

From Within the 13th Zone – September 2008

August Recap

August came and went with a typical too fast speed. We must thank Porsche Cars North America and IMSA for supporting the Porscheplatz concept for the fourth year in a row. It was an absolutely beautiful weekend in early August for the ALMS Generac 500 weekend at Elkhart Lake's Road America. Watching a professional race live at what is considered a "home" track for years of driver's education and PCA club racing is an awesome experience. We had presentations by Michelin Tire and Porsche Motorsports within the hospitality tent. Porsche Motorsports had a demo of the new RS Spyder motor which has the same technology in the new 997 street cars. Neat! A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers of Porscheplatz. The success of parking between 100 and 150 cars within Porsche Park and processing some 209 visitors within the tent was no small task. Many of the volunteers have been there helping out for all four years! They are true Porsche Club members and friends. We take care of our volunteers. See the attached article by a Porscheplatz volunteer and Milwaukee Region member, Mark Thomsen. His name was called as the winner of the "Hot Pit Tour". When Mark didn't announce his presence to win, calls of "next" came calling from the crowd. I remembered that Mark was assisting parking the cars within Porsche Park, I had another volunteer call out to Mark announcing he was the winner. See his side of the story.

Congratulations to the Chicago Region for hosting their 15th Annual TRAC (The Road America Challenge) over the Labor Day weekend. Some 145 DE drivers and 182 club racers migrated to our Midwestern playground to witness Mother Nature's kindness in yet another awesome weekend weatherwise. Travelling to other parts of the country such as Sebring, Road Atlanta, Mid-Ohio, this is an great weekend! Great hospitality, great food, great racetrack. Keep up the good work!

Autumn Season

As two thirds of the year has passed and much of the Zone 13 Calendar has disappeared, the attached shows many asterisks indicated that more events are still being added this late into 2008. Plenty of time to still enjoy your Porsche with the many driving fall tours or rallies that have yet to occur. Several DE's remain for those that want to watch the leaves swirl behind those fast track junkies. There will be another Concours Judges School at the Porsche Exchange on November 2nd in Highland Park, IL. Several Nationally recognized Parade judges will be on hand and led by Pat Yanahan in teaching the finer points of judging.

2010 Parade is coming to 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. We will have a "Spark the Interest" meeting slated for September 27th at Pheasant Run which will be the host Parade hotel in 2010. If you want some more info or wish to attend, please let me know ASAP so we can plan for a tour, etc of the facility. We will be looking for many volunteers to aid in hosting a Parade within our Zone. Please advise if you have some expertise and wish to assist in the management of the 2010 Parade.

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

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