

Cimarron Region Porsche Club of America Newsletter - October 2015



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#### From the Editor:

Abraham Lincoln adapted the poet, John Lydgate's words, and I'm sure you have heard them many times: "You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time."

So it would seem to me, in order to keep everybody happy, offering a plethora of choices is the way to go! And I believe that's what the Cimarron Region PCA is all about!

If you like driving your Porsche aggressively, we have Driver Education and Club Racing at Hallett, and Autocross. Enjoy driving, but wait, not so fast? Then opt for our scenic drives. There's one coming up, complete with a picnic at Devil's Den State Park in Arkansas!

Want to be involved in our club? A board or chair position might be custom made for you.

Do you lean more toward the social aspects of club membership? Come out to our monthly dinner get-togethers. Why not join us at Siegi's for the annual Oktoberfest dinner? And the Christmas gala in December is not to be missed!

The Cimarron ladies are doing wonderful work for charitable organizations, while meeting regularly for lunch and friendly comradery. Join them October 17!

Certainly we "can please all of the people some of the time!"

Oh, and by the way, your *Cimarron Trail* newsletter is currently in the shop, up on the rack, getting some upgrades and add-

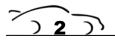
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#### -Greg Petzet







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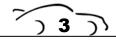
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On the cover:
Our own Bill Jacobi (179) leads
Mid-South Region's Jay Carlson
(109) out of a turn during
practice at Oktoberfast 2015.





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

By Jon Jones, CRPCA President



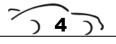
It's been an exciting summer here in Cimarron Region, and now that October has arrived, we are looking forward to more fun with our Porsches. By the time you read this, Oktoberfast 2015 will be behind us, and we'll be looking forward to the finale of the Autocross season, one of our final mid-week dinners, Palooza, and of course, our Christmas party. While the season is winding down, we're already gearing up for 2016! There is still time to submit your nominations for the 2016 Board of Directors, so don't delay.

Joy and I attended the World Endurance Championship race at Circuit of the Americas last month, and it was an incredible experience. From the time we arrived at 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning, until the end of the WEC 6 hour race on Saturday night, we had the chance to see world-class sports car racing, ask Porsche factory drivers Mark Webber and Neel Jani a question, meet many other PCA fans at the Porscheplatz tent, and wear out our feet. It was worth it, and only the die-hard fan finds it necessary to wander to every corner. For most fans, the Porscheplatz is the place to be, and it has an excellent view of the on-track action.

Porscheplatz is staffed by PCA volunteers from most of the Texas PCA Regions: Lonestar, Maverick, Hill Country and others. The amount of time these volunteers put in to make the Porscheplatz a success is amazing, and a tribute to PCA volunteers everywhere. There are plenty of goodies for the Porsche faithful – posters, flags, even a set of Michelin tires for one lucky winner. And the top attraction is the chance to see some of Porsche's best drivers, engineers, and team managers address the audience. You can't beat the experience, and it is well worth a visit in 2016.

While at COTA, we had the opportunity to make a few laps of the circuit in Joy's Boxster on Saturday morning. While the laps were not at full speed, the opportunity to drive a world-class circuit even in a street car is a rare one, and this experience was provided courtesy of PCA. Racing circuits do not translate well on TV, especially the elevation changes and the complexity of the corners. COTA is no exception, and the chance to see it at driver level was unprecedented. Joy drove of course, it is her car, but the sheer glee that she experienced to be out there on such a wonderful circuit was a treat to watch. I was a typical tourist holding up my iPhone taking video, but I didn't care. It was too cool. I'm not sure which section was her favorite – all I know is she wanted more laps!

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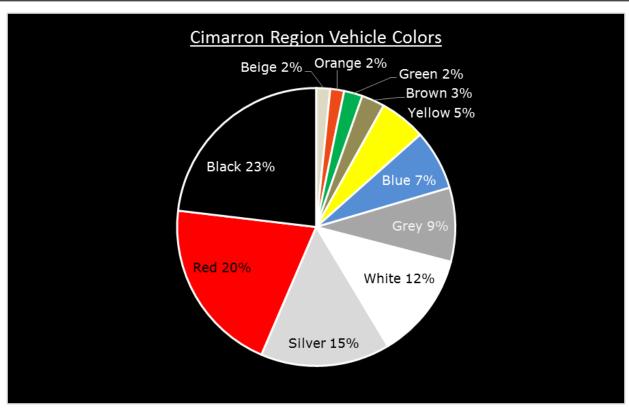
#### **October President's Perspective** (continued)

We have plenty of things percolating back home here in Cimarron Region. As I mentioned, elections are coming up and our Nominating Committee is collecting names for ballots to go out this month. The Bylaw committee is ready to present changes to you, the membership, and we will vote on those changes at the Christmas party on December 12, 2015. This event will be designated a "Meeting of the General Membership" as defined by Article VI of the Bylaws, and you should plan on attending if you have an interest in our bylaws, and/or the proposed changes. The changes are not considered major by the Board of Directors, but please review them when they arrive in your mailbox.

Our group that meets regularly at the Cimarron Region Ladies Luncheon has been an excellent success. They have developed a direction for Cimarron Region's charitable interests, and should help us increase our impact on our community. There are several other ideas advanced by the group under development, and we hope to announce some news shortly. A big thank you to Kathy Hume for putting this group together, and for being a club member. She has shown how a little bit of interest can have a big impact on what we do. The next meeting of the group will be October 17, 11:30 a.m. at Cedar Ridge Country Club.

Don't forget our other upcoming events – a Mid-week Dinner on October 14, 6:30 p.m. at Siegi's, the Devil's Den Drive on October 18, and PCA-Palooza, November 12-15.

Jon Jones





# AROUND THE BEND

. . And Down The Road

- ♦ October 11 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ October 14 Oktoberfest Dinner Siegi's 6:30 p.m. (R.S.V.P. to Steve Canada)
- October 17 Cimarron Region Ladies Luncheon Cedar Ridge Country Club 11:30 a.m.
  - ♦ October 18 Devil's Den Picnic Drive (meet at Bass Pro Shop Lot) 8:45 a.m.
    - ♦ **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 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 October 1, 2015

### **Welcome New Members!**

Beverly Carlile - Warner, OK - '08 Boxster

Trisha Dellaria - Tulsa, OK - '15 911

Tony Ducato - Jenks, OK - '76 911

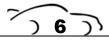
Wendell Karr-Ake - Warner, OK - '08 Boxster

Roger Ketchum - Durant, OK - '04 911

Bruce Norton - Tulsa, OK - '12 911

Duane R. - Wyandotte, OK - '66 911

Members > Primary:  $\underline{235}$  Affiliate:  $\underline{150}$  Life:  $\underline{1}$  = Total  $\underline{386}$ 





### **Coming Attractions**



(Kartoffelpuffers will be available!)

## Annual Oktoberfest Dinner at Siegi's-Wednesday, October 14

Kartoffelpuffer? That's German for potato pancake! Siegi's has 'em. And Bavarian pretzels, soups and salads, sandwiches, sausages, schnitzels, and all sorts of tempting entrees. Truly something for any taste! Join your fellow Cimarron Region Porschesters for the ever popular Oktoberfest meal, Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 p.m., at Siegi's, 8104 S. Sheridan Rd, Tulsa. RSVP to <a href="mailto:scanada@cox.net">scanada@cox.net</a> or by phone at (918) 671-1499.



Siegi's Sausage Factory and Restaurant is an Oktoberfast Club Race Sponsor! Be there!

(see related news in Cimarron Region Briefs section)

### Cimarron Region Ladies Luncheon

The Cimarron Region Ladies are running their own sort of autocross. Instead of dodging orange cones, they are zigzagging through the busy event schedule in order to keep up with their recently organized meets! The final Ladies Luncheon for 2015 will be this month, Saturday, **October 17**, 11:30 a.m. at Cedar Ridge Country Club. Due to PCA-Palooza in November, and our gala Christmas party in December, Ladies Luncheons will resume January 16.

(Kathy Hume has made quite a substantial contribution to our dub with her efforts to spearhead this most worthwhile happening! The best way to thank her is with your support and



Kathy

participation! If you haven't been able to attend one of the wonderful luncheons as yet, certainly make a point of joining the ladies soon for a relaxing, fun and productive outing. Stay tuned to this newsletter, as well as email blasts and our region website calendar, for future dates and times.) --Ed.

Saturday, October 17 11:30 a.m. Cedar Ridge Country Club

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Hume at (918) 636-4156 Or send email to loves2read12@cox.net.

### Devil's Den Picnic is ON

Sunday! Sunday! Sunday! "The Den" is Back!

Social Chair, Steve Canada, has re-scheduled the pavilion at Devil's Den State Park for a Fall picnic drive, Sunday, **October 18**, departing from the Bass Pro parking lot at 8:45 a.m. We're going to try and make it all the way without a "convenience stop." So have a tank <u>full</u> of fuel, and an <u>empty</u> bladder! The club is providing the burgers, brats and the fixins. If your last name ends with A-L, please bring a dessert; M-Z, a side or salad. Everyone should bring their favorite beverages, chairs, and anything that'll make you most comfortable. See our website, <u>cimarronregionpca.org</u>, and RSVP to Steve at <u>scanada@cox.net</u> or 918-671-1499.

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### **More Coming Attractions**

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!! 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

November 12-15, 2015 <u>www.pca-palooza.com</u>

- Over 250 Porsches...all models
- Scenic & Spirited drives through
   Shine & Show the Ozark Mountains & national forests
- Poker "Stick" Rally
- Social Mixer
- Friday night "Palooza Fest"

- Parade
- Door Prizes
- Music
- Saturday Banquet Dinner
- Tech Sessions

...and more!!!







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



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### Oktoberfast 2015

### Sights and Sounds

Photos by Rick Hardmeyer and Greg Petzet

Blue skies and light breezes ruled the day, Saturday, October 3, when your *Cimarron Trail* reporter visited Hallett Motor Racing Circuit for the annual Cimarron Region PCA Club Race, Boxster Challenge. The event staff, consisting of PCA National officials, Jon Jones (Cimarron Region President and Oktoberfast Race Chair,) Joy Jones (Registrar,) and a group of eager and generous volunteers, combined to host another very popular, well run, and successful **Oktoberfast!** 

Region members, Rod Nordstrom and Rick Hardmeyer, current VP and Membership Chair, respectively, gladly manned the 2016 Porsche GT3 RS pace car, provided by Wichita Region member and perennial club racer, Klaus Viljanmaa. Thanks Klaus!

For the second consecutive year, the Boxster Challenge Trophies went to Chris Drake, John Gladwill, and Thomas Jones, all from the Maverick Region of Texas. See you guys next year!

Thanks to all who participated, drivers and volunteers alike.

Following are a few photos that might give you some idea of the sights to be seen at Oktoberfast, but there is only one way to experience the sounds. So if you missed the action this year, plan to come out to the track next year and volunteer. There's nothing to it, and you'll have more fun than you could imagine! *Turn the page for more* 

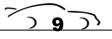




2016 GT3 RS pace car provided by Klaus Viljanmaa



An event sponsor, Terry Kerr, during practice laps







Drivers meetings are serious business, and fun, too!



Jon & Joy Jones make presentations



New this year! Ice sculptures at Saturday dinner!



Thomas Jones (3rd)-Chris Drake (1st)-John Gladwill (2nd)



Dirk & Kathy Hume follow Joy Jones on the parade lap





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### **Cimarron Region Briefs**











Rick Hardmeyer-991 Cabriolet

Randy Kaplin-911

Brian Thomas-968

### Hardmeyer, Kaplin & Thomas Top Porsche Class At VW Club Show

Photos by Rick Hardmeyer, Thanks!

The 20th Annual Volkswagen Club of Tulsa Car Show and Swap Meet was held September 18-20 at the Oklahoma Technical College campus on South Sheridan in Tulsa. The VW Club always invites Porsche owners to attend, display their cars, and even vie for trophies in the "Porsche" class. This year top honors went to Rick Hardmeyer, Randy Kaplin and Brian Thomas, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, respectively. Also attending, among others too numerous to list here, were John Hensley, Rob Reardon, Mike Fugate, and Keith Kelly. Thanks to Robert Reece, VW Club President, and the entire membership, for welcoming our members, and extending their cordial hospitality!

















### **More Cimarron Region Briefs**

### Cimarron Ladies Choose Charities

Kathy Hume reports a wonderful turnout at the September 26 Luncheon, 14 ladies! Following up on discussions from their most recent events, selection of two charitable organizations for Cimarron Region support were announced. The Coffee Bunker, a place for Veterans, and DVIS, Domestic

Violence Intervention Services, will split a monetary contribution from the Cimarron Region PCA! Kathy says representatives of both organizations will be invited to our gala Christmas Party, where the donations will be presented.





The ladies are pondering the idea to have a class or even a luncheon featuring some information on general automobile maintenance, i.e. checking oil, fluid levels, tire pressures, and the battery. As Kathy has found out with her new Macan, there are



countless buttons and dials that need The Jackie Cooper explanation! dealership has volunteered to assist in bringing the group up to speed.

Leave it to the "better halves" to think of everyone! Brainstorming gave birth to new ideas about special events for kids and grandkids, like a tricycle, autocross. bicycle or skateboard Maybe an ice cream party or cookout. Even a pool party! There are already many ways Porsche people can get together, and our ladies deserve everyone's support for their efforts to grow the dub, and further the feeling there's "something for everyone!"

Porsche Ladies Unite! Contact Kathy Hume, loves2read12@cox.net, or (918) 636-4156.

### Porsche Club Dines At Swaterfront

The Cimarron Region mid-week dinner was an al at Waterfront Grill, Wednesday, September 23. Thanks to the restaurant for being one of our Oktoberfast Club Race sponsors! They provided reserved parking for 50 of our familiar and new club members. Besides enjoying a leisurely meal under near perfect weather conditions, all present were excited to see Kathy Hume's new Macan S! Please continue to support our event sponsors!













#### Fresh Faces Fit In Fast!

Twenty (20) enthusiastic Porsche drivers attended this event. We welcomed three new drivers (new members, too!) to our autocross family: Beverly, Wendell and Bruce. Right as the course was prepared, and moments before we started driving, we experienced a few raindrops. But the rain passed by, and it turned out to be a perfect day. Based on the competitors comments, all who came enjoyed the very challenging course. Bruce had to leave prior to running-we hope to see you next time! Thanks to everyone who participated! See you September 27!

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



#### **How They Fared**

First time PCA drivers=\*

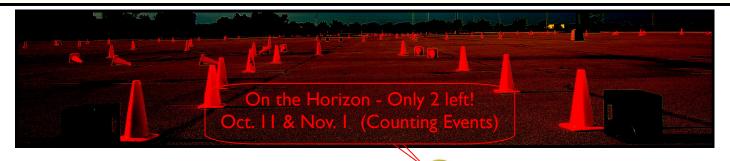
#### **Important Autocross News!**

Due to weather and various scheduling conflicts, **both** remaining Autocross dates are now counting events. Be there!

October 11 & November 1









### Early Autumn Weather Perfect For Awesome Autocross

What a gorgeous day for auto crossing! Under cloudless skies with virtually no wind but a slight breeze, 16 drivers tried 6 times each to post their lowest elapsed times through a course which contained a 360, slaloms, sweepers, straights, and more! Everyone seemed to enjoy the layout, although most had forgotten we had used this one before.

Welcome new member and first-time Cimarron auto crosser, Keith Kelly, in his '76 911 Targa. We hope you had fun, and will return for our next event, October 11.

Gary was fast, as usual, but it's getting crowded at the top, as Jeff and Wendell both ran very well. And look out for Mike Fugate.

Most every driver seems to be improving from one session to the next, indicating if practice doesn't always make perfect, it surely makes one more proficient, and a more capable driver, which is, after all, what it's all about!

Thanks to everyone for coming out! See you soon!

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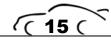
#### **How They Fared**

1) Gary Bernard	Cayman	49.038
2) Jeff Metcalf	Boxster	49.847
3) Wendell Karr-Ake	Boxster	50.252
4) Mike Fugate	Cayman	50.444
5) Brian Thomas	968	51.150
6) BillJacobi	TE911klahom	<sub>A</sub> 51.577
7) Bob Peck	911	51.703
8) Beverly Carlile	Boxster	52.497
9) Joe Hill	Boxster	52.704
10) Dan Arthrell	911	53.101
11) Greg Petzet	911	53.406
12) Rick Hardmeyer	911	53.563
13) Chris Hines	911 ER	54.649
14) Joy Jones	Boxster	57.516
15) Keith Kelly	911	58.078*
16) Rod Nordstrom	911	DNF
	First time	o DCA drivers-*

First time PCA drivers=

Corporate Woods, 4500 S. 129th E. Ave (West of the building)
Meet at 8:30 a.m.-Begin runs about 9:30 a.m.
Counting sessions = \$10







### Autocross Action

From September 13 & 27



Lining up for autocross (from right): Keith Kelly, Rod Nordstrom, Gary Bernard, Mike Fugate, Joe Hill, Bob Peck, and Jeff Metcalf



Joe Hill at the finish line



Bob Peck completes a run



Gary Bernard is too fast to focus at the finish



Mike Fugate in his newly acquired Cayman



Waiting their turns



First-timer Keith Kelly carves a turn



New member Wendell Karr-Ake quickly demonstrates his ability September 13. Wendell and Beverly Carlile both drive this Boxster, and very well indeed!

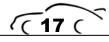




## Rocks 'n' Roll



The 2015 Porsche GT3 pictured here
Is NO garage queen!
Nor is it a "track only" Porsche,
Or a "driven only on weekends" automobile.
There are as many uses for great cars
As there are people who drive them.
Take a look on the following pages!





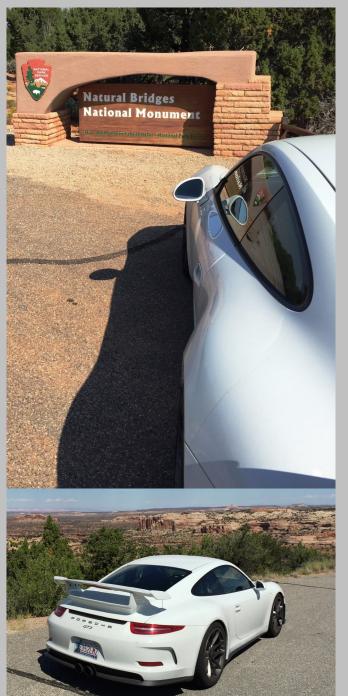
### Jay & Nancy Rock Utah

Report & Photos from Jay & Nancy Anderson-Thanks!

Their Porsche dealer keeps telling them their GT3 is not a daily driver, but they're not buying it. Cimarron Region members, Jay and Nancy Anderson, recently completed a 3600 mile loop from Tulsa, northwest into Utah, and down and around through national parks and monuments. They visited Dinosaur, Arches, two districts in Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Natural Bridges. Jay says, "'Gravel roads' and '4-wheel only' signs are for whimps!" He adds, "The best part is, Nancy wants to know, 'What's next?""

(> > > more on the next page)















Long stretches of highway through the desert, a National Park or Monument here and there along the way! What could be a better way to see America than in the all-purpose Porsche GT3. Jay and Nancy recommend the Blue Swallow Motel in Tucumcari, NM. An historic Route 66 property, completely refurbished, and boasting available garages, for the comfort and safety of the entire "family."





Blue Swallow photo with 1951 Pontiac found on Motel's web site. Thanks Jay and Nancy Anderson for not sending all 850 photos!



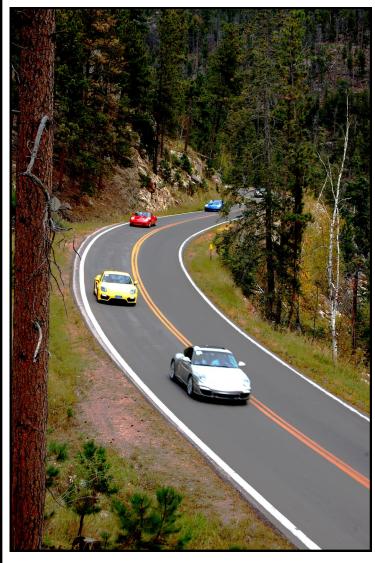


### PCA Escape to Rushmore

The 2015 PCA Escape to Rushmore has just concluded in and around Rapid City, South Dakota. Almost 300 registrants converged upon the historic district for three days of drives, banquets, and a people's choice car show. Tours and drives throughout the

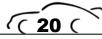
region visited such settings as, of course, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, surrounding towns, motoring through scenic vistas, pigtail bridges, and rock tunnels, along twisty, hilly, nicely paved roads. Steve Canada and his daughter Kira, and George and Georgia Paul, were the only Cimarron Region members registered for the event. They made the drive all the way up and back, and enjoyed the entire trip.

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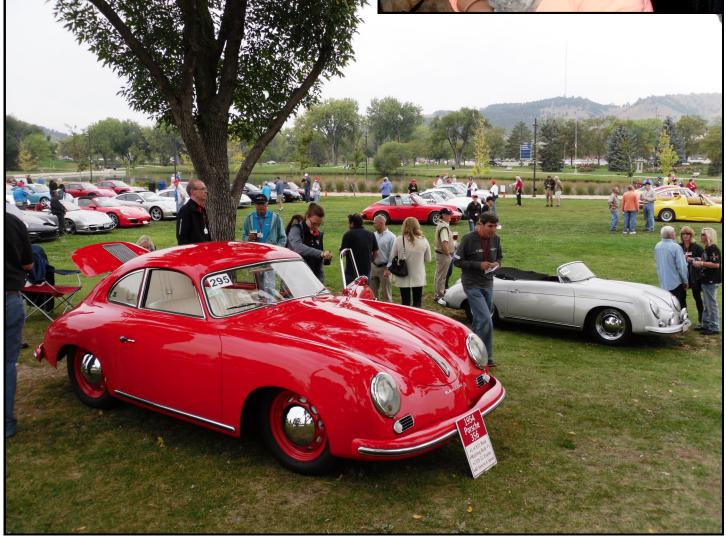




Greg and Pam Petzet flew in for a few days in order to snap a few photos, and say hello to some of their Porsche friends, including two of the event principals, Arlyce and Jim Lillegaard. They reported all in attendance appeared to be having a most wonderful time.

Next year's Escape will be held in Reno, NV.





#### Social Calendar and Upcoming Events



### October 2015

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18 Devil's Den Picnic Drive	19	20	21	22	23	24	F A S T	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	8 A A M	

#### **October Highlights**

Cimarron Region Oktoberfast Club Race & Driver Education

@ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - October 2 - 4

PCA Escape To Rushmore @ Rapid City, SD - October 1-3

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

Autocross Counting Session @ Corporate Woods - October 11 - 8:30 a.m.

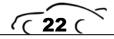
Cimarron Region Board Meeting @ Jackie Cooper - 2nd Monday - 6:30 p.m.

Oktoberfest Dinner @ Siegi's - October 14 - 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Luncheon @ Cedar Ridge C.C. - Saturday, October 17 - 11:30 a.m.

Devil's Den Picnic Drive - Sunday, October 18 - Meet at 8:45 a.m.

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29	30						8 A R M E

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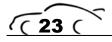
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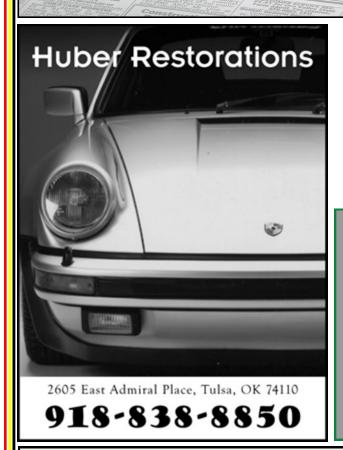




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### Motorsports Update

#### **Winning Ways**

by Jon Jones - CRPCA President



If you are not an obscure movie fan, you may never have seen "Cat Ballou." The great Lee Marvin won an Oscar for his role as Kid Shelleen, and he had one of the best lines in the movie – "It was grand. It was just swell."

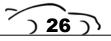
If you missed it, Porsche is on a roll, and it feels grand. The fantastic 919 won at Le Mans, the Nurburgring, and now at the Circuit of the Americas 6-hour race. The 911RSR has won two in a row, and while the natives (Ferrari/Aston Martin/Corvette) are getting restless, Porsche is executing with precision and won't be easy to beat.

The key to the 919's dominance is in the balanced package of 8 megajoules of recovered power, great handling, tire life, and outstanding drivers. Porsche has found its pace in the top class of WEC and won't be easily dethroned. Toyota is already focusing on their car for 2016, so even with the upcoming round at Fuji in Japan, cannot be considered a serious threat. Audi is the great mystery. Uncharacteristic mistakes in the pits coupled with equally odd mechanical issues have left the entire team on the back foot. They are still fast, and threatened at COTA, but their house needs to be put in order soon – the season is winding down.

Those who left COTA early missed a heart-in-mouth moment as the leading Number 18 Porsche 919 pitted with a darn near terminal electrical issue at the 5.5 hour mark. The 17 car was in second place, but no one was sure if the same problem would not strike the sister car and hand the victory to Audi. It didn't, and Porsche won, but the last 30 minutes of the 6 hour race were not kind to the Porsche-partisan crowd on hand.

In GTE PRO, Porsche scored another 1-2 finish with the 911RSRs of Porsche Team Manthey. Never seriously challenged, except by each other, the cars were the class of the field throughout the 6 hours. The one downer of the event was the fourth place finish by the Dempsey-Proton Porsche in GTE AM, driven by Pat Long, Marco Seefried, and Patrick Dempsey. A podium finish at Le Mans has bolstered this teams hopes, but despite leading a significant portion of the COTA 6 hour, they could not manage another Top-3 finish. Pat Long was his usual phenomenal self while in the car, Seefried did his job, and even Dempsey, who many watch very closely, did an excellent job. Yet the Ferrari's still beat them to the finish. There are still some opportunities ahead, so we will see.

Along with the WEC at COTA was the Tudor United Sports Car Series, or TUSC if you like (or not.) The IMSA-sanctioned series is considered one of the premier professional road racing series in the U.S., and while Porsche long ago departed the Prototype class, they are still very active in GT. (> > > continued on the next page)





#### Motorsports Update (continued)

The class is called GTLM in TUSC, and coming in to COTA, Porsche had won three in a row. This record usually draws the attention of the officials with some type of "balance of performance" adjustment. Prior to COTA, Porsche had a 20kg (44 lbs.) increase in weight added to the cars, and while some were concerned about the increase, the Porsche Motorsports North America team added the weight and won the race. Going away. Next up for TUSC is the Petit Le Mans 10-hour race this month, and Porsche is in the hunt for both the Driver's and Manufacturer's Championships.

It's a fine time to be a Porsche racing fan. In fact, it's just swell.

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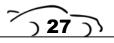
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