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Visit the New CIR Website!

The New CIR Web Site is up and running! Because it's a completely new site, *you first must register*. Just follow the instructions found on the home page.

After you have completed your CIR Web Site registration, explore the new site, and make a special effort to peruse the <u>Events Calendar</u>.

Each event requires a separate sign-up. Some require payment and some are free. But you are certain to find something fun to do with your fellow Porsche enthusiasts!

December 2011 CIRPCA President's Message

Wasn't Thanksgiving the absolute best holiday you have celebrated in who knows how long? So much hinges around the weather and, oh my, what a delivery we had for three out of the four day extended weekend for family and friends.

There is much to be thankful for and so many distractions along the way to almost guarantee that we separate and then forget about the "thanks" and the "giving". But we won't let that happen, not within this holiday window that we have from November 24th through December 25th. You notice it don't you? The pace picks up a bit; the step is a tad more lively and with purpose. The greetings come more naturally and they aren't quite so monotoned or rehearsed.

There are days and events to boldly mark on the calendar for they are indeed enjoyable, festive, uplifting, charitable and sharing experiences. The opportunities to make lasting memories are never quite so condensed as they are within these joyous and celebrative calendar days.

All of us within the Central Indiana Region of the Porsche Club of America wish you and yours the most wonderful of holidays and the best of all years as we all enjoy the days that were cast upon the stage of the world many centuries ago.

As 2011 comes to an end so does my limited term as the President of CIRPCA for the past two years. I am pleased to leave you in the experienced hands of Rob Fike for the next round of club improvement, tweaking, refocusing and strengthening as your club moves into its second 50 years of existence. I would like to believe your current club is stronger now than when we found it. We are financially sound with realistic opportunities to grow beyond the limited parameters we placed upon ourselves over the past several years as we fought the economic downturn and the visual reality that our existence could in fact be terminal in the absence of difficult decisions.

Our future is never guaranteed but our expectations, drive, enthusiasm and goal based management dictum have aligned themselves with cerebral clarity as everything that is discussed, planned, envisioned, approved and executed is done only for the benefit of you, the members and irrevocable beneficiaries of this club.

I can only thank those who so unselfishly have served your cause for the past two years and stepped up their efforts, commitment and involvement for the measured successes we have worked so diligently to accomplish.



Rob Fike served graciously and actively as your Vice President to not only add leadership to our meetings but to also step up our technical event offerings over the course of his term.

Bob Snider proved himself to be an exemplary recorder of detail as your recording Secretary bringing to written accountability the ideas and programs discussed, for which there would be no progress if actions were allowed to wane from one meeting to the next.

George Barker took on the most thankless position available on your board, Treasurer, and found, cajoled, interpleaded and coerced vendors with whom we had or would have relationships to offer services for fees that more properly reflected our not-forprofit status and the economic environment within which we were all assembled.

George then handed off that position to the most capable Simon Robinson and took on the body blows that would be delivered as your Driver's Education Event Chair, a critical and club changing position that, when executed precisely, encourages chants and raves from all, which is exactly the result of October's Pumpkin Run.

Debbie Groulik was your Activities Chair for the past two years, raising the awareness, participation and activities offered in our Ft. Wayne area as well as coordinating the calendar of events put forth twelve times each year.

Randy Faunce always has and, hopefully, always will bring his years of experience, passion for the product, sense of humor and technical knowledge to our monthly meetings as well as his talented management capabilities running the Street Survival program that is the best "reality show" going in that it actually saves teenage drivers lives.

Geoff Kapke demonstrated remarkable awareness

of our members comings and goings as our Membership Chair by encouraging those whose active status had expired to renew and by educating those newly joined to actively become involved.

Mike Robbins continues as the undisputed club historian and contributor of those articles within your CIRcular publication to which you most look forward. How can you not be the historian when in fact the majority of the CIRPCA history was made by Mike?

Henry Riley needs to be thanked for the DE events he chaired successfully and the value and insight he added to our board meetings for eighteen months. A finer gentleman I have not had the privilege to meet in a long time.

Dan Hoffman soldiered his way through rain, snow, sleet and hail as he negotiated our First Saturday breakfast locations as well as a few of your most enjoyable tech sessions. We all might be a few pounds lighter if Dan hadn't been quite so creative and *inventfull* with his early morning selections.

Larry Haskett was a proven veteran offering resourceful information and guidance as your Past President and journeyman to your present board members. His relationship with our main sponsor, Tom Wood Porsche, was an extremely important part of our mission as we were anxious to solidify our growing partnership with this premier dealership.

David Weaver has served as your Webmaster for the past two years, undertaking the massive and time consuming position of improving and maintaining our clubs main communication link to you. We needed to drastically reduce our ongoing costs that had been eating us alive for five years as well as securing innovative ways to move with the trends of this century. There is undoubtedly much left to do but please believe me when I say much indeed has been accomplished.

David was a recipient of a special award at this years Annual Banquet to acknowledge, thank and raise to public awareness the personal sacrifice and dedication this one man has given on behalf of CIRPCA.

David, I have no words within my limited vocabulary to express my indebtedness for your contribution.

And I save this space to once again raise the banner of awareness to the contributions and creative product advanced and nurtured through the giving creativity and talent of your CIRcular Editor for five years, Jim Legault.

Jim also received a special award for his faithful years of service not only by intelligently managing the content and presentation of your monthly publication but also his contributions and artful eye as he provided his own AP worthy photographic preservation of a multitude of events over the course of his tenure.

The CIRcular has evolved as a nationally respected publication and one that is eagerly anticipated by our whole membership each and every month. He has been a comforting and insightful participant at all of our board meetings and, as you all know, at a large majority of our events.

Thank you Jim, for the years given and the visual entertainment and information delivered. You will be missed.

To all of these volunteers and to those who pitched in to lend a hand at our many events along the way, I say thank you. And thank you for allowing me to shepherd the cause for this brief moment in the life of your club.

In Julius Caesar Act 4, Brutus offers to Cassius,

"There is a tide in the affairs of men.
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

Omitted, all the voyage of their life Is bound in shallows and in miseries.

On such a full sea are we now afloat, And we must take the current when it serves,

Or lose our ventures."

On that historical and reverent note I will turn over the club charter and historical documents to the safe keeping of those here to follow and in whose absence I shall respectfully remain,

Don Shuck President CIRPCA

The Water Cooler - Jim Legault CIRcular Editor

Last Call!

This is the last issue of CIRcular under my editorship. It's been an interesting run, to say the least!

When I took the helm in March of 2006. I didn't know nothin' about birthin' no newsletters, believe Rob Fike has contributed Tech articles to make the tract pages in multiples of four (that way the odd easier. page doesn't fall out of a printed copy...).

pretty much non-existent.

Change is good but change can be painful. There I'm very pleased to be able to tell you that Merritt cular blossomed into the online, full color publication that we have today.

Damon Beals, Tom Brentlinger, Larry Haskett, and Don Shuck, CIR Presidents during my watch, have Never forget that this is your newsletter. Your artiall been unbelievably supportive.

Bob Snider and Mike Robbins have contributed a great deal of their time and talent in form of artius up to speed on Fort Wayne's many activities.



me! I didn't even know that you had to add or sub- care and feeding of our favorite automobiles a little

And I have to mention Tony Griffin's 924 and 931 When I started, we printed and mailed black and reclamation projects. It's guys like Tony who, for white, pamphlet sized editions. The pictures the love of Porsches, reach out and share their pastended to be grainy and the sponsor ads were sion. That's what has made my time in the editor's chair so rewarding.

were lots of controversies, big and small, as CIR- Webb will be taking CIRcular's driver's seat beginning with the January 2012 issue. He is a great writer and Porsche enthusiast. I'm certain that Merritt will take our newsletter to the next level!

> cles, ideas, and feedback have been so important to me. Please show Merritt the same kind of support!

I'll be around. My real goal is to become a DE regucles. Debbie Groulik and Merritt Webb have kept lar. And I'll be writing things for the newsletter, as I see them. A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you and yours! Cheers!

Holiday Brunch at The Garrison

Sunday, December 11, 2011 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM, enjoy a feast and a grand holiday time at Fort Benjamin Harrison as we exchange pleasantries and gifts.

Register on the CIR Website now!





in the zone

By Ron Carr

Zone 4 Representative



In this end of the year edition of *In the Zone*, I would like to present some advance information about 2012 events to put on the calendar. Details may be sketchy at this point, but any advanced notice is usually helpful when planning for a busy summer. For your holiday celebrations *In the Zone*, check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on events close to you, and check the <u>Zone 4 Website</u> for other regions events. Have a happy holiday season, and be sure there is some extra space in the garage for that special gift that Santa might bring (if you've been good!!).

- NOR Holiday Party, Marriott, Cleveland East, Warrensville Heights, OH on Saturday December 10, 2011. For details see the Newsletter or Website.
- SEM Holiday Party at The Heathers of Bloomfield Hills, MI on Saturday December 10, 2011.
 Details are available on the Website.
- Next Year:
- Zone 4 gathering at the North American International Auto Show, Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Special presentation at the Porsche Display. I will provide details in a December E-Blast to Zone 4 members..
- The third annual Winter Concourse at Porsche of the Village, Cincinnati, OH is planned for Saturday evening, February 25, 2012. This is a PCNA event that is also supported by the PCA Ohio Valley Region- watch for details in their newsletter or website.
- The Zone 4 Presidents Meeting will take place at the Maumee Bay State Lodge near Toledo, OH on Saturday, March 24, 2012 for all of the Region Presidents and Driving Event Chairpersons. This will be followed on Sunday, March 25, 2012 with a Zone 4 Driving Events Planning Session at the same location.
- Grand Am Racing season kicks off in Zone 4 with the Detroit Grand Prix at Belle Isle on June 1, 2, and 3, 2012. A Porsche Car Corral will be organized for all interested Porsche Owners.
- The following weekend, the same crowd will gather for the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Grand Am Race in Lexington, OH on June 8, 9, and 10, 2012. A PCA Region will also host a Porsche Car Corral for Porsche Owners.
- The Southeast Michigan Region will hold their annual Club Race at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, MI on a new date this year, June 15, 16, and 17, 2012. Watch their website for details
- While not technically in Zone 4, the Annual Porsche Parade will be held in Salt Lake City, UT on July 7-14, 2012. Plan to join a bunch of other Zone 4 PCA members for fun in the mountains.
- The following weekend is the annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park, PA on July 21 & 22, 2012. This is actually a week-long event with a great Concourse on Saturday, sponsored in part by the PCA Allegheny Region.
- The third Grand Am event in Zone 4 will be part of the Brickyard 400 Weekend in Indianapolis, IN on July 27, 28, and 29, 2012. A PCA Region will also host a Porsche Car Corral for Porsche Owners
- The annual P2O event moves to Granville, OH on July 27-29, 2012, sponsored by the Mid-Ohio Region. Watch the P2O website for details.
- And finally, join fellow PCA members for a memorable fall weekend at the Escape to the Ozarks
 in Eureka Springs, AR on November 9, 10, and 11, 2012. More information will be available next
 year as the event grows closer.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at <u>zone4rep@embargmail.com</u>. Hope to see you at an event soon!

November 19th Annual Banquet at Hollyhock Hill Restaurant

Thirty of the CIR faithful gathered at Hollyhock Hill Restaurant to confirm the 2012 CIR Board of Directors, celebrate our 2011 accomplishments especially the 50th Anniversary extravaganza, and recognize some outstanding contributors to our club.

Oh, and we feasted on fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, steak, fried shrimp, among other home style food favorites!



Central Indiana Region's elected Board of Directors for 2012 are:

President: Rob Fike

Vice President: Don Shuck

• Secretary: (open)

Membership: Bob SniderTreasurer: Simon Robinson

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Following the incredible dinner, Don recognized Central Indiana Region's generous sponsors:

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Each sponsor received a plaque in appreciation of their support.

Several Club members were recognized for their contributions of time, talent, and enthusiasm in 2011. These individuals are:



 Tom Brentlinger - The Alton Dice Award for Club Member of the Year



- David Weaver Distinguished Service Award for his tireless efforts as Webmaster
- Jim Legault Distinguished Service Award honoring his 5 years as Newsletter Editor
- Don Shuck Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding efforts as President during 2010/2011

Thanks to everyone who attended!

CIRPCA Spring DE Has a New Date!

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November 5 Tech Session at Autocar Sports and Classics

A good group of curious Porsche enthusiasts gathered at Brian Stewart's <u>Autocar Sports and Classics</u> at 1755 Country Club Road on the far westside of Indianapolis for a winterization tech session.

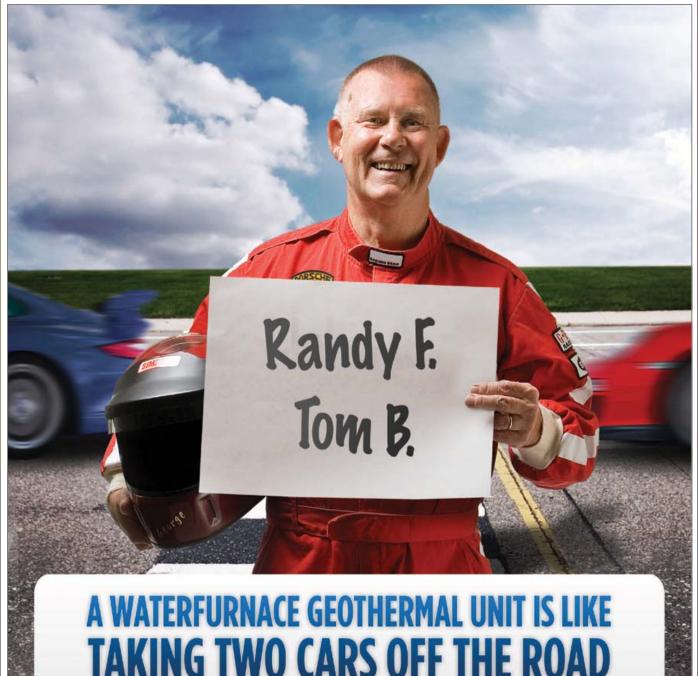
Brian is a veteran Formula 1 and Indy Car mechanic who tired of the constant travel of the racing circus. He services Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati and Aston Martin in his clean and cozy shop. He also had a Corvette, a vintage Formula Junior, and the odd British vehicle in the shop.

Brian entertained us with some stories of his days in the open wheel wars and presented a lot of common sense advice on preparing your Porsche for winter driving or storage.





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1 MONTH CIRPCA CALENDAR



- December 3 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast -Zest Exciting Food, Indianapolis
- December 10 (Sat) Second Saturday Breakfast - Sweet Cars, Fort Wayne
- December 11 (Sun) Christmas Brunch The Garrison Restaurant, Indianapolis

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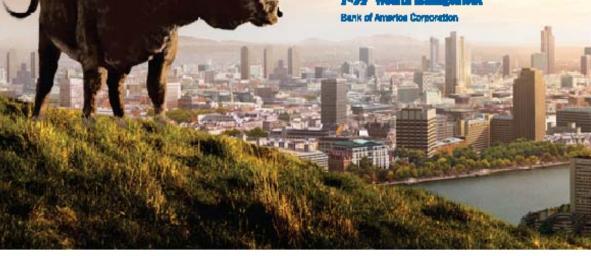
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