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UPCOMING

March 1st (Sunday) Sunrise to Sunset Rally **Registration Opens**

March 1st (Sunday) **Autocross @ Tavares**

March 2nd (Monday) **Monthly Meeting @ Dealership 7pm**



March 3rd (Tuesday) 2009 Porsche Parade **Registration Opens @** www.pca.org

March 14th (Saturday) Indy @ Disney (pg 4)

March 28 (Saturday) Kaffee Klatsch in Ocoee

FYI

2009 Marks the 35th Anniversary Of the FI Citrus **Region PCA.**

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Porsche Dominates DP and GT at Rolex 24





On the 40th anniversary of his father's victory at the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona, **David Donohue** drove a gripping last hour of the 2009 sports car classic to pass, and then hold off, former Formula 1 champion and NASCAR star Juan Pablo Montoya to score an overall win for him and his teammates Antonio Garcia (Madrid, Spain), Darren Law and Buddy Rice (both Phoenix, Ariz.) in the Brumos Porsche Riley #58 prototype at Daytona International Speedway. It was the closest finish in the 47-year history of the Rolex 24, with Donohue edging Montoya by 17-hundreths of a second. The Brumos Racing team Porsche Riley of Joao Barbosa (Porto, Portugal)/Hurley Haywood (Ponte Verda Beach, Fla.)/JC France (Daytona Beach, Fla.)/Terry Borcheller (Vero Beach, Fla.) finished third after contesting the race late into the event. Porsche's perfect day was completed when the TRG Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racer #67 piloted by Andy Lally/Patrick Long /Joerg Bergmeister /Justin Marks/RJ Valentine won the GT class by a lap over TRG Porsche teammates.

There was a great turnout of PCA members at the Porsche Paddock and by 11am over 160 Porsches were gathered for the event. Different Regions manned the Paddock providing parking services, coffee, doughnuts and snacks throughout the 24 hour race. A big screen TV in the PCA tent kept everyone up to date on the Speed Channel coverage.



Zone 12 Rep Jennifer Barrows, Past PCA Pres. Bob Miller & PCA Treasurer Rueben Ledesma

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, everyone attending the Rolex 24 was treated to good weather, a great race and warm hospitality. The refreshments and hospitality provided by our Florida Porsche Clubs at the Porsche Paddock made it a perfect spot for race watching and chatting with fellow Porschephiles.



Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, you'll have enjoyed the Chili Bake Off Feb. 28 or the Roebling Road Driver's Ed event Feb. 20-22, or both! And there's a lot more planned for March starting with **Bert DelVillano's** Autocross event at Tavares March 1st. On March 14 come on out to the Disney Speedway and enjoy a Meet & Greet event and catch a ride in an Indy Car at the Indy Car Experience (see page 4). March 28th there's another Kaffee Klatsch, this time in Ocoee at the corner of Bluford and Highway 50. Key early March registration dates are March 1st for the Sunrise to Sunset Rally and March 3rd for Parade in Keystone, CO. (www.pca.org).

If you attended the last Club meeting , you were treated to a look at our new website @ http://flc.pca.org/ by Brian **Remington**, our Webmaster. Give it a look! And please enjoy this issue of the Spiel, but more importantly, sign up for one of our upcoming events!

Chuck Hennings

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Even though the start for the Rolex 24 at Daytona was moved out to 3:30, we decided to staff the Paddock starting at 8am, the same as last year. This meant getting the coffee and doughnuts about when the sun was breaking the horizon on a cold Saturday morning, setting up at the Paddock and being prepared to park early arrivers.



Sincere thank yous to Steve and Jane Sanford for doing the coffee run from Krispy Crème (one of the doughnut boxes seemed a little light), to John Andersen for wrangling all those waiver signatures from impatient drivers and to Miles **Beach** who helped man the tables in the Paddock tent.

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Maitland - 16

Alt. Sprgs. - 13

Kissimmee - 13

Apopka - 14

FL Citrus Region Porsche Ownership Based On Available Data: 1950s, 60s - 28 1970s - 46 - 145 1980s - 101 1990s 2000s - 221

Spiel Readership by City:

Orlando - 149 Longwood - 53 Winter Pk - 53

Oviedo - 27 Windermere - 26 Winter Spgs – 17 <u>Carter – Knoxville,TN</u>

Others - 167 Total - 565

Farthest: Dick

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FLORIDA CITRUS REGION CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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Drive an Indy Car and Enjoy a Morning of Porsche Owner Comraderie Saturday, March 14 9-12am



Come on out to the Disney World Speedway
Saturday morning and enjoy coffee and doughnuts and
meeting fellow Porsche Club members. There's plenty of free
parking available inside the oval. As you enter Disney on 192
towards the Magic Kingdom, you'll come to ticket booths.
Just say you're going to the Speedway and they'll let you
pass. Stay to the left until you come to the track entrance
where you'll have to sign the customary waiver. Proceed
through the tunnel to the parking lot beyond the office
building where the Indy Racing Experience resides.

Inspect the Indy Cars and perhaps signup for a few laps in one. There's a tandem IndyCar which will propel you at scary speeds but with you only as a passenger. Or if you want to drive, sign up for one of the single seaters and take a few laps. To find out more about the "Indy Racing Experience", call 888-357-5002 / indyracingexperience.com.

They'll be a door prize for a ride in the tandem racer, so be sure to come on out!!! A trophy will also be awarded for a "People's Choice" or favorite car at the event.

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Drive a bargain in a tight economy

By Jill Perry

A uto dealers in the U.S. were hit hard by the recent downturn in the economy, reporting double-digit sales declines at the end of 2008. Some dealers responded by simply closing their doors.

It means challenges for car shoppers, too. Inventories may be limited now. Credit will be tighter. And as new car prices drop, so will trade-in values.

But if you're in the market for a new or used car, there are great bargains right now. AAA offers several ways to maximize your car-buying experience.

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One Lap of America (Article #8) - by Mark Peebles



Mark Peebles

We finished up at Kershaw, packed up all the gear, hitched the trailer to the car and headed off to the BMW performance center in Greer South Carolina. It was only 153 miles away and the first time this week that we are doing two different venues on the same day. The route book stated we only had to average 51.3 miles per hour to get there at a good time.

Now, the great guy I was sharing a car with, Joe, was shall we say, a techno person. We had a Tom Tom GPS that he swore was the greatest thing in the world. It had taken him around many cities and never failed to get him to the desired destination. I on the other hand was at the other end of the spectrum. GPS was good, but garbage in garbage out was my take on GPS. Heck, I make my living using GPS to navigate the US and I still have the map out to double check the thing.

Anyway, we head out for the short drive to the BMW Center. We somehow end up in the middle of downtown Greer with no sign of a big BMW factory. The GPS told us we were right there and Joe kept saying that the GPS was never wrong. WELL, it was. You see if you put in the wrong address, it is not smart enough to override that address and put in the right one. It will just take you to the wrong address. Period! We were the last car to arrive at the center and thus, the last to leave the center for the drive to VIR. The BMW center course was a long autox road course. It reminded me of the road course we use for our series in Lake County. We kept our place in the standings after this run.

Now it was off to VIR, 235 miles and with lots of time to get there. As we drove out of the center and on to the interstate we were in deep discussion as to who was going to drive which part of VIR. This very hilly and twisty road course is a very intense place to drive, even with great brakes. We had great brakes up until they failed each time. I was not going to drive any of the 3 courses we had planned with this brake condition. We had replaced the brake fluid with higher temperature fluid. We bled the brakes after each run. We fashioned a scoop system to dump air on the rotors. I had no ideas left. Techno Joe picked up his Blackberry, called 411 and got the number for Wildwood brakes. I was driving and all I heard was yes, ok, alright, and thank you. The great tech people at Wildwood had suggested that with the conditions we had, there must be a way that the big Corvette engine stuffed into a 944 was very near a brake line and that as the car's headers got hot and the pressure was applied to the brakes, the fluid would boil. BINGO, I think we were on to something. Joe had built the car and remembered that indeed there was a close point for the headers and brake line. There was a chance that if we could address this problem, we might actually have brakes for VIR.

Two more days and we are at the finish of the One Lap of America.

On to Beaver Run in PA.



Mark Peebles

FYI - Rotary's upcoming *Cars For Kidz* charity exotic and muscle car show is **March 14, 2009 from 10AM-3PM in Winter Springs**, FL. We <u>need</u> CARS!!.... The entry/showing fee is \$50 or \$250 for VIP credentials which includes hospitality suite access. Please visit <u>www.carsforkidz.org</u> for more info. This Mardi Gras themed event is sure to attract the *Who's Who* in the Central Florida exotic car industry – we've secured a *AAA* master trained mechanic in addition to 2 other celebrities as judges... Please join *AAA* in supporting this worthwhile cause.

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BRAGGING RIGHTS By Sue Belt

My husband, **Maurice (Belt)**, and I got an unexpected thrill ride recently--four times around Daytona International Speedway road course at 170 mph, courtesy of **Vernon Knoll**. We were at the Le Belle Macchine d' Italia-SUD (a "run what yabrung") in a 2008 Lamborghini Gallardo Spyder. Maury really wants to go out again--what a thrill; exhilarating!" But, like Alex Job, my racing career's over. I was DWD--dizzy while driving! However, I do have bragging rights! What a surreal experience. I actually had no fear--perhaps if we'd been four wide at speed... The helmet creates tunnel vision-you notice you're in the chicane or in 31 degree banking, but you don't get a wide overall view. When a race is being called, they talk about the fast straight aways and the abrupt braking for the turns. You feel all that (especially right after lunch)--sort of a zoombam! zoom-bam! But I had to know what I was sure Maury was going to rave about.



Sue Belt

Vern told me I did better than a buddy of his--big football player size guy. Seems he shrieked the whole way three times around the track, begging to head to the pits. It didn't help either that an instructor in a Ferrari spun out in front and below them. Vern went high as the guy continued screaming. The buddy declined and then later agreed to two laps in a Super Leggera. He called the next day asking to bring his son and a friend. Vern said he'd be glad to take them around in a Porsche, but the guy insisted on the Lambo--"Just remember, he's my son!"

Michele Knoll has been out for some parade laps in a Porsche ride-along, but not with Vern. He's been doing Drivers Ed since 1997 when he bought a 944 Turbo and been driving Lamborghinis for about two years as his job. Three weeks into the job he was on the track at Moroso (now Palm Beach Race Course). He said, "I walked in with a helmet under my arm and they thought I was qualified to drive a 530 HP car. I had been driving a 295 HP car. But, I learned very quickly! "It's just as much fun as you can have in a car. A day on the race track is always good."

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48 Hours @ Sebring





Greg Barrows Sets PB @ Sebring

Mark Peebles In Turn 1 @ Sebring

There was a great turnout for the "48 Hours" PCA Club race @ Sebring and FL Citrus drivers did very well! **Greg Barrows** participated in 3 races during the 48 Hours event. There were 2 night races on Friday. Greg finished 5th overall and first in H Stock Class in his night race. **Aaron Jones** finished 31st overall and second in his class – SP2

The Saturday Spring 14 lap Sprint race had 52 cars in Greg's group. He finished 24th overall and first in his class and set his best time ever at Sebring during qualifying for this race at 2:25:5. **Aaron Jones** was 3rd and **Mark Peebles** 5th in SP2.

The Sunday 90 minute Enduro, with one mandatory 5 minute pitstop, had 57 cars and Greq finished 8th overall. **Jim Kelley**

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and **Aaron Jones** assisted Greg's pit effort and resulted in a 5:07 minute pitstop. (Note: You want to be as close to 5 minutes as possible.) **Aaron Jones** and **Fred Beasley** were also in this race. Fred finished 33rd overall and second in SP2 in his '89 944. Aaron and his co-driver **Mark Peebles** finished 41st overall and 3rd in class SP2. They were driving Aaron's '88 924S.

There was also an Autocross held Saturday @ Sebring and the fastest raw time was turned in by **Dan Shields** @ 37.364 in his 2002 Boxster S. From Citrus, **John Hursh** ran (in I believe his first Autocross) 47.709 in his 944.



John Hursh @ Sebring Autocross

The same weekend as the 48 Hours, **Gary Jensen** won the HSR Historic enduro at PBIR , and **Angus Rodgers** with **Richard Hook** took a second place in class during the same race. Next HSR race is at Sebring March 5th-8th with 3 hour enduros

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Summary Minutes of February 2nd, 2009 Monthly Meeting:



David Edwards – Club Secretary

-Membership: 512 members, 6 new this month -Spiel Report: Still looking for articles

-Web Report: New site operational; saving the

club \$1,200/yr

-Rolex 24hr: 9th yr of paddock; members attending from 31 states, Porsche parking filled up by noon, so plan ahead next yr

-Sebring 12hr: Porsche Paddock and parking undecided, details to follow

-Track Events: Roebling Feb 20-22, all groups full but white

-New Items:

-Club shirts / hats / mugs now on sale see web -April 11 trip to Brumos museum planned put on

by Zotz Racing. Limited space, details
TBA

-Financial Report: Balance \$26,911

Arden Griffith - Club Treasurer



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