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The first car at this years Annual Picnic an Concours.

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From the President

hat a busy spring it has been. In the last three months our club has hosted three Driver Education events, one Autocross and four social activities, not to mention our monthly meetings. We are halfway through the year and we still have a lot of events lined up for our members.

Our Driver Education Program for 2011 has been going very well. Our first two events at Lime Rock were profitable for the club. Our Advanced Day was a sellout with 30 cars and 4 hours of track time for each driver. Our Novice Day keeps growing in popularity and was only a few cars shy of a sellout as well. The Novice Day format has been so popular that we added a second one at Lime Rock on August 6th. Registration has been open since June 11th, and the Green and Yellow instructed run groups are already full. There is still space available for Yellow Solo drivers and instructors.

This year's Cups and Saucers Advanced Driver Education event saw an increase in attendance over the last few years. This helped to increase our profits on the event and with having two great pro coaches for hire, we even made a profit on the coaching this year. Don and his team have done a stellar job and all of their hard work and effort have paid off for our club.

Our second drive of 2011 was in April, and we headed to the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA. We started the day off with a delicious lunch at the Red Lion Inn in downtown Stockbridge, and then we took a short drive to the Norman Rockwell Museum. There were numerous original works of art from Mr. Rockwell including The Four Freedoms: Freedom of Speech, Freedom from Want, Freedom to Worship and the Freedom from Fear, as well as his famous "Stockbridge at Christmas". We learned that Rockwell used many of his neighbors as models for his paintings, and that Steven Spielberg and George Lucas are both huge collectors of Rockwell's work.

In May, we headed to the Green Mountain State where we visited the Vermont Bowl Company in Wilmington, VT. Then we proceeded north to the town of Weston where we ate lunch at the Bryant House Restaurant, which was right next door to the Vermont Country Store. Our Zone 1 Representative Jennifer Webb and her husband Scott came all the way from Ontario Canada to join us for May's drive.

In the beginning of June, we hosted our Annual Picnic and Concours. This has been our best-attended picnic in recent memory, over 75 members joined us and a total of 35 cars were judged at this year's event. We had great weather, good food and a lot of fun. We had quite a few new members attend as well. Along with our best in class and Peoples Choice Awards, our Activities Chairman Keith Antal, put together another quiz this year. Members were asked to guess how many total miles the club drove to our different monthly drive destinations in 2010. The answer was just over 800 miles.

The next event in June was our Car Control Clinic and Spring Autocross. In the morning we hosted a Car Control Clinic, which taught beginner and novice drivers the basics of autocross. We had a larger turn out then expected, with over 15 drivers signing up for the clinic. In the afternoon we held our first

autocross of the season. We had over 20 participants, competing in 6 different classes, with FTD (Fastest Time of the Day) going to our Chief Instructor Van Svenson. Our Autocross event received a nice write up in the Albany Times Union.

In April, I was able to attend the New York Auto Show at the Javits Center. Porsche Cars North America offered PCA members a limited number of \$15 tickets, which gained you access to a pre-show event at the Porsche booth. There were speakers from Porsche and PCNA; every Porsche model was represented at the show including a Cayanne and Panamera Hybrid. During the pre-show Tim Cupp, Product Manager for Sports Cars at PCNA had an informal meeting with all the Cayman owners in attendance and asked what we would like to see in the next generation Cayman. He was given a lot of good feedback and ideas from the current owners. Let's see how much of that makes it into the next model.

In the beginning of June, I was in Maryland on business and had an opportunity to see the new National Office. It was great to see where the day-to-day business of PCA happens, Vu Nguyen, PCA's Executive Director, over sees a great staff that handles everything from questions on membership to shipping out purchases from the PCA goodie store. When the two adjoining offices were purchased it was mostly open space, this allowed PCA to configure the layout as needed. They have office space in the front of the building along with a conference room. In the back they have an area large enough, with overhead garage doors, to bring in cars for display or to use for tech sessions. There is also the Helmuth Bott Memorial Archive on display, Helmuth Bott was the former head of Research and Development and the man most considered to be the 'spiritual' father of the 911. Bott, joined the company in 1952 as a production assistant, and retired in 1988 as the head of Research and Development, a position from which he also directed all of Porsche's competition programs. Upon his death, his archive was donated to PCA by his widow Doris Bott and her family. Among the memorabilia is the trophy for Porsche winning the 1982, 24 Hours of Le Mans. If you are ever near the National Office make sure you stop in and visit.

This year Porsche has introduced the Porsche World Road Show. This event travels the country to 7 different racetracks, giving automotive enthusiasts the opportunity to dive several of Porsche's amazing vehicles. On June 10th – 12th the Road Show was stopping at Monticello Motorclub. With my invitation in hand, I left the house at 4:30 a.m. so I could arrive by 7:30 a.m. to register. Upon arriving, they had one of each Porsche model on display in front of the hospitality trailer. Inside they had a GT2RS. It is just amazing to see this car in person. Carbon fiber everywhere and they allowed us full access to the car.

After registering you went into a short safety meeting, then you were split into two groups. Each group boarded a bus and my group was taken to the North Course where there was a Cayman S, Carrera 4S Carrera S, and a Carrera GTS for us to test drive. 5 cars went out on track at once and we followed a lead Turbo piloted by an instructor from the Porsche Driving School. We had an opportunity to drive each model and with each lap the Turbo picked up the pace a bit. I was impressed by the power and handling of the Carrera GTS. It had

plenty of power whenever I wanted it and the handling was very responsive.

After driving the road course, we boarded a bus that took us to the South Course where they set up an autocross course. Waiting in pit lane was a Boxster S, two Boxster Spyders and the car I really wanted to test drive, the Cayman R. Each driver had at least one lap in each of the cars. For this test drive there was an instructor in the passenger seat giving you tips as you drove the course. I started in the Boxster S and learned the layout of the cones. Then I went to the Cayman R. Outstanding handling, very light and quick, just what I expected from this lightweight track ready car. Then into the Boxster Spyder. I thought there was no way this could top the Cayman R, but I was wrong. The Spyder was the best car I drove. It was very nimble, quick, and extremely responsive. I was impressed with just how well this convertible drove.

I have an important announcement to make to all our members. After many years of being our local Porsche dealer, The Langan Automotive Group sold their Porsche franchise to the New County Auto Group. On behalf of the club I would like to thank Langan Porsche and its staff for all of their help and support throughout the years. They have been an invaluable resource and partner to the club.

New County Porsche of Clifton Park is now our new local Porsche dealer. I have met with their General Manager Craig Cioffi and I am happy to announce that they are planning to be involved with our club and give us all of the support that they can. I hope you will take the time to stop in and visit them at 205 Route 146 in Mechanicville. There are some familiar faces who will be making to move to the new dealership, both service technicians Mark Bonesteel and Chris Carroll will still be servicing your Porsche vehicles. The New Country Group currently owns and operates a Porsche store in Greenwich Connecticut, as well as other high line luxury brands such as Ferrari, Maybach, Maserati, Mercedes and BMW. They are completely focused on providing a world class ownership experience.

Please remember to save the date for our over night drive to New Hampshire, October 14th - 18th and this year's Annual Dinner taking place at the Edison Club in Rexford on Saturday, November 5th.

Enjoy your Summer.

Aaron Ambrosino president@hcp-pca.com

Member Anniversaries

30 Years

Anthony Murad

25 Years

James Lynch

20 Years

Steve Di Giovanni

10 Years

Daniel Nolan

New Members

Clint Binley 2003 911 Blue

Paul Budlong 2000 996 Blue

Thomas Flynn 2005 911 S Gray

Matthew Bette 1989 911 Red

Robert Fendrick 1988 911 White

Charles Messina 1999 Boxster Brett Sharpe 1978 924 Silver

James Smith 2006 911 Grey

David Hummel 2011 911 GTS White

Michael Lanides, 2005 Boxster S Black

Dawn Niebuhr 1982 911 SC Black

Lawrence Rose 2007 Cayman S Blue

What's in your Garage?

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Meet Me At The Apex

ave you marked your calendars for August 6th yet? That is Hudson Champlain's next day at the track – a "novice day" at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut. Our novice day format is designed specifically for beginners; there will be two groups of instructed drivers: "green" (first-timers to folks who have done this a handful of times) and "yellow" (people with more experience, but who still greatly benefit from in-car instruction). There will also be a run group for the instructors, however no run groups for intermediate and advanced drivers – they've had ample opportunities at our "advanced days".

For this Saturday event we're sharing the track with the Lime Rock Driver's Club – individual members who pay for the privilege to have extra access to the track – on alternating hours so only one organization is driving at a time. Our hour-long breaks are used for classroom training sessions, lunch and general socializing. Hours on the track will give each of the three run groups 20 minutes of driving time.

on signing up, I encourage you to do it soon!

If you plan on signing up, I encourage you to do it soon! This event will sell out. If you're not ready

to drive on the track, but are curious, I encourage you to drive down and spectate. Not only do you get a scenic drive through farm-land and small towns, but you can attend the drivers' meeting (to learn some of the rules) and attend the classroom sessions to build your racing vocabulary and understand the terminology. You may also watch the action on-track from many different vantage points – from the race-control tower overlooking the front straight to the hill above the esses to track-side by the Up Hill or West Bend. In the paddock you are encouraged to walk around, admire the cars, ask questions and overhear conversations between students and instructors.

For people participating, please remember to take your car in for a tech inspection 2-4 weeks prior to the event. This will ensure it's in tip-top condition. You can save time at the track by leaving extra clutter at home. Items like cell phone chargers, CD holders, bass speakers, the extra gym bag and last-week's fast-food lunch wrappers won't be necessary at 100 miles-per-hour on a race track. Just bring the items you *will* need, such as: weather related items (sunscreen/umbrella/etc.), comfort items (folding chair/additional clothing/camera/etc.), fluids to stay hydrated, and, of course, your helmet. Some people prefer a specific pair of shoes to drive or like gloves to help grip the steering wheel, so bring these along too.

If you have any questions, reach out to any of the club officers, driving instructors or general track-junkies. Everyone has to start the journey with the first turn of the key!

I'll meet you at the apex, Van Svenson, chief instructor

Driver Education at Lime Rock



Keith Antal trying to extend the track out at Lime Rock.



Linda Klapper Heads into the Right Hander during our Novice DE at Lime Rock.

Norman Rockwell Museum



Members stroll down the streets of Stockbridge on the way to the Red Lion Inn for lunch.



Everyone enjoyed the tour of the Norman Rockwell Museum.

Vermont Bowl Company



Porsches parked around the green in Weston, VT.



Members enjoyed a great drive through, NY, MA, and VT.

Annual Picnic and Concours



The largest turn out of cars for the concours in recent history.



We had 75 members in attendance at this year's Picnic.

Spring Autocross



Paul Kanetzky and his daughter prepare for a run.



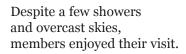
The winners at this year's Spring Autocross.

Erie Canal Village

Photos by Keith Antal



We arrive at the Erie Canal Village in Rome, NY.





From the Nominating Committee

id you ever wonder why we all enjoy the activities that our Region has to offer? Frankly, it is the caring, dedication and, yes, fun that our Board and Committee Chairs have in the positions that they have taken on with passion and purpose. We have a higher level of member participation in this Region than most others because we have a whole bunch of people that love to have a good time and want to invite a few hundred of their closest friends to do the same. Fresh ideas have been our hallmark to keep things interesting and we all elect (get it?) to keep ever moving forward in a positive direction.

When Aaron asked me to be a member of the 2011 Nominating Committee I wasn't sure that I wanted to do it or had the time for that matter but I thought back to the early '70's and my participation at a higher level than just "member" and how the seemingly "work" became fun and led to many, many long lasting friendships and memories that I will always carry with me. There are some very exciting things happening nationally and most certainly locally with Porsche and a very exciting time to be a closer part of it.

So..... Scott Keller, George Krauss and I, the 2011 Nominating Committee, sincerely invite you to lend you expertise and a small amount of time to continue the legacy that many others have molded into this Region, one of the oldest in PCA. Members of this Region have gone on to become the editor of Panorama and National President. We have a lot to be proud of but it cannot happen without you and the dedication you have to your club.

Following is a list of the positions that are open for nominations. The committee sincerely invites your consideration to throw your hat in the ring. We promise that we do not have an economic crisis nor do we have a labor crisis. Hell, our market is not even down and doing quite well thank you. We don't have to think about raising the deficit because we have enough money to operate without a problem. You will not have to be concerned about what your constituents think about what you think about entitlementswe don't have any and if you are thinking that you can vote yourself a raise.....forget it OK!

If you are moved by this excellent prose or just want to show what you can do (show me your guns!) please contact me via email at todd@equinoxcompanies.com or Aaron Ambrosino at president@hcp-pca.com with any questions that you might have. Oh, and if you think that you just simply get this dropped in your lap without "been there done that" support from the previous administration, you got another think coming.

Duties of Officers

President:

- Presides over all Region meetings
- Prepares the agenda and directs the discussion thereof
- Acts as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and temporary committees except the Nominating Committee
- Executes all documents and correspondence in the name of the Region as authorized by the membership or the Board of Directors
- He/She may act as a signer or cosigner of Region checks
- The Region President is automatically a voting member of the PCA National Board of Directors which meets two times a year.
- Term: 2 years

Vice President:

- Acts in place of the President during his/her absence or when ordered by the President to do so
- Assists the President and/or Board of Directors as may be directed.
- Term: 2 years

Secretary:

- \bullet $\,$ $\,$ Causes to be recorded and preserved the minutes of the meeting of the Region
- Presents and reads such minutes at the request of the President
- Prepares correspondence of the Region.
- Term: 2 years

Treasurer:

- Keeps and preserves the records and books of account reflecting the financial condition and operation of the Region
- Signs or co-signs all drafts on the accounts of the Region and any corporate documents which obligate the Region financially
- Prepares and files IRS information and state taxing authority returns as required
- Upon request of the President, Board of Directors, or Region membership, furnishes a report of the financial transactions
- Receives all monies paid to the Region, and deposits it to the bank designated by the Region
- Term: 2 years

Duties of the appointed Committee Chairs

The Nomination Committee not only has the task of finding four new officers but also recommending eight committee chairs to the office slate. The in-coming President of the Region has the prerogative of naming chairs but we prefer to have a group of volunteers that are interested in contributing to the education, safety, fun and fellowship within the Hudson-Champlain Porsche Club.

Activities

- Activities Chair mainly is responsible for organizing and operating our annual calendar of events other than track and autocross events
- Chair serves as the focus of region ideas and event planning
- Recruits helpers to see that the event is run in a fun and safe manner

Autocross

- The Autocross Chair organizes and operates and operates our Region autocross program
- Responsible for site selection, course design, calendar dates and volunteer recruitment
- Autocross is a fun activity to sharpen your driving skills and the Chair makes a large contribution to the success of this activity

Historical Chair

- Maintain all historical records for the club
- These files and data shall include, but not be limited to, the following
- Newsletters
- Photos
- Awards

Membership

- The Membership Chair is responsible for fielding all PCA member leads
- Contacting prospective members
- Signing potential members for PCA and HCP

Newsletter Editor

- This is our most important position, the "Glue" that holds the Region together by publishing the Air-Cooled quarterly
- The Editor should be web savvy
- Have good English language skills
- Recruit other Region members to create interesting articles for publication
- Have photography skills to document the Regions experiences and activities

From the Autocross Chairman

unday, June 12th heralded the return of the autocross program to the Hudson-Champlain Region. We started the season off with a joint Introduction to Autocrossing program as well as our first competitive event down at the McCarty Avenue parking lot in Albany. The introduction program was created to give both first-time autocrossers and those who have been away from the events for a while, a chance to review the fundamentals and practice their skills without the pressure of timing or competition. We did several walk throughs of the course, reviewing the basic techniques for car placement, throttle steering, cornering speed, and the all important lesson of "looking ahead". After this, we did several un-timed drive throughs with instructors helping guide the students, providing tips and techniques on being smoother and applying the other lessons we had discussed earlier.

Following a short break for lunch, and the addition of a few more competitors, we started our first competitive autocross of the season. After their morning practice, the students were able to quickly apply their lessons and had a lot of fun adding the competitive edge of timing to their runs. We had a total of 22 drivers competing in six classes. Each driver got six runs and despite a brief rain shower in the afternoon everyone turned in some excellent times. Our fastest time of the day was turned in by veteran Van Svenson with a time of 32.174, which narrowly edged out another autocross veteran Frank Naguera who had a time 32.747 and was the winner of his class. Congratulations to all our competitors. I hope to see you at the next event trying to shave a little more time off each run!

I would like to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers who helped out with this event, without them these events are just not possible; our instructors for the morning who generously gave their time and advice (maybe to the same people who beat them in the afternoon) were Dennis Landsberg, Will Waldron, Aaron Ambrosino, Gary Hobbs, and Mark Ambuhl. And a special thanks to Jeff Markussen and Keith Antal for their dedicated work at timing and scoring!

Our next event will see us back at the McCarty Avenue parking lot on Sunday, July 24th. This event will follow a standard autocross format and we should be able to have plenty of time to apply the lessons learned in this first autocross. Further details will be up on the calendar on our website very soon. Coming up soon after that, will be the Zone 1 Autocross at Fort Devens in Ayers, Massachusetts. For those who have never been to one of these, this is an excellent opportunity to test yourself and your car against some great competitors. More importantly it is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to meet some wonderful people who share a passion for these cars. The event has two days of driving on two different courses. The

courses are longer and a bit faster, but all the skills that we honed at our events will serve you well in this bigger setting. But don't let any of this intimidate you, at last year's event, a full ¼ of the competitors were first time participants in the Zone 1 Autocross and many of them were even at their first autocross! For more information check out the Zone 1 website: http://zone1.pca.org/2011 Zone 1 Autocross.pdf.

I would like to thank everyone again for their participation in this first event. Due to the excellent turnout and all the hard work of our volunteers, we are also looking to add a third event to the calendar later in the fall. Please keep watching the website for details. I look forward to seeing you all again at the next event!

Andy Dorman Hudson-Champlain Region Autocross Chair

Safety

- The Safety Chair is responsible for seeing that we all come back safely from our club's events.
- Provides a focal point for our Tech Inspectors and for on track and open road driving event planning
- This job is to see that we conduct ourselves in a safe way at all times when our Porsches are in motion in a PCA-sponsored event.

Track Chair

• The Track Chair organizes and coordinates all HCP closed-track events usually 2 or 3 times per year at Watkins Glen or Lime Rock park

Webmaster

- Webmaster with basic web site talents and skills who will update our HCP website
- Post the Air-Cooled Newsletter on the website
- Direct questions from the web site to the proper Regional officials for answers

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Fischer 2011 Nominating Committee

July 2011							
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July

Sunday, July 10th

Rhinebeck Aero Dome and lunch at Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck

Monday, July 11th

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. at AutoHaus Motors, 768 Saratoga Road, Burnt Hills

Sunday, July 24th

Autocross at the McCarty Avenue Parking Lot

Sunday - Saturday, July 31st - August 6th

PCA Parade in Savannah, GA

August 2011						
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August

Sunday - Saturday, July 31st - August 6th

PCA Parade in Savannah, GA

Saturday, August 6th

Novice Drivers Education event at Lime Rock Park, CT

Monday, August 8th

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

Sunday, August 14th

Bennington Potters and the Ice Cream Man in Greenwich

Sunday, August 21st*

Polo Match at Saratoga Polo Club

*Dates are tentative

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September

Monday, September 12th

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. Location to be announced

Saturday, September 17th

Wine tasting along the Connecticut Wine Trail

October 2011							
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October

Monday, October 3rd

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. Location to be announced

Friday - Sunday, October 14th - 16th

Weekend Get-Away to Mt. Washington in New Hampshire



