



# Zeitschrift

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**Zeitschrift: A newsletter for Porsche enthusiasts**

## From the Prez . . .



Well the fall has started off with a bang. We had a great Autocross in September with a good turnout. Those of you that don't make it out are missing a great event. Porsches are meant to show what they can do on a tight AutoX course. The next Autocross will be November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Baldwin County Annex parking lot on Palmer Street in Robertsdale, AL.

There are two DEs left for the rest of the year: NOLA Nov. 30 & Dec 1, entries open, cost \$300. Then the last PCA DE will be Barber Motorsports Park. Dec 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>. Entries open at 12 noon Nov. 8, 2013. Cost is \$425 for the two days.

We are going to have a Board of directors meeting Tuesday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Helen Back Again Pizza, 8651 Navarre Parkway, in Navarre, FL. It is just east of the Navarre Beach Causeway.

The Club is also looking to fill a few spots on the board of directors: Vice President, Social Chairmen for each state. With the age of our new forms of communication we can meet 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.

Wally Lindenmuth

# Blasts From Our Past . . .

## Trip to the Mother Land – Photos and article by Clyde Smith

My brother from South Carolina and I went to Germany with Fast Lane Travel. I found them on the PCA website and they advertise in Panorama magazine. It was truly a Porsche lover's dream. We had the experience of driving a new 911 (991) on the Autobahn and joined the 150 club. I actually was able to get up to 175 MPH at one point. Since it was metric, the speed was showing over 280 KPH. What an experience. We visited the Porsche Museum and had a private tour of the Porsche factory in Stuttgart. We also visited the Mercedes Museum. We not only had the privilege of driving on the autobahn, we drove in the hills near Austria. While I have loved Porsches since I was a small boy, after this experience, I appreciate Porsche more than ever and realize more than ever what an awesome car they are. I would love to do it again and would highly recommend it to anyone who is a Porsche nut like me.



Porsche Factory.



Our Avis rental car lined up and ready to go.



Taking a break.



Driving through a small German village.



In the fast lane wide open.

## **September Autocross Results** – Wally Lindenmuth

Well, we had a great turn out for our autocross on Sept. 14 in Robertsdale, Al. The weather was great; it stayed overcast for most of the morning with a slight breeze. We ended up with twenty-two drivers which made for two nice run groups. Our autocrosses are open to cars other than Porsches but we had a bunch of Porsches out, along with a few other car manufacturers represented. The course was designed by one of our former members Joel Wahlsten is serving in the Middle East.

Fast time of the day was 1) Jeshva Brainard in his EVO with a fast time of 58.428 sec., 2) Jason Darley Cayman S fast time of 58.733, 3) Roger Gilmore 2013 Boxster S fast time of 59.425, 4) Bonni Parker Porsche 993 fast time of 59.876, 5) David Pinning in a Boxster S fast time of 60.507, 6) John Parker Porsche 993 fast time of 60.932, 7) Wally Lindenmuth 1973 Porsche Targa fast time 61.224 , 8) Amber Brainard EVO fast time of 61.756, 9) Bob Clemons 2000 Boxster S fast time 61.978, 10) Bob Langham 2008 Cayman S fast time of 62.096, 11) James Arroda 2013 Boxster S fast time of 62.446, 12) Teresa Hart 2011 Boxster S with a fast time of 64.477, 13) Steve Pearce 1986 951 fast time of 64.923, 14) David Starks 2008 Infiniti with a fast time of 66.680, 15) Lorraine Starks 2008 Infiniti with a fast time of 67.115, 16) Nick Starks 2008 Infiniti with a fast time of 67.527, 17) Dustin Rittberger 2009 Mustang fast time of 68.692, 18) Joel Bianchi 1990 Mustang with a time of 75.273 , 19) Norman Thomas 1986 Porsche 911 fast time 76.030, 20) Randy Parkison 2009 Porsche Carrera fast time of 77.485.

I would like to thank everyone who came out, and I hope everyone had a good time. I know there were a few folks that this was there first time to autocross and they made steady progress on every run. Our next Autocross will be November 16th at the same place in Robertsdale, AL. I am grateful to the Baldwin County Commission for allowing us to use their parking lot. Hope to see more of our members out for the next event in November. Special thanks to Bob Clemons who came out and helped me on Friday night.

## **Road Atlanta DE** - Wally Lindenmuth

Oct 26 & 27 were the PCA DE dates at Road Atlanta. We had three Sonnenschein members attend. Carlton Bellcase in his very fast Cayman S. Carlton had some problems off the track with the Atlanta traffic Friday afternoon but still made the event. Carlton runs in group 4 and there are not many cars that are faster than his Cayman S - that's because it is the driver not the car.

Saturday morning dawned with some frost on the track and I know in my group there was a Corvette in the wall at turn 5 from getting up on the gator strips that are very slippery until they warm up and dry off. So just remember stay off the gator strips at this time of the year or early in the day at an event. I ran my car in group three and my objective was to learn to take turn 12 faster than I had been taking it during earlier trips to Road Atlanta. I think I got better but not great. It is difficult to accelerate down that steep off camber turn, but I think I am gaining on it.

Pablo Concepcion was there for his second visit to Road Atlanta. He is still in group 1 but doing much better every time he goes out. I was watching him and he was passing someone on every lap. Pablo had bigger brakes installed on his car and they were a big benefit. For those that have never been to Road Atlanta it is one of the fastest and most challenging tracks and it takes more than one trip to master the it. I learn something new every time I go to a track.

Saturday night the host club put on a Brats and Beer fest and it was great. That's the first beer I have had in a long time. And after the beer and the long day I slept like a log.

Sunday dawned a lot warmer with no frost on the track but you always still need to be careful until you get your tires up to temp. Which I did in the first session and was getting with the program when the car's engine lost power. A connector came loose on the motor causing it to quit. I ended up in the grass just before turn 10A.

One thing they always tell you in the Drivers meeting do not get out of your car unless it is on fire. I had stopped well off line and was not in danger but still stayed in the car with my helmet on. I even had to wear my helmet when I was towed back to the pits. This caused me to be done for the day so I loaded up the trailer to get ready to head home. Pablo pointed out that the right front tire on my

motorhome was low, and I didn't want to drive back through Atlanta with a low tire. I had not brought my larger compressor with me so I worked for a few hours to get it aired up so I could get to the truck stop at the entrance to the interstate. Well I aired it up some and got to the truck stop and filled up with fuel and they did not have any air. I called AAA and it was four hours before someone came to my assistance. We aired up the tire and it was fine all the way home. That just reminded me to put my compressor back in my trailer.

# Upcoming Events . . .

**Trackside . . .** all events for the track are accessible through [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) unless otherwise indicated.

**2013 Alabama Region PCA events at Barber Motorsports Park:**  
December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> ... registration opens **November 8th @ 12:00 noon central.**

**2013 Mardi Gras Region PCA events at NOLA Motorsports:** November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> ... registration now open at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) Cost is \$300.

## **2013 Sonnenschein Region Autocross Schedule:**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Where:** 22251 Palmer Street in Robertsdale, Alabama.

**When:** Registration is from 7:00-9:00AM, course walk begins promptly at 9:00AM.

Drivers meeting (mandatory) is at 9:30AM.

**Cost:** \$25.00 for PCA members, \$35.00 for non-members. **Please pre-register** by mailing a check or money order, made out to **Sonnenschein Porsche Club**, to: Wally Lindenmuth, 2160 Old Chemstrand Road, Cantonment, FL 32533.

**Details / Questions:** Please call Wally at 251-979-1830 or email him at [wflindenmuth@aol.com](mailto:wflindenmuth@aol.com)



# **Welcome New Members!!!**

**Stratford Bannister ~ 2013 black Boxster S**

**Joey Dumas ~ 2014 white Carrera 4S**

**Jon Haywood ~ 1990 white 944 S2**

**Ron Martin ~ 2005 grey 911**

**Anthony Martino ~ 1977 silver 911**

**Clifford Schornak ~ 2001 Boxster**

**\*\*\* Editor's correction: In our last newsletter, I accidentally spelled a new member's name incorrectly. Instead of David Penning, I should have typed David Pinning. My apologies! If I ever misspell your name, please do not hesitate to email me on it. I hate getting names wrong! Thanks. 😊**

# Tid Bits . . .


Quayside Publishing has asked me to review a book due out soon. I am still reading it (and love it so far), but wanted to share it with you here. Below is a review sent to me by the publisher's marketing manager . . .

“In *Porsche 911: 50 Years*, bestselling author Randy Leffingwell celebrates a half-century of one of the world's premiere sports cars, focusing on the major themes that have defined Porsche's rear-engined wonder. He tells the whole story—design and development, racing and competition, engineering and technology, style and culture. All the iconic 911 models are included, but beyond telling the story of the cars, this book also spotlights the people behind them. Together, all of these facets make *Porsche 911: 50 Years* the most essential book in any Porsche fan's library.”




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