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## Winter Fun!



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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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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!

## February 2012 CIRPCA President's Message

One month of winter is behind us. One month closer to spring and Summer Porsche fun.

I hope many of you took advantage of the Brentlingers' hospitality, and attended their Rolex 24 at Daytona party. What a great way to start the Porsche year!

February is usually the lousiest month of the year to me. I'm already going into Porsche withdrawal. Usually we tow our 912E behind the motor home, but this year we left the 912 home so it could bond with the 911 and the Corvette. The Saturn just is not the same!!!

This month we have some fun things to warm everyone up and get you thinking of driving, and Amore'.

But first let me say that David Weaver has been working his rear off to make our [www.cirpca.org](http://www.cirpca.org) website better and better. Please take the time to look at the site and see all the information that is at your finger tips. The full info for all the club functions is listed there.

On Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>, we have the First Saturday Breakfast at A2Z on 96<sup>th</sup> street. Then after a great breakfast we are having the first "Welcome to Performance Drivers Ed" of 2012 at Tom Wood Porsche. This free seminar is designed to inform you of what a performance drivers ed is all about. If you have ever wondered what this track driving stuff is all about, but were afraid to ask, this is for you. Sign up and check it out. It will be very informative.

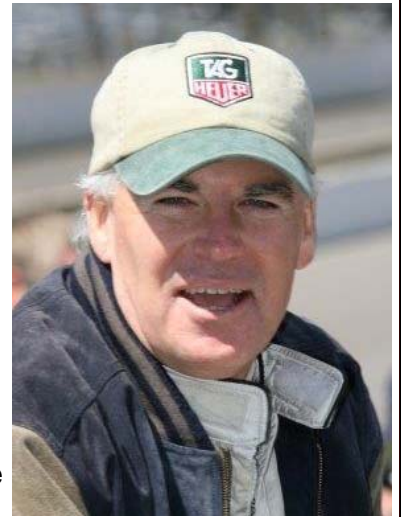
Now on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at Tom Wood Porsche, we get to see the all new 911 for 2012! This is a catered event that is going to be a blast! This is not

to be missed! Then if you haven't had enough of the new 911, (and who could) O'Daniel Porsche in Fort Wayne is having their full catered model launch on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. WOW, two in one week!

Now to show we are not just about cars, we are having a fantastic "Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance" on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. This great evening is being held in Fort Wayne at the Orchard Ridge Country Club. Then to warm us up more on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>, Don Shuck is hosting his "Chili Bowl", Fantastic!

Again, please go to the website to get all the particulars on these events.

Finally, let me say that if there is any type of function that you would like to see us do, send me an email at [robfiike@comcast.net](mailto:robfiike@comcast.net)  
Have a great February, Rob



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# In The Zone

By Ron Carr  
Zone 4 Representative



Congratulations to all of the 2012 Zone 4 Region Officers who have been elected or appointed to lead the regions during the coming year. If you do not know your local region officers, make a point to seek them out at an upcoming event and thank them for their service. PCA is a strong and effective Club because of volunteers like these members. If you are tired of looking at snow, check out your local Porsche dealership- they may have scheduled an introduction of the new 911 (type 991), and would be happy to have you stop in. Check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on other events close to you, and check the Zone 4 Website for other regions events. On February 18, 2012, the Southeast Michigan Region will host their Tech Session at Gilson MotorSports which will cover all the In's and Out's of a SEM PCA Drivers Education Event. Location: 1208 E. Maple Rd. Troy, MI 48063 For more info contact Howard Gilson at 248-549-4016 or [hgilson@gilsonmotorsports.com](mailto:hgilson@gilsonmotorsports.com).

- Saturday, March 3rd, 2012, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Ohio Valley Region is presenting PCA ADVANCED DRIVERS SEMINAR II featuring ROSS BENTLEY at The Taj Ma Garage-300 South Perry St., Dayton, OH 45402-2515, <http://www.tajmagarage.com>. You can register for this event online at <http://www.clubregistration.net>.
- 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- you can contact the dealership for more information..
- 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 [www.P2O.us](http://www.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.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [zone4rep@embarqmail.com](mailto:zone4rep@embarqmail.com) . Hope to see you at an event soon!

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## Missed Shifts- Editors Message

Merritt Webb

I hope you liked the last issues of the newsletter and a few of the changes. Our President, Rob Fike took my advice to heart and submitting his own article on taking a Porsche on a trip. And there is another article a person submitted on his experience as a DE rookie.



Speaking of DE, it really is something you should look into, even if it is just to improve your daily driving skills and learn more about what your car can do. And, if any of you have looked into driving schools you will quickly see what a terrific bargain Porsche Driver Ed is. If you look into the cost of a single day at the Mid-Ohio School, you will pay over \$600 for a single day course. And DE is not about taking risks, or going as fast as possible. It is about improving your confidence and ability to work together with your car. In other words, going to a DE does NOT necessarily mean buying new tires and brakes afterwards. I am going to do the Spring DE, and I encourage you to also participate. You will learn some things, have some fun and enjoy the company of other club members.

In another effort to provide some more service to members we will accept classified ads from members for Porsche related items. I had a member send in an e-mail about this, and this seems like a good idea and service to provide.

In January, I went to the Fort Wayne Region of the SCCA awards dinner. I was not aware of this when I went, but I was the season solo champion for the region in the B Stock division. I guess persistence pays off. The picture below is a picture of my victorious car at an event with Courtney Jurick, Miss Three Rivers Festival 2011.



We happen to have some great sponsors in the CIRPCA. Sweet Cars is a tremendous supporter of local auto sports in the Fort Wayne area. And they have hosted second Saturday breakfasts among other things. While I was at Sweet Cars, I saw the Turbo S shown in the ad in this issue, and is it ever sweet! All through the dinner I was thinking of how nice the Turbo would look with me in it! If you are in the Fort Wayne, area, I recommend you stop by and take a look at the Turbo S, and some of the other great cars as well.

And at O'Daniel Porsche they have got a 2012 991 C4 GTS. It's in the showroom! It looks fantastic; smoked dark silver, black center lock premium wheels, chrono sport plus package, PDK, premium everything. It's absolutely beautiful. This will be the car at the O'Daniel launch party Feb 4th...if they don't sell it first.



## Ultimate multi-purpose vehicle

by: Rob Fike

Our 1976 912E is the ultimate multi-purpose vehicle.

Being such it is used in its primary role as daily driver. It is used as a great platform for instruction at our club Performance Driver Ed's. And it is used as "Toad" being pulled behind our motor home to Florida and various other parts of the US.

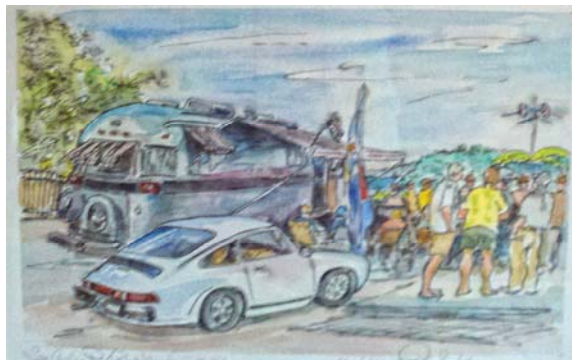
For those who are not familiar with the 912 model series, these cars were basically the same as the 911 only with a 4 cylinder engine. They were produced from 1965 to 1969, and then brought back as the 912E for the 1976 model year.

As with other Porsche models, the 912 is a great daily driver. Fun to drive, easy on gas, and the best part, it's a Porsche! Doing our Color Tours and other social drives are a blast, while even running mundane errands are better in the 912.

In the roll as instruction platform, the 912 is quiet enough and soft enough to provide a great seat for learning. The car only has 78 horse power, so my students never need to worry about being scared by neck snapping acceleration!!! But having said that, the car is only a 912 on the straights, it's a 911 in the corners. I have driven the car on track at Putnam Park, Gingerman, Mid Ohio Sports Car Course, Sebring, and Blackhawk Farms just for fun.

The car is fantastic in its role as "Toad". Since it only weighs about 2100 pounds, the motor home does not even know it's there. In numerous trips to Florida, motor home fuel mileage is exactly the same with or without the 912. It just rolls along behind the Airstream hiding in its wake. We even have Thule roof rack to carry our beach bikes on the roof! Once in Florida, there is nothing like having the car with us back in its roll of daily driver.

These cars are meant to be used and driven, and I do my best to use it and drive it as much as possible!





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## Upcoming Events!



Event Start	Title	Description (See <a href="http://www.cirpca.org/calendar/">http://www.cirpca.org/calendar/</a> for more info)
2/4/12 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.
2/4/12 11:00 AM	Intro to DE	Tom Wood Porsche, 3473 East 96th Street Indianapolis, Indiana, Main: 877-859-5550
2/8/12 7:00 PM	Tom Wood Porsche - 2012 Porsche Model Launch	Tom Wood Porsche, 3473 East 96th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 Main: 877-859-5550
2/9/12 6:00 PM	Board Meeting	CIR/PCA 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. Mike Kirks of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Brand Mgr. for the NASCAR / GRAND-AM Super Weekend at the Brickyard and our PCA Zone 4 Rep, Ron Carr from Columbus, OH may also be in attendance.
2/11/12 5:30 PM	O'Daniel Porsche - 2012 Porsche Model Launch	O'Daniel Porsche in Ft. Wayne at 5611 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, IN will be having their 2012 Porsche 911 Model Launch This will be a fully catered affair and it will be a great time to check out all the new models.
2/14/12 6:00 PM	Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance	The Porsche Club invites you to the annual Valentine's Day dinner and dance. Enjoy the evening with that special someone at the beautiful Orchard Ridge Country Club, 4531 Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne where a sumptuous dinner will be followed by music and dancing.
2/25/12 5:00 PM	Come to the Shuck's Chili Bowl	Your personal invitation to join us for the annual CIRPCA Chili Bowl to be held at Don and Candy Shuck's home. The address is 1106 Aqueduct Way, Indianapolis, IN 46280. Just north of 106th St. in between College and the Monon in Lexington Farms. There is no charge for this event but we ask that you bring one of the above referenced items for sharing. Reserve your spot on line. Questions – call Don @ 317-374-8772.
3/1/12 6:00 PM	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.
3/3/12 9:00 AM	First Saturday Breakfast	Check back for more information later

### Life's Truths for Adults:

8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.  
BTW...some do! The Stanford Alumni Magazine lists how their members met their maker!

### Porsche News:

The Feb 2012 edition of SportsCar had a great article on driving a GT3 Cup car. For those with the skills and some cash, that experience is available at Barber Motorsports in Alabama, It is part of the Porsche Driving School

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## **DE Virgin.....Yes, it was good for me!**

**By: Matt Laudadio**

Yes, I was a DE Virgin until October 29<sup>th</sup> and now, I feel like a real stud..... well, in my own mind anyway.

I was very nervous, as I'm sure most of you were before your first DE. Fortunately, after getting to the track, I felt more at ease when other drivers offered their suggestions and encouragement to make me feel at ease and help me succeed. That, in itself, was a huge help to settle my frazzled nerves. Thank you all for your expertise and great advice, it was a tremendous help, especially the Fort Wayne guys and girls – thank you!

I'm probably a little different than a lot of you, and embarrassed to say, that I don't know every model of Porsche that was ever made, or all the race car drivers names; however, I do love to drive and I do love my car, an "83" 911SC Cabriolet. Hopefully, the last two details kept me from being tarred and feathered at the track. Again, thank you for your tolerance.



My past experience was one autocross, a couple years ago, and a two-year driving stint in our company sponsored Junior Achievement go-kart. Before we could drive, we had to go through drivers training, which was put on by SCCA volunteers so; the information was similar to the classroom training we got at Putnam Park, just not as detailed.

For years, I have tried to adhere to looking ahead, smoother transitions and following the "right" line, in my normal driving habits, which I think helped for this weekends activities. Although, it did seem to

go to hellinahandbasket once I got on the track. Stupid nerves.....

My instructor, Tim Roberts, was a huge help. It was invaluable having a headset with Tim giving me constant "calm" direction throughout the whole course. Once we were off the track, he told me the things that were done right and the things that I needed

to work on like, Slow in Fast out, Look ahead and Spot your Turning Points, Smooth Transitions and Go Go GO!..... I know, I know, easier said than done. However, with time, I got a little better with each session, thanks to Tim. Another big thanks goes to Rob Fike for taking the time to drive my car, with me as a passenger, and give me some tips on handling and what lines work well for my car. Not too surprisingly, the lines were nearly identical to the lines that Tim had been suggesting. It's always good to get another set of eyes and opinion. Thank you Rob.

What did I expect? After listening to the stories and experiences from some of the others that have driven in previous DE's and the encouragement from George Barker to "try one", my experience was pretty close to what I had expected. The Devil is in the details, and it is so true on the track. The details are what I am, and will be, more aware of in my day-to-day driving. My driving habits probably won't change too much however, they will be refined each time I drive.

Will I come back? I certainly hope so. I will ask "she who must be obeyed" if I can slip away for another weekend next spring to fall in love with my, hot little sweet singing mistress once again....she knows what I like!



## Spring Color Tour Weekend to Cincinnati— April 21 & 22

This year we are going to the hottest new place in downtown Cincinnati – the brand new **Christian Moerlein Lager House**, which is opening Feb. 27 in the new Smale Riverfront Park next door to the Great American Ballpark, where the Reds play! Located along the Ohio River and within view of the John Roebling Suspension Bridge and across the river from where we stay overnight, this is the place to be in downtown Cincy and we are going to be there just 2 months after it opens!



Christian Moerlein is one of the oldest and largest brewers in Cincinnati (and the U. S.!) and they were selected to be the anchor restaurant and microbrewery for this prestigious new site. All their many famous craft brews will be on tap and the food menu is being created by the same people in Indy that brought us the award-winning Stone Creek Dining and Boulder Creek Dining establishments around Indy. Delectable fare featuring freshly baked breads from spent brewer's grain, hand carved sandwiches and smoked rotisserie meats – foods reminiscent of those served in the city's celebrated 19<sup>th</sup> century beer gardens, are just a sampling of what is in store for us. The building is state-of-the-art architecture with breathtaking views of everything. Seating 500 patrons inside and another 600 outside in the Biergartens, this is a huge place! We will arrive by 5:30 PM and have reserved group seating in the Main Dining Rooms. Parking is available in a pay (\$8) garage underneath the restaurant with direct elevator service.

Again we have reserved a block of 10 King Bed-type rooms with Ohio River Views at \$139/night under the "Porsche Club" Group Rate, that include the Sunday morning Breakfast Buffet at the fabu-

lous **Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter**, which is actually in Covington, Kentucky, across the river and the Roebling Suspension Bridge from where we have our dinner. Sunday morning Porsche Club group breakfast reservations have been made for 9 AM in the hotel's main restaurant, 10 West, with spectacular views of the Ohio River and downtown Cincinnati skyline. Check-in is at 4 PM and check-out is at 11 AM.

Registration for the Auto Tour will open shortly on our club website: [www.cirpca.org](http://www.cirpca.org) at \$10/person. You can register on the website using a credit card via [PayPal](#) or you can mail me a check made out to: CIR/PCA to the address below.

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Mark the dates on your calendar now and join us for a great weekend in Cincinnati! The same great sports car roads (some of the best in Indiana!), the same neat little historic towns and some very new spring flowers are waiting just for you. You can come just for Saturday or the entire weekend, just let us know. See you in Cincinnati and more info next month!

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## **Bowl for Kids' Sake - Big Brothers, Big Sisters\***

The fun begins Saturday, March 17, 4:30pm – 6:30pm at Thunder Bowl #1, 6700 US 27 S., Fort Wayne, IN

Calling all bowlers and Porsche enthusiasts! Come join the fun while helping raise money for a worthwhile cause. Register to bowl on a team named for your preferred Porsche model or make a donation to that team.

Currently, we are forming teams of five bowlers for the following: Boxster, Cayenne, 944, 964, 996, Cayman or (fill in your model #). Ask 10 friends for 10 bucks and you have reached your goal of raising \$100 per bowler. Please register at:

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Then invite your family and friends to join a team or make a donation. Please visit the event calendar at [www.cirpca.com](http://www.cirpca.com) or call Debbie Groulik at 260-436-9738 for more details.

And do not worry if you don't bowl, it is all about the kids and having fun. Just look at the people in last years event, don't they look like they are having fun?!? BTW, bowling is fun, it is similar to golf in that you can talk and drink while doing it, but hopefully you will not lose any balls.

\*Bowl for Kid's Sake is an annual FUNdraiser that takes place throughout the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana thirteen service counties. This is a one-time commitment event whereby members of our community form bowling teams of 5 and raise \$100 in pledges per bowler to fund matching children in need with a Big Brother or Big Sister of their own.



## **Garage Progress at Putnam Park**

You know how neither rain, nor snow nor gloom of night will stop a determined DE participant...but it will leave them cold and wet with soaked gear. These garages are available for rental. They provide protection from the elements and a flat dry, stable place to make any adjustments to your car.

Putnam Park does have a Facebook page and there are pictures of the garage progress. Here is the Facebook link:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?>

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Randy Faunce and George Barker have seen these and said they look awesome! I think you will agree that these garages are just what you need for a DE weekend.



## Valentines Day Event—Tuesday, February 14, 2012



The Porsche Club invites you to the annual Valentine's Day dinner and dance. Enjoy the evening with that special someone at the beautiful Orchard Ridge Country Club, 4531 Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne where a sumptuous dinner will be followed by music and dancing.

The evening begins at 6:00 with cocktails in the lounge followed by dinner at 6:30pm. So grab your main squeeze and get ready for an evening of fine dining, dancing and fun.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Debbie Groulik at irie1029@frontier.com or 260-436-9738.

### ***Dinner & Dancing***

***Chadd Michaels & The Brat Pack***

### ***5 Course Meal***

***\$50.00/person***

***6:00 pm – 6:30 pm***

### ***Appetizers***

***6:30 pm***

### ***Dinner Service Begins***

### ***Soup & Salad***

***Roasted Red Pepper Bisque & Italiano Salad***

### ***Entrées***

***Choose from one of the following:***

**Black n Bleu Rib eye**

**6 oz. Filet**

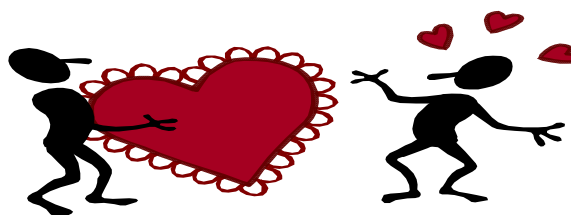
**Herb Roasted Chicken brushed with a Citrus Vinaigrette**

**Grilled Swordfish marinated in a Cilantro Lime Sauce**

**Grilled Vegetable Kabobs**

### ***Dessert***

***Bite-Sized Dessert Trio***



## **Come to the Chili Bowl! At Don Schucks**

Your personal invitation to join us for the annual CIRPCA **Chili Bowl** to be held at Don and Candy Shuck's home on **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**. This is a lighthearted "judged" event with multiple categories for your favorite food entry. Obviously, the theme is chili, but we have had some great soups, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, salads – you name it and it's been there. The food is the excuse to gather on what has traditionally been a rather "chili" evening, warmed inside with good food, good conversation and good friends. Never been to an event? This is the perfect one to start with. The address is **1106 Aqueduct Way, Indianapolis, IN 46280**. Just north of 106<sup>th</sup> St. in between College and the Monon in Lexington Farms. There is no charge for this event but we ask that you bring one of the above referenced items for sharing. Reserve your spot on line. Questions – call Don @ **317 374 8772**.



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