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# PRESIDENT'S FORUM



Mike Bryan, President, Porsche Club of America, Upper Canada Region

I told you a couple of months ago that it looked as though Upper Canada Region might win the 2015 PCA Highest Actual Growth Award for the fifth time in the last six years. I can now confirm that we did win it with a net growth of 248 members that also put us firmly in the top spot as the largest Region in PCA with 2558 primary members at the end of 2015. UCR's continuing growth is a direct result of our fantastic team of volunteers planning and delivering so many high quality events and activities that keep you enjoying your membership. It's also a result of the amazing support from our Porsche dealers and many others with whom we enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship.

Talking of high quality events, we've recognized the level of member interest in technical issues and have developed a new format for Tech Sessions. We see these as events that would be run by our UCR Tech Centres, which includes both dealers and independents. It probably hasn't escaped your attention, though, that vehicle technology in general, and particularly in newer Porsche vehicles, is rapidly moving beyond the scope of DIY repair. Special tools and equipment are required and technical information is often only accessible by those trained and authorized to carry out repairs. So let's be clear that UCR Tech Sessions are not going to cover issues like a 2015 GT3 engine rebuild. They are going to be more helpful on topics relating to vehicles that were built before cars morphed into computers on wheels. For example, brakes, oil change and lubrication, suspension, adding more horsepower. Braidan Tire and Pfaff Porsche have stepped up to run our first new format Tech Sessions, while Paul Neto is busy contacting other UCR Tech Centres to see if they are interested in hosting these 4th Tuesday of the month events that will run from 6-9pm. Many thanks to Paul for getting this off the ground. For more details, look for an article in this or the next issue of Provinz and/or on our web site.

As the UCR 2016 calendar continues to fill, I encourage you to plan ahead and decide which events you would like to attend. Some events such as Driver

Education weekends have been open for registration for a while, but others, such as Fun Runs will open registration on a predetermined and published date closer to the time. This is to level the playing field for all who want to sign up for capacity-limited events. We are doing our best to increase capacity where we judge that it might be an issue, but in the end there is a limit, so my advice would be to create reminders for yourself and sign up as soon as registration opens. One event that you don't need to register for, though, is our Open House a.k.a Shift into Spring, which takes place on Sunday, May 1st at 427 Auto Collision in Etobicoke. Come out and rejoice in the arrival of spring and what many of refer to as the driving season. All I ask is that those of you who have been driving your two-door Porsche all through this mildest of winters don't tell our Boxster S about it. Envy is not an attractive quality in a car.

Well, it might have been a non-winter, but that didn't detract from the annual ritual and the accompanying joy of that first drive. Suddenly there's a feeling that today's the day, and within minutes the cover is off, the tires deflated, the charger unhooked and we're out on the road again, soon considering if we might even put the top down on a bracing 12° spring morning. As a PCA UCR member you have much to look forward to. Indeed, you can be sure to get so much more from your Porsche ownership by participating in club events. I'm looking forward to meeting old friends, making new ones and, quite simply, having a lot of fun at the many UCR activities already entered in my calendar. I hope you are, too.

Keep your eyes up and drive safely,



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# DRIVER'S SEAT



Randy D. Gananathan, Editor

Toronto is Porsche's largest Canadian and a leading North American market.

Porsche showcased their Le Mans

winning 919 at the Toronto Autoshow. Our Contributing Photographer Eshel Zweig was there to capture this month's cover shot. As **Alexander Hitzinger, Porsche 919 Hybrid, Technical Director** stated "Right from the beginning we had a brave concept, but it was also the right concept. This is paying off now." And he was referring to the podium wins of this awesome power plant whose technological advances are being incorporated into the new 718 Series for us mortals to enjoy. See Eshel's full photo diary on P24.

My new friend and UCR past president Gord McNeil, gives us his insight to Daytona in this issue and Andrew Combes continues his diary entries series with happenings in Florida this winter. El Niño? Someone up there knew UCR was holding our Ski Day in March, so there was a 60cm plus special delivery days before the event to co-hosts Don's and David's prayers and their recap plus photos are on P15.

Guess where I am sitting writing this Driver's Seat article? No other place than the lobby of the Porsche Museum in Zuffenhausen! Porsche was very accommodating of my last minute request to visit the factory while I am in Germany on business and arranged for Volker Spannagel, the now retired longstanding liaison of Porsche AG to all Porsche Clubs worldwide to be my guide through the facility and I learned so much during the time I spent with this distinguished gentleman and dream that I can one day bring everyone from UCR to Zuffenhausen for a tour led by my newest friend Volker. Hey, that could be a dream come true if there is enough interest? Let me know if you'd like to do a trip to Porsche in Germany this year or next?

Write to me about everything related to the club, just like all of you did about that missing 40th Anniversary sticker! It is enclosed here with apologies for the delay.

Write to me about everything: [editor@pcaucr.org](mailto:editor@pcaucr.org)



# 2016 CALENDAR OF UCR EVENTS

Jan	5	Tue	Board Meeting
	12	Tue	Social Islington Golf Club
Feb	2	Tue	Board Meeting
	9	Tue	Social Islington Golf Club
Mar	1	Tue	Board Meeting
	4	Fri	Ski Day Osler Bluff Ski Club
	8	Tue	Social The Donalda Club
Apr	5	Tue	Board Meeting
	12	Tue	Social Islington Golf Club
	16	Sat	Introductory Driving School CTMP DDT
	30	Sat	Introductory Driving School CTMP DDT
May	1	Sun	UCR Open House - Shift into Spring at 427 Auto Collision
	3	Tue	Board Meeting
	7	Sat	South Muskoka Spring Fun Run
	7-8	Sat-Sun	Driver Education CTMP
	8-Jan	Sun	Spring Port-to-Port-to-Port Fun Run
	10	Tue	Member Meeting & Social Islington Golf Club
Jun	29	Sun	Street Survival School - UCR & BMW Trillium
	3	Fri	5th Driven 2 Smile & Solo Lapping CTMP
Jul	4-5	Sat-Sun	Driver Education CTMP
	7	Tue	Board Meeting
	11	Sat	Southern Georgian Bay Fun Run
	14	Tue	Social Downtown Porsche
	18	Sat	Bear Manor Niagara Escarpment Poker Fun Run
	18	Sat	Ramble to Porsche Parade 2016
	22-25	Wed-Sat	Ramble Return from Porsche Parade 2016 (Multiple Events)
	26	Sun	Ancaster Fun Run
	2	Sat	Grand-Niagara-on-the-Lake Fun Run
	5	Tue	Board Meeting
Aug	9	Sat	UCR Rally
	12	Tue	Social The Donalda Club
	15-17	Fri-Sat-Sun	Driver Education CTMP with NNJR

Jul	16	Sat	South Lake Simcoe Summer Ramble
	23	Sat	UCR Rally
	23	Sat	UCR 40th Anniversary Picnic
	24	Sun	Blue Mountains Ramble
Aug	28-1	Thu-Mon	Sound of Porsche's Tour
Aug	2	Tue	Board Meeting
	5-7	Fri-Sat-Sun	Club Race - Can/Am Challenge CTMP
	6	Sat	Skyway Summer Ramble
	9	Tue	Social Islington Golf Club
	21	Sun	Toronto Urban Circuit Ramble
	26	Fri	Introductory Driving School CTMP DDT
	27	Sat	Creemore Copper Kettle Festival Fun Run
	27-28	Sat-Sun	Driver Education CTMP
Sep	6	Tue	Board Meeting
	13	Tue	Social Porsche Centre Oakville
	17	Sat	Eastern Shores Fun Run & Car Show
	23	Fri	Instructor Day
	24-25	Sat	Driver Education CTMP
	25	Sun	The "Salmon Run" Fall Ramble
	29-03	Thu-Mon	Great Smoky Mountain Tour (5 car limit)
Oct	1	Sat	Muskoka Fall Colours Fun Run
	1-2	Sat/Sun	Nickelball Tour
	4	Tue	Board Meeting
	11	Tue	Social The Musket
	15-16	Sat-Sun	Driver Education CTMP
	23	Sun	Fall Port-to-Port-to-Port Fun Run
	29	Sat	UCR 40th Anniversary Banquet
Nov	1	Tue	Board Meeting
	8	Tue	Social Venue TBA
Dec	6	Tue	Board Meeting
	13	Tue	Social - Pfaff Auto

Please check future issues of *Provinz* for the latest status on events and for last minute updates on all functions, please visit the UCR website at: [www.pcaucr.org](http://www.pcaucr.org)

# THE WAY WE WERE...

## 35 Years Ago

The Boulevard Club was the venue for monthly socials. **John Timbrell** wrote about visiting the 13th annual War Bonnet Tech in Oklahoma City. Four hundred attended the Saturday night banquet—including two Canadians. **Chuck Stoddard** said that the 911 would survive to at least 1985. **Jane Nestlerode**, PCA Executive Secretary, whined about huge US fees to cash foreign cheques covering PCA membership. The concept of credit card payment was not yet on the horizon. **Bruce Farrow** had parts for sale.

## 30 Years Ago

The cover sported our new crest design by **Mark and Angie Herring**. The entire edition was sponsored by H.J. Pfaff Motors and detailed the newly expanded Newmarket dealership. The offer by **Hans Pfaff** to take the entire issue upon donation of \$1,000 caused your editor heart palpitations. That was about equal to the current balance in the club bank account. *Provinz* had a calendar of events for the entire year. Rennsport @ Mosport was \$86. Registration for Zone 1 Watkins Glen DE was USD\$75 and included Saturday dinner. In promoting DE at Shannonville, Chair **Bruce Farrow** called *Provinz* editor **John Adam** a devout coward, which was true then as now. "Devout cowards, like your editor, will be doing their best to stay on track at Shannonville... The Zone 1 Concours weekend was at Orangeburg, NY, and was always held on Victoria Day weekend. New members included **Ernie Jakubowski, Donald Plouffe, Dennis Rak, and Crawford Reid**. We hoped to have 200 members at year end.

## 25 Years Ago

PCYC was our new venue for monthly socials. The season was unfolding along traditional lines, albeit with new people at the helm. They included, **Howard Dexter, Marc Plouffe, Crawford Reid, the Spivaks, Botho von Bose** and (Old) **Phil White**. *Provinz* was replete with ads. Life was good.

Contributed by John Adam, UCR Historian



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# NEW MEMBERS...Welcome!

Name	Location	Model	Thanks To
Mary Adamidis	Toronto	16-Cayenne	Downtown Porsche
Craig Allen	Sarnia	16-Macan S	Porsche of London
Harold Alvarez	Toronto	16-Cayman S	Downtown Porsche
Michael Aristodemo	Etobicoke	97-911	
Ron Basch	Toronto	14-Cayenne	Downtown Porsche
Brad Beach	Caledon	87-928 S4	
Paul Biggin	North York	13-Boxster	
John Buckingham	Etobicoke	98-Boxster	
Meet Chande	Oakville	15-Macan S	Mantis Racing
Yu Cheng	London	16-Macan S	
Brent Clark	Toronto	02-911 C4S	
Mike Cotton	Richmond Hill	13-Boxster S	
Robert Davis	Toronto	15-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Maurice Demaier	Dorchester	12-911	Porsche of London
Anthony Denman	Toronto	10-Boxster	Downtown Porsche
Gina Digenova	Woodbridge	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Mi Fang	Toronto	16-Cayenne	Downtown Porsche
Gary Gascoigne	South Woodslee	16-Cayenne	Porsche of London
Franco Giampa	London	16-Macan S	Porsche of London
Patrick Gibson	Toronto	16-Macan T	Downtown Porsche
Aaron Glassman	Bethany	16-Panamera 4S	Downtown Porsche
Richard Grudzinski	Toronto	16-Panamera	Downtown Porsche
Peter Hargitai	Thornhill	15-911 C4S	Downtown Porsche
David Harper	Burlington	13-911	Downtown Porsche
David Houghton	Toronto	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Chenlei Huang	Kitchener	16-Cayenne GTS	Downtown Porsche
Leslie Johnson	Toronto	16-Cayenne	Downtown Porsche
Khalid Kadrie	London	16-911 GT3 RS	Porsche of London
Marvin Katz	Toronto	16-Cayenne	Downtown Porsche
Joe Kindness	Toronto	16-Macan T	Downtown Porsche
Julius Koo	Toronto	07-911 C4S	Downtown Porsche
Kevin Koo	Toronto	16-Cayenne S	Downtown Porsche
Chenchen Kuang	Toronto	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Kevin Kwan	Oakville	16-911 T	Downtown Porsche
Brent & Susan Lawson	Burlington	07-Boxster	
Alice Lee	Toronto	15-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Michelle Leung	Markham	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Zhenggang Li	Markham	16-Cayenne S	Downtown Porsche
Cathy Lowe	Barrie	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Roman Maeve	Windsor	16-Cayenne	Porsche of London
Bartosz & Aline Markiewicz	Burlington	04-911T	
Jan Martin	Toronto	16-Macan T	Downtown Porsche
Robert Neil & Gillian Martin	Claremont	16-Macan T	
Tony Mauro	Toronto	02-911	
Chunlian Meng	London	16-Cayenne	Porsche of London
Tricia Miller	Burlington	07-Boxster	Mantis Racing
Adela Mlostek	North York	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Barry & Rita Neigel	London	15-Macan S	Porsche of London
Andrew Oliver	Toronto	16-Cayenne SE	Downtown Porsche
Xing Ouyang	Toronto	16-Cayenne	Porsche of London
Vince Palmieri	Grimsby	12-Cayman R	

Name	Location	Model	Thanks To
John Paulic	Oakville	01-Boxster	
Ross Pellizzari	Mississauga	16-911	Downtown Porsche
Carlos Piani	Toronto	15-Cayenne	Downtown Porsche
Caroline Pinto	Toronto	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Dianne Purkis	Whitby	14-Boxster	Downtown Porsche
Carlo Ricci	Etobicoke	16-Macan S	Porsche of London
Lindsay Rice	Mississauga	12-Cayman	
Doug & Ann Setterington	London	12-Cayenne	
Alireza Shahsiah	Toronto	16-Cayenne	Downtown Porsche
David Shedd	Toronto	15-911	Downtown Porsche
Matt & Agnes Sonnenberg	Kitchener	89-944 T	Mantis Racing
Greg Spadoni	Hamilton	11-911 C4	
Lon Tanh	Toronto	11-Cayenne	Downtown Porsche
Wayne & Lori Thiessen	Ajax	81-911 T	
Ji Wang	Markham	15-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Yuqi Wang	Markham	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Xiaohua Wang	Scarborough	16-Cayenne	Downtown Porsche
Jerald Wortsman	Toronto	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Shu Min Wu	Toronto	16-Macan S	Downtown Porsche
Luna Zheng	London	16-Macan S	Porsche of London
Kevin Zimic	Cambridge	86-944 T	

# ANNIVERSARIES...Congrats!

Membership information submitted by Angie and Mark Herring, UCR Membership Chairs.

**40**YEARS  
Ian & Bernice Blackstone

**25**YEARS  
Frank Ehrentraud  
Mike & Sandra Lemmon

**20**YEARS  
Lou Cardakovski  
David & Gwen Cole  
James McDougall

**15**YEARS  
Joe Aylagas  
Bert & Esti Bonkowski  
JD Fentie & Ross Nicol

Ian Hembery &  
Barbara Nelson  
Zool Kassum  
Mark Lue  
Bryan & Connie McBride  
Scott & Jennifer Webb  
**10**YEARS  
Barry Bard  
Dino & Domenic Bertucci  
Vince Cardella  
Sunny Chau  
Christopher Lubinski  
Justin Sanders  
Charles & Anne Williams

**5**YEARS  
Anson Au  
Phil & Maggie Barnes

Walter Brooks  
Greg & Deney Delfosse  
Helena DeSousa &  
Marc St. Jean  
Bogart Edwards  
James & Margaret Hendricks  
Sydney Kremer  
Michael & Jonathan Lau  
Martin Lee  
Sasha Mikijelj  
Johanny Moreno &  
Glenna Gallant  
Victor & Gavin Pokan  
Gordon & Ann Ristic  
Mark & Wendy Rittenhouse  
Peter & Isabel Rourke  
Dean St. Amour &  
Gary Laughton  
Glenn Wilson  
Alex Young  
David Young

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**2573**

Total UCR Membership

**3833**

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# WHAT DADS REALLY WANT FOR BIRTHDAYS OR FATHER'S DAY

By Brigit Pegg

**A**re you struggling with what to get dad for his special day?

When I was still in a child seat, I gave my dad a Porsche Club of America (UCR) membership as a present for Father's Day. Well, it was actually mom's idea, but was my gift to dad and since I was in that child seat, she became the free associate member on my dad's UCR membership. A few years later and now my parents (Brian and Dagmar Pegg) are celebrating their 28th anniversary with the Porsche Club. Congratulations mom and dad!

A PCA UCR membership is a great gift for any occasion for moms, dads and all family members!



Dad proudly walking me down the aisle on my most special day! My Wedding Day!



Photo courtesy of Brigit Pegg

## BACKFIRE...

Letters to the Editor and Member Feedback

**T**he March issue is undoubtedly the best read *Provinz* issue of all time because everyone, it appears has searched through every page to find the 40th Anniversary Sticker promised on P25.

These special windshield stickers produced by PCA didn't reach our mail house in time to go out with the March issue, so we've enclosed the sticker with this April issue. Apologies and thanks for your understanding.

**BACKFIRE** is expandable space in *Provinz* for member feedback. We've used it mainly for corrections, but it can be for letters to the editor and other feedback. Send your feedback to: [editor@pcaucr.org](mailto:editor@pcaucr.org)



## NOTICE OF MEMBER MEETING 6pm TUESDAY MAY 10, 2016

TO: THE MEMBERS OF  
The Porsche Club of America, Upper Canada Region Inc. (UCR)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** a meeting of the members of UCR will be held at **Islington Golf Club, 45 Riverbank Drive, Etobicoke** on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of **May**, 2016, at 6:00pm, before UCR's Monthly Social, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the annual financial statements of UCR for the financial year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, including the external auditor's report.
2. To transact business of UCR, including:
  - a) Ratify the slate of directors that took office on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and elect any new directors to fill vacant positions;
  - b) Ratify the appointment of the auditor for the financial year ended December 31, 2015;
  - c) Appoint the auditor for the financial year ended December 31, 2016 and authorize UCR's directors to fix the external auditors' remuneration;
  - d) Ratify the October 2012 Bylaws; and
  - e) Ratify past corporate proceedings.
3. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before this Members Meeting or the day of any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Electronic copies of the relevant documents for this meeting will be available on the following UCR webpage by April 30, 2016: <http://pcaucr.org/members-meeting-may-10-2016/>, or can be requested from UCR's Secretary, Foster Zanutto, via [fjzanutto@gmail.com](mailto:fjzanutto@gmail.com) or 905 892 8424. A limited number of paper copies will also be available at the Members Meeting on May 10, 2016.

You are entitled to vote at this Members Meeting either in person or by proxy. Members who are unable to attend this meeting in person are requested to sign and return a Proxy for this meeting. A copy of the Proxy Form is available on UCR's website or by contacting UCR's Secretary as described above.

**DATED** at Fonthill, Ontario, this 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of March, 2016.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.**

Foster Zanutto  
Secretary, Board of Directors





# SOCIAL EVENTS

By Martin Tekela, UCR Socials Chair

UCR's Socials are designed to warmly welcome all club members, new and existing, and to help our members get involved in the club. As the saying goes, "It's about the people, not just the cars!" At each Social, you can expect to socialize with many like-minded Porsche owners who are just as passionate about their cars as you are, some more so! All new members will be paired up with more experienced members (mentors), who'll make some introductions and help in new member orientation.

Socials officially start at 6:30pm, but some guests arrive as early as 6:00pm. Each Social provides lots of opportunities for UCR camaraderie. For the Golf Club Socials, starting at 7pm, we'll have a sit-down dinner in elegant surroundings followed by some interesting after-dinner speakers. Please check Provinz and UCR's website for the latest information on each of these events. Below are the details for UCR's next two Socials.

If you know someone who may be of interest to our members as a speaker, please let me know. And if you have any other comments or suggestions regarding UCR's Socials, let me know that too. I can be reached at mtekela@rogers.com. Or talk to me at an upcoming Social!

Registration: To register for each of our Socials in 2016, please log in to [www.ClubRegistration.net](http://www.ClubRegistration.net). Register early as the number of attendees is essential for food and beverage planning purposes. Some events have capacity limitations or cannot easily accommodate unexpected guests. The cut-off for registration is 11pm on the Sunday night before each event. When registering, please let us know if you have dietary restrictions and if you are a new member or first-time social attendee. Using ClubReg is quite easy, but if you'd prefer to follow step-by-step instructions, please see [www.pcaucr.org/how-to-register/](http://www.pcaucr.org/how-to-register/). If you have any questions, please contact our registrar at [socials@pcaucr.org](mailto:socials@pcaucr.org)



## Coming Events

### APRIL SOCIAL:

**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 6:30-9:00pm

**Venue:** The Islington Golf Club, 45 Riverbank Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario M9A 5B8.

**Guest Speaker:** The snow will be hopefully melting and our thoughts will be aimed at getting our favourite drives out of the garage and onto local roads and tracks. Bar-B-Q season is also just around the corner and I urge you to come out to be entertained by Gary Grant, our guest speaker for this month's social. Gary is passionate about all things automotive and grilled-food related. Gary is a featured columnist in the Saturday Wheels section of the Toronto Star and is very current about events in the automotive world. Gary's daughter was also a past participant in the BMW Trillium/UCR Street Survival School. I'm sure Gary will have some interesting stories to share with the audience.

**Cost:** Register in advance via [www.ClubRegistration.net](http://www.ClubRegistration.net) (as described above) and pay \$30.00 per person, which includes dinner, door prizes, taxes and gratuities. Cash bar. Members and guests are welcome.



### MAY SOCIAL:

**Date:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 6:30-9pm, Dinner at 7pm

**Venue:** The Islington Golf Club, 45 Riverbank Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario M9A 5B8.

**Guest Speaker:** Pete Tremper, PCA Zone 1 Rep. is a long-time PCA volunteer who hails from Southern New Jersey. Pete is responsible for managing the largest Zone in the PCA with 20% of PCA's primary members. Geographically, Zone 1 comprises 18 regions in the northeastern part of the United States and Eastern Canada, including UCR. Pete will talk about some of the events that Zone 1 organizes for all PCA members. These include the separate Club Racing and Driver Education weekends at Watkins Glen International Raceway in the Finger Lakes Region of New York state, the Concours and Rally in Westbury NY, the Autocross weekend and the Zone 1 BBQ. Pete will also likely share some of his experiences in his previous roles as National DE Chair and his involvement in PCA Club Racing. Overall, a very interesting and entertaining guest speaker that you surely shouldn't miss!

**Cost:** Register in advance via [www.ClubRegistration.net](http://www.ClubRegistration.net) (as described above) and pay \$30.00 per person, which includes a freshly carved hip of beef dinner with a mixed green salad, dinner roll, coffee/tea, door prizes, taxes and gratuities. Cash bar. Members and guests are welcome. When registering for this Social, please also identify if you're able to attend the Members Meeting at 6:00pm prior to this Social.



# MARCH SOCIAL

By Martin Tekela, UCR Socials Chair Photos by Michael A. Coates, UCR Photographer

Seven days earlier, the GTA was in the midst of this winter's heaviest single day snowfall. Not a great prelude to the Drivers Education presentation planned for the Social on March 8th. Mother Nature subsequently had a change of heart and provided well above seasonal temperatures that melted most of the snow. We had a number of Porsches parked in the private lot at The Donalda Club and 73 enthusiastic members and guests in attendance. Significantly, there were 16 new members or first-time Social attendees. As is UCR's policy for Socials, each newbie was mentored by a more experienced UCR member who helped welcome them to the Club, demonstrating that "it's about the people, not just the cars."

At 7pm, a buffet style dinner was served featuring chef carved roast tenderloin of beef, French fries and mixed green salad. Completing the meal was a dessert table with several types of freshly baked cookies, and a variety of other tempting sweets. Some thought the beef was too rare and the plates were too small to hold a full meal. The dessert table, however, was delicious and plentiful. Round one of the "Battle of the Beasts" goes to Islington.

After the meal, UCR VP Kathleen Wong make a few announcements, then introduced several long-time members: Geoff McCord (41 years), Marc Plouffe (31 years), Ernie Jakubowski (30 years), Brian & Dagmar Pegg (28 years), Stephen Goodbody (26 years), Gordon McNeil (26 years) and Ken & Sussi Jensen (25 years). Kathleen then presented UCR pins to officially welcome all the new members and first time



Long-time members were honoured by Kathleen Wong. From left to right: Ernie Jakubowski, Marc Plouffe, Sussi & Ken Jensen, Dagmar Ruehl-Pegg, Kathleen Wong, Geoff McCord, Gordon McNeil and Stephen Goodbody. (Below) Thanks to our volunteers who made the evening run smoothly: Michelle Gananathan, Kim Viney, Kathleen Wong and Dagmar Ruehl-Pegg.



Left to right: Kathleen Wong UCR VP, with DE guest speakers Del Bruce, Stephen Goodbody & Tim Sanderson along with socials chair Martin Tekela and hostess Dagmar Ruehl-Pegg.



No less than 16 new members and first-time social attendees were present and received their UCR pins as an official welcome to the club.

social attendees: Paul Biggin, Dixon Chan, Derek Cheung, Hyunjo Choe & Peter Walsh, Terry and Thomas Elliott, Dave Hitchin, Farooq Khan, Rob McCord, Derek Nicholson, Adam Plouffe, Tom & Susan Sipos, Wayne Thiessen and Randy Williamson.

Then our guest speakers took the floor: Stephen Goodbody and Tim Sanderson, Co-Chief Instructors and Del Bruce, Worker Assignments Captain for UCR's Driver Education Program. They started with short video segments featuring a number of UCR track participants. These videos were produced by another avid track enthusiast, Andreas Trauttmansdorff. Stephen, Tim and Del then each took turns speaking about the various elements of the DE program. The Introductory Driving School is the first step and each of the three schools planned for 2016 can accommodate 30 drivers. These events typically sell out. Step two graduates DE newcomers to the Green Run Group where students are accompanied by an in-car Instructor. Students can then progress to Yellow, where they still have an in-car Instructor, and eventually progress to the solo run-groups. A Q&A session followed.

Completing the evening, our Hostess Dagmar Ruehl-Pegg gave away a number of Porsche door prizes to the lucky winners. Many thanks to Dagmar and the great team of volunteers who help to make these Socials happen, including Kim Viney, Mario Marrello, Kathleen Wong and Michelle & Randy Gananathan, and all the new member mentors.





# UCR SKI DAY REPORT



(Left) Don Lewtas getting the group organized for our official group photo by Hazel de Burgh, who is preparing off in the distance setting up her tripod.  
(Photo by Martin Tekela)

(Above) Synchro skiing led by Hyunjoo Choe, with Denise Janssen, Peter Walsh and Tom Arndt following, while Fari Teymourash, Jack Vanderkooy and Martin Tekela watch the fun.

(Inset Above) All lined up on the snowboard bench seat: Peter Walsh at the front, followed by Hyunjoo Choe, then Jack Vanderkooy and Tom Arndt, with Fari Teymourash looking on.

Co-hosts Anne and David Forbes arranged the weather, while event host Don Lewtas arranged everything else!

Story by Don Lewtas, UCR Member and Co-host, Photos by Hazel de Burgh

There was a terrific group for Ski Day on March 4th at the Osler Bluff Ski Club with many returning regulars and lots of new participants to welcome. The ski club had received 60 cm of fresh powdery snow a couple of days earlier and with over-night grooming, the ski conditions were the best so far this season. Bright sunshine and cool temperatures made the day perfect. We started the day with our group photo at the base of the hill and then up onto the

trails. Virtually every ski trail was open with wonderful coverage and the vistas from the top of the mountain looking out over Georgian Bay were spectacular. The favorite runs again were Gulch with the narrow band of sequential turns through the woods and the steep and fast Laurie's Bluff. The creative Hazel de Burgh was our photographer and captured the group in action on the hill as well as many other shots showing our members and guests enjoying the day. The high speed lifts and

the lack of crowds made for lots of ski time. After a full day on the hill our group retired to a nearby cabin for an après ski to talk about the day on the hill, our Porsches and enjoy some wine and cheese. Thank you to Anne and David Forbes for greeting everyone and helping me with the day, Hazel de Burgh for the fine photography, my wife Barbara for setting up the Après Ski and for all those members and guests that came out to make a wonderful ski day.



From left to right: new member Dave Gartside, Tom Arndt, Martin Tekela, Peter Walsh, Rick Frost (guest), Don Lewtas (host), and Jack Vanderkooy.



10:30am group shot in front of Osler Bluff Ski Club's main lodge.



Members Hazel de Burgh and Hyunjoo Choe, with guest Denise Janssen - "pretty in pink!"



Members Martin Tekela and Peter Walsh with guest Rick Frost - the men in green!



Après ski at Don and Barbara's log cabin.



# WINTER DRIVING DIARIES

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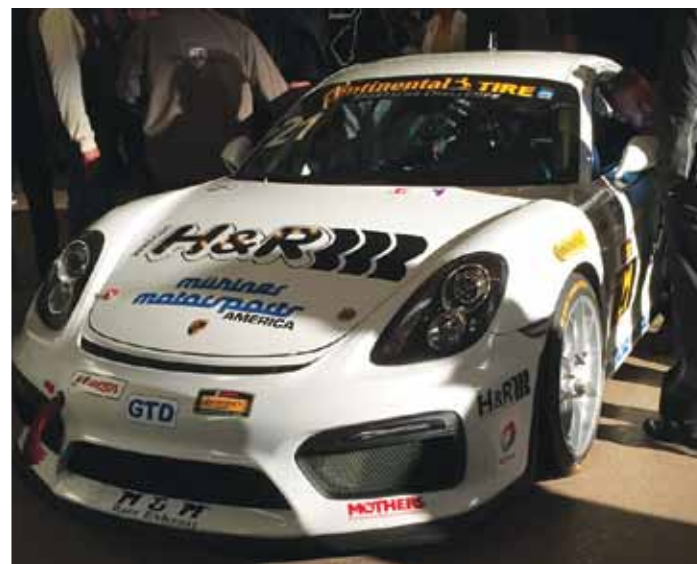
PCA 48 Hours of Sebring and more...

By Andrew Combes, UCR Member

The PCA 48 Hours of Sebring followed hard on the heels of my first event back on track down here in Florida - just three days for the Sebring based Sick Sideways crew to check out Martini and have her fluids and everything else prepped ready for a fresh technical inspection. Brandon Comella, my Cayman driving friend from Rochester, NY flew in for this one and we traveled up to the track in time for registration on the Thursday lunchtime, and a one hour advanced DE session in the late afternoon.

The event is ably organized by Suncoast Region - quite a feat given the size of the entry list. The paddocks are full to over-

flowing with transporters and trailers and track cars of every shape and size from all corners of North America. One of the benefits of our Sick Sideways team taking 1st, 3rd and 4th in the Mazda MX5 Cup last season, is that they are now on a very different financial footing, are fielding no less than 7 Cup cars through the upcoming season, and have purchased a wonderful rig to provide support to the effort. If



that Thursday afternoon as temperature and humidity had even the locals sweating and commenting upon it. Brandon and I, and maybe 40 other Porsches from professional Cups to road going historics, took to the track and had a great time on a good surface with tons of grip. I had thought that an hour would not really require my Coolshirt system and came to regret that decision about halfway through as I could feel the sweat puddles

you have ever wondered what it is like inside of one of those huge 53' tractor trailer rigs I can now tell you. Calm, cool, well lit, and spaciouly serene. I for one was expecting to be mobbed for autographs when emerging from the sliding glass doors - and I was of course disappointed!

I have said before but it bears repeating, if you wish to take part in the 48 Hours be ready to sign up as early as possible - it sells out fast. If you want to stay trackside at the Château Élan you need to book in late summer or fall, well before the event itself opens for registration. The bar and restaurant become party central for the after hours socializing, and it is nice to be able to just wander up to your room when it gets late.

The cool of the new trailer rig was much appreciated



Inside the new sick sideways support truck.

starting to form on my seat! It was over all too soon and the day continued with more race practice for a number of classes.

Friday dawned much cooler and damper. The DE group was out first each morning at 07.15 or 07.30 - no doubt to be used as a sort of very large and noisy track dryer. You don't see too many drivers complaining, especially when the fog, which is so common in the early morning at Sebring, stayed absent the entire event. With 50+ cars on track in our group it was good to find most moved along quite briskly and a noticeable lack of 'trains'. It was at once a fast, calm and polite session.

A first for the event this year was a vendor show instead of the traditional dinner in the Hall of Champions building. Lots of interesting stuff to see and vendors to chat with. But first, the star of the evening. On display was a brand spanking new Cayman GT4 Challenge car, and to talk us through the design philosophy Suncoast had brought in Bernhardt Muehlner of Muehlner Motorsports. Also there was Justin Cockerham of Performance Friction C, the company that Porsche has chosen to develop the brakes for this race car. After his presentation I took the opportunity to talk with him about the 'ice pedal' issue that plagues Martini and so many other Caymans that are used hard on track. The discussion and my on track experimentation has brought about some very interesting results which I will share at length in a later issue, watch this space!

Representation of UCR was pretty good again this year. Not so many drivers perhaps but Walter Murray and Neal Dowdell flew in to promote the UCR Club Race and the flyers for our premier event were everywhere. Ernie Jakubowski was in attendance and racing in SP3. That is worthy of a story in and of itself. At the same event last year Ernie suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized in Sebring before being medivac'd back to On-

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Interior of the new GT3RS with pit speed button.





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tario for surgery. A year later and he was back and racing once again. A remarkable enough feat - but of course Ernie just had to be Ernie and so won his first race. Unfortunately the second did not go so well and resulted in a detonated motor. I happened to pop over to his trailer as he came in with the tow vehicle in the pouring rain. We chatted as he stripped off his soaking wet gear and I could not help but notice that he was smiling broadly from ear to ear. The guy just loves his sport and refuses to be downhearted or despondent, true Canadian grit, eh?

As is usual at these big events I met with a lot of new faces and made some new friends. Some you meet in the paddock, some in the bar - but the best introductions are made as a result of some close driving on track. I delight in both seeking out a driver I have enjoyed watching and in receiving the same sort of approach myself. This time I met another driver as a result of an interesting incident. He was driving a beautiful bright red 991 Turbo S and coming up the front straight I gave him a point by. Into turn 1 and as I followed him round in less than ideal



Very sexy RS louvres.

conditions the back of his car stepped out for a moment as we closed the apex very close to the inside wall. He made a great correction and when I came back in I went over to say 'well done'. That sort of thing is what makes our sport great, recognizing the achievements of others and giving them credit - even in a non-competitive event. It is how lasting bonds and friendships are formed and underscores the PCA slogan 'it's not just the cars, it's the people'.

If you ever get bored with track activities while down here for the winter there are other automotive distractions. Take Cars on Fifth for example. This is an annual event hosted by the Naples Ferrari Club which has almost the entire length of Fifth Avenue South closed off as it becomes one of the ritziest parking lots found anywhere on the planet. 400 plus exotics congregate to provide an open air show which features roughly half Ferraris and half a blend of Porsches, Lambos, Koenigseggs, BMWs and the like. A fabulous show and I 'discovered' it this year because UCR stalwarts Dave and Mike Smith were working the show as volunteers.



I am writing this as I sit waiting for my next run at yet another PCA DE at Sebring, my 10th track day in just over four weeks. Martini is getting to feel like an old and very comfortable glove with the amount of seat time I have in such a short period. Next weekend I will be here again for the HSR races as I am considering that as a way to enter racing in the most 'gentlemanly' way possible. The following weekend is a David Murry open track weekend here - I will write about that and the HSR races next month. Then there is a weekend off before another Chin event and then on the 22nd April my final event of the winter season.



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# GTA STREET SURVIVAL SCHOOL

## Registration is Open!

Story by Hazel de Burgh & Isi Papadopolous, GTA Street Survival School Co-Chairs, photos by Hazel de Burgh

**T**he next GTA Street Survival School will be held on Sunday May 29th at Seneca College, at Finch & Highway 404 at a cost of only \$75 per student. But why should you care? Do you have any kids, nieces or nephews, or grandkids you'd like to protect? Do you know anyone who's had their driving license for 10 years or less? Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teens and other drivers in their first 10 years of driving. This program is probably the best \$75 you'll ever spend: as it could save the life of a loved one!

But don't just take our word for it...

**Enormous Support for this Program:** The Street Survival School program has been running for 14 years in the US. It was founded by the BMWCCA Foundation and is generously sponsored by Tire Rack, Michelin and Enterprise Car Rental. There are now more than 100 of these schools across North America. The program has been offered in the GTA as a com-

munity service initiative by the Trillium BMW Club with the support of PCA-UCR since 2012, and with the sponsorship of Martin Merry and Reid Insurance. Together, that's thousands of people who have volunteered their time or provided money to help save lives!

**Past Participant Comments:** This is what some recent students had to say about the program: "Excellent opportunity for new drivers to drive the car close to its limits." "Awesome, amazing course!" "Such a fantastic day – it will make me a better driver for sure." "Excellent experience – a must do for all drivers." "Great safe environment to figure out car limits." But our absolutely favorite comments are when grads call us to tell us they avoided a collision because of what they learned on this course!

**So What Can a Student Expect?:** This one-day program is a mixture of classroom and hands-on exercises with in-car coaches who are in the car with them at all times. The driving is held on a closed, private course and safety is the highest priority. It's a full day of training, that will help a driver become much more confident and safer on the street. The program goes beyond the curriculum taught by most beginner driving schools. It includes instruction in skid control on a slippery skid pad; lane change/accident avoidance manoeuvres; braking exercises; and a slalom course to learn about the importance of distance vision and weight transfer. Other elements include demonstrations/talks by police and/or emergency responders; transport truck visibility lessons; and air bag demonstrations. The challenges of driver distractions are also emphasized, such as the radio/CD/iPod, and of

course the use of cell phones for talking or 'texting'. And students are given an opportunity, in a safe environment, to experience the effects of these types of distractions on their skills.

**Who Can Attend?:** The program is designed for drivers with up to 10 years of driving experience. It is open to ANYONE in our community with a G2 or G license. There is no need to be a member of the BMW Club or Porsche Club. It is offered as a community service to club members and non-members alike.

**What Car Should Students Use?:** Students should use their daily driver or the family vehicle for the driving exercises, so they become familiar with how that particular vehicle responds to sudden and unex-

pected manoeuvres. That's what will help them the most when driving on the street.

**What Next?:** This is an opportunity for you to get involved in one of two ways (or both):

- 1. Sign up a loved one for the next course** on May 29th – it will be the best \$75 you've ever spent!
- 2. Come out to help** this is one of the many ways that UCR serves the community!

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## 10 Things I Learned While Driving Fun Runs and Autocross Events in My Cayenne

Story by Eleanor Gurd, UCR Member, photos from Porsche Media Gallery

1. I can keep up with the best of you.
2. I can devour the twisties with ease.
3. I can see a lot more of the scenery, and over concrete bridge fences. My, those rivers and streams are beautiful!
4. The higher clearance means I can go over railroad tracks without having to slow to a crawl, and it's lots of fun. Whoo-ee!
5. I can bring some friends along and they are still my friends after the Fun Run because of the ample backseat legroom and seating luxury.
6. It is a sports car on steroids, with amazing performance and handling whether on a Fun Run or the Autocross course.
7. It's very comfortable. I do not feel every pebble or heave in the road.
8. During a Fun Run, I can buy large pieces of art on the spot and not have to drive back later with a larger car.
9. If the road turns ugly, I can drive through it with ease.
10. I can because my sports car is a Cayenne, a sports car in sheep's clothing. Mine is just bigger than yours!

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# The 2016 Canadian International Auto Show

Photos by Eshel Zweig, Provinz Contributing Photographer

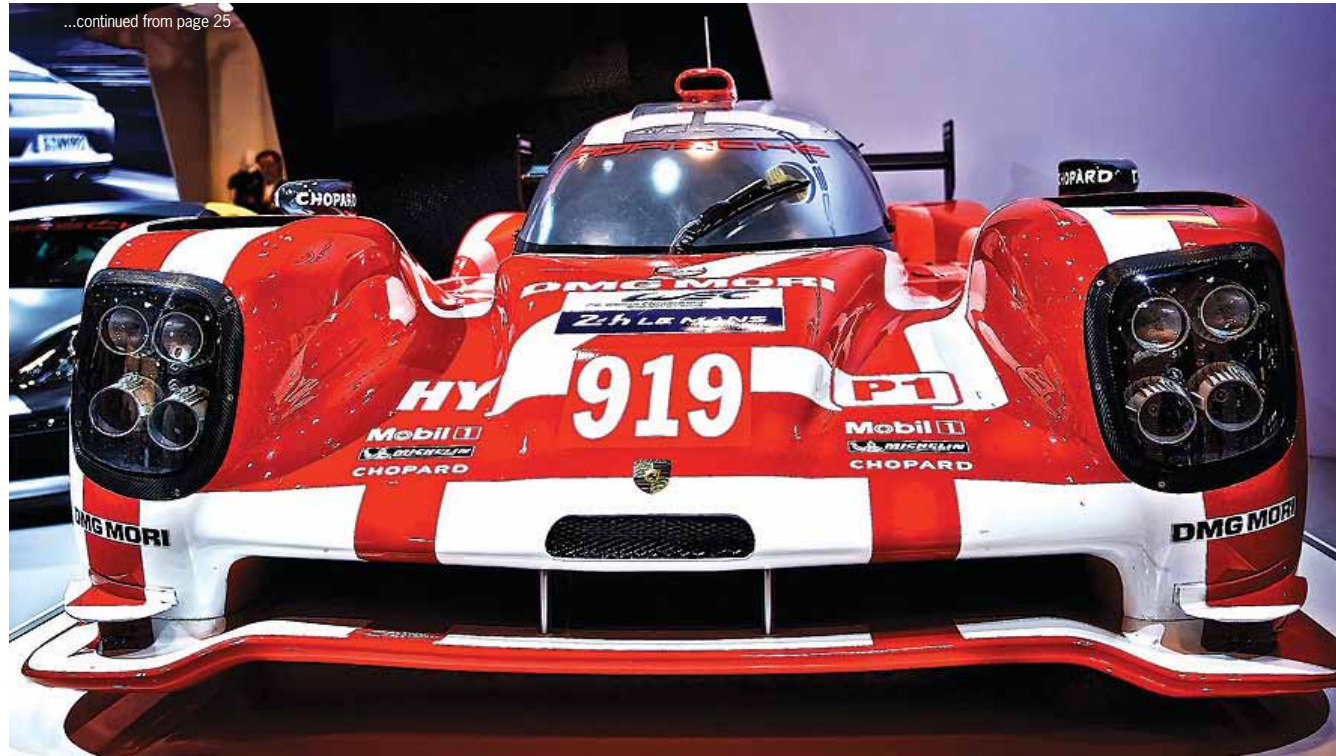
Here's a look at the Canadian International Auto show through the lens of our contributing photographer, Eshel Zweig. Enjoy all the glitz & glitter!



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# FLORIDA INSTRUCTOR



A month in the Florida sun instructing at as many trackdays as possible.

Story and photos by Brent W. Muir, UCR Member

On December 26th, just a few hours before our first local snow of the season, I left for Florida—with my 2014 Porsche Cayman S in tow. I was planning to spend a month in the sun and participate as an instructor at as many driving events as I could while there.

On the drive south to my friend's condo in Stuart (a small city on Florida's Atlantic coast, that on a map is level with the top of Lake Okeechobee), I drove past Daytona International Speedway. The famous track was just completing a major revamp, expanding their seating and improving the track amenities. Excitement was high for the 2016 racing season, including the then-upcoming Daytona 500.

On January 1st, 2016, I was at Sebring International Raceway for my first experience instructing at a large US track. Sebring is famous its annual 12 Hours race and the long list of legendary drivers who've raced there—including Mario Andretti, Dan Gurney, Derek Bell, Stirling Moss and Roger Penske.



I was there because I was fortunate enough to have been asked to participate in a Chin Motorsports HPDE (High Performance Driving Education) Track Day as an instructor. Chin Motorsports has a long record of driver education events all over North America. They do not have specific automobile requirements, so any type of car can be driven in their events. My student drove a 2015 Camaro Z28 with a full track pack. Some of the cars that participated were Ferraris and Lamborghinis. It can be very intimidating on the track when they pass you while your student is driving at 260km/h on a back straight!

I worked with Jim Brazzi, Chief Instructor. Jim and I drove the track together, resetting apex cones that had been moved out of position. It was during this work party that Jim told me his background and how he ended up as a chief instructor. He started his track driving in 2002 and reached solo status with Chin in 2003, and got instructor status in 2005. He became their chief instructor in 2007. He's now participated in over 200 track days, held at 15 different tracks around the US.

The following Thursday, I was asked to instruct at Palm Beach International Raceway (PBIR) for The HPDE,

a high performance driving experience club that holds events at PBIR and Homestead-Miami Speedway. They even run evening sessions at PBIR—that is an interesting experience, driving at high speeds under the lights! And just as with the Chin Motorsports events, at many of The HPDE's events, all car types are welcome as long as they can pass the technical inspection. During the event I was involved with, director Tony Franco also included an exotic car show for drivers to look at and to test drive on the track. There were many vehicles, including Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Audis and a McLaren.

My next adventure would have taken me back to Sebring where I was going to instruct for PBOC Motorsports Club, a joint BMW and Porsche club that hosts HPDE events and club races in Florida and beyond. However, a large storm hit the east coast, lowering the temperature in Florida to the high 50's (<15C). This is an unsafe temperature for driving at Sebring so I decided not to partake in the event. An associate and friend of mine, Isi Papadopoulos (President of the BMW Club of Canada, Trillium Chapter), raced on the Saturday and hit a wall—ending his driving campaign for this winter, unfortunately.

My next and last stop of my trip was back at Sebring, for another HPDE hosted by Chin Motorsports. From there, I departed for my drive home, back to the cold in Canada.

I had two students assigned to me on that weekend. My Saturday student was a professional baseball player, who will remain nameless due to insurance risks and his employer possibly being upset with his off-season hobby. My

Sunday student was a retired investment banker from New York. Both students drove new Corvettes with track C07 track packages—incredible automobiles for the track! We had a great time and agreed to meet at next year's Chin Motorsports HPDE events. I'm looking forward to them already!

If you are ever in Florida or for that matter see an HPDE event scheduled at any track in the US or Canada, I highly recommend you sign up. You'll have the time of your life!



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# FUN RUNS, RAMBLES & TOURS

## Looking Forward to an Awesome Season!

Photo by Jason & Gloria Figueiredo



By Hazel de Burgh, UCR Fun Run Program Chair

We now have 12 Fun Runs, 6 Rambles and 3 Tours on the calendar for 2016, for a total of **21 events**.

That's amazing! Lots of variety, thanks to our new and returning hosts. I hope you get a chance to get out and enjoy some of these events. Registration has already opened for 4 of these events and registration will be opening in April for 4 more.

For members who've never been on one of these events, they are safe, fun events that present a perfect opportunity to enjoy your beloved Porsche on some fantastic Porsche-friendly roads. **Fun Runs** involve groups of 10-15 cars that follow a leader for 2-4 hours of driving, with several rest stops and other opportunities for socializing, including lunch.

**Rambles** are similar to Fun Runs and Tours, but there's no need to stay in groups and follow a leader, and these could be single-day events or multi-day events. **Tours** involve an overnight stay, lunches and at least one dinner, and the driving includes one or more days of following a leader in small groups of 5-15 cars. All of UCR's Fun Runs, Rambles and Tours are great for ANY Porsche, including sports cars, sedans and SUVs – ALL are welcome!

See the table on the next page for a summary of these events. Event descriptions follow. For more details about each event, including event costs and what's included, see [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) closer to the Registration Open Date, or contact the relevant host.

Then, when it's time to register, shortly before 6pm on the Registration Open Date, log in to [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) so you can sign up at 6pm. If you need more information regarding how to register, see my article in the January issue of *Provinz* or visit this UCR webpage for step-by-step instructions: <http://pcaucr.org/how-to-register/>. In light of the expected demand, I suggest you set up an account on ClubReg long before you need to register.

In the meantime, happy planning as you dream about driving your beloved Porsche with fellow members on some wonderful Porsche-friendly roads. And



Photo by Hazel de Burgh, UCR Fun Run Chair

if you're considering becoming a host, let me know – I'd be happy to answer your questions and help get your event on the road.

Hazel de Burgh, [hazel.deburgh@gmail.com](mailto:hazel.deburgh@gmail.com) or 416 558 2929

## UCR's 2016 Fun Runs Rambles & Tours (So Far)

**NEW FOR 2016:** Register via [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) for all events except host registered (\*) events:

#	EVENT DATE	REGISTRATION (opens @ 6pm)	EVENT NAME	HOST NAME(S)	HOST EMAIL (for more event information)
1	Sat, May 7	Sun, Mar 13 (max. 24 cars)	South Muskoka Spring Fun Run	David Forbes & Peter Hoffman	david.forbes@rbc.com peter@hwa-inc.com
2	Sun, May 8	Sun, Mar 13 (max. 15 cars)	Port-to-Port-to-Port Spring Fun Run	Mike Blinn & Rick Zuccato	cmblinn@gmail.com rjzuccato@gmail.com
3	Sat, Jun 11	Sun, Apr 17 (max. 30 cars)	Southern Georgian Bay Fun Run	Martin Hederich & Michael Pohlmann	dr.flue@primus.ca speedsternp@hotmail.com
4	Sat, Jun 18	Sun, Apr 24 (max. 45 cars)	Bear Manor Niagara Escarpment Poker Fun Run	Vaughn Warrington	vwarrington@worldsourcecurities.net
5	Sat, Jun 18	Sun, Apr 24 (max. 50 cars)	Ramble to Parade 2016	Randy Gananathan	rdgananathan@gmail.com
6	W,Th,F and S Jun 22,23,24 or 25	Sun, Apr 24 (max. 50 cars)	Ramble Return from Parade 2016	Randy Gananathan	rdgananathan@gmail.com
7	Sun, Jun 26	Sun, May 1 (max. 20 cars)	Ancaster Fun Run	Neil Dowdell	neildowdell@hotmail.com
8	Sat, Jul 2	Sun, May 8 (max. 15 cars)	Grand Niagara-on-the-Lake Fun Run	Gunter Gamauf	guenterg@rogers.com
9	Sat, Jul 16	Sun, May 22 (max. 20 cars)	South Lake Simcoe Summer Ramble	Terry Sellers	tsellers@warrantyrisk.com
10	Sun, Jul 24	Sun, May 29 (max. 30 cars)	Blue Mountains Ramble	Don Lewtas & Hazel de Burgh	hazel.deburgh@gmail.com
11	Thurs-Mon Jul 28 to Aug 1	<b>WAITLISTED</b> (max. 15 cars)	Sound of Porsches Tour*	Rick Zuccato & Mike Blinn	rjzuccato@gmail.com* and cmblinn@gmail.com
12	Sat, Aug 6	Sun, Jun 12 (max. 22 cars)	Skyway Summer Ramble	Jeremy Gunness & Tom Lussman	jeremy.gunness@itechnica.com cogito1970@hotmail.com
13	Sun, Aug 21	Sun, Jun 26 (max. 20 cars)	Pfaff GTA Urban Circuit Ramble	Laurance Yap	lyap@pfaffauto.com
14	Sat, Aug 27	Sun, Jul 3 (max. 30 cars)	Creemore Copper Kettle Festival Fun Run	Tom Arndt & Morley Berkovitch	tom.arndt@outlook.com mjbrc@sympatico.ca
15	Sat, Sep 10	Sun, Jul 17 (max. 50 cars)	Porsche of London Fall Fun Run	Brad Van Bakel & Mike Salter	brad@porschelondon.com
16	Sat, Sep 17	Sun, Jul 24 (max. 30 cars)	Eastern Shores Fun Run & Car Show	David Forbes & Peter Hoffman	david.forbes@rbc.com peter@hwa-inc.com
17	Sun, Sep 25	Sun, Jul 31 (max. 50 cars)	"Salmon Run" Fall Ramble	Randy Gananathan	rdgananathan@gmail.com
18	Thurs-Mon Sept 29 to Oct 3	<b>WAITLISTED</b> (max. 5 cars)	Great Smoky Mountains Tour*	Jason Figueiredo	jasonfig993@gmail.com*
19	Sat, Oct 1	Sun, Aug 7 (max. 24 cars)	Muskoka Fall Colours Fun Run	David & Anne Forbes	david.forbes@rbc.com
20	Sat-Sun, Oct 1-2	Sun, Aug 7 (max. 30 cars)	Nickelball Tour	Greg Oldenburg & Dennis Centis	greg@oldenburginc.com dennis@centistile.com
21	Sun, Oct 23	Sun, Aug 28 (max. 15 cars)	Port-to-Port-to-Port Fall Fun Run	Mike Blinn & Rick Zuccato	cmblinn@gmail.com rjzuccato@gmail.com

\*Contact event host(s) to register for this Tour

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## DESCRIPTION OF UPCOMING FUN RUNS, RAMBLES & TOURS:

**Saturday, May 7:**

### **South Muskoka Spring Fun Run**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, March 13 at 6pm**

For our 8th annual Muskoka Spring Fun Run, we'll meet in Bracebridge, then travel the winding roads of south and central Muskoka in several "Run Groups". Along the way, we'll have several stops including lunch. After lunch, our routes take us past lakes and Muskoka landmarks and we'll conclude with a mid-afternoon reception in Bracebridge. Please contact David Forbes or Peter Hoffman for more information:

David: david.forbes@rbc.com or 647 409 1346

Peter: peter@hwa-inc.com

**Sunday, May 8:**

### **Spring Port-to-Port-to-Port Fun Run**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, March 13 at 6pm**

This event starts in Grimsby at 9:30am sharp, so we can be on the road for 10am, driving from Port to Port to Port along the Lake Erie coastline on a spectacular lake-view drive. We'll pass through many towns that start with the word "Port", hence our event name. We'll stop a few times along the way to refill and empty our coffee, and have some great photo opportunities. Our final Port of the day will be Port Stanley, where we can walk the beaches and have a great meal together to end our day. Please contact Mike Blinn or Rick Zuccato for more information:

Mike: cmlblinn@gmail.com or 416 606 7816

Rick: rjzuccato@gmail.com or 905 379 9416

**Saturday, June 11:**

### **Southern Georgian Bay Fun Run**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, April 17 at 6pm**

For this event, we'll start in Thornton (just south of Barrie), then wind our way through the backroads of Essa and Clearview Twp, known for their beautiful landscapes and friendly people. We'll visit historic Discovery Harbour in Penetanguishene, then head to Midland for more insights into Canada's early history. After lunch at a dockside restaurant, we'll convoy to Port McNicholl, where we'll see the SS Kewatin, a steamship built by the same team who built the Titanic. Then we'll drive to Martin's farm near Angus for a leisurely get-together and BBQ. Please contact Martin Hedrich or Michael Pohlmann for more information:

Martin: dr.flue@primus.ca or 705 424 7423

Michael: speedstermp@hotmail.com or 705 796 0930

**Saturday, June 18:**

### **Bear Manor Niagara Escarpment Poker Fun Run**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, April 24 at 6pm**

For our 6th Annual Fun Run along the Niagara Escarpment, we'll continue with the added element of a Poker Run with prizes for the best poker hands from cards you pick up along the route. We'll start at 9:30am in the Grimsby area

and wind our way through the Niagara escarpment, past scenic vineyards. We'll stop for a wine tasting and travel tree-lined roads. We'll end at Vaughn & Jennifer's home on the Grimsby escarpment where lunch and beverages will be served. Please contact Vaughn Warrington for more information: vwarrington@worldsourcecurities.net or 905 309 9990

**Saturday, June 18:**

### **Ramble to Parade 2016**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, April 24 at 6pm**

Our Ramble begins opposite Porsche Cars Canada's new headquarters at the NE corner of 401 & 404. The route will follow some fabulous twisty back roads through the Green Mountains of Vermont to arrive at Parade Headquarters in Jay, VT before the festivities begin at Parade. Randy Gananathan will provide driving directions with information on suggested stops, including a lunch stop with an opportunity for some UCR camaraderie. Special arrangements with US Customs and Border Protection should facilitate smooth travel but it will be helpful for Ramble participants to enrol in Nexus or Global Entry beforehand. Please contact Randy for more information:

rdgananathan@gmail.com or 905 780 9670

**Daily from Wed., June 22, through Sat., June 25:**

### **Ramble Return from Parade 2016**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, April 24 at 6pm**

Our return Ramble from Parade in Jay, VT to Toronto will be different than the Ramble to Parade (above). Cars can depart daily after breakfast on a route that is generally the fastest route back to Toronto, with a couple of detours for some of the best driving in the area, and making time for an optional lunch stop enroute. This daily Ramble provides flexibility for anyone who wishes to leave Parade from Wednesday onwards. Driving directions will be provided and departing groups can assemble to avoid solo driving. Please contact Randy Gananathan for more information: rdgananathan@gmail.com or 905 780 9670

**Sunday, June 26:**

### **Ancaster Fun Run**

**Registration Opens:**

**Sunday, May 1 at 6pm**

Starting at 11am and going for 2+ hours, this year's route will take us through the outskirts of Dundas and Ancaster and as far west as Brantford. Exploring city streets, country roads and farm country, we'll experience the rich history of the

region. We'll travel many of the winding roads of the area (both old and new), past historic sites, and experience elevation changes before arriving at our surprise destination for food and libation and some afternoon entertainment. Please contact Neil Dowdell for more information (but don't expect him to reveal the location of the surprise ending!): neildowdell@hotmail.com or 289 244 3107

**Saturday, July 2:**

### **Grand Niagara-on-the-Lake Fun Run**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, May 8 at 6pm**

This Fun Run starts in the Upper Hamilton area, then follows a shunpiking route along the Grand River. We'll wind our way across the Niagara Peninsula via some curvy roads. There will be a pit stop at a culinary market with baked goodies and coffee. After enjoying some more Porsche-friendly roads, we'll stop for lunch in wine country. Following lunch, our route will continue through the Niagara region with a cruise along the Niagara Parkway and through Niagara-on-the-Lake. We'll finish up with an opportunity for a treat that we're sure everyone will enjoy. For more information, please contact Guenter Gamauf: guenterg@rogers.com or 519 581 7118

**Saturday, July 16:**

### **South Lake Simcoe Summer Ramble**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, May 22 at 6pm**

This Ramble starts and ends at the picturesque Briars Resort on Lake Simcoe. After a continental buffet breakfast, our route includes some amazing countryside and nice winding roads. Our lunch stop near Lake Dalrymple will

have everyone planning a return trip just for the food! After more time enjoying our cars, we'll reconvene at the Briars Resort for a wine and cheese reception and some UCR camaraderie. We have preferred accommodation rates for anyone wanting to stay overnight before or after the event, which can be booked after registering. For more information, please contact Terry Sellers: tsellers@warrantyrisk.com

**Sunday, July 24:**

### **Blue Mountains Ramble**

**Registration Opens:**

**Sunday, May 29 at 6pm**

For our 7th Annual Ramble hosted by Don Lewtas and Hazel de Burgh, we'll meet at a location just north of Toronto and then travel the scenic back roads of Caledon, Hockley, Mulmur and Clearview, and up and down the Niagara Escarpment through a number of quaint villages. After our lunch stop, our curvy route continues through the

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picturesque Blue Mountains and we'll end with an afternoon Wine & Cheese reception at a location with stunning views of Georgian Bay. Please contact Hazel for more information: hazel.deburgh@gmail.com or 416 558 2929

**Thursday, July 28 – Monday, August 1:**

### **Sound of Porsches Tour**

**WAITLISTED**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, February 21 at 6pm**

The "Sound of Porsches" Tour is a 5-day 4-night adventure hosted by Rick Zuccato and Mike Blinn. We'll have an incredible itinerary featuring wonderful roads from Toronto to Lake Placid New York on Day 1. Then we'll park our cars in a private lot, check into our lake-view hotel rooms then dine in our own private dining room. Day 2, after more Lake Placid treats, we'll head through the mountains, sounding our way to our 2nd and 3rd night destination in Stowe Vermont, where we'll experience some of Vermont's hospitality. Day 4 features a spectacular scenic drive to our final night in a small quaint Quebec village, where we'll have our Zuccato race-night, and our final farewell dinner in our own private dining room, and again a private parking lot for our babies! For more details, log in to UCR's website to see the detailed event description. Note: due to the limited member capacity and the costs for this event (including hotel costs and more), this registration will NOT be processed through Club Registration. Instead, please contact Rick via email to register and obtain further information: rjzuccato@gmail.com or 905 379 9416

**Saturday, August 6:**

### **Skyway Summer Ramble**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, June 12 at 6pm**

The second annual Skyway Summer Ramble will start in picturesque Milton and explore the twisty back roads of Dundas, Ancaster, and Niagara Wine Country. A Ramble format will be used to allow participants to follow an enjoyable route that includes some interesting rest stops along the way, a stop for lunch in Ancaster and a wine tasting at a Niagara Winery. It will be a day of fun driving and a great opportunity to connect with old friends and meet new ones.

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Book early as this event is sure to fill up fast! For more information, please contact Jeremy Gunness or Tom Lussman: Jeremy: jeremy.gunness@itechnica.com or 416 727 3006 Tom: cogito1970@hotmail.com or 416 877 5379

**Sunday, August 21: Pfaff GTA Urban Circuit Ramble**  
**Registration Opens: Sunday, June 26 at 6pm**

You don't need to venture outside of the Toronto area to have an amazing Sunday drive – you just have to get out on the road early enough. Starting with coffee and refreshments at Pfaff Porsche in Woodbridge, this Sunday drive strings together some of the most picturesque roads in the GTA – as well as some of its best on- and off-ramps. It's a great way to explore the city in your Porsche, then end the day with lunch and an opportunity for socializing with fellow Porsche aficionados. For more information, please contact Laurance Yap at Pfaff: lyap@pfaffauto.com or 416 948 0672

**Saturday, August 27:**  
**Creemore Copper Kettle Festival Fun Run**  
**Registration Opens: Sunday, July 3 at 6pm**

This inaugural event will take us through the rolling Purple Hills around Creemore, and the dips and dives of the Niagara Escarpment in both Grey and Simcoe Counties. We'll enjoy lunch at the private Georgian Bay Golf Club with its panoramic views of Georgian Bay. After lunch we'll wind our way to Creemore, home of the Copper Kettle Festival and the Classics Car Show, where we'll have time to view the classic cars and enjoy the beer garden, music and street vendors. For those who wish to continue the adventure, our final stop is an optional early dinner at the quaint Terra Nova Public House. For more information, please contact Tom Arndt or Morley Bercovitch: Tom: tom.arndt@outlook.com Morley: mjberc@sympatico.ca or 705 429 5866

**Saturday, September 10:**  
**Porsche of London Fall Fun Run**  
**Registration Opens: Sunday, July 17 at 6pm**

For more information, see future issues of *Provinz* or UCR's Fun Run webpages, or contact the event host, Brad Van Bakel: brad@porschelondon.com or 519 601 1322.

**Saturday, September 17:**  
**Eastern Shores Fun Run & Car Show**  
**Registration Opens: Sunday, July 24 at 6pm**

This year's Hearth Place Fun Run will begin with breakfast at the Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre in Oshawa. We'll then travel picturesque roads heading east along the shore of Lake Ontario, passing through scenic farmland and through charming communities to our lunch destination. We'll then loop back to Whitby through

backroads and farmland for more UCR camaraderie and a Car Show where our cars will be on display for cancer patients and their families. Please contact David Forbes or Peter Hoffman for more information: David: david.forbes@rbc.com or 647 409 1346 Peter: peter@hwa-inc.com

**Sunday, September 25:**  
**"The Salmon Run" Fall Ramble**  
**Registration Opens: Sunday, July 31 at 6pm**

This Ramble will begin opposite Porsche Cars Canada's new headquarters at the NE corner of 401 & 404. We'll drive a scenic country route to Port Hope to enjoy the annual fall migration of salmon where thousands of salmon swim upstream in the Ganaraska River, then have lunch in historic Port Hope. Our return trip includes an ice cream stop at a country store. This Ramble will particularly appeal to members who enjoy nature, fishing and Ontario's great outdoors. Please contact Randy Gananathan for more information: rdganathan@gmail.com or 905 780 9670

**Thursday, September 29 – Monday, October 3:**  
**Great Smoky Mountain Fall Tour** **WAITLISTED**  
**Registration Opens: Sunday, February 7 at 6pm**

Arguably some of the best driving roads in North America are in the Smoky Mountain region of North Carolina. On this 5-day Gran Tour, you'll drive through the UNESCO Smoky Mountain and Appalachian Ranges, through 8 states, visit historical locations, overnight at luxurious historic hotels and Inns, drive epic roads that have been featured on National Geographic that wind up 5000 ft mountain ranges, and experience culinary dishes that delight the senses. To provide you with an exclusive and intimate experience, this Gran Tour is limited to 5 cars. For more details, log in to UCR's website to see the detailed event description. Note: due to the limited member capacity and the costs for this event (including hotel costs and more), this registration will NOT be processed through Club Registration. Instead, please contact Jason Figueiredo for more information and to register: jasonfig993@gmail.com.

**Saturday, October 1: Muskoka Fall Colours Fun Run**  
**Registration Opens: Sunday, August 7 at 6pm**

For our 8th annual Muskoka Fall Colours Fun Run hosted by David and Anne Forbes, we'll meet in Bracebridge, then travel along the winding roads of Muskoka in several "Run Groups", enjoying the fall colours and lakeside views. Along the route, there will be several stops including lunch. Our route takes us past Lakes Muskoka, Joseph & Rosseau, and several Muskoka landmarks including Windemere House, High Falls and Port Carling. We'll conclude with a mid-afternoon reception in Bracebridge. Please contact David for more information: david.forbes@rbc.com or 647 409 1346

**Saturday-Sunday, October 1-2:**  
**Nickelball Tour**

**Registration Opens: Sunday, August 7 at 6pm**

Our Nickelball Tour will take you north from Parry Sound across the newest and smoothest section of Highway 400 with its playful exits and on-ramps, past the historic canoe route to the west, then into the Canadian Shield for lunch at the Idylwyld Golf and Country Club in Sudbury. After lunch, our route heads West along the Trans Canada Highway to the picturesque curves and white quartzite mountains of Hwy 6 to our overnight stay on Manitoulin Island. Day 2 starts off touring the North Coast of the largest freshwater island in the world along open and clear roads to a catered lunch at the western

**July 28th - August 1st 2016**

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point of the island. Running back on the South route to South Baymouth, drivers can catch the ferry to the mainland (South) or take the North route back through Little Current. All told, this event presents the most diverse, varied and unexpected landscapes in the province. See the event poster on page 43. For more details, log in to UCR's website to see the detailed event description. Please contact Greg Oldenburg or Dennis Centis for more information:

Greg: greg@oldenburginc.com or 416 527 0041  
Dennis: dennis@centistile.com

**Sunday, October 23:**  
**Fall Port-to-Port-to-Port Fun Run**  
**Registration Opens: Sunday, August 28 at 6pm**

Our meeting place for our Fall Port-to-Port-to-Port Fun Run will be in Grimsby at 9:30am sharp, so we can be on the road for 10am, driving along the Lake Erie coastline on a spectacular lake-view drive. We'll pass through many towns that start with the word "Port", hence our Fun Run name. We'll stop a few times along the way to refill and empty our coffee, and have some great photo opportunities. Our final Port of the day will be Port Stanley, where we can walk the beaches and have a great meal together to end our day. Please contact Mike Blinn or Rick Zuccato for more information:

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# TRACKTALK



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By Dave Osborne, UCR Track Chair

Spring has sprung. Despite the competing opinions of some rodents in February, we are moving toward another great Porsche season. April hosts the first two of our three Introductory Driving Schools (IDS) which are often held in a tossup between a flood and a blizzard. Our Chief Instructor and many of his brave followers subject themselves to great discomfort with the sole purpose of making your DE experience safer. The IDS teaches you everything from how to sit, to how to avoid impacts in your daily driving. It's a prerequisite to our entire Driver Education Program. If you plan on joining us for the first time this season, you need to grab any openings still available, so you don't miss out.

Some think that the Track Program is populated by a bunch of speed crazy racers, who want to drive competitively. They think that the program is only for those who wish to test the limits of physics for the cheap thrills that it provides. Wrong. The DE program is just that, Driver Education. It's held on a closed road course for both your safety and the safety of your fellow participants. At

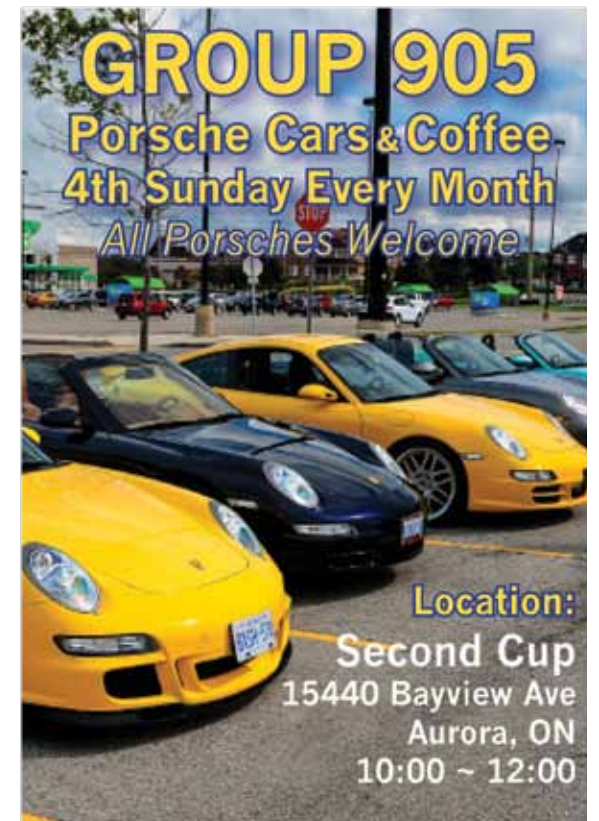
UCR we want you to get the best performance out of your car and yourselves when behind the wheel.

It often amazes me how little society regards the ability to drive well. When you get a new computer program, you spend a large amount of time learning how it works and testing its intricacies. When you get an Android box for your TV, you spend time on the internet learning how to load it and get the most out of it for your investment. Buy a new car and you just climb in and take off with the manual still sitting unused in the glove compartment. We just assume that we can drive well even if it was our moms and dads who taught us how to drive over 30 years ago. Since software and technology offer little personal risk, you might want to spend a little more time on your driving skills. Hurtling down an asphalt ribbon in a 3,000lb killing machine, trained by someone whose claim to fame is great chocolate cake, isn't a good idea. We can help.

This leads me to car modifications. While we see the whole gamut, from mild to wild at the track, there are no modifications needed to attend DE. We have a fire extinguisher

requirement, but that's hardly a modification. Your Porsche is built by German engineers, for the purpose of safely and comfortably crossing their country in a few hours at what North Americans would consider extreme speeds, and this exceeds our needs on our roads. The brakes, tires, suspension, engines and transmissions are all built to a standard that you will never surpass at Driver Education. It's us, as drivers, who are the weak link in these amazing machines. So come out and learn to get the most out of your car's ownership.

We look forward to sharing the track with you!



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# CONFESSIONS OF A PAST PRESIDENT

## 1000 HP, 16 CYLINDERS, 200 MPH

By Gord McNeil, UCR Past president 1994



**A**re you looking forward to the upcoming UCR season more than I am? Maybe not, since I have been on the bench for 15 years, a somewhat self-imposed sabbatical from driving a Porsche and the Club.

I can't wait for the first track event at Mosport (sorry, old guys can use this old name) and thanks to my old friends at Pfaff there is a 2014 Cayman S ready to roll.

When I joined UCR in 1989 it was some friends from Burlington; the Plouffee brothers, John Stelmack and Dave Fielding that I followed to the track for the first time and from that moment I knew the Club and the track program were things that I really enjoyed. Having some karting and motocross experience I found the entry, apex and exit were easy for me to learn. I had a 944 S2, which was a great car to have and my first Instructor at Shannonville was a crazy Cannuk named Steve Podborsky. Scott Goodyear was the Guest Instructor that day, does it get any better?



Our Chief Instructor at the time was Howard Dexter, he drove a fire breathing 930 and lucky for me I was tagged to be an Instructor in my first year. From there I got involved with the Board and became the sponsor relations guy and then got on the Board and followed Peter Manson in as President in 1994. As you look back in history, there were some great people that were UCR Presidents in that era and I was humbled to be in their midst.

In 1994 the cars were starting to evolve, 250 hp for the 964, about half of the new GT3 RS is today. I stepped up from the 944 S2 to a new RS America and as I told Karen, being President of UCR it was important to look the part. It was a "wonderful car" (that's a Crawford Reid quote) and with our Zone 1 Parade being in Lake Placid it was



a natural for the Concours. Karen & I managed the Golf Tourney at the event and as you can expect we had a huge contingency participating in almost every event. Lots of great parties during and after the official events which have given us all good memories of that time and place. I still love going to Lake Placid and more recently I've been going there on 2 wheels.

The RS America was sold after being a stout performer at the track and also a UCR Concours winner. It was replaced with a Rothmans 944 Challenge Car in full race trim but still what you would call a momentum car, not one to throw you back in the seat. This was not done as an investment I assure you, but in 1996 we were going to have our first Club Race and I convinced Karen that this was the safe way to do it. Car #8 in Reebok livery was only used on weekends by Rick Bye, but for some reason it required a massive rebuild before it raced again. Thanks to Terry Cleland and Jay Lloyds and let's not forget our Driver Ed program, the little 4 banger won its class and I was the rookie of the race weekend. What a great experience that was, but a few years later it was time to change it up and we migrated from cars to high performance offshore boating.

If any of you have experienced a fine Offshore Powerboat with 1,000 hp plus, you'll agree it is a real shot of adrenaline. We've been fortunate enough to have owned a historic race boat from Cigarette Racing Team that was the 1999 World Champion. Currently, there is a 35' Twin V8 Top Gun Limited Edition in our slip. They have groups that organize Poker Runs, but who are we kidding, it's everyone going flat out to the next card stop with speeds from 90mph to over 200mph and the course is generally open to other traffic like sea-doo's and sailboats.



One of the events that became popular in the 90's was going to Daytona for the Rolex 24. I can recall Clive, Peter and Jurgen telling me about their first trip to the Rolex.... They made a mistake with the dates and ended up at the Daytona 500 Nascar Ned Race... they got it right the second time. Those guys were famous for renting the newest, biggest Caddie with a Northstar V8 and proceeded to break it in according to their burnout and brake stand procedure. UCR could have chartered a plane for the numbers we had going to the race, it was and is a great way to see the best sports cars in a magnificent setting. It was a special time when Doug Trott campaigned a 996 Cup Car in the event and had Rick Bye, Richard Spenard and Phil Kubik as driving partners. When you consider Doug and Phil started out in PCA Driver Ed and went to this stage it's amazing. Other products of our program were Richard Sterenka and a more familiar name to UCR, Karl Thompson who not only was a great *Provinz* Editor, he's proven to be a great driver and team owner. Truth be known he also bought a gorgeous 964 Cab from me that was previously owned by some of the first track friends I met in UCR; Peter & Ursula Baltzer.

This year was my 5th consecutive trip back to the real race at Daytona, with my buddy GT3 Billy (Bill Irvine). We convinced *Provinz* Editor, Randy Gananathan to hang with us for his first visit to the famed race since Billy and I had 10 visits under our belts. I had just met Randy at the January UCR meeting and as luck would have it Billy had an extra pass for the Champions Club that we were able to give to Randy. It's truly the way to go to really enjoy the race and if you are considering a trip next year, just ask my new friend Randy.







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## PERIPHERAL VISION

By John Adam, UCR Historian



Is it April already?  
In March, we were contemplating our plans for the 60th annual Parade at Jay, Vermont. Parade registration had opened and our hotel room was secured. This year, the events were booked separately in early April. There was lots to think about because it is much like a buffet – you can't do it all.  
Another important date on our Peripheral Vision calendar has been the NNJR's three-day driver education event at Mid-Ohio, being held May 20–22. Mid-Ohio is my favourite track in many ways. There is a section called Madness and it is well named. The other parts aren't too sane either. The other aspect about Mid-Ohio is that motels aren't too far from the track in Mansfield, OH, and rates are reasonable but moving higher. It's a seven-hour drive to the hotel, but it's all four lane. Consider adding it to your personal DE bucket list.

UCR has closed registration for its two scheduled advanced car control April dates on the CTMP (Mosport) Driver Development track. The UCR driver ed program goes on track at CTMP May 7–8. Of course, that's not news to fellow Trackies. I will give you my seasonal lowdown on selections from further afield. BTW, I may go to my grave calling it Mosport rather than Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

Checking for events further afield, the PCA list is rather sparse at time of writing – perhaps Niagara Region at Watkins Glen May 30–31 followed by Metro New York June 1–2. PCA Zone 1 is usually at The Glen in June for a big event with probably 250 registrants. Instructors get the benefit of an extra day of driving. See the Zone 1 website for all the details. There are often several opportunities to be at Pocono during the summer. This is your opportunity to try part of a NASCAR oval.

Hard core Trackies from NNJR and elsewhere will appear for three straight days at CTMP July 15–17. Green and Yellow Run Group drivers are promised plenty of instructors for Friday through Sunday and I always wonder why more Green and Yellow Run Group drivers don't sign up. The Red Run Group is in abundance at this event.

For a complete rundown on driver ed dates and other events, the PCA website is a great place to do your research.

Now that better weather is here, let's hope that you get to enjoy some of the events that PCA is bringing your way. Not sure? Come out to our UCR spring Open House on May 1 at 427 Auto Collision or send me an e-mail at johnqadam@rogers.com.



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