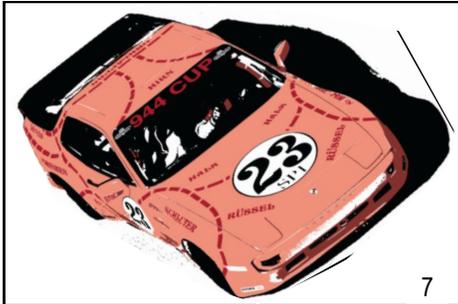




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On The Cover

OUR CIMARRON REGION CREST!

For more than 25 years, the Cimarron Region Porsche Club of America has existed through the contributions of its member/volunteers. Over the years, our members have distinguished themselves, and brought honor to our region, by serving in key positions in our National organization.

As our membership numbers have grown, so also have the numerous opportunities available to our members to not only enjoy Porsche ownership, but to develop lifelong friendships in the process.



Here at *The Cimarron Trail*, we strongly believe, "It's not just the cars, it's the people!"

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From The Editor

PCA SENT ME A CARD! It came by email. I'm not bragging, I receive one every year. You probably get one, too! And that's not all



you get by being a member of the largest single-marque automobile club in the world, The Porsche Club of America.

The USPS Letter Carrier delivers our award winning national magazine, *Panorama*, to you each month. Opportunities are yours to attend Porsche related functions all over the country, like the annual Porsche Parade, and *Treffens* (formerly Escape) twice a year.

Local events like dinners, drives, picnics, and outings of various interests are yours for the taking.

Let's not forget the availability of Drivers Education events, and actual PCA Club Racing.

And, oh yeah, as PCA members you receive this monthly regional newsletter, *The Cimarron Trail*.

Our Membership Chair, Rick

Hardmeyer, does a superb job of welcoming new members, and also keeps an account of and encourages existing members to renew at the proper time.

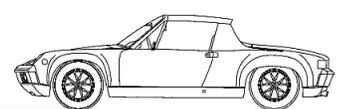
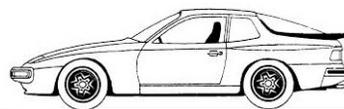
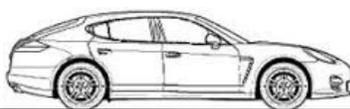
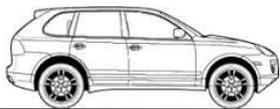
So when you receive notice it is time to renew, take a moment or two and keep your PCA membership active. It's easy! You can either mail in your renewal, or do like I did, renew online! It wasn't long before I opened an email from PCA which included this colorful note of appreciation.



There's little that is as satisfying as driving a Porsche, and meeting Porsche people! So stay connected, and get involved.

Send your questions and comments to me at cimnews@cox.net.

- Greg Petzet



Cimarron Trail Editor Position Available For 2017



NOW IS YOUR CHANCE to get involved with the Cimarron Region PCA in a big way! The current newsletter editor will retire at the completion of the December issue. So there's plenty of time to get ready to put your own ideas

together, and prepare your first issue for January 2017! It's rewarding! It's great exercise for the mind. And it's a much needed contribution to your fellow PCA members.

Respond to cimnews@cox.net.



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GREETINGS CIMARRON REGION MEMBERS. First, let me bring you up to date on PCA Board of Directors actions following the board meeting held at PCA Parade in Jay Peak, VT. You may recall, in February, PCA held it's annual Winter Board Meeting in Atlanta. There were four measures that required a board



vote. As with most annual meetings, the majority of votes are cast via proxy. Due to a recent legal opinion, it was determined that use of proxies for board of director votes for nonprofit organizations incorporated in the District of Columbia is not permitted. To overcome this restriction, the PCA Executive Council, along with legal

counsel and the Policy Committee, approved a PCA bylaw change to allow for voting via teleconference board meetings. A teleconference board meeting was scheduled for June 12 to consider the motions that were tabled at the February Winter Board of Directors meeting. Unfortunately a quorum for the June 12 teleconference was not present, and a follow up meeting was scheduled for July 18. A quorum was present for that meeting, and all measures presented were approved by an overwhelming majority.

The approved measures are as follows:

1. Motion to ratify the actions to allow for teleconference proceedings consistent with bylaw changes noted above.
2. Approve Summer 2015 BOD meeting minutes.
3. Approve Winter 2016 BOD meeting minutes.
4. Approve PCA purchase of two adjoining office condos in Columbia, MD
5. Approve Policy Committee drafted Whistle-Blower Policy.

ON THE AUTOCROSS FRONT, things are really heating up, literally. Dog days of summer have not dampened Cimarron Region members' enthusiasm for Autocross. July participation continued to exceed 20 cars/drivers, with new member/drivers showing up for each session. Mike Fugate, Autocross Chair, is to be congratulated for his tireless efforts by developing new track layouts that challenge our most experienced drivers. Mike continues to meet the demands associated with increased participation by organizing member

volunteers to ensure a successful event. I can't say enough about the autocross participants that arrive early and pitch in, assisting with course set up/take down, grid management, timing and station observers. Increased participation also calls for an added emphasis on safety. Jon Jones, Club Race Chair, also does double duty as Safety Chair. Jon's contribution to club safety is critical to ensuring grid and on course activities are managed in a manner consistent with PCA guidelines for a safe and successful event. The next Sunday Autocross events are scheduled for August 7 and 21. Thanks again to all of you who contribute to making our moving vehicle events a success.

Speaking of moving vehicle events, time is running short if you have not signed up for the next Driver Education event, Cimarron Sizzler. Sizzler is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. Unfortunately all novice registration slots have been filled, but there is room for experienced solo drivers. See the Cimarron Region PCA website, or go to clubregistration.net for details and registration.

A special thanks to Jackie Cooper Porsche and Kristen Doyle for hosting Cimarron Region members to an exclusive introduction of the new Porsche 718 Boxster on Saturday, July 7. Over a dozen members showed up for breakfast and test-drives of not only the new Boxster, but several other Porsche models as well.

In closing I want to congratulate long time Cimarron Region member, Bill Jacobi, for his recognition in the latest edition of *PCA Club Racing News*. Bill received an OG Racing Outstanding Driver Award. This award is presented to select Club Racers who raced respectfully and safely for incident-free events in 2015. Many of you know Bill from his service as a two term Cimarron Region President, and his twelve years as Autocross Chair. Next time you see Bill, let him know how much you appreciate his representation and many years of service to the Cimarron Region PCA.

- Rod





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Drive The Inaugural DE!

Cimarron Sizzler

*Hallett Motor
Racing Circuit
Saturday, August 6*

Due to the overwhelming success of our Mayfast Driver's Education event,
And the fact some of you just can't get enough track time,
Orlando Dumalag, DE Chair, and Joy Jones, Registrar, invite you back to the track for
The first **Cimarron Sizzler** at Hallett. One day only, August 6!

Go to www.clubregistration.net for complete information
Or contact Joy Jones, Registrar, at cimarronpca.events@gmail.com

Registration ends 12:01 a.m. 8/3 Sign up today!



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 pure-gas.org. 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.

2016 OKTOBERFAST CLUB RACE & BOXSTER CHALLENGE



HALLETT MOTOR RACING CIRCUIT | SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2, 2016

Registration August 8 thru September 26

Drivers Education slots will be available for
previously approved **solo drivers only.**

No novice (green) group - No Instructors!

To register (8/8) or to obtain up-to-date details,
pricing, and cancellation policy information,
go to clubregistration.net,

Or Contact Joy Jones, Registrar, at 918.200.4044

Or by email at, cimarronpca.events@gmail.com.

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Ladies Corner

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

Arriba! PCA Ladies Margarita Night Muy Bueno!

From Kathy Hume, CRPCA Ladies Liaison

HELLO AGAIN LADIES!!!! If you are not in this photo, you missed our recent Cimarron Ladies get-together at my house, Saturday, July 16. As a matter of fact, everyone had such a good time, it took me a few extra days to recover!

The party was a blast, and we'll certainly have to do it again in the future.

I truly want to thank all the ladies for bringing such a delicious variety of foods to go along with our tacos, etc. Joy's Tamale Casserole was a big hit, as was the Dog Show Dip! Thanks, Pam.

We all had such a nice time visiting, we forgot all about setting up our next luncheon! So, in order to get some calendar dates set, we'll plan on meeting again at Cedar Ridge, August 20, and then September 24, at 11:30 a.m. I'll be sending out emails with details as the days draw near.



Back row: Christy Thomas, Cat Ingram, Joy Jones, Marilou Hines, Julie Watson, Ashley Leake, Donna Goswick, Jennifer Fugate - **Front row:** Kathy Hume, Claudia Arthrell, Dulcie Miller, DeeDee Jesiolowski, Pam Petzet

Should you have ideas or questions, or would like to RSVP, I'm always excited to talk with you. Feel free to contact me anytime.

- Kathy

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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. Send as much information as you would like, to cimnews@cox.net. We've **still** not heard from any of you lately. Come on, send it in! We want to get to know you!

News - Scores - Schedule

Reported by Mike Fugate - CRPCA Autocross Chair



Record Turnout & Summer Temps Combine For Hot Autocross Action At Corporate Woods

“THE TRACK IS HOT!” That’s the message coming over the two-way radios, alerting spotters on the course immediately prior to the start of timed autocross runs. And this Summer, those words are true in more ways than one!

Milder morning temperatures rule as a handful of volunteers set up the course, placing the cones one by one, creating what appears to be a sea of orange dots, dashes and exclamation points. Also one by one, the outer parking lot swells with Porsches of almost every type. Ice cold water is available in coolers next to the scorer’s table, where all in attendance gather to sign the event waiver, catch up with other drivers, and find out when each will take a turn to post the best time through the course.

This year, due to our club acquiring modern wireless timing equipment, expanded course designs are possible, which provides for more varied and challenging routings.

As soon as the course is set, Gary Bernard, Cimarron Region’s Chief Driving Instructor, provides safety information, and then leads drivers on a walk through the cones. Just before the timed runs commence, each is allowed one drive through the course, at reduced speed, in order to become familiar with the layout.

FAST AND FURIOUS? The 2016 season has seen an increase in participation! More members than ever are coming out for a variety of reasons: 1) just for fun and fellowship; 2) to learn more about safely operating their cars, and 3) for the spirited competition. Count-

less new members are discovering the joys of driving their Porsches at relatively lower speeds, with smooth and efficient handling being the target. There is definitely an art to autocross. Posting a low time is certainly not all about speed. It may sound strange, but sometimes you have to slow down to go faster!

Take a look at the next page and note the Porsche types and driver’s best times. The July 10 session saw a record number of participants, with times ranging over almost a 20 second differential. The object for all drivers is to identify the proper “line” through the cones, and tweak acceleration and braking on each of their successive runs, in order to improve their times, and in doing so, their driving skill. In scanning those results, you’ll see “pockets” of friendly competition throughout the list, with drivers posting similar times always aiming to better their immediate “rival.” The 12th and 13th place drivers were separated by a mere one-thousandth (0.001) of a second! So there is fun and anticipation to be had throughout the entire list of participants, with friendly one-upmanship playing its part.

It just may not get any better than this! Shouldn’t you be a part of it! Come on out and give it a go, it’s

F U N T A S T I C !



More autocross-scores & info > > >

New Members Try Autocross at 2 July Events

Awesome Autocross Administration Attracts Additional Activity



Mario Bonilla



Wade Lessert

July 10 - Official Event #5

Pos.	Name	Auto	Best Time
1)	Scot Williams	911	54.692
2)	Wendell Karr-Ake	Boxster	55.554
3)	Gary Bernard	Cayman	55.992
4)	Eddie Hall	911	56.214
5)	Carl Hughes	911	56.376
6)	Mike Fugate	Cayman	57.053
7)	Joe Hill	Boxster	57.473
8)	Beverly Carlile	Boxster	58.739
9)	Orlando Dumalag	911	58.808
10)	Brian Thomas	968	58.886
11)	Dirk Hume	Boxster	59.143
12)	Cliff Fisch	914	59.780
13)	Randy Kaplin	911	59.781
14)	Jennifer Fugate	Cayman	59.995
15)	Greg Petzet	911	61.266
16)	Bill Jacobi	911	61.770
17)	Paul Johnson	Boxster	61.927
18)	Wade Lessert	911	63.158
19)	Rod Nordstrom	911	64.377
20)	Rick Hardmeyer	911	64.733
21)	Joy Jones	Boxster	65.783
22)	Bill Cammuso	944	66.261
23)	Mario Bonilla	968	66.487
24)	Chris Hines	911	70.588
25)	Kathy Hume	Macan	72.196

NEW MEMBERS, Mario Bonilla, in his beautiful black 968, and Wade Lessert, driving his 911 Turbo, take their 3 familiarization runs at the July 10 autocross session. Not pictured is Evan Cole and his Cayman, who joined the fun at the July 24 event.

July 24 - Official Event #6

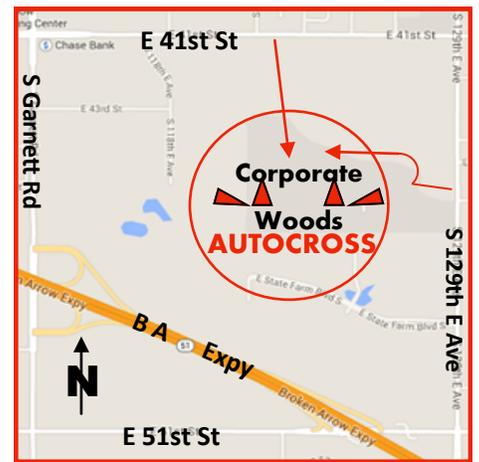
Pos.	Name	Auto	Best Time
1)	Wendell Karr-Ake	Boxster	60.739
2)	Scot Williams	911	60.929
3)	Gary Bernard	Cayman	61.140
4)	Mike Fugate	Cayman	61.190
5)	Joe Hill	Boxster	62.586
6)	Jeff Metcalf	Boxster	63.166
7)	Beverly Carlile	Boxster	63.936
8)	Brian Thomas	968	64.064
9)	Curtis Robinson	Cayman	64.772
10)	Jennifer Fugate	Cayman	65.131
11)	Paul Johnson	Boxster	65.159
12)	Bill Jacobi	911	67.218
13)	Randy Kaplin	Cayenne	67.640
14)	Dan Arthrell	911	67.831
15)	Rod Nordstrom	911	69.458
16)	Evan Cole	Cayman	69.566
17)	Bill Cammuso	944	70.723
18)	Kent Proctor	Boxster	72.308
19)	Joy Jones	Boxster	73.011
20)	Kathy Hume	Macan	74.754
21)	Poorya Fazel	911	DNF
22)	Rick Hardmeyer	911	DNF

Autocross News



2016 Schedule	
P=Practice, C=Counting M=Make up	
August	7 (C) 21 (C)
September	18 (C)
October	9 (C) 23 (C)
November	6 (M) 20 (M)

Top left to bottom: Wendell Karr-Ake marks a cone; Gary Bernard leads a course walk prior to practice and timed runs; Joe Hill carves the initial turn as Bill Jacobi, Brian Thomas, Randy Kaplin Rod Nordstrom, and Jennifer Fugate watch from the scorer's table; Bill Cammuso (944) and Mike Fugate (Cayman) wait their turns-The digital elapsed time readout is visible to drivers as they complete their runs.



Cimarron Region Autocross is held on the parking lot west of Corporate Woods office complex, 4500 S. 129 E. Ave, Tulsa. Course set-up begins at **7:30 a.m.**, followed by a drivers meeting, course walk, and reduced speed drive-through. Each participant then gets 4-6 chances to post their best time. Sessions which count toward the season long championship are \$10; practice sessions are free. Event is open to members (at least 18 years of age) with a valid driver license. Helmets required, loaners available. **Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. to get signed in and placed on the schedule. Thank you!**



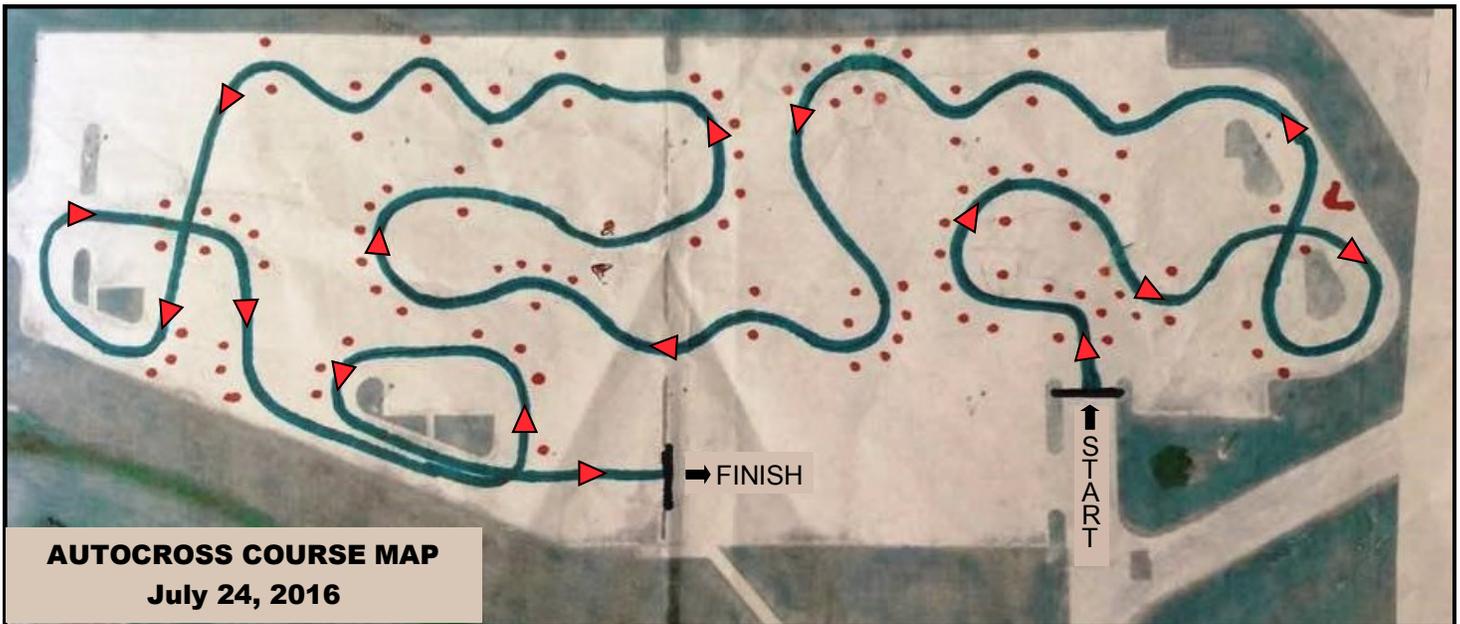
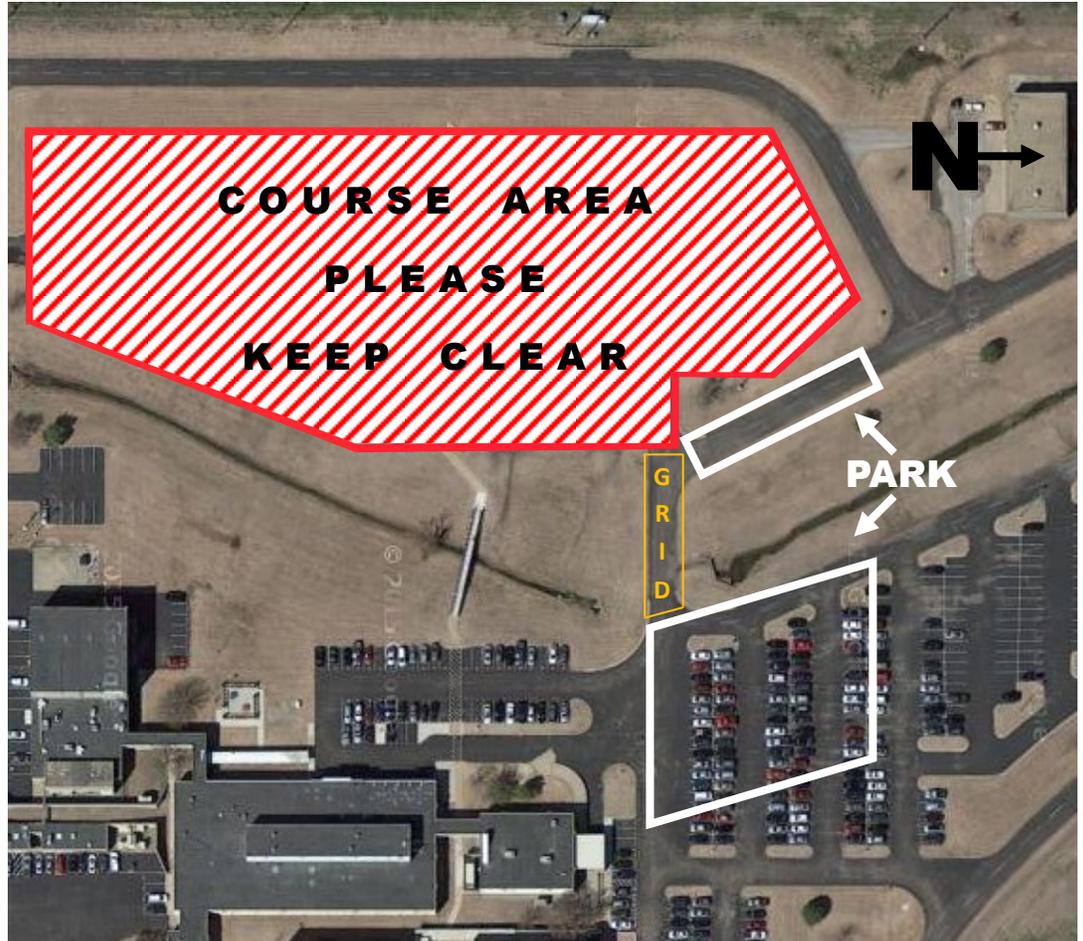
Mike Fugate - Autocross Architect

EVER WONDER WHO volunteers his time and effort to provide our members with the opportunity to get together, interact, and have fun, all while driving their Porsches? It's Mike Fugate, Cimarron Region Autocross Chair. He gets things going and he keeps things going. Mike's tireless efforts, together with new, updated equipment, but mostly his exuberance, have contributed to a spike in autocross participation.

He cares for that equipment, keeps everything charged, transports it to our site, designs various course layouts (see below,) and does it all with pleasure.

Considering all our new

autocrossers, time is of the essence! Let's help Mike keep things running smoothly. Do your best to arrive by 8:15 a.m. and park in the designated areas. Make the most of your autocross experience. - The Editor



Paul Johnson Goes Back to School

(A First-Person Story)

By Paul Johnson
CRPCA Member

OUR PRESIDENT, Rod, and *Trail* Editor, Greg, very graciously asked if I would write a piece describing my recent experience at the Hallett Racing School. So here it is!

Let's start with some adjectives: Fun, exhilarating, fun, intimidating, fun, stressful, and, of course, FUN! I arrived Hallett at 8 a.m., along with three other participants.

Although all of us would drive SRFs, Spec Racer Fords, I may have been a bit intimidated when I saw how my classmates arrived. One in a Lamborghini, another in a Porsche 911 Turbo, (he'd just acquired a Porsche Club racer,) and the other in a Shelby Mustang or something.

The SRF is a closed wheel, open cockpit, purpose built **race** car, powered by a Ford 1.9 liter, hemispherical head 4 cylinder engine. With over 800 units delivered, the SRF enjoys being the largest class of road racing car within the SCCA, and the country. The car is a **beast!** Built to do one thing, **RACE!** With its 5 speed manual transmission, (no PDK), no power steering, no anti-lock brakes (not even power brakes,) and no traction control, it's simply just all about you and the raw car. Even the front end alignment is set up for turns, so each front tire fights you all the way down the straightaways. A driver, a car, and the track!

All kidding aside, getting used to the SRF is a big



part of the experience. Good news, the Hallett folks start by getting you accustomed to shifting gears and stopping the car. Students make several runs on the start/finish line and tech area before driving the entire track. In all honesty, I had not driven a manual transmission in at least 15 years, so this time to get used to the car was invaluable! By the end of the day I felt really comfortable in the car, and began to trust what it was capable of on the race track.

After that initial exercise, and following every ensuing track session, student drivers revisited the garage/classroom to review the previous session. The SRFs are all outfitted with GoPro cameras, so they film while you are driving so it can be reviewed in the classroom setting. The next time out, an instructor led us around the track, showing and explaining "the line." Then we did what they referred to as Mama Duck, as we all lined up behind an instructor, precisely following in his tracks, in order to learn the proper line.

Next we had two instructors on the track. They followed and filmed us as we drove the circuit. Actually I found this much more informative than the film from our mounted GoPros!



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Back to School *(conclusion)*

This continued for the next 3 sessions, with classroom time after each drive. One of the instructors picked up on the fact I drove a good line, with the exception of “turning in” too early on every turn. So he took me around the track in his personal car and showed me what he meant about turning in early versus late.

I really learned a lot from this Hallett Racing School experience! My only previous track time had been at our Cimarron Region Mayfast, and I was very fortunate to have a great instructor there as well, who helped me improve and progress!

Team Effort: Scott Stephens and the entire Hallett team are there to make certain you have a great experience.



Safe, fun, and exciting! The ratio of Hallett team members to the 4 students was probably 2 to 1 or more. I would highly recommend Hallett Racing School to anyone interested in High Performance Driver Education (HPDE.)

That said, it was indescribable fun driving that beast, the SRF! Let me know if you are interested in attending, because I would definitely do it again. Another shout out to Scott and all the folks at Hallett, I appreciate your hospitality.

Porsche: I overheard a couple of experienced Porsche drivers commenting that some Porsche drivers started with newer Porsches and never had to learn the skills necessary to drive a car without all the modern technological aids. That may or may not be true, but I can tell you how much I appreciate how my Porsche performs; from the PDK transmission, to antilock brakes, traction control, power assisted steering, and more!

- Paul Johnson





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Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Celebrates 40th Anniversary



CONGRATULATIONS! Hallett Motor Racing Circuit has played host to Auto Racing, Motorcycles, and High Speed Go Carts for 40 years! In case you didn't know, Hallett is a 1.8 mile, 10 turn Road Racing course in the rolling Osage Hills of Northeastern Oklahoma, 35 miles West of Tulsa, at the Highway 99 exit of the Cimarron Turnpike.

Hallett has over 80 feet of elevation change and is considered Technically Difficult. It has wide, grassy run-off areas, and zero concrete or Armco barriers. Hallett is



unique in that it can be run in either clockwise or counter-clockwise directions - making it two completely different race courses.

The track is the long-time home of Cimarron Region PCA driving events, Mayfast and OKtoberfast,

and the just added Cimarron Sizzler, as well as events for numerous other organizations!

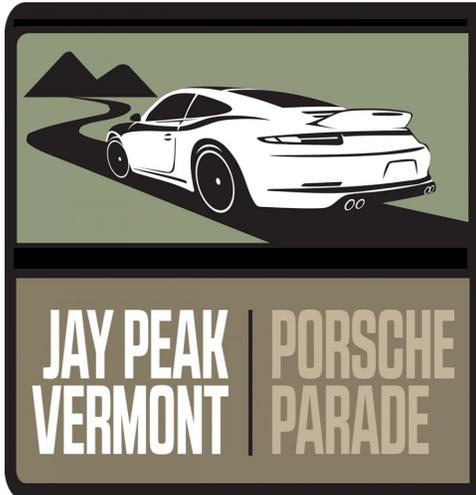
Practically speaking, it's a full service facility, with garages, raceports, a cafe, restrooms, a timing and scoring building with a VIP lounge, press facilities, and a gift shop.

We are fortunate to have this track so close to home where we can safely put our Porsches through their paces! Again, congrats to Connie and Scott Stephens, and everyone at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit!



5 Cimarron Region Couples Combine to Log Over 15,000 Miles To Parade and Back

Thanks to all for their photos & Parade information



MAPQUEST DIRECTIONS puts the distance from Tulsa to Jay Peak, VT, at 1572 miles, one-way. Somehow that brings an old John Denver lyric to mind, “*Almost Heaven, West Virginia . . .*” Instead, it’d be, “*Almost Canada, Jay Peak!*” That’s a long way!

Rod and Susan Nordstrom, George and Georgia Paul, Jean Kelley and Bill Jacobi, Elinor and Randy Kaplin, and Dulcie and Bob Miller, all made the pilgrimage to the annual Porsche Parade in June.

PCA reports more than 1800 people and their Porsches attended from across the country. Parade is substantially our club’s national convention. There is serious concours judging, furious autocross competition, a gimmick rally, a time/speed/distance rally, a tech quiz, a 5K run/walk, an art show, even events for the kids. National awards are also presented, including Enthusiast, Family, Zone Rep, and Region of the Year.

Of special interest to the staff of *The Cimarron Trail*, the Newsletter of the Year Award went to *Der*

Sportwagen, Kansas City Region, Stan Thorne, Editor. Congratulations, Stan!

Our own Randy Kaplin and Bill Jacobi drove the autocross event.



Randy, driving his 996 Tech Art Turbo, placed second in his class, missing the top spot by 2 seconds to a Cayman GTS! Way to go, Randy.

Our region President and First Lady, Rod and Susan Nordstrom, participated in the Gimmick Rally. The object was to find and photograph a list of historic covered

bridges, while driving the least number of miles. Well, they found all the bridges all right, but an errant turn here, and a slight “excursion” there, saw them finish middle of the pack, which suited them just fine, they said.

All roads led to Jay Peak, and our members all found their way on a variety of routes. The Nordstroms took a somewhat circuitous route, visiting sort of “bucket list” venues, before meeting Bill and Jean for the final push into Jay Peak. This reporter is not aware of any of the others’ itineraries.

The photos connected with this story are but a sampling of Parade and what lies between here and there.

Finally, if you’ve never been to Parade because “it’s too far away,” not to worry! The 2018 Porsche Parade will be at nearby Lake of the Ozarks. According to Randy Kaplin, “This has to be the absolute closest Parade in the past couple of decades. Distance from Tulsa, 272 miles - you could almost ride a bike to that Parade.”

More Parade > > >

Parade Memories



HUNDREDS OF PORSCHE PARADE PHOTOS, as well as results of every event, can be found at pca.org.

Additionally, look for a multi-page Parade recap in an upcoming issue of *Panorama*.

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Jackie Cooper Porsche Hosts PCA Members At 718 Boxster Unveiling

By the Editor--Photos by Kristen Doyle, Pam Petzet, & Greg Petzet



MANY THANKS to Jackie Cooper Porsche, especially Nizar Khaled, Porsche Sales Manager, and Kristen Doyle, Marketing and Development, for inviting our Cimarron Region PCA members to view and **drive** the new Porsche 718 Boxster. That's Nizar in the black polo shirt, pictured above, explaining some of the finer points

of the 718, before revealing the new model. Nizar also enjoys being a PCA member, and was equally excited to share this premier with all who attended.

Jackie Cooper Porsche, as always, kindly provided morning refreshments. The dealership is a long-time sponsor of our club's annual OKtoberfest Club Race, as

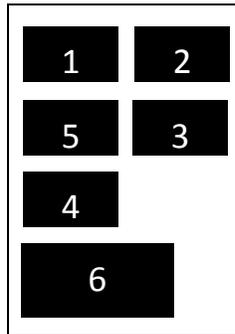
well as consistently providing support for many of our events. In December, Jackie Cooper Porsche will once again be the destination for our Toys For Tots drive.

Turn the page for more photos, and learn all there is to know about the new 718, and all the fabulous Porsche models, at our Partner in Porsche, Jackie Cooper!



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718 Boxster



1. Members take their first looks at the new 718 Boxster.
2. Folks wait (im)patiently to drive a new Porsche.
3. Dirk Hume signals he survived a ride with Greg Petzet.
4. Chris Hines and Paul Johnson try out a new Carrera.
5. Two unidentified (apologies) smiling men take a spin in a new Carrera Cabriolet.
6. Also on display was a (sold) Porsche GT3RS. Larry Lander and Lisa Segraves visit in the background, while Greg Segraves (inset) points out even the Porsche crest is a sticker, which saves even a few precious ounces of performance robbing weight!



Around The Bend

august

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

Good food and lively conversation to start the day.

6-August-Cimarron Sizzler at Hallett Auto Racing Circuit

DE style event for experienced solo and novice drivers!

7-August-Autocross at Corporate Woods-8:00 a.m. **(Counting)**

You have to try autocross at least once! You'll love it!

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

All members are welcome! Volunteers appreciated!

20-August-Ladies Luncheon-Cedar Ridge Country Club

See complete details in this issue's Ladies Corner!

21-August-Autocross at Corporate Woods-8:00 a.m. **(Counting)**

Driving your Porsche through the cones is major fun!

Down The Road

september and beyond

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

Start your weekend amid Porsche Pals and their cars.

18-Sept-Autocross at Corporate Woods-8:00 a.m. **(Counting)**

24-Sept-Ladies Luncheon-Cedar Ridge Country Club

Details will follow from Kathy Hume.

30-September thru 2-October-OKtoberfest Club Race & DE

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit-See page 7.

9-Oct-Picnic Drive to Devil's Den State Park, Arkansas

More information will be coming soon!

23-Oct-Autocross at Corporate Woods-8:00 a.m. **(Counting)**

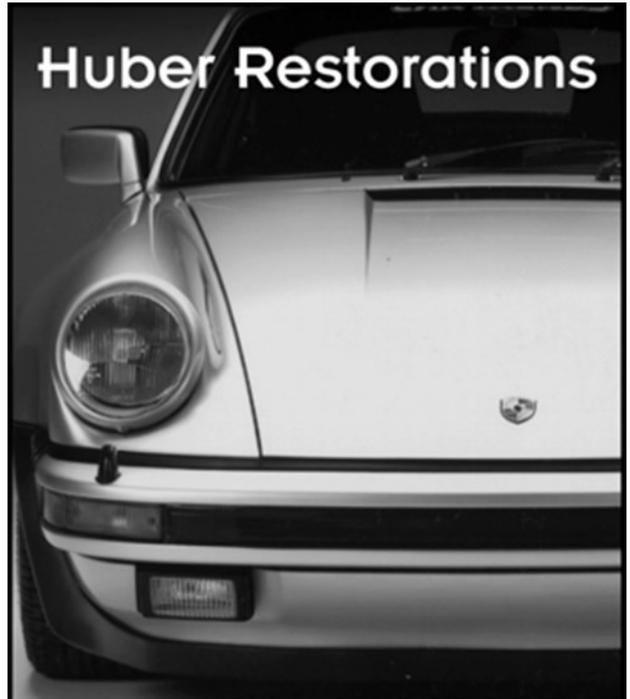
6-Nov-Autocross at Corporate Woods-8:00 a.m. **(Make up?)**

10 thru 14-Nov-PCA Palooza #12, Eureka Springs, AR

Watch for particulars to be available soon!

20-Nov-Autocross at Corporate Woods-8:00 a.m. **(Make up?)**

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From Rick Hardmeyer, Cimarron Region Membership Chair
Report as of June 30, 2016

Welcome New Members!

George Lee - Sand Springs, OK - '09 Cayman

Wade Lessert - Ponca City, OK - '09 911

Dave Renfroe - Glenpool, OK - '06 Cayman

John Roberds - Tulsa, OK - '16 911

Jon Rosnes - Owasso, OK - '14 Cayman

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Porsche GT 2017

BARELY HALFWAY THROUGH the 2016 racing season, and some in the Porsche camp are already looking forward to 2017. Why? Although Porsche was victorious overall at Le Mans for the second consecutive year, the LMP1 Hybrid program is not the concern. The GT program is in trouble, and everybody knows it.



A few podium finishes aside, both in IMSA and WEC GT competition, the top-tier GT Porsche 911 has lacked consistent speed. At the recent IMSA round at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, it was a shock to see both of the 911s at the back of the starting field. And finishing 6th and 8th. It is distressing to watch the struggle.

Simply put, Porsche is currently over-matched in GT. The Ferraris are very strong, the Corvettes continue to build on their strength, and the new Ford GT program has raised the bar to a remarkable degree. Porsche drivers are world-class - the likes of Bamber, Pilet, Makowiecki, and Tandy cannot be beaten in equal equipment. But equipment is not equal, and that is not whining. Both IMSA and WEC apply “balance of performance” (BOP) adjustments during the season, and could easily legislate Porsche back to the front of the grid. What good is that – one thinks even Porsche would recognize the artificiality of mandating success. Better to make them work for it – let Porsche improve instead of clamping down on everybody else. Mid-July, BOP adjustments were announced that included a change in tire spec for the 911, but included a weight increase of 20kg. Tweaks that may help, or not.

Porsche announced their 2017 GT program earlier

this year, even producing photos of the new car. From the front. Only. Speculation immediately began as to what Porsche was working on, and not producing a rear view indicated a mid-engine 911 might be in the works. At a “secret” test session at Monza in June, grainy spy photos emerged of two different versions of the 2017 car – perhaps normally-aspirated and turbo versions of the same chassis? The biggest question seems to be where the engine will be located. As noted in this space previously, the 911 has always been a rear engine configuration, and to modify that would take a serious reflection on the racing future of the 911, and sympathy in the form of homologation waivers from the FIA and the ACO.

Not that it isn’t doable. Certainly Porsche is up to the task, but time is a-wasting. And pounding around at the back of the field is not where Porsches have recently been seen, nor should they be field fillers. So, why are Tandy, Bamber, et al, logging laps in a losing cause? If you are Porsche, you don’t waste any opportunity for seat time. Several of the North American drivers have not seen all the tracks on the series calendar, so what better way to prepare them for a full-time assault in 2017 in a brand new car? Here’s hoping...



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