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## Orlando Auto-Cross

by Travis Young - Pictures Kevin Abel

The first Auto Cross at the Orlando Convention Center was held Sunday May 16th and was a huge success. The event was separated into a morning and afternoon run group which let everyone have their track time without making the Auto Cross an all day event. It was a long and challenging (confusing) course that connected two of the back parking lots at the Orange County Convention Center. Special thanks to the efforts of David O'Neal for helping secure such a great and central location.

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By Prudy Davis

Atlantic sunrise...Majestic cars traverse state...  
Gulf sunset to see

Sunrise-to-Sunset 2010 was another super rally hosted by Citrus, Space Coast and Sun Coast regions. Porsche of Melbourne (POM) hosted a great kickoff party, 'Blue Skies and Green Lights,' Friday evening. It was a time to gather with friends, old and new, before the rally the following morning. Some stayed late and all had a good time.

Saturday morning there was breakfast at the host hotel.

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### Upcoming Events

- June 7 Monthly Meeting at  
Monday Porsche of Orlando
- June 12 LeMans 12 Hour Party  
Saturday at Southeast Performance
- July 24 Wine Tasting  
Saturday Tims Wine Market
- Oct 16-17 Roebing Road DE  
Sat-Sun Event is sure to be a sell out...  
Registration Opens Soon!



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# President's Update

Well, the summer heat has descended and I'm glad my Porsche's AC is working well! Previously owned 964 and 993s had air-conditioners, but didn't cool like my 996. Rita and I just returned from a 3 week vacation in New Zealand (love those frequent flyer miles) where the temps ranged from 50-70 degrees and little AC was needed. It's a long journey but New Zealand provides a unique experience not found in many places. Only 4 million sports-minded citizens inhabit the 2 major islands with great roads, sights and experiences. Believe it or not they share the property with 40 million sheep and their huge dairy herds provide 30% of the world's dairy products.



Despite the warmer climate, **Bert Del Villano** put on a very successful Autocross May 16 at the Orlando Convention Center parking area, a new venue for the event. Club events will move indoors June and July with a LeMans 24 Hour party planned at **Rick Vimmerstedt's Southeast Performance** on Saturday June 12th and a wine tasting party at **Tim's Wine Market in Windermere** on Saturday July 24th. Both were hits last year. Check out the Spiel, website and email blasts for more details. And by the time you receive this issue, we should be thanking **Nort Northam and Jim Barrgren** for putting on a great Zonefest 2010 Memorial Day weekend. Hopefully, you were able to attend.

Watch for an email blast soon announcing the opening of registration for our fall Driver's Education at Roebing Road Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17. It will fill up quickly, especially since the October Club Race at Daytona has been cancelled due to re-paving, so sign up early.

I'll be driving up to the Chicago area July 1st for my first Porsche Parade and will report on it with a few photos in a future issue. Hope to see you at our next meeting at Porsche of Orlando, Monday June 7th at 7pm.

-Chuck

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# Upcoming Calendar

Your guide to Citrus Region Events

## Monthly Meeting

June 7 at 7pm  
Porsche of Orlando  
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June 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## LeMans 24 Hour Party

June 12 at 10am-  
South East Performance  
See Box This Page

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## Remembering Eleanor - by Nort Notham

Very few current members of Florida's Citrus Region PCA ever knew Eleanor Zitza. Eleanor and husband Harro, along with sons Ron and Doug, had already been PCA members for years before we started the region in 1973. She was always involved and active in the club's early activities as well as SCCA where Harro drove his Speedster which she also autocrossed. She always had a smile and that unforgettable laugh. Her shalimar perfume always guaranteed a big hug from me.

Eleanor had been very sick for many years and finally several months ago left us. She had been missed for a long time and will continue to be by those who knew and loved her.

## LeMans 24 Hour Race

Come and enjoy complimentary breakfast and lunch watching the start and a few hours of this great race at Southeast Performance on Saturday June 12th starting at 10am. Rick will be grilling up waffles, hot dogs and burgers with beverages also provided. The address is 1116 Solana Ave, Winter Park 32789.

The GT2 battle is one of the most eagerly awaited. Corvette Racing will be up against works cars from Porsche, Ferrari and BMW on the Le Mans circuit for the first time. BMW is making its comeback to the Le Mans 24 Hours with a car that has just won a 24-Hour event (the Nürburgring). Another prestigious name making a comeback is Jaguar, which has contributed so much to the Le Mans 24-Hours legend. Like Aston Martin and Spyker it will be represented by a single car.

## June 7 (Mon)

## June 12 (Sat)

June 5-6 (Sat-Sun)  
July 3-9 (Sat-Fri)

## July 24 (Sat)

Sept 11-12 (Sat-Sun)  
Oct 16-17 (Sat-Sun) DE at Roebing Road

## Monthly Meeting

## at Porsche of Orlando

## LeMans 24 Hr Party

Peachstate DE at Road Atlanta  
Porsche Parade - St Charles IL

## Wine Tasting @ Tims Wine Market

Crown Region DE at Roebing Road

## Wine Tasting - Tim's Wine Market in Windemere

I've penciled in the date of Sat. July 24th for a Club wine tasting with Tim's Wine Market in Windemere. It was poorly RSVP'd last year but a large crowd showed up and we expect a large turn out this year so RSVP to lauraleexoxo@aol.com early.

## Welcome New Members

Total region membership as of 30 April was 502.

Jerry Burnett	2000 Boxster	Orlando
Jill Haight	1980 911 SC	Webster
William Harben	2007 Cayman S	Winter Haven
E.C. Vandagriff	2007 Cayman	Ocala
David Koch	1988 911	Windemere

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](http://www.pca.org)
- Send the information to Bill at [daviswm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:daviswm@cfl.rr.com)



Bill Davis - Membership Chairman



# Sunrise to Sunset (cont.)

We met early to get a good seat to watch the sun rise over the Atlantic. The sun did not disappoint. Following the short drivers' meeting we were off on our drive across Florida. A staggered start eliminated any congestion getting on the road.

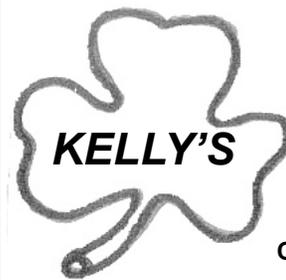
The route took us along scenic Tropical Trail, through KSC before getting to the country roads in central Florida. We were headed to our AutoX site in Tavares. Loaner cars were provided by POM with Bert and Ann DelVillano running the show. The rally cars were slow in arriving due to Space Coast clogging the roads trying to answer the rally questions! For those who participated in the AutoX, you got to drive some really nice Porsches.

After lunch it was a calm drive with few questions through the Green Swamp and some other winding single lane back roads. You couldn't speed but you saw some great country. Finally, there was the final run to the Gulf. For a weekend the traffic didn't seem as bad as last year.

At last, we were standing on the beautiful beaches of Sand Key watching the sun set over the Gulf. The awards ceremony was not as kind to Citrus as it was last year. Our 'Top 10' finisher was Tammy and Carl Lueck. Thanks to them we were not shut out. Sun Coast had the winner and Space Coast took the overall win with most finishers in the top 10. Our winners, in no particular order, were: Tammy and Carl Lueck, Beth and Bob Yohe, Stefanie and Claude Laborde, Sally and John Foti, Stephen Selby and Karen Steinbaum, Sandie and John Vick, Marty Winn and John Szuts, and Alina and Mel Saiz.

This was and is a great rally. Come out next year and enjoy the ride.

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# Osterhouse Benefit

By Christie LaPiana

The Osterhouse Fundraiser was Saturday May 15th at Florida Fitness World. We had the pleasure of speaking to Renee and Howie in the afternoon and meeting their very special girls. Howie looked great by the way. We had fun serving their daughters and their friends samples of protein shakes and energy drinks – just like working in an old time soda fountain – it was a blast!

We also enjoyed chatting with Bill and Prudy Davis and Steve and Jane Sanford – they supported the cause and purchased Arbonne products with the profits going to the Osterhouse fund.

See you at Zonefest!



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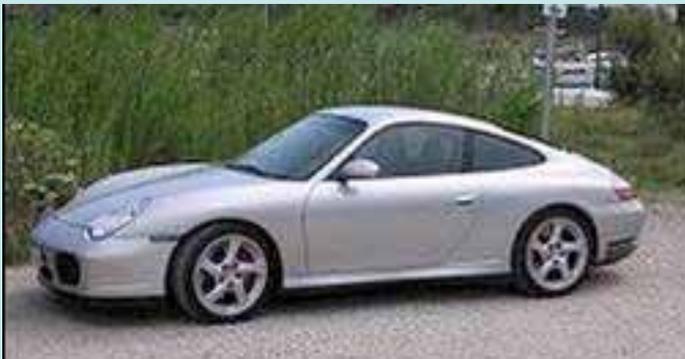
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Photos from "Bench Racing" at Bert and Anne Del Vianno  
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# Beer Tasting

Gathering at Orlando Brewery  
By Laura Lee Shields, Social Chair

Orlando Brewing hosted the second annual Porsche event on Saturday, May 1. With over 100 RSVPs for the event and 37 Porsches participating in the car show, it was an event to remember! We event attracted 2 new members to the club! The indoor bar featured many organic flavors with special prices for our members. The outdoor covered patio featured live music and Blackwater BBQ dinners.

The Porsches continued to arrive and eventually, we needed to utilize the lot next door. The car show was voted on by the members and the general public present at the event. First place went to Nort Northam and his 1989

911 Silver Speedster. Leslie Cheney and her 1989 Red Targa won second place, followed by a tie for third place by Michael Valdivia for his 1991 black 944 S2 cab and Manny Oro with a 2005 911 Carrera in Carmona Red. The vehicles ranged in age from a 1982 Platinum 928 to the DelVillano's new 2009 White Cayman S. When shiny new Bentley arrived, Chuck Hennings was forced to make it park along the street. This event was Porsches ONLY.



Three full tours of the brewery were taken and members learned the intricacies of beer brewing.

Orlando Brewing is located near Downtown Orlando at 1301 Atlanta Avenue (adjacent to the Orlando Amtrak Station) or on the web at [Orlandobrewing.com](http://Orlandobrewing.com). The brewery hosts a number of events every month and has live music almost every night! Sign up for the mailing list by visiting the website. Orlando Brewing is the only certified organic brewery in Florida! This means that ingredients used in brewing the ales are grown

without insecticides, bioengineering, or irradiation. Certain beers, like Orlando Brewing Blonde, Pale, Red & Brown Ale in addition to Olde Pelican, Blackwater Dry Porter and European Pils, are officially certified Organic by the USDA. Taste the difference! Don't forget that you can also purchase beer from the brewery, including kegs.

Cindy and George Cain should be thanked or hosting the event, including making arrangements for your club to dine on BBQ from Blackwater BBQ (located at 4718 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806; (407) 888-2033). Plus, we enjoyed happy hour

prices all day. Special thanks to Anne DelVillano for helping with registration, and Chuck Hennings, Nort Northam and Bert DelVillano for parking and placing the cars and keeping the non-Porsches out of the parking lot.

Reminder – if you have any suggestion for social events or comments about any of the region's social events, please let social chair, Laura Lee Shields know! [Lauraleexoxo@aol.com](mailto:Lauraleexoxo@aol.com)



Left - Orlando Brewery Logo and Tour

Top - Dan Shield's 89 944s2

Middle - Leslie Cheney with her 89 Targa (winner)

Bottom - Nick Colagnelo 911 Cabrio



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# Member Profile

*John & Jan Reker*

*Long time member and Porsche Enthusiast John Reker*

My first encounter with Porsches was in the 1960's in southern California. My brother and I were in the Navy stationed in San Diego. He had a 57 Speedster and I had a 58 Volkswagen (with dual carburetors). When he was out at sea and I was on shore guess which car I drove? After I left the Navy, got married and started working for Westinghouse, I bought my first Porsche, a 62 356B Coupe, in 1969. Shortly after that I changed to a 65 356C Coupe. We were living in Philadelphia at the time and I drove the 356C to work every day all four seasons.



Jan and I started our family in 1970 and I wanted to make sure our kids got indoctrinated into the correct car make. So, when they were born I made sure both daughters were brought home from the hospital in the C Coupe. It seems to have worked, because Julie went on to own her own 72 911T for a number of years and recently has done autocrossing and a DE with me in my 1996 911 Carrera. Joanne knows all the Porsche models and reminds me that she would gladly accept one of my current Porsches.

In 1981 we moved to Winter Park and transferred to Florida Citrus Region. By this time I had moved on from the C Coupe to two successive 912's and in 1984 bought a 79 911 SC. As in Philadelphia, I drove my Porsche to work every day. In the late 1980's the Driver Ed program started up and I jumped in, going to Roebing, Morosso, Sebring and Road Atlanta early on. I kept the SC 17 years and put over 110,000 miles on it without any engine overhauls.

In 1996 I retired early, which yielded time to combine our love of travel with our love of Porsche activity. Jan was editor of the Spiel for five years and rally master for many rallies/tours, and I served as Membership Chairman and President of the Region. We started attending Porsche Parades, which took us all over the country, and included DE's at many tracks such as Watkins Glen. Our longest trip was 6 weeks that included the Milwaukee Parade, a day on Road America, and sightseeing. Parades became quite a focus, culminating this last year in Colorado with our First Place in the Time-Speed-Distance rally unequipped class against 87 other cars.

Shortly after I retired I decided to experience the 356 world again and bought a 1965 356C Cabriolet to keep my 911 company. I became active in the Porsche 356 Florida Owners Group (225 members) and have just finished 3 years as President. The 356 is a fun car to autocross, plus we do annual 356 Registry "Parades" that take us to Pennsylvania and other destinations. As you can tell, I adhere to the dictate that Porsches are made to be driven. I have driven my current 911 50,000 miles and the 356 40,000 miles. They have never missed a beat.



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# Club Racing

By Marie Zitza

Road America is a beautiful track! Cold but beautiful! This weekend at Road America ,Brad & Ron won 1st in the 200 mile enduro, and Pete & Ron were 2nd. On Sunday's sprint race Ron was 1st. This weekend was extra special for Brad and Rob Blum - this was the first time the two brothers were racing together. This was Rob's first race and he was awesome! Thanks to our crew Matt, Richard, Taylor and Eric for their hard work -

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# Porsche Racing

*Nürburgring 24 Hours, Race report: Strong performance from Porsche teams – but no happy ending*

## *Porsche Press Release*

After four straight overall wins at the Nürburgring 24 Hours from 2006 to 2009, the Porsche teams once again performed brilliantly, but without the necessary luck. In an exciting and dramatic race which was hard to top, Porsche vehicles dominated the action over almost 15 hours.

Out of the series of retirements, the end of the Porsche 911 GT3 R Hybrid's eight hour lead was the disappointing lowlight. Up until

*Porsche 911 GT3 Hybrid and GT3 RS show strong, but fall short of the finish line.*

this point the innovative race car from Weissach clearly proved that the hybrid technology developed by Porsche is very competitive in racing and at the same time considerably lowers fuel consumption.

After 22 hours and 15 minutes, the leading orange-and-white 911 GT3 R Hybrid retired with engine damage in the Metzgesfeld passage. "I heard a loud noise at the rear of the car and suddenly the power went," says Porsche works driver Joerg Bergmeister (Germany) describing the abrupt end of all hopes for victory.

Despite a disappointing race, Chairman of the Board at Porsche AG, Michael Macht, who visited the race on Sunday, came to a positive conclusion: "It wasn't enough for a win, but the Porsche hybrid technology clearly proved its potential at one of the world's toughest races. We will continue developing this innovative drive concept. That was certainly not the last race for a Porsche hybrid car."

Wolfgang Dürheimer, Board Member for Research and Development at Porsche AG, gives an outlook to the future: "The 911 GT3 R Hybrid has proven that highest performance and a unique efficiency don't exclude each other. [https://presse.porsche.de/prod/presse\\_pag/PressResources.nsf/WebResourcesByKey/RA28CD84C7ADD8647C1257724004FA075?OpenDocument](https://presse.porsche.de/prod/presse_pag/PressResources.nsf/WebResourcesByKey/RA28CD84C7ADD8647C1257724004FA075?OpenDocument) The vehicle shows the technological path to racing in the future."

The street-legal Porsche 911 GT3 RS, which had been driven to the Nürburgring from Weissach, greatly exceeded all expectations. Ex-DTM pilot Roland Asch (Germany), race driver and TV commentator Patrick Simon (Germany), as well as journalists Horst von Saurma (Germany) and Chris Harris (Great Britain) crossed the finish line in a 200-strong field ranking an exceptional 13th. "We're totally over the moon," grinned Asch. The German and his three teammates completed a total of 145 laps without any technical mishaps. "Never in my wildest dreams did I think a normal street car could not only keep up at such a demanding race but can also finish so far up the field. After this race there is no doubt the Porsche 911 GT3 RS is the best sports car in the world!"

The streak of bad luck that hit the 911 racing thoroughbreds began well before the retirement of the 911 GT3 R Hybrid. Already after five hours, Chris Mamerow (Germany) retired after an accident with his 911 GT3 R of the Mamerow Racing squad. Two and a half hours later, a rival's accident abruptly punted the favourites for overall victory out of contention. The 911 GT3 R fielded by Manthey Racing and crewed by the winning team of the last four years had taken the lead in lap one and was running a clear first when a competitor crashed and spun across the track, hitting the Manthey vehicle. The heavy damages sustained by the 911 signalled an early end for the successful quartet with works drivers Marc Lieb (Germany), Timo Bernhard (Germany) and Romain Dumas (France) as well as Manthey pilot Marcel Tiemann (Monaco).

Both the 911 GT3 R of the Wochenspiegel Team Manthey and the Haribo Team Manthey were forced to retire with damaged transmissions. The charge of the Wochenspiegel car was halted half way through the race. The Haribo vehicle was sidelined four and a half hours before the end.





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## Meeting Minutes - May 2010



The May 3, 2010 meeting of the Florida Citrus Region PCA was called to order at 7 PM by President Chuck Hennings at Porsche of Orlando on 17-92 in Maitland. The meeting was attended by approximately 40 club members and guests.

Club Treasurer Pete Brotsch reported the club continues to be financially solvent and Membership Chair Bill Davis reports 502 members on the club roster. The Speil Report was made by Travis Young indicating the club magazine is posted on our website. There was some discussion among those present as to the timing variance in receiving the Speil based on local zip codes.

Our website (<http://flc.pca.org>) has had some recent updating with our club store available online.

Our Winter Park Tour was reported as successful. Members who attended the meeting indicated that everyone seemed to enjoy the event.

Bill Davis reported that the Sunrise to Sunset Rally was successful with 58 cars participating.

Social Director Laura Lee Shields reported The Orlando Brewery Party was well attended with 37 Porsches and prizes were awarded for "people's choice". She also reported The Florida Citrus Region of PCA is now on Facebook with news of upcoming events posted. Members were encouraged to become a "fan".

A report on the Zone 12 President's Meeting was delivered by Chuck Hennings. The meeting was conducted to plan and coordinate joint events within Zone 12. From this discussion came a reminder that the 2010 Porsche Parade will be conducted July 3 - 9 in St Charles, Illinois (Chicago area) and the 2011 parade will be conducted in Savannah, Georgia. Also from the President's Meeting, an I-Phone App should now be available with information nationwide for Porsche related parts and service. Launch date for the App was May 1 and the cost was anticipated to be \$4.99.

An autocross is scheduled to be conducted at the Orlando Convention Center on Sunday May 16. Directions to the Orlando Convention Center location is posted at the club's website. A "Bench Racing" session will be conducted at the home of Bert and Ann Del Villano following the event.

Nort Northam reported Zonefest (hosted at Lakeside Inn) will be a success May 28 - 30. Events include a welcome party on Friday night, Concours, Tech Quiz, Driving Tour, and Post Driving Tour Keg Party on the Verandah on Saturday. An Autocross at the Lake County Police Training facility, Tour, and Victory Banquet is scheduled for Sunday. An autocross for those not attending Zonefest will be conducted prior to the Zonefest Autocross.

Vice-President Bert Del Villano reported Octoberfast at Daytona (PCA Club Race shared by the Florida Crown and Florida Citrus Regions) has been cancelled due to the repaving that is planned for Daytona International Speedway following the events of the July 4 weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

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