

# KEYNOTES

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA KEYSTONE REGION



**September, 2010**



## ***CARS AND COFFEE -- STATE COLLEGE***

--- by Bill Simon III

Hey Keystoners! Owing to the overwhelming popularity of our "Cars and Coffee" get-togethers in the past two years in State College, Williamsport, and Lock Haven, your Keystone Region will be having another one of these popular events over toward the western end of our region -- in State College this time, on Saturday morning, 16 October. State College should be reasonably civilized that weekend, as it's a bye weekend for the Nittany Lions, and the usual 110,000 crazy fans won't be here to clog up the streets and restaurants.

Here are the details: Gather up around 10:00 AM at the Eat 'n' Park, just off North Atherton Street in State College. It's at the south end of the large shopping mall on North Atherton St., about 2 miles north of the PSU campus and dominated by Wal-Mart, and is pretty hard to miss. If, along North Atherton, you see the MacDonald's, then the Eat 'n' Park is just behind it. I know, you're thinking ---- "Eeeeeww, an Eat 'n' Park?" But this one is quite nice, and we had a delightful and very well-attended "Cars and Coffee" there last year. Seems almost new, though I know it isn't, and it's very nicely appointed and maintained, and provides excellent service.

They'll have their breakfast buffet going only until 11:00 AM, and we can also order breakfast or lunch off the menu, if the buffet is not for you. Look for us in the reserved section at the back of the restaurant, past the buffet and beyond all the other seating areas.

Directions: (1) If you're from the State College area, this is by the North Atherton Street Wal-Mart (not the one near the Nittany Mall). (2) If you're not from the S.C. area, and coming in on Interstate-99 or US Rte.322, get off the Nittany Expressway (which is I-99, US-322, and US-220) at the Toftrees/Woodycrest exit. Turn away from Toftrees onto Waddle Road. Pass Olive Garden, the Outback Steak House, the Holiday Inn Express, and the Texas Roadhouse, all on your left. Go straight thru about 3-4 traffic lights to a T-intersection. Go right at the T (Vairo Blvd.), and Eat 'n' Park is hard to miss on your right. For the necessary photo op, park your Porsches together. (If you get close, but are navigationally challenged, the phone no. at the restaurant is: 814.231.8559.)

Come on out and start your weekend with your Porsche friends and lotsa Porsche talk. You'll still be home in time for Saturday afternoon football on TV!

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## ***Up To Speed (It's Election Time)***

It's time to vote for our Executive Board for 2011. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a ballot. Each member and family/affiliate member should record his or her vote and then mail the ballot to me at the address shown.

I look forward to announcing our officers at the December board meeting. As usual everyone is invited to all our meetings.

Judy Sears, Past President and Nominating Chair

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<http://key.pca.org>*

## FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

As I sit here on this beautiful fall day, I'm thinking that I really am a northerner. I've had about enough of 90 degree plus, high humidity weather. I guess I'm ready for the dry, crisp days ahead.

Speaking of 90 plus, high humidity days, again this year we attended the Pittsburgh Vintage races. Boy, was it hot, but also very cool. This year we went with the Stucks and Durrwachters, and were also joined by our friends the Middlebrooks from Finger Lakes Region. As usual we saw a lot of great cars, partied as hard as we could, and in general, had a great time.

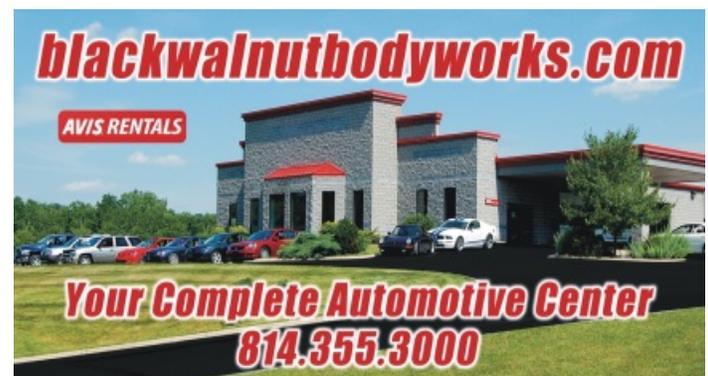
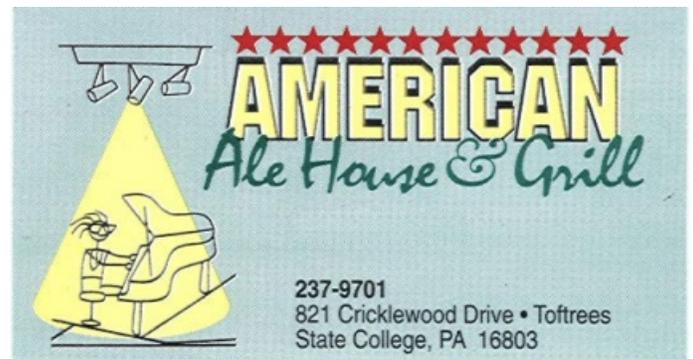
This past weekend we went to Watkins Glen for their Vintage Festival. I've enclosed a pic of our group at the Seneca Lodge. The pic was taken by our neighbor George Church. He and his wife Cathy went with us-we allowed this even though they are Triumph drivers. As you can tell, I love vintage race weekends. The reason is that the cars are old-like me. Well, I guess that's an over simplification. The vintage cars have character, and they don't all look alike. I can tell the make, model, and sometimes the year from a hundred yards away. I can't tell what most of the new cars are unless I can read the name. Thank God Porsches still look like Porsches! Speaking of Porsches, the 912 made the trip without any problems and was oogled time and again. It fits right into that venue.



OK, enough editorializing! We had a wonderful time and saw many friends from as far away as Ontario, Canada. For cocktails, our table sat PCA members (and friends) from Pocono, Niagara, and Finger Lakes regions. We are truly blessed to have found PCA. It's brought much enjoyment into our lives, and this weekend was just one example.

Come join us for the rest of our 2010 Keystone season. We've got some good events lined up to take advantage of this beautiful time of year. And don't forget: It's not just about the cars, it's about the people!

Bob Cornell



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## DE event at Mid-Ohio

- Patrick McDaniel

After a couple of years of hesitating, I finally went to a DE event at the Mid-Ohio track in late August. I can honestly say that it was one of the most enjoyable weekends of my adult life, and I highly recommend the experience to anyone who enjoys driving. For those of you not familiar with these events, let me explain.

At DE events, drivers are graded from A to D in decreasing order of experience, with instructors being a class by themselves. As I read it, "A"s are basically pros/semi pros, "B"s are experienced drivers, "C"s are trained enthusiasts, and "D"s have little or no experience. This was my first driving event, so I was in the "D" group. It typically takes a few events to move from "D" to "C", any many more to move up to "B". Each group gets about four "runs" per day on the track with all cars from the same group running simultaneously. Each run is about 25 minutes long. Interestingly, cars are not graded at these events, so you may find yourself amongst everything from Miata's (yes there are a few non-Porsches) to GT3s.

Particularly at the lower groups, there is no pressure to drive fast or keep up with the other cars, so it is not as stressful as you might think. There is a well-practiced procedure on passing in the straight-aways, so you never really feel pressured by cars running up on you. That is not to say that it is Sunday driving—people get up to very high speeds (I think I topped out the weekend around 120 mph), but it is all very safe and well organized.

One of the best parts of the event is that you are assigned a personal instructor. Your first time on the track has him/her driving their car with you in the passenger seat, and the remainder of the weekend you drive your car with them in the passenger seat. The instructor talks to you through a headset. They talk you through each turn and critique your driving. This really makes the event, and you build skill, confidence and experience very quickly.

Again, I cannot recommend the experience highly enough. Not only do you get to have a wonderful experience with great people, but also get to know your car better. Go do it; seriously, you will have a blast.



If you are interested, I wrote an extensive blog on my experiences and lessons learned about driving on the track. See the entry "A View from the track ..." at <http://patrickmcdaniel.wordpress.com>

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