

Jon Jones' Monthly Motorsports Update

Club Calendar From the Editor

From the Editor:



Hello fellow Cimarron-ers! I appreciate your reading our newsletter, and staying up-to-date with all that's happening in and around our Porsche Club. Pam and I enjoy seeing many of you at various region events. We customarily bring a camera along, snap a few photos, then run a short synopsis of the event here in the newsletter. Sadly, due to one thing or another, we aren't able to attend them all, consequently many are not reported here in *The Cimarron Trail*.

These days almost everyone has a cell phone with a more than adequate camera built right in! And making a few notes of some basic information couldn't be more straightforward! That "basic information" needed for a little report requires only five or six facts, (who, what, when, where,

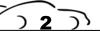
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how and why,) and maybe your view of how the day or evening transpired. An email with a bit of text and a couple of photos could quickly turn into a nice feature here in the newsletter. You never know what one simple article might do to inspire a once inactive member to come on out and join in the fun.

Like I always say, there is something for everyone here in PCA! Let's keep getting the word out in order to increase participation by more of our members!

Agreed! Okay! So next time you're headed out for a region happening, don't forget your pencil and paper. Jot down few notes and click few pics, then send it all in an email to cimnews@cox.net. I will do the edits and get it in print! Your fellow PCAers will thank you, and so will I! I need all the help I can get. -Greg





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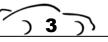
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On the cover: Darth Vader tools his Boxster around the autocross course. (a.k.a. Joe Hill)





President's Perspective - August 2015

By Jon Jones, CRPCA President



For August, we'll depart from our usual format for a report on our visit to Porsche's new headquarters in Atlanta. Many of you probably saw the coverage of the new building and grounds through announcements from both PCA and Porsche Cars North America. As with many things, however, it is much better in person. Driving up I-75 just south of Atlanta, the first indication Joy and I had of being close to our destination were two usual big green highway signs, only this time they said "PORSCHE DRIVE 1 Mile," and "Porsche Drive, Next Exit." And there it was, an architecturally

stunning building standing right next to the highway, and right off the end of Runway 26R at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Of course most things look nicer when they are new, but the finished product for the Porsche building was visually exciting with the angles of the building and the grounds all laid out and tended in perfect fashion.



Entering the building we were at once confronted with Porsche's racing history as in the center of the main forum was the Dauer 962 from Le Mans in 1994. Driven by Stuck, Sullivan and Boutsen, the car finished in third place, but looks now like it could hit the track tomorrow.



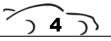
Joy and I were there primarily at Porsche HQ to participate in the Porsche Experience at the test track, but it was hard to stay focused on registering with S0 manv distractions. And tucked away in a guiet corner was the biggest distraction of all, a 917, chassis number 014/029. Never having person before, seen one in Ι was immediately impressed with how small it actually was. And how spare and sparse the

design is. The cockpit is nothing fancy – all business – and the lines of the car itself are straight-forward and clean, without all the aerodynamic slots and flaps and winglets we see these days. This particular car won the 1000KM at Spa in 1970, and looks in perfect condition. An absolutely beautiful sight.

Once registered for the driving portion of our visit, we were escorted by the pleasant staff to the driver's lounge area and introduced to our instructors. Joy and I both had signed up to drive our own Boxster S with PDK, so the instructors asked us some basic questions about driving history and experience. No sense letting a couple of incompetents out there! We were introduced to the different "modules" of the test track we would be driving, including the skidpad, the "kickplate," and the road course.

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Once all were satisfied we wouldn't stick a 2015 Boxster S in the fence, we went outside and got in our respective cars.

The kickplate is basically a movable metal plate in the ground, a little wider than the car and about 5 feet long, followed by a large area of watered concrete. As you drive over the plate at around 20 mph it randomly shifts to one side or the other which "kicks" the rear end of your car out from under you. Which,

of course, is the whole idea as you try to correct and keep the car going in a semistraight line. With a little more practice, both Joy and I thought we could get it down without spinning the car, but too soon we were off to another module – an autocrossstyle slalom course, the skid pad, or the wonderful launch pad.



Now, if you've never had the chance to apply full throttle to a Porsche while holding your foot firmly on the brake pedal, it is an absolute thrill ride. Once the dash display flashes "Launch Control," release the brake and it's full throttle acceleration all the way to the brake zone. And then it's max braking to avoid the ARMCO. "Want to try it again?" my instructor asked. Oh yesss!

The road course is the most fun. We didn't need to bring or wear a helmet, so I figured we would be running around at half-speed and not really get to challenge the car or the driver. I was very wrong. With calm explanation, the instructor showed us the line and the different turn-in and track-out points, and then helped us build speed with quiet suggestions and pointers. Before long we were both lapping the road course at a pretty good pace. and feeling more confident with every lap. I had forgotten how much fun a



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capable car on a road course can be, and before I realized it I had worn a hole in my knee from bracing my leg on the dead pedal! Hurt much? Nah, let's do some more laps!

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In between stints on the road course, we both tried the low friction course – a small road course of polished concrete that is very easy to lose traction on – and the skid pad. The water sprinkler on the skid pad was not working, so you had to go faster to hang the tail out – what a blast.

By the end of our session, I could feel the strain in my neck from the unaccustomed g-forces, and I was a little bit mentally tired from the concentration required, but we had great fun at every module. We would both do it again in a heartbeat.

Once back inside, we visited the Porsche Heritage Center, where some stunning examples of Porsche history can be found including the original 914/8 built for Ferry Porsche, and a Rothman's 959 rally car. There is a restaurant available, and of course a shop with Porsche merchandise for sale.

All-in, Porsche's North American headquarters is a wonderful place to visit, and the Porsche Experience program is the icing on the cake. What a great tribute to the company to set this up for owners, prospective owners, and fans of Porsche in general. If you are traveling to the Atlanta area, it's worth a stop, and the Porsche Experience is a must-do.



Don't forget our upcoming events – the Cimarron Region Ladies Lunch on 8/8, and autocross on 8/9 and 8/23.



Jon Jones



... And Down The Road

- August 8 Ladies Luncheon Cedar Ridge Country Club 11:30 a.m.
 - August 9 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
 - August 23 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
- September 13 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
- September 17 19 World Endurance Championship Lone Star Le Mans C.O.T.A.
 - September 18 20 VW Club of Tulsa Car Show & Swap Meet
 - September 26 (Warbonnet Region) European Car Show Oklahoma City, OK
 - October 1-3 PCA Escape to Rushmore Rapid City, SD
 - October 2-4 Oktoberfast Club Race Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
- November 13-15 PCA Palooza Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Eureka Springs, AR
 - **December 12** Cimarron Region Christmas Party Five Oaks Lodge 6:00 p.m.

PCA Cimarron Region Member Update

From Rick Hardmeyer, Membership Chair Reported August 1, 2015

> Primary Members: 227 Affiliate Members: 152

Life Members: 1

Total 380

Welcome New Members!

John Hensley - Tulsa, OK - '12 Panamera

Brannon Spillars - Tulsa, OK - '09 911

Jeroen Verel - Fayetteville, AR - '12 Cayenne

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Porscheplatz





LONE STAR LE MANS

Circuit of the Americas • Austin, Texas • September 17-19, 2015 TUDOR United SportsCar Championship • FIA World Endurance Championship



Come join Porsche Club of America (PCA), Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) and the PCA Regions from Zone 5 when we host our PORSCHEPLATZ September 17-19 during the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship Lone Star Le Mans at the <u>Circuit of the Americas</u> in Austin, Texas. Night racing will return this year and include cars and drivers from the FIA World Endurance Championship competing in the "6 Hours of COTA." There will be over 180 incredible cars, famous drivers, great live music and all topped off with dazzling fireworks.

Our PCNA supported PORSCHEPLATZ is located at the top of Turn 1, one of the most exciting turns on the track. Permanent concessions and restrooms are located just a few feet away. This is a fantastic opportunity to see exciting racing at one of the most famous racing venues in the world. Hear drivers from the Porsche factory race teams talk about racing their Porsches at COTA. Sponsors will provide presentations on their products and answer your questions. And executives from Porsche Motors North America and Porsche Cars North America will talk about Porsche and the future. There will be drawings for prizes including hot pit tours and a set of Michelin tires. You will also have the opportunity to participate in "Porsche Only" Parade Laps around COTA.

Tickets are \$159 per person for the 3-day pass which includes a 3-day parking pass. Tickets for the 3-day pass without a parking pass are \$139.00. Children under 15 are admitted FREE, Your 2015 Porscheplatz / Car Corral Package includes:

- · Access to exclusive Porscheplatz Hospitality Tent including closed circuit TV, beverages
- · Access to seating in Turn 1, Turn 15, and Main Grand Stand
- Exclusive "PORSCHES ONLY" Car Corral Parking (located in Lot T)
- Merchandise Bag
- Paddock Access, Pit Lane Walk, Track Invasion
- Race Team Meet & Greet



To purchase tickets contact: COTA Representative Austin Clement at <u>austin.clement@circuitoftheamericas.com</u> or 512-655-6464 to personally order tickets.

For more information contact :

PCA Zone 5 Representative: Lynn Friedman at <u>zone5rep@pca.org</u> or PCA Porscheplatz/Car Corral Coordinator: Tuffy von Briesen at <u>tuffysheri@comcast.net</u>



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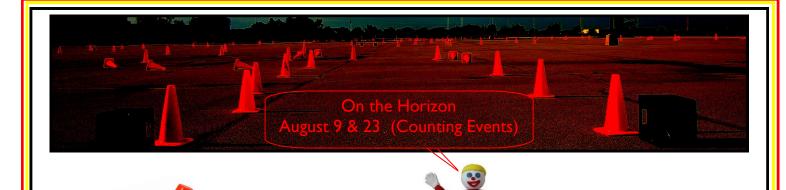




More Cimarron Region Briefs

(Or maybe you'd prefer Boxster Boxers)





Mr. Bill's (Jacobi)

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Wow! A Great Day For Autocrossing!

A quick set-up led to an early start. I guess all wanted to be gone before the heat set upon us. Two new members joined us for their first Cimarron Region autocross: Jeff Metcalf in his fast yellow Bosxter, and Bob Peck driving his blue 911 (David Glenn's former lightweight!) Bob had a very respectable time, but was assessed a two second penalty for running with track tires. Both new entrants will certainly be most viable competitors! We welcome you and hope you enjoyed yourselves, and will return for more events!

Bill Jacobi, bjacobi@sbcqlobal.net, or (918) 694-1261.

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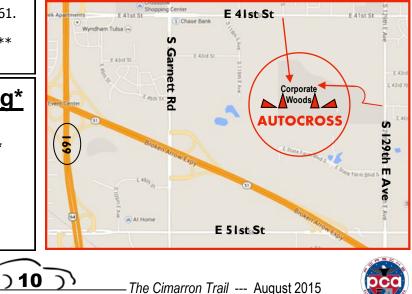
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How They Fared

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2) Jason Tollison	911	54.242
 Randy Kaplin 	911	54.726
 Jeff Metcalf * 	Boxster	56.368
5) Orlando Dumalag	911	56.647
6) Bill Jacobi	911	56.670
7) Greg Petzet	911	57.108
8) Joe Hill	Boxster	57.210
9) Mike Fugate	914	58.783
10) Chris Hines	911	59.802
11) Dan Arthrell	911	60.100
12) Bob Peck *	911	62.610**
13) Cliff Fisch	914	63.968
14) Bill Cammuso	944	64.277





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Autocross Action Heats Up In More Ways Than One!

While it was a sunny and very hot morning, the score keepers did enjoy the shade provided by the EZ up awning we just purchased. There were 15 brave souls who came out to autocross. Gary once again was the fastest of the field. The course was fast and interesting. Everyone seemed to enjoy the morning, even with the heat. We have had very good participation these last three events, lets keep on coming out.

Thanks for your participation!

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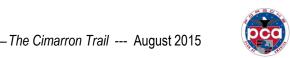
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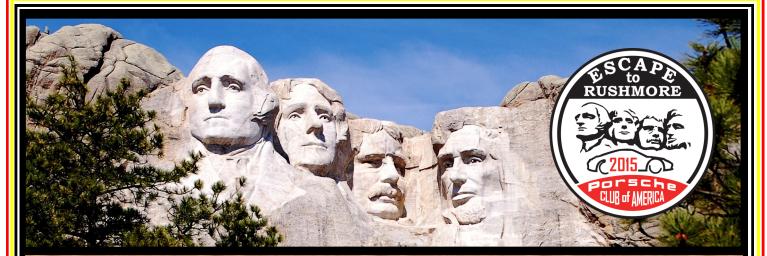
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5) Brian Thomas	968	47.669
6) Orlando Dumalag	911	48.314
7) Bill Jacobi	911	48.696
8) Joe Hill	Boxster	48.709
9) Mike Fugate	914	49.257
10) George Paul	911	49.555
11) Jeff Metcalf	Boxster	50.290
12) Bob Peck	911	52.232**
13) Bill Cammuso	944	53.668
14) Cliff Fisch	914	54.902
15) Chris Hines	911	63.100

Corporate Woods, 4500 S. 129th E. Ave Meet at 8:30 a.m.-Begin runs about 9:30 a.m. Practices are FREE-Counting sessions = \$10 All drivers participating in at least 5 counting events will receive a shirt or cap at the Gala Christmas Party in December.

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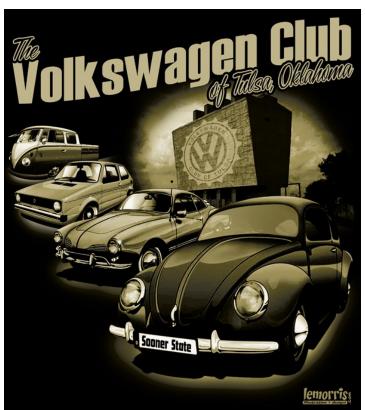
Escape to the Land of Myths & Legends

Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln, along with the Dakota and Nord Stern PCA Regions (Zone 10), invite you to the 2015 Escape to Rushmore, October 1-3, in and around Rapid City, SD. October may seem like a long way away, but now is the time to start planning a trip up north! The Presidents await your arrival. You'll be in the same neighborhood as the Badlands, Black Hills, the unfinished Crazy Horse Memorial, Sturgis, and Deadwood. Less than 2 hours away is the breathtaking Devil's Tower, eerily beautiful as it rises majestically from the earth. Registration is OPEN at www.clubregistration.net. Hurry, only 300 Porsches will be registered.



Cimarron Region Members Invited To VW Show!

The Volkswagen Club of Tulsa is holding their 20th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet, Fri-Sun, September 18-20, at Oklahoma Technical College, 4401 S. Sheridan, in Tulsa. For many years, our members have been invited to show their Porsches, and the past few years there have been only a handful participate. Those members say it is a fun day, and you never know what unique VW variations you'll see at the show. There is a Porsche class, complete with Trophies, and plenty of food, music, a Kid's Zone, a variety of vendors, and MORE. Find information and a link to a more legible entry form (pictured below) at vwcluboftulsa.com, or see them on Facebook at VW Club of Tulsa. Enter today!



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Social Calendar and Upcoming Events

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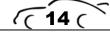
Saturday Breakfast - Wild Fork @ Utica Square - 8 a.m.

Ladies Luncheon @ Cedar Ridge C.C. Saturday, August 8 - 11:30 a.m.

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

Autocross *Counting* Sessions (2) @ Corporate Woods August 9 & 23 - 8:30 a.m.

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VW Club of Tulsa Car Show & Swap Meet - September 18-20 - See page 13

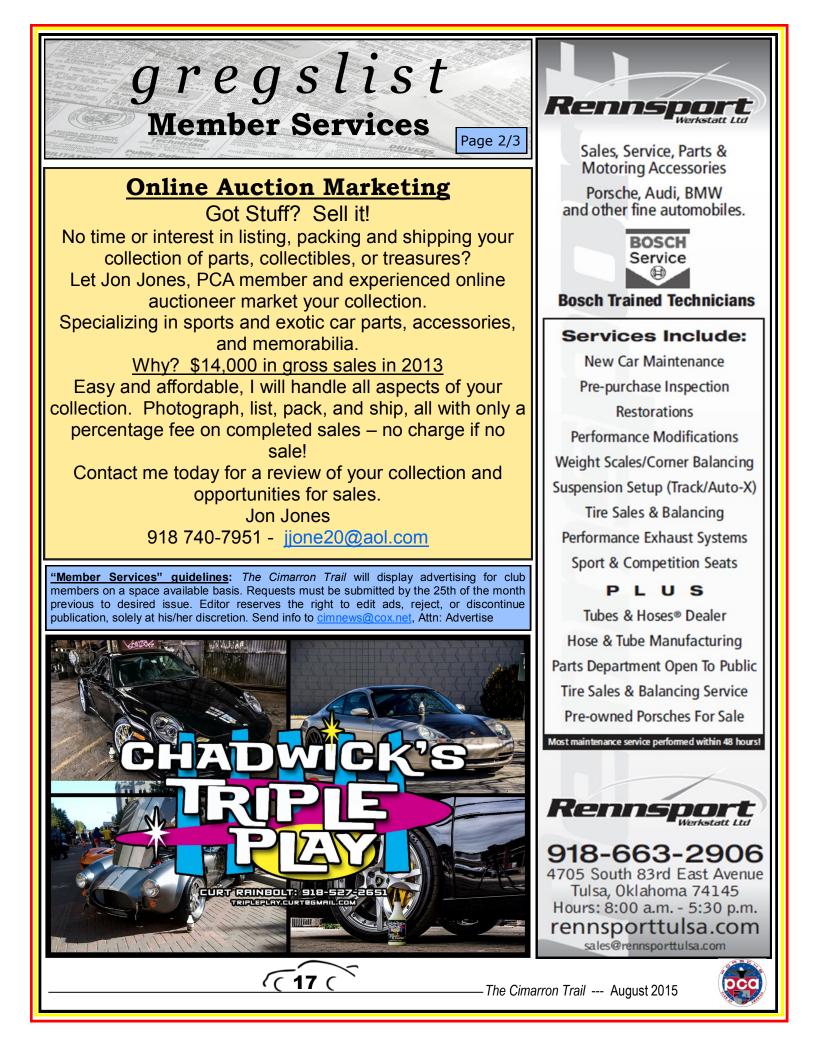
European Car Show - September 26 - Oklahoma City, OK Presented by Warbonnet Region PCA - See page 9

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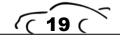
by Jon Jones - CRPCA President



With Le Mans now well behind us, the lull in World Endurance Championship competition will reach deep into August with the next round at the Nurburgring on the 29th of this month. Since Le Mans the stories have come trickling out about just how significant a victory this was for Porsche, to the extent that they surprised themselves how reliable the cars were. Every team keeps a Plan B in their pocket for endurance races, projecting what might fail, or what might be damaged, and training the crew and supplying spares for these contingencies. Plan B was never activated for Porsche – to the wonderment of many, Audi included. Speaking of Porsche's corporate partner, it seems their Le Mans was counter to their normal dominance and seamless preparation. But just as rust never sleeps, Audi and Toyota are hard at work looking for answers to their Le Mans questions, while Porsche is already strengthening a very good hand. Nurburgring will be exciting as the stretch run of 6-hour events begins to close out the season. Oh, and that includes a stop just down the road at Circuit of the Americas ICYMI.

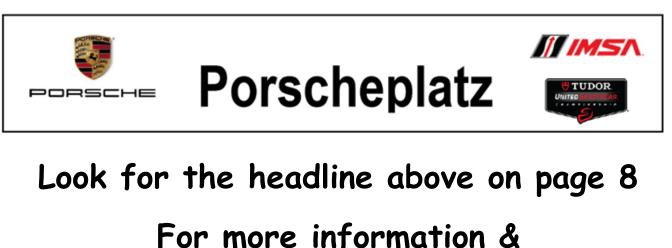
In the GT ranks, things have improved quite a bit for the factory RSRs post-Le Mans. Nick Tandy and Patrick Pilet dominated the IMSA GTLM class at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (Mosport) for the victory, and hopefully this will turn the season around for the two-car factory team. Unfortunately, it was also announced recently that Falken Tire is ending their sponsorship of the Derrick Walker-run privateer Porsche team that has done so well in recent years. Privateer teams running Porsche 911s have a good track record throughout sports car racing history, most certainly because of the engineering and support that Porsche provides each team. The Falken Tire team in particular has sometimes been the only bright spot with a couple of wins when the factory squad fell out. Walker says he is working hard to keep the team intact, hopefully using Porsche equipment. But business is business, so we'll have to wait and see. Reading the various blogs and comments posted concerning F1 and the WEC, it's interesting to note a recent uptick in pro-WEC comments. This is by no means scientific reporting, but the results from Le Mans did nothing but burnish the early reputation of the young series. While F1 struggles with perceived overregulation, predictable results (until Hungary, that is!), and allegedly slow cars, the WEC and ACO (Automobile Club de l'Ouest who runs Le Mans) have put together a fascinating package of rules for LMP1 that encourages innovation. Where once F1 led the sport in technical advancements, the WEC now has the lead, or so it is said. F1 is in a strange period of navel-gazing what with surveys and steering groups all clamoring for change, but the sclerotic leadership team may well be the problem. Bernie Ecclestone has done much for safety and circuit improvements, but F1 is close to pricing itself out of the market.

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 As you may have seen elsewhere, Porsche Cars North America will again sponsor the Porscheplatz at the Lone Star Le Mans event at COTA on September 18-19. PCNA foots the bill and PCA supplies the volunteers to staff the tent in Turn 1 for the weekend. This is a great promotion for both Porsche and PCA, as well as a great respite from the sun (and rain) of Austin, TX in September. Volunteer for a couple hours if you can; if not, just come and enjoy the only U.S. opportunity to see the 919 in person. Your Zone 5 Representative, Lynn Friedman organizes the Porscheplatz and does a great job. Where can you see Brendon Hartley or Romain Dumas after practice? Why in the **Porscheplatz**, of course!



How to get tickets!





JACKIE COOPER



