



**War Bonnet Region**

# **War Whoop**

**News and Events from the Region  
December 2013 - January 2014**

# Calendar of Events

## DECEMBER

**7 Club Meeting**

**Breakfast at Abraham's.**  
47th and North Western- 9 am.

**7 X-mas Dinner**

**That time of year again! - 5:30 pm**  
Devon Tower in Downtown OKC.

**15 Autocross**

**Last autocross of the year! - 10am**  
Sheriff's Training Center - NE 36th and Air Depot.

**20 Poker Night**

**Texas Hold'em or Xmas presents?? - 7 pm.**  
Louis Lackey's Poker Table.

## JANUARY

**4 Club Meeting**

**Breakfast at Cracker Barrel.**  
I-35 and NW 122nd - 9 am.

**8 Board Meeting**

**Help us come up with some events! - 7 pm.**  
Grady Buckhalter's Home.

**12 Autocross**

**Is there any ice on the track??!! - 10 am.**  
Sheriff's Training Center - NE 36th and Air Depot.

**17 Poker Night**

**Texas Hold'em and Pizza - 7 pm.**  
Louis Lackey's Poker Table.

## FEBRUARY

**1 Club Meeting**

**Breakfast at LaBaguette! - 9 am.**  
At 7408 N May.

**9 Autocross**

**It should be warmer than this !! - 10 am.**  
Sheriff's Training Center - NE 36th and Air Depot.

**21 Poker Night**

**Texas Hold'em with more than one buy in! - 7 pm.**  
Louis Lackey's Poker Table.

## MARCH

**1 Club Meeting**

**Breakfast at Panera Bread! - 9 am.**  
At 104th and South Penn.

**5 Board Meeting**

**Come have some food and plan an activity - 7 pm.**  
At Stephen Hintze's Home.

**14 Poker Night**

**Texas Hold'em with unlimited chips ! - 7 pm.**  
Louis Lackey's Poker Table.

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On the cover - Porsches at the  
Bricktown Charity Car Show

Photo by Austin Miller

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# Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - War Whoop Editor

**T**his issue is a little smaller than what we have seen the last couple of months. With winter being upon us, our events are slowing down and there is less to cover in the publication. Also, there is no President's Podium this time because our president, Grady Buckhalter had a death in his family and therefore, had other more important things to deal with. So we excused him this time from writing his article.

By the time all of you get this issue, the Christmas dinner will have probably already occurred. From talking with Glen Hoskins, it looks like we are going to have a huge turnout and I think we are getting real close to selling out the event.

We are also going to be trying out some new locations for breakfasts this upcoming year. In March, we will be having breakfast at Panera Bread on 104th and South Penn. We will see how everyone likes Abrahams (our December breakfast location), and maybe we will add that again in a future month. The IHOP in Bricktown seemed to have worked out well and I think we will be adding that location again some time in the summer. If any of you have any ideas for any breakfast locations, or have any preferences on

an event you would like to see, be sure to attend one of our board meetings and let us know. We would love to hear from you.

The next board meeting in January is an important one because we will be preparing the clubs calendar of events for the 2014 year. Last year we added a progressive dinner to our list of events and added an Out and Back Drive and I am sure we will be having both of those events again in 2014.

I would like to thank all of you board members for helping me out this year with working on this newsletter and getting me your articles on time. The membership can also log in to the new website which has turned out excellently and if you haven't had a chance to see it, be sure to get on your computer and check it out.

Hope all of you have a great and wonderful Christmas and a fulfilling 2014. Merry Christmas!!

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# Treasurer's Tid-Bits

**T**he treasury continues in sound shape. My standard opening line is still very accurate.

By the time you read this, the club Christmas party will likely be history. The new venue at the Devon Tower 50th floor restaurant brought out the biggest turnout of club members in many years. The room will only accommodate 60 people. We have not had 60 people for the Christmas party in recent memory. I don't think we have had a turnout this large since the Tulsa area split away and formed a separate region back in the 1980s.

Many of you know of my annual trips to Porsche Parade in my 1985 911 Carrera. I bought my 911 back in 1995 with just 80,000 miles on it. Since then I have added 70,000 miles and I turned 150,000 miles this summer. During the inspection after the trip to Michigan, I noticed one cylinder head was a little wet with oil. That is never a good thing.

After the engine was back out for further inspection, I decided the only logical next step was to remove the head and see what was really going on. The diagnosis was not great. That head needed to be fly cut to get back to good smooth aluminum. If you cut one head,



Glen Hoskins - Treasurer

you have to cut all six heads to make them match. While you are in there, you might as well do a valve job since the head is off. While you are in there, you might as well slide the pistons and cylinders off to inspect them. The rings were worn, so those needed to be replaced as well. The great news is the pistons & cylinders were in perfect shape.

The reason the head leaked is two of the Dilivar head studs were loose. While you are in there, it is crazy not to replace all the head studs. That leaves just a bare case and a few more bolts will open the case, so while you are in there it would be crazy not to open the bottom end and just do a full rebuild.

I am real happy I decided to go into the bottom end. One rod had some hot spots and the intermediate shaft bearings had a lot of wear. While you are in there, you might as well do some machine work on the case and clean up some things.

In the end I will have a complete rebuild and comfort in knowing that the engine will easily go another

200,000 miles. I did learn the phrase “while you are in there” can be expensive, but it really is useful.

The next time you see my car, it will have a rebuilt engine. I rebuilt the transmission last year. I have completely rebuilt the suspension and replaced all the rubber bushings with new rubber bushings. The shocks are new, the brakes are fresh. The suspension rebuild included the steering so that is new. The air conditioning works better than the

factory system. About all that is left is a pedal bushing rebuild, and I have those bushings already. I bought the pedal bushings several years ago and I just need to put them in. My 28 year old car will be in better shape than new. The trip to Monterrey, California next June will be fun and relaxing.



# Between the Cones



We are getting closer to the end of the year which means that it will be getting colder. The new year is just a few days away and we will be starting a new year of Autocross. I am hoping that with the New Year, everyone will make a New Year's resolution to attend several of our Autocross events. As with this year, we will have a mixture of Sunday and Saturday event days. We would like to hear your feedback on how many of the Saturday events you would like to have this year. We will try to obtain a balanced schedule, but as always, it will depend on the tracks availability. We would like to get your feedback on this year's track layout and find out what features you liked and what features you did not like. By letting us know your preferences, we can try to improve our layouts to make them both easier and harder from time to time.

I know that in the past I have been asked to have certain dates on the calendar for our Autocross during the year. I have tried to make it easier for everyone that has other commitments or has made other arrangements to attend that same weekend. Please be aware that some dates may not be available and we will have to take the dates that are available. Regardless we will note all



Matt Herndon

of the requests and try to accommodate as many as we are allowed. When a date has already been committed, then we will take the other available date and try for something in the months before or after. When the weather starts to warm up next spring, all of the other clubs will be scheduling their events for the weekends and competition for dates will eliminate some of our choices. We should be able to get most of our requested dates but there will be a few that we will have to take our alternate date. Unlike most of the other clubs, we run all year long. This is in part due to our commitment and in part that we Autocross with vehicles that handle well in all types of weather. We may have to take longer cool down laps or warm our cars up longer but when we are ready to hit the track, our cars are ready to challenge the course. We should appreciate our all-weather cars and enjoy using them in differing conditions.

Again this year I have some Saturday dates but unlike last year they are not all

bunched up one month after another. We also have our normal drivers' education driving schools in March and June. That will be a good chance for some of our new drivers to come out and see what their cars can do in a safe and controlled environment. After they attend the driving schools and are more comfortable with their cars, they can then come out to an autocross the next day and put the training to a real life test to see how much they learned.

After you have made your New Year resolutions that deal with your car and the Porsche club, it might be easier to ensure your success by starting small and working into the bigger events. You may want to start with just coming out to one of the breakfast gatherings or

even come to one of the board meetings. If this works for you then you can move on to other events. As an example, you could attend one of the driving events. The driving event picks a location in Oklahoma or even an adjoining state for a leisurely drive to that location and back. We also have our two big drives to Arkansas. If you want to get more involved then you could be nominated to the board and then you can vote on events that are taking place through the year.

I hope that the dates for the autocross work out for everyone. I am trying to make this event accessible to everyone each month but I know that it isn't always as easy as we would like to make it to our Autocross events.

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# Roster Report

**T**he winter months are certainly here and as I type this, we are preparing for some very cold weather in the next week or so.

One of our newest members wrote an article introducing himself to the club and I have included that on the opposite page.

Since winter is now upon us, the club events are starting to decrease. We still have the monthly autocross and poker events and of course the monthly breakfasts. I can't wait until April though, when we put on the New Member Appreciation Dinner. That always seems to be the start of the summer months and we know that warmer weather is coming soon. We are planning some new events this year and are preparing the calendar for the summer and it should be posted on the website soon.

I still can't believe that my Red Sox have won another championship. I remember not too long ago, that I thought I would never live to see them win even one. Now we have three. This one was even better because we got to win it at home in Fenway Park.

When I was a child, I was given a snow globe of Fenway Park, but instead of snow, when you shook it, confetti rained over the stadium. I used to shake it and think to myself that this is



Brian Miller - Membership Chairman

what it would look like if we ever won the world series.

On the night we won the championship, I put that same snow globe in front of my TV. When we won, and we got that final out, the fireworks and confetti over Fenway Park looked just like how I always dreamed it would. It looked exactly like when I shook that old snow globe so many years ago. My dream finally came true.

Here are the new members for this issue: Kyle and Michelle Hohlier have joined in a 1978 911 and Mark and Lynette Martin are in the club with a 1999 Boxster. Dean Metzgar has joined in a new 2014 Cayman and Steven Perry joined driving a 1971 911. Michael Stearns is in the club with another new 2014 Cayman. James and Julie Kos are now members driving a 1986 911. Dustin Miles has joined in a 2014 Cayman and our newest members are Lisa and Curt Massengale in a 2014 Cayman. I would like to welcome all of them to the War Bonnet Region of the Porsche Club!

# ***IN THE SPOTLIGHT***

Written by Mike Stearns

 grew up in my dad's service station working on cars. As a teenager it was hot rod flathead fords. When I came back from the Navy with \$1,200 battle pay I went straight to the Triumph dealer and bought a GT6.

I met my wife Jo at the old War Bonnet race way when I owned a TR250. From then on all through my career it was sporty cars-Jaguars, MG's, Mini's, Lotus, etc.

Since retirement seven years ago, I spend my days in my hot rod shop in Ardmore called Doo Wop Rods. My objective is to do correctly all the hot rod things that we did incorrectly as kids. Back then we didn't have much money, and it was all I could do to keep the car running from one Saturday night to the next.

Doo Wop has gotten a bit out of hand though as I'm now involved in most of the builds going in and around Ardmore, which takes a lot of my time.

Cars that I currently own that are drivable include a '31 A-V8 highboy roadster, '72 Lotus Seven, '65 morris mini cooper and most recently a 2014 Cayman S. The Cayman fulfills a life long dream of owning a quality mid-

engine car and it has met all my expectations. Jo and I look forward to the club's social activities, tours and autocross. We recently participated in the fall tour and I must say that it was by far the best organized car club tour that we have ever experienced. We look forward to being part of such a serious and capable group of sporty car people.

# Board Meeting Minutes



Louis Lackey - Secretary

The November meeting was held at Louis Lackey's house and included some fantastic pizza. Members present were Steve Pistole, Grady Buckhalter, Brian Miller, Chad Goodman, Steve Hintze, Glen Hoskins, Floyd Carter, and Louis Lackey.

We discussed combining the new board member voting with the Christmas Dinner menu selection. These have been mailed and voting and dinner registration/menu selections are available on the club website. PayPal is also an option this year.

The club will be working on 2014 wall calendars for purchase that will contain amazing pictures of member's cars both submitted and throughout the

year at various events. Check the website for more info.

Dates for 2014 club events in the first half of the year were selected. The website should have most of these posted. Your input is always welcome for ideas and options. See a board member or attend one of the meetings and sponsor an event.

See you at a club event soon!

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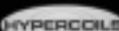
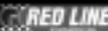
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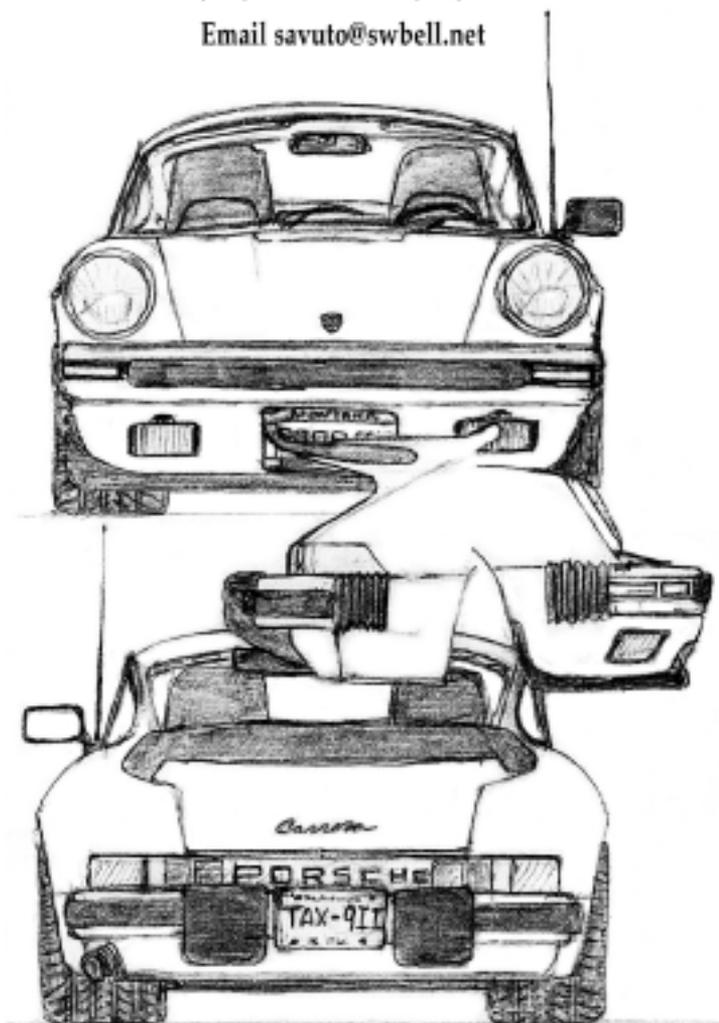
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