



# Zeitschrift

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**Zeitschrift: A newsletter for Porsche enthusiasts**

## From the Prez . . .



**January 5, 2013**

First I would like to announce that Sonnenschein will be having our Start of the Year party on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM at the Big Fish Bar & Restaurant in Orange Beach, Alabama on Canal Road. We are also planning a fun run to get to the Big Fish – details forthcoming soon. There are a number of hotels in Orange Beach for those of you from out of town. I would like to see a good turnout for this; their food is very good!

2012 was a pretty full year for the Sonnenschein Porsche Club. We had a few breakfast runs around the region. As some of you might know, our region covers parts of three states. This makes getting our 200 or so members together difficult. Any ideas on how we can bring more people out to our events, please let me know.

We held four Autocross events in Robertsdale, AL. We were getting more cars out with each event. There was a nice run to the Fairhope Arts & Crafts show with lunch at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, AL. Some of us did the European Car Show at the Navy Museum. We also had a nice turn-out for the back roads run put on by Dave with a nice lunch in Ocean Springs. A couple of new members did their first DE's at Road Atlanta, which took a lot of skill to make it through turn twelve. As well, several members did DE's at Barber Motorsports Park.

We have the DE schedule for both Barber Motorsports Park and Road Atlanta and those will be listed on the web page. There will also be a DE at the new NOLA Motorsports Park near New Orleans on April 20 & 21 hosted by the Mardi Gras Region. Speaking of the web page, ours took first place in our region size at Parade. Keith is doing a great job with the web site and also will be developing a club Facebook page.

Coming up Memorial Day weekend in Sebring, FL will be Zonefest, which will have all kinds of things to do: Road Rally, Autocross, Concours, as well as a DE at Sebring International Raceway on Monday. Information on this event is on the web site. I know I am planning on going.

Coming up the last week of June will be the Porsche Parade which will be held in Traverse City, MI. I hope we have a few folks going; Parades are lots of fun and you get to meet a lot of people from around the country. Last year Parade was in Salt Lake City and we had one member attend. That member does not have a computer and got his entry in. Entries should open in February or March.

The club has also purchased some very nice timing equipment for our autocross events. It is state-of-the-art equipment that will have a large digital display. I know my wife will be happy not having to use a stop watch. I am still going to work with Baldwin County to continue using their parking lot as we have done in the past. If anyone has another location, please let me know. The current plan is to have four events this year, most likely in March, early May, September and early November.

The Club is also looking to fill a few spots on the board of directors: Vice President and Social Chairmen for each state in our region. With so many new forms of communication, we can have events in various locations.

One thing that we really need is for members to submit articles to Bonni our newsletter editor. Anything that you have done with your car - a short write-up is not that difficult and would help keep the newsletter going. Even if it is changing the oil, new exhaust, your latest speeding ticket, hitting a big jackpot in Mississippi. We all have done something that would be interesting to read about.

Wally Lindenmuth

# Blasts From Our Past . . .



We had a great day for an Autocross. The weather was great and I would like to thank everyone who came for making it a fun day. There were some new people that have done little or no autocross and it was interesting to see their improvements over the course of the day. Everyone had nine runs and some very quick times. The course was laid out to be keep you busy and on your toes.

Wally Lindenmuth	1973 911T	56 sec. flat
Jeshua Brainard	2006 EVO	56.3 sec.
Douglas Dehtan	2003 WRX	57 sec. flat
Jason Gibson	2006 911	57.9 sec.
Sean Porthouse	2005 GTO	58.2 sec.
John Parker	1995 993	58.4 sec.
David Wilson	2004 996	59 sec.
Pablo Conception	1996 993	59.7 sec.
Pete Mellin	1992 964	1.07 sec.
Ashley Cutaio	2005 GTO	1.14 sec.

Looks like I am going to have to look out after the 4-wheel-drive cars, as they are getting quick. A special thanks goes out to Mary Lindenmuth for doing the timing and Harry Williams and Walter for helping out. — Story by Wally Lindenmuth, photo by John Parker

# Upcoming Events . . .

To start out, we present to you some upcoming DE (Driver Education events at the racetrack) schedule as it stands so far. The best way to stay informed of local DE's is to sign up with [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) You just fill out their form and become a member – it's free and you will get on their email list for upcoming events. You can also use this website to scope out local upcoming events at specific tracks or at specific times. So far, here is what we have found for your perusal:

## **2013 Alabama Region PCA events at Barber Motorsports Park:**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ... registration opens January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon central.**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> ... registration opens May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon central.**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> ... registration opens November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon central.**

## **2013 Mardi Gras Region PCA events at NOLA Motorsports:**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> ... registration is open now, and closes March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> ... registration opens March 01 @ 12:01AM central.**

## **2013 Peachstate Region PCA events at Road Atlanta:**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ... registration details not yet available – details:**

[DE-Events@peachstatepca.org](mailto:DE-Events@peachstatepca.org)

**August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> ... details: [DE-Events@peachstatepca.org](mailto:DE-Events@peachstatepca.org)**

**October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> ... details: [DE-Events@peachstatepca.org](mailto:DE-Events@peachstatepca.org)**

## **Heart O' Dixie Region's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Driver's Education:**

**Contact for this event is [james.cambron@parsons.com](mailto:james.cambron@parsons.com) The following was emailed to me on this event (see next page):**

Greetings,

Let's talk about the DE.

The purpose is to get you familiar with the capabilities of your car (yes, non-Porsches are allowed, otherwise, how would we get the satisfaction of blowing the doors off those BMWs and Corvettes, no racing!) in a safe and controlled environment under the watchful eye of a PCA Nationally certified instructor.

We use Talladega Gran Prix Raceway because it is a Beginner's track built to teach racing to motorcycle drivers, so there are no walls or other barriers near the track, just lots of smooth grass in every direction.

We have slots for 15 instructed Novices in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time on the track, and 15 Group 2 instructed Novices and non-solo Beginners, as well as 15 Group 3 Solo and Solo-candidate Beginners. We also have room for 15 Group 4 for Intermediates and Advanced students. So there is a group for every skill and experience level.

Porsche of Huntsville provides a free Technical Safety Inspection, so all you need to do is buy a helmet, with a Snell Automobile (SA) 2005 or 2010 rating; Motorcycle or outdated SA 2000 helmets are not acceptable. Helmets are available on-line for as little as \$200, but I recommend the open face Simpson or Bell for about \$250—and go by Sign-A-Rama for a set of 1" by 8" numbers for each side of the car.

We have negotiated a discounted room rate of \$70 (\$79 King) at the Oxford, Alabama County Inn & Suites, (256) 241-0950 and the club will be going out to dinner on Friday night. You need to be at the track NLT 7:00 AM on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, so it's easier to drive down and spend the night in Oxford (about 15 miles from the track).

Lastly, we try and provide this service to our club members as inexpensively as possible, so the price once again only \$185 for PCA members, \$200 for non-members, and you get free entrance to the track and a free lunch.

The preferred registration is through [Clubregistration.net](http://Clubregistration.net), but a paper application is attached as needed. It also has the Tech Form and additional instructions.

Any questions, email me.

Jim Cambron - DE Chairman - Heart O' Dixie Region - Porsche Club of America

So that does it for this year's track events to the best of my (Bonni Parker's) knowledge so far. Like I said, become a member of clubregistration.net and you will be privy to these events and more!

Our **Autocross** man-of-the-hour, Wally Lindenmuth, is working on setting dates for our 2013 autocross schedule as I type this. As soon as I know, I will let you know. One thing I can assure you of, these will be awesome events, and you really should come out and enjoy yourselves! Even if it's your first time, or if you think this stuff isn't your cup of tea . . . at least give it a shot. You never know – you might be our next top time of the day! For additional information, please email Wally at:

[wflindenmuth@aol.com](mailto:wflindenmuth@aol.com)

And now onto our **social events coming up** . . . since many of you were too busy with your holiday schedules, we came up with what Wally calls the **Start of the year Party**. This event will start with a fun run (optional, of course) to the **Big Fish Restaurant and Bar** located at 25814 Canal Road in Orange Beach, Alabama. Details on the fun run shall be forthcoming. The party is on **February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM**. The club will **pay for the first \$10 of each member's meal!** So if you are cheap, order an appetizer or something and the meal could be free! Ha! Anyway, please contact Wally at: [wflindenmuth@aol.com](mailto:wflindenmuth@aol.com) **as soon as possible** so that he can give the restaurant a head count.

**More events . . .**

**January 25-27 ... Rolex 24 at Daytona International Raceway** ... questions – 1-800-PITSHOP.

**February 02 ... Start of the Year Party** at the **Big Fish Restaurant and Bar** at **7:00PM**. See above for details.

**February 09-10 ... Murder Mystery Weekend** at **The Gibson Inn** in Apalachicola, FL. Price is \$560 for a queen room and slightly more for a better room. Price includes a two-night stay, cocktail party on Friday night, breakfast and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, along with the murder mystery cast. Members of the SONPCA did this a couple of years ago and had a truly wonderful time. Monty and

Linda won first prize by correctly guessing who the murderer was! First prize includes a free two-night stay at the Inn.

To reserve a spot, please call the Gibson Inn and ask for Sue. Tell her you are with the Porsche Club. The phone number is **(850) 653-2191**.

**March 16<sup>th</sup> ... Fun Run to Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival** – We usually meet at the Winn Dixie on the corner of HWY 98 and Blue Angel Parkway (across from McDonald's) in Pensacola. We then take HWY 98 to lunch around Fairhope. Contact Wally at [wflindenmuth@aol.com](mailto:wflindenmuth@aol.com) for details.

**March ??? (TBD) ... Autocross in Robertsdale, AL.** Please contact Wally at [wflindenmuth@aol.com](mailto:wflindenmuth@aol.com) for details. We will send out a reminder as soon as we know when this event will take place.

**As always, the above events and more are added often thanks to our webmaster at: <http://son.pca.org>**

# **Welcome New Members!!!**

**Robert Slaughter** of Mobile, Alabama joins us with his black 2005 **911 Turbo**.

**Austin Thomas** of Gulf Breeze, Florida joins us with his gray 1999 **Boxster**.

# Tid Bits . . .

If you ever need anything – anything at all Porsche – please consider our very busy tech director, below; you will not be sorry. 😊



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