



# In The Zone

## Recent Happenings in Zone 3

As I sit here writing this (watching the DVR recording of the Monza F1 Grand Prix) I think about how relatively calm the summer months are in the Southeast, and how crazy busy the next few months will be.

I missed reporting on stuff way back in May, so here's a quick update: Mid May brought the Wilderness Trail Region summer BBQ (a replacement for a snowed out Christmas party?). From what I saw, it was one of the best attended Wilderness Trail event ever. A big crowd of Porsches, and a few other goodies...

Memorial Day weekend brought Carolinas Region PorscheFest in Asheville, NC, the third Multi Event weekend of Zone 3. If you never been to Asheville, it's a great little mountain town with a wonderful personality. The PorscheFest team put on another great event, this time holding right in downtown. Lets just hope they keep it in Asheville for the future!

A staple of the Saville calendar has become the Hurricane Region Winery tour. With all kinds of new wineries to visit, it again made for a great start to June.

The balance of June consisted of track events at lots of different places. Coastal Empire held their

Roebing Road event (unfortunately we could not attend), Alabama Region's DE at Barber, and the Zone 2 VIR Club Race (not technically part of Zone 3, but it's close). Nadine and I absolutely love Barber, and the Alabama crew does such a good job.

We visited the VIR race, and it was HOT, HOT. So hot in fact that a few people ended up going to the hospital due to heat exhaustion!

July brought Parade in St. Charles, IL. Nadine and I were only able to stay for a few days, but it was very well attended by Zone 3 members. There were a lot of very cool cars at the concours, including the GT3R Hybrid, a 962!, and an awful lot of 356's—more than I remember seeing at any other Parade we've attended.

With the rest of July being so hot, it was a great time to stay home. So, I managed to get away for a week to go to Alaska and go salmon fishing with my dad! Great time...by I digress...

While August was still hot, the calendar started to fill up



**Nice early 911's at Parade 2010 in St. Charles, IL**

again, starting with Carolinas Region's In Den Bergen (In the Mountains), a low key, show and shine event at Waynesville country club. We went up to visit and found a wonderful event, most likely we'll attend next year. You should try to put this on your calendar for 2011.

Both Peachstate and Hurricane region's held DE's at Road Atlanta and CMP respectively. Carolinas Region held their 50th Anniversary Tour—a weekend drive throughout the whole of Carolinas Region covering all the corners of the huge territory. Stops at great garages, great restaurants and a few sponsors and supporters of the region highlighted a unique and thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

So see? I guess a lot DID go on in the summer...

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### Did you know?

- The GT3-R Hybrid will make it's North American Debut at Petit LeMans
- Peachstate's Rennfest is the longest running multi-event weekend in Zone 3
- Petit LeMans Porscheplatz is one of the largest of all PCA Car Corrals.

## PCA Updates

**iPHONE APP** - How many of you have downloaded the iPhone App? Here's the thing: the app is only as good as the information that is put into it, and that comes from the regions. So, if you know of a shop or Porsche related business that

should be included, please have them contact the National PCA office. It's free to be listed, and the more information we get in the app, the better it is for all of us.

**E-BRAKE NEWS** - Do you

read the e-Brake News that comes out just about weekly from PCA? Do you even know what it is? If not, check your emails, and spam mail filters, it's a great source of information, but I know some



## PCA Updates (continued)

of you are not getting it, or at least don't know they are. If you're not, contact the National office.

**PCA COMMUNITY**— The PCA Community is almost here. Basically, this will be a Facebook type of application on the PCA.org website. I've seen it and it should be a great source of information and social networking. I've already set up a Zone 3 Group to allow for easy updates and info sharing. You'll be able to post pictures, ideas, comments, manage your own PCA calendar etc. There will also be a PCA Forum. So, keep an eye on that e-Brake newsletter, and I will be sure to tell you when it's out and live.

**ELECTIONS** - This is the time of year that most regions are holding their elec-

tions. PLEASE refer to your region by-laws and make sure you are following them regarding procedures and term limits. And sometimes, even if you can run another term, talk with your region board and make sure that's what everyone wants. Sometimes, we get so caught up in our lives that we lose sight of what's best for the region as a whole. Just make sure all is good in the region.

**REMINDERS: Subsidies**— As we start heading to the end of the year, don't forget there is a substantial amount of subsidy money available for each region, so if you hold events that qualify for the subsidies, remember to get me your subsidy request BEFORE the event, as much time in advance as possible. Subsidies area available for:

- Multi-event weekends
- Hospitality Parks
- Charity events
- Registry Events

Ask me for details on what events are eligible for subsidy submission.

**Profiles**— Please make sure your individual profile on PCA.org is accurate and up to date. Everything you receive from PCA and your local region is based on the National Membership database, so if it's wrong, they cannot contact you and get you important information. In this age where so much of our information is electronic, it only take a few minutes to update your information and keep it accurate. Also, if you use clubregistration.net for any registration, keep that up to date too so the region you are registering with has accurate information about you.

## Region Management - Reports & Forms

As with everything in life, there is some level of reporting that's needed., or forms that need to be filled out. We have reports at work, forms at home, and yes, Reports & Forms in PCA. We try to make these easy and useful, but we still have to do them. There are the Region & Continuity Reports at the beginning of the year, forms for insurance, forms for subsidy requests, post event reports and quarterly reports that the Zone Reps have to do.

But the most common report is the Observers Report that is suppose to be done after every driving event: rally, autocross, tour and drivers ed. Copies go to the National Safety Chair, the National PCA office, the Region President gets everything in their region, and the zone rep gets copies of everything in the zone, and let me tell you....I get A LOT of them! Honestly, this is great. In the past, it was difficult to get anyone to submit these reports.

So lets talk about these reports. They are meant to provide information not only to the national staff, but to the Region President to let them understand how they are doing, and where they can improve. So...how much sense does it make that the Event Chair, or worse, the Region President fills out the form? How is anyone suppose to learn anything? Technically, all Observer Reports should be filled out by an out-of-region participant. If the Zone Rep is attending, they are suppose to fill out the observers report, as technically we are supposedly more critical and can compare with what other regions are doing. So, for future observers reports, if possible, PLEASE ask someone from outside your region to fill it out. If nobody from outside the region is attending, then get someone new, first timer, etc. so you will get an unbiased report.

Here's another very important report: the Incident Report. This report is suppose to be completed if ANY incident occurs during your event, no matter how small. In a DE, if there is a minor brush against a wall, a report is needed. If there is an accident on a tour or rally, it's needed. And if someone runs over the Region President at an autocross...yep, an incident report is needed. These reports help our Safety and Insurance chairs understand what's going on in the regions and can keep track in case there is a problem down the road. You never know who is going to decide to take legal action. Having the reports allows our National team to be prepared by getting a good account of what actually happened, when it happened, instead of relying on memory long after the event is over.

So, while you hold all these wonderful events through the end of 2010, please remember to do your simple reports, and assign someone to do the Observers Report. It only takes a few minutes, and can really help .

Keep up to date with all the happenings in Zone 3 at <http://zone3.pca.org>

### Regions in Zone 3

- Alabama
- Carolinas
- Coastal Empire
- Heart O'Dixie
- Hurricane
- Magnolia
- Musik-Stadt
- Mid South
- Ocmulgee
- Palmetto
- Peachstate
- Smoky Mountain
- Tennessee
- Wilderness Trail



# Upcoming in Zone 3

Here is where I will try to highlight upcoming events that should be broadcast throughout the Zone. If you would like to have your event listed here, and on the Zone 3 website, please send an email to me *and* Josh with complete details and information.

Dates	Region	Event	Details
Oct 1-3	ALMS	Petit LeMans	Porscheplatz car corral at Road Atlanta ALMS 2010 season Finale. Car Corral Ticket Information and Ordering - Call 800-849-7223 or 770-967-6143. All details and schedule at <a href="http://zone3.pca.org">http://zone3.pca.org</a>
Oct 3	Smoky Mountain	Drivers Ed at Talladega GP Raceway	Also known as 'Little Talladega', here's a chance to drive a track not normally on the drivers circuit. Details at <a href="http://www.smtpca.org/">http://www.smtpca.org/</a>
Oct 9-10	Palmetto	Oktoberfest Rally	Headquartered at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort located in the Kingston Plantation area of Myrtle Beach, a fun rally around the Myrtle Beach area
Oct 9-10	Fall Tour	Carolinas	Annual Fall Tour, this year is headed to Charleston, SC. Two days of driving and fun with friends, plus a stop with touring laps at Carolina Motorsports Park. Details at <a href="http://www.carolinas-pca.com">www.carolinas-pca.com</a>
Oct 14-17	914 Registry	Mid US Ramble	Headquartered at Grand Vista Resort, Vonore, TN. Tail of the Dragon drives and other mountain drives for 914 owners. Details and registration at <a href="http://www.musr11.com/">http://www.musr11.com/</a>
Oct 16-17	Hurricane	Fall Winery Tour	The spring event does so well, they decided to hold a fall one. A great event to attend. Details at <a href="http://hur.pca.org/">http://hur.pca.org/</a>
Oct 23	Hurricane	Oktoberfest	Annual Car Show and social. Food, drink and a lot of socializing with your fellow car nuts. Details at <a href="http://hur.pca.org/Concours.php">http://hur.pca.org/Concours.php</a>
Oct 23-24	Peachstate	Drivers Ed at Road Atlanta	Register at <a href="http://www.clubregistration.net">www.clubregistration.net</a> . Includes a Taste of the Track introductory event on October 23
Oct 29-31	Carolinas	Club Race, Drivers Ed and Charity Concours	Club race weekend at CMP includes Solo Only DE, and a People's Choice Charity Car show. Details at <a href="http://www.carolinas-pca.com">www.carolinas-pca.com</a> - click on Club Racing.
Nov 12-14	Hurricane	Lighthouse Tour	Details at <a href="http://hur.pca.org/Lighthouse/Lighthouse0811.shtml">http://hur.pca.org/Lighthouse/Lighthouse0811.shtml</a>
Nov 13-14	Smoky Mountain	Fall Fest	Fall Gala event—HUGE autocross on a 14 acre site!! And evening awards banquet Details at <a href="http://www.smtpca.org/">http://www.smtpca.org/</a>



**GT3 R Hybrid at Parade**



**Scene from Parade Welcome Party**



**Alabama Region is celebrating 40 years in 2010!**



**Heart O' Dixie Region is celebrating 50 years in 2011. Party on April 2!**

I am still looking for contributors to *In The Zone*. If you have a great story, maybe reprint something that was published in your newsletter, or just like to write an opinion on something, that would be great. I'd also love to have a tech or shop manager send me some short tech articles that we could start to publish here. The more interesting we can make *In The Zone*, the better.



## A Pictorial of Parade 2010 - St. Charles, IL

*Instead of writing up a whole article on Parade, I thought it would be better to tell some of the story just in pictures. Nadine and I were only able to stay for a couple days, so these pictures are very Concours oriented:*

