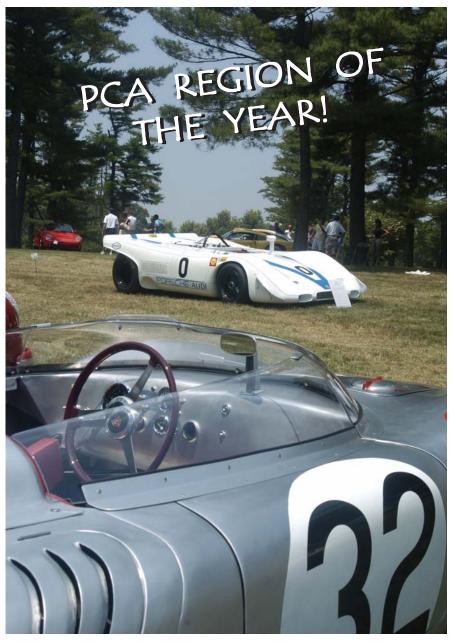


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Aug 7, AX NER, Ft. Devens, Ayer, MA, Chris Tuck, catuck@cox.net

Aug 9, Board Meeting, Fox Fire Grille, Epping, NH, Janet Leach, president@ncrpca.org

Aug 15-16, Drivers Education NCR, NHIS, Scott Martineau, driver-ed@ncrpca.org

Aug 20, AX #3 NCR, Ft. Devens, Ayer, MA, Kevin Bobbitt and Joe Kraetsch, autocross@ncr-pca.org

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Sept 18, AX NER, Ft. Devens, Chris Tuck, catuck@cox.net

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Oct 2, NER AX Rumble NER, Ft. Devens, Chris Tuck, catuck@cox.net

Oct 2, NCR Toys for Tots Car Show Porsche of Nashua, Paul Tallo, charity@ncr-pca.org

Oct 10-11, Drivers Education NCR, NHIS, Scott Martineau and Bob Pickul, driver-ed@ncr-pca.org

Oct 11, Board Meeting, TBD, Janet Leach, president@ncr-pca.org

Oct 16 or 23, NCR Fall Rally, Tentative

Nov 8, Board Meeting, TBD, Janet Leach, president@ncr-pca.org

Nov 12, NCR Annual Banquet, Cochecho Country Club, Dover NH

Dec 3, Annual Planning Meeting, Janet Leach Greenland NH

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FROM THE DESKTOP

By: Bill Kallgren - Editor

Congratulations to the entire membership of the North Country Region! I received word today that that NCR was recognized as the Region of the Year at the Porsche Parade this week in Hershey, PA. The reports from the field indicate that there were many movers and shakers at the Parade from our region, a lot of awards were duly handed to NCR members and



everybody had a smashing great time. Check elsewhere in this issue for additional coverage. Also check the report from club President Janet Leach in her regular column. Although you may not have been to the parade, your participation at the local level was certainly critical to the selection of the NCR as Region of the Year. Congratulations to everybody in the region, well done and continue to have great fun.

I, unfortunately, did not make it to Hershey having set my eyes on the Zone 1 DE event at Watkins Glen. A lack of vacation time and a financial incentive found me in NY instead. At the NCR Annual Banquet last December a raffle was held with the grand prize being a \$100 coupon good for any Zone 1 event. When Miriam Dunster handed out raffle tickets at the front door; I knew I was in for an evening of good luck. The lucky number I received ended in "901". Those who follow Porsche history will instantly recognize this as the original project number assigned to the legendary 911. (Shortly after the introduction of the 901, Peugeot claimed trademark infringement on any car model designation containing three digits with a zero in the middle. Such was Peugeot's legal might that Porsche had no choice but to simply changed the 901 to the 911 and a historic name was forged). At the height of the evening, President Jim Gratton announced the grand prize, the \$100 coupon good at any Zone 1 event. The draw was made and I held the lucky number, number 901. History was again made. I would be off to the Zone 1 DE and a \$100 coupon to ease the financial burden! What a deal! Read about my first experience to the legendary Watkins Glen elsewhere in this issue where I hooked up with a number of other NCR enthusiasts for a great time.

Last month, my brother-in-law Jeff Breuwer submitted an excellent story about his first autocross. Attentive readers might recall that he drove my lucky "8-Ball" and managed to beat my best time solidly. I am pleased to announce that he has made amends. Arriving in the post today was a package of professionally manufactured magnetic numbers. Not only did he include numbers, but I also have a full set of Magic 8 Ball Answers ready to be stuck to my faithful ride. I am moving up in the world with these high class accessories, yet it seems "The Future is Uncertain," I may need to "Concentrate and Ask Again."

This week, I am headed out to sunny California; San Francisco to be precise, for work. I will also be popping down to Santa Clara for a day. I am planning on bringing the phone and address for Colin and Loosey Blake, but unfortunately I have

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Janet Leach - President

This month's column is a perspective of our trip to Hershey for the 50th Annual Porsche Parade (or How John and Janet Spent Their Summer Vacation). My last trip to or through Pennsylvania was on a motorcycle with John shortly after we were married. We were visiting his family in Kentucky, and at that time,



we favored traveling via the bike versus the car. Mind you, we traveled during the first week of May. The weather should have been perfect, except while riding through the Scranton area, we encountered snow flurries! Believe me, I was not a happy camper. So without going into much more detail, that was my last memory of Pennsylvania. There were to be no signs of snowflakes on this trip! The temperatures were in the 90's every day, with only a couple of passing thundershowers. In contrast to our wet spring, this part of Pennsylvania could really use the rain. We were very fortunate that nearly all of our outdoor events were rain-free. But enough about the weather!

We made a two-day trip to Hershey; we stayed in Connecticut Friday night, got up early and arrived at the Hershey Lodge around 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. The first Porsche we encountered along the way was a 911 with NJ plates in New Jersey. Were all of the Porsches already in Hershey? We would soon find this to be true. We made our way to Registration, held in the Chocolate Ballroom. As you can guess, many of the function rooms had a chocolate-related name. It was nice to walk into the room and see some familiar faces from both North Country and Northeast Regions. But where were all of the registrants? Apparently, we had just missed the rush. Many were probably already at the Swap Meet, held in the Giant Center parking lots at Hershey Park. (This we did not attend, so I cannot provide a report.) We stepped up to the Registration Table to begin the process, only to find that we needed to see the Parade Registrar, Lynn Eckels. Lynn was being pulled in many different directions, but we did get to the root of our issue. Oh, it was the registration fee for the golf tournament! Thought it had been paid, guess it wasn't, so we took care of it and then went about our business. Our packet contained a checklist of



events we had pre-registered for, so we stopped at each of the tables to check in and collect any additional information. We made our reservations for the Concours d'Elegance and Victory Banquets (the only banquets that had assigned seating). We received our final

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THE STARTING GRID

By: Lisa Roche - Membership

Do you know any Porsche enthusiasts who are not yet club members? North Country Region was selected as Region of the Year. I can't imagine a better group of people to share in the enthusiasm of Porsche owner-



ship. Pass around your copy of the newsletter and encourage joining the best group of Porsche enthusiasts in North America. Join North Country Region today!

New Members:

Chris S. Clark Bedford, NH 2004 911 Black

Erich L. Gaddis Sanglim Gaddis Hudson, NH 2005 Boxster S

Stephen J. Jacobson Spofford, NH 2003 911

2 Years:

Alan E. Cady Craig E. Cady Pelham, NH 2003 911

Karl J. Klare Christian Klare Dover, NH 1988 911



Dennis O. Sawyer Nashua, NH 1995 911

Fred J. Schultz Durham, NH 1978 930

Steven Stavropoulas Diane Stavropoulas New London, NH 1986 928S

10 Years:

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business meetings and dinner meetings booked all week so a meeting with the Blakes seems unlikely. It would be pretty fun to hook up at a spot like Yoshi's for dinner and some jazz. You can be sure when I am out in California I will be keeping a windward eye open for Porsches old and new.

Speaking of work, I was on the blower with a relatively new client the other day and at the end of our conversion, my client asked if perhaps I might be involved in the Porsche Club. It transpires that my client had recognized my name from the newsletter! Well immediately racing through my mind is "Oh my God! What sort of incriminating banter did I put in my last article?" Fearful that this might kill the deal, I was please when Jack Hermann showed up at our next meeting driving a spanking great Carrera 4S. Jack, I hope to see you yet at an event this year. Great stuff, buying the car "down south" and making a vacation of the trip back; you've got moxie!

Thanks again to everybody in the North Country Region; PCA's "Region of the Year." Without a strong membership we might just be another region. Without a great club, I wouldn't get to edit a great newsletter. Special thanks are due to Tracey Levasseur, Janet Leach, David Churcher and the entire team of contributors at the *Northlander* who make my job particularly enjoyable. It is truly an honor to work with a great team at the offices of the *Northlander* and with a bit of luck we provide an enjoyable newsletter worthy of our club membership.

Next Month! 356 Restoration Photo Essay

Bob Bahre Collection

Craziness in Maine! Editor Levasseur Reports on Swapping Two Jaguar XK140's for Jag Saloon!

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check on the checklist when we were given the Goodie Bag, pin and patch. We were then off to the Goodie Store.

When we walked into the Magnolia Room, it was like a feeding frenzy! This was about 1:00 p.m., and the store had only opened at 9:00 a.m. that morning. Already, many souvenir items were selling out. We grabbed several items with the attractive 50th logo for fear they would not be there on a return trip (and there would be many visits). Working in the Goodie Store would be my volunteer assignments for both Wednesday (for sales support) and Friday (for breakdown). I imagined standing in the room on Wednesday with nothing to sell, only to tell people that everything was sold out, judging from the frenetic pace at which the merchandise was selling. After checking out, John was off to attend the TSD Rally Workers' meeting. He would be serving as a checkpoint captain, along with other North Country members - the Broadheads, Jim Gratton and Kevin Bobbitt. Matt Romanowski and Jay Gratton would be in the "sweep car" (make that "truck" - thanks, Judy!), making sure that all cars had passed through the checkpoints. I headed off to our hotel (we were staying about four miles away from the Lodge). Not much time to unpack and relax, but I did catch a few innings of the Red Sox vs. Phillies on the local FOX affiliate as they were playing in Philadelphia. Then it was time to head back to the Lodge to pick up John for the Safety Inspection. All cars participating in any driving events that week needed to pass through this station. We received our completed sheet and tucked it away for safe keeping. It was back to the hotel to change for the Welcome Party.

I couldn't help but compare our week to being on a cruise. The whole week's activities were planned out for us, and at some times, choices needed to be made as events were happening simultaneously. Banquets were held on five of seven nights, so we had a couple of free nights. Some nights we sat with our North Country counterparts, and other nights, we dined with members from other regions. On our first night, our banquet, with a 50's theme, complete with The Fabulous Grease Band, was held in the Great American Hall. This room was enormous! We were introduced to members of the Porsche family: Dr. Wolfgang Porsche, Hans Peter Porsche, both sons of Dr. Ferry Porsche and grandsons of Prof. Ferdinand Porsche. Hans' son, Danielle, accompanied his father to Parade and entertained us with classical pieces on his flute. Hans Riedel, Executive VP Sales and Marketing -Porsche AG and Peter Schwarzenbauer, President and CEO of PCNA also attended the Welcome Banquet and gave their warm remarks. These gentlemen were accessible for questions during the week and attended many of the events and banquets. As we entered the room that night, we chose a table near an entrance, very near to a mysterious object that would be unveiled later in the evening. Much speculation occurred...was it a prototype race car? Was it the new Cayman? Neither was true. The Porsche AG/PCNA delegation unveiled a new model - the 2006 911 Club Coupe! It was a beautiful blue car (Azzuro California, to be exact), but the lighting in the room didn't do the metallic paint justice. The car would be unveiled again at the Concours d'Elegance on Sunday where the sun brought out the true beauty of the car. We all learned that only 50 cars would be produced; one would be given away to a lucky PCA member via an online contest, one would be

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ANOTHER PARADE

By: Judy Hendrickson - Contributor



Carrera Pan America

The 50th Porsche Parade, my 26th Parade, was like none other that I had been to. Each Parade has had its unique qualities, but this one was very special as one would expect, it being the 50th anniversary of PCA and the 50th Parade.

While I don't begrudge any of my years of service to the national organization, this would be my first

Parade in 10 years where I would be attending as a simple member of PCA, free to partake of all the Parade had to offer, no meetings, no responsibilities. IT WAS WONDERFUL!!! Plenty of time to spend with old friends not seen in a year or more, get to the Goodie Store on Opening Day, time to volunteer for work at activities not tried before and much more. However, there was still not enough time to do it all at this Parade as there was so much more available than usual.

Certainly a highlight for me was the PCA Museum. It brought to life much of the history I had read about over the years. The video put together by Betty Jo Turner and her daughter Lynn was very enlightening. Seeing the early Parades in action courtesy of old films from charter members Jack & Ginny Case and other long time PCAers was great. It's amazing what they did in the space of a motel parking lot. We moan at not being able to find AX space. We just aren't being creative enough in our thinking. Driving skill was definitely tested back then - backward maneuvering thru the cones!

Of course a highlight not to be overlooked was the Welcome Party where Porsche Cars North America unveiled a special edition 911 in honor of PCA's 50th Anniversary. Dubbed the 911 Club Coupe only 50 will be built, with 48 to be sold exclusively to PCAers. The other 2 have a special destiny, one for the Porsche Museum and the other to be given away to a PCA member. It is a stunning metallic blue - I'd call it PCA blue, unbelievably heavy with metallic flake. It has enhanced performance and other special features geared to the PCA enthusiast. Such a special effort on Porsche's part for us.

Another special memory from this Parade will be the reflections of past Parades DVDs shown during the banquets. They had even more detail than the special commemorative 50th anniversary DVD that was in the Museum. There was the one taking us through the 50's & 60's and then the 70's & 80's and finally the 90's. So



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many friends and loved ones now gone, seen once again as they were. Of course it was also great fun to see how we all used to look compared to now. Very nostalgic indeed.

On the competitive side, this was a special Parade for me as I entered Jelly

Bean (my 1995 993) in the Preservation Class of the Concours for the first time. Preservation is for cars 10 years old and older and unlike the other groups is subjectively judged based on condition of the car given its mileage and use. Cars must be original in all respects other than normal maintenance items. People have often asked me why I tape my car so at the track and for cross country drives - this competition is why. I've been planning on entering Jelly Bean in this competition ever since it was created in 1997. My hopes that her track history, cross country adventures and total mileage (57K) would give her a fighting chance with all the older well preserved 911s was rewarded with a first place in class and Division. A group win was not in her destiny, however, losing out to an original owner 1988 924S with about 30,000 miles looking like it had just come off the showroom floor. After having a chance to look at it later in the week, I would have had to make the same decision as the judges and given it the nod. Oh well, a few of the judges did share with me later that it took quite a bit of discussion before they decided between Jelly Bean and the 924S. However, the 924S did not compete in the AX, as did Jelly Bean where she netted a first in Class. My hopes were high for the Tech Quiz after the self scoring, but when the scores were posted there was apparently an error between what I had filled in on the score sheet and what I had recorded on the question sheets as my 75 and 13 tie breakers became 74 and 13 tie breakers versus the overall winner Debbie Cooper with 75 and 9 tie breakers. I think that brings Debbie and me to a tie for most overall wins with 5 a piece. Next year will be the rubber match. I may have to study this time! My score was good enough for first in the 914 class, however,

The final highlight of Parade is most certainly having our Region selected as Region of the Year for the second time. The first time being the last time I attended a Parade as a simple member and all was still right with the world in my life - 1994 Lake Placid.

The next two Parades are on the West Coast - 2006 Portland, OR and 2007 - San Diego, but next time you have a chance plan on attending. You'll have a wonderful time. Just remember to register on opening day as you never know when they will sell out (like 2005 did overwhelmingly on opening day).

48 HOURS AT THE GLEN

By: Bill Kallgren - Editor



December 2004 and I am the lucky winner at the NCR Annual Banquet of a coupon good for \$100 off the entry fee for the 48 Hours at the Glen Drivers Education event. With good luck I manage not to lose the coupon over the following months until registration

at the event begins. I sign up as soon as possible, plan a couple of precious vacation days and eagerly look forward to the event.

I haven't been to Watkins Glen but as a fan of motor sports, I have seen the track on the TV when the ALMS series races there. The good old boys also show up which makes for entertaining racing. So I am excited to say the least.

My background research shows that the Seneca Lodge is the HOT place to stay. However, I am warned that the cabins should be avoided, get a motel room instead. I ring up the lodge and find they have one room left. Excellent, things continue to go my way.

My car is scheduled for the required technical inspection on Tuesday before the event up at Precision Imports in Manchester, NH. I arrive promptly at 7:30 AM. Dick Horan and his excellent crew take my car straight into the garages and I am headed back to work by 8:00, tech form in hand and no problems. I have Friday off from work to drive out to theGlenn but before then a few things need attending to.

Back at work on Tuesday, I have a lunch meeting with a client, pop back to the office and by 3:00 in the afternoon I am having serious trouble concentrating. I try checking my e-mail but just can't seem to focus on anything. I also feel that the building is suddenly getting very cold, I check the thermostat, which reads 78°F, yet I am looking for a sweater. Damn! I have a serious cold coming on and quickly. By 5:30 I am home and already in bed. Wednesday and I am showing no signs of improvement. My temperature is up to 103° Wednesday night so a call to the doctor is in order. He confirms a rather nasty flu is going around and I should just tough it out.

Thursday afternoon, my second and final sick day is used. I try a glass of water plus about 10% fresh OJ and can't even hold that down. Damn! I check the company handbook, it seems I cannot use sick days before a vacation day or holiday. Double Damn! I am going to have to take not two vacation days but four vacation days to head to Watkins Glen. That is a big chunk out of the ten days I get each year.



Considering a couple days for the August DE at NHIS, a day for Lime Rock Park and Janis isn't going to be happy with me. That is enough to justify a triple damn!

At this point, driving in a un-air conditioned car six plus hours to Watkins Glen for a couple of days of DE is looking like a poor choice. I could cut my losses and head back to work. I would be able to use sick time and save my vacation for a later date. I decide it will be best to sleep on it and make a decision in the morning.

6:00 AM Friday: I awake in a pool of sweat. But this is a different sweat, just the sweat of a hot sticky summer night; I am actually feeling a bit better. Almost even hungry. After lying low for a few hours to make sure I REALLY feel okay, I make the big choice. Watkins Glen or bust! I pack my bag, grab my kit and head west.

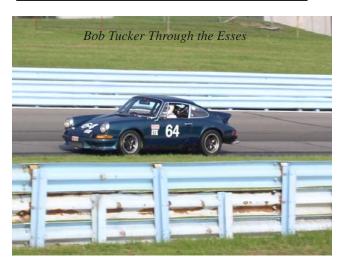
Taking the interstate, I arrive in the beautiful town of Watkins Glen around 6:30 PM and within ten minutes of my arrival I have already managed to hook up with a couple NCR members. Dave and Kirsten Karl happen to have the room adjacent to mine. Great! Starting to feel a bit hungry, we pop off to dinner where we hook up with Paul Frucci, Bob Tucker and Rich Tucker, all NCR members. Now I am really styling! This is already a great hoot and I haven't even made it to the track.

The track at Watkins Glen, if you haven't been, and are interested in these things, is absolutely fantastic. First is the blue Armco. The story I hear is that the Armco was placed close to the tarmac intentionally. A spinning car would only be able to glance off the hard steel if it were close to the line. This decision having been made before anybody had thought of run off room or gravel traps. Second is the size of the track, three plus miles around, the straights are long, the esses really sweep, a cool "bus stop" then into the "Boot," my favorite section of the track. From the boot into right, left, left, right complex back onto the front stretch. A place to really let the car breathe. I had an absolutely great time.

If there are not enough turns to keep you entertained, there is also an abundance of elevation changes. The eight ball ran like a champ. Off track, I got treated to an abundance of fascinating track cars. Everything from the latest Carrera "Cup" cars to a fantastic1974 RSR to several 356's including the vintage patina of an unrestored speedster, which I might say looked even a bit ratty; what with the horsehair sticking out of just about every seam on the period seats!

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Off track was a great opportunity to hook up with other club members from all over. I managed to meet up with some friends from DER. NER, CVR regions and I have to tip my hat to a group from Virginia who put on a great two day roast, getting their hibachi going even before unloading their cars! I also

tracked down fellow NCR members Chris and Cari Darminio along with their two year old son Alec and the newest addition, baby Darminio all of four months. Congratulations and note that Chris' parents were also in attendance, on the track, and having a great time. It seems Porsche enthusiasm runs in the family!

So was it worth the trip? Absolutely. It is always worth the trip when you can hang out with fellow PCA members and drive on a world famous track. Would I go again? Without doubt. The trip is long and I wished I had planned a bit better as immediately following the Zone 1 event was a NNJ DE event that would have allowed four track days in a row. Maybe next year I will make it a weeklong soirée and spend a few days exploring wine country.

Special thanks are due to all the Zone 1 volunteers who made this a weekend to remember.



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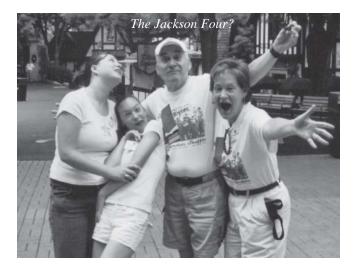


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ONE WITH THE MACHINE

By: The Jackson Family - Contributors at Large



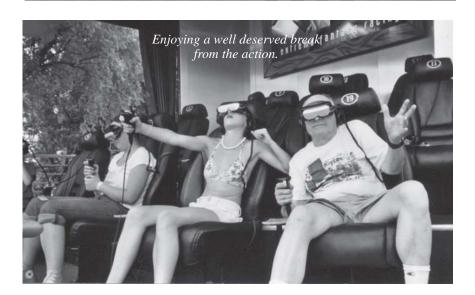
The Jackson family - mom, dad, two teenage daughters - had long anticipated their first Porsche Parade and the 2005 Hershey event exceeded all expectations! We should have known, of course, that the 50th anniversary of PCA would personify the legend that is Porsche: a welloiled machine

from registration to closing banquet, at once fun and sophisticated, supremely engineered, and with a style as diverse as the 550 + cars in the Concours and Corral that graced the fairways of the magnificent Hershey Golf Course on June 26. (And one of several events we volunteered to help with and so glad we did.) Did I mention perfect weather? A thoughtful itinerary that kept the entire family happily engaged? First class accommodations, food, and service? Oh, yeah, all that Hershey chocolate just made the Parade all the more sweeter!

Indeed, the 50th Porsche Parade ranks right up there with family adventures to Loch Ness in search of Nessie, California's wild and wonderful coastal highway, and that long and winding camping trip back in 2001 to Calgary's Stampede, North America's supreme rodeo. How can a glorified car show compete with the likes of a sea monster? Here's how the Jackson clan best describes it:

Gordon: "Here they come!" My attention is diverted from the squadron of black flies circling my head to a column of gleaming Porches approaching me on the 15th hole. "Keep'em moving! No stopping!" bellowed event chair, Matt Romanowski, who had instructed us in the fine art of Porsche Corral parking. Bar none, this was *the* best volunteer job of the whole parade! I soaked in the essence of each passing Porsche while enjoying one-on-one contact with the driver. My turn to bellow: "Go left and watch that splitter!" This was Nirvana! "Splitter? What's a splitter?" queried my fellow parking associate. Sweet! I even get to impart a trace of knowledge about the passing thoroughbreds.

That knowledge quickly waned as my oldest daughter and I took in the Concours of exotics on display. I tried my best to describe the mind-numbing assortment of some of the finest automotive engineering and art assembled before us. More



amazing was the eclectic assortment of passersby excited to share specs and a story. (More material than the library at Alexandria!)

But no words can aptly describe the actual Parade, our first Parade, on the balmy evening of June 30! A sight that would make Dr. Porsche's pulse race: 300 or so magnificent machines spanning a huge parking lot anxiously awaiting launch onto the open highway, led by Pennsylvania's finest. The exhaust notes a pure symphony to the ear of the Porsche-a-phile. Each and every one, full throttle, out the park entrance, a hard right, banging the gears, whizzing past lines of cordoned traffic, horns blaring, lights flashing, spectators' priceless expressions as they began to comprehend the enormity of the thing before them. And it was legal! This was more exhilarating than the Wild Cat coaster at Hersheypark just hours before! "Dad, can we do it again?" My youngest wants to know. Oh yeah, let's!

Carolyn: So many highlights, so little space! The 50th Porsche Parade gave me a better understanding of the sense of community among Porsche lovers. And all from one man's vision for an exceptional automobile, Doctor Ferdinand Porsche. Sure, there were the expected snobs and techno geeks but, by and large, there was an undercurrent of friendly camaraderie that freshmen like us appreciated from seasoned veterans and like-minded newcomers. Further, I know I speak for all parents when I say how appreciative we were for all the thought and planning that went into kids activities. Janice Rodriguez and Co., First Settlers Region, did an awesome job catering to tomorrow's Porsche owners.

My biggest thrill by far was running in the 5K Chocolate Shuffle, my first competitive race ever and celebrating, to the day, my two-year survival of Stage 3 breast cancer! Hats off to race chair, Bob Vigorito, Chesapeake Region, for his encouragement in the months before the race and his kind words about my achievement to the crowd. Personal best: 00:24:51. Extra special to run with my youngest daughter, MacKenzie, and my cousin, Steve Hellmann, member of Chesapeake Region!

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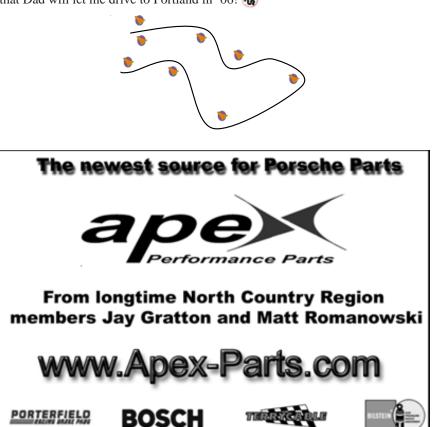
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MacKenzie, 13: I'm here to tell you that girls love Porsches! I loved the drive down to Hershey in our '86 928, Gwen Stefani blaring on the CD player, our suitcases stacked to the ceiling, honking like maniacs at Porsches from all over heading to the very same place! My sister and I were psyched to baby-sit and make a little spending money for Hersheypark. I really enjoyed meeting other families and working with my parents at the events they volunteered for. Even though I came in second to last in the 5K, how many kids can say they raced at the biggest Porsche party ever? PS – Loved everything about the Fifties Party including the little chocolate Porsches and meeting Marilyn Monroe!

Sydney, 15: The 50th Anniversary Bash will be hard to top next year. I'm already excited for the 100th as I will only be 65! It was amazing to me to see how young in spirit Porsche people are. Like the 79 year old man who won his division at the 5K. I was glad I attended the session on restoration. It really brought home the message that classic cars, like great art, are worth saving for future generations. (Loved those Old Dutch Police Cars!) I know that when I look back at the best of family times, the Hershey event will be close to the top! Keep your fingers crossed that Dad will let me drive to Portland in '06!



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Autocross Season is Here! Sponsored by Porsche of Nashua

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When: Saturday August 20th Saturday Sept 17th

Where:

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used for promotional purposes and then be sent to Porsche's Museum in Germany, and the remaining 48 could be purchased via a "negotiation opportunity." At a price tag of just under \$100,000, this car will surely sellout quickly. Please go to: <u>http://www.911clubcoupe.com/sections/50.php</u> to enter the contest and to <u>http://www.pca.org/parade/2005/sponsor/pca_911.pdf</u> for the press release.

Sunday was the biggest day of the Parade – the Concours d'Elegance and the Porsche Car Show and Corral at the Hotel Hershey. In the eyes of many PCA members, the Concours is the gauge by which the success of the Parade is measured. The golf course at the hotel will be rebuilt, and these two events were taking place on several of the fairways. When we arrived at the grounds of the hotel, we first went to view the members' cars in the Car Corral. All models were well represented; it was a colorful sight to behold. Now I had read in the morning's *Harrisburg Patriot-News* an account of the happenings so far at the Parade. The article also featured some of the cars that would be displayed on Sunday, one of which was a Speed Yellow Carrera GT owned by Russ Jeter of Moultonboro, NH. To my recollection, we did not have an NCR member by that name or anyone with a Carrera GT. It was easy to spot this car within the crowd. John and I found Russ near his car and struck up a conversation with him. We learned that he and his wife, Kim, were members of the Santa Barbara Region and had recently purchased a home in Moultonboro.



I gave him the address of the NCR website and spoke a bit about our club. At our July Board Meeting, Lisa Roche shared the names of the new and transferred members this month. Russ has transferred to NCR, and if you are up around the Lake Winnipesaukee area, be on the lookout for this car! It turned heads all week, and it was probably one of the most photographed as well. Yes, there were black and grey Carrera GTs on display near the Porsche booth, but as we know, yellow cars make a statement! Then it was on to view the other beautiful cars in the corral. While sitting under a shade tree (these spots were in high demand!), we ate our boxed lunch and admired the views of the great cars. We

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started our Concours viewing with the Historic section. There were winners of past Concours on display and a good blend of race cars and regular touring cars. There were even German police cars – the Polizei! We even saw several farm tractors. Our attention then focused on the other classes: Preparation, Preservation and Performance. We spoke with David Churcher, who was attending as an official Parade photographer. He seemed to have his work cut out for him with all of the photo opportunities. David photographed several events while at Parade. NCR participation was heavy for the Concours and Car Show and Corral; several members were chairs, judges and even participants. Judy Hendrickson won in her division with the "Jelly Bean." We needed to vote for our favorites in both the Concours and in the Historic Display. We made one more sweep of the field and cast our ballots. As we departed the grounds, trophies were being awarded in all divisions. We would soon learn of the top winners at the evening's banquet.

Karl Ludvigsen was the featured speaker at the Concours d'Elegance Banquet. He is the author of several books, including Porsche: Excellence Was Expected, which he was selling autographed copies of at the Parade. The national awards were presented at this banquet. North Country Region had submitted for several: Newsletter, Enthusiast of the Year and Region of the Year. We also submitted information for the Charity Award, which would be given out at the Victory Banquet. The Newsletter and Enthusiast Awards were announced, and unfortunately, North Country was not the recipient. Then it got interesting...it was time to award the Region of the Year – Ferry Porsche trophy. John and I were sitting about as far from the stage as possible that evening. I listened intently as the announcer was describing the winner of the award. A mid-sized region was mentioned (sounds like North Country), and the more he spoke, the more I realized that it would probably be our region that would be the recipient. Finally, he said "...and the winner is – North Country!" I screamed and leapt up from the table. I made my way to the stage, where there was already a crowd of fellow NCR members gathering. I couldn't believe it! I felt so proud to be a member of this great group! Now this was the second time that NCR won the award; the first time was in 1993. Pictures

were taken and then I returned to the table. far. far away with the beautiful trophy. Last year, our region had a very well-rounded schedule of events, and we have many members who participate in our events. We also have a lot of enthusiasm. and I'm sure that these were all factors in our region



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winning this prestigious award. NCR is only one of six regions to win the award more than once since its inception in 1961; Chicago, Gold Coast, Loma Prieta, Upper Canada and Northern New Jersey are the others. A little while later, I returned to the stage to accept the award for a Second Place finish for our Website. This year, we tied for second with last year's winners – the San Diego Region. Upper Canada won the overall award. Many thanks go to our former Webmasters Colin and Loosey Blake who dedicated much time and effort into our award-winning website and now it is in the capable hands of Berthold Langer and Nick Shanny. They have their eyes on a First Place finish next year. Last year, we received a Third Place award. What an evening!

On Monday, John was off as a Captain for Don and Sandi Johnson's TSD Rally (which I heard many good reports about) and I played in the Annual Golf Tournament. One member of my team was Jim McDonald, who many of you may remember as a former North Country member and former Treasurer. Jim is now a member of the Alpine Mountain Region. It was a great day for golf, and the team including Hans Peter Porsche and Tom Bobbitt won the event. This seems to be another Parade tradition. You're probably expecting me to write more about this event, but I'll save a few words for the other activities. I did return another morning to play another round at the Parkview course. Let's just say it was another beautiful day to play.

Ellen Beck was the chair of the Gimmick Rally through the Amish region of Lancaster County. This was the first time that this type of rally was held at a Parade and it was a huge success. We were given instructions and the answer sheet, but the event had no time limit (except that you had to be back to submit your answer sheet) and no penalties were assessed for extra mileage. I was glad that we started out early as we took our time at all of the various suggested stops along the way. We had our map and started out in the first town of Intercourse, a crossroads in Amish country. We had breakfast at the Kling House and asked some local ladies about a good place for lunch. They suggested returning to the Kling House, which we did. I think the people in all of the towns along the route were amazed at our beautiful cars and the sheer number of them. We encountered several horse and buggies during the rally. True to form, Ellen asked some great questions. All were multiple choice (or guess for some). If you've never been to this part of the country, you may want to rent the movie "Witness," starring Harrison Ford and Kelly McGillis. It's been 20 years since the movie was released; I'd like to see it again as it will be a good reminder of our journey through this part of the country.

The guest speaker for the TSD Rally and Gimmick Rally Awards Banquet on Tuesday night was Kevin Buckler, President of the Racer's Group. He and his team have participated in several racing series, including: American LeMans Series and IMSA Series. He has been racing Porsches for several years, and told many stories. He was a very enthusiastic speaker.

The Parade of Porsches was Wednesday's featured event for us. Approximately 300 cars were staged in one of the Hersheypark parking lots. It was a beautiful mélange of colors and models. Our route would be about 10.2 miles long through the town of Hershey and on to the Antique Automobile Club of America (which was right next to our hotel...how convenient!). There were many spectators along the

route, and also many opportunities for photos. As many of you may know, this was how the Porsche Parades began, the first one being held in Gaithersburg, MD. Bill Sholar was the founder of PCA, and the Potomac Region hosted the first get together of Porsche members in 1956, with the Parade through town being the main event. How it has evolved since then! After the ride, we were off to a local restaurant with some friends from the Northeast Region.

John's Autocross session took place on Thursday morning. The course map was provided in the binder we received at registration. If you've been to an NCR or NER Autocross, you know that NER member Charles Stromeyer not only walks the course but also draws out all of the cones as well. Apparently, he is not the only one who approaches AX in this manner! John had walked the course the day before and was excited about driving. His fastest time of the day out of his three runs was 1:01.294; the men's fastest time overall was 54.909 by Michael Lannoch of the Mid Ohio Region. This gentleman drove a modified 914 and was only 20 years old! When I was 20, I didn't know what an Autocross was and my daily driver was a Chevy Vega! Kudos to the winner. John was very encouraged by his performance, and you can bet that we'll be at Ft. Devens sporting our track tires on the Boxster S at the next Autocross! One of my regrets of the Parade (and there were a few) was that I didn't register for the Ladies' class for our car class. Next time, I'll read the registration materials a little more closely. I figured I couldn't beat the men who were probably champions in their respective Zones, but when all was said and done, I would have competed against only one woman. The worst I could have done was second. Live and learn!

After the Autocross runs, we made our way to Hersheypark for an afternoon of fun on the coasters. Now, we both love the rides. This park had a good mix of rides for both adults and children. There were water rides, which were very refreshing in the 90-degree heat, old wooden coasters and modern steel ones. After being tossed around on the "woodies," we made our way to Storm Runner, which was by far our favorite of the day. It is advertised as an "aggressive thrill ride;" on the park's scale of 1 to 5, it was rated a 5. I just made the height requirement, qualifying on the height scale over the "Jolly Rancher" bar, with the minimum requirement being

60" (I'm 62"). We learned that we would be traveling on this ride from 0 to 72 mph in 2 seconds...they kidding! weren't What a rush! It reminded me of the Incredible Hulk coaster at the Islands of Adventure at Universal Studios in Orlando. We went on one more steel coaster, then we called it a day. We returned on Friday to



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AUF WIEDERSEHEN ELLEN!

By: Judy Hendrickson - Contributor



July 10 dawned clear and comfortable. The humidity of the previous few days long gone. A perfect day to go to the beach for lobster with friends and show off our beautiful cars. Thirty two NCRers and 14 Porsches gathered at Rye Harbor/Ragged Neck State Park on July 10th to do just that AND bid a fond farewell to one of our hardest working members, Ellen Beck.

The Porsche display drew a lot of attention from others basking in the sunshine at the park. There was a wide selection represented, 356 open and closed, early 911s, mid 911's, late 911's, Boxsters, 944s and 924's. The only models I don't recall being there were a 968, 928 or a water-cooled variety of 911 (996 or 997). The Car Show was a People's Choice affair and when all the ballots were counted, the two 356's won hands down taking over half the votes, but the beautiful Ruby Red Coupe of Sandi Osborne took the day and the framed David Churcher photo of the 917 replica.



The lobster, steamers and the rest of the clambake fixin's were delicious as prepared and served by the Galley Hatch. Somehow eating at surfside, under the pavilion made them all the sweeter. But man those were HARD shells.

With the feast over our attention turned to roasting Ellen. Ellen joined in the 93/ 94 time frame and one of the first meetings she attended was a Parade Concours (1994) organizational meeting at the Hendrickson's. Ellen has always had a knack for jumping



Dan Osborne and David Churcher



in feet first and helping anything she was involved with become a success. This was true from the beginning and continues to the present as she chaired several events, helped with others, took on the reins of Membership Chair, VP, President, Chief Instructor, etc. Ellen was PCA Enthusiast of the year in 2002. She has been on the National DE Committee for the past few Years and helped bring that program to maturity, incorporating many of the things she had already instituted in our own DE training program. This past year she has also been a key member of the 2005 Parade team, being responsible for the Gimmick Rally, the TSD Ice Cream Social and keeping the Parade web site up to date. Many stories were related and we all enjoyed reliving Ellen's many triumphs and some more embarrassing moments.

Ellen has contributed greatly to NCRs successes over the past years and has had much to do with what we have come to know as the spirit of NCR - the friendly region. She will be greatly missed, but she promises to return for visits and although she will now be living in Maryland and with her sweetie, Bob Gutjahr, she indicates that she will maintain her PCA membership with North Country. Bob promises to bring her back to New Hampshire to live in a few years when his children are out of school. So long Ellen (AKA Thelma), we'll miss you!

Tschüß!

Judy (AKA Louise)



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visit Chocolate World and took the simulated factory tour. We were rewarded with a sample of Take Five at the end of our ride. Several times during the week, we detected the sweet scent of chocolate in the air. This is what the town of Hershey is famous for, and I'm sure both the townspeople and visitors alike never tire of the aroma. It is also the smell of commerce!

Vic Elford spoke at the Michelin Autocross Banquet on Thursday evening. He has an impressive racing history. He was a very entertaining speaker, and we thoroughly enjoyed his many stories, and he told many of his seat time in the 917, his favorite race car.

Friday morning, John and I had volunteered for the Goodie Store breakdown. Fortunately, there wasn't a lot of merchandise left. Most of the 50th anniversary goods had been sold. Following our shift, we attended the Volunteer Party for a feast of cheesesteak, chicken cheesesteak (after all, we weren't that far away from Philadelphia!) and side dishes. I think almost all of the Parade participants were in the room. There is a great volunteer spirit within PCA; members want to help members. We met a lot of great people during our shifts and while at the Parade in general.

The Victory Banquet was the final event of the Parade. Scott Atherton, President and COO of the Panoz Motor Sports Group, spoke about several motorsports events, including the American LeMans series. The highlight of the evening was the giveaway of a week-long trip to Germany. John and Donna Paterak of the Northern New Jersey Region were the lucky recipients. John is very well known through PCA for his restoration expertise. As you may recall, he was the speaker at one of our recent Annual Banquets at Fratello's in Manchester.

Manny Alban and Bob Gutjahr from the Chesapeake Region were this year's Parade Co-Chairs. This parade was five years in the making. They did an excellent job of putting together a great staff to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Mark Shevitz from the St. Louis Region was the Master of Ceremonies at each banquet; he has been performing this role for several years and is always very well received by the crowd. Next year's Parade will be held in Portland, Oregon, the site of two former parades. I hope you will consider registering for this event.

I hope I was able to share the flavor of our Parade experience. We met many warm and friendly PCA members from many regions and parts of the US and Canada, and as we know, it's not just the cars, it's the people! NCR had a great presence at this Parade, in not only winning the Region of the Year Award, but also in providing leadership and volunteer support for the TSD Rally, Gimmick Rally, the Concours and Car Show, the Ice Cream Social and in many other events. Go North Country!





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HELP WANTED

North Country Region is currently seeking individuals to assist as our yearbook and advertising chairs. If interested, please contact Janet Leach at (603)433-4450 or email at president@ncr-pca.org

Yearbook Chair

Each year, North Country Region hosts a wide variety of activities including charity events, drivers education events, rallies and ramblies. Working with each committee, the reporters from the Northlander and our club photographer, the Yearbook Committee is responsible for putting together a comprehensive scrapbook of the club's activities for the year. At the conclusion of the year, the Yearbook is submitted to the Yearbook Competition at the annual parade. If you are an avid scrapbooker, this is the position for you.

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As Advertising Chair, you will work closely with the *Northlander* newsletter and club webmaster acting as liason. The advertising chair will also coordinate with various committees that may be seeking event sponsorship offering additional exposure to advertisers that may wish to sponsor club events. The advertising chair will finally seek new advertising opportunities and ensure that invoicing is done promptly while responding to any concerns of the advertisers.



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The starting point will be at the "McDonalds" on the Alton Circle (SR 28 and 11). Be there at 9:30 AM; expect to leave at 10:30 AM.

Although the Johnson's will be preparing the marvelous shrimp as usual, the Hosts are going to be Paul and Lindsay Frucci. For those not going on the Rally, directions to the Fruccis are: From the blinker in downtown Wolfeboro, take 28 North, past the Boat Museum, turn left on Allen Rd. (First opportunity after "FRENCH" auto body shop), left at first opportunity, this is a gravel road, drive slowly and DO NOT tailgate and you will not have a problem. The Frucci house is at end of the road

Soft drinks will be provided. Bring other beverages if you would like something else.

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Phone: PCA Region:	PCA #	:
Address:		
Assistant(s):		
Rally Entry Fee (\$5.00 per C	ar)	\$
Shrimp Boil (\$15.00 per person)	#	\$
Children under 10 \$5.00	#	\$
	Total	\$

Mail your entry and check (payable to NCR-PCA) **by Sept 15** to Don Johnson, 10 Lary Rd, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 603 569 3337 for questions

A traditional New England entree is available on request for non-shrimp lovers – Fresh TRIPE fried in 100% lard

TRACK TIME

By: Scott Martineau -Track Chair



We got off to a great start to the driving season with a phenomenally successful event over the Memorial Day weekend at NHIS. The track was full and the paddock was buzzing with activity. Everyone enjoyed

the great weather (except for Sunday afternoon but I am willing to overlook that!). The CVR crew brought plenty of drivers and some excellent workers who really helped make the event a success. The dinner was great with plenty of bench racing to go with the food and drink.

If you missed the last event, there is still time to register for the August 6,7 and 8th at Mont Tremblant, Quebec Canada. This is a joint event with CVR and it gives us an opportunity to renew friendships from the last event and also spend **3 days** at one of the most beautiful and challenging courses in the Northeastern US and Canada.

If that was not enough (and it never is if you are a DE junkie) you can register for the August 15th and 16th event as NCR returns to NHIS for fun on our home track. As usual we will offer plenty of track time, excellent instruction for the novices and dinner on Monday evening.

Come on out to the track and enjoy the fun.

Drivers Education!

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2005 Porsche Parade Winners!

Region of the Year: North Country Region!

Website - 2nd Place NCR

Concours - Judy Hendrickson 1st in Division Preservation Group All 911/912 1965-1995

TSD Rally Unequipped Class 25th Jack and Olivia Saunders

> Gimmick Rally 4th Place Kevin and Laura Bobbitt 26th Jim and Deb Gratton

Autocross:

Class P2M 2nd Pl Jay Gratton 3rd Place Matt Romanowski

> Class P3L 1st Pl Lisa Roche

Class P3M 3rd Pl Joe Kraetsch

Class P5M 4th Pl Kevin Bobbitt

Class P11L 1st Pl Judy Hendrickson

Kids Autocross Ryan & Conner Bobbitt

Tech Quiz Men's Early 911/912 to 1977 2nd Pl Edgar Broadhead

Women's Early 911/912 to 1977 1st Pl Nancy Broadhead

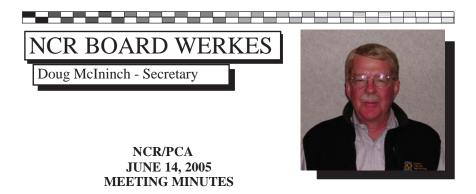
> Women's 914 1st Pl Judy Hendrickson

> Women's 924/944/968 1st Pl Ellen Beck

Slot Car Men's Cup 18+ 3rd Pl Kevin Bobbitt

RC Cars Toys Class 2nd Pl Kevin Bobbitt

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On June 14, 2005 seven board members and eleven Club members met at the Cat'N Fiddle in Concord, NH to conduct business.

President's Welcome and Correspondence: Janet welcomed all present and made sure that everyone was introduced including Paul Tallo the new Charity Chair and Nick Shanny, the new webmaster, working with Berthold. The general correspondence from PCA was reviewed.

Secretary's Report: N/A.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was accepted as distributed by E-mail.

Membership: Lisa reported that the membership total is at 483 members.

Northlander: Bill Kallgren noted that the July issue is being put together. June 10, 2005 was the deadline and additional articles were requested. A new advertiser was welcomed in Mike Bernier, an Allstate agent.

Advertising: N/A.

Website: Berthold discussed some of the technical changes he has and is making to enhance the capacity and performance of the Website.

Safety: Edgar reported that all events have been conducted safely. The AX requirement for Cabriolets to have roll bars was debated. There was discussion concerning a safer set up of gates at AX events.

AX: Sixty-eight cars participated in last Saturday's AX. The need for an Outside Observer report was mentioned.

DE: The Memorial Day three-day event at NHIS was successful in all aspects. The combined event with CVR at Mt. Tremblant was discussed.

Charity Tour: Paul Tallo as new Charity Chair reviewed the NHIS event where he assisted Miriam Dunster. Paul indicated that he has submitted an article to the Northlander on this event. In all 37 participated in the Charity Tour and 32 drove in the Track Sampler. \$1,750 was raised.

Social: The Clambake and Farewell for Ellen Beck was organized in some detail by Jim Gratton and others. It was unanimously voted to provide an \$8 per person subsidy for NCR members up to a cap of \$1,000 total.

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Track Worker Helmets: Bob Pickul reviewed the emerging fact concerning the potential need for all flaggers and pit personnel to be wearing a "helmet" when "over the wall". This started with a directive from NHIS prior to the May DE event. Lime Rock may also require worker helmets. The information on this was very vague and incomplete. There may be a considerable delay in obtaining helmets so a vote was taken so that the Club could have enough helmets in hand to function at NHIS and Lime Rock at our next events. The vote authorized the Track Committee to expend the necessary funds to purchase "proper" 25 helmets should further investigation and research determine they are required. More will be reported on this at the next meeting.

Z-1 Rally and Concours: Janet Leach reprised both the rally and Concours events.

Other: Janet Leach indicated that the next two meetings will be at the Foxfire Grill. Event Schedules will be discussed at the July meeting. The Club needs a replacement for Kevin Bobbitt as Advertising Chair.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McIninch Secretary





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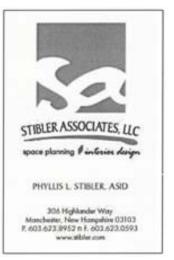
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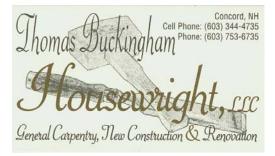


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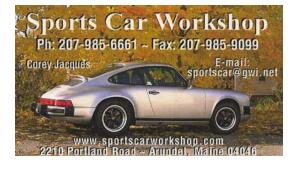
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