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From the President

The Hudson Champlain Porsche Club has had a busy Summer these past 3 months. In July we scheduled our regular Drive & Dine to Bennington, VT and back down to the Ice Cream Man restaurant. Andy Dorman and Chris Klapper did a great job in planning the scenic routes up the Bennington Museum and returning to NY for ice cream in Greenwich: 7 Porsches with 13 members. In August Donna & Tom Ehman and Lydia & Steve Marlow arranged the West Point Drive & Dine event. My wife Donna & I filled in to lead the group south to West Point for an educational tour of the Academy: 16 Porsches with 31 members. If you were not able to make the Porsche driving event be sure to visit on your own to learn more about our Hudson Valley History. In September Chris Klapper had another successful Autocross that was well attended. Finally to complete our 3rd quarter activities, Ken & Karen Blass and Lydia & Steve Marlow organized this year's Weekend Getaway to the Finger Lakes. The members enjoyed a boat ride on the Lake, Hiking the Watkins Glen State Park and touring the Corning Museum. Plus a little wine tasting on the side: 12 Porsches with 23 members.

Well, the days are growing shorter and the evenings are cooling off.....sounds like Fall is in the air and our driving days are numbered for many of our members. This is my favorite time of the year to get a last chance to drive throughout the Northeast and enjoy the Fall colors or discovering a new hamlet on the back roads of New York, Vermont, Massachusetts or Connecticut I truly believe this season is what inspired Norman Rockwell to paint so many paintings of our area.

Oct 6th we will have our last Drive & Dine of the season with a Fall drive into the Catskill Mountains and finish at the Bavarian Manor for some good German food.

Oct 16th and 17th our Track Chairman, Chris de Graffinried, will manage our last Track DE event at Watkins Glen.

Nov 16th we are planning to hold our annual HCP dinner at Wolfert's Roost Country Club in Loudonville. The annual Dinner invites will be mailed out in October.

Dec 7th the club's final event for 2013 will be our Holiday Party which will be hosted by Ken and Karen Blass in Old Chatham, NY.

Our Hudson Champlain Porsche club has grown and been successful because of the members that volunteer and because of their suggestions for interesting destinations or delicious restaurants. We always welcome volunteers and any recommendations for new educational or enjoyable destinations.

Nominations of new Board members – The Nominating Committee: Bill Meckley, Sharifa Perry and Tom Ehman requested nominations by mail for the upcoming 2013/2014 election. They will be mailing out ballots for the election of four new officers in October.

As my two year term as President is coming to an end I would like to thank all the HCP Board members and committee chairpersons for the time and talent which they have kindly shared with our club. I have enjoyed making new friends and sharing good times with old friends which have truly enriched Donna's and my life. Thank you for the wonderful memories.

Best regards

Keith Antal
HCP Region President
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From the Nominating Committee

Hudson Champlain Region members will be soon receiving ballots in the mail for the 2014-2015 election of officers. Ballots must be returned to the Nominations/Election Committee by October 30th, via U.S. Mail. If you are an eligible HCP member and have not received a ballot by October 10th, please contact Bill Meckley at: wmeckley@nycap.rr.com.

A short biography of each candidate will accompany the ballot as well as instructions for voting and a return address. If you have any questions please contact Bill at the email address above.

HCP Region Candidates for 2014-2015

President
Ken Blass

Vice President
Chris Klapper
Jim Morgan

Treasurer
Will Waldron

Secretary
Lydia Marlow

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Meckley
Nominating Committee Chairman

Let's Get Technical

Last time I wrote about the only part of your car that touches the road surface, the tires. Now I will touch on the suspension which holds those ever important tires to the road. Yes, we all know gravity plays a large role in pulling your car and its tires towards the center of the planet and subsequently keeps it stuck to the road. However, while driving down a road or through a corner the different parts of your suspension are designed to keep as much of the tire in contact with the road as possible. A healthy and properly aligned suspension is crucial to driving safety, as well as economy and performance.

Most cars today have struts, springs and dampers to cushion the ride for the passengers and absorb the vibration caused by the tires and wheels rolling over the road surface. A strut is basically an assembly of a damper inside of a spring. The springs carry the weight of the vehicle and are constantly being compressed at varying rates, which over time stresses the metal causing tiny cracks that eventually rust and deteriorate and then break. A broken spring usually makes a metal on metal scraping, popping, clunking or crunching noise. Not fun.

Dampers are intended to keep the car from bouncing on the springs when you drive over a bump or shift the weight of the vehicle turning into or out of a corner or stepping on or off the brake or accelerator. They are usually filled with a fluid that is forced through a valve inside of the damper that has a specific rate of flow effectively dulling or dampening the frequency of the shockwave sent through the tire and into the car. Different dampening set ups, when matched with various spring rates produce a lot of the feel your car has. How much of the road surface you feel is directly related to how hard or soft your springs and dampers are set up. When the dampers wear out from use or age they will sometimes leak or seep their fluid but often do not. You may notice a rougher than new ride or a bouncy ride down the road if your dampers are worn, but very often the change in ride quality is so gradual over time that it goes unnoticed.

The next order of business is the suspension geometry, most commonly made up of truss like arms that provide the pivot points intended to allow your wheel and tire to move up and down or turn left and right in a controlled manner, thus the term control arm. These control arms can go by several names for specific applications. For example some come in the shape similar to that of the letter 'A' and are logically referred to as an A-arm. There are also swing arms, trailing arms, connecting arms and such, hopefully you get the idea. Often nowadays to save weight and increase overall performance these control arms are made of an aluminum alloy. This is great for adding lightness but sometimes fall short on durability, especially in the Northeast. Bent arms can make a vehicle pull one direction or another or wear tires unevenly; they can also make the car difficult or impossible to align correctly and need to be replaced. These control arms are most commonly attached to your vehicle's frame at very specific pivot points. Bushings and bolts hold

most control arms to the frame, however some of these pivot points require a range of motion that can only be afforded by a ball joint, much in the same way the bones in your arm connect at your shoulder. These ball joints usually connect at the wheel hub and require grease to lubricate them and a rubber boot to hold the grease in the joint. These rubber boots wear out or crack and release the grease eventually causing the joint to wear prematurely. This ultimately allows play in the geometry that can cause all sorts of squeaks, clunks and thuds, and if they fail at speed, could cause the loss of control of a vehicle. Needless to say, healthy ball joints and control arms are very important to safety when turning your steering wheel or riding over bumps.

To keep all of this suspension pointed in the right direction, in most cases a steering rack of some type or another is used. The rack manipulates the control arms to turn left or right via a pair of tie rods that connect with another smaller ball joint to the wheel hub, one for each wheel that turns the car. When parts of this system wear out you can sometimes feel a change in the steering wheel even if only slightly.

From springs and dampers to control arms and steering gear, each individual component of your car's suspension is tied in tightly to the overall system. Annual state safety inspections are a required for obvious reasons. But, depending on your driving style and the roads you use, seasonal or monthly check ups are not only a good idea for safety's sake; they might also save you some cash and peace of mind over the long run!

Now you hopefully have an understanding of the most common suspension parts and how they relate to each other and your driving experience. Next time we will look at the specifics of properly aligning all of your vehicle's suspension geometry for safety, economy and performance reasons. Look for more information in the next issue's upcoming article. As always, I greatly appreciate your questions and feedback and can be easily reached at BavarianRocketScience@gmail.com. Thanks for reading and happy motoring!

Tom Dobush

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Escape to L.A.

The fall is a great time to visit Southern California; the weather can't get any better for driving your Porsche. If you so desire, it is possible to drive from mountains with over eight thousand feet of elevation to sandy beaches all in the same day! The deserts are beautiful, crisp comfortable days, and bright clear blue skies. This is the perfect time of the year for our apple orchards. The apples are ripening on the trees and are sweet and juicy. Great fun to go picking your favorite variety. Take a drive along the Southern California beaches, and, of course, Mulholland Drive.

We have wonderful tours planned for you in addition to the mountain and beach driving. We offer several museums tours, Nethercutt, Huntington Library, Mullin, plus architectural tours will be part of this years Escape.

Registration opens July 15, so don't miss out. Visit our web site <http://escape2013.pca.org>



Drive to West Point

Photos by Keith Antal



On special occasions the Cadets at West Point march in full military dress uniform. Unfortunately they were not marching the day of our visit.

The Great Hudson River Chain and high ground above the narrow "S" curve in the river enabled the Continental Army to prevent British Royal Navy ships from sailing upriver.



The majority of the campus's neogothic buildings are constructed from gray and black granite.

Weekend Get-A-Way to the Finger Lakes

Photos by Ken Blass



The view of beautiful Seneca Lake.

Members are lined up ready to for their parade lap of Watkins Glen.



Everyone had a wonderful weekend touring the Finger Lakes region of NY.

Get-A-Way to The Finger Lakes

What do you get when you combine 12 Porsches, 23 club members and great venue like the Finger Lakes? Answer: A great Porsche Club fall weekend get-a-way.

The weekend of Sept 20, 21, 22, club members left at 8:30 Friday morning and drove together to Skaneateles where we dined at the famous Johnny Angles Heavenly Burgers and had some of the best half pound Angus burgers around. After lunch we continued toward Watkins Glen stopping at Swedish Hill Winery for the first of our wine tastings and shop opportunities. Later, after checking in at the Glen Motor Inn and checking out their amazing view, the club embarked on a cocktail cruise on a privately chartered 110 ft ship from Captain Bills on Seneca Lake on an absolutely beautiful 80-degree evening complete with a narrated history of the area and sightings of two bald eagles.

Saturday morning the group proved how athletic they were with a mile and a half hike up the incredible gorge at Watkins Glen State Park. The views of the 400 ft deep narrow gorge were certainly worth the effort and climbing the 800 plus stone steps helped everyone work up an appetite for lunch at the Corning Museum of Glass. After lunch the group enjoyed a private guided tour of the fascinating Corning museum, learning about glass making technology and viewing demonstrations and collections. Later, club members dined on delicious prime rib, salmon and chicken in a private dining room at the hotel while sharing stories about themselves and their travel experiences.

Sunday, the group headed to Glenora Winery for a guided tour of their winery and another wine and cheese tasting. We were then off to Watkins Glen International Speedway where members got the opportunity to drive on the track in the Thunder Road Tour and take pictures of our cars at the finish line. The weekend ended with a drive to, tour and lunch at Bellhurst Castle with lunch overlooking a wonderful view of Seneca Lake.

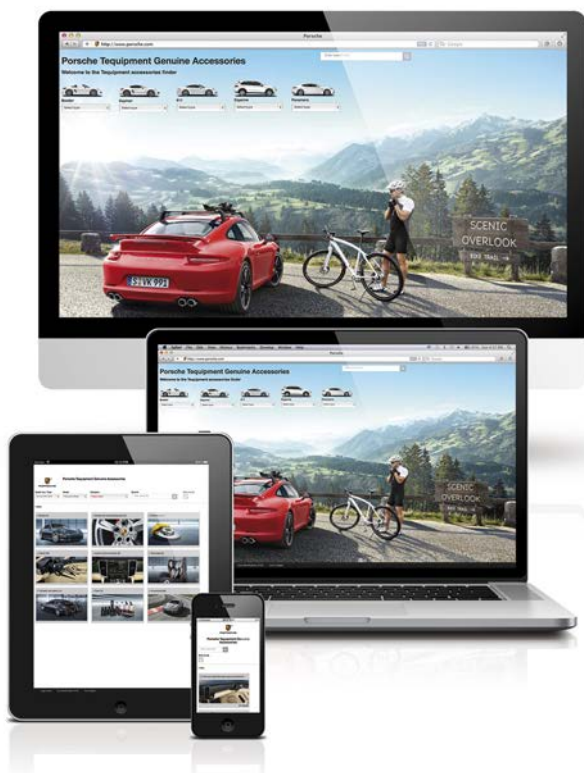
If you didn't join us this year, we are already starting to plan next year's get-a-way.

Ken Blass

Porsche launches Tequipment Finder

The "Tequipment Finder" is now available to Porsche customers around the world to help them access all product-related information from Porsche Tequipment online at www.porsche.com/tequipment. The new search function in the online portal provides a quick and simple overview of the Porsche accessories range, broken down into categories such as exterior, performance, transport and protection, or wheels and wheel accessories. The "Tequipment Finder" enables Porsche customers to perform model-specific searches for all available Porsche Tequipment products, as well as searching by keywords.

There are a variety of options available for customising models retroactively using Porsche Tequipment, ranging from SportDesign packages to performance enhancements and extending through to classic accessories such as wheel sets, car care products and child seats. Thanks to the "Tequipment Finder", over 300 options are presented in a clear manner by the relevant line and model. Options of interest can be saved in the "Tequipment Finder" and sent to the nearest Porsche Centre, among other recipients, in the form of a wish list. The Porsche Centre then takes care of the entire order process, as it usually would, and all other services that may be required.



Member Anniversaries

30 Years

Michael Desimone

15 Years

Evon Antonio

Willard Bridgham

Russell Heggen

10 Years

Angelo Fiacco

Jonathan Gillibrand

Michael Early

5 Years

Chip Corah

Kevin Ploss

Andrew Harvey

New Members

James Condry

2007 911S Green

Patrick Dunleavy

2006 Cayman S Red

James Gallo

2012 Panamera

Katey Holmes

1997 Boxster

Karen Starke

2004 911C4S Blue

Stuart Friedman

2007 911GT3 Blue

Richard Beauchemin

2010 Boxster S

Raymond DeMarco

2000 911/996 Black

Timothy Egan

2012 Panamera Gray

Joseph Gwozdz

2013 Boxster

John Trela

2005 Carrera S Gray

Neil Hodgson

1987 911 Carrera White

Justin Cappon

2004 911 Black

Ryan Lambert

2006 Cayman S Blue

James Lister

2013 Carrera S Silver

Kimberly Peregrim

2002 911 Black

Brian Scott

2000 911 Gold

Patrick Whitton

1975 914 Blue

John Zagame

1998 Boxster Red

Calendar of Events

October 2013						
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October

Sunday, October 6th

Catskill Fall Drive & Dine

Monday, October 7th

Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. hosted by

R&D Automotive 16 Tivoli Street, Albany, NY

Wednesday - Thursday, October 16th - 17th

Drivers Education event Watkins Glen International

Calendar of Events

November 2013						
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November

Monday, November 4th

Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. hosted by New Country Porsche of Clifton Park, 205 Route 146, Mechanicville

Saturday, November 16th

Annual Dinner at Wolpert's Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Albany

Calendar of Events

December 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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December

Saturday, December 7th

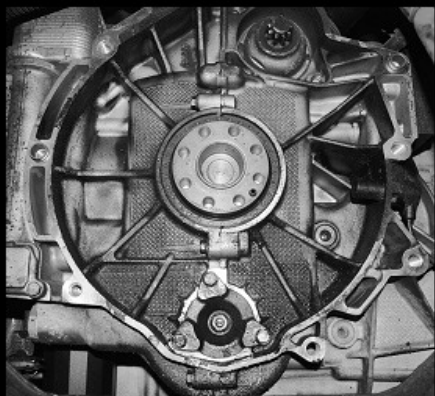
Holiday Party at the home of Ken and Karen Blass
Old Chatham, NY

Calendar of Events

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