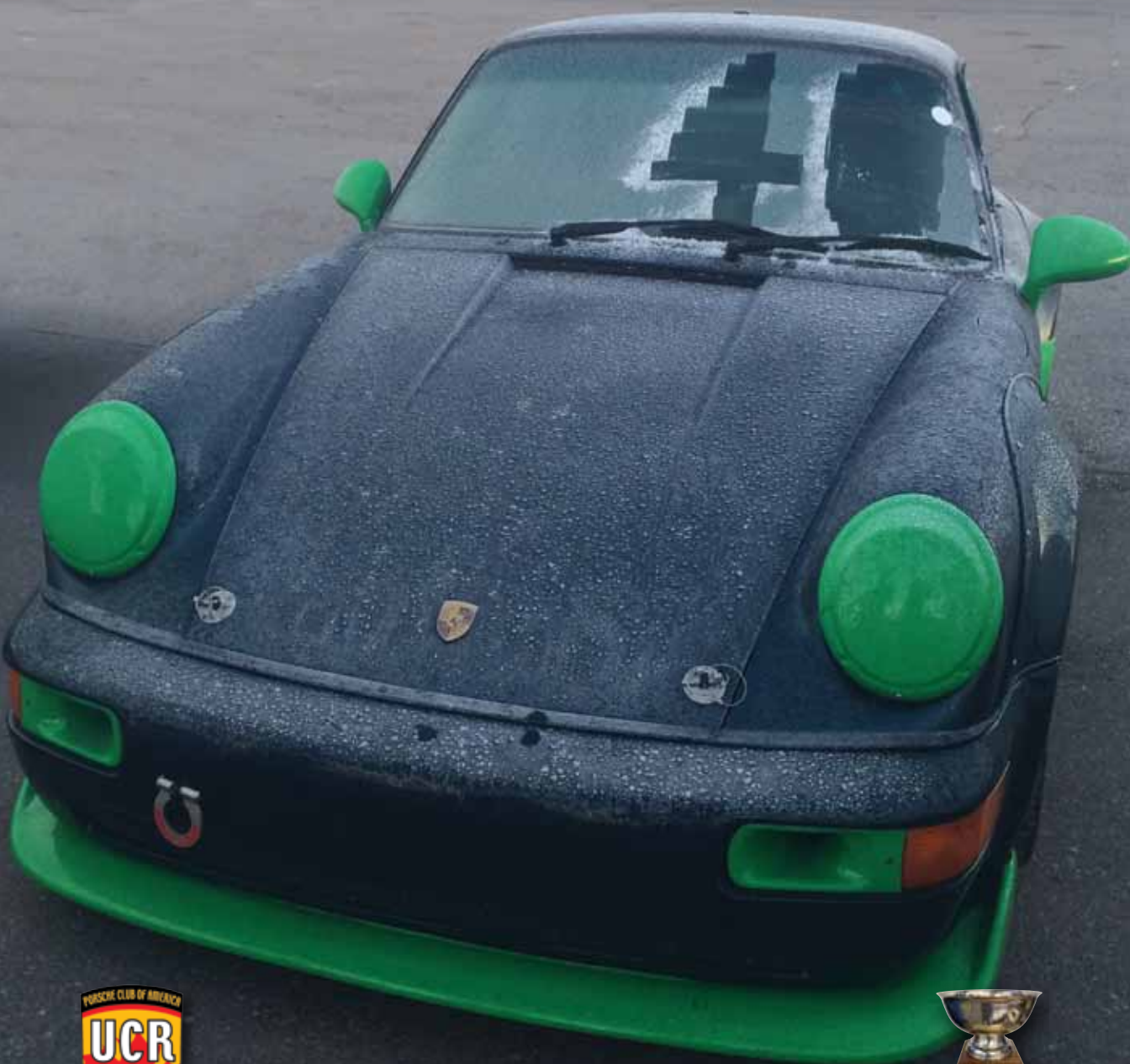


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PRESIDENT'S FORUM



By Mike Bryan, UCR President

Happy New Year to you and Happy 40th Anniversary to Upper Canada Region. It was back in 1976 when a number of PCA members in south central Ontario asked the Porsche Club of America to approve the creation of a new PCA Region, or chapter. It would comprise all of Ontario except the Ottawa Valley. Until then, I believe that some or all of those early members had been affiliated to PCA's Niagara Region, but now they wanted to run their own events and build membership in their own new territory, which they chose to name "Upper Canada Region". Beyond that, I can't tell you much, so that's why I invite you to join me in celebrating this milestone anniversary throughout the year, as we create opportunities to learn about our club's history, the characters who have shaped it and the experiences they shared along the way. So much has changed since 1976, so I think it will be fun and fascinating to be reminded, or to learn, how things were done in the pre-computer age. No doubt we'll find ourselves thinking, "did people really have to go to such lengths to...?", as we hear or read anecdotes about producing and circulating the early editions of *Provinz* or about communicating a change in meeting location. Some of our founding/early members and club officials are still active in UCR, so we'll be inviting them to share their stories during the year and fill in the gaps in our knowledge as they educate and entertain us in print and at social events.

I'm sure a lot of us showed little interest in history at school, but have become more curious about it as we've aged, perhaps because we see it repeating itself or because we recognize the present as a rather linear outcome of the past. Whenever I wonder why certain things are the way they are, I draw on Wikipedia or Google to check out the history, which invariably helps explain how the present situation came about. By the end of 2016 we'll have a much better collective understanding of UCR's history and its connection to the present, but we're going to start right now with the UCR Scrapbooks recently displayed for the first time on our web site. These annual scrapbooks were compiled by UCR volunteers as graphic records of our club's activities and were submitted to PCA as our entries for "Region of the Year" award. They reflected the passion and creativity of UCR's volunteers and it's clear that they were put together with love and care. They may or may not have been produced every

year, but we have 11 from the period 1988-2003. (Are there any more out there?) They've been shunted from one President's basement to the next over the years, visible to just one household at a time. Now, thanks to modern technology (you see, I told you how things have changed), the efforts of Club Photographer, Michael Coates, and Webmaster, Ken Jensen, you can view each of the 11 scrapbooks in all their glory, and some other historic documents, at www.pcaucr.org. Go to "About PCA UCR" and then to the "History of Upper Canada Region" page. No laughing out loud, though, at the photos of the people and the clothes they're wearing – a discrete smirk will suffice.

You may have seen my encouragement in a December email to make any due or overdue membership renewals before the year end. Please understand that we are not fixated on membership growth for the sake of growth, but we can't help being competitive when challenged by another Region for the annual PCA Highest Actual Growth award. After winning it for the last three years in a row, we didn't want to miss it in 2015 simply because of a few late renewals. At the time of writing, I don't know yet if we won. Anyway, in the same vein, I'm encouraging you to add a spouse, partner, other family member or friend to your PCA membership record. I see that we have 2511 Primary members, but only 1267 affiliate (family or friend) members. That could be interpreted in several different ways, but clearly, about half of you have not indicated that there's another person with whom you share your Porsche / Porsche Club interest. Since we aim to be an inclusive club in every sense, let's not leave our family or friends on the outside. Let's bring them in and add their names to our membership profile by calling PCA National Office at 410 381-0911 or our UCR Membership Chairs, Angie and Mark Herring at 905 854 3332 or membership@pcaucr.org. More importantly, though, make a plan with your affiliate member to bring them out to at least one UCR event in 2016 so they can share the fun with you.

Wishing you a safe and happy New Year

Mike
MIKE BRYAN



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DRIVER'S SEAT



Randy Gananathan, *Provinz* Editor

Provinz Magazine, The Journal of Upper Canada Region of The Porsche Club of America has been published for 40 years and this marks the 394th issue. Everyone who contributed made our region and

our monthly newsletter rise to the top among our peers. Starting with this issue, we will post issue numbers on our cover as a track record we are proud of achieving.

Adam Holland, UCR Member and photographer, couldn't resist the pure beauty of a track car coated in ice! The perfect January setting! Our creative team at *Provinz* quickly made it a 40th Anniversary moment with special digital magic! Did you catch it on the windshield? With winter upon us, George O'Neill outlined safe storage practices in Tech Talk and John Adam, our club historian reminisced about the early years. Yes, it is our 40th Anniversary in 2016 and *Provinz* will feature our history in every issue of 2016. I invite all longstanding members to contribute your memories.

Oil under USD \$40, heading south, our Loonie under USD \$0.75 heading south and The Bank of Canada talking about interest rates going south, I headed south myself, usually renting a car to drop off at the airport whenever I fly for more than two days due to parking costs. I filled up the gas tank of the rental car near Pearson Airport at CAD \$1.04 per liter. Then, I rented another car at Palm Beach Airport upon arrival and to fill it 24-hours later, it was USD \$1.99 per gallon! Go figure! Then, I heard the newest 2015 Paris Climate Agreement would soon bring Carbon Taxes to fossil fuels! I doubt they can invent an algorithm that can compute it all, but am I ever glad that Porsche AG received supervisory board approval to proceed with the Mission E project!

I've vowed to never buy another fossil burner, so now anxiously waiting for the Mission E product to go on sale! I wonder if Porsche will call it the 800 Series due to its 800 Volt system, now that Boxsters and Caymans became 718's? Electric is the future, especially considering Porsche delivered over 200,000 vehicles in 2015 in its best sales year ever, and its strongest single market was China. 54,302 Porsches delivered there between January and November 2015. A market where Beijing issued two red alerts for smog in December 2015! The

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2016 CALENDAR OF UCR EVENTS

Jan	5	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	12	Tue	Social Islington Golf Club
Feb	2	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	9	Tue	Social Islington Golf Club
Mar	1	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	4	Fri	Ski Day Osler Bluff Ski Club
	8	Tue	Social The Donalda Club
Apr	5	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	12	Tue	Social Islington Golf Club
	16	Sat	Introductory Driving School CTMP DDT
	30	Sat	Introductory Driving School CTMP DDT
May	1	Sun	Shift into Spring 427 Auto Collision
	3	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	7	Sat	Muskoka Spring Fun Run
	7	Sat	Driver Education CTMP
	10	Tue	Social Islington Golf Club
	29	Sun	Street Survival School - UCR & BMW Trillium
Jun	3-4	Fri-Sat	5th Driven 2 Smile & Solo Lap- ping CTMP
	4-5	Sat-Sun	Driver Education CTMP
	7	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	11	Sat	Southern Georgian Bay Fun Run
	14	Tue	Social Downtown Porsche
	18	Sat	Bear Manor Niagara Escarp- ment Poker Fun Run
	18	Sat	Ramble to Porsche Parade 2016
Jul	22-25	Wed-Sat	Ramble Return from Porsche Parade 2016
	2	Sat	Grand-Niagara-on-the-Lake Fun Run
	5	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott

	12	Tue	Social The Donalda Club
	15-17	Fri-Sat-Sun	Driver Education CTMP with NNJR
	16	Sat	Lake Simcoe Fun Run
	24	Sun	Blue Mountains Ramble
Aug	2	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	5-7	Fri-Sat-Sun	Club Race - Can/Am Chal- lenge CTMP
	9	Tue	Social Islington Golf Club
	26	Fri	Introductory Driving School CTMP DDT
	27-28	Sat-Sun	Driver Education CTMP
Sep	6	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	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
Oct	29-03	Thu-Mon	Great Smoky Mountain Tour (5 car limit)
	1	Sat	Muskoka Fall Colours Fun Run
	1-2	Sat/Sun	Nickelball Tour
	4	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	11	Tue	Social The Musket
Nov	15-16	Sat-Sun	Driver Education CTMP
	1	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	8	Tue	Social Venue TBA
Dec	6	Tue	Board Meeting Airport Marriott
	13	Tue	Social - Pfaff Auto

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

THE WAY WE WERE...

35 Years Ago

President **Dave Pateman** talked about a parts run to Stoddard's Porsche dealership, near Cleveland. The tech item covered modification of 914 torsion bars to add grease fittings. The major issue was getting people to help run the club's events. **Bruce Farrow** reviewed the Porsche-Corvette Challenge, an auto-cross competition. **Bruce Farrow** was buying and selling parts.

30 Years Ago

President **Joseph Fantl** had incorporated the club. *Provinz* was published in two formats—a monthly bulletin and three-times-a-year premium edition. Parade was in Portland, ME, and I assisted with Goodie Store management. **Mark** and **Angie Herring** had designed a new club crest. Parade volunteers were doing a quilt for a raffle and Regions were each asked to complete one square containing their club's crest. The **Adams** hosted a photo night competition, with 40 attending.

25 Years Ago

Past President **Phil White** had a plethora of event chairs. The monthly social at Kobi's expected 120 to hear **Klaus Luttmann**, Porsche Marketing Manager, give all the latest news. **Marc Plouffe** had an active DE program planned. The dates were split between Mosport and Shannonville and the fee was \$75 per day. **Rosemary Adam** had updated UCR by-laws. **Bruce Farrow's** column was called "Classic Porsches". Nineteen new members joined. Total (primary) membership was about 700. **Howard Dexter** reported in "Off Line" that he read a book: *Gilles Villeneuve, The Life of the Legendary Racing Driver*. **Crawford Reid** was handling dealer relations. **Bruce Farrow** still had parts...

Contributed by John Adam, UCR Historian



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Name	Location	Model	Thanks To
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Michael Beler	Mississauga	03-911 T	
Jean-Marc Boilard	Samia	02-911 T	
Oliver Borgers	Toronto	10-911 C4S	
Detlef Brock	Kitchener	16-Panamera GTS	Porsche of London
James Chalmers	Oakville	02-Boxster	
Tom Coucill	Toronto	86-944 T	
John Flinn	Toronto	89-944 S2	
Allan Fung	Toronto	96-911 C4S	
Arthur Hayden	Markham	08-Boxster S	
Frank & Steve Hogan	Pickering	01-911 T	Trf-in Rennsport
Paul Ireland	Mississauga	04-Boxster S	
Desh Malhotra	London	16-Macan S	Porsche of London
Matt Nowak	Etobicoke	12-Cayman S	
Todd Oberholtzer	Cobourg	02-911	
Lee Siebert	London	16-911 C4 GTS	Porsche of London
Raymond Stiers	Arnprior	07-911 T	
Caroline Taylor	Komoka	03-Boxster S	Porsche of London
Paul Tremblay	Mississauga	05-Boxster S	
David Volkmer	Nepean	00-Boxster	
Arvis Volnistijs	Kincardine	16-Cayenne GTS	Porsche of London

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



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Congrats!

30 YEARS
Ernie Jakubowski

25 YEARS
Richard Libby
John Sample

20 YEARS
Helmut Brosz

Robert Linder
Mike Norman
Nick Pyle

15 YEARS
Michael Lewell
Fraser & Heather Wellon

10 YEARS
Alan & Janet Bowler

5 YEARS
Anibal & Cindy Claudino
Alecia Chamy
Joseph Di Stefano
Gregory Ho Yuen &
Sonia Yung
Jim & Stephen Plewes
Dave Read & Jolene Leon

Primary UCR Members
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Total UCR Membership
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first 100% electrically powered Porsche is definitely needed! Hurry-up Zuffenhausen!

UCR wrapped-up 2015 with a fabulous annual banquet, explained in detail by Kathleen Wong and photographed wonderfully by Michael A. Coates, our club photographer. We have lots of events planned for 2016 and I wish you a Happy New Year!

Randy D. Gananathan
Editor-in-Chief

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Next Meeting:
Sunday, January 24th, 2016

BACKFIRE:Member Feedbackback

Hearth Place Fun Run Smile of Satisfaction

Oops! Provinz captioned the wrong fella! With apologies to both David Forbes, organizer of Hearth Place Fun Run For Kids and Botho von Bose, one of UCR's longest serving members, we'd like to set the record straight and attribute that Mona Lisa smile of satisfaction to the actual guy that drove the kid in the photo around the track.

It was none other than Botho von Bose in his 2004 GT3 in that photo on P17 of the December issue of Provinz, and we somehow got that wrong, so apologies Botho and thanks very much for everything you do for UCR.



Botho von Bose enjoys driving Hearth Place participant Chelsea around the track in his Porsche as much as Chelsea enjoys the ride!



SOCIAL EVENTS

By Martin Tekela, UCR Socials Chair

UCR's social events are designed to warmly welcome all club members, new and existing, and to help them discover the various activities that their local Porsche Club offers. Please let us know if you are a first-time social attendee when you register through www.ClubRegistration.net. Beginning in 2016 all social event registrations will be via "Club Reg", as it has become known to everyone. Events sell out based on venue capacity so it is always advisable to register early to secure your place. Club Reg event cancellation/refund policies will be posted for each event and may apply differently based on venue, but in general, consider that refunds will not be issued after registrations are closed for an event.

We have finalized monthly venues and dates for the entire year. Please save 6:30pm-9:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month in your calendars. We will be holding six socials at The Islington Golf Club, two at The Donalda Club, the Oktoberfest social at The Musket Restaurant and one social at each of our three local GTA Porsche stores, namely Downtown Porsche, Oakville Porsche Centre and Pfaff Porsche. Please check Provinz and the UCR website for the latest information for these events as there could be a special event at the new dealership opening in 2016 at 401 & DVP/404.

UCR's socials are an ideal venue to meet like-minded club members and to discover the Porsche owner camaraderie. UCR is the largest PCA region in North America with well over 3000 members. Get to know your fellow members in elegant surroundings at great venues in the GTA. We have already confirmed a number of great guest speakers for the coming year. If you know someone who you think may be of interest as a speaker to our members, please send me their contact information and I will follow up with your suggestion. We always welcome your comments and insights in terms of dinner menu preferences and general event and venue feedback. Please contact me at mtekela@rogers.com.



Coming Events

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

Venue: The Islington Golf Club, 45 Riverbank Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario M9A 5B8. 416-231-1114

You're invited to start the New Year in style. We encourage you to join your fellow UCR members and guests for our first monthly social of 2016. A carved hip of beef buffet-style dinner will be provided, along with a cash bar. We will have a number of UCR Past Presidents as our guest speakers. They will talk to us about the origins and history of the Upper Canada Region as we kick-off UCR's 40th Anniversary in 2016.

Cost: The cost for this dinner event is \$30.00 per person, taxes and gratuities included.

Registration: UCR members and their guests need to register for this event through www.ClubRegistration.net. When registering, please indicate if you are a new club member or first-time social attendee.

JANUARY UCR SOCIAL

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 6:30-9:00pm

Venue: The Islington Golf Club, 45 Riverbank Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario M9A 5B8. 416-231-1114

Please join us in welcoming Jim Kenzie, a senior automotive journalist with the Toronto Star and avid auto enthusiast, as our February guest speaker. Jim will be talking about the recently held 2016 Detroit Auto Show and his 2016 Kenzie Car Calendar. Jim has a limited edition calendar with a customized Porsche cover, which is now on sale. Please visit www.jimkenzie.com for details and to place an order. Parachute, Canada's leading injury prevention charitable organization, is the beneficiary of Jim's annual automotive photography calendar.

Cost: The cost for this dinner event is \$30.00 per person, taxes and gratuities included.

Registration: UCR members and their guests need to register for this event through www.ClubRegistration.net. Please register early as the number of confirmed attendees is required by Islington Golf Club for menu planning purposes.



A PORSCHE CLUB RETROSPECTIVE

By John Adam, UCR Club Historian



Illustration courtesy of PCA graphics department

Upper Canada Region celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. It is fitting that we look back on what the club has brought to us over the years. While my memory may be faulty, I remember a lot of good times.

My wife and I joined a small band of enthusiasts in 1983. Monthly Socials were held at Gasthaus Schrader, an absolutely perfect spot on Church Street in downtown Toronto. What was so great about the venue was that we met on the second floor while new members were sent to the third floor balcony to be hosted by Mark and Angie Herring, after they took office as membership co-chairs. Probably half of the total membership attended the Socials in any month.

Going back, from 1976 to the early eighties, the club membership grew from perhaps 25 charter members to about 120 members. Though the numbers were small, the annual percentage growth was quite good. At the 1984 Parade in Appleton, Wisconsin, we had a good time and met our Zone Representative, who I believe was John Boles. Conversation at Parade led to a Fall UCR election and an enthusiastic new UCR administration took charge.

The new group was vigorous in developing new programs and, simultaneously, the rapidly growing sale of water-pumpers was boosting membership such that we became regular winners of the membership growth trophy at Parade. What we lacked was money in the treasury and so events were planned carefully and had to break even or do better. Success built upon success. Each year, UCR became stronger from its humble roots 40-years ago.

Changing direction somewhat, I want to take a more personal point of view. The PCA members that we met and worked with on various projects became long-term friends. Some are long distance friends from PCA regions across North America. Contacts these days are made easier by virtue of having Facebook and email readily available. We served on the 1986 Parade organizing committee and Parade planning was about two years long. I served as co-manager of the '86 Parade Goodie Store and we met

a lot of fine people in Portland, Maine. Luckily, I had to travel to the area for business reasons and so attendance at the planning meetings was no big deal. Later, that whole scene was repeated for the 1999 Parade at Mont Tremblant. We pulled off a great Goodie Store with the very capable assistance of Cray Scarlett and Andy Hunt. I wear my "thank you" gift proudly at PCA functions. Botho von Bose and I have a pin struck in gold representing the signature of Ferry Porsche. Rare indeed.

Things have changed dramatically in our 40-year history and today it is just impossible to have half of the UCR membership at a Monthly Social or any other event. After all, where would we put the crowd? What we have now is a series of very successful events and activities that create a sub-group of enthusiasts that can hang out together. Your Run Group at Driver Education is fairly cohesive. You tend to know the people in your group, the cars and the drivers' capabilities. The same would be true for Fun Run groupies or for the enthusiasts in the Concours d'Elegance.

After 33 years of membership, I can proudly conclude that it has been a great group to be a part of. It's not just the cars, it's the people.





FUN RUNS, RAMBLES & TOURS

Looking Far Ahead



By Hazel de Burgh, UCR Fun Run Program Chair

Our 2016 Fun Run Program is shaping up to be a lot of fun! So far, there are 13 events on the calendar: 7 Fun Runs, 4 Rambles and 2 Tours, including the ever popular Fun Runs in the Muskokas and Niagara regions, the Ramble to the Blue Mountains, events along the north east shores of Lake Ontario, plus there are some new events to Southern Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe, to and from Parade in Vermont, and a Nickelball Tour to Sudbury and Manitoulin Island, and a 5-day Great Smoky Mountains Tour. Lots of variety, thanks to our new and returning hosts!

- For members who've never been on one of these events:
- **Fun Runs** are country drives involving groups of 10-15 cars that follow a leader for 2-4 hours of driving, with several rest stops/opportunities for socializing, including lunch.
 - **Rambles** are similar to Fun Runs but there's no need to stay in groups and follow a leader.
 - **Tours** are country drives that involve an overnight stay, lunches and at least one dinner, and usually involve groups following one or more leaders.

Beyond these 13 events, I know there are several other events in the early planning stages. Check out UCR's Fun Run Program webpage for the latest updates, or watch this space.

So How do you Register for these Events, and When? This is NEW for 2016. Sometime before the first Registration Open Date, log in to www.clubregistration.net to set up a Profile for yourself (if you haven't done so already), and complete all the relevant details. It's easy to do, but check out <http://pcaucr.org/how-to-register/> if you'd prefer to follow step-by-step instructions. Then, for the first event you're interested in, log in to ClubReg at 6pm on the Registration Open Date (on the first Sunday within 60 days of the event date). This should give you (and all our other members) enough time to be able to commit to the events you're interested in. It should also give our hosts enough time to determine the costs of the event, so you can pay for and secure your registration. Sound fair? The only catch – based on our 2015 program, in which some events were waitlisted



Photo by MarLynn Wells

within hours or days of being announced, I suggest you sign up early if you don't want to be disappointed.

How Do I Find Out More Information About These Events? Starting with the February issue of *Provinz*, I expect to be able to publish a description of most of these events. In the meantime, mark your calendars – with two dates for each event you're interested in – the Event Date and the Registration Opening Date (at 6pm). Then, in the months and weeks leading up to the Registration Open Date, if you have any questions about the event that are not covered in the event description or on ClubReg, feel free to contact the host via the email address in the table below. Once you're registered for the event, you'll receive further details about the event, including event logistics and timing. *Bottom line, have I said this already?* Mark your calendars and sign up early, as soon as the event opens for registration!

And if you'd like to consider hosting an event in 2016, check out <http://pcaucr.org/driving/fun-runs/> or contact me. I'd be pleased to help you get your event on the road!!

And if you're interested in helping with my role, let me know that too!

Hazel de Burgh, Fun Run Program Chair
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Photo by Michael A. Coates

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

NEW FOR 2016 Register via www.clubregistration.net starting at 6pm on the dates below. Don't be disappointed! Register early, before the events you're interested in are fully booked!

#	EVENT DATE	**OPEN FOR REGISTRATION	NAME OF EVENT	DESTINATION OR AREA TO BE TRAVELLED	HOST NAME(S)	HOST EMAIL (for more information, NOT for registration)
1	Sat, May 7	Sun, Mar 13	South Muskoka Spring Fun Run	Muskokas	David Forbes & Peter Hoffman	david.forbes@rbc.com peter@hwa-inc.com
2	Sat, Jun 11	Sun, Apr 17	Southern Georgian Bay Fun Run	Penetanguishene & Midland	Martin Hederich & Michael Pohlmann	dr.flue@primus.ca speedstermp@hotmail.com
3	Sat, Jun 18	Sun, Apr 24	Bear Manor Niagara Escarpment Poker Fun Run	Grimsby	Vaughn Warrington	vwarrington@worldsourcesecurity.net
4	Sat, Jun 18	Sun, Apr 24	Ramble to Parade 2016	Toronto to Jay Peak, Vermont	Randy Gananathan	rdgananathan@gmail.com
5	Sat, Jun 25	Sun, May 1	Ramble Return from Parade 2016	Jay Peak, Vermont to Toronto	Randy Gananathan	rdgananathan@gmail.com
6	Sat, Jul 2	Sun, May 8	Grand Niagara-on-the-Lake Fun Run	Niagara-on-the-Lake	Guenter Gamauf	guenterg@rogers.com
7	Sat, Jul 16	Fri, May 22	Lake Simcoe Fun Run	Lake Simcoe	Terry Sellers	tsellers@warrantyrisk.com
8	Sun, Jul 24	Sun, May 29	Blue Mountains Ramble	Collingwood & the Blue Mountains	Don Lewtas & Hazel de Burgh	hazel.deburgh@gmail.com
9	Sat, Sep 17	Sun, Jul 24	Eastern Shores Fun Run & Car Show	Eastern Shores of Lake Ontario	David Forbes & Peter Hoffman	david.forbes@rbc.com peter@hwa-inc.com
10	Sun, Sep 25	Sun, Jul 31	"Salmon Run" Fall Ramble	Port Hope	Randy Gananathan	rdgananathan@gmail.com
11	Thurs-Mon Sep 29-Oct 3	Sun, Feb 7	Great Smoky Mountains Tour	Smoky Mountains	Jason Figueiredo	jasonfig993@gmail.com
12	Sat, Oct 1	Sun, Aug 7	Muskoka Fall Colours Fun Run	Muskokas	David & Anne Forbes	david.forbes@rbc.com
13	Sat-Sun, Oct 1-2	Sun, Aug 7	Nickelball Tour	Sudbury & Manitoulin Island	Greg Oldenburg & Dennis Centis	greg@oldenburginc.com dennis@centistile.com



TECH SESSION

Putting your Porsche to sleep for the winter



By George O'Neill, *Provinz* Technical Editor

Photos courtesy Porsche A.G. Media Archives.

Living in Canada we have two choices when it comes to what we can do with our vehicles during the winter; one, drive them; or two, put them in storage. If you are like many of our club's members, you probably have a special Porsche you do not wish to drive during the winter months. This always leads to the question: "what is the proper way to store my vehicle?"

Over the years I have gone from just parking my 996 and doing absolutely nothing to prepare for winter storage (not recommend!), to doing everything possible that could be done, which is most likely a bit of overkill. Somewhere in between is appropriate for most of us.

When I do have the time to be thorough, following are the 10 steps I take to get my car ready for its winter hibernation:

1) Go Shopping: I drop in to my local auto/hardware store and stock up on a bottle of fuel stabilizer, some car wash, a good quality car wax, wheel cleaner, leather cleaner and conditioner, glass cleaner, sponges, towels, chewing gum and if available, the latest issue of Excellence magazine.

2) Once Around the Block: I try to pick a relatively warm day and go for one last drive of the year. In turbo cars I spool up to use the waste gate, and in all I shift

though the gears many times to workout the gears and components. I take photos to refer to later during those winter days when I long for getting the car out for a drive. Oh yes, I also chew some gum when I drive.

3) Prepare the Garage: Ideally I have an inside parking spot. I sweep the floor and ensure the area is tidy and dust free. I try to ensure my space has at least one electrical plug for a battery tender or charger. To stop moisture from coming up from the floor and possibly encouraging rust to form on the undercarriage I place a thick (6mm+) poly sheet on the entire floor space where the car will be parked. I once stored my 928S for two years on a poly sheet placed over a partial concrete and dirt floor and afterward there were no signs of moisture on the underside of the car. A plastic tarp used to cover a boat or such, will also work.

4) Fill 'er up: I get out my Visa and Aeroplan cards and go over to my local gas station and fill the fuel tank to the top, all the way. I retrieve that bottle of fuel stabilizer I purchased and pour it in the tank. This helps to ensure condensation does not form in the fuel tank when air cools down or warms up, and so the fuel maintains its proper chemical properties during the storage period. I once worked at a gas station when in high school and I remember the father of a classmate

who brought in his 1976 Corvette for its first fill-up after a long winter storage, and the car would barely run. I asked him if he had used fuel stabilizer before storing the car, and he said he had not. Case in point. A few hours later after consuming most of the new tank of fresh gas, he drove back in and the car was working fine. Ever since, I have used fuel stabilizer.

5) Wash 'N' Wax: Now comes the fun part, that is, if you really love your Porsche. I get out all those cleaning products I bought and thoroughly wash and hand wax the car. I ensure to clean the brake dust off the wheels as this dust is especially corrosive, I polish any chrome trim items and muffler tips, I clean all the windows, and I put some tire shine on each tire, including the spare tire just for good measure. I also thoroughly clean the inside of the car and trunk, taking this opportunity to clean every nook and cranny so when I get the car out in the spring I am ready to roll. As well, getting the interior clean eliminates the chance for mold or mildew to form over the winter. I once neglected to clean the backseat center console tray in a car my two young kids often sat in, and just after three months of storage it looked like a science experiment was taking place back there. Some people even go as far as putting a couple of mothballs inside the vehicle to keep the air fresh and to discourage any critters from entering.

6) Change Fluids: This step may be better left to a mechanic if you do not have the equipment or desire to do this yourself. Following the instructions from Porsche, I change the engine oil and filter and brake fluids, as a minimum. The reason is contaminants can be in these fluids and may harm the engine and brake components when operated again in the spring. Used oils tend to absorb water and if this water sits over the winter it can lead to corrosion. In addition, I like to change the engine

coolant and I ensure the windshield washer fluid is topped up with -40 degrees Celsius winter blend product so it does not freeze.

7) Pump Up: I am not one to advocate storing cars on jack stands or lifts, unless you plan to work on the car for some reason while it is in storage. Rather, I like to pump the tires to 40-45 psi each and let the car sit on the floor. I do this partially because I want the car to be able to be rolled in case it needs to be moved, say in an emergency like a fire in the building it is being stored in, and because of everything I know about modern radial tires that says these tires are not really prone to being flat spotted if they sit in one place for a few months with adequate pressure. An additional benefit is that if you want to take the car for a drive on a nice winter day, it does not take too much effort to get the car out.

8) Remove the Battery: Ideally I like to remove the battery and store it in an area that is heated. If your car storage location is already heated, you may be able to leave the battery in the car and add a trickle charger to keep the battery voltage topped up. In any event, you want to consider how to keep the car secure during storage, and how you will get back into the car to check on the battery or replace it, as needed. My 996 front trunk opener is electric, and the battery compartment is located within this trunk. So, if there is no battery in the car, or if the battery is dead, it takes some extra steps to get the trunk open once shut. There is a jumper cable connection under the dash inside the fuse panel to be used in such circumstances. Also remember to locate your radio code as it will be needed to re-activate the radio if your battery has been removed. The code should be in your owner's manual, and if not, contact your Porsche service center for assistance.

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9) Cover Up: I like to plug each exhaust outlet with a cloth (adding a sticky note on the dash to remind me to remove the clothes before starting the engine again) so no rodents try to make a home in there, I turn off all electric accessories before removing the battery, I shut off the heating system and close the air vents, and I cover the car with a breathable car cover if stored indoors. If stored outdoors, I use a weatherproof cover designed for cars. Never use a general-purpose tarp which may hold in moisture.

10) Enjoy: Grab the copy of Excellence you purchased, pull up a comfortable chair, get your favorite drink, and enjoy reading the latest Porsche news while spending

quality time with your Porsche for perhaps the last time before spring.

Ensuring your car is properly prepared for its winter storage will help ensure the optimal operation of the vehicle for many years to come. There are perhaps other steps people do as well so please let us hear them!

Tech Editor's Note: Please send your comments to me and remember, we're always looking for, new ideas and new technical articles so please contact me and submit yours to: George@ONeillAdvisors.ca



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By Gary Beutler, UCR Member

My wife Sheryl and I recently attended a great banquet with lots of fun, interesting people and you were invited too, but did you attend?

Recently, while speaking with our President, Mike Bryan, he asked me if Sheryl and I would be attending the banquet this year. I mentioned that I really hadn't thought about it but the last time I attended in 2009, it was quite an ordeal to attend because it was downtown, we needed to find a hotel nearby and with the cost, I wasn't sure it was worth it. Mike mentioned that this year, the banquet was being held at the Islington Golf Club (very close to the 401 and only 1 ½ hours from our home in cottage country), was being held in mid November, bypassing all of the busy holiday dates, and was only \$50 per person. We were in!!

On line Registration was super easy and we could even arrange to sit with some of our closest UCR friends, what a bonus!! The event was being held from 6-10 pm.

As the date approached more information and updates became available, and we heard about a member's new GT4 being on display as well as the new Boxster Spyder, and oh yes, now the event was sold out!! Glad we registered early!

It was great to see everyone dressed up, as often at club events being held outdoors, we are dirty, somewhat unkept and wet! We were served a fantastic meal with three food choices and there were lots of rave reviews on the food from our

table. I took the picture below with Marie Petermann's new iPhone while demonstrating the "panorama" function. A great looking table, don't you think?

Caren Cooper, PCA's National President, made the trip from Austin, Texas, to update us on PCA events like Porsche Parade. Awards were presented to the club as well as many lucky members celebrating their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and more years anniversaries in the club as well as other exceptional service to the club.

Kees Nierop (the Porsche Factory Driver) talked about some of his racing exploits, as well as advising us that, being relaxed, smooth, and as always, using our vision, being the key to better track performance.

Special recognition was given to Kathleen Wong who went above and beyond in organizing the event right down to providing great driving directions to the event.

So any suggestions for next year? If you have any, pass them on to Kathleen Wong. For us, well only one little one: maybe some idea about the dress code in advance for members that are considering attending who have not attended in the past, or for those of us from cottage country who typically dress a little more casually than the city folk!



2015 AUTOCROSS SEASON WRAP UP



By Mario Marrello, Autocross Chair



We've completed another successful, although unusual, year with UCR's Autocross event. We started the year not even knowing for sure we'd even have an autocross event. The grounds around the Toronto Star Press Centre, our regular venue, were undergoing construction and there was mud and construction vehicles everywhere. So we all had to wait until late spring before knowing if the event would even get started.

Fortunately, the BMW Trillium Club invited us to join them for their autocross and open lapping event at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park Driver Development Track in July. At this event, the Trillium team configured the DDT for an autocross: one lap around the track, with enough cones added to strategic places

to make it both more challenging and keep the speeds down. The event was combined with the Bimmer-Cruise event which showcased a number of modern and classic BMWs. UCR was well represented with a number of autocross regulars attending both the morning autocross and the afternoon open lapping events. Unfortunately, we won't be able to repeat this in 2016, the costs are just too high even with the two clubs participating.

The second (or rather first UCR event), was held on July 26 in spite of the construction at our regular location. Those that attended would know that we had a timing equipment failure, but luckily, that turned out to just be a power supply failure in one of the wireless modules. Geoff Sheffrin and I managed by manually

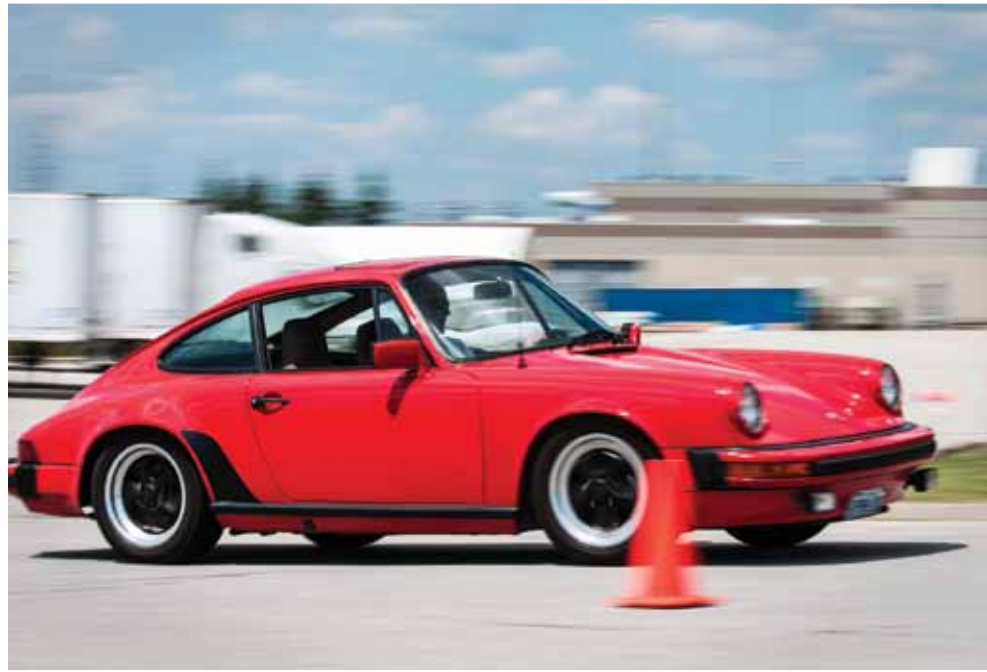
stopping the clock, while the system still handled the start trigger. The equipment was sent in for service and a "tune up" and now we should get several more years of use from it.

Once we were confident the construction wouldn't impact us, the last two events were held in September and October as usual. With the equipment repaired and tuned up, we had no issues at either event. With support from Geoff Sheffrin and Mike Lemmon, we came up with an approach that reduced the time between runs. This approach will help us accept more cars at the event in 2016. Geoff designed the course for October and feedback was all positive—Thanks Geoff!



For 2016, we will have some new equipment. We ordered a large LED display which can display the time of each run to the drivers. This should save us even more time as we won't need to handle the paperwork to record times – the drivers will be able to do that themselves. Unfortunately, plans for 2016 are not defined yet. I still need to monitor what is happening at the Toronto Star Press Centre. We cannot participate there if there is any chance that the result

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Photos by Wolfgang Lott



of the new construction causes a safety concern with non-members spectating and potentially crossing the track. In the meantime, I've got feelers out to see what other options we might have in different locations, either around the GTA or in locations we've scouted out in Barrie and Guelph. As always, I'm happy to accept venue recommendations from the membership.

As I'm writing this in late November, the weather outside is still bright and sunny and we haven't seen snow yet, so both my P-Cars are ready to be driven given the chance. I'm sure snow is on the horizon, but I'm enjoying the great weather while I can! I hope you are too. Keep safe this winter.



Photo by Mario Marrello



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PCA ADOPTS THE 944 CUP RACE SERIES



A New Era for the Production 944

Story and photos by Patti Mascone – PCA Member, Potomac Region

Patti Mascone is the driver of #26 944 (SP2) and #27 944 S2 (SP3) and has been racing since obtaining her PCA license at Bridgehampton (NY) in 1994. For more information on the 944 Cup Series please go to the following links: <https://www.pca.org/news/2015-11-03/944-cup-series-integrate-and-expand-pca-club-racing-2016> <http://44cup.com/>

With PCA Club Racing recently absorbing the independent 944 Cup racing series, a new light is shining on front-engined, four-cylinder Porsches—a category that enjoyed its first life from 1976 to 1995.

The first 924 hit US shores in 1976, as Porsche went after younger buyers—who often seemed to be the college-aged children of 911 owners! As the manufacturer tinkered, other front-four iterations included the 924 (and Turbo), 944 (and S, Turbo, Turbo S), 944 S2, and 968. A few 944s were specifically built for racing—including 31 factory-built in 1986 for the Rothmans Challenge Series in Canada, driven by the likes of Goodyear, Tracy, and Fellows.

Although you may see one of those remarkable purpose-built models in 944 Cup today, you don't need one to go racing in 944 Cup. Dave Derecola's original goal remains, some 14 years after he founded the series: take the various front-engined, four-cylinder Porsches, put them into Cup and Super Cup classes, and level the playing field in each class using weight restrictions.

In developing rules and running the series since 2002, Derecola's emphasis has been on keeping drivers engaged and helping new drivers enter the fold. The series has

flourished, even as the US economy has waxed and waned. With 944 Cup's integration into PCA Club Racing, Dave, who is a PCA member from South Carolina, will retain his position as Series Director and join PCA's Club Racing committee. And models that may have been relegated to near-extinction have been given a second life, certainly one more suited to Porsche's racing bloodline.

The PCA-944 Cup relationship began in 2006, when PCA created SP1 (Spec), SP2 (Cup), and SP3 (Super Cup). The two organizations ran joint events, with 944 Cup getting split starts if grids reached 15, a level the group regularly exceeded. By 2013, a record 60 entrants took to Watkins Glen, with 17 racers crossing the border from Canada; in 2014, the Midwest chapter joined 944 Cup, jump-starting series expansion at the Circuit of the Americas.

Sponsors have been generous: The most popular awards for 2015 were the bright-red bicycles given to National Champs Robbie Wilson (Cup) and Karl Poeltl (Super Cup) by the Pikesville Bike Shop in Maryland. Each winner was also given a year of entries in the Pirelli World Challenge.

Grassroots Motorsports (<http://grassrootsmotorsports.com/articles/porsche-944-profile/>) remarked in 2000 that a water-cooled Porsche could be purchased for the price

of “a used Honda,” and the car continues today to appear on the budget-racer's list. Over 130,000 of these Porsches were originally sold in the United States (see <http://www.connact.com/~kgross/FAQ/944faq03.html>). Of those, just over 56,000 were 944s, sold from 1983 to 1989. The largest production year was 1984, followed by 1986. Unlike other cars of that period, owners kept their 944s drivable, so not only is the model available but a network of parts suppliers (used/refurbished, after-market, OEM) exists to support the amateur 944 racer.

Recently, Super Cup has grown, with grids at the 2015 championship equaling those in Cup.



Derecola says that in order to keep costs down for Super Cup/SP3, “We kept in place the basic concept that you get to run a stock engine.” With eBay and other online sources for finding cars and parts, this class has proven to be quite attainable, though drivers must be savvy about the cross-pollination of parts from later Porsches.

No matter the steed chosen, many 944-related suppliers race in, crew for a driver, or support the series—so technical support is readily available. In this series, the competition is tight, but the camaraderie never wanes. And there's always room for one more driver!

2015 UCR BANQUET

Celebrating UCR's Podium Finishes



By Kathleen Wong, Vice President. Pictures by Michael Coates, UCR Photographer

The 2015 UCR Annual Banquet was held at the Islington Golf Club on Saturday, November 24 and drew a record attendance of 170 members and guests. Attendees were greeted by a white Boxster Spyder (courtesy of Porsche Cars Canada), a yellow Cayman GT4 (courtesy of Gregory Sin, UCR member) and a silver Cayman GT4 (courtesy of Anthony Wong, UCR member), all on display outside the club house. Our two special guests were PCA National President, Caren Cooper, who joined us from Austin, Texas, and Kees Nierop, Porsche factory driver and certified Porsche instructor, who joined us from Kelowna, British Columbia, as keynote speaker.

The banquet began with opening remarks by UCR President Mike Bryan. Mike thanked all the volunteers for their time and selfless efforts and for contributing to UCR's successes, including record-breaking participation at almost all our events in 2015. We had 300+ members and non-members at Shift-into-Spring (aka "Open House"), 900+ registrations at six Drivers Education ("DE") events and three Introductory Driving School ("IDS") events, a sellout for every Autocross event, 460 cars (900+ registrations) in 15 Fun Runs/Rambles/Tours, 80+ attendees at most of our Socials, and 92 beautiful Porsches at our Concours d'Elegance.

UCR hosted several community-support events in 2015:

- The "driven2smile" event in June at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park ("CTMP") was organized by Jill Clements-Baartman and Del Bruce. More than 90 UCR instructors and members gave rides to over 400 physically-challenged children and their families, and hosted a lunch for them.

- In September, our "Hearth Place Fun Run and Show & Shine" was organized by Fun Run Chair David Forbes. Hosted by the Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre in Oshawa, the tour of their facility helped raise awareness of the valuable work they do in providing care for cancer sufferers and their families in Durham Region and beyond. Separately, at three DE events at CTMP this past season, DE Chair Dave Osborne organized UCR DE instructors and members in providing lunch-time rides to young children with cancer.

- UCR teamed up with the BMW Trillium Club to deliver two of the largest Street Survival School events in North America, the first in May and the second in September. UCR representatives Mario Marrello and Hazel de Burgh brought out more than 50 UCR DE

instructors and helpers at each event, and provided nearly 100 young people the opportunity to develop car control techniques and learn the limits of their cars and their skill.

Mike Bryan thanked all the volunteers for delivering some 50 UCR events in 2015, including Monthly Socials, Open House, Fun Runs/Rambles/Tours, Rally, DE events, Club Race, Autocross, Concours d'Elegance, Ski Day, Porscheplatz, and the Annual Banquet. Mike also thanked Emily Atkins for her time as *Provinz* Editor and for winning UCR the PCA Betty Jo Turner Award for Newsletter Excellence—best in PCA's 144 regions. Mike also thanked Randy Gananathan for taking over as our *Provinz* Editor in July.

Thanking the 2015 UCR Board for its great work during the past year, Mike acknowledged the five Board members who are stepping down, namely Jill Clements-Baartman,



From left to right: Walter Murray (President, 2014); Rosemary Adam (President, 1989); Marc Plouff (President, 1988). These were the three years UCR took the "PCA Region of the Year" award.

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From left to right: Kathleen Wong (Vice President), Ken Jensen (Membership Retention), Mike Bryan (President): UCR took "1st Place - Actual Growth" award in 2015.

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Mike Edmonds, Sencer Erkaya, Robert Moniz and Mick Oliveira. He then announced the 2016 UCR Board that was to take office on December 1st. Mike Bryan will remain as President, Kathleen Wong will remain as Vice President, Michael Pohlmann will be our new Treasurer, Foster Zanutto will be our new Secretary and Walter Murray will remain as Past President. Peter Oakes is stepping down as Treasurer but will remain on the Board as a Director, along with a returning Hazel de Burgh and three new Directors: Tom Arndt, Mark Holman and Gregory Sachs.

Mike also acknowledged the following members for playing key roles at UCR: Mark and Angie Herring (our long-service Membership Chairs), John Adam (UCR Historian), Ken Jensen (webmaster supreme and Membership Retention Chair), and Rod Nagy (Advertising Sales Chair).

In 2015, UCR received some very special awards from PCA at the 60th Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana, in respect of our 2014 achievements. UCR took home four awards:

- 1st place as PCA Region of the Year (The Ferry Porsche Trophy was named in honor of the late Dr. Ferdinand "Ferry" Porsche and was first presented at Parade in 1961);
- 1st place for Actual Growth;
- 2nd place in the National Newsletter Contest Class V Region; and
- 2nd place in the National Website Contest Class V Region

UCR is the largest of PCA's Regions, with 2,550 primary members (plus 1,278 affiliate members for a total of 3,828 members) as of the end of October 2015. The number of primary members had increased by 888, i.e. +53% since the end of 2010. That growth has been

helped by Downtown Porsche and Porsche of London, who have been giving their customers free first-year UCR memberships with vehicle purchase, but our team of volunteers have played a critical role in engaging those new members and giving them reason to renew. Mike also acknowledged the dealer representatives present at the banquet—Laurance Yap of Pfaff Porsche and David Perruzza of Porsche Centre Oakville—and thanked them for the continued support.

Mike welcomed Alexander Schildt and Kathrin Menge of Porsche Cars Canada and thanked them for providing the new Boxster Spyder on display at our banquet. Porsche has demonstrated strong growth in Canada with sales for the first 10 months of 2015 increasing by 32% to a record 5,513 vehicles. The company recently broke

ground at the northeast corner of Highways 404 & 401, soon to be home to a 60,000 sq. ft. building that will house a new corporate HQ, a full service dealership,



Marc Plouff and Linda Plouff – 30th Anniversary. Marc was UCR President in 1988. He is also a frequent winner at our Concours d'Elegance with his 1988 944 Turbo Cup.

and Porsche's first training centre in Canada.

Following the banquet's first course of honey-roasted butternut squash soup, Mike acknowledged Gerd Schwarzkopf, who has been a PCA member for 49 years, first with Niagara Region and then with UCR after it received its charter in 1976. In 2015, we had 231 members who've been part of the UCR family for 5, 10, 15, 20, or subsequent five-year milestones. Mike

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Tom Brown and Cynthia Brown – 25th Anniversary. Tom Brown was a former Board member. He is a Professor at Centennial College, teaching the Automotive Service Technician apprenticeship program.

presented certificates of appreciation to the 19 of those long-time UCR members who were present at the banquet.

After the anniversary awards ceremony, our members enjoyed their entrée choice of Seared Medallions Alberta Beef with Cremini Mushroom and Sweet Garlic Sauce, Atlantic Salmon Fillet and Charred Tiger Shrimps Pernod and Chive Butter, or Grilled & Roasted Vegetable Strudel Petite Herb Salad, Glazed Asparagus, and Goat's Cheese Gratinée.



John Van Atter and Pat Van Atter — 25th Anniversary. John was UCR President in 1999. John and Pat are active volunteers in quite a few of our events such as Porscheplatz and our Club Race.



Wes Armstrong and Angela Armstrong (not in photo) – 20th Anniversary

The five previously mentioned outgoing directors and event chairs were then called up to receive awards for their contribution during the past several years.

Mike also thanked the following four outgoing directors and event chairs not present: Mike Edmonds, Club Race Chair 2011-2013 and Director 2014-2015. Robert Moniz, Treasurer 2013-2014, and Director 2015, and Mick Oliveira, Club Race Chair and Director 2014-2015. Laurel Ward was DE Worker Assignments Captain 2012-2014 and Socials Co-Chair in 2014-2015.

Next, Mike took great pleasure in announcing Ted Youngs as UCR 2015 “Enthusiast of the Year”. After buying a Boxster in 2013, Ted joined UCR and got involved. The fact that he’s 85 years old and hearing impaired didn’t deter him from participating in many club events in 2015, including almost every Monthly Social, Open House, Porscheplatz and Porsche Parade

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Jasper Man - 20th Anniversary



Michelle Jawan and Robert Magro – 20th Anniversary



Clive Young and Michael Young – 20th Anniversary

in French Lick, Indiana. A highlight of the year was participation in the Mobil 1 Time-Speed-Distance Rally at Parade. Given Ted's hearing impairment, he and his navigator, Mary Ellen Duncan, had to develop a novel



Mario Marrello and Anna Marrello – 15th Anniversary



Martin Tekela – 15th Anniversary. Martin was UCR President in 2009 and 2010. He is a DE instructor and our Socials Chair.

approach to communication: Mary Ellen wrote abbreviated instructions on Post-it Notes and stuck them onto Ted's steering wheel. The notes included simple hand signals for "stop, go, slow down, turn left" and so on. The pair scored pretty well at the rally.

After members had enjoyed their delicious Bourbon Vanilla Crème Brûlée dessert, Mike Bryan introduced Caren Cooper, PCA National President. Caren joined PCA in 1996 and served as National Vice President, National Secretary and Zone 5 Representative prior to taking on the role of National President. At the Regional level, she served as Hill Country Region President, Vice President, and Club Race Chair. She has also been involved as a PCA club racer and DE instructor. At Parades, she volunteers as a Concours judge, as a

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Dich Phong Tham – 15th Anniversary

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member of the Autocross grid team, and at registration for Tech Academy. Professionally, Caren has a Ph.D. in Psychology and, in addition to clinical work and university teaching for more than 25 years, she is an independent consultant providing organizational management education and training.

Caren told us that of the 600 Porsche Clubs around the world, PCA is the largest. It is also the largest single-marque car club in the world. PCA has grown to



Desmond Tam and Samantha Tam (not in photo) – 10th Anniversary. Desmond is a PCA Club Racer. He did his first club race at CTMP in 2014 and had a podium finish at the Can/Am Challenge Club Race in 2014 and 2015.

nearly 120,000 members (primary and affiliate) since it was founded 60 years ago. Caren congratulated UCR for achieving podium position as the largest of PCA's 144 Regions. She reminded us that PCA is a member-owned, non-profit organization, with its growth fuelled



Gene Wolski and Alice Wolski (not in photo) – 10th Anniversary.



Michael Jordache and Ingrid Feder – 5th Anniversary.

purely by volunteers. She encouraged more members to become volunteers to help spread the workload and reduce the burden on our leaders. Caren closed her speech by promoting 2016 Porsche Parade, which will take place at Jay Peak Resort in Vermont. Mike Bryan thanked Caren by presenting her a mini high tech wallet bearing the UCR logo.

Mike then introduced our keynote speaker, Kees Nierop. Kees is a professional race car driver and has been promoting Porsches for 30 years. He is most noted for winning the 1983 12 Hours of Sebring race, driving a Porsche 934, and for capturing the Rothmans Porsche 944 Championship in 1986, competing against names like Scott Goodyear, Richard Spenard, Bill Adam, Rick Bye, and Paul Tracy. Kees was a Porsche factory driver at Le Mans and also at Daytona, driving the racing version of the legendary Porsche 959. Kees is credited with being the only Canadian to have his



Brent Muir and Judith Fortuna – 5th Anniversary. Brent was DE Registrar in 2013

name on a Porsche factory race car displayed in the Porsche Museum located in Stuttgart. Kees retired in 2011 from competitive racing and has been a full-time certified Porsche instructor at Porsche Sport Driving School, Porsche Cars North America and Porsche Canada events. Kees has also been involved in Porsche Camp4 and Camp4S programs at Mecaglisse, Quebec since 2012.



Rick Nichols and Rosel Nichols – 5th Anniversary.



William Smith and Liam Smith – 5th Anniversary.

Kees then gave us some tips on how to go fast. He said that the three key words are “relax”, “weight” and “vision”. In order to drive fast, the driver has to relax, feel the weight of the car and look far ahead when driving.

Kees also told us an amazing story about his experience in 2007 driving a Cayenne as the Canadian entry in the TransSyberia Rally. The TransSyberia Rally is a

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Rymal Smith and Ruth Smith – 5th Anniversary.



Joeie Tsang and Linda Tsang (not in photo) – 5th Anniversary.



David Walker and Janet Walker - 5th Anniversary.

7,200 km off-road, two week, live-in-a-tent, race from Moscow to Ulaanbataar in Mongolia. Kees' co-driver/navigator was Laurance Yap, who at that time was a writer for Toronto Star's "Wheels" section. Driving through Mongolia, they were running in the top 10. As they drove towards the crest of a hill in the middle of the Gobi desert, Kees eased onto the Cayenne's brakes, expecting to drive down the other side. But the ground just dropped away underneath them. All four wheels left the ground, leaving Kees and Laurance holding on in mid-air before the front-left corner of the Cayenne dug into the ground and the front windshield totally shat-



Jill Clements-Baartman: Jill is stepping down as Secretary of the Board, but will remain as driven2smile Chair, and is already planning driven2smile's 5th Anniversary event in June 2016



Peter Oakes: Peter was Treasurer in 2015 and will remain as a Director in 2016



Ted Youngs - 2015 Enthusiast of the Year.



Sencer Erkaya: Sencer will be stepping down as a Director, but will continue as UCR's Equipment Manager



David Forbes: David was a Director in 2012 & 2013. He was also Fun Run Chair from 2007 to 2014 and Fun Run Co-Chair in 2015.



Walter Murray: Walter was a Director from 2010 to 2012 and President in 2013 & 2014. He was Past President in 2015 and will remain on the Board in 2016

tered. There were car parts everywhere, landing metres away from the Cayenne—the front wheel, the headlight and the engine. This massive crash ended up providing great publicity for both Kees and Laurance, because they walked away uninjured from a totally destroyed Cayenne. (You can see a video clip of this on YouTube, "Porsche Cayenne TransSyberia Crash 2007" <https://youtu.be/AAesLqWm5Hw>). Mike Bryan thanked Kees by presenting him

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Caren Cooper, PCA National President

TRACKTALK



Photo by 303 Imaging

By Dave Osborne, UCR Track Chair

It was all over national news that one of Google's self driving cars was pulled over in Mountain View California for driving too slow. The car was traveling at 24 mph (39 kph) in a 35 mph (56 kph) zone and the officer felt that it was impeding traffic. Since the car was in autonomous mode at the time, the officer had a conversation with the "passenger" and explained the dangers of slow moving traffic. Google's response to the story was appalling.

The company tried to make the issue sound cute by saying that they want their cars to seem approachable and made a joke that rarely are humans caught going too slow. In their press release they said that the car had travelled the equivalent of 90 years worth of mileage without incident. That's not a good answer. Google is attempting to assimilate their technology into our daily lives and are developing a transportation program. That's fine, but their products should enter our highway systems seamlessly, not as a cute obstruction. Picture the mayhem in the GTA if traffic approached a gaggle of Googles traveling at 56 kph on the 401. That's the same percentage of the speed limit that their car was travelling when pulled over. How safe is that for the traffic that must negotiate around them?

Google's response about the equivalent of 90 year's mileage reminded me of my wonderful Grandmother, who in her old age once boasted how in all of her years driving she had never had an accident. I knew firsthand the kind of carnage she left in her wake as she wandered along window shopping. So while it's nice that they have accumulated 90 years worth of mileage, their autonomous cars won't be welcome in traffic if they actually drive like a 90 year old.

Now that the Registration system is open, we hope that you've signed up for as many events in 2016 as possible. It's also a great time to go into your Driver's Profile and make any adjustments to your information to keep it current.

While your medication information is very important, it's also important to note any changes in your track vehicle. The tower uses the model, car number and colour of your car to identify who is in the driver's seat during your run groups. That information also helps those operating the Tech Line to process you quickly in the morning. It's also a good idea to read the Registration Rules once every season too. Then you will be up to date on any variations and you won't be caught off guard at the track.

For those of you who are new to UCR and wonder what all this Track Talk is about, I thought now would be a good time to briefly explain our Advanced Driver Education Program. I'll start by making it clear that this isn't a racing program. Our goal is to help you get the most out of the performance of your Porsche in a safe, controlled environment. This is Driver Education on a Closed Road Course at its finest.

We start with the Introductory Driving School. This mandatory "skid control" school is conducted at the Mosport Driver Development Facility three times per season. It's held twice in April and once again in August. The focus of IDS is to teach you the basics on how to sit, hold the steering wheel and brake to achieve the most control over your Porsche. The exercises that I call Slipping and Sliding in Safety, are designed to teach accident avoidance and greater car control before you ever set your wheels on a track. There are classroom sessions, skid pad sessions, cornering lessons and accident avoidance techniques. Every moment of these sessions are designed to be both informative and a lot of fun.

Once you've mastered your car control at IDS, the natural progression is to our Driver Education Program. Our DE Program is divided into five categories. Everyone starts out in the Green run group so you are sharing the track with other novices. No need to worry about keeping up or doing

anything scary. The speeds are low, the assigned Instructors are friendly and informative and the learning curve is huge. Once you've gotten the feel for your car, its responses, and mastered a few basic skills, you move up to the Yellow run group. There you will spend time with your personal Instructor working on smoothness and consistency. No one cares how fast you can go. The focus is on how well you drive. Each run group has certain skill levels that you will achieve before moving on to the next one. You're always on the track with other drivers who are at the same skill and speed level, so you can give your attention to your development instead of those around you. It's a fun and very safe format developed over many years.

At this point things change a bit. The move from the Yellow run group to the White one is a major step in the development of any performance driver. It's the point where you and your Instructor agree that you have the skill to improve on your own. When you have the confidence to identify your weaknesses and the basic skills to work on them at your own pace, you will get "signed off" into the White group. I often point out that this isn't the end of your progress but a new start. It's now up to the student to work on their driving skills and occasionally ask an Instructor to ride along for some fine tuning. Once you're quick, confident and courteous to other drivers you will make the penultimate move to the Black run group. There the focus is on becoming an expert driver. The Black group isn't a free for all for maniacs. It's one of the most skilled run groups, filled with knowledgeable, mature drivers who are expand-

ing their personal boundaries on what they thought was possible, from their cars and from themselves. It's from this group that our Chief Instructors choose the candidates to become Instructors.

The Red run group is composed solely of Instructors. All of UCR's are handpicked from the Black run group, put through the National Certification program and must meet our Club's highest standards. UCR Instructors are highly regarded at any UCR or BMW event anywhere in North America and are sought after at other region's events. The level of professionalism that UCR has achieved in this volunteer group is impressive. Our Chief Instructors, Stephen Goodbody and Tim Sanderson, are organizing a more active Instructor Program for the coming season that will challenge them to reach even higher standards. There are great things ahead.

One thing that I did want to point out to prospective participants is that none of these progressions are mandatory. There are a small number of DE participants that never want to become Instructors or push the envelope. They are satisfied with their skills and participation and thoroughly enjoy the social aspects of coming out to the track and stretching their Porsche muscles. By being safe and competent drivers we have fulfilled our mission and we fully enjoy their friendship and participation. DE is not a competition, but a welcoming, learning environment. We hope you will come out and make some new friends too.

Dave



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Kees Nierop, Porsche Factory Driver and Certified Porsche Instructor

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We sincerely thank the following volunteers for making our banquet a success: John and Rosemary Adam, our banquet consultants; Mario Marrello for helping with clubregistration.net; Renate Weidner for designing the beautiful table centrepieces; Christine Renate, Caroline Bourret, and Caren Cooper for helping at the registration desk; and Michael Coates (UCR photographer) for putting together the slideshow in the ballroom and taking pictures throughout the evening.



Kees Nierop's Porsche 959 factory race car displayed in the Porsche Museum at Stuttgart. Photo courtesy: Michael Pohlmann



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Our Holiday Social at Pfaff Porsche

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UCR Members closed a stellar year of fabulous Porsche Club activities at our December Holiday Social on December 8, 2015 generously hosted by Pfaff Porsche. The Pfaff Porsche Showroom was filled with a vibe and energy fuelled by 180 UCR Members and Guests. Members enjoyed scintillating conversation while feasting on gourmet food and libations and aweing at special model Porsches on display. The evening was a tremendous success!

Dave Sambrook, VP of Operations with Pfaff Porsche, welcomed UCR Members and provided the history of the special Porsches on display. Dave generously raffled off a gazillion Porsche prizes and UCR Members walked away with special Pfaff mementos and very happy smiles. Allison Pidgen, Event Marketing Manager with Pfaff Porsche, oversaw the catering and bar with her associates and kept the libations flowing even after a much larger than expected turnout. Laurance Yap, Director of Marketing with Pfaff Porsche, brought in several special model Porsches just for the Social which created a buzz of energy and amazing photo ops for Members. The

impressive line up of Porsches on display included:

- **A 2016 PCA-60 911 Club Coupe** - Michael Pohlmann won the opportunity to purchase this fabulous Porsche (one of only 60 made) and unveiled, with Tom Neumann of Pfaff Porsche, his brand new Porsche. Read the full story in next month's *Provinz*.
- **2015 911 Turbo S Pfaff 50th Anniversary Edition** - one of only 5 made
- **2014 911 GT3 Cup Car** driven by Chris Green winner of the Series - who attended and signed special edition copies of his car for Members
- **1994 Turbo S "Flachbau"** or slantnose - one of 76 made worldwide
- **1994 911 Turbo S "package car"** - one of 17 made

We are grateful to our very good friends at Pfaff Porsche for hosting our December Holiday Social and we appreciate their dedication to our Club. We wish them much continued success in 2016.

As far as the Member program of the evening, Mike Bryan, President of UCR congratulated Ted

Youngs, our 2015 Enthusiast of the Year. Ted, a new Member of only 2 years, has attended pretty much every Social since joining, bought a new Boxster for this 85-year young gentleman and is the epitome of a Porsche car and UCR Club Enthusiast! Congratulations to Ted Youngs, and well deserved!

Mike Bryan awarded New Member and First Time Social Member pins to the following people and we welcome them warmly to the Club and Socials: Anson Au, Michael Betel, Pat Cheung, Gerry Cornwall, Mary Ellen Duncan, Matthew Lam, Luisa Nino, Foster and Karen Zanutto. Will Smith received his 5 year Membership Recognition Award.

Mike also recognized Laurel Ward, as she is stepping down from role as Socials Co-Chair from 2013-2015. Mike thanked Laurel for her contribution in boosting attendance at Socials to record levels and bringing in a pre-registration system and a recognition program for New Members and First Time Social Members. Mike also awarded Laurel a Recognition Award for her 10 year Membership in the Club and 3 year Volunteer Service to the DE Program as Worker Assignment Captain.

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PERIPHERAL VISION

By John Adam, UCR Historian



Sometimes, the dates of Porsche-related events are clustered or bunched, like grapes. Sometimes there are conflicts with other family events. It makes advance planning mandatory.

By now, the new executive has completed its first round of plans for the 2016 season. There are members new to the group bringing fresh ideas and we're looking forward to a great year. Event chairs are now able to begin their detailed planning. Dates are in place for Driver Education, the Club Race and a variety of major events. One of the things that we do at this point is to book our favourite CTMP-area bed and breakfast for the entire DE and Club Race season. Task completed. We continue to enjoy using the new CTMP tower facility—the Tower Team is adept at handling the various situations that can arise during our DE weekends and it's nice that we now work in air-conditioned comfort.

The Porsche Parade is in Jay Peak, VT, June 19-26. It's a day's drive—721km from Mississauga. We will likely stop overnight en route south of Montreal and then continue to the resort hotel on Sunday morning. That has us arriving in good time to register with PCA, have lunch with PCA friends, and then gain access to our hotel room. The WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (formerly United SportsCar Championship, formerly ALMS) race and Porscheplatz at CTMP are July 10-12; UCR's Club Race at CTMP will be August 5-7. Though we aren't racers, we do have fun working at the event. The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series is coming back to CTMP September 2-4. That should be another exciting spectacle.

Gosh, this Porsche life is just a whirl!

In January, 1991, Clive Van Wert, a former UCR president, first reported suffering from "the twitch". It is a debilitating seasonal condition. Clive reported that you sit around the house reading *Panorama* or *Provinz*, you play videos of Driver Education events—and then your eye starts to twitch. You walk through the house with a blank stare—the twitch starts again. The diagnosis is track withdrawal. But there is a cure coming up.

The Detroit Auto Show (January 16-24), the Rolex 24-hour race at Daytona (January 30-31), and the PCA Tech Tactics in February are upcoming events that will help with "the twitch". Planning for Parade Registration can be another useful winter activity.

Endure the cold, or take a break. It's your choice. We will likely be checking out some beaches and cold drinks in the Caribbean while the snow flies.





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