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KEYNOTES

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA KEYSTONE REGION



FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

Bob Cornell

On February 22 we had an interesting and productive board meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in State College. Thanks to Mike Szczensy for donating the meeting room and refreshments. When the business was completed, we adjourned to The Ale House for dinner-excellent as always. They sure take good care of us.

Several items were discussed and a few changes were made. First, we decided by, unanimous vote, to start printing Keynotes in color. From now on this will be the standard. We just sold one more advertising space, and that income will cover the difference in cost. Also, we are considering turning over the operation of our Goodies Store to an on-line service. Mike has done the research and reports that our net return will be better than when we do it ourselves. The final vote will be at our next meeting (Ale House-March 28). Unless there is some strong last minute objections, this will also pass. If it does, directions for use will be printed in Keynotes.

The balance of the meeting was spent on the 2009 event schedule. The June 14th picnic with Pocono Region is pretty much nailed down thanks to the effort by the Stucks and Durrwachters. This will be a great event with several things going on including some type of rally, perhaps a peoples choice car show, great Porsche roads, wonderful Pennsylvania scenery, and good food. This will take place through the mountains northeast of Williamsport. We are also looking at a river cruise on the Hiawatha in Williamsport, and a cruise, museum tour and dinner in the Huntington area. One final note, this year's holiday party is scheduled for Jan. 16th, 2010. This is an effort to eliminate the December holiday congestion. The rest of the events can be found on the back page.

By the way, Zone 1 is calling for volunteer workers for the Porsche Clash at Watkins Glen, May 29-31. If you are interested, go to [for an on-line registration form](#). You should consider it, we really have a lot of fun.

That's about it for now. Please come to our next meeting (Ale House-March 28). We are all looking forward to seeing you. Remember, PCA is all about the people.

2009 Porsche-Only Swap Meet

----- by Bill Simon III

For those of you who trek down to Hershey for the annual Porsche-only Swap Meet, you know how amazingly fantastic it is. If you haven't been before, join us this year. You won't believe your eyes! It really is the largest Porsche-only Swap Meet in the world. If there's a Porsche part you NEED, someone will be selling it at the Swap Meet. Also, model cars, Porsche books, cleaning materials, t-shirts, and on, and on.

If you're in or passing through State College, meet up with your fellow Keystone members at the Holiday Inn Express (at the Toftrees/Woodycrest exit off I-99/US-220 passing State College). The HI Express is in Williamsburg Square right at the freeway exit, behind the Outback Steak House. We'll gather there for some coffee and rolls between 7:30 and 8:00AM or so, and begin our convoy to Hershey at about 8:15. Not coming thru/near State College?? Just make your way to the HersheyPark parking lot, at the corner of PARte. 39 and HersheyPark Blvd., across from the Giant Center arena. You can't miss it -- just follow the signs and traffic wardens from there.

IMPORTANT! -- If you're going to gather up with us at the HI Express, give Bill Simon a call or e-mail so we'll know to wait for you. Otherwise, we don't. Either bsimon911@gmail.com or 814.235.1356.

See you there!! Happy shopping!!

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KEYSTONE REGION SPRINGTIME DINNER OUT

--- by Bill Simon III

Hey Keystone members!! If you haven't marked your calendars for Saturday afternoon/evening, March 28, DO IT NOW!! The snow, for now, is gone, and we're hoping that there will be no more, and that the Porsches will be clean for our first social event of 2009. Whether the snow is here or not, your club will gather at the American Ale House and Grill (see ad elsewhere in this issue) on March 28th for both an Executive Board Meeting and a membership dining out.

Executive Board members and committee chairs: We'll meet at the Ale House at 3:00 PM in the back part of the dining area, to take care

of a variety of business matters pertaining to the operation of your Club. All members, please note: The Board welcomes and encourages participation, contributions, and ideas from any and ALL club members. So, if you have some ideas for the activities in your Club, please join with the Board at 3:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!

Following the business meeting (around 4:30-5:00 PM), we'll adjourn and start the social part of the evening, with dinner from the fine and varied menu at the Ale House. For the hard core, there will be musical entertainment afterward 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 the left. If you're driving the P-car (as you should) and not your support vehicle, park in the street, space permitting, and we'll have a mini-Porsche show right there in the street. Bimmers, rice-wagons, Vettes, et al, please use the parking lot. More Ale House info is at: www.americanalehouse.net Address and phone info is in their ad elsewhere in this issue.

Important RSVP stuff (mainly, if you want a place to sit): If you can join us on March 28 (and we hope you do) for the meeting, dinner, or both, give Bill Simon a call at 814.235.1356, or drop a quick e-mail to Bill at bsimon911@gmail.com. Accu-Weather promises lovely weather, so bring those Porsches out for a breath of fresh air!!! See you there!

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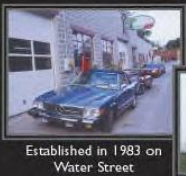
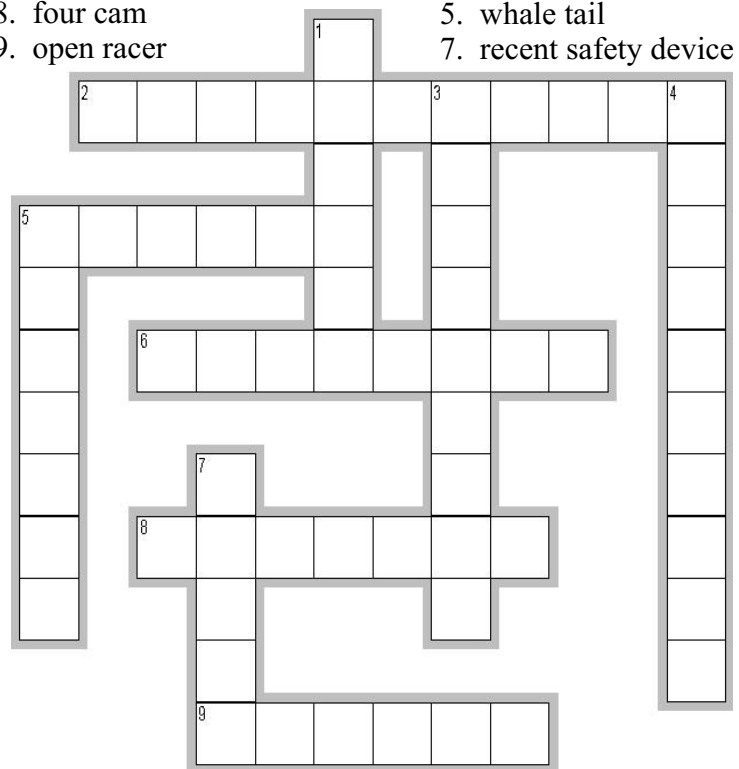
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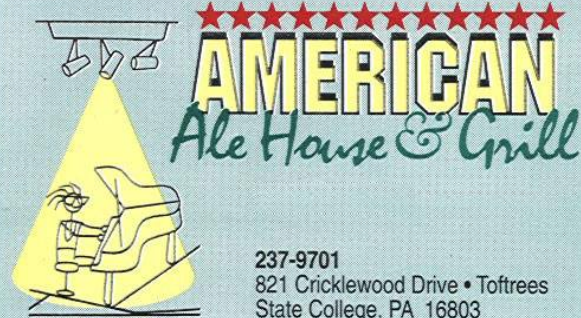
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This past weekend, March 12-15, Dave Durrwachter and I made our annual trip to Virginia International Raceway to work the Zone 2 Driver's Ed event. My job, again, was to run the volunteers and Dave was, again, good enough to be one.

The trip down on Thursday was uneventful and we arrived in time for early registration, a nice dinner, and reunion with friends from the PCA world. It was a little cool, but other than that it was pretty nice. Beginning Friday, it was downright cold and starting to rain. Then came Saturday—more cold, more rain. By Sunday, we had on all of the clothes we had with us and, of course, they were all wet. Since Dave and I take care of gridding the cars, we are out in "IT" all day. But, if you've got to be miserable, where better than at the track?

Our friends and fellow Keystoneers, Fred and Judy Sears were there. Fred had so many clothes on that if he'd fallen over he would have been like the kid in the snow suit who couldn't get up. We also made some new friends like Tom Zaffarano, our new zone rep, and Kurt Gibson, our new president. Who, incidentally, both turned out to be good guys.



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I was allowed to lead the charity laps each day, so at least I got a little track time. It was a little slow for my taste, but with all of the water we couldn't go very fast. I've included a pic of Dave and me for your amusement. Cold and rainy or not, there's no place I'd rather be.

Bob Cornell

PCA Zone 1 Concours and Rally Weekend

----- by Bill Simon III

Our Keystone Region is in PCA's Zone 2, but we are on the border of Zone 1 (New York, New Jersey, New England states, Ontario, Quebec, and Canada's maritime provinces). As a result, we can often find great Porsche Club activities almost in our back yard, in Zone 1.

Each year, Zone 1 does a multi-event weekend at a different location within their zone. This year's 2009 Zone 1 Concours d'Elegance and Rally will be hosted by the Northern New Jersey Region (NNJR), one of PCA's largest regions, on May 15, 16, and 17 at the Hilton Hotel in Parsippany, NJ, not too far from our Keystone Region. (Essentially, it's Interstate-80 all the way.) Yr. obdt. svt. has done this event several times (Princeton, NJ; Lake Placid, NY; Finger Lakes, NY, etc.). It's really a great way to meet Porsche-pushers from the northeast U.S., and includes the Concours and Rally events, as well as a variety of other social events.

If you want to participate in a fun and very well-run Porsche weekend (and you don't have to be a rally freak [that's redundant] or a concours nut to participate), check out details on the PCA website. Go to: <http://www.pca.org> and click on "Region Directory" in the upper right corner of the home page. You'll find information, directions, and registration forms there.

I'll be there!! Come along for the fun! And call me if you'd like additional info about such events.

UP COMING EVENTS

28 March: Meeting at Ale House - 3:00 dinner at 5:00
25 April: Annual Porsche-Only Swap Meet at Hersheypark
14 June: Joint event with Pocono Region
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
18, 19 July: Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Aug. 29: Canyon Cruise
25 July: State College "Last Cruise" car show, Boalsburg, Pa.

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