

The Bluegrass Rumble

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President's Column- Brian Kiser (bek1973@yahoo.com)

It's what you have waited for since you first laid your eyes upon it. The anticipation is almost unbearable, but the day has come, the arrival of your Porsche. Can you remember that first day? Remember the unique aroma of the German leather, carpet and vinyl? The first exhaust note from your engine? The first time you washed your car or drove it to the gas station? This mixture of excitement and emotions is the similar feeling to what the officers of The Bluegrass Region have been experiencing in our first years of being chartered. We have had many ideas and plans, all for the enjoyment of **you**, the BGR member.

We now enter May, the preverbal "calm before the storm". From this month, until December, it will be a wonderful time in any Porsche owner's life. These next months have wonderful events both planned and unplanned awaiting your enjoyment. This is the reason why you own a Porsche...So please join us for a dinner (The May 15th "Dinner at the Dawson's"-), a weekend tour, or one of Gary Hackney's legendary weekend drives (thanks Gary!). Please check out our "**Region Activities Calendar**" on page 4, for future dates and contacts.

Two weeks ago I attended the Zone 13 President's meeting in Bloomington, Illinois. It was my first "National" meeting and I was precariously awaiting the newly gained experience. Four other Presidents and our own Butch Raiha, Zone 13 PCA Representative, joined me. It was an interesting morning being introduced to the other Presidents and the common question that followed was, "**So what Porsche do you own?**" This anxious question is one of the common ideals I like about the PCA; we are all in love with the Porsche cars. After talking about our cars, or the entertainment value of them, Butch broke us up and the meeting began.

What I realized very quickly is that our young Bluegrass Region is not much different from our neighboring "Chicago Region" of 1400 members, or any other PCA Region being represented that day. All Presidents of the other Regions had many of the same issues and goals as the Bluegrass Region. They want their Region to be the best, most representative one that it can be. But how do we get there? Another common question from everyone concerned attendance, "**What can we do to get more members interested and involved?**" That is my question to you, what can we do to get **YOU** more involved with your Bluegrass Region? Any suggestions or questions please email to me at: bek197@yahoo.com.

All in all, the meeting was an intriguing day. I came away humbled and proud of our Region. We have a lot to be proud of, and many wonderful moments ahead. Thank you so very much for this opportunity to represent you.

So with that, I quote a recent Porsche ad that I think is very appropriate at this time of year:

"The hours a Porsche spends parked. You don't get those back. Every nanosecond it sits idle is an opportunity missed. A road not driven. A corner not taken. An exhaust note not heard..."



Please join us every chance you have! – Brian E. Kiser

UPCOMING BGR PCA ACTIVITIES- "Dinner with the Dawsons"

Bob and Sara Dawson in Lexington have graciously invited the membership of the Bluegrass Region to a special dinner at the Clubhouse of their Griffin Gate community. The date is Saturday, May 15th, 2004, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. They will donate the main course of BBQ beef or chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, and rolls, and have even agreed to donate the wine!

All they need is your call to **Wes Collins at 502/863-9188** to confirm attendance of you and your family members. The Dawsons have indicated that if someone would like to bring a dessert that would be fine with them. Please let Wes Collins know if you are planning on bringing a dessert, when you call with your reservations.

The Bluegrass Region will contribute the dinnerware and eating utensils, and soft drinks. A per person charge of \$3.00 per person will cover these expenses, unless you are bringing a dessert. **It is essential that you call Wes, no later than May 7th, so that the Dawsons can make the final plans.**

Start springtime by sharing a fine dinner with your Bluegrass Region friends. (Note that this date is change from the one previously published in the ***Rumble***.) To get to the Community Room, get on Newtown Pike, headed away from New Circle Road. Turn right into the Griffin Gate community. (This entrance is BEFORE you get to the Marriott main entrance.) The Clubhouse is on the right, about 200 feet from Newtown Pike. Just look for the Porsches!

Previous Bluegrass Region Events: The Second Annual Equus Run Winery Tour
by Larry Woods & Tim McNeely

Once again, Mother Nature cooperated and we had beautiful weather to bask in as we stretched the springtime legs of our Porsches. We met at the Starbuck's in Frankfort where some of the members indulged in a high-powered dose of caffeine, while others talked about the many different cars that showed up for the drive.

We had a good turnout that represented the variety of cars that are in the Region quite well. There were two 996s, two Boxsters, **two** 40th Anniversary 996s, a 911SC, a 911 Carrera, a 930, a 968 convertible, a 993 and a distant cousin, the Mini Cooper.

We started out driving around the State Capital where the flowers were in bloom. The display of bright colored tulips was very pleasing to the eye. We then traveled some of the back roads along the Kentucky River, with sights along the way, such as the State Capital, Old Crow Distillery, Old Taylor Distillery, a run along the Kentucky River, numerous creeks, rock outcroppings, Keeneland Race Track, Weisenberger Grist Mill, Midway College and of course...miles of white & black fences defining the bounds of the Bluegrass Region's world-class horse farms. Curves abounded and were the perfect venue to stretch the P-cars legs a little.

An hour and forty minutes after we had started, we ended up at Equus Run winery where we were met by two more Porsches, including a Cayenne Turbo (!) for a leisurely wine tasting experience. The company and conversation on the back porch area, overlooking the vines and barn, was quite enjoyable.

Nineteen folks stayed for dinner at The Depot Restaurant in Midway. The way we were seated at the tables reminded me of the early Quakers: One long table. It's really hard to say which part of the day was best: The drive was great, the wine was fine, and the meal was excellent! What a great day...if you were not there, you truly missed a great event! Join us next year for this special tour of our part of Kentucky!



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2004 BLUEGRASS REGION ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for these events!

May 10, 2004: Monthly Meeting: [Sawyer's Downtown Monday, 7-9 PM](#). 325 W. Main St., Lexington. Phone: 859-281-6022 (corner of Main and Broadway, caddy corner from Triangle Park, one block from Rupp Arena).

May 15, 2004: "Dinner with the Dawson's" Bob and Sarah Dawson have graciously agreed to let us use their clubhouse for dinner. **See details on page 2.** There will be preferred Porsche parking. This is a good time to meet new members and see old friends you have not seen in a while. There will be food, drinks, fun and, of course, lots of car talk.

Indy 500 Hospitality: Come to Indy and enjoy a day at the track. This includes the hospitality motor coach, a hot lunch with beverage all day (beer, water and soft drinks) and a Hot Pit Pass and garage pass to Gasoline Alley. Come by yourself or entertain clients or reward your employees. This invitation is for May including Qualification Day and Carburetor Day. The cost is \$115 per person. Race day is \$230 per person and does not include a seat in the stands. Call Lee Wegner for details at 859-533-0971.

June 26-27, 2004: Bluegrass Bimmers has invited the BGR PCA to their Driver's School (PCA=DE) June 26-27 at Putnam Park, outside of Indianapolis. Friday is for 'A' drivers and instructors and is also a good day to take (free) rides with instructors to get a feel for the track. Loaner helmets are available. Don't wait too long, as the slots will fill up quick. Go to BluegrassBimmers.org for a download application or call Bill Wade on the application. This is one of the best tracks for 1st time DE.

For more information about the events list above, contact Wesley Collins, Activities Chair, 222 Valley Forge Ct., Georgetown 40324 502/863-9188.

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NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR LOCATED! by Phillip Doty

Ed Steverson has stepped forward and has agreed to be the new *Rumble* editor for the Bluegrass Region. Ed will take over the June issue of the Rumble. Many, many thanks to Ed for volunteering. Send your articles and want ads to Ed at edsteve@abracadabra.com, or call him at **502/227-2684 (H)** or **502/320-2655 (Cell)**. Ed has graphic arts experience and owns a 968. He recently went to the PCA "968 Reunion" and we hope he tells the membership how it was.

Ed's volunteering will allow me more time to work on the Concours for the 2005 Porsche Parade at Hershey, Pennsylvania. Last weekend, I spent going over aerial photos, trying to figure out how I am going to get 275 Porsches on a single lane road, up a hill, going to the Concours site, all in under 2 hours.

Being the first editor of a new Region's newsletter has been a lot of fun. I would like to thank all the members who worked with me, and, like you, I look forward to seeing Ed's handiwork!

MEMBERSHIP by Gary Hackney, Membership Chair

BGR membership is 67, with two renewals but no new members since the last Rumble.

As membership chairman I receive four extra **Panoramas** each month to help in recruiting new members. I have a small stockpile so if you know of non-member Porsche owners, or just want to have one handy for when you run across a stray Porsche, let me know and I'll get you a **Pano** to leave on their car along with some BGR contact info.

Note that we now have 11 members who have chosen to receive the Rumble via email; please consider this as it saves the club! For membership information, contact me at ghackney@iglou.com or call me at **859/294-8143**.

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Concours d'Elegance at Keeneland by Ken Hold

Everything is proceeding well for the August 28 concours. We have a website at: www.lexingtonconcours.com. (Note that it is currently under construction). Contact with Concours folks can be made via phone at 859/422-3329 or by mail at Box 910370, Lexington, KY 40591. We are delighted to have **Applebee's** as a new sponsor. Mike Scanlon is extremely interested in the event and is already an active participant. We recently had a publicity photo shoot for the concours. Mike provided a '57 T-bird and '37 Auburn. Tom Jones provided a 356 Porsche and a Daytona Ferrari. Since Porsche is the featured marque this year, my 930S got center-stage. The photos will be used for the Concours website wallpaper and event brochures.

We are looking at having 100 Concours level cars to be judged. Approximately 30 of the needed 45 judges have been identified. A layout of the Keeneland area has been developed that includes the Concours area and significant room for car club paddocks.

The 28th is shaping up to be a very busy day with the Concours as the first event. It will be followed by a very exciting evening. There will be a silent auction of some very neat auto memorabilia. The auction will be followed by a formal dinner, featuring Hurley Haywood as VIP guest speaker. Brian Cunningham is on the Concours planning team and will also be attending both the event and the dinner. Expect some great stories about Porsche racing of both yesterday and today!! There will be a dance after the dinner.

We are also planning a driving tour for 29th. Plans are to start with a visit to Woodford Reserve for a tour and have lunch. The distillery visit will be followed by an escorted drive to Gainesway Farm for a horse farm tour.

This is shaping up to be a great event. We are still looking for cars, judges and workers. If you have any questions, use the Concours contacts or get with me at: kendellhold@insightbb.com or 859/254-2817.

The Ohio Valley Region Drivers Education at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course




On April 17th and 18th Richard Lane and I attended Ohio Valley Region's Driver Education event at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Along with 150 other Porsche-owners and a handful of others, we enjoyed perfect weather at one of the finest tracks in the country.

We were divided into five groups based on experience, with the lower three groups required to have instructors, at least at the start of the weekend. Richard and I were both in the middle group. I'd driven Mid-Ohio before, but having an instructor helped tremendously. The right line is the fast line; these guys knew where it was, and it wasn't the same for all cars. There were also two classroom sessions, which were highly entertaining and gave us some valuable tips. Over the course of the weekend we got eight 25-minute track sessions.

There's no racing at a Drivers Education event; all passes are made in the straights and only with a point-by. But that doesn't mean there's no competition to chase down the car ahead of you, or to run off and leave the guy behind you. There's something very satisfying about passing a car that, on paper at least, should be faster than you. Richard and I were on track at the same time, but seldom saw each other, so we must have been about the same speed.


The organizers made the event as safe as any high-speed motorsports event can be, and there were no incidents while we were there. I highly recommend a PCA Drivers Ed event for drivers of any experience level. Let your Porsche do what it was designed for! **Gary Hackney**

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FOR SALE: 2001 996 Coupe, Seal Grey with black interior. One-owner Porsche, all records. Extended warranty. Photos & sticker are available by e-mail. 37,500 miles. Edmunds valuation: \$57,000. Asking \$53,000. Making room for 2004 911. **Jim Wilson**, 859/846-4225 or jwilson@speedbeam.com.

WANTED: One pair of 16 x 9 1979 - 1989 Fuchs 911/930 Alloys OR one pair of 16 X 8 1979 - 1989 911/930 Fuchs Alloys. Please contact **Brian E. Kiser** 502/695-3364 or bek1973@yahoo.com.

Porsche 1978 911SC Targa - Silver - 127,353 miles, only 1729 of this model were produced; located in Lexington. **Reduced to \$10,900.** **Brian Young**, Ph. 859/223-4804 (Home after 5:00pm), 859-219-2729 (Work), E-mail: brian.young@verizon.com

FOR SALE: Complete set of **Excellence** Magazines, from #1 to date. \$500. Set is in Lexington. See what you have been missing! **Mark Gutzman**, 859/272-7804 (after 5:00pm)

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