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# From the President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I am very excited to be writing my very first President's Column. There are many great things happening with our club this year. We have a newly elected board and appointed chairperson's. Our scheduled of events for the year is shaping up nicely, with a mix of new activities along with some of our favorite annual ones. Last, but certainly not least, in 2009 Hudson Champlain Region PCA will be celebrating our 50th anniversary.

We are fortunate enough to have a great group of members volunteering their time and energy to keep our region informed, safe, and active all year long. George Krauss was elected as our Vice-President. He and his wife Marla have been long time club members. In previous years George has held the position of club Treasurer. Andy Dorman has been elected as our Treasurer. He has been our autocross chairman for a number of years and he will continue with that post in 2009. Elected to the Secretary position is Mark Ambuhl. Mark has been volunteering his time by helping out at numerous events, for many years.

I am happy to announce we have a new webmaster this year. Taking over this vital position is Howard Kunz. Howard will be responsible for everything you see on our website. As you know we are web based club, using the website and email to keep our members informed. Our membership chairman is Bill Meckley. Bill has the

task of keeping all of the member's information organized and up to date. He ensures will you receive all of the club correspondence that are sent via email or snail mail. This year's activities co-chariman are Scott Keller and Heather Coton. Both Scott and Heather are fairly new members to the club, but they bring many new and exciting ideas for club activities. I am certain that this year's activities will be just as fun as ever. Timm Baldauf has agreed to stay on as our safety chairman. Timm's duty's are to make sure all our driving events are safe for those who participate. He is also responsible for tech inspections at all of our drivers education and autocross events. Patti Torre-Dobush is leaving her position as registrar to take over as track chairman. Patti has extensive experience with all facets of our driver education events. I know she will continue to be a great asset to our drivers education program. Taking her place as our registrar is Chris Whaley. Chris has the job of running registration for our drivers education events. This includes run group assignment as well as student instructor pairing. Rounding out our drivers education team is our new chief instructor Van Svenson. Van has been involved in drivers education and club racing for many years. He will be working with the club's current instructor corps to continually improve their instructing skills as well as mentoring advanced drivers who are interested in becoming instructors. With this great group of

people I am sure we will have another successful year of fun events.

We have been working over the winter to put together a fun and diverse schedule of activities for club members in 2009. This year we have moved our monthly meetings to the first Monday of the month. Meeting locations and times will be posted on our website as well as sent to all members via email.

In April we will be hosting our New Member Luncheon at the Century House in Latham. This gives new club members the opportunity to meet the board members, chairpersons, and each other, while we talk about the club and what we have to offer.

We have secured three drivers education events again this year with two being held at Watkins Glen and one at Lime Rock Park. We are also planning our three autocross events throughout the summer, and our beginner introduction to autocross school this spring.

Back by popular demand is our drive and wine tasting along the Dutches Wine Trail. I received numerous requests to bring this drive back, so this year will be doing it again. Our annual late summer drive to the Ice Cream Man in Greenwich we be on this years calendar as well. Since I

don't want to give away all that we have planned for 2009 please keep checking the website as we post these great events along with others throughout the year.

On July 27, 1959 our region was granted a charter to become a Region of the Porsche Club of America. This year we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary. A weekend of fun activities are being planned for the club this summer. A committee has been established to help plan and organize our 50th celebration. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the 50th anniversary please let me know, as we would like to get as many members involved as possible.

If members have any ideas for new activities or suggestions to improve on current ones please let me know. The goal of our region is to drive our cars, have fun, and meet new people. None of those goals can be attained without members like you.

I hope to get a chance to meet everyone at one of our many activities throughout the year. It is an honor and a privilege to sever as the club president during our 50th anniversary.

Aaron Ambrosino  
president@hcp-pca.com

# Drive to the Inn at Willow Pond



We wind our way through the back roads around the Tomhannock Reservoir.



We arrive at the Inn at Willow Pond in North Manchester, VT.



Autumn was in full swing with vivid fall foliage in Vermont.



Members had a fun drive followed by a delicious brunch.



# From the Chief Instructor

One of the questions I'm frequently asked as an instructor is, "I don't ever plan on racing; why would I want to drive on the track?" While the skills you learn on the track would serve you well in racing, it must be realized that growing your car control skills will also benefit your daily street driving. The whole premise of Driver's Education (DE) is exactly that – education in a new kind of driving situation.

In the controlled environment of the race track, students, with the aid of an instructor sitting right beside them, get to explore the high-speed characteristics of their cars to become more comfortable with its throttle response, braking ability and cornering behavior. In addition to exploring the capabilities of the car, students also learn how to navigate corners and turns, evaluate the car's position relative to the road and adapt their driving styles to meet changing conditions. By learning both the character of your Porsche and the techniques to drive in a variety of conditions, you will be a safer, more confident driver in everyday life.

Still, I hear you asking, "I don't take turns at 90 miles per hour, isn't that all I'll learn at a DE?" The most overlooked skill in regular driving is accident avoidance. Probably once upon a time you heard about defensive

driving, but, do you regularly practice it? Do you exercise your mind's ability to quickly think of escape routes? Do you test your reaction time frequently? This is what DE is all about: learning how to feel if the car is balanced and has traction; and learning how to quickly, and safely, react to changing situations.

The experience of driving on the track will help you make good decisions while driving in the rain and snow. Developing new ways to evaluate your environment will help improve situational awareness and help you "see" farther ahead. Understanding the traction limitations of braking and cornering simultaneously will help in executing evasive maneuvers, and will help in controlling unanticipated skids and slides.

Now, that sounds like a lot of work! But, seriously, all the benefits of improving your skills as a driver are secondary. Ask anyone who participates in DE's – they will tell you they do it for the fun!

The Porsche Club has one of the best Driver's Education programs available. Check the events calendar to find the next DE. Still unsure about driving? Come to the event as a spectator and perhaps take a "Taste of the Track" ride with an instructor.

I'll meet you at the apex!  
Van Svenson



# Annual Dinner



Members mingle at the cocktail hour.



Todd and Johna Herbinger with Scott Keller and Heather Coton.



Keith Antal, Steve and Lydia Marlo with Donna Antal.



Timm Baldauf, Judy and Don Schneider, Luda and Chris Whaely.

# From the Autocross Chairman

## 2008 Autocross Season Review

Despite a variety of inclement weather conditions this year, our autocross series was able to persevere and we were able to hold all four of our scheduled events. Each event held new challenges and new learning experiences for all who participated.

We started off this season in April with our second Introductory Car Control Clinic. This was an untimed event and offered a day of training that included a variety of instruction covering such topics as how to prepare your car for the event to what to look for while driving the course. This event was held at Schenectady County Community College and participants ranged from first-timers to seasoned veterans looking brush up on their skills.

The rest of our events this year were held at the McCarty Avenue parking lot in Albany and each of these events used a unique course offering drivers a variety of challenges.

Our event in May was a rather technical course, involving a great deal of sharp turns as well as speed changes that included one location in the middle where many participants were challenged to try and use second gear for a brief period.

Our second event in July started off as a rainy day, leaving us some puddles and few brief showers for the early runs. As the afternoon progressed, the skies cleared and the sun came out to dry the course, graphically illustrating how quickly driving conditions can

change. For a surprisingly large number of participants, their fastest time of the day occurred when the track was still wet! We had kept the course for this event relatively simple, providing the drivers with an opportunity for many runs during the day, affording everyone a unique opportunity to experiment across the whole spectrum of track conditions.

The third event of our season was in October and we were blessed with an unseasonably nice day. Our course for this last day contained many of the elements we had seen in September at the Zone 1 Autocross and ended up being a twisty but still quite fast run. Everyone had a great time and again we had many runs affording everyone plenty of time to try different things and learn a lot about their car's limits.

For 2009 we are hoping to have a similar schedule of events, although we will be trying some new things as well. As always, we are open to suggestions, please feel free to e-mail them to me at [autocross@hcp-pca.com](mailto:autocross@hcp-pca.com).

Thanks need to go out to all of our wonderful volunteers this season, especially Jeff Markussen for timing & scoring and Aaron Ambrosino for set-up and instruction. These events couldn't run without all of you and I hope everyone enjoyed the events. I am looking forward to a great season next year and hope you can join us all again to learn more about your car and most important of all have fun!

Andy Dorman  
Autocross Chair

# Wine and Cheese Party



An outstanding spread of many wines and cheeses for members to taste and enjoy.



Patti, George and Amelia sample one of the many wines.



Sharon, Lou, Melissa, Anne, Bruce and Joe enjoying the fine wine and food.

We all had a fun evening thanks to our hosts Joe and Sharon Masciocco.





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January 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## January

### Monday January 5th

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Langan Porsche  
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### Sunday January 18th

Snowshoe Tour Saratoga State Park



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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## February

### Monday January 2nd

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Location to be announced.

### Sunday February 8th

Cigar Night at Duke Bazzel Tobacco & Lounge

79 Troy-Schenectady Road

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Latham, NY 12110

### Saturday February 28th

Zone 1 Tech Tactics Danbury, CT

# Calendar of Events

March 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## March

Monday January 2nd

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Location to be announced



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April 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## April

### Saturday April 4th

New Member Luncheon at the Century House Latham, NY

### Monday April 6th

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Langan Porsche  
2240 Central Avenue in Schenectady

**Please check our website at  
<http://hcp.pca.org/Calendar.html>  
as we add new events.**



# 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Zone 1 Tech Tactics

*Back to Basics* - This year's event will be the 3rd extreme makeover edition. We are once again heading back to the garage for a more hands-on experience with cars on lifts & other auto repair & upgrade demonstrations.

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Tech Session Location:

Farnbacher Loles  
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### Hotel Location:

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## Speakers

### *Norbert Singer*

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George Beuselinck, PCA Tech Committee-944  
Roger Garbow, Farnbacher Loles  
Jim Newton, "The Best of Jim Newton"

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**Tech Sessions Saturday:** 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

**Saturday Evening:** 6:30 pm, Cocktails at Ethan Allen Hotel  
7:30 pm, Dinner at Ethan Allen Hotel  
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