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From the President

Porsche Clubs around the world are successful due to their varied programs and the volunteers. The Hudson Champlain Porsche Club is all about volunteering as we gather our club members together to share their experiences of the fascinating world of Porsche.

We believe in Fun, Food and Fellowship through the Porsche Club's regular activities, which fall into three main areas: monthly club Meetings, competitive Motorsports and Social outings.

Monthly Club Meetings – We hold regular club meetings typically on the first Monday of each month. The locations vary from our local Porsche dealership to our local auto shops in the area. We offer a light dinner followed by business and then have a guest speaker or a technical demonstration that would be of interest to our club members.

Competitive Motorsports – Our Track and Autocross committees offer events for members that wish to test and improve their driving skills. Our events include Driver Education days at Watkins Glen or at Lime Rock, where Porsche drivers can gather together on the racetrack to enjoy the full potential of their

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as Porsche would say.”

sports cars. We also offer a slower driving activity with our Autocross events where emphasis is on providing a controlled, supervised environment for members to have fun, learn and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition. Our Motorsports activities have been very successful thanks to Don Schneider's leadership with the track days and Andy Dorman's management with the autocrosses and the many volunteers that assist the teams.

Social Outings – These activities range from our annual picnic to our monthly country driving tours to destinations that are educational or entertaining. And of course we always include a quaint restaurant with good food and ambiance near our target destination to complete our event. Our social outings have been successful and growing due to more club members volunteering their time. We research and find interesting destinations in every direction from Albany, which many of our members may not have visited even though we live here in this beautiful Northeastern region. We have had such an amazing time with our fun filled Weekend Get-Away at Mt. Washington in New Hampshire that we will be planning another weekend get-away in 2012.

It is all about the people, as Porsche would say. These educational and entertaining experiences are accomplished through our members volunteering. You can volunteer in many ways from providing suggested destinations to helping setup to implementing our social outings. And if everyone volunteers at least once in their own way, we can all enjoy and share many experiences through the year.

As I am changing Club responsibilities from Activities co-Chairman, with my wife Donna, to Club President in 2012, I would like to thank the many volunteers

that assisted in our Club's Activities and Social outings in 2011. I wish to thank Steve and Lydia Marlow, Sharifa Perry, Ken and Karen Blass and others in suggesting interesting destinations and restaurants in 2011. I also would like to thank the following volunteers: Tom and Donna Ehmann, Chip and Sue Corah, Chris and Linda Klapper, Aaron and Amelia Ambrosino and Andy Dorman who assisted with setting up our tours or volunteered to be the Tourmiester and lead a driving tour. Finally I would especially like to thank my wife Donna for all her support as Activity Co-chairperson over the last 2 years.

Aaron Ambrosino, our past President, and the previous Board have done a great job in growing the club over these past years and expanding activity options to our club members. The new 2012 Club Board plans on continuing the tradition of Fun, Food and Fellowship within the Hudson Champlain Porsche Club and to bring together people who share a collective passion for driving, relaxed social events and the Porsche marque.

Please join me in welcoming our new 2012/2013 Hudson Champlain Porsche Club Officers and Committee Chairman:

HCP Officers

President:	Keith Antal
Vice President:	Bill Meckley
Secretary :	Ken Blass
Treasurer :	Dee Albert
Past President:	Aaron Ambrosino

HCP Committee Chairman

Activities:	Steve and Lydia Marlow
Autocross:	Andy Dorman
Historical:	Steve Weinstein
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Newsletter:	Aaron Ambrosino
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Track:	Don Schneider
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From the Track Chair

The first rays of the morning sun broke over the hills of the Berkshires, turning my ice encrusted Cayman into a glistening work of Porsche art.

People were coming by taking pictures or just admiring the frozen Cayman, bejeweled with the previous evening's raindrops transformed into sparkling diamonds by the late night freezing temperatures.

This was the scene that greeted me arriving at Lime Rock Park for the last DE of the season. The season finale is always bittersweet for me, especially on a picture perfect fall day. On one hand, you wish the season would not end so soon; on the other you know it's time for a break from driving at the track for the last seven months. The last run of the day is always special as you enjoy how wonderful your car really is and how it is telepathic in its response to your wishes. You have become old friends by now and a level of respect and trust has developed between man and machine all stuck to the pavement by one square foot of rubber. You smile a lot thinking about all the fun, excitement and friends that have been part of this seasons track experience knowing it will come to a close after a few more laps.

Reflecting back on my second season as Track Chairman, I am thankful for all the support and trust given to me by the BOD of the HCP region. I also had a great team working to provide safe, fun and educational events. A special thanks to our Registrar Jim Morgan, our Chief Instructor Van Svenson, Safety Chair Timm Baldauf and Mentor Coordinator Chris DeGraffenried and of course our President Aaron Ambrosino. Your professionalism and dedication helps raise the bar at HCP DE events.

The feedback I received at each event was very positive, a good indication that we were all doing a good job. We also received help and support from our

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neighboring regions, especially their instructors. The continued success of a vibrant DE program will depend on the support of these regions. One of my 2012 goals is to continue to expand and promote this synergy in 2012 and beyond. HCP Region held four events in 2011, two for advanced drivers and two for novice and intermediate drivers. Our goal in 2012 is to hold a similar number of events with the possibility of adding one more.

We use Lime Rock Park and Watkins Glen for our home base tracks. there is talk of a new track being built in Syracuse, NY - a two mile road course designed by Peter Argetsinger. If this track becomes a reality, perhaps in 2013 we can add it to our track list. The preliminary layout looks challenging and fun to drive.

We have our dates for Cups and Saucers, Wednesday and Thursday, May 9th and 10th. Please spread the word and save the date on your schedule. Dates for Lime Rock Park are in the works but are not available at this time. Please look

on Club Registration as they will be posted when confirmed.

As Track Chairman, I am always looking for ideas and feedback to improve our DE program. Please feel free to contact me to discuss your thoughts. If you are new to PCA or the DE experience and would like to come to the track to see what it's all about, you are more than welcome to come as a spectator. New PCA rules have severely restricted “fun” rides and “taste of the track” rides as of 11/01/11 so unless there is a change, HCP will not be offering these in 2012. I plan on holding another Winter Workshop this year, date to be announced when set.

I'm sure many of you are already looking forward to the 2012 season. Now is the time to review your performance in 2011 and set realistic goals for 2012 and beyond. It is good practice to keep notes on each track days details so you can sit down and review them at a more convenient time. The great attraction to DE is the quest for continued improvement. It gives me great pleasure to see a giant smile on a student's face when they “get it right”.

It is also time to get a head start with your car before it is stored for the winter. I won't go into details on what to do for your particular car, but this is a great time to get it set before the rush into next year's track events.

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season. I look forward to seeing all of you at the track in April.

Don Schneider
Track Chair, HCP



Member Anniversaries

25 Years

Ralph Marks

15 Years

Ann Annetta

Ed Rainka

Michael Muratori

10 Years

Timm Baldauf

Doug Brown

5 Years

Matthew Ellis

Joseph Masciocco

Robert Anschutz

Daniel Heilman

Bill Busino

New Members

Keith Aibel

2001 911 Black

Laird Conover

2012 Boxster Blue

Douglas Fraser

1961 356

Edward Gardner

2000 911

John Harrison

2007 Boxster Black

Barbara Nagler

2001 Boxster S

Linda Troiano

2002 Boxster Black

Eric Wagle

2007 911

Robert Wagner

2002 911 Black

William Pirillo

2006 Boxster Gray

Kyle Baxendale

1987 924S Red

Steven Lobel

1979 911 SC

Brian McGowan

2008 Cayman Black

Jory Peterson

1986 944 Red

Phil Stoddard

1997 Boxster

Christopher Higgins

2002 911SC

Stephen Janack

1999 Boxster Silver

Kevin Riehl

1969 912

Knut Zywiets

2006 911 Black

Fall Autocross



Keith Antal negotiates the slalom on his quickest run of the day.

Scott Keller leaves the start line for his second run.



Nick Grizey and his 996 C4 works his way through the course.

Annual Dinner



We had a beautiful fall evening for this year's dinner.

First ladies Amelia Ambrosino and Roxanne Alban enjoy the evening.



Photo by Scott Webb



National President Manny Alban and Zone 1 Representative Jennifer Webb presents a PCA Flag to Aaron Ambrosino and Keith Antal.

Photo by Scott Webb

Drive to Mt. Washington



Our home for the weekend, the beautiful and haunted Eagle Mountain House.

We enter the auto road which will take us to the top of Mt. Washington, which can be seen in the distance.



A breathtaking view of the white mountains from an overlook three quarters of the way to the top.



Lydia Marlow displays a bumper sticker that sums up our drive.

We visited the gorgeous home of Tom Plant known as the Castle in the Clouds.



Our members enjoyed a great weekend in the mountains of New Hampshire.

Annual Holiday Party



We had another fantastic turn out for this year's Holiday Party.

All sorts of delicious foods were prepared by our gracious hosts Anne and Bruce Toothaker.



Judy Schneider and Amelia Ambrosino enjoy a glass of wine.



This year we had live entertainment as Randy Burns performed for our members.

We surpassed last year with the number of toys donated for Toys for Tots.



Members celebrating the holidays together.



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From the Autocross Chair

Hudson-Champlain returned to the parking lot this year, with a full season of autocross events. We got off to a bit of a late start this season, holding our first event in June this year. This first event was split into two parts, starting the day with an introduction to autocrossing clinic, geared towards both first timers and those who hadn't participated in an autocross event in a while. In the afternoon we followed the standard format, with the participants from the morning clinic making an excellent showing. We followed up this successful start

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with two more events, one in July and one in late October. Despite the cold temperatures at this last event we still had 14 hearty drivers and some very stiff competition for the fastest time of the day.

Participation was up sharply this season, with a combined total of 60 drivers. We had 4 people drive in all 3 events this year and another 10 attended at least 2 of them. Our courses varied each time, offering the drivers a diverse learning experience about both their own skills and their cars capabilities. We all hope to build on this year's successes next season, with more events and possibly new venues as well. In addition we will be incorporating many of the elements learned at the Zone 1 autocross in the hopes of getting a team together to compete in the Region Challenge.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who showed up early this season to help with setup as well as Aaron Ambrosino and Timm Baldauf for their efforts in teching the cars and providing the generators to keep all our equipment running. And a special thanks to Jeff Markussen for handling timing and scoring this season. None of this would have been possible without everyone's hard work and the extra efforts of all our volunteers. Thanks again and we are all looking forward to a great season next year!

Andy Dorman
Autocross Chairman

2011 Autocross Results

Spring Autocross Results

Number	Driver	Class	Best Time	Place
828	Chris Klapper	I3	33.821	1st
1	Paul Kanetzky	I3	35.058	2nd
4	Rocky Rockowitz	I3	39.889	
828	Linda Klapper	I3	42.968	
16	Jerry Mirochnik	I4	37.499	
10	Andy Dorman	S2	35.633	1st
7	Ryan Decker	S2	36.695	
15	Dawn Niebuhr	S3	37.432	
6	Frank Naguera	S4	32.747	1st
5	Gary Hobbs	S4	34.743	
139	Jim Morgan	S5	34.74	1st
11	Will Waldron	S5	35.998	
139	Kerry Morgan	S5	43.034	
12	Ken Blass	S6	34.059	2nd
8	Van Svenson	S7	32.174	Best
169	Scott Keller	S7	33.845	1st
48	Dennis Landsberg	S7	36.866	
214	Joe Masciocco	S7	36.918	
729	Sharifa Perry	S7	44.011	
2	Devon Baldauf	X	37.089	1st
9	Mike Masziocco	X	37.684	
3	Larry White	X	38.267	

Summer Autocross Results

Number	Driver	Class	Best Time	Awards
8	Aaron Ambrosino	I02	42.414	Best
83	Brian Seitz	Other	43.134	1st
71	Chris Raucci	Other	45.213	
0	Van Svenson	P1	45.676	1st
0a	Rico Diaz	P1	61.68	
22	Andy Dorman	P2	45.951	1st
12	Matt Ellis	P2	56.21	
911	Gary Hobbs	P3	45.104	1st
62	Dan Heilman	P3	46.807	
3	Chris Patti	P5	48.503	1st
7	Harold Rockowitz	P5	60.192	
16	Nick Grizey	P5	57.03	
17	Larry Rose	S3	44.544	1st
19	Jeff Lashway	S3	45.346	2nd
11	Will Waldron	S1	47.025	3rd
4	Paul Kanetzky	S3	47.929	
1	AL Harper	S3	48.68	
828	Chris Klapper	S3	49.694	
2	Tom Ehmann	S3	54.557	
9	Mark Maserjian	S3	58.646	
5	Linda Klapper	S3	59.877	
729	Sharifa Perry	S3	62.716	
80	Mario Fantini	S3	77.977	

Fall Autocross Results

Number	Driver	Class	Best Time	Place
	Aaron Ambrosino	Cayman S Silver	34.263	1st
	Chris	Miata Grey	34.605	2nd
	Nelson	VW GTI Silver	35.321	3rd
22	Andy Dorman	924 Red	35.364	
	Larry Rose	Cayman S Blue	35.508	
	Rob	Carrera Blue	36.705	
828	Chris Klapper	Cayman Black	37.185	
1	Will Waldron	968 Blue	37.629	
169	Scott Keller	996 Black	37.727	
	Nick	996 Silver	37.869	
	Al	Boxster S Blue	39.426	
	Keith Antal	964 Black	40.035	
	Devon Baldauf	Impreza White	40.996	
	Mario Fantini	Boxster Blue	44.539	

Calendar of Events

January 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January

Monday, January 9th

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

New Country Porsche of Clifton Park, 205 Route 146, Mechanicville

Calendar of Events

February 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

February

Monday, February 6th

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Location to be announced

Saturday - Sunday, February 25th & 26th

Tech Tactics at the Porsche Training Facility in Easton, PA

Calendar of Events

March 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

March

Monday, March 5th

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Location to be announced

Calendar of Events

April 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

April

Monday, April 2nd

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Location to be announced

Friday, April 6th

Drivers Education event at Lime Rock Park, CT



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