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May 2013



Porsche of The Village Family Tree Event IV



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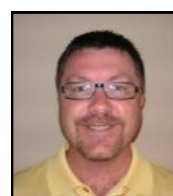
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## President's Message

By Ed Stevenson



**The weather is turning for the good and it's time to get out and enjoy it, our cars, and our friends.**

We have some great events coming up. There are two outstanding concours, the Parade within driving distance, and a 10 year anniversary celebration to name just a few.

I have my 968 in the middle of a top replacement and spring top down weather is here. Should I just go roadster for now and finish it in the fall? That thought has passed through my mind. Naw, my good friends at Foreign Affairs will pull together and help me get this project behind us. I can't wait to be out enjoying it!

June 1st directly after cars & coffee, we will have a detailing tech session at Foreign Affairs. Scott will do a demonstration and be there for questions and advice.

So get the cover off the Porsche, wash it, and let's go have some fun!

### What we have been doing

#### BLUEGRASS REGION PARTICIPATED IN CARDINAL HILL'S TELETHON

Mason Wilson our Vice President, JW Wilson our Safety Chair, and myself presented Cardinal Hill with the club's donation on live TV at their telethon. The telethon raised over \$350,000 for the hospital! We were happy to be part of it.

#### BOARD MEETING

April 1st was our board meeting. Turnout was strong and thanks to everyone that attended. Board meetings are open to all members and I invite you to attend. First Monday of each month at Marikkas on Southland Drive, meeting starts at 5:30.

#### CARS & COFFEE

On April 6th forty-seven cars from all around central Kentucky joined us at the Clarion. Check out the photos in this Rumble.

#### TECH SESSION

April 20th Jim Brandon hosted the club to another outstanding tech session at his garage. We worked on his

944's calipers and half shafts. Jim does a great job and is very knowledgeable. You have to go check out one of his events.

#### MONTHLY SOCIAL

April 21st our social was at The Clarion Hotel (same location as our monthly Cars & Coffee) weather was nice and we enjoyed the patio. This is a great location to enjoy outside weather.

#### CAYMAN LAUNCH

April 27th was the release date of the new Cayman. We attended both Bluegrass Motorsport and Porsche of the Village's events. Many club members attended both and a few had cars on display at POV's Family Tree. If you have not seen the new Cayman yet, you need to get to one of the dealers! The new design is great looking! I love the Carrera GT influences.

### What we are gonna do

#### MONTHLY SOCIAL

May 19th is our monthly social. We will be at The Pub located behind Fayette Mall. Meeting starts at 5:30.

### CARS & COFFEE & DETAIL TECH SESSION

June 1st 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. Both April and May turned out over 45 cars. Directly after C&C we will go right down the road to Foreign Affairs for a detail tech session. If you cannot make Cars & Coffee but want to attend the tech session, we will start at 11:30.

#### BOARD MEETING

June 3rd is our board meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. It will be at Marikkas on Southland Drive, meeting starts at 5:30.

#### AULT PARK CONCOURS

June 9th we will caravan up to this great Concours in Cincinnati. We will meet at the Georgetown Wal-Mart parking lot at 7:30am.

Hope to see you at an event soon.

Drive it,  
Ed

# RUMBLE

## Editor's Note

This month's Club Member car is my own 2000 911. I hope you enjoy the article and pictures.

Check out Brant's article in this month's edition of Track Time. He talks about the much debated subject of manual transmission versus PDK.

We travelled to Cincinnati for

Porsche of The Village's fourth Annual Family Tree Event and saw some great cars. I hope you enjoy the photos from this event.

Once again another great Tech Session at Jim Brandon's garage. You can read the recap and see the pictures on page 25.

It was warm on April 6th for

Cars and Coffee at The Clarion and the turnout was great. We decided to try out the Clarion for our Monthly Social in April as well. See the pictures and write up on page 26.

Enjoy this month's Rumble!

— Neil

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**Neil Fisher**  
Newsletter  
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# BOARD MINUTES



**David Hafley**  
*Secretary*

**APRIL 1, 2013**

**MARIKKA'S**

**LEXINGTON KENTUCKY**

## **Board Members Present:**

Ed Steverson, Neil Fisher, Mark Doerr, David Hafley, Brant Nystrom, Brett Jackson, Mason Wilson, Jamie Donaldson, David Patrick, Tim McNeely

## **Members present:**

Ken Hold, Michelle Fisher

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

## **March Meeting:**

Motion made by Ed and seconded by Neil to approve the minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, with corrections noted.

## **Secretary's Report:**

David Hafley said he will endeavor to distribute draft minutes electronically before the monthly Board meeting.

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

Mason Wilson, Vice President. Nothing to report.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Brett Jackson reported that signature cards have been signed. Brett is securing on-line account access. \$1,520 in deposits was reported. An \$80 discrepancy in Holiday Party receipts was noted but no action taken. Checks were issued to Ken Hold (\$15) and Ed Steverson (\$501.29). Discussion was held on fees levied by Central Bank and anticipated income from Rumble advertisers renewal. No action taken.

## **Track:**

Brant reported the Summer Heat Kentucky Event would be held June 7-9. Registration opens May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Kentucky group drive is being discussed. Discussion of apparent inconsistency of rules for on-track access at different racing venues.

## **Tech:**

Session scheduled Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at Jim's garage.

## **Activities Report:**

David Patrick. Cars and coffee scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> at Clarion. Clarion will also be location for April 21 social (Sports Page Bar). April 27<sup>th</sup> will be the introduction of the new Cayman at Porsche of the Village in Cincinnati. Jamie will organize a workshop on basic photography techniques at his house the evening of April 28<sup>th</sup>. May 4<sup>th</sup> will be Cars and Coffee at Clarion. Discussion of hold-

ing an upcoming Tech Session at Foreign Affairs in Lexington, possible Q&A format facilitated by Scott Wooldridge.

## **Safety Report:**

JW Wilson not present. Reminder to get insurance information to JW at least two weeks before track event.

## **Newsletter Report:**

Neil Fisher. The draft newsletter was circulated for review and comment. It was favorably received. Neil is encouraging 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:**

Tim reported four new members and four club members leaving. Total member and affiliate member is 190.

## **Historian:**

Julie not present. Ed asked for suggestions/support for getting selected materials on-line.

## **Old Business:**

Ed attended the Chapter Presidents meeting in Springfield and noted that national also has concerns

about the website. Ed reported he received pledge of support from national to assist with website improvements.

Cardinal Hill check presentation will be held in conjunction with the telethon on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The event will be publicized.

Discussion of recipients for proceeds from 2013 charity drive. No consensus reached, but agreement to emphasize local organizations. Ed and Brant will set up meeting to brainstorm this.

Ken Hold will pick up engraved trophy from last year's Paddock Challenge.

## **New Business:**

There will not be an official Paddock Challenge this year at Keeneland. Ken hold will be the designated point of contact for the club.

Drei Statten from Cincinnati will be visiting the Bluegrass for approximately one week. Tim made a motion to authorize \$200 for expenses, etc.; Ed seconded the motion and it was passed.

Tim led a discussion on getting more activity on Google Chat. New invitations will be sent to all club members.

## **Adjourn:**

Motion and second to adjourn at 7:15 pm.



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# TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

Last month I discussed why 'track guys' love what they do, and in March I provided a little overview of how to get involved in track days. This month, I have a debate topic for you that has been causing endless sleepless nights for track aficionados for years. It's a technical topic, and one that Porsche has been spearheading. Additionally, if you have considered purchasing a new Porsche vehicle, you may have asked yourself the very same question:

***Should I buy a vehicle equipped with a manual transmission or PDK?***

Please recognize the re-

mainder of this piece is from my perspective. I have a bias as likely many of you do. I love driving. I love shifting gears, and I believe my years of track driving have made me a proficient operator of a manual transmission, and that proficiency yields an advantage on the track. In my heart, the move to double-clutch / manu-matic type transmissions seem to detract from the mythical "driving experience", and fundamentally eats away at my freedom. So why provide such a disclaimer, given my 'mild' bias? Because PDK is a truly remarkable technology, and I'm running out of excuses

not to hop on board! For those of you who haven't heard (likely all one of you), PDK stands for Porsche Doppelkupplung or in English 'double clutch'. The PDK concept, is that there are basically two gearboxes packaged together that require two clutches to modulate power between each of the two input shafts. The first clutch controls the first half gearbox, which contains the odd gears (1, 3, 5, and 7) plus reverse, and the second clutch controls the other half, containing the even gears (2, 4, and 6). By having these separate gearboxes, the car can be

in one gear, and immediately transfer power to the next with only the time required to open one clutch and close the other in between. Thanks to modern electronics and advanced engineering principles this process now takes only milliseconds.

Additionally, because it is electronically controlled (Porsche calls this technology Intelligent Shift Program – ISP) endless hours of programming various modes of operation have taken place. As a result, the system shifts significantly faster than a human; it accurately selects the proper gear every time to



*PDK (Porsche Doppelkupplung)*



# TRACK TIME

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ensure optimal power delivery; the system can be specifically tuned to each and every vehicle; it flawlessly executes throttle blips on downshifts; and best of all, it can never over-rev the engine because of a missed or inaccurate shift. Not to mention, the endless programming options available for the street that improve fuel efficiency, smooth the ride of the vehicle, and provide expert level execution in simple fully-automatic mode.

So what about track performance? Well, racers have always searched for a speed advantage as well as reliability improvements. Old school manual transmissions that required the operator to perform a double-clutch maneuver, gave way to synchro-mesh. The full manual was replaced by the nearly clutchless sequential-manual. Racers can now be seen blipping steering column mounted

shift paddles, and some don't shift gears at all – that's the beauty of PDK – you choose. The system is faster, more accurate, and more reliable than its human counterpart. According to Porsche, its dealers, and driving instructors, the latest version runs cool on track and is highly reliable.

So what about my bias? My racing buddies and I have always said, "when Porsche puts a PDK in the GT3, then I'm in." This has been a great excuse for the past few years. However, with the launch of the new 991 GT3, Porsche has chosen to make their PDK transmission a STANDARD feature. So, it's time! I declare an official evolution in automotive technology! When asked from this point on, "which would you prefer for performance driving: a manual or a PDK transmission?" My official answer is happily PDK. Giv-

en its wide array of advantages, error-proof operation, and acceptance as the future of motorsports, PDK is the way to go. "But what about my investment in manual operation, heel-toe shifting, proper gear selection, and such?" The knowledge a racer gains from proper manual transmission operation will always be an advantage on the track; knowledge is power in this sport. Plus, think of all the tenths of seconds one will save by allowing PDK to shift gears for you, while your mind (and left foot) are freed up to focus on the correct driving line, setting up passing opportunities, and your new-found technical skill – *Left Foot Braking!* Next month, I'll return to the track and discuss performance-driving techniques including 'left foot braking'. Additionally, if you are interested in trying out a track day, I HIGHLY recommend the Summer

Heat PCA DE run by the Kentucky Region PCA and primary sponsor Blue Grass Motorsport. This is perhaps the very best DE I've attended for new drivers. It will be held June 7-9 at Putnam Park Road Course just outside Indianapolis, IN. If interested, registration opens Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and be sure to register that day, as this event fills up FAST. For more information, visit [www.kypca.org](http://www.kypca.org). 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:

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Brant



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Tim  
McNeely  
Membership  
Chair



## One new member! 192 total membership

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Sprung!!!

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join us for an  
event!!!

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this month.

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coming:

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192.

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|--------------------|------|
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| • Mark Kidd        | 2004 |
| • John Downs       | 2005 |
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Cookout. We will be host-  
ing the Drei Statten  
Gruppe for a cookout. We  
will start around 6:30 and  
eat at 7:00 pm. Bring a  
side dish, meat & drinks  
will be provided. RSVP by  
the 13th to:  
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**May 18th-19th** DE Car-

olinas Region, Atlanta  
Motorsports Park. Check  
it out at clubregistra-  
tion.net.

**May 19th** Membership  
Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 pm,  
The Pub Lexington. 3750  
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**Jun 1st** Cars & Coffee, 9  
- 11 am, Clarion Hotel,  
Newtown Pike

**Jun 1st** Tech Detailing  
Session at Foreign Affairs  
Autowerks, 624 West 4th  
St Lexington 11:30 am

**Jun 1st-2nd** DE  
Peachstate Region, Road  
Atlanta. Info at clubregis-  
tration.net.

**Jun 3rd** Board Meeting,  
5:30 - 6:30 pm, Marikka's

**Jun 7th-9th** DE Ken-  
tucky Region, Putnam  
Park Road Course. Info at  
[motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com).

**Jun 9th** Ault Park Con-  
cours, Cincinnati, OH,  
This year Porsche is the  
featured marque

**Jun 15th-16th** DE Ala-  
bama Region, Barber Mo-  
torsports Park. Info at  
[clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net).

**Jun 16th** Membership  
Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
The Clarion Hotel Sports  
Page Bar, Newtown Pike

**Jun 23rd - 29th** 58th

Annual Porsche Parade,  
Traverse City, MI

**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](http://clubregistration.net).

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

**Jul 20th** Keeneland  
Concours, Paddock Chal-  
lenge, Keeneland Race-  
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**Jul 21st** Membership  
meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 pm,  
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# TECHNICAL

## Taking a closer look

Rebuilding rear brake calipers / remove, disassemble and install new boot & grease on a half-shaft from a 944

**Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

It was a little chilly today but we had a nice turn out for this month's Tech Session at Jim Brandon's garage. Today's project entailed removal and rebuilding of the rear brake cali-

pers on Jim's 87 944. We also went through the process of removing a half shaft, inspecting, disassembling and how to install a new boot. First Jim took the group through the process of disassembling the brake caliper to prepare it for cleaning and reassembly with the new parts from the rebuild kit. The kit consists of a seal, piston clip and boot. Care must be

taken when removing the piston from the housing. You do not want to try to force it out or it comes flying out like a bullet from a gun. Using a small amount of air pressure is sufficient to let it slide out gently.

The second part of the session was to disassemble a half-shaft. Thanks to Paul Elwyn for providing a couple of CV joints for demonstrating how to disassemble and reassemble. The half-shaft for a 944 and a 911 from the same model year range are very similar. In some cases you may only need



to disassemble clean and reassemble your half-shaft provided that the CV joint is not too worn. If you need to replace the CV joint and boot you want to check the pricing for the whole half-shaft assembly because it may be more economical to just buy the whole assembly instead.



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# Membership Social

The Clarion Sports Page - Newtown Pike April 21st

It was Great weather and we all decided to stay outside on the patio in the sunshine!





# PORSCHE 911

Type 996

I decided I wanted a 911 I could easily live with as a daily driver and a great car to have fun with on the weekends as well. This is my fourth Porsche. After owning a couple of older models, which were cars I had coveted when I was a kid, I decided on a more modern classic. I think the 996 is a much underappreciated Porsche when compared to the values of some of the older 911's. I owned an 87 Targa that looked like the car of my dreams when I was a kid. For about the same money I now have a 2000 model that is much more powerful and comfortable to drive. It handles better than anything else I have owned. I did some searching on the internet and found the car in Nashville TN and decided to make a road trip to check it out in person. I think if you are patient and don't mind driving a few miles you can find a very nice 996 for a reasonable price that you can be very happy with. If you have not driven a 996 and you own one of the older 911's you should find a nice one to test drive. You just might be pleasantly surprised. I have driven 997's but have not had the privilege of driving a 991 yet. To me the difference in a base 997 and a 996 is small and if you don't have the extra dol-

lars in the budget you can be quite content with a good 996. I'm sure there will always be much debate

among Porsche fans on which model is the best bang for the buck or the most interesting or fun to

own. This is what makes the Porsche Marque so great! There is something for almost everyone.



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# Jamie's Photography Session



Jamie Donaldson lead a very informative session on how to improve your skills in photography at his home in Georgetown on April 28th.

He went through the terminology and what it means as well as how to use it in various types of settings and environments.

We were also introduced to the software that Jamie uses to edit photos and how he goes about the editing process.

Hopefully we will all benefit from his tutelage.

Photo's by:  
Ed Steverson

# The Mitty at Road Atlanta

Photos & text courtesy of Richard Collins, Kentucky Region PCA

This was our first time at The Mitty and it is all as advertised. While we only did one of the 3 days, certainly another day there would have better. I guess there were well over 300 track cars there including locals Carl George with his MGA, Dave Reardon with his 3.0 Carrera RS and Tom Trabue with his early 911. The infield and outfield pits were full of cars, trailers and big rigs from all over the country. Access to viewing points was easily accessible around the 2.7 mile track with its many elevations and corners. A vendor row was well attended in spite of the iffy weather. The quality of racing both with the cars and the historic motorcycles were excellent. While British cars and in particular MG's were the featured marque, there was no shortage of old and newer Porsches, Beamers, Can Ams, Historic Stock cars, open wheel racers, Lotus, Mazda's, Alpha's, Volvos, Maserati's, etc. Notably absent were Ferrari's which I assume are now too valuable to race or were attending another competing venue in the country.

Richard C





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**The Bluegrass Region PCA receives recognition for its contributions to local Charities and non-profit organizations.**

**Recently we donated a check to the Cardinal Hill Hospital and it was officially presented at their annual telethon.**

**We also received the trophy for the Keeneland Concours Pad-dock Challenge at The UK Children's Hospital.**



# Pinehurst Concours

## Pinehurst North Carolina

Pictures and text submitted by  
Ben Prewitt



I happened to be traveling by the famous Pinehurst golf course in North Carolina on Derby Day and stopped in on a nice Porsche and Corvettes show that was a part of the inaugural Pinehurst Concours. There were a lot of nice cars and Por-

sche "personality" Magnus Walker (the hirsute one in the attached photos) was in from the left coast.

<http://magnuswalker911.blogspot.com/>

—Ben Prewitt (I'm the slightly less hirsute one, admiring a 904)



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## Bluegrass Motorsport 2014 Cayman Premier



April the 27th marked the premier of the new 2014 Cayman model. A few Bluegrass Region PCA members made

the trip to Bluegrass Motorsports in Louisville to take a peak at the new car. Also of interest was a fine example of

the 993 Turbo S! The last of the air cooled turbo 911 models in S trim. Which one would you choose?



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