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#### **Upcoming 2010 Events**

March 6 (Saturday)

First Saturday Breakfast - Café Patachou, Keystone at

The Crossing, Indianapolis, 9:00am

March 9 (Tuesday)

Porsche Parade Registration Opens

http://parade2010.pca.org/

March 13 (Saturday)

Second Saturday Breakfast - Cosmos Restaurant,

Ft. Wayne, 9:00 am

March 24 (Wednesday)

**Spring Color Tour Hotel Reservation Cutoff** 

Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter - 800-266-6605

April 3 (Saturday)

Tech Session at Performance Racing Group,

8587 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis

April 10 (Saturday)

Second Saturday Breakfast at O 'Daniel Porsche,

Fort Wayne, 9:00 am

April 24 & 25 (Saturday & Sunday)

Spring Color Tour - Morristown, IN to Newport, KY

May 1 (Saturday)

First Saturday Breakfast, Location TBD

May 8 (Saturday)

Second Saturday Breakfast, Norma 's Pancake House,

Fort Wayne, Road Rally to Follow

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LATEST EVENT NEWS

#### The President's Message - Don Shuck, President CIRPCA

Welcome to March Madness CIRPCA members. Seems like March in Indiana means at least six more weeks of winter and with all the snow this year, you would have to believe we have at least that many weeks left. But it wasn't all that bad in February if you had filled up your calendar with the events your club offered during the month. You may recall the major snow dump we had the first weekend in February but twelve of your winterized club associates braved the elements, roads and other drivers to



fellowship at The Roost in Fishers, IN. I know what you're thinking—they all live around the corner. Would you believe two came down from Ft. Wayne (John and George), one from New Palestine (Randy) and one from Pendleton (Tom). What a great morning and thanks Dan Hoffman for setting up all of our First Saturday breakfasts. If you haven't started your month with us then look to do so on March 6th as we visit the Petite Chou at Keystone at the Crossing from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Its fun, great food, lively banter, bring your significant other or just yourself and then do all those other things you have on your list.

Thank you to the Groulik's and Barker's for organizing and hosting the Valentine's Day dinner and dance in Ft. Wayne. Four tables of love struck celebrants engaged the occasion to publically display their affection for their sleek cars—I mean spouses—by sharing exquisite epicurean preparations, flowing spirits, vibrant verbiage and dance floor eloquence. We missed the rest of you but you would have been proud.

And just when you thought it was time for March we gathered a hearty group of new and seasoned members at your club's annual Chili and Soup Bowl. Chris brought the best Fajita soup you've ever tasted, Linda put a French spin on the classic split pea soup, Marsha recreated Caesar, Leigh Anne made melt in your mouth chocolate chip cookies while Bob permanently changed the aroma in his whole house with his club famous "no bean chili". It was great to see all the wonderful regulars along with Joe and Pattie Sikora from Lafayette (a forever member) and Stephen Arthur, the clubs newest PCA member.

If it sounds like all we do in CIRPCA is eat well then maybe that's what we do as an excuse to get together and have some fun. What we're missing is you. So look over the March calendar and find a reason to join us. Look out a bit and sign up for the Spring Color Tour in April—that event is eating and driving!

Next month we're going to talk about our wonderful committees and how your CIRPCA is much stronger and vibrant because of all the work being done by those dedicated and generous individuals working just for you.

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

#### Planning to attend Parade in 2010?

Mark your calendar to attend the 55th Porsche Parade in St. Charles, Illinois at the Pheasant Run Resort: July 3rd – July 9th, 2010. Since it's close to home this year, CIRPCA would like a strong presence at the parade. Register at the official parade site <a href="http://parade2010.pca.org/">http://parade2010.pca.org/</a>. Registration opens March 9th.

#### Curious about who else is attending from CIRPCA?

Check <u>cirpca.org/calendar/</u> in the coming weeks for more information regarding who is attending and plans for CIRPCA get-togethers at Parade!



#### Spring Color Tour Weekend to Cincinnati - Sat. & Sun., April 24 & 25 by Bob & Brigitta Snider

The important thing to do this month, if you plan on staying overnight Saturday, is to make your hotel reservations now by March 24, because after that our special block room rates go up \$30 and are on a "space available basis". Staying overnight Saturday is optional, but we promise a fun time with luxurious accommodations, overlooking the Ohio River and downtown Cincinnati's exciting new riverfront. You must make your own hotel reservations by calling the Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter (actually located in Covington, Kentucky, across the river from Cincinnati) at 800-266-6605 or 859-261-2900 and mention our special block rate code of: **Porsche Club**: \$119 Standard View Deluxe Double or King (\$129 w/ breakfast buffet at 10 West overlooking the Ohio River), \$129 Deluxe Dbl. or King with River View (\$139 w/ breakfast), \$179 Deluxe King River View w/ Balcony (\$189 w/ breakfast). Smoke free facility. All group rooms will be released on March 24. Go for the River View with breakfast!

If you missed last month's blockbuster *CIRcular* promo article go to: <a href="www.cirpca.org">www.cirpca.org</a> and click on the "Resources" toolbar, then "CIRcular Newsletter" and then "CIRcular February 2010" (pages 8 & 9) or click on the "Event Calendar" toolbar and then "Spring Color Tour Weekend to Cincinnati" to see a similar article and pictures. And while you're there, **register**. It's only \$10/person and includes some of the best sports car roads and very picturesque small towns in Indiana and Ken-

This year we are ending with dinner at a big German Restaurant in Newport, KY, just across the river from Cincinnati and next door to Covington. It is the very first American **Hofbrauhaus** owned by the world famous 400+ year old Munich Hofbrauhaus in Germany! Authentic German food, beer, music and dancing!



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All the details are in the promo articles online. If anyone has any questions, just call me anytime at 765-282-7985 H/W. So sign up, reserve your room and join Brigitta and me in Cincinnati at the Hofbrauhaus for a weekend to remember!

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## Parade 2009 Revisited Will we see you in 2010? By Cole Scrogham

#### Registration opens March 9 and continues through June 20

Colorado in July, sounds kind of backwards doesn't it? Most people head to the Mountain West to take advantage of powder snow in the winter, but not much snow is to be found in the summer months. "Most people," however, are not Porsche people; where the location is just an excuse to get together with friends that share a love for the Porsche car. PCA holds its annual Porsche Parade each summer at locales around the US and even Canada from time to time, alternating east, central and west coast destinations. The Parade is the premier event for our club, and as PCA grows the Parade has also been growing over the past decades into a world class event that is not to be missed, and the 2009 edition in Keystone, Colorado was no exception.

Most Parades for me have been an opportunity to take the family on a nice summer vacation, AFTER the competition is over! This is going to sound really weird to most of you, but the Concours is what I really enjoy. It's not just seeing all the beautiful cars lined up on some

beautiful golf course, or all the people that are around enjoying the sight or even the opportunity to get to see something very unique in Porsche's history. For me, I really enjoy competing in this event, whether with a restoration of a unique Porsche car or a newer model that requires an eye for detail (and very small fingers)...I love the competition. Years ago I was a little more serious about it than today, but that fire still burns enough once a year to make me think about new projects.

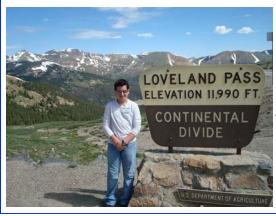
This year was a different story. No project, no car and no competition. I thought about not going at all, but after a lot of prodding by my son Michael we were thinking about turning Parade 2009 into a guy's trip with just the two of us. I was lucky enough to be asked to judge the 356's, so that at least gave me enough of a "job" to put me over the top. There were lots of rooming options, so we opted for a small condo that had a kitchen, pull out sofa and most amenities other than air



Abarth Carerra

conditioning. Turns out that omission wasn't a big deal until faced with one of the warmest rooms I can remember, but no matter as cool nights and a few electric fans perched on the window sills made it all OK. Why would you need a room with AC in the Colorado Mountains anyway?

It was a surreal experience to walk around the Concours prep area and not have anything to work on. I always enjoyed it when people would come up and comment on your car and ask questions, so I guess now it was my turn. The prep location was a tad bleak in terms of lighting (note that this year Concours entrants will be treated to an indoor facility for prep) as it doubled as a parking garage, but you could still enjoy looking at the cars and catching up with friends. Some of the cars were really nice, and it was a pleasure to actually meet some first timers without looking out from under a car with sweat dripping off my nose! We actually went to the Goodie Store and had time to hang out in the Hospitality area before the Concours, which was pretty interesting with lots to look at and served to take my mind off not participating in the competition.



Michael was having a blast! He had a chance to catch up with some friends he made at the Charlotte Parade the previous year, was up and ready for the continental breakfast in the Hospitality suite each day, and had a great time helping some friends with last minute preparations on their 356 Roadster. On the day of the Concours he helped babysit the Roadster for Jim and Leann Huestess while I judged, and managed to fall asleep in a chair on the field. When he woke up, he said he was pretty sure he could feel the skin on his face frying in the sun, and had the sunburn to prove it!

Michael at Continental Divide



After the judging was over, he took the camera to the historic display and took some photos of cars that he liked. He settled on a nicely restored 550 Spyder and an original 906 that Jim Perrin has owned since Nixon was president, I think, but the Abarth Carrera really caught his attention with its louvered Italian body and classic shape. On the judging field he found a beautiful Blue Cayman with the Aero Kit and one of the Orange special edition Boxsters that stood out in a field of gorgeous cars. We were called back to our friends with the Roadster, it turned out they were chosen to participate in final judging so we helped Jim and Leann arrange the car on the field for a few last minute details. They were so excited to have won the Preservation Award trophy in the 356 class, while the overall award went to a very nice 928.

#### **Orange Boxster Special Edition**

Each day we managed to feed

ourselves lunch by making sandwiches from some goodies purchased at a local store, with no girls around that meant white bread with mayo and turkey, and an occasional beef jerky stick with a side of cheese ball and a Dr. Pepper to wash it all down. I wasn't sure if we were having lunch or getting ready for a Super Bowl party! One day we decided after our gourmet guy lunch that a trip to the Continental Divide was in order, and although the rental car protested we made it to the top in only a half hour or so. We managed a short walk up some stairs to take in some beautiful scenery, but had to stand there for a minute to catch our breath at that altitude. It was amazing how quickly you became winded and had to pace yourself physically for just a few stairs. On the way back down we took another break and were getting our breath when we saw one of the riders on the US Cycling team come pedaling to the top. Pretty embarrassing...they were getting a final test in before the Tour de'France began, and we could barely make it back to the car.



Abarth Carrera rear view

I wanted to try and stick around for the Tech Quiz, but we had to get back home early and so we settled for a quick trip to the Autocross instead. I didn't need Michael getting any ideas, but a Parade Autocross is a pretty big deal with the number and variety of cars involved. Usually the Autocross takes several days just to get through the run groups, and the competition can be pretty fierce for those seriously into this sport. The same can be said of the Rally, I guess it boils down to everyone can participate and have a great time at any level, but these events can also be extremely competitive. I love it when first timers show up, they always have such a good time just being there and taking it all in, asking questions and getting a lot of help from those more experienced. It is easy to see future friendships taking place, some of which will last many, many years if not a lifetime. Those friendships really come home to me when we follow the tradition at the Parade of recognizing long time Parade goers. I won't spoil the surprise if you have not seen it before, but suffice it to say when Mike Robbins has been to over 50 Porsche Parades (most of them in the same 356 Speedster!) that is quite an accomplishment. Won't you join us this year in St. Charles, IL for your first one?

Parade registration opens in early March. If you have never attended and are wondering what it is all about, check the Parade website at <a href="http://parade2010.pca.org">http://parade2010.pca.org</a>. The 2010 venue is a "resort" Parade at beautiful Pheasant Run in St. Charles, IL, which means everything you need is close at hand and most events are within walking distance. The central location should give Porsche owners from both coasts an opportunity to attend. Priority registration is n March 9th through 11th to give everyone an even start and not overwhelm the server, and continues through June 20th. So put those dates on your calendar and join your Porsche friends for a great time!



#### The Way It Was by Mike Robbins

I recently read an article in which the writer suggested that tachometers may be superfluous.......that many drive by the sound of the engine. Some years ago such practice got me in trouble. I had a '58 Coupe [one of three over the years] in which I had installed the so-called Speedster 3rd and 4th gears. These gears gave improved acceleration at the cost of poorer gas mileage and increased wear on the engine. After covering a few thousand miles I realized that the way I used the car.....largely highway driving..... was accenting the down sides of the short gears. I was seldom driving in situations where the short gears were pleasurable. The obvious fix was to change 3rd and 4th



gears to the standard, factory supplied "Coupe gears". That "sweet spot" of about 4000rpm now gave 80mph.

Late one night after installing the long gears I was motoring along on a state highway at that speed in which all seemed right with the world. The sound and feel of the engine were beautiful. Whereas the short gears would have resulted in a legal speed, with the long gears I was now traveling 80 mph. In a while a car approached from the opposite direction.....a rarity at this hour in this part of the state. I couldn't be sure but I thought I saw a "bubble gum machine" on the roof of the car as it passed. I slowed and noticed the other car was making a U-turn at the last crossroad intersection. Sure enough the car was approaching me at a high rate and was soon immediately behind me. I don't need to tell you all that followed. As an excuse for having exceeded the limit I mentioned the recent change of gear ratos and the resultant increased speed when driving by sound and feel. The gentleman's reply was, "you do have a speedometer don't you".

As a side note, I put about 200,000 miles on that car. The fellow who bought it from me spent some time and money restoring it. He and his wife drove it for a few years and then ran it through one of the auctions in Monterey CA last August. I wonder where it is now.

In the Feb. CIR Board meeting there was discussion re caps, badges or other identification for CIR members attending the forthcoming Porsche Parade. In 1961 CIR had about 8 members attending the Parade in Connecticut. We made small pennants about 6 or 8" high x 12"long. These had the PCA emblem and letters "CIR". [CIR did not have its own emblem at that time] We mounted them on those now relics-of-the-past......curb feelers. We bent the feelers so that the clamp part fastened to the high point in the left front wheel opening and the "mast" protruded vertically. A stiffener held the white fabric pennants out so they weren't drooped. We had pre-arranged to meet at a nearby spot and drove into the entrance of the Parade site in a group......honking our horns as we entered. As I remember, one CIR member didn't make it to the meeting spot and missed the grand entrance. The whole thing called glowing attention to the fledgling, recently chartered CIR. I think I still have my pennant around here someplace.

In 1973 the Porsche Parade was held in Monterey CA. The goody bag that registrants were given included a T-shirt with the Parade logo silk screened on the back and a Porsche logo circled by the registrant's region of PCA screened over the heart. Can you imagine the logistics of getting those shirts printed? I believe this was the first Parade to have T-shirts but they started something. I think all Parades since then have had at least one, if not more, styles of shirts available for sale. Some display great creative efforts in the artwork involved. Now if they could just get the manufacturers to standardize the shirt sizes.

#### Do you enjoy fine autos? Do you enjoy good food? Do you enjoy meeting other enthusiasts?

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You've received the notices, you've been thinking of attending – now is your chance to join us during this Meet & Greet with Porsche enthusiasts at the O'Daniel Porsche showroom, 5611 Illinois Road in Ft. Wayne at this family friendly event. Please register at www.cirpca.org/calendar



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#### February Tech Tip by Rob Fike

In many ways driving is like flying an airplane. You have many hours of just sitting there, guiding, watching, going from point A to point B. But then there are those brief moments of heart stopping fear where a situation arises, demanding you make an instant decision to save you and your vehicle.

In the aircraft arena, when these decisions need to be made, you fall back on hours and hours of training. In the driving arena, all we have to fall back on is the years of driving we have under our belts, and our original Drivers Ed in high school. In all those years of driving, you have had many things happen to you in traffic that you file away in your mind. The problem is that there are very few ways to PRACTICE the most critical situations that require your immediate and proper response.

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These are important areas of continued study for ALL DRIVERS, not just guys that like to get some track time.

Along with this, there are a couple of items I want to mention that are the most difficult to practice in your vehicle for obvious reasons. These are situations where an impact with another car or object is UNAVOID-ABLE. If you find that you are about to impact another VEHICLE, <u>AIM FOR A WHEEL</u>. By doing this, you will cause the other vehicle to spin, rather than absorb the full impact. And in any impending impact, try to <u>minimize the angle</u>. The smaller the angle, the more glancing the blow. See you soon, Rob

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