



# Cimarron Trail

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## CRPCA Lending Library

CRPCA has been invited to review a number of books offered by Motor-books International. There are some Porsche-related titles, and some general interest books, too. Currently we have the following books available.

The Book of the Porsche 356—Brian Long

Porsche High Performance Driving Handbook—Vic Elford

Porsche 996—The Essential Companion

Race To Win—How to become a Complete Champion Driver—Derek Daly

Autocross Performance Handbook—Richard Newton

Porsche Sixty Years—Randy Leffingwell

If you're interested in reviewing any of these books for CRPCA, or just want a chance to read them, contact the Editor at [porschenews@aol.com](mailto:porschenews@aol.com).

## St Patrick's Day Pub Crawl

For those of you that have joined us before, please join us again. For any of you who have not previously participated, please meet us at the Empire Bar at 6:30 on Saturday, March 14th for our annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl. We will park our cars and gather at the Empire Bar. Next we will walk to Kilkenney's Irish Pub & Eatery for dinner and then perhaps someplace else for desert. This is always a great event. Please RSVP to Steve Canada at [scanada@cox.net](mailto:scanada@cox.net)

## Rock & Roll Garage Party

Randy and Elinor Kaplin have once again offered to open their home to the Porsche Club for a Rock & Roll Garage Party. This event gives you the opportunity to see the musical side of club members and is always a blast. Randy and Elinor have a beautiful home and they are wonderful hosts. This is definitely an event you don't want to miss. Please RSVP to Randy and Elinor either at their home (918) 299-7344 or via email at [rwkaplin@swbell.net](mailto:rwkaplin@swbell.net).

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## President's Corner

This is my third President's report. Boy does time fly, especially last weekend when we lost an hour. I have to admit I am a big fan of daylight savings time. I hate getting up when it is still dark but that disadvantage is more than made up for by the extra daylight in the evenings. Combine the extra daylight with the warming temperatures and no doubt you will see a lot more club members cruising around town in the evenings.

**Social** – By the time you read this, the St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl will probably be past. I hope you were able to make it. Don't forget that on March 21<sup>st</sup>, Randy and Elinor Kaplin are hosting the Rock-N-Roll Garage Party at their home. As I mentioned in my email blast, they are wonderful hosts and have a beautiful home, so I encourage everyone to attend. You can RSVP to this event by contacting Randy and Elinor either at their home (918) 299-7344 or via email at [rwkaplin@swbell.net](mailto:rwkaplin@swbell.net).

By now you are probably sick of hearing about Spring Fling but I am once again going to remind you to fill out your registration and mail it to Bob Miller. We have changed the schedule around a bit this year. On Saturday we are going to have lunch at the Summerside Vineyard and Winery in Vinita. They have great food and we should have time for a brief tour of the winery before the rally back to Miami.

**Driver Education** – The PCA website states that "*The mission and purpose of the Driver Education Program is to provide a safe, structured and controlled teaching and learning environment. The PCA DE Program is designed so the participant can improve his or her driving abilities and acquire a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and driving safety at various tracks around the country.*" If you have never done a driver education, you are missing out. We conduct two DE's a year at the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit about 45 minutes from Tulsa. The first is coming up in May and if you are interested in participating but want more details, feel free to contact me anytime at 697-3610. You can also contact our DE Chair Brian Thomas at 663-2906. At our last Board meeting we decided to offer any members that joined the club during 2009 a free one day DE session at Hallett. So if you are a new member thinking about a DE, this is a great opportunity to try it out.

**Club Racing** – Some people get to the point that DE is not enough and graduate up to club racing which is considerably more aggressive. If you would like to see a club race, there is a club race at Heartland Park Topeka (just west of Kansas City) on April 18-19 and we will have several members racing there. In addition, Cimarron Region hosts a club race at Hallett in October, which is only 45 minutes from Tulsa.

**Did you know** – The Porsche Club of America serves more than 58,000 families, with over 100,000 members. To manage that many members, the club is broken into 13 zones, which are subdivided into 139 regions. Cimarron Region is in Zone 5 along with 10 other regions from Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. Kansas and Missouri to our north are in Zone 10. Our zone 5 representative, James Shoffit and his wife have recently put together a Zone 5 website. The IRL is <http://zone5.pca.org>. I recommend you visit the site, it has a lot of great information. It includes links to all 11 regions in our zone, so if you are interested in attending an event at one of the other regions, this website is a great resource.

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That's all for this month and I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.



David A. Huff passed away on Wednesday morning February 10<sup>th</sup> at his home in Fayetteville, AR. David was a PCA Cimarron region member since 1975. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

## What is Restoration?

Technically, restoration is the total disassembly of a vehicle and rebuild to factory specifications, using as many original or factory replacement parts as possible. The best professional restorers are artisans, people who know the cars, the history and what is “right”. Unfortunately, there are also many so-called professional restorers who are hacks. Many a Porsche enthusiast has turned over a car to one of these people and have had an expensive nightmare getting it back. If you insist on a professional restoration, do your homework—talk to your fellow Porscheophiles to find out who does reliable, quality work.

But restoration in general use means many things to many people. Below the level of professional restoration there are an infinite number of opportunities—from the simple, clean it up and drive her, to the more complex replacement of carpets, headliners, minor paint work, and more. If you spend any time looking at “restored” cars, you will see that there are many different ideas about what constitutes a restoration (see eBay). For our purposes, below true restoration comes refresh, repair and rebuild, or the three R’s. The three R’s encompass projects that return a car to road worthiness. Each of these projects contain their own challenges, but can usually be done by the motivated do-it-yourselfer. For many Porsche fans, this is the ultimate reward—much like driving events for the dedicated track types. Those of us who enjoy learning about the mechanicals of our Porsches find the same sense of pride and accomplishment after a day in the shop or garage as a day on the Autocross for others. And it’s not that difficult.

One Cimarron member has tackled the following projects on his 911: power antenna replacement; sunroof weather seal and cable replacement; windshield seal replacement; shift bushing and coupler replacement. He’s also done head studs, Carrera chain tensioners and more, but that’s a whole ‘nother story. Along with basic vehicle maintenance like oil changes and valve adjustments, these projects are do-able and fun. In addition, many older cars simply need the replacement of a few readily available pieces like jack plugs, window knobs, or shift boots to bring them up to snuff appearance-wise. This isn’t restoration, but refresh, repair, and rebuild.

“Old Porsches are expensive.” Yes, they can be. But there are also ways to be frugal and have the satisfaction of learning about your car by doing the 3 R’s. That’s part of Porsche ownership, too. For more information, at the next club social event, try this question: “Anybody know anything about restoring my car?” Or better yet check out the ad for Huber Restorations on page 6.



## What's the Point of Restoration?

For the enthusiast, it means any number of things. For some, the old cars have the appeal of simplicity, affordability and exclusivity. Let's face it, they're not building any more 356's. And old Porsche's don't cost all that much, if you do your homework. Parts are readily available, both from Porsche and any number of suppliers like Stoddard and Pelican Parts. Even a mid-70's 911 can be had for not a whole lot of cash. To be sure you have to be careful, but the literature is extensive on what to buy and what to avoid—read up on your car of interest. The best thing about buying an old Porsche is that you have the opportunity to learn about the cars and how the reputation came to be what it is. The flat six engine in a 911 may be daunting, but it is a remarkably simple engine. Beauty in engineering, if you will. Coupled with the satisfaction of doing it yourself — whether replacing a window crank or a full engine teardown — “there is no substitute” for getting your hands Porsche-dirty.

What to buy? Well, it depends on your skill and experience level. Rule Number 1 - avoid rust. Unless you are very experienced and willing to tackle major challenges, rust is the bane of every old car enthusiast. The right cars can be had from certain geographical areas that minimized exposure to moisture. Start with a car that is fun to drive right now and perhaps needs an interior freshen or some paint work. Oh, and forget about concours. Show your car proudly if you like, but Porsches were meant to be enjoyed. Don't sweat the bugs or paint flaws. Remember the guiding principle for old cars—keep 'em on the road!.



All three of these photos show cars that have restoration potential. Of the three, the early 911 has the most fun per dollar reward. 356s are great cars, but very expensive to restore. And the Speedster? Well, given our stock portfolios lately, better leave that one to the pros.



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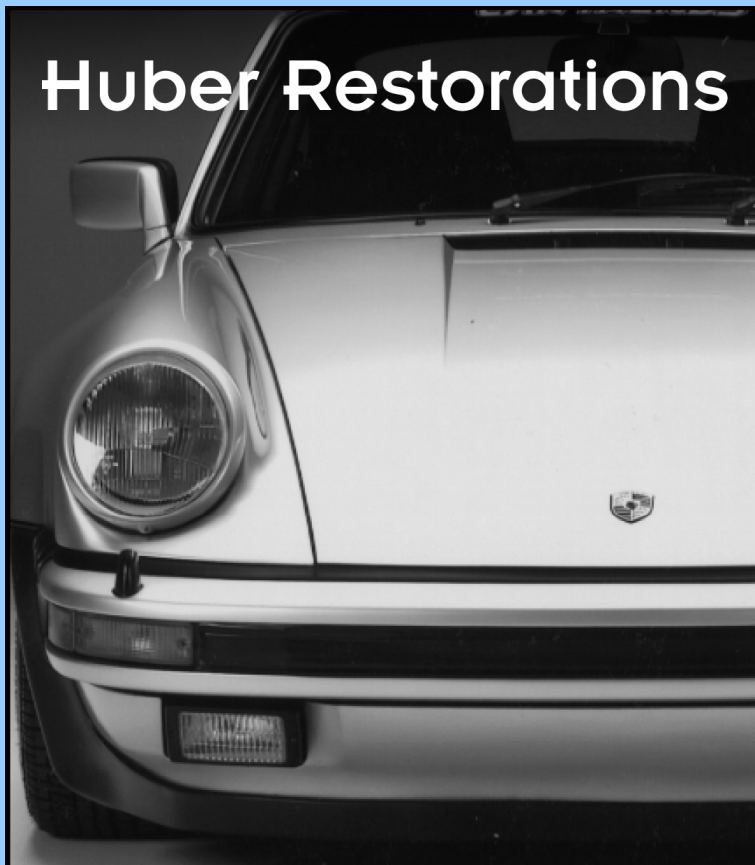
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## Membership News

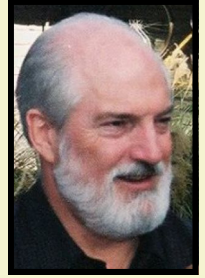


944s are good restoration candidates due to their low entry fee, but be careful, you can get “upside down” in a hurry.



914s are great fun, but a rust-free car is hard to find. Parts are readily available, but the total price can be eye-popping.

### PCA Cimarron Region Membership News Reported by Dan Arthrell, Membership Chair as of February 9, 2009



Primary Members 246  
Affiliate Members 191  
Life Members 1  
**Total Members 438**

#### No Transfers In or Out

#### New Members

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**APRIL 17, 18, 19**  
**DOGWOOD SPRING FLING**  
**MIAMI, OKLAHOMA**

Take that Porsche out of storage and prepare both yourself and your car for a great weekend in Northeastern Oklahoma. Join the Cimarron Region PCA for its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Dogwood Spring Fling. The event takes place in the town of Miami, OK, located half way between Tulsa, OK and Springfield, MO on I-44. All Porschephiles are welcome. Enjoy the events and the beautiful dogwoods in bloom!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**REGISTRATION from 6:30pm to 10pm**

At the Holiday Inn Express. The party starts when you arrive with Beer, Brats, side fixins (and other libations & surprises).

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**CONCOURS & TECH QUIZ from 9:30 – 11:15am in front of the Coleman Theatre**

We will have access to the theater with coffee for attendees. The tech quiz will be given during the Concours event.

**Tour, Lunch & Rally starts at 11:30pm from the front parking lot of the Holiday Inn Express**

**BANQUET from 6:30pm at the Historic Coleman Theatre**

Enjoy our fourth Porsche "Stuff" auction benefiting the Coleman, door prizes, and trophy presentations for the day's events.

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**AUTOCROSS at the Miami Airport**

Tech inspection at 7:30am. First car is out at 8:45am. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the event. Directions to the airport will be in your event packet.

**A block of rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express. Call 918-542-7424.**

Make your reservations directly with the motel. Mention you are with the Porsche Club. Any questions please call Bob Miller at: 918-369-0453 or e-mail at [rmillerpca@aol.com](mailto:rmillerpca@aol.com).

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# PORSCHE STUFF AUCTION

## FOURTH EDITION

Annually Cimarron region has contributed to the Coleman Theatre Restoration project. The past three years this donation was been from an auction of Porsche and PCA items provided by those in attendance. The 2008 auction was so successful that we will again hold the auction at the Awards Banquet. An experienced auctioneer will again offer the excitement and humor provided last year.

Bring that “stuff” that has been collecting dust that another member might get some joy from owning.

Bidding will be in one dollar increments and materials offered will be at the discretion of the auctioneer. **An explanation of the items offered by the donor is helpful to facilitate accurate presentation. The form below can be used for this purpose. Label each item also to aid the auctioneer in his presentation.**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Include all necessary info, age, model, function, etc.

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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 well along for 2009. We will post information about additional events as they are scheduled. Please remember that RSVPs, where included, are greatly appreciated to help in event planning. Thank you.

## March

### March 14

#### St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl

6:30 pm, Empire Bar, S. Peoria, Tulsa

### March 21

#### Rock & Roll Garage Party at the Kaplin's

6:30 pm at the Kaplin's

## April

### April 17-19

#### 12th Annual Dogwood Spring Fling

Holiday Inn Express, Miami, OK

## May

### May 2-3

#### Mayfast 2009

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit

### May 16

Lunch drive to Ft. Smith

## June

### June 13

Lunch Drive to Ponca City and Tour Marland Mansion

## PORSCHE on TV

Date	Event	Coverage
March 21	12 Hours of Sebring/ALMS	SpeedTV
April 25	Bosch 250 at VIR/Grand Am	SpeedTV

### June 29-July 4

Porsche Parade  
Keystone, CO

## July

### July 11

Lunch Drive to Sam and Ella's in Tahlequah

## August

### August 8

Summer Pool Party

## September

### September 19

Talihina Drive (Ouachita Mountains)

## October

### October 2-4

#### Octoberfast 2009

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit

### October 24

Drive to Click's Steakhouse in Pawnee

## November

### November 7

Margaret's German Restaurant

### November 13-15

PCA Palooza

## December

### December 4

Holiday Party

### December 12

Wrapping Party—Adopt a family



# Motorsport Report

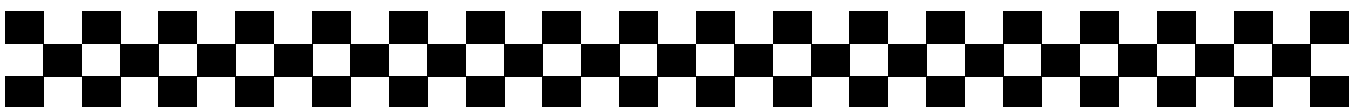
## The Post-Winter Lull

We kicked off the season in fine fashion with a huge Porsche victory in both classes at the Rolex 24 at Daytona. Why the down time? Partly because of tradition, partly because of schedules, and partly because of the economy. After sports-car racing went in two different directions with the advent of the ALMS and Grand Am, there has been a competition for fan attention between the two series. Since Daytona is owned by the France family, Grand Am has had the season opener at Daytona since its inception. ALMS has had the Sebring 12 hours, arguably one of the foremost sports car races in the country, if not the world. Sebring is a big deal – it used to be much bigger – and Daytona has its significance. It too, used to be much bigger. But like IndyCar, the split has hurt both series. Based on two different philosophies of sports car racing, both series are fighting for their survival. ALMS is based on “high-tech”, world-class manufacturers like Audi and Acura (Honda). Grand Am is based on “low-tech”, cost-driven rules. ALMS has attached itself to Le Mans and their related European races, while Grand Am is strictly a U.S.-based form of racing. Both groups have their plusses and minuses, but the world economy will likely tell the tale of survival in 2009.

Porsche is active in both ALMS and Grand Am, and other arenas to a minor degree, but they are playing their cards like a Vegas poker player, ensuring that they have a hand at the last table. The GT3 RSR is a potent weapon in ALMS racing, but there is increasing worry about the rear-engine design and its competitiveness against mid-engine cars like the Ferrari F430. In a recent interview with Wolfgang Durheimer, Porsche’s chief of R&D, Porsche’s position was firmly stated that the 911 is Porsche, and therefore will continue to be the focus of its racing activities. But reading between the lines, there seemed to be more wiggle room than ever to consider alternatives. Not the Cayman, that’s verboten, but maybe a V8 variant of the 911. Porsche is coy about LMP1, now that its RS Spyder program appears to be complete. Audi has developed a new LMP1 racer, but its exposure will be limited in 2009. If Porsche is headed in the LMP1 direction, not answered yet is the question concerning Porsche competing against Audi, now under the Porsche umbrella through their ownership stake in VW.

Porsche’s customer cars run in both ALMS and Grand Am, and depending on the rule book tweaks, are normally very competitive. These programs are cost effective for Porsche, and present the 911 in the best light possible – on the track.

So why the lull? ALMS doesn’t start their season until Sebring later on this month—that’s the tradition. Grand Am just doesn’t have enough fan demand to schedule a race between January’s Rolex 24 and the next round at Virginia International Raceway in April. The economy and popularity dictate the demand, and for sports car racing, neither quality exists. Sad for us Porsche fans, but there’s no getting around it. The solution? Check the schedules and go to a race. That’s the only way to vote your interest.







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