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LADIES RULE at Biggest FLC AutoCross Ever

By Bert Del Villano

The Second Annual Ladies Day Autocross drew a record 57 drivers, including 17 of our wives, girl friends and daughters – and they showed the men that they can be as competitive as anyone. Full results for Ladies Day, as well as year end results, are available on the web site at www.flcitrusregion.org, click on Events then Autocross to find the results topics.

Top Time of Day Ladies honors and the manicure/pedicure were nailed down by **Arden Griffith** on her second run with a great time of 74.930, thanks in small part to her excellent tutor. Arden managed to hold off substantial challenges from **Anne Del Villano**, whose 74.5 and 74.7 scratch times were spoiled by some nasty cones before she could muster a good clean run of 75.912 to capture second place. **Kristen Abel** 3rd (76.093), **Roxanne Guy** 4th (76.104) and **Cheryl Martineau** 6th (76.168) were all within a heart beat.

After the last official runs, we continued fun runs for the ladies – what a treat. Cheryl Martineau managed to get in 2 fun runs, the better of which was a blazing 73.984, a shade faster than Arden's winning time. When husband Mark told Arden about Cheryl, she dashed to retrieve her car. Arden acknowledges that she is very highly competitive, so it was no surprise to see her at the starting line ready to fly, and fly she did. In a near perfect run, she turned a red hot time of 72.440, making her the unambiguous TTOD-L. The Chairman's award, a manicure gift certificate, went to Cheryl for her outstanding driving.

Among the men Porsche drivers, **Bob Blucher** showed us how it is done, once again. Bob had a 66.8, leading **Steve Yenish** and his father Bill in their Cayman by 2 seconds. Watching him drive is a thing of beauty. Bob is so smooth and fast that it looks like he is floating through the course. I thought that by changing to GT3 lower control arms on my 997 C4S and adding more negative camber that I could trounce **Jim West**, but Jim had a superb first run and beat me by 0.3 seconds. Congrats Jim.

The day was run on the Sheriff's Road Course, a half mile of more than 20 turns, sweepers and short straight-aways. While the course was difficult to navigate smoothly, it was easy to follow. No getting lost in a sea of cones. Thanks to Bob Blucher for making sure that the course was safe and challenging. We could not have had a better day for a driving event. It was warm and sunny under bright blue skies, with a gentle breeze and low humidity.

Prior to the official start of the ladies session, we had a skid pad driving exercise to teach the ladies the delicate art of throttle steering, as well as to demonstrate the feel of the car pushing under high acceleration and sliding while under braking. Most of the gals caught on quickly, but some could not get their cars to spin-out. A testament to the balance of modern Porsches. Standing on the side-lines, we could hear squeals of laughter and see some of the cars stepping out. The gals gained a sense of confidence in the exceptional performance of their Porsches, which served them well when they drove the actual course.

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Winner Arden Griffith



2nd Place Went To Anne Del Villano

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to another new year in the Citrus Region. It is my pleasure and honor to be your President for 2008. I dusted off some old agendas and Spiel letters from my last go at this in 1999 and 2000. I find it hard to believe it has been that long. There are many new people I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know. I hope to see you, your friends and your family at some of our events this year. PCA is the best car club to be a part of. Am I biased? Maybe. Judge for yourself and make a point of joining the fun at our events.

When you have a chance please thank the people who helped make the club successful in 2007. Jim Kelly, Steve Sanford, Kerry Flankey and Christian Engle all gave tirelessly of their time and energy. As always, there are also many people helping out this year as well. You will learn about them as the year goes on.

The coming year promises to be exciting and well stocked with events, social, track related or both. The first is a tech session at Zotz Racing before the 24 Hours of Daytona. We are still working on the details so check the website for updated information. Come by and learn what to look for in the 2008 running of the 24 hours of Daytona. Perhaps Ron Zitza will add a third Rolex to his collection. February finds us travelling to Savannah for our February Drivers' Education. If you have never been to a track event you need to think about coming. Ask anyone who has been to rate the experience on the Fun-O-Meter. I think you will find some very high scores. Registration is now open. Again check out the website for details. The first two events of the year will be fun and even more so if you join us. I hope to see you at one or, even better, both.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Insert for 2008 Calendar of Events. 

Note: Be sure to get required ticket for Porsche corral parking at the Sebring 12 Hour race in March. Will publish/email info as soon as available. Sebring Website: sebringraceway.com

EDITOR'S CORNER: With the help of the Club Board of Directors and the membership, I'm trying to improve the Spiel to include more pictures, a classified section and other areas of interest. Comments, interesting articles, photos and ideas are appreciated. You can contact me at chuckhen@embarqmail.com if you have something you'd like to share.

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Nov. 11 Challenge Rally Recap (Compiled from several reports)

It was a beautiful fall day, just perfect for a drive through Volusia County on the Challenge Rally. This year we gathered at the Porsche dealer for some light snacks, great cars and a gathering of fellow drivers of European sports cars. There were 36 Porsche's, 20 BMW's, 15 Audi's, 6 Mercedes, representing all the major brands plus some Alfa's, VW's and the Corvette, Ferrari and the MiniCooper. In all, there was a mixed bag of 89 beautiful cars out for a fun drive for a worthy cause.

The rally started with a test of our observation skills and our ability to count 'car' lots. Little did we realize that pawn shops, SUV dealers, truck and mini-van lots did not count. The most missed question was 'name a form of mass transit'. At the intersection of Lk Mary Blvd and 46 is a "Subway" shop. Then it was off to Volusia County and some roads we had not been on for some time. I think I know every rally route in Lake County so this was a change.

Our trip over some residential streets was necessitated by road construction. Then we encountered the loop in Lake Helen. Normally, cars coming at you from various directions means someone made an error. The winding road and expensive homes by Lake Winnemissett were a treat.

Then off to some more rural areas. Who knew a scarecrow could water ski! And I hope any answer was correct at the White Chicken. I heard only one driver missed the turn after the chicken, probably was wondering about all the Christmas presents he was going to get there. The old orange processing plant was something I had never seen before and was a nice touch. Doubling back helped with some of the questions. How many stopped to count the skulls?

The Willow Tree was the final destination. The food and drink were great and discussing the answers with other drivers was interesting. I learned the route was a figure eight. The bottom loop was run in both directions. Half traveled the loop clockwise, the other counter clockwise. The questions were the same, just in a different order. I'm sure this confused some drivers who just followed the car in front of them. The winner of the rally was **Chris Brook** with 59 out of 64 correct answers. The winner of the People's Choice award was **Bryan May** with his 356A sunroof coupe (see photo). The team that drove the most miles will remain unnamed but they were in a Porsche.

In all, a great time, and since the Willow Tree just won a best dining Foodie award, a great ending. Even better, the Rally raised \$3405 for the Russell Home, a truly worthy cause for which the rally is held every year. And thanks to Jan Reker and Prudy Davis for special help that made the rally possible and a success.



The People's Choice Award Winner!

NEW MEMBERS-WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

JOHN ANDERSON	ORLANDO	2001 CARRERA 4
JOHN BIRD	DAYTONA BEACH	1961 356B, 1985 911, 1991 911T
DAVID BLACKWELL	WINDERMERE	2002 911
ANDREW CHESWORTH	WINDERMERE	2002 BOXSTER S
ADAM FREEMAN	ORLANDO	2007 911
AARON GORDON	LONGWOOD	2007 911
JEFFREY GROVER	FRUITLAND PARK	2000 CARRERA
ERIC MALEE	CELEBRATION	2008 911 TURBO
KIM RACCA	OCOE	1987 944

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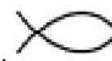
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Christmas Party Provides Enjoyable Evening

The Florida Citrus Region held their annual Christmas dinner Dec. 2nd at the Marriott downtown. 50+ folks attended and had an entertaining evening thanks to all the preparation work of **Norma Peebles**. The filet and shrimp entrees were fantastic and the dessert was decadent. Our new President, **Jeff Phillips** moderated the evening events including introducing the new Board of Directors, awarding prizes and taking photos (Jeff is an outstanding photographer if you didn't already know). A roving magician impressed all and a caricaturist provided excellent renderings for anyone who wanted one. **Bert Del Villano** summarized results of the AutoCross run earlier that day (see page 1) and he and wife **Anne** won the **Enthusiasts of the Year** trophy for the second time! Congratulations Bert and Anne.



Norma and Mark Peebles



Space Coast Prez Tom Gorsuch and Wife Elaine



Bert and Anne Del Villano

Summary Minutes of Dec. 3, 2007 Monthly Meeting:

- Financial Report: Balance \$27,866
- Membership: No Report
- Spiel Report: requested member articles and updates on member profiles, Spiel in mailboxes Dec. 3rd
- Website Report: Spiel posted plus photos
- Holiday Party Summary: announced new officers, fun door prizes were given, and a roaming magician kept everybody entertained
- Autocross Summary: Last event reached a new record of 57 drivers. Arden won top time of day for women's division. Six events are planned between now and July, and there is discussion of adding a class for young drivers.
- DE Report: Roebling Road is scheduled for February 15,16,17
Sebring Full Course: June 28
Sebring Full Course: Aug 1,2 (Hosted by Citrus and Crown Regions)
Roebling Road: October 25,26
- Club Race Report: Greg Barrows won his class in a stock based 996
- Rally: Sunrise to Sunset Rally: April 25,26
- Need events and people to chair them for January and March. Goal is to have at least one event each month.
- Jennifer Barrows announced as new Zone 12 Rep

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AutoCross (continued from page 1)

Our friends in Space Coast Region showed up en mass with 20 drivers! Florida Citrus must be careful because SCR appears to be setting up to redeem themselves after the trouncing we gave them at the last FLC – SCR Region Challenge. However, if this had been a formal challenge event, and using the same scoring algorithm as for the first challenge, FLC would still have claimed a very solid victory (245 vs. 482). A special thank you to **Tom Gorsuch** and **Jonathan Parker** for their efforts to bring out so many good drivers, especially their 7 women. We are looking forward to many more events with Space Coast, possibly including an autocross on the go-cart course at Daytona.

Once again, we thank all those who made Ladies Day such a success: First to **Donnie and Zotz Garage** for his year long support for the autocross series; **David Spinogatti**, manager of Beluga for 2 gift certificates; **Marla Matzuk**, for 2 gift certificates to Key W. Kool or Pacino's Italian Ristorante; **Andrew Parkinson**, Porsche of Orlando, for a Porsche pen; and the club for T-shirt "night gowns"; **George Bonafede** and the guys from the Martin Club for the use of their equipment; **Jeff Phillips** transporting the equipment trailer; **Chris and Kim Wells** for taking photos of the Ladies; **Anne Del Villano and Jim West** for delivering our lunch. An autocross is a complex event and it could not take place without the support and efforts of a huge team. Double thanks to all who helped.

The next events are scheduled for January 6 and February 2. Watch the Spiel, the web site and your email for updates. Remember, events can be cancelled by Lake County on short notice.



It's not the cars **but** these are great looking; # 75 belonging to Howard Osterhouse and #74 to George Creamean



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