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Special Edition: Zonefest '08 at Lakeside Inn

Vic Elford, Concours, Rally, Autocross, Venue and Sponsors Highlight Annual Event in Mt. Dora

By Christie La Piana, Chuck Hennings and Bert Del Villano



View From Lakeside Inn Porch of Zonefest Concours Porsches

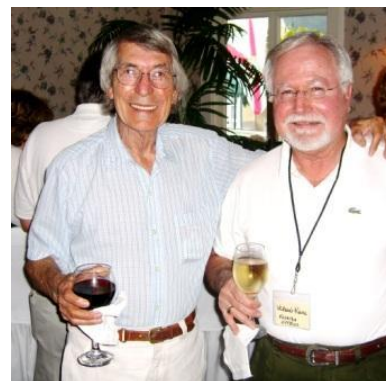
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Friday, May 23 – Welcome Party

It was my first Zonefest. Excuses galore were available in previous years but 2008 was a go and Zonefest did not disappoint. I knew something special was in store when on the way into the Friday night Welcome Party, my wife and I met **Vic Elford** (Porsche driving great) and spent the first half hour chatting with him, and he was glad to do most of the talking! My first introduction into motorsports came in 1970 or '71 at the 24 Hours of Daytona where I fell in love with the awesome Porsche 917. Little did I realize then that Vic Elford was driving one of those wickedly fast machines in the race. And, I remember vividly a 917 glancing into the wall at the exit of the infield onto the banks where I was seated, and having a small piece of fender fly over the wall and land next to me. Welcome to Porsche racing!

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Special Guest Vic Elford and Member Vern Knoll

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Zonefest goes in the books as another in a string of great events this year. The Lakeside Inn always provides a great setting and base for the many events that make up Zonefest (or Citrusfest or Porschefest depending on when you first joined the club). Please help me in thanking **Nort Northam** and **Anne Del Villano**, as well as our fellow members of Zone 12, when you see them for making the event a great success. Mark your calendar for Memorial Day weekend 2009 for the next installment of Zonefest.

As you read this our June DE at Sebring will be in the books. You might hear about how much fun it was from some of the attendees. If you missed the school or feel the need for more fun you are in luck. Registration for our August DE at Sebring is open. Surf over to www.clubregistration.net or our own website www.flcitrusregion.org to register. Both Citrus and Crown Regions will host the event. Come on out and meet your Crown brothers and sisters in a fun packed weekend.

Thanks for being part of the club and supporting our events. If you have an idea for an event or want to be a part of any of them - toss me an e-mail or phone call. Everyone is welcome at our events and anyone can join in on the planning. My contact info is on here somewhere - you will have to read on to find it. Drive safe.

Jeff Phillips

Welcome To Our New Members

Bill Davis – Membership Chair



Robert Fred	Leslie Nelson	Longwood	1992	911
		Altamonte Springs	1996	993
			1991	964
Michael Steven	Pabalís Poncelet	Winter Park	1999	911
		Leesburg	1998	Boxster
James Robert	Spirito Traub	Longwood	2008	Cayman S
		Oviedo	2005	Boxster
Jason John	Foglia Stahl	Orlando	1999	Boxster
		Lady Lake	1984	944

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Zonefest 2008 (cont'd)

PCA members from Florida and Georgia (Gold Coast 20, Citrus 16, Peach State 4, Suncoast 3, Spacecoast 3, North Fl 1) had the privilege of getting to know Vic - one of the most versatile drivers in motorsports history - at this PCA Zone 12 "Zonefest 2008" in picturesque Mt. Dora, FL. Vic's amazing racing career spans 47 years and counting, with a recent drive at the 11th Rallye Monte Carlo Historique in February in a 1970 Porsche 2.2 litre 911, revisiting the site of his 1968 win in a Porsche 911. He followed Porsche's first victory in the Monte Carlo event with a win at the 24 Hours of Daytona in a Porsche 907 only a week later.

In 1971, while driving for the Martini team against the fabled JWA Gulf team, he was clocked at over 380 KMH (236 MPH) in the Porsche 917LH in practice. That same year, he won the 12 Hours at Sebring in a Porsche 917K. In his long career, Vic also raced for Cooper, McLaren, BRM, and others, competing in CanAm, NASCAR, and F1 events.

This annual Memorial Day event at the historic Lakeside Inn is a popular summer gathering of Porsche enthusiasts. A friendly, informal atmosphere permeated the weekend, thanks to Co-chairpersons **Nort Northam** and **Anne Del Villano**, with their team of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. Activities included the Welcome Party, Concours, Tech Quiz, Rally, Autocross, and the Sunday Awards Banquet with winner announcements and door prizes. Friday night, the large Lakeside Inn reception area and the cozy barroom were filled with Porsche folks greeting old friends, getting to meet new people, and chat with Vic.



Part of Crowd at Welcome Party



Bert Del Villano and Greg Barrows



Jan Reker and Christie La Piana

Saturday Morning May 24 – Concours and Tech Quiz

This year's Concours was chaired by **Mike Hanson** with assistance by **Mike Joffee**. Over the years the Concours has evolved into a somewhat low-key event with cars judged on their exterior and interior presentation and cleanliness only – engines and undercarriages were not included. This year, cars entering the Concours were judged on the exterior, interior and trunks. Classes were based on model type and age.

One of the highlights of this year's Concours was having Vic Elford make a special selection. When asked for his criteria, he remarked that "I will choose the car that I would most want to drive myself." His choice turned out to be the _____ which also won First Place in its class.

Winners by Class:

- Class 1 (356 ALL) – **Jerry and Susan Remillard**, Gold Coast, 1958 Cab
 2nd **Charles Fizer**, Citrus, 1958 Speedster
 2 (911 '65-'73)- **Zvi and Tracy Hirsch**, Gold Coast, 1969 Coupe
 3 (911 '74-'89)- **Fred and Lucy Kohly**, Gold Coast, 1989 911
 2nd Claude and Stephanie Laborde, Citrus, 1982 911SC
 4 (911 '90-'98)- **Ted Hollander**, Gold Coast, 1997 993
 5 (996 '99-'04)- **Luis Rivera**, Citrus, 2004 GT2
 6 (997 '05-'08)- **Darl and Delores Musgrove**, Gold Coast, 2008 997
 7 (924, 944, 968, 928, '77-'95)- **Lew and Joyce Gonzalez**, Gold Coast, 1984 944
 8 (Boxster and Cayman)- **Jim Barggren and Nancy Spain**, Citrus, 2008 Boxster S
 2nd **Ken and Delby West**, Citrus, 2001 Boxster S
 3rd **Jim and Christie LaPiana**, Citrus, 2001 Boxster S
 4th **Allen Vogel and Kathy Sellers**, Citrus, 2001 Boxster S
 9 (Factory Racecars and Modifieds)- **Peter Brown**, Gold Coast, 1971 911E

Peoples's Chioce Award – **Zvi and Tracy Hirsch**, Gold Coast, 1969 Coupe

During the Concours **Ruben Ledesma**, National PCA Treasurer, invited everyone to join in on a short and fun Tech Quiz, which tested basic knowledge of Porsche cars, history and racing predominantly based on Porsche Panorama issues – years 2007 and 2008. A quiet lull was cast on the front porch of the Lakeside Inn while test takers pondered their answers. The winners of the Tech Quiz were:

Men's

1. Manny Alban - Chesapeake region
2. Danny Saxton - Peachstate region
3. Dan Smithyman - Gold Coast region

Ladies

1. Ellen Riley - Suncoast region
2. Jennifer Barrows - Citrus region
3. Lois Roberts - Space Coast region

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Concours Judges At Work



Classic 356's Grace Lakeside Inn Lawn



Porch Rockers Enjoy Great Weather

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**Saturday Afternoon May 24
Observation Rally**



Rallymaster Jan Reker

Rally participants were treated to another scenic drive on the back roads of central Florida. Created as an Observation Rally by Rally Master Jan Reker with the able assistance of John Reker, participants were asked questions about signs and landmarks along the way. Many of the questions were of a tongue-in-cheek, wry humor variety that was appreciated by drivers and navigators alike. There was also the traditional stop at the Yalaha German bakery along the way for refreshments and, of course, more questions to be answered.

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Part of Lineup for Rally



The Barrows Ready to Roll



John Reker Sends Off Another Porsche On Rally



Yalaha Bakery Stop



Co-Chair Nort at Yalaha



The Ledesma's at Yalaha



Zonefest Co-Chair
Anne Del Villano

Observation Rally Results

- 1st – **Debbie Williams and Gary Stratton** – Citrus
- 2nd – **Barbara and Mike Joffe** – Gold Coast
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- 3rd – **Cameron and Keith Ennis** – Sponsor from
Moroso Motorsports
- 4th – **Betty and Dan Smithyman** – Gold Coast
- 5th – **Carol and Ted Hollander** - Citrus



Zonefest Co-Chair
Nort Northam

Sunday May 25 Autocross by Bert Del Villano



Rallymaster Bert Del Villano

International racing legend **Vic Elford** shared part of his day with us at the 2008 ZoneFest. With some coaxing at lunch, Vic chatted about some of his most memorable moments on the world circuit. During the 1971 Daytona 24 Hours, his Martini & Rossi 917 was doing close to 200 mph late at night when a rear tire blew out. He said he saw the wall "flash by at least 3 times" as he spun into near total darkness. The demolished carcass of his 917 finally came to rest in the infield (see photo page 7). Vic managed to get out of the car and ran – he knew not where, just ran. Seconds later, **Mark Donohue** in a Ferrari 512M hit the wall at the same point followed closely by a 911 which hit the debris on the bank and spun directly into what was left of Vic's 917. After extensive repairs, Mark Donohue managed to resume the race and finished third. Vic and the 911 driver were taken to the medical center. A very close call!

So, what does a legend use for a daily driver, a Cayenne Turbo, maybe a 1000+ hp Volkswagen, and what is his favorite Porsche, the 917, or perhaps the 1968 911 in which he won the Monte Carlo Rally? All were astonished to hear that his first criterion for his personal car is that it remains at the Miami airport when he travels. Thus, he drives a 13 year old Ford Escort, with absolutely no concern about it being stolen or dinged. Vic's favorite Porsche, to no surprise to those who have driven it – the Cayman S. He loves the balance, stiffness, and power. **Andrew Parkinson** and crew would be quite happy to show you the features of the Cayman S that have so endeared the car to Elford and then help you drive home in it.

The autocross itself was very busy, with the usual FLC drivers joined by 31 from ZoneFest. **Ralph Carr** and his family from Suncoast Region laid out a fun and fast course which challenged all – a lesson in the importance of the course walk. The course featured a series of interlocking sweepers and a decreasing slalom. Among the ZoneFest drivers, **Bill Riley** had TTOD for the men and **Anne Del Villano** topped the 7 ladies. Congratulations to both. Overall, multi-time national champion, **Danny Shields**, walked away from all other drivers with a blazing time of 38.2 sec. **Bob Blucher** used **Genie Evers'** Cayman S to demonstrate that Vic was right. I was 1 cone plus 0.3 sec. behind **Jim West**, but was 0.2 heart beats ahead of P4 rival **Erich Mertz**. Perennial spinner, **Mark Peebles**, is still trying to master his hot rod 968. This time, it was a sticky accelerator pedal – sure. Full results are at www.flcitrusregion.org. Go to events then click on autocross. Thanks to **Tom Gorsuch**, President of Space Coast Region, for providing the details of Vic Elford's escapades. **Cont'd on Page 7**



Mark's Accelerator Cable Problem Causes Spin



Vic Elford Entertains at Lunch Break



Ledesma Family and Friends

Sunday Victory Banquet

The grand finale of the weekend is always the Awards Banquet. As noted in the Zonefest program, the Sunday Banquet is "The culmination of the weekend, where we thank our sponsors, applaud our winners, laugh at ourselves and enjoy remarks by Vic Elford and others," all the while enjoying the delicious buffet thoughtfully and creatively prepared by the Lakeside Inn and served in the beautiful Beauclaire Room. Vic Elford's remarks about his most challenging and memorable races were the highlight of the evening especially his harrowing experience at Daytona in a 917 (see photo below right (thanks to Tom Gorsuch)).



Terrific Buffet



Beauclaire Room



More Beauclaire Room



Nort and Assistant Kendall Barrows



Porsche 917, Ford Escort – Yes, I've Driven them All



Ready to Dig In



Happy Winner



No Photos Please

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Vic's Truly A Survivor from Racing Era When Safety Concerns Secondary

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