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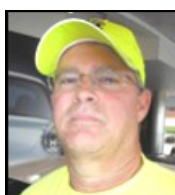
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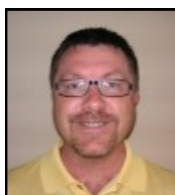
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**The Bluegrass Region PCA Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of each month Dinner and business at 5:30 p.m. Members are welcome. See calendar for details.**

## President's Message

By Ed Stevenson



**Fall weather in Kentucky is perfect driving weather!**

### What we have been doing

This summer has been a busy one. We just had our Membership Appreciation Celebration on August 23rd. The attendance was strong. There were 23 Porsche cars on the drive and 46 members at the dinner. The starting point of Corman's dinner train garage was a great back drop for a for photos. We took a break at Boyd's Orchard and at the Kentucky Vietnams Veterans Memorial. The relaxed pace and took us through Woodford and Franklin County where we drove by the Old State Capital, and the recently sold and soon to be renovated Old Taylor Distillery. Once at Salato Wildlife Center the club treated us to Bar-B-Q by Staxx and a whole lotta door prizes. Fun all day long!

August 16th was David Patrick's latest installments of Dinners, Dives, and Porsche Drives. We started off with a Cars & Coffee at Ramsey's on Harrodsburg Road. The Dinners, Dives, and Porsche Drives have been a well-attended series of drives. Thank you to David for putting these together.

### What we are gonna do

September 6th is our next Cars & Coffee. We will be at the Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike. Card start arriving at 9 and stay till after 11. This month we will be parking in front of the restaurant. Please tell your friends. Every month this summer we have had near 70 cars!

September 8th is our September board meeting, Marikkas on Southland Drive 5:30.

On September 12-14, the Kentucky Region PCA and Bluegrass Motorsport will have their Fall Festival, HPDE event at Putnum Park. This is a first class HPDE. The Kentucky Region and Bluegrass has been doing these for years and they have it down. This will absolutely be the best ran

HPDE you have ever attended. The registration is now open and can be [found by clicking here](#).

October 6th will be our board meeting. We will be at Marikkas on Southland Drive.

On October 18th we will get to experience some of Kentucky's best back roads and some of the beautiful fall colors that this region offers with our Fall Charity Drive. We will meet at the Clarion Hotel on Newtown at 8:15 for breakfast and start the drive shortly after 9:00. Steve and Ann Womack will once again graciously host us at their home after the drive on Saturday with an over the top dinner. In previous years we have enjoyed driving their horse drawn wagons, shot a 50 Cal, and ran our Porsches down Steve's private air strip. Not sure what entertainment we will have this year, but I'm sure it will be fun!

Steve and Ann have invited us to stay in their guest home Saturday night and continue the drive on Sunday. I always do the two day option, this is a great weekend. If you are interested in attending, I need a **RSVP** by October 13 at noon for dinner and/or rooms. Emails always work at [ed@abracadabragraphics.us](mailto:ed@abracadabragraphics.us), text or cell are also welcome 5023202655. I'm looking forward to this event.

### Nominations

With each fall we have a new election and a new opportunity for you to serve and enjoy the club to a higher level. This year we need to nominate and elect the positions of President, and two board of directors. Last month we formed a nomination committee with Neil Fisher, David Patrick, and myself. All nominations should be sent to one of us on the committee. Self nominations are welcomed and encouraged. Serving on the board keeps you in the know and I guarantee that you will enjoy your Porsche car more!

Another big announcement is the website is nearing completion of the first phase of development. I will present in the next few weeks a link via the national emailer. I appreciate your patience with this long overdue project. The new site will be easily navigated with your computer, smart phone, or tablet. This will be a big improvement for the clubs communication.

Hope to see you at an event soon.

Drive it,  
Ed

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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Tim  
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## 185 Total members!

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

Don Bullock 2015 Macan Turbo

Our membership is at 115 Primary  
Members. And 70 Family Members for  
a total of 185.

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

Steve Womack	1993
Tom Jones	1993
Judd Campbell	2001
Lee Wegner	2001
Robby Poindexter	2003
Patrick McGovern	2011
Andrew McGregor	2012
Lucien Moody	2013
Key Wilson	2013



# Diners Dives & Porsche Drives

On August 16th we had a Porsche only Cars & Coffee followed by a scenic drive to the Willisburg General store. David Patrick led us on the drive From Ramsey's on Harrodsburg road taking us down the back roads through Harrodsburg, Mackville and winding up in Willisburg at the Amish general store. We had 16 Porsche cars and 21 participants on the drive. It was great to see this many members participate. It proved to be difficult to keep everyone together and we separated during the first half of the drive however we were able to get regrouped by the time we reached Harrodsburg.





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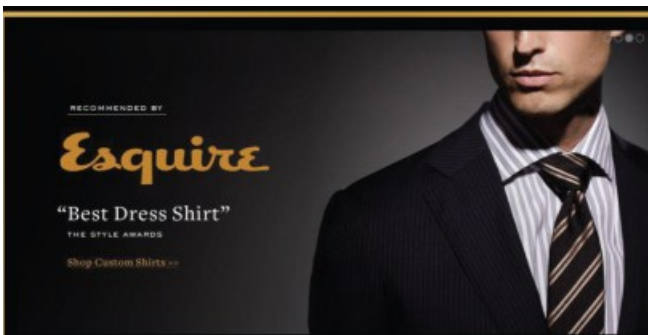


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# Event Calendar



David  
Patrick *Activities Chair*

**September 6th** Cars & Coffee at The Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike 9-11am.

**September 8th** Board Meeting at Marikka's 5:30pm-7:00 pm.

**September 26th-28th** DE Northern Ohio Region, Mid Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH

**October 4th** Cars & Coffee at The Clarion Hotel, Newtown Pike 9-11am.

**October 4th** Rallye Porsche Marie-mont.

**October 11th** Winery drive to Elk Creek Winery in Owenton. We will meet at Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike at 1:00pm for a spirited drive to the winery and enjoy food and beverages outside on the deck.

**October 18th** Fall Charity Drive. We will meet at The Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike at 8:15am for breakfast and start the drive shortly after 9:00am. RSVP to Ed by October 13th. [ed@abracadabragraphics.us](mailto:ed@abracadabragraphics.us).

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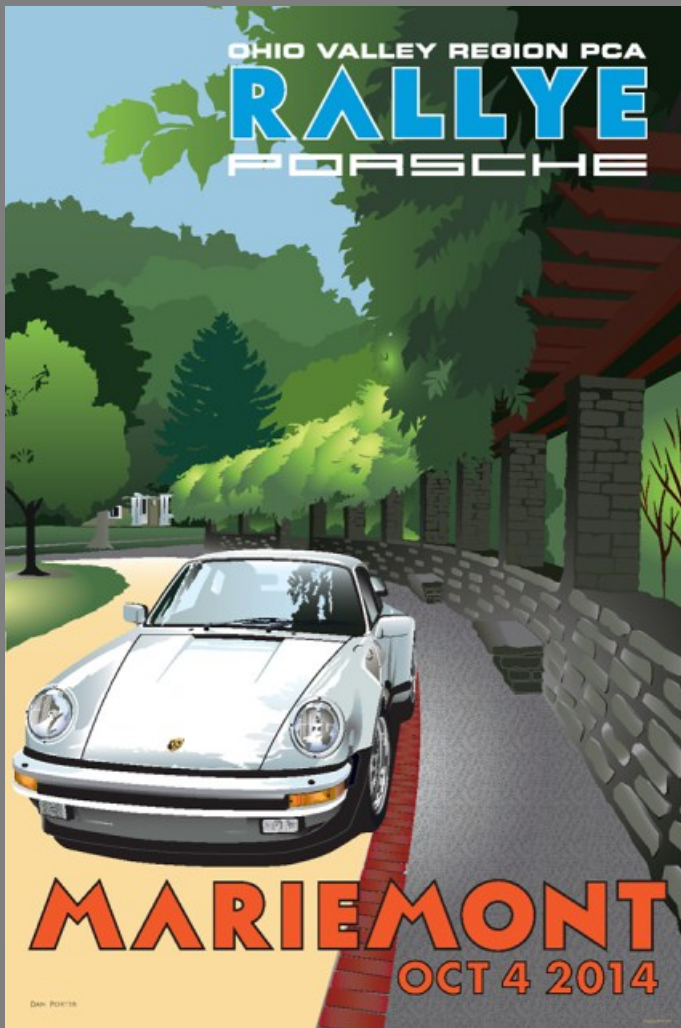
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**NOTE:** This event has been moved to **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4.** (It was previously held on Sunday.) We are hoping that this will afford us the opportunity to have a rain date in the event Saturday is rainy.

Be sure and check back for updated event details and to complete your online registration around mid-July!

The 3rd annual RALLYE PORSCHE MARIEMONT brings even more fun in 2014! We will have more Porsches and more activities sure to draw a crowd of Porschephiles and families and children from the community.

We had more than 220 registrations last year but, unfortunately, the rain limited that turnout to around 75 cars. We are expecting more than 275 registrations this year to adorn the center avenue of Mariemont on a beautiful fall day! Enjoy socializing among the cars which will include several excellent examples from concours winners to race cars to daily drivers. A German beer garden hosted by the Dilly Cafe will welcome Porsche fans. Community and Special awards will be given to the special concours group and to the most popular participant cars.

If you are interested in a tour. Check the OVR web site for upcoming details.

See you on the streets of Mariemont! Be sure and mark your calendar and register early!



# Silber ist die Farbeder Tradition

Article & photos by: David Patrick

My trip this summer to the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart was a 2-hour trip back through the history of the Porsche Marquee. To see the beginnings of Ferdinand Porsche's career was interesting. He seems to have been a man with a great imagination and penchant for solving problems. His ideas; when put into application seem to have been well ahead of the times. This seems to have transferred to his company and the products that have been made by the Porsche craftsman over the years.

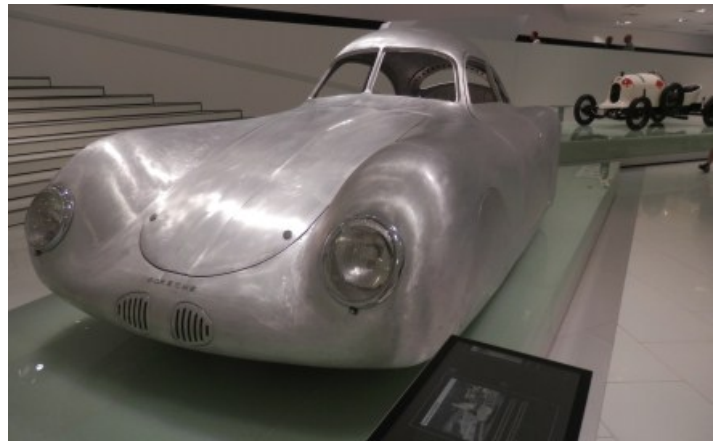
Many of the historical cars at the museum exhibit groundbreaking ideas. Many of these ideas were the building blocks for our current automobiles with their hi-tech computerized system. The ideas have been solutions to problems whether for the performance, safety or manufacture of the cars.

Look at the shark like Type 360 Cisitalia with its beautiful silver paint, single seat arrangement and 4-wheel drive. It was designed and built for Peiro Dusio with a 12 cylinder supercharged engine. Circa: 1946. Unfortunately never raced due to financial difficulties.



The Type 64 with its almost comical bug-eyed front end and airplane like cockpit hammered out of shining silver aluminum. In 1950 this car was driven to wins by Otto Mathe' winning the gold medal, the Silberne Edelweiss and the Alpenpokal (Alpine Cup) in the International Austrian Alpine Rally. Clearly this car showed an understanding of aerodynamics not seen in other cars of the time. The design shows styling

cues that are visible on modern Porsches. The car was capable of 130kmh and was driven by Ferdinand Porsche on public roads. This was the first automobile to carry the Porsche name.



Next is the first Type 356 Number 1 Roadster boasting mid-engine layout with a 35hp Volkswagen engine. Weighing a mere 585kg making it capable of 135kmh. This silver beauty with a red interior, Banjo steering wheel and form follows function controls, is a Boxster ahead of its' time. The culmination of ideas for the man who could not find the sports car that he wanted...so he built his own.



#46 is a 1950 356SL Coupe' with 46hp with a top speed of 160kmh. A racing version of the 356 this silver star boasts aero-guards around the wheels, center mounted fuel filler that give it a futuristic look for the 1950's.

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The 1953 356 American Roadster with its' super clean lines and bare bones cockpit is perhaps a precursor of today's GTS and R models that eliminate weight and add power for better performance. It had 70hp and a top speed of 177kmh. With super clean lines and silver paint it carries on the tradition of improvement and excitement in the Porsche Sports Car lineage.



1962 and 1963 brings us to a couple of race cars. The '62 718 W-RS Spyder and the '63 2000GS Carrera GT both is splendid silver. The Spyder is propelled to 280kmh by a 2.0 flat 8 while the Carrera reaches 235kmh pushed by a 155hp 1.9 liter. Both of these cars were campaigned with success for the Porsche factory. The sleek #29 Carrera GT has a taste of, dare I say, Italian design but with some traditional Porsche elements. Fenders higher than the hood and of course an air-cooled engine in the "wrong" end of the car. The Spyder is adorned with many louvers in the body to help keep the flat 8 cool.



A platform for the famed Carrera 4 cam engine is the 1960 356B 2000GS Carrera GT. The 4 cylinder engine produced 175hp pushing the road legal racer to a top speed of 220kmh. Stylin' and Profilin' in gorgeous silver with a roll bar installed for the track days the owner was sure to enjoy.





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In 1964 we get the #33 all business 904 racer. An absolutely breathtaking body design. Powered by the 2.0 flat 8 and capable of 263kmh. The car looks fast sitting still and is sprayed in slippery silver. The silver 1964 Speedster Prototype with it's spartan accommodations and rain top with plug-in windows; only available in the US for a short time, until word got out and the European community wanted some of their own fun in the sun. This car was the brainchild of Max Hoffman the US importer for Porsche at the time. He asked for speedster for under \$3000.00 and this gem was the result.



Next on our silver museum tour is the Porsche 959. The car that was Porsche's first "Super Car" it ushered in many innovations that are found in today's cars. This car was well ahead of the game and ushered in the era of computerized super cars that we see today.



The next car blows me away; who knew there was a street version of the GT1? Awesome car in Arctic Silver. I would sure like to take this for a spirited Sunday Drive! The GT1 in race livery is one of my favorite Porsche race cars. The air intake on the roof is just too cool and the body still retains the 911 lines. This is the car that gave the 996 and early Boxsters their headlamp design.



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The last two Silver Bullets at the museum are a Carrera 918 Spyder edition 997 Turbo (I think you get one with your 918 Spyder order) and the latest high tech rocket, the 991 Turbo S with PDK and all wheel steering it is the end game for the current Porsche Sports Car Line.

The tradition of the man named Porsche, his cars, ideas and company go back a long way. All the while it seems that "Silver is the Color of Tradition".







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# Membership Appreciation Drive & Social

## Salato Wildlife Center

August 23rd was our Membership Appreciation drive and social at Salato Wildlife Center in Frankfort, KY. Ed Stevrson led the drive from the back parking lot of Rupp Arena. It was a leisurely drive from Lexington over to Versailles then on to Frankfort at the wildlife center for a nice picnic. We stopped along the way at Boyd's Orchard, and also at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Special thanks to our advertiser's for donating several items for door prizes.





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## Salato Wildlife Center



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# TRACK TIME

BY BRANT D. NYSTROM

It's amazing, as I look backward through my Track Time folder, I've been writing these articles for a year and a half now. I still love racing, Porsche cars, competing, and instructing new high performance drivers. As I look over all of the available driving events across the country, one point is abundantly clear. This is a rapidly evolving sport / hobby. Driving events are popping up at every track across the country. New tracks are opening monthly (many are of the driving 'country club' variety). High performance vehicles are abundant and growing. Auto racing is more prevalent on cable TV than ever, and international racing series of all types can be seen any weekend on cable or streaming over the internet.

Even more importantly, in my world, my closest friends and acquaintances exist around and because of my track activities and the PCA. I interact on a daily basis with professional racing drivers, as well as amateurs looking to get involved with the PCA and track events. I receive many emails each month asking questions about tracks, events, cars, set-ups, and where should I go to get 'x' done to my vehicle.

However, to date, by far the most common question I receive is this:

"I have just purchased a new vehicle, and I am interested in taking part in a track event. How do I get started, what do I need to purchase, and am I capable of participating without embarrassing myself?"

While I have addressed this topic either directly or indirectly in past issues, I will however dedicate the remainder of this article answering this question directly.

## **PART I: THE ANATOMY OF A TYPICAL DRIVER EDUCATION TRACK EVENT**

Driver Education (DE) events are the easiest, best organized, suitable for new drivers, and perhaps the most fun way to get driving on a race track at speed. It is important to register for a track event at a track convenient to your location that's organized by a quality sanctioning body. The Porsche Club of America (PCA) and the BMW Car Club of America (BMWCCA) run the best events in terms of safety, organization, and processes suited to new enthusiasts. Additionally, I have had success with NASA (National AutoSport Association) and ReZoom Motorsports. You can find event listings and registration processes at two primary on-line locations:

[www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net)  
[www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)

The typical DE event is either 2 or 3 days in length, and generally held over a weekend. You can expect to pay somewhere in the neighborhood of \$350 for a full event (prices will vary based on sanctioning body and track location). For a beginner, this price includes classroom instruction, an in-car certified instructor for all sessions, and typically four 25 minute track sessions per day (trust me, that is enough). Anyone with the desire and a road-worthy vehicle may take part (you do not need a sports car, Porsche vehicle, or special preparation to fully enjoy your first track event).

## **PART II: WHAT WILL I NEED TO BRING AND/OR PREPARE**

When you sign up for the event on-line, the event's dashboard page will provide all of the information necessary to prepare for the event. However, there are some general guidelines. First, there will be some form of a 'Tech Inspection' form. Sometimes these forms are to be filled out by the owner/driver, but more commonly, your local repair shop or dealer must fill out the form following a multi-point safety check. Any car in good working order should pass the preliminary tech inspection. Be prepared that you may be charged a nominal amount for the process.

You will be required to have a suitable helmet to be worn throughout the event. There are clear rules on helmets. Generally, you must have an automobile helmet (motorcycle helmets are usually not permitted) with a rating of SA2005 or SA2010. If you need to purchase a helmet, I would suggest visiting [www.saferacer.com](http://www.saferacer.com) or [www.discoveryparts.com](http://www.discoveryparts.com), or call them to be 100% sure. Beyond a helmet and the required forms, you should expect to dress suitably (jeans are always good, closed toe shoes or sneakers, and a long sleeve t-shirt). Some events require long sleeve shirts and pants.

Finally, in the preparation department, I would highly suggest purchasing DE Track Insurance. Typically, insurance for a track event will run around \$200. No matter what your insurance company says, they will likely not cover damage sustained in a track event. An incident in a novice group is highly unlikely, but it has happened, and \$200 is a sound investment. Providers of track insurance include:

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One final point, don't forget to book a hotel room for the event. Typically, events have an event central or primary hotel where most event attendees stay. Oftentimes, the events will throw parties, or pizza nights at the primary hotel.

## **PART III: PREPARATION FOR THE EVENT**

Once you're signed-up, and have a helmet, hotel, and track insurance, it's time to prepare for your event. I suggest reading a few books on high performance driving; the 'Speed Secrets' series of books are a good source of information. You could always go back and read previous editions of track time. I strongly suggest downloading and printing a copy of the track map for your event. That map coupled with some good in-car lapping videos from YouTube should help you to become very familiar with your track prior to driving it. Familiarity with the track will put you well ahead of your peers, and allow your instructor to focus on track skills right out of the gate.

I have posted a number of my lapping videos on YouTube including Putnam Park, Mid-Ohio, Road Atlanta, and Barber Motorsports Park. My videos are all under the username "NytroStorm" – feel free to browse them at your leisure.

## **PART IV: AT THE EVENT**

Finally, you have made it to your first track event. Be there early (like the moment the gate opens in the morning) as you will have to find a place in the paddock to park and store your equipment. Park, unload all loose items from your car (including floor mats), and get your forms and helmet into the car. As soon as possible, check-in at event central, and have your car tech-inspected at the track (they will need to see your helmet, and tech sheets). Now you are ready; link up with your instructor as soon as you can, and prepare to be on time for the driver's meeting. Pay attention in the driver's meeting as there will be some critical information mixed among the advertisements, kudos, and general chit-chat. You will likely be escorted off to your first classroom session immediately following the driver's meeting (so be prepared). I suggest having a pen and notepad to take notes in the classroom.

Prior to your first on-track session, you WILL be nervous. Don't worry this feeling is natural. You do belong here, and will have a challenging but great experience. Please listen

to your instructor, no one is a pro their first time on track – NO ONE!!!

Your first track weekend will seem crazy, chaotic, and busy. This feeling will subside by your third or fourth weekend.

**Some additional answers to questions that come up frequently:**

***Yes, you can go as fast as your skills will allow.***

***No, this is not racing, there are rules to follow.***

***No, you should not worry about driving your car hard. Short of a highly unlikely on-track incident, you will not hurt your car or its components.***

***You do not need special racing tires the first track event. Your usual performance street tires will work just fine.***

***Yes, you should monitor your tire pressures. Work with your instructor to determine the best levels throughout the DE weekend (don't forget to add pressure back in when the event is over).***

***Take time to watch others drive on the track over the weekend. There is a ton to learn from watching other drivers and cars.***

***Be sure to meet a few folks at the track. This is a great group of active, can-do people from all walks of life.***

***The only person allowed in your car with you on the track is your instructor.***

Don't hesitate to ask others questions. Always feel free to ask any one of the instructors any question – no matter how simple.

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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