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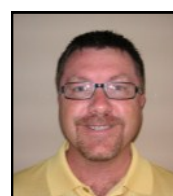
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President's Message By Ed Steverson



What a great time of the year for driving! The temperatures and the colors of the autumn leaves make for some cool drives! I'm actually sitting on the porch at Steve and Ann Womack's drinking coffee as I start to write this article. What a drive the Fall Charity Drive turned out to be! Over 200 miles of eastern Kentucky roads and there are not many straight roads in eastern Kentucky!

I won't spoil a November article so you will have to check back then for photos and details. But I will tell you we raised \$1535 for Macular Degeneration. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

Actually, this past weekend was a busy one for the club. The Fall Charity Drive started at our monthly Cars & Coffee. Several had already started to show up before 9 at C&C. I saw a Rolls, Maserati, and Viper, many variations of Porsches and much muscle prior to hitting the road at 9:45 for our Fall Charity Drive. Although I couldn't stay, it looked like October's C&C was getting off to a great start. Our Cars & Coffee is a monthly event held on the first Saturday of each month year round at the Clarion on Newtown Pike. It is open to all makes and models. Tell your friends.

We also attended the Rallye Por-

sche Mariemont on Sunday. Ken Hold led a group up that met in Georgetown early in the am and Steve and Ann Womack and I drove up from Grayson. I think this event will grow and turn out as a premier regional event. The Ohio Valley Region PCA has done a really nice job with this event. There was rain in the am which I'm sure hurt attendance but we arrived at noon and the weather was beautiful the entire time I was there.

should! For those that can't do all afternoon, you are welcome to catch up with us at any part of the day. Our timeline is, leave from the Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike Lexington (same location as Cars & Coffee) @ 2:30, tour Buffalo Trace Facility at 4:30, and eat dinner at 6:30. Please join us with what fits your schedule.

So come on out and have some fun!



One big event that is just around the corner that you won't want to miss is the 10th Anniversary Celebration. On October 20th we will celebrate with a scenic drive to Frankfort ending at Buffalo Trace Distillery. Once at the distillery we will have a private tour, and private tasting. We have their clubhouse rented and the club is providing dinner, an anniversary gift, and door prizes! New cars will be on hand from the dealers. This will be fun, all day long! I understand not everyone can take all Sunday afternoon off and have fun. But you

Hope to see you at an event soon.

Drive it,
Ed Steverson
President
Bluegrass Region Porsche Club of America

BOARD MINUTES



Ken Hold
*Charter
Secretary*

BLUEGRASS REGION PCA MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9TH 2013 MARIKKA'S – LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

Board Members Present:

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

Members Present:

Ken Hold

Meeting convened by President Ed Steverson at 5:30 pm

REPORTS

Secretary Report:

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

Vice President Report:

Mason commented that the drive to Natural Bridges was well organized and well attended. He said David Patrick did a good job chairing the event and leading the drive.

Treasurer Report:

Bob Lovejoy presented a BGS 2013 checking accounting. As of 8/25/13 the account balance was \$5,340.47. Ed gave Bob an advertising check in the amount of \$240.00 from Foreign Affairs. Ed also commented that all Rumble advertisers are paid for 2013.

Activity Report:

September Cars & Coffee was again well attended with around 45 cars. The monthly event continues to be popular with our local sports car owners.

BGS will be accepting the Paddock Challenge Trophy at the UK Hospital Pavilion on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 5:00 pm. The event will be filmed by KET to be part of a video to be aired in May and July 2014.

Fall Charity Drive to Grayson, KY will be September 28/29. Ed will be chairing this event

with Steve Womack leading the drive. The designated charity will be Macular Degeneration. The main drive will be on September 28. Don't miss this outstanding event. The Board approved a motion for the club to match member donations up to \$1,500.00. The club will donate a minimum of \$1,000.00 if the membership donates less than \$1,000.00.

Ken will be chairing a drive on October 6 to attend the 2013 Rallye Porsche Mariemont. This shine and show event in Cincinnati expects to have over 150 Porsches parked on picturesque avenues in Mariemont. There are many pleasant attractions to experience in a casual atmosphere. Additional information and registration at the Ohio Valley Region website: www.ovrpca.org. Ken will get out more information about the drive.

October Board Meeting will be October 7 at Marikkas Restaurant.

The BGS 10th Anniversary Celebration will be held on October 20 at Buffalo Trace. Ed is chairing the event. There will be a drive prior to the event followed by a dinner, bourbon tasting and a guided distillery tour. The Board authorized expenditures of \$200.00 to be spent at each of two Porsche dealerships (Motorsports and POV). Dealers will be invited to attend and bring 2 cars each for display. Board authorized Bob and Brant to evaluate club purchase of commemorative glass/mug from Hunter Mfg. 10th anniversary shirts will be available and options presented at the October Board meeting. Orders will be complete in time for the celebration.

Holiday Party to be held on January 18, 2014.

Track Report

(Brant): KY Region at Putnam Park September 13, 14, and 15.

Website Report:

Ed and Brant working on revising the website. Converting to use of Responsive Web Design. You can check progress at www.brantnystrom.com/bluegrassPCAweb/index/html.

Safety Report

(JW): Send details for Grayson and Mariemont events to JW asap.

Newsletter Report

(Neil): September issue is 26 pages.

Neil and Board voiced appreciation for the excellent Track articles Brant is writing for the

Rumble

Neil reminded the Board that event chairs need to write a newsletter article for their events.

Membership:

188 members currently. Congrats to JW with a 1978 join date!

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee:

Ed, David Patrick, and Mason will be the Nominating Committee. Ed to ask Jim Brandon to head and select a Balloting Committee.

Committee will present slate at November social while accepting nominations from members.

Ballots go out to arrive by December 5th with a return by date of December 15th.

Votes to be counted by Balloting Committee.

Officers to be announced to club at the Holiday Party.

NEW BUSINESS

We lost a good PCA friend on August 16, 2013. Richard Hughes was a long time KYR member who for several years hosted members of the Bluegrass Region to an evening at Bowling Green and on to a great drive to the Tennessee Tubs BBQ and 356 Show in Nashville, TN. Richard also was an annual regular in bringing a group of diverse sports cars to the Keeneland Concours. Richard and his "Duck Tail RS" will be missed. Ed Steverson will be making a \$50 donation from BGS to Hospice of Southern Kentucky in Richard's name.

Ed will bring examples of club nametags to the October Board meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion by Ed and seconded by Jamie at 7:10 pm.

Submitted by Ken Hold, Charter Secretary

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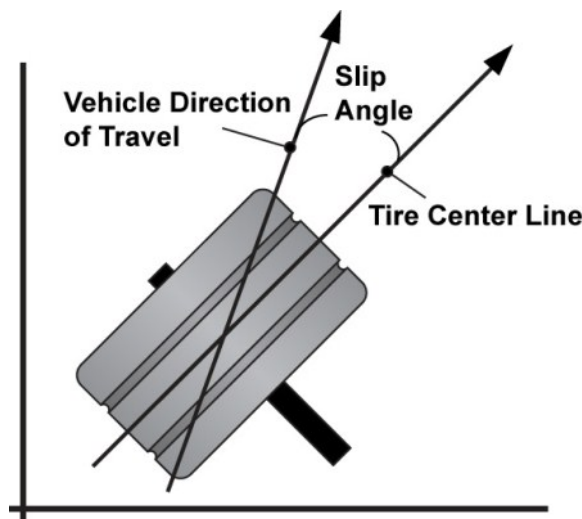
BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

It has been a busy month. September 13-15 was the Kentucky Region PCA's driver's education event "Fall Festival". This event was at Putnam Park, a small road course just outside Indianapolis, IN. As described in the past, the Kentucky region events are very well-run, and perhaps the best events in the country for introducing new drivers to the sport of high performance driving. As usual, the event was sold-out, and was sponsored by Blue Grass Motorsport. Since our return, I have had dozens of communications (email, texts, calls...) with my current and former students. We share many topics including better driving lines, potential car upgrades, and opportunities to meet up at future events. Track driving is mostly an individual sport, one man and his machine against all others, but the most gratifying elements of this sport are the quality relationships I've developed over the years with an incredibly diverse and unique set of individuals. There are always a large handful of folks I look forward to seeing at each track we visit. I am grateful to all the people that have supported me along the way, and appreciate helping the up-and-comers that look to us for advice and direction.

Last month we talked about the wonder of modern tires and their ability to translate contact patch adhesion into the acceleration, deceleration, and lateral road-holding forces we feel in the car. As a driver pushing a vehicle to its limits, one must have a well-developed innate sense of g-forces and tire load to balance the vehicle in such a way as to extract the maximum performance possible (as realized in low lap times) without going past the limit and out-of-control. My discussions with new drivers oftentimes center around tires. We have endless talks about optimal tire pressures and the value of moving to a higher performance track tire. So to supplement last month's tire technology discussion, I'd like to stick with the tire theme and cover more ground regarding tire technology and how they work for us on the track. Tires (and vehicles) do not generally approach their limit of performance and then fall off a cliff to the point of no control. Thank goodness! If they responded that way, we could never reach our maximum potential without wrecking a dozen times a weekend. Maybe you remember, as I do, riding a pedal vehicle as a child with plastic tires. You pedal faster and faster

turning all over the place until all of a sudden – you crossed the threshold - and turning the steering wheel doesn't turn the pedal car and it continues in a straight line out of control. Hard plastic tires are neither compliant nor elastic as the rubber and polymer tires of today, so their limit of control is like an on/off switch. One moment you are happily in control, then push a little harder and bang, you are out of control. Compliant elastic tires have a different response that allows us to search for their optimal performance point without fully losing control.

To understand their performance properties we will introduce the concept of "Slip Angle". Imagine a car driving in a circle. The front wheel is turned and the contact patch of the tire is providing grip that drives the car to move laterally. At slow rates of speed, the angle of the steering wheel applies a given amount of pivot to the front wheels, and the line parallel to the angle of the front tires generally determines our direction of travel. Now apply more throttle, and what happens? Keeping the same amount of steering input, but more throttle causes the radius of our circular path to increase. Now the angle of the tires is different than the actual angle of deflection of the car. This difference between the centerline of the tire and the actual direction of travel is called the *slip angle*.

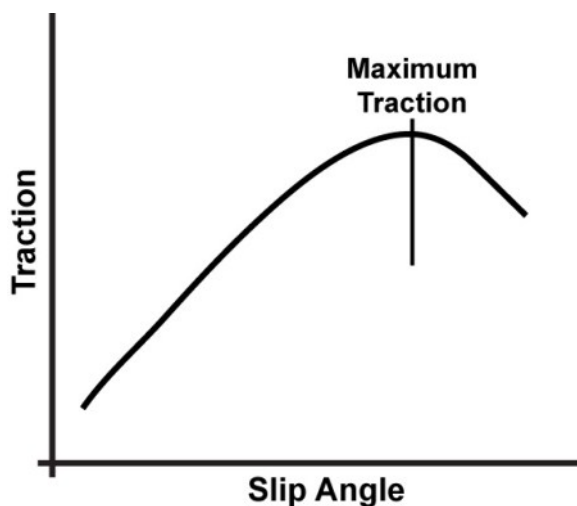




TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

A given slip angle results in a maximum amount of possible traction. We can plot a fictional curve that relates the slip angle of a tire to the maximum amount of traction that it can provide.



This is an interesting diagram. It tells us a number of things. First, over general operating conditions, the greater amount of slip angle, the more traction that exists. Tires like to slip and be driven hard. Slip angle increases heat and friction in the tire, and they provide better performance the harder we push them. Back to the child's pedal-car example; as an actual car pushes harder into a turn it doesn't just lose traction as plastic or metal tires would, it actually grabs harder. Second, there is a maximum amount of traction that a tire produces. The fastest drivers can sense this point best, and drive their cars at slip angles that provide the maximum traction. Third, if you push your car beyond the point of maximum traction, it does not just lose traction abruptly, traction trails off. This allows us time to recover the car if we push it too hard. Finally, it is interesting to note that a driver that doesn't push his car hard enough and operates below his maximum traction point can have the same results as a an experienced driver that pushes too hard and

exceeds the maximum traction point. Many drivers (myself definitely included) learn to push harder and harder to get results, but eventually we have diminishing returns to this approach and begin to run slower lap times. The answer for overdriving is to simply back off a bit and return to the tire's maximum traction point. This curve changes with different tires, and a good driver must learn to sense this curve and extract the most out of the vehicle as its presented to him on a given day, under a given set of operating conditions. These conditions are ever changing and require an understanding of their physics to develop a feel for your car and consistently drive it at the limit. Hopefully, this brief discussion will shed a little light on how modern tires work to produce traction near the limit of performance. Think of this any time you drive. Even at road speeds when you turn the wheel, you can begin to feel the tire scrub against the pavement and create a slip angle. The more aggressively you turn, a greater slip angle develops, and traction increases.

If you have interest in joining us at any upcoming event, or would like more information on PCA DE events and what is required to join-in, please feel free to contact me: brantdnystrom@gmail.com
Brant



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Tim
McNeely**
*Membership
Chair*

191 members!

No new members this past month...however, we did have two transfer in from the Kentucky Region. Please join me in welcoming:

James & Martha Howard
of Lexington
2001 Boxster

Lucien Moody
of Lexington
2012 Panamera

Our first member to list a Panamera as their primary Porsche!!!

Our membership is at 114 Regular Members and 77 Family & Affiliate Members, making our total mem-

bership 191. We still have some good weather left for Porsches. Come out and join us for an event!!!

Also, please recognize the following Member Anniversary dates:

Herman Tudor	2004
Hugh Jones	2009
Andy McGregor	2012
Patrick Meyer	2012

It is nomination time



We are accepting nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board of Directors. If you would like get more involved and serve on the board please contact one of the nomination committee members below:

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Have some fun while serving on the Bluegrass Region PCA Board!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



David Patrick
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Contact David with
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news: ptrck-
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Oct 12th Open House/Swap Meet
at Stuttgart Specialists, 1821 Tay-
lor Ave, Louisville, KY 40213. 7 am
- 2 pm.

Oct 20th Membership Apprecia-
tion drive and social at Buffalo

Trace distillery. This is our 10th
anniversary celebration. It will be
catered, there will be a tour of the
distillery, prizes, a slide show, and
much more. The drive begins at
2:30 pm from The Clarion Hotel.
Arrive at Buffalo Trace at 4:00 pm.
Tour at 4:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Nov 2nd Cars & Coffee, 9-11 am,
Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

Nov 4th Board Meeting at Marik-
ka's, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Nov 17th Membership Social,
5:30 - 7:30 pm, Mi Mexico, 818 New
Circle Road

Dec 2nd Board Meeting at Marik-
ka's, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

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

Jan 4th Cars & Coffee, 9 - 11 am,
Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike

Jan 6th Board Meeting at Marik-
ka's, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Jan 18th Holiday Party, 5:30 -
8:00 pm, Clarion Hotel, Newtown
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Feb 1st Cars & Coffee, 9 - 11 am,
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The Grand Prix Festival at Watkins Glen

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The Vintage Racing Event at Watkins Glen is one of the premier vintage races in the country. They also have a Grand Prix Festival car show. Parked along the main streets of the village you will find over 600 classic sports cars of all ages and marques.

Ben Prewitt was in attendance and submitted these fine photos for our enjoyment.



Thanks Ben!



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Keeneland Concours Paddock Challenge Trophy Presentation at UK Childrens Hospital

Ed Steverson accepts the Trophy on behalf of the Bluegrass Region Porsche Club for the winning of the Paddock Challenge at this year's Keeneland Concours. Tom Jones and Ken Hold were the presenters.

Tom and Connie Jones also presented the UK Children's Hospital with a check for \$25,000 from the Keeneland Concours.



Membership Appreciation 10th Anniversary Celebration Preview

Come and join us for our Membership Appreciation Social and celebration of the Bluegrass Region Porsche Club Of America's 10th Anniversary!

We are pulling out all the stops this year! It is the 10th Anniversary of the club. We will have prizes for everyone. The food is provided by the club. We will have a tour of The Buffalo Trace Distillery and much more. Don't miss out on this exciting celebration.

Mark you calendars! October 20th.





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