

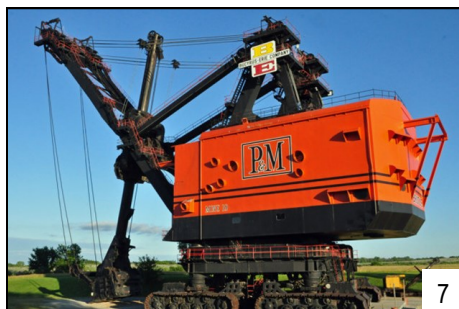
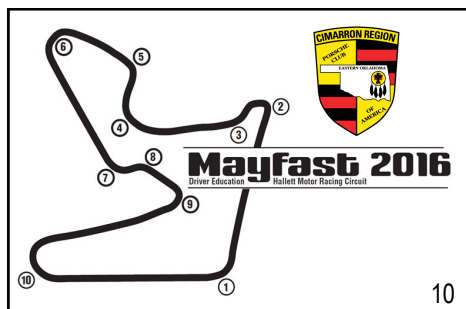


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The Cimarron Trail

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On The Cover

IN THIS MAYFAST 2015 photo, Rod Nordstrom, with an instructor alongside, leads Eric Engles through turn 9 at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit.

Mayfast 2016 is happening as this issue of your *Cimarron Trail* newsletter arrives in cyberspace. Region members are on the scene at the track. So look for the event recap in next month's *Trail*.

If you were unable to get to Hallett and drive your Porsche on the track this year, be sure to add it to your schedule for 2017 now! It could become an adrenaline addiction!



Cimarron Region members are invited to all club events. Watch for email blasts, as well as announcements in *The Cimarron Trail* throughout the year.

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Attention All Cimarron Region Members

FELLOW CIMARRON REGION MEMBERS, I have volunteered to be the region's Safety Chair in 2016.



PCA "encourages" regions to have an established Safety Chair to ensure we minimize risk at our events. I have no problem doing this, and I am willing to take the lead, but I cannot attend all of our driving events. So, what I am asking for is a few folks willing to cover the events I cannot attend. You

have certain responsibilities and duties, and though in most cases they are a formality to satisfy PCA insurance requirements, you will need to be the Safety person at that event. I do need help, and would appreciate hearing from any of you willing to take on this task. Please contact me at jjone20@aol.com, or 918.740.7951.

Thanks and regards, Jon Jones

From The Editor

ACTIVE MEMBERS continue to step up and show up to propel our Cimarron Region to a banner year in 2016. Club participation is up in both social, as well as driving events.

President Rod Nordstrom leads an able cast of board members, chairpersons, and volunteers, all in an effort to maximize your PCA experience.

As this issue of *The Trail* comes out, Mayfast Driver Education 2016 is underway at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit not far from Tulsa. Orlando Dumalag, Mayfast Chair, along with Joy Jones, region VP and Mayfast Registrar, and a group of eager volunteers, are to be congratulated for staging a quality, well-run outing, complete with the new Taste of the Track option, which promises to keep the event growing for years to come.

Look for a Mayfast recap in next month's issue.

Cimarron social activities are also enjoying an increase in folks

coming out to join in the fun. Long time Social Chair, Steve Canada, continues to fill the calendar with local, mid-week dinner get-togethers, and repeat visits to our member's favorite spots.

Steve welcomes your ideas for group entertainment. It's no surprise members find they have much more than Porsches in common. The club comradery is infectious, and new members feel welcome and included right off the bat!

Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements herein, as well as email blasts with news of what's ahead. There's also a calendar of events on our website at, www.cimarronregionpca.org.

I'm looking forward to meeting our new members and seeing you and your Porsche at one of our upcoming occasions!

As always, send your ideas, critiques and criticisms to me at cimnews@cox.net.

- Greg Petzet

Newsletter For The Cimarron Region Porsche Club Of America



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President's Perspective

By Rod Nordstrom
CRPCA President

HAPPY MAYFAST EVERYONE! At “press time,” Cimarron Region Porsche Club will be completing its umpteenth(?) anniversary Mayfast Driver Education event at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. This year’s event featured an increase in novice driver participation, more instructors, a “Taste of the Track” session, and new sponsors. More details will be included in the June *Cimarron Trail*, but I want to take this opportunity to particularly thank Orlando Dumalag and Joy Jones for their leadership and hard work planning and organizing this year’s event. In addition to their leadership, there were countless volunteers, without whose assistance, the club would not be able to have such a successful Driver Education event year after year. As I said, more details to follow.



Speaking of leadership, I am reminded of Greg Petzet’s January 2016 “New Year’s ReVolutions” article. Instead of waiting until yearend to revisit new year’s resolutions, I think this is a good time to recap Greg’s points, and use them as way to highlight some of the things that make Cimarron Region PCA such a great organization. First and foremost as the PCA motto goes “It’s not just the cars, it’s the people.” Without our members, especially those who volunteer their leadership on all fronts, we would not have the dynamic organization that is Cimarron Region PCA. Rick Hardmeyer, Membership Chair, does a great job of welcoming new members and staying on track with membership expiration dates, making membership retention a high priority. As a “car club,” Cimarron Region PCA has a number of social events scheduled each year that bring members with a common connection as Porsche owners together. From the weekly Saturday breakfasts at Wild Fork, monthly dining at various local restaurants, ladies luncheons, club touring drives, and the annual Christmas dinner celebration, there is something for everyone. Steve Canada does a great job of organizing dinners and drives, so next time you see Steve, let him know how much you appreciate his efforts. The same goes for Kathy Hume and Joy Jones, for organizing the Ladies’ luncheon events at Cedar Ridge CC. Remember that the monthly Cimarron Region Board of Directors meeting is open to all members. You are welcome to join the

Board and Committee Chairs at the Jackie Cooper dealership on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Driving events such as Autocross and the annual Mayfast Driver Education are open to everyone looking to learn more about car control and improving their driving experience. Without Mike Fugate, Autocross Chair, Orlando Dumalag, DE Chair, Gary Bernard, Chief Driving Instructor, and numerous volunteers, these events would not be possible. Another important aspect of our club is partnerships and sponsors. Thanks to Jay Anderson, Sponsorship Chair, Cimarron Region PCA enjoys a loyal group of partners providing both financial and in-kind support to our social and driving events. Be sure and make note of the various sponsors who support Cimarron Region PCA and let them know how much we appreciate their backing by supporting them with your business.

With respect to sponsorship, I want to briefly mention Jackie Cooper’s new Porsche 911 introduction event that was held at the United States Aviation hanger at Tulsa International Airport on March 24. Jackie Cooper Porsche continues to be a terrific partner with the Cimarron Region Porsche Club as our premier sponsor for Cimarron Region’s annual Club Race, Oktoberfest. While the new model intro was not a Cimarron Region event, several club members were generous in lending Porsche 911 models representing all seven 911 generations to Jackie Cooper for this marketing event. Thanks to club members Randy Kaplin, Scott Bever, Tom Ellis and Rick Hardmeyer for making your beautiful Porsches available.

A closing comment on club safety seems in order here. As I mentioned last month, Jon Jones, past Cimarron Region President and Club Race Chair, has agreed to also serve as Safety Chair. Club safety has and continues to be a high priority for Porsche Club of America and the Cimarron Region. In the past, club safety has been delegated to the respective event chair. Nothing wrong with that, but by designating an independent Safety Chair position, the Cimarron Region will further its compliance with PCA safety requirements, and insure all club events offer a complete driving experience for all members. We appreciate Jon’s willingness to lend his expertise and time by taking on this additional responsibility.

As always I welcome your questions and feedback.
-Rod

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Membership Update

From Rick Hardmeyer, Cimarron Region Membership Chair
Report as of April 24, 2016

Welcome New Members!

Kelly Hewitt - Tulsa, OK - '14 Cayman

Douglas Johnson - Tulsa, OK - '07 911

Camp Jones - Tulsa, OK - '87 911

Jonathan Russell - Tahlequah, OK - '99 Boxster

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Cimarron Briefs

May 14 Road Trip! Big Brutus & Chicken Annie's



BIG BRUTUS IS THE LARGEST electric mining shovel in existence today. Standing 160 feet high, and weighing in at 11 million pounds, one 90 cubic yard, 150 ton dipper full, would fill 3 railroad cars.

Throughout the manufacturing, transport, and assembly, the facts and figures associated with this incredible hulk from a bygone era are awe inspiring. You have to see it to believe it! We're going to Kansas to have a look.

WHEN: Saturday, May 14

WHAT TIME: Meet at 12 Noon

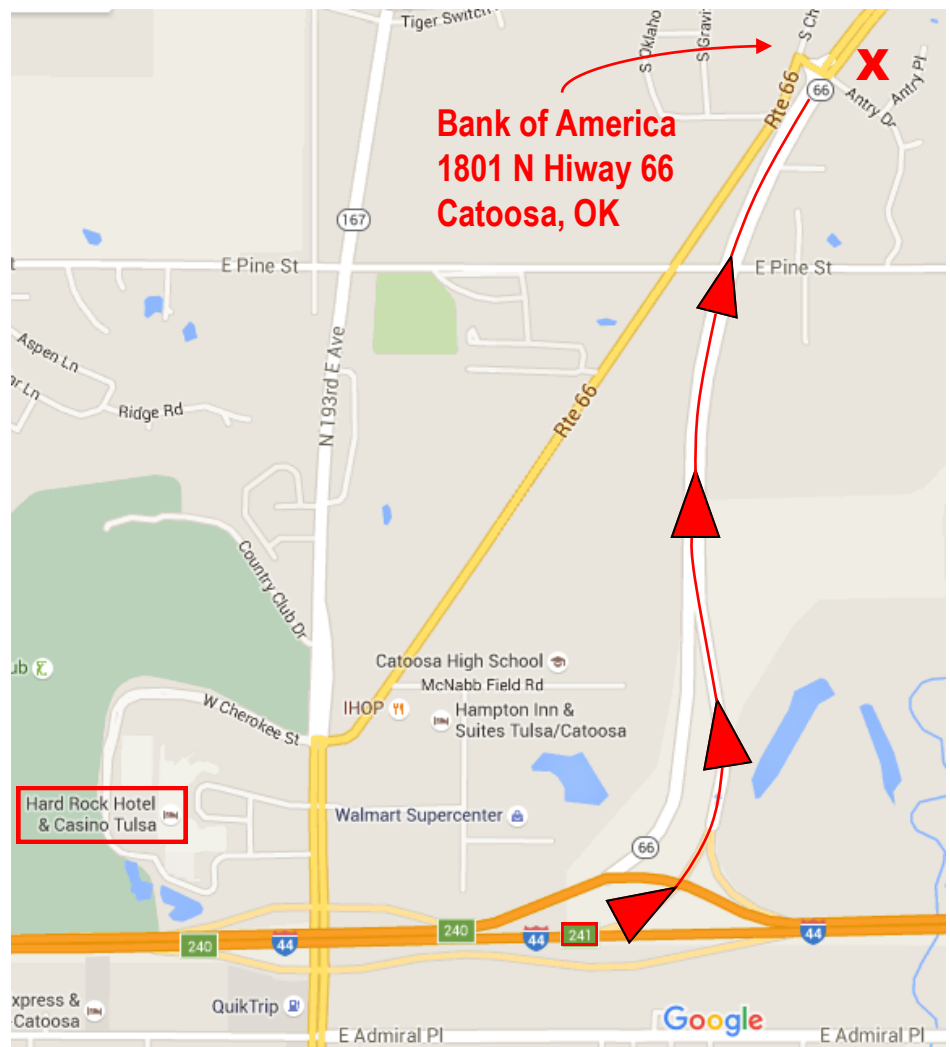
WHERE: See Map > > >

WHAT ELSE: It's 100+ miles to Big Brutus, and then another 35 or so to Annie's, so have a full tank of fuel. There'll be time to peruse the big shovel, and we'll try to arrive Chicken Annie's about 4:00 p.m. (opening time.)

Return to Tulsa via The Will Rogers Turnpike, or on a variety of optional routes.

CHICKEN ANNIE'S got started when Ann Pichler's husband, Charlie, was disabled due to a coal mining accident in 1934. Annie's third generation grandson, Lonnie, and his family, continue the tradition on the outskirts of Pittsburg, Kansas.

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HOP BUNZ Dinner Recap

STEVE CANADA reports 35 members gathered on the patio along South Peoria for the mid-week club dinner at Hop Bunz April 5. "Perfect weather, great crowd and good food! See you May 25 at Waterfront Grill!"



Keith Gucwa, Jay & T Jackson



Porsche People Populate the Patio

Photos: Steve Canada & Rod Nordstrom



Ladies Corner

CLUB NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE LADIES OF THE CIMARRON REGION PCA

Cimarron Region Ladies Zing Into Spring

From Kathy Hume, CRPCA Ladies Liaison

CASUAL CONVERSATION along with a nice lunch were the order of the day at the April 23 Cimarron Region Ladies Luncheon. Claudia Arthrell's idea for the "Fill The Purse" charity awaits further discussion after she receives more information about the project. Otherwise, it was nice to simply relax and visit with everyone.

I would like to remind everyone to stay tuned to the club calendar and join your fellow members at several upcoming events. Mayfast is happening as this publication comes to you, April 30-May1. We're driving to SE Kansas May 14 for a fun look at a giant shovel, as well as dinner at Chicken Annie's in Pittsburg, Kansas that is. The May mid-week dinner is at Waterfront Grill May 25.

The fun doesn't stop there either. Ladies, please join us for our next Luncheon, Saturday, June 4, 11:30 a.m., Cedar Ridge Country Club. Please RSVP to Kathy Hume, Cimarron Region Ladies Liaison, at



From top left: Dulcie Miller, Becky McFall, Jennifer Fugate, Marilou Hines, Joy Jones, Sonja Blocha, DeeDee Jesiolowski, Kathy Hume, Claudia Arthrell, Sheila Dooley

918.636.4156, or by email at loves2read12@cox.net.

On July 8, we're going to the Philbrook Art Center for a "Movie on the Lawn!" The classic, *It Takes A Thief*, will be shown. And it's never too early to plan on go-

ing on the picnic/drive to Devil's Den State Park, Arkansas, on Sunday, October 9.

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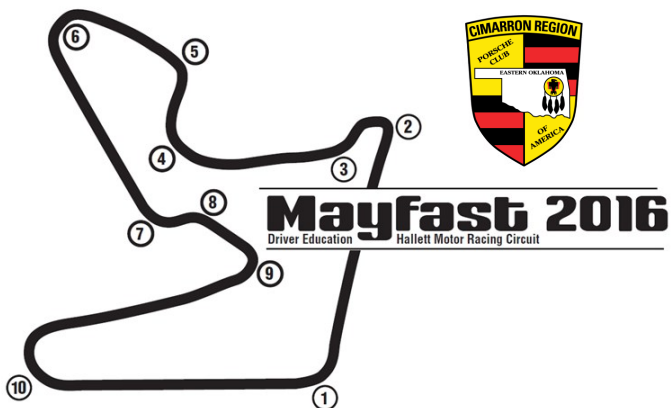
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News - Scores - Schedule

Reported by Mike Fugate - CRPCA Autocross Chair

20 DRIVERS showed up April 3 for the final Cimarron Region Autocross practice session prior to the official start of the season later in the month.

A variety of Porsches representing at least 5 decades were on hand, including models 911, 914, 944, 968, 986, 987, 981, 997, 991 and Macan.

The quickest drivers posted best times of just under one minute. Each participant had 5 chances to record their best elapsed time through the course of orange cones. One strategy is to acclimate to the course, and then attempt to progressively improve one's time during each successive run, by identifying sections of the course where more efficient handling, or more speed, or even less speed, will produce lower times. Learning your car's limits, and improving basic driving skills are valuable by-products of autocross participation. In addition, there is much to be learned simply by watching the more seasoned (usually faster) drivers navigate the course. In the end, "seat time" is the only way to become a better driver, as one becomes more proficient with the many autocross techniques.

DRIVERS are separated into two random groups. Each driver has 5 or 6 chances to post their best time, depending on time constraints. 2 second penalties are assessed for using "race tires(*)" or for cone infractions, and leaving the course at any point in a run will be denoted with a DNF (Did Not Finish.)

While one group drives, the other "works" the course with radios to notify the scorers table of run abnormalities, and also reset displaced cones. Group numbers will only be noted in the "box score" when course conditions differ from the first to second groups, i.e. inclement weather conditions, etc.

April 3 Practice - How They Fared

Pos.	Name	Auto	Best Time
1)	Wendell Karr-Ake	Boxster	57.610
2)	Scot Williams	911	57.784
3)	Gary Bernard	Cayman	58.596
4)	Mike Fugate	Cayman	59.052
5)	Randy Kaplin	911	59.647
6)	Brian Thomas	968	59.937
7)	Beverly Carlile	Boxster	60.257
8)	Eddie Hall	911	61.273
9)	Dirk Hume	Boxster	63.765
10)	Chris Hines	911	64.049
11)	Dan Arthrell	911	64.313
12)	Bill Jacobi	911	64.570
13)	Jennifer Fugate	Cayman	64.723
14)	Cliff Fisch	914 *	64.775
15)	Rick Hardmeyer	911	65.969
16)	Kent Proctor	Boxster	67.548
17)	Paul Johnson	Boxster	67.714
18)	Bill Cammuso	944	69.399
19)	Keith Jesiolowski	Boxster	71.443
20)	Kathy Hume	Macan	78.271

Cimarron Region Autocross is held on the parking lot west of Corporate Woods office complex, 4500 S. 129 E. Ave, Tulsa. Course set-up begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a drivers meeting, course walk, and reduced speed drive through. Each participant then gets 4-6 chances to post their best time. Sessions which count toward the season long championship are \$10; practice sessions are free. Event is open to members (at least 18 years of age) with a valid driver license. Helmets required, loaners available.

Huge Turnout Signals Great Start To Our Season-Long Competition

A BEAUTIFUL SPRING MORNING with sunshine and light winds greeted 22 drivers for our first official points accumulating event of 2016. After previous practice sessions, autocrossers were primed to get started. As you can see by the results, competition for the top spot is already heating up, as 10 drivers had best times within a range of 3.56 seconds!

Gary Bernard claimed Top Time of the Day (TTOD) by fractions of a second. Close times registered throughout the list point to friendly competition for bragging rights, if you will, among all who participate.

There's lots of fun and learning to be had for everyone though. 9 counting events remain scheduled for the season with the top 8 for each driver going towards the "championship." So there's still plenty of time to get in on the action for the title, or if you just want to come out and learn more about your car's handling characteristics and your own abilities!

The next session, May 15, would be an excellent time to give it a try. Please direct any questions or comments to Mike Fugate by email at tnsmike@yahoo.com.

April 24 - Official Event #1

Pos.	Name	Auto	Best Time
1)	Gary Bernard	Cayman	50.674
2)	Wendell Karr-Ake	Boxster	51.194
3)	Randy Kaplin	911	51.897
4)	Mike Fugate	Cayman	52.088
5)	Orlando Dumalag	911	52.732
6)	Beverly Carlile	Boxster	52.827
7)	Joe Hill	Boxster	53.001
8)	Brian Thomas	968	53.302
9)	Scot Williams	911	53.401
10)	Curtis Robinson	Cayman	54.234
11)	Paul Johnson	Boxster	54.757
12)	Eddie Hall	911	55.126
13)	Greg Petzet	911	56.129
14)	Cliff Fisch	914	56.251
15)	Bill Jacobi	911	56.257
16)	Rod Nordstrom	911	56.877
17)	Keith Jesiolowski	Boxster	56.930
18)	Jennifer Fugate	Cayman	57.064
19)	Chris Hines	911	57.190
20)	Kent Proctor	Boxster	60.108
21)	Joy Jones	Boxster	60.279
22)	Kathy Hume	Macan	66.993

2016 Schedule

P=Practice, **C=Counting**

M=Make up

May 15 (C)

June 12 (C)

26 (C)

July 10 (C)

24 (C)

August 7 (C)

21 (C)

September 18 (C)

October 9 (C)

23 (M)

November 6 (M)

20 (M)



Turn the page for
Autocross Photos

Cimarron People & Their Porsches

Official Autocross Event #1 - 4/24/16



Clockwise from bottom left: Gary Bernard shares a light-hearted moment with Kathy Hume at the start line; Paul Johnson at the start line while Jon Jones, Cliff Fisch, Orlando Dumlalag and Gary Bernard watch Scot Williams nearing the finish; Gary Bernard at the scorers table with photographer/driver Jennifer Fugate; Curtis Robinson awaits the "go" signal; Porsches, Porsches everywhere; Keith Jesiolowski, Curtis Robinson and Cliff Fisch watch as Gary Bernard highlights each entrant's fastest time of the day.



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Around The Bend

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Saturdays-Breakfast at The Wild Fork-Utica Square- 8 a.m.

Good food and lively conversation to start the day.

9-May-Board Meeting-Jackie Cooper Imports-6:30 p.m.

All members are welcome! Volunteers appreciated!

14-May-Big Brutus Drive with Chicken Annies!

Who? What? See page 7 for more information.

15-May-Autocross at Corporate Woods-8:30 a.m. **(Counting)**

Have fun while improving car control skills

25-May-Popular Mid-week Dinner at Waterfront Grill!

Join your friends for a creative dining experience!

Down The Road

j u n e *and beyond*

Saturdays-Breakfast at The Wild Fork-Utica Square- 8 a.m.

Good food and lively conversation to start the day.

12-June-Autocross at Corporate Woods-8:30 a.m. **(Counting)**

Come on out and drive your Porsche through the cones

13-June-Board Meeting-Jackie Cooper Imports-6:30 p.m.

All members are welcome! Volunteers appreciated!

19 thru 26-June-The 61st Porsche Parade-Jay Peak, Vermont

PCA's annual celebration of People and their Porsches

26-June-Autocross at Corporate Woods-8:30 a.m. **(Counting)**

Have some fun and safely improve your driving skill

8-July-Philbrook Movies on the Lawn-"It Takes a Thief"

Watch for details on this casual outdoor event

August ?-Grand Lake Dam Tour-Details to come

30-September thru 2-October-OKtoberfast Club Race at

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit-Details upcoming

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3-December-Toys For Tots Porsche Drive

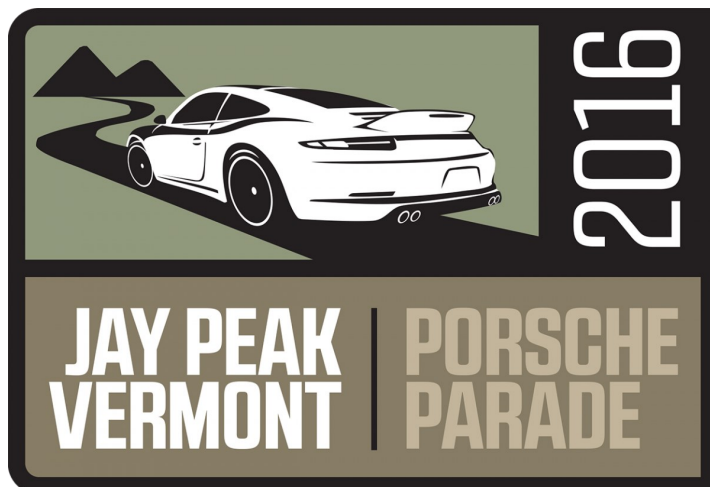
10-December-Cimarron Christmas Party at
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Safety Rules

MOTORSPORT IS INHERENTLY DANGEROUS.

Physics is an absolute and unforgiving mistress which *will* be respected no matter the situation. As a driver, your best hope is that preparation, skill and luck will combine to allow success on the track. For those who respect physics, happiness awaits, whether through victory, or the mere satisfaction of having challenged yourself. Tears are likely for those who fail to respect the realities of racing.

The role of the organizers or officials at any given speed event is to provide fair competition, but above all, to maximize the ratio of fun to safety. Maximum fun may be crazy dangerous, but maximum safety may inhibit or prevent serious competition. Balancing these demands is the role of any 21st Century sanctioning body.

The goal of PCA Club Racing is simple – to allow the owner of a Porsche to have a place to race their car, whatever the model or generation, in a safe environment. Depending on the class of car, the rules are fairly strict or very relaxed, but only when it comes to the mechanical side of engines, suspension, tires, brakes and other related items. There is no compromise on safety. Every driver must use a helmet no older than two generations; every driver's seat must meet FIA specifications or be adequately braced; seat belts must be within 5 years of their original production; every driver must use a head and neck support device, and on and on.

Why? Consider this: during the Golden Age of Auto Racing, drivers perished at the rate of about one a month. As fans we know the names – Clark, Rindt, De Portago, Cevert, Von Trips, MacDonald, and on and on. Our sport will never tolerate this level of carnage ever again, but it takes a concerted effort and visionary leadership to prevent complacency. Many of us have heard the phrase, “Well, it's never happened before.” In auto racing this is a foolhardy viewpoint and might cost someone their life. Better this phrase, “If it can happen, it will.” Some examples - Talladega, 1987 – Bobby Allison came within a hair's breadth of going into the grandstand. Le Mans, 1955 – Pierre Levegh's car mowed down 80 plus people. Watkins Glen, 1976 – Francois Cevert went *under* the guard rail. Each of these events, and hundreds more, could have been avoided with foresight and leader-

ship. But they weren't prevented because no one considered the undeniable rules of physics.

PCA Club Racing, like any sanctioning body, strives for the safety of its competitors as the primary goal. The Boxster, pictured here, impacted the wall at a well-known oval track during a recent event. While the car



was severely damaged during a high-g impact, the driver walked away. Porsche builds an excellent street car, but the addition of extra layers of safety reduced the odds of serious injury. In the case of the Boxster, the roll cage did its job and there was little deformation and zero intrusion into the driver's space.

Here's another. This incident involved contact with



another car on track, and the force of the impact resulted in the engine being torn loose from its mountings and separated from the transmission. Despite these violent

forces, the driver's compartment was intact, the seat remained securely mounted, and the driver, though shaken up a bit, walked away.

Like rust, danger never sleeps, and we must always be on our guard to prevent a lapse in our first priority. Each participant has a stake in contributing to safety, not only the driver. And the officials must take the lead to set the tone and the priority for safety. Teams grumble about refueling rules during Enduro events, but no one wants a pit fire. Mechanics gripe about having to patch holes in the firewall – but it's called a firewall for a reason. Drivers get awfully hot in those full suits, underwear, gloves and helmet – but they will buy time in the event of a fire. In short, the rules are there for a reason, and despite an “it's never happened before” mindset, it just might – to you.

Commitment to Safety is an imperative in our sport and requires diligence and hard work. The happy and healthy post-event driver is well worth the effort.



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