

From Within the 13th Zone – July 2008

And the Beat Goes On

It seems that the weather has just started to feel like summer and the Porsche driving season is in full swing. At this point, several driver education events have occurred by at least three regions (Chicago, Milwaukee & Kentucky). A few autocrosses both individual region and the inter-regional variety going on between Chicago, Milwaukee, and Central Wisconsin have occurred with several more scheduled. A rally or two has transpired. Concours have folks cleaning their cars where the sun has yet to shine! Life is good!

Some big events are coming up that are worthy of consideration. Mid July is the Keeneland Concours in Lexington, KY with key involvement from the Bluegrass Region. Last year the Bluegrass Region won the Paddock Challenge over the Corvette Club in raising more money for the local charity. IMSA & PCNA along with the folks from Zone 13 will be hosting a hospitality tent at Road America during the Generac 500, August 7th and 8th. This is better known as Porschplatz and is specifically for club members and Porsche owners. Tickets can be purchased at www.roadamerica.com. I will still be looking for a few volunteers to help work the tent at Porschplatz. Registration is open and spots are available for the Milwaukee Regions' DE and Club Race (The Milwaukee Cup) to be held at Blackhawk Farms Raceway August 15-17th. The registration opens today for TRAC (The Road America Challenge), Chicago Region's DE and Club Race in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Come out and enjoy your Porsche!

Charlotte Parade

Speak about Parade...I am sitting in the lounge of the host hotel, the Westin, in downtown Charlotte. About 80 people from Zone 13 made the trip either by plane or Porsche to North Carolina. We had a Zone 13 party with some 40+ attending prior to the Welcome Party. As always, it was great seeing familiar faces. The Concours, the Gimmick Rally, the TSD (time, speed, distance) rally as well as the Tech Quiz have all been completed. Several people from our Zone have come away with trophies and smiles. Congratulations to all that competed and have performed well. Tomorrow, the autocross is scheduled.

Congratulations also go to our neighbors to the north, Nordstern Region in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area was selected as the Region of the Year for 2007 at yesterday's banquet.

For those that haven't yet heard, the 2010 Parade will be held here within our Zone 13 in St. Charles, Illinois, west of Chicago. It will be the first "Nationally" run Parade and should ease some of the stress typically related to hosting a Parade. As more information becomes available, we will share. Those interested in volunteering, please let me know.

Escape to the Land of Enchantment

For those that didn't sign up for Parade but want to experience a newer type of event, consider participating with an "Escape" event. What is an Escape? It is a new PCA tradition that was conceived by the zone reps in 2005 to be the alternative for those not making the trip across the country to Parade. This year's event will be in Albuquerque, NM. These events are a long weekend and have more tours rather than any competitive events typically held at Parade. Looks like fun in a beautiful part of the country. The Zone Reps heard three presentations for 2009. The winner for the 2009 Escape will be Ohio Valley Region and the ***Escape to the Birthplace of Aviation***. It is slated for October 2009

Membership

Seasoned members make sure and make the new members feel welcome. We were all that newbie in the corner of the room once upon a time. New members, get involved. It is a great way to learn members, have some fun and enjoy the different aspects of the Porsche Club.

It's not the cars, it's the people. Go out and start enjoying the Porsche Passion! Until next time...

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