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If you didn't have fun with your Porsche in June you need to be checked for signs of life. What a month! We had members attending races at Mid-Ohio, participating in DE's at Putnam Park, viewing great rolling stock at Ault Park, doing a Winery Drive, and "just chillin" at our June Social.

It was a GREAT month. If you don't believe me you can ask Judd Campbell if he's stopped smiling since he and Kelly got their first Boxster in June. While we didn't have a Tech session in the month, I'm sure Judd appreciated all the "tech tips" he got from club members about what to look for in buying a used Boxster. He really got hands-on experience by driving both George Luxbacher's and Clark Harrison's Boxsters. Congratulations to Judd and Kelly on their new fun car.

Also, I learned on the Winery drive that Boxsters can actually run on auto-pilot. Every time I saw George and Dee Luxbacher during the drive, Dee was taking pictures from the passenger side and George was taking pictures from the driver side. How do they do that? Who the heck was driving?

And speaking of Clark Harrison, he really didn't understand what a great track car his Boxster really is. He got his first taste in June at Putnam Park and he's "hooked". He is now an avid reader of Benson Miller's DE schedule. I'm sure Benson will have all the latest scoop from Putnam. Oh by the way, congratulations to Benson and also David Ratliff for becoming the Kentucky Region's two most recent Putnam Park DE driving instructors. I believe that's at least five BGS members who are qualified to instruct at DE's for Putnam.

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Editors Column by Clark Harrison

Wow! What a time for Porsches...

Last month started for me with a trip to Ault Park, where I saw my second paint-to-match Carrera GT and my third GT3 RS. I then traveled in Ken Partymiller's "Mercedes of Dulleys" to the USGP in Indy for the F1 and GT3 Supercup practices on Friday... If you have never heard the shriek of a F1 engine at 19,000 rpm, then you are truly missing out! I was then lucky enough to get a ride in a Carrera GT... truly amazing machine! Finally, I traveled to Putnam Park for the KYPCA's Summer Heat and my first (of many I'm sure) Driver's Education Event. Learning your car's limits on the safe and controlled environment of a PCA ran DE is a totally rewarding experience... I HIGHLY recommend one. I can not begin to express my appreciation for all the hospitality and help given to me by Benson Miller, Ken Partymiller, and the Dawsons! It also wasn't so bad seeing the face on that 997 turbo driver as he waved my little Boxster S by!

This month's Rumble is my first... completely on my own... so here's to the future! I hope you enjoy!

Clark

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Membership by Tim McNeely

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

Jim Sawyer of Lexington

1999 Boxster

Our total membership is at 120 Members, 73 Family Members, and 6 Affiliate Members. Also, please recognize the following Member Anniversary dates:

Thomas McCullough	1993
Robyn D'Alexander	2004
Michael Fielden	2005
Jack Strifling	2005
Josh Dahlman	2006
Benjamin Prewitt	2006

President's Article Continued...

You may have also noticed that the June issue of Rumble was Clark Harrison's first issue as editor. Clark, Ed Steverson, Benson Miller and Gary Hackney did a great job of changing editor, production process, and distribution of the Rumble all in the month of June! What an undertaking and a successful transition. Many thanks to these folks for making it happen. And thanks especially to Ed for his many months as Newsletter Editor and making the Rumble a PCA national award winner.

And since we are talking about PCA national award winners, how about that Chris Davis winning 3rd place for the BGS website? A big congratulations to Chris for that feat. With the Community Service award and the News Letter award, that brings BGS to three national awards in three years. Not bad for a Region only slightly over four years since charter.

Well if June was too busy, July is a chance to ease up a bit. Our big event for the month is Porsches to Oxford (P2O). This is another drive that Tim and Trish McNeely enjoy chairing. It is always a great drive and a fun time. The Mid-Ohio Region is a super host and really turns downtown Oxford into a Porsche car fest. Look for more information about the event from Tim on the Chat. I'll see you in Ohio.

Just for the fun of it!

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Thanks to the folks who contributed to Becke Cleaver's Scholarship Fund. There were thirteen BGS members who contributed a total of \$2,460.00. BGS contributed an additional \$500 from the club treasury. The club would also like to thank Brian Cunningham for his generous contribution above the amounts given by the club.

Our hope is that these monies help provide a start for an endeavor that Becke held dear.

Please donate any additional monies directly to the Becke Cleaver Scholarship Fund.

On the cover

Benson Miller's 930 Turbo at
KYPCA's Summer Heat DE



Turn 10 Photography



Clark Harrison

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The Line... continued

Wow, what a month! I finished putting the new suspension in my 930 and couldn't wait to try it out at my first Road Atlanta DE in early June.

The Elephant Racing Poly-bronze bushings, rear adjustable suspension arms, mono-ball bushings, Smart Racing Camber-Master front camber plates and bar, dual master cylinder and balance bar, Fox adjustable shocks, Brembo GT Brakes, brake cooling ducts, and new track tires were begging to be tested on the track. I lined up on the grid for my first session and waited...and waited. There was finally an announcement of an incident on the track and we were told to shut down our engines since it would take a while to clean up. I was shocked to see what happened.

A new 997 Porsche blew an oil line at the end of the long straight and laid oil on the track all the way through the bridge turn. Two cars hit a wall when drivers lost control after skidding on the oil in the braking zone. The cockpits in both cars were undamaged and the crumple zones, air bags, and seat belts saved both drivers from serious injury. As I was studying the damaged cars and thinking about my 1984 930, several thoughts ran through my mind...These guys wrecked their cars through no fault of their own...Sh#* Happens...My 930 has neither crumple zones nor air bags... I went straight over to the Discovery Parts store and purchased a HANS Device. I figured if it's good enough for NASCAR drivers, it's good enough for me. <http://hansdevice.com/site/index.html> It reminded me that even though accidents are very rare at PCA DE events, there is some risk involved.

Getting out on the track, my car felt uncomfortably like a stranger rather than my friend of 21 years. The turn-in was super quick, the brake pedal pressure was really hard, and the tires didn't have much grip. On my fifth lap I went into the bridge turn too fast and way off line. Sliding sideways, the rear end of my car bounced over the curbing and took out the turn-in point cone. With the wall looming and dirt flying, I hit the gas hard. It took me two steering corrections to regain control and continue on around turn 12 without further incident. After my instructor started to breathe again, he quipped that I had great recovery skills but that wasn't the idea of a DE. Feeling like a rather large dumb-ass, I agreed. As expected, I was black flagged to get the car checked for damage and to have the obligatory "What happened and why" discussion. The Starter noticed an oil leak during the inspection and directed me to the pits to fix the problem before returning to the track. My weekend was done after only six laps due to a faulty oil line supplied with my new oil cooler. Although very discouraged, I looked over at the wrecked cars again and realized that my problem was minor compared to theirs. I learned that you have to be prepared to accept disappointments if you are going to attend a lot of DEs.

Ken Hold, Bob & Sarah Dawson, Gary Hackney, and Mike & Aprill Shepherd on the other hand, all had a great time. Ken decided to buy some numbers so his 505 didn't look like SOS. I think Ken is starting to catch DEA (Driver Ed Affliction) big-time. Bob and Sarah throw a great lunch party too.



Benson Miller

Track Action Cont.

Two weekends later I was back at Putnam with the Kentucky Region. David Ratliff and I signed up for the instructor training on Friday. The Dawsons, Ken Partymiller and Tim Howard were there for track time. I took the instructor training only to gain more knowledge and got a big surprise when Ken pointed out that I was assigned two students for the weekend. Scary thought, me the student being an instructor! But, I received my certification along with David and prepared for my first students.

I was glad to be back at Putnam again so I could get my new suspension dialed in on a familiar track. Turns out I had too much pressure in my tires and not enough camber. I dropped 4 pounds pressure from the tires, increase the rear camber to 1.5 degrees negative and softened the rear shocks. Holy Cow, what a difference...The turn in was quick but predictably precise and the tires stuck like they were glued to the track. I still didn't like the brakes though because it took so much pedal pressure to slow the car quickly. I just changed one of the master cylinders to a smaller diameter a couple of days ago which has greatly improved the pedal pressure.

Friday evening I saved parking spots for Clark Harrison and Grant Allen who were attending their first DE. I wanted to be close by them so I could show them how things work and help them feel comfortable. Unfortunately, we experienced our first DE fatality...a groundhog picked a very bad time to cross track and is now in groundhog heaven. We had a moment of silence at the track for the poor little fellow although we could hear the driver still cussing about losing his valance. Sunday afternoon, both Grant and Clark commented on how much better they understood their cars and how to drive them fast, or should I say safely. I'll bet that Clark and Grant still have ear to ear grins. Just ask about the weekend and watch what happens to their faces!!!

Only one of my students showed up for the weekend and we had a great time together. It was really rewarding to see the significant improvement in his driving skills and understanding of THE LINE at Putnam. I may have found a new calling but don't worry, I won't quit my real job...YET.

Speaking of THE LINE, I have run out of space for this month's article. I'll get back on task next month with the Trackmate output at Putnam comparing best lap lines in my Cayenne Turbo, 930, and Gary Hackney's 968. I'll also review my discussions with Brad Poppell, President of the new Bluegrass Motorsports Club and Road Course. Brad has offered to attend a BGPCA meeting to explain the Club to our members. BMC has updated their website which you should visit when you have time www.DriveBluegrass.com. Also, registration will be opening soon for the Central Indiana Region DE at Putnam Park September 14-15. CIR runs an excellent event and Putnam Park is a fun and safe track just 4 hours from Lexington <http://cirpca.org/Events/Info.aspx?69>

Until next time...

Benson

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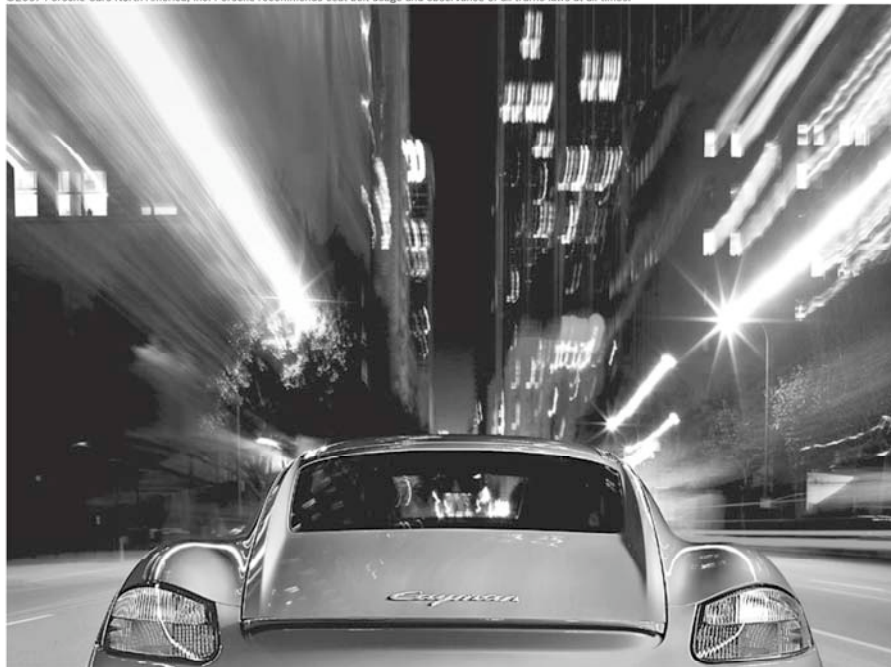
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Summer Fun

June is a great month within the Zone. Driving activities with our Porsches goes into full swing. The month started off with Bluegrass Region hosting a Winery Run. Central Wisconsin took part in a European Car event at Quaker Steak & Lube in Middleton, WI. Fox Valley did a driving tour of state parks within the beautiful Door County area and Kentucky Region took a "Trip to the Dock" in Leavenworth. Milwaukee Region held a driver education event at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in Rockton, IL. This is the same facility that they will host their second Annual "Milwaukee Cup" clubrace and DE in September.

The Chicago Region followed up with another DE also held at Blackhawk Farms one week after Milwaukee's event. On Father's Day, Chicago also had a very warm, but well attended Concours held in a quaint little town of Long Grove. Shopping during concours prep was the favored activity by some family members. Central Wisconsin started their autocross season at 151 Speedway in Columbus, WI also on Father's Day.


Chicago Region held another DE at Autobahn CC in Joliet on the North track with many novices participating. I had the pleasure of instructing Jeff at Autobahn. It is really satisfying seeing the evolution of a novice driver from the first session to the final session of the day. Major smiles! Right from Autobahn, I headed to Putnam Park in Mt. Meridian, IN to participate in Kentucky Region's "Summer Heat" DE and Instructor Training Program with Pete Tremper. It is hard to believe that this region was only running their third driver education program ever. Very well run with a big emphasis on education for novices both in the classroom and on track. Great job! The sponsoring dealer, Bluegrass Motorsports did a great job with hosting a dinner on both Friday and Saturday evenings. The relationship between Kentucky Region and their local dealer, Bluegrass Motorsports is awesome!

National Notes

The second raffle by PCA National was sold out again at 4500 tickets. There were actually 300 checks that were returned to members as the raffle was already sold out. Something to remember for the future, buy early and often! The winner will be announced on July 4th at the Porsche Parade in San Diego, CA. Speak about Parade, greetings from San Diego. A follow up Parade report will be in next month's article. Some 19 Zone 13 parade goers made the trek out to California. Fast forwarding to Rennsport III in Daytona in November, Panorama editor, Betty Jo Turner has been selected as one of the Grand Marshals for the event. Neat.

Porscheplatz III @ Road America

August 10 and 11 will be the days that IMSA and PCNA will be sponsoring the hospitality tent at Porsche Park at Road America for the Generac 500. We will again be in need of some volunteers to help out at the membership station within the tent. If you are available on Friday or Saturday, please let me know so we can plan accordingly.

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Recent Club Activities

Winery Run 2007, by Tim McNeely

On Saturday June 23, the BGPCA held its fifth annual "Winery Run". Eleven Porsches met at the Happy Dragon on Newtown Pike in Lexington to begin the four County voyage. The weather threatened a bit, but it turned out to be picture perfect and the 2 hour drive was



Tim McNeely

beautiful as always... miles of white & black fences defining the bounds of the Blue Grass Region's world class horse farms with curves abounding... the perfect venue to stretch the P-cars legs.

The tour route, as is our tradition, made it's way past Equus Run Vineyards (the destination of our 1st three winery runs), but this year we ended at Jean Farris Winery & Bistro located on Old Richmond Road in Fayette County. Two more Porsches met us there for a wine tasting...absolutely one of the best I have attended. Most of the group (22 folks) stayed for a gourmet dining experience on the back porch at Jean Farris over looking the vineyards and watching the sun set.

Great participation, fantastic cars, curvaceous roads, good wine & food, and excellent fellowship. What a great day...if you were not there, you truly missed it.

Ault Park Concours, by Ed Steverson

In June 10th the club attended Ault Park Concours in Cincinnati. The weather was top down! It was another great day in the park. We once again parked on the circle with the other Porsches. Some of the interesting cars included the GM Futureliner, a GT3 RS, a F50, a wide assortment of vintage motorcycles, and many many more great cars! Once again a great time, and for me at least the weather has been perfect for the last three years! If you missed it, you have gotta go next year. Neat time!

Drive it,
Ed



Clark Harrison

July

June 9, 2007: Board Meeting, 5:30pm Cooking by George. For more details contact Ken Hold 859-396-3502

June 15, 2007: Membership Meeting, 5:30pm, Portabella's Richmond Road Lexington. For more details contact Ken Hold 859-396-3502.

June 28, 2007: Porsches 2 Oxford, meet at Wal-Mart in Georgetown (exit 126)... Plan on getting there at 7:30am in the morning. We will need to be on the road by 8:30am and we will take the same route as last year... 2 1/2 hour drive via fun twisty roads. We will arrive at about 10:30am so that we can have the better part of the day to check out the 300+ anticipated Porsches attending. For more details contact Tim McNeely.

August

August 6, 2007: Board Meeting, 5:30pm Cooking by George. For more details contact Ken Hold 859-396-3502

August 11, 2007: Indy Racing League at the Kentucky Speedway, For more information contact Lee Wegner

August 19, 2007: Membership Meeting, 5:30pm, Portabella's Richmond Road Lexington. For more details contact Ken Hold.

August 25, 2007: Lexington Concours d' Elegance at Keeneland. Marquee car is Jaguar. For more information: www.keenelandconcours.com

September

September 9, 2007: Polo Match at the Kentucky Horse Park. Details coming soon.

September 10, 2007: Board Meeting, 5:30pm Cooking by George. For more details contact Ken Hold

September 16, 2007: Membership Meeting, 5:30pm, Portabella's Richmond Road Lexington. For more details contact Ken Hold

September 29, 2007: Cumberland Falls Drive, Details to follow. For more details contact Tim McNeely.

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Keeneland Concours

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Mike Fielden and Tim McNeely are co-chairing this year's concours paddock. They will be getting more information out regarding what will happen in the paddock and I'm sure they will be asking for help during the day. Please send an e-mail to Tim if you would be willing to help during the day and for what times you would be available. His e-mail is TMcNeely@vp.com.

According to Jim Levinson, the Concours Car Acquisition Director, the 14 judged classes are full! The cars that have been selected are awesome. Examples are: a 1933 MG Police Car, a 1911 Maxwell, a 1927 Rolls Royce, 1938 Jaguar, 1963 Thunderbird, and a 1952 MG-TD, 1959 Ferrari 250 Cabriolet and Tony Dehner's just completed 1961 Corvette. Also there will be a 1972 McClaren, a 1968 Howmet and many more beautiful cars to feast on.

More info to come. Let me know if you have any questions now.

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