



# In The Zone

## Recent Happenings in Zone 3

With this issue, In The Zone will become an every-other-month newsletter. Quite honestly, I don't seem to have the time to put it together each month, but I do not want to stop producing it because I HOPE it is useful.

So, onto August and September...Actually a lot happened in Zone 3 toward the end of the summer. On August 1, Hugh & Brenda Tackett of Wilderness Trail Region invited the members to the grand opening of their new Garage Mahal. Wow, what a space. I'm still not convinced any 'garage work' will ever be done in there, but it was quite impressive. I'd call it more of a mini museum of Hugh's automotive art collections and memorabilia where they will park their Porsches. He even has a wash bay area complete with a lift that allows for undercarriage cleaning! Nadine and I got to meet many of the WTR members when Brenda served a wonderful breakfast for all. Thanks Hugh and Brenda for a great time!

After a much needed few weeks off, Nadine and I joined Hurricane Region for a Drivers Ed at Carolina Motorsports Park. Wonderful weather prevailed and Coco Strayer and her DE team did a great job all weekend.

## PCA Updates

**WEBSITE** - The new [pca.org](http://pca.org) website is up and running!! Check it out browse around a little. [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org).

**PCA CREDIT CARD** - Yep, that's right, now you can get your own PCA Visa Rewards Card and

Labor Day weekend brought the tradition of Peachstate Region's Rennfest, held at the Brasstown Valley Resort in North Georgia. Not surprisingly, Peachstate Region once again pulled off a great event. For those of you that have not attended Rennfest, it is a very well run multi event weekend, complete with Concours, TSD Rally, Autocross, RC Car races, Tech Quiz, and lots of socializing and eating. But a note to the wise: don't let someone borrow your car for an autocross when there is a chance they can beat you! That's exactly what happened to me - I let Manny Alban, our National VP borrow Huey for the AX, and he beat me! Never again... :-)

As I've said before, for those regions looking for an event to jump-start their participation, put on a multi-event weekend. There is enough experience in this zone with Smoky Mountain's Spring Thing, Peachstate's Rennfest, Carolinas' Porschefest, and Tennessee's Winterfest that someone can always help you get started.

show your PCA pride. Details at [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org).

**HPDE INSURANCE PROGRAM** - Lockton Affinity has created a Driver Education insurance program specifically tailored for PCA



**Every Zone 3 Rep ever was in attendance at Rennfest**

While we were unable to attend Mid South Regions DE at Memphis MSP, I plan to put that on my calendar for next year. The reports I got back are that I missed a good weekend!

After Autofair at Lowes Motor Speedway, and a local Autocross, Porscheplatz at Petit LeMans capped off a busy September. Even though the rain shortened the race considerably, I think everyone still had a good time. We had some great speakers from Flying Lizard, Mobil 1, Michelin, PMNA and others. And even with the poor weather, we still had the biggest Porsche Corral/Porschplatz of the year. Thanks to all the Peachstate volunteers that did all the work, with a special thanks to Dick Kjellsen for organizing everyone.

members - PCA members receive a 10% discount on HPDE insurance premiums. Check out details on the [PCA.org](http://PCA.org) website.

**ELECTIONS** - As 2009 starts to come to a close, I

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### Did you know?

- PCA is the largest Porsche Club organization in the world.
- Porscheplatz at Petit LeMans drew over 400 Porsche owners
- Zone 3 has ever only had 6 Zone Reps in its history: Leonard Turner, Dave Lumpkin, Danny Saxton, Dick Kjellsen, Allan Cox and Bob Saville



## PCA Updates (continued)

assume there will be a fair amount of new faces on the region boards. Please make sure at least the new President has my contact information, and someone on the region board informs me of who is taking over.

**ZONE 3 INCORPORATION AND STAFF** - I mentioned last issue that I am looking toward 2010 on creating a few Zone 3 events, or at least a few Zone 3 competitions that encompass the regions

within the zone.

I would like to start putting together a Zone 3 staff. I have gotten a few volunteers that have contacted me, but I think I need a few more. Maybe some of you that have stepped down from the Region boards, maybe past Presidents, that would like to keep involved but not at quite the hectic pace of a region position would be interested. Or maybe you have someone in your region that wants to get involved,

but just can't commit the time a region chair position takes. Whatever the case, I'd love to hear from you. Positions include things like setting up a Zone 3 auto-cross series, helping with the Zone 3 Race Challenge (Yes, I'm going to try again in 2010), and other things that might come up.

So if you're interested in helping me get Zone 3 to the next level, please contact me with your ideas and assistance.

## Region Management - Bylaws

Bylaws of a PCA Region are what govern the activities and operations of the region. How many of you out there have looked at your region bylaws lately? Do you even know where they are, who has a copy of them, and how 'accurate' and up to date they are? And, if a PCA member asked to see them, do you have a mechanism to allow for total access to them?

These are a few topics of discussion that the Zone Reps have been having lately. Many of the regions out there have bylaws that are either way out of date, or can put the region board, and PCA National, at risk. Remember, Bylaws are not only there to describe the operations of the region, they are there to protect the board of directors, and PCA.

Take a look at your bylaws. Do they describe the structure of the region? Do they describe the functions of each board members, how elections are held, and define the responsibilities and expectations? Are the bylaws voted on by the membership? Is that all documented? Does it have provisions for removal of board members, or suspension of general PCA membership? And, most importantly, IS THE REGION MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING THE BYLAWS?

These are just a few things all of members of the region Board of Directors need to think about. There have been instances in PCA where the bylaws inferred that the Region President was responsible for any and all actions of the members of the region. Really? So if a member at an event caused a lawsuit, the region President could personally be sued, whether the President was in attendance or not. Others have been written that give too much leeway and authority to some board members, such as the treasurer. In one region, the treasurer was embezzling the region coffers, and pointed to the bylaws stating it was OK.

To this end, the Zone Reps are putting together a program to help the region's review and revise as needed their bylaws. It is our goal to assist the regions to put together bylaws that both make sense for the operations of that particular region, and also to protect all the members, the board, and PCA.

I looked on every region's website to find their bylaws, and unless I missed something, only one region in all of Zone 3 has their bylaws posted on their website. How is a member suppose to see the bylaws? Remember what I discussed in the last issue - Communication? Keep the membership informed. Post the bylaws on your website, or at least annually in your newsletters. Trust me, it's better to keep everyone informed and involved than to keep secrets.

As 2009 comes to a close, it's a good time to review your region bylaws and see how they look. Better yet, let me and our PCA legal counsel David Novak review and make suggestions. In the coming months, I think we will be requesting all the region's bylaws for review. There's even talk of having them submitted at the beginning of the year with the Region Report. So review your bylaws, and go through the correct process and procedures to make any changes or amendments as necessary. I can get you a copy of a recently revised - and reviewed by David - set of bylaws from another region that you may want to use as a template, or just for some ideas. Either way, make sure your bylaws are up to date and accurate, or your region could have problems down the road.



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

Some important events happening in Zone 3 over the next couple months:

**OCTOBER 17 - AACA Car show in Memphis** - Musik-Stadt region will be attending the AACA Classic car show at the Cool Spring Galleria. Porsche of Nashville will be a sponsor. For more information, email Mike Gillespie at [migillespie@comcast.net](mailto:migillespie@comcast.net).

**OCTOBER 17 - Oktoberfest with Alabama Region** - A fun-filled Saturday with lots of activities - Shine 'n Show, Fun Run (Hwy 25), BBQ and live music. Check out <http://ala.pca.org> for more details.

**OCTOBER 18 - Oktoberfest with Mid South Region.** Mid South Region will be holding it's annual Oktoberfest at the home of Ron and Debbie Hale in Colliersville, TN at 2:00 pm. This is a BYOB event, but all food and 'soft' beverages will be provided. For details and directions, contact Rob at [rhale@glankler.com](mailto:rhale@glankler.com) or call (901) 861-2188 or (901) 277-8396

**OCTOBER 24-25 - Drivers Ed at Roebling Road Raceway – Coastal Empire Region.** Go to [www.cerpca.net](http://www.cerpca.net) for details. Registration is through [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net).

**OCTOBER 24-25 - Drivers Ed at Road Atlanta - Peachstate Region.** sold out.

**OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1 - Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance and Motoring Festival.** The HHI Concours is three days and has four main events at Hutchinson Island and Honey Horn. The four main events include the Concours, Hilton Head/Savannah Speed Classic, Car Club Jamboree, and Motoring Midway. Other events include the Southern Belle Fashion Show, Flavors of the Lowcountry, Oyster Roast, Savannah Driving Tour. Go to [www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com) for details.

**OCTOBER 31 - Fall Tour - Heart O' Dixie Region.** Tour to Cloudland Canyon. Contact Jim Cambron for details at [cambron@sparta.com](mailto:cambron@sparta.com).

**NOVEMBER 1 - Fall Rally - Peachstate Region.** Brats at Big Canoe. Rally Masters Dick and Carole Kjellsen will be sure to make you want a Brat and probably a big beer after their rally. Details at [www.peachstatepca.org](http://www.peachstatepca.org)

**NOVEMBER 7-8 - Fall Tour - Carolinas Region.** Enjoy the beauty of the Carolina and North Georgia Mountain roads as you head from Asheville through the countryside to Brasstown Valley Resort in Northern Georgia. Anyone that has ever attended a Carolinas Region Fall Tour knows that the roads are always challenging, and the socials are always fun. Details and registration at [www.carolinas-pca.com](http://www.carolinas-pca.com).

**NOVEMBER 20-22 - Drivers Ed at VIR - Carolinas Region.** Friday solo only, Saturday all experience welcome. Go to [www.carolinas-pca.com](http://www.carolinas-pca.com) for details. Registration at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net).

### Holiday Parties:

These are the Holiday Parties that I know of:

**DECEMBER 4 - Alabama Region**

**DECEMBER 5 - Palmetto Region**

**DECEMBER 5 - Carolinas Region**

**DECEMBER 6 - Heart O' Dixie**

**DECEMBER 6 - Tennessee Region**

**DECEMBER 12 - Ocmulgee Region**

Check out each region's website for their Holiday Party Activities.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL YOUR REGION ACTIVITIES ARE LISTED ON THE ZONE 3 WEBSITE. PLEASE EMAIL ANY UPDATES TO WEBMASTER JOSH STOLARZ AT [josh@stolarz.org](mailto:josh@stolarz.org)**

**ALSO REMEMBER, IF YOU DON'T EMAIL ME YOUR UPDATES, I CAN'T GET THEM INTO *In The Zone* AND HELP YOU PROMOTE THEM!!**



**Panamera at Peachstate's Rennfest**



**George Barber, owner of Barber MSP and long time Alabama Region Member, is number 108 on the list of longest standing PCA members!**



**2010 will mark the 50th Anniversaries for both Peachstate Region and Carolinas Region!**



## What makes your Porsche Special?

an editorial satire by Jim Cambron, Heart O'Dixie Region President

What makes your Porsche special? The very best reason, and entirely sufficient for every engineer-minded, logical oriented, Porsche owner is Ferry Porsches' famous quote that I often use in my Porsche oriented publications:

"You can't tell what makes a Porsche great by driving it around the block." Any Porsche owner of only mild automotive curiosity should ponder what Mr. Porsche was referring to with this quote. What does make a Porsche special? Let's examine the possible reasons for Porsches being special:

1) Some of our Club members thought that it was buying a relatively rare and valuable Porsche model at or slightly below the retail price, holding it a year, then selling it for a profit. That's special, just like a tax-free, high-yield stock or bond, you buy it at one price, hold on to it for a while, and then sell it at a profit--that's special: the Porsche is as special as the value associated with a financial transaction.

2) Some Club members thought Ferry was referring to Porsches being special for their dependable transportation. After all, J.D. Powers has found Porsche the #1 Initial Quality winner for the last two years. So that's special, just like a Honda Civic--very reliable basic transportation.

3) Other Club members thought Ferry was referring to Porsches being special for their prestige and panache. They like owning the latest and greatest Porsche and letting all their "friends" know about it. "Look at me, I just spent more than \$100,000 on a new Porsche, live in a big house, and have lots of money." That's special like a gold watch, a trophy wife, or an expensive boat that never leaves the dock.

4) There are Club members who figured Mr. Porsche was referring to Porsches being special because they are capable of amazing performance statistics; 0-60 mph in less than 4 seconds, to 100 mph in less than 9 seconds, and a top speed of nearly 200 mph. That's special like a military medal collection, like buying the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Silver and Bronze Stars and displaying them in your den. You didn't earn any of the medals, just bought them and display them; you're not a participant, just a collector.

5) Then there are Club members who understood that Ferry Porsche meant that the Porsches are special because of their ability to operate at levels of performance superior to all other sports cars and are durable enough to drive from the showroom to the track and demonstrate that performance. These Club members then participate in those actions, letting their Porsche operate closer to the limits that it was designed for, and once they get it in their blood, then return to the well to enjoy that specialness as often as they can.

So let's examine Ferry Porsches statement in detail:

- "You can't tell" which means you'll never understand, appreciate, internalize, realize, or comprehend.

- "what makes a Porsche special" he personalizes this announcement, that this car is special to him and infers that it is accepted knowledge that Porsches are special to every automotive knowledgeable person.

- "by driving it" just a second here to mention that he does say "driving", not collecting, parking, observing, sitting, or storing the Porsche

- you could more than likely insert a word here: "by (only) driving it around the block." Inferring that a Porsche becomes special when you do more than just driving it around the block, at a pedestrian pace, under routine conditions, normal legal speeds, and in traffic. That the Porsche is special when you do more than drive it under those conditions. Porsches are special when you drive them under demanding conditions, and of course that is safer when it is under controlled conditions, like during a Driver's Education, on a race track, whether actually racing or just driving closer to a Porsches capabilities under safe controlled (traffic, pedestrians, animals, track surfaces) conditions.

So if you Porsche owners haven't thought about this simple statement, maybe now is a good time to do it.

One of the very best descriptions I've read about driving your Porsche under conditions that make it special was written by Michael Brake, published on page 64 in (the August 2009) Porsche Panorama. Excerpts (with some paraphrasing for ease of



reading) from the article include:

“Porsches are an assemblage of components crafted over decades of careful thought by engineers whose passion and mission is to deliver performance when combined and driven hard. The thoughts and experiences of those engineers are part of the potential energy that exists waiting to be released. Your Porsche has potential energy stored from 70 years of focused engineering. It's a potential energy barely contained within, ready to be released on the track. Taking your Porsche to the track is like graduating from Porsche High School and starting a Weissach PhD. While we may spend much of our idle time reading about Porsches, it's only at the track where the history and spirit of a Porsche can reveal itself.

Once you get on the track and calm down after a couple of driving sessions, you settle into a rhythm and dialogue. The quality of the Porsche's feedback, the performance of the brakes and the eagerness of that flat six reminds you that your car is directly related to countless 911s that have run and continued to win endurance races of the last 40 years. You know that your Porsche history and lineage is directly related to those 550s, 904s, 908s, 917s, 935s, 956s, 962s, and GT1 that raced at all the famous tracks around the world and made the Porsche name synonymous with sports cars and race cars.

If you own a Porsche and don't take it to the track, you are cheating yourself of a quintessential part of Porsche ownership and you are not being fair to the spirit of the car. You are also, in a way disrespectful to the engineers who worked so hard designing your car to perform. It's like buying a Picasso and leaving it wrapped in brown paper in your basement or buying a race horse and never letting it out of the barn.”

Now you may think that you don't want to get your precious Porsche all scratched up. That is not necessary. I drive my Porsches on the track with the primary exposed parts protected from road rash and tire rubber with painter's tape--then I clean them up and show them at the very next Concours and win trophies for their condition. And, my Porsche never runs better than after a day at the track. Another thing, I have high resolution photos of me and my Porsche in the "thick of the things" on the track and that is a much more satisfactory memory than of the Porsche sitting in the rain in front of the Biltmore Mansion.

So please think twice, and consider applying for a DE at the next opportunity. (edit: You won't regret it!)

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**A couple of the Author's beautiful street/track weapons of choice.**



**993 Turbo 'S'**



**996 GT3 RS**