



Cimarron Trail

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The Hallett Experience from the Perspective of a Novice

-by Mark Margiotta

When I purchased my Porsche, I did so mainly because I loved the stunning styling of the car, and its ability to engage in high performance driving. Everyday when I walk into my garage, I get to see the former, and when I drive it I get to experience the latter. Or so I thought. It turns out that up until this last Mayfast, I had never really driven the car.

I have had my Porsche for four years. Every year I have considered bringing it out to a DE or autocross, but never did it. Like many of you, I have been fearful of damage to my car and have been intimidated by the unknown. I have to admit that I was intimidated by the thought of participating in high performance driving on a real race track. I always thought that race tracks were for the "real" race drivers with tons of experience and really fast cars. I felt like I had no place or business on the track.

Well, let me begin by saying that if I had known how much fun participating in a track event was, I would have been doing them since the beginning. All of my preconceived thoughts and ideas about what it was like to go to the track were completely unfounded. If you're a novice like me, your first hours at the track will be spent in relaxed atmosphere of classroom instruction gaining the finer academic points of high performance driving. You will be placed into a run group that consists mainly of novices, and you will be paired with a professional driving instructor who, while riding shotgun, will guide you through the proper "line" around the track. It is really that simple. There is absolutely no pressure to go faster than you want to. It's all about finesse and proper driving technique that dominates your first day, not speed.

The track at Hallett is in beautiful condition. No loose rocks or other debris to damage your car. There is also no concrete or metal retaining walls to fear. In the extremely unlikely event that you spin off the track, it will be into an open space with nothing to contact. Let me say that when you go out there, it is NOT a race. It's an opportunity for you to drive your car safely in the manner that it was designed.

I thought I was a pretty good driver before Mayfast. As it turns out, I had no idea what it meant to engage in high performance driving. At Hallett I had my car doing things that were previously unknown to me. I was amazed what a 2001 Boxster S could do on a track. It became evident very quickly that Porsche's entry level car was just as much of a performance machine as anything else that leaves the Porsche factory. I was simply stunned at what the car could do. I also left humbled that first day knowing that the car was way better than I was able to drive it. I have a new respect for Porsche that I had not had before.

After Mayfast, I have to say that although still a novice, I am a far better driver than I was before the event. I had one of the best days of my life driving at Hallett. I had an epiphany when I finally truly understood what these cars were made for. I only thought I really understood what Porsche was all about. After driving Hallett, now I fully understand. I drove the car for four years and never really understood what the car was about. It's kind of humorous when I think about it.

The take home message is that Porsches are made to be run on a track. Until you do that, you will never truly understand the inner spirit of the car that you own. You will not damage your car. You will have the time of your life. You will be a MUCH BETTER driver, and will understand in an intimate way what your car is truly capable of. This will enhance your love of Porsche and will make you a better and safer driver on a daily basis. You will have an epiphany as so many others have had. You will wonder in astonishment why you did not get involved before. You will be very happy that you did not delay any longer. And finally you will understand that the core of any car club involves driving. That is the main reason why this club exists.

If you have never done a DE or autocross and have thought about it, this message is for you. You bought the car and joined the club. It's time for you to discover what your Porsche is all about. Come on out for that next DE or autocross. There is nothing to fear, unless you have a fear of fun.

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President's Corner

Greetings PCA members!

What great opportunities we have within this club to get together with friends that all share a passion for one of the most sought after and recognized sports cars in the world, and be part of the largest single marque car club in the world.



Last month, we had an autocross driving event, a dinner drive, a golf tournament, a swap meet and a multi-event weekend. And we started off May with one of our 2 big driving events, the Mayfast Driver Education weekend. I am out of breath just thinking about it all! I hope you made it out to one of them. They all were fun events. And there are lots more events coming up, so there's plenty of opportunity. Most exciting among those is the Cajun Crawfish Boil to be hosted by Mark Margiotta, our social chairperson. If you haven't made plans, this should be a good one. For other events, check the calendar online or in this newsletter to see what's coming up next.

I realize that we all have busy lives and that it is hard to make time for all the social club events. Hopefully we will have, or you can suggest, an event you would like to attend. Our social calendar is quite flexible, so don't be shy about letting Mark or myself know of an event you would like to see the club conduct.

Another issue that has come up again at our board meeting was the newsletter. We have found that more and more regions are beginning to deliver their newsletters electronically and the Cimarron Region really needs to take a look at this option. While it is agreed by all that the club needs this important piece of communication, the increased costs in printing and postage have made the newsletter a major drain on funds the club can use to conduct events. Basically, a newsletter costs us about \$730.00 per month. Which translates to \$8,760.00 per year. If we, as a club, can become more electronic in the delivery of our communications and publications it really would free up quite a bit of revenue for other events and functions. I think the success of the email blasts confirms that most of our members are connected electronically. And that's a good thing. The question really is will the electronic version be accepted, downloaded and read by members? Will you? Let me know. Do you still prefer to get the printed newsletter mailed to you each month?

Why electronic delivery?

1) Reduction of overhead costs; 2) Ability to either view online, download and view, or even print the publication to a local printer for yourself; 3) Color could be added for a more interesting publication; 4) Advertisers would get added value in an electronic version by making their ads clickable to their web site or specific web page on their site.

I really do want to know what you think about this, so please feel free to contact me with your comments and suggestions!

Well that's about it for this month. I know our newsletter has been getting out a little later than we would like, and we are trying to catch up a bit. We appreciate your patience and I hope to see you at a club event soon.

Gary Bernard

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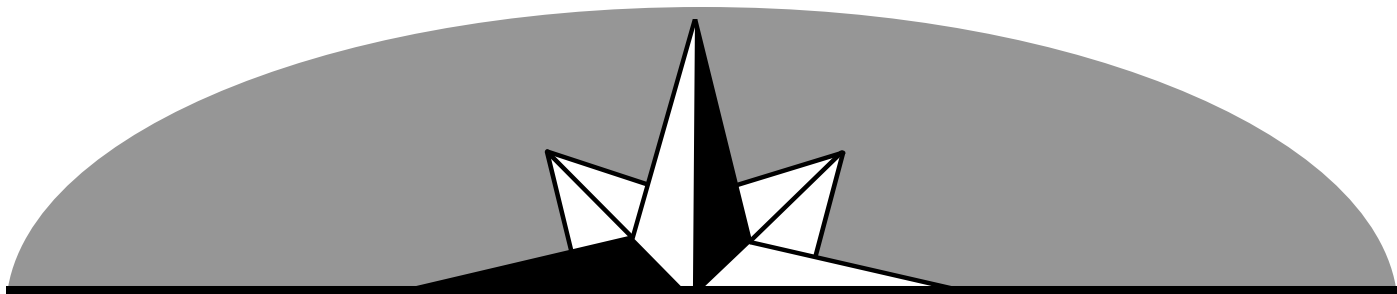
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“Well done is better than well said.”

- Ben Franklin

Everyone who's reading this has good intentions. We also have the ability to talk the talk. Unfortunately, we all will be judged on our deeds rather than on what we say or on what we intend to do. We live in a result-oriented culture, so it's what we **DO** that counts.

Remember the last time someone gave you their word and didn't follow through? We can all recall that type of disappointment. We **DON'T** have the power to make people honor their commitments; We **DO** have the power to honor our own.

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Membership News

Cimarron Region Porsche Club of America
Membership Information as of:
March 15, 2008

Primary Members	247
Affiliate Members	199
Life Members	1
Total Membership	447

New Members
Russell H. Wood Fayetteville, AR 2004 996 4S

Transfers In:
Mark J. Cohn Bartlesville, OK 1959 356

Transfers Out: None

Please bear with us as we experience difficulties with updating our membership data.

CRPCA Lending Library

CRPCA has been invited to review a number of books offered by Motorbooks International. There are some Porsche-related titles, and some general interest books, too. Currently we have the following books available.

The Book of the Porsche 356—Brian Long

Porsche High Performance Driving Handbook—Vic Elford


Porsche 996—The Essential Companion

Race To Win—How to become a Complete Champion Driver—Derek Daly

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Mark Margiotta, SOCIAL CHAIR

On Going Club Events

Every Sat

Members' Breakfast

Description: Join us for weekly breakfast and some tire kicking.
8am, Wild Fork, 1820 Utica Square

Second Monday of Every Month

CRPCA Board Meeting

Monthly meeting to discuss club activities.
6pm, Rennsport, 4705 S. 83rd E. Ave.

Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for getting your articles, information or requests to the editor by the 20th of every month. Send to: porschenews@aol.com

As you can see our social calendar is shaping up. We will be having additional events in addition to those posted and will post information about those events -asap. Please remember that RSVPs, where included, are greatly appreciated to help in event planning.

May

May 22—Kickoff of Summer’s 5th Night

Join us at the Stonehorse Restaurant and Café at 7 P.M.

May 24—Inaugural CRPCA Crawfish Boil

If you’ve never sampled “mud bugs”, now’s your chance! 7 P.M. at the Margiotta’s home. See the website for complete details. RSVP to Mark Margiotta at footsurg@hotmail.com.

June

June 14

CRPCA Lake Party

Join Randy and Elinor Kaplin at their Grand Lake cabin for a day of relaxation and fun! 9 A.M. to evening—come all day or just for part of the day. Full details and a map to the Kaplin’s cabin on the CRPCA website. RSVP to rwbkaplin@swbell.net; Randy at 671-1840 or Elinor at 688-5691.

June 15 — Autocross #3

June 20

Dinner Drive to Freddie’s Steakhouse in Mannford

More details coming up in next month's newsletter, and check out the CRPCA website for the latest information.

July

July 20—Autocross #4

July 26

Pool Party at the Jackson’s

Join Jay and Teresa Jackson for an evening of fun and fellowship. Bring your pool toys, towels, lawn chairs and oh, yeah, your family, too! RSVP to Mark Margiotta at footsurg@hotmail.com or 918 671-5375. Check out the CRPCA website for more information.

August

August 24 — Autocross #5

September

September 14 — Autocross #6

October

October 5 — Autocross #7

October 17-19

Oktoberfest Club Race & DE

CRPCA’s Club Race and Driver Education weekend at Hallett Motor Racing circuit.

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, OK

Check our website and future newsletters for entry forms and updated information.

November

November 2 — Autocross #8

November 7-9

4th Annual Porsche Palooza

Inn of the Ozarks
Eureka Springs, AR

Margaret’s German Restaurant

Date and time TBD

December

December 5

CRPCA Holiday Party

Join fellow members for our holiday party to be held at Philbrook Art Museum. Check our website and future newsletters for updated information.

December 7 — Autocross #9

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Date	Event
5/18	Rolex GrandAm from Salinas, CA on SPEED
5/18	ALMS from Tooele, UT on SPEED
5/26	Rolex GT (only) from Lime Rock, CT on SPEED
6/7	Rolex Grand Am from Watkins Glen on SPEED
6/21	Rolex Grand Am from Mid-Ohio on SPEED
7/3	Rolex Grand Am from Daytona on SPEED



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