

Bluegrass Rumble

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UPDATE ON CHARTER APPLICATION: For everyone connected with the formation of this new Region, we have just received word that Kentucky Region has consented to release the 56 counties that we wanted for our new Region. Paperwork for that transfer has been completed and it is hoped that the application can be approved at the upcoming February 22nd meeting of the Executive Council of PCA to be held in Albuquerque, NM. More details as they develop. Once our charter as an official region of PCA has been approved, we are considering holding a “Charter Party” at Spindletop Hall in Lexington to celebrate this historic occasion. Again, more details later!

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN: Brian Kiser

Hello everyone! It seems that the last few months have flown by. The Bluegrass Region has blossomed before our eyes and the time of being formally chartered by PCA is on our side.

The enthusiasm associated with our Region is one of which to be proud and the hard work from everyone will be appreciated for years to come.

I believe we had one goal in mind when the Bluegrass Region was created: *To absorb the ideas and entertain all thoughts of every member in our Region.* When saying this, we want to become a PCA Region that is 100% reflective of its Region’s members. The Bluegrass Region will be a Region that incorporates all facets of the Porsche Marque. We want to have a balanced number of Social Events, Racing Events, Tech Sessions, and voiced communication from ALL members. I feel that this “idea” of catering to every member is the best way to fulfill its members needs and will have nothing but positive effects on the Region as a whole. We must understand that the Bluegrass Region is *your* Region, and you only get from it from what you put into it.



Over the last couple of months, we have had many meetings, three tech sessions including a *Koni* suspension seminar, a Pre-Purchase Inspection (PPI)/ Chili-fest Tech Session, and a Stub Axle R & R (Rebuild & Replace) Tech Session. I have been very pleased with the turnout to all events. The enthusiasm *is* contagious, so come out and see what all the excitement is about.

One goal this year is to host the PCA National Officers during their October 2003 Executive Council Meeting. We have offered our beautiful Commonwealth to PCA National Officers and are awaiting their reply. If they chose our Bluegrass State, we have arranged for accommodations at *The Marriott Griffin Gate Resort*, thoroughbred horse racing at *Keeneland*, a

possible tour of an operating horse farm, with Saturday evening dinner for all at Spindletop Hall. Hosting this event would be a major step to greater things in the future and a wonderful way to show our Region's enthusiasm to the rest of PCA, as we meet and greet the national officers.

I should include a little about my family and a little about who we are: My name is Brian Kiser and I am 29 years old. I have been married to my wife, Joy, for 5 years and we have a 3-year-old daughter, Lauren, who is the sparkle in our eyes. I have worked for the Legislative Research Commission as a Network Engineer for 7 years. Joy also works for Legislative Research Commission as Assistant Personnel Director. Lauren is almost ready to start pre-school and she makes me very proud by already preferring "Daddy's Porsche" to the other cars. She and I read *Panorama* together and pick out our favorite Porsche's in every issue. She recognizes the Porsche marque and can distinguish Porsches from other cars.

My own Porsche history stems back to when I was 4 or 5 years old...my favorite "Hotwheels" was a black Porsche 911. From that point on, I was hooked on the cars and the dream. Every time a Porsche passed us, I pointed it out to my father. I had a poster of the "Baddest 911 In The World" on my bedroom wall, I read every "Road and Track" and "Car and Driver," memorizing the statistics of each model. It was the car I drove in my dreams and I was intent on making it a reality. I am sure many of you have had the same thoughts listed above and I hope some of them brought a smile to your face.

My first "real" Porsche history starts with a mint 1984 red on black 944. The previous owner was a buyer for *Bluegrass Motorsports* in Louisville. The 944 was well taken care of and offered every option of that model year. It had the sport seats, wood dash, in-dash radar (essential for a 20 year old driver), and the upgraded Fuchs alloys. I kept this car through college and sold it after we were married. I



regretted that everyday after selling that car. The search began for the second one. My second Porsche was a 1984 Black 911 Carrera Coupe. I loved this car with its classic lines and timeless body design, but a year later I needed to sell it to help build a house.

The third Porsche search began after we moved into our house. This time I found a 1986 Weissach White Gold Metallic (Platinum) 911 Carrera Coupe that I currently own. It is not in perfect shape but I hope to have it in close to original mint condition soon. It is my therapy toy, if I have a bad day I can get in; take a relaxing drive on



one of the many country roads and the feeling is indescribable. I am sure many of you understand this type of "therapy."

Porsche cars attract unique individuals with many different personalities. I hope that our Bluegrass Region can offer EVERY member something to participate in and feel part of one large family. Please join us at each Bluegrass Region

event that you can attend, and feel free to call or e-mail me with your thoughts and ideas.

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GARAGE LIFT OFFER: Eagle Equipment in Chartley, Massachusetts has offered the new Region a significant discount on garage lifts, if five or more are ordered and delivered to one location. Their company's four post, powder coated, movable lifts start at \$2995, which includes shipping, but these prices ARE negotiable. Various options are available and the quantity discount applies to them also. Total capacity of these units is 7,000 pounds, with posts either 82" or 92" tall. These units have ten lock steps and operate on 110 voltage. Eagle has sent the Region a batch of catalogs and some were distributed to those who attended the second Tech Session discussed above. If you would like to see one of these catalogs, or are interested in a group order to get this discount, contact Phillip Doty at PHDoty@aol.com. Supply him with your snail mail address to receive a catalog on the entire Eagle line.

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Bluegrass Region attends Ohio Valley's Chili Fest in Cincinnati, Ohio:

Wes Collins, our Activities Chair attended this event on February 1st and writes:

"The hosting Region, Ohio Valley, puts on this annual event. They are some of the friendliest people you will ever meet. Their president, Ted Hunter, was very supportive of our new Region and gave me some great tips on successful activities. They even recognized us as the new "Bluegrass Region" and when we held up our hands, everyone clapped for us. The chili was abundant and great. The deserts were also outstanding. We had 7 members from our Region attend. Kudos to OVR and to Northland Porsche+Audi for putting on this event. Sidebar note: We were allowed to go in the back and look at some of the new Porsches on display. Man, was I impressed. I actually got to sit in a 2003 twin turbo! My wife and Len Lobaito had to nearly drag me out of this car. The smell of the new leather, the fitting of the seats to my body, the feel of the gear shift...WOW, I WANT ONE!!! Oh well, when I get rich and famous.... There were so many good looking cars to choose from, including a 2003 Z06 Corvette. Next year, don't forget to make plans to join us at this event, I personally guarantee you will not regret it for one minute."

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BLUEGRASS REGION ACTIVITIES CALENDAR: Mark your calendar for these events!

15 February 2003 (Saturday):

Board meeting, with all members invited, at **President Brian Kiser's home** at **2:00pm** at 112 Stonehedge, Frankfort KY. Call him at 502-695-3364 for directions. Discussions will include activities, incorporation of the new Region, tax aspects, Bylaws and Constitution of the new Region. Please come!

22 February (Saturday): Petition for charter to be presented to the PCA National Executive Council.

8 March 2003 (Saturday):

Dinner at Parkette Drive In, with Dyno Testing at Fast Enough Performance.

This promises to be a lot of fun. We will meet at Parkette Inn, in Lexington at **5:00pm** for dinner. At **6:00pm** we will then head over to Fast Enough Performance nearby, where owner Chris Kopenski will "dyno test" several Porsches. More info to come. We will also hold a board meeting with members in March. Note: This date is tentative.

March 2003 (Saturday or Sunday): Tentative. "Bluegrass Region PCA Charter Party" celebrating the granting of a charter as an official Region of PCA. Spindletop Hall, Lexington. Cheryl Doty is contact for this event.

April: Wine Tasting Adventure, Equus Run Winery. Details to follow.

April –TBA “Waxes & Polishes for Your Porsches”

We will have a guest speaker who makes his own wax to do a demonstration. Time, place and date will be set later. We will also have a board meeting with members.

April 17th weekend. Ohio Valley Region Driving Event at Mid-Ohio raceway. Details later

May 2,3,4 2003 (weekend) “The Visit 3.0” Porsches at the Corvette Museum, Bowling Green.

Larry Hayes, the Museum’s Activities Director, needs volunteers to help with this event. Since we are the hosting state for this, it would be great to see as many people as possible from our new Region show up. Read the *Panorama* 2002 article to see what a wonderful event this is. Numerous National PCA staff members will attend.

May 17, 2003 (Saturday)

Poker run/Fun Run

See article below.

May 31, 2003 (Saturday)

Board meeting, with members. Time, place and date has not yet been set

Other upcoming events are being planned: Tech Sessions on 911 and 944 Maintenance, Introduction to PCA Club Racing, a tour to the Cincinnati Concours d’ Elegance in June and lots more!!

Bluegrass Region Poker-Fun Run/Car Show set for Saturday, May 17, 2003.

The “**Poker Run**” is a new event, intended for the fun of central Kentucky sports car owners. It will start from the **Parkette Drive In on New Circle Road in Lexington, KY at 10:00am**. Each car will then proceed to 5 separate stops in Fayette County to pick up a playing card at each stop. The entrants will then return to the Parkette Drive In by **1:00pm** to see who has the best “hand” of cards and to award the prizes. **First Place** for this “**Poker Run**” will be a Curve Radio, **Second Place** will be a Crystal Mantel Clock, and **Third Place** will be a Rosewood Pen Set.

Next, the participants will open their hoods and trunks and to exhibit their cars to the general public, as part of the scheduled **Car Show**. Here, the general public will “judge” the entrants’ cars by donating money on behalf of each car selected. All money donated will go to “God’s Pantry.” (Each entered car will need to bring a container in which to drop the money.) Judging will be from **2:00pm** until **3:00pm**. **First Place** for this event will be a 35mm Motor Drive Camera, **Second Place** will be a Pendulum Clock, and **Third Place** will be a Shappu 2000 Cutlery Set. The total entry fee for both events is only **\$5.00** and all proceeds will go to benefit “God’s Pantry”, a non-profit charity based in Lexington that feeds homeless and low-income families in Central Kentucky. Checks can be made payable to “God’s Pantry.” We are also going to need some volunteers to help pass out cards, awards, etc. This will be a grand opportunity to have a lot of fun and help out a great charity at the same time. If there are any questions, contact Wes Collins at (502) 863-9188 or e-mail him at trkupdvr@aol.com

On membership: Remember, if you see a Porsche parked somewhere, don't be afraid to go to the owners and talk to them. Ask Lee Wegner, as that is how we got Len Lobaito, our newest member. Also please remember to turn in your Region Preference Petition to Wes Collins along with your update sheet. We still have some people with no e-mail or phone number. Check with Wes as to your status.

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Birth Certificate Available for Your Porsche: The Porsche Factory, through Porsche Cars North America, Inc. in Atlanta, has made available the original build information on YOUR Porsche. This documentation is known as the **Certificate of Authenticity** ("*Cert*" or "*COA*"). In olden times, the build information and any subsequent work on the car at the factory was recorded on 5" X 7" cards and were kept in a system known as "Kardex." Even today, the COA's are also referred to as Kardex. To obtain the build information on your Porsche, write COA Program Administrator, Porsche Cars North America, 980 Hammond Drive, Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30328. Send a photocopy (not the original) of your Kentucky registration form (not the title) along with your request. The fee has recently increased to **\$95.00** for model years 1980 to present; Model years 1948 to 1979 is **\$110.00**. Add \$10.00 for lamination; All PCA members get a \$10.00 discount. Mention Bluegrass Region.

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TECHNICAL CORNER: (from the PCA Website, 911 technical)

Subject: 1986 911 Carrera Engine Compartment Light

Question: Wondering how the engine compartment light is activated when opened. Mine is not working I've tested the bulb and that's fine, but can't trace wiring to switch, if that's what I should be looking for. Any help?

Answer: The 12 volt source for the engine compartment light is not hot until the headlights are on. You do not indicate if you are checking the 12-volt supply with the lights on or off, so I suspect this is being done with them off. The fuse for the light is number 4 and should run to a gray wire in the engine compartment. This becomes hot when the ignition is on and the headlights are on. The other side of the light should go ground to the lid. The lid should ground via grounding straps on the left and right side of the hinges. All these connections must be clean and tight in order to make proper ground.

Subject: 1980s 911 Paint Colors

Question: I would like to respray my car and update the color to about the mid 1980's. However, I am finding it extremely difficult finding all of the colors that were available back then and also finding actual color chips to look at. I have accessed the Glasruit and PPG web sites and found some paint codes - but the odd colors (other than guards red, black, etc) are very difficult to ascertain what they look like. With all the beautiful colors that were available through out the years, what a shame that the dealers would only bring in the usual 5 or 6 standard colors. Any way, I still have a problem finding a color. Even the Glasruit paint dealers do not have old paint chip books as a reference. Is there anyone "out there "that can help me?

Answer: Sounds funny, the first place I would check is Ebay. I constantly see paint chip brochures from years past on there. I still am able to access all the paint chips through ICI, which is owned by PPG. I would suspect that any good paint store can access the color samples. Here are a few codes from 1982-1989:

1982

mocha black L M9V, gabun grey L Y7A, guards red L M3A, gambia red L A3B, mauritius blue L Y5A, alpine white L 90E, havana brown L D8A, platinum L M8U, light blue L M5Z, black L M9Y, lhasa green L A6V, surinam red L A3Y, meteor grey L Y7Z, diamond silver L 97A.

1983

guards red L M3A, black L O41, alpine white L 90E, copenhagen blue L Y5B, pasedena yellow L Y1L , platinum L M8U, moss green L M6V, light bronze L M1V, sapphire L Y5V, montego black L Y9V, sienna red L D3V, gemini grey L Z7Z, zermatt silver L Y7Y, sable brown L Y8V.

1984

india red L M3A, black L O41, alpine white L 90E, copenhagen blue L Y5B, pasedena yellow L Y1L , platinum L M8U, light bronze L M1V, sapphire L Y5V, montego black L Y9V, ruby red L M3V, gemini grey L Z7Z, zermatt silver L Y7Y, sobel L Y8V.

1985

india red L M3A, black L O41. alpine white L 90E, copenhagen blue L Y5B. pastel beige L M1N sapphire L Y5V, zermatt L Y7Y, mahogany brown L B8Z, crystal green L M6Y, granite red L M3Y, calahari beige L A1Y, slate grey L Y7U, graphite L B7V.

1986

india red L M3A, black L O41, alpine white L 90E, copenhagen blue L Y5B, pastel beige L M1N sapphire L Y5V, zermatt L Y7Y, mahogany brown L B8Z, crystal green L M6Y, garnet red L M3Y, calahari beige L A1Y, slate grey L A7U, graphite L B7V, pearl white L OA9.

1987

india red L M3A, black L O41, alpine white L 90E, summer yellow L MIA, azurite blue L Y5D, malven red L Y3E zermatt silver L Y7Y, slate grey L Y7U, satin black L Y9Y, nautit L Y5Z, flamingo L Y4Z, marachino red L Y3V, almond beige L Y1Y, Nile green L Y6Y, diamond blue L M5U, nougat brown L M8V.

1988

india red L M3A, black L O41, alpine white L 90E, azurite blue L Y5D, zermatt silver L Y7Y, slate grey L Y7U, satin black L Y9Y, nautit L Y5Z, marachino red L Y3V, Nile green L Y6Y, almond beige L Y1Y, nougat brown L M8V, marine blue L35V.

1989

india red L M3A, black L O41, alpine white L 90E, azurite blue L Y5D, zermatt silver L Y7Y, slate grey L Y7U, satin black L Y9Y, glacier L Y5U, bamboo L Y1Z, velvet red L M3U, dove blue L M5P, linen L M1U.

Subject: 1986 911 Carrera Auto Heat Control

Question: I have the rotary switch control, which, according to my manual is the Auto Heat control system. This car does not have the air intake vent on the right side of the steering column. A previous '86 that I owned did have the vent. Was this a feature that was added during the model run ? Do I have the rotary control but a manual system ? I have all of the records on this vehicle and there is no reference to any work having been done to the heat system.

Answer: Prior to 1986 the auto heat interior sensor was located in-between the sun visors on the roof. If you look you should see a rubber sensor with holes in it. This is in the interior reference sensor. After 1986 Porsche went to a different type of sensor, which is what you are referring to in the dash. This replaced the upper sensor and was more accurate. I suspect since your car is an 86 that it is a model year 86 but production may have been late '85. Some changes were not made until a physical date and or mid year.

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Membership Growth of Bluegrass Region: When we first considered applying for a charter as an official Region of PCA, we read the *“How to Form a PCA Region”* booklet. It was stressed that a good percentage of the members should be new ones, not just members from other Regions. In that regard, we have done very well. But, the task is not over. If you see a Porsche parked somewhere, place a PCA application form under its windshield. You can even put your name or business card with the application, to personalize the appeal. Our current President did just that, at his place of work, and we now have another new member! Membership applications, with our Region’s Membership Chair’s name and address on them, are available. Just call e-mail Ken Partymiller at Partykm@aol.com or write him at 5326 Paris Pike, Georgetown, KY 40324 and he can send out the forms to you. If the response we have received to date is any indication, every Porsche owner we have contacted is *amazed* that there is a new, *active* Porsche Club Region in this area of the state. Let’s keep up the good work!!

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