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KEYNOTES

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KEYSTONE REGION SUMMER PICNIC AND RALLYE, JUNE 7th

-- by Bill Simon III

HEY KEYSTONERS -- IT'S PICNIC TIME AGAIN!!!

Happy Region Birthday, all you Keystoners!! Summer is (almost) here, and in June of each year, we celebrate the birthday of the Keystone Region. So, come on out on Saturday, June 7th, to celebrate the establishment of Keystone Region as an officially chartered PCA region back in June 1997. Here are some specifics:

- Keystone Region summer picnic and rallye.
- Location: Bald Eagle State Park (and environs).
- When: Saturday, 7 June 2008, Noon till 5PM (more or less)

Details: We'll gather together between 11:30 and 12:30 at Pavilion #5 in Bald Eagle State Park. (Same pavilion as last year's picnic. Bald Eagle Park is about 3 miles east of Howard along Pa. Rte. 150, between Howard and Beech Creek. The park is relatively convenient to all our membership, from Williamsport to Altoona and from Wellsboro to Lewistown. After entering the park, look for the sign to turn left toward Pavilion #5. We'll have a short drivers' meeting and start the Keystone Rallye, with first car out at 1:01 PM.



Rallye: Rallying is F-U-N, even if you've never done it before. 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 start and end up 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, AMC Gremlin, or whatever else also occupies your garage. And, as we proved last year, Porsches don't shrink or fade away in a temporary rainstorm....

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 \$12.00 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 promises that the weather on 7 June will be beautiful, so RSVP now to help us celebrate another year 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 lovely countryside. (In the event of some rain, remember that (1) Porsches operate just fine on wet roads, and (2) Pavilion #5 has a roof. So, come on out and enjoy the fun and the BBQ).

Rally in the Valley!

Well, it's time for the Keystone PCA to rally together for the Youth Services Bureau and show our fellow car clubs we have got what it takes to put a fun day together for all!

As a follow up to last month's article, I hope many of us have marked our calendars for Saturday July 26th to attend the 23rd Last Cruise.

Where: at the Mount Nittany Middle School, 656 Brandywine Drive, Boalsburg Pa.

Registration: 7:00am - 12:00 Noon

Activities: will include, Judging from 11:00 - 4:00, Awards from 4:00 - 5:30, a "Last Cruise" from 6:00 - 8:00 in Downtown State College, and a Best of the Best car show in Downtown State College from 6:00 - 9:00pm as well. So plan to take part in as little or as much as you wish, as the day will be full of fun. However our goal as a club will be to raise more funds for the Youth Services Bureau than any other car club. How? We will be conducting a silent auction, and donations for this have already begun to arrive. We've received two Dinner coupons from Texas Roadhouse, a really awesome 2008 2 foot x 2 foot Porsche factory calendar donated by Bill Hoag (one of our members), and a round of Golf for two, including cart from Toftrees Resort, two dinner certificates from the Outback Steakhouse, and a few more items as well! All sure to raise some \$\$ for this worthwhile cause. So if anybody else has any items or contacts to get some, let us know & we'll turn it green at the Car show

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Bargain of the season:

White terry cloth Porsche logo Robes - all XL & are awesome - only four of these left at \$50.00 each.
To good to believe, shop anywhere else & they are sold for \$125.00 & up!

Contact Mike Szczesny or drop by the next event to get your goodies!

Up To Speed

Judy Sears

The calendar says it's spring but the furnace is still running and it's cold outside. At least the trees are turning green and I suppose it will turn warm soon. At least the snow has melted and we can take the snow tires off and let the Porsches run a bit.

We have a Social/Board meeting planned for Saturday, May 10 at The Down Under Steak House at One Country Club Lane in Toftrees in State College. We will start at 5 pm with a quick meeting then adjourn for socializing and dinner. Mike Szczesny has some special parking planned and an offer of discounted rooms if you give him a call. That info is in his article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also in this newsletter is the announcement of our Birthday Picnic. Bill Simon has planned a great day for us so put June 7 on your calendar and come help us celebrate our 11th year. I do hope you all will take the opportunity to get the Porsches out and join us for these events.

'Till Next Time

Carrera 4'um

Fred Sears - Membership and Safety

As of today's membership report we have 79 members and 65 affiliate members. There is one new member, Tom Stickle and his wife Doreen, joining from Lock Haven with a 2006 Black 997S - WELCOME. We had no non-renewals this month but last month's report showed Damion Beaver and Jack Beideman as non-renewals. We did get a returned newsletter last month belonging to Anthony Harlacher of Montoursville - if anyone knows his whereabouts please let me know. This is the second returned newsletter in two months. When you move please let either PCA or myself know so we can change your address; the post office does not notify us of your new address and usually indicates as for the aforementioned newsletters that they have no forwarding address.

A few minutes ago we changed out snow tires in preparation for a drive to Virginia Tech tomorrow morning. Good time to check tire wear, two of our snows are approaching the wear bars. As I have mentioned in previous articles tires even close to the wear bars can be deadly in the rain so spend a few moments checking your tires and replacing as necessary.

Look forward to seeing you at our June 7th picnic. Happy driving.

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PREDATOR PERFORMANCE TOUR

YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE - Article and Photos by Bob Cornell

Yesterday, the Predator Performance people, captained by Jeff Towns, were kind enough to give us a guided tour of their awesome facility. All I can say is "Wow, you should've been there".

This operation has everything from chassis design and construction, performance engine building and tuning, body prep and so on. We saw not only the chassis dyno in operation with our 912, but the break-in cycle of a racing engine on the engine dyno. The people were as gracious as any hosts could be. There is no doubt, everything about Predator says "this is a first class operation".

I won't go into the details, but our 912's performance on the dyno reminded me of the "Excellence" headline that read: When 400 HP isn't enough. I would tell you more, but I don't want to make those of you with BIG IRON jealous.



After the tour we had lunch at a local Italian restaurant which was really quite good. In fact the hot sausage was the best I've had in years. On the way home we had an electrical glitch with the 912 which made it a very long trip. However, with the help of Fred and Judy Sears, we made it home safe and sound. We were actually still smiling. Just goes to prove once again: It's not just the cars, it's the people.






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May 10th – Keystone PCA Board meeting & dinner at the Down Under Steakhouse at Toftrees Resort.

Plan on joining us all on Saturday at 5:00 for a quick Board meeting followed by Dinner at 6:00pm in the Down Under Steakhouse. We will have designated VIP parking for the evening & the Goodie store will be rolling out some awesome "Spring Specials" as well.


Many items have very limited supplies but will be a great start for the 2008 driving season. (Either for gifts or just "must have" items) Special overnight room rates are available to Keystone PCA members, so if interested please e-mail me at mikes@shanecorp.com
 - Mike Szczesny




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
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
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For Sale: 2 zone one gift certificates that are good for certain events in 2008. They are each good for \$100 off an entry fee for the Porsche Clash PCA club race and also for \$100 off the entry fee for the 48 Hours at the Glen DE. They are available for \$50 each. Bob Cornell, 15 Fairway Drive, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 570-884-7000. bob912@ptd.net

UP COMING EVENTS

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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