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Upcoming 2010 Events

February 4(Thursday)

Board Meeting - Skyline Club, Indianapolis, 7:00 pm

February 6 (Saturday)

First Saturday Breakfast - The Roost, Fishers, 9:00 am

February 13 (Saturday)

Valentine ' s Day Dinner/Dance - Orchard Ridge Country Club, Ft. Wayne

February 20, 2010 (Saturday)

Annual Chili and Soup Bowl - The Shuck Residence, Carmel, IN

February 27 (Saturday)

Tech Session - Performance Racing Group, Indianapolis, 11:00 am

March 4 (Thursday)

Board Meeting, Skyline Club, Indianapolis, 7:00 pm

March 6 (Saturday)

First Saturday Breakfast - Café Patachou, Keystone at the Crossing, Indianapolis

March 7 (Sunday)

CIRPCA Spring DE @ Putnam Park - Registration Opens!!!

March 13 (Saturday)

Second Saturday Breakfast - Cosmos Restaurant, Ft. Wayne, 9:00 am

April 24 & 25 (Saturday & Sunday)

Spring Color Tour - Morristown, IN to Newport, KY

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The President's Message - Don Shuck, President CIRPCA



The year is off and running with activities galore – wasn't that a Bond film? Rob had a great tech session that over 30 of your fellow members enjoyed, braving the elements, closed roads and all the "do list" projects a Saturday morning usually brings. Being surrounded by cars that have won the Indy 500 and remembering the drivers that drove them to that position raised the Saturday morning event to a much higher level. Thanks to Rob and to Race Car Restorations for their generous hospitality.

Mike Robbins wrote a great article last month about the annual PCA Porsche Parade and what goes on at one of those events. You probably saw in your January Panorama the write up of the 2010 Parade being held in St.Charles, IL starting July 3rd. Hey members, that's right in our own back yard! Thanks to Mike's encouragement and fine example, we have a very strong interest in gathering CIRPCA members to caravan to this year's event. Registration begins Tuesday, March 9, 2010. We'll set up a "registration" on a CIRPCA web so everyone can see who is signing up even though you'll need to get to the PCA web to actually get registered. It will be fun and we certainly have an experienced and well traveled tour guide to show us around.

You have an extremely active and committed board of trustees acting on your behalf for the 2010 calendar season. As I had alluded to in an earlier communiqué, your club has not escaped the economic downturn and global recession. We are prudently and diligently responding to the financial needs of your organization while still maintaining a full and vibrant calendar of events for your membership enjoyment. One of the few events we schedule that has an opportunity to help our financial picture is the DE event which we will be running in May of this year. I strongly encourage all of you to mark your calendar now for the May 21 – 23 CIRPCA Drivers Education event at Putnam Park. Much more will follow as the event unfolds but your participation and encouragement to your fellow track enthusiasts will be greatly appreciated.

I hope all of you printed off and enjoyed your January CIRcular and the three month calendar. I can't thank Jim Legault enough for all his time, energy and talent in putting together all the pieces that come together as a very professional and enjoyable CIRPCA publication. Thank you Jim.

Sign up for the Rolex 24 at the Brentlinger's, the First Saturday breakfast, the Valentine's Day gathering in Ft. Wayne, the Chili and Soup Bowl at the Shuck's and Rob's next tech session on February 27th.

Meanwhile, have a great day, a better tomorrow and a safe clear road in front of you.



The Water Cooler - Jim Legault, *CIRCULAR* Editor

What a great Tech Session at Race Car Restorations last month! We started the day with breakfast at Charlie Brown's Pancake and Steak Restaurant in Speedway. Great food, good prices, and atmosphere like no other! Following breakfast, we drove a few miles east on 16th Street to Race Car Restorations, owned by Walter Goodwin, who specialize in restoring Indy cars from the 1960's through the 1990's. I've been an Indy 500 fan since the 1960's, and for me, it was almost as good as it gets. It looked like a rabbit warren of chassis, engine, and miscellaneous race car parts, but every piece and part was right where it needed to be. Most of us have never heard of Race Car Restorations, but the shop is highly regarded. How highly regarded? The original Ford engine from Jim Clark's 1965 Indy 500 winning Lotus was in the shop for evaluation and rebuilding. The engine had been pulled from the original Lotus 38 chassis in Great Britain by Classic Team Lotus and shipped here to Indianapolis. That lump is virtually priceless. A few photos from the event appear below.



Rob Fike has a second Tech Session planned for February 27 at Performance Racing Group. Experts will be on hand to cover brakes and data usage. It should be fun and informative, especially with warmer weather just around the corner!

In this month's *CIRCULAR*, Bob and Brigitta Snider set the stage for spring with a preview of the annual Spring Color Tour. It sounds like the best one yet! Mike Robbins graces our pages once again with another installment of The Way it Was, and Rob Fike has contributed an unusual, but extremely practical Tech Tip.

Finally, I'd like to repeat my request from last month. Contribute a recipe, a tech tip, a photo of your pride and joy (whether that's your significant other, your children, or your Porsche is up to you), a story about an interesting place you've visited or person you've met. Have an item you'd like to sell or trade? I'd like to see a robust classified ad section in this newsletter. If you have an idea for a story or activity and want to know how to put it into action, all contributions are encouraged and appreciated!

I can be contacted at EDITOR@CIRPCA.ORG or call me at (317) 443-4024. Photos and articles should be sent to jamesleg@ameritech.net. I'm really looking forward to the coming year, and especially to YOUR contribution to the newsletter and to your club!



Spring Color Tour Weekend to Cincinnati - Sat. & Sun., April 24 & 25

by Bob & Brigitta Snider

This year we are really going to change things up a bit – we’re going German – full tilt! This year’s Spring Color Tour is going to start on Saturday and end in the evening at the Newport, Kentucky, **Hofbrauhaus** – America’s first authentic Hofbrauhaus, modeled after the legendary 400+ year-old Hofbrauhaus in Munich, Germany, with authentic Hofbrauhaus German beer, food, band and dancing:

www.hofbrauhausnewport.com. So get your lederhosen and dirndls out of the closet, start practicing the “Chicken Dance” and mark your calendars for April 24 & 25 now! Overnight accommodations are arranged with a block of rooms held at Covington, KY’s, spectacular 14 story, AAA 4-diamond award-winning Cincinnati Marriott at Rivercenter with a soaring marble-floored atrium and the best view of Cincinnati’s exciting new riverfront skyline. The complete hotel was totally renovated in 2009. You don’t want to drive all the way back to Indy with all that good German beer in ya? You don’t have to stay overnight if you don’t want to, but we promise the best nighttime view of Cincinnati you’ll ever see! And with the fantastic group rates we’ve arranged, you won’t have any reason not to. Ask for a River View room and you won’t be sorry. Sunday morning hot breakfast buffet at Restaurant 10 West is included for an extra \$10/room! Take a photo tour of this beautiful hotel at: www.cincinnati.marriott.com and make it a weekend getaway with us!



Sunday will be a relaxed free day with options for a group breakfast at 9 AM in the million-dollar-view Marriott’s 10 West Restaurant overlooking the Cincinnati waterfront, a walking tour of nearby Covington’s German MainStrasse Village, the exciting riverfront Newport on the Levee shopping and entertainment complex with its Newport Aquarium, or venture over to Cincinnati and visit any of its many great museums or the famous Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, shop the very elegant Tower Place Mall located in the famous and historically restored 1929 “Art Deco” Hilton Netherland Plaza across the street from Fountain Square (of “WKRP in Cincinnati” TV fame) or have a unique lunch atop trendy Mt. Adams in one of its many charming bistros overlooking downtown Cincinnati.



Are you excited, yet? Well, reserve the date! We will meet at noon on Saturday in Morristown, IN, (1/2 hour southeast of I-465 on US 52) behind their local Post Office in the center of town, register and have a short Driver’s Meeting at 12:30 and leave promptly at 1 PM.



We will then head east and south, traversing some of the best sports car roads in all of Indiana and through some of our most unique small towns, including Rushville, Connersville, German Oldenburg & Batesville and ending along the Ohio River at Rising Sun where we will follow the river east to Lawrenceburg and then jump across the mighty Ohio and cut across northern Kentucky and finish with a short driving tour of Covington's very charming Riverside Historic District and finally Newport where we end at the Hofbrauhaus at Newport on the Levee and ompah, ompah by 5:30 PM! With hotel checkout at

11 AM on Sunday, you only have a very short 1½ hour all-Interstate drive back to I-465 and Indy (I-465 is only 90 miles from downtown Cincy!) or you can spend the rest of the day in Cincinnati at your leisure.

How much is all this grand excursion going to set you back, you ask? A mere \$10/person. You must make your own optional hotel reservations by calling the Cincinnati Marriott at Rivercenter (actually located in Covington, KY, across the river from Cincinnati) and reserving your rooms at 800-266-6605 or 859-261-2900 and mention our special block rate code of: **Porsche Club**: \$119 Group Rate Standard View Deluxe Double or King (\$129 w/ breakfast at 10 West), \$129 Deluxe Dbl. or King River View (\$139 w/ breakfast), \$179 Deluxe King River View w/ Balcony (\$189 w/ breakfast). Smoke free facility. Release date for all Group Rate rooms: **5 PM, March 24.**

Also, be sure and register with our club online at www.cirpca.org by clicking on the Event Calendar, then the Spring Color Tour event and then "to register" so I know how many route instructions to print up.

See you in Newport at the Hofbrauhaus!

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Cocktails at 6:30pm; dinner at 7:30pm on Saturday, February 13th at the beautiful Orchard Ridge Country Club, 4531 Lower Huntington Rd, Fort Wayne.



Valentine's Day

Valentine Dinner and Dance
Saturday, February 13, 2010

Appetizers

Drunken shrimp served with crostini
Crab cake served with roasted garlic aioli
Fried oysters

Soups

Blue Crab Legs, Tomato and Basil Bisque
Roasted Cinnamon Apple

Salads

Italiano
House dinner salad
Baby iceberg wedge
Arugula, feta, toasted walnuts and red onions drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette

Entrées

Châteaubriand served table side
Beef Wellington with a wild mushroom duxelles and rosemary demi glacé
Diver Scallops in a lemon chive butter sauce with herb pappardelle and crumbled goat cheese
Grilled Swordfish with basil butter
Pecan-crusted Chicken with praline sauce

Desserts

Butterscotch Crème Brûlée
Godiva Chocolate Mousse with fresh strawberries

The Way It Was by Mike Robbins

A few nights ago I received an e-mail from a friend in Ohio. As often happens, his query prompted my memory buds to elaborate my response. I thought you might be interested in this bit of CIR history. His question was: *...he is the one who purchased the 1960 dark green Carrera GT from a guy in the Indianapolis area. That guy in later years attended parades driving a 356B roadster, which may have been yellow. Here's my questions: What was that guy's name?* I answered the question and expanded as follows, slightly edited for publication here:

The name you want is John Carmack. He was the original purchaser of the Carrera GT Coupe that had a sun roof with an aluminum panel. A sun roof in a GT seems a little odd to me but I guess that's the way John ordered the car. It also had an electrical defroster in the windshield but the windshield was broken during shipment so a normal windshield was installed as a replacement. John sold the car to Dave Graff in Columbus IN who later sold it to your man in Columbus OH. During a race at Wilmot Hills John broke the gear shift lever during Saturday practice. It so happened that CIR's Georgeanna Tutrow had her Roadster at the dealer on the north side of Chicago so John and his mechanic went there and "borrowed" her gearshift lever. I don't remember how they were able to execute that arrangement but the mechanic [long since deceased] was known for his wily ways.

Another story is of John taking the car on an all night SCCA rally. We had been warned that there would be few facilities on the rally route for purchasing gas and that we should avail ourselves of gas when possible. John solved that problem by carrying a 5 gallon can of gas in the back seat of the Coupe. The rally route had lots of rough roads and the gas can was bouncing around quite a bit. It was soon leaking and John's navigator was getting disturbed re the gas vapors. John was quite a pipe smoker. At a stop sign John took time to relight his pipe before his navigator could caution him about the vapors. They somehow survived the experience but the navigator swore off riding with John any more.

The yellow '62 Roadster has a story also. John wanted a Roadster with a S-90 engine but couldn't find one among the dealers he contacted. This was a little strange because prior to or maybe afterward, the local dealer had five S-90 Roadsters. In any case, John conversed with Cutler Motors in Sarasota FL. They had a new S-90 Coupe and a new N or S Roadster. They switched the engines and tachs to meet John's desires. Tom Farnham, formerly of Indy but last I knew was in the DC area, has owned the Roadster for a long time.

Well, I guess you got more info than you were looking for. I enjoy pulling these stories from the recesses of my brain. An ongoing project developed a few days ago. You probably read the story in the latest 356 Registry re the '56 Speedster owned by a fellow in Mystic CT. He had bought the car in Indy in the '70s. When I read the article I wondered if this was the car in which the original engine from my Speedster was installed in about 1961. I had bought a wrecked '60 Roadster to get the low mileage S engine as a replacement for my original N engine with about 110,000 miles. A local shop, the same mechanic in John Carmack's story above, purchased my original engine to replace the blown engine in a customer's car. It turns out it isn't the same car or my original engine. But some other aspects re the history of the car and its non-original engine have developed. To bring it even "closer to home", I have a brother who lives about ten miles from the current owner of the Speedster in Connecticut. It is truly a small world!



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February Tech Tip by Rob Fike

This month's tech tip comes not from me, but by way of a number of publications. Machinist's Workshop magazine, The Car Lounge, and finally the Circle City Corvair Club. Whew, now that the credits have been recognized, I can tell you that this Tech tip I have personally used, and am flabbergasted! Any time you are dealing with rusted screws, bolts or nuts, the experience can make you use some interesting words in new and unusual combinations.

Machinist's Workshop magazine tested penetrants for break out torque on rusted nuts. They are below, as forwarded by an ex-student and professional machinist, Bud Baker.

They arranged a subjective test of all the popular penetrants with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" environment.

<u>Penetrating Oil</u>	<u>Average Load</u>
None.....	516 pounds
WD-40.....	238 pounds
PB Blaster.....	214 pounds
Liquid Wrench.....	127 pounds
Kano Kroil.....	106 pounds
ATF-Acetone mix.....	53 pounds

The ATF-Acetone mix was a "home brew" mix of 50-50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. Note the "home brew" was better than any commercial product in this one particular test. Note also that "Liquid Wrench" is about as good as "Kroil" for about 20% of the price.

Warning: Acetone can damage painted surfaces.

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