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April 2016

President's Message

#### Why Do People Love Their Porsches?

I got a letter from PCA National the other day, congratulating our Central Indiana Region on its' 55th Anniversary as a Club. It's pretty amazing when you think about it — that a group of people who live thousands of miles away from Germany, in a part of the US that doesn't have a lot of twisty roads and scenic byways, should be so devoted to a vehicle that built its' reputation on speed and agility, qualities that our Central Indiana environment doesn't require. This notion made me think about why I have this quirky and expensive piece of machinery in my garage.

What it finally came down to for me is one simple idea – IT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD! Even in the dead of winter, when I wouldn't think for a minute of taking it out for a drive, just seeing it parked there makes me feel good. I picture myself driving down a curvy road, with the sun shining, and nobody in front of me. The engine sounds fantastic, the car feels like it's glued to the road, the seat pushes against my back when I nail the throttle, and I know I'm driving one of the best engineered cars ever built.

Each of us has our own idea about why our Porsche makes us feel good. It may be the famous Porsche performance; it may be the knowledge that Porsche engineering defines the pursuit of excellence; it may be the exclusivity of owning a Porsche; it may be the image it evokes of the thrill of high speed motoring — but there's nothing quite like it.

And I have found, and my wife Valerie would agree, we have a great time hanging out with other people who feel the same way. Maybe that's why CIR has survived, and thrived, for 55 years and counting.

And now I see the sun is shining. I think I'll go for a drive!

Bruce Fleischmann Email: bvflei@gmail.com Phone: 973-903-5858







# **DRIVER'S EDUCATION Spring Brake**

Track Days: April 23-24

# **Spring is in the air**, and spots are filling up fast for our first **Driver's Education Event of the Season, Spring Brake!**

Our track event at Putnam Park Road Course is set for the weekend of April 23 – 24, and registration is open. With a maximum capacity of 110 cars, we are close to full!!

Many of our early registrants are for our instructed run groups, D & C. Capacity for these 2 groups is 22 drivers each. If you are new to track driving, or have limited track experience, please

sign up SOON, or we may not have space. We also have a limited supply of rental helmets, which may be ordered when you register.

**To register,** simply go to CIRPCA.org, and click on the Driver's Ed Icon (looks like a steering wheel). This will lead you to a link

which connects directly to ClubRegistration.net.

Spring Brake is one of the very first track events of the season, and a great opportunity to put your Porsche (or other automobile) through its paces. Bring your Porsche sports car, sedan, or SUV; that's right, Cayenne's and Macan's, as well as Panamera's are welcome. I guarantee you will go home a better driver, and you will have a BIG GRIN on your face!

#### **Bruce Fleischmann**

President and Putnam Park Track Chair 973-903-5858 bvflei@gmail.com

Whether you are a seasoned track hound or a 1st time track driver, at a CIR sponsored DE Event, you're guaranteed to have a BLAST!





CIR/PCA Race Tickets — \$62 Face Value Saturday, May 14, 2016 — Race Start: 3:30 PM Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course

See IndyCar race drivers compete on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course. Sit in the "Best Seats in the House" with all your CIR member friends in Stand H, directly above Road Course Turn 1 where all the braking action takes place at the end of the Main Straight!

Registration is now open on Social www.ClubRegistration.net Questions: Bob Snider at bsniderjr1977@comcast.net or 765-282-7985





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The latest news on upcoming local, regional, and national events, Porsche related wire news, member photos, event photos, forum postings, site information and more is just a mouse click away!

Join other members and Like Us on Facebook!





Check out the Club Calendar for detailed information about upcoming events and links to register for events.

Visit the Gallery for all the latest event photos!



View the CIR Member's Car Photos for great Porsche car photos. If your car isn't there yet, contact the CIR Webmaster.

Peruse current and back issues of the CIRcular newsletters!

The CIR FORUMS are one of the most visited pages on the Website...

There are 19 individual forum topics, including General Information, Events,

Driver Ed, Items for Sale, Items Wanted, Technical Forums for every Porsche model,

Car Care, and more.

It's easy to contact any CIRPCA Board member. Simply go to the Contact Us page and click on the links to contact any board member!

Interested in learning more about what your Porsche car is capable of?
The CIR Driver Ed Links menu provides links to information about the next
DE event, DE FAQs, Putnam Park Info, and DE videos.

Would you like to learn more about the Club itself?
The About CIR menu has links to the our Sponsors, the Club's
History, a CIR FAQ, CIR Philanthropies, CIR By-laws, and more!





The PCA/Zone4 menu contains links to all Zone 4 events and all Zone 4 region websites.

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Spring Color Auto Tour Weekend from Morristown to Cincinnati

The Auto Tour starts at noon with registration in Morristown, IN, SE of Indianapolis (half hour or 19 miles east of I-465 via US 52 E) in the Morristown Post Office rear parking lot.





Join us for one day or two, but be sure to come! We'll see you in Cincinnati for a weekend you won't soon forget!

Bob & Brigitta Snider, Tourmeisters

bsniderjr1977@comcast.net 765-282-7985 See calendar at cirpca.org for more detailed information **Join us for lunch Saturday** at the Auto Tour Start Location at the Kopper Kettle Inn (open at 11 AM), in downtown Morristown. Our Driver's Meeting will be held upstairs at 12:30 PM with registration starting at Noon in the adjacent parking lot. Cars leave at 1 PM on the auto tour with arrival in Cincinnati around 4-5 PM.

**Saturday dinner**, we are returning to the Montgomery Inn Boathouse with it's striking view of the Ohio River in downtown Cincinnati. Group dinner reservations are at 5:30 PM Saturday, so plan to arrive before then so we can be seated together.

Optional accommodations are available Saturday night at the Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter in Covington, KY, just across the Ohio River from downtown Cincinnati (see hotel info below).

**Sunday**, after brunch at the hotel's 10 West Restaurant and hotel check out at 11 AM, we will take an auto tour of Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum located just north of downtown Cincinnati. Spring Grove is an official arboretum with wonderful topography, 44 miles of winding roads, hundreds of award-winning flowering trees, 15 lakes and several unique architectural chapels and mausoleums and it's all free! It is also a National Historic Landmark!

After the Spring Grove Cemetery Tour we will head over to the nearby restored Over-the-Rhine for a late lunch at Taft's Ale House at 2 PM. The Over-the-Rhine German Historic District is the hot place to go in Cincinnati with many new local restaurants and brewpubs, the Cincinnati Music Hall and Washington Park. We should be on our way back home by 3:30 PM Sunday — only 90 minutes from I-465 via I-74.

For Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter hotel reservations: Call the hotel direct at 859-392-3720, Amy Shannon to get our special discounted group rate of \$170 for a Deluxe King Bed Room with Ohio River View and included buffet breakfast at the hotel restaurant 10 West Sunday morning.

To sign up for the Spring Color Auto Tour go to www.cirpca.org, log in and click on April 16 on the Calendar. First enter the number in your party, then click on Enroll for this Event?; click on the blue Purchase button at the very bottom of the Event Page where you will be to be taken to the CIR PCA PayPal page where you can enter your credit card information. Cost: \$10/person.

# FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

**APRIL 2, 9:00AM** 

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during the 1940s and survived as subdivisions lured families to the suburbs starting in the 1950s.

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# NEW MEMBER MEET & GREET

MAY 7, 9:00AM

Great way to start your weekend! Join us for the New Member *Meet & Greet* at the new **Tom Wood Porsche** dealership.

CIR/PCA officers and event chairs will be present to promote and answer your questions about some of our upcoming club sponsored events such as:

- · Grand Prix of Indianapolis Race Tickets
- Teen Street Survival Car Control Clinic
- 6th annual CruZionsville all-Porsche Charity Car Show supporting the Alzheimer's Association
- Rob & Judy Fike's Mystery Drive
- · Jay Peak, Vermont National Porsche Parade
- 4th of July Party at Geist Reservoir
- Historic New Harmony Auto Tour Weekend
- Returning "Pumpkin Run" Driver Education event at Putnam Park Road Course

...don't miss First & Second Saturday Breakfasts every month. See the event calendar and check back regularly for full details.

Any questions, talk to Bob Snider, Membership Chairman bsniderjr1977@comcast.net or call 765-282-7985

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#### Calendar of Events

April	2	First Saturday Breakfast – Milano Inn – Downtown Indy 9 AM Mike Weeks
	9	<b>Second Saturday Breakfast &amp; Lunch Drive</b> – Dream Makers to Oakwood Resort, Fort Wayne north to Lake Wawasee 10 AM – 2 PM Jimmy Arata
	16–17	<b>Spring Color Auto Tour Weekend to Cincinnati</b> w/ Sunday Auto Tour of Historic Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum Bob & Brigitta Snider
	16	<b>New model 911 Launch</b> — Porsche Fort Wayne 4 – 6:30 PM Aaron Warner
	23–24	<b>Spring Brake Driver Education</b> at Putnam Park Road Course — Greencastle IN Bruce Fleischmann www.clubregistration.net
May	7	<b>Tom Wood Porsche New Member Meet &amp; Greet</b> – Indianapolis 9 AM Bob Snider
	14	<b>Dream Makers Block Party</b> – Fort Wayne N. 9:30 AM – 4 PM Jimmy Arata Meet at Washington Center Road IHOP & caravan to Dream Makers (See page 21 for details)
	14	<b>Grand Prix of Indianapolis</b> – CIR/PCA Race Tickets in Stand H – Indy Cars on IMS Road Course 3:30 PM Bob Snider www.clubregistration.net
	15	<b>Teen Street Survival Car Control Clinic</b> – Franklin Township High School – SE Indy Randy Faunce www.streetsurvival.org
	21	Cars 'n Coffee – Abreu Motors Carmel 9 – 11 AM Rebecca Pinto
June	4	<b>CruZionsville all – Porsche Charity Car Show</b> 10 AM – 3 PM Steve Tarr
	9	Porsche Fort Wayne Night at Germanfest 6-10 PM Thursday Evening Aaron Warner
	11	Second Saturday Breakfast – SweetCars – Fort Wayne 9 AM - Noon Jimmy Arata
	11	Mystery Drive Rob & Judy Fike
	19-25	National Porsche Parade – Jay Peak, Vermont – www.pca.org (see page 17 for details)
	25	Freedom Festival Car Show – Linton, IN 9 AM – 2 PM Bob Evans
July	2	First Saturday Breakfast – The Aristocrat Pub & Restaurant – Indianapolis 9:00 AM Tech Session to follow at Pete's Service Center, 4902 North Pennsylvania Rebecca Pinto
	4	Fourth of July Party Bruce & Valerie Fleischmann – Geist Reservoir – Fireworks & Carry-In
	9	<b>Second Saturday Breakfast &amp; Drive</b> – Jim & Maureen Arata's to Past Time Café 9:00 AM – Noon New Haven, IN to Paulding, OH Jimmy Arata
August	13	<b>Red Brick Reunion Porsche Car Show</b> – Oxford, OH www.enjoyoxford.org
	26	Fort Wayne Tin Caps Baseball Game 7:00 PM Jimmy Arata
	27	Carmel Artomobilia Noon - 5:00 PM www.CarmelArtomobilia.com
September		
October	8–9	Pumpkin Run Driver Education at Putnam Park Road Course — Greencastle Bruce Fleischmann www.clubregistration.net
	8	Germanfest — Athenaeum downtown Indianapolis
	8	<b>Bloomfield Apple Festival Car Show</b> — Bloomfield, IN 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Bob Evans
	15	Huber Winery Auto Tour – Southern Indiana Larry & Louise Haskett
	29	Halloween Bash Rob & Judy Fike
November	12	Annual Dinner & Election Dave & Cindy McDaniel
December	10	Annual Holiday Gathering Tom Wood Porsche

Details, enrollment and registration are available for any of the above events at www.cirpca.org.

CIR/PCA Board of Director's Meetings: First Wednesday of every month at the Skyline Club downtown Indianapolis. 6:00 PM optional dinner, 7:00 PM meeting. Members are welcome, but please enroll on the CIR website.



Let Terry, Tim and Brent put their 62 years of combined Porsche experience to work for you. This month, we would like to introduce Terry Day. Terry has serviced Porsches throughout his 39 year career — the past 7 years devoted exclusively to servicing Porsches. Before that, he spent 15 years in Formula 1 and Indy Car racing with Brabham, Penske, Patrick and Menard Teams

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# Joe Buzzetta The First American Porsche Factory Driver

Story and photos by Jim Hatfield

A road trip up the Hudson River Valley in the fall of 2011 produced a serendipitous event that sometimes makes travel all the more interesting. My wife Kathy and I had an itinerary that included driving from the Cloisters Museum in northern Manhattan up the Hudson River to Saratoga Springs, home of the Saratoga horse racing track and Skidmore College. Arriving in Saratoga Springs, we discovered by accident that the city was also home to the Saratoga Auto Museum, which just that weekend was having a Porsche event, including a display of the Porsches of New York resident, Joe Buzzetta. Joe was a well-known Porsche driver in the 1950s and 1960s who was the 1963 SCCA E Modified National Champion in a Porsche RSK. This performance captured the attention of the Porsche factory which recruited him to drive in international events. He was thus the first American factory Porsche driver, validating this position with some important finishes through the rest of the 1960s.

The museum was host to several cars Joe drove back in the day, including the Collier Collection's Porsche 910/6 in which he won the 1967 Nurburgring 1000km with Udo Schutz. It also featured cars in his personal collection, including the Porsche 904 that he drove to 3rd overall and 1st in class at the 1966 Daytona 24 Hours co-driving with Gerhard Mitter. The white Porsche 906 in his collection was the car in which he finished 1st in class and 4th overall with Mitter and Hans Hermann at the Sebring 12 Hours that same year. Other significant international finishes in factory Porsches included a 3rd place at the Daytona 24 Hours in 1968 in a 907LH (long tail) with Jo Schlesser and a 3rd place with Kurt Ahrens at the 1969 Sebring 12 hours in a 908.

Successful in business, later in life he took up historic racing, again driving his Porsches, including his 908 and 906. Today, at 79 years old, he resides in Brooklyn, New York.

Photo of Joe courtesy of Andrew S. Hartwell / ashautomobilia.com. For more information about Joe Buzzetta, see Andrew's profile on Joe at http://ashcom.homestead.com/JoeBuzzetta.html









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#### **Around The Zone**



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

With the arrival of spring it's time to take off the car covers and unplug the trickle chargers. During the last month of winter, a few Zone 4 regions held their Banquets and Galas. I was able to attend Motor-Stadt region's banquet at the Spartan Hall of Fame Café. The well attended fun-filled evening included a raffle of items from a number of region sponsors and everyone went home with a prize. That same evening was Western Michigan region's Winterfest 2016. The region held an auction to raise money for one of their many charities. The next day I attended their Morning After Brunch. It was so nice to be able to join members at Six One Six in the JW Marriott for a wonderful brunch and lively conversation.

Since October, we've had numerous meetings with Porsche as well as the organizers of the Detroit Grand Prix regarding a car corral at Belle Isle. After a great deal of hard work and some lobbying, I am pleased to announce that there will again be a Porscheplatz hosted by Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) and the Porsche Club of America (PCA) when the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix returns to the Motor City June 3-June 5, 2016. The weekend will include the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (WTSC) featuring the P, PC, and GTD classes of the IMSA WeatherTech Series. It will also feature the cars of the Verizon Indy Car Series and the trucks of the SPEED Energy Stadium SUPER Trucks presented by TRAXXAS.

The Porscheplatz includes an exclusive "Porsches Only" Car Corral which allows Porsches to park on Belle Isle. And remember this is the only parking available on the island. PCA members and Porsche owners have been selected by the Detroit Grand Prix to take part in this parking opportunity but there are limited spaces so purchase your tickets early. You must have a PCA Car Corral ticket and be driving a Porsche vehicle to park on Belle Isle (club membership is not required).

Your single or multi day ticket includes premium Car Corral parking on Belle Isle (This is the only way to park on the island), a hospitality tent, video feed of the races, complimentary beverages, reserved seating in Grandstand 2 and easy access to the pits and concessions. Another highlight of our Porscheplatz is presentations by race teams, drivers and sponsors such as Michelin and Mobil 1. We'll have some giveaways as well.

I have made special arrangements for 2 promotions in coordination with this event. The first 30 people to purchase multiday tickets will receive a FREE Corral Pass for Friday. In addition, I am currently in the process of organizing a Michigan State Police escorted motorcade from The Henry Autograph Hotel on to Belle Isle concluding at the Porsche Car Corral. This is a very unique opportunity for us, but will only occur if there is enough interest and participation.

For the convenience of our out of town guests, a room block has been set up at The Henry Autograph Hotel in Dearborn for June 2 – June 5, 2016 at a significantly reduced rate of \$130 per night. For reservations call 1-888-709-8081 and mention the Porsche Club of America Room Block.

While acquiring one of these events involves a great deal of persistence and lobbying, keeping high profile events such as these, depends on how well the events are received, and on your participation. That is why I am asking you to appreciate how fortunate we are in Zone 4 to have this event. However, in order to lay the groundwork for future success, we must all come together and do our part to support these events.

Tickets are on sale now for the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix. To purchase tickets, go to http://detroitgp.com/tickets/. Click on the Car Corral tab. You can view information on ticket plans and purchase tickets. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 866-464-PRIX (7749) or visit the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix office in the GM Renaissance Center, 300 Renaissance Center Drive, Suite 2311, Detroit, MI.

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Around the Zone Continued

As the weather continues to improve and events are added to the region calendars, please remember to frequently check your local region's website and newsletter as well as the Zone 4 website <a href="http://zone4pca.org">http://zone4pca.org</a> for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned. Here are just some of the events taking place this month:

- April 9 is the Mid-Ohio Region and Ohio Valley Region Socializer at the Taj Ma Garaj in Dayton
- Southeast Michigan Region's Driver's Education 101 at Waterford Hills is April 10
- April 16 Join Maumee Valley Region for Laser Tag at Q-Zar and Dinner at Shorty's Roadhouse
- Western Michigan Region's Cook-Off at Casa de Schieble in Portage, MI is April 16
- April 23 is **ARPCA**'s Spring Detailing Session hosted by F.A.S.T. Co.
- Central Indiana Region's Spring Brake DE at Putnam Park is April 23-24
- Plan to attend Motor-Stadt Region's Spring Kick-Off at Okemos Auto Collection on April 23
- Northern Ohio Region's DE at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course is April 29 May 1
- On April 30, Help Celebrate Rally Sport Region's 20th Anniversary at the Stahl Museum

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you at events throughout the upcoming year. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,
Michael
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Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance March 13, 2016

Susan and I had the good fortune to attend the Amelia Island Coucours d' Elegance last month. Amelia Island is the northernmost "barrier island" on Florida's Atlantic coast. One of us came up with the analogy that it's like a Zionsville with Florida weather. It has the swanky Ritz Carlton Hotel on the southern end of the island. Their golf course is a perfect site for a car show. Autoweek magazine says that it's a car show by car guys (and gals) for car guys (and gals). I heartily agree.

I think that you could go down there for the entire month of March and keep yourself well entertained. They have auctions in the days prior to the concours. Jerry Seinfeld sold \$22M worth of vintage Porsche's during the weekend. The weekend after the show they have a vintage car race sanctioned by the same group that comes to IMS. I got to meet the guy who leads that group and was able to tell him how much I appreciate the event in Indianapolis. I also met Wayne Carini. The 12 hours of Sebring takes place in March as well. I could go on and on.

There are so many gorgeous cars to look at on Sunday that it is absolutely overwhelming. I was impressed by the number of classic vehicles shown that were manufactured in Indianapolis or Indiana: Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg, Marmon, Stutz. Needless to say, there were quite a few Porsches. I'm afraid that the car that I would most like to take home wasn't a Porsche, but a Ferrari from the early 50's.















Full Frontal, Rockers & Door Cups on this 2016 Porsche 911 Carrera GTS. Headlights and marker lights as well as the hood emblem were removed for better coverage and fewer noticeable lines. Protecting the rock chip prone areas of this beauty with XPEL Ultimate Film and adding Opti-Coat Pro by Driven Auto Detail makes this car road and track ready!

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#### Join the fun! Saturday, June 4th Registration opens APRIL 11th.



#### Porsche Cars CruZ into Zionsville

Come join us for the 6th anniversary of CruZionsville on Saturday, June 4th, 2016 "on the brick street" in downtown Zionsville IN.

We are expecting over 110 Porsche automobiles on display making this the largest exclusive Porsche gathering in the state! There are plenty of surprises in store including a program relating to Indiana's Bicentennial.

Registration opens April 11th on our CruZionsville.com website. Mark your calendars now for this fun filled event.

A special thanks goes out to our Title Sponsors— SweetCars, Clear Bra Indy and Tom Wood Porsche.

Motor on!

Stephen Tarr Event Chair, 2016 CruZionsville sdtarr@aol.com (317) 733-1622

#### Volunteers needed! Contact Steve Tarr











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# CruZionsville

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#### **Tony Griffin Restoration of a 1974 914**

I'm working on a '74 914 clone with the intent that it looks like my old race car from the 70's. I am making a few minor changes — like some engine mod's and Plastidipping all the chrome trim black. Other than that, this car is as delivered with window sticker, dealer add on sticker and dealer stk. # sticker. The interior is totally original and in great shape-near perfect.









SweetCars 5th Anniversay









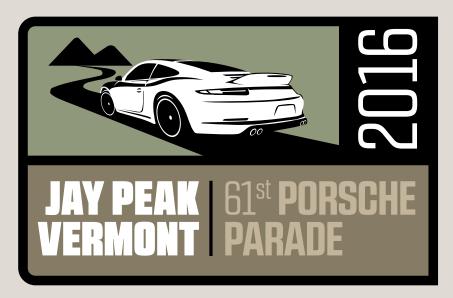
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Concours Prep	, JUNE 17			
Jay Parking Garage	24 hours, starting 8 am			
SATURDA	AY, JUNE 18			
Concours Prep	24 hours			
Welcome Tent	12 noon - 5 pm			
Concours 101	5 pm - 6 pm (tentative)			
Parade 101	6 pm - 7 pm			
SUNDAY, JUNE 19 Concours Prep 24 hours				
Art Show Drop-off	11 am - 5 pm			
	7 am - 8 am and			
Concours 101	11:30 am - 1:30 pm (tentative)			
Parade 101	8 am - 9 am and			
Welcome Tent	12:30 -1:30 pm (two options) 8 am - 5 pm			
Parade Check-in	9 am - 4 pm			
Safety Tech	1 pm - 4 pm			
Board of Directors Mtg	2 pm - 4 pm			
Welcome Party	6 pm - 10 pm			
MONDAY, JUNE 20				
Concours d'Elegance	9 am - 4 pm			
Historic Display	9 am - 4 pm			
Wine Tasting	2:30 pm - 5 pm			
TSD Rally School	3:30 pm - 5 pm			
Autocross Chalk Talk	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm			
Vermont Buffet w/Spirit!	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm			
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TSD Rally	first time out: 8 am			
Autocross Course walk	3:30 pm - 5 pm			
Tours	see website			
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#### **Elected Officers' Positions for 2017**



While we're less than a third of the way through 2016, it's not too soon to think about our Officer positions which will be up for election in the fall of the year. The terms of 4 of our elected Officers will expire at the end of 2016: Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Activities Director. As it gets closer to fall, the Board of Directors will empower a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of candidates for election in November.

If you, or someone you know, has an interest in any of these positions, it's not too soon to think of putting your (their) name forward. I suggest you consider the enjoyment you derive from being a part of CIR. We offer a host of experiences, built around a common interest in Porsche automobiles. Whether it's driving tours, car shows, group tickets at IMS, Driver Ed days at the track, a teen safe-driving school, social events that range from a Saturday breakfast to overnight weekend events, charitable events, and parties. We publish a great newsletter and offer a superb website, all of which are aimed at entertaining you and keeping you informed. Other officers work to ensure that Club finances are well spent, and that our organization runs smoothly. Everything our Officers and Volunteers do is geared toward creating a Club where friendships are forged and everyone can have a great time. **But none of this can happen without good people stepping up to provide leadership**.

If you're concerned that you may not have the "qualifications" to take on one of these roles, most of these positions only require a modest commitment of your time, and a willingness to share your ideas. And I believe you will find that you'll have fun working alongside other like-minded people.

One way to learn more about these positions, and how the Club works, is to attend a Board Meeting. These meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, at the Skyline Club in downtown Indy. We start with an informal (and optional) dinner at 6:00pm, followed by the business meeting at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend – just contact any Board member for more information.

In closing, if you enjoy being a part of CIR, consider that our future depends on people who are willing to do their part to build on this tradition of **VOLUNTEERING** their talents and time. Please give this idea some thought!

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**On my way back to NYC** this past holiday season, I noticed a peculiar racing machine at the Indianapolis International Airport. At first glance, the blue, white and gold very much reminded me of Rothmans Porsche 959 colors. However, as I approached the car I quickly realized that this machine wore Foster's and Quaker State logos and, to my surprise, it sported a Porsche insignia. Well, as with most classic Porsche stories,

"the chase" was on. Happily, we live in the information age. With my trusty search engine and the phrase "Porsche Formula," I was able to piece together the story of this particular car.

From 1981 through 1987

Team McLaren dominated Formula 1 racing with their MP4 chassis and Porsche built TAG turbocharged V6 engines. In the hands of Niki Lauda and Alain Prost the team captured 3 World Championships and 25 Grand Prix victories between 1984 and 1987. However, McLaren pulled away from Porsche to start a new era with Honda and Ayrton Senna.

In 1987 Peter Schultz, Porsche's CEO, agreed to bring back Al Holbert to lead Porsche Motorsport North America. Holbert then secured sponsorship from Quaker State and with Porsche, built an engine and chassis from the ground up for an Indy effort.

The resulting 2708 chassis as built using information obtained during their prior attempt at the Indy 500 in 1980 and was paired with a new Type 2708 engine, a 2.6 liter DOHC single turbo V8 with Motronic management. Unfortunately, the chassis ended up being bulky and outdated. Al Unser Sr. struggled to qualify in the 11th row. An anonymous driver stated that "We expected Porsche to come over with a bullet-proof car, ready to move right up with the front runners. I can't believe that they arrived so unprepared."

Porsche decided that the best course of action was to retain the 2708 engine but to use a more competitive chassis. In early 1988, they brought on a brand new March 88C tub. Teo Fabi was called upon to pilot this car but did not have an impressive showing. After qualifying 17th, a rear wheel which was not properly secured during a pit stop separated and caused the car to bottom, thus producing an unrepairable oil leak.

In 1989 Derek Walker was hired in hopes of improving the car's performance. An improved version of the turbocharged V8 was fitted in the new March 89P chassis. Unfortunately, after qualifying 13th ignition problems sidelined the car after only 29 laps. However, the

car did well during the remainder of the season and netted 5 fourth place finishes, a third place finish and a pair of seconds. The high point of the campaign was the win at Mid-Ohio. Fabi finished fourth in the point standings.

For 1990 a new March 90P chassis was developed around cutting edge carbon fiber composite monocoque technology. The new chassis was nicknamed "the pancake" as it was quite low to the ground

and the sidepods swung out in a wide arch on either side, framing the driver and engine in a large circular body.

John Andretti joined the team as a second driver.

Even though the chassis design had entered the production phase,

CART woud not allow the new carbon fiber chassis to run in the series in 1990. While CART cited concern for the safety of the drivers, it was said that the complaints were launched by Penske Racing and Lola cars. One journalist said that "It is more than

possible that USAC — like CART politics caused the 90P chassis to become ineligible, as later crash tests proved the chassis to be both lighter and safer than an aluminum tub." March then recreated the chassis using the honeycomb aluminum monocoque but had very little time to fine tube the car before the season began. Additionally, Porsche engineers had difficulty fitting the engine to this version of the chassis. The car was not ready for the first two races of the season and the 89C chassis had to be put back into service. Foster's came aboard as a sponsor for the Indy 500, but the team did very poorly during the month of May and failed to improve during the remainder of the 1990 season.

Porsche had hoped that the 1989 season was a harbinger of greater things in the future. After the disastrous 1990 season, Porsche pulled the plug on their Indy Car program and has not returned. In 2012 some hope that Porsche might return after the DW12 chassis was introduced, but this did not come to fruition.

The North American Market continues to play an important part in Porsche sales, so perhaps the day will come when Porsche finds value in returning to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. I certainly hope so, especially now officially having become an Indianapolisian.

Sima Sciopu

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