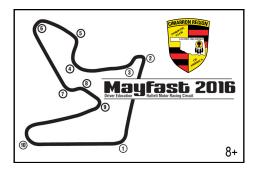


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FUN AND EXCITEMENT are two key words to describe the Ladies Autocross Orientation at Corporate Woods on March 6. Here Jean Kelley, Susan Nordstrom, and Kathy Hume are in cue, awaiting their turns to edge up to the starting line, and then navigate their way through the course of cones. Some ladies, and a few guys, with prior autocross experience attended in order to ride along and give pointers to the novice drivers.

Read all about the event, and view more photos in this issue.



All Cimarron Region members are invited to our autocross events. Look for Mike Fugate's Autocross Section in *The Cimarron Trail* throughout the season.

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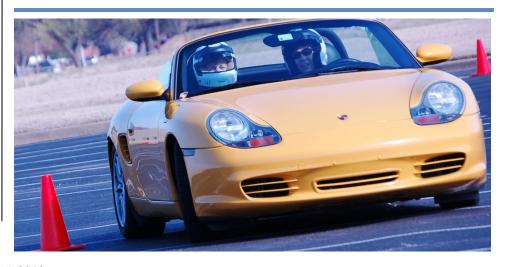
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From The Editor

OUR CIMARRON REGION is a vital, active, growing group of Porsche enthusiasts! Throughout each year, members have the opportunity to choose from numerous event types.

There are regularly scheduled mid-week dinners, even a picnic/drive to Devil's Den State Park in Arkansas, all organized by Social Chair, Steve Canada,

At the other end of the spectrum, Jon Jones, Oktoberfast Race Chair, leads a pack of Cimarron volunteers to offer PCA Club Racing at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit

Between these more docile and aggressive events, are a variety of activities. Kathy Hume, Cimarron Ladies Liaison, conducts our Ladies Luncheons on a regular basis, and continues to inject a motivational spark into our membership.

Orlando Dumalag, Mayfast Chair, constantly creates new ideas to enhance our annual Driver Education event

Mike Fugate, Autocross Chair, since assuming that role from the "retiring" Bill Jacobi, has hit the ground running, literally, through those orange cones.

So while we're at it, let's explore this autocross thing. According to the PCA web site, "An autocross is a closed-course driving event, and . . . usually held in a large open area - such as a parking lot - where the objective is to safely complete the course in the shortest amount of time."

Gary Bernard is our region's perennial Autocross champion. That's no surprise, since he is also our Chief Driving Instructor. In 2015, however, several newcomers and regular attendees have im-

proved their times, and are threatening to give Gary stiffer competition this coming season.

But although there is but one fastest time in each session, everyone benefits, learns, and improves their driving skill and confidence.

So as all drivers gain incremental improvement over time, there are also "pockets" of friendly competition within the ranks of the autocrossers. Most of us start out posting the slowest times. Each run we make is an opportunity to learn more about our cars, and there are usually three or four or five drivers who have similar times, which becomes a rivalry, if you will, to try and outdo one another.

Point is, you don't have to be the fastest to have fun at autocross.

Personally, I have slipped from once finishing 3rd or 4th, to coming in middle of the pack, due to the recent influx of new participants. And although I'm certain I'll never be season champion, I am on a mission to have a faster time than my immediate peers, (you know who you are: Bill, Rod, George, etc!) Bragging rights are fun, too!

You owe it to yourself being a Porsche owner, to come out and give it a try. Loaner helmets are always available. Everyone is helpful and encouraging. And with only one car on the course at a time, safety is the number 1 ingredient. Find more Autocross information in this issue, and upcoming *Cimarron Trail* newsletters.

As always, send your ideas, critiques and criticisms to me at cimnews@cox.net.

- Greg Petzet



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President's Perspective

GREETINGS CIMARRON REGION MEMBERS! As I mentioned last month Spring was on the horizon. Well, it has sprung and Autocross activities are already heating up. I think everyone is excited to begin after the winter layoff. After two practice sessions in



March, it is becoming clear that not only are there new drivers joining us, but some very good drivers showing up. Be sure to check out the Autocross section in the this Cimarron Trail Newsletter for details. Thanks to Mike Fugate for acquiring and testing new timing equipment last month. It is going to make set up, tracking and reporting

results simple and efficient. A special thanks to Joy Jones for all her work organizing the ladies autocross training that began on January 19 with a classroom session led by Bob Miller. On March 6, we had the club's first ladies only event. There were eight drivers assisted by the capable support from instructors Bill Jacobi, Gary Bernard and Wendell Karr-Ake. Rumor has it that my wife, Susan, is working hard to wrestle the coveted Cone Head Award away from me this year. Seriously, this represented a tremendous amount of work on Joy Jones' part to put these two events together, and we are looking forward to seeing more ladies join the Sunday autocross sessions as we progress through the year.

A brief comment on safety is appropriate. At the April Cimarron Region PCA board meeting we approved the appointment of Jon Jones as Safety Chair. In the past, the Autocross Chair has also served as Safety Chair. New PCA Autocross guidelines require an independent Safety Chair be appointed. Thanks to Jon Jones for stepping up and taking on this role. CRPCA could not ask for a more qualified and dedicated individual to handle this responsibility. For those of us involved with PCA activities, safety is always the top priority, whether related to Club Racing, Autocross, Social Drives or Tours; safety is a paramount concern. The intent is not to constrain activities, but simply to ensure all club functions are conducted in a manner to maximize the Porsche Experience

Registration for Mayfast, the Cimarron Region's annual Driver Education Event, opened March 1. Orlando Dumalag, DE Chair, and Joy Jones, Registrar,

are doing a great job. Driver attendance is growing, including increased novice driver registrations. Orlando has also added a "Taste of the Track" run group on Sunday that is already full. Be sure to read the details in this newsletter.

On the Social front, our annual St. Patrick's dinner was held on March 9 at Kilkenny's. Thanks to Steve Canada, Social Chair, and Jay Anderson, Sponsorship Chair, who secured a separate room for our group, offering a more intimate dining environment. Over 50 members attended, and judging by how early people began arriving, and the ongoing conversations after dinner, a good time was had by all. Hats off to Kilkenny's for doing a great job of serving such a large group. Also in March, Susan and I hosted a new member event at our home. This was not just for new members but offered an opportunity for new and existing members to get acquainted. We appreciate the CRPCA officers, board members, committee chairs and members who attended and helped make our new members feel welcome. New members in attendance were Paul and Ronda Johnson, Eddie and Eloise Hall, Keith Kelly and Susan Collins. It was great to talk to everyone about his or her particular interests in club activities

Steve Canada has scheduled the next Cimarron Region PCA dinner for April 5 at Hop Bunz on Brookside. We will have a separate dining area that will accommodate 50 people, so get your RSVP to Steve early. Steve is also working hard to organize several Spring/Summer activities. Some of his ideas for drives include the Coleman Theater in Miami, Grand Lake Dam Tour, Big Brutus in Kansas, Movies on the Lawn at Philbrook, and the Admiral Twin Drive In, just to name a few. Let Steve know if you like these ideas or have other suggestions.

One more comment. A big shout out to Greg Petzet, the Cimarron Trail Newsletter Editor-in-Chief. I cannot say enough about the super job that Greg does. His writing and artwork are extraordinary, and we should all be proud of the edition he produces each month. When you see Greg, let him know how much you appreciate his effort. And to quote him . . . "send copy, and at least read the thing . . ."

-Rod





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Membership Update

From Rick Hardmeyer, Cimarron Region Membership Chair Report for April 1, 2016

Welcome New Member!

Phillip Nickel - Broken Arrow, OK '13 Boxster

Primary: **244** Affiliate: **157** Life: **1**

Total: 402



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SPUR OF THE MOMENT ANNOUNCEMENT!









Mid-Week Dinner



Hop Bunz, brought to you by our friends at Los Cabos & Waterfront Grill, An OKtoberfast Sponsor!

33rd & Peoria Location Tuesday, April 5 6:30 p.m.

A Burger Paradise And then some! Angus, Chicken, Turkey, Ahi tuna, Veggie, Kobe Salads, Quesadillas, Tacos

Scrumptious Sides Adult Shakes Full Bar

RSVP to Steve Canada, 918-671-1499, or scanada@cox.net. Join your Porsche friends for gourmet fare at a popular venue. Our room will seat up to 50 people! Be there!











Calling All Members

"IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS, it's the people!" We say it all the time. So in keeping with that ideal, *The Cimarron Trail* would like to highlight members and their Porsches. We would especially like to hear from our newer members, so we can get to know

you better. Each month, when available, we'll publish capsules of your Porsche experiences. Depending upon responses, features may be tagged: New Member Profile, Member Profile, or Cimarron Region Volunteers Series. Please submit your information along with a photo or photos. If you prefer, we will schedule a time to meet you and shoot a picture or two to display with your profile. Send as much information as you would like, to cimnews@cox.net. We want to get to know you!





HOW OFTEN do you get a oncein-a-lifetime opportunity every year? When and where can you really drive your Porsche the way you'd like, without being concerned with getting singled out for personal visits with law enforcement officials? How will you ever learn the safest and most efficient cornering techniques, when to brake, when to nail it as you come out of a turn?

MAYFAST, that's where! April 30-May 1, Cimarron Region PCA presents its annual Driver Education event at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. DE isn't a race, so not to worry about your Porsche. Safety is the number 1 priority, and first-timers will attend a required classroom session, in order to learn all the "rules of the road." With drivers separated into 5 groups according to experience, you'll share the

track with a limited number of similarly skilled drivers in each of your 15-20 minute track sessions. After the classroom session, novices will be accompanied by an experienced instructor. He or she will introduce you to all facets of track driving. Not only will you have the time of your life, but you'll become a better, more confident driver in everyday situations.

DE is also a good excuse to ensure your Porsche is track ready, which additionally makes it safer for day-to-day operation. You'll want to closely read the Tech Sheet well before the event, and see to it that your car is good to go! There is nothing unusual on that Tech Sheet. And you want your car to perform at its optimum capability. So you'll check tire tread and pressure, brake fluid, brake pads, etc. All in all, it's a

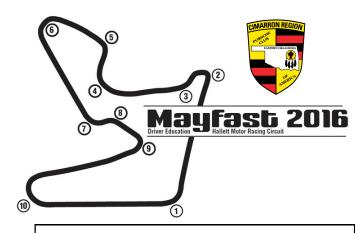
win/win for you and your Porsche!

The Novice class is only offered on Saturday, April 30, and is required for first-timers. You may sign up to drive on both Saturday and Sunday, or on only Saturday or Sunday. But, to repeat, all Novices must complete the classroom session on Saturday morning.

STILL NOT CONVINCED, but curious? Try the new "Taste of the Track," Sunday afternoon, May 1, beginning at 2:30 p.m. For only \$25, you'll receive an informative classroom session, a Mayfast t-shirt, and then a ride along with an instructor at moderate speeds, around the Hallett Circuit. Taste of the Track is an excellent way to see what you've been missing. You will probably want to participate at your next opportunity!

Mayfast details on the next page >





Mayfast Event Fees

2 Day Registration	\$3	305	.00	*
1 Day Registration (Saturday)	\$2	205	.00	*
1 Day Registration (Sunday)	\$1	185	.00	*
Taste of the Track (Sunday Only)	\$	25.	.00	*
*Includes One(1) T-shirt				

Options

Extra Event T-shirt	\$ 20.00
Extra Event T-shirt (XXX)	\$ 22.00
Saturday Evening Dinner at Track	\$ 20.00

Attention Instructors!

If you are interested in being an instructor, please register as a participant, with note saying you wish to instruct. Upon approval by Gary Bernard, Cimarron Region Chief Driving Instructor, and if no other issues, you will be sent an e-mail and given the instructor discount, after paying you will then be confirmed by the registrar. Instructors may be wait listed (at the instructor fee) depending on the number of students registered (Green group).



Contact

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Registration Information

Registration opens 3/1/2016 (Members)

3/14 (All)

Registration closes 4/25/2016

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At the bottom of the page, you'll find additional links to the Tech Sheet, optional track insurance, and Garage and Car Port rental.

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Cimarron Briefs

Did You Miss St. Tat's at Kilkenny's? You Should be Green with Envy!

MORE THAN 40 Cimarron Region members gathered at Kilkenny's Irish Pub and Eatery, March 6, for the annual St. Pat's dinner. Although the "Library Room" is bordered by shelves of books, most of the reading was of the extensive menu, which offers a wonderful array of Irish themed dishes, as well as burgers, sandwiches, and truly something for every taste. Choices are also plentiful for liquid refreshment from that side of "the pond."

The atmosphere was festive, and some-

times even boisterous! Members relaxed and took their time, moving from table to table to visit with friends, or introduce themselves to our newer folks. The wait staff scurried about the tight confines of the room, and did their best to keep everyone supplied with their gastronomic and liquid selections.

The popularity of this event continues to grow each year. Look for it in 2017! Aye, you'll be "sound as a pound on the ground; on the pig's back!" (Irish expressions of well-being.)



Nancy & Jay Anderson







Above: Joy Jones, Kathy Hume, Julie Watson, Jeanna and Blaine Price, Chuck Watson (hiding, sorry Chuck!) Dirk Hume, and Jon Jones

Entrée right: Kilkenny's King's River Fish and Chips

Right: Cliff Fisch, Joy Jones, Mike & Jennifer Fugate







Bob & Patsy Terry



John Blocha, Bob & Dulcie Miller



Randy & Elinor Kaplin



New Member Meet & Greet At President's Residence Hosted by President and Co-Resident Attended by Vice-President and Past President Who Last Year Set the Precedent



Rod & Susan

IT'S 100% TRUE, and it makes perfect sense! 2016 Cimarron Region President, Rod Nordstrom, and wife, Susan (let's call her the Co-Resident,) welcomed about 30 members into their home, Sunday afternoon, March 20, for a meet and greet designed to offer new members an opportunity to get acquainted with the region officers, chair persons, and fellow PCAers, in a casual, come and go as you like atmosphere. Jon and Joy



Jones, 2015 **President (Past)** and Treasurer, respectively, set the **precedent** last year as they hosted the inaugural new member event. Joy is this year's **Vice-President!**

Rod and Susan provided wonderful home made fare, as well as an assortment of Porsche cookies, which at first, guests were reluctant to disturb!

Several new members, as well as many familiar faces, shared new ideas and light conversation while getting acquainted. Some strolled around the back yard, which was ablaze with Springtime colors of many shades.

All in all a perfect setting, conducive to relaxing with friends, and making new ones.

(Headline by Pinot Noir) -The Editor



Spring has definitely sprung In the Nordstrom's back yard!



Jon & Joy Jones visit with new member, Eddie Hall, and his wife, Eloise.







Ladies Corner

CLUB NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE LADIES OF THE CIMARRON REGION PCA

March Luncheon Mixes Business With Pleasure

From Kathy Hume, CRPCA Ladies Liaison

WHAT A DAY! Thunder -- lightning - and lots of rain! We needed the rain! Just a quick note to say we had a great time at the luncheon.

Most of the time we were discussing the Autocross practice Sunday and what to expect. We did bring up donating to the food bank for the kids during the summer break. We also talked about Women in Recovery and their project, "Fill a Purse." It sounds very interesting. Claudia is going to check on what is needed most in "filling" the purse. I'm going to check with Cedar Ridge about having a pool party this summer. This could be fun for the kids and the adults.

Ladies, please join us for our next Luncheon, Saturday, April



23, 11:30 a.m., Cedar Ridge Country Club.

Please RSVP to Kathy Hume,

Cimarron Region Ladies Liaison, at 918.636.4156, or by email at looksergead12@cox.net.

Why Are These People Smiling? Turn The Page!



Group photo from Ladies Autocross Orientation, March 6, at Corporate Woods: Wendell Karr-Ake, Phil Goswick, Mike Fugate, Donna Goswick, Dianna Gucwa, Gary Bernard, Beverly Carlile, Jean Kelley, Jennifer Fugate, Joy Jones, Susan Nordstrom, Kathy Hume, and Bill Jacobi





Ladies Autocross Orientation Day





Wendell helps lay out a basic course. Gary

Gary goes over the "rules."

ON THE HEELS of Bob Miller's "Up Fixen Der Driving" class in January, several Cimarron Ladies participated in Autocross Orientation Day, March 6.

Mike Fugate, region Autocross Chair, and a band of eager volunteers, arranged a course of cones custom made to introduce this event to mostly first time autocrossers. Gary Bernard, Cimarron Region Chief Driving Instructor, addressed the group on many of the fine points of the event, including how to "read" the course, what the various positions of the orange cones tell the driver, and a lot of the dos and don'ts to keep in mind while smoothly but aggressively moving the vehicle from start to finish. Next, Gary led the group on a walk through the entire route, further defining gates, slaloms, pointer cones, and the suggested best "line" to drive in order to safely and efficiently navigate the course. He also touched on what constitutes the penalties for displacing cones, and how to avoid a **D**id **N**ot **F**inish.

Finally it was time to "Ladies, start your engines!" Almost all the drivers recruited an experienced autocross participant to ride along with them, at least on the first few runs. Those initial tries appeared somewhat cautious, (a euphemism for "slow!") But soon the adrenaline apparently kicked in, and as the new drivers gained seat time, their confidence grew by leaps, bounds, and even some delightful sounding revs and squeals (the tires, of course!)

Although this orientation was not an official timed event, drivers were definitely seeking to "pick up the pace" on each of their successive runs. The fun is infectious! Man or Woman, if you haven't tried Autocross, you're missing out on discovering just how well these Porsches handle, and how much fun they are to drive. Doubtless this series of Ladies' events will add new names to the regular list of drivers at autocross events throughout the season.

-The Editor

>>> more on the next page



Mike gets set to start Jennifer, as Kathy (background) nears the finish. Gary clues Jennifer in on some of the finer points of autocross.





Kathy's Autocross Review

The Autocross practice was fantastic!!! I'm TOTAL-LY hooked!!! It was fun going around the cones and trying not to hit them. I hit several!! Ha Ha. Each time through, I got more confident with the course and my car, and I started to increase my speed. At first I didn't check my time, but after a couple runs, I started checking my time and got very excited when I dropped a few seconds. I want to say Thank You to all the guys who came out and helped us. Gary was a great instructor. There were no stupid questions. Mike, for setting up the course and timing equipment. Jon, for fixing all the cones that were knocked over. I kept him busy. Bill, for helping with the ride alongs. Greg, for taking pictures. Also, I want to thank Beverly for riding with me. She was great. I can't wait until the next autocross!! -Kathy Hume





Dianna Gucwa plies her BMW through the course of cones.

Did you know PCA members may bring any vehicle they choose?

However, only Porsches qualify for the season long championship.











News - Scores - Schedule

Reported by Mike Fugate - CRPCA Autocross Chair

A DUKE'S MIXTURE of weather conditions likely contributed to a wider than usual variance in elapsed times at the first two autocross practice sessions this year.

While the March 13 group faced a few puddles at the outset, under cloudy, then sunny, then cloudy skies, the course was a tad slick in places, until about halfway through the event, when a fine, misty sprinkle gave way to an actual rain shower.

The March 20 session was run on a dry course under sunny skies, but temperatures in the 40s and a North wind surely made for less than optimum conditions.

Nonetheless, drivers of all skill levels drove valiantly, improved their abilities, car control knowledge, and their times, and are already looking forward to the next Autocross on April 3, which is the final practice event prior to the start of sessions which count toward the season long championship.

Check out results and photos on the following pages. Autocross is a blast! Plan now to come out April 3!



2016 Schedule P=Practice, C=Counting M=Make up		
April	3 (P) 24 (C)	
May	15 (C)	
June	12 (C) 26 (C)	
July	10 (C) 24 (C)	
August	7 (C) 21 (C)	
September	18 (C)	
October	9 (C) 23 (M)	
November	6 (M) 20 (M)	

Please direct any questions or comments to Mike Fugate by email at tnsmike@yahoo.com.

< < Autocross Chair, Mike Fugate, records elapsed times to the thousandth of a second, and gets course information from course spotters via walkie-talkie.



Autocross Action

March 13 Practice - How They Fared

Pos. Name (Grp.)	Auto	Best Time
1) Wendell Karr-Ake(1)	Boxster	49.771
2) Jason Tollison(1)	911	50.614
3) Gary Bernard(2)	Cayman	50.746
4) Mike Fugate(2)	Cayman	52.196
5) Scot Williams(2)	911	52.525
6) Randy Kaplin(2)	Audi	52.798
7) Bill Jacobi(1)	911	53.065
8) Brian Thomas(1)	968	53.994
9) Joe Hill(2)	Boxster	54.233
10) Beverly Carlile(2)	Boxster	54.617
11) Eddie Hall(1)	911	55.152
12) Greg Petzet(2)	911	55.501
13) Rick Hardmeyer(1)	911	57.029
14) Keith Jesiolowski(1)	Boxster	57.522
15) Jennifer Fugate(1)	Cayman	57.997
16) Bill Cammuso(1)	944	58.164
17) Kent Proctor(2)	Boxster	59.991
18) Joy Jones(2)	Boxster	61.287

DRIVERS are separated into two random groups. One group "works" the course while the others drive, and then vice versa. Group numbers are only noted above when course conditions differ from the first to second groups. In the case above, Group 1 ran with a few slippery areas due to the previous evening's rain, but with a comparatively dry course. Group 2 began under a slight sprinkle, and then finished as light precipitation temporarily turned into actual rain drops.

Conditions may have had a minimal effect on times, as tire adhesion degraded toward the end of the Group 2 session.



Wendell Karr-Ake accelerates through the finish gate

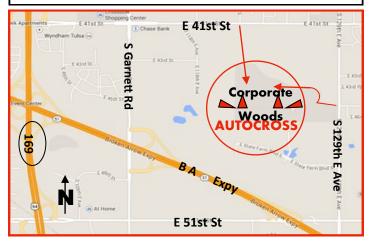




Both first-timers, Eddie Hall (Turbo) and Keith Jesiolowski (Boxster) lead group one to the start line at the first practice session for 2016.

March 20 Practice	- How The	y Fared Best Time
1) Wendell Karr-Ake	Boxster	59.375
2) Mike Fugate	Cayman	60.552
3) Gary Bernard	Cayman	60.814
4) Scot Williams	911	62.701
5) Joe Hill	Boxster	62.727
6) Beverly Carlile	Boxster	62.749
7) Bob Peck	911	64.506
8) Eddie Hall	911	64.894
9) Orlando Dumalag	911	65.443
10) Jennifer Fugate	Cayman	67.141
11) Cliff Fisch	914	67.398
12) Bill Jacobi	911	68.626
13) Rick Hardmeyer	911	69.464

Cimarron Region Autocross is held on the parking lot west of Corporate Woods office complex, 4500 S. 129 E. Ave, Tulsa. Course set-up begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a drivers meeting, course walk, and reduced speed drive through. Each participant then gets 4-5 chances to post their best time. Sessions which count toward the season long championship are \$10; practice sessions are free. Event is open to members (at least 18 years of age) with a valid driver license. Helmets required, loaners available.



Racing Season Really Heats Up in March

Tweeting Optimism

THE BEGINNING of the real racing season is always an exciting time. The roll-out of new drivers, teams and cars generates enthusiasm to get things moving and on track. The Rolex 24 at Daytona may start the official season (actually the Chili Bowl does – see



February's column,) but coming at the end of January as it does there is a hiatus until March and the 12 Hours of Sebring for sports car devotees. If you're a NASCAR fan there is the Daytona 500 of course, one of their biggest events of the year, but March is when things really start to happen. Much of the winter testing is done, hopefully all

of the new cars have been delivered, and the driver deals have been set. Optimism is rampant, with everyone expressing on social media and elsewhere their hopes for the coming season. If you had a dollar for every use of the phrase, "We're excited to be with Billy-Bob's racing team this year...," or, "We're expecting to challenge for the Dial Soap Champion-ship..." you could likely fund your own team. Optimism is great when everything is all fresh and new, and the power of positive thinking is on display. As the cold reality sets in, sometimes the optimism becomes a bit forced. We'll check in later with Billy-Bob's racing and see how it pans out.

A powerful tool for the racing fan on social media is Twitter. Almost every team and driver has their own Twitter account, and they regularly provide updates and commentary on their adventures for those that follow them. Being new to Twitter, we have a lot to learn about how it works and how best to follow the racing news. Twitter is such a pervasive force in

the racing world, much as it is in the rest of the culture, that it is easy to be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of information. Fortunately the racing world on Twitter seems to be free of the nitwits so prevalent in other genres like entertainment and politics. The trick is to find a few people to follow and then link to the other accounts that they in turn subscribe to. For example, following the Porsche Motorsport Twitter account will link you to all of the different accounts that Porsche Motorsport follows. Porsche Motorsport regularly "retweets" Twitter postings from their customer teams like Effort Racing and Black Swan, as well as updates from drivers like Neel Jani and Brendan Hartley. In addition, you get the regular updates from Porsche Motorsport which are near real-time during testing or live events. It really is quite fascinating – and addicting. Like we said it is easy to be overwhelmed. We've wasted several afternoons just following Twitter.

If you are taking the Twitter plunge, here are a few suggestions on who to follow. The aforementioned Porsche Motorsport (@porscheraces) is a great start because that will link you to lots of driver and team Twitter accounts. John Dagys (@johndagys) is a good reporter who covers almost all of the major sports car events; Marshall Pruett (@marshallpruett) writes for Racer magazine and is another excellent source as he is technologically very knowledgeable and connected; Sportscar 365 (@sportscar 365) is a great website and publication that follows everything sports car and their Twitter feed is good, too; and for the F1 fan, the pit reporter on US F1 coverage, Will Buxton (@willbuxton), has a very entertaining take on the sport. These are just a few places to start, but should get you connected and closer to the inside lane.

Social media is new to me, and may be new to you, but it is great fun for the race fan. Now get out there and twitter, or tweet or, heck I don't remember!

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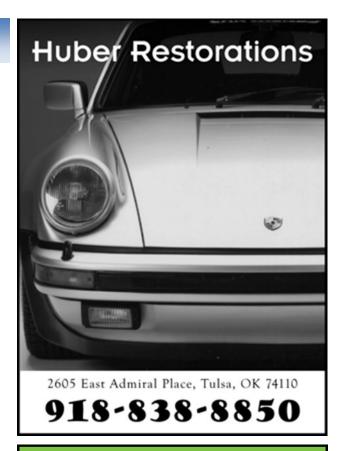
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- **Saturdays**-Breakfast at The Wild Fork-Utica Square- 8 a.m. *Good food and lively conversation to start the day.*
- **3-April**-Cimarron Region Autocross at Corporate Woods *Last Practice Session prior to official dates-8:30 a.m.*
- **5-April**-Mid-Week Dinner at Hop Bunz-33rd & Peoria *Tempting photos and more information on page 7*
- **11-April**-Board Meeting-Jackie Cooper Imports-6:30 p.m. *All members are welcome! Volunteers appreciated!*
- **23-April**-Cimarron Region Ladies Luncheon at Cedar Ridge Country Club-11:30 a.m.-RSVP to Kathy Hume
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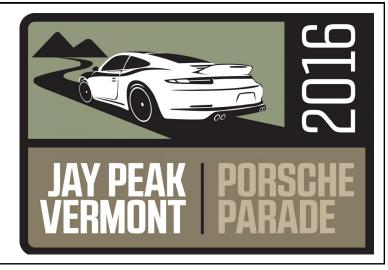
PCA West Texas Region Activities Chair, Larry Goldston, invites Cimarron Region members to participate their region's first ever Swap Meet, to be held in Lubbock, TX, April 23. Shops and PCA members within a 350 mile radius, have been invited to reserve one of 400 10' x 10' spaces for the day. PCA members are welcome free of charge. Non-members will be charged \$50. Already 3 major PCA advertisers have made intentions to bring their trailers to this meet. For a reservation and/or information, contact Larry, larrycrs46@hotmail.com, or 806-777-7857.

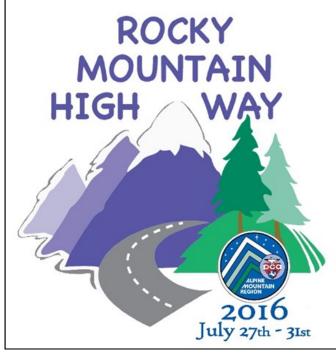
Larry hopes "you will plan on attending and sharing the fun and jocularity."

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Motorsports Update

Maximum Effort

THE BEST THING about auto racing is certainly the competition on track, the excitement of the moment and the thrill of the speed and skill of the drivers. But there are a lot of things going on behind the scenes that make all of that happen, and sometimes the team and crew don't get enough credit for all of the work they do.

Such was the case at the season-opening round of the Pirelli World Challenge at Circuit of the Americas on March 6-7. The PWC is enjoying a tremendous surge in popularity among both fans and racing teams, with outstanding fields and great motor racing. One of the top teams is Effort Racing, based out of Angleton, Texas. This relatively small team, formed in 2010, fields Porsche cars in the top tier of PWC, the GT class. Small, yes, but very successful. In 2015, Effort won the GT team championship, and their crew was recognized as Crew of the Year at the season ending awards ceremony at Laguna Seca.

In 2016, Effort Racing is using the brand new Porsche GT3R, and although the cars were delivered only



days before the first event at COTA, the crew had them prepped and ready to roll for drivers, Patrick Long and Michael Lewis. As befits a championship caliber team, the GT3Rs were fast out of the gate, scoring pole position for the first sprint race of the year. Pat Long led early, but was passed by the very quick Nissan GTR of Bryan Heitkotter. Long is a Porsche factory driver and stalked the leader as the laps wound down, looking for his opportunity. Towards the close of the race, Long noticed the leader's hand out the window as a sign of heat fatigue. Sensing his chance, Long set up Heitkotter for the pass with a feint to the inside, and then a bold move entering the

next corner. The first win for the GT3R was in the bag.

In PWC, fastest lap in the first sprint race sets the pole for the second sprint, and Heitkotter had the edge on Pat Long for the start of the COTA GT finale. At the drop of the green flag, Long's Porsche was hit from behind and turned into the guard rail along the main grandstand. A hard hit, and everyone held their breath until Long exited the car on his own steam. Once out, attention turned to the heavy damage to the front of the Porsche. It was bad looking, but far worse underneath as the front end of the car was seriously twisted. The next round for the PWC was at St. Petersburg in one week. One week to get the car repaired.

Dismayed but undaunted, the Effort Racing crew had the Porsche GT3R stripped to bare bones by the end of race day, and repairs were underway. Anxious fans Tweeted their concern, and Effort responded with updates as the days clicked by to the St. Petersburg event. With the assistance of fellow Porsche campaigner Alex Job Racing, the Effort team had the car repaired and ready to go at St. Pete – not in time for qualifying, but a monumental effort by the crew. When the going gets tough, the tough take pole posi-

When the going gets tough, the tough take pole position, which is exactly what Michael Lewis did at St. Petersburg. This talented young Porsche driver, promoted from the GTS ranks only last year, showed his mettle and scored the top spot in qualifying. Pat Long missed qualifying, but would start from the rear of the GT field. At the green, Lewis led away and would never be passed. Long fought his way from the back to finish 7th. A Hard Charger Award winner to boot.

In the second sprint, Lewis again led away at the green. The race was somewhat plagued with yellow flags, but Lewis kept his cool and dominated every restart for the win. Two in a row for the team, and a fine reward for all of the hard work. Effort Racing Team Manager summed it up, "We can't thank Alex Job Racing and Porsche enough for all of their help," said Erin Gahagan. "This definitely wouldn't have been possible without them. We'd also like to thank the other teams within the Pirelli World Challenge who offered their support. That just goes to show the respect between competitors in this paddock."

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(*Jon Jones-National PCA Scrutineer, Cimarron Region Race Chair & Cimarron Region Past President)





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