



May 2007

KEYNOTES

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA KEYSTONE REGION



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-- by Bill Simon III

HISTORY 101, a la KEYSTONE REGION PCA

Throughout 1995 and 1996, a number of PCA members in the Centre, Clinton, and Lycoming County areas, for a variety of reasons -- three in particular -- decided to investigate the possibility of forming a new PCA region to serve PCA members in the central part of Pennsylvania.

Shortly after the 1996 national Porsche Parade (Sept. 1996 in Oklahoma), a small but active group of PCAers gathered in the alcove just off the "Whiskers" lounge in the Nittany Lion Inn in State College for what turned out to be Keystone's first pre-organizational meeting. PCAers present at that meeting on 27 October 1996 were: Bill and Sally Bowman, Craig Eastwood, Joe and Helen Fahy, Bill Sacks, Bill Simon III, Dan and Betsy Swearingen, Eric Swendrowski and Karon Jackson, and potential member Dave Neuffer. At that auspicious moment, we unanimously decided that we needed to be a separate region.

Following some initial correspondence and phone calls by yr. obdt. svt. to the PCANational Office and Zone 2 Representative Chuck Drake, the initial group met again on 15 December 1996 (interestingly..... 31 years to the day from my first Porsche purchase, a 1964 356SC, in Fresno, Calif, on 15 December 1966). At that second meeting, we were additionally joined by PCAers Mike Hartman, Barry King, Shirley Sacks, and Murray Schoenholtz, plus potential member Doug Stewart. At that second, more official meeting, we agreed on the name "Keystone" for the region, and elected the first slate of officers for the provisional region: President Bill Simon III; Vice President Joe Fahy; Secretary Craig Eastwood; and Treasurer Bill Sacks. Other issues discussed included counties in northern and central Pennsylvania to be in the new region, acquisition of a post office box, generation (by donation, led off by Murray Schoenholtz) of an initial working treasury, and production of a newsletter.

Additional correspondence with Zone 2 Rep. Drake, the PCA National Office, and PCANational Secretary Bob Miller, and all our neighboring regions, plus monthly meetings each month all throughout central Pennsylvania, ensued. After what, at that time, seemed like an interminable amount of paperwork, we officially submitted our Petition for Charter (including Constitution, ByLaws, and membership list) to PCA National on 16 May 1997.

One month and two days later, on 18 June 1997, during the 1997 Porsche Parade in San Antonio, the PCANational Executive Council called yr. obdt. svt. to their meeting and officially "blessed us" and welcomed Keystone Region to the national organization. As I write this and ponder the initial six months and the ensuing ten years, I continue to be reminded of the invaluable friendship of PCA National Secretary Bob Miller (later National Vice President and National President). Without Bob's wise counsel, understanding, encouragement and sense of humor, we in Keystone Region might probably not have been as successful as we were in getting things started and moving along through our gestation period. "Don't worry ---- Be happy!"

And..... the rest, as they say, is history..... **Happy Birthday, Keystone Region!!!**

UP TO SPEED

Judy Sears

Our May Board meeting at the Ross Club in Williamsport was a most enjoyable evening. We had 19 members and guests present and were treated to gracious hospitality and good food. It was a great day for a drive and the parking lot got some interested looks. It's always neat to see several Porsches together. Many thanks to Howard Williams for setting things up for us. Gwen has written up the minutes and they are elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to read them. There are some interesting events planned and the minutes give details on what's coming so you can mark your calendar. On this subject please plan to come help us celebrate our 10th anniversary at a picnic on June 2nd at Bald Eagle Park. Bill Simon has planned a fun day. Details are in this newsletter. Call and reserve your portion of Clem's delicious barbeque. The cost is just \$10 per person. We are ten years old. Come to the party!

I promised a report on our first Driver Ed event of the year at Virginia International Raceway. Well - it rained the first day and the car did not come out of the trailer. It was very cold the rest of the time but Fred got in two days of reasonable driving. We didn't take off our winter coats the whole week-end and when we got home we had to park the rig in the street and use the snowblower to clear the driveway so we could pull in. The warm weather we are having now looks really good! I guess a bad day at the track always beats a good day anywhere else.

Our next event is at Watkins Glen with Allegheny Region PCA (that's the Pittsburgh area) and we are hoping for some decent temperatures and sunshine. 'Till Next Time

KEYSTONE REGION 10th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC AND RALLYE, JUNE 2nd

-- by Bill Simon III

HEY KEYSTONERS -- WE'RE HAVIN' A BIRTHDAY!!!

Happy Anniversary, all you Keystoneers!! Come on out on June 2nd to celebrate our 10th anniversary of chartering as a PCA region back in June 1997. Here are some specifics:

-- Keystone Region 10th anniversary celebration (rallye and picnic).

-- Location: Bald Eagle State Park (and environs).

-- When: Saturday, 2 June 2007, Noon till 5PM (more or less).

Details: We'll gather together between noon and 12:30 at Pavilion #5 in Bald Eagle State Park. The park is about 3 miles east of Howard along Pa. Rte. 150, between Howard and Beech Creek. After entering the park, look for the sign to turn left to Pavilion #5. We'll have a short drivers' meeting and start the 10th Anniversary Rallye, with first car out at 1:01 PM.

Rallye: this is a no-prior-experience rallye, meandering through some interesting parts of Clinton and Centre Counties. All you'll need is good eyes and something to write with. (A clipboard or book to write on is also a good idea.) The rallye will end up back at Pavilion #5, where we'll total up the scores and award fabulous and highly coveted prizes. If your P-car is ailing or afraid of public highways, not to worry -- feel free to bring the M-B, Bimmer, Ford Pinto, or whatever else also occupies your garage.

Picnic: Our picnic lunch will be catered by the world-famous (..... OK, Centre County-famous) Clem's Bar-B-Q in Port Matilda. We'll have delicious ribs, chicken, potato salad, beans, cole slaw, etc., with all the trimmings. Please bring along your own cooler chest with some cool beverages for yourselves and a few extras (remembering all the while that we'll be in a state park). The only cost involved will be \$10.00 per person for the food. (Kid navigators under 12 eat free.)

For food planning, an RSVP is a must! Please RSVP to Bill Simon at 814.235.1356 (yes.... "one 356") or email to billiii@psu.edu. Also, to confirm your reservation (and to pay for the BBQ), send a check payable to Keystone Region PCA to Bill at: 880 West Aaron Drive, State College, Pa. 16803-3119. Please RSVP not later than May 30th.

AccuWeather says that the weather on 2 June will be beautiful, so RSVP now to help us celebrate our first 10 years as a chartered PCA region.

And, if you've never rallied before, don't worry. This will be a very low-key event -- no tricks, no traps, no evil rallymaster. Just a fun drive around some of the countryside. (In the event of some rain, remember that (1) Porsches operate just fine on wet roads, and (2) Pavilion #5 is covered. So, come on out and enjoy the fun and the BBQ).

POCONO REGION OKTOBERFEST

OCT. 12 - 14, 2007

We've just received information from Roseanne Novotnik, president of Pocono Region, announcing their ninth annual Oktoberfest. Bob and I have attended it for the past few years and it has always been very enjoyable and well-run.

It will be held again this year at Split Rock Lodge on Lake Harmony in the Poconos. Activities include a Welcome Party on Friday, Full Concours/Wash and Shine, Gimmick Rally, Driving Tour on Saturday with an Awards Banquet on Saturday night. On Sunday, Jim Becker runs a Tech Quiz for all those interested.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Jim and Margie Becker at 570-629-5568 or email them at jimmar@ptd.net. Deadline for entries is Oct. 9th, 2007.

Gwen Cornell

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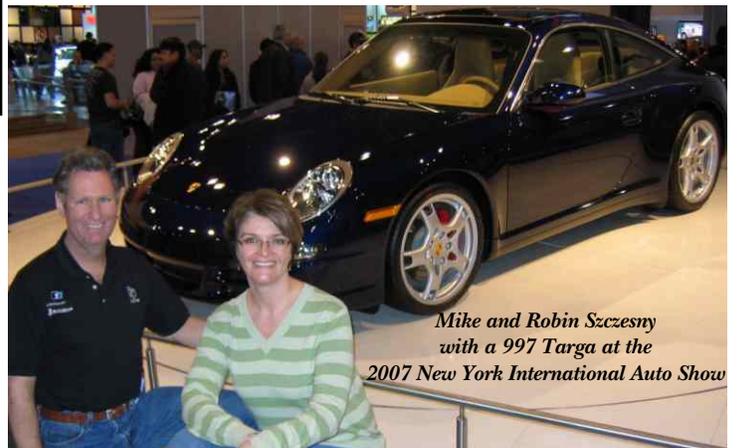
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Mike and Robin Szczesny with a 1997 Targa at the 2007 New York International Auto Show

PCA KEYSTONE REGION BOARD MEETING

Saturday, May 5, 2007 at The Ross Club in Williamsport

PRESENT: Judy and Fred Sears, Jim and Felice Hagerty, Tom and Liz Casale, Bill Simon and Susanne Howe, Bob and Gwen Cornell, Randy Kilmer, Jay and Grace Claster, Dave Durrwachter and Carol Brown, Mike and Robin Szczesny, Wayne McPherson and new member, Bill Ealer.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current balance of \$1502.89.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Judy reported that she has been in contact with Roseanne Novotnik, president of Pocono Region. The plan for Pocono Region to host the Escape in October has been changed. As of now, Potomac Region will be the host. This change does allow Keystone Region to re-schedule our Canyon Cruise in October depending on Eric and Karon's schedule.

Judy also passed around a new Member's Guide which will be given to all new members upon joining any region of PCA.

She also discussed historic train rides that will be available during the Bellefonte Cruise on June 16th. Reservations are required.

MEMBERSHIP: Fred Sears reported that our membership is presently at 81 members plus 1 Quest member, Bill Ealer.

SAFETY: Fred also reminded us that this time of year, especially if our cars have been in the garage all winter, it is extremely necessary to have the brakes checked.

GOODIE STORE: Mike and Robin Szczesny reported that they were able to pick up some new items for the Goodie Store at the Hershey Swap Meet.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE: Eric Swendrowski is continuing to work on our website with very positive results. He may be contacting Bill Simon IV for possible tech assistance.

OLD BUSINESS: KEYSTONE CANYON CRUISE: With the change in the venue for the Escape to Potomac Region, Eric and Karon will decide if they still wish to host their annual Cruise and what date will work best for them. They had been considering Oct. 20th.

BLACK WALNUT TECH SESSION: Mike Szczesny reported that the date of June 10th, 2007 has been set for the tech session with Eric Dash at Black Walnut.

GEMINI TECH SESSION: Fred Sears reported that John Simbeck is definitely interested in holding a tech session at Gemini, probably in late summer or early fall.

PREDATOR PERFORMANCE TECH SESSION: Judy has been in contact with Tom Murrin, Keystone member from Treasure Lake. There have been some changes in the the dyno operations at the Predator facility in DuBois. Tom is still offering a tour of the Predator facility on Sunday, Oct. 14th, 2007 without the possibility of using the dyno. He will also organize dinner following the tour.

ENDLESS MOUNTAIN CRUISE: Wayne McPherson reported that he, Howard Williams and their wives will be hosting their 2nd Annual Cruise on Aug. 11th, 2007.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER: Our annual dinner will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn Faculty Lounge on December 1st, 2007.

10TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC:

Bill Simon reported that plans for the picnic are in place. We will again be holding it at Sayer's Dam in Bald Eagle Park. Clem's Barbecue will be supplying the chicken, ribs and salads. Our club will pay for dessert, food delivery and the pavilion rental. Members are in charge of bringing their own beverages.

Date: June 2nd, 2007

Location: Pavilion # 5 Sayer's Dam in Bald Eagle Park Cost per person: \$10.00 Schedule: Arrive - 12:00

Gimmick Tour Prep Tour begins - 1:00 Picnic - 2:00 - 5:00

NEW BUSINESS:

Gwen Cornell announced that Pocono Region's yearly Oktoberfest will be held on Oct. 12, 13, and 14 at Split Rock Lodge, Lake Harmony in the Poconos. She will write an article for the newsletter with all the information for members who are interested.

Brian and Lisa Cohen are the proud parents of a new son, Jackson. Congratulations to them!

Tom Casale gave us all a heads-up on an Italian Car Show that is held at Skytop in the Poconos every summer. He says that the high quality of the cars that are displayed is worth the price of admission.

The meeting was followed by a delicious dinner and great conversations. Thanks again to our Muncy members for organizing this very enjoyable event.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Cornell, Secretary

Carrera 4'um

Fred Sears

Our latest membership total is 80 members and 69 affiliate/family members. We also have two new members not reflected in the national files: Bill Ealer (a Quest member) soon to become a full member) and Michael O'Brien. We also have one non-renewal, Dave Dix, who assures me it was just a short-term forgetfulness. After several years of no growth it appears we are beginning to grow.

We have two major anniversaries this month: Robert Davis - 15 years and James Stuck - 20 years.

Our region also has an anniversary next month when we celebrate our 10th anniversary. Hope you can join us on June 2nd at Bald Eagle State Park. Look forward to seeing you there. More details are in this newsletter.

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UP COMING EVENTS

June 2: Keystone Region 10th Anniversary Celebration

June 10: Tech Session at Black Walnut Body Works 1620 Zion Rd. Bellefonte, PA

June 16: Bellefonte Car Show and Cruise, in the streets of Bellefonte, PA.

July 1-5: 2007 Porsche Parade, San Diego, Calif.

July 14-15: Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and all-makes Car Show, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA.

July 28 (?): State College "Last Cruise" car show and cruise. Pa. Military Museum grounds, Boalsburg, PA

Late summer: GEMINI TECH SESSION TBA

Aug. 11th: 2nd Annual Endless Mountains Cruise

Sept. 7,8,9: Watkins Glen Vintage Races

Oct. 12: PREDATOR PERFORMANCE TECH SESSION

Oct. (?): Keystone Canyon Cruise

Dec. 1: Holiday Party

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