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KEYNOTES

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Keystone Region Holiday 2009 (2010?) Bash

---- by Bill Simon III

Happy late season's greetings to all of you. Your Carrera Christmas, High-Speed Hannukah, and/or Keystone Kwanza have all come and gone. Your faithful Executive Board considered the hustle, bustle, and hassle associated with those weekends and office parties in December, and has decided to celebrate another year of Porsche fun after the holiday (!) are finished. So, this year's 2009 Keystone Holiday Bash will be in 2010, specifically on Saturday evening, January 16th at the Nittany Lion Inn on the Penn State campus in State College. So-o-o-o-o, now that all the other holidays are past, come on out and join your Porsche friends for a laid-back evening of fun and fellowship, maybe even a little Porsche talk, and even a few late-holiday presents which didn't make it under your tree. Here are the details.

Keystone Region Post-Holiday Bash: Saturday evening, 16 January 2010. Times: Cocktail hour, with munchies, at 6:00PM (Cash Bar). Dinner at 7:00 PM. Cost: \$25.00 per person, incl. tax and gratuity. (Note: This is your best deal ever to start out the New Year!! More than half of your costs are being underwritten by your Keystone Region. Such a DEAL!!)

Menu: Select from the following three entrees, each with an international touch:

- (1) Mediterranean Style Short Ribs, braised with a sauce of toasted almonds and dried apricots, with tomatoes, sweet potato, and buckwheat cakes.
- (2) Coq au Vin, marinated with red wine, served with baby carrots, mushrooms, and potatoes.
- (3) Sake-Ginger Shrimp, sautéed with zucchini and scallions, with a sake-garlic and ginger sauce, over rice noodles.

All meals include salad, veggies, and a delightful raspberry and chocolate German strudel (to give us that German touch). Wine will be available. **Location:** The "Alumni Lounge" at the Nittany Lion Inn on the Penn State campus. (Enter the main hotel entrance. To get to the Alumni Lounge, go thru the hotel lobby; go past "Whiskers" (the bar); turn left at the Dining Room entrance, and go down the hall to the "old main entrance" of the Inn.) **Directions:** The Nittany Lion Inn is at the northwest corner of the Penn State campus, at the corner of Park Ave. and North Atherton St. (Business Rte. 322) in State College. It's a large white brick building with blue shutters on the windows (...Blue and White,.... get it?). Enter hotel front off Park Avenue. **Parking:** Es ist kein Problem: (which, translated from the German, means "No Problemo, Señor): The Nittany Lion Inn main entrance is directly adjacent to the Nittany Parking Deck, easily visible from the hotel front. Get your parking ticket stamped at the hotel front desk for free parking. The Nittany Lion Inn does really first-class work. Come and enjoy the after-holiday time with like-minded motorheads. Now, you KR Guy dudes --- we again promise not to talk about cars ... at least not too much ... for most of the evening. Also, the famed Keystone Region Goodie Store will be on-site and open all evening, just in time to get that belated Keystone Region present for your favorite Porsche nut. Also, there will be some fabulous door prizes. **The Logistics:** (Really IMPORTANT Stuff Here): We're limited here to about 50 or 60 people, so please RSVP EARLY to Bill Simon. More importantly, please send Bill a check for your meals and your selection of entrees. Even more importantly, please RSVP to Bill not later than 5 January by phone or e-mail. "The [proverbial] check's in the mail" is OK here, but the headcount and choice of entrees needs to be to the hotel planners by 8 January. Bill is at: 814.235.1356 (yes...."one 356"...) and at bsimon911@gmail.com . Send checks (payable to Keystone Region, PCA) to him at: 880 West Aaron Drive, State College, Pa. 16803-3119 . Overnight Lodging: If you're coming from outside the immediate Centre County area, take advantage of some super economical overnight lodging (including free breakfast). Region member Mike ("I want to buy a vowel") Szczesny has reserved a block of rooms at your choice of the Holiday Inn Express or the Hampton Inn and Suites for a paltry \$39.00 per night. For reservations, call Mike at 814.867.1800 or e-mail him at Mikes@shanercorp.com. Mention the "Keystone PCA rate" for the special price. As in previous years, our end-of-year get-together (...actually beginning of a new year...) is always a highlight. So, come on out and end the holiday season in style with your Porsche friends!! See you there!!



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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

- Bob Cornell

As James Bond said to one of the “Bond girls”, “It's all behind you now”. Well, that's how I see our 2009 PCA year. And if I do say so myself, it was a darn good one.

Many thanks to all of the board members for working so hard to make everything run so smoothly. Also, thanks to all of those who gave of their time to organize and run the events. They were interesting, varied and fun. What more can you ask. Last, but not least, thanks to all of you for participating. We just returned from the fall Zone 2 President's meeting, and when we talked about region participation, I was as proud as a new papa. On a percentage basis, we average about three times the region average. Not bad!

Let's not forget Eric Swendrowski and his untiring effort in publishing KEYNOTES. It's professional, attractive and interesting. I see every newsletter in zone 2, and ours is better than many where the regions are much larger than ours. Now that every issue is in color, it's better than ever.

Thanks to Gwen for ramrodding the Cars and Coffee breakfasts. She believed it would be good, and it is. Two of the three breakfasts had over twenty attendees. The board has elected to have them again next year. So THANKS to everyone for making me look good and making my job easy.

One last thing. Don't forget the holiday party. It's January 16 at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College. It's a very nice place and they do a wonderful job for us. Plus they support us by advertising in Keynotes, so we need to support them. As usual Mike Szczesny is making rooms available for us “out of towners” at a very reasonable rate, so we don't have to drive home late at night. All of the details are in this issue. OK, that's it. Please have a wonderful holiday.

In every issue of Keynotes, I talk about how important the people of PCA are-you know, “It's not just the cars, it's the people”. This month I have a little story instead.

Last night we returned from a four day “road trip”. Four Boxsters, four couples, two PCA regions, and eight friends. For the past four days the Stucks, Durrwachters, Gwen and I (Keystone Region) and Daryl and Pat Middlebrook (Finger Lakes Region) have been touring up-state New York and the Adirondack Mountains. During that time we logged about 900 miles, viewed beautiful Skaneateles Lake, visited Dave Durrwachter's favorite dairy farm, ate in my favorite Italian restaurant in Utica, NY, toured the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, and rode the gondola lift to the top of Whiteface Mountain. Better than that, we learned that one of us was nick named Precious and Pretty Boy, another named Zeke, and a third Peanut Butter. We all told our favorite “clean” jokes, and some not so clean.

In short, we spent four Porsche days together driving, eating, drinking, touring, and mostly laughing. I've attached a pic of the eight of us on top of Whiteface Mtn. This is what PCA is really about.

I think that's about it. Thanks for your support this year-we've had a lot of fun. And remember- “It's not just the cars, it's _____”. Good, I knew you'd remember.

- Bob Cornell



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