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On Track

Michael Galaviz
Region President

We have had a very hot summer. This includes hot weather, hot cars, and hot heads under our helmets. Will October bring some relief from the heat? Not at first. We start with the ever popular Chili Cook Off on the first Saturday of the month. Some of the dishes are mild, some are sweet, but most are hot. Bring your most creative chili creation and see how you do in this year’s categories. I promise you will not go home hungry.

Before going to the Chili Cook Off, come on out for the Porsche of Albuquerque Balloon Breakfast at the dealership. They have the perfect place to view hot air balloons as they ascend into the sky. The view below is nice as well with different Porsches on site. Come see their current stock and accessories. Necessary changes have both events on the same day but, this makes for a great fun filled Saturday.

The first planning meeting for Fiesta New Mexico 2013 will be in Santa Fe on October 13th. Come out to be the first to learn what Liz Shaw and Jo Martin have in mind for next year. We will have a lot of participants and guests from other regions, so it’s time to get everything in order. It is not too early. Let’s help make this another great Roadrunner Region success.

A slot was left available for a possible drive out on the 20th, but with no takers we will leave this as a free weekend. The extra After Thanksgiving drive out will then make up for this drive out. Tony Richey will be leading this event in November.

On Friday October 26th Roadrunners hit the road to join the Carrera Region in Las Cruces for their Oktoberfiesta. They will have fun filled get-togethers and drive outs. If you like track days and autocrossing, this is a fantastic event to attend. Arroyo Seco Raceway is reserved for two days of open lapping with the last half day as part of our Die Series autocross. This event offers plentiful seat time at a very fun race track. Carrera Region also takes care of all the corner working. What more could you ask for? Go to Motorsportreg to register.

Nominations for next year’s board are announced this month. Make sure to vote before November 20th’s deadline. There will need to be some position changes due to RRR bylaws. This keeps the region alive and helps different members to learn and be a part of our great club. If you did not run for a position this year, think about running next year. This club is run on member participation, so there will be plenty to do in 2013. I’d like to thank James Wilson and David Flynn for coordinating last month’s out of Albuquerque autocross in Farmington. Feel free to help out during a scheduled event. Coordinators will be needed for drive outs and autocrosses. Let someone on the board know if you would like to take on an event.

2012 Escape will be held in Eureka Springs, Arkansas from November 8th through November 11th. Guest speaker will be Vic Elford. As always register early. Go to www.pca-paloza.com for more information, or go through our own website to navigate information.

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What do YOU want to do?

The Roadrunner Region 2013 Planning Meeting is coming up in early December

Once again it’s time to meet and create our calendar of events for the coming year, including Fiesta 2013. If you would like to sponsor an event, give us ideas on what type of event you would like to see, or just help with the process of scheduling the events, come out to this meeting and help us plan our activities for the upcoming year.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This is your club and we need your input to help the club to meet your expectations!

Stay tuned for details and we hope to see you there!!!

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Memorial Day Weekend

Fiesta 2013 planning is well underway! We’re zeroing in on a host hotel, which we expect will be close to the plaza. We’re also working on securing Santa Fe locations for the autocross and concours, and we hope to report more details soon. Please join us for a planning meeting on October 13th in Santa Fe.

DATE: October 13
TIME: 12 noon
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Roadrunners Lynda Meacher and Dana Patterson Roth of Placitas enjoy the view in Rocky Mountain National Park during the AMR Fall Tour.

Sean Cridland photo
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New Members:
Madelin Coit  
2006 Cayenne
Christopher Larmour  
2007 Silver 997
Chris W. Petropoulos  
1991 White 944 S2

Transfer In:
John R. Juarez  
2013 Black Panamera S

Significant Anniversaries:
Robyn Jacob   10 years
Jutta Mayer-Furr  10 years
Billy and Suzy Kaltenbach  15 years
Charles Riley   15 years
Congratulations!

Region Standings for August 2012:
Total Primary Members: 352
Total Affiliate Members: 282
Total Members: 634

Roadrunner Region veterans all know about the annual Chili Cook Off in the fall of every year, but we have quite a few new members who have yet to be initiated into our club ritual!

This year’s event is once again hosted by Bruce Phillips and Debra Burns at their wonderful home in High Desert (for the newbies, just a look around the garage is worth it!). The date is Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m....mark your calendars!

The Chili Cook Off is a “pot luck” type of event where everyone brings a dish that includes chili of some type. In the past, we have seen some pretty wacky, yet edible, chili dishes and we expect this year to be just as crazy. Prizes are awarded for the hottest, best green, best red, best dessert with chili and best overall dish. The prizes will be unique and surprising!

If you are a recent addition to the club, this is a great opportunity to meet fellow Porsche enthusiasts in a fun, casual and social setting. We hope you will join us! For more information, call Bruce at 505-344-0000 or write bphill22@aol.com

Keep your eyes peeled for more news about the Chili Cook Off on the RRR website!
Actually, Dagmar’s had seating for twenty two Roadrunners on Saturday night. It’s always a treat to see old friends, but it is also exciting to meet new friends. We were all happy that Evelyn and George Watkins and Janice and John Anthes were able to join us for dinner. I believe that both of these couples are newer to the club so when you run into them, give them a warm Roadrunner welcome.

The food that I saw on everyone’s plate looked delicious. Margaret Galaviz and I decided to go for a more basic dinner and we shared a green salad and a chicken salad sandwich. She and I both would give this a thumbs up. We passed on getting a strudel to take away as the half sandwich and salad was enough for us.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying the evening and I kept wondering if the other tables of “civilians” were wondering who we were and why we were all talking so much. Maybe if they joined the club, they would understand that this is how we roll.

The next Meet & Greet is on September 22 beginning at 5:00 pm as a fundraiser for the club’s general fund. It is ten bucks and is at Michael Galaviz’ office at 5600 McLeod NE. That would be a good event to get your groove on and prepare for the chili cookoff.

Take care and see you soon!

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One of the GREAT events of the year, the Carrera Region (our neighbors to the south) hosts a wonderful weekend of driving, social, and competitive events in Southern New Mexico at and around the Arroyo Seco Motorsports complex. This year the host hotel will be the Spring Hill Suites by Marriott in Las Cruces. Social events will be at the St. Clair Winery & Bistro also in Las Cruces. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends or renew old friendships...and to enjoy some summer weather in late October. Come on down!

Schedule

Headquarters are at the Spring Hill Suites by Marriott in Las Cruces
Oct 26th: Friday night Meet and Greet social at St. Clair Winery $15/person
Oct 27th: Day: Saturday track day OR drive out thru New Mexico
Oct 27th: Night: Dinner at St. Clair Winery $20-$30/person
Oct 28th: Sunday track and autocross
Tee shirts are included in the registration for those that pay both days. Tee shirts will be available for sale.
Registration form available at: www.carreraregion.org
For the 14 drivers who entered on Saturday, the weather was perfect for autocross with temperatures in the low 80s and clear skies. A small field means one thing, the opportunity for a lot of runs. We held two sessions, morning and afternoon, of 8 runs each. That’s right, 16 runs per driver.

The morning course was a little tight so we moved a few cones at lunchtime to open it up. Everyone was faster and happier in the afternoon, and fewer cones were sacrificed. Billy Sapp won fastest time of day with James Wilson second. James also won the largest class of the day, S05, which had 4 entrants.

On Sunday, we had another perfect day for autocross and 16 drivers entered. We decided to run one session of 10 runs each and get home in time to catch the afternoon football games.

In the process of converting Saturday’s course that we ran clock-wise to a counter clock-wise course, we paid particular attention to opening it up further. The goal was no first gear corners. We were mostly successful in that endeavor, only one first gear corner. Also, we added a slalom going up the hill. James felt he left a lot of time on the table in the slalom as there was more grip than expected. The most fun part, though, was the very long 140 degree sweeper at the top of the course. It required patience and modulation of the throttle. He was fighting understeer and oversteer in the same corner. Fun!

Billy Sapp once again took fastest time of day with Mark Gadway in his Corvette second. By the way, Mark joined us after driving back from the SCCA Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska the day before. James Wilson again won the battle in the largest class of the day, S05.

Thanks to Michael Galaviz for hauling the cones and equipment, Dave Flynn, Jeff Braun, James, and Michael for setup, Bob Blackwell for handling registration, Sean Cridland for taking photos, John Huft and Jeff for timing and scoring, and Brian Leduc for keeping the course safe. Thanks also to Patricia Blackwell and Linda Wolcott for helping when we were short on course workers and anyone else we might have missed.
Results for DS#7
Saturday, September 8, 2012

Billy Sapp  996   38.663
James Wilson  Cayman S  41.077
John Huft   S2000  41.439
Willard MenNe  Boxster S  41.700
Brian LeDuc  964   41.722
Jeff Braun  Cayman  42.333
D Cagliostro  Miata 2.0  44.033
Harvey Dayhoff  987 S   44.109
Bob Blackwell  Cayman  44.123
Bill Oaks  Boxster  44.208
Dave Flynn  Boxster S  44.414
Jim Wolcott  914   45.024
Jon Brown  996TT   46.152
T Williamson  951   50.522

Results for DS#8
Sunday, September 9, 2012

Billy Sapp  996   38.323
Mark Gadway  Corvette  38.411
Mark Durnil  914   38.652
Brian LeDuc  964   40.426
James Wilson  Cayman S  40.598
Jeff Braun  Cayman  41.377
John Huft  Honda S2000  41.646
Karl Schaeffer  997 C4  41.696
D Cagliostro  Miata 2.0  42.394
Billard MenNe  Boxster S  42.608
Dave Flynn  Boxster S  42.659
Scotty Lassiter  Miata  43.470
Bob Blackwell  Cayman  43.697
Bill Oaks  Boxster  44.269
Harvey Dayhoff  987 S   44.816
Jim Wolcott  914   45.281

Photos. Previous pages, top left: Dave Flynn flashes through the course. Center left: Dave and James. Clockwise from top right: Karl Schaeffer in his C4, Mark Durnil in his always fast 914, Michael Galaviz handles timing board. This page: Brian Leduc lifts a wheel. Opposite page, clockwise from top left: Jeff Braun puts his Cayman through the paces, the starting line-up, Harvey Dayhoff heads gets a good start, and James Wilson looking aggressive. All photos by Sean Cridland.
No doubt you’ve heard by now that Roadrunner Region’s Nicole Leduc was the youngest member of the 2012 Porsche Parade photography staff. And that she also took top honors in class in the Parade Art Show.

But if you weren’t at Parade, you may not have seen the winning piece. So here we have it (above), a work of enhanced photography titled “Im-pound.” It was taken at the previous year’s Parade in Savannah, Georgia at the autocross where her dad Brian was participating in his black Cayman S. The cars are all in the impound area (hence all the lids are up) and Mr. Leduc’s driving shoes are sitting next to the car. Bravo to Nicole for her fine work!

The photo at right shows Ms. Leduc accepting her trophy in Salt Lake City from Art Show Chair and former PCA president (1991-1994) Burt Misevic.

Go Roadrunners!

John Novatnac Photo

Saturday September 22nd saw a small gathering of Roadrunners decamp at Four Seasons Cleaning for a Wienie Roast/Social/Club Fundraiser. Host and club president Michael Galaviz graciously opened his shop to the attendees, and Mac Sanford manned the grill for a pleasant evening of bench racing and lie telling under a partial moon, soon to be joined by what appeared to be a weather balloon (the jury is still out on that, being so close to Roswell and all...).

Attendance was somewhat light due to several competing PCA and SCCA events, but the 15 or so members who were in town were treated to some delicious grilled dogs, queso, cold beer and other culinary delights.

Conversation ranged from “Where the heck is your new GT3, Steve??”, to the past and present state of Formula One, to the trials and tribulations of adding wheel spacers to one’s Porsche. As with all things Roadrunner a good time was had by all.

Story and Photos by Brian Leduc
A Small Sampling of the Amazing Local Event That is The Santa Fe Concorso.

Photos by Sean Cridland and Sandra One Feather.

This page, clockwise from top: Roadrunner Riley Kelly’s Brumos B59 GTS; the immaculate engine of Jim Edwards’ Jagermeister 934; the Ferrari T4 once driven by Gilles Villeneuve. Opposite page, clockwise from top left: the Design Forum Panel included some amazing talent, including our own Jeff Brock at right; Sandra One Feather poses next to her favorite brand of motorcycle; Sir Stirling Moss and Santa Fe’s Denise McCluggage; Tom Linton cruising in his recently restored 74 911T, Brock’s Bonneville Buick next to a Mig 15.
Those who’ve been either can’t say enough about it or are altogether speechless. For those who’ve never been, it’s one for the “bucket list” of PCA events; must see TV. Until this year, I’ve been one of the latter, always saying I’d make it up to our northern neighbor, the Alpine Mountain Region for their legendary Fall Tour. But for Zone Reps, Club Racing events are a priority. It’s where we have the most responsibility to both the Regions and to National. And for the first three years of my term, the Intermountain Region’s Club Race fell on the same weekend. But this year the Intermountain folks shifted their race to May and I immediately marked by September calendar for the AMR event.

Glancing at the trip info sent by tour co-chair Mike Moore, I saw that some Roadrunners would be on hand. I guess I didn’t look all that closely, though, since I was astonished that there were fifteen of us on hand! Those attending were Dave and Ann Stinchcomb, Paul and Yvonne Teske, Bill Muir and Jennifer Sullivan, Bob and Cathy Blossom, Andy and Marion Simon, Jerry and Myrna Landt, Lynda Meacher and Dana Patterson Roth, and of course, me, Sean Cridland.

The AMR tour is unique, because it always has a mystery destination. When you sign up, they only give you a starting location. At breakfast, they give you the directions to your lunch destination. At lunch, they supply the map to the afternoon rest-stop. At the stop, they finally hand out details on where you’ll be staying and having dinner. This year’s was even called AMR’s Magical Mystery Tour, after the famous Beatles album of the same name. Our guides all wore wizard hats and carried wands, too!

And so it was that we all met up at the Monument Country Club, not too far from the Air Force Academy, north of Colorado Springs for breakfast and with heightened curiosity. Soon we found out that we’d be closely following Colorado’s front range up to Golden, where we’d head into the mountains, on the Peak to Peak highway through Nederland and Ward and have lunch at the famous Bald Pate Inn with a fantastic view of Long’s Peak.

After our respite, it was back in the cars for a trip through Rocky Mountain National Park on the legendary Trail Ridge Road at up to 12, 600 feet above sea level. No wonder I was out of breath running around taking photos!

Before too long we found ourselves in Kremmling, Colorado getting our final instructions...to Steamboat Springs. Wow, we’d seen a good part of the northern half of Colorado, in a day!

After the beautiful trip over Rabbit Ears Pass, we descended into the Steamboat valley and made our way to the Sheraton to get cleaned up quickly before jumping on the gondola for our trip up the mountain for dinner. We enjoyed cocktails and the view, shared our stories from the day, and sat down to a wonderful dinner while awards were given out before finally drifting back to our rooms for a well-deserved night of rest on the opposite end of the state! !

Photos. Opposite page, top: Bob and Cathy Blossom enjoy the view on Rocky Mountain National Park’s Trail Ridge Road. Opposite, bottom: Yvonne Teske, Cathy and Bob enjoy dinner-time fun at mid-mountain Steamboat Springs. This page, above: Andy Simon and Jerry Landt socialize at the start in Monument. Below: Dave and Ann Stinchcomb take in the colors on the Peak to Peak Highway.
November 10: DS#5 at Belen
MAKE-UP EVENT!

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Though autocrossers are known to Bee-Ess a bit about their skills, this particular bit of detritus was of the equine variety and found near the start-line of DS#8 at Farmington, which is --- of course --- a horse facility. W-w-w-wilbur-r-r-r!

Salinas Pueblo Missions Saturday, November 24

Join Jude and Tony Richey Saturday Nov. 24 for a drive-out to the Salinas Pueblo Missions. We’ll take off from the foothills in Albuquerque along old Route 66, then go south on Highway 337 to the Quarai Ruins. The three sites comprising the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Park contain beautiful sandstone ruins of churches, kivas, and other buildings built one thousand years ago. The Pueblos were continually inhabited for over 800 years, and became a cultural melting pot when the Spanish arrived in the late 16th century.

We’ll head into Mountainair for lunch at Jerry’s Ancient Cities Café, then west to the Abó Ruins. We’ll not visit the third location, Gran Quivira, as it’s a little out of the way. We’ll spend about forty-five minutes at each Ruin site, and there's opportunity for a half-mile hike on paved walkways at both locations. Finally, we’ll head west on Highway 60 back into Belen, and head north on Highway 314 up to the Interstate.

All the roads are paved; dogs allowed on leashes; there is no cost to enter the National Park locations. The tour should be completed by 2:45 after driving 126 miles. Please visit the website for further information. RSVP by emailing tony@renaisscenetworks.com.

Meet: 8:30am, driver’s meeting at 8:45, leave at 9:00, at Smith’s Parking Lot; at Tramway and Central

After: We’ll finish the tour ending at The Range in Bernalillo for lunch.

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Better yet, get involved. Going to an event is fun, but getting involved is even more fun! Sure it might take a few hours out of your month, but what better way to get to know the group of people who understand your Porsche fixation! There are all kinds of ways — large and small — to get involved in one of the fastest growing and most active PCA regions in the country. Just call or e-mail any of the people whose names and contact info is listed on the Officials marquee on page 4 of this newsletter.

Award Descriptions: here’s what you’re voting for….

**Enthusiast of the Year:** Awarded to the individual who shows great enthusiasm and dedication to the Region, the Marque, and to the Porsche community.

**Kim Harmon Instructor of the Year:** Named for one of the great enthusiasts and participants in Region activities in the 80s and early 90s, this award is given to that instructor who demonstrates skills in teaching driving skills and safety to new and experienced participants in the Die Serie.

**Family of the Year:** This award is presented to the family (husband-wife, domestic partnership, father-son, mother-daughter, father-daughter, family unit, etc: i.e., not individuals) who show dedication, service, participation, etc. in Region Activities on an exemplary level.

**New Member of the Year:** It is designed to reward the energy and activity of a member in Region activities over the course of a year by a member who has not previously been active.

**Event of the Year:** This will be awarded to the organizer of the best event of the year, it can be a drive out, autocross, social event, etc.

**Worker of the Year:** This award is presented to the individual who is always there helping at any type of event i.e., social, driving etc. not necessarily as a participant but always there to lend a hand.

Better yet, get involved. Going to an event is fun, but getting involved is even more fun! Sure it might take a few hours out of your month, but what better way to get to know the group of people who understand your Porsche fixation! There are all kinds of ways — large and small — to get involved in one of the fastest growing and most active PCA regions in the country. Just call or e-mail any of the people whose names and contact info is listed on the Officials marquee on page 4 of this newsletter.

**REGION AWARDS:** Region awards are traditional awards recognizing excellence and service to the club. Please write in your preferences below. For further descriptions of these awards see page 32 of this newsletter.

**Enthusiast of the Year:**

**Kim Harmon Driving Instructor of the Year:**

**Family of the Year:**

**New Member of the Year:**

**Worker of the Year:**

**Event of the Year:**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** CUT OUT THIS BALLOT AND MARK YOUR CHOICES, FOLD, TAPE SHUT, STAMP AND MAIL TO ADDRESS SHOWN. PLEASE: ONLY ONE BALLOT PER MEMBER.

**ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 20, 2012 TO COUNT IN THIS ELECTION. RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET. Must include your PCA membership # ________________________________

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Voter Eligibility:
All Active, Family Active and Affiliate Members may vote in the Region election. All ballots must include your current membership number. Lapsed members’ votes will not be counted. Ballots must be mailed in individually.

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Page 32 Roadrunner Ramblings October 2012
The Roadrunner Region of PCA Presents the 4th Annual Charity Autocross To Benefit the Barrett House Foundation All Cars are Welcome

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Billy Sapp, on the gas, in the DS#8 Autocross at Farmington.

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The sunlight comes from a different angle, warming the glow of the mountains, the golden aspen leaves and deepening the blueness of the autumn sky. The nights are beginning to get cold, but the days are still warm, even hot. Snow can be seen on the mountains and farmers markets are beginning to sell pumpkins. You have to plan your mornings around the school buses picking up the kids for school. Yes, it’s fall and, as we know, it’s one of the best times of the year for driving Porsches on the roads of Zone 9. The days are a little shorter, but that’s ok. It’s that glow that makes it all worth it. That and the sound of a Weissach precisely tuned Porsche exhaust summoning, impelling us to go one more time through the gears, just that extra bit further before checking into the B+B or just pulling it back into our own garages. Ahhhh.

Since I last checked in with you, I’ve been enjoying some quiet time and working on gearing my business back up at the beginning of the year once my Zone 9 Rep duties are put to sleep. That’s not to say that I haven’t been working all along, only that it’s a little harder to make commitments when I’m traveling around seeing all of you and having a damned good time doing it! So I do some work, then go out to enjoy the early autumn days, then back to work, and so on....

I did make a trip up to Farmington, NM for the Roadrunner Region’s best autocross event of the year. For those of you who don’t know, the Roadrunners are well known for their autocrossing talents. Without much of a DE program they focus on the cones, having at least twelve autocrosses a year and sometime as many as fourteen! Most of the lots are pretty small, but the one up in Farmington is a national-level sized lot and has a very smooth surface. So two times a year, you’ll see the Roadrunners up there for a pair of two day events, one in the spring and one in the fall, avoiding the summer heat. Because many of the usual suspects were off at SCCA nationals, there was a light crowd, meaning that competitors had an epic 16 runs! Plus Farmington has some great, reasonably priced restaurants, meaning that there was good food to be had before collapsing and starting all over the next day.

I have a couple more events to attend this month before we head into October. I’ll be attending the AMR’s legendary Fall Tour for the first time. I’m really looking forward to seeing the folks from AMR again and experiencing this event as the Rockies light up with the peak of the leaf-season colors. It should be great. My last event of the month won’t be a PCA one, but I will be on assignment for 9 Magazine, the nice little Porsche-themed magazine that got its start here in New Mexico about ten years ago, but has since been bought and improved dramatically by Vince Catena in Florida. I’ll be covering the Santa Fe Concorso where there will be a wide range of beautiful classics, including but not limited to Porsches. The grand marshals will be Santa Fe’s own Denise McLuggage, her old racing friend Sir Stirling Moss, and local four-time Indy-winner Al Unser Sr. Plus my good Bonneville friend and neighbor Jeff Brock will be on hand with his Bombshell Betty Buick, which has become iconic in the world of hot-rodding these last few years. Then, it’s a few weeks off before heading down to Arroyo Seco Raceway for the Carrera Region’s annual Oktoberfiesta weekend, always a fun weekend as it’s like having just that one last weekend of summer before winter sets in. I hope you’re all enjoying the fall weather and getting out for some epic drives of your own!
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Jennifer Sullivan and Bill Muir signal success and good tidings at the start of the AMR Fall tour, as it commences from the Monument Country Club in Colorado.

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Good Times Roll!
From left to right: Dominic Caglioni, Bill Oaks and Jeff Braun enjoy a light-hearted moment during the drivers meeting at the Farmington DS #7+8 autocrosses.