

ZoneFest 2010

by Chuck Hennings

A Florida Citrus Region PCA founder, **Nort Northam**, and his good friend, Club member and owner of the Lakeside Inn, **Jim Barggren**, organized, coordinated and held a very successful Zonefest event in Mt. Dora over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Most of the Zone 12 PCA Regions were represented at the "Sixth Annual Zonefest" hosted by the historic Lakeside Inn nestled between Lake Dora and quaint Mt. Dora. The pictures speak for themselves regarding the festivities!

Friday night's Welcome Party at the Lakeside kicked off the weekend and we were treated to wonderfully tasty hors d'oeuvres+ provided by Jim and his kitchen staff. (cont page 4)



Upcoming Events

July 12 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting, 7pm Porsche of Orlando
July 24 (Sat)	Wine Tasting, 7pm @ Tims Wine Market Windemere
Aug 2 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting, 7pm Porsche of Orlando
Aug 14 (Sat)	Ultimate Motor Works Tour / Lunch See Next Month's Spiel
Oct 16-17	Roebing Road DE Registration is Open... it will be a sell out - register today!



LeMans 2010 at Southeast Performance

by Chuck Hennings

On Saturday, June 12th, **Rick Vimmerstedt** opened up his Southeast Performance shop for breakfast, lunch and the viewing of the LeMans 24 Hour race. Rick usually talks a Club member or two into helping cook but he and Johnny did it all, sausage and eggs early, then hot dogs, hamburgers and a side of beef for lunch! Members drifted in and out after enjoying a plateful and plenty of beverages and catching an hour or two of the race from Le Sarthe in France. **Jim and Christie LaPiana, Greg, Jennifer and Kendall Barrows, Richard and Dawn Hook, Maury and Sue Belt, Mark Peebles, Gary Meredith, Phil Weis, Tom, Chris, Larry and Ann, and Roger** (sorry for not remembering last names) were a few of the many to enjoy the cars and car talk. Rick's personal collection of cars and a few on consignment were there for viewing as well in his spacious facility (see photo which is last year's. I forgot to bring my camera!). (cont page 3)

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President's Update

Last update I forwarded of a great Zonefest in Mt. Dora organized by **Nort Northam and Jim Barggren**. Well, they delivered as advertised and the article and photos included in this issue prove it. Thanks to them and the other sponsors for a fun Memorial Day weekend with other Zone 12 members. A couple of weeks later, 944 champion racer and Club member **Rick Vimmerstedt** treated us to a tasty brunch/lunch at his Southeast Performance shop to watch the first few hours of the 24 Hours of LeMans. And at the end in the GT2 class, a Porsche GT3RS finished first beating the hyped Corvette, BMW and Ferrari teams. The competition in this class will provide outstanding racing the rest of the year in the American LeMans series.



Registration is now open for the October 16 and 17, Roebing Road Driver's Ed. The initial response was terrific and the event is filling fast! Sign up now at clubregistration.net or email the registrar at bertdelvillano@aol.com if you have questions.

Our next social event will be a wine tasting at Tim's Wine Market in Windermere on Saturday evening, July 24th at 6:30. Some tasty eats will be provided so for the \$15 charge, you can't go wrong. **Craig and Kathy Lopus** put out some exceptional wines last year and I'm expecting the same this time. Their "menu" will be available soon and we'll email blast it out to all.

Finally, we've secured the Sonesta Hotel on Lake Ivanhoe for our Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11th. Member **Meredith McWaters**, who's assisted organizing the event the last few years, was able to get a great Saturday night price for a dual-entree, plated dinner (we've held the banquet on Sundays previously due to a lower price). And Bert De Villano has lined up a special speaker who is guaranteed to please all attendees. More soon; and please attend the next general meeting Monday, July 12th at Porsche of Orlando at 7pm.

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Upcoming Calendar

Your guide to Citrus Region Events

July 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Monthly Meeting

July 12 at 7pm
Porsche of Orlando
1st Monday of Each Month

Porsche Parade

June 3-9 St Charles, IL
www.pca.org for more information.

Cars & Coffee

June 17 from 9am - 11am
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Wine Tasting

July 24
Tims Wine Market - Windemere
See Below

July 3-9

July 24 (Sat)

Aug 14 (Sat)

Oct 21-24 (Thur-Sun) HSR Sebring Historic Fall Classic

Porsche Parade - St Charles IL

Wine Tasting @ Tims Wine Market

Ultimate Motor Works Tour & Lunch

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Sept 11-12 (Sat-Sun) Crown Region DE at Roebling Road

Sept 26 (Sun) AutoCross at OCCC

Oct 16-17 (Sat-Sun) DE at Roebling Road

Oct 30 (Sun) AutoCross at OCCC

Nov 14 (Sun) Challenge Rally (for Russell Home)

Dec 11 (Sat) Holiday Party with Toys for Tots

Wine Tasting

Tim's Wine Market in Windemere

Craig and Kathy Lopus, owners of Tim's Wine Market in Windemere, will be providing a great selection of wines for your tasting on Saturday, July 24th starting at 6:30pm. Like last year, a table with some tasty food will also be available. So for only \$15 per person enjoy reds and whites and some fellowship with Club members and guests. Soon, an email blast will describe the wines and vintages for your tasting. Meanwhile, please RSVP to Laura Lee Shields at lauraleexoxo@aol.com if you plan on coming.

October Roebling Road DE

Florida Citrus Region PCA is hosting it's October Drivers Education event at Roebling Road Raceway Oct. 16 - 17. This is a 2 day driving event focused on learning high performance driving skills for beginning students as well as advanced solo drivers. Instructors will be provided for students in the Green and Blue groups.

In addition to track events, your admission also includes a shirt and a social on Fri evening. Saturday evening will feature another gala at Cancon Mexican Resturant with a spirited Mariachi band. Cost for dinner is \$20 in advance. All marques are welcome.

Space is strictly limited to 25 drivers per run group, so sign up early. Please update your driving resume and check your requested number. Do not use duplicate numbers.

SE Performance LeMans Party - Cont.

Rick Vimmerstedt has opened another shop a couple of doors down from Southeast Performance for car renovation and maintenance work. There's also a large sales lot on 17-92. Rick's a previous championship 944 driver and has lots of great stories. Thanks for providing all that great food/drink and hospitality Rick! As far as the LeMans race went, it was a good one for Porsche see page 13.

Welcome New Members

Total region membership as of 31 May was 499.

Michael Harsha 2002 Boxster S Orlando

Member contact information is very important if you want to continue receiving the "Panorama", the "Citrus Spiel" or any E-Mails about upcoming region events. This contact information is maintained on the member database at PCA. There are three ways to update this information:

- Call PCA at 703-321-2111
- On the web at www.pca.org
- Send the information to Bill at daviswm@cfl.rr.com



Bill Davis - Membership Chairman



2010 ZoneFest (cont.)

Saturday's agenda included a People's Choice Concours, a Tech Quiz and a driving tour. Winners in each Concours category included:

Overall Winner	John and Jan Reker 1963 356 Cab
Early 911	Steve Hoffman and family – 1967 911S
Mid-Year 911	Nort Northam – 1989 Speedster
Late 911	Gary Karnes – 2008 Turbo
944	Melinda Jacobs – 1986 944
Boxster	Donna Kocak – 2006
Cayman	Collin and Vivian Davy 2006 Cayman S
Race Cars	Gary Stratton 968



Historic Lakeside Inn Mt Dora



Alex Job Racing (AJR) Shop in Tavares

After lunch a large group staged for the Driving Tour and roared away from the Lakeside, avoiding downtown, but we were a "presence"! A couple of large rain cells decided to "rain on our parade" a bit but the route was excellent. A little over an hour into the tour, we stopped at AJR (**Alex Job** Racing) for a tour, snacks provided by the Lakeside Inn and a short talk by Alex about his recent foray into the GTC class in the American LeMans Series of races. He and his staff had just returned from LaGuna Seca racing his three 911 GT3 Cup Car entries. AJR didn't do quite as well in California as they did at the Sebring 12 Hour where they finished 1-2-3! A short drive back to Mt. Dora was rewarded with a fresh, cool keg of beer on the porch of the Lakeside. All-in-all, a great way to spend a Saturday with fellow Porschephiles.

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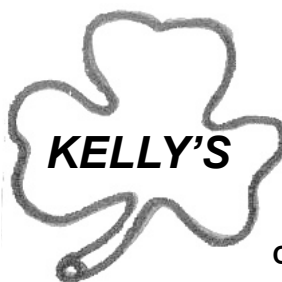
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Sunday, another driving event, an Autocross, was held at the Tavares Training Facility. A great article about a first-timer in AX, **Donna Kocak** from the Space Coast Region, appears in this issue along with more pictures from the event. AutoCross winners included:

Boxster/Cayman Class – Collin Davy
 4 Cylinder Class – Danny Fuchs
 Race Cars – Gary Stratton
 Most Improved Driver – Donna Kocak

The day culminated in the Victory Banquet in the Beauclaire Room of the Lakeside. After another great meal from the Lakeside kitchen, awards and doorprizes were presented and Alex Job talked to the crowd about the new GTC class in ALMS. And looking to 2011, **Bill Riley** from Suncoast related that Zonefest might be at the Saddlebrook resort, where he and Ellen ran the Porsche Parade a few years ago. Suncoast will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary next year.

Meanwhile, a large Thank You to Nort, Jim and his outstanding staff plus our great sponsors listed below for a great weekend! Sponsors – Lakeside Inn, Nort Northam Collection, Mike Joffee's Airtech, Porsche of Ocala, Bert Smith Porsche, and Porsche of Orlando.



Welcome Party



Weekend Kickoff (l-r) Steve Hoffman, Collin Davey, Gary Stratton





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My First Autocross - ZoneFest 2010 AX

By Donna Kocak

Donna Kocak's
First AutoCross
and Zone Fest
Autocross
Pictures

All I can say: "It was blast! When can I do it again?"

I purchased my Boxster S last October to have more fun and improve my driving skills, but when it came time to participate in my first Autocross I was hesitant to dive in and try it. My main source for racing encouragement, Vero Beach Space Coast member Jerry ("racecar") Neely and his wife Maria, had to drop out so that could have given me a good excuse to stay home. Instead, a couple of days before ZoneFest, I contacted **Nort Northam** and decided to register. At least I could meet some new people and spend some time with my parents since they live close by.



Donna driving with instructor Collin Davey.

My first night at ZoneFest, I met up with fellow Space Coast members **Collin Davey** and **Steve Hoffman**. They shared race stories with me and encouraged me to participate. Collin asked me "How good of a driver do you think you are? And how much do you like your car?" Well, I don't know, maybe a 7 or 8 at driving and a 9 at liking my car? By Sunday morning, I had received even more encouragement from other members (including Vivienne Davey and Robin Hoffman) and was ready to go. Collin and Steve escorted me to the Autocross site. (Actually, that was fun being flanked by two beautiful red Porsches!) When we got to the site, we had to find an open parking spot, so I pulled in next to a blue Boxster S with racing tires that was being worked on by a man wearing a floppy hat. (Little did I know who he was!) Next, we signed in and were given the course map, and then Collin helped me check out my car. We measured the tire pressure, torqued the wheel lug nuts, and removed all loose objects in the car including the floor mats. After that, Collin and I walked the course twice, as it was to be driven, while we discussed the driving line, optimal path between the cones, when to speed up and slow down, etc.

I grabbed a helmet, raced to my car, jumped in and headed for the starting line. Gulp! All of the sudden I felt really nervous. After stalling as long as I could, I hollered to Collin and asked him to ride with me as my instructor. Off we went... very slowly! I could hear the announcer say over the loud speaker that they were going to hold the next car back since the current car was going so slow. Yep, that was me. A whopping 74 seconds through the course – certainly the slowest of all the times I recorded! But, "they" say that is what the first run is for: to learn the track and get a feel for the course. And since this was my first-ever, first run I suppose that was good... I stayed on course and didn't hit anything! (How ironic that we spend all day Saturday diligently cleaning our car for the Concours, and now we are potentially beating it up on the track!)

As I finished my first turn and was about to get in line for my next, I decided that it would be more meaningful to ride with Collin (in his car or mine), to see how an autocross is suppose to be driven. That ended up being very helpful! I saw that it was not a "gentle" ride – but rather ON the GAS, ON the BRAKE, ON the GAS, ON the BRAKE and that was it. Not much in between.

Collin also rode with me on my next two turns. On my second turn, he advised me to keep two hands on the wheel, so I worked on that. I improved my time by about 12 seconds. (Up to this point, Nort was commenting that "I was all teeth", but after my second run I think I switched to "all smiles!") On my third turn, Collin advised me to stop braking like I was on the street and instead hit the brake hard as I approached the corner. (I was instructed to hold off on braking through the turn and hence sliding, on purpose anyway.) This time I improved by a few more seconds. Finally, on my fourth and final turn, I kicked Collin out and drove solo. I think the savings on weight must have helped; I improved my score even more and ended up at just over 52 seconds. For me, that was a great way to begin Autocrossing and a whole lot of fun! After the Autocross Collin asked me again, how much I liked my car. I answered, "Off the scale!" and Collin replied, "Sometimes even a baby eagle needs a push!"

I have to say though, the best part of the weekend was meeting a lot of very nice PCA members from all over who I can now call my friends. Everyone was so supportive and friendly at all of the events. Thanks everyone! (My parents had a great time meeting you too.) And a special thanks to Nort, Jim Barggren, Ruben Ledesma and the sponsors (in this case Ernie's Alloys Inc.) for supplying a new addict with racing tires in the raffle! See you on course again soon...



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Porsche News

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Porsche Press Release - Stuttgart.

In the renowned "Initial Quality Study" conducted by the US market research institute J.D. Power on the quality of new cars, Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, once again reached the winner's circle. By ranking first place in the overall ratings, the manufacturer of premium sports cars met the highest quality demands again this year in its most important export market, the USA.

After ranking first place three times from 2006 to 2008 and second place in 2009, Porsche has now reached a leading position in the J.D Power study for the fifth consecutive time. The 911 sports car was ranked first in the "Premium Sporty Car" segment and was rated the second-best car in the entire study. Its new fourth Panamera model line came in third place in the "Large Premium Car" segment against established competitors.

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In March of this year, Porsche already achieved impressive ratings in the J.D. Power Study on used car quality, ranking number one in the overall ratings. The Initial Quality Study surveys the satisfaction of more than 82,000 US customers in the first three months of purchasing their new cars. A total of 236 car models are rated according to 228 criteria that are arranged in categories like driving experience and engine performance.



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Club Racing

VIR race - SVRA Heacock Gold Cup and Hutchinson Island

By Marie Zitza

VIR race - SVRA Heacock Gold Cup

Ron and Gregg won their enduro, 1st overall and 1st in class on Friday. Tom Briest was 4th and is leading his group in points.

Hutchinson Island

Ron & Tom had a great weekend - first time at this track- they both won their races which made it even better! Ron & Brad are 1st in the Historic points, and Tom is 2nd in the Classic GT points. The Camaro that Ron won the 2000 Daytona 24 Hours AGT was there - Ron beat him in the sprint. Our guys worked hard and it was HOT! Thanks to Matt, Eric and Taylor. Hutchinson Island Georgia is a new track for HSR.



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Porsche Racing

Porsche celebrates 98th class win in Le Mans

Porsche Press Release - Stuttgart. The success story of the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR continues: After winning the 24 hour race in Dubai and holding the championship lead of the Le Mans Series and the American Le Mans Series, the most successful GT racer of 2009 has now won the GT2 class of the Le Mans 24 hour race. This victory at the 78th running of the 24 hour race in Le Mans marks the 98th success for Porsche at the prestigious long distance classic. For the ninth time, a race car based on the street legal 911 GT3 prevailed over its rivals. Positions three, five, seven and eight also went to drivers of the 450 hp Porsche. Moreover, the winning 911 also clinched the environmental "Michelin Green X Challenge" award as the GT car with the best efficiency.

Porsche's success at the 78th Le Mans 24 hour race

The basis of Porsche's success was this year again the reliability of the 911 GT3 RSR. Refuelling, new tyres, driver changes – the mechanics of the winning German Felbermayr-Proton had nothing more to do from start to finish. With consistent lap times, works drivers Marc Lieb (Germany), Richard Lietz (Austria) and Wolf Henzler (Germany) held a two-lap advantage over the second-placed Ferrari. "Pivotal for victory was that we had no technical problems and spent the least amount of time in the pits. This win was a team effort," said Marc Lieb, who celebrated his third Porsche GT2 win in Le Mans after 2005 and 2006. Richard Lietz took home the coveted winners' trophy for the second time after 2007.

Porsche's success is all the more remarkable due to the fact that the 78th edition of the 24 hour race was one of the toughest in the history of the classic. javascript:window.close() The GT3 class in particular was excellently supported and fiercely contested with seven manufacturers and 18 race vehicles. With this victory, Porsche relegated its strong opponents Ferrari, BMW, Chevrolet Corvette, Jaguar and Spyker to spots further down the field.

Celebrations were also in full swing in the Porsche camp with the overall victory of Porsche works drivers Timo Bernhard (Germany) and Romain Dumas (France), who manned the cockpit of an Audi R15 TDI with the former Porsche Junior and ex-Porsche works driver Mike Rockenfeller (Germany). At the flag, they held a one-lap advantage over the second-placed Audi.

Hartmut Kristen, Head of Porsche Motorsport, commented: "We experienced an incredibly exciting race this weekend, especially in the GT2 class. I'm delighted that the Felbermayr-Proton squad won both the GT2 class as well as the "Michelin Green X Challenge". This shows that we're on the right path with



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Meeting Minutes - June 2010



The June 7, 2010 meeting of the Florida Citrus Region PCA was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Chuck Hennings. The meeting was conducted at Porsche of Orlando on 17-92 in Maitland with approximately 40 members and guests present.

Treasurer Pete Brotsch reported that the club remains financially sound with some growth in deposits in response as a result of recent club activities. Our membership continues to number near 500.

Chuck Hennings reported that efforts continue to insure the Speil is mailed and delivered in the most efficient way possible. The goal is to have the Speil delivered prior to members prior to the monthly meeting.

Webmaster Mel Saiz continues to update and upgrade our website <http://flc.pca.org> Our online store is up, new photos have been posted, the results of our latest events have added, and a new TV autosports link is provided where live motorsports may be viewed from your computer.

On May 16 our first official autocross at our new location was conducted at the Orlando Convention Center. The convenient location, long course, and high speeds led to 78 cars to participating. A second autocross during the month was conducted at the Police Training Facility in Tavares during the Zonefest weekend. The next scheduled autocross is September 25 at the Convention Center.

Zonefest was a successful event including a tour of Alex Job Racing's Shop, an autocross, Tech Quiz, People's Choice Concours, and Banquet. Zonefest was well attended by PCA members from other regions. This event will be conducted at Saddlebrook (north of Tampa) next year.

The 24 hours of LeMans party was held at Southeast Performance in Winter Park on June 12 and was attended by several of our members who reported a good time and great hospitality.

The Porsche Parade is being conducted July 3-9 in St Charles, Illinois near Chicago with several of our members having plans to attend. The 2011 Parade is planned for Savannah at the end of July.

Our next Driver's Ed will be conducted at Roebling Road Saturday and Sunday October 16-17. Drivers should register at www.clubregistration.net

The Citrus Region Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday December 11 at the Sonesta Hotel in Orlando.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

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