



JULY 2006



KEYNOTES

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA KEYSTONE REGION



From the President

On June 3, Fred and Judy Sears hosted the Keystone "Around State College" Tour. Although the weather appeared threatening that morning, I'm pleased to report that only a few drops of rain fell that day.

The tour consisted of two 50 mile segments, taking us places many of us have never been before. The instructions were good too . . . most of us only got "a little lost." I'm happy to say we all made it back to the Down Under Steak House for a fantastic meal. Thanks again Fred and Judy, It was a wonderful time!

Please consider attending the "Endless Mountains Cruise." Wayne and Howard have put a lot of effort into creating it. Check out their article on the next page, it looks like it will be a ton of fun.

I'm sorry I can't give you a date for our next board meeting. It's a busy time of the year for most of us . . . we all have lives outside of the PCA and it's been difficult getting the Board Members together. Don't worry folks, we should have everything straightened out before you get your next newsletter.

See you soon and enjoy the summer in your Porsche!

Eric Swendrowski,
President.



Photo by Bob Cornell

GET YOUR PCA LICENSE PLATES

-- by Bill Simon III

For those members who were at last fall's Keystone Canyon Kruize or the recent Rally 'Round Centre County, you saw some of our Porsches sporting the special PCA "organizational" plates, available only to PCA members.

For those who aren't aware of this fairly new benefit PCA for regions in Pennsylvania, Tom Zaffarano of our neighboring Riesentöter Region (Philadelphia area) spent several years working the proposal with PennDOT and PCA, and received approval last year to have a special Porsche Club of America license plate designed for PCA members. It has the PCA emblem on the left side of the plate, the words "Porsche Club of America" along the bottom in place of the Pa. website address, and license numbers with "PC" and a sequentially generated 5-digit number. (See sample license plate image elsewhere on this page.)



If you'd like to apply for the new special PCA plate, please drop a note or e-mail to Bill Simon (e-address and mailing address on masthead), and he'll send you along the special PennDOT application form. It must be approved by PCA (to verify your membership status), then it's sent along to PennDOT. To get the form and the special instructions directly, go to Reisentöter's web page: <http://www.rtr-pca.org/>. Scroll down to "PA PCA PLATE", and click on Tom's license plate. You'll need Adobe Acrobat to download PennDOT form MV-904-SO. Be sure to follow the instructions on the website. (NOTE: If you received one of the earlier pink PennDOT forms, they are no longer good. You must use the new form.)

One other reminder -- you can put this plate on any car or other "Porsche support vehicle" (like President Eric's new Honda Odyssey) that you own (or lease), not only on the Porsche. So, send for or download your application(s) today! Let's advertise PCA out there!

Endless Mountains Cruise

August 16, 2006

By Howard Williams

This 100 mile cruise will take you from our starting point in Montoursville on the calm, but scenic, Route 87 North to Forksville and onto a wonderfully aggressive and steep incline to the higher elevations and into the Eagles Mere Country Club for lunch.

On a clear day, standing on the South-facing veranda, you can look across hill/mountain tops and see for miles and miles. (Locals can point the 7 or 8 different counties within the vista.)

After lunch we'll continue north and into the 19th Century village of Eagles Mere for a short stop to visit local shops before finally continuing on the cruise.

From Eagles Mere we'll head North across well maintained country roads through the forests of the Endless Mountains before turning South to the town of Benton. From there we'll break out of the forests into farm country and on to Millville where we'll again change direction to West North-West and back into the woods with a gently twisting road into Muncy.

At Muncy we'll end the planned route, park our cars and picnic and enjoy each others fellowship in the homes and adjoining back yards of the McPherson's and Williams'.

Anyone coming in from Wilkes-Barre may want to join us at Eagles Mere, and we can provide a map from Rt. 118 to the Eagles Mere Country Club. (You'll miss the "aggressive, steep, incline" part of the trip, but we'll tell you how much fun it was.)

We'll include more information in the July newsletter about lunch at the Country Club, as well as the picnic and some of the other stops along the way.

Below is an old aerial view of the Eagles Mere, the lake and the Country Club.

We'll be test-driving the route prior the Cruise to ensure there's no "tar & chip" surprises, test cell phone coverage/gaps, and check the accuracy of the map that will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying your company all along the way.



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"Around State College" Tour
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BELLEFONTE CRUISE

--- by Bill Simon III

Once again, the annual Bellefonte Cruise, held in the streets of Bellefonte every Father's Day weekend, was a huge success. There were well over 500 cars, trucks, and motorcycles spread in all directions from the Centre County Courthouse.

One hundred percent (!) of Porsches entered in the car show (i.e., BOTH of them) trophied on that sunny Saturday. Brian Cohen and Bill Simon represented the Porsche marque, surrounded by lots of Corvettes, veteran American sedans, pickup trucks, and other vehicles. Brian's pristine black 1965 356 SC garnered the second place trophy in class I-1 (Imports up to 1972), while Bill's recently acquired Midnight Blue Metallic 993 Targa drove home with second place in class K-1 (Imports, 1996 and later).

It was a sunny, beautiful day, with lots of food concessions and good-time music at the bandstand. Mark Saturday of Father's Day weekend next year for the 2007 Bellefonte Cruise. Complete results will be posted at: <http://www.bellefontecruise.org/>

PORSCHE CLASH

PCA races at Watkins Glen Intl. June 10-11

Well, once again Gwen and I had to trek up to Watkins Glen to show those Zone 1 guys how to run a race event. Geez, I wonder how they ever did it without us?

Just kidding, of course, but we did go and work the race weekend as usual. On Saturday Gwen did her bit in timing and scoring while I, and the other "Grid Nasties" gridded cars for the sprint races. On Sunday we both worked as part of the Enduro Pits crew, ensuring that each competitor made his mandatory 5 minute pit stop. We're both getting pretty good at our jobs after 3 years practice. This year I was promoted to a lead position (they even let me talk on the radio) and asked to write a procedure for the Enduro Pits "pit out crew" station. Saturday was so cold that we literally were wearing everything that we had with us. In fact, I kept wondering why I hadn't packed a winter hat and gloves.

While having a before dinner cocktail at the Seneca Lodge on Saturday, I was reminded why we are members of PCA. The group of friends and acquaintances that we were with covered 5 PCA regions, and we spent the time catching up and planning where we are meeting next. For us, that's what it's all about. Maybe next year we can entice some of you to join us.

Bob & Gwen Cornell



UP TO SPEED - MEMBERSHIP

Judy Sears - Chair

Well, the powers that be did not see fit to make our three days at Watkins Glen last month rain free. Fred did get several dry runs in on Friday. Saturday was not too bad but Sunday was a wash out and we left early to attend the college graduation of our granddaughter. We leave this week for another try for three dry days. Wish us luck. Maybe this time we can take off our winter coats? I love "The Glen" but it can be awfully cold up there.

The good news is that we have three new members. We welcome James and Barbara Cobb of Towanda with their 2002/911, Sarwat Hussain of Sayre with his 2003/911 and Matthew and Shannon Knight of Williamsport with their 1989/911. We hope to see you at a Keystone Region event soon.

National has reported Christopher Hauser as a non-renewal this month. Christopher, I hope that's just an oversight and the check is in the mail.

Bill McMillan's check was received and he's back with us Yeah!

If any of this information is incorrect please give me a call or just call the National office at 703-321-2111. I believe that they have been having some problems and things may need to be straightened out. Several member who have been reported as lapsed tell me that they returned the form but for whatever reason they were not credited. Please don't give up. Keep trying. We don't want to lose you.

I hope you are all aware that each of you is welcome at any meeting/event we have. This includes Board Meetings. We'd love to see you come.

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UP COMING EVENTS

July: Keystone picnic(?)

July 15-16: Pittsburgh Vintage GP, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh

July 15-16: Blue Ridge Region DE at Summit Point

July 29: 21st Annual Last Cruise, Boalsburg

August 6-11: Porsche Parade, Portland, OR

August 19: Endless Mountains Cruise and Barbecue

Sept. 8-10: Zippo Vintage GP, Porsche marque of year, PCA "Escape" mini parade Watkins Glen Intl.

Sept 23.: Keystone Canyon Cruise

Oct. 13-15: Pocono region PCA "Octoberfest"

Dec. ?: Keystone Holiday Party

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