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## 2009 Events

November 7 (Saturday)

### First Saturday Breakfast

Flap Jack 's in Avon, IN

November 10 (Tuesday)

### Board Meeting

Macaroni Grill, W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN

November 14 (Saturday)

### Second Saturday Breakfast

Friends Too in Fort Wayne, IN

November 14 (Saturday)

### CIRPCA Annual Dinner

Maggiano 's Little Italy, E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN

December 5 (Saturday)

### First Saturday Breakfast

The Paragon, S. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis, IN

December 8 (Tuesday)

### Board Meeting

La Hacienda, N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN

December 13 (Sunday)

### Holiday Brunch

The Garrison Restaurant, Lawrence, IN

February 20, 2010 (Saturday)

### Annual Chili and Soup Bowl

The Shuck Residence, Carmel, IN

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## President's Message

By

Larry Haskett



This edition of the CIRcular is filled with articles and pictures of owners enjoying their passion for Porsches. Winery Tour, Panamera introduction, and Escape are just some of the highlights of the past month's activities. The imagery and words of attendees at these events are in this newsletter. They convey the flavor better than I can, but I will offer an observation or two.

### Escape to the Birthplace of Aviation

Having never attended a regional or national PCA event, I was not sure what to expect. But after three wonderful days in the Dayton area, I unequivocally encourage everyone to attend an Escape or Porsche Parade. You will not be disappointed. The organizers from the Ohio Valley Region mixed an excellent blend of driving tours and social events. Two different routes were offered that each had a least six interesting covered bridges. And if that wasn't enough, there was a country road excursion over some fascinating pieces of tarmac. If you wanted to let the tires cool for a bit, the Air Force Museum and several historic aviation themed locations beckoned. Every evening had a different venue for cocktail parties or dinner. From White-Allen Porsche to the American Packard Museum to the ever fascinating Taj Ma Garaj each location added its own unique ambiance to the Escape experience. The event closed on Sunday morning with a "Shine and Show" at Carillon Park. Our own Mike Robbins took one of the awards with his Speedster. A flyover by a replica of a Wright Brothers airplane put a fitting cap on a memorable event.

This is my final contribution to the newsletter as President. It has been a brief yet enjoyable tenure in office. Barring a major upset in the outlying districts, Don Shuck will taking over as of January 2010. He will bring a vision and energy to the club over the next two years.

I close by asking that you read the article in this newsletter concerning Tom Wood being named as a Porsche Premier Dealer. Not just for the deserving award to Tom Wood, but the section concerning the dealer philosophy. The first two paragraphs succinctly describe Porsche owners. Their passion for the automobile, the driving experience, and the camaraderie we share at any Porsche event. For 2010, come and join your fellow members.

See you on the road.

## Notice of election of officers for 2010

As required by the bylaws of the Central Indiana Region Porsche Club of America, notice of election and names of all nominees for election is to be published to the membership.

Therefore, the following names are placed in nomination for 2010 Board of Directors:

- President – Don Shuck
- Vice-President – Robert Fike
- Treasurer – Thomas Reaney
- Secretary – Bob Snider
- Membership – Geoffrey Kapke
- Activities - Open

Election will be held at the annual dinner, November 14, 2009.



### CIRPCA Members at Escape 2009

The group photo was take at the Packard Museum in a 1935 Packard. The members in the photo are Pattie (behind the wheel) & Joe Sikora, Larry & Louise Haskett (rear seat), Mike & Judy Robbins, & Mike & Audrey Dworek.



# Porsche Club of America

It's not just the cars, it's the people.



What?

## CIRPCA Annual Dinner

When?

**November 14, 2009, 6:00 PM**

Where?

Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant  
Keystone at the Crossing  
3550 E. 86<sup>th</sup> St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46240  
317 814 0700

Why?

A great time to share a meal with your fellow club members, meet some new friends,  
vote for your 2010 officers, find out what's in store for the coming year  
and recap some of the events of 2009.

**Come on members!** This will be the perfect event for you to participate in, whether it's your very first CIRPCA happening or you're three times around the block. Recognizing the stress and strains the global economy put us all under this past year, we have elected to "celebrate" the year with the very informal surroundings at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant. You will enjoy all the comfort food and good spirits your malnourished recession self can hold along with all the "you won't believe this" stories that are just waiting to be told. How about this for a preview of the evening:

First Course	Four-Cheese Ravioli Fritte & Spinach & Artichoke al Forno
Salads	Caesar & Italian Tossed
Second Course	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce & Fettuccine Alfredo with Broccoli
Entrees	Chicken Marsala & Oven Roasted Pork Loin with Balsamic Cream Sauce
Sides	Crispy Red Potatoes & Fresh Asparagus
Desserts	Chocolate Zuccotto Cake & New York Style Cheesecake

The price for this years Annual Dinner is \$49.50 per person.

You will need to get to the CIRPCA website [www.cirpca.org/calendar](http://www.cirpca.org/calendar) to make your reservations.

Join us for a great evening!

If you have questions give me a call – 317 374 8772. See you there. Don Shuck

## Tom Wood Porsche Oktoberfest Panamera Launch - First Impressions

by Bob Snider

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It's beautiful and it's big! Kind of like a very wide and long 911 or a very long and wide Turbo. Tom Wood Porsche did not hold back and ordered a top of the line, fully equipped Turbo version of the long awaited Panamera with all the options one could want: Huge ceramic disc brakes, 20" wheels shod with Pirelli P Zero tires, all wheel drive and of course the PDK double clutch 7 speed transmission. Painted in Basalt Black Metallic color with a very attractive all leather black interior, this luxury grand tourer is a very sophisticated automobile for those who want to travel in the highest form of transport available – with their best friends in the back!



Listed at \$155,000, this new flagship of the Porsche marque will establish a whole new division in the Porsche Club and clientele for the many Porsche dealers worldwide. Look out Mercedes Benz, BMW, Jaguar and Lexus! Porsche announced that it already has 4,500 world orders for this new car and this writer wonders how many months of production those orders will take to fill. Available in three different versions: Panamera S, 4 S and Turbo, there's one to fit every desire and Tom Wood expects to get 12 examples this model year of the exciting new car, starting at \$89,800 for the Panamera S.

Sitting in the back seat of this first 4 door, 4 seat, full-sized Porsche model, I was impressed with the amount of room, comfort and first class appointments – a very classy automobile. What amazed me from the rear seats was the size of the all-systems navigation monitor located in the front center console. It was as wide as the entire center console and could be easily viewed from the back seats. I checked up on the current road closures from the recent I-69 / I-465 tanker explosion for the easiest route home.



The rear trunk is very large, of the hatch-type variety. Also notable on the rear of the Turbo is a wide three-part wing which retracts from both ends and then reclines when not being used for added down force. On the outside, large, trimmed and fully functional vents are noticeable directly behind the front wheels which aid in engine cooling. As for the very large front yellow ceramic brake calipers, I don't think I have ever seen larger brake rotors on a motorcar and the new 20" wheels are outstanding and really fit the car. No spare tire, though (no room for such a large wheel), in keeping with the current thinking on this much neglected subject, but the car is equipped with Porsche's puncture repair system.

Overall, a genius stroke by the Porsche stylists, engineers and marketing gurus! By the way, this car was not currently sold as of this engagement, but I'm sure the many Sales Associates at Tom Wood will eagerly talk to you or order you another one of your choosing. Now, just how many Krugerrands is \$155,000?

And the Oktoberfest-themed catered food and beverages were also pretty darned good too. Thanks, Tom Wood Porsche for inviting us all!

## Panamera Unveiling Event at O'Daniel Porsche

by Debbie Groulik

About 20 Fort Wayne area CIRPCA members attended the O'Daniel Porsche unveiling of the Panamera. We enjoyed a catered event with hors d'oeuvres, wine and champagne while listening to live music played by members of the Ft.



Wayne Philharmonic. All guests were sent home with an etched wine glass with the Porsche logo to commemorate the event. The Panamera was sold before the end of the night!



2010 Panamera S  
MSRP \$96,865

### Marquee?

by Mike Robbins

A few months ago I wrote about the erroneous use of the word "marquee" in reference to an automobile brand name. Lo and behold, what appeared in the Oct. *CIRcular* but a press release from Porsche Cars North America making that same mistake. Maybe they should be put on the *CIRcular* mailing list.

Old timers in the Porsche world take delight in pointing out errors in PCNA press releases. A year or so ago there was one stating that 356s came with V8 engines. We can take this back to the early days when instituting service facilities and personnel in the US were big issues. The practice was for job openings to be posted at the factory. At the time there were seven privately owned distributors in the US. Individuals selected at the factory were sent here to work in one of the distributors. Their functions were to train dealer mechanics in a shop at the distributorship, handle warranty claims and visit dealers to maintain a sense of "we're here to help you". Working out of the offices of Porsche of America, the factory arm in the US, was its president and assistant, national Service Manager, national Parts Manager, national Sales Manager, and clerical staff. It was quite common for PCA regions to invite the Service Reps to present technical sessions, info on the new cars, etc. These events made PCAers feel like they were getting the straight scoop since it was presented by a German accented guy who had actually worked in the factory. At Porsche Parades Herbert Dramm, National Service Manager and four or five of his crew conducted technical sessions. These were mostly a matter of answering questions from the audience. One of the standing jokes was Herr Dramm's response re complaints .... "Ve fix dat in the newey model". In the period 1969-70, the seven distributors were bought out and Volkswagen of America became the importer of Porsches into the US. Some of the Service Reps became employees of VWOA and continued pretty much as had been, except in different facilities. Others went to work for dealers.

Why did I get into all of this? Just to illustrate the ambience that existed between Porsche owners and the factory. There was a comforting feeling in becoming friends with the people representing the factory. As all things change with time we've seen the relationship change from a "mom and pop" style of operation to a big business style that has less of a personal feeling. Of course we can establish relationships with dealer personnel but that is localized. Certainly PCNA should be lauded for supporting PCA the way they do. Just look at all of the ads in Porsche Panorama. Representatives from PCNA attended two recent events that we attended in West Baden IN and Dayton OH.

And what does this have to do with "marquee"? Maybe nothing. PCNA is less a German populated organization and more of newer generations of Yanks with an automotive background, not necessarily Porsche. Thus, some of the tradition, lore and heroes have been lost. Not to mention the usage of correct words.

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## Chuck Langsenkamp Memorial Winery Tour

" Just How Cold Was It? "

By Bob Snider

It was so cold all the pumpkins in Delaware County had heavy frost on them! It was so cold Pennsylvania got 6 inches of snow! It was so cold the Boxster 's top rattled all the way to Indy and the tires felt like they were square for miles! It was so cold it never got above 47 degrees! But it was a beautiful day with clear blue skies all the way down to the Huber Winery near New Albany, IN. There we all encountered a very stiff and cold breeze out of the north that never seemed to let up until late in the afternoon and by then it clouded up again.

Leaving Muncie at 7:30 AM, we left to a gorgeous day with clear, brilliant skies and the leaves in our area were at their peak, making for a beautiful trip down to Nashville. Arriving at the Brown County Inn at 9:30, Tourmeister Larry Haskett had conveniently arranged for a separate meeting room to conduct Registration and a brief Driver 's Meeting. Thankfully, Larry had pre-checked the entire route the weekend before and provided full color maps showing any possible detours. Previous attendees will remember well the annual street festival in Vallonia which totally blocks Ind. 135 South and can add an hour or so to your trip if you get trapped. Larry 's maps showed the detour route via Ind. 235 through Medora. Only problem was Larry discovered that this route was also closed the week before due to high water, so he provided another alternate route, just in case. (It was open, but just barely ). Also of note was the previous detour south of Salem is finally finished.

Some members chose to arrive at the original brunch time of 9 AM and were ready to leave as soon as the Driver 's Meeting was over. Having traveled much further, we opted for the 10 AM brunch along with others.

Ind. 135 was its usual winding, twisting and hilly self and Brigitta chose to drive this time and she put the Boxster S Tiptronic in



manual and did a very good job ( even Carl Shipp from Kokomo who followed us said she did a great job! ) and she really enjoyed herself all the way to Huber and I tried to navigate. Having failed my first navigation stint and Larry 's warning about the sudden left after a blind hill, Brigitta is now an official Ind. 135 Escape Road Inductee just as many illustrious CIR members who have come before her are, including myself. There are just too many turns to remember and it comes so suddenly and without any warning and what the heck – it 's always embarrassing when you have to back up in a Porsche after flubbing up. Caught us napping! Arriving at Huber, we were surprised to see Larry and Louise Haskett leaving with Scott and Pam Ferguson following along with another car behind them. Was it that cold or did they not like the wet lawn for their pristine cars? Seems Louise had gotten a call about a family member and they decided to head back to Indy early. Tom and Marsha Brentlinger graciously stepped in and took over and they decided to move the door prize giving up to 2:30 from 3:00 ( Marsha said she was freezing! ) and with many leaving early due to the cold, almost every car left at the drawing got a door prize of either a bottle of wine or a \$35 gift certificate. We were very lucky and won the later and used it up on an assortment of Huber wine, pumpkins and food. Thank you very much!

I would have to say that the turnout from CIR was truly amazing, considering that the forecast was for possible snow flurries that morning with highs in the mid 40 's, but it definitely was apparent at the winery that Kentucky Region won the attendance challenge with a fantastic turnout. Well, they didn 't have to drive very far! Still, good show Louisville!

It was the coldest Huber Winery Tour I can ever remember and it 's been the coldest and wettest fall I can remember.

Thanks go out to Larry and Louise, Tom and Marsha for putting on a wonderful tour, even if was just a tad bit nippy.

## Tom Wood Porsche Designated a Premier Porsche Dealer for 2010

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Tom Wood Porsche has been selected as a Premier Porsche Dealer for 2010. As the dealership is a long-standing supporter of CIRPCA, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize this achievement. The criteria by which a Porsche dealer is so honored are detailed in the following philosophy.

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Hi everyone. I just recently purchased a 81 924 for \$200.00. While I know that no one likes these cars, I just could not turn down a Porsche/VW for the money. I plan to restore this car and do a article on the preservation of one of the early water/cooled cars. This chassis is straight and has never been hit! Already I have installed Fuchs and removed all of the bad interior. Ebay has a wealth of 924/944 parts cheap for these mass produced cars. Photos of the process will be taken through out the preservation. I thought that a winter project is needed. Tony Griffin / Griffin's Service Center, Flora, IN



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### CIRPCA Holiday Brunch 2009

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Garrison Restaurant's *Fabulous Mile Long All You Can Eat Sunday  
Brunch!*

As in years past, we will be having a "not so serious" gift exchange so for all who sign up, please bring an under \$20 gift that you wouldn't mind owning yourself, because you just might. The price for the brunch is \$29.50 per person and you can make your reservation on the CIRPCA website, probably right now since you're thinking of it. We had the room completely full last year and look forward to seeing you all again for one of our most enjoyable events of the year.

The food is plentiful and great! The gift exchange is spirited and fun! The fellowship and conversations are – priceless! Come join us. Call if you have questions – 317 374 8772 Don Shuck. **Happy Holidays!**