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Euro Car Show at NAS Pensacola; 5/8/2010

Rick Howes

The European Car Show this year was once again on the grounds of the Naval Air Museum on Pensacola NAS. The day was a mixture of clouds and sun with most folks gathering under the trees in groups sitting in their folding chairs probably telling tall tales about their specific car. This year there was a popcorn machine so everyone could have a snack along with free bottled water.



There was a nice group of Smart Cars lined up looking like something out of Alice in Wonderland. The owners were vocal and each time one of them had their name called for a prize they all cheered. There were so many prizes, numbers were called a couple of times.

Sonnenschein arrived with nine cars with one Ferrari that broke ranks much to the dismay of all. It was a rather nice red car, naturally, but it sure did look strange amongst the 911 and Boxster crowd.

There were a couple of newcomers including a very nice '99 911 with 125,000 miles that looked just like

new. Several of the guides at the museum came out and talked about their early Navy and Porsche days. One bought the first Porsche in Pensacola.

A good time was had by all.

The Porsche that got the most attention was a beautiful Meteor Grey Cayman S with sand beige leather. It was highly modified and there was a mirror under the rear of the car that showed the awesome array of pipes. A glass cover offered a view of the engine which was interesting for Boxster/Cayman owners who have never seen their engines.



Modifications and Performance were posted : 485 bhp/348 ft.

lbs torque. 1/4 mile 11.7 121 mph, 0-60 mph 4.1 sec. *TPC Racing Turbo*ATP2 Tuning Package*GT@ High Flow Injectors*Lightweight Flywheel*High Pressure X-51 Clutch* Bilstein PSS9k Coilovers*TPC Pro Series Sway Bars* Adjustable Toe Links* Sportech Forged BBS Rims*NR Auto Rear Spoiler. (Editor's Note: Look for more on this car later in this newsletter)

Late morning a very lime green Porsche 911 GT3 RS drove slowly by but did not join the crowd. He parked down around the corner. Interesting young man in the Navy has the car as a daily drive. He knows his cars and didn't want to upstage everyone with his car. He has my vote for Porsche Man of the Year.

Here is a close up of that tattoo on his leg.

Gotta Love It!



Sonnenschein Autocross at Jack Edwards Airport

5/22/2010 by Dave Kirkpatrick

HOT HOT HOT, Did I mention that it was warm this day at Jack Edwards Airport. Wally Lindenmuth put on a great event for us again. As I walked the course for the second time, two thoughts occurred to me; (1) Wally has set out a nice course that even I can follow and (2) damn, that multiengine plane worth more than I earn even in my dreams looks like it is very close to the course. Oh well, that is what PCA insurance covers, I hope.



I lined up for my first heat around the course and was well into it when another thought occurred to me- Wally's course is still too tough for me- I made super time on the course, but only because I took an unapproved short cut around some cones. After getting the course clearly in my head, my second time around the course I made even better time by only going around a circle once that was clearly outlined to be made twice. I believe that it is a poor and uncreative driver who limits himself to following ALL the rules. Expecting to see

some amazing times since I found ways to shorten the course, I

was dismayed to find a DNF besides my name. DID NOT FINISH?? Well of

course I FINISHED- I simply found a creative and unique course through the cones

before I finished.

One more time I entered the arena to face my imaginary lions- this time armed with the course burned into my cerebellum. As luck would have it, I made it through the course with zero, none, zip, nada errors with a respectable time of 45.65 (hey it was enough to beat my bunk mate- isn't that what really counts in any racing event)?

I believe all had a wonderful time and I know I look forward to another "Wally Production" autocross. Thanks Wally. I understand that Jack Edwards airport is under new management who loves us with less fervor than his predecessor did. We will be looking for other locations for our auto-cross.

When drivers were not driving they were safety patrol. As safety patrol I saw some amazing trips around the cones put on by several people- it was super fun to be literally in the middle of the track as each driver tried to best his competitors and his or her own previous times.

RESULTS (top three)

MEN

Dan Brown 38.44
Carlton Bellcase 39.8
Joel Maddox 40.97

Women

Bonnie Parker 45.84
Lindy Kirkpatrick 45.94
Dianne Watson 50.26

Annual Road Rally, 6/5/2010 by Jodie Howes

Each year we look forward to the Porsche Rally. It's an opportunity to increase those brain cells, challenge ourselves and enjoy the company of fellow Porsche lovers.

This year was no exception. The group assembled at Hurricane Bar & Grill around 9 a.m. The rally was created, organized and conducted by Captain Rick Byers and his lovely wife Kitty. Attending were club members Dave and Lindy Kirkpatrick, Dianne Watson and a friend Lynne, Greg and Kathy Christoff, Roger Swain and his grandson, Zachary, Pete and Patsy Mellin, Rick and Jodie Howes, new club member Dennis Welter and his son, Wally Lindenmuth and his friend, Mary.

After donuts, drinks and instructions and checking out the darkening skies we hurried off. But not so fast! The first 3 clues were right there on the parking lot! We circled around the lot, gathering answers



before speeding off. There were a few challenges along the way. One of the clues bunched us all together as we scurried around 2 churches and cemeteries trying to find stepping stones, plastic fruit and rubber balls. Some gave up on the clues and headed on to greener pastures...or so we thought! One hiccup was an especially difficult direction that had us gathering in a parking lot in Brewton scratching our heads and finally calling Rick to find out where the heck we were

supposed to be! Question for Rick: is it still considered a 4-way stop if one of the streets is a dirt road????? He told us we wouldn't be traveling on any dirt roads so most of us ignored them altogether. Oops!

Most of us eventually arrived at the end, this time by caravan so we wouldn't get lost again! Our ending turned out to be at Hurricane Lake. We had no idea The Blackwater State Park was so huge and that there were so many nameless roads out there! Wonderful, curvy roads in the middle of nowhere enabling us to haul butt at amazing speeds! We turned in our questionnaires (NOT easy...is there a booby prize?). After visiting a bit we followed Captain Rick to the restaurant which was (drum roll here) back at the Hurricane Bar & Grill....right where we started! Happy to have avoided the rain, we climbed out of our cars and headed inside for lunch. The food was great and we had a good time discussing the errors we made along the way. Prizes were given out to the first to arrive, the first to arrive who had the best score, second best score and third best score.

The rest of us got a "consolation prize", a box of shortbread cookies! At least we didn't go home empty-handed! (EDITOR'S NOTE: I promised more on that sleek breathed upon grey Cayman S. Its owner and new member of the club [who shall remain nameless to protect the innocent] asked me 5 times if I would like to drive his car from Hurricane Lake to lunch. Four times I demurred, but on the fifth time I gave in to animal lust and accepted. As we quietly drove to lunch he asked me my opinion on the handling of the car. It seemed OK to me. As we increased speed to just a gnat's hair above the posted speed limit, I



detected a little wandering in the steering. From this point on we considered the ride to be a "technical analysis" of the car's handling with a view toward its safety. We discussed toe in of the front tires; or maybe too much downward force from the added rear spoiler or maybe too little spoiler force from the front spoiler. Whatever the reason, there was a little wandering at the aforementioned tad over the speed limit. Our technical testing finished, we were surprised to find we were the second car at lunch after our host and leader. As we ate our lunch a wise member from Sonnenschein approached us to say he thought we were overly exuberant in our testing of the cars handling and we were verbally spanked for excessive fun and frivolity. Thinking back on it, I am convinced we need these "responsible adults" in our club to provide supervision to "boys and their toys" when we run amuck. Thanks for the little chat-you know who you are- it is appreciated.)

This is our favorite event of the year. We had to get the day off so we could participate. Those of you who were not there missed some beautiful countryside. Make plans to join us next year!

Wally did other things by Wally Lindenmuth

April 16 was a DE at Circuit Grand bayou, the former No Problem Raceway in Bell Rose, LA. The Mardi Gras Region of PCA was sponsoring Blastin' the Bayou, a three day event to benefit the Autism Program at St. Mary's Residential Training School. The DE and test and tune was on Friday and races Saturday and Sunday.

It was a great day that started off with some heavy fog and slightly overcast and not too hot. There were just a few cars in the DE so it was not as crowded on the track as Barber with 60-70 cars in a class. This was my second trip to No Problem but I have made some changes to my car that I wanted to see how they worked. They worked fine, as I could catch cars in the tight sections that could pull me on the long straight.

It was a wonderful day that finished with a crawfish boil that was out of sight. The crawfish were great as was everything else that was cooked in the pot. I have eaten crawfish before but I learned a few tips from the folks in south Louisiana.

The next weekend, April 25th, I was off to the SCCA Autocross at Grand Bay, AL. This was their monthly event.



There were about 30 cars which is less than normal. The track layout was a little tight, faster than first gear but not quite second gear in my car. The course was better for Minis and Miata's, the shorter wheel base cars.

April 30th, I was again off to Talladega Grand Prix Raceway for another DE put on by the Heart of Dixie Region of PCA. This was a limited entry event which I was able to get in. Heart of Dixie Region

is following the Peachtree Region in requiring instructors to ride with you even if you have soloed in other regions. This was my sixth DE and I was in the advanced group. I did get signed off, they provided everyone with a nice log book to keep track of their events.

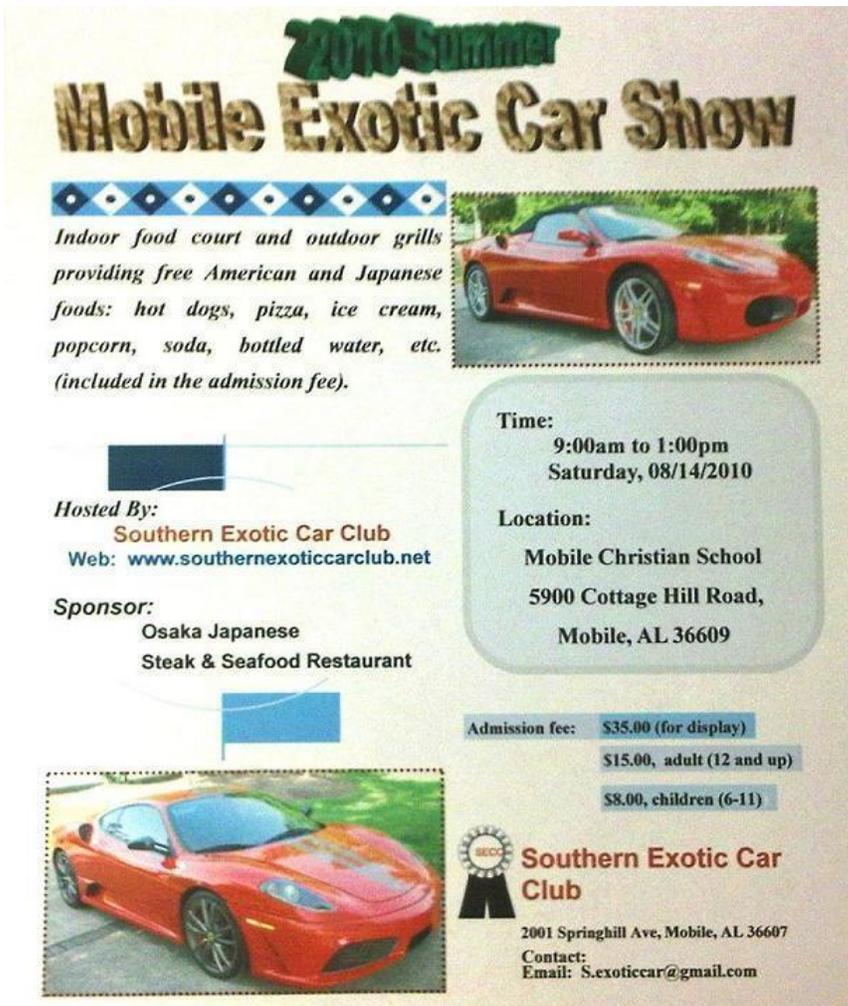
Talladega is a course that is a little hard on brakes since you get going pretty fast on the straights and then have to brake hard for most of the turns. This was my second time at Talladega and my instructor

was a very experienced 911 driver and gave me a lot of help to get around the course faster and smoother.

I highly recommend attending autocrosses and DEs if you are interested in driving your Porsche fast and under control. We will resume our monthly autocrosses this fall.

LOTS OF OTHER MISCELLANEOUS STUFF

(1) Have you got an “exotic car” you would like to show (or know someone you can beg, borrow, or steal from)? If so, you may wish to join Xiulu Ruan at this show.



**2010 Summer
Mobile Exotic Car Show**

Indoor food court and outdoor grills providing free American and Japanese foods: hot dogs, pizza, ice cream, popcorn, soda, bottled water, etc. (included in the admission fee).



Time:
9:00am to 1:00pm
Saturday, 08/14/2010

Location:
Mobile Christian School
5900 Cottage Hill Road,
Mobile, AL 36609

Admission fee: \$35.00 (for display)
\$15.00, adult (12 and up)
\$8.00, children (6-11)

Hosted By:
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(2) Hey you all, our good friend Scott Roberts of the Destin Porsche Club has invited us to join his group at the Destin Car Show on September 10th and 11th at Grand Boulevard Town Center in Destin. This has been a super show in past years with proceeds going to the Sacred Heart Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit. Also by special invitation, Scott has invited us to a Porsche only meet and greet Friday evening at Porsche of Destin. (Editor’s Note: Yours truly will be at Boxtoberfest in Fredericksburg, TX on these dates- if you can’t join us in Texas, I urge you to warmly accept Scott’s invitation and make a strong appearance at the Car Show and meet and greet.)

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New Members Since The Last Newsletter

Matthew Johnson and son Robert Johnson of Mobile, AL – 2007 Red Boxster

Michael Litvak of Pensacola Beach, FL – Silver 2001 996

Keith and Amy Boring of Pensacola, FL – Red 2010 997.2 GY3

Dennis Welter of Milton, FL - Gray 2006 Cayman S

Stephen and Melinda Brummon of Navarre, FL – 2004 Boxster

Kenneth and Magdalena Myers of Cantonment, FL – White 2010 911 Carrera

Alan Russell of Pensacola, FL – Red 1976 912 E

Darrell and Stacey Cutshaw of Pensacola, FL – Black 1986 911

CAR FOR SALE

1974 Porsche 914 2.0 L Red color, new motor, runs good. Contact Wayne Walk (850) 675-6705.

Upcoming Events

September 10 – Meet and greet at Porsche of Destin

September 11 – Destin Charity Car Show