

# The Cimarron Trail



Cimarron Region Porsche Club of America Newsletter - November 2015

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## From the Editor:

That's an aerial view of Hallett Motor Racing Circuit on the "cover" this month. It's a big deal! Hallett is well known as a challenging and highly technical track for many kinds of racing type events in this part of the country. The circuit covers 1.8 miles, has 10 turns, and encompasses elevation changes throughout. It's on Google Maps, Mapquest, and for you old-timers like me, it's in the Rand McNally Road Atlas! If you are driving west on U.S. 412, (aptly named the Cimarron Turnpike,) and you aren't texting or something, if you'll glance up to your left, shortly after passing the toll gate at exit 49, Hallett/Jennings, you can sometimes catch a glimpse of some type of vehicle making laps on the Hallett track.

Our Cimarron Region has been staging two annual events there for years, Mayfast and Oktoberfest. They are both "works of art," and Hallett is merely the canvas. The planning and logistics that go into the successful completion of these events is mind boggling. When everything falls into place, one would think it's just automatic, and runs like a top. But wait, make a pit stop right there! Someone has to spin that top! Read on and take extra time to digest Oktoberfest Club Race Chair, Jon Jones' enumeration of what all goes into the Fall event, starting on page 16. It's so impressive, I'll bet you will want to be a part of it in 2016! That's right, the planning is already underway, and volunteering to help is not only satisfying, but loads of fun.

Well I got carried away, and now I'm running out of space, just like we're running out of 2015! The final 2015 Cimarron Region Autocross was held November 1. Pam and I will see many of you in Eureka Springs, AR, at the 11th Annual PCA-Palooza. Social Chair, Steve Canada, is busy finalizing plans for the annual Toys For Tots toy run, December 5. Keep your eyes peeled for an email blast with more details! And it's time to check out page 9 in this newsletter, and R.S.V.P. for the Gala Christmas Party, December 12. And while you're on that page, go ahead and send an email and vote for a candidate, or write in someone, for the three vacancies on the board.

Oh, and Happy Thanksgiving! See you soon.

-Greg Petzet

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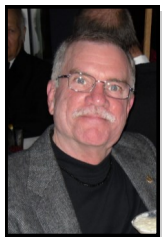
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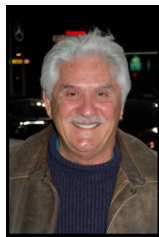
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**On the cover:**

*The Cimarron Region Oktoberfest Club Race is a well-oiled machine. Read about the annual rebuilding process, starting on page 16.*

# President's Perspective - November 2015

By Jon Jones, CRPCA President

By the time you read this, you should have received a ballot from the club Secretary, Joe Hill. The ballot is for the 2016 officer positions, and should be returned to Joe by November 15, either by email or USPS. Though we have only one candidate nominated for each position, you may provide a write-in for each. Ballots will be counted by the Secretary, and results will be announced at the annual Christmas Party on December 12.

You should also have received an email with proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. These changes were drafted by a committee set up this spring to review our guiding documents and suggest ways to bring them up to date. The proposed changes were approved by your Board of Directors, and now it is your turn to say "yay" or "nay". The Constitution and Bylaws have not been updated since 2000, and we need to ensure we are using current technology and in compliance with PCA guidelines. Please take a moment to review these changes and cast your vote on December 12. Please direct any questions you may have to me at [jjone20@aol.com](mailto:jjone20@aol.com) or (918) 740-7951.



As the year winds down, we still have a few events on the calendar. PCA Palooza is November 12-15 in Eureka Springs, AR. There are plenty of fun activities on the schedule, and it should be another classic PCA event. Eureka Springs is close enough for a day trip if you want to check it out.

The final Cimarron Region event of the year will be the annual Christmas Party at Five Oaks Lodge in Jenks on December 12. We have another fun event planned with great food, a guest speaker, door prizes, and a few surprises. The cost remains the same as last year, \$30 per person, and is due by December 7 to me at 4990 E 410 Rd., Oologah, OK 74053. Checks must be made out to CIMARRON REGION INC.

We had the good fortune this year to have one of our members start a new group among our members – The Ladies Lunch. Kathy Hume has done a great job getting this started and we have already seen a number of new ideas come from this group. First among those ideas has been a tech session for the ladies. We are working with Jackie Cooper Porsche to host this event and should have something to announce soon. The goal is for our female Porsche owners and drivers to have an opportunity to learn about their cars in a low-stress environment and in conjunction with their friends from the ladies lunch group. Part of what precipitated this tech session interest was a recent experience one of the ladies had while traveling in Texas. At speed on the highway, she experienced a sudden tire failure.

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## November President's Perspective *(continued)*

She managed to get the car stopped safely, but realized she knew very little about where the spare was, or the jack, or where the compressor was to inflate the space-saver spare. It is these types of situations that all of us need more information about, but particularly our female members. Our member with the flat was fortunate to have a nice gentleman stop to assist, but he wasn't familiar with the car either. It's a helpless feeling, but with a little knowledge, that feeling can be avoided.

Another idea proposed at the ladies lunch will be an introductory Autocross session for the ladies. Many of our female members are interested in learning more about their cars and driving them, but are somewhat unfamiliar with the autocross experience. We are planning a session for 2016 that will include some classroom time to learn some basic concepts, followed by some untimed courses. Whether your goal is to join the Autocross regulars, or just learn more about you and your car's capabilities, this will be an excellent opportunity. Details to come, but we hope you take advantage of this opportunity.

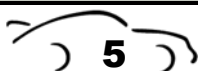
Finally this month, a comment about getting involved in the club. It is hard to believe, but my year as your President is almost over. I was a little concerned at first when I stepped up to serve, but I have to say that, thanks to a great staff of officers and chairs – and most importantly thanks to you the members – I have had a very fun year. From the beginning we tried to pay a little more attention to the details. Not because we know better, but because that is what the National PCA organization expects. Each region has a great deal of autonomy, but also a great deal of support in the form of money and advice. PCA gives us so much, it seems only fair to give them a well-run region in return. And part of that commitment is to help run things. We had only three nominees for three positions in 2016, and while each of them will do a fine job, I would like to see more interest in serving the club. As noted earlier, I wasn't sure about being President, but it has turned out to be a lot of fun – and not all that much work. Perhaps you will find it fun as well.

See you in November! Jon Jones



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- ◆ **November 1** - Autocross (**counting**) - Corporate Woods - 8:30 a.m.
  - ◆ **November 12-15** - PCA Palooza - Best Western Inn of the Ozarks - Eureka Springs, AR
  - ◆ **December 5** - Toys For Tots Drive -
  - ◆ **December 12** - Cimarron Region Christmas Party - Five Oaks Lodge - 6:00 p.m.
- 2016**
- ◆ **January 16** - Cimarron Region Ladies Luncheon - Cedar Ridge Country Club - 11:30 a.m.

## **PCA Cimarron Region Member Update**

From Rick Hardmeyer, Membership Chair

Reported November 1, 2015

### **Welcome New Members!**

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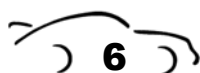
Tammy McPherson - Ponca City, OK - '14 Panamera

**Members > Primary: 244**

**Affiliate: 157**

**Life: 1**

**Total 402**





# Coming Up Fast!

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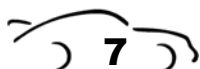
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  - Music
  - Saturday Banquet Dinner
  - Tech Sessions
- ...and more!!!



*Submitted by Melody Z. White River Region Treasurer-Thanks, Mel!*



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# More Coming Attractions



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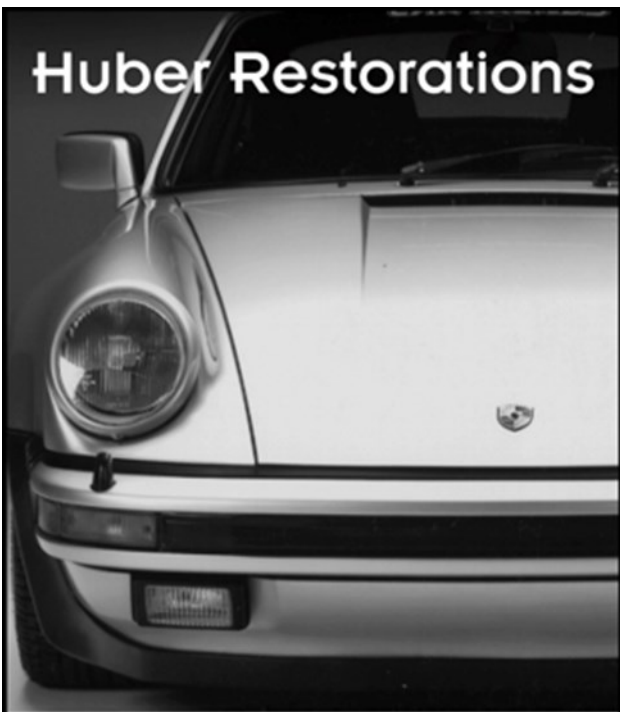
## Toy Drive December 5

Get ready for the Cimarron Region PCA annual toy run to benefit Toys For Tots. Social Chair, Steve Canada, is finalizing all the details, and will provide an email blast with place, time, and further instructions. As always, The Marines will be on hand at our destination, Jackie Cooper Porsche, to collect our "Toys for Tots." Thanks to Jackie Cooper for providing refreshments!

Last minute details should be in the December edition of *The Cimarron Trail*.

Ho, ho, ho! See you there!

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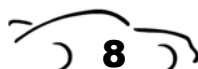
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# Even More Coming Attractions!

*Cimarron Region  
Porsche Club  
Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 12  
@ 6 p.m.  
Five Oaks Lodge  
528 E. 121st St  
Jenks, OK*

Join us for our most gala social affair of the year! Cost is \$30/pp. An exact headcount is needed 5 days prior to the event, so **PLEASE R.S.V.P.** and remit by December 7! Make checks out to Cimarron Region, Inc. Mail to:

Joy Jones  
4190 E. 410 Rd.  
Oologah, OK 74053



## **Cimarron Region Board Election Reminder**

If your email address is on file with PCA, you should have already received the notice of election, and the ballot. You may vote via email to [joehillok@gmail.com](mailto:joehillok@gmail.com), or by USPS to Joe Hill, 2600 W. Laredo St, Broken Arrow, OK, 74012. Only those ballots postmarked or time-stamped by November 15 will be counted. You have the option of voting for the three published candidates, or you may write in any persons you would like to see in any of these positions. Results will be announced at the Annual Cimarron Region Christmas Party on December 12.

The candidates are: **For the office of Vice-President, Joy Jones**

**For the office of Treasurer, Tom Ellis**

**For the office of Secretary, Joe Hill**

(Note: The office of Vice-President is a two year commitment, and will move to President the ensuing year.)

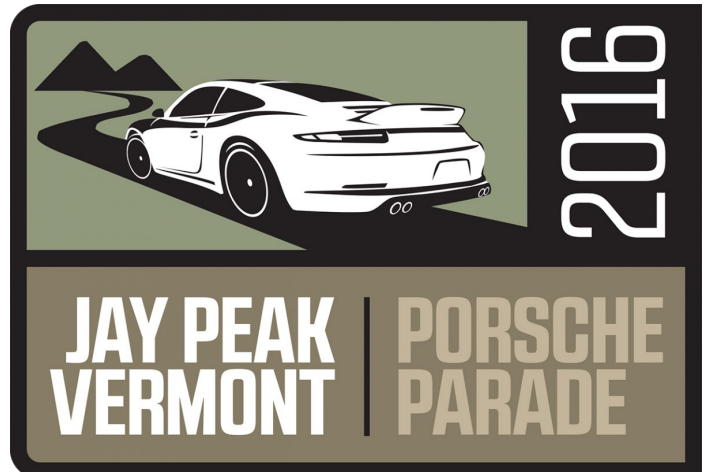


# Future PCA Coming Attractions!

Here at the *Cimarron Trail*, we want you to be informed. We know you get PCA news from a variety of sources, and you may sometimes feel bombarded with repetitive information. With our award winning *Panorama* magazine, E-news, social media, email blasts, and this lil' ol' newsletter, you may indeed be inundated with the same reports from many sources. Our policy is, more is better than not enough! We operate by assuming you haven't heard anything about what we are printing.

*Porsche Parade 2015* was held somewhat close-by at French Lick, IN. And even though you may already know, we want to tell you the 2016 *Porsche Parade* will be held at Jay Peak, VT, June 19-26. Additionally, we have learned Spokane, WA, will be the site in 2017.

Pam and I attended our first Parade this year. French Lick is about as far as we want to travel by automobile, so it's unlikely we'll make either of the next two.



However, there is an alternative national PCA event, formerly known as *Escape*, and at least two of those are certainly worth considering, since we are much closer to their locations. According to the Google translator, *Treffen* is a German word meaning, to meet. *Treffen North America* will take the place of *PCA Escape*. PCA National will partner with PCA Regions to co-host these events.

***Treffen Lake Tahoe***, in partnership with the Sierra Nevada Region, is the inaugural event, September 7-11, 2016, at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley, CA.

***Treffen Hill Country***, co-hosted by the Hill Country Region, will be the first Springtime event of this kind, March 30-April 2, 2017, at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort outside of Austin, TX.

***Treffen Asheville*** (NC), in association with the newly formed Appalachia Region, is to be held September 20-24, 2017, at the historic "four star" Omni Grove Park Inn.



Find additional information on  
Porsche Parade  
&  
Treffen North America  
at the PCA National website:

[www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org)





# Siegi's Serves Schnitzels Sausages and Sauerkraut

*(Oh! And fried potatoes, and more!)*

About 45 Cimarron Region PCA members and friends gathered for our annual Oktoberfest dinner, October 14, at Siegi's Sausage Factory

and Restaurant. Siegi's offers many wonderful entrée choices, but for such a large crowd, a buffet was prepared for our outing. Porschesters filled two rooms, and first shared light hearted conversation, before filing through the buffet of schnitzel, bratwurst, fried potatoes, sauerkraut, and pretzel rolls.



Afterward, folks lingered, and then slowly filtered out into the parking lot to view a variety of "other" delicious European specialties not on Siegi's menu: Porsche Boxsters, Caymans, Cayennes, Macans, 911s, etc!

Thanks go out to Siegi's, a multiple year sponsor of our Oktoberfest Club Race! We appreciate your support, and look forward to our continued association in 2016 and beyond.



Above: Bill Jacobi, John Blocha, Jon Jones (standing,) and Sonja Blocha  
Below: Rod and Susan Nordstrom



Top: Rod Nordstrom, Patsy Terry, and Chris Hines at the buffet  
Center: Erin and John McDermott  
Bottom: Scot and Kelly Williams, with Filipp Natekin far right, his friend far left, and Joy Jones in the back-



# Cimarron Region Briefs



## The Devil's Is In The Details

With apologies to Lennon-McCartney, "The long and winding road, (dah-dah, dah-dah) that leads to" Devil's Den? Something like that. An obscure reference to a Beatles song? Why not? Most of our readers are "experienced" enough to recall that tune. And if you're not, check it out on Wikipedia and YouTube.

Anyway, we got off the track here for a moment. It was a long and winding road that led to Devil's Den State Park in Arkansas, Sunday, October 18, for 17 Porsches and their people, as they motored along tree-lined highways and byways, ultimately gathering at a large shelter in the park to share almost enough brats n' burgers, along with varieties of yummy appetizers, salads, sides, and desserts.

Cimarron and White River Regions members, from Oklahoma and Arkansas, respectively, met up for an early Fall cookout, and fun in the sun. Some folks brought their dogs, others gathered wood and built a nice fire in the ample shelter's hearth. John Blocha, Mark Ingram, Bill Jacobi and others grilled the meats over a raging bed of charcoal, while everyone relaxed and enjoyed the day.

This picnic has traditionally been held in the Spring or early Summer, but area weather issues and re-scheduling conflicts pushed it into October. Make plans to be a part of it in 2016, no matter when it takes place.

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Pre-road at Bass Pro



Convenience stop along the way





# Delightful Devil's Den



# More Cimarron Region Briefs



Dianna Gucwa, Dulcie Miller, Sonja Blocha, Georgia Paul, Joy Jones, Kathy Hume, Becky McFall, Susan Nordstrom

## *Cimarron Ladies Re-Set Donations*

The Ladies of Cimarron met for what was their final luncheon for 2015. Kathy Hume reports representatives from The Coffee Bunker and DVIS will be invited to the January event, and presented with our donations. Those were previously scheduled to be awarded during the gala holiday party in December. However, considering the many items to cover at the party, more and better attention can be provided for this worthwhile endeavor at that time, in a more intimate setting.

Attendees believe many people donate during the food drives around the holidays, so we might better serve the community to time our can food program at the end of the school year, which may be more effective helping to feed many kids over the summer break.

And after Kathy experienced a tire blowout while driving her new Macan, she's already anticipating a tech session, designed especially for the ladies, to be organized by Joy Jones, and held late afternoon/early evening during an upcoming weekday. Watch your email for an announcement blast!

We will continue to donate goods to the Humane Society at the Chili/Bunco affair in February, 2016.

Fall events and holiday activities, both family and club related, also make a pretty good case to schedule the next ladies luncheon in the new year. So make a calendar entry now, January 16, 2016, and plan to come see what's going on!

Contact Kathy Hume, [loves2read12@cox.net](mailto:loves2read12@cox.net), or (918) 636-4156.

**P L A N      A H E A D**

**Saturday, January 16, 2016  
11:30 a.m.  
Cedar Ridge Country Club**





# Mr. Bill's (Jacobi) 10/11/2015 Autocross News

## Smokin' !!!

We had another great turnout Sunday! Susan Collins joined us for the first time in her Cayman. Welcome Susan! Gary won the day, but Wendell and Carl were close behind. The course was quick, and we saw a lot of tire smoke through the round-about as brakes were applied forcefully!

See you November 1, our last 2015 autocross.

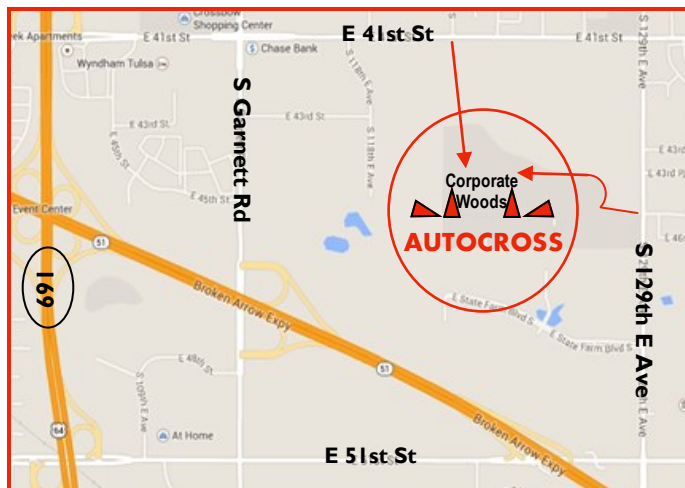
**Please email me your shirt size so I can have it on file. Ladies use men's or women's sizes, your choice. You are eligible for a shirt if you have attended at least 5 autocrosses in 2015.**

Bill Jacobi, [bjacobi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjacobi@sbcglobal.net), or (918) 694-1261. First time PCA driver=\*

## How They Fared

1) Gary Bernard	Cayman	56.578
2) Wendell Karr-Ake	Boxster	57.683
3) Carl Hughes	911	57.755
4) Orlando Dumalag	911	58.435
5) Randy Kaplin	911	59.649
6) Brian Thomas	968	59.990
7) Bob Peck	911	60.323
8) Mike Fugate	Cayman	60.394
9) Chris Hines	911	61.001
10) Dan Arthrell	911	61.181
11) Joe Hill	Boxster	61.202
12) Bill Jacobi	911	61.243
13) Beverly Carlile	Boxster	62.368
14) Rick Hardmeyer	911	62.945
15) Susan Collins	Cayman	63.420*
16) Bill Cammuso	944	64.864
17) Cliff Fisch	914	66.305
18) Joy Jones	914	72.27

First time PCA driver=\*



## Important Autocross News!

The FINAL Cimarron Region Autocross event for 2015 will be **November 1**. It is your last chance to accumulate points toward the season-long championship. Be there!





# Oktoberfest Success Fueled By Volunteers

By Jon Jones - Club Race Chair, Cimarron Region President, National Scrutineer

Cimarron Region in Oklahoma has hosted the Oktoberfest Club Race at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit for 14 years. Although Club Races have been held at Hallett since the early '90s, initially as Zone events, this event is now one of the highlights of the year for Cimarron Region members. And the key to the success of the event has been all of the people involved, from the drivers and crew members, the staff at Hallett, and of course, all of the volunteers which are indispensable in making it run smoothly.

2015 was no different, and there was an excellent turnout of members to staff all of the necessary positions. Where do they come from and what do these volunteers do? Let's start at the beginning.

Planning for the Oktoberfest Club Race actually begins shortly after the previous year's event. The organizers routinely complete a review of what worked and what didn't, and how they can make things better next year. The process of applying for the event to the Club Racing National Office begins shortly after January 1, and is fairly straightforward. Given the history of the event and its successful execution in previous years, there should be no surprises when the application is reviewed by Club Racing. There are changes from year to year, such as increased emphasis on extrication tools in 2014, and the organizers have to be sure they are up to date with those changes.



Once the application has been submitted, work can begin on the contract with the racetrack. In an era of increasing costs, it is important to keep those track costs and fees balanced with reasonable entry fees for the competitors. This issue can be somewhat contentious as many tracks view all Porsche owners and drivers as possessing "deep pockets," and therefore able to accept any increase the track chooses. This is not the case, and tracks that choose this path may find themselves without a PCA event. Zones and Regions view the drivers as their customers, and will prioritize their needs first and foremost.

When the application and contract are completed and/or approved, there are a hundred decisions that need to be made, from the dinner menu, to the T-shirt design and beyond. Cimarron is fortunate in having a long lead time to work out all of the details, since Oktoberfest is always the first weekend in October. But the watchword of event organization is preparation, and part of that preparation is getting things done early so they can be ticked off the list. In 2015, the organizers decided early on that there would be folding chairs and water bottles for the entrants, so they merely had to find a suitable vendor for each item. Check, done.

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## Oktoberfast Success *(continued)*

Next, the marketing plan has to be developed. While Club Racing events are non-spectator events, a plan must be made to get the word out to PCA members in general, including the surrounding Regions, and the Club Racing drivers specifically. Cimarron uses several different avenues, from a half-page ad in Club Racing News, to direct emails to previous participants and, new this year, a presence on social media. Many drivers automatically plan to attend Oktoberfast, but reminders never hurt and new participants are always needed and wanted. Check, done.

While all of this activity is going on, the organizers are getting the word out for volunteers. Initially, it is enough to discuss the previous year's event at every other Cimarron function, whether a Drive, Social event, or Autocross. Enthusiasm is contagious and Cimarron has many enthusiastic members to help get the word out and build some Oktoberfast "buzz."

By summertime in Cimarron Region, most of the detail items have been attended to, and the last minute preparations have to be completed. T-shirts and banners have to be ordered, programs printed, registrations reviewed and approved, and all of the worker positions have to be filled. This year, Cimarron developed a listing of all the needed positions, and as the volunteers signed up, they were assigned a position. Once all of the positions were covered, it was decided that we now had the option of moving people to different positions throughout the weekend. For example, some volunteers began on the Starter's stand as Hot Pit release, then moved to a corner station, and finished the weekend on grid. Instruction and mentoring were always provided, with the goal to create return volunteers for next year and beyond.



With two weeks to go, there is usually a flurry of activity with last minute registrations, email questions and answers flying back and forth and always, details, details, details.

Many drivers register early because they schedule the event, but others wait to see what the condition of their car is, or what other schedule conflicts they may have. This year was different because of the compressed schedule with Rennsport Reunion V, and Escape to Mt. Rushmore. In fact some of the Oktoberfast regulars could not attend because of Escape commitments. They were missed, but it was understandable.

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## Oktoberfest Success *(continued)*

Registration closes the Monday before the event, and once Susan Shire approves the registrants, the Cimarron Region Registrar completes the process of confirming all of the entries. Cimarron Region is fortunate to have an excellent Registrar, and she works quickly to complete the confirmation process and generate the necessary paperwork to make everyone's check-in process smooth. Check, done.

The final countdown begins with goodie bag stuffing on Wednesday night before the event. Yet another opportunity for volunteer help, and there were plenty of folks to get the job done. Once everything was loaded up including the grid box, registration box, gift chairs, canopies, lights, power cords, and many other supplies, the Cimarron Region trailer was transported to the track on Thursday. Volunteers pitched in to get it all unloaded, set up, and ready to go for Friday's Test and Tune. By Friday morning, Cimarron Region was ready to roll with Oktoberfest 2015.

Oktoberfest 2015 was a great PCA Club Racing event. The weather was perfect, the racing exciting, and the atmosphere friendly and fun. To all the drivers who make these events possible, thank you. And to all of the wonderful volunteers who came out to experience PCA Club Racing, thank you – we couldn't do it without you. We hope you will all come back in 2016!

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# Social Calendar and Upcoming Events



## November 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SATURDAY WILD FORK BREAKFAST UTICA SQUARE 8 AM
1  <b>FINAL</b> Autocross 'Counting' 8:30 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9 Board Meeting @ Jackie Cooper	10	11	12 <b>PCA Palooza</b> →	13	14	
15 ← <b>Palooza</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						

## November Highlights

**Autocross Counting Session - November 1 @ Corporate Woods - 8:30 a.m.**

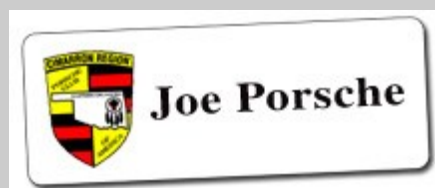
**Saturday Breakfasts - Wild Fork @ Utica Square - 8 a.m.**

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

**PCA-Palooza @ Eureka Springs, AR - November 12-15**

### Got I.D.? - Get your Cimarron Region Name Badge

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13	14 Board Meeting @ Jackie Cooper	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31	2 16		

### December Highlights

Porsche ONLY Toys For Tots December 5 -

Cimarron Region Christmas Party @ 5 Oaks Lodge, December 12, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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# Motorsports Update

## A Feather In The Cap

by Jon Jones - CRPCA President



With the recent announcement of the PCA Club Racing series for the Cayman GT4 Clubsport, our Club enters a new dimension of Porsche Motorsport. The new Cayman is available only from Porsche Motorsport North America (Order Now!) and represents a new direction for Porsche in competition. And Porsche has chosen PCA Club Racing to run this new series. While those familiar with Club Racing may not be surprised, this decision by Porsche represents a huge vote of confidence and support for what started out as a gentleman (and lady) driver's club sport. The Cayman GT4 is a real race car, purpose-designed and built for competition. Within the spirit of club racing rules, it is still essentially a spec car with few modifications allowed, so it will be a driver's series that almost guarantees close, fast racing.



Announcing the new series, Vicki Earnshaw, Club Racing Chair, said, "Our 25th year of PCA Club Racing will now have a bridge for Porsche racers to step up to the professional ranks through this semi-professional racing series." Semi-pro? While this is a great opportunity for everyone involved, not all is rosy. There are some members who think that PCA Club Racing is moving away from its roots with each step – awarding points, financial rewards through contingency prizes, and now the Clubsport series. PCA Club Racing was initiated as a place to race your Porsche in a safe controlled environment - to this day there is a class for every Porsche sports car. With an emphasis on "no-contact" competition, Club Racing puts the strongest emphasis on safe racing, which includes harsh penalties for at-fault drivers – up to and including 13-month suspensions. Any contact from a brief side-to-side rub, to a banzai inside pass is reported to the event Steward, and must be investigated and dealt with personally with each driver. Such emphasis helps to keep everyone under control. But the more incentive for risk that is introduced, some argue, the more chances some drivers will take.

Regardless of the opposition, the introduction of this car and this series represents a significant commitment to PCA by Porsche. As Ms. Earnshaw notes, Club Racing is now a viable avenue for developing drivers. Jens Walther, the head of PMNA expressed his opinion thus: "We are excited about the PCA creating a new platform for Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport customers to compete in.

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## **Motorsports Update** (continued)

The new series promises the thrill of close racing and an ideal path into the various Porsche one-make cup series in North America." Which is ultimately what Porsche is after, of course. Carrera Cup is huge in Europe and other markets abroad, but has not quite caught on here in the states. Rather than fund IMSA GT entries, Porsche might be looking to expand its one-make series' popularity, and therefore its customer car sales here at home. Regardless of the motives, responsibility rests with PCA Club Racing to make this series a success. Limited to an East Coast championship at first, PCA and Porsche envision expansion to a West Coast championship and more in the coming years. Club Racing will be tasked with continuing their reputation for professionalism and efficiency to make that happen.

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