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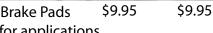
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Front Cover - Back on the cover again is Ron Faust with this fabulous shot of Pat Kelly's Warsteiner car at this year's First Fling. Ron's comments that "Pat deserves a lot of credit for not just upgrading to the fastest thing coming out of the factory short of a Carrera GT, but then he again decorates it with the Warsteiner/'98 LeMans-winning GT1 striping. Though Porsche might have taken a vacation from racing since '98, the GT1 in those colors still reigns in my mind as the last really beautiful race car to win LeMans."

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Christie Boeder

This month features two articles from our Zone Rep, John Philips continues his odyssey pursuing a club racing license and the process that requires. It is really pretty informative, and fun to read. Mike Lancial submited his observations, along with photos, from the 12 Hours of Sebring. The photos alone are worth taking a peek at and there are more on his website, see the article to check that out.



And most importantly, the Nord Stern website has been updated to include lots of info on what is one of our biggest (not to slight ANY of our programming which I think is quite excellent each year!) events each year: the annual Club Race. Roger Johnson, Eventmaster Extradinaire, working with Porsche's ad agency, Carmicheal-Lynch has resulted in an excellent website featuring all the downloads needed, the graphics, the sponsors and best of all: video trailers from BIR. It is very, very cool. Be sure to go take a look if you have not done so.

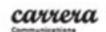
To the left is the Loon graphic which is subtly loaded with symbols you need to make sure you look close! And below are our sponsors.

Here's the url: http://www.nordstern.org/ClubRace/loonacy/index.html

It's a fun weekend whether one is racing or driver ed'ing or just hanging out, so be sure to get this weekend down on your calendar and join in on the activities. Again, the weekend will include a silent and live auction to benefit Courage Center. Items are being soliticed for the auction, contact Roger for further information. Or just come on up to support the auction. This is an excellent weekend to meet club members and learn more about our various events and activities plus see some fine track action. There will be cars from all over the country plus many, many excellent Nord Stern drivers!













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Richard A. Zona Tonka Bay MN A *brief* sysnopsis of activities and events offered by your club, Nord Stern, and/or PCA or, just enough info to pique your interest??!!

Autocross: A low-speed driving event, teaching one how to maneuver one's car around a set course of pylons on a closed circuit. Instruction is available, drivers compete against the clock. No modifications to one's car are necessary. Some safety equipment needed (helmet).

Concours: A setting where Porsches are displayed for general viewing and/or inspection competition. Experienced judges evaluate the various models based upon cleanliness, overall condition and authenticity.

Driver Training: A driving course designed to teach and enhance high speed driving skill and technique on an actual racecourse. Training includes classroom sessions, on-track 'exercises' plus supervised lapping sessions.

Driver Education: High speed driving event on a closed-course racetrack (Brainerd, Blackhawk Farms, Road America) where drivers are grouped according to prior lap times. Prior Driver Training participation is required. Performance enhancements are frequently made (but not required!).

Time Trials: On course timed lap with controlled starts and exiting.

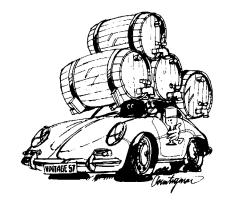
PCA Club Racing: Wheel-to-wheel competition between drivers who hold PCA club racing licenses. There is a race class for every model Porsche. Safety modifications to your vehicle required.

Rally: An event wherein a driver and co-driver complete a predetermined route along open roads following a specific set of navigational instructions. Can be a TDS

(time-distance-speed) or a 'fun' rally.

Social: Organized gatherings of club members, affiliates and family member to meet, eat and drink beverages! See our motto on page 1!

Tech Session: Casual educational session that span a wide range of topics, from general maintenance, through Concours prep, performance enhancements and general car/mechanical knowledge!



Please note that we have a new Registrar for our *Drivers' Ed (DE) events. Bret Bailey is taking* over for Cal Townsend whose work schedule is getting the better of him. All registrations for DE events should be sent to Bret, Those already sent to Cal will be forwarded to Bret. Please note the updated registration forms in this issue of Nord Stern and the updated online form. Many thanks to Cal for streamlining our registration process. Even with 100+ participants,

Our 2005 Nord Stern driving season has started off with a bang. Over 190 cars participated in our first autocross of the year at Valley Fair's parking lot, almost double the anticipated number. Harvey Robideau did an excellent job of planning the event and it ran without a hitch.

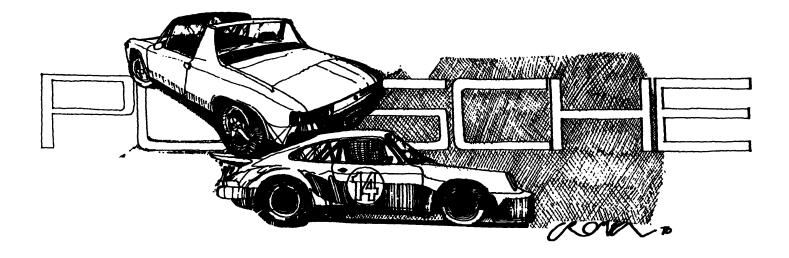
In April we also held our first high speed driving school at Brainerd Intl. Raceway (BIR). It was a hit and sold out fast. Many new members honed their driving skills and learned what their car was engineered to do. The combination of on-track coaching and class room instruction once again proved to be an effective teaching plan. I had the pleasure of instructing a new member Loren Hall in his Boxster S. Loren was a quick study and his grin grew throughout the day. After driving race prepared Porsches for many years, I found it amazing how well Loren's totally stock Porsche handled on the track. If you thought running your car on track requires extensive race modifications, it doesn't. Our next high speed school will be held in September.

The BIR Fast Fling weekend was also well attended with over 100 cars participating. We had a wide array of Porsche models and few other interesting makes including a new Ford GT. The cool weather couldn't dampen the fun on the track and our eventmasters, Bruce Boeder and Jim Holton kept us on schedule. Overall, we had a very fun, safe weekend with no incidents and lots of smiles...like always. Did I mention the first 90 participants received a Nord Stern collector coffee cup? We're giving away a different cup at each BIR event this year. Very cool. You'll want to collect them all.

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For you newer members, you don't have to wait for your next issue of Nord Stern to arrive in the mail to keep you up to date on club events and news. Our Clubtalk on-line discussion group is a great way to share daily Porsche gab and keep up on club news. To join the Clubtalk list, just visit our website at http://www.nordstern.org and click your way to the Clubtalk registration form. Watch Clubtalk for dates and details on our June cruise nights.

It was great to see many of you again at BIR after the long winter. Hope to see you at our next event.



Valley Fair Autocross

Thanks to **Harvey Robideau** for being eventmaster at the largest event of its kind to ever be held in Minnesota. 193 cars registered & ran under gorgeous conditions at Valley Fair

Timing was handled ably by Minnesota Autosports Club members and license plates from Texas, Maine & California were seen participating. Good show, Harvey.

-Bob Kosky

Thave to agree with this, nice job Harvey! I dropped by, as my car is not ready yet, and was really amazed by the turnout and the crowd. We should have charged admission! Looked like a great show and a really challenging course. Hope the P-car crowd held up our honor.

-Jon Beatty

The Autocross at Valley Fair was my first racing event as a new Nord Stern member and I had a wonderful time. Not only was the event well run, but I want to thank all of the Nord Stern members who helped me out with advice, directions, and tape for my numbers (twice, since I thought we only got to race in the morning, I took the tape off after lunch). It turned out to be a long day, but I am glad I tried it and I will probably do it again. I think the car performed well, it was the driver that was lacking. Next stop, drivers ed (actually, driver training!). Thanks again to Ed for all the tape, for lunch from a generous Nord Stern member, and to everyone else for being so helpful.

—Dale Trippler

(editor's note: now that I have met Dale - who came up to First Fling to check out the track action - I need to make a correction from the May Nord Stern issue where I identified Dale in an editor to the letter as 'Dale Tripp', last name is actually Trippler, as here noted. I confess I didn't take the time to check the membership roster and made a wrong guess based on his e-mail moniker! Lesson, never assume you are 'seeing' a person's name in an e-mail address!

The Valley Fair autocross, as Bob said, was more successful than I had planned. I had hoped for maybe 120 cars. Missed my Target? I would say so. The shear number of people made coordination a real challenge. The number of spectators that showed up out of curiosity overwhelmed my supply of wrist bands that Michelle provided me. Fortunately MAC had a box full in their trailer. The 260 I had was only half what we needed.

The weather smiled at us. Rain on Saturday, sun on Sunday and rain on Monday. How lucky can you get. I probably should buy a PowerBall ticket.

The number of Nord Stern people that showed up to

compete was a high point. I do not have the final number yet but it probably doubled from the number that had pre-registered. A large number of Nord Sterners showed up to simply spectate and see what this was all about. Sorry I missed you Jon.

The Minnesota Autosports Club basically made this event what it was. Without their help we could not have done this. Their ability to run a large number of cars through a timing system in a short period of time made it possible. Good Show!

-Harvey Robideau

Harvey for President! (The U. S. not Nord Stern) What an event and what a great job by Harvey, the eventmaster! For those that were there (many of you) you know what a great day and what a huge turnout of participants it was. For those of you that have thought about an Autocross, this was one great event that drew 193 cars. . .and many of the top autocross drivers in the entire area, including national event caliber drivers. It was a special opportunity to compete within your class too, but to also compete against the top Autocrosses in many other types of cars. We also had at least 5 club race cars there, it is especially great to see the well set up cars out there for an autocross. This was a real event with many spectators, and thanks to the many Nord Stern members that came out just to watch.

Harvey organized a spectacular event, even had the heavy rains the day before to clean the lot, then one of the best days yet for the event. Harvey ran a perfect event, no delays, well organized and probably the largest Autocross held in Minnesota! Thanks to all that helped on this event, including all the assistance from MAC members. Thanks, Harvey, for a great event!

-Ed Hazelwood

First Fling

Jist got home from First Fling at BIR and I wanted to write and say thank you to all the people who helped me on my solo trip this weekend. First and foremost to Ron and Michelle Johnson, John Johnson, Randy Chadwick and Brian Hanson for all their help and hospitality, I had a lot of fun and I appreciate your including me. Thank you as well to Jon Beatty and Ron MacFarlane for their advice and encouragement; and to Chris Johnson, Eleanor Renwick, the Auto Edge crew, Scott Kuhne, Jim Bryant and Ed Vasquez for their support. But most of all to my parents Chuck Porter and Sandy Oakes, thank you for the best birthday present a girl could ask for, year after year. Thanks,

-Betsey Porter

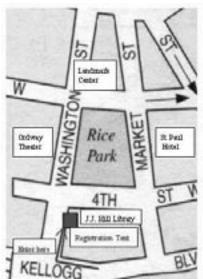
Yea Betsey! I love it when a track junkie comes to the track on her own. A great role model for some other members

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The Car, Part Two of 'Club Racing Prep'

by John Phillips, Zone 10 Rep

"It had a roll cage, racing seats, 5-point harness, and Koni shocks. Great, I thought, I won't have to do much to get it ready.

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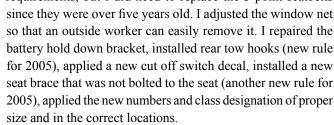
The second in my series of articles is about getting the car ready for a Club Race. I purchased an '85 944 from a friend that was "race prepared" and had been used in several previous club races. It had a roll cage, racing seats, 5-point harness, and Koni shocks. Great, I thought, I won't have to do much to get it ready. Yea, right!

The first item to be taken care of was the purchase and installation of an AMB transponder. This is mounted inside the left front wheel well and is required for timing and scoring. I downloaded the form from the PCA webpage and cheerfully sent it off with my \$250. They advised me that this item could often take up to four weeks for delivery, so I put my order in early. The transponder arrived in a couple weeks and because the car had previously been wired for a transponder, it was easy to install.

I have assisted with the Great Plains Region PCA Club Race numerous times and have had the opportunity to watch the PCA Scrutineer perform tech inspections on the race cars. I learned a valuable lesson by watching this process. Read and understand the rulebook and make certain your car meets the requirements. It was not fun watching drivers make modifications to their cars at the last moment. It is not my intent in this short article to go over all the safety requirements for the car. This information can be found in the PCA Club Racing Rule book.

However, prior to arriving at the track for my first race, I was required to fill out and sign two copies of the 2005 Technical and Safety Annual Inspection and the 2005 PCA Club Racing Vehicle Compliance Form. One copy will be kept in the vehicle / driver logbook that came with the car. The inspection form has a checklist of five items for the driver and twenty-two items for the car. This form helps you check on the safety items in the rules without carrying around the 22-page rulebook. Under driver safety, my helmet met the SA 95 or newer standard but I had to put my blood type on the right and my name on the back of the helmet. I needed a fire retardant driving suit and a friend let me borrow his single layer suit and I bought fire retardant underwear. A one-piece fire retardant driving suit is also acceptable. The form also showed that I needed fire retardant shoes, socks and gloves. I bought Simpson red to match the car. Hey, if you can't go fast, you might as well look good.

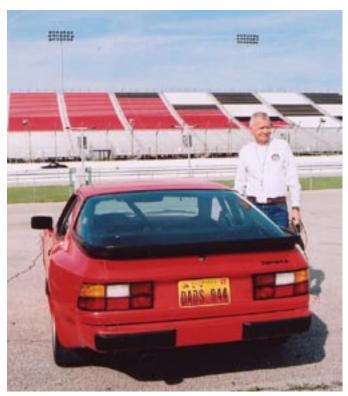
The 944 met most of the requirements, but I did need to replace the 5-point seatbelts



The Vehicle Compliance Form is just as it says. It is the responsibility of the owner to make certain the information is accurate in all ways. This form requires specific information about the chassis, engine, transmission, clutch and flywheel, wheels, seat, seat back brace, seat belts, roll bar and windshield. I had to date and sign the form and certify that all the information was true and accurate.

Next, I decided that the one set of wheels that came with the car just wasn't enough. I picked up a set of used wheels and then ordered a set of Hoosier racing tires. The last thing I did before heading off to the track was to have a local shop go over the car and make sure I had caught everything. They helped balance and align the car and gave the thumbs up sign.

Next up is the PCA Club Racing School.





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on the grass

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A Bit of the 'Behind the Scenes' at 12 Hours of Sebring

Text and Photos by Mike Lancial

Here is a link to the pictures, most of which are labeled: http://www.911t.org/event_pictures/sebring_12_2005/page 01.htm.

My wife Lori and I were in Florida for the 12 Hours of Sebring.

I'd say the weather was fantastic but then we were in Florida and the temps in Minnesota were, well we will say, a bit cooler. When we were flying out of Minneapolis-St. Paul, the weather guy was predicting 6-8 inches of snow. I've never been so lucky. Usually I get the postcard from a "friend" bragging up the beaches of Mexico or Hawaii while I'm out shoveling the beautiful change of seasons off my driveway!

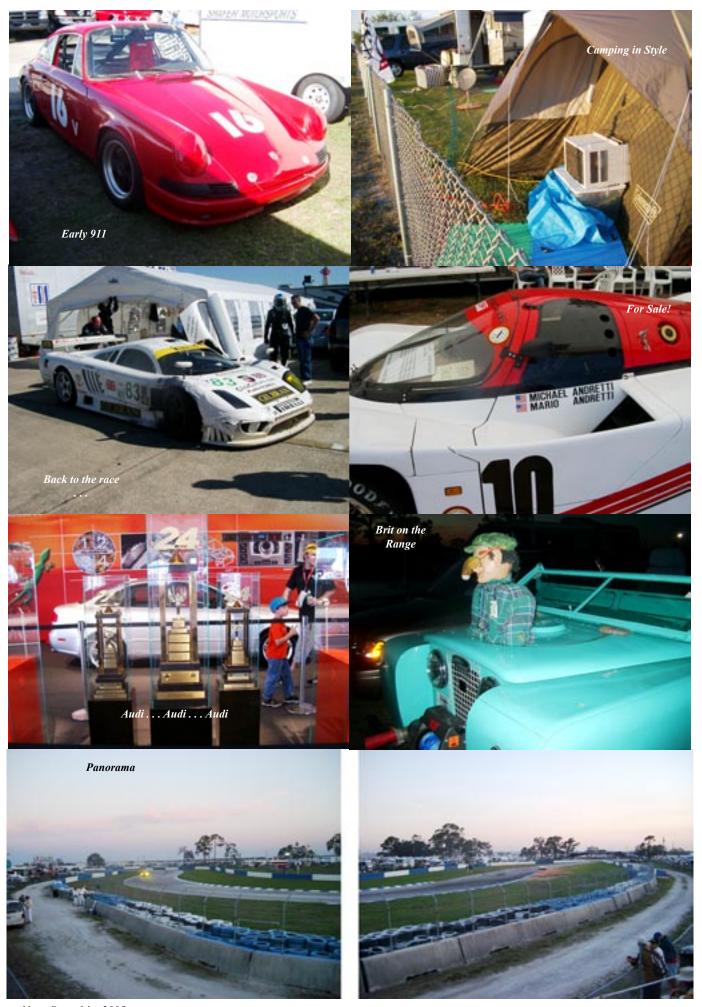
Sebring is a great track with very good viewing areas. We squatted (we aren't members) in the BMW club tent and stands in turn 17. We figured that since Lori bought a BMW last year we were entitled to a decent seat. The group was nice as are all car people. Maybe we'll join sometime. Hey, I need another car magazine/newsletter.

The Suncoast PCA had a terrific set-up, nice tent, stands along the front straight and a corral with dozens of nice looking Porsches although it was a little tight with very little room between the cars. We also spent some time in the Corvette tent but towards the end of the race, when it was apparent that Corvette wouldn't win their class, it got very quiet. A loss is always hard.

I'm sure that you've heard stories about the Sebring infield. Very interesting place, many seasoned partying professionals. It might not be the place to raise children or even have a first date but it wasn't too bad. The pictures show some of the activity.

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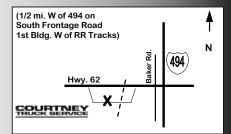






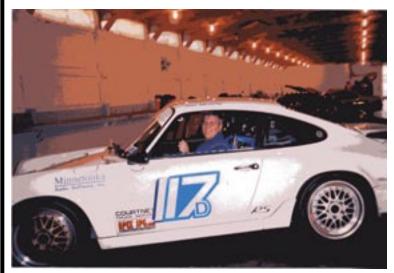
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11,12	Fast Fling Driver Education Brainerd International Raceway	26-28	Run for the Hills, Pt. Trois! Host: Dakotas Region; See page 10	
	Eventmasters Teresa Vickery 952 474-7126 email: TWV@mktgbydesign.com and Roger Johnson 763 557-9578	September		2005
	email: rogerdjohnson@comcast.net	5	2nd Annual Rochester Porsche Picnic! Eventmaster: Roger & Mikey Forland email	:
10-12	German CarFest - Weekend Festivities Location: Rice Park, downtown St. Paul Contact: Paul Bergquist, 952.937.1822 of the Mercedez-Benz Club		roger@westwoodhomes.biz and Jeff and BJ Boehm email: jbandbj@chartermi.net Time: 1:00 to 6:00 pm BYOB & B (Beer & Brats!) Location: TBA	
	Saturday will feature the traditional CarFest. Sunday will be the Concours featuring cars vintage 1967 and older - Porsches are invited to participate! This past year's Concours featured 200+ cars and a huge crowd. See page 9	15,16	Blackhawk Farms DE Thursday and Friday Eventmaster: Ron Lewis 952 932-0505 or lewis_re@earthlink.net	
19	Car Handling School @ Dakota Country Driver Training Facility Eventmaster: Lee Jacobsohn See Pg. 16	16-18	DE / Heartland Park Host: Kansas City Region	
July	2005	23-25	13th Annual North Shore Fall Color Tour	
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11-12	Two Full Days of Driver Education		ber	2005
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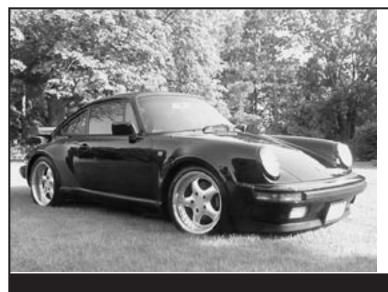
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The Derek Daly Driving Academy

by John Phillips, Zone 10 Rep

"I was having my weekly lunch with two other semi-retired senior citizens, when one of them suggested that we attend a professional driving school. Both of these individuals are experienced PCA Club *Racers and I thought,* if it is good for them it would have to benefit me. Besides, I have wanted to drive an open-wheel race car since I was sixteen years old."

The next adventure leading up to my first PCA Club Race was supposed to be the PCA Driving School. However, a casual conversation led me onto a new path.

I was having my weekly lunch with two other semi-retired senior citizens, when one of them suggested that we attend a professional driving school. Both of these individuals are experienced PCA Club Racers and I thought, if it is good for them it would have to benefit me. Besides, I have wanted to drive an open-wheel race car since I was sixteen years old. We decided that the Derek Daly Driving Academy in Las Vegas was the premier driving school and we sent in our deposit. The Academy is not inexpensive and faced with the decision to attend more Club Races or a driving school; I opted to receive professional instruction. As the date drew near, my excitement turned to apprehension and then cold stark fear. Sitting in an open-wheel Formula Ford racer just two inches off the ground had me questioning my wisdom. Was I doing this to learn new technique or just fulfill a forty-year dream? The latter, I decided, with a smile on my face.

The three-day school was more intense than expected with classroom instruction interspersed with lots of on-track time. There were twelve drivers in our class with four instructors. Rich Zimmerman, Chief Instructor for Derek Daly, was our instructor. The first day started with classroom that covered many of the basics of racing such as safety, line, technique, brake, acceleration, oversteer, understeer, smoothness and vision. We changed into our driving suits and helmets and headed to the track. One group of three drove BMW Z3s to practice avoidance maneuvers. This was a simple but sobering exercise. The car was driven past a trigger that controlled three lights over three lanes ninety feet away. The object was to lane toss the car, without braking, into the lane with the green light. At 35 mph it was easy but at 50 mph, it was almost impossible. I was proud to hit everyone correctly. Next, we drove a 3 series BMW that was equipped with a cradle that helped simulate understeer and oversteer. I definitely needed more practice in this area. From here we strapped into our Ford Formula 2000 and began lapping on a short oval. By the end of day one, we were exhausted but impressed with the quality of instruction and the amount of seat time.

On days two and three, we moved to the 1.5 mile, 10 turn road course and drove five twenty minute sessions each day. We also had practice running starts and high-speed corner passing exercises. There was no standing around and we were kept busy all day. The cars were equipped with sensors that allowed printouts of lap times, rpms, speed, brake points, etc. After each session, Rich would go over the printout with each of us and the feedback was incredibly helpful in pinpointing areas that needed improvement.

The three senior citizens did pretty well with one consistently posting the fastest lap times all three days. One gave a classic demonstration on how to race to the corner in the practice starts and I improved my lap times by nearly four seconds over two days. The eighteen year old in the group thought that was pretty cool for old guys.

I learned a number of things that will make me a better driver. The correct line with proper technique performed smoothly and consistently will lead to faster lap times. Use the rule of 1's, which is that you only do things one time, be it braking, cornering or accelerating. Keep your head up, look ahead and be smooth.

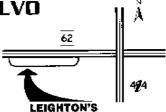
In hindsight, I asked myself, was it worth it? I would have to say yes. Not only did I fulfill a longtime dream, I learned things about my driving ability and myself. The instructors were first class. They mixed instruction with guidance and suggestions without overwhelming each student. It was also very cool that they clearly had fun teaching and working with each other and that allowed the students to relax and have fun also.

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Above,ontrack at the Derek Daly Driving School. The picture is of the three old guys at speed in corner # 6. John is leading, but the next picture would be of both cars passing him! Photo by Dennis Morrison.

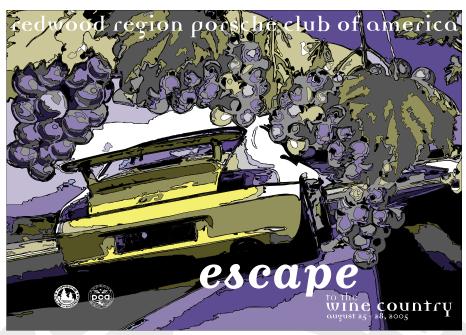
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who might consider it but get cold feet. Do it, you won't regret it! The effort is definitely worth the reward.

—Jon Beatty

Thanks to **Lee Jacobson** and **Jon Beatty** for putting on a great driving school at BIR on Friday. The event sold out and we and we had a number of newcomers who completed the course.

Thanks also to the many additional drivers who participated in our Sat-Sun Driver Ed weekend. We had over 100 cars including some very exotic vehicles. No incidents or drama (of course) thanks to our co-Eventmasters **Jim Holton** and **Bruce Boeder.** Great job everyone. Next BIR event is in June. Mark your calendars.

—Chip Smith

Thad an enjoyable weekend at First Fling, as well. I like the Saturday afternoon timed run format, too. I am usually unable to stay late on Sundays and thus have never managed to be timed. Despite a terribly driven lap, I got a better time than I thought I would. Have to be happy about that.

What really makes all these events so good is the people. We have a great club, folks! Most of the people are so friendly and helpful, you can walk up to someone you've never met before, and start an enjoyable conversation, get some help or advice, or borrow a tool. That's what makes it for me.

Thanks to Ron MacFarlane, Roger Johnson and Jim Bryant

for technical help,

Betsey Porter for the garage camaraderie, and run group 2 for being the cooperative bunch they are on the track. Thanks also to all the folks who worked hard to put it all together -- I'm sure I'd miss someone if I tried to name you all, but rest assured you have my gratitude. Everything went like clockwork.

—Chris Johnson

Sounds like everyone had a great time at First Fling! In the First Fling spirit I wanted to share excerpts from a Chinese newspaper article.

I am back in China and read, Sunday about Hong Kong/China's first DE event for Porsche. The article said they had a great turn out, with 20 cars participating. The Line up: (remember there is a 100% duty on P cars here!)

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My favorite quote was, "we really need to be able to show our owners how to effectively drive these automobiles, we are tired of seeing wrecked Ferraris all over the mainland."

Note: I have been to a lot of cities in China, this Spring, and have yet to see one wrecked Ferrari.

-Keith Jones



Above: The new fuel gauge! Courtesy the Internet

Right: Registrar Cal Townsend handles the First Fling crowd registration duties! Photo by Harvey Robideau



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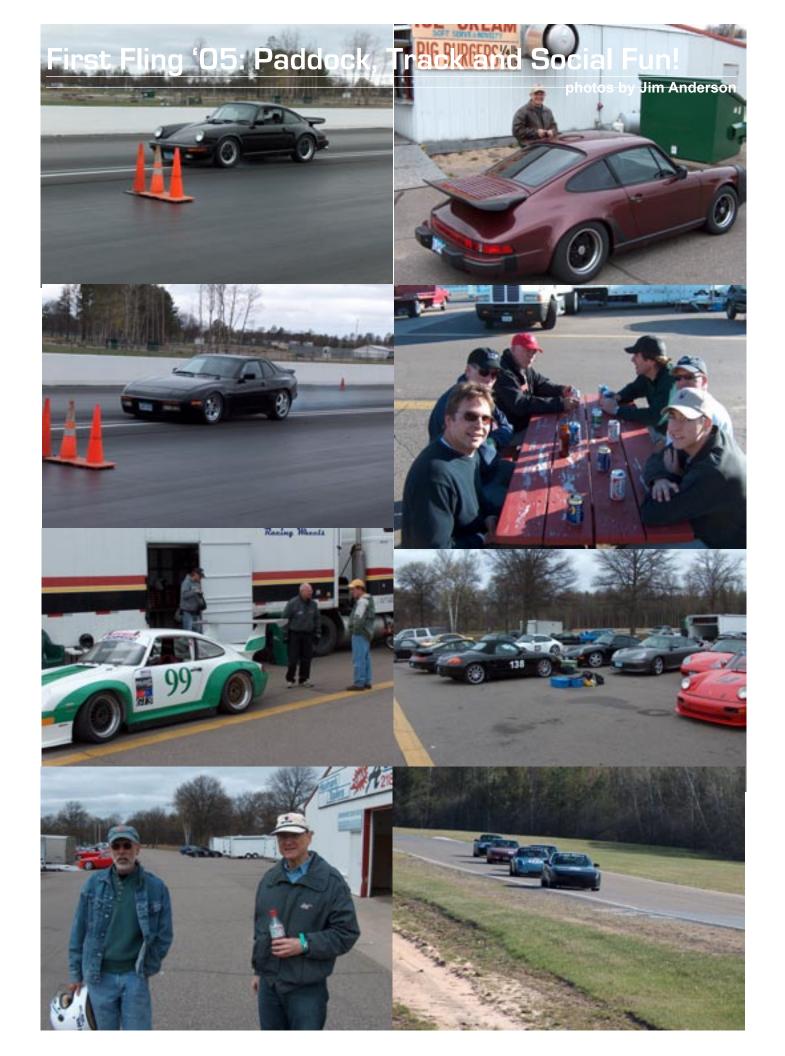


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Around the Zone

On April 9-10, I attended the Carrera Classic DE at the Gateway International Raceway sponsored by the St. Louis Region. Region President, Steve Sullivan graciously introduced me to many St. Louis members. The event was well run and Dodie Frank, Registrar, did an exceptional job of assuring a smooth registration.

On Saturday, the Region hosted a car show at the track and it was well attended and a very nice addition to the DE activities. I met many volunteers and was impressed by the level of organization and friendliness of all involved. It was fun to learn a new track and I enjoyed the opportunity to test new skills. I would encourage everyone to make the trip and try this DE in the future. You won't be disappointed.



Steve Sullivan (r) shared some of the best practices that St. Louis has learned by hosting the Carrera Classic for 35 years.

New Porsche Prototype

I hope you have heard the news from PCNA that Porsche AG will design and construct a racecar that will compete in the Le Mans Prototype 2 class of the American Le Mans Series. It will be the first Porsche-built prototype racecar since the 1998 Porsche 911 GT1.

Penske Motorsports, Inc., will debut the new Porsche prototype at the final two races of the 2005 ALMS season, the October 1st Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta and the October 16th season finale at Laguna Seca. Anyone interested in a little trip to Atlanta in October?

PCA Off Road Program

For Porsche Cayenne owners, you will be interested in the PCA Off Road Program. PCA is drafting proposed guidelines and PCNA has confirmed their support via local dealerships. There will be two test events planned; one in Colorado hosted by Alpine Mountain Region and one in Tennessee hosted by Smoky Mountain Region. The "Off Road" definition will be any four wheel drive vehicle registered to a PCA member. (not exclusive to Cayennes)

Membership Retention

Each Region President was recently provided information on membership renewal for 2005. Our Zone has the worst renewal rate in PCA at -8.06%. Six of our ten Regions have lost membership this year. The membership in many of our Regions is small and just a few non-renewals contributes to a high percentage. Nevertheless, it is something we need to look at and take action if necessary.

There is an excellent Regionfocus, Volume 13, Number 3, that you can find on the Admin page of the PCA website that provides many suggestions for improving retention. Also, I am always available to attend a Region Board meeting to share best practices if that would be helpful.

Ozark Weekend

The first multi-region, multievent weekend will be hosted by the Kansas City Region on May 21-22 in Kansas City. Vic Elford will be the guest speaker. Plan now to attend. Contact information on page 2.

> John Phillips PCA Zone 10 Rep 402-333-7245 pcazone10rep@cox.net

First Fling Time Trial Results 2005

by Ed Tripet, Timing

Ω4	СÞ	Class	Car	Region	Driver	Car Desc.	Best Lap	Speed
1	1	P2	90	NS	Pat Kelley	02 911 GT3 Cup	1:41.794	106.096
2	2	P2	160	NS	Rick Polk	911	1:46.835	101.090
3	3	P2	993	NS	Bill Berard	96 993 T	1:49.626	98.516
4	1	P4	146	NS	Bob Viau, Jr.	944S2	1:53.366	95.266
5	2	P4	46	NS	Bob Viau, Sr.	89 944 S2	1:53.985	94.749
6	1	10M	9	NS	Ron Lewis	97 993	1:54.192	94.577
7	1	12M	114	NS	Luis Fraguada	02 911 GT2	1:54.459	94.356
8	1	9M	131	NS	Mike Courtney	85 911	1:54.665	94.187
9	3	P4	195	NS	Ron Johnson	93 968 CS	1:55.741	93.311
10	1	4M	177	NS	Mark Michals	968	1:57.411	91.984
11	2	12M	109	NS	Scott Robertson	996 TT	1:57.986	91.536
12	2	10M	5	NS	Guy Reeder		1:58.126	91.427
13	1	P5	164	NS	Bob Viau, Jr.	924/9441	:58.309	91.286
14	3	10M	38	NS	Cliff Anderson	97 993 C2	1:58.320	91.277
15	2	4M	850	NS	Andy Busche	944T	1:58.460	91.170
16	1	8M	277	NS	Harvey Roubideau	83 911 SC	1:58.694	90.990
17	4	P2	99	NS	Stan Passananti	993	1:58.724	90.967
18	3	4M	110	NS	Brian Hanson	94 968	1:59.460	90.406
19	3	12M	192	NS	Gregg Ostrander	911T	1:59.505	90.372
20	1	2M	945	NS	Tom Rempfer	Boxster	1:59.571	90.322
21	1	P3	42	NS	Steve Sherf	911 Carrera	1:59.716	90.213
22	2	9M	82	NS	Bret Bailey	86 911	1:59.734	90.199
23	4	12M	313	NS	Steve Alpeter	911T	2:00.918	89.316
24	1	Open	184		Josh Thoma	Subaru WRX	2:01.446	88.928
25	4	4M	170	NS	David Engh	944T	2:01.533	88.864
26	1	3M	865	NS	Glen Larson	80 928 S	2:01.687	88.752
27	2	P3	421	NS	Jeff Sherf	911	2:02.475	88.181
28	2	8M	303	NS	Shannon Ivey	911 SC	2:03.178	87.677
29	5	4M	253	NS	Bill Houghton	944 T	2:03.229	87.641
30	2	P5	64	NS	Pam Viau	87 924 S	2:03.629	87.358
31	3	9M	286	NS	Brian Gale	84 911	2:03.715	87.297
32	6	4M	77	NS	Steve Michals	968	2:04.033	87.073
33	5	12M	106	NS	Jim Leslie	993 TT	2:04.505	86.743
34	4	10M	811	NS	Steve Sabers	993	2:04.955	86.431
35	4	9M	193	NS	Jeff Lawrence	911	2:05.088	86.339
36	2	2M	7	NS	Dave Galey	944	2:05.091	86.337
37	2	Open	125		_	Shelby 350 Mustang R	2:05.445	86.093
38	7	4M	224	NS	Lon Tusler	944 T	2:05.593	85.992
39	1	7M	158	NS	Peter George	911 S	2:05.633	85.964
40	1	11M	85	NS	Chris Johnson	996	2:06.640	85.281
41	8	4M	79	NS	Chuck Ready	93 968	2:08.394	84.116
42	3	Open	108		Jeff Softing	Trans Am	2:08.452	84.078
43	1	5M	727	NS	Kris Meacham	89 944 T	2:09.116	83.645
44	3	8M	47	NS	Ron Faust	80 911 SC	2:10.433	82.801
45	3	2M	877	NS	Rainer Dronzek	944	2:10.537	82.735
46	4	Open	337		Mike Sundet	Jetta	2:11.147	82.350
47	3	P5	56	NS	Roy Henneberger	89 944	2:11.164	82.339
48	5	Open	173	3.10	Mike Softing	Camero	2:12.367	81.591
49	9	4M	295	NS	John Johnson	92 968	2:12.575	81.463
50	5	9M	182	NS	Ken Marlow	911	2:14.594	80.241
51	10	4M	721	NS	Dave Marple	968	2:17.459	78.568
52	6	9M	210	NS	Dave Roberts	84 911	2:20.036	77.123
53 54	7	9M	127	NS NC	Bill Harralson	Boxster	2:20.702	76.757
54	1	10W	492	NS	Kimberly Fritze	993	2:22.354	75.867
55	1	2W	167	NS	Betsey Porter	83 944	2:23.864	75.070

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