



The Cimarron Trail



February



On The Cover

PCA Palooza, an annual multi-event weekend, hosted by the White River Region, with help from the Ozark and Cimarron Regions, completed its 11th year this past November. The people, the Porsches, the drives, and the scenery are the ideal ingredients in a perfect recipe for fun and relaxation! Over the years, people and their Porsches have attended from more than half the states in the union, with many providing a plethora of descriptive vanity tags to enjoy.



Slightly altered photo by
Greg Petzet

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From The Editor

CAMPAIGN 2016! No, I'm not talking about politics. I'm already tired of watching reports of all the usual promises, finger pointing, back stabbing, name calling, etc. But oddly enough, all those repetitive "news" stories about our Presidential choices gave me a few ideas for a possible event! (Go with me on this one, it's a reach!)



The *Cimarron Trail* could run an announcement to **Trumpet** a **Cruz** out West to **Clinton**, for lunch at Col. **Sanders** KFC! I told you it was a reach! But you'll notice I was careful to give equal time to both parties.

Now speaking of parties, your Cimarron Region has quickly taken off in the New Year with happenings cropping up on our calendar! As a matter of fact, by the time you read this, several club events have already taken place during January: club breakfasts, a board meeting, a ladies luncheon, the ladies autocross classroom, and the Keo Asian mid-week dinner.

And February is not to be outdone! R.S.V.P. now for the Bunco and Chili Contest, February 13, at Dan and Claudia Arthrell's house. And, of course, there's breakfast each Saturday morning, 8 a.m., at the Wild Fork, Utica Square.

You're always invited to our monthly board meetings, and you can rest assured that group of volunteers is forever brainstorming to carry on the Cimarron Region tradition of providing a variety of both driving and social events for our members.

Autocross Chair, Mike Fugate, who just took over for Bill Jacobi,

has posted your 2016 schedule in this issue. The 2015 season was one of the best and most well attended ever. And with new, upgraded wireless timing equipment on hand, and more and more members participating, Autocross will be the place to be in 2016!

Pam and I own two cars and a Porsche. I don't know about you, but when I get into our Porsche, I feel entirely different than when I enter our cars. Our cars are just fine, and more than ably get us from point A to point B. That is basically what cars do, get us where we need to go. Maybe they're more about the destination than the journey.

A Porsche, however, is about the space between points A and B. It is history and tradition, a feeling, and a state of mind. So, right? It isn't a car after all, it's a Porsche!

Your ideas, comments, and criticisms are requested, and always welcome. Please send them to cimnews@cox.net.

- Greg Petzet

Newsletter For The Cimarron Region Porsche Club Of America



The Cimarron Trail

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President's Perspective

By Rod Nordstrom
CRPCA President

"LET IT SNOW, let it snow," as the Andy Williams song goes. Not in Cimarron country, but in the South and Mid-Atlantic coast! I had planned to begin this February letter with a recap of the Porsche Club of America Winter Board of Directors meeting in Atlanta. But that was before winter storm Jonas hit late last



week and weekend. Due to scheduling conflicts, I decided to fly into Raleigh/Durham on Thursday, pick up a used Panamera I had my eye on, and drive to Atlanta Friday. In hindsight it would have been better to leave Thursday, drive through the night and get to Atlanta before what appeared to be a light snow. Friday's drive started out great. An

hour or so into the trip the snow began to fall. Light stuff until the ice hit, and much like Oklahoma storms, the ice is most dangerous. We all know how well Porsches (other than Cayennes) do on the ice and snow. After a few near spins I pulled into Greensboro, NC, hoping the plows and salt trucks would do their jobs that evening, and the interstate would be passable on Saturday. I learned the hard way that the counties



clear the interstates. In NC, the prosperous counties have better resources and do a good job. That said I did

not get far before getting stranded. I called Porsche Roadside Service and had them bring the Panamera and me back to Greensboro. By then Jonas had shut down the entire Mid-Atlantic region.

Back to the PCA Winter Board meeting, which did go on as planned. I was in touch with the PCA Secretary, Cindy Jacisin, and Zone 5 Rep, Lynn Friedman, advising them I would not be able to attend. I provided Lynn the Proxy for Cimarron Region approving the motions to be voted. The major items were approval of a Whistle Blower Policy, and additional office space for PCA National. National also received approval to hire additional support staff in the finance area. While the minutes of the meeting will not be available until approved at Porsche Parade in June, I will get a recap of the various committee reports from

Lynn when I attend the Zone 5 Presidents meeting in February, and include them in the March edition of

Cimarron Trail. The real casualty for our Region was the missed opportunity to meet with various PCA National Chairs and Region Presidents to exchange information and ideas. I will work hard to make up for that at the Zone 5 meeting.

Prior to the PCA Winter Board meeting, I began an outreach to PCA Regional Presidents in Zone 5 and surrounding areas, to share ideas and events. Ozark and White River Regions have shared information on a club drive planned for April 30-May 1. While this event is scheduled on the same weekend as Cimarron Region's Mayfast Driver Education event, we all agreed to include information regarding our respective events in an effort to create some interest and participation across region lines. Jim Woolly, Ozark Region President, indicated there was definite interest in Mayfast by Ozark and White River members. As I said, I will continue these cross-region communication efforts in order to broaden our outreach for events like Mayfast and Oktoberfast. Hopefully these efforts will result in increased registration for both.

Speaking of Mayfast, Cimarron Mayfast Chair, Orlando Dumalag, is doing an outstanding job in organizing this year's event. Terms for the Driver Education weekend will be finalized by the end of January. Orlando is reaching out to several members for input, and has great ideas on making this one of our club's premier events. Further event details will follow soon.

Following up on an idea that Jon and Joy Jones began last year, Susan and I will be hosting a new member reception at our home on March 20. Rick Hardmeyer, Membership Chair, continues to do a great job of welcoming our new members to the Cimarron Region, and this will give them an opportunity to meet our Board members and Committee Chairs. We picked the weekend of the Sebring 12 hour race so we can watch the Porsche teams in action.

Our club is blessed to have a team of great committee chairs who are busy planning activities for 2016. Be sure to read the *Cimarron Trail*, as Editor Greg Petzet will have details on activities that took place in January, plus details on some of the new things planned for the year. As always, feel free to contact me if you have comments, or suggestions.

Best regards,
Rod

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BEFORE PCA NATIONAL updated the website, I noticed a few of our Eastern Oklahoma counties were missing from "under our wing." The new website no longer lists that information. So I inquired.

Charlotte Chirinos, PCA Customer Service and Merchandising Manager, kindly compiled and sent me a list of counties included in our Cimarron Region.

So in case you've been wondering, here they are.

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Membership Update

From Rick Hardmeyer, Cimarron Region Membership Chair
Reported February 1, 2016

Welcome New Members!

John Hall - Broken Arrow, OK - '07 911
Paul Johnson - Tulsa, OK - '15 Boxster
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Ladies Corner

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

Cimarron Ladies Involved With Club & Community

*Reported by Kathy Hume
CRPCA Ladies Liaison &
Cimarron Trail Contributor*

THE SMILING FACES lighting up the photo on the right signify the successful culmination of weeks and months of discussions and decisions made by our Ladies of the Cimarron Region, in order to choose two worthwhile organizations to support with monetary donations.

Domestic Violence Intervention Services (DVIS) and The Coffee Bunker were ultimately selected as recipients for 2015. Missy Iski and River Smith, representatives from the two groups, respectively, were invited to the January 16 Ladies Luncheon to receive these contributions.

MISSY ISKI said our DVIS funds will be used to bolster the children's program, to help with day-care and therapists. Many special events are planned as DVIS will



Missy Iski

River Smith



Top row: Susan Collins-Jennifer Fugate-Christy Thomas-Donna Goswick-Becky McFall-Dianna Gucwa. **Middle row:** Beverly Carile-Dulcie Miller-Joy Jones-Susan Nordstrom-Nancy Anderson-Patty Parmeter-Missy Iski (The Coffee Bunker)-Claudia Arthrell. **Bottom row:** Marilou Hines-DeeDee Jesiolowski-Julie Watson-Kathy Hume-Pam Petzet. **Not pictured:** River Smith (DVIS)

celebrate 40 years of service in 2016. A new 80 bed shelter was built in 2015, along with a kennel for pets belonging to clients.

RIVER SMITH offered a history of The Coffee Bunker, which began in 2010 with 4 or 5 Veterans getting together to help one another. By 2014 they served more than 3,000 Vets, and that number grew to 15,000 in 2015. The Coffee Bunker is a nonprofit organization, and is open 68 hours per week, for Veterans to go and simply hang out and visit, or obtain help contacting other agencies. Their 2016 goal is to procure a larger building

in order to bring all the agencies under one roof. Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated at The Bunker.

Plan to take part in the next Ladies Luncheon, Saturday, March 5, 11:30 a.m. at Cedar Ridge Country Club. Kathy is already excited to get started on the 2016 beneficiaries. To R.S.V.P., call Kathy Hume, Cimarron Region Ladies Liaison, at 918.636.4156, or by email at loves2read12@cox.net.

**Turn the page for
More Ladies News**



more Ladies Corner

Up Fixen Der Driving Class Draws 14 "Pupils"

By Kathy Hume

JANUARY 19-We have just completed our first driving class. This session was created in order to give interested Cimarron Region Ladies some idea of what our Autocross events are all about, in addition to providing general driving safety information.

First, I want to thank Mr. Robert Miller for conducting the class. Bob is not only a Lifetime PCA member, but also a past National PCA President, and a Certified Driving Instructor. Bob familiarized the group with proper driving techniques, including tips on proper seating position, correct (efficient) placement of hands on the steering wheel, braking, and also preparing for, executing, and exiting, corners. Each attendee received a handout reference document.



Welcome Christine Cammuso. We're always eager and pleased to see new faces join our Ladies' events.

Now that we all have some basic instruction, it's time to think about putting it into practice. Mike Fugate, Cimarron Region Autocross Chair, has scheduled a Ladies Autocross Orientation Day, March 6. (See the announcement on this page.)

Finally, additional thanks go to Joy Jones, Region Vice-President, for setting everything up. Oh! And for providing pizza! And Christy Thomas at Rennsport Werkstatt, for use of the building.

Kathy Hume
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Top row: Joy Jones-Donna Goswick-Beverly Carlile-Claudia Arthrell-Christine Cammuso-Dulcie Miller-Dianna Gucwa. **Bottom row:** Jennifer Fugate-Susan Nordstrom-Kathy Hume-Jean Kelley-Patty Parmeter. **Not pictured:** Becky McFall-Christy Thomas

Ladies Autocross Orientation Day-March 6

FOLLOWING UP on the heels of the Up Fixen Der Driving Class, Cimarron Region Ladies will have the opportunity to utilize their newly learned driving skills on a basic autocross course, Sunday, March 6.

Autocross is an excellent way to progressively improve handling skills, on a closed course, at one's desired speed, free from any pressure to move any faster than is comfortable. As there is only one car on the course at a time, autocross is a safe, fun way to improve driving acumen and concentration.

Mike Fugate, CRPCA Autocross Chair, invites any and all lady club members to drive through a course of orange cones, untimed, to become more familiar with this type of event, in order to discover if they are interested in regular participation. Approved helmets are required, and the club will have loaners available at the event.

Drive to Corporate Woods, 4500 S. 129th East Ave. Turn into the complex and go to the back side (West) of the building. About 8:30 a.m., Mike will begin setting up. Initially, drivers will walk through the course, and receive navigation tips before driving begins. Plan to be finished before 12 Noon.

Cimarron Briefs



The Competition is On!

Cimarron Region Porsche Club of America

2016 Valentine Bunco (\$5 Entry) & Chili Contest

*Bring your best chili dish -and/or-
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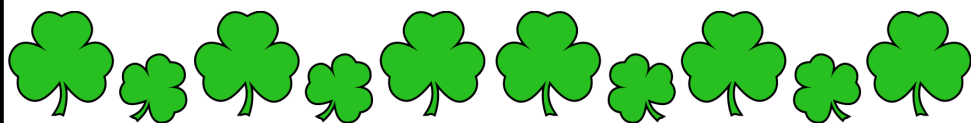
Annual St. Pat's Dinner "On Tap" at Kilkenny's

When: Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.

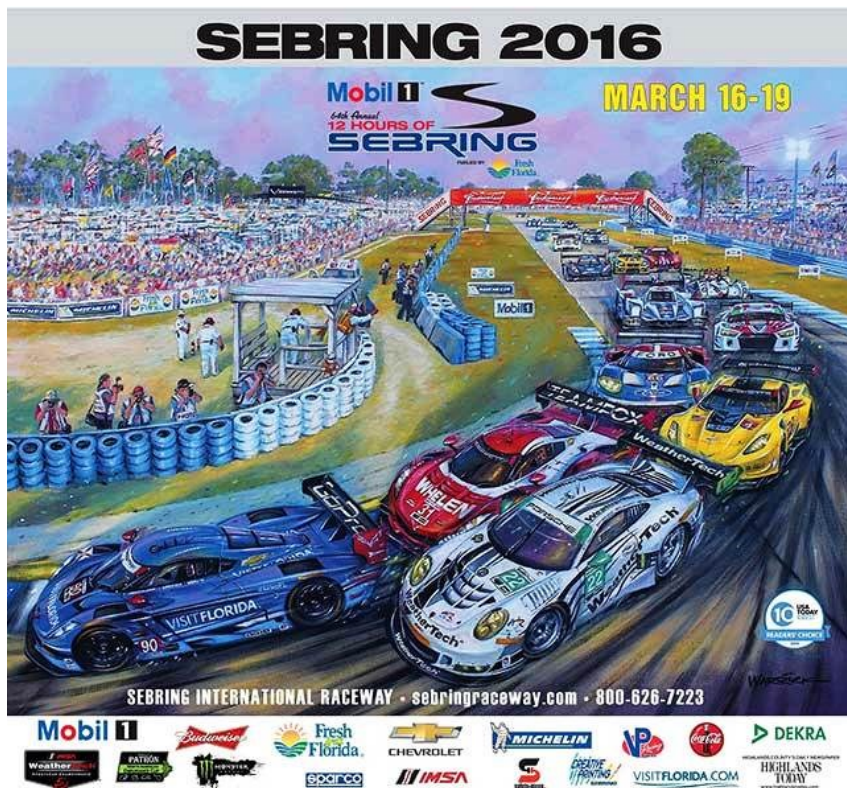
Where: Kilkenny's Irish Pub

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Join your fellow Cimarron Region Porsche Club members for some lively conversation, luck o' the Irish goings-on, and themed dishes from across the pond. This year they tell us we'll be dining in the "Library room." Come see what that's about, lads n' lassies! R.S.V.P. to Social Chair, Steve Canada, scanada@cox.net, or at (918) 671.1499.



Attention New Members - Party Alert



DID YOU JOIN PCA during 2015 or 2016?

If so, you're invited to meet the Cimarron Region Board members and Chair persons, Sunday, March 20, at the home of Rod and Susan Nordstrom, Region President and First Lady!

These club officials are eager to meet you and answer any questions you may have about PCA, and the varied range of activities available to you as members.

Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and soft drinks will be served, in a friendly, casual atmosphere. While getting acquainted, you can check out the television, where a replay of the previous day 12 Hours of Sebring race will be shown.

Time and location details will be published in the March edition of this newsletter. Please R.S.V.P. with your intentions to attend to: 918.645.4456, or by sending email to: Rnordstr50@gmail.com.

Cimarron Briefs



43 Porschesters Dodge Inclement Weather For Annual Mid-Week Dinner at **KEO** Asian Cuisine

STEVE CANADA, Cimarron Region Social Chair, reports a nice turnout for dinner and conversation January 20, at the South Yale location. KEO Asian Cuisine is a loyal Oktoberfest sponsor, and has another restaurant in Brookside. Here's more information from KEO's website:

"At KEO, we offer the best dishes from a variety of countries in Southeast Asia including Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Malaysia, all made to order. We use only fresh ingredients prepared in traditional manners, served in a full service atmosphere."

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Consider Keo for lunch or dinner. And be sure to mention you're with the Porsche club.



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Calling All Members

"IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS, it's the people!" We say it all the time. So in keeping with that ideal, *The Cimarron Trail* would like to highlight members and their Porsches. We would especially like to hear from our newer members, so we can get to know

you better. Each month, when available, we'll publish capsules of your Porsche experiences. Depending upon responses, features may be tagged: New Member Profile, Member Profile, or Cimarron Region Volunteers Series. Please submit your information along with a photo or photos. If you prefer, we will schedule a time to meet you and shoot a picture or two to display with your profile. See the following items to obtain ideas. Send as much information as you would like to cimnews@cox.net. We want to get to know you!

CIMARRON REGION VOLUNTEERS SERIES

Purchase Date: July 2015

2015 911 Cabriolet

Mahogany w/Brown Top

Luxor Beige Interior

PDK Transmission



"MY WIFE, BECKY, started this Porsche thing when she purchased a 2008 Boxster S in 2012. We joined Cimarron Region PCA at that time and found the folks to be extremely welcoming and friendly to newcomers. I was on my third Mazda Miata at the time, after previously owning a Triumph TR6, but succumbed in 2014 to the Porsche draw with a 2012 911 Cabriolet. I really enjoy track time DE, and autocross. We especially like dinners with our group, PCA Palooza in Eureka Springs, and the annual Christmas Party. It gives us a chance to meet likeminded enthusiasts."

Rick Hardmeyer - Cimarron Region Membership Chair

Purchase Date: April 2008 - 2005 Boxster - Arctic Silver w/Stone Gray Interior - 5 Speed Manual

Co-member: Kira Canada-Allert



"I DROVE MY FIRST PORSCHE, a 1979 911 SC, about 30 years ago, for someone in my office who was keeping the car for a friend to get it serviced, and didn't like driving a manual transmission. I jumped at the chance to take it to the shop for her! I told myself then that I'd own a Porsche someday. Well, it took a lot longer than I thought, but I finally purchased a car in 2008. I joined the club that Summer, and my first event was a pool party at Jay & Teresa Jackson's. I had the pre-conceived idea it was going to be a group of "snobby" folks with their noses stuck up in the air, but I was so wrong! Everyone was extremely nice and made me feel right at home. I've met PCA members from across

the county, and they've all been the nicest people! It wasn't long after joining, Jay talked me into becoming the Social Chair, and I've been doing it ever since. I suggest everyone find a niche they enjoy and get involved! I promise you'll have a great time, meet some wonderful people, and you might even learn a thing or two."

Steve Canada - Cimarron Region Social Chair



News - Scores - Schedule

Reported by Mike Fugate - CRPCA Autocross Chair

I AM EXCITED to announce 16 dates for our 2016 Cimarron Region Autocross season. The first 3 will be "practice" days, followed by 10 "counting" days, with 3 possible "make-up" days at the end of the year.

Autocross will again be held on the parking lot on the west side of Corporate Woods, 4500 S. 129th East Ave., Tulsa. Course set-begins about 8:30 a.m., and we start driving about 9:30. Per our agreement with Corporate Woods, we WILL vacate the property no later than 12 Noon (usually earlier.)

Qualifications to participate include being a PCA member in good standing, be a minimum of 18 years of age, and have a valid driver's license. An "SA" or "M" rated helmet is also required; a few loaners will be available at the site.

If you are curious, but have never been to one of these events, lack of prior experience is no reason to miss out. Experienced drivers are

always willing to ride along with you, and show you the "ropes." Driving "against the clock" is the perfect way to learn car control and bolster your confidence behind the wheel, which is invaluable in any kind of motoring situation. You will be on the course by yourself, which heightens the safe nature of this type of event. (Additionally, if you're considering Mayfast Driver Education this year, autocross is an excellent way to get a head start on many skills you will need on the track.)

Participants who attend at least 8 events will receive a 2016 Autocross shirt at the Christmas Party in December. For more serious competitors vying for the season long championship, points from their best 8 of the 10 counting sessions will be totaled to arrive at their final scores.

The coveted, or not, Conehead Award, will also be presented at the end of the year to the driver who hits the most cones throughout the season.

Practices and clinics are FREE! Counting sessions are \$10 each.

Come on out, and let's see some more of our Cimarron Ladies at these fun events!

Please direct any questions or comments to me by email at tnsmike@yahoo.com.

2016 Schedule

P=Practice, **C=Counting**
M=Make up

March	13 (P) 20 (P)
April	3 (P) 24 (C)
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)



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.

8-Monday-Board Meeting-Jackie Cooper Imports-6:30 p.m.

All members are welcome! Volunteers appreciated!

13-Saturday-Valentine Chili Cookoff/Bunco Party-6:30 p.m.

Dan & Claudia Arthrell's-See announcement - page 9



Down The Road

m a r c h

and beyond

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

Good food and lively conversation to start the day.

5-March-Cimarron Region Ladies Luncheon at Cedar Ridge

Country Club-11:30 a.m.-R.S.V.P. to Kathy Hume

6-March-Ladies Autocross Orientation at Corporate Woods

Set-up at 8:30 a.m., Drive around 9:00.

9 March-Wednesday-St. Pat's Dinner at Kilkenny's Cherry St.

in the Library Room-6:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Steve Canada

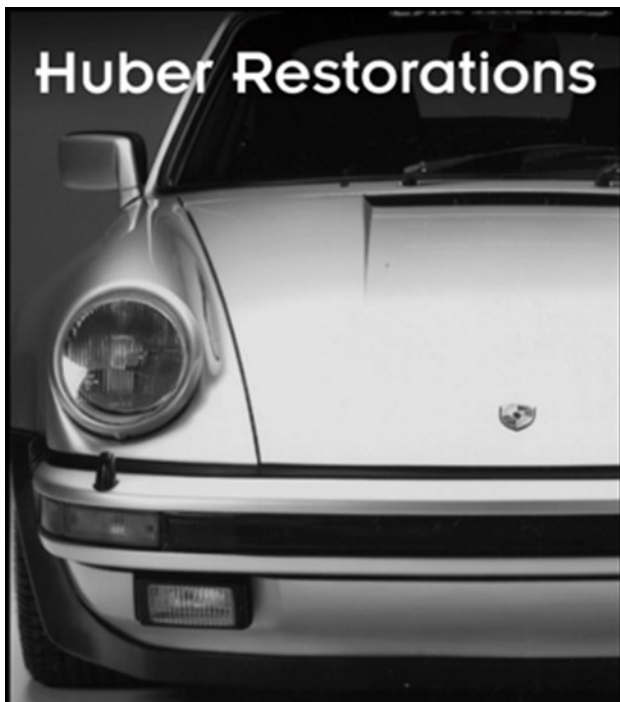
14-Monday-Board Meeting-Jackie Cooper Imports-6:30 p.m.

All members are welcome! Volunteers appreciated!

20-Sunday-New Member Party at Rod & Susan Nordstrom's

Details available soon!

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Mulling Mayfast?



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY to make plans for the future, especially when you're looking to have some fun! And it's great to have options from which to choose. So if you're looking a few months ahead, you have to ask yourself, "Do I want to cinch up that helmet strap and seat belt, and improve my driving skill,

while 'blowing some of the carbon out' of my Porsche?"

CIMARRON REGION MAYFAST Driver Education is coming up **April 30 & May 1**, at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. You'll gain new found chops behind the wheel, and never see a badged city, county, or state employee in

your rear view mirror! More details and registration will be available soon.

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But maybe you're looking for a beautiful Spring drive instead. Too bad you can't do both, as Mayfast and the following planned event overlap. Keep reading!

Maybe Mt. Magazine!

UPDATED INFORMATION on the email blast you received 1/25/16.

White River Region folks are meeting at Drake Field, in South Fayetteville, at 9:30 a.m., April 30, and will depart at 10:00. The route will take Arkansas 23, The Pig Trail, South, with a rest stop at the Turner Bend Store, and then continue to Rivertowne BBQ, 205 S. 3rd St., Ozark, AR, for lunch at about 12:30. Leaving Ozark about 2:00 will facilitate a 3:00 arrival at Mt. Magazine Lodge. Standard

room rate w/o balcony is \$158; deluxe w/balcony \$178, both rates are plus tax. Phone the Lodge for reservations at 877.665.6343, and be sure to give the clerk our Group Reservation number, 1771868. 18 standard and 7 deluxe rooms are blocked for us until 4/15/16. Cabins may be available, but are not part of our program.

Upon booking a room, please email Sharon Hays, WRR Secretary, mamahays@cox.net, if you'd prefer a catered dinner, or simply

ordering from the menu at The Skycrest Restaurant at the Lodge. Dining arrangements will depend on the number of folks attending. Regardless, meet for pre-dinner cocktails in the Bear's Den room next to the Lodge bar at 6:30 p.m.

The Skycrest is known to serve a nice breakfast, if you're so inclined Sunday morning.

WRR plans to head home about 10:00 a.m. via the Ozark National Forest. Great people, great roads!

You Never Know What (Or Who) Will Show Up At

PCA PALOOZA



CONTRAST may or may not be the best word, but it is definitely useful when describing everything about PCA Palooza. The 2015 edition of what has become a traditional, must-go-to regional event, is certainly a study in contrasts.



Start with the contrasting colors, years, and models of Porsches on hand. The reds, oranges, golds, and browns, blending into the Autumn landscape of the Northwest Arkansas Ozark palette, are offset, even enhanced by the white, silver, and bright green works of automotive art, emanating, almost rising up from the blacktopped parking area, under crisp, cloudless skies, which almost always become a nighttime dome of stars

overhead, contrasting but connecting the heavenly bodies to those below. The old and the new, each with its own historic significance, are alike in so many ways, yet contrastingly different and unique.

And that is just the cars. The people who drive them are also studies in contrasts. They bring their Porsches from far and wide, from 13 states, as far away as Florida, Wisconsin, and South Dakota, and 27 PCA Regions in 2015; 260 Porsches in all.

PCA Palooza is a celebration, a love fest in honor of a line of automobiles replete with history and tradition, and just as much, of the people who are enamored with them.

Over the 11 years of Paloozas, the event has grown from drawing 50 Porsches in 2004. The 2012 edition became the PCA National "Escape to the Ozarks," and was

one of the most well attended Porsche confabs in club history.

Cimarron Region participation has grown commensurate with the event itself. According to 2015 event statistics just released, members from our region accounted for the largest showing of any, with about 80 people and 40 Porsches.

Let's not forget to mention Eureka Springs and the state of Arkansas. The town sometimes referred to as "Little Switzerland" has grown over the years as well, but remains somewhat quaint, and boasts numerous shops, restaurants, and attractions for welcome distractions from everyday life. One could argue many of the Arkansas State Highways were specifically made for Porsches. Most have excellent surfaces, and many are filled with twists, turns, and elevation changes.

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PCA Palooza also makes donations to area charitable organizations. 2015 beneficiaries included Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter and Good Shepherd Humane Society of Eureka Springs. Morningstar Wildlife Rehabilitation Center received a \$500 contribution.

There is so much to choose from throughout the event, one must pick carefully. A round trip



Rest stop at the Little Golden Gate Bridge

drive of close to 200 miles was offered on Thursday or Friday to the Altus, AR area, to enjoy the roads, visit wineries, and have lunch. Two other Thursday/Friday tours wound through highways and byways, and visited noted Arkansas landmarks.

Friday night, more than 300 Porsche owners gathered for Palooza Fest, and enjoyed brats and burgers, with a variety of sides. Palooza fest was made possible by event Gold Sponsor, Porsche of Springfield, MO, Dallas Motorsports, Ozark Import Specialties, and our own Rennsport Werkstatt Ltd. Of Tulsa.

On Saturday morning, folks had their choice of several scenic drives, each led by drivers familiar

with the routes. One stopped at War Eagle Mill, another at Roaring River State Park, MO. There was also a trip to the Crystal Bridges Museum, and one to Beaver Dam, among others.

After the drives, attendees grouped up for lunch at a variety of nosheries around town, and then lined up for a Police escorted parade through the Eureka Springs Historic Loop. Bystanders along the route stopped to gawk at all the Porsches, some making comments or snapping photos, and even some applauding. Just imagine more than 100 Porsches idling past.

Following the parade, Porsche people parked their cars under sunny skies at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Convention



Center lot for the People's Choice Car Show. Every entry received a ballot to cast for their favorites in 25 categories. Additionally, each sponsor would recognize one car, with the awards to be presented later that evening at the banquet.

Almost 250 people attended the Taste of the South Banquet, Satur-



Kathy & Dirk Hume bid on a door prize

day evening, at the convention center ballroom. As dinner and dessert wound down, Emcees Leonard and Melody Zechiedrich, event creators, took to the stage and presented all the awards, interspersed with distributing a load of door prizes.

So why would ANYONE miss out on all that? 2016 PCA Palooza will be here before you know it. If you've been in the past, I know you'll want to go again. If you haven't, Pam and I will see you there this year!

-The Editor



**See all the Sponsor's Choice
And People's Choice Winners
On the next page!**

PCA Palooza 2015

Event Stats

260 Porsches - 13 States - 27 Regions

Uberland Award (Farthest Distance Traveled) - Chris Welty, Nokomis, FL (2008 Cayman)

Tech Quiz - Ed Mayo, Ft. Worth, TX (1972 911)

Palooza Kommittee's Choice - Lindsay & Matt Totten, Cibolo, TX (1976 911)

Sponsor's Choice

Porsche of Springfield - Mike Fugate, **Tulsa, OK** (914) **Cimarron**

Bridgestone/Garrett Tires - Brian Swope, **Yukon, OK** (2007 Cayman) **War Bonnet**

Ozark Imports - Johathan Peck, Wylie TX (1986 930)

Aircooled Treasury - Paul Levy, **Seminole, OK** (1954 356) **War Bonnet**

Rennsport Werkstatt Ltd. - Mike Pfau, Lenexa, KS (1993 964)

Dallas Motorsports - Alfred Quintana, Blue Springs, MO (1986 911)

People's Choice

356 - Darwin James, **Tulsa, OK** (1959) **Cimarron**

911 ('65-73) - Frederick Garlock, Lubbock, TX (1970)

911 ('74-89) - Randy & Elinor Kaplin, **Tulsa, OK** (1984) **Cimarron**

912 - Larry & Kayleen Ziman, Waverly, NE (1967)

914 - Travis Collyar, Alma, AR (1973)

918 - John Savickas, Dallas, TX (2015) *Photo-Page 15*

928 - Shane Santo, Nixa, MO (1983)

930 turbo - Scott Boyd, Plano, TX (1986)

944 - Angelon Jones, Kansas City, MO (1987)

964 - Jay Moore, Colleyville, TX (1993)

965 turbo - Ted Jones, Fayetteville, AR

968 - John Antle, Little Rock, AR (1994)

991 - Derek Stutsman, Frisco, TX (2014)

993 - Jared Kaplin, **Tulsa, OK** (1995) **Cimarron**

993 turbo - Brian Shiu, Dallas, TX (1997)

996 - Larry Hampton, Denton, TX (2004)

996 turbo - Scott Bever, **Broken Arrow, OK** (2003) **Cimarron**

997 - Joe & Vicky Keeling, North Little Rock, AR (2011)

997 turbo - Jeffrey Estein, Centennial, CO (2009)

Boxster 981 - John & Johre Temple, **Edmond, OK** (2016) **War Bonnet**

Boxster 986 - Spencer Cochran, Overland Park, KS (2001)

Boxster 987 - Stan Stanton, Overland Park, KS (2008)

Cayman - Charles Bailey, Springfield, MO (2016)

Macan - David Chance, Little Rock, AR (2015)

Panamera - Jay & Teresa Jackson, **Tulsa, OK** (2014) **Cimarron**

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It's Called The Chili Bowl

THE POST-HOLIDAY let down is never fun for the motorsport fan. It's cold, the days are short, and there's not much racing going on. But there is a bright spot in an otherwise chilly landscape. Every January for 30 years, Tulsa hosts one of the biggest auto racing events in the U.S. The name, Chili Bowl, started as



one of the local sponsors, but the name has become synonymous with nonstop racing action long after the sponsor departed the scene. In 2016, the Chili Bowl hosted over 330 cars on the indoor dirt track at the Expo Center over 5 days for what *USAToday* has deemed one of the Top 5 racing events in the country. No small

thing with the Indy 500, the Rolex 24 at Daytona, and the USGP in Austin on the list. But the Chili Bowl deserves its status because it presents some of the best drivers and cars in the country. While you may not have heard of it, you should take the time in 2017 if you are a race fan.

The Chili Bowl, or more properly The Chili Bowl Midget Nationals, is about midgets on dirt, plain and simple. Midgets are related to the first cars ever raced in the U.S. – front engine, rear wheel drive, no transmissions – and carry this legacy forward to today. Though huge safety improvements have been made over the years, a look at today's Chili Bowl midget race car reveals an easy link to the past. These are open wheel cars with drag-link steering systems, solid-axle rear ends, and upright seating position. On most cars even the fuel tank carries over the same shape as the early midgets and United States Auto Club (USAC) Championship cars. Carry over from the past does not mean unsophisticated – most of these cars have advanced fully adjustable suspensions and very high output engines using the latest fuel injection technology. Some stats – 400 hp, 1000 lbs., ¼ mile track, 85+ mph. And with so many entries, the format requires luck and a take-no-prisoners attitude. On each of the four qualifying nights, there is a full slate of races from qualifiers to the A-main event. The only way to guarantee a starting spot in Saturday's main event is to win the A-main on one of the previous nights. Pressure does not describe the emotion.

Who are the Chili Bowl drivers? Some of the best racing drivers on the planet. Many of these

men and women are championship drivers in their own series, but they come here to Tulsa in January to stack up against the best. The Chili Bowl also draws drivers from other countries like Australia and New Zealand, and drivers from other disciplines like drag racing, NASCAR, and sports car racing. Heard of these folks? – Sammy Swindell, Tony Stewart, Chris Dyson, Sarah Fisher; they were all here in 2016, plus hundreds of other top-line drivers and past champions. Driving on the dirt takes a special talent, and watching these drivers toss these small cars around the Expo Center is fascinating.

And to watch the Chili Bowl is akin to heaven for the race fan. There are plenty of seats in the stands (get your tickets early!) but the best ticket is the Pit Pass. Nowhere else at a major race can you wander among the cars and get right up close to the action. You can see all of the hustle and bustle, all of the adjustments made between races to the cars, and all the emotions of the drivers and their crews as they deal with good or bad luck. And people-watching? Please, it is paradise. Bobby Unser? That was him going by on his scooter. Parnelli Jones? Didn't see him this year (it is a bit crowded,) but we did last year. Dave Despain from Wind Tunnel? There he is over there. Danica Patrick? Not driving but there anyway. Along with all of the other drivers you could ever want to see.

The racing is fun and frenetic with only a few laps to pass enough cars to make the next round. And that's how the drivers advance – they have to pass the cars in front of them to make it to the next race. Simple, but oh so challenging. If you buy a pit pass, you won't miss anything because there are big screens all around, and you can even go up on the crew stand in Turn Three, or down to the stands along the back straight (bring your goggles!) to watch all of the action.

Simply put, the Chili Bowl is the best bang-for-the-buck experience for the race fan – and right here in our own backyard. Don't miss it!

(*Jon Jones-National PCA Scrutineer, Cimarron Region
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