

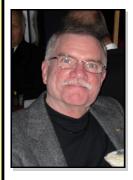
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#### From the Editor:

Willie Nelson was right!

July already? It almost seems like only yesterday we were wondering if the rain



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were wondering if the rain would ever stop, the rivers and creeks would recede, and everything might get back to "normal." Now as I sit and write this piece, the forecasts appear to be coming around to our usual hot, dry and humid

conditions. But don't blink, and make each day count, because we all know, even though Summer is just getting cranked up, it'll eventually run out of steam, and we'll be left holding the bag (of ice melt!)

What does all that yammering mean? Well, to me there's no time like the present to get more involved in your Porsche Club. Whatever your preference, driving, social, board membership, etc, there is something for everyone. Don't miss Jon Jones' President's Perspective on page 4.

Pam and I attended our first Porsche Parade this year. You've heard it over and over again, but it really is the people who make PCA go! Hundreds of Parade attendees also volunteer to help run the show. We worked the Rally at checkpoint #1. Almost 150 Porsches rolled through, so we met about 300 people just that morning, besides getting up-close views of almost every Porsche variety! And although the TSD Rally is serious business for some entrants, most everyone involved made "fun" their number one objective!

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Maybe you would like to be more involved, but simply can't find the time. In that case, you may have ideas for new events, drives, dinner venues, etc. Take a minute or two and go to page 2, email or phone one of the listed contacts, and submit a suggestion for a new activity! Do it today!

Willie was indeed spot on, "Gee, ain't it funny, how time slips away."

Check the calendar of events at our website, <u>cimarronregionpca.org</u>, for the latest updates.

Greg Petzet - Editor





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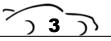
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*On the cover: The 918 Spyder was the center of attention for many at Parade* 



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### **President's Perspective - July 2015**

#### By Jon Jones, CRPCA President



Welcome to July, and we hope you are enjoying your summer! We had a mid-week dinner at Mi Cocina on June 17<sup>th</sup>, and despite the Tropical weather, we had an excellent turnout. The food and service were both great and Mi Cocina might become a regular event. Thanks to Social Chair Steve Canada for setting this up, it was a fun evening.

By the time you read this, Parade will be complete. We hope those Cimarron Region members who attended had a great time and came back with lots of stories about their adventure in French Lick, Indiana. Our intrepid Newsletter Editor, Greg Petzet, will have an on-site report further on in this newsletter. Parade in 2016 takes place in Vermont – our old stomping grounds. We may have to make the trip next year.

Upcoming Cimarron Region events include Autocross on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The next Cimarron Region Ladies Lunch will take place on August 8<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Ridge Country Club. Some great friendships are forming with this group – take the chance and see a different side of Cimarron Region PCA.

It is already July and time to think about your Club for the rest of this year and into next. We have a number of opportunities for you to become involved in the health and welfare of Cimarron Region PCA, and many do not require too much time and effort.

I have addressed club volunteers many times here, in email messages, and in person with members at various events. The simple fact is that we need membership support to continue the fun times we have in Cimarron Region. Everyone is busy, that is understood, but spreading the workload around can help those who have already volunteered lighten their load, too. The club is on a sound financial footing, thanks to the efforts of Cimarron Region members long before I got here. A case in point is our Club Race. Oktoberfast is self-supporting, and in fact, helps fund other club activities such as the very popular Annual Christmas Party. We are grateful for all the help we get every year to increase the reputation and fun quotient at this event, but more help is needed.

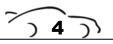
The board has decided to create a Volunteer Committee to help advertise opportunities for you, the members, to get involved. The Chair and members of this committee should be people familiar with club activities and functions, experienced with reaching out directly to people, personable and enthusiastic about Cimarron Region. We welcome any and all interest in this Volunteer Chair position, or participation on the committee, and hope you will consider increasing the health of your club.

It will be time to start the nomination process soon for the 2016 Board of Directors. I will not return as your President in 2016 according to the club by-laws, Rod Nordstrom will assume that role on 1/1/16. Joy Jones is term limited as Treasurer, so she will not have the financial reins next year. Secretary Joe Hill may serve a second year, if he so chooses and stands for nomination. While Rod becomes the President, we will need to elect a new Vice President (President Elect), Treasurer, and possibly Secretary. The process works as follows: the board will establish a three member nominating committee (not board members) by September 1st. This nominating committee will accept nominations for the vacant positions until October 10th. By October 15th, the nominating committee must present the names of candidates to the club secretary who then begins the voting process. Voting ends at midnight on November 15th, and the results will be announced at the Annual Cimarron Region Christmas Party.

The Bylaw Committee is looking at some changes to the nominating and voting process, but for the time being, this is how we expect to proceed.

The health of Cimarron Region depends on the participation of its members. Won't you please consider helping? Please email me at <u>jjone20@aol.com</u> or call 918 740-7951, or contact any other board member or chair with questions about these opportunities.

Jon Jones







... And Down The Road

- July 12 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
- July 26 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
- August 8 Ladies Luncheon Cedar Ridge Country Club 11:30 a.m.
  - August 9 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
  - August 23 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
- September 13 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
- September 18 & 19 World Endurance Championship Lone Star Le Mans C.O.T.A.
  - October 1-3 PCA Escape to Rushmore Rapid City, SD
  - October 2-4 Oktoberfast Club Race Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
- November 13-15 PCA Palooza Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Eureka Springs, AR
  - **December 12** Cimarron Region Christmas Party Five Oaks Lodge 6:00 p.m.

## **PCA Cimarron Region Member Update**

From Rick Hardmeyer, Membership Chair Reported July 1, 2015

> Primary Members: 227 Affiliate Members: 149

Life Members: 1

#### Total 377

#### Welcome New Members!

Kevin Dietze - Collinsville, OK - '85 944

Bob Peck - Tulsa, OK - '74 911

Jason Tollison - Sapulpa, OK - '14 Cayenne



## Parade 2015-A Porsche Feast

Story and photos by Greg Petzet, Editor

From tractors to turbos, 356s to 918s, with PCAers from the 4 corners of the U.S.A. and Canada, too, the 60th Porsche Parade offered something for everyone who came to French Lick, Indiana, June 20-27!

"French Lick was originally a French trading post built near a spring and salt lick. A fortified ranger post was established near the springs in 1811. On Johnson's 1837 map of Indiana, the community was known as Salt Spring. The town was founded in 1857. French Lick is best known as the hometown of basketball legend Larry Bird." (Wikipedia)

The Mile Lick Hotel, as it was called in 1855, was built to feature the availability of mineral springs in the area. Later the name was changed to West Baden Springs as it was fashioned after the famous European spa, Baden Baden. The entire structure was destroyed by fire in 1901, but a new hotel opened in 1902, complete with 200foot diameter atrium, and a fireplace that burned 14 foot logs!



but that firm soon declared bankruptcy, and the property was hung up in litigation for years. Long story just a bit shorter, ultimately the resort received multi-million dollar renovations, and opened in 2006 and 2007, as the French Lick and West Baden Springs Resorts, respectively.

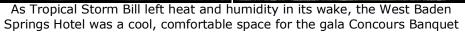
The French Lick (below right) and West Baden Springs (above) Resort area complexes are full service venues, and boast a wide range of available



activities and multiple locations for just about any type of event. The Parade Concours, originally to be

held on the adjacent golf course, was relocated into the parking garage, due to an uninvited quest the previous week. It seems Tropical Storm "Bill" rambled through Texas into Oklahoma, then took a right and topped off rivers, lakes and ponds, as well as many low lying areas, in southern Indiana. However, later in the week, the Concours Banguet was held under the expansive dome at West Baden. > > >







The French Lick Resort Hotel (The trolley above runs between the two properties, offering air conditioned comfort

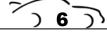


Between then and now, the property rose and

Jesuit seminary, the Northwood Institute (a private college.) Although the schools did not maintain the site in its former grandeur, it

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Pam and I were excited to attend our first Parade. We arrived French Lick on Sunday, just after registration opened. At the welcome tent, we received cold water and a handful of instructions to help us get started. After finding our way into the hotel Event Center, we were pleased at the ease and speed of the Parade check-in process. Before long, we had our paperwork and I.D. badges, and then began progressing from table to table, confirming our events, picking up our event tickets,

volunteer shirts, goodie bag (back pack), and assorted freebees!

Parade veterans had advised us to visit the Goodie Store A.S.A.P., as some of the merchandise sells out quickly. So away we went. This was also the place to pick up pre-ordered items. There were long lines to check out, but with 4 cashiers, the wait provided time to meet new friends, and before long we were on our way

Next was a stop at the desk to purchase beverage tickets. We had heard there were two lines at each event drink table, cash or tickets, and having tickets was the better way to go. That proved to be true. Anyway, a few months ago during website pre-registration, a commemorative bottle of Woodford Reserve Kentucky Whiskey with the Parade logo laser etched into the glass, was offered for pre-purchase. Before we could reserve one, they had "sold out," and we thought we wouldn't be able to obtain one. But on the counter there at the hotel where we purchased the drink tickets, the bottles were on display, and available for purchase. Everything was going our way so far!



The hotel parking garage and indoor tennis courts were bulging with Porsche people preparing their cars for the Monday Concours and "60 4 60" display. They had vacuums, towels, Q-tips, window cleaner, wax, and every type of detailing product known to man! We roamed around, spoke to some familiar folks, met many new friends, snapped photos, and generally just basked in Porsche Heaven! Some Porsches were already prepared and "hidden" under covers or simply wrapped in plastic.



The two main hotels had filled up somewhat guickly at the start of registration, and we stayed about one mile down the road. At one point during the week, we counted almost 30 Porsches at our hotel. Parking close was more convenient, and we appreciated the microwave and mini-fridge, which were not necessarily available at the other hotels.

Early Sunday evening, we joined our fellow Cimarron members: Gary and Lynne Bernard, Randy and Elinor Kaplin, and Brian and Christy Thomas, at the Welcome Party. We found Bob and Dulcie Miller sitting at a table with some long-time friends, and ran into several pals we had met at other Porsche events through the years, especially Porsche Palooza! > > >



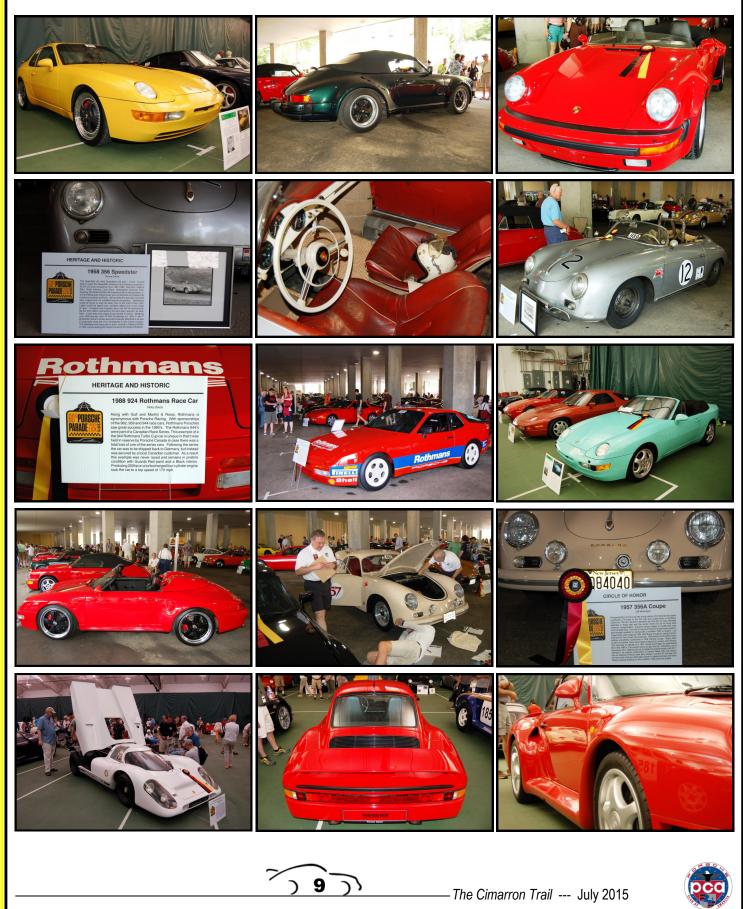




Parade hit stride Monday morning as the Concours judging and 60 4 60 display began the day's festivities. As a result of the weather, both past and forecast, and the change of venue for the showings, Porsches were not necessarily grouped by class. So we wandered to and fro, oohing and aahing, and tried to decide on our one vote for People's Choice. We could have taken literally hundreds of photos, but here are a few pages of some of the magnificent Porsches on display. Note: Full Concours results will appear in an upcoming issue of Panorama, along with every Parade award and honor listing. > > >

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## **More Parade Photos**



## **More Parade & Photos**



Monday evening we boarded a bus and rode a short distance to Patoka Lake, where we boarded a pontoon type river boat for a sunset dinner cruise. The hosts were entertaining as they imparted historical facts about the area, and also threw in a bit of folk lore.

We arose early Tuesday and drove to the West Baden Springs Hotel parking lot to meet fellow volunteers to aid in running the TSD Rally. We were assigned to checkpoint #1, near the woods, where our crew of eight saw almost 150 Porsches roll through, roughly one per minute average. Pertinent information was recorded, paperwork was distributed, and Pam and I met more friendly Porsche people, while we learned a lot about something new to us. By noon, we were on our own.



We spent the afternoon taking it easy, beginning with the Hospitality **second second second second** Suite, where there were Porsches and sponsoring vendors with information and freebees. >>>>



## More Parade & Photos

In the Museum, we found historic Porsches, relics-a-plenty from past Parades, and historical information containing familiar names!



Next we found our way to the Parade Art Exhibit, where many types of media had been utilized to create Porsche related art, including a Christy Thomas painting of her husband, Brian's, speed yellow 968, and a stunning PCA 60 year flag composed entirely of tiny beads!



At the Sunday check-in, I was informed of my autocross slot for Wednesday. I was to arrive at the airport for pre-staging at 12 Noon, and run between 1:00-2:30 p.m. Well, everyone knows about "best laid plans . . ." There ended up being a fly in the ointment, or more accurately, a fly-boy in the ointment? The airport had received word of an arriving corporate plane set to arrive that morning. The word was it would delay the autocross by about one hour. Consequently, the course cones had to be removed from the runway until the plane landed and taxied to its parking area. Unfortunately the one hour delay turned into more than two. It was a blameless situation, but it did make for a long day out in the sun.

While we waited for the schedule to catch up, Pam and I both participated in the Michelin Drive & Compare. After completing some mandatory paperwork, we were shuttled to a remote area of the airport where two young men waited with a variety of different size helmets, and two 2015 Boxster GTSs. There was a short slalom style course set up, and each driver was allowed two laps. The PDK gearboxes eliminated all the guesswork, and the Michelin Pilot Sports were impressive, I thought. And the Boxster GTS? Spectacular! (Photos next page) > >

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Once the Autocross competition got started, each driver was allowed 4 runs through the course in order to post his or her best time. Your Cimarron Region fared very well in 3 out of the 4 classes in which they were entered, with Gary Bernard, Brian Thomas, and Randy Kaplin all taking 2nd place in their respective classes. Yours truly came in 10th out of 14 drivers in my class. Better luck next time, I guess! But we all drove very well, with times of 56.64, 58.33, 60.50, and 60.81, respectively. Actually, Gary and I drove on Wednesday, Brian and Randy on Thursday. Congrats to my intrepid buddies!

The proceedings at the airport took such an inordinate amount of time, Pam and I hurriedly made it back to the hotel just in time to wash off the insect repellent and freshen up for the Rally Banquet. Besides the Rally awards, the Region, Newsletter, and other awards are presented at this occasion. And the surprises weren't over yet. The dinner was to be at the West Baden Stables. We drove to the hotel, parked the car, and to our initial surprise, boarded a bus which would take us to the stables. Okay. We had asked if we could drive there, but as soon as the bus headed in that direction, we found out why the answer had been "No." After about a mile bus ride down a

steep, curvy, gravel surfaced, tree-lined hill, we came to the clearing which is the stables. The second surprise was all the dining tables arranged in direct sunlight. We decided to make the best of it. Following a trip through the buffet line, we tried to relish the nicely prepared meal, but the temperature, bright sunlight, and lack of a cooling breeze, were not conducive to being able to enjoy the evening. Unfortunately, as many folks finished eating, they boarded the returning busses and shuttles back to their cars and/or hotels. Some of the awards are already posted on the Parade web site. The remainder will be in an upcoming issue of *Panorama*.



Our plans called for us to begin our trip back toward Tulsa Thursday morning. So we didn't get to participate in any additional events. Our first Parade was indeed a memorable one. We had an outstanding time seeing old friends, meeting new ones, and admiring all those Porsches! We certainly recommend everyone make a Porsche Parade at some point. The sheer size of it, and the organization it takes to stage this event, is a sight to behold.



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Mr. Bill's (Jacobi)

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Rained Out June 7 Session To Be Rescheduled

After the June 7 session was canceled, the weather again threatened in the early hours, but ultimately cooperated, and we had a great time autocrossing. Gary Bernard once again took top honors. Welcome Jason Tollison (996) and Cliff Fisch (914). Jason made an immediate impact, finishing 4th. And Cliff will be good competition for Mike Fugate in 914s. A note for those who might not know, Gary Bernard used to kick everyone's *you know what* for years in his 914!

I hope everyone had a good time, and will come back for our next session July 12.

Bill Jacobi, <u>bjacobi@sbcglobal.net</u>, or (918) 694-1261.

First time drivers=\* Ineligible for points=\*\*

# Practice Month \*Counting\* July \* 12th & 26th \* August \* 9th & 23rd \*

- <u>September \* 13th</u>

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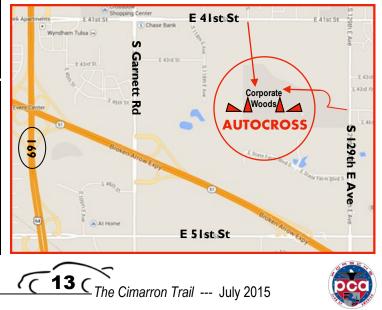
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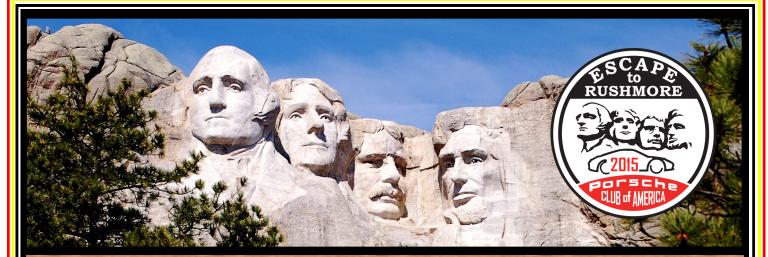


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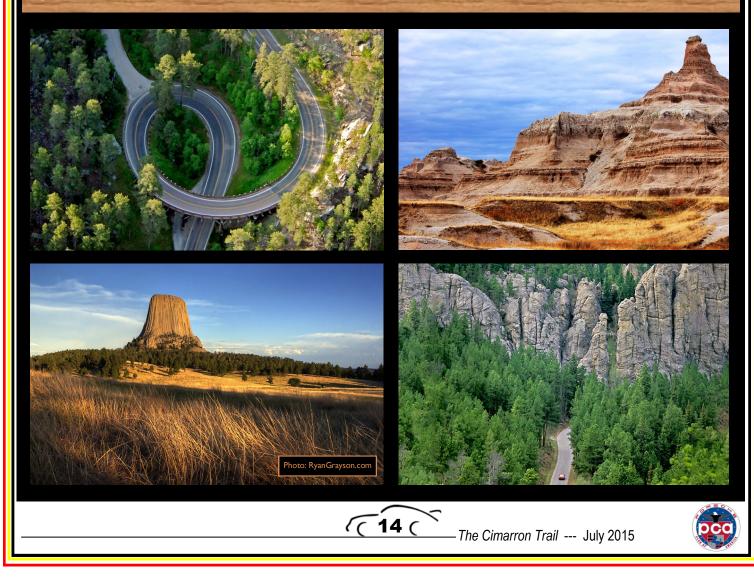
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| 5) Orlando Dumalag  | 911     | 39.880 |
| 6) Mike Fugate      | 914     | 40.180 |
| 7) Rod Nordstrom    | 911     | 40.251 |
| 8) Joe Hill         | Boxster | 41.062 |
| 9) Bill Jacobi      | 911     | 41.361 |
| 10) Mike Helweh     | 928     | 44.743 |
| 11) Tom Ellis       | 911     | 46.054 |
| 12) Cliff Fisch *   | 914     | 47.470 |
| 13) Joy Jones       | Boxster | 47.780 |





## Escape to the Land of Myths & Legends

Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln, along with the Dakota and Nord Stern PCA Regions (Zone 10), invite you to the 2015 Escape to Rushmore, October 1-3, in and around Rapid City, SD. October may seem like a long way away, but now is the time to start planning a trip up north! The Presidents await your arrival. You'll be in the same neighborhood as the Badlands, Black Hills, the unfinished Crazy Horse Memorial, Sturgis, and Deadwood. Less than 2 hours away is the breathtaking Devil's Tower, eerily beautiful as it rises majestically from the earth. Registration is due to open mid-July. Check it out at escape 2015 pca.org.



## Social Calendar and Upcoming Events

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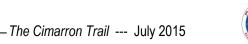
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Saturday Breakfast - Wild Fork @ Utica Square - 8 a.m.

Cimarron Region Board Meeting @ Jackie Cooper 2nd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

Autocross Counting Sessions (2) - July 12 & 26 @ Corporate Woods - 8:30 a.m.

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## Social Calendar and Upcoming Events

## August 2015

| SUN  | MON                                     | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT                                 | S W                  |
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| 9 Autocross<br>'Counting'<br>8:30 a.m.                   | 10 Board<br>Meeting @<br>Jackie Cooper  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15                                  | RU<br>ET<br>AI<br>KC |
| 16   | 17                                      | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22                                  | FA<br>ASS<br>TQ      |
| 23<br>30<br>8/23<br>Autocross<br>'Counting'<br>8:30 a.m. | $\frac{\underline{24}}{\underline{31}}$ | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29                                  | 8 A<br>A R<br>M E    |

## **August Highlights**

Saturday Breakfast - Wild Fork @ Utica Square - 8 a.m.

Ladies Luncheon @ Cedar Ridge C.C. Saturday, August 8 - 11:30 a.m.

Cimarron Region Board Meeting @ Jackie Cooper - 2nd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

Autocross *Counting* Sessions (2) @ Corporate Woods August 9 & 23 - 8:30 a.m.

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## Motorsports Update

#### **Sublime Victory**



by Jon Jones - CRPCA President

It was a treat indeed. Porsche's last overall victory at Le Mans came in 1998 – 17 years ago, with the 911 GT1. In 1998, "Shakespeare In Love" was the Best Picture Academy Award winner, Faith Hill's "*This Kiss"* was on the Billboard chart, and President Bill Clinton was explaining the meaning of "is." And while the victory was sweet, it was made doubly so by the dominating nature of their victory. While the Audis kept Porsche honest, and were ready to strike if Porsche faltered, the cars never did, and cruised to a well-deserved 1-2 finish. Even the Porsche team leadership was surprised at the lack of trouble. "We never expected to have a race here at Le Mans without any technical issues on three cars, and to be trouble free. We have never achieved that before, but we knew that we were much better prepared than we were last year as a team..." Team Principal Andreas Seidl was quoted after the event. What a remarkable statement! Even Porsche amazes themselves how good they are.

More interesting, perhaps, is the team of drivers who scored the win. Not the dream team of former F1 driver Mark Webber, young prodigy Brendon Hartley, and savvy veteran Timo Bernhard, but the "third car" team of Nick Tandy, Earl Bamber, and Nico Hulkenberg. Those

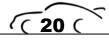
familiar with F1 have heard of Hulkenberg, the journeyman driver who has shown talent in that open-wheel series, but never had a chance with a top-tier team. Some view this Porsche experience as a way to ease out of the F1 circus for Hulkenberg, and he certainly has padded his sports car resume. Unless you follow sportscar racing though, you may never have heard of either Tandy or Bamber. Nick Tandy, a Brit, began his racing career driving Ministox on short ovals in the UK. He was a champion when he made the move to Formula Fords and F3, but despite several wins in both series, his



career stalled. Tandy next moved to Porsche Supercup in 2010, winning the title in 2011. Porsche has better scouts than baseball and signed Tandy to the factory squad in 2013. From there he demonstrated enough talent to make the LMP1 team. Simply amazing.

Earl Bamber suffered the ignominious honor of ruining Porsche's chances for a GT win singlehandedly at the 24 Hours of Daytona this year, but couldn't shake Porsche's faith in his talents. Bamber began in single-seaters in New Zealand, his home country. But like hundreds of other aspiring drivers, he never could nail down a quality ride. In 2010, Bamber was in China to do TV commentary for a race when a regular team driver could not get clearance to enter the country. Bamber borrowed a driver's suit and won the event. He knocked around a bit more until 2013 when he won the Asian Carrera Cup in his first try, which netted him a shot at the Porsche scholarship program. He won, and took the money and his talent to Europe and Supercup. Like Nick Tandy, Bamber parlayed his subsequent success in GT onto the Porsche LMP1 squad. A remarkable achievement, and a tribute to Porsche's driver selection process which emphasizes talent, maturity and judgment over suitcase loads of cash.

We love seeing Porsche at the pinnacle of endurance racing, but it is the way they have gotten there which is just as important as engineering talent. A great car won. A great team of drivers won. A great company won - A sublime victory.





## **JACKIE COOPER**



