

## The Nor'Wester

Olympic Peninsula Region Porsche Club of America

### From The President

Olympic Peninsula Region Members,

July and August have been busy months for our club with tons of fun activities and the next few months have a lot planned too. Come join us in the fun! This newsletter includes an updated OPR Calendar listing upcoming events plus it is posted on our website at [www.opr-pca.org](http://www.opr-pca.org). The proposed constitution amendment that was sent out for your comments, allowing us to maintain better continuity in our board, passed unanimously by a vote of the members present at our board meeting on August 10th. Please be sure to provide any nominations for our upcoming election for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Member At Large to our nominations committee chair, Will Bonsell at [wbonsell@comcast.net](mailto:wbonsell@comcast.net) or bring to next board meeting, September 14th.

I regret to inform you that Gary Hoskins has stepped down as Vice President, so he can concentrate on moving. Gary will be sorely missed as he was a great asset to our club! His tireless dedication to promote our organization will be hard to back fill. In the interim Brett Burroughs will take Gary's position as Vice President and Will Bonsell shall be our Member at Large until our next election. Welcome gentleman to your new positions and we look forward to your continued support to help promulgate our region.

We look forward to seeing you at our next club function and board meeting.

Randy Baisden, President OPR-PCA

### Past Events

We presented the OPR-PCA check to Team Seattle on behalf of Children's Hospital at ALMS in Portland. Through our Annual Car Show we collected \$1500 for our designated charity. Randy Baisden is in the center of the picture with



Alex Job on the right and Chris Pallis from Team Seattle on the left.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen.

### American Lemans Weekend in Portland

One of the many events OPR members and car enthusiasts look forward to is the ALMS weekend in Portland. Held over the last weekend in July, the ALMS race weekend is one of the highlights of the year. This years event was especially satisfying because of the cooler weather, the high number of quality races, the Porscheplatz hospitality tent, and the nearly 100 Porsches which occupied the car coral.



Friday morning started with a 7:00am departure from the McDonalds in Gig Harbor for the 8 or so cars from OPR making the trek to Portland. The drive is always enjoyable and all arrived without a hitch. Upon entering the track

facility, one is immediately bombarded by the sound and smell of race cars. There is nothing really quite like it. Commemorating 50 years of PCA, Porsche of North America sponsored a Porscheplatz Hospitality Tent which provided shade, cars (including the Carrera GT), Saturday lunch and an early Sunday parade session around the track. Also on hand for the weekend was the director of racing for Porsche North America who brought everyone up to speed on the LMP2 car Porsche will unveil later this year in partnership with Penske racing. It is Porsches belief that there are customers for their P2 car and it will be interesting to see how many Porsche LMP2 cars are running at next years Portland event.

The main racing event of the weekend was the American Lemans race which was televised live on Speed TV kicking off at 5:00pm

Saturday. I personally liked the evening start time but it did have the effect of thinning out the crowd for Sunday's events. Sunday started with an 8:30 meeting for all those doing parade laps. The some 50 or so Porsches headed out at 9:00am for a total of 4 laps around Portland's 1.9mi road course. Makes you want to come back for a DE event with Oregon's region (mid Sept I think)! Anyway lots of fun and all the cars looked great.



The final races on Sunday consisted of the 2<sup>nd</sup> spec Miata race, the Speed World Challenge GT race and, for the first time at Portland, a new addition to IMSA's program, a Porsche GT3 Cup race. A great race for Porsche fans with approximately 17 GT3 Cup cars. Familiar drivers' names included Andretti and Rahal. Should

become quite a popular and highly competitive series and we will all look forward to its return next year.

I would encourage all OPR members to pencil in this event for next year. All those who attended from OPR, the Hoskins, the Baisdens, the Rafaels, the Burroughs, the Roses, Bill Elwell and yours truly had a great time.

Submitted by Will Bonsell

## Other July and August Events

We had a large number of members join us for a lovely Mexican dinner at Casa de Luna in Poulsbo on the evening of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. A good time was had by all and everyone enjoyed the great margaritas and camaraderie. And the food wasn't bad either, in fact it was good.

The Porsches on the Pier in Port Angeles was a big success again this year. This was the second year that we participated in this



event and the town of Port Angeles appreciated our support on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The weather couldn't have been better and the sand sculptures were magnificent.



Del Swan of Discount Tires in Bremerton gave an informative Tech Session on Friday night, August 19<sup>th</sup>. We really learned a lot about how the right tires can make a big difference in how your car handles in both dry and wet conditions, as well as on the track. Everyone

who attended received a free hat from Goodyear and a really nice tire gauge. Special thanks to Brent Kish for making this happen.

Following the Tech Session at Discount Tires, the gang headed over to Azteca for a good old Mexican dinner. The shrimp dinners were to die for. Our President, Randy Baisden presented Gary Hoskins with a Certificate of Appreciation for all of his hard work for the club and in getting the Olympic Peninsula Region established. When he and Donna move to Colorado, they will be sorely missed by everyone.



## Upcoming Events

### September 2005

- 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:30A – Gimmick Rally to Bar-B-Q at the Avila's house in Hansville, WA. Meet at Kitsap Mall Parking lot across from Barnes & Nobel.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00P – Board Meeting at the Airport Diner located at the Bremerton Airport, just off of State Route 3.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:30P – Social Dinner at That's-A-Some Italian restaurant in Poulsbo.
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:00P – Drive to Park Place to join PNWR Social Event. Meet at Gig Harbor McDonalds at Olympic Drive exit of State Route 16.
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Nominations for 2006 Board of Directors (Vice President, Secretary, and Member At Large) are due

### October 2005

- 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Tour with PNWR to Cannon Beach, OR - Weekend Event
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00P – Board Meeting at TBD
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00P – Social Dinner at TBD

### November 2005

- 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00P – Board Meeting at TBD
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Tech Session at Griot's
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00P – Social Dinner at Mellon's house in Bremerton
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Ballots due for Board Member Elections

### December 2005

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00P – Holiday Party at Red Lion Hotel's Restaurant in Silverdale, WA (Announce New Board Members)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting at TBD

## Porsche Parade 2006

The 2006 Porsche Parade is going to be hosed by the Oregon Region and we need a Parade Chairman and Committee to represent our Region and head up finding volunteers to help with the parade. The Parade will be held from August 6-11, 2006. At a minimum our Region will be manning the Hospitality Booth at the parade for one day. We need one or members who can attend the next Parade 2006 planning meeting on Wednesday September 1st, at the Doubletree Jantzen Beach in Portland, OR. If you can attend this meeting or are interested in heading up this Committee or just being a part of the Committee, please notify Maryann Elwell via e-mail at [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003 no later than Wednesday August 26th.

## Tech Quiz

Back by popular demand is our Tech Quiz, provided by the extremely knowledgeable Revis Rose. If you think you know Porsches then try your hand at guessing the answers to the following questions (answers will be posted in the next newsletter):

- 1) What does the "K" stand for in the Car name "917K"
- 2) In what way is Recaro connected to Porsche?
- 3) What notable 911's does Jerry Seinfeld own in accordance to their serial #'s?
- 4) Who was responsible for the origination of the Speedster?
- 5) When did the idea for the Speedster originate?

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