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KEYNOTES

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA KEYSTONE REGION



FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

- Bob Cornell

There's a reason why the catch phrase "PCA is all about the people" is so popular. **It's true!** I've been sitting here trying to figure out why I don't know who half of you are, and the only conclusion that makes any sense is that you don't attend any of our events. Forgive the error, I meant to say "your events".

Why would anyone join PCA if not to share their passion with others of the same ilk? Surely, it's not just to receive Pano. After all, Pano is mostly about the club and its members. Hey, wait a minute-the members-that's us, the people! Believe me, it's a lot more fun to do it, than to read about it. So please, do yourself a favor and come to an event. We'll do our best to make it worth your while.

The board, and other interested members, just finished the initial planning session for 2009. I think there are two areas worth highlighting here. The first is that this year we are going to spread the events around the region. Historically, most of the events have been held in the State College area, but this year we're making a real effort to move them throughout the region. If you have any ideas for an event in your area, don't be shy, let us know. Secondly, we're going to have a joint event with Pocono Region, probably in early June. You have my pledge that this will be a good event, not in State College, with great scenery, Porsche quality roads and people who are fun.

So please come and "Do the Porsche" with us. Every event may not be your cup of tea, but overall I think you'll have a good time and maybe make some real friends. I know we have. And remember, it's all about the people.

Next Meeting

- Mike Szczesny

On Sunday February 22nd the Keystone PCA will have their monthly Executive meeting at the Holiday Inn Express located at 1925 Waddle Road in State College, Pa. (814) 867-1800 is the phone number of the Hotel. For those of you familiar with the area it is in the Williamsburg Square complex located right behind the Outback Steakhouse.

As always, overnight accommodations are available at a VERY special Keystone PCA rate in case you want to make a weekend of it. Just let me know & I'll hook you up.

The meeting will be held in the Williamsburg room & as always all members are welcome to attend. We look forward to a fun meeting, lots of input & then we will adjourn to dinner immediately after, in a place to be determined at the moment.

Sometimes it's just more fun to be impromptu!

The meeting is scheduled from 3:00 to 4:00 and sometimes goes quicker. Coffee, tea, and refreshments are always available in the Great Room at the Express, which is adjacent to the Williamsburg room – so please help yourself.

So if you want to join us for just the dinner after part, please feel free as well.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Calendar Items:

3, 4, & 5 March: On-line registration for the 2009 Porsche Parade at Keystone Resort, Colorado. Parade is 28 June thru 4 July 2009, but you must register on 3, 4, or 5 March to guarantee an accepted reservation. See the January issue of Porsche Panorama or the Parade website www.porscheparade2009.com for all details.

28 March: Keystone Region board meeting and membership dinner at American Ale House and Grill, Cricklewood Drive, in the Toftrees section of State College. Board meeting begins at 3PM, with dinner around 4:30-5:00PM after the business meeting.

25 April: Annual Porsche-Only Swap Meet at Hersheypark. Keystone Region members in the vicinity of State College will gather at the Holiday Inn Express at the Toftrees/Woodycrest exit of I-99/US-220 between 7:30 and 8:00AM and depart in a convoy to Hershey around 8:15 after coffee and snax.

20 June: Bellefonte Cruise. All-makes car show in the streets of Bellefonte, Pa.

28 June - 4 July: 2009 Porsche Parade, Keystone Resort, Colorado.

17-18-19 July: Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. Vintage racing on public roads thru Schenley Park in the Oakland section

Targa Newfoundland Prologue

-Felice and Jim Haggerty

Targa Newfoundland- the ultimate motor sport adventure. 6 days of road rally with your favorite car around the Canadian province of Newfoundland. You can do it- anyone can do it! Well, anyone with a car and the ability to get to Newfoundland and a little common sense. Yes PCA member, you can do it. It's worth a look.

The big dog's race in the Targa division- fully equipped- roll cages, harnesses, the works. Not for beginners. The place to begin is Grand Touring. It's designed for beginners and those who want less speed and less pressure. (Note from Jim's Navigator and typist of this article. I have no idea where he got the idea of less pressure. I lost 5 pounds that week!). Some folks compete solely in Grand Touring annually. It's a TSD deal and runs the exact same course as the Targa competitors. Driver and navigator need helmets and the car needs to be street legal and cosmetically presentable. Targa cars are all required to meet these two standards as well. Lots of competitors have run Grand Touring and then returned to run full Targa in a subsequent year.

The cars are cool, the scenery is beautiful, the roads are winding, the weather is mostly good, the food is adequate (this isn't a cruise!), the course is challenging, the people are GREAT!

If you'd spend time going on vacation or to a PCA annual parade or on a cruise, we can't imagine why you wouldn't consider Targa Newfoundland as a destination instead. It should be part of your "bucket list", a top ten.



I see every road I drive now as a potential Targa Stage- our county is full of them. Felice reminds me when we are out sight seeing in the 911 "Slow down Jim. This isn't Targa".

Some resources you may want to investigate are listed below. Like most things in life, preparation is the key to the fun. Enjoy!

www.targanewfoundland.com - nice site- several videos.

www.youtube.com Targa Newfoundland 2008 lots of videos from 2008 and previous years.

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KEYSTONE REGION SPRINGTIME DINNER OUT

--- by Bill Simon III

Hey Keystoners!!! Mark your calendars for Saturday afternoon/evening, March 28, for our first social event of 2009. (We have to wait for the snow to melt, don't we??)

Well, if the snow is melted (or if it isn't), your club will gather at the American Ale House and Grill on March 28th for both an Executive Board meeting and a membership dining out. Some details: For members of the Executive Board, we'll meet at the Ale House at 3:00PM, and take care of a variety of business matters regarding the operation of your Club. Please Note: The Board meeting is never restricted only to Board members; in fact, we welcome and encourage participation, contributions, and ideas from any and all club members. So, if you have some ideas for the activities in your Club, please join us at 3PM.

Immediately following the meeting (around 4:30-5:00PM), we'll adjourn and start the social part of the evening and dinner from the fine and varied menu at the Ale House. And, if we hang around long enough, there will also be musical entertainment at the famous Ale House piano bar. Directions: Exit I-99/US-220 at the Toftrees/Woodycrest exit. Turn toward Toftrees; pass the Toftrees resort entrance; turn left onto Cricklewood Drive; wave at Mike Szczesny in his front yard; Ale House is on left. In the event there's no more nasty snow on March 28 and in the event you're driving your Porsche, park in the street, space permitting. We'll have a mini-Porsche show right there in the street. Directions and other information are at: www.americanaalehouse.net.

Also (important here, if you want a place to sit): If you plan to join the group on March 28, for meeting, dinner, or both, give Bill Simon a call at 814.235.1356, or drop a quick e-mail RSVP to Bill at bsimon911@gmail.com. It'll be springtime -- bring those Porsches out!!!

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Aug. 29: Canyon Cruise

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