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From the President

2012 has been a great year for our Hudson Champlain Porsche Club. Our Club and the Board Members have an objective and that is to Educate, Entertain and Share in our experiences through our collective passion for driving either on the track or through scenic roads.

Our club has been growing well these past years and in 2012 our membership has increased over 560 members. Our HCP Club activities have also grown with 30 optional gatherings to choose from:

Meetings (w/Tech sessions)	10
Track DE events.....	4 + Spring training
Autocross	3
Drive & Dine tours.....	8
Club social events	4
New members luncheon	
Picnic	
Annual Dinner	
Holiday Party	

I would also like to thank our hosts who have provided our meeting locations: Porsche of Clifton Park, AutoHaus Motors and R&D Automotive. Our hosts provide interesting and educational tech sessions for our members, plus they kindly provide great food for our meetings, typically the first Monday of each month as long as it does not fall on a Holiday.

Track Driver Educational Activities - Don Schneider our Track Chairman and Jim Morgan Registrar Chairman have provided another year of Safe, Educational, Fun and Profitable DE events on the tracks in 2012. They have delivered well organized and educational driving experiences for the club at Lime Rock Park and at Watkins Glen International. Unfortunately for us Don and Jim wish to retire from their positions after three years of building up a strong Drivers Education program. Even though they are passing on their responsibilities I am sure we will continue to see them on the track. Thank you Don and Jim. Once we were notified of Don's and Jim's retirement we announced we were searching for replacements. The Club Board decided to make an offer to Chris de Graffenried for the Track Chairman position for 2013 and he accepted. The Club Board also made an offer to Andy Dorman for the Registrar position in 2013. Please welcome Chris and Andy to their new positions and we look forward to supporting them and their Track DE programs.

Track Mentor – Chris de Graffenried had volunteered to develop our Mentoring Program over the past few years where he would offer his assistance to anyone wishing advise or help around the track or prior to any DE event. With Chris moving over to the Track Chairman, this Mentor position opened and we advertised for anyone that may be interested in filling the position. I am pleased to announce John Shafer has volunteered to be Mentor in 2013 and we look forward to his assistance to our club members.

Autocross - Andy Dorman our 2012 Autocross Chairman had offered three dates for low speed competitive driving with good attendance. Andy will be moving into the Registrar position and leaving the Autocross Chairman position after 8 years of managing safe competitive fun. This opened the Autocross position which the board opened to the club as we did with the Track

Chairman and offered the position to Chris Klapper for 2013. Please welcome Chris to the Autocross Chairman position.

Social Activities – Lydia Marlow our Activities Chairperson was successful in forming volunteer sub-committees to plan and implement a variety of fun, food and fellowship driving activities in 2012. We experienced scenic back roads through the northeast in well organized and safe events. We broke records all year long from gathering 27 Porsches for our drive to Smith and Wesson in Springfield, MA to 94 attendees at the annual Picnic at Thacher Park to having a good turnout of 97 attendees at our annual dinner at the Edison Club. Additionally our Weekend Getaway in Salem, MA was spooky and enjoyable. With the many planned events each year we typically post photos of each activity on our website. So make sure to check out our photos at our website: hcp.pca.org. We look forward to more fun filled touring experiences with Lydia in 2013.

Speaking of our website, Howard Kunz our 2012 Webmaster Chairman has decided to retire after many years of providing a great website for the club. From that notice we again sent out an announcement searching for candidates. I am pleased to announce that the Board has offered Mick Davis the Webmaster Chairman position. Please welcome Mick and make sure to watch our website calendar and site as we post more information as we approach each activity in 2013.

Volunteers – At our annual dinner we recognized our retiring Board Members with a Plaque thanking them for their services

Don Schneider	Previous Track Chairman
Jim Morgan	Previous Registrar
Andy Dorman	Previous Autocross Chairman
Howard Kunz	Previous Webmaster Chairman

We recognized our many volunteers with a Hudson Champlain Certificate

DE Volunteers:

Chris de Graffenried
Laura de Graffenried
Amelia Ambrosino
Kerri Morgan

Autocross & DE Volunteers:

Timm Bauldauf
Jeff Markussen
Al Harper

Activities Volunteers:

Tom Ehmann
Donna Ehmann
Sharifa Perry
Randy Burns
Barbara Weinstein
Todd Fischer
Steve Marlow

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Weekend Get-A-Way to Salem, MA

Photos by Keith Antal



We had a beautiful drive across Mass with 16 Porsches to end up at the Oceanview Inn Resort overlooking the Ocean.

Everyone was in costume for dinner that evening.



Steve Weinstein planned a beautiful driving route from Gloucester to Rockport.

HCP Track Mentor Program

The ultimate goal of the Mentor Program is to boost initial and repeat attendance of HCP members to DE events (making them sustainable or more sustainable).

The groups targeted for the mentor program would be green or yellow (possibly select white) drivers looking to increase their comfort level at DE events. In addition this includes recruiting from the membership people who maybe want to try a DE event but are hesitant. For example, one population which would benefit greatly is the autocross attendees who get a taste of the “speed bug” and want to step it up a notch but haven’t yet tried DE. Remember, Porsche automobiles have far more capability than can be utilized on the street. If you bought the car to impress your neighbors, it can sit in the driveway. If you want a supreme adrenalin rush, try a DE event. At my first event on a Saturday at LRP, my knees didn’t stop shaking until about Tuesday; I was hooked.

This program may be especially important this year since we are going to try to increase the overall number of participants.

Increasing the comfort level of first time participants will be accomplished through:

- 1) Increasing vehicle preparedness – e.g. the mentor would go over a checklist with the mentee before the tech inspection, as well as providing a list of things they suggest bringing to the event to maintain the vehicle and the driver. This could be either over the phone, by e-mail or in person.
- 2) Increasing “mental awareness” – e.g. the mentor would give the mentee a list of expectations that they should have for the progression of the day as well as what will be required of the mentee throughout the day (class room attendance, when to be where, track specific rules, nourishment)
- 3) Improved at-event comfort – e.g. the mentee has procedural/technical questions but isn’t sure who to approach, questions about car performance, concerns about other students/instructor, someone else to catch a ride along with, etc.
- 4) Improved social atmosphere – e.g. before, during and after run sessions someone to “hang out” with, get dinner with, travel to and from event with, share tools with etc. This can also include providing info on where to stay, best way to get there, and other logistical things associated with the overall experience.

The people who we would be looking to mentor someone are both Red and (select) Black drivers who regularly attend events and can handle being both an instructor and the time/knowledge required for mentoring.

My role in this would be coordinating this process, ensuring that:

- 1) HCP membership is aware of the new program – (in addition to offering our service to our green/yellow members?)
- 2) Someone looking for mentor is appropriately matched

- 3) Participation in the DE prep course in the early months each year
- 4) Attendance of most Autocross/DE events to facilitate this process
- 5) Recruiting mentors

HCP DE events are typically held at Lime Rock Park(LRP) or Watkins Glen International(WGI). Members also frequent other PCA Region DE events at tracks such as Mosport, New Jersey Motorsports Park, Mt. Tremblant, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Pocono, etc. Each of these venues has a web site showing layout, track maps, directions, places to stay, etc. All PCA DE events are listed on clubregistration.net beginning at the end of the year for the following year. As event schedules are finalized they are added to the web site.

Registering for our, or any PCA Region DE event, is done on clubregistration.net. If you have a Paypal account, it only takes a few seconds. NOTE: If you select a particular DE event, pay close attention to when registration opens as the more popular events fill up quickly. Some of us have actually registered for events at 12:01 Central Time on New Years day.

When considering a DE event, some typical questions arise. For example: Is it anyone else's first time at the track? What brake pads should I use in my 911? Is there a nice hotel in Watkins Glen? Do I know anybody going to the Connecticut Valley Lime Rock Park Drivers Education (DE)? What's to eat in Mt. Tremblant? What is the best route to Mosport, Ontario? Do I need a passport to enter Canada? Who can perform the tech inspection for my car in the Albany area? For both experienced and new drivers many questions such as these, and others, arise before ever setting your tires on track at a PCA DE event. Maybe you have had all of these questions in the past or maybe there are ones you forgot to ask that you wish you had. In either situation the new HCP PCA DE Mentor program is here to help.

The new Mentor Program's goals are simple; to pair Novice attendees with Experienced attendees for all of the off-the-track information that they might need. HCP has assembled a group of its own members with significant track day experience who are willing to share their knowledge with interested Green and Yellow run group drivers. This program is separate from the Instructor program, as a mentor can be paired with someone at any time before a track event.

Other examples of questions we can help answer include:

- Is there any track etiquette I need to know?
- (There is always a drivers meeting before each event, as well as event rules posted on the Regions web site. There is also DE information on the national PCA web site)
- Where do I stay? Where can I find something to eat? How do I get there?
- What can I do with my family when off track?

- Who else is going? Can I caravan with someone?
- (A roster of drivers is usually posted on clubregistration.net)
- What do I need to do to prepare my car (including technical information)?
- (Street cars with street tires and standard lap/shoulder belts are allowed, brake pads must be 50% or better)
- What do I need to do to prepare myself?
- (Lots of rest and stay hydrated; have a helmet that is rated 2005 or later)
- Is there someone from HCP going to another regions DE event?
- In which run group (green, yellow, white, black or red) will I be placed (beginning drivers are always placed in the green run group, regardless of car capability, and must have an instructor on board when on track)

Let the HCP DE mentor program help you sort the details so that you can focus on having a fun and safe time at the track! For more information about the mentor program or to get paired up for an upcoming event please contact John Shafer at shafer5225@roadrunner.com or 518-409-8521. Be sure to check out www.clubregistration.net about our, and other, upcoming DE events.

John Shafer

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Other events and support:

Chris Klapper
Dan Heilman
Donna Antal
Karen Blass

Don't forget that we are always open for volunteers to help our club grow and enhance all of our experiences with our Porsches. Plus we welcome any suggestions for educational or entertaining destinations and restaurants to share with our club members. Feel free to contact myself or Lydia Marlow at: activities@hcp-pca.com. We hope to see you at one of our future 2013 events. Drive Safely.

"It's not the cars, it's the people"

Keith Antal
HCP Region President
president@hcp-pca.com

Annual Dinner

Photos by Keith Antal



The food was delicious and the Edison Club facility was outstanding.

Brian, Heather and Bob reminisce about the past years driving tours.



Volunteer Certificates of Appreciation for Drivers Education were awarded to Chris and Laura de Graffenried.

Holiday Party

Photos by Keith Antal



Steve managing refreshments to Martha and Diane.

Everyone was enjoying good food with good friends at Ken and Karen Blass's house in Old Chatham.



This year's gifts that were donated were delivered to Toys for Tots by Karen Blass.

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CHECK

Have someone you trust take a good look at your cars. Would you let the kid at the quick-e-lube keep an eye on your wallet or your daughter? Tires, brakes, coolant, batteries, wipers, belts, fans, lights and defrosters all need to be checked by a mechanic that knows what they are doing.

TUNE

Breaking down in Summer can be inconvenient, but in Winter it can be hypothermic! Fresh plugs, filters, fluids and snow tires are never a bad idea. All-season tires aren't bad, but rubber dedicated to freezing conditions is exponentially better! Not just for going, but most importantly for braking and turning. They are the only part of your car that touches the ground.

PLAN

Cell phone & charger, bag of sand or rock salt, shovel, gloves, hats, boots, blankets, and jumper cables should be in your trunk or glove box. A full tank of gas is not only common sense; it helps with traction as well. Better to be ready now, thinking of it when you need it is too late! Inform someone of your travel plans, if you don't arrive, they'll be able to send a search party.

PRACTICE

Brushing up on car control in an empty snowy parking lot isn't just for fun! Knowing how your car will react can save your life in an emergency situation. Understanding FWD, RWD, 4WD, AWD and the differences between them may not be as simple as you think. ABS, traction and stability controls and tire pressure changes completely change the handling of your car.

CLEAN

The entire outside of your car should be wiped clean, no cool points for waiting for the Spring thaw. Snow on your roof can blind the driver behind you, and ice chunks can be lethal! In many states it is the law. Don't forget the head and tail lights either. An easy way to spot a smart, safe driver is behind the wheel of a nice clean car after a storm.

*Or we hear Miami and Hawaii are really nice this time of year! :)

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2001 Carrera Gray

Craig Dunleavy

1986 944 Turbo Gray

Erik Israelson

2003 Boxster S Black

Daniel Nugent

2001 911 Carrera Red

Bruce Poritzky

2005 Boxster Blue

George Van Bramer

1999 Boxster Silver

Todd Fisher

2006 Boxster S Red

James Smith

2006 911 Grey

Calendar of Events

January 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
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January

Calendar of Events

February 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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24	25	26	27	28		

February

Monday, February 4th

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

Saturday - Sunday, February 23rd & 24th

Tech Tactics at the Porsche Training Facility in Easton, PA

Calendar of Events

March 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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March

Monday, March 4th

Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Location to be announced

Calendar of Events

April 2013						
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 1st

Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Location to be announced

Friday - Saturday April 5th & 6th

Drivers Education event at Lime Rock Park, CT



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