

## ***From Within the 13<sup>th</sup> Zone – Dec. 2008-Jan. 2009***

### ***Notes from National***

Last night, all the Zone Reps were on our monthly conference call with President of PCA, Prescott Kelly. This monthly ritual gives the zone reps a forum for discussions amongst ourselves as well as getting monthly updates from PCA upper management. By the time you are reading this scribe, the 2009 zone reps will be appointed as well as the new Executive Council will be elected. Kurt Gibson and Vu Nguyen recently returned from Germany sponsored by Porsche AG to attend a European Clubs Presidents meeting as well as various tours of Porsche facilities.

We had a lengthy conversation regarding DE Participant Insurance. As many DE participants know, the insurance companies have continued to write language within their policies to exclude coverage at a facility used for racing. The zone rep core is in discussions with a couple of carriers to at least be able to provide drivers additional coverage alternatives.

Roy Wilkinson, Zone 4 Representative gave a presentation regarding the “Escape to the Birthplace of Aviation” to be held Oct. 1-4, 2009 in Dayton, OH. This event should be considered by Zone 13 members as it is near our zone. This could be in addition to or an alternative to members who do not want to venture to Keystone, CO for Parade. It would certainly offer a taste of a National event before the upcoming St. Charles Parade in 2010. Many of the plans are well underway. Perhaps it is the economy times, but they are struggling to lock in much needed sponsors as of this writing.

### ***End of an Era***

This will be my final newsletter as the Zone 13 Representative. My successor, Ken Hold, from the Bluegrass Region will do a terrific job. He has been a member of three regions within Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. He was on board in the early and critical stages of getting the Bluegrass Region off the ground and established as a healthy Midwestern region. No worries though. I am not going away. I enjoy participating within Porsche Club Racing, serve on the Club Racing Advisory board, my company, Ingot Electronics is a National Club Racing sponsor for the “Hard Charger Award”. Going forward, I hope to help out as the “Local Liason” for the 2010 Parade to be held in St. Charles, Illinois, as well as I was just asked to serve as the Zone 11 Rep (Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico). This will be it’s own challenge. I will not have the liberty to travel the above areas, but will attempt to assist from “a far” via phone and email.

I would like to thank all the terrific members that have become Porsche friends over the past four years. Thanks to all the regions and it’s members that made me feel welcome as I came to your regions and participated in many terrific events. Keep up the hard work. Try to make new members feel welcome and continue the great mentoring of fellow members.

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

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