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President's Column - Ed Steverson

You have to love this Kentucky weather! We are well into winter and I drove my 968 Cab to the club's first board meeting topless! Yes, believe it or not, it was sixty degrees on January 7th. Well at least it gives us more opportunities to enjoy our cars! The new year has gotten off to a great start. First of all, this year BGR celebrates our fifth year anniversary! Congrats to all! What great things have been done in five fast years. Thanks to all of you for making it possible.

The attendance at the January social required us to bring in more tables. What a great crowd! While we are talking about the monthly social, we have changed the location. The monthly social is on the third Sunday of each month and will now be at B.D. Mongolian Grill in Hamburg. BD's is located on Sir Barton near Staples. Their food is a create your own stir fry style and I have heard great reviews from several of our club members. The social will start at 5:30 and parking should be plentiful on the side. Come on out and check out our NEW location!

Mark Doeer is busy getting together our events calendar. Some of the exciting events already plan include a visit from the Executive Council of National Porsche Club of America, Ault Park Concours, another KY Speedway trip, Keeneland Concours, and many other great opportunities to enjoy our cars! If you have any suggestions for club activities please email Mark at

markdoeer@insightbb.com.

We have couple of great additions to the club. We now have a club historian. Julie Woods has volunteered to be our first historian. Julie's addition to the club is greatly appreciated and will be invaluable to the club. Thanks Julie!

Also, I have started the club's first resource library. Some of the items included in the library are shop manuals, Excellence magazines, and how to dvd's. I will get together an index of current items and distribute through the Rumble and online at our website bgs.pca.org. Please consider donations or loans of Porsche related materials to help build the library and in turn this will benefit all club members. I appreciate your consideration. I'm already having a great time representing this great club and it's just got started! Suggestions or comments are always welcome by email at ed@abracadabragraphics.us or phone 502.320.2655.

Drive it,
Ed



Ed Steverson

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Editors Column - Clark Harrison

With the worst of winter hopefully behind us, I know I am looking forward to the beautiful driving weather. This year is the Bluegrass Region's fifth anniversary, and our fifth year looks to be the best yet. We enter our fifth year with a new president and some amazing events to look forward to. This year our members will be taking part in hosting the PCA executive council, competing in Time Speed Distance Rallies, Car shows in Tennessee, Concours, Autocrosses, visiting the National Parade in Charlotte, club racing, instructing and learning at High Performance Driver's Education events, traveling to swap meets, participating in Tech Sessions, caravanning on some of Kentucky's beautiful and scenic backroads to wineries, distilleries, and horse farms, and meeting for some great food! Whew... that's a long list! If you want my advice, try something you haven't before! Here are a few recommendations... Porsches 2 Oxford is a great time... Nothing is like seeing 300 or so Porsche crammed into a historic red brick laiden town. The Tennessee Tubs BBQ at the Farm of Cal Turner is also a great time! Cal's Collection is truly one of a kind! If you haven't tried a HPDE, then give one chance. Also if you haven't been on one of our road trips lead by Gary or Tim, then you are missing out. There is nothing like being part of a Porsche Caravan through bluegrass backroads!

You may have noticed our modified logo for this year... We are also taking suggestions on a new logo for our region to be instilled by the end of the year... if you have any ideas please feel free to let Ed or myself know.

Finally, with any luck I will have my P-Car back and running in the next month. When all is said and done, I will have a 986S powered by a 3.6 flat-6 out of a 2002 911... Should be interesting! I can't wait to drop my top and take a drive through the bluegrass... its been too long.

See you on the Road.

Clark Harrison

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Tracy & Kristal Cameron of Carlisle	1987 930
Tim Rademacher of Lexington	1987 944

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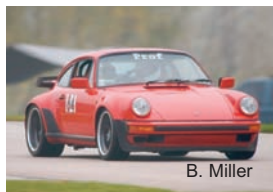
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Track Action - "The Line" by Benson Miller

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Wow, it seems like a long time that I have been away from the track and having fun with my 930. I am certainly glad the winter season here in Kentucky is only a few months long. My next Driver's Education event is with the 100-Speed group at Putnam Park on March 22. Needless to say I can't wait to get back on the track again.



B. Miller



Grant Allen at Putnam
Turn 10 Photography

I put together a Four Chapter Track Review DVD that I would be glad to send to you if interested. Chapter One includes about twenty minutes of in-car track action at Mid-Ohio, Putnam Park, and Virginia International Raceway. A Traqmate overlay of the track map, speedometer, brake indicator, and RPMs makes the track video fun to watch. For those of you who have never been on a race track, it will give you an idea of

what the experience is like. For those with track experience, let me know what you think about "the line" I drive at the various tracks. I even included a few of my "detours" off track just for fun. Chapter Two is a slide show of pictures from several DEs and some work I did on my 930. Chapter Three is my favorite and includes pictures and video from several of the American LeMans races that I have gone to. Finally, Chapter Four provides some information on the new Bluegrass Motorsports Track that is being built in Northern Kentucky. All of the DVD has a music track with my favorite rock 'n roll too. If you would like a copy, send me an email at go930turbo@locknet.com.

Speaking of the American LeMans ("ALMS"), 2008 is going to be a really exciting season. The Pensky P2 Porsche Spyder Team will be racing for a repeat overall championship. The Dyson Team will be in their second year of driving the P2 Porsche Spyders and will definitely be pushing hard to win their first P2 race. Maseratti is rejoining the GT1 class and will be sponsored by Gulf Oil. Seeing the "Steve McQueen" LeMans colors back on the track is going to be very cool! They should give the Corvettes a run for their money in 2008. In GT2, the Porsche Flying Lizard Team is out for revenge against the Ferrari XXX Team, having lost the 2007 season championship in the last race of the 2007. *continued page 7*



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Gary Hackney at
Road Atlanta
B. Miller

Track Action - The Line... (Continued)

Our very own Corner Worker, Gary Hackney, should be flagging again for the LeMans races at Mid-Ohio and Road Atlanta.

My son Chad and I are driving down to Florida for the Sebring 12 Hour LeMans season opener on March 15th. If you plan on going to Sebring let me know so we can get together at the track. We will be camping with the rest of the crazy race fans Wednesday through Sunday.

***** IMPORTANT REMINDER *****

The new PCA Seat and Harness rules are now in effect for all PCA Driver's Education events. Please remember that standard 3 point manufacturer supplied seatbelts are sufficient for all PCA Driver's Education Events. But, if you have five or six point harnesses installed the new rules apply to you...

Potomac Region Statement: "The Potomac DE Committee wants to remind all DE Participants that we will implement the PCA Harness and Seat rules in January 2008. This is a summary of the most significant portion of the new rule. Remember, this is a summary only. If you have questions, please contact either Kevin Oyler or Andy Clements at tech@pcapotomac.org

In summary, the rule changes mandate that if you have harnesses, you must have a seat that comes from the manufacturer with the capability to, at the very least, accept the shoulder harness and the sub belt. You cannot modify any seat to accommodate either the shoulder harness or the sub-belt. The seat does not have to have holes in the bolsters for the lap belts. The seat back can be hinged. The seat back must have an integrated headrest.

The harnesses must be either FIA or SFI approved. If the harnesses are more than five years old, they must be replaced. Remember that that dating systems are different for FIA and SFI. SFI harnesses must be replaced five years from

the date of manufacture as shown on the harnesses. FIA harnesses expire on December 31 of the expiration year noted on the harnesses.

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C. Harrison

Track Action - The Line... (Continued)

Harnesses must be secured to either a roll bar or an approved harness truss such as the Brey Kraus. You don't have to have a roll bar, but it is recommended. You still must have equal restraints for both seats.

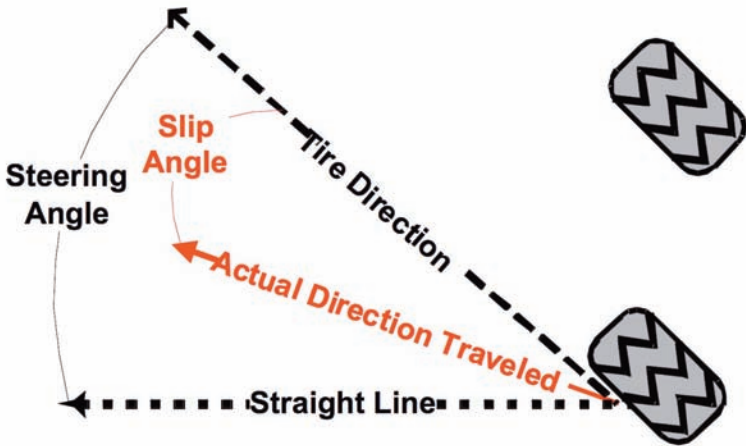
Potomac is modifying our tech forms to reflect the new rules. We want to ensure all drivers are aware of the rule change and have time to complete modifications, if required, before our first event."



Ken Partymiller's GT3 Cup car
C.Harrison

In conclusion, I'm going to keep this article short and get back to the technical stuff on THE LINE next month. Hope to see you at the track soon.

More next month.
Benson

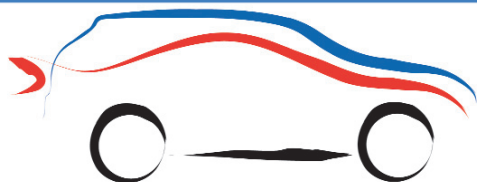


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Board Member Article by Mark Doerr

Activities? What to do??? Spring is right around the corner and let's put on our thinking caps and come up with some ideas. I would like to have some input on what you would like to do. There are some many neat things we can do but I need some help. I do have some ideas and can you give me some thoughts on these:

1. Saturday morning breakfast get-togethers.
2. Swap meet. You know you need to clean out your garage and another man's extra part is that new engine you need. Thanks to Phil Doty for this suggestion.
3. Tech Sessions. You know you need to align, replace or swap parts and in a tech session it gets done faster. What do you need to get done that you have been putting off?
4. Winery/Distillery/Brewery tour.
5. State Park or National Park drive. Does park and drive really go together? Of course!

Let me know what you want to do. I have received some ideas and would like to load up the calendar with lots of neat things to do. Contact me!

Mark Doerr

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Tech Quiz

1. The Porsche 961 was (competition version of the 959) raced only at which two tracks?

- a. Sebring and Daytona
- b. Spa and Le Mans
- c. Targa Florio and Solitude
- d. Le Mans and Daytona

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2. Porsche's long association with off-road racing took a turn to the wild side in the 1980's when it won the _____ rally twice as the first sports car ever to do so.

- a. Monte Carlo
- b. African Safari
- c. Paris-Dakar
- d. Olympic

Panorama 7/04, Page 20

3. The original Tiptronic transmission was a joint development between:

- a. ZF, Bosch and Porsche
- b. ZF, BMW and Porsche
- c. ZF, Valeo and Porsche
- d. Mercedes Benz and Porsche

Porsche 911 Story, page 121

4. The maximum permitted speed when driving a Cayenne with a trailer is _____ mph as a rule, even if certain countries permit higher speeds.

- a. 90
 - b. 50
 - c. 35
 - d. None of the above
- 2004 Cayenne S/Turbo Owner's Manual, page 190

5. A longer stroke brought the displacement of the 911 Carrera's flat-six to what size in the 2002 model year?

- a. 3,385 cc
- b. 3,790cc
- c. 3,596cc
- d. None of the above

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6. For the first time in a 911 (Type 996) its steering gear was placed forward of the:

- a. Oil pan
- b. Oil radiator
- c. Both a and b are correct
- d. Front wheel centerline

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Answers - 1, D; 2, C; 3, A; 4, B; 5, C; 6, D

PORSCHE 911 GT3 RSR - MOST POWERFUL RACING 911 – SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED FOR 2008

ATLANTA – February 13 -- The Porsche 911 GT3 RSR launches into the new model year with extensive modifications, with its North American debut scheduled next month at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring – round one of the 2008 American Le Mans Series.



The most powerful race car based on the Porsche 911, which last year scored wins at the 24 hour races of Le Mans and Spa, the GT2 class win at Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta, and an overall victory at the Nuerburgring 24 hours, competes in the GT2 class at international long distance races. The most distinguishing visual feature of the new GT3 RSR is the front end which received major improvements to the aerodynamics. The majority of innovations, however, are hidden under the weight-optimized body.

The first American team to announce that it will compete with the 2008 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR is the Sonoma, Calif.-based Flying Lizard Motorsports squad, which will enter the GT2 class of the American Le Mans Series with three of the new 911 race cars. Porsche factory drivers Joerg Bergmeister, Wolf Henzler and Patrick Pilet will join veteran Darren Law and Lizard owners Seth Neiman, Lonnie Pechnik and Johannes van Overbeek in the team's effort to win its first ALMS GT2 championship.

Other American Le Mans Series Porsche 911 GT3 RSR entrants plan to announce their plans and driver teams shortly.

Aside from the additional spoilers on the front apron, new flicks, optimized air ducting with newly-designed side air outlets, generate more downforce and reduces drag. The rear end including the rear wing was taken from last year's race car. Extensive changes to the suspension dynamics increase mechanical grip considerably. The range of possible suspension set-ups have been increased.



The 3.8-liter boxer engine of the GT3 RSR remains unchanged apart from slight improvements to details. It delivers 465 hp (342 kW) at 8,000 revs per minute and delivers a maximum torque of 430 Nm at 7,250 revs. The rev limiter of the efficient six-cylinder kicks in at 9,400 rpm.

Much of the know-how in the GT3 RSR's totally new gearbox has come from the Porsche RS Spyder LMP2 prototype. The sequential six-speed unit, developed by Porsche engineers, is considerably lighter than its predecessor. Internal friction was substantially reduced. The flat angle of the drive shafts allows teams a wider range of suspension set-ups.

Including the GT3 Cup and the GT3 Cup S, the GT3 RSR is the third race car based on the Porsche 911 offered by Porsche Motorsport. Thirty-five units of this fastest and most powerful 911 long distance racer are being produced in Porsche's R&D and Motorsports headquarters Weissach, Germany, and are currently being delivered to customer teams around the globe. The price of the GT3 RSR is 349,800 Euro plus VAT (\$510,065 at one Euro = \$1.45816).

March

March 3, 2008: Board Meeting, 5:30pm Cooking by George. For more details contact Ed Steverson 502.320.2655

March 11, 2008: 2008 Parade registration opens at 9:00am. Parade will be in Charlotte North Carolina. More information at:
<http://www.paradecharlotte.org/> *

March 16, 2008: Membership Meeting, 5:30pm, Portabella's Richmond Road Lexington. For more details contact Ed Steverson for details 502-320-2655

April

April 7, 2008: Board Meeting, 5:30pm Cooking by George. For more details contact Ed Steverson 502.320.2655

April 12, 2008: TSD Rally Georgetown. Details coming soon. For more information contact Gary Hackney.

April 18-20, 2008: Executive Council meeting in Lexington. Reception at Porsche of Lexington on Friday Evening, Time to be announced. Horse Farm Tour on Saturday Morning to Donamire Farm. Meet at 9:00am at Homewood Suites-Hilton in Hamburg for drive to farm. Saturday Afternoon trip to Keeneland. Reserved ticket orders for Grandstand must be received by Phil Doty on February 31 after that tickets together can't be guaranteed. General Admission tickets can be bought for \$3.00 at track. Saturday Evening dinner and social at Spindletop Hall. For more information contact Phil Doty at 502-244-0478.

April 18-20, 2008: Central Indiana Region's Spring Break High Performance Driver's Education at Putnam Park.
<https://cirpca.org/Events/Info.aspx?112> *

April 20, 2008: Membership Meeting, 5:30pm, Portabella's Richmond Road Lexington. For more details contact Ed Steverson for details 502-320-2655

* Not a Bluegrass Region Event.

Any suggestions or comments on the club's events should be directed to our Activities Coordinator
Mark Doerr. Mark can be contacted at markdoerr@insightbb.com or 859.321.2473

Decoding a VIN Number by Clark Harrison

Have you ever wondered what your Porsche's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) meant? Here's a quick overview...

Digits: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

1- 3 : WPO - Porsche's World Producer Code

4-6 : ZZZ = Rest of World

4 : Body Type A=Coupe, B=Targa or Cabriolet, C= Turbo

5 : Destination A= Canada, B= USA, Z=ROW

6 : Safety (0= Seat Belts only, 1= Driver Airbag, 2= Dual Airbags)

7-8 : First and Second digit of Model Code (Example 996 = 99 OR 968 = 96)

9 : Check Digit (Also called the Einstein Number, thus we won't be discussing it here) It uses the other 16 digits to verify the validity of a VIN Number

10 : Model Year

VIN Character - Model Year Codes									
1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
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B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L
1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
M	N	P	R	S	T	V	W	X	Y
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A

11 : Assembly Plant (S=Stuttgart, N = Neckarsulm, U=Uusikaupunki, etc)

12 : Third digit of Model Code (986 = 6, 944 = 4, 914 = 4)

13 : Body and Engine Code - Varies according to body, engine, options, and market

14-17 : Vehicle Serial Number (0000-9999)

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- On the car's firewall
- In the left-hand inner wheel arch
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