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Let Terry, Tim, and Brent put their 62 years of combined Porsche experience to work for you. This month, we'd like to introduce Tim Hudson. Tim is a Porsche certified technician with over 12 years of experience exclusively servicing Porsche vehicles. At Rennsport Reunion III, Tim was honored as one of the top 20 Porsche technicians in North America.

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Changes

New Officers

New Editor (See Page 7)

Help Wanted!

Interested in a fun, challenging role within CIRPCA? Want to be in the know and in a position to help inform and guide CIRPCA?

If you look at the Board of Directors list, you will see several open positions. If you are interested in any of them please contact any director for more information.

No experience is necessary.

What are you waiting for? It's time to get involved! Do it today!

Events

Go to:

[HTTP://WWW.CIRPCA.ORG/CALENDAR/](http://www.cirpca.org/calendar/)

To register for events and get updates on the latest event news

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 [Events Calendar](#).

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!

January 2012 CIRPCA President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! For me this was the first time I was able to decorate a palm tree for Christmas.

As many of you don't know me let me introduce myself. My name is Rob Fike, my wife Judy and I live in Speedway. I have been a car guy since I could walk. I was into British cars for a number of years, and then switched to Corvettes in 1984. We still have a 1971 Bridgehampton blue T-top.

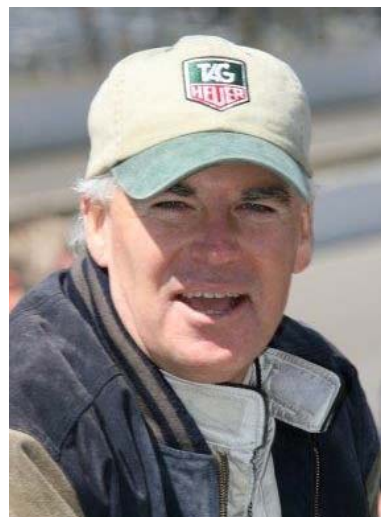
I started road racing in 1999 with a 1966 GT-3 class Chevy Corvair. We won the GT-3 Midwestern championship with that car in 2001. In late 2003 I decided that I wanted to race a 911. We built a GT-3 class race car the next year starting with a 1977 911S that had 16,000 original miles. In 2006 we won the Midwestern championship again with the Porsche. I'm an Instructor with Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs, as well as PCA Drivers Ed.

Our Porsches are presently the 911 race car and a Grand Prix White 1976 912E street car.

As with most clubs that thrive for many years, our Porsche club thrives by the wonderful people that make up our club. When I was racing the Corvair, I was welcomed with open arms at Putnam Park by our CIR track hounds. This club has some of the most outgoing, enjoyable people I have ever had the pleasure to be around. I know many of you have not done much with the club lately, and I hope this is the year you come back and try some new things with us.

We have a great new group of Board Officers to serve you this year, and we will all be working hard to maximize your Porsche enjoyment. Even though my background is racing, one of my main goals for

2012 is to offer a wide variety of activities for everyone to choose from. Car shows, Dinner drives, Picnic drives, Spring and Fall Color Tours, Fall Winery Tour, Spring and Summer Driver's Ed's, First Saturday Breakfasts, Second Saturday Breakfasts, Tech Sessions, even a Rally or two to start with.



Nothing looks cooler than a bunch of beautiful Porsches on the road together! I am committed to creating activities where we can enjoy our Porsches and our great members. It's in this spirit that I want anyone that has an idea for a new activity, or a change to an existing one to let me know. My email is: robfiike@comcast.net, and my cell is 317-727-9333. You can all help us sculpt this club into what you want!!!

I can't wait to see how much fun we have this year!!!

Rob Fike
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In The Zone

By Ron Carr
Zone 4 Representative



Now that the driving season ***In the Zone*** is on winter break, it is a good time to check out some of the indoor winter social activities going on in your local region and adjacent regions. Check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on events close to you, and check the Zone 4 Website (<http://zone4.pca.org/>) for other regions events. If you have a suggestion for an event that you think would be fun for your region membership, please communicate it to your region officers- they will appreciate your input.

- 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 at noon. Dinner gathering on Saturday evening at the Dearborn Inn. Rooms are blocked at the Dearborn Inn at a special PCA rate. See the Zone 4 Website for details.
- On February 18, 2012, the Southeast Michigan Region will host their first ever **CLASSROOM SESSION Introduction To High Performance Driver's Education**. More information will be available in January- watch their website and newsletter for details.
- 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 Rally Sport Region will be hosting its annual **Mid-Winter Get Together at the Historic Holly Hotel** on February 25th for great food, company and comedy. See the RSR website for details.
- 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 June 15, 16, and 17, 2012. Watch their website for details.
- While not technically in Zone 4, the **Annual PCA National 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 host a Porsche Car Corral for Porsche Owners on Friday the 27th.
- The annual **P2O** event moves to Granville, OH on July 27-29, 2012, sponsored by the Mid-Ohio Region. Watch the P2O.us website for details.
- The Mid-Ohio Region will move its annual **DE and Club Race** event at the Mid Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington Ohio to the weekend of August 17-19th, 2012.
- 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.



NORTH AMERICAN
INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

ROAD TRIP 2012 DETROIT AUTO SHOW

By Ron Carr
Zone 4 Representative



Please plan to join your fellow PCA Zone 4 members in a trip to the North American International Auto Show being held in Detroit, Michigan at the Cobo Hall Conference & Exhibition Center Jan. 14-22, 2012. The show opens to the public on Saturday, January 14th, 2012. Porsche AG has announced that it will be introducing the new 911 (model 991) at the show, which will make it a very special event to attend for all of the Porschephiles in our Club.

I thought it would be fun to plan a gathering at the Porsche Display at noon on Saturday, January 14th, for a Zone 4 "Meet and Greet", look at the cars, take some photos, and generally provide some support for our friends at PCNA and the local dealerships. Because of the distance to Detroit for many Zone 4 members, you may want to plan a weekend trip to the Motor City. I am helping by coordinating the following weekend events for those individuals and regions that would like to make this a "weekend destination event":

- There is a block of rooms for Zone 4 PCA members at the Dearborn Inn (Marriott) near the Henry Ford Museum. The block is for 10 rooms on Friday, January 13th and 10 rooms on Saturday, January 14th. The room block will be listed as Porsche Club (group code-ipcipca). Contact The Dearborn Inn, A Marriott Hotel, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, Michigan 48124 -4058 USA, Phone:1-313-271-2700, Fax:1-313-271-7464, Toll Free (800) 228-9290 .

- For those of us staying in Dearborn, we will organize vehicles on Saturday morning to leave from the Dearborn Inn, drive downtown and park at the Cobo Center. This will take around an hour each way with traffic. We will leave the Dearborn Inn parking lot at 9:00 AM and leave the Cobo Center at 5:00 PM to return.

- If you plan to join us at the Porsche Dis-

play at noon on Saturday, please RSVP to me at zone4rep@embarqmail.com by January 11th so I can put your name on the invitation list- we will need to limit the number of people to 50 in the hospitality area at the Porsche Display. They will admit those PCA Members that pre-register only.

- Dinner gathering on Saturday Evening at 7:00 PM for all Zone 4 members (Individual Pay); at the Dearborn Inn Edison restaurant- I have reserved a private room for us that evening. Please RSVP to me at zone4rep@embarqmail.com by Wednesday, January 11th if you plan to join us at dinner so I can confirm the reservations.

- Optional self-guided tour of the Henry Ford Museum and/or Automotive Hall of Fame on Sunday before returning home. If you have not been to the Henry Ford, you owe it to yourself and family to make the trip at least once in your lifetime. <http://www.hfmgv.org/>



Missed Shifts- Editors Message

Merritt Webb

I am your new newsletter editor, until "I get killed or they find someone better" as the line from Starship Troopers goes. Late in 2010, I was approached to see if I would be willing to volunteer to help out the club. I said I would, but I was not quite sure what I could do. After what I am sure was a lot of careful thought by the leadership, I was asked to be the newsletter editor. I don't know if I was picked as the editor, because of a perception that the CIRcular lacked enough midgets and strippers, but we'll just have to do our best to maintain a great newsletter as we go forward. Jim Legault has done a great job for many years and he deserves all of our appreciation. I hope to do as well, and admit there is much for me to learn. Just figuring out the players, the advertisers and all the details that make this work has already been an adventure. I will endeavor to do my best. I hope this is not like the laundry assignment at home...you know, you are told to do the laundry, and one little mistake with your red polo in with a bunch of white blouses...in hot water, and that is the last time you have that assignment!



That said, I want you to know that I would greatly appreciate your help. The club is really about the people and our cars are along for the ride (ok, maybe vice versa). And what I mean by that is I would like for you, gentle readers to tell me what is going on with you and your Porsche. I want to hear about you and your activities, be they a Driver Ed or a track day or even how you take your kid to school and their friends think your car is "Cool"...or "sick" in the more common vernacular. I want to feature things like that. I am always interested in 200 (or so) well-crafted words and a picture about you and your car. So, this is the first issue, I have taken the lead on and we begin the adventure together. If you would like to submit something, my e-mail is merrittw@aol.com. And I am also interested in feedback. Feedback on both things you want to see and things I should do differently. For those of you who remember cars better than names, I am 2006 Black Boxster with the Terra Cotta Interior and the cool wheels.



Holiday Brunch brought Cheer to us all!

The CIRPCA Holiday Brunch was held on 11 December at the Garrison Restaurant at Fort Benjamin Harrison. About 20 people attend and we enjoyed fine food, a gift exchange, and the camaraderie of our fellow PCA members. The gifts were varied and unique and the exchange format brought strategy to the fore as exchanges of exchanges were made. The 2 most highly sought gifts were a bottle of wine, and a Porsche crew shirt. The wine was eventually acquired by George Barker. Randy Faunce acquired the crew shirt and will now look even faster at DE events.



Help for a fellow Porsche Enthusiast

I have a racing friend that needs help. His name is Matt Lagessie. There are only a couple of you that know him. He is one of those guys that is a fierce competitor, while still being a gentleman on the track. Off the track he will do anything, and offer anything to help a fellow competitor race. He is 50 years old, married, with 2 beautiful daughters ages 10 and 13.



Over this past Halloween weekend, while leading the Vintage class race at Blackhawk Farms raceway, Matt suffered a massive heart attack. Though he crashed the car, it was minor. During the cardiac event he also had blood clots that went to his brain. He is now fighting to make it out of a semi-sleep state.

His family is in dire need of financial help as Matt was the sole bread-winner. I would be deeply appreciative of any help any of you could provide.

To donate, you can contact Mickey or Eric at the Charter One Bank located at 400 W. 75th St., Downers Grove, IL 60516. Phone 630-963-7575.

Make all checks payable to "For the benefit of the Lagessie Family"

Thank you all, Rob Fike, CIRPCA President

SOME NOTES FROM THE PCA

PCA Corral at Daytona - Rolex 24: January 27-29, 2012

The Rolex 24 at Daytona will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2012 and the PCA Corral will join in the celebration with enhancements for the memorable race weekend.

Join the excitement that is the 48 Hours at Sebring. In person or online.

Can't make it in person for the 48 Hours at Sebring Club Race? Follow the event and all the action on our Live Blog. You will be able to follow all the activities of the event, in close to real time, right from your computer or smartphone. We will post all the goings on, along with photos and other information, as it happens. You can make comments and ask questions. All right from PCA.org. Sign up for a reminder email now. (<http://www.pca.org/Activities/ClubRacing/LiveBlog.aspx>)

The 48 Hours of Sebring runs Feb. 2-5, and is one of the largest and most exciting events on



Tip: Real Speed comes from the timing and rate of release of the brakes.

Welcome to Performance Driver Education, Sat, Feb 4, 11A @ Tom Wood Porsche

There are many types of Porsche owners: those who appreciate the identifiable styling of both classic and modern models, car nuts and/or racing fans who enjoy owning specific automobiles with specific features or attributes, those who truly enjoy driving superior automotive engineering, among other types of owners. It's you drivers (of Porsche, Corvette, BMW, Mustang, Audi, Subaru, etc.) that I address here.

Certainly, if you've any familiarity of Central Indiana Region Porsche Club, you know we host weekends of driver education / car control schools that are recognized as premier events here in the Midwest. If this is news to you, well, we routinely gather several dozen volunteers, rent area facilities, and organize 1, 2, and 3 day driving schools so that you may experience just how fantastic your Honda Prelude or 911 GT3 RS can be when driven with proper, in-car understanding of your vehicle's dynamics.

Whether it's one of our teen car control schools in a large, local parking lot, or adult performance driving schools on closed circuit courses, our experienced volunteer coaches ride along with you (you're driving your car) as you progress through the tasks / drills / turns of the day's facility. There are also classroom sessions that help explain why your in-car instructor is telling you what he/she is telling you to do when on course.

For the Performance Driver Education adults on the closed circuit road courses, it's NEVER about speed or racing strategies or competitive passing techniques. While some may use their own lap times to gauge personal progress, there are no trophies or prizes for quickest times or most laps completed or highest speeds - the club volunteers measure NONE of that. It's all about understanding (classroom) and experiencing (behind-the-wheel seat-of-your-pants) your own car's capabilities in a safe learning environment. Being on privately owned pavement (that we collectively rent), there are no intersections or potholes or gravel patches or telephone poles or mail box posts or kids chasing runaway pets / toys or slow moving rust buckets with turn signals blinking for miles. All drivers in each of the limited car-count driving sessions are grouped by driving experience and, secondarily, car capabilities. All drivers are going the same direction, at roughly the same speeds, with required communication between drivers before any passing may occur (in designated safe zones).

For the year 2012, CIR is hosting 1 1/2 performance driver schools for adults: one on the last weekend of April at Putnam Park, and another co-hosted with Mid Ohio Region PCA on July 7-8 (also at Putnam Park). Planned driving clinic(s) for teens (open parking lots and numerous traffic cones for the drills) will be announced as more details are firmed up.

To help you become comfortable with the rather nominal but new-to-you requirements for Performance Driver Education, we're offering a Welcome to PDE 'seminar', most kindly hosted at Tom Wood Porsche (3473 E 96th St, on the north central side of Indianapolis, IN 46240) on the first Saturday of February (4th), 11 am - perfectly timed to follow our monthly First Saturday Breakfast currently slated for the A 2 Z Cafe just down the street from TWP (A2Z location - 4705 E 96th St # 35).

If you'd like to safely learn to be a better driver of whatever car you enjoy, and have FUN while learning, we look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, Have a Great New Year!

Randy Faunce, director
CIR PCA PDE
Randy@PerformanceDriverEd.net

P.S. if that Saturday (Feb 4) simply doesn't work out for you, you can start at this web site (being sure to also hit the Tutor link): http://homepage.mac.com/on_track/Sites/pdesite/pde.htm





Upcoming Events!



Event Start	Title	Description (See http://www.cirpca.org/calendar/ for more info)
1/5/2012 6:00 PM	Board Meeting	Monthly Board Meeting. Non-board members are encouraged to attend but please register. Due to time limits and upcoming events, some meetings can be very busy.
1/7/2012 9:00 AM	First Saturday Breakfast	Patrick's is located at the intersection of Ford Rd and SR 334 (Oak St) on the west side of Zionsville. Sign up now!
1/13/2012 9:00 PM	Road Trip 2012 Detroit Auto Show	Trip to the North American International Auto Show being held in Detroit, Michigan at the Cobo Hall Conference & Exhibition Center Jan. 14-22, 2012.
1/14/2012 9:00 AM	2nd Saturday Breakfast - Ft. Wayne area	See Website for more information If you have any questions or a suggested location for an upcoming breakfast, please contact Debbie Groulik at irie1029@frontier.com or 260-436-9738.
2/2/2012 6:00 PM	Board Meeting	Monthly Board Meeting.
2/4/2012 9:00 AM	First Saturday Breakfast	This breakfast will be at A2Z Cafe, 4705 E 96th St. It is a tidy establishment so get there early to beat the crowd, or in this case, be the crowd. From here you gearheads can motor on down to TWPA for your tech session as only Jeremy Rodecap can do.
2/4/2012 11:00 AM	Driver's Ed Prep	Welcome to Driver's Ed at Tom Wood Porsche. See article on Page 9
2/11/2012 9:00 AM	2nd Saturday Breakfast - Ft. Wayne area	See Website for more information
2/14/2012 6:00 PM	Orchard Ridge Country Club, Fort Wayne	Valentine's Day for you and your sweetie. and this is an event that has been very popular for the last 4 years. Join us for an evening of frosty drinks, delectable dinner and live music at the Orchard Ridge Country Club in Fort Wayne. Cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm. The dinner menu and live music details will be available soon.
3/1/2012 6:00 PM	Board Meeting	Monthly Board Meeting. Non-board members are encouraged to attend but please register. Due to time limits and upcoming events, some meetings can be very busy.
3/3/2012 9:00 AM	First Saturday Breakfast	See Website for more information
3/10/2012 9:00 AM	2nd Saturday Breakfast - Ft. Wayne area	See Website for more information

Added event: O'Daniels Porsche Launch—11 Feb.

O'Daniels Porsche in Fort Wayne at 5611 Illinois Road (888-440-1021) will be having their 2012 Porsche Launch on February 11th from 4 to 7 PM. There will be a full line of new 2012's at the dealership, This will be a fully catered affair and it would be a great time to check out some new cars at a CIRPCA supporter and get together with other CIRPCA members.

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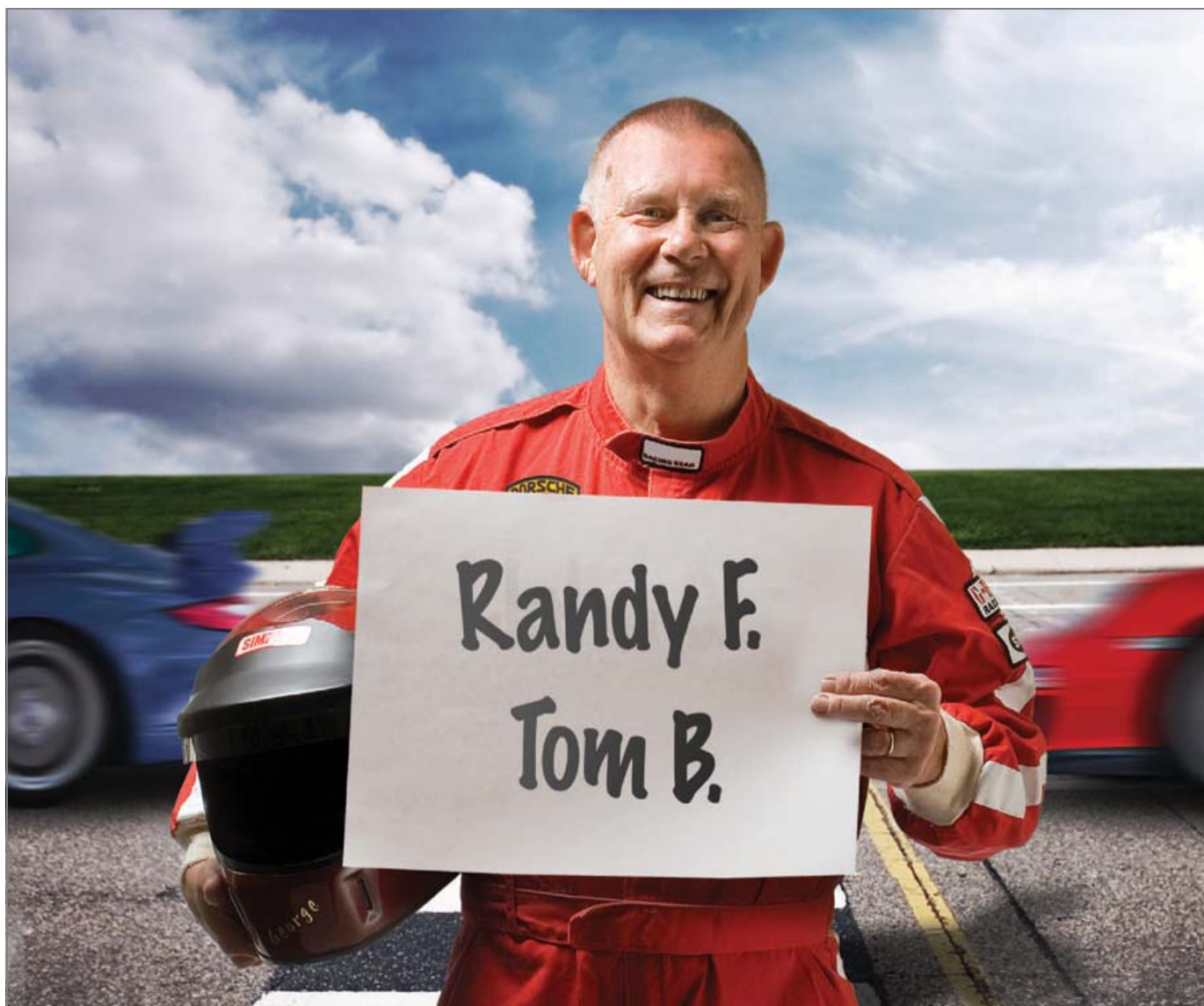
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Presenting Mr. Ross Bentley

WHO: Ross Bentley

WHAT: OVR PCA ADVANCED DRIVERS SEMINAR II

WHEN: Saturday, March 3rd, 2012, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

WHERE: The Taj Ma Garage—300 South Perry St., Dayton, OH 45402-2515,
www.tajmagarage.com

HOW: Register online at clubregistration.net

It's been several years since we did our first Advanced Drivers Seminar which was very well received so we have decided to do another one. Ross Bentley has graciously agreed to present his wealth of knowledge to us in a one day drivers' seminar.

Mr. Bentley is the author of the Speed Secrets series of driving techniques and skills books of which there are 8. I've read 4 and have 2 more on the way before Christmas so they clearly get my vote...for what that's worth (if you are counting that's only 6 of 8. 1 is out of print and the other is on Autocrossing which I haven't done in years). I have found all of his books very concise and to the point and VERY HELPFUL. They will make you a better driver whether you want to improve your street driving, are interested in doing a Drivers Education event with us, have done many DE's, are an Instructor wanting to improve your skills or you are Club Racing – that covers everyone! This seminar will be a very full day of entertainment and intense learning for anyone who likes cars and wants to drive better – that should pretty much sum us all up.

There is a nominal charge of \$50 that helps defray our costs for Mr. Bentley and covers lunch and snacks during the day. This will be a fun event even if you can't stay all day, but you really should try to commit for the whole show. Plus, if you have not been to "The Garage" you will be amazed and impressed with the facility and the collection of Porsche cars. We will also have displays from U.S. Race Gear and Forgeline Wheels. All for 50 bucks – a steal of a deal. Be there!

Registration is on Club Registration.net. If you don't have an account just go to the site and you



will be prompted through the simple process of setting one up. After you are set up, search for Ohio Valley Region, Porsche Club, select events and find this one and register online.

For those of you who don't know who Mr. Bentley is the following was shamelessly lifted from Ross' website to give you a direct understanding of our speaker. Don't just take my word for it, read on, my friend:

What drives me? What am I passionate about? Helping others perform better. That applies to elite-level professional race drivers, car club DE and track-day drivers, club racers, motorcycle racers, drifters, rally drivers, road racers, oval racers, and to people in all walks of life.

My time in Indy cars also led to being hired to drive sports cars. I drove some of the coolest prototype and GT sports cars.

Writing about driving has become a passion of mine. I learn so much from it. Experiencing something as a driver or as a coach, and then trying to figure out how to explain that in writing has taught me so much. I think everyone has their own sweet spot – what they do best. Mine is coaching. And it doesn't matter whether I'm working with a brand-new driver just starting out, a professional, a young teen looking to make a career in racing, someone just taking up the sport late in life, road racers, oval track racers, or even motorcycle racers. All that matters to me is that the driver be open to learning.

Pretty strong, don't you think! Now, if this hasn't set the hook, I'm not sure it can be set. The 50th Anniversary Daytona 24 will have been run, Sebring will be coming up, our first DE is in April, so what else will fill the car fix between now and then. Join us for what promises to be another great ADVANCED DRIVERS SEMINAR.

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