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On the Cover: Mike & Sharon Hays '98 Boxster carving the apex at Hallett

2018 Calendar of Events,

February 17 Breakfast at Mimi's at 9:30 am to discuss 2018 events

March 17 Rides of March DE at Hallett Raceway sponsored by the Cimarron Region

June 9 Pitch in at Dan Worrell's lake house at Beaver Lake. Details to follow

July 8 – 15: Porsche Parade at Lake of the Ozarks Tan-Tar-A Resort in Missouri.

Check out the March issue of PCA Panorama magazine for an article on Palooza. I will try to get something to PCA each month. As ZZ Top says "We're nationwide"

Miscellaneous but Important Stuff by Dave Decker

First off, my apologies to Reg Goshert. I forgot to give him photo credit for some of the Palooza pictures in the last issue. 40 lashes with a wet laptop for me.

Not sure who organized the January breakfast at Mimi's or how long it had been posted on the website but again an apology for not noting it in the Calendar of Events.

If you have an idea for a 2018 event that you want to get on the calendar, please send to Sharon Hays at mamahays@cox.net or to me at wrrnews@gmail.com before February 16.

Looking for some tech articles from the membership! Surely some of you are planning to do something to your Porsche over the winter months. Me personally, I plan to change coils and spark plugs in the Boxster, possible redo the seats and add a windscreen.

As always, I need pictures of your Porsches or there is going to be a lot of newsletter front pages with a certain black Boxster.

From the Wheel by the Editor

Greetings and welcome back. Did anyone get a 911 GT2 RS for Christmas? Yeah, me neither. I did pick up a BMW 650i as a stopgap until I do get a 911 or Cayman of some sort. Which brings up a point, the emasculation of our cars.

One of the rites of passage of car ownership is learning how to check your engine oil level, the tire pressure and coolant level. I mean it was a great feeling when you popped the hood, or the rear lid in the case of most Porsches, pull out that thin strip of metal, wipe it clean, ceremoniously plunge it back into the tube, pull it back out and look at the level of the lifeblood of your engine. Maybe to be real cool, you would sniff it. Hopefully it wasn't black as the ace of spades which meant a very dirty engine or milky brown which signified a blown head gasket. Not so now. On the SW Missouri tour, the dude from Puerto Rico that had just purchased a new Boxster before the Palooza decided to check his oil at one of the stops. To his chagrin he could not find the dipstick. He asked me if I knew where it was and after some thought I remembered it doesn't have one, only an oil level display on the dash readout. Perplexed he went looking for it. My '98 Boxster has a level readout but also a dipstick. Does the geek in me trust that yellow bar graph? Hell no, I want to see oil; I want to see the tire gauge zing out to increments you can't read without a microscope, I want to burn my hand checking coolant. The 650i I bought doesn't have a dipstick. A couple of clicks on the iDrive tells you that you have oil. Geez, I can't smell a readout. Bring back the dipstick! Keep those cards and letters coming!

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Dave Decker

President's Notes by Leonard Zechiedrich

Guten tag White River Region members –

Since this is my first column of 2018, Happy New Year! It's time to put together our yearly calendar and the club wants your input! We will be meeting at Mimi's at 9:30 on February 17th to have breakfast and to get some dates and activities down. This is your club so help make the most of it by contributing. You can suggest places to meet, activities, or ideas or just thoughts that you have...as long as it relates to the club. Please, no more political opinions! If you can't make it to the meeting please send in your request which will be voiced at the meeting to either myself, Sharon or David.

David Decker has been doing a wonderful job with our newsletter. Each month we get great photos and information. I would like to encourage members to send information to David about you and your cars. This doesn't have to be a lengthy article. It could be a quick description of a drive you recently took along with a few cell phone pictures. This really helps other club members get to know one another.



To practice what I preach, I'll give a quick Porsche story myself. As some of you already know my first 911 when I was a sophomore in high school. My dad, being car guy himself brought home a 1967 911 that we were to work on over the next year. Fast forward to this past Christmas and I figured Zane, my son was ready for his. I brought home a large box and the kiddos got to open it for Christmas. The pictures tell the rest of the story

I look forward to seeing you on the 17th at Mimi's.

Details on my projects can be found at www.the911den.com.





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Zone Five Update

by Jon Jones

Welcome to 2018! 2017 went by so fast, I can hardly believe it.

The older I get, the faster time passes. When I was 15, I was complaining to my Dad one day about how slow time was passing waiting on my 16th birthday. “Just wait”, he said in that typical Dad fashion, “You’ll see the other side soon enough”. Pop of course was right, as I now know.

In 2017 I completed a major-for-me project, the building of a 944 track car. As I approached the finish line, I was dreading that first turn of the ignition key, the first chance for the engine I had rebuilt to run. It is always a little scary, at least for me, but it started up and ran fine. An almost two-year project was a success! I’ve had it out on the track at Hallett twice now, and I look forward to the DE season coming up.

In 2017, I was also appointed the Zone 5 Representative. Zone Rep is not something you campaign for – PCA typically looks for people who are less concerned about being “on the National Staff”, than they are about believing in putting the membership first. I was genuinely surprised when I was approached by my predecessor, Lynn Friedman about the job, and I thought about it for a long time. Some truly wonderful folks supported my nomination, and I am honored by their confidence and support. As I continue to grow into the role of Zone Rep, I hope to do justice to that confidence and support.

Prior to being Zone Rep, I hadn’t had much experience with how the club functions at the National level. I attended my first National Board meeting in February and came away very impressed. Impressed with the leadership of Caren Cooper and the rest of the Executive Committee. Impressed with the financial transparency and accountability – you might be shocked at how much money passes through PCA ever year – and impressed with the vision that the National Staff has for the future of PCA. PCA Parade is nearby next year, in Osage Beach Missouri, and if you are going I hope you will take the opportunity to attend the open-to-all-members Board Meeting. I think you will be impressed, too. Our Club is in good hands. *(cont. next page)*



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Zone Rep is occasionally referred to as a “middle management” position. Not having much affection for the term middle manager, I prefer to think of it as an ambassador and an adviser – an ambassador for the EC and an advisor for the Region Presidents. I have no real authority to tell people what to do, only to coach them to do things the PCA way. In some cases this means pointing out when they are doing things wrong – so diplomacy is a must. Case in point – at a DE last year, I observed the event chair authorize drivers to go on track with their convertible tops down. Which is not in accordance with PCA DE Guidelines. “What are they gonna do, fire me?”, the chair replied when I asked him about it. We’re all volunteers – that is a common refrain by the way – but that is not the point. The point is our insurance program is precious, and all of us, not just the Zone Rep must be vigilant to Elements of Risk and minimize it wherever possible.

Part of the role of Zone Rep is to visit all of the Regions in the Zone over the course of the year. In most cases I have been made to feel welcome by the Region Presidents and I have had a wonderful time meeting all of the different PCA members throughout the Zone. And you know what? They are all like you...the people that I have met over the year in Zone 5. They are fans of all things Porsche, they all have their favorite PCA events to do – whether Social, or Autocross, or Drives – the PCA menu has something for every Porsche fan.

What makes PCA work? YOU DO. Yes, you pay dues, you attend events, you read Panorama. But beyond that, you get involved. You volunteer. You pitch in and help out. And this year is no exception – many Zone 5 Regions will have new officers for 2018. I thank each and every person who has stepped up, because without you, PCA would not work.

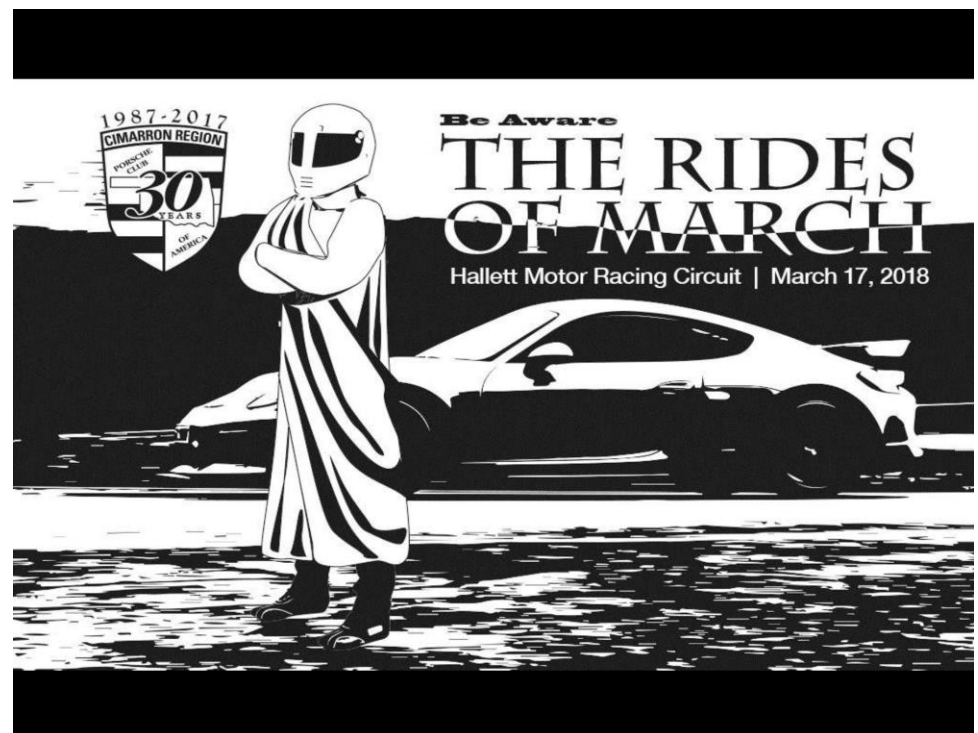
One of the tag lines PCA uses is “Fueled by Volunteers”. And this is not just clever marketing. It is the absolute truth. A brief story – In 2012, I inherited the role of Club Race Chair in my home region. It was a bit of a rocky start that year, but since then it has become one of the most fun, the most rewarding, and the most exciting things I do every year. Why?

Aside from the thrill of being involved with the great folks in PCA Club Racing, especially the Race Stewards and Scrutineers, I collect dinner tickets on Saturday night. I get to meet most of the drivers, most of their companions, crew, volunteers and workers. As I collect the tickets, I can meet every single person at dinner – and everyone is happy and having a great time in Cimarron Region. There is nothing more satisfying than that. The Thank You’s and Great Job! comments are not about my ego – it’s about being a part of helping to make the event happen for people. THAT is what being a volunteer is about. Sharing in the enjoyment that people experience.

We are all busy. We all have our lives and time commitments. But there is nothing – NOTHING – more satisfying than being involved.

And PCA is a great place to get involved.

I hope each of you had a great Christmas Holiday – and here’s to PCA and all of our regions in 2018. Happy New Year!

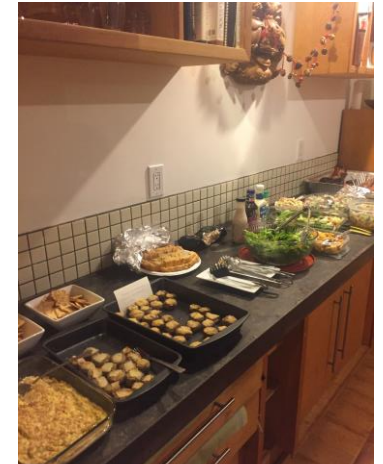


Porsche People and Places

WRR Christmas Party by Dave Decker

It was a jolly time at the home of Josh and Miho Sakon for the annual White River Region Christmas party on December 9. I mean, what more could you ask for; lots of food, presents, lots of members, presents, a great home, good conversations, presents, Christmas trees. Did I mention presents? It was such a great time not to be missed that Mike and Sharon Hays flew in from Hawaii to be there.

The gift exchange is always an interesting affair as the Dirty Santa rules played out. It was your typical snatch and grab from each other. There was one particular exchange of a remote control Porsche. Sherri Lamb was not to be denied. She was going home with one of the cars heck or high water. Yours truly drew a gift that was to ensure I had plenty to eat on the long trip back to Missouri; summer sausage, cheeses and crackers with a cutting knife to boot. Listening to Dan Worrell fire up his new 911 GTS in the parking lot was a treat. It was definitely a festive time and special thanks to Josh and Miho for their hospitality.



Does PCA rules allow you to attend more than one Christmas party in the same year? In the same sweater?

Porsche People and Places

Bayyari Christmas Project by Sharon Hays

Once again, the Bayyari Christmas project was a success! Even the weather cooperated, gifting us with a sunny and not too chilly day. We had nine Porsches, (15) White River members and my dad to deliver the gifts to the Bayyari students. As always the students were beautiful and sweet. They were all thrilled with their gifts and the recess toys they get to share. We were given lots of hugs, lots of “thank you”s and many wishes that we have, “a Merry Christmas too!” We not only got to celebrate with our Kindergarten and 4th grade classes, but one class of 5th graders also came out to the parking lot. It might have had something to do with their teacher wanting to see the cars, but the kiddos seemed to have a good time too. Several of the 4th and 5th grade students remembered us from when they were in 2nd grade and we gave them gifts. The teachers were tickled pink with their gifts as well. Before we left, I had a chance to visit with Stephanie Bentley, the guidance counselor who started this whole project. She said, “The Porsche Club has set the bar really high!! Next year, I’m going to have grades arguing over who gets you!!”

The other fun fact from this year, turns out WRR’s ties to Bayyari are growing. One of the Kindergarten teachers is a longtime friend of mine; she’s the one who first asked WRR if we’d participate. Stephanie Bentley? Well she was the college roommate of David and Jo Martinson’s daughter. One of the other Kindergarten teachers is a friend and former coworker of Melody Zechiedrich. And finally one of the fourth grade teachers? Well she used to be a neighbor of Ageet and JC Verel. As my dad would say, “it’s a pretty small world when it comes right down to it.”

On the financial side of things, we finished up about \$300 less than last year. While that was disappointing, it truly did not impact the gifts to the children. We did not give them hula hoops to share at recess and we did not have a donation for the library. However, the gift bags were more full this year than ever before and we did have enough money left over to divide amongst the teachers. Each classroom got \$40 to spend on whatever they needed. (One teacher got an electric stapler. Another got supplies to make gingerbread houses with her class.) As always, I was very humbled by the generosity this project generates. We may be one of the smallest PCA regions, but we have very big hearts. Our members donated a



Dear Porsche Club,
~~Thank you for~~
Thank you for these treat,
I love you very much
because you gave me the
things that I need for
my family.

Love ♡♡♡♡♡

Isabella

combined \$3214.

I also overcame every bit of shyness I might have and asked merchants for discounts. I would explain what we were doing and ask if there was any discount at all they could offer us to help stretch our dollars. Once Upon A Time Books in Tontitown, for the fourth year running, gave us the same discount they offer to teachers. We were able to purchase books from them for \$.75 each, enabling us to give each of the 185 children two grade appropriate books. The Little Debbie store in Tontitown sold us product at and below cost. That allowed us more than double the amount of food in each gift bag. Sire Boutique in downtown Springdale donated (8) \$25 gift cards, one for each of our teachers.

Thank you all so very much for being willing to do this for these children. I'm left feeling renewed, humbled and honored to know all of you. And as several of the thank you notes from the students said, "and your cars are so so so so awesome!!!!!"



December 18, 2017

Dear white River Region Porsche club of America thank you for the hat it's so warm and Big that I can hide my Rubik's cube in there I even bring it to school and the gloves are so warm Stof the candy was sooo good that I ate all my Candy the honey Bwn was so good your cars looked really cool that day I'm going to buy a porsche when I grow up I also like the socks

Sincerely,
Carlos



December 18, 2017
Dear white River Region Porsche club of America

Like all the candy & games
nice car
cool car
Merry Christmas



Photos by Mike Menichetti and children's hearts



Tech Tips

What is Horsepower and why do we crave it?

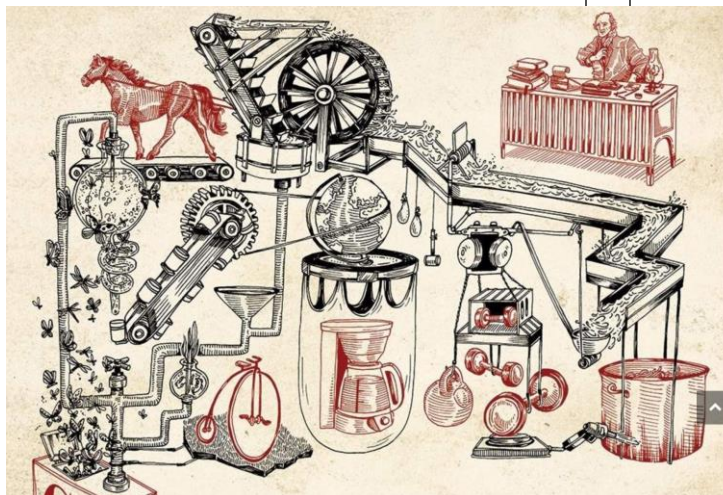
By Dave Decker

When we discuss our Porsches with the less-informed, we may brag about the handling, the definitive engineering, the meaning of all those acronyms, etc. But the question that a neophyte will always ask..."How much horsepower does it have?"

What is horsepower?

Where did the term come from? Why do we salivate when we talk about it? As the story goes, in 1782 James Watt needed a way to convince investors and buyers to forget about work horses and buy into his newly developed steam engine. Some say he measured the pulling power of a horse walking in circles to turn a grindstone at a mill, some say he observed a horse pulling a weight at a coal mine. I assume if this had happened in the Middle East instead of the UK, we would be bragging about camel power. Needless to say, Watt multiplied the distance the horse walked by its roughly 180 pounds of pulling force and arrived at a new arbitrary measure of force: horsepower.

Assuming he calculated the energy required to displace one pound of matter a distance of one foot or foot-pound, he deduced that one horsepower was equal to 33,000 foot-pounds of work



per minute or 330 pounds 100 feet in one minute or 33 pounds 1000 feet in one minute. By the use of a block and tackle, Mr. Watt proved his steam engine did the work of 35 nags or roughly the power of an early VW.

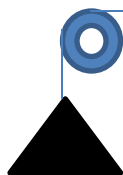
How this relates to an engine is this; foot-pounds or torque is used when a piston pushes on a shaft to rotate it by using a connecting rod between the shaft and the piston. The measurement of torque can be easily converted to horsepower by multiplying torque by rpm divided by 5,252.

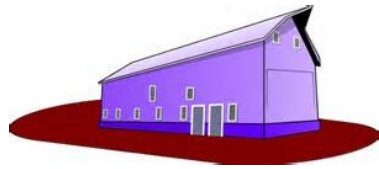
So, to determine how much horsepower our finely tuned horizontal sixes are producing, the engine is hooked up to a dynamometer. This mouthful works by applying a load to the rotating output shaft at different rpm levels. The amount of load required to keep the engine purring at 4500 rpm is converted to horsepower. Ta-dah! By applying more or less load to vary the rpms and measuring and plotting the load required at each rpm level, you can develop the power curve of the engine.

When you review the plotted curve, it points out the peak horsepower – a rpm value at which the power available from the engine is at its maximum. The 911 GT2 RS produces 700 ponies at a screaming 7000 rpms! Sweet baby Jesus and all things holy!!!!.

So, by knowing this you can "launch" your beast from a dead stop by revving the engine to the peak and dumping the clutch to get the maximum horsepower to the rear wheels. Or to accelerate while driving, you downshift to increase rpms to get back to the sweet spot of peak horsepower.

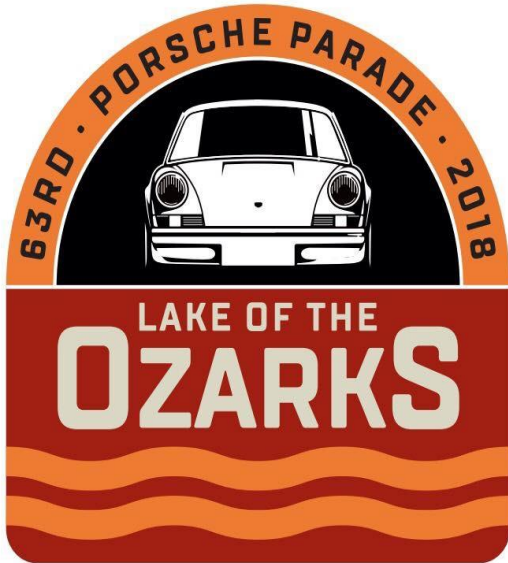
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The Sale Barn

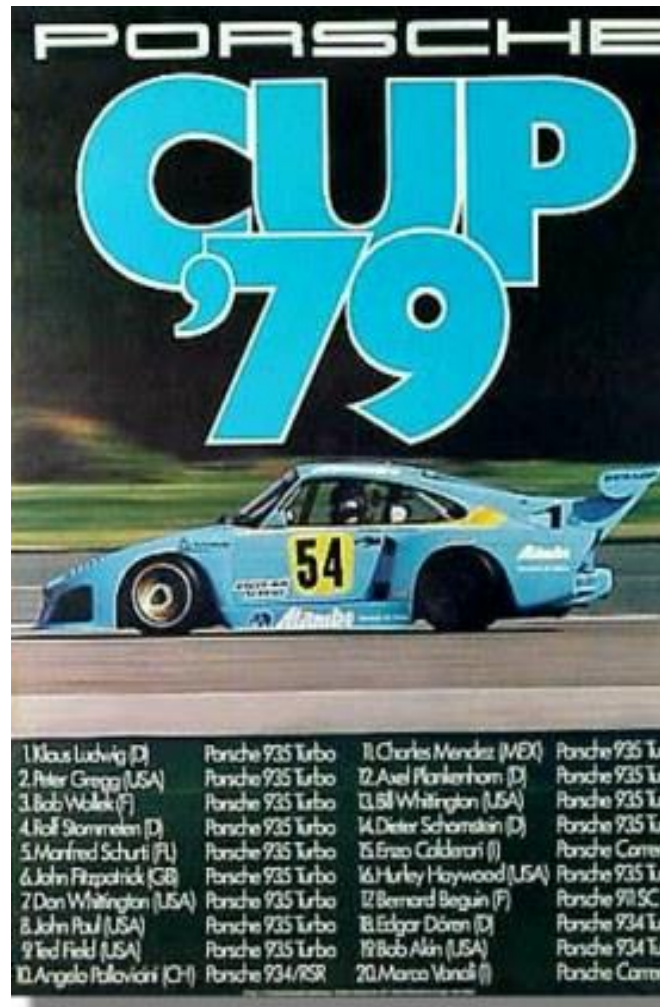
Porsche Whale Tail, believe it fits 1974 through 1989. I removed it from my 86 Carrera. Believe it is an after market product. Stored in garage, no rain, no DE etc. \$399.00. FOB Rogers. Don [479-462-8255](tel:479-462-8255)



The Tan-Tar-A resort is the host site for the 2018 Parade.

Registration at the Tan-Tar-A resort for lodging began January 29. Room rates are \$145 and up per night.

Registration for banquets and events will begin April 2.



The Tool Shed



928 S4 flywheel lock

"Kempf" timing belt tension checker (for 928)

A/C vacuum pump

R134a Gauge set

Oil pressure/transmission pressure gauges and adaptors

1000lb engine support bar

1000lb Transmission scissor jack

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Baum Tools B9612K M96 Timing Kit

Coolant flush kit

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Region and National Membership Stats

by Mike Hays

White River Region Club Members

Primary Members 87

Affiliate Members 53

Life Members 0

Total Members 140

New White River Members in November

Transfers In

None

Transfers Out

None

PCA National Club Numbers

Primary Members 79898

Affiliate Members 44730

Life Members 17