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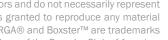
On the Cover Michael Copp (SDO) #444 leads Simon Peck (LV) #38 and Bill Ward (GG) #79 down the famous Laguna Seca corkscrew Photo by Steve Rashbaum (CHO)

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Chairman's Corner

By Bryan Henderson, Chairman PCA Club Racing

e have completed the Rennsport Reunion IV Club Race. It was a blast. We came away with lots of great memories and a new relationship with Porsche Motorsports North America. The PCA team performed very professionally. I am proud of all of them. If you weren't there you missed a fantastic event.

Our Rules Committee has been hard at work setting up a few changes for next year. You can find the details in this issue of Club Racing News on page 10. I want to explain a little bit about at least one of the changes.

We have several spec classes within PCA Club Racing that almost all use a spec tire. The one notable exception is our 996 and 997 Cup Cars. After using a spec tire from Michelin at Rennsport Reunion IV with good success and after receiving very few comments from the racers concerning the proposed change, we decided to go forward with changing GTC3, GTC4 and GTC5 from "tires are free" to a spec tire for 2012. Currently, the classes are spec classes in all regards other than tires although it appears that about ninety percent of our racers use the same brand of tire. It does not make sense that we would not be on equal tires if we work so hard to make the cars equal in all other respects. As a racer I understand that we also need to have value for the racers in whatever tire we select. We have sent out inquires to several tire manufacturers that ask

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them to specify what tire they will supply and at what cost to the racers should we choose them as the spec tire. We will also be looking at sponsorship opportunities for PCA Club Racing. We will review those proposals with an eye toward the value to the racers balancing performance, longevity and cost.

The National Championship Points Series is ready to go for 2012. We have reviewed the performance of drivers at actual races in 2011 and prior years using different computer scenarios

to determine what works best. What you see is our best effort. If we need to make adjustments for 2013 we will. The idea is to get the finishing order to reflect actual on track performance and at the same time not give any advantage to large or small racing venues. The system is weighted toward finishing a weekend with the races later in the weekend being the ones that count for points. This rewards keeping it on track and allows those less familiar with any specific venue to have a good opportunity to compete. The one area that has severe consequences is receiving a 13/13 sanction. This could be from cheating or from being found at fault in an incident. Any 13/13 will cause the driver to be ineligible for a National Championship. A complete description of the points series rules appears on page 14.

It is about time to get ready for Sebring. Be safe!

Bryan 🐲

Lorem Ipsum

By Michael Wingfield, Club Racing News Editor

I finished out the back of the company shop last spring, adding a lounge area and a small kitchenette. I bought two gallons of a premium paint custom mixed in a nice earth tone with which to paint the walls. This paint included the primer and paint all in one can. The manufacturer touted an easy one coat coverage. I was skeptical, but thought I would give it a try since I did not want to spend a lot of time painting.

The product was great; it indeed covered in one coat. I finished painting both areas using less than one full gallon. I also completed the job in one evening. While the paint cost more up front, the time savings was significant and the final results beautiful, if I do say so myself. Recently, I finished out an extra room at the company office. This time however, the company president handed me a five gallon bucket of "commercial quality" white paint. He provided five gallons of paint even though the new room wall square footage was no more than the square footage of the lounge and kitchenette I had painted earlier in the year.

2012 Club Racing Schedule

Dates	Event	Region	Region Contact
Feb 2-5	Sebring International Raceway*	Gold Coast Suncoast Florida	Dan Smithyman 954.224.4717 dansmithyman@bellsouth.net David Herndon 727.804.1439 davidh2310@gmail.com
Mar 16-18	Texas World Speedway*	Lone Star	Jim Troxel 713.529.7050 geotrox@aol.com
Mar 23-25	Road Atlanta*	Peachstate	Dave Barton dbarton944@gmail.com
Apr 20-22	Auto Club Speedway*	Zone 8	Vince Knauf 619.287.4334 vvvince@aol.com
Apr 27-28	Lime Rock Park	Connecticut Valley	Gary Hansen 203.270.8391 racedirector@cvrpca.org
May 26-27	Buttonwillow Raceway Park	Golden Gate	Carl Switzer 408.206.0615 switzer.carl@gmail.com
Jun 1-3	Watkins Glen International*	Zone 1	Jennifer Webb 514.235.0157 jenniferbischoff@hotmail.com
Jun 2-3	Motorsports Park Hastings	Great Plains	John Krecek 402.505.9911 jkrecek@investorsomaha.com
Jun 9 - 10	Miller Motorsports Park*	Intermountain	Ed Mineau 801.278.9681 emineau@comcast.net
Jun 15-17	Rose Cup Races Portland International Raceway	Oregon	Peggy Ann Walker 503.913.7987 peggyw@weattrailers.com
Jun 16-17	GingerMan Raceway*	S E Michigan	Jeff Amos 248.760.0672 jeffamos@comcast.net
Jun 22-24	VIRginia International Raceway*	Zone 2	Mike Andrews 215.589.5633 Mra.1954@gmail.com
Jul 28-29	Brainerd International Raceway*	Nord Stern	Roger Johnson 763.557.9578 rsamerica93@comcast.net
Aug 11-12	High Plains Raceway*	Rocky Mountain	Kathy Fricke 303.499.6540 katfricke@msn.com
Aug 17-19	Mid Ohio Sports Car Course	Mid Ohio	Dave Hayden davidhayden@windstream.net
Sep 1 - 3	Road America* * Indicates Enduro Event	Chicago	Keith Clark 630.514.5937 kc_design@sbcglobal.net

As I started painting with the commercial paint, I quickly realized the coverage was nowhere near the quality of the premium paint I used at the shop. In fact, the first coat coverage was more like a terribly thin primer. I mentioned to the president that this paint would require more than one coat. He replied that he always expected it take at least two coats. Since real work was a little slow and I did not have any pressing projects I painted on.

Over the next two days I painted that room three times and used almost the entire five gallons. The final result was a mediocre finish that resembled a well used medical examination room in an overworked and overcrowded community free clinic. The lesson here is that you do the very best you can with what you have. Sometimes quality comes easily and quickly, all in one can so to speak. Other times, the very best labor still yields a mediocre result. It all comes down to what one has to work with in the beginning - premium products or otherwise.

View from the Tower

By Vicki Earnshaw, Chief National Steward

just returned from an amazing display of Porsches at the L Rennsport Reunion IV. PCA Club Racing had two run groups with one of those being the feature race, Rennsport Reunion Cup, of the weekend with 50 cars in the GTC3, GTC4 and GTC5 classes. I want to acknowledge not only the racers in both those groups for their outstanding display of PCA Club Racing, but that also this event could not have happened without all the time and effort from Bryan Henderson. He was the Event Chair and the Steward for a new event which entailed countless emails and phone calls. Bryan, your efforts were appreciated and the event was a true representation of PCA Club Racing. Also thank you Susan Shire for your countless efforts to try to register as many racers as we could and answer all those questions.

Are you aware of the performance of your car?

This year at the High Plains Club Race we invited David Murry, PCA Club Racing Driving Coach, to coach the racers. If you have the opportunity to be at a track where he is coaching, you should pursue his expertise. He drove some cars, critiqued many in-car videos, recommending line changes for drivers, and setup options for cars. It is a common occurrence to hear from seasoned racers that David's suggestions transformed the way the car handled and also how lap times improved.

The track line was improved at High Plains Raceway by braking later and extending the braking zone, sometimes to the apex, resulting in faster lap times. At the driver's meeting David brought up a new challenge - looking at the setup of your car. Do we compensate for this situation with our driving? Does some of that become a factor in car control? Could that be a factor when we lose control of the car and have car damage? David shared the following thoughts:

"We at PCA work so hard at our driving when we are trying to go faster and improve lap times. Unfortu-

Development - things we change on the car. Setup - things we adjust on the car.

nately sometimes physics gets in our way. A car can only go so fast though a given corner no matter how much we 'will it' to go faster. When we try to push beyond those physical limits of the car we end up in a tire wall or another car with damage and a possible 13/13. We do need to always work on our driving but there is another factor that can allow us to go faster, the car development and setup.

Development means things we change on the car like wider or stickier tires, new rear wing and or front splitter, new engine with more horsepower, new tranny or diff, etc. Setup means things we adjust on the car like shock settings, wing angle, sway bar settings, ride height, etc.

These things can make our car capable of going faster and improve lap times with even less driving effort on our part. We also need our car to be 'raceable' which means you can change directions quickly without worrying about the car spinning. Shock settings will accomplish the part of making the car raceable. More compression in the front and more rebound in the rear will make transitions less nervous at the rear and capable of making those quick moves for passes easier and safer.

Log all of your current settings and then go experiment by changing settings on shocks, sway bars, wing, ride height, etc., and see what it feels like. You can always go back to the original settings. Don't get stuck driving the same setup for years, not knowing if it could be better."

Who has the corner?

I want to thank Carl Tallardy for the 360 degree awareness article in the last issue of CRN. The 13/13 rule puts a lot of responsibility on each racer to be aware of the drivers he or she is competing with. We place the responsibility on the overtaking car to complete a safe pass. The car ahead at the turn in has the corner. Unless the car executing the pass is at the front bumper or ahead, the pass has not been completed. Backing off, braking hard, and having a way out are a few options to avoid contact with the car ahead. Some of vou race in other venues where the front door or front wheel of the car you are passing gives you the corner. We do not want to advocate "dive bomb passing" moves and we stand by the procedure mentioned above.

Congratulations to Rennsport Reunion Cup winners Rich Walton and Cooper MacNeil.

And to everyone else, no big deal, you still drive a Porsche.





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From Start to Finish

By Michael Wingfield, Chief of National Timing & Scoring

A ll stations, all stations – control; with 10 minutes remaining your leaders are: 89, 437, and 76."

"Control – station 12; we have 437 as the leader."

"Station 12 – control; timing and scoring confirms 89 is the leader."

"Control - station 12; How'd he do that? He even made an extra pit stop."

A good corner worker crew can always tell you the top three leaders during a race. However, with the introduction of mandatory pit stops during an enduro, even the best corner crew can lose track of the overall race leader. When a corner crew questions the race leader, I know I have a good and interesting race at hand. This was the case for the enduro at the Intermountain/Ken Garff Porsche Club Race at Miller Motorsports Park.

Car #437, a GTA1 2005 996 GT3 Cup, driven by Andy Wilzoch (RMT) qualified on the pole and led the first 14 laps of the 60-minute enduro. Wilzoch's laps were two or more seconds quicker than the rest of the competition. In the race Wilzoch created a 4:47 gap over the then second place car, and second place qualifier #76, a GT3R 1997 RSR driven by the team of Alex Welch (RMT) and Alexandria Sabados (RMT) when the #76 team stopped to pit.

So how did Wilzoch give up such a commanding lead during his mandatory five minute pit stop, not

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to the second place car, but to the #89 fifth place car of Peter Spencer (POL) driving his GTB2 2007 GT3? Spencer had not cracked the top four positions during the first 14 laps and his best lap time was five seconds slower than Wilzoch's. The answer lies not in the pit stops of Wilzock and the Welch/Sabados team, but

	No.	Name	Laps	Lead	Lap Tm	Elapsed Tm	Pa
153	22	MICHAEL ZUIEBACK	7	7	3:08.939	21:49.360	
154	421	DOUG TURNQUIST	6	7	3:34.204	21:56.702	
155	486	ROBERTO ALBARRAN	7	7	3:11.768	22:02.231	
156	15	AL TILEY	7	7	3:11.906	22.03.018	
157	89	PETER SPENCER	P 7	7	3:29.809	22:03.989	
158	941	JOHN HUNT	P 5	7	7:26.748	22:12.226	
159	21	OTTO SILVA	6	7	3:41.937	22:26.122	
160	186	JEFFREY BOGARRD	6	7	3:41.492	22:26.974	
161	814	JAN BJERNFALK	P 6	7	4:05.761	22:32.945	
162	596	MARK BROUSE	P 7	7	3:43.207	23:01.194	
163	821	JOSEPH BAJO	6	7	3:57.048	23.09.902	-
164		Yellow Flag			<	23:30.462	
165	414	DARRELL TROESTER	7	7	3:27.487	24:03.111	
166	888	GUS STRIBAKOS	7	7	3:26.893	24:05.918	
167	38	SIMON PECK	7	7	3:31.522	24:21.845	
168	437	ANDY WILZOCH	8	8	3:27.450	24:37.453	-

Spencer crosses the pit Start/Finish loop at 22:04 into the Enduro (line 157), just 1:27 before the full course yellow flag at 23:30 (line 164)



rather the pit stop of Spencer that occurred seven laps earlier.

Early in the race, an incident in turn-1 (Sunset Bend) created a local yellow flag. The track workers tried to clear the incident but could not remove the mechanically crippled car without disrupting race traffic on the track. Thus, after more than one lap of the local yellow flag the race course went double yellow flag and the pace car entered the track to gather the field to begin lap nine.

Spencer, either from driver skill at observing the clean up efforts of the crew in turn-1 and anticipating a double yellow flag or with pure racing luck, drove onto pit road. Spencer crossed the pit Start/Finish loop just 1:27 seconds before the track went full course double yellow. Since Spencer was already on pit road when the double yellow flag was displayed, he could continue with his pit stop. Spencer then sat on pit road ticking off the remaining seconds of his five minute stop while most of the field circulated around the track behind the pace car at significantly slower than race lap speeds. The one lap of double yellow flag behind the pace car took 6:30 to complete. This pace lap was more than twice as long as Wilzoch's best race laps which were under 3:00. During this pace lap, Spencer completed his five minute stop and rejoined the pack. Spencer was 5:37 behind leader Wilzoch as racing resumed again under the green flag to begin lap 10. The 5:37 equated to Spencer being one lap and eight seconds behind the leader, and Wilzoch had not yet made his required five minute pit stop.

However, there is more to the story as Spencer got clocked speeding (as did many others) on pit road during his pit stop. Spencer returned to pit road under the green flag on lap 12 to serve a stop and go penalty. This extra trip down pit road cost Spencer an additional 50 seconds above his normal lap time. When Spencer rejoined the race, he was one lap and 1:03 behind the leader Wilzoch. With Spencer lapping the track in 3:04-3:06, this means Spencer is just over four minutes behind Wilzoch, who again has yet to stop.

Wilzoch makes his mandatory pit stop at the completion of lap 14, and 35 seconds later Spencer crosses the Start/Finish line to get his lap back from Wilzoch; they are now both on the same lap. Spencer is now slightly more than three minutes behind Wilzoch with Wilzoch about one minute into his five minute pit stop. When Wilzoch exits pit road after his pit stop, he rejoins the race in second position 58 seconds behind Spencer, who has just taken the overall race lead on lap 15. Wilzoch will close the gap to 46 seconds over the next three laps as time winds down to the

305	421	DOUG TURNQUIST	13	14	3:23.803	52:28.365
306	89	PETER SPENCER	15	15	3:06.644	52:39.735
307	55	BOB JONES	13	15	3:27.297	52:45.184
308	176	ADAM JASPERS	13	15	3:27.858	52:47.361
309	141	BLAKE TROESTER	13	15	3:29.607	53:03.870
310	414	DARRELL TROESTER	14	15	3:23.015	53:05.464
311	56	STEVEN BRAND	13	15	3:32.979	53:06.626
312	888	GUS STRIBAKOS	14	15	3:27.019	53:23.290
313	437	ANDY WILZOCH	15	15	7:35.992	53:27.201
314	76	A WELCH / A SABADOS	15	15	3:06.708	53:44.866

Spencer takes the overall race lead on lap 15 (line 306) at 52:40 into the 60-minute Enduro. Wilzoch (line 313) completes his pit stop with only 6:30 remaining, which is slightly more than two laps, to make up the 48 second gap to race leader Spencer.

checkered flag. Similarly, the team of Welch/Sabados remains behind Wilzoch, unable to make up the time lost following the pace car back on lap nine.

The Miller enduro is yet another example of how the fastest car does not always win the race. I've written about such events in other CRN articles. In the case of the Miller enduro, possible driver savvy combined no doubt with racing luck placed Spencer on pit road when the four mile race track was covered with a double yellow pace lap. This twist of circumstances on lap nine would later catapult a fifth place competitor to the front of the field on lap 15 when the leaders made pit stops under the green flag. The corner workers could not have foreseen this turn of events, and likewise I suspect the drivers on the podium were also asking, "How'd he do that?"



2012 Rules Changes

By Walt Fricke, Technical & Rules Chair

Here are the rules changes for 2012. The gist of the wording of the final rule to be integrated into the rule book appears in standard type. Commentary on why a rule was adopted or rejected appears in italics. The 2012 Rule book should be available as a downloadable PDF file early in December, 2011 with the possible exception of any changes adopted for SP1, SP2, SP3 and SP911.

SAFETY:

- Steering wheel air bags may be removed or disabled.
 Because of the differing effects of doing this on the various models, this will not be mandated, as it is believed that they have already been removed, as the rules allow, from the early model cars where their incidental actuation would be most problematic, and where the windshield is normally broken when they go off.
- 2. Exterior window clips and straps are allowed to ensure retention of the windshield and rear glazing.

Clips and straps are mandated by some sanctioning bodies. We have not had problems which would support requiring them, but they should not disqualify a car as they are not performance enhancing.

3. Sunroof operating mechanisms must be electrically or mechanically disabled or disconnected with the sunroof locked in the closed position, and sunroof motors may be removed.

GTC:

1. The National Staff will negotiate with tire manufacturers to determine which tire will be the specified tire for use in GTC3, GTC4, and GTC5. If negotiations fail, tires in these classes will remain free. The decision will be announced in time for racers to prepare for Sebring.

2. The catalytic converters in GTC2 may be replaced with a cat bypass pipe.

Porsche no longer stocks this part, and there is no suitable substitute available.

STOCK:

- 1. Aftermarket fuel rails are allowed in front engine cars as long as the stock fuel pressure regulator and damper are used and fuel pressures are stock.
- 2. The Stock 3.B. tire tread depth requirement is replaced with: No car may enter the track with cord showing on any tire.
- 3. The minimum weight for all 3.2 911 Carreras is changed to 2779 pounds, and they may use any ECU/DME and any ECU chip native to US 3.2s during model years 1984 through 1989. Racers are warned that this is an experiment, and if these allowances prove to give these cars an unwanted advantage in their classes, they will be changed for future years.
- 4. The soft top and its mechanisms may be removed from cabriolets to accommodate the roll cage. It appears that a proper roll cage cannot be installed on Boxsters with these parts in place. Removal is allowed for the Spec Boxsters, and all of those cars have done that. Since we do not allow racing with the soft top up anyway, and should allow Boxsters to be prepared and raced in the Stock/Prepared classes, this allowance is appropriate and should be extended to all cabriolets.

SPEC BOXSTER:

1. The Spec tire in SPB is the Toyo RA1.

This tire, unshaven, serves as the rain tire as well.

- 2. Lexan windshields are allowed.
- 3. The engine air injection system may be removed.
- 4. Transmission oil coolers are allowed.

OTHER:

- 1. The pit lane speed limit in Appendix E (Enduro Protocols) at paragraph 3 is changed from 30 to 35 mph. This speed limit applies throughout the event, but the method of its enforcement is up to the steward.
- 2. Night Racing Lighting rules are adopted as an Appendix, except item E [See CRN 11.3, page 14].
- 3. A discrepancy between Safety rule 18 and Appendix C on the location of the required electrical cutoff has been resolved in favor of that found in the Safety rules:
 - A disconnect switch (or the switch controlling a solenoid disconnect) must be externally mounted, or a pull wire, cable, or rod which actuates the cutoff must be external to the car's body.
- 4. A listing of approved aftermarket parts (e.g., 944 front A-arms) as contemplated by the Rules will be published as an Appendix. Approval only means that use of these parts will not result in disqualification of the car and is not an endorsement of them or their strength or suitability for the application.

PROPOSALS NOT ADOPTED:

• Allow aftermarket suspension links in GTC3, GTC4, and



GTC5 as long as they maintain the same geometry.

Factory parts are available for this. While the link is usually sold as a unit, each piece has a separate part number which can be ordered.

- Allow GTC3 996 motors to be rebuilt using 997 Cup heads.
 996 heads are available and the 997 heads increase power.
- Stock Removal of vacuum systems.

Exhaust air injection systems are already removable, and allowing mass removal of vacuum hoses and piping will make inspection for rules compliance more difficult than it already is.

In the stock/prepared classes, ballast is limited to the driving compartment. This is interpreted to mean the passenger compartment, which is the area where there are or were seats for people. Data will be gathered during registration in 2012 on how much ballast stock cars are running in order to determine a reasonable limit on ballast.

- Stock/Prepared class racers are reminded that all Porsches came with a rev limiter, and their cars must have one which does not allow the engine to exceed the factory specification.
- Allowing any shock valving for the SPB shocks was seen by most commentators as contrary to the spirit of a spec class, and Bilstein asserts that the PSS9 valving is within the range appropriate for the springs.
- Comments on allowing any clutch/pressure plate/throw out bearing in SPB were evenly divided, and the need for this change is not sufficiently evident, as systems currently allowed work well.
- The need for any change concerning SPB drop links is not evident.

CORRECTIONS TO CLUB RACING RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS - SPB:

The article seeking comment on rules announced that the 2012 rule book will have a few changes to better reflect what is already allowed or intended. No comment was solicited, as they are already in effect. Nonetheless, some SPB racers objected to the announcement that the PSS10 is allowed. Because Bilstein informed us in January, 2011, that they were discontinuing the PSS9, it was imperative that there be a shock available for use in SPB which could be obtained through normal retail channels. We were informed that the PSS10 would be available for SPB, and made them an alternative. It now appears that Bilstein has no plan to produce the PSS10 for SPB, and that it has a small stock of PSS9s remaining; they might produce more. Accordingly, the PSS9 will remain the SPB shock until further notice 🕨.

Boots on the Ground

By Ray Newman, Chief National Scrutineer

s we come to an end of another great season, I thought it would be good to share some of what we have seen over the year. Hopefully, it will fuel the winter projects in getting the car ready for next season.

But first I would like to thank the over 30 men and women who serve as scrutineers for our races. They give up weekends, vacation time, family time etc. to come and help you play. They are a wonderfully dedicated crew working to keep you safe and fair. Thanks gang, it is a pleasure to be associated with all of you. Now on to other business.

You folks scare me...

I may have covered this before but it is worth repeating. New, old, fresh built, factory built - it just does not matter. The seat mounts take a lot of stress. We have found loose bolts, loose sliders, improper sliders, and broken floor mounting points. Our test starts pretty simple; we grab the seat and try to move it. If it moves, we look deeper. You folks scare me when we find loose or broken seat mounts.

Older GT cars owners, you know if you qualify for this one. Over the past year we have found a surprising number of cars with out of date safety equipment or non-compliance to rules that went into effect a while ago. Some of these infractions are from folks who have been around a while and really should know better. Please don't use scrutineers as your maintenance enforcer. Rather do your homework before you get to the track. Then you can enjoy the event rather than running around looking for new stuff.

Those who have been racing the same car for many years have learned through experience, internet conversations, and over beers, that certain parts of cars tend to take the abuse less well than others. Our war horse has been tweaked. tuned and improved and most have learned what needs special attention on their car each year: what parts can be maintained, what fasteners should be replaced and how often. I strongly encourage you to look even deeper. Those 20 year old parts will crack and break in areas that are hard to see. Aluminum castings, such as rear suspension arms, are breaking at the track with evidence that the break started before the complete failure.

We now have a new class of old war horse racecars in the mix - the GTC3 classed Cup cars. Even though it is a factory built racecar, it is not impervious to stress related fatigue, especially given that some of these cars are approaching 10 years old and have led a strenuous life. Each time you torque a bolt, you tend to stretch it a bit. How much for what type of fastener is a discussion for another time, and one that I am pretty sure I am not qualified to contribute much substance. Cup cars with center mount wheels are applying an incredible amount of torque to that single mounting point. This then becomes a possible failure point. Rumor has it from the shops that know, that the axle stub is a 50 hour part, replaced with new to prevent failure.

Rather than me dribble on and on about these things, I am going to refer the owners of these cars to the Porsche service recommendations in the manuals. The intervals are defined for quite a list of things. Even if you don't work on the car, you should read the manual to understand the animal you have chosen for your mount and what is required in the care and feeding to keep it reliable and safe.

Thanks for a great season. Get those credit card balances, whoops sorry, Racing Budget Funds in order and see you next year.

View from the Tower Continued from page 6

Question: You are racing an enduro and a double yellow is at all corners and it is after the first 15 minutes of the race. Can you come into the pits?

You may not come into the pits for your mandatory five minute stop. But if you need to use the hot pits they are open for mechanical stops. An example of a pit stop under double yellow would be to change a tire or tires or any mechanical problem you need to address. Rule 1 of the enduro protocol states that a driver or crew member shall notify a National Scrutineer when a pit stop is not to be considered a mandatory stop.

Get ready for next year!

The 2012 Club Race Schedule is developing. Notice a few race events have changed their dates. You can monitor this through our website. You should also review your contact list and make appropriate changes especially in the emergency contact section. Use this winter to evaluate where you can improve your driving and improve knowledge of car setup so 2012 is even more fun than 2011. Have a wonderful Holiday and see you at Sebring!

Vicki 🐲



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National Championship Points Series Rules

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By Bryan Henderson, Chairman PCA Club Racing

I. Purpose

The purpose of the PCA National Championship Points System is to determine a PCA National Champion and a subsequent finishing order in each class for each calendar year.

II. Eligible Drivers

Drivers must be PCA Club Racing License holders in good standing.

III. General Points

All races where points are available will have the same basic structure for earning points. Only races with standard starting and scoring will be points scoring races. For example, handicap races or inverted grids will not be points scoring races. Any points scoring races must be open to all racers. Any race that has special qualifications will not award points. For example, night races with extra experience requirements will not award points.

IV. Position Points

Position points will only be awarded for finishing positions in class. The overall finishing position within the group does not earn points. Racers who finish first in class will earn 10 points, second 7 points, third 5 points, fourth 4 points, fifth 3 points, sixth 2 points and seventh 1 point. Points will be awarded in class for enduros in the same way as in sprint races. If two or more drivers share a car during an enduro, the total points earned by that car will be split equally among the drivers who drove it in that race.

Bonus Points

A racer will earn one (1) bonus point for each car in class that finishes the race behind the car driven by that racer. Bonus points will be earned by all cars finishing the race except the car that finishes last in the class. Cars that do not finish the race (DNF) or are disqualified (DQ) do not count as cars beaten in the class. There will be a 10 point limit on bonus points available in any race. For example, the car that finishes 21st in a 22 car field where all 22 cars finish will earn one (1) bonus point. In that same race the car that finishes first will earn 10 bonus points.

VI. Event Points

Each racer will earn five (5) points for each event attended where the racer starts at least one scheduled race. The fun race does not count. To qualify as starting, the racer must have passed the starter stand on the track after the green flag has been displayed to start the race. A late start after the field has started will count as a start if the racer passes the starter stand on the track. There will be a maximum of 25 points available for each year in this category.

VII. Championship Totals

The best eight (8) race points totals for each racer in all

points scoring races for the year will count toward the National Championship. Ties for the first three positions will be broken by the highest total in the ninth race then tenth race etc.

VIII. Points Races

Not all races in a race weekend will have points available. The final scheduled sprint race will have points awarded. If an enduro is offered, it will have points awarded. If an enduro is not offered, the second to last scheduled sprint race will have points awarded. There will be two points races per class. For example, suppose a race event has three groups of races (red, green, and yellow), and each of those groups have two sprint races and then the racers are regrouped and there are two enduro races (purple and pink). In this scenario, the final sprint races for red, green, and yellow are the points scoring sprint races and both of the enduros, purple and pink, are points scoring races. For purposes of figuring out which races are points races, the final schedule approved by the steward prior to the beginning of the event will be used.

IX. Schedule Changes

If the event National Steward determines that the event schedule must be changed after it is posted as final for any reason, for example for weather or track issues, the steward will announce which two races (if available) will be the points scoring races when the revised schedule is announced. The goal in that case will be for racers to stay for as much of the event as <u>safely</u> as possible. The steward's decision will be final.

X. Review:

Any driver who believes that points awarded in any race are inaccurate may request a review of the points awarded by written request (email is acceptable) to the National Chairman within thirty (30) days of the last day of the race in question. The request shall provide all documentation and/or justification as to why the points awarded should be reviewed.

XI. 13/13 Sanction

A 13/13 sanction (probation or suspension) during the calendar year will cause the sanctioned driver to be ineligible for a National Championship. The driver will be dropped from the National Championship points totals.

XII. Racecars

All racecars scoring points must be properly classed and have a current log book. Disqualification of the car due to performance related compliance issues will cause at a minimum a loss of all points that have been earned by that car while in a non compliant condition. For example, disqualification of the car due to illegal engine modifications discovered after the last race will cause a loss of all points earned by that car from the weekend and possibly a 13/13 sanction. Disgualification based on the car being underweight by less than thirty pounds will cause a loss of points for the session immediately prior to the weighing. Disqualification caused by the car being thirty pounds or more underweight will cause a loss of all points earned that weekend prior to the disqualification.

XIII. Zone Championships

In addition to the National Championship Points System, each PCA Zone will have a Zone Championship. Points will be totaled by Zone for each racer whose home region is in that Zone. Zone championships will include points scored in races outside of the Zone. Zone totals will include all races the drivers have run in or out of the Zone. For example, a racer whose home region is in Zone 2 will earn points for the Zone Championship in Zone 2 from a race in which he/she has competed in Zone 5 during that championship year if it is among his/her best eight (8) point totals for that year. 10





By Kurt Konrath, PCA Club Racer (Chicago Region)

he 2011 PCA Club Race at the Daytona International Speedway was an incredible and memorable experience. Our Midwest contingency included Daytona veteran John



Kurt Konrath (CHO) navigates the Bus Stop in his '87 911

Fried (#172, GT3R) from the Milwaukee region and newcomers John Glueckert (#358, stock E) and myself (#518, prepared G) from the Chicago region. Transportation and support was provided by Joe Donovan and Austin Stich of CS Motorsports from Milwaukee. Unfortunately it rained most of the weekend with (no kidding) monsoon warnings at one point. When Glueckert and I arrived at the track Friday morning we quickly learned that our weekend had already started a bit rocky. The CS Motorsports rig that transported our cars down to Daytona lost its brakes in the mountains of Tennessee. Austin skillfully avoided disaster by "riding it out," taking the big rig to speeds it had never seen before. Nice job Austin!

Friday practice was mostly dry and by the third session, I was hitting 149 mph regularly and even hit 151 once; as fast as the car would go

and I have ever been. Saturday we had two sprint races in the rain, and I mean RAIN. I don't mind driving in the rain when you can see, but following cars going 140 mph on the banking into a turn when you can't see 50 feet in front of you is reason to lose your mojo. Still new to the track, I was backing out of the throttle looking for identifying markers while the more experienced Daytona veterans pressed through the mist deep into the brake zones. I couldn't force myself to keep my foot down not knowing if I was heading into a pileup. All things considered both

I had apparently been wading in a goldfish bowl

Glueckert and I survived without penalty and did well. Fried did not run his open cockpit slick ridden GT car for obvious reasons. Glueckert did particularly well placing second of seven E-classed cars in Sprint 1. I finished the race second of three in G-class after narrowly (2:14.143 over 2:14.162) qualifying first of four the previous day during the third practice session.

Vowing to do better in Sprint 2, we saddled up for another rain drive. My best lap time from the first sprint race pushed me back to the eighth position in the starting field. A spin by me in the infield on the first green lap did not help matters. Still tightly grouped from the start, I had to let the field go by me before re-entering the race. Now DFL, I was on a mission to at least regain second in class. The first place G-class 951 Cup of Daytona veteran Alain Goulet was



"Crazy fast" Alain Goulet (REN) in his '88 951 Cup

crazy fast. He also liked to spin, perhaps more than me. I set out passing many cars very carefully. I finally got around the second place G car and then set my sights on the first (I think he must have spun at some point too).

Suddenly, with two laps to go while coming out of the bus stop and finessing the throttle ever so carefully as I hydroplaned onto the banking, the engine cut out and then came back. I looked down at my feet. I had apparently been wading in a goldfish bowl for a while. I knew I might be in trouble since the ECU sits under the seat. As I drove on the banking - more cutouts at 6K rpm. I had to pull in and DNF.



Konrath exits a wet Bus Stop only to have his engine cut out

Glueckert had the drive in Sprint 2. He finished first of six in E-class in the rain, sixth overall - the Rain Meister. He had a first AND second in class that day, in the rain, at a new track. Very proud we were. We celebrated with the crew



John "Rain Meister" Glueckert (CHO) pilots his '91 944 S2

accordingly that evening reliving that day's Ricky Bobby moments. Way to go John!

When the boys got back to the garage after seeing John safely take the checker, they quickly started taking my car apart. They swarmed it. Both Joe and Austin of CS Motorsports are incredible problem solvers, mechanics and race support staff. Joe removed and dried out the DME unit, removed and cleaned the rotor and cap, removed a spark plug to check, and plugged the holes in the floor causing the hull breach. Austin removed the mass flow and cleaned the wire sensor and checked the coil. We also replaced the DME relay for good measure. In about one hour the car was solid again.

Joe accordingly pissed off our garage neighbors by the repeated redline paddock drive bys to diagnose the car. I think he was actually trying to impress them. Oh, our neighbors, none other than gold medal professional X-Game skateboard champ Bucky Lasek (SDO) and crew. Joe was clearly excited and walked around like a school girl with a crush all weekend hoping to get an autograph. We had to keep him away from Bucky so he would stay focused. He did get the autograph finally.



X-Games medalist Bucky Lasek (CHO) driving his '07 GT3 Cup

Sunday was the combined Blue and Red group enduro. We all talk about closing speed differentials when fast and slow cars share the track, but I have



The Brumos Porsche pace car made many wet laps during the weekend

never seen or experienced anything like the differentials at Daytona. I qualified first in class that morning in the dry with a last minute tire change to race tires. Cup, GT and one stock class car were ahead of me on the grid. At race start, a couple position swaps and the course went double yellow immediately.

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Turn 4 is a fast radius turn with no banking so it is not uncommon to have the car slide at the exit. Don't turn in early as that may lead to lifting at the exit and an



Turn 11 is the slowest corner on the track. Start braking early. You are also heading onto the longest straight. It is very much a slow in, fast out approach.





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Turn 2 is the Andretti Hairpin. For





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Pace car out, restart, one more fast lap, another double yellow. As we grouped back up, the rain started. First drips, then rain all while under double yellow. Another restart, still on race tires, it still felt pretty good. The Cups on slicks could barely stay on the banking. Many cars had gone in for tire swaps. My plan was to stay out as long as I safely could



John Fried (MIL) found little comfort in the rain driving his open '73 914-6

and wait for a green flag to go in for a tire swap. Another double yellow just as the skies opened up. Coming out onto the banking from the infield (turn-6), I almost kissed the wall due to hydroplaning. That was enough. I could barely go fast enough to stay on the banking with the rear of my car literally sliding down as I gently applied throttle. I came in and

the boys changed me to rain tires. I went back out and shortly all corners went black due to monsoon warnings.

Back in the hot pits we sat for 30 minutes until the rain subsided. When we finally restarted, it was still raining, but there was less standing water. Unbeknownst to me, I was the first car to take the checker flag for the 90-minute Enduro competitors, about 30 minutes later. The crew seemed a bit more ecstatic than usual as I entered the pits. They told me I had taken first place overall. Nah, I didn't believe them until they announced my name on the PA system. Another lap or so and I'm sure the fast cars would have caught me as the track was drying. Glueckert broke a control arm or shock mount on the first lap of the race, so unfortunately he was out. Fried started the race in the dry, but became a pirouetting ballerina on ice skates across the start finish line when the monsoon came.

It was a good weekend and an unforgettable experience for sure. We brought our cars home in one piece after some pretty hairy racing. It was the most intense rain driving I have ever done. And that banking - it is something else for sure. If you ever have the chance and good fortune to give it a try, as Ferris would say, "I highly recommend it." 🐲



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			High Plains Racew	ay			
Guy Danielson	MAV	GTC3	GT 03 91 CUP	15	11	4	Group 1 Sprint 1 *
David Speights	RMT	GTB1	GT 09 CAYMAN S	16	12	4	Group 1 Sprint 1 *
Walt Fricke	RMT	GT4R	GT 68 912	11	6	5	Group 1 Sprint 2
Bill Jacobi	CMR	D	GT 79 911 SC	39	31	8	Group 2 Sprint 1
Ricardo Goncalves	RMT	D	S 77 911	14	12	2	Group 2 Sprint 2
Al Hess	KSC	E	S 90 964 C4	44	31	13	Enduro
		I	NJMP Thunderbolt Ra	ceway			
Bela Sztanko	CTV	D	S 81 911 SC	10	1	9	Blue Sprint 1
Chris Reinsborough	CTV	Е	S 91 911 C4	10	8	2	Blue Sprint 2
William Slowikowski	CNY	GTC2	GT 97 993 CUP	29	14	15	Yellow Sprint 1
Gene Kim	CTV	GTC3	GT 01 GT3 CUP	11	7	4	Yellow Sprint 2 *
Dan Petchel	SCH	Н	S 99 996	34	30	4	Yellow Sprint 2 *
Racers set their own grid	l rather than	using qual	ifying order	0	0	0	Combined Sprint 1
Peter Debusmann	SCH	Н	P 96 993	5	3	2	Combined Sprint 2 *
Chris Reinsborough	CTV	Е	S 91 911 C4	4	2	2	Combined Sprint 2 *
John Bilikas	REN	SP2	S 86 ROTHMAN 944	8	6	2	Combined Sprint 2 *
			Road America				
John McCarthy	NST	F	S 87 951	45	26	19	Blue Sprint 1
Rob Hale	MSO	D	S 74 911	26	15	11	Green Sprint 1
Bob Klaskin	CHO	GTC4	GT 07 997 GT3 CUP	37	27	10	Red Sprint 1
David Mansfield	CHO	G	P 93 911 C2	25	6	19	Purple Enduro
John La Rue	CHO	G	P 90 911 C2	32	15	17	Purple Sprint 2
Derek Gibbs	MIL	GT5R	GT 83 944	18	13	5	Purple Sprint 3
Gary Knoblauch	CHO	GT4S	GT 76 911 RSR	37	16	21	Yellow Enduro
Paul Norwood	HCT	Н	S 94 911 RSA	40	30	10	Yellow Sprint 2
Seth Davidow	MAV	GTC5	GT 11 GT3 CUP	12	2	10	Yellow Sprint 3
			Miller Motorsports I	Park			
Philip Blackstone	AL	Ι	S 95 993 RS CS	9	4	5	Fun Sprint
Gus Stribakos	INT	GT4R	GT 75 911	16	10	6	Super Sprint *
Jeffrey Bogarrd	INT	SP1	P 87 924	23	17	6	Super Sprint *
Adam Jaspers	RMT	E	S 78 911 SC	13	11	2	Sprint 3 *
Blake Troester	INT	SP1	P 87 944	14	12	2	Sprint 3 *
Jerry Blazek	INT	D	S 79 911 SC	15	13	2	Sprint 3 *
Peter Spencer	POL	GTB2	GT 07 GT3	5	1	4	Enduro

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Dan Petchel	SCH	Н	S 99 996	17	11	6	Black Sprint 1
Hugh McNenly	RTR	GTB2	S 07 997 S	5	3	2	Red Sprint 1
Howard Altman	NNJ	GTC3	GT 01 GT3 CUP	19	8	11	Red/Black Sprint 2
Lane Martin	POT	G	S 93 911 RSA	24	14	10	Red/Black Sprint 3
David M Coleman	POT	D	S 78 911 SC	14	9	5	Blue Sprint 1 *
David Mann	CHS	SP2	P 86 944	15	10	5	Blue Sprint 1 *
David Gibson	POT	SP2	P 89 944	12	7	5	Blue Sprint 2 *
Robert Provost	SCH	SP1	P 87 924 S	14	9	5	Blue Sprint 2 *
Dave Derecola	CHS	SP2	P 85 944	16	11	5	Blue Sprint 2 *
Hunt McMahon	POT	SPB	P 99 986	12	4	8	Blue Sprint 3
John Giannone	RTR	Ι	S 03 996 C2	35	8	27	Enduro
		ł	Hallett Motor Racing	Circuit			
Ron Igou	STL	E	S 89 944 S2	18	13	5	Blue Sprint 1
Brian Young	HCT	Е	S 86 951	12	8	4	Blue Sprint 2
John Byram	KSC	D	S 83 911 SC	14	11	3	Blue Sprint 3 *
James Widrig	RMT	D	S 80 911 SC	15	12	3	Blue Sprint 3 *
Darrell Clarke	MAV	D	S 83 911 SC	17	14	3	Blue Sprint 3 *
Denis Boulle	MAV	SPB	P 97 986	5	3	2	Red Sprint 1
Terry Morris	WIC	SP1	P 84 944	20	16	4	Red Sprint 2
Andrew Cox	NST	SP1	P 88 924	21	17	4	Red Sprint 3
Brian Lockwood	CMR	GT2R	GT 91 911	26	23	3	Yellow Sprint 1
Mark Steingas	NST	GTC3	GT 05 GT3 CUP	13	9	4	Yellow Sprint 2 *
Ron Leonard	KSC	GT3S	GT 88 951 S	27	23	4	Yellow Sprint 2 *
Jeff Hood	WB	GT4R	GT 95 993	12	9	3	Yellow Sprint 3
		Da	aytona International S	peedwav			
Case Crowell	CAR	SP2	P 88 944	17	6	11	Blue Sprint 1
Rainer Dronzek	CHO	SPB	P 97 986	20	13	7	Blue Sprint 2
Phil Gilsdorf	PST	GTC2	GT 94 993 CUP	12	5	7	Red Sprint 1
Bill Earon	SDO	GTC3	GT 05 GT3 CUP	16	9	7	Red Sprint 2
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		1	Mazda Raceway Lagu	na Seca			
David Roberts	NST	G	S 87 951 CS	40	26	14	Group 7 Race *
Gus Stribakos	INT	GT4R	GT 75 911	43	29	14	Group 7 Race *
Roger Schramm	CHO	GTC5	GT 11 GT3 CUP	41	25	16	Group 8 - Race 1
Charles Wirken	AZ	GTC4	GT 09 GT3 CUP	30	18	12	Group 8 - Race 2 *
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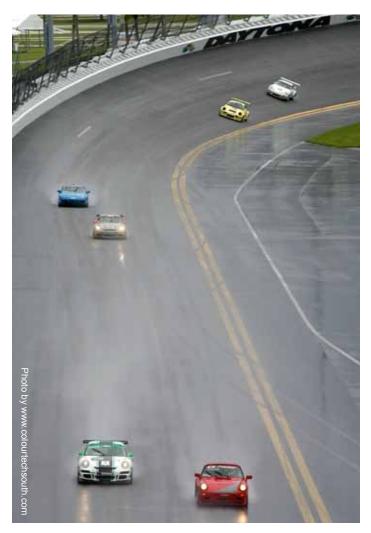
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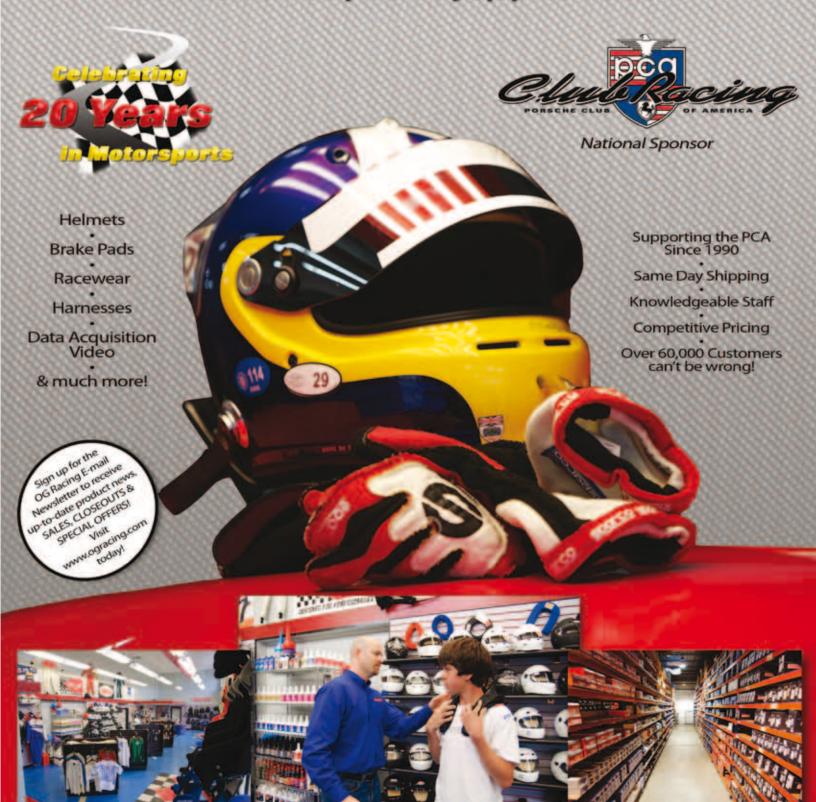
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