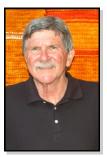


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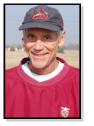


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President's Perspective - July 2014

By Randy Kaplin, CRPCA President

Well, June was a busy month for Porsche enthusiasts with the Porsche Parade in Monterey, California. Parade was attended by a number of our local region members, me included! While I was not looking forward to the 1700 mile trip to California, it turned out to be a surprisingly easy journey. This was due to the decision for us to take my wife, Elinor's newly acquired Porsche Cayenne diesel. While I have traditionally been partial to the Porsche 911 over the years, I have to admit this newest Porsche addition is probably the best cross-country touring vehicle I have ever owned. With one touch suspension settings, changing between "sport" and "normal" and "comfort" with simply a push of a button, made for effortless driving around curves, most notably on the stretch down Highway 1. With the "sport suspension" for maximum control and handling, and then when the going was straight and boring ... a push of the button to the "comfort" position smoothed out the ride. It didn't hurt either that when going through Needles, California, (typically the hottest spot in the nation), a push of a button turned on the air-conditioned ventilated seats! While I am normally not an SUV fan, this Cayenne diesel really has made a believer out of me. With such a comfortable ride and getting 30 MPG+ to boot while traveling at least 75 mph, the car was quite impressive.

During Parade week we participated in tours to Big Sur, Hearst Castle and Canepa, which were the highlights of the trip. My personal favorite was a visit to Canepa Cars. Canepa's shop is a

combination restoration shop, auto museum and collector cars for sale. Bruce Canepa's museum housed an impressive collection of Porsche race cars, which was one of the most spectacular collections I have seen. However when we were looking at the collector cars for sale, Elinor came across her personal favorite, a 1967 MGB much like the first sports car she owned more than a few years back when we first met.

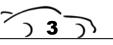
For those of you who have never attended the week long Porsche Parade, I would encourage you to consider next year's Parade, which will be held at a resort in French Lick, Indiana, only 600 miles from Tulsa. This is likely as close as any of these Parades will ever get to Tulsa.



We are still looking for volunteers to host a Poker Party at their house. If anyone is interested in hosting such a party please contact me at rwkaplin@swbell.net.

Also, please send to Greg Petzet, our new professional newsletter editor, at <u>cimnews@cox.net</u>, any articles or photos to contribute for publication in the *Cimarron Trail* Newsletter. I am sure we have scores of writers and photographers out there just waiting to be discovered!

See you on the road, Randy







June 14 - Although Porsche's return to the 24 Hours at Le Mans ended in a less than desirable fashion (see page 19), 14 Cimarron region members scored a victory at a watch party hosted by Joy and Jon Jones at their Oologah home.

As members arrived, the 82nd running of the famed endurance race began by the magic of DVR. During the early going, unexpected rain showers led to yellow flags due to car to car contact, as well as numerous auto parts strewn along the course.

Inside the Jones' home, conditions were ideal! And even if the ultimate results of the race were hard to swallow, the home-made brunch items, including quiches, French toast, croissants, and fresh fruit, made all in attendance feel like winners.

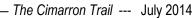
Long-time members introduced themselves and welcomed new ones. Race fans visited the buffet table, commiserated around the kitchen island, and relaxed in front of the television broadcast, all while sampling the wonderful array of treats, as well as a Mimosa or cup of hot coffee.

This gathering was only one of many Cimarron region get-togethers planned throughout the year. Watch for announcements of future events right here in the *Cimarron Trail* newsletter, or in "blasts" sent to your email. To all who attended, and those who may join in at future happenings, "It's not just the cars, it's (YOU) the people!"

See you next time. 🛛 🟹

(more photos next page > >)







Cimarron Region Briefs

Watch this space for the 2014 Oktoberfast logo!

Oktoberfast 2014

Volunteers Needed



It's not too early to start thinking about Cimarron Region's premier event of the year – Oktoberfast! We expect another fantastic event, but it doesn't happen without you. We need the support of Cimarron Region members to make this event special, and that means you. We have had excellent support over the years and we need to continue that for 2014. This year, we are doing our own grid with the support of some pros from Texas. We will need a couple of volunteers, especially on Friday for teching DE and Test and Tune cars. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, we will need an assistant on the start stand for hot pit release and helping the starter. If you like being close to the action, either of these positions is for you! One day or all three, your help will be appreciated. Benefits are an event T-shirt, lunch provided each day, dinner on Saturday night if you work the whole event, and the satisfaction of being part of a very popular Cimarron Region event.

Please let the event chair Jon Jones know your interest at (918) 740-7951 or jjone20@aol.com

Mayfast Hallett Photos Still Available!

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit photographer Tim Turner has numerous photos of your recent experience at Mayfast. Contact Tim at 918-899-8388,

or email tim@hallettracing.net



PCA Cimarron Region Member Update

Reported by Greg Hart, Membership Chair As of July 1, 2014

> Primary Members 216 Affiliate Members 146

> > Total 362

Welcome New Member!

Chris Ellison, Tulsa, OK--1983 911

(Note: New PCA site no longer tracks Life Member count)

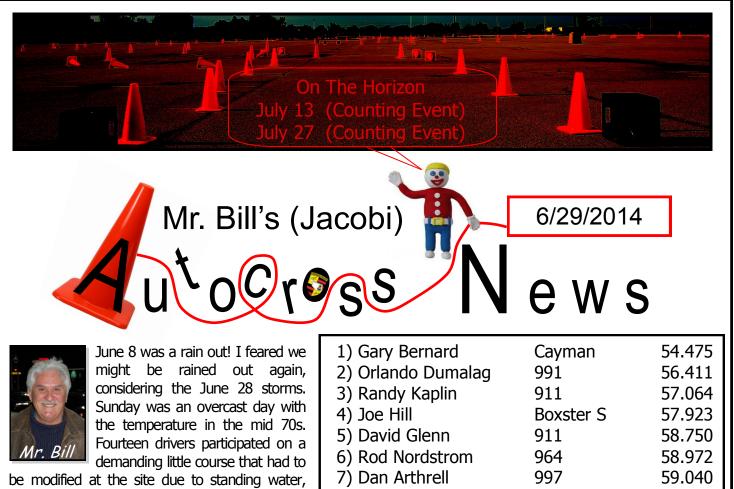


<What is Greg Hart smiling about?

Cimarron Region Membership Chair Greg Hart recommends checking out "A great piece on the Porsche 918 Spyder at <u>www.jaylenosgarage.com</u>." Once on the site, scroll down to "Latest Features" and click on the photo. Says Greg, "Sure made me want one, and I'm usually out on hybrid performance cars!"

Speaking for our entire membership, Greg, we can't wait to see yours!





(thanks Rod.) Thanks to all who helped set up the course! To those that didn't, maybe you could get there a little earlier next time. Orlando brought his 991, great job. The other old guy David Glenn, joined us after a long absence. David did quite well considering his seven year old track tires and two second penalty! -Bill Jacobi

(Photos on page 9)

| 1) Gary Bernard | Cayman | 54.475 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| 2) Orlando Dumalag | 991 | 56.411 |
| Randy Kaplin | 911 | 57.064 |
| 4) Joe Hill | Boxster S | 57.923 |
| 5) David Glenn | 911 | 58.750 |
| 6) Rod Nordstrom | 964 | 58.972 |
| 7) Dan Arthrell | 997 | 59.040 |
| 8) Rick Hardmeyer | 997 | 61.740 |
| 9) Kevin Quigg | 997 | 61.841 |
| 10) Curtis Robinson | Cayman | 61.846 |
| 11) Mike Fugate | 914 | 61.989 |
| 12) Mike Helweh | 928 | 62.267 |
| 13) Kent Proctor | Boxster | 62.907 |
| 14) George Fugate | 968 | 69.587 |

Autocross is held on the lot west of Corporate Woods Business Park, 4500 S 129th East Ave. Entrants meet at 8:30 am to lay out the course, and begin driving approximately 9:30. The event is always over by noon, the latest. See schedule below. (*) marked dates count for the season long championship. Your top 8 times are used to calculate your position. So missing up to 2 of the 10 counting events does not adversely affect your score. Practices are free, official dates are \$10. A helmet is required, a few are on hand to borrow. Complete at least 5 events, and receive a shirt or hat at the Christmas party! Bill Jacobi, bjacobi@sbcglobal.net, or 918-694-1261.

July (*13* & *27*) August 10 & **(*24*)** September (*7* & *21*)

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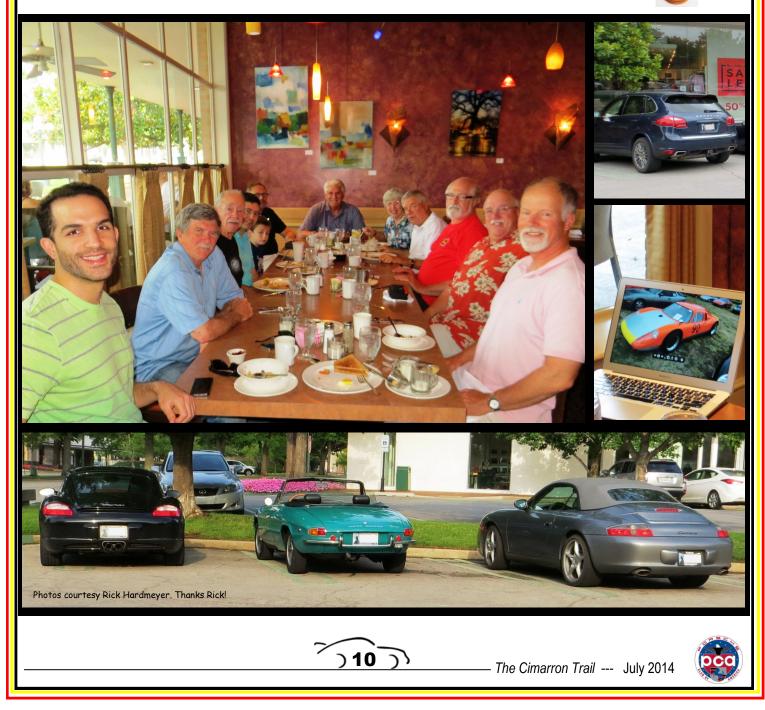
Autocross Action - June 29

See Results on Page 8





Cimarron Region PCA members have an open invitation for breakfast, conversation, and Porsche viewing, every Saturday morning at 8:00 am. Could there be a better way to start your Saturday? Come on over to the Wild Fork restaurant located in Tulsa's Utica Square.



From the Editor:

"It's summertime summertime sum summertime . . ." Those oldie lyrics always occur to me when the Spring rains taper off and the temperatures begin to rise.

Pam and I had a wonderful time up in Oologah watching the start of this year's 24 Hours at Le Mans. Joy and Jon Jones staged the perfect watch party, with track-side seats for everyone, and a scrumptious brunch. See the story and photos on pages 4 and 5.

Speaking of the Spring rains, they caused the June 8 autocross to be canceled. But 14 drivers showed up for the competitive June 29 session. Check out the recap, complete with best elapsed

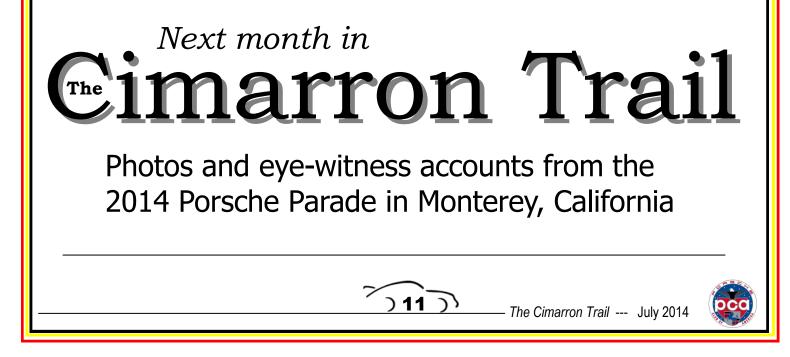


times, and Autocross Chair, Bill Jacobi's synopsis, along with action photos, all in this issue. There are plenty more autocross events on the calendar, so make plans to come out and join in the fun. You'll be a more competent driver for it, and you'll get to hang around with some friendly and helpful fellow members.

Some of our members made the trek to California for the annual Porsche Parade, held in Monterey, June 15-22. We hope to publish story and photos in future issues of *The Trail*.

Meanwhile, make the most of the Summer months, especially by getting out and motoring about in your fine Porsches! 'Tis the season to be driving! *And send me some copy and photos! I'm running out of ideas. I might have to resort to printing all my bad jokes, and nobody wants that!* Email them to <u>cimnews@cox.net</u>, and let me hear from you with your ideas on how I can improve and enhance this newsletter.

Greg Petzet 🛁



Social Calendar and Upcoming Events

July 2014

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| Autocross 'Counting' 8:30 a.m. | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | 8 am |

July Highlights

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

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

Two Autocross "Counting" Sessions - Corporate Woods

(Times "count" toward 2014 season Point totals. ALL are invited to participate Counting sessions are \$10)

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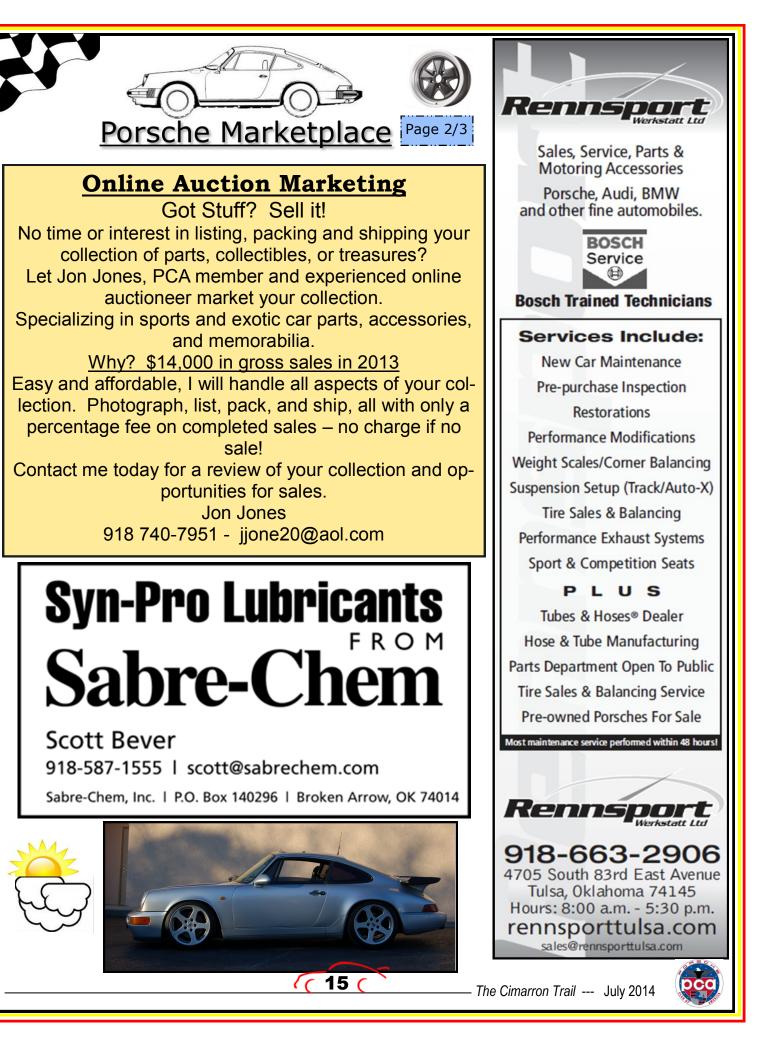


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August Highlights

Saturday Breakfast - Wild Fork @ Utica Square - 8 a.m. * * * **Cimarron Region Board Meeting @ Jackie Cooper** Second Monday each month - 6:30 p.m. * * * **Two Autocross Sessions - Corporate Woods** ALL are encouraged to participate. Practice sessions are FREE (Counting sessions are \$10) Practice - August 10, 8:30 a.m. Counting - August 24, 8:30 a.m. (13) — The Cimarron Trail --- July 2014 DCC







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Motorsports Update

TOUGH by Jon Jones - CRPCA VP

Count the number of times you read or heard that word post-Le Mans from media and Porsche fans alike. Descriptive it is, but it still doesn't do justice to the frustration felt in the Porsche 919 camp. Disappointment – there's another one, spoken by Porsche factory driver Mark Webber and team principle Andreas Seidl. What happened? Simply put, Porsche suffered different mechanical failures to both LMP1 Hybrid cars that spoiled their chance for a triumphant return to the 24 Hour classic. One might think that with all the testing that was done and with all the engineering expertise of Porsche at their disposal, the twin 919s might have fared better. But the fact remains that Le Mans is the toughest challenge for any car, and failures or weaknesses that don't appear in testing will appear at Le Mans. And so they did.

The race began well enough with a 919 starting from the second spot, but within the first hour (Oh, *Mondieu!*) the number 14 car was in the garage with what was speculated to be a fuel delivery problem. A collective groan could be heard across the globe. It was a relatively easy fix, but left the car 5 laps down to the leaders. Meanwhile the 20 car was going strong, so there was hope. Torrential rains and ridiculous accidents marred the opening hours - Porsche was mercifully spared from the lunacy. Overnight both cars continued to meet, if not best, the pace of the Audis and Toyotas, and by the 20th hour, after the leading Audi had trouble,

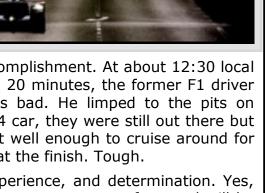
the number 20 car was in the overall lead – a remarkable accomplishment. At about 12:30 local time, Mark Webber took over the car for his final stint. Within 20 minutes, the former F1 driver heard an ugly noise from the power plant and knew it was bad. He limped to the pits on electrical power, but it was over for the 20. For the number 14 car, they were still out there but a gearbox issue sent them to the garage as well. They fixed it well enough to cruise around for the final lap, but it was too late and neither car was classified at the finish. Tough.

Hats off to Audi, they earned the win through sheer grit, experience, and determination. Yes, they won another Le Mans 24 Hour, but they earned it. Toyota, too, was very fast, and will be hard to beat going forward. And their pace kept Audi honest.

For Porsche, they will review what went right and what went wrong. They have plenty of time before the next round of the World Endurance Championship, a 6-hour event at COTA in Austin on September 19 and 20. Here's hoping Porsche gets it right, but somehow, we expect they will be, you guessed it - tough.

- The highest finishing Porsche was a third place in the GTE-Pro class for Team Manthey and the 911 RSR works car.
- There is grumbling in the Porsche camp about the balance of performance the method with which the FIA manages the performance of such disparate platforms as the flat-6, the Ferrari V8, the Aston Martin and others. Always a controversial process, some Porsche teams think the advantage has been swung too far away from their platform. We'll see what the FIA decides.







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