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TAKE A SUNDAY DRIVE - TO HISTORIC DENISON

Our first Sunday drive will be "through the country" to Denison, Texas. The drive itself will be fun as we have a route that takes us down some great country roads and past some little towns that time has almost forgotten. Our destination is downtown Denison. The central area has been restored with interesting sights and shops. We have a great restaurant stop for a snack before returning back home.

Meet at Braum's in Plano at 600 15th, east of 75
SUNDAY March 22nd at 1 pm to leave at 1:30
As I look through the pages of this month, I notice one common thread winding through (as if I was in the driver’s seat enjoying the roads of AL with Travis and Robyn) our past activities as well as those in front of us (Parade), and that is PASSION! Something about the marquee known around the world as Porsche breeds an intense emotion compelling our action, and this is where we find passion, fervor, ardor, enthusiasm, and/or zeal. We all can relate to this feeling, and if you are lucky enough to except it and spend the day at our April Driver’s Education at Eagles Canyon, you will be able to take part in a very special opportunity and share with one of Porsche’s own passionate makers of history. Check out Carrie Carrera’s article and prepare yourself for a day you won’t soon forget. Another point I would like to make is about our national event known as Parade. It isn’t too early to start making plans for this year’s event in Colorado. Actually, it’s probably a good idea. So, if you haven’t been to a Parade, find a member that has and find out how passionate they are about the activities and people they have come to look forward to each year. Through the next several months, we will be sharing more about Parade, so stay tuned.
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Please help us to keep growing!
Drifting
by Mike Brodigan, President

Bonding: To me it is doing something you enjoy with someone you enjoy doing it with. A few years ago I gave my son, Jason, a Drivers Education weekend as a Christmas gift. From then on, he has been as hooked as I am. It is great to be at the track together. Almost as much fun anticipating the events and talking (a.k.a. bench racing) about them afterwards. He says the time is coming soon when he earns a “point by.” We’ll see.

During the several years of instructing at DEs, I have had scores of students who participate with someone special. Brother/sister; mother/daughter; father/son, girlfriend/boyfriend; you name the combo, and we have had ‘em. Driving events are great for bonding because in addition to the driving time, there is also ample time to enjoy each other’s company in between sessions. So decide on who you want to be with, and come on out to the track!

Driving events are not the only opportunity for bonding. Rallies are a great team activity, and Sunday Drives may well be the perfect date. Our social events are a natural of course. If you are ‘fixin’ to do something with someone special, check out our events calendar. You are sure to find a winner.

Note to Tony George: Why can’t you and Bernie get your act together, and bring the F1 race back to the United States? To make things worse, they have gone and cancelled the Canadian F1 as well. Don’t you guys realize that there is no way you can develop a large following if you do not hold a race on North American soil? OK, forget that for a minute. How about putting the IRL cars on the road track, and call it the “Great American Grand Prix.” You have the track and the race series. Heck, you could even do a standing start, and F1 type qualifying. If the teams were really nice, you could even let them use those fancy garages under the inside grandstands. If all that fails, just let us run a Porsche Club Race. We would bring the house down. Food for thought.
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WARNING: These minutes might be a little scattered due to the Secretary being “under the weather” with the flu. I cannot guarantee that these pages are not contagious. Achoo!

We had quite a different opening for the February meeting. Who knew that Cher would be a part of the Maverick PCA Board Meeting? Yes, Mike Brodigan brought in his Ipod and shared his variety of music with the group.

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with Mike asking Tracey for a “quickie”…report that is. Tracey Gross reported that the New Member Party was quite a success. There were about 50 people who RSVP’d for the event, and we had about 30-40 additional walk-ins. Overall, there were about 20 New Members. Yea!!

Mike asked Teri Davis to give an update on the Round-Up location. Teri explained that there was a misunderstanding on the original quoted price and there is no confirmed location yet. Any suggestions are welcome.

It was now time to go around the table for input from all in attendance.

Bob Lewis said “we have Happy Hours.” January’s HH had a decent crowd of about 25-28 at ZEA Wood Fire Grill in Plano.

Charlie Davis had nothing to say.

Jim Falgout says that “our money is good.”

Christy Payne reports that “she has goodies.” She also made a very exciting announcement (no, she is not pregnant) that she is going to take over as the new AX Chair. Claps all around the room! She wasted no time at all with her new duties because she has already set dates for some Autocrosses. May 16th or 17th will be at Birdville. June 6th or 7th will also be at Birdville. AX #6 will be at TMS on Sept.13th and the Charity AX will also be at TMS on Oct. 10th

Lisa Steele had nothing to say.

Richard Bradley says that he is working on cleaning up the look of pg. 4 of Slipstream. Any airbrushing on the secretary would be greatly appreciated, Richard. Well, while you’re there, you might want to do some on the VP, also. Richard also reported that he has a New Member writing an article from the NM party.

“Cough, Cough, Sniffle, Sniffle”

Tracey Gross (or will it be Wendy Shoffit…keep reading the minutes and you will understand this comment) is working on putting together a Wine Tasting and possibly a Murder Mystery. We have May at Mayo’s all set for May 2nd and we have a location for the Father’s Day Picnic. It will be at Michael and Michele De Jong’s house this year.

Jan Mayo reports that we have Ads.

Wendy Shoffit passed around a brochure she has been working on. Everyone really liked it and can’t wait for the final product. She also reported that there are about 40 people who have signed up to receive the Directory. She said that the on-line yellow pages are okay with about 15 ads. She also announced that the Club Race application has been approved. More will be discussed at the next DE/CR meeting on February 14th.

Clint Blackman reports that there will be a Sunday Drive on March 22nd. He was WAY more excited about sharing with the group his trip to Stuttgart and getting the once in a lifetime opportunity to be present for the opening of the Porsche Museum. He promises to write an article and give us more insight to this beautiful place.

Carey Spreen talked to about 6-8 people about Rallies at the New Member party and they all seemed very excited about trying it out. Carey is planning a Mille Miglia Rally...
around Italy, TX. He also plans on adding more information about Rally’s on the website.

Travis Howard reported that all AX/TT deposits are back and that all Mineral Wells dates are confirmed. He also commented that the TT rules will need to be revised to reflect the new TT at MSR.

Christy reporting for Denny Payne says that the Google calendar is live and functioning very well. Denny also plans to put Slipstream on the main page of our website to make it more visible.

Robyn Howard wanted to know why Christy was doing her job by putting dates on the calendar…Cat Fight!! All is okay and there were only a few nails broken and some (very little) hair was pulled out.

To cool things off…Wendy announced that she will take over as Socials Chair. I think Tracey kissed her but I’m not totally sure on that.

After the basic business was taken care of, Mike had the whole group break into small groups for some major BRAINSTORMING. The goal was to come up with some ideas on how to improve New Member and Current Member participation within the club. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM and I MUST go to bed now…doctor’s orders.
The Infection of My Passion...

By Steve Chevrier

I’ve been a member of the Maverick Region for a whole year now and I must say, the more I get involved, the better it gets. Here is my story of how my dream and passion has spread through my family... literally.

My story begins as many guys’ probably does, as a young kid dreaming. As far back as I can remember, I’ve always loved the Porsche 911. To me it was the ultimate dream car and I knew I would have one, one day. Well, as life unfolded and money fell from the sky unexpectedly, the sun and moon aligned and my sweetheart, Jackie, knew my passion and helped me find “the one.” She is 23, has a perfect body with curves that would make any guy jealous. A flawless display of all that gets a guy’s heart racing and inspires illegal acts of passion, and yes, she’s black and beautiful. She is my ’86 Porsche 911 Targa.

Anyhow, I have been passionately in love with my new toy, and I must say that even after a year, I’m still madly in love with her. You know that old saying “and this too shall pass?” Well, I would have to disagree in that I still love everything about this car. It’s the smell of the leather. The feeling of the seats wrapping around you. The sound of the engine starting and the groan of it hitting the red line as you shift through the gears. It’s the feeling of the steering as it tells you exactly what it’s doing and what the road is like. The breaking point where the tires can grip no more as you pull through a turn feeling for the limits of machine and man. If I could race it every day, I would.

And then there is the ultimate beauty of the way it looks as you walk into the garage. Her shapes are unmistakably defined as a 911. The large headlights defining the front with the hood sloping to the ground like the nose of a fighter jet looking like it’s flying while sitting still. The back slopes from the top all the way to the rear bumper as one continued flow. It’s a perfect form that just says, “come take me for a drive and forget about the day’s trials.” I’ll have to admit that she’s sometimes the first to get a hug when I get home from a trip.

For those who love the 911 like I do, every day is a great day and life is worth living. I can’t image my life without her. Can one be so obsessed about a car? I suppose there are worse things in this world.

As I began to get involved in the club activities, I invited my other love, Jackie, to join me. She might have been reluctant at first, but found the other members to be quite entertaining and fun to be around. Her first outing was to Uncle Buck’s for the December Happy Hour. It was a grand time and we had a blast. I later learned that she feared the club would either be a bunch of old guys or a bunch of techno nerd rich guys that wouldn’t be any fun. As fate would have it, they were just the opposite. Well, ok, there were a few old guys, but they were all a blast and we laughed most of the night. The second outing was the new member party right here in our own area. This is when the fun started. I knew that Jackie had some fine stories of her own hot rodding back in the day where she terrorized the streets in Florida and somehow crashed her own sports car off alligator alley. I knew there was some spark of race inspired passion in her still.

When she started to hear the stories of the other ladies in the club who loved to race (Jan, Wendy, Christy... etc) she too began to get inspired. What was once just my passion and her acceptance began to draw her in also. It seems she still had the spark, but thought this was just a guy thing. We left the luncheon and she immediately wanted to sign up for the next AX and TT. I had one of those hidden exclamations of “YES!” as I knew great things were about to begin. I think one of the greatest things that can happen is for a couple to be excited about the same thing. It will become something that we can both enjoy. The only problem will be.... where will we park another Porsche. Yes, she wants her own already, and yellow no less. Can you see my big grin now? It’s all good.

Well, my story doesn’t end there. My father called to discuss taking my son with him and my mom to the auto show this past Friday. He went on to say that mom’s Caddy’s “smart buy” is ending, and they are thinking of finding something else fun to drive. I remarked to him that...
I was going to send an email stating that I was cashing in my 401K to invest in something that would actually be worth something years from now. I told him I was going to invest in the 2010 Carrera GT and consider that my retirement egg. We laughed for a while and then began to talk about what my car was now worth and what I had paid for it. I proceeded to show him how to look at the values of the older Porsches on the Internet. He was impressed at how they still held their value over the years.

As we settled on one particular ’98 Boxster that looked to be in fine shape for an 11 year old car and a minimal investment, my mom walks in and catches us like a couple of kids looking at dirty pictures on the web. Much to our surprise, she asked in great excitement if that was her next car. Now to a Porsche fanatic, to have your sweetheart and now your mother excited about your own passion,... well, as the Master Card commercials would say: “priceless.” This was Friday night. The next day we went to look at it. We picked it over with a fine toothed comb and then I took my dad for a drive in it. I gave him my best impression of a Mario Andretti test drive around North Dallas. When we got back, without hesitation, my dad signed on the bottom line. From there, we went straight to RUF to check out the scan and wash and met Hans. In one weekend they have been inspired to break out of their mold, buy a Porsche of their own, and have been to a Maverick event. It took me 39 years to get here!

My folks picked up their Boxster this morning and we spent this evening driving around to show it off to the rest of the family and making stops for coffee and then dinner. Two Porsches on the prowl. They seem to have lost 15 years or more and their smiles haven’t stopped. What I love most about Porsche is that it’s not just some old guy’s passion that he hides in the closet with. No, this is something that the whole family can enjoy. The people in the club are great and definitely from all walks of life. My folks see this as a great way to have a blast and spend time with their own son. Sometimes you have to just break out of that mold and do something others might think is crazy. As a Porsche nut, it’s true bliss. I’m not sure if I’ve corrupted them and Jackie, or inspired them to live life to the fullest. I can’t wait for the next AX/TT and the DE at Eagles Canyon. I’ll have to say that you will see more of us this year and I can’t wait. Life is good!

Many thanks to Joel Nannis for correcting me on how to say “Porsche,” Wendy Shoffit, Jan Mayo, Christy Dominick, and others for inspiring my other love, Jackie, to want to be a part of this passion for racing and great people we call the Maverick Region PCA.

Have a great day, I know I will.
Passion for Parade

by Wendy Shoffit

Porsche Parade... what a great way to spend a week of vacation during the summer! The cars, the people, the places, the competition, the food! Where to even start talking about it? Charlotte was my 8th Parade since joining the club in 1997. Knowing what I know about the event, I wish I could say it had been my 11th. Life sometimes gets in the way, though, preventing us from always doing everything we want. Regardless, I am planning to make it every year until I can’t make it anymore. I want to be the one left standing during the Concours Banquet as the person who has attended the most parades. I might have to live to be 150 to do it, though! I’m not the only one with the passion.

So, why am I so passionate about Parade? Why do I spend so much of my time trying to convince members from my local region to go party with us for the week? Well, I honestly can’t imagine spending a more fun-filled week. Now, I’m sure you are doubting the validity of that statement, but let me clarify. I love to have a good time. I enjoy things like amusement parks, driving fast, and traveling with my family. Last year I finally spent a glorious 10 days in Paris with my husband and daughter that I wouldn’t trade for anything. It was truly amazing. However, as much as I loved it, I don’t think I could go there year after year. Seeing similar sights, eating similar foods, trying my best to speak the local language... it’s hard to imagine. That’s where Parade has an advantage. Every year it’s somewhere different, so I don’t tire of the scenery. Local cuisine is always different, so I don’t tire of the food. I already know English pretty well, so I don’t have to struggle with language (although one might say that people in the north talk kinda funny). Most amazingly, though, are the people who attend. Some are at their very first Parade and have a bewildered sort of look on their faces and so appreciate an understanding, friendly smile and a bit of guidance with what to do next. Others are seasoned veterans, offering that guidance with the warm smile. Those people you see year after year and know they come back each time for the same reason you do. Our club’s motto couldn’t be more true... “It’s not the Cars, it’s the People.” So, having a week’s worth of unbridled fun in a new place (did I mention the fabulous hotels) eating great food with 1000 friends? How can that be rivaled?

Okay, so it all can’t be about the people. After all, we ARE members of the PORSCHE club, so it must have something to do with the cars. You’re right... tell them what they’ve won, Rod! How about the opportunity to view some of the most spectacular cars in the country? Nearly every model that has been manufactured seems to be represented in the Concours. It’s truly amazing seeing how beautiful a 40 year old car can look with enough love and attention. I swear they look better than any of my cars did straight off the line. I have also never been as close to so many historical race cars in my entire life. While until a few years ago, I didn’t even know what a 917 was or how to identify it, I’ve seen several at various Parades. Speechless.

P-cars aren’t JUST for looking pretty. Rumor has it that they go pretty fast, too (the 917 could go from 0-60 in 1.9 seconds, but I digress). While we won’t achieve 917 speeds on the autocross, there are some amazingly fast cars out there, driven by some amazingly fast drivers from around the country. While you’re not driving your car to the limit, maybe you could be testing your navigating or driving skills on the TSD rally. While you’re not in the car autocrossing or rallying, how about testing your intellect and trivial knowledge absorption and regurgitation on the Tech Quiz? Who knows what your limits can be until you try.

Parade is not all about people, cars and competition, though. It’s truly phenomenal how many different activities there are for all the different people out there. Young, old, competitive, artistic, social butterflies... Golf tournaments, art shows, RC cars, banquets, goodie store (for the shopper in you), historic displays, tech sessions, wine tastings, motivational speeches (ever hear of Vic Elford? He was in Hershey; Norbert Singer? He was in Charlotte; Peter Porsche? He has been to about 30 Parades now!), autograph sessions, sponsor booths, local tours and door prizes... Oooohh the door prizes! How about a new set of tires? Already have those? Well, how about a trip to Germany? You have to attend the final Victory Banquet to win that one. Wait a minute, maybe if you don’t go, it’ll increase MY chances to win! *smile*

So, my passion, as you can see has many different sources to feed from. If you can find a more entertaining vacation opportunity, I’d love to hear about it. Every moment you spend at Parade can be filled with something fun to do that will suit your personality. But don’t just trust my opinion, why not go to your first Parade? All you have to do is sign up online beginning March 3, 2009. My first was in Sacramento in 2000. Will Keystone be your first in 2009? I hope to see you there!
What a great day January 31st was to enjoy our Porsches and visit with friends while learning about the condition of our cars. As Saturday morning became pleasant and sunny, some 55 beautiful Porsches, of every body style converged on Ruf Auto Centre of Dallas.

Pastries and hot coffee awaited the gathering as well as friendly smiles from the Ruf staff. And speaking of the staff, what a knowledgeable team!!! Several teams worked throughout the day keeping things running smoothly. Drivers: Mark Plummer and Hans Hoffmann. Pit Crew: Mark Jemison, Tom Magnusson, Travis Cearley, Bob McAfee. Track Support and Wash: Jacky Roffe, Carlos and Alex Mejia. No sooner were the pastries and coffee gone, pizza was delivered for everyone to enjoy. We were very well hosted with great service, food and friendship. The day was the absolute best for any Porsche lover.

All Members Party

Hey all. How did the party go? new members? old members? activity interests? impeach the pres? ...It was WONDERFUL! There were more new members there than I’ve EVER seen at a new member party in the past, unless maybe the first one where I didn’t know anyone... Anyway, Tracey did a fabulous job with all the food and drinks. Somehow it ended up just about perfect, with very little waste and I don’t think anything ran out.

...Lots of interest, it seemed in activities, but I only got to talk to a few new members, as most of them were already talking to seasoned members.

...I think the weekend (between NFL division playoffs and the Super Bowl) was just perfect, as was the location.
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Within the Porsche Club of America there are SIG’s (Special Interest Groups) that focus on a specific model of Porsche. Robyn and I are active in the 914 SIG, of which our own Charlie Davis is the PCA national advocate. Each year the 914 groups from different sections of the country get together to celebrate the 914’s history and have some fun. There is an event on the East coast, the West coast, and the one we participate in, the Mid-US Ramble. This year would be the 10th Ramble; the meaning of Ramble in this event is debatable and full of conjecture. All I can say is the name stuck and that’s that.

The Ramble this year was spearheaded by Lawrence “Rusty” Bonkoski and Scott Bradley, who are members of the Heart of Dixie Region. Our own Maverick Region members, Clay and Betty Perrine, assisted them. The event was scheduled to take place in and around the Huntsville, AL, area, and half the fun would be getting there. Since this was a 914 event, you have to have 914’s. So on a Wednesday morning in late October, a group of four 914’s, Betty’s orange ’74, Clay’s red ’73, Avery Murphy’s yellow ’76, and my yellow ’74, joined by Robyn’s red ’86 944 headed out to Huntsville, AL. We planned an overnight stop in Memphis to meet up with a couple other teeners coming down from Minnesota. With just a couple stops for gas and lunch we were able to make good time to Memphis. Unfortunately we missed a turn and ended up in one of those parts of town where as you come up on a red light you’re praying, “turn green-turn green pleeease.” Well we found our Hotel, unloaded the cars, and regrouped to find some of that world famous Memphis BBQ. We set our hungry sights on Corky’s BBQ and painfully over indulged ourselves with BBQ brisket, ribs, chicken, pork and anything else they put their famous BBQ sauce on and washed it down with sweet tea. Unable to get out of our chairs, we chatted and discussed all things 914.

Thursday morning we prepared for the last leg of the trip after the additional members of our caravan arrived. Except for the constant rain, the drive into Huntsville was uneventful. We arrived in Huntsville, checked into the hotel, and prepared for three days of nonstop car centric activities. The Ramble’s headquarters was at the Marriott Hotel at 1 Tranquility Base, which is adjacent to the US Space and Rocket Center. It was always easy to find the way back to the hotel, all you had to do was look for the 370-foot Saturn V rocket beside the highway. In the lobby of the hotel we were greeted by the event organizers and other attendees and received a guidebook that contained a description of each of the ten scheduled events and maps to each location. The first event that evening was a tech session at a local shop, were the subject would be 914 engine removal. While a group of 914 experts discussed, debated and demonstrated their skills at dropping and reinstalling a 914 engine, the rest of us enjoyed burgers and hotdogs with all the fixins. Everyone also had an opportunity to meet in person fellow enthusiasts they had only known online from the 914World.com forum. After the engine was reinstalled, from what I’m told is the proper location (mid-engine), we headed back to the hotel for some more socializing in the hospitality suite. As the party was getting started and we were really enjoying ourselves, the police showed up and shut us down. Something about disturbing the other hotel guest by being too boisterous.

Friday morning started early. The car show was scheduled for 10 o’clock so everyone took turns washing and shining up their cars for the people’s choice judging. Cars were grouped by engine size and usage. My car was in the four cylinders, modified non-daily driver group, and Robyn’s 944 was in the non-914 group. There actually were two cars with V-8 motors, one of them being a 928 engine. After the car show a local PCA driving instructor held a tech session covering autocrossing 101, because on Sunday the last event would be an autocross with the local SCCA club. The first drive of the Ramble was scheduled
next. This was no little run down the street and turn around drive. This was a five-hour scenic tour in the Appalachian foothills of northern Alabama. The weather was perfect, the trees were showing their fancy fall colors, and with the targa top off and a curvy road in front the views were delightful. Before I realized it we had arrived at the restaurant for dinner. Here was another opportunity to socialize and discuss the day’s events before heading back to the hotel.

Saturday’s events started with a swap meet; here was a chance to find that special part your 914 just had to have. At 9 o’clock everyone reassembled in the parking lot of the Marriott to hear Rusty tell us about the next drive, which would be a Poker Run to the Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg, TN. We would be driving the country back roads just like the moonshine runners back in the day. But you know when things are just going too good something is bound to happen, and it did. After driving 700 miles in a 35-year-old car without the slightest problem, my 914 decided to get temperamental. Clay quickly diagnosed the issue as a starter motor failure. The starter wasn’t dead, it just needed a little help to turn over. So the solution was: each time I needed to start the car, I would reach under the motor and tap the starter with a hammer while Robyn turned the key to start the car. So off we headed to Tennessee, this turned out to be quite a treat for the locals as they stood on their porches and watched thirty Porsches pass by. During the drive we stopped at designated points to be issued poker cards. The cards would be used that night at the awards banquet to decide the winner of a souvenir bottle of Jack Daniels. After receiving our last card at the Jack Daniels’ visitor center, everyone had the chance to have lunch and souvenir shop in historic downtown Lynchburg before returning to Huntsville. Back at the hotel there was no time to rest; it was time to get ready for the awards banquet, which was at the Army’s Redstone Arsenal Officers’ Club.

As before, we reassembled down in the parking lot for a procession to the Army Base. Because of security the whole group would need to be together as we were cleared through the gate. As fate would have it, a slight glitch happened and the security gate did not get the list of attendees going to the Officers’ Club. So instead of just showing a driver’s license, proof of insurance and registration, a search of all thirty cars would now be required before entry on to the Base. Now this was really going to mess up the dinner schedule. Well Rusty jumped into action and called someone who called someone who called the security gate and got us in with just an ID check. Problem resolved, we lined up in parade formation and headed to the Officers’ Club. After everyone had time to visit the bar and seat themselves, it was time for the tech quiz as a delicious dinner of Beef Wellington or Chicken Cordon Bleu was served. The tech quiz was a Clay Perrine concoction and unless you had crawled inside and out of a 914 for ten years, you didn’t have a chance. After the awards came the part of the evening that everyone waits for, the door prizes. Back on Thursday everyone was given three tickets as they checked in and were told not to lose them because they would be important later. Well now was later and as an extra bonus Robyn and I were asked to give out the door prizes. This would be no small task as the sponsors of the Ramble had been very generous with prizes ranging from a set of Yokohama tires to a transmission rebuild certificate. So I started pulling tickets and Robyn would call out the number as a runner delivered the prizes to the winner. After all the tickets were pulled there were still prizes left, so all the tickets were put back in the bowl and it started again. The evening ended after all the awards, prizes, and kudos were handed out.

Sunday arrived a perfect day to autocross, warm and sunny. But since my car was having starter issues and when you autocross a 35 year old car anything can happen, Robyn and I decided to get an early start home while the rest of the Texas contingent left for the autocross site. We planned a straight minimal stop trip home hoping the starter motor would last.

Mike and Linda Floyd joined us for part of the way home till they decided to take a more scenic and casual route back to Texas. We arrived back in Irving Sunday evening tired but satisfied that this year’s Ramble had been lots of fun and a great success.
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Wow, what a great month we had in January. Did you all watch the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona? Some of you were with me at the New All Member’s event in Keller and we had the great opportunity to watch the Porsche-powered Brumos car WIN, and the sister team car finished 3rd on the same lap. Our good friend Patrick Long brought his 911 GTR to 1st place in class. Now aren’t you ready to get behind the wheel yourself after that much excitement!

Those of you who follow Porsche history know that in 1980 Porsche planned to discontinue the 911 model, among several other really bad decisions. Professor Porsche decided to fire the current president and hired an American, Peter Schutz, to take over running his little car company. In very short order, Peter reversed that decision and made plans to not only continue the 911, but also to make a cabriolet version, 4 wheel drive super car (959) and many other fun and exciting variations. Let us not forget the impact that Peter had on Porsche racing history with the 956, 962 and Formula 1 MacLaren campaigns.

The April DE will feature a very special guest of Maverick Region – Peter Schutz and his wife Sheila will be spending Saturday with their Maverick Region friends starting with the driver’s meetings in the club house and ending with a special evening dinner at the track for a ‘fireside chat’ to share some of their favorite Porsche Stories. During the day they will be touring the paddock and visiting with all of you, and then leading the charity Parade laps over the lunchtime. We invite members and friends to come out and spend the day with us – even if you aren’t participating directly in the driving school.

Peter’s book “The Driving Force” Getting Extraordinary Results with Ordinary People” is available on Amazon.com, get yours and bring to the track for an autograph.

So since you are coming out anyway, consider participating in your first DE if you haven’t done so yet. You may be asking: Can any Porsche come out to these events? Sure – however just like any athletic event, preparation is so important. You will need to get inspected by an authorized mechanic to make sure that your brakes, lights, and engine and overall condition is all ready to rock and roll. Fresh brake flush is most important because stopping is more important than going on the track! There is a tech form on the website with a checklist of all the safety and preparation items to be considered.

Top up – you rookie ratops will be going on track with the top closed, until you are experienced and have added the proper safety equipment to go “topless.”

What happens during a typical event? The day starts when you pull into the track facility, and you will be asked to sign a waiver and get a wrist band to indicate that you are already signed in. The mandatory driver’s meeting is at 7:30am at the clubhouse. During the meeting you will be introduced to the team of event staff, and discuss the agenda for the day.

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Happy Hour at Zea Woodfire Grill

by Bob Lewis

The January Happy Hour went to a new location for us. We were at Zea Woodfire Grill. They have two locations in the Dallas area. We went to the one located between Plano and Frisco, just south of the intersection of Hwy 121 and the North Dallas Tollway.

Zea Woodfire Grill’s food is prepared on a wood-fired grill as their name implies. A number of people remarked on how tasty their food is. They prepare beef, chicken, fish, and duck on the grill and have three different sauce combinations you can choose from, plus there are many other items on the menu. Their selection of entrees is extensive, and the price is reasonable, as well. If you haven’t been there, let me recommend that you try Zea Woodfire Grill.

We had a room to ourselves with a glass partition separating us from the rest of the patrons. This arrangement let us enjoy the restaurant’s ambiance yet we had private conversations. It was excellent for our Happy Hour schema.

Our attendance was very good, even though the weather was cold and windy. We had about thirty people, just about all that room would hold without crowding. New to PCA as well as The Maverick Region were Rich Keesecker, Troy & Joan Matz, and Gary & Debbi Oberman. In addition, Todd Hill, Bob Aines, and Lori Mauthe are new to the Happy Hours. I hope that I have not missed any new people, but I was very busy talking and taking pictures with the happy folks.

I visited with Larry Ramsey (and wife Donetta) and learned that Larry is a professional Santa. He goes by the name, “Papa Noel the singing Santa.” This came up in a conversation when we were talking about the Christmas party at Huffaker Hughes Hope House this past December. Our Maverick Region charity supports the abused women’s shelter in Mineral Wells. A gentleman came into the shelter and offered to be Santa for the Christmas party. He was a big hit with all that were there. Larry mentioned we should look him up next year for that part.

Lori Mauthe came to the happy hour representing the DE program in our region. She distributed business-sized cards with this year’s DE schedule and talked about this popular program. Forty percent of the active region members attend the DEs at one time or another. If you haven’t tried it you are missing fun, as well as driving instruction at speed in your Porsche. Most of us have a Porsche for the manner in which they handle, but the track is the place to conduct this activity.

Next HH will be at a popular place: iFratelli. The following month we will meet at Go Fish in Addison. Let me bring to your attention that Go Fish has moved to the intersection of Alpha and Noel roads. This venue has been very popular over the years. Don’t miss it if you are especially fond of fish.

See you soon.

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If we don’t have what you’re looking for, just ask us...we might just add something extra to the calendar. Please also feel free to share article ideas (and submissions) to editor@mavpca.org.

We’d love to hear from you!

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