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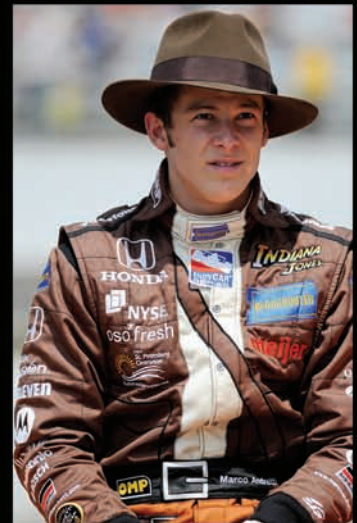


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Ed Russ's 1956 356 B at TRAC 2008

photo by Neil MacDonald

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November

- 2 *Concours Judge's School*
- 7 *Board Meeting*
- 15 *Fall Tech Session/Winter Car Care Clinic*
- 16 *Bears Social*

December

- 6 Dinner Dance

Italics = Event Information in this issue

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Jack Stephensen, President

It is hard to believe. The last of the driving events is over. This entire year was over as fast as it started. Hopefully, there will be some nice days left to enjoy our passions, but thoughts turn to car storage for the winter. Now it is time to remove the bugs, put a new coat of wax on the car, cover it for the winter and reflect on the year.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the year as much as Karen and I have. We both had a great time on the last rallye of the year. It has become tradition that Susan Shire and Steve Rashbaum are the final rallyemasters for the year. And, as usual, Steve and Susan did not disappoint. Susan continued to earn her badge of distinction as the DRB. Those who rallye will understand what that title stands for and for those who do not will be welcomed to find out next year. Susan found new ways to trap the more experienced rallyists while keeping the novice teams on course. What really hurt was being lured into an off-course checkpoint by a trap I have used to teach novice rallyists at the rallye school for the past three years. The only thing to do when that happens is to smile and say great trap. Susan, Steve - Great Rallye and thanks for stepping up again and again with everything you do for the club.

At the same time, I would like to pass congratulations on to Art and Janet Kardatke on their first rallye win. Art and Janet have rallied for many years. They were also first time rallyemasters this year. They were one of the few cars that did not fall for Susan's devious trap and drove in to the correct checkpoint. This accomplishment was even greater than at first glance due to the fact that Janet was still recovering from an emergency appendectomy several weeks earlier. In fact, it was the day after pre-driving the Jacisin's Apple Canyon Rallye that Janet ended up in the hospital going through emergency surgery. Congratulations again!

Karen and I were unable to make it to Octoberfest this year. Karen's daughter (and frequent checkpoint worker) was married to Eric (another frequent check point worker). From what I have heard, we both had great weekends. This Octoberfest marked the return of the Pig Roast to Williams Tree Farm. Shannon Gallagher did an outstanding job of organizing this event. It is not surprising. Shannon has had a great teacher. For those who are not aware, Shannon is Dan Gallagher's daughter and she shares the same passion that her Dad has had for many years. Shannon had something for everyone. There was pumpkin painting for the kids to an Umpah Band for dancing. With help from Dan and Peggy Gallagher, Bob and Virginia Gummow, Bob and Shirley Cook, Mel and Ilene Wostoupal, it was a great evening.

Hopefully, it has been a year that everyone has enjoyed. Several events are still to come. Pat Yanahan will be putting on his nationally recognized Concours Judging School on November 2. This event is being held at The Porsche Exchange in Highland Park. The Exchange continues to support the Region above and

beyond the call of duty. They have sponsored all the Blackhawk events this year including Octoberfest. They outdid themselves by providing lunches to ALL that attended. Thank you for your support.

Peter Faehnrich and his tech staff are putting on a winter car care clinic on Saturday November 15th. This event is being held at Napleton Porsche located in Westmont. As always, Napleton stepped up to host this event, even though it was on short notice. Thank you once again for allowing us to take over your dealership for one of our events.

Toby Duckett is putting on the Bears Social on November 16th. It is once again being held at Weber Grill in Lombard. The food is always great and plentiful. Hopefully, the game will be just as good as the food. With the Bears playing the Green Bay Packers, we hope to have plenty of opportunities to sing the Bear's fight song.

And don't forget get about the annual dinner dance scheduled for Saturday, December 6th at the Hilton in Lisle. James Drury has been hard at work planning a special evening of dining and dancing. Cindy Jacisin is once again collecting for Toy's for Tot's. She is asking everyone to bring an unwrapped toy or two for our Toy's for Tot's collection. In light of the economy being what it is, I am sure these donations will be even more appreciated this year.

It has been a great season that was made even better by the high attendance at all of the events. DE events were mostly sold out. We had a huge turnout at Potter's Picnic. All the rallyes were well participated as were the autocross and concours events. Thank you to everyone who came to an event. Thank you to all who helped in any small way to organize an event, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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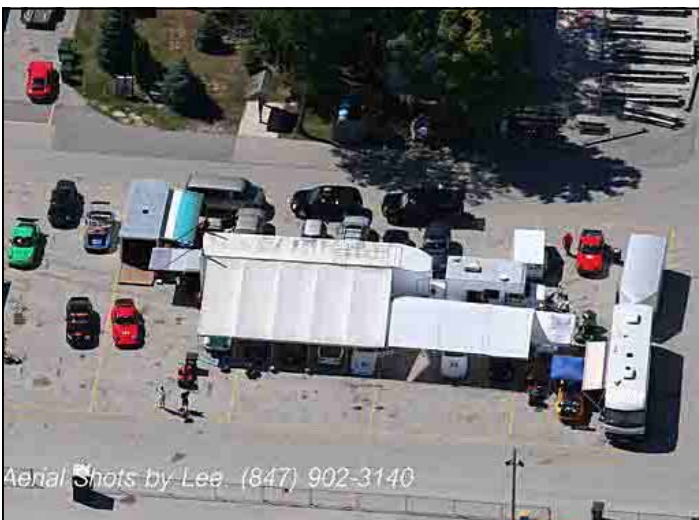
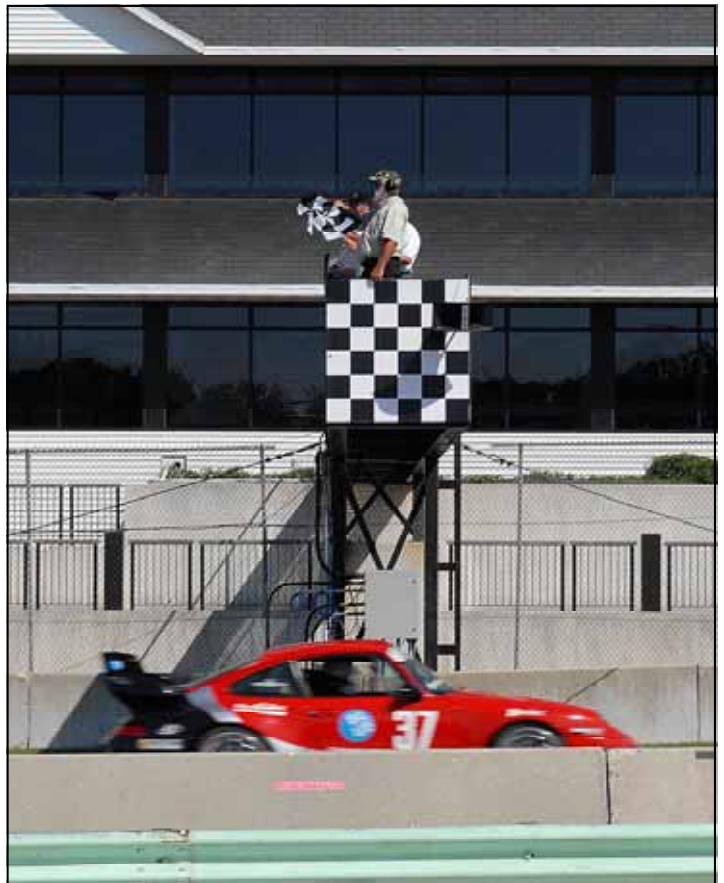
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It was a beautiful weekend that began the evening before when everyone gathered for a traditional Swiss dinner at the Chalet Landhaus.



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Chicago Region Board Minutes: September 2008

Respectfully submitted by Jim Jacisin

Porsche Club of America Chicago Region Board Meeting Minutes September 5, 2008

Voting Board Members Present: Jack Stephensen, John Ruther, Neil MacDonald, Cindy Jacisin, Chuck LaMantia, James Jacisin, Susan Shire, and Greg Turek

Coordinators Present: Bob Rath, Pete Bukantis, Scott Lynn, Pete Hackenson, Ed Leed, Todd Conforti, Brian Beierwaltes, John Diwik, George Schaefer III, James Drury, Carl Walstad, Peter Faehnrich, Chris Ingot, and Kori Kwak

Members Present: Toby Duckett, and Steve Rashbaum

Meeting Called to Order by Jack Stephenen at 8:02 PM. Park Ridge VFW Hall, Park Ridge, IL

Jack Stephensen welcomes Board Members and Coordinators, and guest membership.

Secretary: Jim Jacisin presented the amended August minutes for Board approval. Motion to accept, Chuck LaMantia, Second: Greg Turek, Approved: Unanimously

Treasurer: Neil McDonald updated, in a detailed report, GingerMan, Autocross III and IV, DE, TRAC, Concours and Sponsorship for last month. Neil reported that Scene income is billed twice a year and answered questions regarding uncollected advertising funds. Motion to accept, Chuck LaMantia, Second: Cindy Jacisin, Approved: Unanimously

President: Jack Stephensen On behalf of the Chicago Region and all participants, Jack expressed thanks to all the volunteers and coordinators responsible for the successes at the Labor Day event at Road America. Jack detailed the charity tour of New Glarus, WI. A discussion followed regarding registration for all Chicago Region events at ClubRegistration.net.

Vice President: John Ruther No Report.

Autocross: Bob Rath With 43 participants, Bob reported on the Tri-Region event at Rockford Speedway. The last Autocross of the year will be September 14th at Maywood Park Race Track.

Timing & Scoring: Pete Bukantis reported that the Central Wisconsin Region has taken our old/donated timing and scoring equipment. George thanked both Jack and Susan for their support in Timing and Scoring at Road America. In return, Jack and all board members thanked George for his continued efforts.

Road America: Keith Clark/Chuck LaMantia/Pete Hackenson Pete reported a record number of Drivers Education entrants with a decline in incidents. Race Car Concours again went well.

Dinner at Siebkens was again delicious. Thanks to Pete Hackenson, Todd Conforti, John Ruther, John Diwik, Susan Shire, Greg Turek, Chuck LaMantia, Keith Clark, Dennis Costis, and Mary Anne Nowakowski for their continued efforts in making this the premier DE/Club Race event that it has become. Greg reported a radio has disappeared from a coordinator's cart. Susan reported with 170 cars as our Club Race model, 180 Club Race cars enrolled for the event at Road America, including 4 rookies and 41 new to the Road America circuit.

Blackhawk Farms: Todd Conforti reported the September 19th event has 49 cars pre-registered and 40 cars pre-registered for Octoberfest Weekend.

GingerMan: Scott Lynn No Report.

Autobahn: Chris Ingot/Dennis Costis No report

Chief Driving Instructor: John Ruther asked for instructors to be present at the September 19th event at Blackhawk Farms, as this is the last Novice opportunity prior to Octoberfest.

Insurance: Keith Clark No Report.

Concours: John Diwik reported 35 cars participated in the Geneva Concours. Road America had 23 Concours-only cars and 68 race cars. John thanked Dennis Costis for aiding the parking process on the street in Elkhart Lake.

Rallye: Ed Barnicle reported that Rallye III by Fred and Marilee Jacobson drew 23 cars. Cindy reported that Rallye IV, the Apple Canyon Run II, has strong, first-time rallyeists enrolled.

Social: Ed Barnicle reported that Weber Grill will be our host for the November 16th Bears vs. Green Bay Packers social event. The Halloween Party hosted by Carl and Carol Armand will be October 25th at Flagg Creek Country Club.

Membership: Mike Haas No report

Safety: Todd Conforti again reported DE incidents were down this year. New harness rules forced some DE II drivers to move up into DE I. A short discussion follows. Susan reported that many delays this year at Road America were attributed to fluid on the track causing lengthy clean ups and delays.

Technical: Peter Faehnrich thanked Kori for her volunteer efforts handling the scales and DE tech at Road America.

Charity: Kori Kwak thanked Dan Nelson of Decatur Blue Print for the posters donated at Road America. A discussion followed regarding raising additional funds for our charity, Bear Necessities. Kori suggests that the Dinner Dance be the time and location of the check presentation from the board. Chuck motions that the \$15,000.00 check to Bear Necessities be presented during the

Minutes ...

Chicago Marathon as Bear Necessities is a marathon sponsor. Cindy seconded. Approved unanimously. Kori suggested a Winterize Your Car session and a "For Women Only" in conjunction with the Concours Judges School. More information to follow.

Goodie Store: Chuck LaMantia No report.

Chicago Scene: Susan Shire No Report. Chris Inglot reports that there is a lack of committed newsletter editors. The Board thanked Susan for her continuing efforts.

Property: No report.

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison: Brian Beierwaltes reported this year's contributions have exceeded all previous levels and thanks our committed sponsors for their continued support.

Historian: Dan Gallagher No report.

Webmaster: Carl Walstad No report.

Zone 13 News: Chris Inglot reported, intended to spark Parade interest, a tour will be available of the Pheasant Run facility

September 27th. Chris announced his second 2-year Zone Rep term is ending at the end of 2008. Interested parties should contact him or Jack Stephensen.

Old Business: On behalf of Tony Haggerty, Mike Frelander, and Dave Matthews, Jack reported the Porsche Cayenne event is on hold until 2009.

New Business: Jack reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee that the 2009 slate is:

President: Jack Stephensen
Vice President: John Ruther
Treasurer: Neil MacDonald
Secretary: Jim Jacisin
Directors: Ed Barnicle and Steve Olson.

Returning Directors are Greg Turek, Keith Clark and Cindy Jacisin.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 10, 2008

Motion to Adjourn: Chuck LaMantia,
Second: Cindy Jacisin,
Approved: Unanimously
Adjournment: 10:10 PM

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From Within the 13th Zone - Oct/Nov 2008

Chris Ingot, PCA Zone 13 Rep

Notes from National

Recently, all the Zone Reps were on our monthly conference call with President of PCA, Prescott Kelly and Vice President, Kurt Gibson. We covered lots of topics and I'll attempt to share the high points.

- The National office has a new server that is installed and running.
- There is a re-tooling of the website that is going on and the webmaster hopes to share it with the EC at the fall board meeting in Charlestown, SC.
- Pete Tremper is evaluating DE's and the decline in participation this is occurring this year. Is it the price of gas, the economy?
- The EC will finalize some additions to the National Parade Committee by the end of month. Currently EC and the National Parade Chair, Tom Brown, are evaluating sites in the New England area for the 2011 Parade.
- We got a report of what appears to have been a wonderful Escape to the Land of Enchantment held in New Mexico recently. Over 175 cars and 300 plus participants attended.
- The 2009 Escape to the Birthplace of Aviation will be held in Ohio next October. Plans are well under way. Based on proximity, it would be a great opportunity for a number of Zone 13 members to enjoy this fairly new addition to membership within PCA.
- We had a lengthy discussion regarding the future of the PCR's (Parade Competition Rules) on whether regions use these for their competition rules for autocrosses and concours at the region level. Currently they are in a printed format. Future may be on the website or on CD. Any thoughts? Share them with me please.
- We also refined some verbage that will be in the next RPM (Regional Procedural Manual) in regards to Escape to events and the bidding process.

Start of the 4th Quarter

October brought more tours and socials. I joined the Fox Valley Region for a "Poker Run" in Manitowoc County. I then worked a checkpoint with my bride, Vanessa, for Chicago Region's 5th and final rally on the Oct. 19th. October wrapped up with my attending the Kentucky Region's Pumpkin Run DE at Putnam Park in Mt. Meridian, IN for the final weekend of the month. Boy am I fortunate to be married to a Saint like Vanessa!

On Sept. 27th, a group of 20 plus joined Tom Brown (National Parade Chair) and Vu Nguyen (PCA Executive

Director) and myself for a "*Spark the Interest*" meeting at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, Illinois in preparation for the upcoming 2010 Parade to be held July 3rd-8th, 2010 west of Chicago. It will be the first "Nationally" run Parade and should ease some of the stress typically related to hosting a Parade. For those that are regular Parade attendees, it is similar to the "Town & Country" host of the San Diego Parade in 2007. The facility offers lots of family amenities, plenty of meeting rooms for tech sessions, a comedy club, several restaurants, a fitness center, tennis courts, two 18 hole golf courses and a kids club. Currently we plan on possibly having the autocross on site within a 6 acre parcel of the parking lot. We are in the process of setting up a "google group" that you can subscribe to and keep up to date on the status of Parade 2010. We will need a number of volunteers to assist in making this a successful Parade. If you are interested in helping out, please contact either myself or Tom Brown (tb911@roadrunner.com).

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11/15	Chicago - Winter Car Care Clinic @ Napleton, Westmont, IL	*	Chicago
11/15	KY - Breakfast Social @ Frisch's		Kentucky
11/16	Chicago - Bears Social @ Weber Grill, Lombard, IL	*	Chicago
11/17	LTR - Breakfast Social @ Panera Bread, Peoria, IL		Lincoln Trail
11/18	LTR - Dinner @ Mario's Pizzeria, Springfield, IL		Lincoln Trail
11/29	LTR - Breakfast Social @ Panera Bread, Peoria, IL		Lincoln Trail
Dec. 2008			
12/6	Chicago Dinner Dance & Awards Presentation @ Lisle Hilton		Chicago
12/6	FRV - Holiday Party @ Village Hearthstone, Hilbert, WI		Fox Valley
12/6	Milw - Holiday Party @ Bristle Cone Pines @ Hartland		Milwaukee
12/6	KY - Christmas Party @ Blue Grass Motorsports		Kentucky
12/13	LTR - Car Talk @ Panera in Champaign, IL		Lincoln Trail
12/13	KY - Breakfast Social @ Frisch's		Kentucky
12/15	LTR - Dinner @ Lucca's Grill, Bloomington, IL		Lincoln Trail
12/16	LTR - Dinner @ Mario's Pizzeria, Springfield, IL		Lincoln Trail
12/27	LTR - Breakfast Social @ Panera Bread, Peoria, IL		Lincoln Trail
July. 2009			
6/30 - 7/4	2009 Keystone, CO Parade		
July. 2010			
7/3 - 7/8	2010 St. Charles Parade, Pheasant Run, St. Charles, IL	*	National & Zone 13
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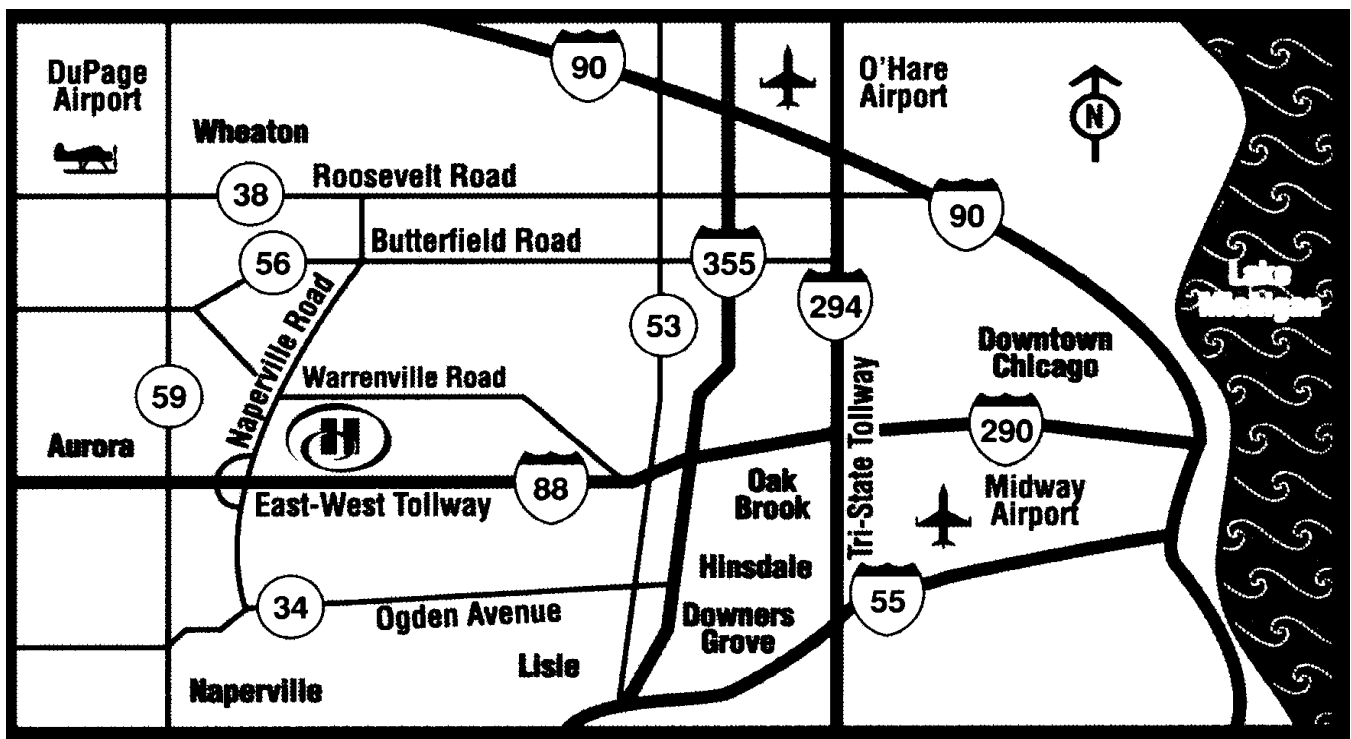
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1981	Al Krenz		2000	Paul M. Claybaker	Susan E. Smith
1981	Michael J. Wenckus	Sally Wenckus	2000	Allen G. Jorgensen	Ann Jorgensen
1983	Mark T. Gadbois	Siri S. Gadbois	2000	Aimee Boss Kolz	James Kolz
1984	Glenn P. Sapa	Sandy Sapa	2000	Paul R. Predick	Dan Predick
1986	Carl Pohrte Jr.	Sandra Pohrte	2000	David A. Schmidt	Derek Schmidt
1988	Jack Amstadt	Corrine Amstadt	2000	Rich Zand	Sheila Zand
1988	Michael Faems	Nancy Faems	2001	Martin Bernardi	Mary Jo Bernardi
1988	Alex A. Gianaras		2001	Joe Martinez	
1990	Michelle Buie	Dan Buie	2001	Frank Novak	Laura Novak
1991	Robert P. Allen	James John Berg	2001	James K. Simmons	Carol Simmons
1991	Corky Andersen	Jaime Andersen	2001	Michael A. Squires	Susan Richards
1993	L. Robert Artoe		2002	Bill J. Burgis	Jon Burgis
1993	Glen Spiegler	Angela M. Spiegler	2002	Ben A. Gabis	Liz Gabis
1994	Austin Mansur	Barry Mansur	2002	Fevin R. Reyes	Leomelyn Reyes
1994	Brian T. McElwain	Cathy McElwain	2002	Kerry Riley	
1994	Michael J. Miller	Nathaniel J. Miller	2002	Nicole Williams	Lawrence Becker
1994	David Zinck		2002	Eric Wrobel	
1995	Alex G. Christopher	Susan Christopher	2002	Yong Jae Yoo	Kwang Yoo
1996	Curt Gray		2003	Earl Deal	
1998	R. Peter Carey	Lois Lipton	2004	Daniel Jakob	Mary Jakob
1998	Jeff Folkerts	Rob Stone	2004	Paul Juneau	Patricia Juneau
1998	Daniel P. McGuigan		2004	George Kase	
1998	Van B. Miller	Sherrill Miller	2004	Mark S. Larocca	Kristin Larocca
1998	Lynette Poirier	J. Michael Poirier	2004	Jeffrey W. Locascio	Jayne Locascio
1998	Jeffrey K. Schuppel	Gayle Schuppel	2004	Todd Minden	Ann Minden
1998	Varun Soni		2004	Charles L. Navarro	Tammy Hellings
1998	Daniel J. Tinley	Maureen Tinley	2004	Bruce F. Petrie	
1998	Christiaan P. Van Deur Jr		2004	David C. Wahl	Lorraine Wahl
1998	Alan W. Wendorf	Matthew Wendorf	2005	Bobby Allen	Sylvia Allen
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2005 John W. Miller	Claudia Miller	2006 Tim Schuld	Julie Schuld
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APPLES

I wanted to call the Apple Canyon Rallye “The Big Easy”, but didn’t want to give the wrong impression. The phrase ‘Big Easy’ came to mind relative to the character associated with New Orleans: EVERYTHING fun and uncomplicated. And that perfectly captures the essence of the 2008 PCA Apple Canyon Rallye. Exceptional roads and landscapes (photo 1). 24 cars started. 24 cars finished. No cancelled legs, no last second route changes, no inclement weather, no grumbling over tricks or traps, and by no means, easy. The Jacisins (Jim, Cindy and Patty) put together, for the second year in a row, the perfect benchmark for TSD rallies: Challenging, yet EVERYTHING fun and uncomplicated.



At the end of the rallye, I had the good fortune of helping complete two separate score cards – one for the Lichtenstein-Miller entry and the other of a first-time rallyist. One of those scorecards was for the first place finish and the other was for last place. And while it’s certainly meaningful to have a first place/low score, I found it inspiring that the holder of the other score sheet, in spite of scoring the maximum penalty points on every leg, was still pleased that he was able to finish. It says a lot about the Rallymasters, organizers and crew, when the disposition of the last place rally entrant is as elated as the first place entrants.

ORANGES (or ‘The Bridge car (not) too far’)

Last month, I alluded to seeking, searching and ultimately acquiring a ‘Bridge’ car (Scene, September 2008, “A Bridge (Car) Too Far”). The concept was to find a car to ‘bridge’ the gap between the current Boxster and my next Boxster. My search was confined to small, 2-seat, mid-engined sports cars ... which, depending on your interpretation, limits the field quite a bit or simplifies the search infinitely. And the answer lies in photos 2 & 3 (which honestly, the print version of this photo can’t do justice, so you’ll want to check the online version of the Chicago Scene (pca-chicago.org/?getpage=9) or visit the MidShip Report online (at Midship.ml1media.com). For the sake of the ‘digitally challenged’, I’ll spill it here as well: It’s an O-R-A-N-G-E 2007 Lotus Elise. I bought it from a private seller near Washington,



D.C. I had it inspected in person first, made all the arrangements by phone and email, flew out on a Monday, closed the deal and drove it home to Chicago the next day. And, it’s EXACTLY what I wanted. The downside: I truly have too many cars. Yes, the MidShip Boxster is for sale. No, I’m not ‘defecting’ as a few who don’t know me all that well have suggested. The upside: I still have the Boxster and this permits side-by-side/back-to-back comparisons of the two (photo 4).

APPLES & ORANGES

My Boxster, a 2001 986S served me well over the last seven years, but it’s time to pass it into someone else’s hands. I’ve long lamented in wanting more performance (HP + torque) from the Boxster, while retaining it’s superb handling characteristics. While it’s true Porsche has made (small) advancements in power (and appears on course to continue), I’ve also felt the Boxster ... perhaps even the bulk of the Porsche line has become ... to put it bluntly, PORKY. The Lotus Elise in standard form, while not in the same HP class as the 987S line, easily kicks it’s butt in terms of acceleration AND handling. The answer lies in ... wait ...



wait ... WEIGHT. The Elise weighs in at just under 1900 pounds. That would be over half a ton less than the Boxster. True, it's not as luxurious ... downright spartan when compared side by side, but that works to its advantage.

The Elise does not have power steering. Or power seats. Or power mirrors. Or a power top. Compared to the Elise, the acceleration of the Boxster is much smoother (and regrettably, much quieter). The Elise, thanks to its low mass, has immediate gravitational pull acceleration and an exhaust note loud enough to remind you how quickly you 'got up to speed'. The Elise is also far stiffer in terms of suspension and the seats are thinly padded, non-reclining racing-type buckets ... all which translates to a much more immediate sensation of exact steering and directional responsiveness. Climbing in and out of the Elise is a challenge. The step over/step down of the rocker-sill is not for the unfit and extracting yourself from the direct to floor mounted racing bucket is a test of flexibility. By comparison, easing in an out of the Boxster is like falling into a Laziboy™ recliner ... polar extremes compared to the Lotus. Storage space is also a polar extreme. The Lotus has a small trunk at the rear - reasonably, about 2/3 the size of the Boxster's rear trunk. It has no front trunk nor any inside cabin storage ... unless you designate the passenger seat as 'loose storage'. The Boxster (non-Bose upgrade) audio system is a 6 speaker stereo (with optional CD changer in the front trunk). The Elise has a stereo ... with four 4inch speakers ... no factory upgrade available. Insulation/Padding/ Interior carpeting? Boxster: Yes, everywhere; Elise: No, exposed aluminum throughout. Driving the Elise is much like a driving a big go-cart on the street. You sit exceptionally low to the ground (and every other vehicle on the planet), and the car steers (with a little bit of grunt) exactly where you point it. Slipping behind the wheel of the Boxster immediately after driving the Elise is, perhaps, not quite fair. It's exceptionally competent, but feels too plush-too much like a Grand Tourer and not the Sportscar that it looks and ought to be.

Lose 60 pounds in 60 ... minutes.

I can't tell you how many hours I spent de-contenting the Boxster (translation: taking out junk I added over the last seven years - Photo 5) in preparation of selling it. REALLY, I can't.

I stopped counting after six hours. The car PC, the in dash garage door opener, the fire extinguishers, the cleaning and maintenance supplies, the various articles of clothing ... yes, that's a full sized BBQ propane cylinder in the photo - it had been in the Boxster front trunk for nearly a week (empty - waiting to be exchanged). Next to none of it will find it way into the Elise. Perhaps a weight reduction for the Boxster needs additional review. Weight reduction begins at home ... but Porsche needs to do its part. I long ago railed for a Boxster Club Sport. I'd compromise on that - if the Boxster could slim down by 500-600 pounds, it would regain the characteristics that built the Porsche heritage. And like I did with the Lotus, I'd go buy one without waiting to sell the current car. Did I mention that I built a shed in the backyard so that I could move the lawn tractor out of the garage?

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The Apple Canyon Rally (Rallye 4)

Carl Armand

Twenty-four Porsches, lots of smiling faces, breathtaking scenery, fall colors at their proudest, rolling hills, and lots and lots of turns. Now that's a recipe for a wonderful Rallye!

It was just one short year ago that Carol and I were invited by Jack & Karen Stephensen to participate in Apple Canyon Run I as checkpoint workers. During that event we were privileged to meet some of the most fantastic people whose enthusiasm for their cars, their club and their rallyes was downright infectious. So, yes, we did go out and buy a Porsche Boxster, joined the PCA of Chicago and have been enjoying y'all ever since. Prior to the purchase, we thought the pronunciation of that brand of auto rhymed with an extension to the back of the house and Rallye and Boxster challenged our spell-check. We also didn't know that we had committed the cardinal sin of buying a Rain Forest Green car thus ending Ed and Gayle Barnicle's reign as the only region members with a car of that color. Ed still pulls my chain about that just about every time he sees me.

This year we were able to participate in Apple Canyon Run II as driver/navigator. Wow! What a difference. We quickly learned that as participants we would be engaging in, well let's say, "Spirited Discussions" while trying not to run over anyone.

The event began on Saturday with an invitation to play golf, and later to have dinner at Black Hawk Run Golf & Supper Club in Stockton, IL. Several of us played the beautiful rolling hills of the golf course, and even more of us gathered for dinner at the Supper Club. This gave many of us a chance to socialize and chat about the coming Rallye.

After dinner, many of us gathered on the front porch of the Country Inn & Suites Hotel where most of us were registered. We novices listened to stories of classic cars, past rallyes, a demonstration of an off-the-shelf breathalyzer, and hints from the "Trap Master" herself. There were games played and strategies discussed into the night which is not unusual for PCA members.

On Sunday morning, we attended the obligatory meetings, exchanged wishes with other drivers that did not include their coming in with fewer point than us; and off we went. The rolling hills of the Galena Territories greeted us with the most wonderful ribbons of blacktop that would at times lift our cars into the air, [whoa yeah, gimme some more of that] and turns that would make you wonder what apex was best. The trees and fields of gold, orange, red and green challenged us to keep our eyes on the road. There were canyons and ridges that would make us wonder if we were still in Illinois. Breathtaking is a major understatement. The Rallye itself was as described by Jim and Cindy as carved hills, down twisting switchbacks through walled canyons, back up along ridgelines and then back down again to the winding waters of Apple Canyon. As the fast thumbs of a Blackberry user would write, OMG!!!!

All 24 cars made it back to Rafters Restaurant where we exchanged comments like, "did you see that cliff?", "wow, what a trip", "I've never seen such beautiful countryside", "I couldn't hold my CAST could you?"; and, "man this is why I bought this car!". Congratulations are in order for Lee Lichtenstein and John Miller who took 1st place, John & Cheryl Collier came in 2nd and Jack and Karen Stephensen (our Prez and First Lady) for coming in 3rd, and a special thanks goes out to all the checkpoint workers and to all the others who worked so hard to make this a wonderful event. We truly appreciate your contribution.

Finally, our special thanks go to Jim Jacisin and Cindy Jacisin for creating and executing a fantastic event that was thoroughly enjoyed by each and every one of us. You really did it right!

Apple Canyon 2 Results (Rallye 4)

Place	Driver	Navigator	Points
1	Lee Lichtenstein	John Miller	203
2	John Collier	Cheryl Collier	258
3	Jack Stephensen	Karen Stephensen	298
4	Claude Reed	Rachel Reed	323
5	Carl Armand	Carole Armand	596
6	Mark Rusch	Margaret Rusch	599
7	Steve Olson	Sharon Olson	655
8	Kevin Van Solkema	Alden Van Solkema	708
9	Fred Jaconson	Marilee Jacobson	737
10	Tom Snyder	Ann Snyder	775
11	Bob DeMeritt	Marianne DeMeritt	870
12	Pete Faehnrich	Pete Brychel	942
13	Jessica Rojas	Bryan Reid	957
14	Nicki Sangdahl	Stanley Sangdahl	1008
15	Joe Klest	Henry Klest	1018
16	Steve Rashbaum	Susan Shire	1021
17	Paul DeSalvo	Kathy DeSalvo	1027
18	Dave Farley	Barb Farley	1036
19	Kit Kuehnle	Suzanne Pentek	1380
20	Tom Gorman	Lindsay Gorman	1684
21	Rom Rybalchenko	Stephanie Rybalchenko	1774
22	Tyler Ferguson	Christina Ferguson	1960
23	Bill Lambert	Rudy Arias	2500
24	Steve Mitleider	James Leeny	- - -

Rallyemasters: Jim Jacisin and Cindy Jacisin

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Aungahh!



October was perfect - unusually warm, but wonderful! Oktoberfest and Rallye V were the beneficiaries of the pleasant weather. There will be full coverage in the December Scene.

Unfortunately the pictures from the Halloween Party are not printable ... not because of content but rather they are too fuzzy for good reproduction. So we leave to your imagination the vision of Carl Armand as a bride, Cindy Jacisin as a concours bucket, and Bob Rath as an autocross cone.

And now, it's November and the cloudy, gloomy days are here. There are still several events to brighten at least a few days - the Winter Tech Session at Napleton on the 15th, the Bears Social at Weber Grill on the 16th, and the Dinner Dance on December 6th. Event information for all of these activities can be found in this issue.

This issue also has lots of coverage of the TRAC 2008 weekend ... thank you to the contributing photographers (in no particular order) - Neil MacDonald, Weston Wade Walter, Jeff Brown, and,

for the aerial shots, Lee. What appears is in this issue just a sampling of the over 300 photos submitted by this group.

Thank you again to everyone who helped before, during, and after the event.

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In our house the days between Halloween and the New Year are filled with the push to get our jobs in shape for the end of the old year/the beginning of the new year combined with the activities associated with the holidays - too much time consumed by the former often at the expense of the latter. This year I have resolved to do it differently by taking it a day at a time, relishing whatever each day brings, remaining flexible and in good humor, and, on a daily basis, counting my blessings and good fortune.

So, to the Region as I finish another issue, a very sincere thank you for the continuing privilege to be editor on the Chicago Scene. It is a labor of love.

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To everyone who has contributed to any issue, thank you.

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To Steve, thank you for your love and extreme patience each month as I push to meet the deadlines on time.

Finally, on a personal note, to all of the friends we have made in our 20+ years in PCA, Steve joins me in wishing you each a Happy Thanksgiving spent in the company of those you hold most dear.

Aungahh (a-uun-gaaa), n. [Skip Barber Racing School]. **1** The sound of the motor of a car as the clutch is depressed, the brakes applied, and the throttle "blipped" to effect a heel and toe downshift. **2** Editors' column

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