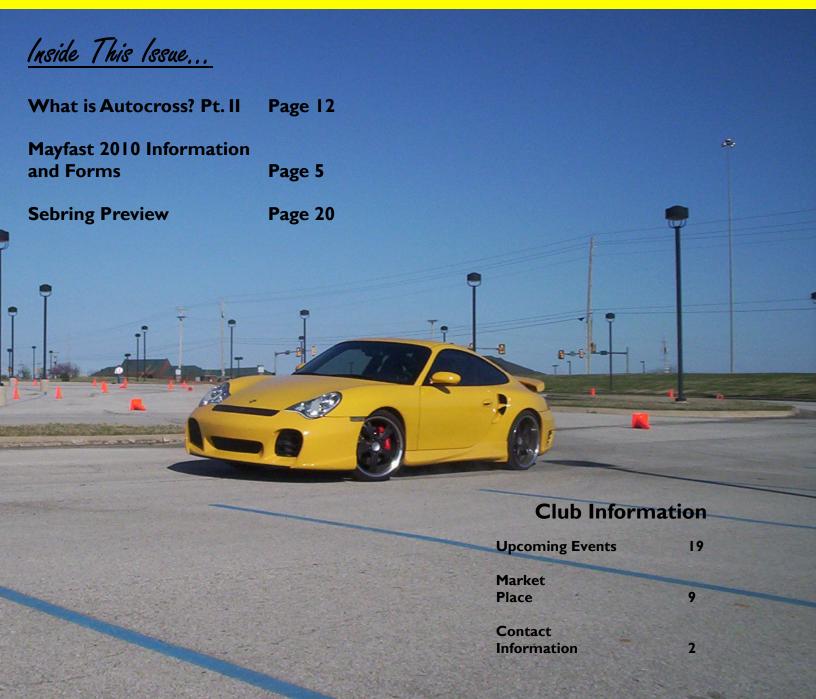






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## **President's Corner**

Cimarron Region Members,

I hope this finds you well and looking forward to Spring. We are getting some social events lined up to take advantage of the change of season. I look forward to your participation, and seeing you at the events we are planning.

Many thanks to Claudia and Dan Arthrell for hosting the Chili and Bunco Party–it was a lot of fun, and a great way to celebrate the Valentine's

Day weekend! Also, thanks to all the chili and dessert cooks for the wonderful food, and special thanks to Allen Hill for "thinking outside of the bowl" and bringing his extraordinarily delicious, super-smoked Ribs! If you didn't make it, we hope to see you at the next event.

The Cherry Street Pub Crawl, which appears to becoming an annual event, is set for Saturday, March 13. Look for details in the Cimarron Trail or via the PCA emailer, and plan to join the fun.

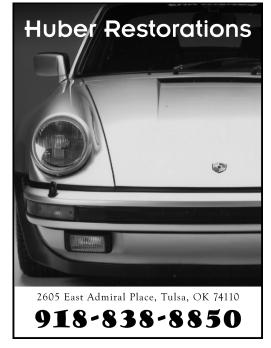
Elinor and Randy Kaplin are once again planning to host the "Rock N' Roll' Party at their beautiful home in South Tulsa, on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. If the prospect of good food, drinks, friends, a chance to see Randy's amazing garage/cars, and a little rock n' roll, is not enough to get you out for this event, then I don't know what it would take. Look for upcoming details, and put this one on your calendar. Also, please let me know if you play guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, or sing, etc., we would like to expand the ensemble this year, so the music is more fun!

On the driving front, Autocross season is about to start up with an Autocross/Car Control Clinic at Rennsport on Thursday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m., and the first Autocross event on Sunday, March 28, at 8:00 a.m. Autocross is becoming more user friendly this year–please feel free to come out and try the track at your own speed, and plan to participate at any level you would like. I hope you have been following the Autocross articles and information in the Cimarron Trail. Please give us some feedback on the articles or any questions you have on Autocross.

Our Club Driver's Education event, Mayfast, is set for May 1-2, 2010, at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. This is a great opportunity to explore the potential of your Porsche, at an exciting track with some great instructors. Please plan to participate in this driving event, or lend a hand, so that it will be successful.

Please let me know if you would like to receive a hard copy of the Cimarron Trail, and I'll make arrangements to get you copies. That's all for now. Stay warm, drive safely, and come out to one of our upcoming events.

> Best Regards, John Shafer



## Notes From The Editor...

This month continues our series on Autocross with some more in-depth information on seating position, steering techniques, and "the line". The schedule is out for the 2010 Cimarron Region Autocross season, and we hope you'll note the dates on your calendar. Even if you choose not to participate right away, you can still come out and watch, help out on the course, or just provide moral support! We welcome any and all participation. Bring a friend or significant other—it's a fun way to spend a Sunday morning.

The Autocross site is Merit Industrial Complex located at 4500 S. 129th E Ave. in Tulsa.

The 2010 racing season is underway, and despite hard economic times, there is still a significant Porsche presence on the race tracks across the USA. Check out page 15 for a preview of the upcoming American Le Mans Series season, and the opener at Sebring.

We've had a few questions about the all-electronic format of the newsletter. We tend to forget that not everyone has the same level of computer access. If you need a print copy of this newsletter, please let me or Cimarron Region President John Shafer know, and we will get a hard copy to you. I can be reached at 740-7951, John's contact information is on page 2.



#### **CIMARRON REGION DRIVERS EDUCATION** MAYFAST 2010

May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd at H.M.R.C.

Payment:	Checks Payable to Cimarron Region P.C.A. Early Registration Cut Off Date: April 20 <sup>th,</sup> 2010			
By Mail:	Send to:Christy Thomas 3829 S. 99th E. Ave Tulsa, OK 74146			
<b>ONLINE:</b>	http://clubregistration.net			
<b>Registration:</b>	Saturday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> opens at 7:45am on the first floor of the Tower.			
T- shirts:	\$20.00(\$22.00 for XXL) only orders taken by April 20 <sup>th</sup> 2010 will be honored.			
Dinner is included in your registration fees, and non participant dinners are available for \$20.00 each.				
Registration is per driver, not per car. If you are sharing a car, please fill out and sign 2 registration form.				
If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail Christy at- autoexam@cox.net or call her at, or 918-521-4543				
A CALL FOR INSTRUCTORS				

#### LALL FUK INSTRUCTURS

If you are interested in becoming an instructor for this event please contact our Chief Instructor, John Blocha via email at: john.blocha@sbcglobal.net or contact the registrar. All instructors will receive an event T-shirt, (please specify size) and complimentary Saturday night dinner. This is our way of saying thanks for sharing your knowledge and experience with new drivers.

#### **NOVICE SCHOOL**

All Novice drivers are required to attend the Novice School on Saturday 5/1/10 at 8:00 a.m. in the classroom on the second floor of the towe you plan to drive just on Sunday, you will need to take the class Saturday morning.

#### **TECHNICAL INSPECTION**

A tech form has been included in this information to help prepare you and your car for the track. You must have your car inspected before the event. Hallett loves brakes.

#### DO NOT SEND THE TECH FORM IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION.

You will turn in your tech form on the grid when you line up for your first session, to receive your inspection sticker.

## AT THE TRACK

The paddock area will be open from Friday 4/30/10 5:00 p.m. until Sunday 5/2/10 7:00 p.m. Consider bringing items that will contribute to your co fort--sun block, water, drinks (no alcohol), etc. You should bring a torque wrench to check lug nuts and a tire gauge to check tire pressures. Cover spaces with electricity are available at the track for the weekend, as well as garages. The event Registrar will be taking reservations for carports and garages. If you are interested in camping you will need to contact Connie Stephens at the track.

## LODGING

There are lots of Hotels to choose from in Tulsa. Just a short 30 minute drive from the track, in Sand Springs, is the Hampton Inn. 7852 W. Parkway Blvd.(1-918-245-8500.) We suggest this hotel, as it is close and new and clean. A little closer to the track you can find the Budget ZZZ Motel (918-358-3591) in Cleveland.

#### **CHARITY EVENT**

#### MADD ABOUT HALLETT

Time and Weather permitting, we are including charity parade laps at lunchtime for Mother's Against Drunk Driving. These parade laps are open to any car, and helmets are not required. A pace car will lead the laps at a very slow speed. You can bring the family, and let them see what the track looks like from your view! We will line up for these parade laps at lunchtime on Saturday, time and weather permitting. Your donations to M.A.D.D. will be greatly appreciated!

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

#### SATURDAY

8:30 am Drivers meeting 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. Run groups 12:00 p.m. Lunch (MADD About Hallett parade laps) 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Run groups 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Dinner

#### **SUNDAY**

8:30 Drivers meeting 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. Run groups 12:00 p.m. Lunch (MADD About Hallett parade laps) 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Run groups

#### MAYFAST 2010

#### **CIMARRON REGION DRIVERS EDUCATION EVENT ENTRY FORM**

## HALLETT MOTOR RACING CIRCUIT (H.M.R.C.) May 1st and 2nd 2010

The Cimarron Region Porsche Club of America is sponsoring a two-day event, which consists of drivers education & track time. Novice classes are mandatory for all first time drivers.

#### REQUIREMENTS

I. Technical inspection: to be done by driver prior to event.

- II. Valid drivers license. 18 years of age.
- III. Safety Inspection: to be done at the track
  - 1.Helmet, attached SNELL 2000 (or newer) certification sticker required.
  - 2. Clothing, long sleeve cotton shirt. Long cotton pants, leather or canvas shoes.
  - 3.Seatbelts, factory belts in good condition, or approved replacement belts mounted metal to metal

4. Tires, minimum 2/32 in tread depth (exceptions may be made with race tires).

Entry Fee:	Two Days:	Early registration, prior to 4/20/10 Registration fee prior to 5/1/10					
		Registration fee at the event	<u></u> @ \$280.00 <u></u>				
	One Day:*	Early registration, prior to 4/20/10	@ \$160.00				
*First time novice drivers are		Registration fee before 5/1/10	 @ \$170.00				
Required to attend the Saturday Drivers classroom at 8a.m.		Registration fee at the event					
Special Novice		Saturday morning classroom and					
		One (1) 15 to 20 minutes track session with	h instructor @ \$ 80.00				
(THIS IS A SEE	PARATE NOVICE	OPPORTUNITY. DO NOT PAY IF YOU ARE RE	EGISTERED FOR 1 OR 2 DAY EVENT.)				
Non-participa	nt Dinners		@\$ 20.00				
rton participal							
DEADLINE F	OR GUARANTEE	D T-SHIRTS IS 4/20/08					
(instructors please	e indicate shirt size)						
T-SHIRTS	SM_	M LXL					
			XXL @\$ 22.00				
			* TOTAL â				
Please note :	Entry form MUS	T be postmarked by 4/20/10 to receive the rea	duced price.				
Payment: Checks Payable to Cimarron Region P.C.A. send to: 3829 S. 99 E. Ave. Tulsa, Ok 74146							
\$50.00 CANCELLATION FEE. NO REFUNDS GIVEN AFTER MAY 1 <sup>st</sup> 2010. NO EXCEPTIONS, SORRY.							
\$30.00 CAI		SE, NO KEFONDS OIVEN AFTER MATT	2010. NO EACEI HONS, SORKI.				

Name:	Car Make
Address:	Year Color:
E-mail address	_ Cimarron member: YES/NO PCA#
City: State: Zip:	Are you an instructor?
Day Phone:	_ Are you a first time driver (novice)?:
Evening Phone:	Sharing car?: Co-Driver:
Days Attending: Sat, 5/1: Sun, 5/2:	Number attending Sat dinner (inc. driver):
Track Experience at Hallett (circle one): None 1 Event	2-3 Events 4-5 Events 6+ Events
Other Track Experience/Driving Schools:	
previous lap time at Hal	llett
Emergency Contact:	Phone Number:

In consideration of being permitted to use H.M.R.C. facility under the track rental lease of the Cimarron Region, PCA, I agree to be solely financially responsible for any and all property damage to the H.M.R.C. facility caused, in whatsoever manner, by myself, or a registered co-driver, either in the vehicle which I have registered, or in another vehicle within the H.M.R.C. facility, which is under my control. I further agree to pay the Cimarron region, PCA within seven (7) calendar days of invoice by the Cimarron Region, PCA for all property which had been billed, or which it has paid to the operators of H.M.R.C. for property damage to H.M.R.C. in which I, or my vehicle, was involved.

## **CIMARRON REGION DRIVER'S EDUCATION TECHNICAL INSPECTION FORM**

NAME:			PHONE:
ADDRESS:			
			CLASS:
		UMBER:	
Driver's			
Initials	TO B	E INSPECTED BY DRIVER PRIOR TO	D EVENT
	1.	BRAKE FLUID: DOT 4, less than six	months old, reservoir full.
	2.	BRAKE PEDAL: Firm, releases freely	. <u>Hallett is very hard on brakes</u> .
	3.	BRAKE PADS: 3/16' thickness or great	ater. New pads recommended.
	4.	BRAKE HOSES & LINES: Dry and i	
	ulges. Min 2/32' tread		
		(exceptions may be made for race tires)	
	6.	THROTTLE RETURN: Return freely	
	7.	SUSPENSION & WHEEL BEARING	
	8.	WHEELS: No cracks, bends. All lug r	uts properly torqued. Steel lug nuts preferred.
	9. WINDSHIELD: No cracks.		
10.		MIRRORS: At least one securely mou	nted rearview mirror.
	11.	BRAKE LIGHTS: Function Properly.	
	12.	<b>SEAT BELTS:</b> Factory belts in good c metal to metal.	ondition or approved replacements mounted
	13.	BATTERY: Securely fastened, good co	ondition, no acid leaks or corrosion.
	14.		mmended but not required. If installed must be
		Securely anchored to car structure.	
	15.	HELMET: SNELL 2000 rated (or new	er), original certification sticker attached.
	16.	LOOSE OBJECTS: Removed from pa	ssenger compartment, trunk, and glove box.
Driver's side floor mats removed.			
	17.	APPAREL: Full length cotton pants, lo	ng sleeve cotton shirt, cotton socks and leather
		shoes, or a fire resistant drivers suit.	
	18.	<b>DRIVER'S LICENSE:</b> Must be valid	and over 18 years of age by the day of event.

In consideration of my participation in this event, I have initialed the above items and certify that they meet or exceed the requirements. I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the organizers of this event, their agents and representatives, with respect to the condition and preparation of my car, or any failure or damage to my car or injury to it's occupants as a result of my participation in this event. I certify that I have no physical or mental problems or impairments, which could jeopardize others or myself if I participate in this event.

Neither Cimarron Region, PCA, the Porsche Club of America, Inc., nor the technical inspector makes any express or implied warranty of fitness for any purpose. I acknowledge that as the automobile owner and/or driver, it is my responsibility to ensure the safe operation of this vehicle, and to maintain the car's safe operating condition over the course of the event.

#### ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THIS TECH SHEET HAVE BEEN TESTED AND SERVICED BY THE DRIVER. THE DRIVER'S SIG-NATURE BELOW EXCLUSIVELY WARRANTS COMPLIANCE.

DRIVER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CIMARRON REGION APPROVED: DATE:

## DO NOT SEND YOUR TECH SHEET IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM!!! YOU WILL GIVE IT TO THE GRID GUYS ON YOUR FIRST SESSION WHEN YOU ARE **INSPECTED FOR TECH.**

## Chili and Bunko

Hosted by Dan and Claudia Arthrell

The Arthrell's hosted an evening of delicious food, friendship, and six tables for the game of Bunko. Its easy to get caught up in the excitement of the game! Among the foods to sample were several different kinds of chili, barbecue, and some wonderful desserts. Hope you'll join us next time...

Best Chili—Al Chim

Most Bunkos-Marsha Engles

Most Wins (tie) -Elinor Kaplin Ted Kelly

Most Losses—Pat Kelly

# Autocrossing/Car Control Clinic - March 25, 6pm



# What is autocrossing? What are all those cones about? I have questions about autocrossing?

Just a few of the questions that everyone asks at one point or another. We are going to do our best to answer these questions, and more during our Autocross/Car Control Clinic. **Reserve a spot today!** 

This event is provided to members so that they might get some insight into what makes a car behave the way it does, how to control it and getting the most (fun!) out of your car. Even if you just want to find out more about car control and how that relates to your car, you should attend. This event is for men **and** women, beginners and experienced drivers alike.

Autocross/Car Control Clinic - Thursday, March 25th, 6 pm at Rennsport, 4705 S. 83rd E. Ave. in Tulsa. Snacks and drinks to be provided by Rennsport.

Please **RSVP (or questions) by March 22nd** to Gary Bernard at 918-629-1932 or gary@bernarddesign.com.

## THE MARKET PLACE

For Sale: 2006 Carrera S Midnight blue/Gray interior, sport chrono, 6-spd, Pirelli P-Zeros, Kenwood AM/FM/CD-DVD/Sirius/ Bluetooth, Clear Bra, clear/heat shield window tint, manuals, always garaged. Absolutely no issues...better than new? You be the judge! Factory and premium extended warranty thru July, 2012. A blast to drive with enough torque to make creeping in traffic painless and high speed romps blissful. PCA member for over 30 years. Approaching retirement dictates it's time to reduce the "toys to equity" relationship. A beautiful car for serious buyers. 17K mi. (Really!), \$51,500Contact: Mel; 713-995-4312 or porsche@adpro1.com





For Sale: 914/6 gt4s club racer. Highly modified and very successful - in club racing and AX/TT. after perusing the info/photos at <u>www.rubicon-racing.com</u>, you'll see that it's well worth \$29.95k for car & trailer. Wayne at <u>prsch914@hughes.net</u>

For Sale: Complete set of 19" Tires and 3pc forged Wheels (Black/Porsche Crest/ Chrome Lips) for Porsche 997S backup set never used and sold car. Michelin Pilot Sport Tires. (2) Front 235 35 ZR 19 (2) Rear 295 30 ZR 19 Cost \$4000 Asking \$2000 obo Brent, 479-936-1209, email <u>iba02@msn.com</u>

For Sale: 2005 Porsche Boxster S, with only 10,000 actual miles, Silver w/Black interior, 6-speed, Bose, Wind Blocker, excellent condition. \$31,000. Bruce Bartovick 918-625-4587, bbartovick@ststulsa.com.

For Sale: 1982 Porsche 928, 4.51 V8, automatic transmission

Pacific Blue Metallic with full leather interior in tan/brown 80,XXX original miles, sold new in Tulsa, second owner, owned since 29,XXX miles Recent repaint in factory Glasurit by Huber Restorations. No dings or scratches Upgraded suspension, intake and exhaust. Excellent mechanicals. Book of receipts No spoilers or ugly side impact strips. One of the nicest early 928's you are likely to find Asking \$11,500 ONO. Call John at (918) 289-6840 or e-mail pacificblue928@att.net

**For Sale: 1974 Porsche 914** Silver and Black, race ready PCA class GT-6 race car. 2.0 big bore kit, full cage, chassis strengthening kit, Weltmeister tubular torsion bars, Weltmeister 22mm front sway bar, solid engine mounts, turbo tie rods, Bilstein Sport Shocks, MSD 6AL ignition, Weber carbs, New Lexan windshield, motor overhaul 2007. Prepared and maintained by Rennsport Werkstatt, Tulsa. Extra wheels, new track tires. \$12,500. Bill Jacobi 1-918-694-1261 cell or bjacobi@sbcglobal.net

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# **Membership News**

## PCA Cimarron Region Membership News Reported by Greg Hart, Membership Chair as of March 2, 2010

Primary Members	251
Affiliate Members	193
Life Members	1
Total Members	445

### **Welcome New Members**

David Bevan

Tulsa, OK

**Transfers IN** 

None

Transfers OUT

Dave Coats

To Ozark

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# Breakfast at the Wild Fork

The weekly, Saturday morning breakfast at The Wild Fork in Utica Square had a special guest on February 27th. Tracey Norvell, who handles the marketing account for Jackie Cooper Imports, came all the way from Portland, OR to join the Cimarron Region PCA crew. Many thanks to Tracey and Jackie Cooper for their continued support. Hope to see <u>you</u> next time...













# What is Autocross? Pt. II

## Driving Techniques Proper Sitting Positions:

(1) Adjust the driver's seat so that your elbows are slightly bent while your hands are on the steering wheel either at the 10 and 2 o'clock position or the 9 and 3 o'clock position. Now your leg position should be adjusted so that your legs stay slightly bent even when you operate the clutch and/or the brake pedal. You do not want to over-extend or straighten your legs when you operate the various pedals. The seat back (rake) should be adjusted so that you can put the bottom of your wrists on the top of the steering wheel without stretching to do so.

(2) If possible, obtain and use a four or five point harness. If using your standard shoulder/lap belt, try and adjust it tight enough so that you will not move around in your seat. This will enable you to concentrate more on your driving and less on trying to stay in your seat.

(3) Try and keep your head as erect as possible, that is, in the same plane as the car is in. Leaning your head into the turn will not make the car handle any better. What **will** happen is that you will receive a distorted view and distorted inputs through your eyes to your brain, thus in turn affecting your driving skills.

## Steering Techniques

(1) Keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times, except at the start and shifting.

(2) Position your hands on the steering wheel at either the 10 and 2 o'clock positions or 9 and 3 o'clock positions on the wheel.









## Steering Techniques, cont.

(3)For most of your steering inputs, you will not have to adjust your hand positions. However on some courses that have very tight turns you may want to use what we term the *"Steering Shuffle"* routine. This will enable you to feed the wheel from hand to hand without taking either hand off of the steering wheel. First imagine that there is a vertical line through the steering wheel at 12 and 6 o'clock. The left hand stays on the left side of the wheel and the right hand stays on the right side. To turn right, slide the right hand up to the top of the steering wheel at 12 o'clock then pull the wheel down to the 6 o'clock position, meeting the right hand with the left hand which has slid around the steering wheel to that position. To continue to turn the wheel, the left hand will now pull the wheel to the 12 o'clock position, and so on. To turn left, the left hand begins the process by starting to pull the wheel from the 12 o'clock position down the left side to the 6 o'clock position where the right hand will meet it and continue the arc to the left.

**Remember:** you use this process to turn into a corner and to turn out of the corner, so **you turn in and you turn out.** Don't let the steering wheel loose in your hands when coming out of a turn then grab it when you think it is straight. You will only be playing a guessing game. Steer in, steer out. Also, most of the movement that you will do with this method will go beyond the 9 and 3 o'clock positions on the steering wheel. The more you practice this method, the easier it will work, eventually it will be an automatic process. As you exercise the procedure, you will appear to be moving the wheel slowly, but deliberately.

Slow down and you will go faster!





Autocross Update



## Tips & Guidelines <u>General Rules</u>

A car is most stable under acceleration

Never brake in a corner!

Enter slow, exit fast

Use a consistent, comfortable braking point

Maximize exit speed by getting on the power sooner, before increasing entry speed into the corner.

## <u>The Line</u>

The line is the route around a course and through its corners which will enable the car to go fastest.

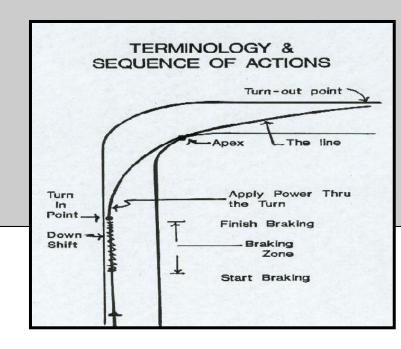
In a corner, it's the broadest arc that maximizes speed, given "g" as a constant in V(2) = 15 gr

The *"line"* and the geometry of the edges of the pavement are usually different.

There is only one "line"

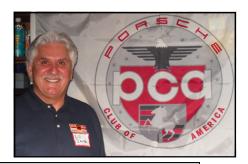
Different cars require different approaches to stay on the "line"

The most important corners are those leading to the longest straights.

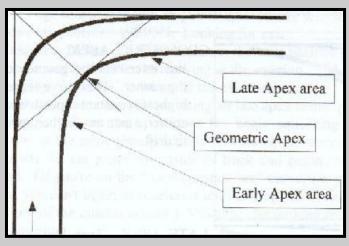








**Concept of Apex**: The Geometric Apex is at the point where the bisection of the angle of the tangent lines drawn from the turn entry and turn exit crosses the inside edge of the track. The Driven Apex is the point on the inside of the track that the driver chooses (hopefully intentionally) to divide the turn. If before the Geometric Apex, it is termed an *Early Apex*. If after the Geometric Apex, it is termed a *Late Apex*. In general: *"Late Apex = Safe Apex."* 



## <u>Vision</u>

- Eyes up -- don't drive off the nose of the car.
- Where you're looking is where you're going
- Look through a corner and beyond, expand your field of vision.
- When exiting a corner look ahead for the next corner/cone.
- Do not follow blindly
- Do not fixate in on the cones

Vision is the most important element of High Performance Driving



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## <u>Start Gate</u>

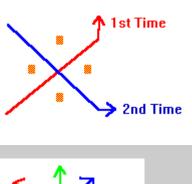
- (1) Line up on start line as directed
- (2) Start when ready **after** starter's signal
- (3) Break timing beam at highest attainable speed.



#### <u>Box</u>

(1) Boxes are usually driven through at least twice.

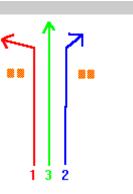
(2) The course line crosses within the box.



#### **Decision Gate**

(1) Locate decision gates and memorize sequence of direction changes when passing through gate, ie: 1st time, turn left, 2nd time right, etc.

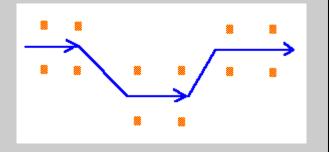
(2) Decision gate sequence can be in any order or combination of that shown above.



#### **Offset Gates**

 (1) Smooth control inputs
(2) Maintain flowing line without abrupt changes.





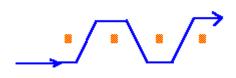






## Even Slaloms

Constant speed, smooth steering inputs. Entry and Exit on the **opposite** side.



#### Odd Slaloms

Constant speed, smooth steering inputs. Entry and Exit on the **same** side.

#### Expanding Slaloms

Increase speed, smooth steering and acceleration.

#### **Decreasing Slaloms**

Decrease speed, smooth steering and braking.

#### **Optional Slaloms**

Enter on either side

#### Mandatory Slaloms

Enter side opposite the arrow

More next month.

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## **2010 CIMARRON REGION AUTOCROSS DATES**

The location for this years autocrosses will be held at the Merit Industrial Center Complex, The address is 4500 S. 129<sup>th</sup> East Ave, Tulsa. The following dates have been finalized. The cost to participate will remain at \$20 per driver per event. <u>If you have never driven at an autocross, your first event will be free.</u>

You can drive a non-Porsche vehicle in the autocross but you will not be scored for the year-end awards. If you are new to autocrossing come out and join us. It's a lot of fun and will not hurt your car. First-time drivers will be allowed to drive the course a couple of laps before timing starts. These initial laps can be with an instructor or without an instructor, it's your choice. No times will recorded during these laps, nor will you be required to wear a helmet. This will be a great opportunity for you to experience autocrossing and determine if you wish to participate on a regular basis. We hope that the bug bites you!

You should plan on arriving at Merit at 8:00am— plan on helping set up the course cones. When you are not driving you will be required to work a section of the course while the others are driving. We are usually done at around 11:00am or sooner, depending on the number of drivers. Our autocrosses are not a high stress event, we just want to learn car control and have a great time driving our cars.

I look forward to seeing a lot of new faces—this is not just a "guy thing" - men and women are welcome. This event is open to all Porsche Club Members.

Also, there will be an autocross and car control school at Rennsport on March 25, beginning at 6:00pm. Please contact me should you have any questions.

March 28, April 25, May 16, June 13, July 18, August 22, September 12, October 10 and November 14, 2010.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Steve Canada, SOCIAL CHAIR

## **On Going Club Events**

**Every Sat** 

Members' Breakfast Description: Join us for weekly breakfast and some tire kicking. 8am, Wild Fork, 1820 Utica Square

#### Second Monday of Every Month

**CRPCA Board Meeting** Monthly meeting to discuss club activities. 6pm, Jackie Cooper Imports.



Newsletter Submissions Deadline for getting your articles, information or requests to the editor by the 20th of every month. Send to: porschenews@aol.com

As you can see our social calendar is beginning to fill out for 2010. We will post information about more 2010 events as they are scheduled. Please remember that RSVPs, where included, are greatly appreciated to help in event planning. Thank you.

## March

## June

March 13 **Cherry Street Pub Crawl** 6:30 at the Empire Bar at 15th and S. Peoria Tulsa, OK

March 25 **Car Control Clinic** Rennsport Tulsa—See Page 5 Tulsa, OK

## March 28

Autocross #1 Merit Industrial Complex Tulsa, OK

## April

April 10 Drive to Muskogee Music Hall of Fame and Autocross #6 **Chili Festival** 

Muskogee, OK

April 24 **Rock & Roll Garage Party at the Kaplin's** 7:00pm—RSVP to Randy and Elinor either at their home (918) 299-7344 or via email at <u>rwkap-</u> lin@swbell.net

## April 25

Autocross #2 Merit Industrial Complex Tulsa, OK

## May

May 1-2 Mayfast 2010 Hallett Motor Racing Circuit

Mav 9 Drive and Brunch at the Canebrake Wagoner, OK

## May 16

Autocross #3 Merit Industrial Complex Tulsa, OK

June 13 Autocross #4 Merit Industrial Complex

Julv **July 3-9** 

**Porsche Parade 2010** St. Charles, IL **Julv 18** Autocross #5 Merit Industrial Complex Tulsa, OK

## August

August 22 Merit Industrial Complex Tulsa, OK

September

September 12 Autocross #7 Merit Industrial Complex Tulsa, OK

October

October 10 Autocross #8 Merit Industrial Complex Tulsa, OK

October 15-17 **Oktoberfast Club Race/Driver's Education** Hallet Motor Racing Circuit

November

November 12 Autocross #9 Merit Industrial Complex Tulsa, OK



# **Motorsport Report**

## The American Le Mans Series Season Opener— The 12 Hours of Sebring

Know what's happening with the American Le Mans Series in 2010? Good, you're ahead of the game. Fraught with the ugliest of rumors in the off season and a steady undertow of dissent as the new campaign begins later this month at Sebring, the ALMS is facing a tough challenge. In the political world, media reports of an early demise are hard to overcome because the subject spends all their time denying the reports. So too with the ALMS. While busy denying the reports of their collapse, the ALMS has worked hard to cobble together a schedule and a car count for 2010. And they have succeeded—to a point. Part of the difficulty for the ALMS lies with the ACO, the governing body for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The rules package for the ALMS is leased from the French organization and is therefore tied to them—and all of the political intrigue that goes on across the pond. Every year the ACO tinkers with the rules for Le Mans, and that puts a heavy burden on the competitors in the US. Here's a summary of the changes for this season.

LMP1 and LMP2 have been combined with an equivalency formula to balance the different car weights and engine capacities. Except for Sebring and the Petit Le Mans where they are still separate classes. Got it?

The LMP Challenge class has been added. LMPC uses a standard engine (GM V8) and chassis (Oreca), which is curious because that should make it a "spec" class. Hasn't the ALMS and their adherents poked fun at their competitors for using spec cars? Hmmm...

GT1 is gone. Left with only the Corvettes as serious competitors in 2009, the public lost interest in seeing which of the two big Chevys would win the class.

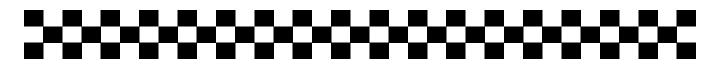
GT2 is now just GT, and represents the best subscribed class. Porsche is here with the 997 GT3RSR (four entered for Sebring). Also in the class are the Ferrari F430, the BMW M3, Corvette ZR1, and others.

GT Challenge is a single make class for the Porsche GT3 Cup car.

- Audi will not attend Sebring, though the Peugeot diesel coupes are entered.
- There is only one Porsche RS Spyder entered in the LMP2 class.
- Sebring is usually a tough haul over the 12 hours with plenty of mechanical attrition.
- There are 36 cars on the entry list so far—not a bad lineup considering the economy. But those 36 cars will provide lots of opportunities for calamity. You can take that to the bank.
- Defending GT2 Champions Pat Long and Jorg Bergmeister are back in one of the Flying Lizard Porsche GT3RSRs.
- Porsche stalwart Alex Job has three cars entered in the GT Challenge class.
- Porsche factory driver Wolf Henzler is driving a GT3RSR with Falken tires on the car. Falken entered the GT2 class last year as a development and marketing program. One wonders what Wolf thinks about all this as it is hard to see how Falken can challenge the powers of Michelin and Dunlop for the front of the pack.



Coverage of the 12 Hours of Sebring will be on SpeedTV March 20.





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