as leading the drive up. Also Dale White sent some nice photos from Parade. Robert McClelland submitted a nice write up from Parade as well. I am a little jealous

since I was unable to attend Parade this year. I really appreciate the articles and pictures that you send to me for our newsletter. Keep it coming!

I hope to see you at the next event!

— Neil

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Newsletter  
Editor



# BOARD MINUTES



**David  
Hafley**  
*Secretary*

## **BLUEGRASS REGION PCA MINUTES JUNE 3RD 2013 MARIKKA'S – LEXINGTON KENTUCKY**

### **Board Members Present:**

Ed Steverson, Neil Fisher, David Hafley, Brant Nystrom, Jamie Donaldson, Bob Lovejoy.

### **Members present:**

Ken Hold

### **Meeting convened by President Ed Steverson at 5:41 pm**

### **Minutes of the May Meeting:**

Motion made by Neil and seconded by David Hafley to approve the minutes of the May 6th meeting, with corrections noted. Approved.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Nothing to report. David Hafley thanked Ken Hold for taking minutes at the April meeting.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Mason not in attendance. No report.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Brett Jackson has resigned as Treasurer citing personal responsibilities. Bob Lovejoy will serve as Treasurer. Current account balance is approximately 4,900. June is advertisement renewal month - \$2120 in renewal invoices will be sent. Consensus of support for Bob resuming position of Treasurer.

### **Track:**

Brant reported that a good turnout is

expected for Summer Heat. Discussion of possibly organizing an event at the Bowling Green Corvette plant every three years. This will be discussed with Jeremy Miller.

### **Tech:**

No report.

### **Activities Report:**

David Patrick not in attendance. Ed provides report: Cars and Coffee has excellent turnout for May event, approximately 47 cars. Ed is seeking feedback of member satisfaction with venue. Tech session followed C&C, Jamie won the demonstration detail. Board reached consensus to approve \$55 in refreshment reimbursements. Monthly social will be June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion, Neil will be organizing October trip to Hofbrauhaus in Newport.

### **Safety Report:**

JW Wilson not present. No report.

### **Newsletter Report:**

Neil Fisher. The draft newsletter, 28 pages long, was circulated for review and comment. It was favorably received. Neil has encouraged members to submit articles on a wide range of topics (first Porsche, memorable trip, etc) are appropriate). Neil plans to bring draft of monthly newsletter to board meeting for comment. Communications should be to Neil Fisher: [rfisher2501@insightbb.com](mailto:rfisher2501@insightbb.com).

### **Membership Report:**

No new members to report. Current membership is 115 with 75 affiliate members. Two members transferred out, Mark Parker to the Kentucky Region and Thomas McKinney to the Olympic Peninsula region. One member did not renew.

### **Historian:**

Julie not present. No report.

### **Old Business:**

Ed reported he will be working with Dot.net.nuke trainer on website issues. Club may transition to different platform in the future.

Ideas and volunteers for Member Appreciation celebration are still being sought. Ed and Brant are working on this. Buffalo Trace is being investigated as a possible venue for the event.

A fall charity drive will take place in eastern Kentucky in October. More information will be distributed as the event is organized.

Ed and his wife developed three logo ideas for shirts celebrating the 10 anniversary. Members agree that version #2 was preferred. Ed will bring a catalog of shirt types to the next board meeting.

### **New Business:**

Paddock Challenge at Keeneland. Ken provides background of event and PCNA BGR history with Challenge. Paddock Challenge will continue and Ken is coordinating. Motion by David Hafley and seconded by Jamie to designate \$1000 to the Paddock Challenge in addition to annual subsidy. Approved.

Ed is scouting/accepting suggestions for social location from September through the end of the year. A drive to Louisville to the Porsche dealership is one option

Porsches to Ohio is coming up this summer. Several cars will likely caravan to the event.

Brian Kaiser purchased a new 993 and should be rejoining the club.

### **Adjourn:**

Motion and second to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Approved.



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# TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM    Photos By: Manuel Eades

Last month we covered heel-toe shifting; a necessary technique for high-performance driving in a traditional manual transmission vehicle. Since that article I had the good fortune to practice that technique at Putnam Park road course. June 7-9 was one of the year's very best PCA Driver Education events, "Summer Heat", sponsored by Blue Grass Motorsport and the Kentucky Region PCA. Each year, this event is run in June and September. From my perspective, these are the premiere events of the year for novice track drivers.

Putnam Park is a 10-turn 1.78-mile long course located in Mount Meridian, IN (about 30 miles west of Indianapolis). While the track lacks the visual impact of a Barber Motorsports Park, Road Atlanta, or Mid-Ohio, it is one of the best tracks in America to learn high performance driving. The track feels more like a farm than a racecourse, but that's great. There is ample run-off space in the grass around the track, minimizing the potential for vehicle damage. The course's ten turns are all challenging and different from one another. For those of us lucky enough to run at Putnam frequently, it is apparent that the only way to achieve good lap times at Putnam is to employ superior race technique. Putnam rewards quality driving. If there is a negative at Putnam Park, it is the cheese-grater like surface of the track that eats tires. I destroyed 6 new race tires over the weekend. Beyond the track, the success of the KY PCA region events at Putnam lies with the people. First and foremost, the Kentucky region track





# TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

-staff do a great job of putting on an event. They employ a superb set of instructors that are hand selected based on experience and know-how. Most of the instructor group know one another and have driven together for years. And the icing on the cake, is the Blue Grass Motorsport personnel. The Louisville-based dealership not only bring a variety of Porsche vehicles to the track for inspection, but bring two of the country's best Porsche Sport Driving School instructors to provide taxi rides on the track in new Porsche vehicles (911 S and Cayman S at this event). In addition to drivers and cars, Blue Grass mans the technical inspection garage, sponsors lunch for the instructors each day of the event, and best of all provides a free event social Friday and Saturday evenings (dinner, open bar, track video, and socializing with fellow participants). These amenities are unmatched at any DE event across the country.

It was amazing to see the wide variety of vehicles at this event. Beyond the usual large contingent of Porsche 991s, Caymans, and 944s, there were an abundance of Porsche specialty vehicles as well. You couldn't open your eyes without seeing a compliment of GT3s, GT3RSs, Turbo S, and even a new GT2RS at the track. These were not just show cars, these guys drove them and pushed them hard. However, as in most endeavors in life, it was the participants, organizers, and track personnel that made the weekend memorable.

I'd like to encourage any of you to



# TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

take part in a track event. Beyond the sheer excitement of driving your car at speed around a true racecourse, you will gain a huge appreciation for what modern automobiles can really do at the edge. Additionally, I can personally vouch for the DE events organized and run by a number of our PCA regions. The Alabama, Peachstate, Kentucky, and Ohio Valley regions all offer exceptional events throughout the year. Visit [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) or [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) to see a full listing of track events available, or contact me at the email address below with any questions or comments. Below, I have listed a handful of great DE events throughout the year:

Date: Region: Track:

7/5-7/7 Mid Ohio Region Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course

8/10-8/11 Peachstate Region Road Atlanta

8/16-8/18 Ohio Valley Region Putnam Park – Club Race

9/13-9/15 Kentucky Region Putnam Park

10/26-10/27 Peachstate Region Road Atlanta





# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Tim  
McNeely**  
*Membership  
Chair*

## 190 members!

No new members again this past month....bummer....but we did have somebody transfer in from the KY Region. Please join me in welcoming:

Phillip & Amanda Overall of Lexington 2002 911

Our membership is at 114 Regular Members and 76 Family & Affiliate Members, making our total membership 190.

The Keeneland Concours d' Elegance is Saturday July 20. Come out to a great car show and join us in the Porsche Paddock. We expect over (100) p-cars to show up!!!

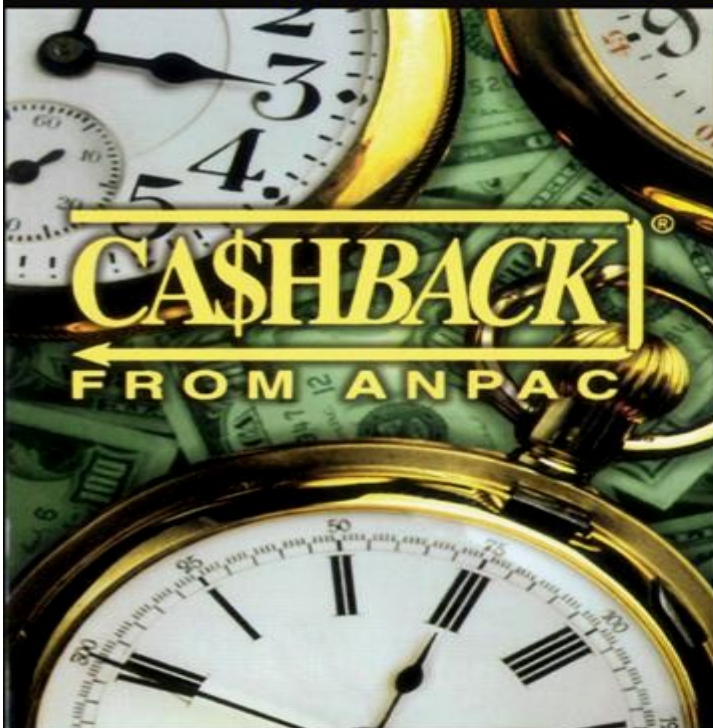
### Also, please recognize the following Member Anniversary dates:

Tom McCullough  
Mike Fielden  
Jack Strifling  
Ben Prewitt  
Jim Sawyer  
Neil Fisher  
Brad Elswick  
Suzanne Lawson  
Amy Pignato  
Bill Van Epps  
Paul Goldfarb  
Joe Murphy  
Dale White  
Patrick Shackleford

Come out on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> and join us for my eleventh annual Wine Drive. This year, once again (does it


1993 feel like groundhog day???) we will be caravanning up the back roads to Elk Creek Vineyards in Owenton. I know we've been several times before, but this is my favorite drive....I'm leading the drive, so I get to pick!!!  
2005 As an experienced vineyard explorer, I  
2005 can tell you that without a doubt Elk  
2006 Creek is my very favorite in the Blue-  
2007 grass State. The setting is absolutely  
2008 gorgeous and the winery itself is first  
2009 class.  
2009 The plan is to meet at Wal-Mart in  
2009 Georgetown (exit #126 of I-75) at 2:00  
2009 pm. We'll have a drive thru the coun-  
2010 try, ending up at the winery about 4:00  
2011 pm. They have wine tastings for those  
2011 who'd enjoy that. If you'd like to ex-  
2011 tend the visit, I've arranged preferred  
2012 seating on their deck looking out over  
the vineyards where we will have din-  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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*Activities  
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**Jul 1st** Board Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30  
pm, Marikka's

**Jul 5th-7th** DE Mid Ohio Region,  
Mid Ohio Sports Car Course. Info  
at clubregistration.net.

**Jul 6th** Cars & Coffee, 9 - 11 am,  
Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

**Jul 20th** Keeneland Concours,  
Paddock Challenge, Keeneland  
Racecourse

**Jul 27th** Membership social &  
Winery Drive, Elk Creek Winery  
Owenton, KY. Meet at Wal-Mart in  
Georgetown

**Aug 3rd** Cars & Coffee, 9 -11 am,  
Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

**Aug 5th** Board meeting, 5:30 -  
6:30 pm, Marikka's

**Aug 18th** Membership Meeting,  
5:30 - 6:30 pm , place TBD

**Sep 2nd** Board Meeting, 5:30 -  
6:30 pm, Marikka's

**Sep 7th** Cars & Coffee, 9 - 11 am,  
Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

**Sep 15th** Membership Social,  
5:30 - 7:00 pm, place TBD

We will be planning a drive to Nat-  
ural Bridge sometime in August.  
Stay tuned to the chat and event  
calendar on the website for details.



Keeneland Concours d'Elegance  
July 18 – 21, 2013

Let's see how much noise  
we can make at this year's  
Concours!!

It is reported that there will  
be a thousand Mustangs at  
this year's event and the  
Paddock Challenge is on!  
Tell all of your P-Car  
friends to show up and let's  
show everyone who is King  
of the Paddocks!



Tim McNeely will be head-  
ing up the collection drive  
again this year. Remember  
all the donations go to the

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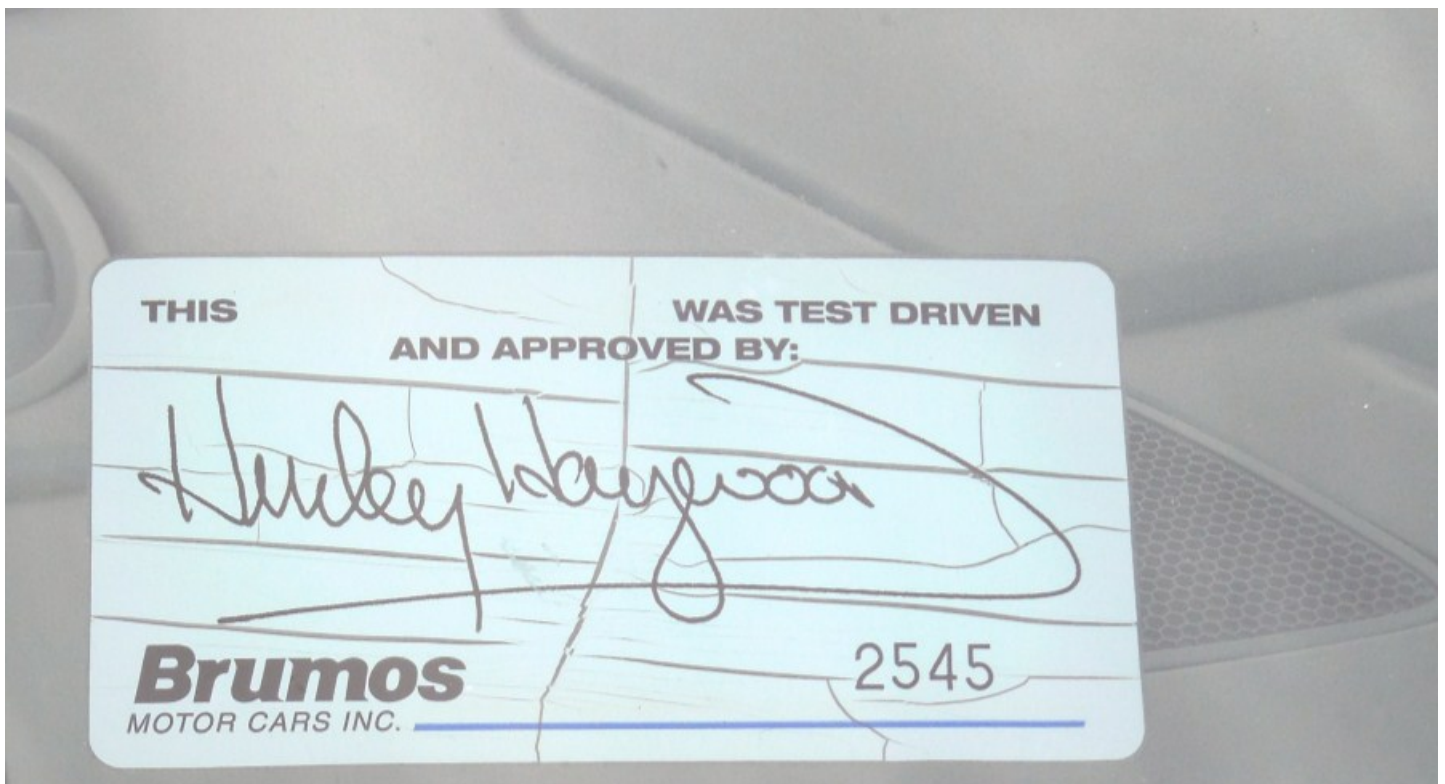


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# TECHNICAL

Taking a closer look

## Foreign Affairs Detail Tech Session

We had a great turnout for the Tech Session this June at Foreign Affairs Autorwerks. Scott lead the group through a question and answer while demonstrating his skill in washing a vehicle and discussing some of the finer points in how to detail it. A ticket was drawn to see who would get the free treatment and Jamie Donaldson was the lucky winner! He was driving his new Cayenne Diesel which still looks pretty clean but he did manage to run through a bug storm so it was interesting to see the technique used to safely remove the juicy critters from the front bumper.

Deli sandwiches and soft drinks were served for the attendees, which were greatly appreciated. The facility at Foreign Affairs is very inviting and you can see many fine motorcars awaiting service and being cared for properly by the ownership and staff. Sometimes you will see a vehicle up for sale including an old Packard police car with interesting badging on the side. Brian and Scott can take of all your motoring needs. Don't hesitate to stop by and say hello.





# TECHNICAL

Taking a closer look

## Foreign Affairs Detail Tech Session





# Ault Park Concours

## Ault Park Concours – June 9, 2013

Talk about a Super Day! Oh yeah, I know meeting in the Georgetown Wal-Mart parking lot at 8:30 on a Sunday morning doesn't sound like too much fun but add several Porsches and Porschephiles starting on a short drive to the Ault Park Concours and it becomes Super! We had a good variety in the six Porsches driven. Neil Fisher drove his "never gets dirty" 996. Jamie had a hard time choosing from his Porsche stable and chose the Cayman. We wanted him to drive "Dad's Mistress" but he didn't want to expose that 914 jewel to the possibility of rain. Patrick Meyer is getting real comfortable with his first Porsche (a 997 with body curves). Robert McClelland finally brought the 911E back into the sunlight. Ed Stevenson drove his Cayenne and I brought my 930S. All in all a pretty neat mix of machinery!

We had ten hearty folks make the trip, seven members and three guests. As a reminder for folks, if you want to invite guests but only have a two seater, there are usually extra rides available. I had two guests attend and they really enjoyed swapping rides in several Porsche cars. But I digress. The drive to Ault Park was uneventful with lots of police protection in the construction zones on I75. Upon arrival, we parked in the Porsche Paddock, within walking distance to the concours entrance. Folks in General parking needed shuttles to get to the entrance. The paddock had about 60 cars spread in a grassy, rolling, tree covered area. It was a pretty place to park but not nearly as convenient to the show as our paddock area at the Keeneland Concours.

With the show Feature being "Porsche From Road to Racing", how





# Ault Park Concours

could we not over indulge in eye candy! Other special displays included: Aston Martin 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Corvette, 60 years of An American Icon (Street & Competition). Ault really does a great job of displaying fantastic classic "Big Fender & Brass" on their upper level show field. The park's triple section main level show courses displayed the features, special displays and newer classics (50's and 60's american iron). For perspective there were 21 classes of judged cars. However, talk about a bummer! Two of our Bluegrass members were competing against each other in the same class, Porsche 911 Late ('78-'89). Tom & Connie Jones won First Place with their 1989 Speedster. Phillip Doty won Award of Distinction with his 1987 911 Carrera Coupe (better known to us BGS members as "Der Geist"). Both cars were driven from home to the concours. One had an altercation with a bird (the bird lost!). Both cars were final prepared on the field. A great job in preparation! OBTW, Phillip is also a concours judge at Ault Park, and Keeneland, and for National PCA. The man is definitely "Mr. Clean".

Well after much walking, lots of admiring both the rolling art and several artists framed photo and prints, we called it a day. We had sunshine and nice breezes all day, but Jamie was correct. We did catch rain on the way back. But, I still don't think Neil's car got dirty!

Submitted by Ken Hold, BGS Member  
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Bluegrass region members Tom & Connie Jones brought their fine example of the 911 Speedster to this year's event. Tom & Connie have many fine toys in their collection and if you have not had the opportunity to see this car you are missing out on some real Porsche eye candy here. Their car won First Place in it's class!



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**EXAR**

**AULT PARK**  
*Concours d'Elegance*

Benefiting  
Juvenile Arthritis

**1989 PORSCHE SPEEDSTER**  
**TOM & CONNIE JONES • NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY**

- The Speedster was a low-roof version of the 911 Cabriolet
- Designed by Helmuth Bott, who also designed the 959
- Total production of Speedsters was about 2100, with 823 imported into U.S.
- 3.2 liter flat 6-cylinder engine
- Base price in 1989: \$65,480

36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL June 9, 2013

Porsche 911-Late FP3

Car No. 76



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Another Bluegrass Member Car on display! Phil & Cheryl Doty brought their Porsche to Ault Park. A nice example of an 87 Carrera Coupe. Phil is also the PCA RPM Chair. I almost didn't realize this was Phil's car since I am used to seeing the license plate with "GEIST" on the back instead of this "EURO" style plate. They were in the same class as Tom & Connie's car and they won the Award of Distinction!

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Robert McClelland, 1969 911E.

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When I heard a couple of years ago that Parade would be stopping at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, Michigan for 2013, I called my brother Dick to let him know. Dick lives in Michigan and thought that was great because his lady friend, Sue, goes annually to the Grand Traverse Resort for R&R with a group of girlfriends and knows the hot spots. She knew the options for arranging our stay and they would be in charge. As it turned out, it was better than I could have imagined. First, the Resort is listed as the largest in convention services in the Midwest, which means it had plenty of room to park our Porsche's together. Second, there was more than enough ancillary activity to keep our ladies interested beyond our Porsche obsessions.

Traverse City is a popular Michigan summer and winter vacation area along Grand Traverse Bay and in the Lake Michigan shore and dunes area. The trip is about 11-12 hours from Lexington, traveling I-75 most of the way. Of course the time is dependent on what kind of Porsche one is driving (as in: is it a 40-50 year old classic or a modern car? ([and relates to the age of the driver....])). Frankly, there is a difference and I knew it, especially in the mid summer heat.

As most of us know, this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 911 and I really wanted to take our 1969 911E which is a very nice car and certainly would make a fun car to share with Parade. My real dilemma during a long summer drive is whether I care about air conditioning (and honestly, comfort). Our 928 is a "modern" car with air conditioning, GPS, XM satellite radio, a nice

quiet ride and good gas mileage. My other choice was to drive our 1969 911E which is pure character: 2/60 air, a stiff suspension and a sport muffler. Yes it has a radio and CD player but I can't hear it. And...it is 44 years old, born when real gas was .32 / gal. But! It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Denise was a sport and with no objections, we packed the 911 and headed out Saturday morning to drive to Dick's house in Grosse Pointe, about a 6 hour leg. We enjoyed ribs from Sue's BBQ, stayed the night with Dick and our niece, Allison.

Dick has had our 1965 356C in Michigan while he rebuilt the engine and had some paint touch up done. I have to say that he did a fabulous job on the engine as it runs better than at any time we have owned it. He found a clogged jet in one of the carbs and for a change it fires right up and cruised quietly at a steady rate along I-75. On one trip to the paint shop, he got a glancing hit from a stone and we ended up with a new windshield. There is always something.

Parade registration officially started on Saturday and we would have preferred to arrive on Saturday to participate in the Concours judge training. Also, my second favorite part of Parade (after the Concours) is the "Concours prep" days. The dedication these participants experience is entertainment at its best. But it was a long way and

stress free travel demanded a Sunday arrival.

Dick and I wanted to get moving early Sunday morning and since Sue was bringing her Ford Focus (air conditioning), she and Denise could sleep in for an hour or so longer. But instead, they arrived about 30 minutes before we did. Dick and I stopped at every rest stop for the sake of the aged (drivers, not cars). The 356 got about twice the mileage the 911 did and we arrived about 1:00 PM.

We had volunteered to help wipe wax off of Bob Gutjahr's (from Patomac Region) 924 Le Mans commemorative in preparation for Monday's Concours event. But lunch called first and with the numbers registering, and heading to lunch, we were of little help Bob this



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year. But it was still fun, spending a couple of hours in the prep center. Man! There were some fabulous Porsche's around there. I was really looking forward to seeing the display on Monday morning.

While we wiped and touched up 924 stone chips, the ladies checked into our condo, which turned out to be the closest to the hotel and looking down on the fairway where the concours cars would be displayed. Phil Doty had command of setting up the fairway markers and had done a masterful job. I was excited about our view for Monday and was not disappointed.

are many more opportunities to experience Parade including autocross, several banquets and the Time Speed and Distance Rally but we wanted the ladies to enjoy some side trips to the shore and for the small shopping around the area. As it turned out, we chose wisely as these were not dominant events, leaving plenty of time to tour as well as enjoy down time in the condo. The registration area itself is a great introduction to Parade week as it is a busy place with volunteers recruiting more volunteers. Volunteers make the week a success and there are never enough. Another fun place is the exhibit hall where tire companies, inte-

phases was on the "new" replacement edition for the Porsche Crest. Few of us know that the hood crest is always a hand painted emblem that has had a subtle change of color over the years. One of the attendants explained that the RS shell on display was in the early stage of restoration for a Japanese collector. At the tech academy, it was disclosed that a full restoration by the factory would run in the 225,000 euro price range for a standard car.

Porsche Classic had a five question quiz that gave us an opportunity to win a puzzle commemorating the 50 years of the 911. I won the prize and we stayed up late that night obsessed with finishing the 500 pieces.

Downstairs was the PCA Goodies Store with all things Parade as well as year round standards that can be ordered through the national office. Across the hall was the Parade Art Show. The level of art was broad but there are certainly some talented and committed folks in this club.

There were two car wash stations throughout the waking hours and always enough supplies to accomplish the task. Of course one must bring their own specialties such as drying towels, wax, polish and vacuum. Our cars were never dirty. However, we did have to learn which side of the parking lot the lawn sprinklers were on at what times.... Dr. Colorchip had a parking lot set up throughout the week for some detail paint work.



**Jerry Seinfeld's 1964 911**

The registration area is where one picks up the week's packet with schedules, goodies and confirms that we were listed in each of our events. Our three registered events were the Concours Banquet, the Michelin Tire Challenge and the Gimmick Rally. There

rior fabricators, travel adventures, and Porsche factory displays abound. There was a separate section for Porsche Classic, the factory restoration group had a body shell for a 1973 Carrera RS for display near a new 991 Carrera Cabriolet. Time and design have sure changed. One small em-

Sunday night was the Pirelli Social Hour and Welcome dinner on the lawn of the Club House for the three golf courses. What a crowd and what a 1967 911S (belonging to one of the Hagerty (Insurance Company) kid's) was on display. It was an amazing restoration. But I'm not sure whether



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the car or the roasted pigs with apples in their mouths were more the center of attention. We had not purchased tickets for the dinner, instead choosing to walk through downtown Traverse City finding a great eclectic dinner at Phil's.

For Condo relaxation, Dick had suggested I bring some "coffee table" Porsche books. Throughout the week, we found time to finally read as much about our cars as we wanted. Did you know that the 911 ducktail spoiler and front spoiler with its "splitter" resulted from Porsche noticing how the Ford Capri's were dusting the 911 with the aid of spoilers? This change led to the "73RS dominance.

Monday morning at 5:15 AM, Denise heard a loud exhaust going down the golf cart path behind our condo and found that the cars were already lining up in the Fairway for the Concours d' Elegance. About 6:15 AM we were all on the screened porch overlooking the fairway, shooting pictures of the incredible line of beautiful and historic Porsches making their way to numbered positions. Directly below, approximately 150 feet from our deck on the sun drenched fairway, were four early model 911S's, including the eventual class winner. On the other side of the fairway were the 911 race cars. As I drank my coffee and ate my oatmeal with walnuts and banana, looking down at that display, I knew life was good.

About 9:00 AM Denise pointed noticed our own Ken Hold standing with other judges preparing to get started. I called on his cell and told him to turn around and look up and he saw me waiving from the porch. I told him we had facilities if he needed them and he suggested I call Adell and their friends from Cincinnati and have them park

with us to avoid a long walk from the hotel lot. As the day warmed we were glad they could enjoy the view with us.

Dick and I made at least two full rounds of the display, which stretched over two golf holes. The second hole was a historic display which included Bob Gutjhar's 924 as well as Ken Allison's 904 from Lexington. But probably the most iconic car there was Jerry Seinfeld's "first" 911. Although there had been 82 prior "901" units, this was the first with a 911 serial designation after Peugeot's protest that it had trademarked all auto model designations with a "0" in the middle. Jerry's car was, of course, impeccable. I was around at the end when they started it to return it to LA and the tone was beautiful. But then, so was Ken Allison's 904 as he drove away, just a little less muffled. Although it threatened rain a couple of times, even so bold as to send a very few drops, the weather cooperated and the day was a

real winner.

We drove up Old Mission Peninsula on the west side of Traverse Bay for dinner at Sue's recommendation of the Boathouse Restaurant and enjoyed dinner without any of the vacationing crowds. Very pleasant.

Tuesday, we toured the parking lot and the exhibit hall early then went to our assigned 12:30 schedule for the Michelin Drive & Compare. We signed Sue and Denise up so they could drive the new 911 Carreras that were there to show the uninitiated what a Porsche (and Michelin) were all about. The course is set up like a small autocross course and we make two trips around with an experienced co-driver for coaching. The first run is to give us a feel for the track and car. The second run is to let it go. Denise said her coach kept telling her to "give it more gas...."



**Ken Hold assists in the Judging of the Parade Concours**



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At 3:30 and 4:30 were seminars by James Taylor, the director of the coming "Porsche Experience Centers" in Los Angeles and Atlanta, and Dieter Landenberger, of the Porsche Museum, about 50 years of the 911, respectively. James developed Porsche's Silverstone Center in Great Britain and Dieter is recognized as a walking Porsche encyclopedia. Dick and I agreed that either of these jobs would be OK to have. Dinner was the Concours Banquet.

Although having been to several Parades, I had never attended one of the official banquets. The Tuesday Concours Banquet is a special one and probably the largest. There was a social hour immediately preceding the banquet and we were shoulder to shoulder outside the banquet hall but(t) rubbing friendly. Although the food was excellent, our table mates brought good conversation and Porsche presented the 2014 991 RS for the first time in the US (stunning), the awards themselves went well beyond my bedtime. But Hans Peter Porsche was introduced and spoke as did the PCNA President, Porsche's PR rep and Manny Alban, the PCA President. Each were excellent speakers.

Wednesday and Thursday were Auto-cross days held in the parking lot of the Travers City Beach Bums stadium, one of the most interesting and attractive minor league baseball stadiums I have ever seen. The ball park was open for our convenience, including food. Several of the display Porsches were available for auto crossing and the factory folks took full advantage. We stayed a couple of hours and the fastest of any driver was James Taylor (of Porsche Experience Centers) who was a former professional racer. Other than the factory 991s, the private Boxsters were impressive.

We spent the rest of the day touring along Lake Michigan from Empire to Glen Arbor and Glen Haven, a restored "ghost harbor." On our return drive, we appreciated the lakeside homes and decried the low water level of the Great Lakes. We got to see the "Sleeping Bear Dunes" area, which are actually mountains similar to Eastern Kentucky hill country, but made of sand. We stopped at three of the local

search for local icons while on a tour of the historic Old Mission Peninsula above Traverse City on the east side of the West Bay. We were given clues, driving directions and pictures of what we are looking for. Of the targets, Denise and I missed four as did Dick and Sue, but together we had found them all. Our favorite stop was at a General Store on the Peninsula which was an authentic country store with shelves stacked with memories.



vineyards and their centers for a taste on our tour. The weather continued to cooperate. Our dinner choice was the Boondocks Restaurant in Glen Arbor. The fabulous string band music by the Cabin Fever Band fit our generation perfectly as did the food. Having heard the bragging, we wanted to catch the Sunset at Empire on Lake Michigan, but when we arrived the cloud cover had moved in and we were blocked. However, that did not seem to stop other vacationers who had grills, bon fires and corn hole a plenty.

Thursday, we were split up for the Gimmick Rally which was a low stress

Their food included a Michigan "Pasties" which was a fresh baked folded crust with lamb, turnip greens and onions and was way too big for a lunch, but was delicious. The clue at the store, an antique advertising sign, was posted above the unisex restroom, meaning there was at least 4-5 in line at all times. Some how, one of our group missed the clue even after standing in line.

We stayed in for a pasta dinner in the condo joined by our Bluegrass friends, Dale and Brenda White. Dale enjoys fly fishing and had caught a 22" Brown Trout the night before.



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Friday was tech academy day and the popular "historical quiz." Dick and I scheduled our hourly sessions which included discussions of tires, restorations, valuations, and other interesting information from national Porsche experts. The academy is an all day event and accords an opportunity to fire those questions we never get to ask. Because of our schedules, Friday afternoon meant we begin our return trip. Denise and I decided to drive through Indiana on back roads while Dick and Sue returned to Grosse Pointe, so we set off in different directions. Our cars ran great all the time. Rain stayed away until Saturday on our way home and we did get hammered then. Denise and I drove through South Bend and Notre Dame's campus for the first time and it was a leisurely trip with rest and gas stops all the way to Lexington for a Saturday afternoon arrival.

As we were leaving, the celebrations in Traverse City had begun for the annual Cherry Festival as the hotel prices had doubled and the streets were beginning to crowd. It was a good time to be in our 911 southbound.

This was a fabulous location as well as vacation experience. Next year, Parade travels to Monterey, California, which may be a stretch for a drive. However, in late June or early July of 2015, Parade will be held in French Lick, Indiana and there are no excuses folks. Start planning and reserve your room.

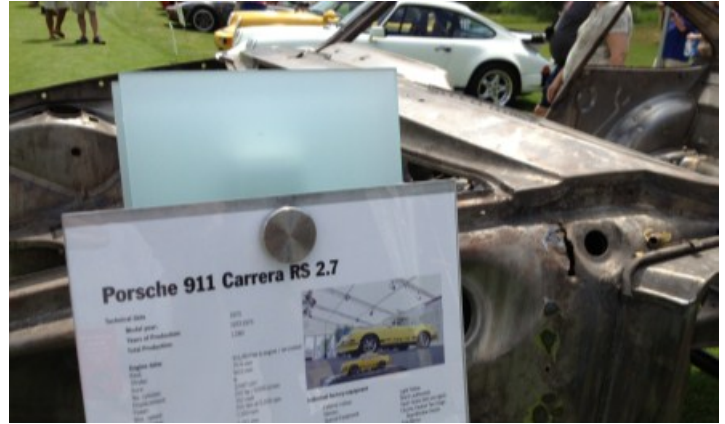




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