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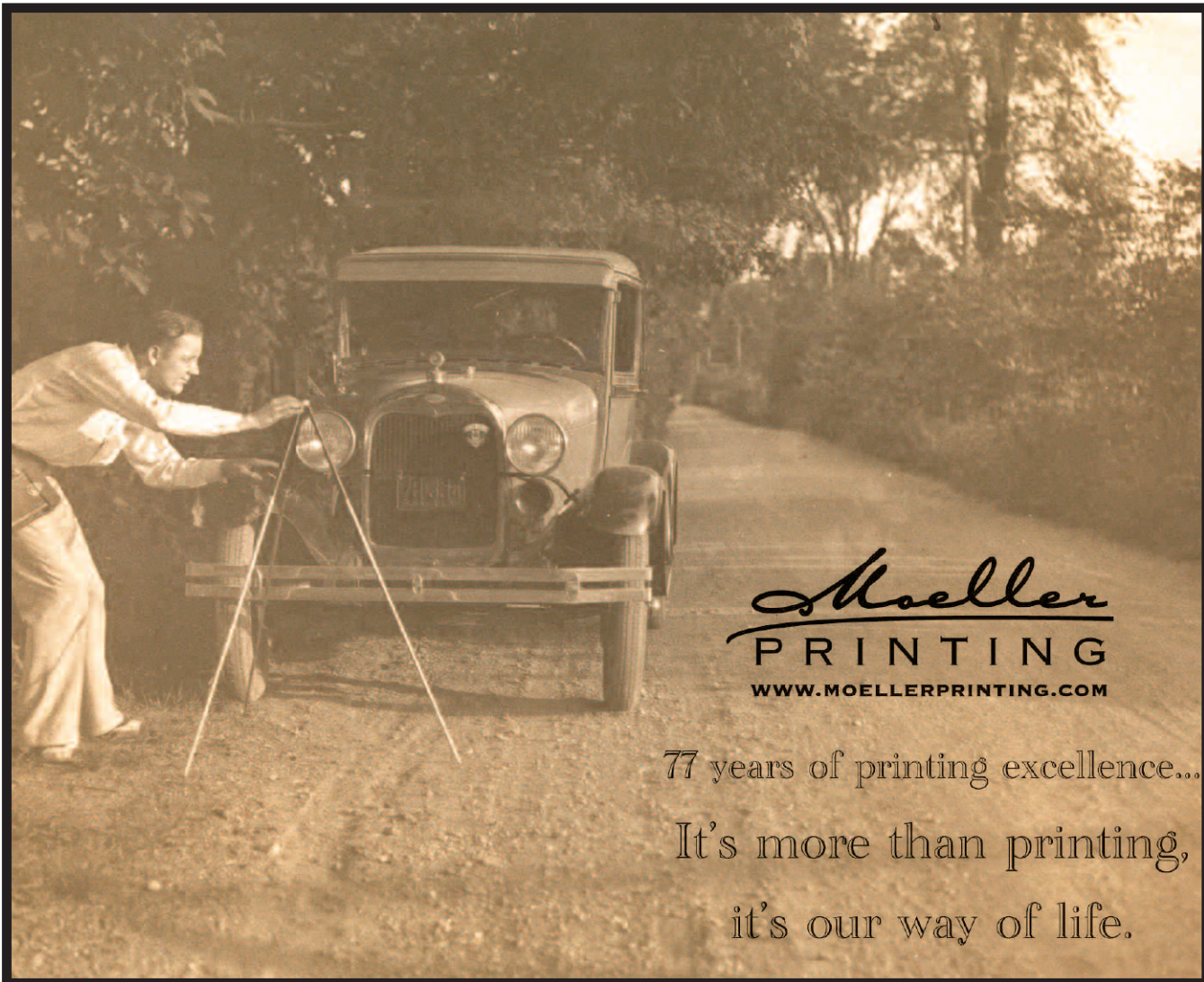
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**President's Message**

By Tom Brentlinger — CIRPCA President

**"Well, I really just want to say thank you to those mentioned above and to our Activities Director, Don Shuck, who has raised the bar and led us to expect some pretty cool stuff."**



**T**he months of April and May have been very gratifying as I've watched our Club engage in an array of events that truly make a President proud to have the privilege to serve.

April 18 - 20 was CIRPCA's first Driver Education event of the year and, once again, a small Army was assembled to plan and present one of the premier DE events in the Midwest. Thanks to everyone and congratulations on a really great event.

Bob Snider celebrated his 30th Spring Color Tour. 30 years! What incredible devotion to the Marque and the Central Indiana Region. We are richer from Bob's efforts and you'll have the opportunity to read all about the event later in this issue. Thank you Mr. Snider, congratulations and keep 'em coming.

May 3rd Randy Faunce and Family (Randy had just Co-Chaired the DE Event) invited us all to their home for a decidedly Deutsche flavored May Day celebration that included German bratwurst, German beer, Lederhosen and, of course, Porsche cars and Porsche people.

Ft. Wayne member George Barker kindly arranged to have our monthly breakfast meeting in Ft Wayne the following weekend and it was a great pleasure to meet some new members in that area. We'll definitely have to do that again and look forward to the next trip.

I'm specifically pointing to specific member contributions this month because many people create some pretty neat ways for us to do some pretty cool stuff. You are probably expecting a call to arms at this point in the message; inviting, appealing and cajoling. Well, I really just want to say thank you to those mentioned above and to our Activities Director, Don Shuck, who has raised the bar and led us to expect some pretty cool stuff. Next time you join us at an event I hope you'll thank them too. ■

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## 2008 Events

### June 7th & 8th [Saturday & Sunday]

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### June 14th & 15th [Saturday & Sunday]

Michiana PCA Driver's Ed at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, Michigan

### June 20th & 22th [Friday & Sunday]

KYPCA Summer Heat Driver's Ed at Putnam Park Road Course in Mt. Meridian, Indiana

### July 15th [Tuesday]

Fall "Back to School" DE Registration Opens

### July 18th & 19th [Friday & Saturday]

Porscheplatz at the ALMS Race

### July 26th [Saturday]

Porsches 2 Oxford in Oxford, OH

### September 19th-21st [Friday-Sunday]

Fall "Back to School" Driving University at Putnum Park Road Course in Mt. Meridian, IN

### September 28th [Sunday]

Fall Color Tour at the Brickyard Crossing Resort to Oliver Winery



**A NUMBER OF EXCITING EVENTS ARE IN THE WORKS AND WILL BE ADDED TO THE CALENDAR. CHECK [WWW.CIRPCA.ORG](http://WWW.CIRPCA.ORG) OFTEN FOR UPDATES.**

## The Water Cooler

By James Legault

**"When people apply their energies towards a common goal, great things are possible."**



**A**s I write, it's only 5 days until the "mergified" Indy 500. It's been the best month of May in over a decade. If you discount the weather, that is.

The merger between the IRL and Champ Car generated a lot of national interest. The open wheel buzz ramped up considerably when Graham Rahal, the 19 year old son of 1986 Indy 500 Champion Bobby Rahal, took top honors at the St. Petersburg Grand Prix on April 6.

13 days later, as you are no doubt aware, Danica Patrick became the first woman to win a major national championship open wheel race, serving to increase the energy around open wheel racing.

The future of big time open wheel racing clearly looks to be on the upswing and, while I am generally averse to making predictions, I suspect that this year's Indy 500 will strengthen that perception.

What does this have to do with our little Porsche Club? Well, just that it demonstrates the power of pulling together in common cause. When people apply their energies towards a common goal, great things are possible.

Take CIRPCA's April 18, 19, and 20 Spring Brake Driver's Ed. This year's edition sold out in record time, which speaks volumes about the quality of the event. In addition to the Driver's Ed at Putnam Park, CIRPCA also hosted a barbeque for DE participants. It was also a huge success.

Your Club is able to do this thanks to the focused efforts of the volunteers who organize and run these events. CIRPCA has some outstanding volunteer contributors, such as DE Chairman Randy Faunce and his staff who set the regional (and dare I say, national) standard for this type of event. Please check out the photos from this year's Spring Brake DE that appear in this issue.

Also, spare a thought for Bob Snider. Bob has been organizing Porsche Club driving tours for 30 years! His story about that and the latest driving tour, the 2008 Spring Color Tour (reputed to be the best ever!), are featured in this issue.

No less important are the smaller contributions of members such as David Weaver who sent me, unsolicited, photos from the April first Saturday Breakfast that also appear in this issue of CIRcular. Thanks David!■



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## 30th Anniversary Spring Color Tour Wrap Up

By Bob Snider

**"This year's Spring Color Tour had 32 members in 17 cars and we had 24 of us sit down for a wonderful dinner at the very elegant new Chart House Restaurant in Newport, Kentucky."**



**B**est Spring Color Tour ever! Best restaurant and best food ever! Best finish ever with the added Newport, Kentucky, ending! The weather was near perfect with only a few sprinkles near Cincinnati. What a day to remember! It was only recently that I realized that this year marks the 30th anniversary of my doing auto tours for the Porsche Club. 30 years! And what wonderful memories I have with all the great people and cars that have gone on all my tours over the years.

It all started in 1978 in Muncie when a group of us bachelors were hanging out at the old Cork n' Cleaver Restaurant in Muncie and kept running into each other in the parking lot with our sports cars. Several had Porsches and we noticed a few other customers of the restaurant also had Porsches, so we decided this was stupid and we ought to start a club to have fun with our cars. I was appointed to look into this, what was required to form a new club and if there was another club close by to us that we could join. There was a club in Indianapolis (Central Indiana Region), but it was deemed too far away to go to events and we felt we could drum up enough (25) local owners to start our own region and stage our own events. It took us a full year to scrounge up 25 new members and we only used 3 transfers from the existing CIR club and CIR was willing to cede many counties in eastern Indiana to us to form a new region, including Fort Wayne, Marion, Muncie and Richmond.



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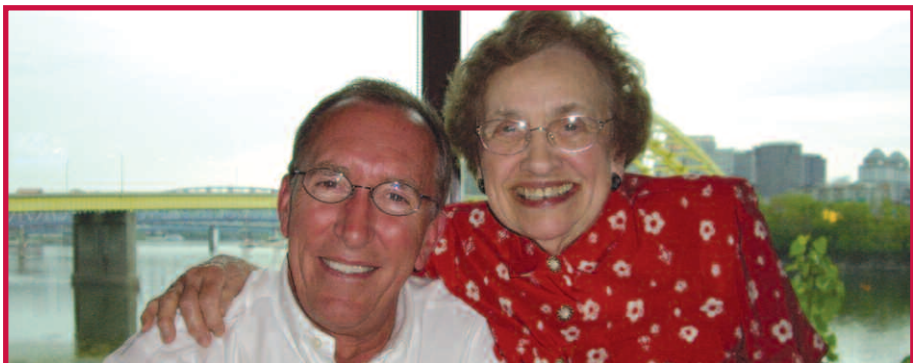
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Aunt Bethany adopts Jay Schaffner!

We held our meetings at the Cork n' Cleaver and it was decided to stage our first event, an auto tour down to Brown County. I got out an Indiana state highway map and started looking for good sports car type roads, heading south out of Muncie. Several prospective members gave me some suggestions, including old Ind. 1 thru Hagerstown and Ind. 229 down to Oldenburg and Batesville. It was called a "Mystery Tour" as we didn't tell anyone where we were going, just that we were going south towards Brown County and would end up at a restaurant somewhere down there. There was a prize for keeping an exact speed average for the entire route. We ended at the then Columbus Porsche dealership. Walt Coyle, then a Porsche dealer in Marion and an early supporter of our club, knew where the dealership was and won the event by pulling off the road just before the dealership and waiting out the clock. It was a great first-time event and started a series of tours over the ensuing 30 years that have been favorite spring and fall events of the club.

This year's Spring Color Tour had 32 members in 17 cars and we had 24 of us sit down for a wonderful dinner at the very elegant new Chart House Restaurant in Newport, Kentucky. We enjoyed top notch service with a fabulous view of the Ohio River and downtown Cincinnati riverfront. On top of that we had unexpected guests: "Aunt Bethany" (from the well-known Chevy Chase movie Christmas Vacation – the daffy old lady that recited the "Pledge of Allegiance" instead of "grace" at their dinner) and her husband joined us at one of our tables and refused to leave! She was a riot and I think senility was starting to set in as she swore they were supposed to be with our group and even went around and said goodbye to everyone when it was time to leave! Who would have ever guessed something like this would have happened? (P.S. It really wasn't "Aunt Bethany"!)

Ed and Donna Olberding invited Ed's brother-in-law and wife from Cincinnati to join us and his brother-in-law brought his pristine red 1964 Corvette to the restaurant. Speaking of cars (we are a car club!), we had three 928 S4's and three new Caymans! We had a beautiful collection of cars at the start and Kurt O'Conner even brought his very sharp black Boxster S by to say "hello"

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## 30th Anniversary Spring Color Tour Wrap Up

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**Clarence Small, Cindy & Randy Faunce, Bob Snider with father-in-law Wally Beebe and friend Jay Schaffner from Muncie**

to everyone at the start. The weather was so nice I even got some sun on top (not very difficult for me!). All the cars were different and the assortment of colors and models was truly a "spring color tour of cars".

A special treat for me this year was getting to take my father-in-law, Wally Beebe, Brigitta's father, along as my navigator. Brigitta had total hip replacement surgery recently and could not ride in a "sports car" for another 4 weeks. This gave me an opportunity to take him and show him one of the things I do for the club and have a great day in his daughter's little toy. Dad has traveled all over the world and long

ago entered a Mercedes Benz Club TSD Rally with a Muncie owner, navigated for the first time ever and ended up winning the event! This tour gave him a chance to see some areas and roads in Indiana he has probably never "experienced" before. He thoroughly enjoyed our outing and wants to know when the next one is!

Another special treat and truly bringing my 30 years of doing tours for the club full circle, was having an old friend from Muncie who helped me start the old Ramme Region Porsche Club in Muncie and actually helped me put that very first auto tour together 30 years ago, joined us on the tour. Recently, I met up with Jay Schaffner at the Tom Wood Porsche+Audi Open House. Jay, a former waiter and later manager at the old Cork n' Cleaver Restaurant in Muncie was a former two-time 914 owner and PCA member. I told Jay I was doing a spring color tour for the club and he asked me to send him some info on it. He recently bought a new Dolomite Gray Audi TT at Tom Wood and brought it to the event and had a great time driving some of the best sports car roads in Indiana and the U. S. Chart House used to own all the Cork n' Cleaver Restaurants in the Midwest, so this event also brought Jay full circle. Seemed just like old times! I even split a slice of their famous Mud Pie with Brigitta's dad and had a glass of champagne to celebrate! A nice toast was held by our president, Tom Brentlinger, to me for all the years of great auto tours. Here's a toast to all of you, past and present for making them all so much fun and successful!

This year's Spring Color Tour was such a success that we are planning to repeat it next April, exactly as we did it this year! See you in 2009! ■

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