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Cover: Carl Hughes smokes it around the autocross course at Corporate Woods. Photo by the editor.

President's Corner by John Shafer

Cimarron Region Members:

There has been much activity since my August letter. We have had good turnouts for our last three social events. Both the Cookson Smokehouse Drive and the Compadre's Mexican dinner were well attended. It is great to see so many of our members, and so many Porsches all in one place. Over twenty well kept Porsches driving in a line down the highway has got to be an inspiration for other drivers lucky enough to be sharing the same road. And, the Club was lucky to get a special invitation to view the John Zink Museum last Saturday. The Zink Ranch has many activities, but the Museum is a well kept secret not open to the public. It was great to be reminded of the Zink Family's participation in motorsports over the years, and to see examples of the cars from the Porsche 356, through cars raced at Indianapolis, Baja, and dirt and midget track racers. If you didn't make the trip, check out the write-up and pictures in this newsletter.

Looking forward, we have several social events planned. Randy and Elinor Kaplin will again generously host a Lake Party at their lake-house on Grand Lake on Saturday, September 25, starting at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and drinks provided by Elinor and Randy at 1:00 p.m. Don't miss this last chance of the season to get your Porsche on the road and visit with our members. Steve Canada has planned a German Dinner at Siegi's German Restaurant on Saturday, October 9. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. I will advise of details in upcoming e-mails. You can always contact Steve Canada for details at scanada@cox.net or by phone at 918-671-1499. Thanks again to Steve for all his help in planning and arranging our social events.

Bill Jacobi has an Autocross planned for Sunday, October 10, at the usual time and location. This may be the last Autocross of the year, so plan to come out, help set up, and try your driving skills. Also, Randy Kaplin has purchased a new digital timing display, so timing results will be instantaneously posted, in a visible manner. Randy saw one of the digital displays at Porsche Parade, and obviously felt it was something our Autocross program couldn't do without.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Oktoberfest, the Cimarron Region's PCA Clubrace, which is set for October 15-17 at Hallet. Registration is off to a great start, and should be well attended by the clubrace drivers. We will also be having a DE (Driver's Education) at Oktoberfest. We look forward to your participation in the driving events. These are events that sustain the Club. But, if you are not up for the driving events, please plan to come out and volunteer to help Earl Schott, Rocky Naff, Brian and Christy Thomas, Jay Anderson, Greg Hart, Jay Jackson, Jeff Huber, and Rod Nordstrom, and all our other members who have pitched in to make Oktoberfest a successful event for the Club. There are many ways for you to help volunteer that will not take a lot of your time. And, you will enjoy the sights and sounds of so many Porsches driving at Hallett.

Finally, this is the time of year when nominations are being made for the election of next year's officers. If you, or another member, would like to be more active in the leadership of the Club, please let Randy Kaplin, the chairman of our Nominating Committee, know as soon as possible. Nominations for vice-president, secretary and treasurer need to be closed by October 1-15. Balloting and the election will be finalized by November 15. So, now is the time for you to step up if you would like to serve the Club.

I look forward to seeing you at our events.
And, your suggestions and participation are always welcome.

Best Regards,
John Shafer



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The advertisement features a black and white photograph of the front of a classic silver car, likely a Porsche, with a prominent round headlight and a small emblem on the front grille. The text is overlaid on the image in a clean, sans-serif font.

Notes from the editor: Please note the short-notice event at Randy and Elinor Kaplin's lake house on September 25!. Randy says the party starts at 10 AM, and will last until whenever. Beverages are provided and food will be ready beginning at 1 PM, so no need to bring anything but yourselves. For more info, and a map, check out cim.pca.org. In the advance planning department, Brian Thomas reports that dates for next year's Hallett events have been decided. April 30-May 1, 2011, will be Mayfast DE; October 7-9, 2011, will be the Club Race/DE. Volunteers are still needed for Oktoberfest this year on October 15-17. Volunteers get a nifty polo shirt as a thank you for helping out your club. The October 9 dinner location has been changed to Siegi's Sausage Factory, located at 81st and Sheridan. A big Thank You to Randy Kaplin who contributed an LED timing board to the club's autocross equipment. The display allows each driver to see his or her time right after they stop the clock. Thanks Randy!! (It's much bigger than this, ha ha!)



THE MARKET PLACE

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Contact Jeff Creamer, 918-865-5198 or Creamers@cimtel.net



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HALLET MOTOR RACING CIRCUIT
Hallet, OK October 15-17

It's time to buzz into Hallett Motor Racing Circuit for a fun weekend with friends and fast cars. (Does it ever get any better than that?)

We will welcome all of you to the 9th Annual Oktoberfest with some of the top drivers in the Central US coming to show off their skill by going the F-1 direction this year. (That means going in the clockwise direction.)

Don't forget how much fun we have with race cars, nice folks with mostly great weather in OKLA this time of year. We are planning some pretty special eats for the chow hounds so come join us for a good time and good food.

We will be looking forward to seeing you!

Optional Test & Tune – Friday, October 15th

Club Race – Saturday and Sunday, October 16th – 17th

Sprint races on Saturday and Sunday

Registration is open at <http://register.pca.org>

More event info: <http://cim.pca.org/events.asp>

Event Chair: Earl Schott eschott11@aol.com

Building Your Dream Car

One Man's Journey

We wrap up our series on John McDermott's hot rod 911 with the details—those little touches that make the difference between ho-hum and ka-pow. And as you can see, John's car is Ka-Pow!



All of the glass is now in along with the black window trim. Paint has been polished but still awaits the final clean and shine until the interior is finished. The car is sitting on its new wheels and tires for the first time. I really like the way the frosted RSR wheels look against the arrow blue paintwork. Makes my old scratched and faded lug nuts look terrible though.

Good sound is a relative thing. In a 911 with little to no soundproofing, lightweight carpet, no cat and a 2-in 2-out muffler there is no point in aiming for audiophile quality sound. I will be happy if it produces pleasant noise.



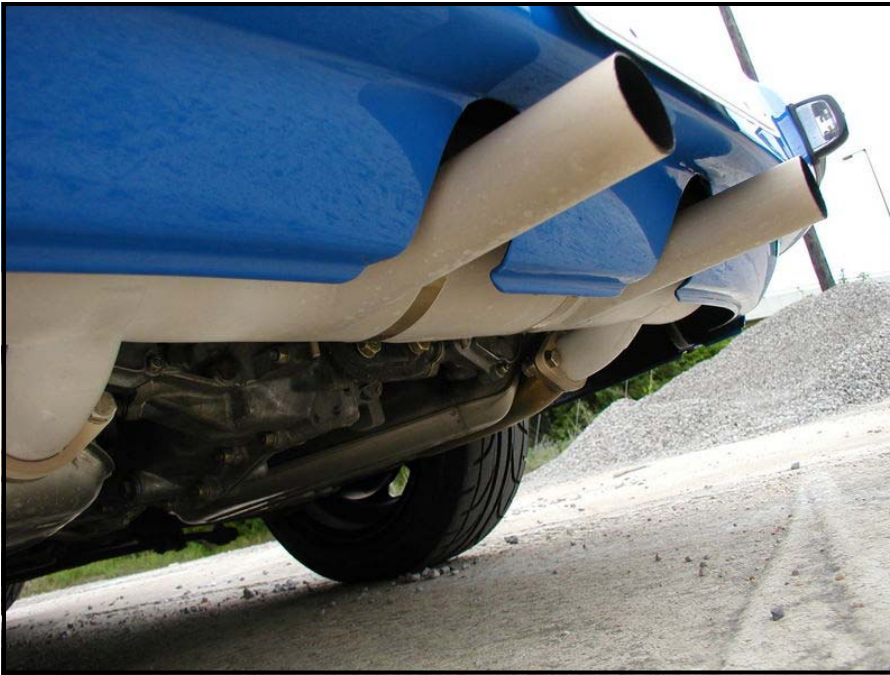
I just cleaned up the tire sidewalls then took my trusty model-making paintbrush and delicately painted the lettering with KILZ interior/exterior primer. I just like the look of painted sidewall lettering. Must be the shameless cafe racer in me I guess.



Light weight? Right down to the door handles. I saw the drilled door handles that TRE Motorsports did on the Fraise RSR and could not resist them. I hope they understand that imitation is the ultimate form of flattery.

Some vintage decals were sourced for that proper look...





I made no modifications to the muffler. It is a stock M&K sport muffler painted with high temp flat white paint. Probably not the most durable finish but I just love the look of white pipes sticking out the back. With the standard pipes and the stock bumpers the end of the pipe did not protrude past the bumper. Pulling the bumper back makes the pretty pipes more visible.



The ducktail took quite a bit of shaping to fit but the effort seems to have been worthwhile.



The finished product! I have ended up with exactly the 911 I wanted, from the exterior color selected by pouring over 30 years of production color charts, to the hound's-tooth interior and down to the finest of details. Sort of a retro cafe racer without the expense and potential complications of a backdate. It has been a really fun project and I hope others are encouraged to do the same.

And just to prove that this car is no "garage queen", the first track day at Hallett.

The editor wishes to thank John McDermott and Jeff Huber for their cooperation and source material for this series. We hope you have enjoyed it, and are as impressed as we are with "One Man's Journey" to the ideal Porsche.

Photos courtesy John McDermott and Jeff Huber





PORSCHE at Zink Ranch



The view from the top of the hill at Zink Ranch.

The original lodge at the ranch has been restored and is now the museum. This is the great room just inside the main entrance.



On Saturday, September 11, the Cimarron Region Porsche Club attended an invitation-only visit to the Zink Ranch. Twenty-seven members attended with nineteen Porsches of all ages making the trek out from Downtown Tulsa. The day was somewhat damp, weather-wise, but the trip was well worth it for the twisty roads, the view from the top of the hill at Zink Ranch, and the museum.

John "Jack" Zink was a Tulsa businessman and philanthropist. He was also a two-time winner as car owner of the Indianapolis 500, a racer himself, and a friend of Ferry Porsche. Zink expanded the ranch, started by his father in the 1940's, and developed it into a 32,000 acre site dedicated to conservationism and both boy and girl scout activities.

The grounds are beautiful and the museum is elegant. It is filled with memorabilia from John Zink's life, his conservation activities, industrial successes, and his racing exploits.

The car below is the 1958 Race of Two Worlds winner. The event took place on the high-banked Monza track in Italy. This car was driven by Jim Rathmann to a 166.756 mph average speed.



Above: An original Offenhauser 4-cylinder engine. These engines, in all their variations, powered Indy 500 winners from 1947 to 1976. Right: Just some of the racing trophies, pictures, and history at the museum.



A 1947 Kurtis Kraft midget, raced by John Zink.

After the race at Monza in 1958, Ferry Porsche heard that John Zink, the two-time Indianapolis 500 winning car owner was in Europe, and wanted to get him to try one of his cars. Zink was uncertain at first about the fancy sport cars that Porsche built, but relented and was suitably impressed by the car he drove. This early 356 rests in the museum as testament to the connection between the two pioneers. "Rest" may be a relative term though—it has a current tag on it...



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Membership News

PCA Cimarron Region Membership News

*Reported by Greg Hart, Membership Chair
As of September 1, 2010*

Primary Members	247
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Life Members	1
Total	433

Welcome New Members

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DINNER AT COMPADRE'S

The evening of Wednesday Aug 26th, we had our 3rd in a series of mid-week dinners. A total of 37 PCA members and family got together at Compadre's at 71st and Sheridan for margaritas, salsa and good conversation. If anyone has any ideas for future mid-week dinners, please contact our Social Chairman, Steve Canada.



Randy & Elinor Kaplin with grandkids



Group shot



Kira Canada & friend Danielle Jones

We'd like to welcome new transfer members, Jerry, Robin & Eric Gebhard from Austin, TX...welcome aboard!

Be sure to introduce yourself the next time you see them.





Autocross Update



Cimarron Region Autocross #6 August 22, 2010 at Corporate Woods.

A big thanks to all that turned out for this autocross. We really had some close times as reflected below. Gary is back with his usually quick 914, glad you're back Gary!!! We also had two new drivers for this autocross, Joe Hill and David Bevan. Welcome guys hope you had a good time and that you will be back for more!

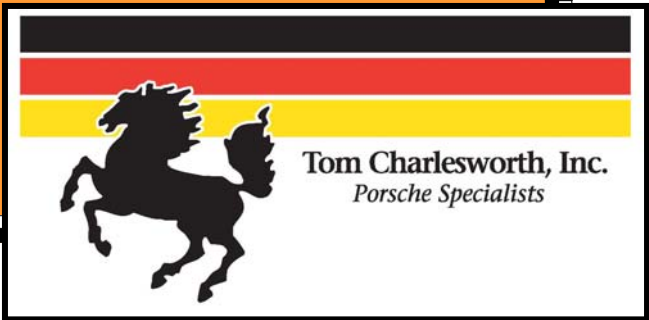
1. Gary Bernard	914-GT 6	64.162
2. Randy Kaplin	996 Turbo	66.901
3. Carl Hughes	996 Turbo	67.133
4. Bill Jacobi	Boxster	67.521
5. Brian Thomas	968	67.878
6. Joe Hill	Boxster	69.770
7. Greg Petzet	911	69.906
8. Mike Jacobsen	914	72.030
9. Rod Nordstrum	911-C4	72.391
10. David Bevan	996 Cab	73.507
11. George Schoeler	914	73.610
12. Eric Engles	944	75.434
13. Kyle Engles	944	75.544
14. Austin Thomas	944	75.787
15. Jon Jones	924	76.586
16. Warren Engles	944	84.227



Next autocross September 12, 2010, be there or be square!!!
Thanks for attending!

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Autocross Update



Cimarron Region Autocross #7 September 12, 2010 at Corporate Woods.

Only had ten drivers for this event, where were the rest of you guys? The weather was perfect and the course was extremely tough, just ask the guys!

1. Gary Bernard	914-GT 6	64.666
2. Carl Hughes	996 Turbo	68.479
3. Randy Kaplin	993TT	68.607
4. Brian Thomas	968	70.619
5. Greg Petzet	911	72.068
6. Bill Jacobi	911	75.021*
7. Rod Nordstrum	911-C4	75.472
8. Dan Arthrell	944 Turbo	75.730
9. Jon Jones	924	78.408
10. Mike Helweh	928	81.295

Randy Kaplin has been having some difficulty getting out of his car between runs (car). To help him, he has purchased a 5 inch digital display unit that works with our timing system. This display system will be used at the next autocross event. Big thanks to Randy for his generous contribution.

* Includes a two second penalty for using race tires. The Boxster is in the shop, drove the 911 racecar. It is to me obvious that I need to work on upper body development to autocross this car.

Next autocross will be October 10, 2010, this could be the last event of the year, let's have a great turnout!!!!

Thanks for attending!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Breakfast at The Wild Fork Utica Square
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Breakfast at The Wild Fork Utica Square
12 Autocross # 7 Merit Industrial Park	13 Board Mtg.	14	15	16	17	18 Breakfast at The Wild Fork Utica Square
19	20	21	22	23	24	
26	27	28	29	30		

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Breakfast at The Wild Fork
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Dinner at Siegi's Sausage Factory
10 Autocross # 8 Merit Industrial Park	11 Board Mtg.	12	13	14	15	16 Oktoberfest!
17 Oktoberfest at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit	18	19	20	21	22	23 Breakfast at The Wild Fork Utica Square
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Breakfast at The Wild Fork
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For more information on events, please check the Cimarron Region PCA website at cim.pca.org.



Motorsport Report

by Jon Jones

Petit Preview

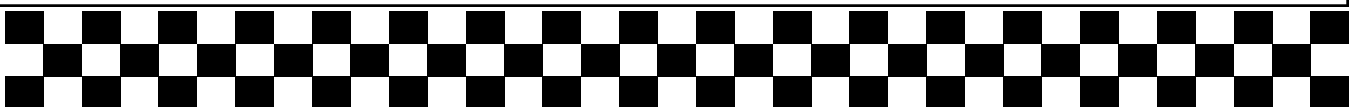
With a deeper entry list than might have been expected, the 2010 Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta on October 1-2, is shaping up to be a classic event. The diesel powerhouses of Peugeot and Audi will be on hand, and headline a 45-car field.

It's hard to imagine a mix of 45 cars getting around Road Atlanta, the famously fast circuit in the Georgia hills, without incident. Couple the four different classes of cars, from the ultra-quick diesels to the GT Challenge Porsche Cup cars, the rates of top speed, overtaking, braking and cornering speed will make for an action-filled event. Hopefully the carnage from the last round at Mosport will not carry over to this race. The sight of a prototype hip-checking a Porsche Cup into the barrier at 150 mph was not a pretty one. Fortunately, the driver was okay, but the race had to be called because the Armco could not be repaired in the time allotted.

While the Audi/Peugeot battle will be fascinating to watch, the race marks a significant debut for the Porsche GT3R Hybrid. The car has competed three times this year, including at the Nurburgring 24 Hours where it turned heads by running in the top three for most of the race. Unfortunately the Hybrid, laboring under the increased weight of the regenerative system, suffered an engine failure an hour and 50 minutes shy of the 24 hour distance. This will be the North American debut.

No doubt the forensics have been done on the corpse, and improvements made, for this is what Porsche does best—bringing innovative engineering to the race track. A class win is not in the offing as the GT3R Hybrid has not been homologated, but we can expect a victory of sorts if the car finishes the 10 hour/1000 mile Petit Le Mans well up in the order.

The Hybrid will be piloted by Porsche stalwarts Romain Dumas, Timo Bernhard, and former Porsche factory driver, and Le Mans winner, Mike Rockenfeller.





Motorsport Report

As for race predictions, the P1 and P2 classes are split for this event, in order to comply with ACO regulations.

The P2 Porsche RS Spyder will certainly challenge for the class win, but an overall victory is not in the cards.

The team of Jorg Bergmeister and Patrick Long take a 22-point lead in the GT driver's championship with their Flying Lizard Porsche GT3RSR into the event. Disaster can and does strike often in this class, but the team and the two drivers have been there before and know how to get it done. In manufacturers points, however, it's a different story. Porsche leads BMW by only one point. It will likely come down to not only where Bergmeister/Long finish, but where the second Flying Lizard GT3RSR finishes, but where the Falken Tire Porsche winds up to decide the result.

And a bold prediction: Porsche will win both the GTC driver's and manufacturer's championships. But that's not a stretch

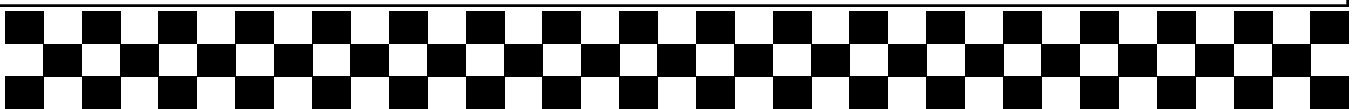
since Porsche is the only make entered.

It should be a great race—coverage is live on SpeedTV starting at 10 AM CT, on October 2.

In local news, the OKC city council voted down a proposal by a local promotion group to host an ALMS street race in OKC in 2011. The proposal would have required the city to front the promoters a \$7 million package of street improvements, operating capital, etc., in return for a 5 year race guarantee. Oh, but the promoters had 10 years to pay the city back. Now street races are sketchy propositions to begin with—anybody remember F1 in Las Vegas?. With the economy the way it is, it's no wonder the city turned them down, but it would have been nice to have a race in our backyard.

PORSCHE on TV

Date	Event	Coverage
Oct 2	Petit Le Mans	SpeedTV





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