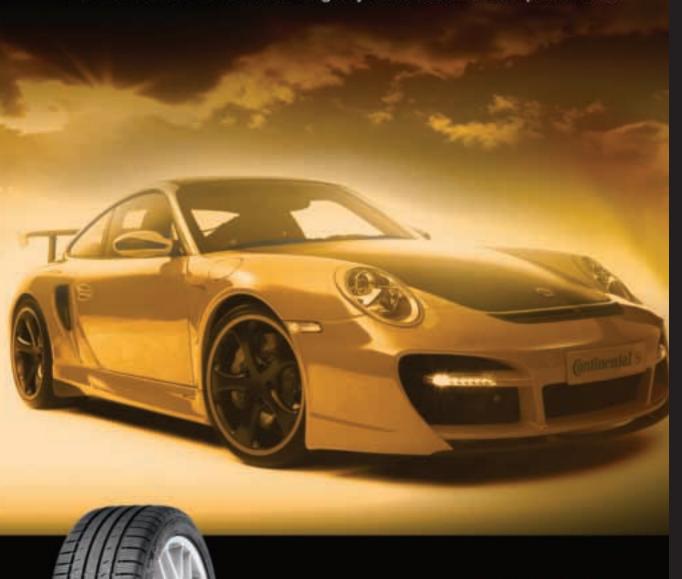
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Cover photo: The Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada will return this year for its second season with an expanded schedule – see the article on page 22; photo by Eshel Zweig, UCR Photo Editor.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGF



Mario Marrello **UCR President**

ormally at this time of year, I'm wondering when the snow will be gone so I can take my 944 cab out for a drive to shake out the cobwebs (both the car's and mine). It's mid January when I'm writing this and except for a few traces of snow on the lawns, it's pretty much still good driving weather out there. This has been the mildest winter in my recent memory.

Luckily, being the procrastinator I am, my car is still ready to go, as I never really got around to putting it away for the winter. I kept waiting for that one big snowfall that never came. As I was able to get winter tires installed on my way down to Latham, NY for the President's meeting, the car is very happy being out in the cold weather. Even if it did snow a bit, it's really not the snow that bothers me, but the road salt. Since we haven't had much snow, there is even very little of that.

I even had the opportunity to drive my 944 to the January social. Tom Hnatiw, of Dream Car Garage fame and now with a show called Hard Drive, was our guest speaker. Tom's speech was around the sustainability of racing. He spoke about the ability of many racing series to provide an affordable and sustainable business model for racers. NASCAR is one of only racing series that charge the networks for broadcasting a race; most other racing series - especially sports car racing - actually pay the networks to have their races broadcast.

This is not a good formula if a series wants to stay afloat and keep costs down. Tom made the point that club racing is one of the few opportunities racers have to race at a reasonable cost. We ought to be proud to be able to host these club races in PCA and in particular, UCR.

We should do our best to continue to support them. Log into our website and look for the January Social item that Otto posted on our website and join the conversation on this topic. While you are there, have a look around and contribute to other discussions.

The January social was a great success. In past years, the January social had light attendance, but this year we pretty much filled the Mimico club. As always, the key is getting a good speaker at a good location and it looks like the rest just falls into place.

We have plans to stay with the Mimico Club until March and I know that Isabel is working hard to get speakers for each event. We have Laurance Yap of Porsche Cars Canada scheduled for February. The March speaker hasn't been formally announced, but I know if the plans work out, we will have an interesting speaker there as well. Stay tuned. Our socials are always on the second Tuesday of each month, so mark your calendars. And yes, the second Tuesday in February is Valentine's Day, so what better way than to treat your spouse to a night out with good food, live entertainment and looking out over a moonlight lake? I'll be there with Karen.

As always, I encourage you to communicate your suggestions to me as president or to any member of the board about anything you feel we can do better. You can access me by email, phone or approach me at any event. I'm happy to receive feedback from you, the membership, as this club belongs to you. Let's work together to make it better.

Keep well and stay safe,

Mario Marrello

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Fri-Sun

Zone 1 - 48 Hours

(Details to be confirmed)

Summer Rally

2012 Calendar of Events



Please check future issues of Provinz, as details for some events are yet to be confirmed. As always, for last minute updates on all events, please visit the UCR website at www.pcaucr.org

JANUA	ARY		JULY		
10	Tues	UCR Social Meeting at Mimico Cruising Club	6-8	Fri-Sun	PCA Club Race at Mosport, hosted by UCR
		Graining Grab	10	Tues	UCR Social Meeting
FEBRU	JARY		8-14	Sun-Sat	(visit pcaucr.org for details) PCA Parade in Salt Lake City, Utah
10-12	Fri-Sun	Canadian Motorsports Expo (CME) at International Centre, Toronto	14-15	Fri-Sun	UCR Driver Education at Mosport
14	Tues	UCR Social Meeting at Mimico Cruising Club	AUGUS	ST	
25-26	Sat-Sun	Zone 1 – Tech Tactics in Easton, PA	14	Tues	UCR Social Meeting (visit pcaucr.org for details)
MARC	Н		18-19	Sat-Sun	UCR Driver Education at Calabogie
I	Thurs	UCR Ski Day – Osler Bluff Ski Club (Collingwood)	SEPTE	MBER	
13	Tues	UCR Social Meeting at Mimico Cruising Club	7-9 11	Fri-Sun Tues	Targa Muskoka UCR Social Meeting
APRIL			22-23	Sat-Sun	(visit pcaucr.org for details) UCR Driver Education at Mosport
10	Tues	UCR Social Meeting (visit pcaucr.org for details)	29	Sat	Muskoka Fall Fun Run
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JUNE			13	Tues	UCR Social Meeting (visit pcaucr.org for details)
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SOCIAL EVENTS





Isabel Starck UCR Socials Chair (416) 887-0386 isabel@ sportscarboutique.com

Telcome to your Monthly Socials page. What a fantastic year 2011 was. My goal of increasing attendance proved successful, and we are regularly hosting numbers of 80+ members per event, with the highest attendance V recorded totalling 160 guests. Although this makes for a great inaugural year, my plans for 2012 are greater still. In order to maintain this momentum I am implementing an RSVP practice, which will assist me in securing suitable locations for future events. Ideally, seven days prior is ample time to allow for proper planning. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend an event lately, I welcome you to join us in 2012 and see for yourself how enjoyable they are. Socials, by their very nature, are a place for people to gather, discuss, and socialize. I thank those of you who have shared your comments and suggestions to make these monthly events interesting to you personally, and I encourage your continued feedback, which will allow me to build on the success of 2011. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming social.

UCR Monthly Socials are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Venues vary and will be updated on both the UCR web calendar (www.pcaucr.org) and in Provinz magazine. Meet and greet your fellow members starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is scheduled to begin between 7:00-7:30 p.m., followed by our guest speaker for the evening.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 14

Mimico Cruising Club, 200 Humber Bay Park Road West, Toronto, M8V 3X7, Phone: (416) 252-7737 www.mimicocruisingclub.com Speaker: Laurance Yap, Porsche Cars Canada

This February we return to Mimico Cruising Club for our Sweetheart Social. Make certain to bring along your special someone and share a lovely evening with Laurance Yap, Marketing Director, Porsche Canada.

His charismatic personality and first-hand knowledge on Porsche's plans always manages to captivate us.

Tuesday March 13, 2012

Mimico Cruising Club, 200 Humber Bay Park Road West, Toronto, M8V 3X7, Phone: (416) 252-7737 Gate Code: 01966 www.mimicocruisingclub.com **Speaker: Mosport Representative**

March is St. Paddy's month. Join us at Mimico Cruising Club in your green ceremonial dress, albeit a few days early. Exact speaker to be announced, we welcome a representative from Mosport Speedway to hear firsthand the plans Mosport has in store for the Canadian racing community. This event is sure to attract many racers and Driver's Ed participants, as Mosport has undergone some major changes since the final track day last October.

Past Events: January Social at Mimico Cruising Club in Toronto

Photos by Mario Marrello and Otto Mittelstaedt

We welcomed 2012 at our January Social held at Mimico Cruising Club. Guests arrived early to secure a seat for the presentation by Tom Hnatiw of Dream Car Garage and Hard Drive fame. Tom grabbed the audience's attention as he began to enlighten us on "Substantiated Racing" in addition to taking us down memory lane with his many years in the industry, both as a driver and host of Dream Car Garage and Hard Drive. Following his speech, Tom interviewed Club members for a special segment in one of his Hard Drive Shows. Del Bruce, Horst Petermann, John and Rosemary Adam, Ken & Sussi Jensen shared with Tom what our Club means to them. To see more on these interviews visit www.harddrivewithtom.com.



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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS



Kye Wankum Editor

ontinuing in the spirit of new things to come for Provinz this year, we have some challenges for you, the membership this month, to help us with producing your newsletter. I mentioned a readership survey in last month's Ramblings and, with the help of our new Provinz publisher, Richard Shepard, and my associate editors, Emily Atkins and Garth Stiebel, we have already prepared it and posted it for you to participate. Please see page 11 in this issue for more details. But, please, don't delay, complete the survey right away. It will only take a couple of minutes; the deadline for entering is February 28. And, to make it more fun, we are offering a prize to be won by one member who will be selected randomly from all participants.

And, here is another challenge for you: think of one prospective advertiser who would benefit from exposure in our newsletter and direct them to the UCR website to find our new advertising package, which our team has just finalized. This pamphlet can be found by going to the pull-down menus at the top of the homepage, selecting 'Media' and then 'Provinz'. It is our hope to sign up just a few more advertisers, so that we can go back to the 64 pages we were previously publishing. Provinz, while having a small circulation, is received every month by an advertiser's 'dream demographic', and rates are very reasonable. In fact, that prospective advertiser just may be your own company!

Repeating last month's challenge to you, I urge you to attend as many of the excellent and diverse events UCR will organize again this year, and send in your short write-ups of experiences you've had, to share them and your photos with your fellow club members. In fact, you should consider posting comments and photos on the UCR website as well.

Both newsletter and website are yours to enjoy, make good use of, and share among the membership.

Finally, my challenge to you this month is to help find a member who would enjoy taking over the editorship of Provinz. It is not a terribly difficult job, especially now that we have additional help from two associate editors, but does take some time every month. I will be happy to introduce the new editor to the job over a period of several months. Who knows – maybe that person is you? I, myself, started in this position without any prior experience or directly related background. Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding this position at kye.wankum@rogers.com.

Well, after an incredibly mild winter (let's hope it doesn't go out as too big a lion...), spring is just round the corner. By the time you read this, racing will have started in the southern States, with the 24-Hours of Daytona at the end of January, and then the 12-Hours of Sebring not too far behind, in March. The UCR event schedule for 2012 is also taking shape rapidly. This is an exiting time of year; time to shake off the cobwebs, get busy, and start planning!



THE WAY WE WERE...

30 Years Ago

Phil Hucker was president and Steve Megill was VP. Dave Pateman was past-president and handled membership and Bruce Farrow was editor. Frank Bittner was treasurer. Except for Hucker, the rest are still around. Phone numbers had seven digits. At Mosport races, there was to be a Porsche Park and a Parade of Porsches before each race. The February Social was held at the Boulevard Club where the factory film "A Little Bit More" was shown. Various parts were offered by Herman Lausberg, Steve Megill and. of course. Bruce Farrow.

25 Years Ago

Membership reported at 217, an increase of 80 percent over the previous year! The February Social had outtakes from the Rothmans-Porsche 944 Challenge Series. I remember those outtakes and would love to see them again! Our track season would feature six one-day dates, all at Shannonville. We had 10 DE instructors and Farrow said, "Once we get 30 instructors--that's it, no more. " Yeah, right. Dennis Rak was writing Tech Talk when he said "the advances in all forms of automotive technology since 1980 are equal to that of the previous 80 years!" Colin Black & John Adam reported on their good fortune to be at the annual factory awards banquet for Porsche drivers, held in Stuttgart. Kies Nierop was a Canadian award winner. Crawford Reid wrote about his factory visit and 5,000 km trip across Europe. Annual financials for 2005 were published. Provinz cost \$5,270 including postage – advertising revenue was \$7,642 and PCA provided a newsletter subsidy of \$342.

15 Years Ago

Editor Karl Thompson advised of a new addition to the family, Laura Christine. We had developed into our recent Mosport-based driver ed program. Joel Reiser was a new member. Andy Wright was promoting a Multi-Event Weekend at NOTL. Terry Cleland wrote an exciting and lengthy story about his days as chief mechanic on a Can-Am Frizbee race team. UCR would have a technical introduction of the Boxster at U of T. Mosport was "on the ropes" financially but there was hope for survival. We had an active winter go-cart series by Gillian Hargreaves, and Leigh Kelk was promoting the Charity Auction on behalf of Children's Wish.

Contributed by John Adam, UCR Historian 🛠

Zone 1Dates & Notes

February 25-26, 2012 Tech Tactics – Easton, PA

May 19-20, 2012

Zone 1 - Rally and Concours

June 1-3, 2012

Zone 1 - Clash at The Glen

June 15-17, 2012

Zone 1 - 48 Hours

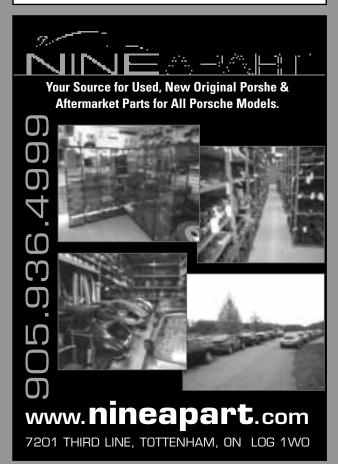
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PCA Parade in Salt Lake City, Utah

November 8-11, 2012

PCA Escape - Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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DRIVER ED



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Saturday April 14th, Mosport Training Facility Saturday April 28th, Mosport Training Facility Loads of Porsche Fun with Lunch Provided. Slip and Slide in complete Safety!

Driver Education Program Dates

Saturday & Sunday, May 12th & 13th **Mosport Grand Prix Track**

Our Spring Fling with Munchie Buffet Social and Lunch Time Lucky Draw included!

Saturday & Sunday June 9th & 10th Mosport Grand Prix Track

Saturday evening Track Walk with Refreshments. A must for all serious "Trackies" More to be announced for this event!

Friday thru Sunday, July 13th, 14th & 15th **Mosport Grand Prix Track**

Loads of Student Spaces, Three Days of Track Time and Saturday evening Dinner & Social with NNJR

Saturday & Sunday, August 18th & 19th Calabogie Motorsports Park

Drive this Fabulous Road Course nestled in the heart of Ski Country. More to be announced!

Saturday & Sunday, September 22nd & 23rd **Mosport Grand Prix Track**

One of our most popular weekends. It's the Fall Colors event with Munchie Buffet Social and Lunch Time Lucky Draw included!

Saturday & Sunday, October 13th & 14th Mosport Grand Prix Track

Our Multi Marque Oktoberfest event with German Cars, Food and Beverages!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please send in your comments about this newsletter and the articles featured herein, but also about any other topic concerning our club. Things you'd like to see and do; things you don't. Personal anecdotes, your Porsche ownership-related experiences - good and bad. This is your forum - please be sure to make good and repeated use of it.

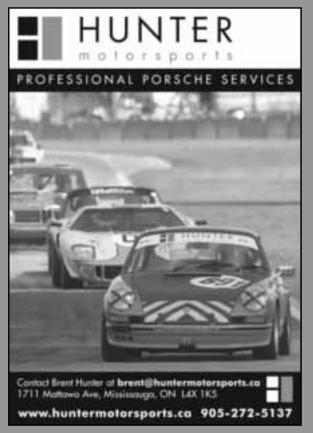
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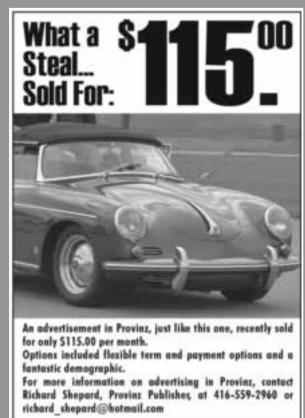
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Beat The February Blahs!

The Canadian Motorsports Expo returns for the sixth year, now in a bigger venue. February 10-12, at the International Centre, adjacent to Toronto's Pearson International Airport. See www.canadianmotorsportsexpo.com for more details.



UCR Tech Session

by George O'Neill, **UCR Tech Editor**

Getting Your Hood Open When The Battery Is Dead

or as long as I have owned my 996 I have religiously stored the car during the winter months. Despite encouragement from my local dealer, Porsche Canada and other drivers who wail enthusiastically about driving their Porsches throughout the winter, highlighting the magnificent handling characteristics which can be explored in conditions otherwise unavailable. I just can not bring myself to subject the car to road salt and a potential fender-bender with a frozen snow bank or another vehicle.

I have to partially blame a lovely jet-black Nissan 280ZX I once owned and watched disintegrate during a long, snowy, salty, Montreal winter for my jaded view. I know the process of steel galvanization has come a long way in the past twentyfive years, and a Nissan is no Porsche, but in fairness to the ZX my skis will also not really fit in my Cabrio, and I am not bold enough to drive with the top down, toque on, skis pointing north from the backseat, as in some romantic Nordic car advertisement. And I do not like roof carriers or trailer hitches, which ski racks can be attached to, on sports cars. That's not how I roll.

So what does this all have to do with a dead battery? Well, if you ever stored your Porsche, or parked it for a few weeks without removing or connecting the battery to a tender, you have most likely experienced a dead, or near-dead battery. No big deal in many cars, as all you have to do is pop the hood, connect a charger or jumper cable to the battery, and you are back in business.



However, in more modern cars like our newer Porsches, the engineers have replaced some mechanical locks with electronic components to reduce weight and to enable more efficient packaging and, I am thinking, to also create employment for their fellow electrical engineers. Gosh. perhaps I should have paid closer attention to my electrical profs while in engineering school instead of dreaming about four bar linkages and proper cable tensile strengths.

In a Porsche with an electronic hood release, a dead battery creates an interesting conundrum since the battery is located inside a compartment under the hood. A dead battery means there is no electricity available to open the hood, which results in no way to get to the battery to connect a charger. Or is there? Could the smart engineers at Porsche have created a way to get around this problem? Well the answer is, yes, of course they did.

Here's the secret, and please have your ignition key handy. You should also refer to your owner's manual to confirm specific details for your model Porsche. Inside the driver foot well fuse box is a red jumper connection, about the size of a rectangular Chiclets gum piece, when pulled out. After removing the fuse box cover, all you have to do is grab the end of the connector with your thumb and index finger and slide the connector out about 2 cm to the end of its travel. Feel free to do this with your bare fingers as the electrical system has only 12 Volts, which is not enough to harm you since your body's resistance is higher than the current flowing from the battery, assuming you are not wearing metal, like a bracelet, which could create a ground under certain conditions and potentially tattoo you.

Next, obtain a jumper cable and connect the positive, redcolored clamp to the red slide-out connector I just mentioned. The next step is to connect the black jumper cable clamp to the driver's dooriamb latch plate to create the "ground" connection. Ensure the other two ends of the cable do not touch each other and short. Next, connect the other red jumper clamp to the positive (red) side of a live battery, and the other black clamp to the negative (black) side of that live battery.

If you are connecting to a battery charger you should ensure the polarity indicator, often a small light, is on (or off - check the charger unit owner's manual for the correct indication) to confirm the clamps are in the correct position. You should now be able to click the button to open the hood, and gain access to the battery.



But remember this, the moment you complete the circuit by connecting the final clamp, the car's security alarm will start to go off, at close to a gazillion decimals, just to further endear you to the neighbors and to raise your blood pressure. Quickly take the car key I asked you to have on hand and insert it in the outside driver's door lock and cycle the lock by twisting the key twice through the lock-unlock positions. This should silence the alarm. Thank my fellow mechanical engineers, who have saved the day by keeping at least one old fashioned manual lock on the car!

Ask me how I know these details intimately? Let's just say I have considerable experience gaining access to my dead battery, while my neighbors have had the opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with the sound of my car alarm.



Finally, disconnect the jumper cable clamps in the reverse order of above, push the jumper connector back in and replace the fuse box cover. At this point you may want to start the car by connecting the jumper cable to a live battery and to the dead battery since you can now access the battery under the hood. Or, you may want to connect a charger to the dead battery, following the instructions supplied with the charger unit.

Odds are, the older your car gets and the less often it is driven, you will experience a time when you can't get the hood open due to a weak battery. Following the steps above may help avoid an expensive tow bill. Even if you do drive vour Porsche in the winter. 🛠

Pictures taken by the author. The author would like to thank Randy at Whaletail in Waterloo for parts and tech advice.

Thank you Dave for your article. If you have an idea for an article please e-mail me, George O'Neill your PCA UCR Tech Editor, at George@ONeillRealEstate.ca and remember to share your comments.

IN SEARCH OF

HOMEWARD BOUND

Continued from the January 2012 issue of Provinz

Story and Photos by Ronan McGrath, UCR Member at Large

On the road in Eastern Utah

cottsdale is a pleasant place and the dogs settle in immediately. However, they have to be snake-trained. Rattlers are very common and dogs are curious. The training consists of introducing the dogs to caged rattlers and using a shock collar to create aversion. It only takes a single shock.

The area around Scottsdale has some wonderful old towns but we are not doing too much driving for a while. The city has excellent restaurants in contrast to the road food we have been living on.

The Cayenne was filthy and badly scratched from the razor sharp cactus we had pushed through on our off-roading adventure described in the last issue.

We decided to leave it dirty and drove to Tucson to see the unique aircraft boneyard at Davis Monthan AFB. This is the only such facility in the world for the USAF. We tour the enormous place where 4,000 aircraft sit in the desert sun. Planes circle the airbase on their final journey to burn off their fuel. Eighty percent of them will never fly again. Parts will be stripped for active aircraft.

As far as the eye can see, billions of dollars worth of warplanes are parked in precise military rows awaiting their destruction. A line of B-1 bombers, which cost \$300 million each is slowly being dismantled. Nearby Pima Air Museum is one of the best in the US, and we pay it a visit. We stop at the small town of Tubac where I noticed a nice 1949 Hudson still in active service.

Before we leave Scottsdale we have the Cayenne washed and cleaned in the highest tech carwash I have ever seen. The myriad scratches take four people four hours to buff out, but miraculously the job is virtually perfect. We have lost a piece of the rocker panel in our off-road excursion, which is easily replaceable.

Due to a business commitment, our return journey will lead to Las Vegas, and from there we will drive across Utah, climb the Rockies through Colorado and then traverse the merciless open lands of Nebraska and lowa before reaching Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and home. Route 66 is now well behind us, and still before us. We will meet again twice.

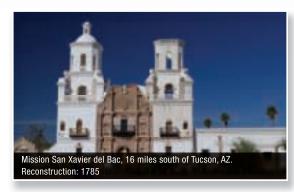
Air Force One, Presidents Kennedy and Johnson

We leave on a sunny morning for Vegas. As we progress through the familiar Arizona Saguaros the land begins to change, with Joshua trees replacing the Saguaros, and then great piles of rock dotting the landscape. The road is fast and we find ourselves in a quick train of five cars in the open country. We arrive in the old mining town of Kingman 140 miles later, and find Route 66.

Sitting in the segment leading to California, Kingman is too remote to be gentrified and looks much as it did in its heyday. Giant freight trains pass along the edge of town 24 hours a day, their horns blaring, and the wide streets are deserted. An old Santa Fe passenger steam loco is sited at the edge of town. It once stopped here at the Santa Fe Depot. Nothing stops here anymore. We eat at an excellent 1950s diner called Mr. D'z, which sits right on 66.



Moving on from Kingman, the land changes again, with hills looking like origami as we approach the Hoover Dam. Opened in 1936, it dammed the mighty Colorado River to form Lake Mead. It's still impressive and boasts numerous Art Deco details from the thirties. Over a hundred people died in the building of the dam, which is in a steep gorge.



The land becomes scrubland as we made the short drive to Las Vegas. We pass a giant church on our way in, where presumably the hopeful and the broke go for comfort. Vegas is a strange place — anything goes here. Having neither the talent nor the inclination to gamble, my trip is purely functional. Phil Downe, my co-driver, is a good poker player and enters a few tournaments with little damage. The streets are thronged with people carrying drinks in extraordinary bright plastic containers of every shape and size, and the neon is spectacular. >

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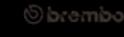
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In the casinos, smoking is allowed and cigarettes and cigars are sold on the floor. After checking into a hotel with a lobby the size of an aircraft hangar it was clear that the only way to the room was through the casino, a feature common to all hotels here. Pedestrian footbridges on the main street also lead to casino floors. You can visit the Trevi Fountain here. just down the street from the Lido and a short hop to the Eiffel Tower and a five-minute walk from the Statue of Liberty. Why do all that travel when you can get the quick version here? It's an experience. Food is very expensive. I grab a turkey sandwich and an orange juice from a stand in the convention hall between meetings. \$18!

After a few days, my business is complete and we leave at sunset. The towns towards the Utah border all have casinos. which get progressively smaller as we go. It is dark when we cross the Utah border because someone turned off the lights! The casino glitter is replaced by small, modest towns with a few lights dimly glowing. We are climbing and sense the mountains around us, sad that we will not see them.

We are about 8,000 ft up when we stop for the night at the small town of Richfield. We check into a motel and walk across for dinner to a local restaurant. This is Utah, and the restaurants all close at 8pm. Its 7:55. After a drive of a couple of miles down the dark and deserted main street we find a Burger King. We are the only customers. It's as lively as Chernobyl.

Next morning dawns clear and cold. We leave early and almost immediately hit some of the most spectacular scenery we have ever seen. Mountain passes are replaced by flatland, and then more mountains. The variety of geology and colours is endless. Sometimes the sightlines are forever. The road goes to a point in the distance sometimes, and at other times is a series of sharp bends and steep gradients. We decide not to off-road here due to time constraints, but the state is simply magnificent, with great towering cliffs, canyons, plains and some of the best sunrises anywhere. It's also empty. Traffic consists almost entirely of long-distance truckers.

By afternoon we have crossed Utah and begin climbing again into the foothills of the Rockies. The land changes dramatically into steep mountain passes and we climb until we hit the clouds, taking a short detour through the small ski resort at Vail. There is lots of snow and the resort is in full swing. The weather here can be vicious. The snow begins to fall in earnest. We are worried about the all-season tires in the event of a major snowfall, so we hightail it out of there. Visibility is falling rapidly. Trucks are required to use chains up here in bad weather.

The Cayenne exhibits no skittishness in the slippery conditions. Phil has the wheel through the snow. We pass through some long tunnels and in half an hour the snow is well behind us as we make a detour to the old town of Boulder and the historic Boulderado Hotel. An old haunt of mine many years ago, Boulder has sadly lost some of its character through gentrification. It does have excellent restaurants however, and we have a good lunch at an organic restaurant called The Kitchen. Rolling through Eastern Colorado in the afternoon sun, the land turns agricultural and flat as we face the merciless, freezing windswept plain of Nebraska where >













farmhouses dot the landscape, isolated and protected by trees that are bent from the constant wind. Every freeway entrance here has gates due to the occasional severe weather. It's bone-chilling, and endlessly bleak. We stop late, having run about 900 miles.

Next morning is windy and cold with a watery sunrise, and we do another long run through Nebraska and lowa, reaching Illinois and our final reunion with Route 66 in the late afternoon. Just before the border we stop at "the world's biggest truckstop" in lowa. I am tempted to visit the lowa Trucking Museum there, but Phil points out the fading light. We do not want to miss our

The sun is setting as we hit the narrow two-laner that was 66. Yet, even here, there is evidence of the past. The road is marked well. We pass a diner (est. 1956), complete with its original neon, and stop for gas at a feature that was once common on 66. Giants were often used to advertise products, motels, and garages. On this narrow quiet road stands the Gemini Giant, guarding the entrance to the Launching Pad Drive In. He has nothing left to guard now – the Drive-in is long gone, but he still stands remembering the millions who once passed here. Darkness falls.

We make our final stop at Kalamazoo, Michigan, where Checker cabs were once built, and next day we complete our journey to Toronto in a watery dawn. The trees in Michigan, which were red on our outbound journey are now bare as winter begins to show. We have only touched parts of 66, but the diversity of landscapes, people and towns along the journey has been



Foothills of the Rockies near Vail, CO

magical. The US has some of the most majestic geography on the planet. Route 66 is deeply embedded in American road lore, and there is always that sense of the endless road on this kind of journey.



66 in Illinois

We have travelled 6,100 miles in two weeks. The Cayenne used zero oil, averaged 11.2 mpg on the outbound run, and 19 mpg on the return. We had no mechanical problems and, after all that punishment on and off road, it does not have a single rattle.

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early a year ago now, I had the good fortune to be invited by fellow club member Marco Cirone and the guvs from Bestline Autotech to share their tent at the 12-Hours of Sebring in March. I had brought my vintage Porsche '69 911 racecar and now was able to hobnob with all of the pro-teams in the main paddock. Talk about vintage racing in style!

I have known 'the boys' from Bestline, Georges Bourque and Matt Hardiman, for many years but had met Marco only on a couple of brief occasions. I did witness Marco's driving skills at the 2010 PCA Club Race at Mosport, where he got around my old GT3R LM car without issue to win that top class race handily overall in his newly purchased 2010 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car. This was a one-off PCA Club Race with the car, as the real objective was to run as many as scheduling allowed, of the IMSA Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge races all over the US that year.

By this time, the team had been to Rounds One and Two of the season at Sebring, coming away with a 5th and a 3rd place out of 37 contenders. An impressive beginning for a new effort with a brand-new car! Plus, they had been to Thunderbolt Raceway in New Jersey for Rounds Five and Six of the season, coming away with solid 5th overall in the first, and 9th in Class in the second race of the weekend. Please see the sidebar for all of the team's results in the US and in the Canadian series. Surprisingly excellent results? Yes and No.

Marco had first met 'the boys' a few years earlier, back at Rudy Bartling's shop in Richmond Hill. As a legendary Canadian road racer for several decades and an inductee to the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame this year, Rudy requires no further introduction to local Porsche racing fans. It should be noted here that Rudy has been the long-time mentor of Georges and Matt, both in his capacity as a long-time IMSA racer himself, as well as the proprietor of a prominent Porsche racing and service shop. It is here that Marco first brought his 996 GT2 a number of years ago and came away so impressed with the vast improvements Georges made to the handling of his car, that he instantly became a loyal customer.











Photo by Brian and Laura Friedrich.



March 2010: new car, new team, new to the series... first podium finish. Photo by Brian and Laura Friedrich.



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CHASSIS: Rear-engine, rear-wheel drive. Aluminum and carbon fibre panels over steel monocoque with integral multipoint chromium-molybdenum roll cage; polycarbonate windows. Adjustable rear wing; built-in jack system; MoTec in-dash datalogger. 1,200kg (2,646lb) curb weight.

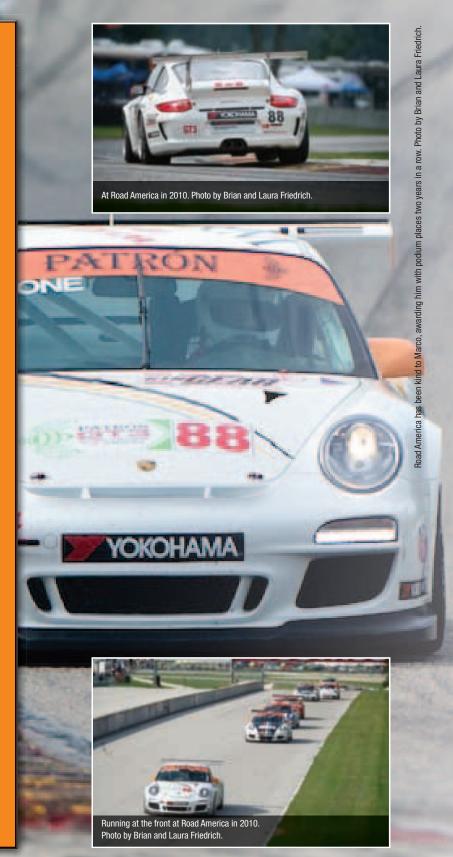
POWER: 3,797cc flat six-cylinder ('boxer') engine, naturally aspirated and with four valves per cylinder, producing 450bhp (331kW) at 8.500rpm as fitted to the production-model GT3 RS. Sealed by Porsche Motorsports North America to avoid modification. Bosch engine management and sequential multi-point fuel injection (with ECU's also sealed by IMSA), dry-sump lubrication, and catalyzed, race-tuned exhaust system. Single-mass flywheel and triple-disc dry clutch. Six-speed sequential dog-type (straight-cut) gearbox (G97/63), with active oil cooling and pressure-oil lubrication, sealed by PMNA.

BRAKES: Twin-circuit, dual-master braking system with adjustable brake bias. Aluminum six-piston calipers up front over 380mm, vented steel rotors. Rear calipers are four-piston type. over 355mm vented steel rotors. (Carbon-ceramic brakes are specified for international Supercupseries competition)

WHEELS: Light-alloy BBS three-piece centre-lock wheels, 9.5 x 18 (front); 11 x 18 (Rear).

TIRES: 240/640-R18 (Front), 280/680-R18 (Rear), Yokohama Advan ENV-R2 slicks, featuring an orange oil-infused natural rubber compound for significantly reduced petroleum content.

Technical specifications for the IMSA Patron GT3-specification 911 GT3 from Porsche Motorsport North America.





At that time, Marco was racing a highly modified, high-powered Corvette in the Canadian Touring Car Championship's GT category in 2007 and in the Mobil1 GT Sprints in 2008, but when he switched to Porsches for racing, his choice of support shop, mechanics and crew was a no-brainer. At the end of 2009, ITAL-FORM 6thGear Racing formed a solid relationship with Bestline Autotech.

The team now consists of car owner and driver Marco Cirone, a founding member of the 6thGear Lapping group, and a frontrunner in GT competition since 2006; Vito Scavone, as team principal, a veteran of five Sebring 12-Hour starts and two Daytona 24-Hour starts; driver coach Rudy Bartling, with 45 years of sports car racing experience, 18 Sebring 12-Hour starts, and 11 Daytona 24-Hour starts; Bestline proprietors Georges Bourque as chief mechanic, whose impressive technical expertise comes from over 20 years as a mechanic, fabricator, and engine builder; and mechanic Matt Hardiman, who has worked alongside Bartling for 15 years, and specializes in chassis setup and electrical systems; Chris Goessl, as crew chief and technical advisor, whose 20 years of motor sport experience includes work with Toronto-based ALMS team, Kyser Racing, and management for Rudy Bartling's IMSA effort; and George Stamatakos in R&D.

When ITALFORM Team 6thGear Racing first arrived on the scene at Sebring in March of 2010, they were, paradoxically, a brand new team with a reputation to uphold. Their relatively modest paddock presence belied the crew's background, vast experience and know-how. They arrived with a little old trailer, a small awning, and a bunch of hand-me-down equipment--incidentally, the way they continued throughout 2010 and 2011. Yet they had everything required to succeed, and succeed they did. Even though the car's final assembly was completed only within hours of the start of the race, and with no pre-season testing, car #88 earned a podium finish on its first outing. >

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"You can see by now that we've earned a bit of credibility as a competitive team, even though we're still a small outfit with a very small budget. They can't believe how well this little team does." - Marco Cirone - Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, August 23, 2010



By debuting at the front of the field, the team had made its mark and would prove over the balance of the season that this initial success was no fluke. Racing in the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge, the team is among a field of sometimes as many as 40 similarly prepared Porsche GT3 Cup cars. This is one hugely competitive racing series! It is part of the global Porsche Cup programme, with similar series' in Europe and Asia, as well as an international SuperCup supporting the Formula 1 calendar. The North American series supports American Le Mans Series events, as well as the Canadian Grand Prix Formula 1 weekend.



By the time I joined the team in Sebring of last year, on the anniversary of their series debut, they had completed eight races of the 2010 season with eight top ten finishes and two podium appearances. In the 2011 they continued their successful ways by completing eleven races in the US series, with three top-ten finishes and one podium appearance - again at Road America, as in the previous year. The team also competed in two of the three events of the newly formed Canadian series, where Marco, at his home track of Mosport, swept the weekend by finishing both races in first place.

ITALFORM TEAM 6THGEAR RACING - PLATINUM CUP RESULTS

IMSA PORSCHE GT3 CUP CHALLENGE 2010

March 17 – 20 Sebring, Florida

Round One*: 5th in Class and Overall (out of 37 cars) Round Two: 3rd in Class and 4th Overall

June 25 – 27 hunderbolt Raceway, New Jersey Round Five: 5th Overall and in Class Round Six: 9th in Class

August 6 - 7 Mid-Ohio, Lexington, Ohio

Round Nine: 8th in Class

Round Ten: 5th Overall and in Class

August 20 - 11 Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

Round Eleven: 3rd Overall and Class

Round Twelve: 9th in Class

*'Round' depicts the number of the race during that season.

IMSA PORSCHE GT3 CUP CHALLENGE 2011

March 16 – 18 Sebring, Florida

Round One: 11th Overall (out of 39 cars)

Round Two: 14th in Class

April 29 - May 1 Miller Motorsport Park, Utah

Round Three: 18th in Class Round Four: 6th in Class

June 10 – 12 Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal, Québec Round Five: 9th Overall

July 22 – 24 Mosport International Raceway, Bowmanville, Ontario

Round Eight: 17th in Class Round Nine: 4th Overall

August 18 – 20 Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

Round Ten: 14th in Class Round Eleven: 3rd Overall

September 16 – 18 Laguna Seca, Monterey, California

Round Twelve: 21st (Accident)

Round Thirteen: 11th in Class

PORSCHE GT3 CUP CHALLENGE CANADA 2011 – RESULTS

May 14 – 15 Calabogie Motorsport Park, Ontario

Race One: 2nd Overall Race Two: 2nd Overall

June 3 – 5 Circuit ICAR, Mirabel, Québec

July 22 – 24 Grand Prix of Mosport, Bowmanville, Ontario

Race One: 1st Overall (15 cars)

Race Two: 1st Overall (17 cars)

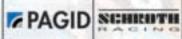
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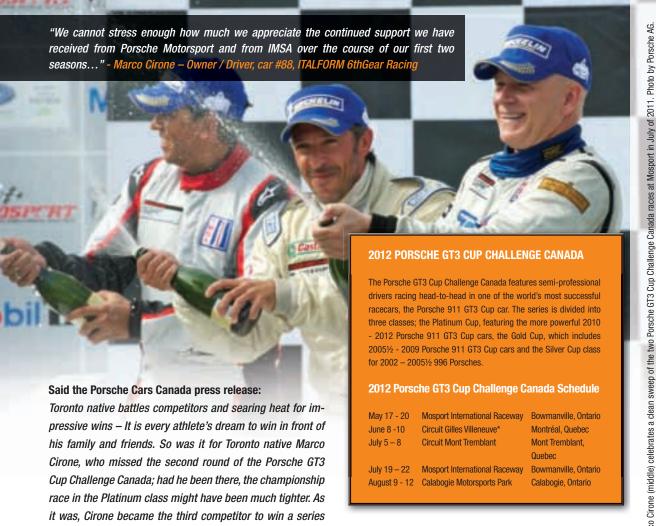


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and tell them I was coming in before I hurt somebody! Good thing the race ended when it did."

And about his win on Sunday: "My mirrors were full of Randy The first race of the weekend took place late on Saturday, in the middle of a record-breaking heat wave that gripped the "I was seeing temperatures of 53 degrees Celsius inside and hoped for the best." the car," said eventual winner Marco Cirone, who was doing

> This year the team hopes to complete an even more companded Canadian series. They have recently signed up Perry Bortolotti, last year's Canadian series champion, with his GT3 is big enough, despite now having two cup cars to look after.

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Oswald," said Cirone. "In some places he was faster than me and was almost touching my bumper. So finally, I grabbed the rear-view mirror thinking, I can't take this anymore! All I could see were his eyes in my mirror! So I moved it around

prehensive schedule, both in the US series as well as the ex-Cup car, to provide track support to Perry as well. The boys will be heading out to pre-season testing at Sebring at the beginning of February. I hope to join them down there once again for the weekend of the 12-Hour race in March. Hopefully their tent



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race, after Perry Bortolotti's three wins and Martin Harvey's

double duty by racing in both the American GT3 Cup Chal-

lenge and the GT3 Cup Challenge Canada. "It was a very

long, hot day for me; first the US GT3 Cup race, then running in our race late in the afternoon. It was too much, I think."

In the end, the exhausted and overheated Cirone worked

through the fatigue to take his first win in the inaugural sea-

son of the GT3 Cup Challenge Canada. The race ended just in time for him. "I don't think I could have done another lap.

I was starting to feel dizzy and I was about to radio my crew

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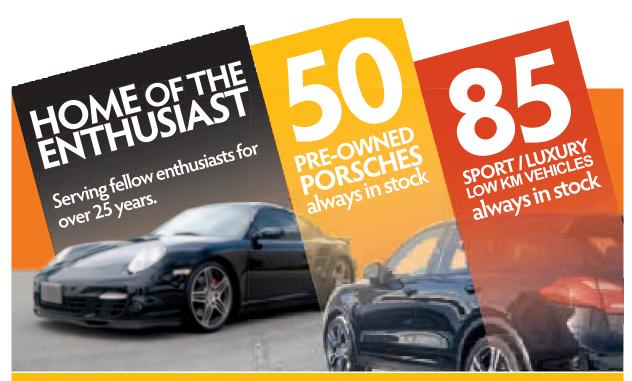
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took my other car out for a drive over the holidays. In an empty, icy parking lot, I revved the engine and did donuts, power slides and full-on skids for a joyous half hour.

This free skid-pad session was soul-sustaining even if it wasn't in my Porsche. The thrill might have lasted longer, or I might have kept spinning for an hour in the 944, but ultimately the joy is in the motion, the G forces and the feeling of being in control

Being pressed into the seat under acceleration, bracing on the dead pedal as the car spins, the seat and seat belt forming your bond with the car; it's exhilarating. Your adrenaline pumps, heart races. It's very focusing. There's a clarity of vision attained from the intense concentration.

Why does driving have this effect?

For me, at least, it's not just goofing around doing circles in a parking lot, or even the track that offers these rewards. I commented to a fellow club member recently that the most fun I have in an average day is the commute to and from work. I am lucky; I don't sit in traffic on a congested freeway. My route takes me through quiet back streets in an industrial park where nobody goes. You can take corners a little more quickly than you would in a busy area, but it's not about speed or recklessness.

It's about the concentration.

For me, driving is not a means to an end, it is an end in itself. And when it has to be a means to an end-- like driving to work-it can still be the end in itself. Driving is driving. It's not about talking on the

phone, listening to the radio or chatting with a passenger (in fact, I don't enjoy having passengers on board—they are distracting and they spoil my fun). Driving on autopilot is boring, dangerous and a waste of good fossil fuels. If you concentrate on what you are doing behind the wheel, driving is a tonic, better than a vacation.

Everyday driving can be made into an intellectual challenge. It's a constantly shifting tactical landscape with infinite moving parts and variables like rain, snow, ice, lighting, cops, traffic and your mood. Engaging the brain on the way to the office has its benefits: I'm wide awake when I get there and ready to dive into the work day.

Decisions have to be made quickly and with authority: deciding which lane you want, when to speed up to make a light or slow down for a lane changer in front of you. Play it like a chess game and the rewards intensify. There is satisfaction to be had in the precise application of gas, brake and clutch and steering to achieve the desired end, even if that end is simply getting home safely at the end of the day.

And then there's reading the road when there is no traffic around. It's slow-speed track practice, figuring out apexes and turn-ins, braking and acceleration points, practicing heel-and-toe. I am gradually perfecting my lines through my commute route. Each day gives me a new chance to practice the lines or try the same old route in novel ways.

I find driving infinitely entertaining. I look forward to each time I unlock that driver's door and start the engine. Cars open us a world of challenge, joy and stimulation unlike any other.

A beater can be interesting to drive, but there is an extra level of excitement and satisfaction gained from doing it in a special car, a car that is important to us personally. If you are reading this chances are you have one-- a Porsche. So don't waste a moment behind the wheel – drive like you mean it!

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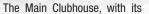


inally, snow has arrived in southern Ontario. I know some of you are asking what do Porsche enthusiasts have to celebrate with the arrival of winter? Let's look on the bright side – the snow held off much longer than usual this year and it's now falling just in time for the 2012 UCR Ski Day.

A perfect day of spring skiing is a combination of a beautiful sunny day, milder than dead-of-winter temperatures and a good base of snow on the mountain. That's exactly what we're planning on. Yes, that's right! Strategically scheduled between Groundhog Day and the first day of spring is the 2012 UCR Ski Day. On Thursday, March 1, 2012 UCR is heading back to the scenic playground that is the Osler Bluff Ski Club in beautiful Collingwood. It's going to be less than three weeks to the first day of spring, so join us for a great day of skiing and let's shake off the winter blues together.

This private ski club (www.oslerbluff.com) is ideally situated for optimal natural snow and its 743 feet of vertical drop rates among the best in Ontario. The natural ski terrain provides some of the longest and most scenic trails for every level of skier, from beginner to expert.

Your hosts for this year's event are Don Lewtas (donald@donlewtas.net) and Phil Downe (phil.downe@ITnegotiations.com). All UCR members, their families and friends are invited to join us for the day. The ski-lift ticket cost will be \$62.00 per person to be paid upon arrival at the Main Clubhouse where you will turn in a waiver and pick up your ticket. A link to a copy of the waiver, along with equipment rental information and Osler Bluff Ski Club safety rules is on the pcaucr.org website homepage. Skiers under the age of 18 will need to have the waiver signed by a parent.



panoramic view of the slopes, offers a la carte food service for both breakfast and lunch, or you can bring your own. Then, after a full day on the hill, everyone is welcome to the aprés-ski, wine and cheese social at a chalet nearby.

Need some gear? No problem! Squire John's is right on site with a full range of ski, snowboard and safety equipment but you'll have to make arrangements in advance (see pcaucr.org website for details). Have a non-skier in the group? No problem! The Scandinave Spa Blue Mountain is just a few minutes down the road and a day pass also makes a nice Valentine's Day gift. They also require bookings in advance.

Everything we think you'll need is posted on the UCR website so please contact either Don or myself at the email addresses above to register for the event, or let us know if you need any further information.

Phil Downe, Event Co-Chair; Photos by Eshel Zweig



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2012 FUN RUNS



David Forbes UCR Fun Run Chair David.Forbes@nbpcd.com (705) 788-8828

ne 2012 Fun Run season is shaping up to be a great one so far, with three confirmed Fun Run dates, and several more in the planning stages, as well as a Summer Rally, Fall Rally and Targa Muskoka. Our members are very enthusiastic, with some having already confirmed participation in the Muskoka Spring Fun Run hosted by me and Anne. Please book your attendance early as

We would like to thank Kye and the Provinz Team for all their outstanding efforts with this fabulous not-so-little UCR journal that our members so enjoy. We would also like to thank Otto for his wonderful work on our Website, and emphasize how important it is to have such an excellent means of communication supporting our club events. Having a first-hand view of how much work it takes to make our club run so well, a sincere "thank you" goes out to these club members on behalf of all our Fun Run participants and our UCR Porsche club members. The calendar has lots of room and I'm here to help you host your Fun Run. We are in need of additional Fun Run Hosts! With last year's Fun Runs oversubscribed, we are happy to report that these events have struck a positive chord in the hearts of those seeking adventure while enjoying their Porsche in the company of good friends.

Please join Anne and me in saying a goodbye to the winter chills, and hello to the purr of you know what... yes, our engines, and our continued love of everything Porsche! The opportunity to enjoy our province through visits to historic sites, country corner stores, family restaurants owned through generations, wineries and micro breweries, all from the comfort of the most gorgeous cars on the planet is nothing short of perfection. A culture of family and safety has become the hallmark of the Porsche Fun Run events, and many of our members have c ommented on the high quality of every aspect of the process. The warmth and generosity of each and every host, and the excitement and appreciation of each and every participant will continue to drive our Fun Run program and will reflect the UCR membership excellence well into the future.

Looking forward to 2012, we anticipate a great season with several Fun Runs booked already as we go to press. New Fun Run hosts are a key to our 2012 season success. In the past our Runs have always been oversubscribed; we look forward to adding more this year. I would be happy to work with all new hosts to make their Fun Run a great experience for themselves and their guests. Anne and I have found hosting and participating in Fun Runs a fantastic experience with the spin-off gift of many great new friends. 🛞

1	DATE IN 2012	CAR EVENTS	HOSTED BY	CONTACT INFO
2	May 5	UCR Fun Run: Muskoka Spring	David & Anne Forbes	david.forbes@NBPCD.com
3	May 12/13	-	-	-
4	May 19	UCR Fun Run: Thornbury/Owen Sound	Dwight Dyson	dwight.dyson2@sympatico.ca
5	May 26/27	-	-	-
6	June 2/3	-	-	-
7	June 9/10	-	-	-
8	June 16/17	-	-	-
9	June 23	UCR Fun Run: Summer Rally	Sajjad Butt	sadia.butt@utoronto.ca
10	June 30/1	-	-	-
11	July 7/8	-	-	-
12	July 14/15	-	-	-
13	July 21/22	-	-	-
14	July 28/29	-	-	-
15	August 4/5	-	-	-
16	August 11/12	-	-	-
17	August 18/19	-	-	-
18	August 25/26	-	-	-
19	September 1/2	-	-	-
20	September 8/9	UCR Fun Run: Targa Muskoka	Walter Murray	murray.dexta@gmail.com
21	September 15/16	-	-	-
22	September 22/23	-	-	-
23	September 29	UCR Fun Run: Muskoka	David & Anne Forbes	david.forbes@NBPCD.com
24	October 6	UCR Fun Run: Fall Rally	Sajjad Butt	sadia.butt@utoronto.ca
25	October 13/14	-	-	-
26	October 20/21	-	-	-
27	October 27/28	-	-	-
	Events in bold grey italics denote events that are not UCR events.			

s we enter a new year and a new track season I try to think of ways to encourage our membership to come out to our Advanced Driver Education events. For the life of me I can't figure out why anyone who owns a Porsche wouldn't want to become a more proficient driver and get the most from their cars. I can't imagine reaching the end of your life span and wishing you had spent one more day at the office, or just cut the grass on that long weekend.

I know, life is busy. I'm self-employed so my time is constantly spoken for, yet for the last 20 years I've just walked out the door and driven to the track. Once a month I set aside the time to go and enjoy the success that I've had. To appreciate what wonderful cars Porsche builds for us. To practice and learn the skills that overflow into the rest of my adult life.

Some people get their license when they turn 16 and have spent every year since developing bad habits. Don't put this off another season: Come out to these events and sharpen your skills. You might just have fun in spite of yourself.

Speaking of putting things off, my New Year's Resolution this year was to stop procrastinating. Unfortunately I was tired New Year's morning and decided to postpone implementing the resolution until a later date. The irony of that isn't lost on me as I write this article two days after it was supposed to be submitted. It's not that I don't get things done, it's that I save up a bunch of little things until they become big and all due at the same time. Then the tasks appear overwhelming, which makes it hard to get started.

Driver Education could appear that way too, so our program is set up to ease you into it. First we require the Introductory Driving School (IDS) as a prerequisite to participating in a track event. To participate in the IDS you're required to show up with a car and a good attitude. That's all you need to be successful

You experience a classroom session where everything from holding the steering wheel, to the proper way to enter and exit corners is explained to you. Then you perform a series of in-car exercises, which are fully explained to you at each station. At all times you're surrounded by helpful Instructors who want to help you master each task. By the end of the day you will be driving differently than you have in years and you'll have fun doing it.

One of the perks of the IDS, besides a tasty lunch, is you'll receive an Advanced Drivers Handbook that will give you an insight into the rest of the program. It shows you everything from the "work zones" to providing the list of skills that allow you to advance in the program. It's yours to keep.

The next step into DE involves some preparation. You'll need a Snell-rated helmet, less than ten years old. You will need to have a fire extinguisher installed with a metal mounting bracket in your car. That's not because of any imminent danger, it's so you can help put my car out when the injector O-rings burst again...lol. Your car will also need to be inspected at one of our Tech Centres within three weeks of the DE event. You'll note that everything we've asked you to do is directly related to your own safety. We believe that the safety of everyone comes first. Having fun is right behind that in second place.

The descriptions of what we do and how we do it are all listed on the club's Website in handy point form. The Registration Rules, the Tech Rules and even suggestions on what to wear are all posted for your benefit. This preparation results in a smooth, fun event that makes participation easy.

At the track there is a whole Track Team available to assist you all weekend as the event unfolds. If you have a question or need directions, you just have to ask any Instructor or someone with a radio and they will be happy to help you. Is tracking your car hard on it? No. Other than basic maintenance, your Porsche will enjoy its normal life expectancy. Mine is an 87, twenty-four years old and has only failed once and that was an electrical problem that happened on the way to the track. Porsche cars are manufactured in a country where they can be driven to speeds limited only by the driver's skill. At our events we can help you improve your skills to a level where you can truly enjoy your car and be safer on our roads.

Registration is open, so have a look at the DE pages on the Website and take the next step. I promise that you will be glad you did. Congratulations go out to Francois Faust who registered for the whole season within 15 seconds of me as the 2012 Registration opened. He was followed by Wallace Bradley and a new comer to IDS and DE. Shawn Dearman. Welcome to the Advanced Driver Education program Shawn.

See you trackside soon, Dave 🛠

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In the middle of winter, with the wind howling, it's nice to dream about summer and Parade. A winter dream? Not really, it's soon time to book our events.

Panorama carries the registration details for Parade 2012. Remember, Parade registration can be completed online. Be ready. There is always a capacity limit.

Anyway, it's planning time and we need to arrive at Salt Lake in time for the events July 8-15. We need to fly because it's (once again) the same weekend as the UCR Club Race at Mosport and we can't miss that. For us, it means a hasty departure from Mosport on Sunday afternoon, a quick trip to Buffalo for an overnight stay near the airport and then an early flight to Salt Lake City before dawn on Monday morning. However, we should catch the Concours d'Elegance and then proceed to a late check in.

If you want to join us for any part of the fun, we would be happy to have you along for the ride. Put it on your new 2012 calendar. Driving? It is a mere 3,200 km to the resort.

Looking further ahead, the 2013 Parade will be in Michigan. An easy one for us easterners. We had a great time when it was last in Michigan because a lot of UCR

members attended.

The eastern edition of PCA Tech Tactics will be held February 25-26, 2012, in Easton, PA.

I was checking on registration details for the Euro Parade in France, June 7-10. I found out that the venue had been changed but nothing else. This time, it will be in Chantilly, a beautiful small town about 30 km outside of Paris. In the past, it appeared that only full registrants were allowed to book the event. The sky-high registration fee included accommodation at a top-notch hotel. After settling my heartburn, we contacted the folks at Porsche AG and our real live Canadian contact at Porsche AG, Paul Gregor arranged for us to be welcomed as social entrants in Vienna. Thank you Paul and supervisor Sandra Mayr. At the moment, we expect to be in Germany touring car museums in May and so a second trip a month later is out of the guestion. However, it would be a great tie-in to Le Mans the following weekend for those so inclined. Coincidence? I think not.

When you stop and think about the benefits of belonging to the Porsche Club, you realize time after time that "it's not just the cars, it's the people". So often they come to your rescue when you need help. Many throw themselves into the effort of making the club truly worthwhile. On the other hand, some join, stay a while and then drop out-nothing here for them. They just didn't bother getting involved.

New people bring fresh ideas. Recycled old hands bring experience and stability. Which way is better? Your new board is on the job and we have some of each. We look forward to a great year.



BOARD MEETING

Minutes for December 6, 2011 - Submitted by Isabel Starck, Secretary

Held at: Sandman Signature Toronto Airport Hotel, 55 Reading

Attending: Del Bruce, Mike Bryan, David Forbes, Mario Marrello, Otto Mittelstaedt, Tomiko Murk, Walter Murray, Richard Shepard, Martin Tekela, Isabel Starck, Arthur Quinlan, Mike Edmonds, Tim Sanderson and Dave Osborne

Regrets: Horst Petermann, Kye Wankum

Meeting Open: 6:35 PM

Mario Marrello

Introduction - Confirm Objectives and Agenda

- Welcome new Board Members: Arthur Quinlan and Isabel Starck
- 2012 web plans added to agenda.

November Minutes

• Walter Murray moved acceptance of the minutes with corrections, seconded by Isabel Starck and carried unanimously.

Martin Tekela

35th Anniversary Gala

- Total attendees: 146.
- Financial report is in progress, Martin will present in January.
- Mike Bryan sent out emails to the attendees for feedback and great response, overall very happy.
- Martin excused @ 18:50

Tomiko Murk

Treasurer's Report

- The club's working capital is strong \$226,888 up 15% year over
- Track revenue up approximately 4.8 % and net income up approximately 15.7%.
- Total UCR net income down approximately 8%.
- Income taxes have been filed as a non profit organization.
- Proposal for event cancellation policy. Event Chair shall communicate date for cancellation deadline on sign up and cancellations received after that date will not be refunded
- Moved by Walter Murray, seconded by Mike Bryan and passed unanimously.
- Proposal for AR is a standard year end practice of writing off AR over 180 days and any accounts over 90 days at Year End placed
- Moved by Del, seconded by Walter and passed unanimously.
- Further discussion on which fixed assets to assess.
- All agreed to write off UCR owned goodie store inventory.

Event Registration and Payment

- Tomiko provided template of information needed for credit card processing at the request of Graham Jardine. Graham agreed to continue processing DE billings.
- Consideration given to web based payment processing systems such as PavPal and clubregistration.net. Mike Edmonds stated UCR does have a PayPal account that is presently used for the PCA Club Race. Mario to review charges for usage of web based payment processing systems.

Mike Bryan

Membership Report

- In November we have added 10 new primary members.
- Our retention rate for existing members was good and this helped

- bring UCR membership to 1,879 primary and 1,200 affiliate members for a total of 3,079.
- New focus: how to reach the London area customers. Suggestions included: organizing events, offering support to have a central gravity of their own.
- Short video project proposed to introduce potential new members via a DVD/link the club. Otto and Mike Bryan to investigate.

Del Bruce / Dave Osborne

Driver Education 2012 Plans and Budget

- Track fees are the same.
- Review of dates for upcoming year, all updated on website and in

December Provinz

- · Chatterboxes for instructors will be replaced.
- Mario moved, Mike second for the DE budget.
- Track sampler is no longer in effect due to PCA rules. Insurances for PCA do not allow it. 20-30% higher insurance rates imposed if we chose to run it.
- Charity event proposed for June 8-9-10, 2012. Preliminary proposal offered to BoD for acceptance with Sick kids with Cancer chosen as charity recipient. Day will be split with charity in the a.m. and red and black groups in the afternoon.
- Isabel moved, Otto second for the Charity event.
- Dave discussed lack of backup for positions and is moving forward with a succession plan for the track team
- David Forbes excused @ 19:59

Mike Edmonds

PCA Club Race 2012

- · Mosport dates negotiated with Myles and confirmed July 6-7-8, 2012 for Club Race.
- Secured Michelin as a sponsor for \$15,000. Mike is looking for additional sponsor to achieve goal of \$20,000.
- Schedule risk exists as there are conflicts with Porsche Cars Canada Mont Tremblant, and ALMS Limerock, 944/cup series.
- Suggested we look at BMW Trillium Club joint event PBOC.
- Tim suggested hosting the GT3 Cup Challenge Canada event alongside club race in future years.

Richard Shepard

- 2,046 copies of Provinz were mailed out for the month of December 2011
- Walter requested extra copies for Targa Manitoulin hosts.
- Advertising revenue to date is \$92,236, total expenses to date are
- Our average cost YTD is \$0.96 per member per month, which ends the year below our target of \$1.00 / member / month for 2011
- Options to be discussed with Harmony Printing regarding future approach to Provinz
- Another volunteer needed for advertising and content. Open to
- potential suggestions. Someone with selling experience highly desired. Discussion around extra magazine copies: Some overrun is needed
- to allow for quality issues and membership list not received until end
- · Walter: suggested a plan B should be defined to cut costs ASAP if • Thank you cards sent to Gala participants including 35th
- Anniversary Logo Patch. • We encourage all our members to give all our advertisers an
- opportunity to compete for your business >

Otto Mittelstaedt

Website

- Improvements planned within the confines of the existing website software including different formatting to include private ads, improvement to forums.
- Use of forums make a huge impact. Board members are encouraged to utilize them and generate excitement. Photos are always welcomed.
- Plans for a Twitter account to be set up in 2012. Along with Facebook, links will be incorporated.
- Concern was raised that a back-up should be assigned to support Otto. Mario to take discussion offline with Otto.

Isabel Starck

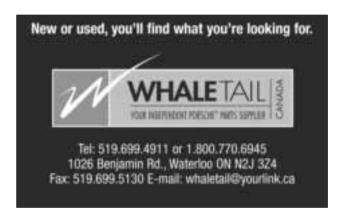
Socials Update

- Attendance continues to rise with new members participating at all locations. Implementation of an RSVP to start in 2012 to allow for proper planning in the
- December 13th @ Pfaff Tuning's new McLaren Dealership.
- Holiday theme
- Chris Pfaff-dealership plans for 2012
- January 10th @ Mimico Cruising Club
- Speaker-Tom Hnatiw
- Racing Series Voiceover / TV personality
- SpeedWorld Challenge
- TransAm Series
- February 14 @ Mimico Cruising Club
- Speaker: Laurance Yap
- Sweetheart Theme

Del Bruce

Succession Planning Committee Update

- Goal: to create continuity for each event, make certain the club needs are properly met & functional needs properly addressed and ensure appropriate governance.
- Met 2 weeks ago with committee members: Tim and Mike.
- All discussed proposal and more work is required.
- ACTION: Mario mandated each event chair will be approached and asked to create descriptions of their roles and supporting roles for their events. Each specified director will help to motivate the chairs and together they will define how to run the events.



Planning Meeting

- To be held during our BoD meeting in January 2012.
- Del suggested 2 planning meetings throughout the year.
- Calendar being sent within 2 weeks by Isabel to all members.

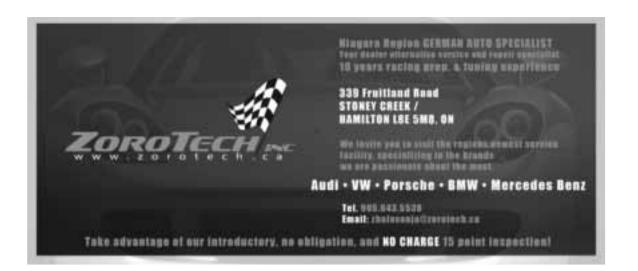
Mario Marrello

Other Business

• Richard Bain continuing doing insurance this year? To be verified.

Next meeting will be held on January 3, 2012, at Sandman Signature Toronto Airport Hotel, **55 Reading Court Toronto**

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM



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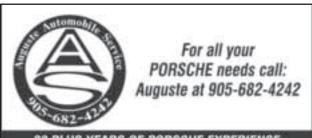
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