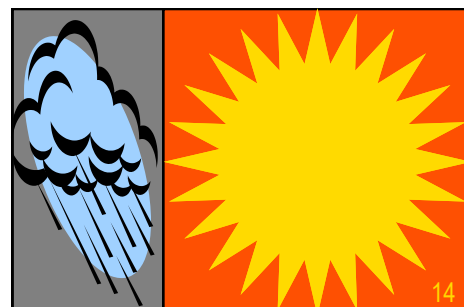




The Cimarron Trail



Autocross



On The Cover

A CONICAL CHRONICLE.

For our autocross course layouts, Cimarron Region utilizes up to 200 cones. Knocking one out of the marked square, or toppling it over, results in a 2 second penalty!



Wikipedia says, "Traffic cones, also called traffic pylons, road cones, highway cones, safety cones, witch's hat, or construction cones, are usually cone-shaped markers that are placed on roads or footpaths to temporarily redirect traffic in a safe manner."

Charles D. Scanlon, an American working as a painter for the Street Painting Department of the City of Los Angeles, is credited with the invention of the Traffic Cone. His invention was patented in 1943.

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From The Editor

(You'll have to go with me on this month's comments. I'm running out of ideas. So it might be a stretch!)

BUTCHER, BAKER, Candlestick Maker, all kinds of people drive Porsches! We have our own Board of Directors. Our members have, or have had, quite various careers or occupations. We have CEOs, VPs, doctors, dentists, surgeons, medical professionals of many kinds, salesmen, construction workers, supply clerks, restaurateurs, designers, housewives, househusbands, accountants, managers, directors, auto parts magnates, auto repair specialists, retirees, and, well, you get the idea!

The common bond we all share is an appreciation for vehicles of the highest quality, designed and manufactured with an emphasis on excellence, as well as cars that are a pleasure to drive.

Some old adages are thought of as cliché because of overuse to the point they lose their originality or they become tired and worn out. Like, for example, ***"Nothing Else is a Porsche."*** Technically that's

true, of course. And folks who have never had the pleasure to get behind the wheel of one of these superior engineered automobiles might dismiss those words with a "Yeah, right."

But it goes significantly deeper than that for us. At least it does for me. Porsche is an ideal, and the thousands of us PCA members who are in the "inner circle," can testify to the expanded scope that encompasses owning a Porsche.

People from all walks of life come together in PCA to form a community. Yeah, almost like our own city, if you will. Matter of fact, with all the various skills of our members, we could likely create a town and call it Porscheburg!

I know, I'm getting carried away now. I told you you'd have to bear with me this month!

Whether one enjoys all out racing, autocross, driving tours, social activities, or volunteering to help, there is something for everyone in PCA. It must be in our DNA!

"It's Not Just the Cars, It's the People."

It is my pleasure to be a member of this wonderful group!

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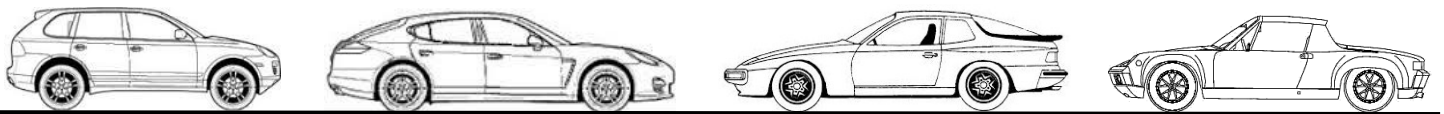
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- Greg



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.



President's Perspective

By Rod Nordstrom
CRPCA President

THE DOG DAYS OF AUGUST did not deter Cimarron Region members from joining in a number of local and regional activities. I am going to devote a good deal of this month's Perspective to recognize the



many things that make the Cimarron Region the Porsche Club it is. First and foremost are the people. Without Board members, Committee Chairs, and volunteers, the Cimarron Region would not have the variety of events we have each year.

Cimarron Sizzler was the Cimarron Region's second DE event this year. Congratulations to Orlando Dumalag, DE Chair, Joy Jones, Cimarron Region VP and Registrar, and Gary Bernard, Chief Driving Instructor, for organizing another successful event at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. Typical Oklahoma weather provided early showers, making for challenging track conditions for the 45 ladies and gentlemen participants. By noon the weather cleared, and a perfect track surface yielded opportunities for novice and experienced drivers alike, to learn the track and build their skill sets. Thanks also to the numerous volunteers who assisted with Registration, Grid, Tech, and Instructor support. Without volunteers these events would not be possible.

On the Autocross front, Mike Fugate continues to bring challenging course layouts for our events. Driver turnout remains at the highest levels in recent years. Along with increased driver turnout, we get the benefit of additional volunteers to assist with course set up/takedown and corner workers. A special thanks to all of you who show up early and stay late making sure everything is ready for a safe and enjoyable event. Be sure to check out the Autocross section in *The Cimarron Trail* to see who is leading the pack.

Social events are a great balance to our driving events, and thanks to Steve Canada, Social Chair, we have something going on each month. On August 23, about 40 of us met downtown at The Vault restaurant for dinner. Thanks Steve for putting together a new venue and an enjoyable dinner. Check out the events calendar on the Cimarron Region web site, as well as each edition of this newsletter, for upcoming dinners and driving events. Ladies, be sure to check the Cimarron Region calendar to stay up to date on upcoming luncheons hosted by Kathy Hume and Joy Jones.

Community service and charitable giving are major Porsche Club activities, and Cimarron Region conducts a number of those functions each year, including food drives, Toys for Tots, and charitable contributions to local nonprofits. The Cimarron Region Board of Directors has asked Joy Jones, Cimarron Region VP, along with the ladies luncheon group, to research and recommend a local non-profit for our 2016 contribution. If you are interested in participating in the effort, please contact Joy.

While not a Cimarron Region event, 23 region members headed north to Colorado Springs for Alpine Region PCA's Rocky Mountain High Way event at the end of July. Chris and Kathleen Lennon and their



Photo: Susan Nordstrom - "On our way to Colorado"

volunteers did a great job of putting on this opportunity for some of us to escape the 100-degree temps in Oklahoma. Hospitality, check in, and goodie store were well organized and efficient. The scenery was spectacular and the Alpine Region offered six guided tours to highlight some of the numerous vistas and attractions Colorado has to offer. Susan and I, along with several other Cimarron members, opted for the Pikes Peak tour. Prior to departure we met at Porsche of Colorado Springs dealership for a driver meeting and a video presentation on the Pikes Peak racing history. Chris Lennon narrated the presentation, which included a video of his 2014 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb practice run in his vintage 911 racecar. Chris covered the 12.42 mile course in 11:01. He built a new car for the 2015 race, which unfortunately broke down mid-race. If you would like to see the video of Chris's run, Google Chris Lennon Pikes Peak. Other guided tours included Cripple Creek, Royal Gorge, Bishops Castle, Great Sand Dunes, and Breckenridge.

The best event by far, at least for the Kaplins and Nordstroms, was the Gimmickhana, which must be German for "introduction to spousal communications."

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President's Perspective

(conclusion)

There were three parts to this driving event that was set up over two 50 yard paved surfaces with grass parkway separation.

Part one tested your passenger's ability to control the car over two separate slalom stretches, plus a couple of parking maneuvers. The trick was, the driver operated the gears and pedals, and the passenger controlled steering (the Panamera is not the best car for this due to the width of the console.) 911s and Boxsters had a clear advantage.

Part two required the driver to steer around a circle as many times as possible in three minutes, while the passenger held a string anchored to a center pylon. The object was to complete as many circles as possible, holding the string between two knots without pulling over the pylon or letting the weight in the center of the string touch the ground. The Kaplins did well on this part!

Part three, by far the most challenging, required a blindfolded driver to maneuver via constant guidance from the passenger over a course that included pulling into a parking space, then backing up to another parking space, then proceeding forward through a series of gates and slalom cones to a stop box at the end of the course. *Most challenging indeed!*

Cimarron Region has a number of activities planned for September and October. Be sure and check the Cimarron web site and this newsletter for details.

- Rod



2016 OKTOBERFAST CLUB RACE & BOXSTER CHALLENGE



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

Registration Now Open 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.

Members wishing to volunteer: Contact Jon Jones,
Cimarron Race Chair, at jjone20@aol.com.

Drive to Dink's BBQ, Woolaroc Museum, September 17

YESSIREE! Ain't nuthin' goes together better'n Western American Art and smoked meat! Get a taste of both, Saturday, September 17. 'Sides that, you get to mount up yer trusty Porsche horseless carriage, and motor up the byway with the rest of the friendly posse.



After lunch at the modern chuck wagon, and a short jaunt to Woolaroc Museum, view the works of many celebrated "Old Masters" of Western art: Remington, Russell, Leigh, Johnson, Moran, and many others. Paintings and sculptures too, numerous contemporary artists are also represented.

MEET UP at Academy Sports, 81st St. and US 169, between 10:30-10:45 a.m. The posse'll gallop over to US 75 to arrive at

Dink's in Bartlesville for our Noon reservation. Social Chair, Steve Canada, is tryin' to gnaw out a group discount deal with them sidewinders over at Woolaroc.

Anyhoo, after some art appreciation, and who knows, maybe a couple o' sassparillas, y'all'll ride back to Tulsey Town on the back roads to US 75.

Event Highlights

Meet: 10:30 a.m. Academy Sports
81st St. & Hwy 169

Have sufficient fuel

RSVP to Steve Canada,
preferably by text: 918.671.1499



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Cimarron Region PCA Goodbye to Summer Backyard BBQ



Where: Randy & Elinor Kaplin's - 8306 S Gary Ave-Tulsa

When: September 24 - Saturday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Activities: Swimming, Dinner & Socializing

What to Bring: A salad, side dish or dessert

Main course and beverages will be furnished

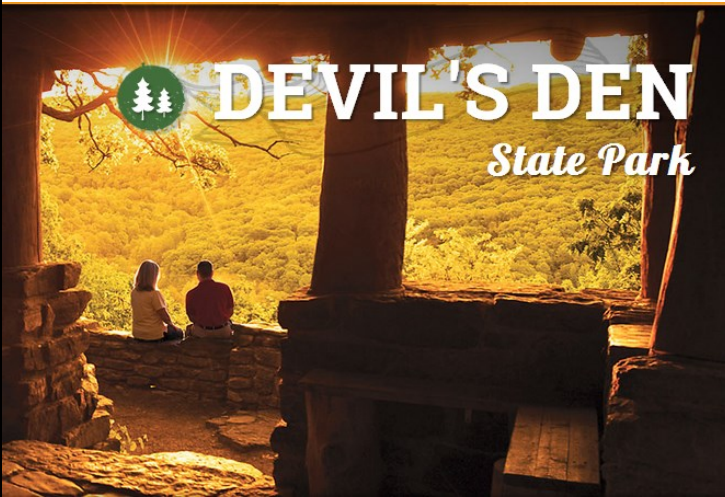
RSVP by email to elinorkaplin@gmail.com - Or by

Text message to 918.688.5691, by Friday, Sept. 23

Traditional Cimarron Region Picnic/Drive Scheduled for Oct. 9

STEVE CANADA, Social Chair, has reserved our picnic shelter for the entire day, so prepare to get down, settle in, lay back and relax. You may even want to take a hike! Let's start at the beginning!

Top off your fuel, check your PikePass, and meet at the former Jim Norton Chevrolet location, 61st St.



and 145th E. Ave. at 8:00 a.m. We'll take the B.A. to the Wagoner exit, then continue on to Tahlequah for a "convenience" stop. From there we'll follow Porsche friendly Hwy 62 into Arkansas, and start our twisty journey south into Devil's Den State Park. This is roughly a 120 mile drive one-way.

FOOD: The club will provide burgers and hotdogs with all the fixins. NOTE: We ask you to contribute to the meal by bringing salads and/or sides: (last names beginning A-L,) and desserts: (last names beginning M-Z.) And bring your desired beverages as well.

SUPPLIES: Pack folding chairs, comfortable shoes, a jacket, sunscreen, and anything else that'll add to your enjoyment. There are some great trails in the park, and we may hike to Devil's Den and the waterfalls after lunch!

RETURN: Everyone is free to return home when they please, but should you not have Sunday evening plans, why not make a day of it!?!

For a nice return trip to Tulsa, take a right out of the park area and get on I-540 North. Take exit 64, Wedington Dr. (AR 16). You'll pass Lake Wedington in the Ozark National Forest on your way to Siloam Springs. From there, take US 412 West to the Cherokee Turnpike, and home.

Event Highlights

Meet by 8 a.m. at 61st St. & 145th E. Ave.

Full fuel tank, PikePass, empty bladder

Last name A-L? Please bring a salad or side dish

Last name M-Z? Please bring a dessert

**RSVP to Steve Canada,
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Tour The Tulsa Ballet 'Behind The Scenes'

JOIN US, Friday, October 14,
5:00 p.m. for drinks and snacks at
the Tulsa Ballet, 1212 E 45th PL.
At 5:30 we'll see an approximate
15-20 minute dance rehearsal of
an upcoming show. Afterwards
we'll have time for additional

drinks, and a tour of the facility.

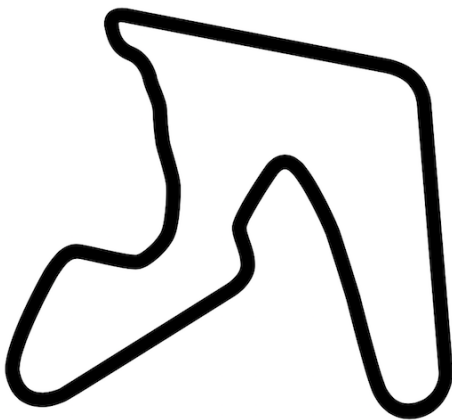
This is a great opportunity to
learn what the Tulsa Ballet, one of
the top in the country, offers our
community. RSVP to Steve Cana-
da at 918-671-1499, **text pre-
ferred.** Tutu not required!



Need Some Seat Time Prior to OKtoberfest?

This announcement is from our Wichita, KS. Friends

And is not sponsored by Cimarron Region PCA



I have reserved the track

Thursday, September 22

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit

Looking for 20 to 30 entrants-

Please let me know if you are interested ASAP

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Save These Dates!

November 10-13
PCA-Palooza
Eureka Springs, AR
Details coming soon!



December 3
Toys for Tots Drive
Start collecting toys now!
December 10



**Cimarron Region
Gala Christmas Party**
5 Oaks Lodge
Our Premier Social
Event of the Year!



Don't miss this one!

Ladies



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Corner

LADIES! Guess what we forgot to do after the August luncheon. We forgot to take a picture!!! Look out -- the world may come to an end. Ha ha. We will just have to take two next time. But the food was great as usual, and we did discuss a little bit of business.

I am not sure of the exact name of the organization, but we will be collecting items to help women move from the Woman's Shelter to an apartment. Toiletries seem to be the major items needed. We will check on getting household items as well. By the next luncheon, we will have more information about what is needed, and

will determine to which event we will bring all these items. In the mean time, start thinking about what we should gather up to donate. Also, consider some charities we could pick from and give a monetary donation from Cimarron Region. All ideas will be heard and voted on, just like last year.

There are plenty of exciting events coming up. And join us for our next Ladies Luncheon, Saturday, September 24, 11:30 a.m. at Cedar Ridge Country Club.

I'll see you soon at an upcoming club function!

Kathy

Find Ethanol-Free Fuel at pure-gas.org

Some reports recommend 100% gas for your car. You'll realize better MPG, they say, which offsets the higher cost. Plus ethanol-free fuel is really what your engine wants. 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 contact stations to ensure they still have the good stuff available.



Autocross Action Remains Hot Amid Unseasonably Cool August Temperatures!

OUR CIMARRON REGION autocross events are some of the best in the country! The competitive but friendly atmosphere just keeps getting better and better with each session, as more and more members avail themselves of this opportunity to learn more about car control, all while having an adrenaline pumping good time.

Two August sessions on two unique courses served to keep driver's attention, as they posted elapsed times within fractions of a second from first to last.

Regulars welcomed David Renfroe, a new Cimarron Region member, on August 7, and then again Au-

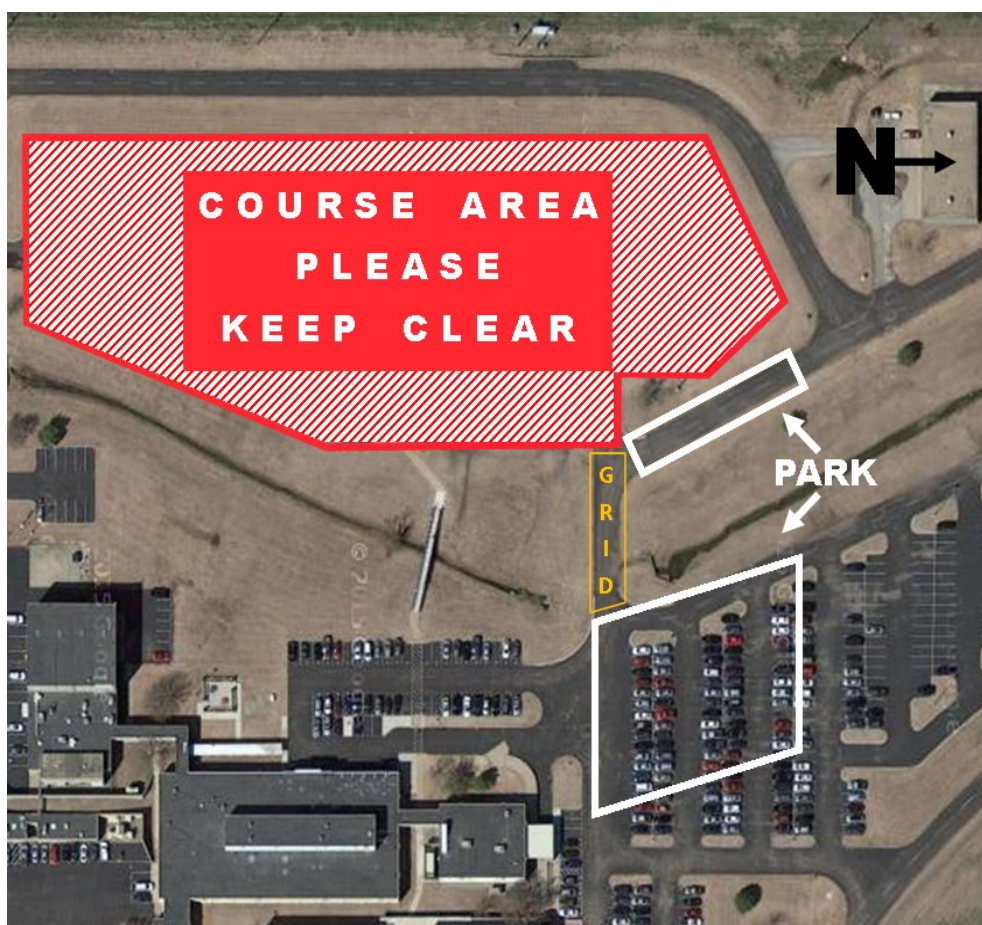
gust 21. Also on August 21, member, Eddie Hall, brought along his brother, Troy, who was visiting from Texas.

Look for photos and more autocross news on the following pages.

Note: Elapsed times are affected by several factors, including but not limited to: driving off course; knocking down cones (2 seconds); driving on "race tires" (2 seconds). Race tire penalties are denoted with a 🚫 on the score listings.

More autocross scores & info > > >

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/safety 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., sign in, and be placed on the schedule. Thanks!**



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





News - Scores - Schedule

Reported by Mike Fugate - CRPCA Autocross Chair-Photos by Jennifer Fugate



August 7 - Official Event #7

Pos.	Name	Auto	Best Time
1)	Scot Williams	911	43.536
2)	Gary Bernard	Cayman	44.029
3)	Wendell Karr-Ake	Boxster	44.654
4)	Mike Fugate	Cayman	45.212
5)	Jason Tollison	911	45.300
6)	Joe Hill	Boxster	45.944
7)	Dirk Hume	Boxster	46.458
8)	Jennifer Fugate	Cayman	47.326
9)	Beverly Carlile	Boxster	47.781
10)	Curtis Robinson	Cayman	48.151
11)	Bill Jacobi	911	49.128
12)	Rod Nordstrom	911	49.292
13)	David Renfroe	Cayman	51.143
14)	Kent Proctor	Boxster	52.499
15)	Bill Cammuso	944	53.989
16)	Joy Jones	Boxster	54.792
17)	Kathy Hume	Macan	55.147

From top left: Welcome, New Member, David Renfroe! On the right: Bev Carlile, Rod Nordstrom, and Bill Cammuso wind their way through the cones on August 7.



Beverly Carlile



Rod Nordstrom



Bill Cammuso

Huge Turnout Reflection of Perfect Weather



Jennifer Fugate



Joe Hill, Eddie Hall, & Gary Bernard line up at the start gate



Above: Wendell Karr-Ake enters a slalom with inches to spare
Right: Bev Carlile and Gary Bernard at the scorer's table as Troy Hall crosses the finish line

August 21 - Official Event #8

Pos.	Name	Auto	Best Time
1)	Wendell Karr-Ake	Boxster	50.722
2)	Scot Williams	911	50.806
3)	Gary Bernard	Cayman	51.859
4)	Jason Tollison	911	52.804
5)	Joe Hill	Boxster	52.901
6)	Randy Kaplin	911	52.908
7)	Beverly Carlile	Boxster	52.980
8)	Jennifer Fugate	Cayman	53.037
9)	Mike Fugate	914	53.189
10)	Poorya Fazel	911	53.828
11)	Orlando Dumalag	911	54.091
12)	Curtis Robinson	Cayman	54.594
13)	Jeff Metcalf	Boxster	54.723
14)	Eddie Hall	911	55.389
15)	Cliff Fisch	914	56.568
16)	David Renfroe	Cayman	57.173
17)	Rod Nordstrom	911	57.182
18)	Troy Hall	911	57.839
19)	Bill Cammuso	944	59.480
20)	Rick Hardmeyer	911	59.683
21)	Kent Proctor	Boxster	60.033
22)	Kathy Hume	Macan	61.095
23)	Joy Jones	Boxster	62.372
24)	Brian Thomas	914	66.388
25)	Chris Hines	911	DNF



What Started In A Drizzle...



Story/Photo Contributions: Jennifer & Mike Fugate, Rick Hardmeyer, Kathy Hume, Joy Jones, and The Editor >>>

Cimarron Sizzler



Ended With A Sizzle!

Sizzler Images & Impressions



9:41 a.m.-Scot Williams prepares to "blow dry" his Turbo on the damp Hallett track

AUGUST 6, IN OKLAHOMA. "It's going to be hot!" Or so thought our Mayfast Chair and Registrar, Orlando Dumalag and Joy Jones, respectively, when the idea of a second DE was hatched only weeks ago. Similarly, the 45 registrants likely geared up for the normal triple digit high temperatures so often prevalent during the month of August in our area. That's just a given around here.

Right? About the only thing that could change that would be a thunderstorm!

You guessed it! That's exactly what happened. But some might say, except for causing a short delay in getting on the track, the wet, slick conditions, (which did improve throughout the day,) provided an expanded curriculum for first-time and novice drivers! The early sessions accentuated utiliz-

ing proper car control on a less than desirable surface. And as the storms pushed eastward and the track dried out, drivers were able to appreciate the various skills necessary during those changing conditions.

Chalk it up as another Cimarron Region win! Many thanks go to all who drove, and all who volunteered to make the event happen.



Above left: Cody & Jay Anderson visit with Susan Collins in front of Jay's GT3, as the morning rain tapers off. **Above right:** Jay sent this photo of Mike Fugate "drying off his car while it's still raining!" **Below L to R:** Evan Cole in his Cayman S; Susan Collins swaps seats with instructor, Bill Jacobi, as Rick Hardmeyer monitors the hot pit; Bev Carlile and Wendell Karr-Ake's Boxster in waiting, reflects the weather conditions which hampered the start of Sizzler.



Jennifer Fugate



WAKING UP on Saturday morning to a dismal day of rain and thunder certainly made me apprehensive and nervous. I had a lot on my mind on that drive to the track, and a lot of questions. I thought many times about backing out and just being a spectator for the day. I knew I would regret that decision if I did. Once at the track there was a real sense of fellowship, and the friendly atmosphere helped to calm my nerves.

I had the pleasure of having Gary Bernard as my instructor. The first three times around the track Gary drove my car and I was the passenger. Riding with Gary was the most educational part of the day for me. Every turn was hit with precision, and I started to see where he wanted to put the car and why. I'm pretty sure he could drive the track

blindfolded with perfect accuracy.

Starting my first experience on a wet track was nerve wracking and mentally challenging. There is so much to learn and remember for your next go around. The speeds on a wet track are slower, and you use less width of the track.

As the day progressed the sun came out, the temperature rose, and the track dried. This was a whole new ball game. Speeds were faster and we were able to use the entire width of the track. The more laps I drove I gained more car control skills and a little more confidence. Eventually I was too busy concentrating on my driving to think about my nerves. Every sight, sound, and sensation was exhilarating! Each time out got progressively faster as I and the other drivers grew more comfortable on the track.

I had some hits and misses on the apexes and track outs. Gary was great about letting me know the good and the bad. He was ready and willing to give direction and advice. I needed someone that wouldn't burn out from having to be so repetitive, and I could not have asked for a more fitting instructor.

I was sad to see my track time come to an end. I had wanted to do this since I was a kid, but never dreamt I actually would. I would sum the day up as educational, challenging, engaging, and a pure joy! So what would I tell someone considering doing this for the first time? Do it! Trust your car. Driving a Porsche, you aren't even close to pushing it to its limit. With the right instructor, a willingness to learn, and understanding to progress at your own rate, you will have a blood pumping, heart racing good time!

Kathy Hume

MY STORY starts with a little history about me. I HATE to drive in the rain!! I dislike very much driving in the dark. Soooo, waking up to a major thunder and lighting rain storm was not a good way to start my day. I was white knuckling the steering wheel until I got to Hallett. I was really dreading driving on the track in the rain. But I got lucky. The rain went away!!!! Yay!

I had the best time of my life. I never thought I would be learning how to drive on a race track. Gary Bernard was great with the classroom instructions. Rod Nordstrom was my instructor. He was the best!!! Every time it was my turn to drive, he got in the car with me!! Ha ha, I must not have scared him too bad. Each time on the track, I got more comfortable with my car and the track. I found out my Porsche is a racing machine - - even though it is a "bus" (Macan).

I'm ready to get on the track again. Turn 4 caused me a lot of trouble, which then messed up Turns 5 and 6. Well,

I'm ready to get even with Turn 4!!! I will get to Solo status next time. My last session, I got my car up to 85 and 90 mph a couple of times. Very cool.

The event was a total success - - from check-in to clean up. I would like to thank all the volunteers, on and off the track. It was nice knowing there were people watching the cars to make sure we were all safe while on the track.



Joy Jones

OH WHAT A DAY! We started the Sizzler, not with a drizzle, but with heavy rain that delayed our start but not our enthusiasm. We had a field of 45 cars separated into 5 run groups at our very first August DE, with drivers from our sister region in Oklahoma, Warbonnet, and others from Texas and Missouri, and many of our own Cimarron Region members. Due to the large group of novice drivers, we needed to have 2 groups for them with many knowledgeable instructors to assist.

I started my day on a very wet track, which for a novice was an interesting experience. After spinning in Turn 2 on my first lap, I was extra cautious during the rest of my session until having an off-track excursion in Turn 4. Not a great start, but there was nowhere to go but up - or home. And quitting is not a PCA option. My second session was still damp, but much more successful, which restored my confidence to continue on. As the day went by, the track dried up and both speed and skills improved. My instructor, Charles Bailey, let me ride with him for a session which was very enlightening and exhilarating to say the least - now I know what fast is. With each session, I gained more confidence and comfort with driving on the challenging Hallett circuit. By the end of the day, I was loving the challenge



and looking forward to my next track day.

The best part of DE is learning – learning how to drive better, gaining confidence in both my car and myself, and most of all, having fun with PCA friends.

I would like to thank all our volunteers, this event could not happen without your help. Also the instructors, whose knowledge and courage allow us novices to experience an incredible day safely; to our DE Chair, Orlando Dumalag, for putting this event together in only 8 weeks and providing our members with the opportunity for what they wanted, track time. And to Gary Bernard, who is a great Chief Driving Instructor, and for me, a reassuring voice when I needed it.



Above left: That's Charles Bailey's GT4 coming through Turns 8 & 9; **Above right:** Kathy Hume, Bev Carlile, Joy Jones, Susan Collins, and Jennifer Fugate signify happiness as the rain goes away; **Below L to R:** Hallett carports provided a dry place in the morning, and shade during the afternoon; Darin Robinson takes his 996 onto the track; Cimarron Region's Poorya Fazel waits his turn to put his GT3 through its paces during one of several run sessions at the Sizzler.





Cimarron PCAers Attend Alpine Region Event

*Information and photos
Submitted by Kathy Hume*

"HALE, HALE, the gang's all here." At least 12 cars full anyway! Porsches and their Cimarron Region people left Green Country and ascended their way to Colora-

do Springs, CO, for the Rocky Mountain High Way multi-event weekend, staged by the Alpine Region PCA, July 27-31.

Available events included guided or self-guided tours, banquets, a swap meet, and a gimmickhana! A

Wash & Shine was also included for those wishing to clean up and show off their Porsches.

HAIL, HAIL, the gang's all here! Unfortunately, an untimely hail storm blew in during the welcome reception. More > > >



Left: Dirk & Kathy Hume stop on the way up to Pikes Peak

Right: Scott Bever & Becky McFall take a fresh mountain air break

Below: You'd be smiling too if you had your Porsche in Colorado!



Rocky Mountain High Way

conclusion

Nearly every Porsche in attendance suffered some level of damage. One unidentified attendee suggested most of the hail dents will likely be able to be eradicated by a paintless dent repair specialist.

Aside from that one drawback, our Cimarron folks gave the event high marks, most indicating they would consider returning in 2017.

(Don't forget-a similar multi-event weekend, the 13th Annual Porsche Palooza, is coming up much closer to home in Eureka Springs, AR, November 10-13.)



A handsome group of Porschesters stops to breath in some fresh, Rocky Mountain air, while making their Pikes Peak hill climb.



Around The Bend

september

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

Good food and lively conversation to start the day.

17-Sept-Woolaroc Museum drive via Dink's BBQ in B'Ville!

Details on page 7-R.S.V.P. to Steve NOW!

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

22-Sept-Track Day at Hallett **(not a Cimarron Region event)**

Details of this opportunity are on page 9.

24-Sept-Ladies Luncheon-Cedar Ridge Country Club-Page 10

24-Sept-Goodbye to Summer Backyard BBQ at Kaplin's-Page 7

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

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit-See page 6.

Down The Road

october

and beyond

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

Start your weekend amid Porsche Pals and their cars.

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

More information on page 8.

14-Oct-Tulsa Ballet Tour and Preview! Event starts at 5 p.m.

Read more about this unique opportunity on page 9.

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 13-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?)**

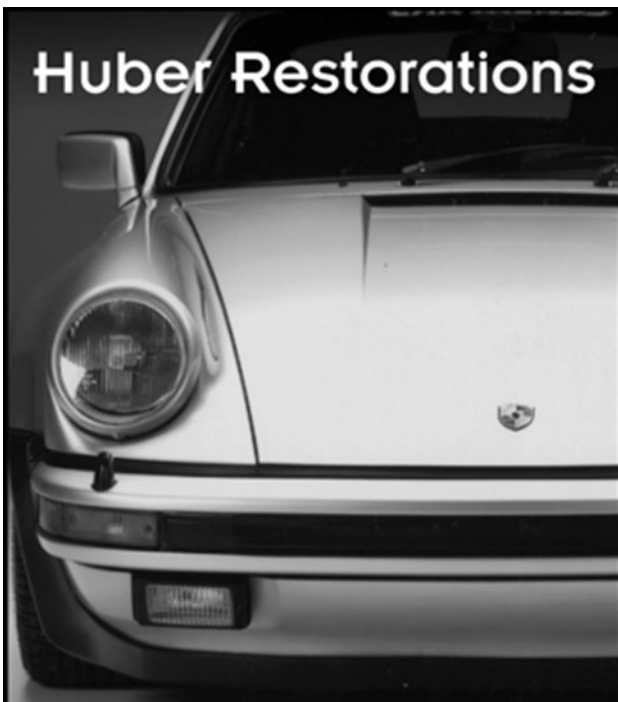
3-Dec-Porsche Club Toys for Tots drive

Planning is in the works for the best one ever!

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Membership Update

From Rick Hardmeyer, Cimarron Region Membership Chair
Report as of August 31, 2016

Welcome New Members?

UNBELIEVABLE!

No new members in the month of August.

Year-to-date in 2016, Rick reports the renewal rate of
expiring members ranged from 60 to 94% per month,
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Our nearby region in Texas will host **Treffen HILL COUNTRY**, at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort in Austin, TX, March 29-April 2, 2017. Details soon!

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Safety Rules Part 2

BACK IN MAY we talked about motorsport safety with an eye on PCA Club Racing. This month, let's take a look at safety in DE events. As with Club Racing, PCA has very clear rules for the conduct of these events to ensure safety is the number one priority. Drivers Education is a track event, and though the focus is on educating drivers, the speeds of some modern Porsches can easily meet or exceed some cars in Club Racing classes. PCA relies on both the safety features built in to Porsche road cars as well as our own rules to keep a healthy margin of safety. Helmets are required for DE, and this is to maintain an adequate level of protection for your noggin in the event of an impact with a stationary object or another vehicle. The helmets are required to be of the more recent safety standards, known as the Snell rating (named for the Snell Foundation which measures the integrity of helmet design and construction,) which excludes many off-the-shelf helmets. Also excluded are motorcycle helmets, which confuses some people, but here's why – the Snell rating for automotive helmets requires protection for *multiple* impacts during a collision event (such as a roll bar impact inside the car,) while the motorcycle standard requires protection from a *single* impact. The helmet requirement for autocross is less stringent due to lower speeds, but investing in a helmet is a no-brainer, so why skimp?

Prior to going on track at a DE, the cars are expected to be maintained by the owner/driver to an acceptable standard and certified by the driver to meet that standard. Technical inspection is required before each event to ensure that these standards are met, but it is ultimately up to the driver to make sure the car is safe. The tech provided at the event is mostly a final look-over of the vehicle rather than an in-depth inspection. Suitability of tire tread depth, seat belt function, brake light operation, and loose objects are some of the areas the tech crew will look at, but there is limited time to do an exhaustive inspection. As a driver, if you are unsure or uncomfortable with certifying your vehicle as track-ready, there are many shops that will perform this service.

Once on track, aside from learning basic skills like driving the line, braking and finding visual references,

the most important rule is no passing in the corners. Simply put, DE events are not competition events, and the opportunities for mischief in trying to pass another car in a corner is too high. Straightaway areas for passing are defined at the Drivers Meeting, including the need for a "point by." The point by is a critical skill for the novice DE driver to learn because it requires the driver to focus outside the vehicle – what is going on *around* him or her. Drivers can become so engrossed on their own tasks, hand position, finding the apex, shifting, that they develop tunnel vision. The point by is an active way to expand the driver's awareness. In addition, the point by is an exchange of information between drivers – "I see you," and "I want you to pass on this side." A point by on the straightaway is the safest way to initiate the inevitable passing that will occur.

Another critical skill is paying attention to the corner stations. Corner workers are your eyes down track – perhaps over a blind crest or sharp corner – and they will signal you with various flags to let you know



what's going on. A good option for any new DE driver is to spend some time at a corner station to learn the perspective of the corner worker. Take some time to learn where the corner stations are and what the flags mean – you will be glad at some point you did.

Drivers Education is one of the best ways to appreciate your Porsche and improve your road skills. Speed is fun, but the maxim of "care, courtesy, and common sense" still applies on track. Have fun, but be safe!

-Jon



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