



April 2008



KEYNOTES

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA KEYSTONE REGION



Keystone PCA Challenges other car clubs to benefit Youth Services Bureau

Ok everyone, it is time to put on your "goodwill hats" & show the other local car clubs that we are not just a pretty bunch of sports cars (and owners).



This year at the Last Cruise, on July 26th (save the date!) at the Mt. Nittany Middle school we will have our own parking area reserved for our Porsches, so we can display our pride & joys together. Last year this event had over 400+ cars displayed with an amazing amount of marquis represented.



In conjunction with this we have challenged the other car clubs to a fundraiser to see who can raise the most money for the Youth Services Bureau on that day. We have already discussed how the Keystone PCA can raise some dollars by conducting a silent auction at the event, so all you really need to do is show up in numbers to showcase our cars & enjoy the day! This is an excellent opportunity for us to participate in a charitable event, spend a great day together, and support this very worthwhile organization.

We have already begun gathering up some auction items, so if you have any ideas or even items to donate, please let us know as that would be great.

Car & Motorcycle Show

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008
Mount Nittany Middle School
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But most importantly, just plan on attending so we can show our support & have a great day with fellow enthusiasts as well!

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PREDATOR PERFORMANCE TOUR

APRIL 12, 2008

10:00 AM



TOO GOOD TO MISS

Don't miss our second tour of the Predator Performance facility in DuBois, PA. Predator Performance is an auto fabrication shop that does restoration, painting, race car building and prep, including dyno testing on their chassis dyno. They did the original fabrication work on the new Beck 904.

Directions to their shop at 2572 Oklahoma/Salem Rd., DuBois are: I-80 west to exit 101, turn right and follow this road through 2 lights, take a left on Shaffer Rd. and follow through 2 more lights to Maple. Take a right on maple and then a quick left (about 100 yds.) on Oklahoma/Salem. Predator is about 1 mile on the left. In case you get lost the phone # is 814-372-5430.

I won the door prize at the Holiday party that entitles me to one session on the chassis dyno. I'm taking the 912, and this dyno session will be part of the tour. For those of you that are too young to know what a 912 is, this will be a good lesson in Porsche history. Incidentally, they will have time for 2 or 3 more sessions at \$100 ea. (if enough interest, maybe a group rate).


As another point of interest, we may make this tour as a joint event with Allegheny Region. I'm sure that a group will caravan from State College, and please let me know if you plan to attend, (specially if you want to put your car on the dyno) so that Predator will have some idea of group size. You can e-mail me at bob912@ptd.net.

Bob Cornell

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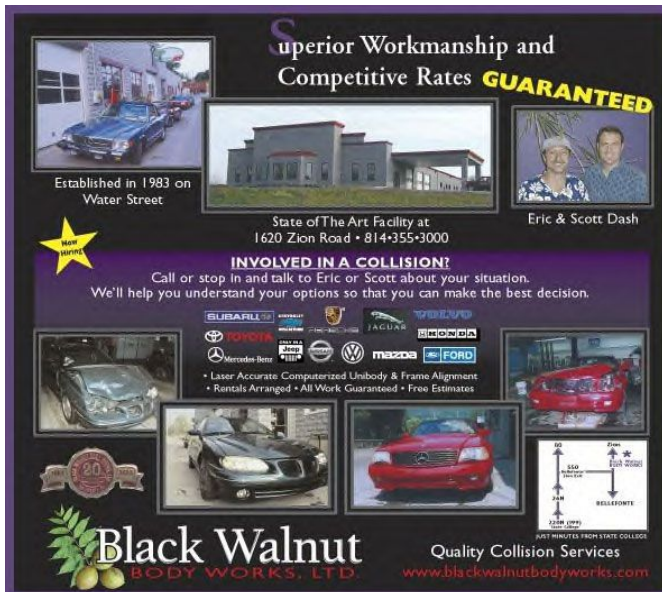
Sometimes our PCA membership reports are downright confusing. We now have 80 members and 66 affiliate/family members shown. However, we have lost a member with the transfer of Tom Murrin to Allegheny Region and no reports of new or transfer in additions. Since the beginning of March showed 79 members my math says we should have 78 members. Ah, well. Maybe its modern math and next month's report will explain.

We've had a number of address changes recently and thus we're experiencing problems in getting your newsletters to you. If you let me know of your address change I can change both our region address list and the national address list. If you only let national know of your change we will be unaware of your new address for at least one month and sometimes two.

This month's national report showed several delayed renewals and one non-renewal. Hopefully Ken Davis's renewal has now taken place so he will return to our membership.

As I write this article I am noticing that we have about 5 inches of new snow outside. Doesn't seem right for Easter weekend. Easter egg hunts should be interesting. Fortunately it didn't snow last weekend. Judy and I were in Virginia for a three-day Zone 2 Driver Education event. You may remember it normally snows as we return from that event. This time we had a 50-degree temperature increase as we traveled to VIR and no precipitation during the driving time for the event. I managed about 250 miles on the track over the weekend. A temporary fix on my need for speed. Wish it wasn't two months till my next track event. Well that time period gives Gemini time to refurbish my suspension; at VIR I experienced what seemed to be degrading shock absorbers so John and his crew will be working to address that issue and return our RS America to a better handling condition. I should mention that Bob Cornell, assisted by Dave Durrwachter, was the Volunteer Chairperson for that event. They contributed greatly to having a smooth running event. Looking forward to seeing you at one of our events in the near future.

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Up To Speed

Judy Sears

Our meeting on March 9 at the American Ale House was well attended and we covered a lot of ground. Plans for the year are taking shape. Our next event will be the Predator Performance chassis dyno demonstration on Bob Cornell's car on April 12. The directions given in the February newsletter were incorrect. Please see the updated directions elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Zone 2 President's meeting was held on February 23 in Springfield, VA. All 10 Regions in Zone 2 were represented. It is helpful to meet and compare notes as well as find out what other regions are doing. We were treated to a tour of the PCA National Office. It looks like a really nice place to work. If you are ever in the area be sure to call and they will be happy to give you a tour.

PCA has had a positive financial year in 2007 and is giving a rebate of \$2/member back to the regions. All contributions gratefully accepted!! This year's Escape will be September 18-20 in New Mexico. Sounds like fun. Details will be in a future Panorama.

We discussed how important the newsletters and websites are to the regions. It is our only way to communicate with all our members. Eric would be very happy if more of you would write articles for KeyNotes. Any car related subject would be fine. Personal articles are always interesting to read.

Fred and I attended Zone 1 Tech Tactics in Danbury, CT at the Farnbacher-Loles shop. We enjoyed visiting with old friends from our days in Connecticut Valley Region. While we were there we had the privilege of a tour of the Highcroft Racing headquarters. They are one of the Accura teams running in the American LeMans Series. Fascinating!

This past weekend was our first track event for 2008. We spent 3 days at Virginia International Raceway near Danville, VA for the Zone 2 Driver Education event. Fred got some of the winter rust off his driving abilities and we had a very nice time. Spring is closer down there and we enjoyed the daffodils and forsythia blooms.

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PCA KEYSTONE REGION BOARD MEETING

Sunday, March 9th, 2008 at the Ale House

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy and Fred Sears, Eric Swendrowski, Bill Simon, Susanne Howe, Mike and Robin Szczesny, Harve and Jennie McCardle, Becky and Butch Thompson, Bob and Gwen Cornell

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Cornell reported that our current balance is \$2,361.02.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Judy Sears

Judy reported that we will be receiving a special rebate from National of \$2.00 per region member.

Judy and Fred attended the Zone 2 Presidents' Meeting in Springfield, VA which included a tour of the new National Headquarters.

Zone 2 is attempting to become incorporated as a non-profit group. In order to do that, all 10 regions of the Zone also need to be incorporated. The incorporation will help with Zone expenses.

Judy and Fred Sears, Bob Cornell and Dave Durrwachter will all be attending the Zone 2 Drivers Ed. School March 13 - 16th at VIR. Zone 2's Club Race is scheduled for August 8 - 10th at VIR. 20 - 30 volunteers will be needed to help with the races for the weekend.

This year's Porsche Escape Weekend is scheduled for September 18 - 20th in the Albuquerque/Santa Fe, New Mexico area.

Judy and Fred Sears attended Techtactics in Danbury, CT and were able to tour High Croft Racing, competitors in the American Lemans Series.

This year's Porsche Parade will be held in Charlotte, NC on June 28th - July 3rd. On-line registration begins on March 11th. Tours are being offered of the Nascar shops and of Biltmore Estate in Ashville.

MEMBERSHIP: Fred Sears. Fred reported that we are presently at 79 members.

GOODIE STORE: Mike and Robin Szczesny. Mike and Robin reported that they have purchased some new items for this season's Goodie Store, and that they will check on having items made with our new logo. **NEWLETTER/WEBMEISTER:** Eric Swendrowski The board decided to bill our newsletter advertisers the same amount as last year \$20.00 per month, \$180.00 per year.

SAFETY: Fred Sears. Fred reminded us all who are getting our Porsches ready to roll after the long winter to check our tire pressures. It's also a good idea to have our cars checked over by a professional.

OLD BUSINESS: 2008 Activities

Predator Performance - Bob Cornell Bob reminded us of the April 12th meeting at Predator Performance in Dubois. Members from Allegheny Region will hopefully be joining us for the session. Jeff at Predator may be able to give a group rate to people wanting to use their chassis dyno if enough people show interest.

Targa Newfoundland- Fred has contacted the Hagerty's who survived Targa Newfoundland this past summer. We are trying to set up a time with them to share their adventures and hopefully have them write about their escapades in our newsletter.

Annual Picnic - Bill Simon. Bill discussed plans for our Annual Picnic which will be held on June 7th. He will try to reserve the same pavilion as last year and food will be purchased from Clem's Barbecue. The Club will pay for the pavilion and the members will divide the cost of the food.

Annual Holiday Dinner - Mike Szczesny. Mike reported that he is has secured the Faculty Lounge at the Nittany Lion Inn for Dec. 6th. Manny Alban and Jim and Margy Becker have been invited to attend.

Keystone Cruise - Eric and Karon Swendrowski. Eric and Karon have graciously agreed to host this year's Canyon Cruise. No specific date has been set yet, but they're looking at September 13th, and October 4th, 11th and 25th.

Tech Sessions- Fred will continue working with John at Gemini to plan a tech session for this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Szczesny shared a letter from club member Dave Dix inviting us to participate as a club in this year's Last Cruise to be held on July 26th at the Mt. Nittany Middle School. Dave stated that if we entered 'as a club' then we would be assigned an area for Porsche club parking. He also suggested that we may want to join in a friendly competition with the other area car clubs present that day to raise money for the Youth Service Bureau. Mike and Robin will be in charge of planning the fund raiser.

Suggestions were made for different ways to get members involved in our club meetings. We discussed the idea of holding a breakfast or brunch meeting. Fred will look into planning a tour of the Sweigart Museum in Huntington followed by dinner.

NEWLETTER ARTICLES: Eric Swendrowski. Eric would like all articles for our next newsletter emailed to him by March 18th. Any members in charge of events, please do a pre- write-up and a post-write- up of that event. Anyone who participates in a Porsche event or any exciting car activity, please write about it!!

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Join us at Toftrees on May 10th for our next meeting and dinner. Our Board Meeting will start at 5:00. Dinner follows at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Cornell, Secretary



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UP COMING EVENTS

12 April -- Keystone Region event at Predator Performance in Dubois, Pa. Briefings, lots of neat car modifications, and demonstrations of their dyno
26 April -- Annual Porsche-Only Swap Meet, Hershey, Pa. In HersheyPark parking lots, corner of HersheyPark Drive and Pa. Rte. 39. In State College area, meet around 7:45 - 8:15 AM at the Holiday Inn Express for coffee, then convoy to Hershey. Express is at the Toftrees/Woodycrest exit from the Mt. Nittany Expressway, AKA US Rte. 220, just NE of State College.

10 May -- Board meeting at the Down Under Steak House at Toftrees.

16, 17, 18 May -- PCA Zone 1 Concours d'Elegance and Rallye weekend, Corning, NY. A great annual Zone 1 event just a few miles north of the Keystone Region. Registration form and descriptive information on the pca.org website. Click into the Zone 1 site.

7 June -- Keystone Region annual picnic and novice rallye/tour. Bald Eagle State Park, near Howard, Pa.

13 & 14 June -- Bellefonte Cruise, in the streets of Bellefonte, Pa. Dancin' in the streets Friday night. Car show in the streets all day Saturday.

28 June - 3 July -- 2008 Porsche Parade, Charlotte, NC.

19 & 20 July -- Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pa.

26 July -- State College "Last Cruise" car show, with special Porsche parking. Mt. Nittany Middle School, Boalsburg, Pa.

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