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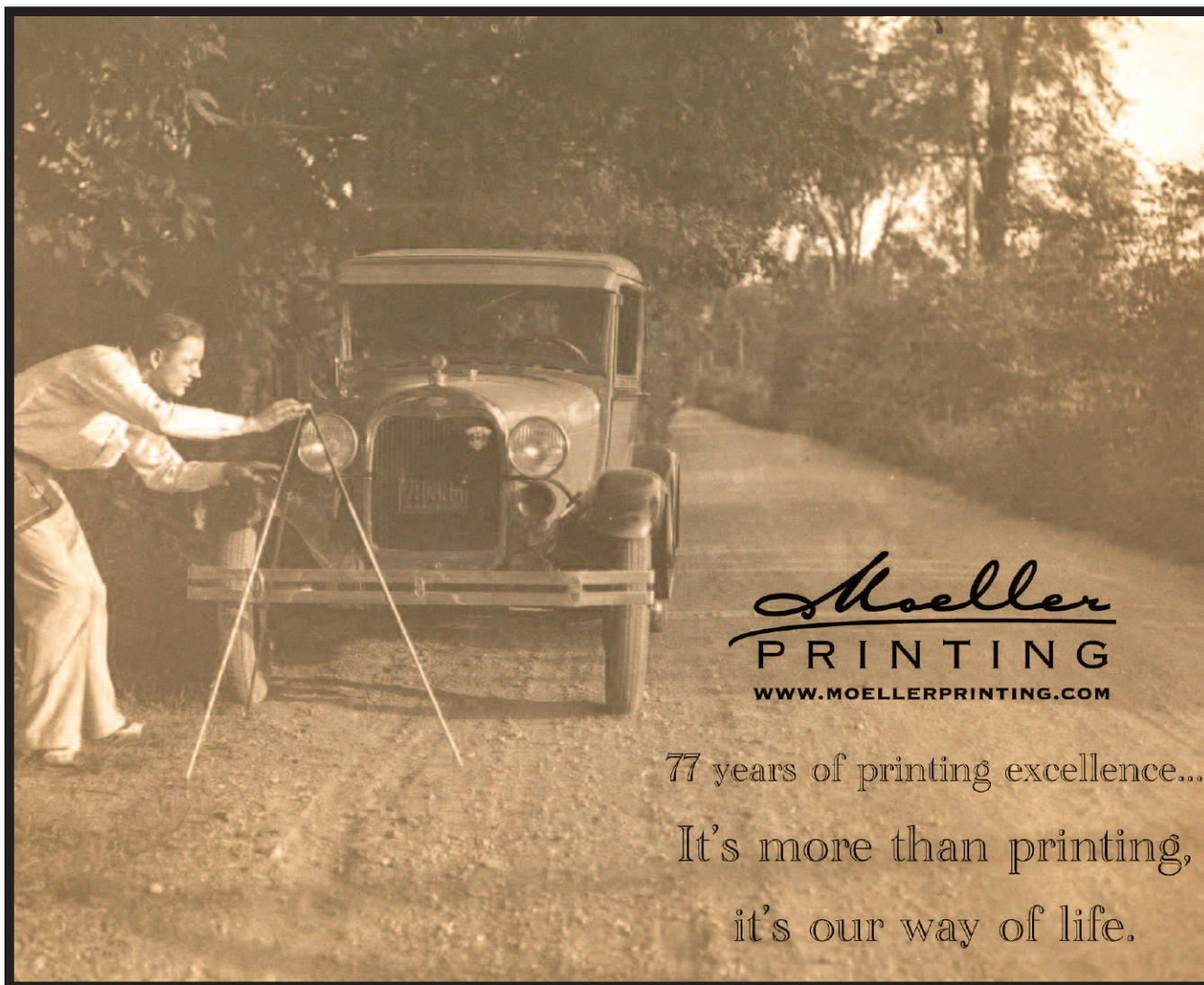
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President's Message

By Tom Brentlinger — CIRPCA President

"If you want to get closer to the action, we have two events in our region [Zone 4] of the PCA that will offer you that opportunity."



By the time you read this, the first day of summer will have come and gone.

I just watched the conclusion of the 24 hours of Le Mans where Porsche RS Spyders took the top two (2) spots in LMP2 and Marsha and I are prepping for another DE. A real dilemma for us, since we'd love to be spectators during the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course on the same weekend. Neither of us would have ever anticipated being so immersed in cars or performance driving as recently as 3 or 4 years ago. I know that many CIRPCA Members have experienced the same transformation.

If you'd like to get closer to the action, we have two events in our region (Zone 4) of the PCA that will offer you that opportunity. The Mid-Ohio ALMS Porscheplatz on July 18-19 and The Belle Isle, Detroit ALMS Porscheplatz on August 29-31. The following information has been largely plagiarized from the Zone 4 website and gives you more opportunities to get close to the action.

"The Porscheplatz is sponsored by Porsche AG and Porsche Cars North America with the cooperation of the International Motorsports Association (IMSA) and the American Le Mans Series. The Porscheplatz is managed by Porsche Club of America volunteers but all Porsche owners are welcome.

As in previous years, there will be a Porscheplatz tent and Porsche only parking corral. This Porsche owner opportunity provides experiences not possible with normal road race attendance. Activities for the registered Porscheplatz participant include personalized "Meet & Greet" with Porsche race drivers and race team personalities and special presentations by factory VIP's. In addition IMSA offers supervised Parade Laps of the track to the first 50 registered Porsches. Registration for Parade Laps will be at the hospitality tent for credentialed Porscheplatz participants only. Other special features include a "Long Distance Award", raffle drawings for a "Hot Pit" escorted tour, special Porsche related prizes, and the opportunity to watch all the track action on a large screen closed circuit television."

Zone 4 is also looking for volunteers to help with the event. If you would be able to offer 4 hours during either weekend please go to the Zone 4 website at http://zone4.pca.org/index_files/Page649.htm for more information or contact our PCA Zone 4 Representative, Roy Wilkinson, at 330-733-4813 or rwilk5@sbcglobal.net.

Intellectually I know that people cause cars to be, but I just wonder if, at times, the cars cause us to do or be something we had not expected. Will I see you at or on a track somewhere soon? I certainly hope so. ■

2008 Events

July 5th [Saturday]

First Saturday Breakfast - Big Dave's Deli in Zionsville, IN

July 11th & 12th [Friday & Saturday]

2008 Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show in Dublin, OH

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

August 2nd [Saturday]

First Saturday Breakfast - Michael's Family Restaurant in Carmel, IN

August 23rd [Saturday]

Grissom AFB Hog Roast and Hoedown in Kokomo, IN

September 19th-21st [Friday-Sunday]

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

November 15th [Saturday]

Annual Banquet Featuring Guest Speaker
Joie Chitwood, President IMS - Ritz Charles in Carmel, IN



A NUMBER OF EXCITING EVENTS ARE IN THE WORKS AND WILL BE ADDED TO THE CALENDAR. CHECK WWW.CIRPCA.ORG OFTEN FOR UPDATES.

Visit the Porscheplatz (Porsche Owners Corral) and PCA Membership Station!

July 18-19, 2008 at the ALMS race at Mid-Ohio



Join us for this exclusive PCA member opportunity! Display your Porsche in the Porscheplatz corral, watch Porsche's LMP2 RS Spyder in action and take part in the following Special Events:

- Scheduled Appearances by Porsche Race Drivers
- Supervised Parade Laps of the track
- "Hot Pit" Escorted Tour Raffle
- "Long Distance Award"

For information please contact: Roy Wilkinson, rwilk5@sbcglobal.net, 330-733-4813



For the latest schedule information please visit the IMSA website at www.imsaracing.net.

Parking in the Porscheplatz is for Porsches only. "For Sale" signs on cars will not be permitted. Participants must be present to win drawings or awards. Porscheplatz is hosted by Porsche Cars NA and Porsche Motorsport NA with the cooperation of IMSA and ALMS.

Activities Update

By Don Shuck

"In other words, we're approaching the last half of the year and it's time to start looking ahead at some events that always bring out the beauty and the beast."



Are you ready? The roller coaster is clicking and clacking as it makes its way to the top of the first scream chilling gravity defying run that begs an explanation for your decision to actually pay money to put your age weighted and out of shape torso through the next three minutes of machinery induced aggravated assault. In other words, we're approaching the last half of the year and it's time to start looking ahead at some events that always bring out the beauty (you or even more likely, your guest) and the beast (your Porsche).

Coming up on July 5th, our First Saturday breakfast will be enjoyed at Big Dave's Deli in Zionsville (1225 W. Oak St. 317 873 4255) starting at 9:00 AM and finishing up by 11:00 AM. Dave serves the best hash browns and the freshest bulk sausage patties this side of Madrid along with colossal cinnamon rolls, pancakes and eggs the way you like them. For those of us who just gained three pounds reading that, they have yogurt too. Be there and get your day started off just right while you exchange ideas for the subject matter of the next book you would like to write. A few days later, July 8th, the Board of Directors will be blowing their whistles at the Nickel Plate Bar and Grill in Fishers, IN (8654 E. 116th St. 317 841 2888) starting at 6:00 for those buying dinner to payback the place for letting us use their space and 7:00 for those with no conscience.

On July 11th, the Mid-Ohio Region is holding their 26th annual car show in Dublin, OH which has a history of attracting cars from all over the country including over 100 of your neighborhood Porsches. It not only will be a well run and entertaining event but it could also be a good learning experience for our CIRPCA as we envision developing our own fundraising car show event within the next two years.

If it sounds like we're promoting the Mid-Ohio Region then it's mostly a calendaring issue as we encourage all of you to participate in the Porsches 2 Oxford (P2O) starting on July 26th. We will have a caravan making the run from Indy and will announce the particulars as to where we will gather the pulsating steeds whose topped off gas tanks are now worth more than the car into which they have been so carefully placed. I would encourage you to go on-line to check out the events and happenings during this special weekend for Porsches in Ohio.

August 2nd will bring us to another First Saturday breakfast where we will descend on Michael's Family Restaurant in Carmel, IN (840 W. Main St. 317 574 1918). We've been here before and witnessed the staff literally running to the grocery store to satisfy a request by one of our well traveled members. We owe them some hefty revenue. August 12th re-acquaints our board members for an

evening of food, beverage and hard work starting at 6 or 7 and usually ending by 9. You already know the drill. You just don't know where - OK, we're meeting at Squealers Restaurant on West 86th Street, just East of Zionsville Road on the South side of the street (5515 W. 86th St. 317 871 7427)

Save August 23rd for a short version of our Tour for the Senses as we caravan to the Air Museum at Grissom Air Force Base, visit the Circus City and then circle the cars for an old fashioned hog roast and hoedown. Don't you dare turn what I wrote into something much, much different.

Well, y'all, that should about do it for now. Oh, wait. Did I not mention the Annual Banquet in November? At the over-the-top elegant Ritz Charles with the unbelievable Five Easy Pieces dance band and, would you believe, Mr. Joie Chitwood, President of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as our featured guest. His topic? Well, let me venture a guess - in 2009 maybe the Speedway will have the Indy 500, the Brickyard 400, the 900 mph motorcycles and perhaps the return of Formula I. Other than that, what could he possibly talk about that you might have an interest? If you were at last years event, then ramp it up because this one is going to be even better. If you weren't there, shame on you but you can make amends by having the time of your life on November 15, 2008.

Have a great summer, be safe and join us for the event but most of all for the friendships you will make.■

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PORSCHE RS SPYDER LMP2 TEAMS FINISH ONE AROUND THE CLOCK DEBUT; TWO LEADING PO

LE MANS, France – June 15, 2008 - The 24 Hours of Le Mans premiere for the Porsche RS Spyder could not have gone better as, at the world's toughest long distance race, the sports prototype from Weissach celebrated a one-two finish in the LMP2 class.

After a trouble free run without a single technical problem, Jos Verstappen, Jeroen Bleekemolen and Peter van Merksteijn (all from The Netherlands) crossed the finish line first. The trio from the Van Merksteijn Motorsport team held an eight lap advantage at the finish over the second-placed RS Spyder of John Nielsen, Casper Elgaard (both Denmark) and Porsche works and Penske Racing driver Sascha Maassen (Germany). Starting the sports car marathon from first and second on the grid, the two teams controlled the race with their 476 hp RS Spyder right from the start.

In contrast, the three teams with the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in the production-based GT2 category experienced bad luck. After qualifying on the pole and running first and second at the beginning of the race, an accident and technical trouble robbed all hopes of repeating last year's class victory.

"I'm thrilled that the expectations of our customer teams, Van Merksteijn Motorsport and Essex, have been fulfilled. The RS Spyder has proven that it's not just fast but also particularly reliable in its first 24 hour race. The professional work of the teams was also an important key to success," said Hartmut Kristen, Head of Porsche Motorsport.

"The performance of the GT3 RSR was also excellent but unfortunately they lost their chance through an unlucky accident with two of the cars early on in the race."

"This success is something very special in my racing career," said an ecstatic ex-Formula 1 pilot Jos Verstappen.

"Winning at Le Mans means you go down in racing history. For me it was also important as I'd never competed in a 24-hour race before. The car was unbelievably reliable and fantastic to drive. It was great fun right from the first to the last minute."

His team mate, Peter van Merksteijn, who also owns the Dutch team, was ecstatic. "This is crazy," said the 52-year-old Dutch businessman. "Every team member has worked untiringly. Above all, Jos drove like a young stud. My job was actually only to bring the RS Spyder back to the pits without injuries and not to lose too much time to Jos and Jeroen. This worked. Porsche's support was excellent and the co-operation couldn't have been better."

The team had just one unscheduled repair disturbing their run - the underbody had come loose through cutting over the raised curbs on the track and had to be reattached.

For the second-place Essex pilots, a touch of wishfulness was mixed with their joy over second place. In the first third of the race, the Danish team had led for some time – and hopes had justifiably grown for a Le Mans win. Two slow punctures and an additional pit stop due to electronic problems robbed them of this chance.

"It's incredibly moving to secure second at our very first 24 hour race as a team," said John Nielsen, who acts as driver and team boss and who claimed overall victory at the long distance classic in 1990.

Sascha Maassen, who competes in the American Le Mans Series in a similar RS Spyder, and has won Le Mans in GT3 class 911s, also had positive feedback about his Essex team.

Photo and article courtesy of Porsche Cars North America

TWO AT LE MANS 24 HOUR CLASSIC IN TWICE PORSCHE 911 GT3 RSRs FALL BACK IN ACCIDENT



Checkered flag at Le Mans for Van Merksteijn Motorsport Porsche RS Spyder

"Right from the start I felt great in my guest team and I was surprised at the level of engagement and determination at which they worked," said the Porsche works driver.

"It was a highlight to drive the RS Spyder here in Le Mans. Thanks to the unusually good balance and road holding of the car you always had total trust in the vehicle even in the ultra fast passages."

The teams in the production-based GT2 class also started the race with their Porsche 911 GT3 RSRs showing great promise. In qualifying, the Porsche works driver Patrick Long (USA) had broken the magical four minute mark with a lap time of 3:58.152 minutes in the sports car category for the first time and with his German works driver team mate Wolf Henzler, claimed the first two positions on the grid as a result. In the race, two Porsche 911 GT3 RSR held a clear lead over the rival Ferraris.

After two hours an unlucky collision between Long and his compatriot Seth Neiman (USA) robbed them of any chance to win. For the French IMSA Performance Matmut team with Long, works driver Richard Lietz (Austria) and Raymond Narac (France) this signaled the end of their race.

The 911 of the Flying Lizard Motorsports team could rejoin the race, but sat more than 30 laps behind to secure sixth at the flag with drivers Joerg Bergmeister (Germany), Neiman and Johannes van Overbeek (USA). With this, Bergmeister turned the fastest race lap by far in the GT2 category in 3:59.887 minutes. Fifth place in the GT2 class went to Porsche works driver Wolf Henzler (Germany), Alex Davison (Australia) and Horst Felbermayr (Austria). Until midnight, the trio delivered a spirited fight for the lead against a Ferrari, but fell far back due to a one-hour stop for repairs in the night.

"Apart from this technical defect our 911 ran like clockwork. But the competition in our class is so close that it's very difficult to make up any lost time," said Henzler.

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Bob's Tech Tip

By Bob Snider

"Finally, a time-saving and safe procedure that actually works! Take a Ziploc bag of it along on your next long road trip and enjoy!"



Are you constantly annoyed by the bug splatters that always seem to cover the front of your precious Porsche every time you take her out for a spin during the summer months, especially at night? And neither car shampoo nor Windex or anything else seems to remove them easily, no matter how long you let it soak or hard you rub. And then there are the ones that are blasted and baked on by the hot sun on long road trips impossible to remove! Well do I have a solution for you!

Put a small amount of Arm & Hammer Baking Soda (yes, the stuff that's in the orange open box in your refrigerator) in a small bowl or cup with a small amount of water mixed into a wet paste and use a wet all-cotton wash cloth and you will be amazed how easily they rub away! Always use water and keep the baking soda wet. Something about baking soda just dissolves the nasty little buggers and it's totally harmless! It's magic! We have a very dark red metallic Boxster S that shows every tiny hairline scratch or nick and trust me, it will not harm your finish in any way nor will it remove the wax! Do it before you wash your car (it is also safe on your outside mirrors and windshield) and the white residue left behind (oh my God, I've ruined the car!) will be effortlessly rinsed away when you hose down the car. Simply amazing!

Finally, a time-saving and safe procedure that actually works! Take a Ziploc bag of it along on your next long road trip and enjoy!■

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The First "Second Saturday" Breakfast

George Barker hosted a new get-together on May 10th. The "Second Saturday" breakfast was held at the Orchard Ridge Country Club, southwest of Fort Wayne. 16 RIC members in 10 cars made the trip in excellent weather. The facility, the food and the service were all first rate.■



George & Ann Barker with son, Mark & Carol Chaney, Todd & Kari Zeplin, John & Debbie Groulik.



Some of the Porsches at Second Saturday Breakfast in Fort Wayne.



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