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#### From the Editor:

I've fallen and I can't get up! Is there anybody out there? Can you hear me now? Uh-oh, my sarcastic side is showing. Why, you say? Glad you asked. Here comes the rant!



In last months *Cimarron Trail*, you might have seen photos from our April 12 autocross session. Then again, you may not have. The text previous to the photos indicated two of the pictures were not exactly correct. You were invited to point out how

they had been altered. I'm sad to say there were absolutely no responses. Zero, zip, nada! Consequently, no one won the prize, which might have been a 2015 Porsche of choice! Of course, the prize could have been a key fob, or a gift certificate, or merely a mention here in the newsletter.

For your editor, the idea was mostly a way for me to learn if anyone actually reads, really reads this publication that consumes so much of my time. So if you're reading this, that's a start. Now if you'll continue reading and digest what's on the following pages, you may very well find an event calling your name.

Your Cimarron Region Porsche Club board and chair persons constantly endeavor to come up enhance with ideas to your Porsche experience. They plan luncheons, dinners, picnic drives, autocross, the annual Mayfast and OKtoberfast track events, and the festive Christmas party in December. All are fine opportunities to commiserate with your fellow and long-time Porsche enthusiasts. New members alike form lasting friendships through their association with our club.

There is truly something for everyone to get involved around. Half the fun in coming to our

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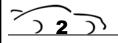
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events is simply a good reason to drive your Porsche! Once you arrive, you get to see all the other Porsches, and more importantly, the people who drive them. And even if you might not relish getting your Porsche out on the track, volunteering to help out at Mayfast or OKtoberfast is great fun, and an excellent way to get some fresh air and sunshine, all while helping provide a quality event for your fellow Porsche enthusiasts.

So excuse my ranting and raving, I'm a sensitive guy, and I need reassurance. Don't hesitate to send a "letter to the editor." I can use all the input I can get. You might even compose a submission for this publication, like a story about your first Porsche, or an interesting road trip, etc. You can be assured I'll read it, and I know our members will enjoy seeing something new!

Check the calendar of events at our website, <u>cimarronregionpca.org</u>, for the latest updates.

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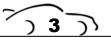
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*On the cover: Eric Engles, Kneale Ewing, Patricia Liles, and others at Mayfast 2015* 



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

#### By Jon Jones, CRPCA President



It's been a difficult spring, weather-wise, but we will forge ahead and persevere. Because that's what Porsche owners do. It is always unfortunate to have to cancel popular events, but if the alternative is casting a jaundiced eye on the sky the whole time you are out from under cover with your pride and joy, that's not necessarily a fun event. We've had two cancellations so far – let's call it at that, okay Mother Nature?

On a positive note, we have some fun events coming up for Cimarron Region that, while they may not make up for the cancelled events, they will get us back on track. First up will be the drive to Randy and Elinor Kaplin's lake house on June 6<sup>th</sup>. This should be a lot of fun with an interesting drive to the house and pizza afterwards. The group will meet at the North parking lot of the Hard Rock Casino in Catoosa for a 1:00 – 1:15 pm departure.

The Autocross season continues with a counting event on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Corporate Woods. Join us at 8:30 a.m. for a chance to test your skills on yet another novel course designed by your Cimarron Region Autocross meisters! If you haven't had a chance to come out for Autocross yet, we're getting into the heart of the season now, and if you want to have fun, this is it. We are finished typically by 11:30, and some of the participants head out to breakfast afterwards. Come for the fun, stay for the food and friends.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> will be the start of The Greatest Endurance Race in the World, the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Whether you are a racing fan or not, Porsche is back and committed to winning this event. They are very close to the top of their game with version 2 of the 919 Hybrid, and if Silverstone and Spa were any judge, this year's event will be outstanding. The fight among Porsche, Audi and Toyota will be tremendous – add the Nissan to the mix, and it will be un-missable for Porsche and racing fans. Check your local listings for coverage.

If you are not Le Mans-oriented, then check out the Cimarron Region Ladies lunch, also on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. This increasingly popular event is a great opportunity to meet some of the other Cimarron Region members and discuss issues not routinely covered at some of our other events. The lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. at Cedar Ridge Country Club in Broken Arrow.

Years ago, when I was a young lad and had more hair, I had the opportunity to participate in a few rallys. Now, rallies, rallys or rallyes, if you prefer, used to be the mainstay of car dubs everywhere. They were unique events with different degrees of difficulty, but they were all an opportunity to enjoy your car. They can be complicated to set up and execute, but are fun and a great way to spend a few hours of your weekend. Even the PCA guide book talks about their waning popularity, but I'd like to hear from you, the members. A rally can be as simple as a "gimmick" rally, which I believe they still run at Parade, or as complicated as a Time/Speed/Distance event. What would you like to see? Send me an email at <u>jjone20@aol.com</u> if you would like us to revive a grand tradition of motoring.

Our Cimarron Region store is up and running at <u>PCA.org</u>. We have a new apparel addition to the lineup which should be available shortly – a men's and ladies pique polo shirt. Your Membership Chair, Rick Hardmeyer, took the plunge and ordered one for himself and his lovely spouse, Becky. Polos are popular with many people, and I think Rick has chosen a very nice selection. It should be up soon for member orders, so check it out.

It's not too early to start to start thinking of 2016 and who your leadership team will be. Joy Jones is term-limited by the bylaws and so will not return as your Treasurer. I, of course, will relinquish my crown (ha ha) on December 31. While Rod Nordstrom will become your President, you will need to elect a new Vice President. We don't need answers yet, you will hear from the nominating committee in August, but it's a good time to start thinking about it.

Finally, I'm going to get on my soapbox a bit. We had a very successful Mayfast event, and we had enough Cimarron Region members to cover the needed volunteer positions. Barely. Everyone who participates enjoys these events and universally comments afterwards how much fun they were. But we are thin, fellow members, and the success of these events depends in part on having adequate staffing to ensure a well-run event for the participants – your fellow PCA members. I have a selfish reason for bringing it up: Oktoberfast will be here before you know it, and we need more members to come out and volunteer. I will reach out to our neighboring regions to ensure coverage, but do we really want to count on that? As your Club Race Chair, I take on the responsibility of ensuring adequate staffing for the necessary tasks, but after wearing four hats on Sunday last year, it has its limits. Please, consider coming out this year and supporting one of your Club's signature events.

For additional information on any of our events, please check out our website at cimarronregionpca.org. And don't forget to R.S.V.P!

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# Thank you!

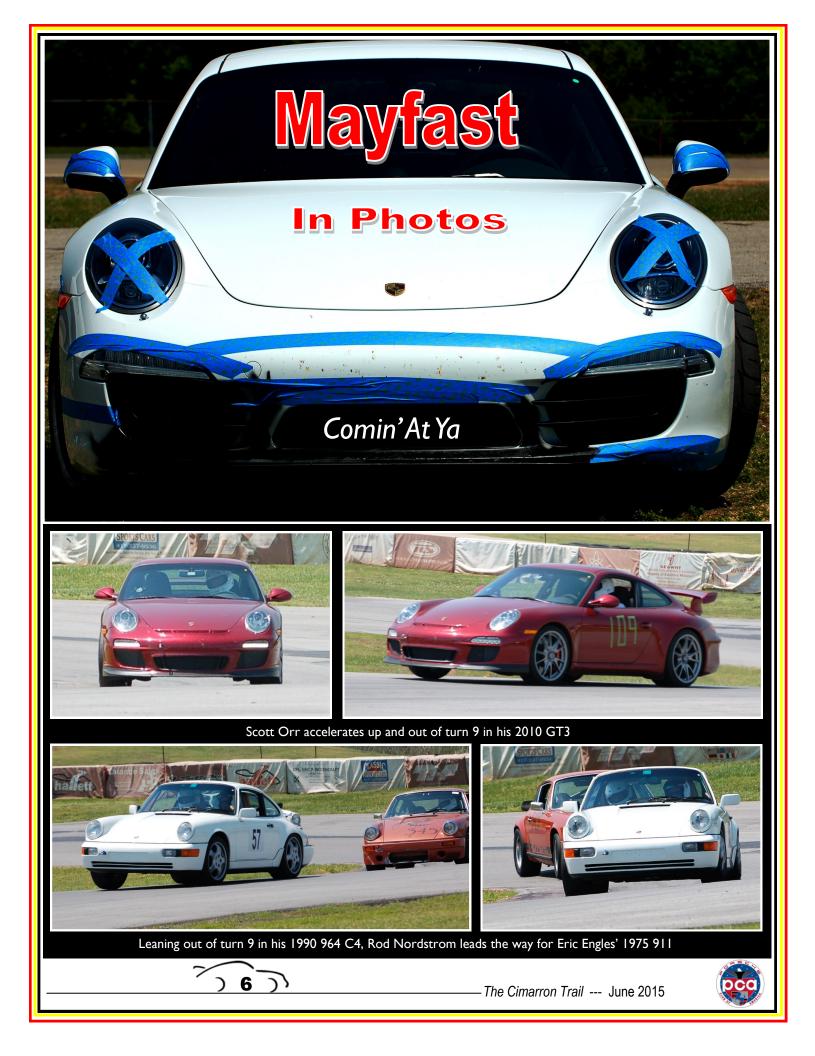
**Orlando Dumalag, event chair;** Joy Jones, registrar; Gary Bernard, chief instructor-And all our Cimarron Region volunteers, For another successful Mayfast! Around 60 drivers participated in the 2 day Driver Education event, May 2 & 3, **At Hallett Motor Racing Circuit.** Many "regular" and first-time attendees From Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, **Right here in Oklahoma, and beyond,** Signify the approval and growth of This annual opportunity to have fun, All while improving basic driving skills In a safety oriented environment! Attention to all the details make Mayfast a "go to" destination, and **Ensures its ongoing popularity!** 

**Congratulations to all who participated!** 

(Turn the page for photos)

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## More Mayfast Moments



Cimarron Region President, Jon Jones, checks torque, while Mayfast Chair, Orlando Dumalag, looks on



John Blocha brakes prior to turn 9 in his 2012 997 GTS



Blaine Price signals pit road entrance in his 2015 Boxster GTS



Cimarron Region Chief Driving Instructor, Gary Bernard, conducts novice class for first-timers and other drivers



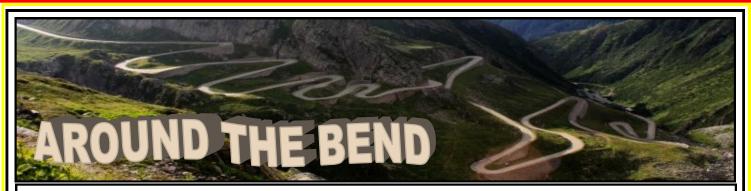
Ask Tom Ellis how he and his 2007 Carrera enjoyed Mayfast!



Jay Anderson tracks his 2015 GT3 at Mayfast for the first time







... And Down The Road

- June 6 Grand Lake Pizza Drive to Kaplin's Meet at 1:00 p.m.
- June 7 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
- June 13 Ladies Luncheon Cedar Ridge Country Club 11:30 a.m.
  - June 17 Mid-week dinner Mi Cocina 6:30 p.m.
    - June 13 & 14 24 Hours of Le Mans
  - June 14 Autocross (counting) Corporate Woods 8:30 a.m.
- June 21-27 60th Annual Porsche Parade 2015 French Lick, Indiana
- September 18 & 19 World Endurance Championship Lone Star Le Mans C.O.T.A.
  - October 1-3 PCA Escape to Rushmore
  - 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 June 1, 2015

> Primary Members: 225 Affiliate Members: 143 Life Members: 1 Total 369

Welcome New Members!

Tracy Closson - Eufaula, OK - '04 911 Chuck Gillis - Broken Arrow, OK - '04 Cayenne Philip Dooley - Bixby, OK - '03 911

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## Cimarron Region Briefs 🐬





Oklahomans received much needed rain during the month of May. Unfortunately two planned events were washed out. Don't give up! Social Chair, Steve Canada, along with Randy and Elinor Kaplin, have moved the **Grand Lake Drive** to June 6. See below for details, and R.S.V.P. NOW!

Steve is presently in the process of finding a new date for the **Devil's Den Picnic Drive** to Arkansas. Stay tuned to our website, and look for an email blast for notification.



## Grand Lake Drive To Kaplin's **Rescheduled!**

**Saturday, June 6**, is the **NEW DATE** for this anticipated drive, which was pushed into June due to much needed rain. Region member, Kurt Rainbolt, has a "Porsche route" planned, so we'll follow him to Randy and Elinor Kaplin's lake house! We'll meet at the north parking lot at Hard Rock Casino, north of Interstate 44, on the west side of 193rd East Ave. by 1:00 p.m. for a 1:15 departure. The drive will take about 2.5 hours, and there'll be one "convenience" stop along the way. Pizza will be provided at the destination, so bring your favorite kind of beverage and a dessert to share. The driving event ends upon your arrival at the Kaplins, so please take special care on your trip back home. An accurate head count will help with "pie-planning," so please R.S.V.P. A.S.A.P. to Steve Canada, at <u>scanada@cox.net</u>, or (918) 671-1499.



New date to be announced





## **More Cimarron Region Briefs**

(Or maybe you'd prefer Boxster Boxers)

## **Cimarron Region Ladies Luncheon**

Submitted by Kathy Hume (reprinted from the May issue, in case you missed it!)

The second edition of the Cimarron Region Ladies Luncheon was held April 18 at the Cedar Ridge Country Club. Kathy Hume welcomed 11 additional Porsche club ladies, including 5 newcomers!

While all chatted and got to know one another, topics included some of the upcoming Cimarron Region events on the May calendar. May 2-3, of course, is Mayfast Driver Education at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. Then come two very special social events: the May 9 cruise to Randy and Elinor Kaplin's house at Grand Lake, and then the annual Devil's Den Picnic Drive on May 16.

Claudia brought along some photos of the Arthrell's new home. She and husband, Dan, had announced their 10 year run hosting their annual Chile/Bunco Fest might have come to an end after moving out of their spacious former home. But many of the ladies in attendance agreed the new house looks plenty sufficient to continue their awesome tradition. We shall see Claudia and Dan, that remains to be seen, no pressure!

Next the ladies round-tabled ideas for the region to make (a) charitable donation(s) to (a) worthy cause(s) this year. Several suggestions arose for Joy Jones to present at the next board meeting.

For those interested in Cimarron Region name badges, Kathy informs everyone they are available from A & B Engraving, 4150 S. 70th E. Ave, Tulsa, near 41st and Sheridan. A & B offers pin on or magnetic styles, and can be reached at (918) 663-7446.

Due to the plethora of May club activities, the next Ladies Luncheon will be at Cedar Ridge, Saturday, **June 13**, at 11:30 a.m. Plan to come out for a relaxing afternoon. Should you have suggestions for alternate venues, or to R.S.V.P, contact Kathy Hume at (918) 636-4156, or send email to <u>loves2read12@cox.net</u>.

## June Mid-Week Dinner on Cherry Street

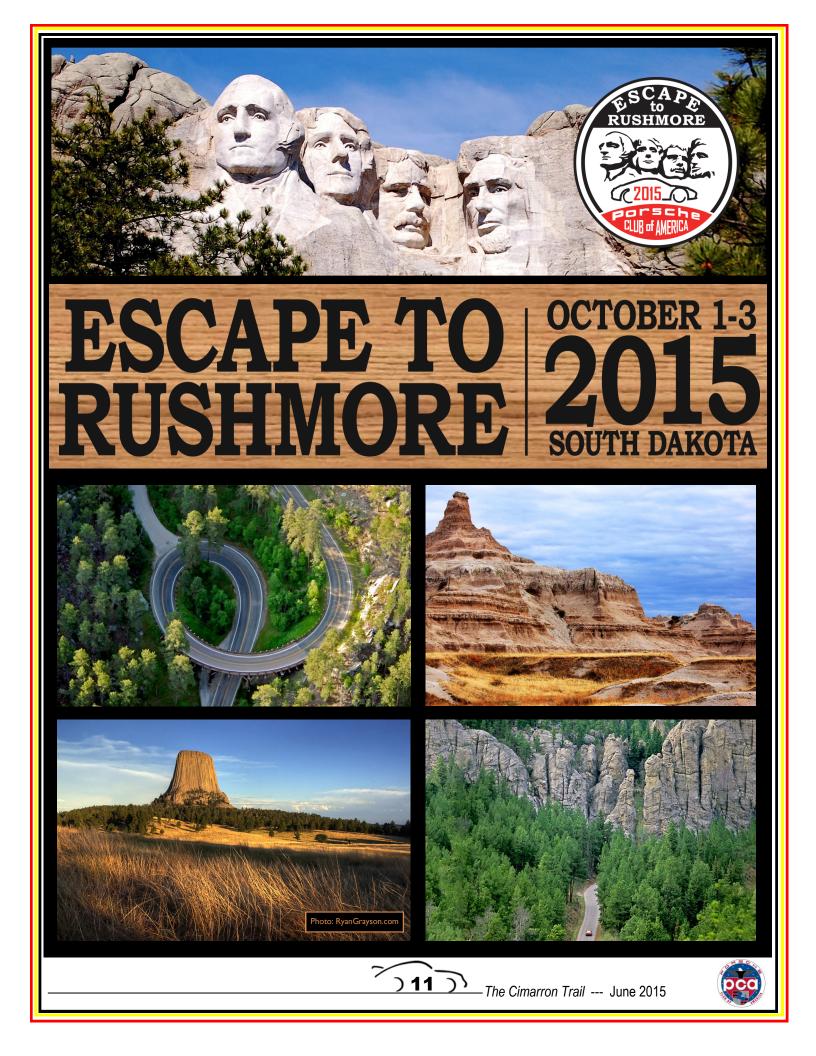
#### Mi Cocina

1342 E. 15th St. Wednesday, June 17 6:30 p.m. Known for Salsa, Brisket Tacos, and Queso con Chorizo <u>Please R.S.V.P.</u> to Steve Canada 918-671-1499 or scanada@cox.net

Check our their yummy menu: www.micocinarestaurants.com



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The fine looking shirts pictured above were chosen to kick off our customized Cimarron Region PCA items offered for your shopping pleasure. These fine quality, smart looking shirts bear the Cimarron Region logo, as well as PORSCHE across the back. As interest grows, more items may be added, such as jackets, caps, etc. Polo shirts are already on the way! For more information, and to shop, go to <u>www.cimarronregionpca.org</u>, click on *Custom CRPCA Merchandise For Sale*, and pick your sizes and colors.

To suggest additional items for future availability, see the Cimarron Region Contacts on page 3, and send an email to one of the officers. They will look into adding new items for your selection.

## Find Ethanol-Free Fuel at pure-gas.org

Is your Porsche a vegetarian? (Not that there's anything wrong with that!) Some reports recommend using 100% gas in your car. You'll realize better MPG, they say, which pretty much offsets the higher cost. Plus ethanol-free fuel is really what your engine was designed to

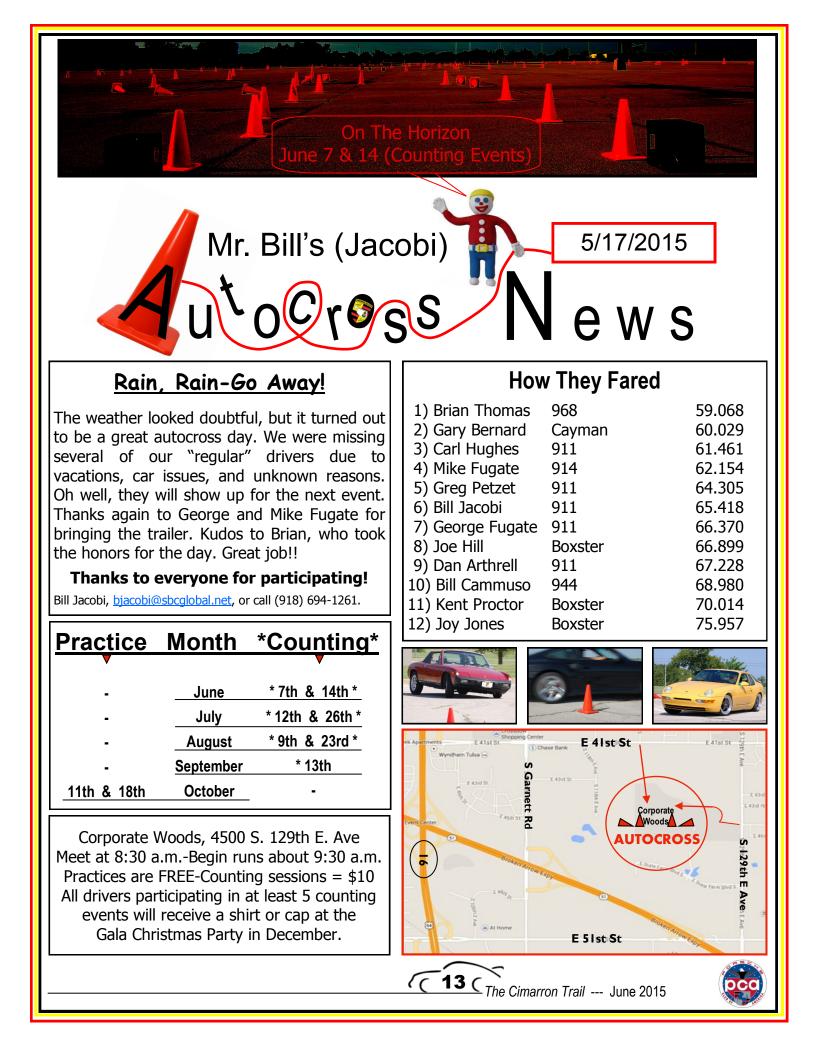


burn.

Find hundreds of vendors at <u>pure-gas.org</u>. Click on a state, zoom in and out, view maps, etc. Some locations list which octanes are available. Click on each individual "balloon" to see more station information. It might even be a good idea to phone stations to ensure they still have the good stuff available. Most "balloon click" locations list a telephone number.

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### Social Calendar and Upcoming Events

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#### June Highlights

Saturday Breakfast - Wild Fork @ Utica Square - 8 a.m. Curt Rainbolt Leads Drive to Pizza Party at Kaplin's Grand Lake Place (Pg. 9) Ladies Luncheon - Cedar Ridge C.C. - Saturday, June 13 @ 11:30 a.m. (Pg. 10) Dinner @ Mi Cocina, Wednesday, June 17 @ 6:30 p.m. (Page 10) Cimarron Region Board Meeting @ Jackie Cooper - 2nd Monday @ 6:30 p.m. Autocross Counting Sessions (2) - June 7 & 14 @ Corporate Woods - 8:30 a.m. 60th Annual Porsche Parade - French Lick, IN - June 21-27

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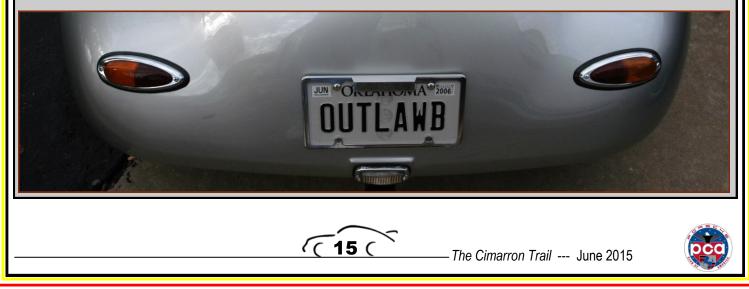
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### **July Highlights**

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

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

Autocross Counting Sessions (2) - July 12 & 26 @ Corporate Woods - 8:30 a.m.



# Stop the Presses!

Your July issue of *The Cimarron Trail* newsletter may run a few days late due to our first-hand coverage of the 60th Annual Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana, June 21-27. Stay tuned for stories and photos!

-your friends at . . .











## Motorsports Update

#### **Oh! Where to Begin?**

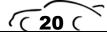
by Jon Jones - CRPCA President

By the time you (hopefully) read this, we will be on the cusp of the start of the 24 Hours of Le Mans. We are not reliable when it comes to predictions here at Motorsport Report, but we will say this – based upon the podium finishes for Porsche at the first two events of the year, hopes are running high. We're not sure what the Las Vegas odds are, but we might even take a little of that action. Reading "European Windows" in *Panorama*, we have the sense that Porsche is all in this year, and perhaps used the first two events of the 2015 season as shakedown runs for the biggest prize of all – the 24 Hours. Clearly the 919 has straight line speed. Using 8 mega-joules of recovered energy, the Porsche Hybrid is scary fast. Any weakness, at least at Silverstone and Spa, seemed to be tire life and downforce. While the Audis would outperform the 919 in the corners, Porsche would blow right by them once on the straight. It was a sight to behold! Swapping positions lap after lap while the drivers optimized their cars' strengths, and worked to minimize their weaknesses, led to some of the best motor racing seen in years. And clean – nary a fender was used to gain an advantage. Both early events seemed to come down to tire management and the related pit strategy. We will see what transpires at Le Circuit de la Sarthe, but our money is on Porsche, of course.

What of GT? A troublesome year so far with only a handful of wins in some of the minor classes. Porsche's competitors, chief among them Ferrari, Aston Martin, Lamborghini, Corvette and McLaren, have done their work and are formidable foes. While in the Pirelli World Challenge, the GTA class winner at the start of season drove a Porsche GT3R, Michael Lewis has since been moved to the top -tier GT class for being too good. Career progression for Lewis, part of Porsche's Young Driver Program, but now he's faced with butting heads against the Cadillacs, Acuras, and the other aforementioned makes. Teamed with Ryan Dalziel on the Effort Racing Porsche team, Lewis may yet shine.

For the other GT opportunities, Porsche must rein in the self-defeating mistakes of drivers (Bamber at Daytona) and mechanical ills that have plagued the cars (everywhere else). There is no doubt that the current generation of 911 RSR is fast, but the different teams here in the US and in Europe have yet to put it all together. And Le Mans, for the GTE PRO cars, will not be easy. Once again, expect to see a tooth-and-nail battle with Ferrari and Aston Martin. The Porsche factory-supported team of Manthey Racing (previous Le Mans winners in GT) knows how to get the job done, but it will require some *bon chance*. In GTE AM, most eyes here stateside will likely be on the team of actor Patrick Dempsey and Porsche factory driver Pat Long. Dempsey is a true believer and has been to Le Mans before, but given his difficulties at Spa, the team may have a long 24 hours.

Like the sun rising in the east, the 911's difficulties once again raise rumblings of the end of development for the rear-engine design. Porsche has been hard at work on various versions of the mid-engine Cayman, but as yet has not committed to that platform as the face of the factory GT effort. While Aston Martin and Corvette make the front-engine balance work, one could argue that it is up to the rules makers to find a healthy compromise of design and performance. We for one would hate to see the end of the historic run of that ole flat 6 hanging out the back, but times change and we need to change with them. Here's to all the drivers and teams at Le Mans – let's have a safe 24 Hours!





## **JACKIE COOPER**



