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January 2010

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MY FAVORITE PORSCHE AD

Time to Celebrate -
Another Year of Living

in the driver's seat

with Frank Hodges, President

I trust everyone had a very Happy Holiday season with both Christmas and New Year's.

WOW! Looking back on 2009, what a wonderful year we had. 2009 was a year of many firsts for us. We held our first DE, we held our first summer social, we held more day drives than ever before, and due to our strong relationship with Porsche of Nashville, we enjoyed our best membership growth campaign.

Speaking of Porsche of Nashville. While 2009 has had many economic challenges, Porsche of Nashville has enjoyed many successes. And why not – Dr Ing. h. c. F. Porsche AG has brought to market exciting products consumers want and need to buy. The Panamera in 2009 has been a worldwide success story since its launch.

Interestingly, in the parallel world of racing, Porsche and the teams driving Porsches also had a banner year. In Europe, Team Essex won the LMP2 class at the 24 heures du mans, Richard Westbrook took home the FIA GT championship in the GT2 class, while Richard Lietz and Marc Lieb brought home to Porsche the Le Mans series GT2 class driver title. Closer to home, Leh Keen and Dirk Werner wrapped up the titles for Porsche in the Grand-Am series – GT Class Drivers championship, team championship for Farnbacher Loles, and the manufacturing championship for none other than Porsche. Then came the Lizards, who will ever forget the conclusion at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca where Jorg Bergmeister won the duel over Jan Magnussen and his corvette c6r to the finish? With that win Jorg and Patrick Long may have lost some paint on the left side but became the American Le Mans series GT2 champions, Flying Lizards the Team champion and Porsche, for the 9th time out of 11 seasons, the Manufacturer champions. Oh, did I miss that win also became the 100 American Le Mans series win for Porsche? As if these feats were not enough for one season, the Flying Lizard team car #44 also picked up the Michelin Green X challenge environmental award for highest overall efficiency. Whether it's our club, our dealers, our motorsport teams or our beloved manufacturer – you'll always find a winner in a Porsche.

As good as 2009 was I think the best is yet to come for our club. We have a full year planned with something for everyone to enjoy. Of course in January we'll start the year

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CLUB BANQUET

January 16, 2010
6pm

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After confirmation of RSVP, please make check out to
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Submit your favorite Porsche picture you have taken, to the
Inaugural Musik-Stadt Photo of the Year

email your digital photo to the Newsletter Editor at revphatdiva@gmail.com

deadline: January 5, 2010

8” by 10” minimum, preferred 11 by 17 and bigger; one entry per person

Voting will take place at the Annual Banquet.

2010 Musik Stadt Calendar of Events (will be updated as event information becomes available. Check the Musik Stadt website for more frequent updates)

01.16.10	Annual Banquet	Mere Bulles Brentwood	Musik Stadt Region
01.23.10	Peachstate Region 50 th Anniversary Celebration	Emory Conference Center, Georgia	Peachstate Region
02.09.10	Monthly meeting	Logan's, Cool Springs	Musik Stadt Region
02.12.10-02.14.10	<i>Winterfest</i>	Chattanooga ChooChoo	Tennessee Region
02.20.10	Board meeting (8:00 am)	Cracker Barrel, Armory Drive	Musik Stadt Region
03.06.10-03.07.10	Alabama DE	Barber Motorsports	Alabama Region
03.09.10	Monthly meeting	Cinco de Mayo, Brentwood	Musik Stadt Region
03.27.10-03-28.10	Tentative – Musik Stadt DE	Nashville Super Speedway	Musik Stadt Region
04.13.10	Monthly meeting	TBD	Musik Stadt Region
04.30.10-05.02.10	<i>Spring Thing</i>	Oak Ridge, TN (Double Tree Hotel)	Smoky Mountain Region
05.11.10	New Member Mixer	Sambuca in the Gulch	Musik Stadt Region
05.15.10	<i>Tentative – TN Tubs BBQ picnic</i>	Kingston Springs, TN	Musik Stadt Region
05.19.10	Board meeting (6:00 pm)	Logan's, Elliston Place	Musik Stadt Region
06.08.10	Monthly meeting	TBD	Musik Stadt Region
06.19.10-06.20.10	Alabama DE	Barber Motorsports	Alabama Region
07.03.10-07.09.10	Porsche Parade	Springfield, IL	National
07.13.10	Monthly meeting	TBD	Musik Stadt Region
08.10.10	Monthly meeting	Gerst Haus	Musik Stadt Region
08.14.10	Board meeting (8:00 am)	Bob Evans Opryland	Musik Stadt Region
09.03.10-09.06.10	<i>Tentative –Rennfest</i>	Georgia	Peachstate Region
09.14.10	Monthly meeting	El Mariachi, Thompson Lane	Musik Stadt Region
10.12.10	Monthly meeting	TBD	Musik Stadt Region
10.24.10	2011 Planning meeting (11:00 am)	Corky's, Brentwood – open to all	Musik Stadt Region
11.09.10	Monthly meeting	TBD	Musik Stadt Region
11.17.10	Board meeting (6:00 pm)	Darfon's, Donelson	Musik Stadt Region
11.26.10-11.28-10	Nashville Motor Trend Auto Show	Nashville Convention Center	
December	No meeting		

Planned events during 2010:

Day drives – Jack Daniels – Spring
Blue Heron Riverboat – Fall

Tech sessions

DE inspection tips - Spring
Welder's shop in Franklin – mid-year
Carl George garage – fall

Welcome New Members!



Primary Members 280
Affiliate Members 194
Total Members 474

New Members:

Michael Kelly Franklin '10 Panamera

Transfers In:

Brent Knoll & Dwayne Jans Spring Hill 88 911

Member Anniversaries:

Howard Anderson 15 yrs.
Marti Goemann 15 yrs.
James Schreeder 10 yrs.

with our banquet at Mere Bulles. We have several Tech Sessions planned, we'll continue with weekend day drives to interesting destinations in the middle Tennessee region, the summer social was a big success last year and will return this year, and we are pleased to expand our DE programme to a full 2-day event. Additionally our DE this year will be held in our back yard at the Nashville Superspeedway much closer to home to offer an ultimate stay-at-home high-speed driving experience. We also hope to expand our club presence at the 2010 Motor Trend Auto show. We had the one of the best if not the best club display at the auto show last year. I think the 2010 show will be even better. And certainly don't forget the activities and events hosted by our sister organizations and Regions. The Tennessee Tubs will again host the BBQ and People's choice Concours at Cal Turner's farm. The Smokey Mountain Region has a great programme planned for Spring Thing, and the bellwether Peach state Region will again host RennFest, and of course the Carolina Region has PorscheFest. These are just a few notable events planned for 2010. Please navigate to zone3.pca.org to see the full list of Zone 3 events.

The banquet is in full swing with the planning team placing the final touches. We have a great menu planned – soup or salad, Entrée, and dessert. Dinner will also include a collection of fine wines. We have several awards to present including the 2nd annual Enthusiast of the Year award. This year's winner is... Sorry, you have to come to the banquet to find out who the winner is. Remember the winner could be you!

If you haven't already sent in your banquet reservation, please remember the deadline is 12 January 2010. If you have made your reservations – thank you. For everyone still contemplating attending, see instructions on page 2 of the newsletter.

Winterfest is now open for registration. The Tennessee Region PCA always puts on a first class event. Michele and I have sent in our registration and made our hotel reservations. Please navigate to www.tr-pca.org for all the details on this great event. Last year, our club participated with six cars. I hope this year we continue with strong participation as well. Please feel free to call or email me if you want more details on Winterfest.

As always, we want your feedback on activities, meeting venues, speakers, and more.

Once again, Happy New Year to you and your family.

Until next time, see you behind the wheel,
Frank, #312

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Tami Jones



John P. Jones



Paul Jones

The Space Shuttle and Commercial Airplanes Use Nitrogen In Their Tires. Should You?

by Mike Gillespie, Dealer Liason, Musik-Stadt

The answer, it would appear, depends on who you ask. You see, Nitrogen is used in the space shuttle and in commercial airliners mostly because it is non-combustible. The likelihood of the tires on your Porsche getting hot enough, during normal driving, to explode is fairly slim. However, there are other reasons to consider Nitrogen.

Potential Problems from Using Compressed Air in Your Tires

Most tires are inflated with compressed air, (a combination of gasses made up of nearly 78% nitrogen (N₂), 21% oxygen (O₂) and 1% argon (Ar) and a few other trace gasses). There are a number of possible problems with this mixture and reasons to think about Nitrogen.

1. **Air Leakage:** The molecular makeup of rubber is such that regular compressed air can permeate through the rubber allowing the pressure in your tires to drop at a rate of 1 to 2 PSI per month (assuming constant temperatures).
2. **Pressure Changes:** Along with the normal components of compressed air comes moisture/water and water isn't good for anything tire related. This moisture is usually a result of humidity in the air and the act of compressing it greatly increases the concentration of water by volume. Don't believe me? Try this, next time you're at a gas station and you plan on topping off your tires, depress the chuck on the hose for a few seconds with your thumb. Chance are your thumb will feel moist and you may even see water. It's this water/moisture that gets into your tire, reacts to temperature changes and can change the pressure of your tires. This is why it is always suggest you check your tire pressure "cold" before you've driven the car and heated the tires and the moisture within.
3. **Oxidation:** Oxygen corrodes aluminum and steel possibly weakening your wheels. Additionally, oxygen reacts with rubber, in a sense, "corroding" it too (possibly making your tires unsafe). Rust and dust created from this oxidation can clog valve stems, causing them to leak. Lastly, rough surfaces on wheel flanges and tire beads (due to corrosion) may not seal properly, causing additional leaks. Combine this with the moisture mentioned above and your expensive tires can possibly be damaged

Why Nitrogen May be Better in Your Tires

For some, especially those that drive race cars or who regularly participate in Driver's Education and other high speed events; Nitrogen provides a number of benefits:

1. **Air Leakage:** Nitrogen molecules are actually larger than the Oxygen molecules found in compressed air. So much so, that while they can still "permeate" the rubber or leak through, they do it at a much slower rate. If you fill a balloon with air by blowing into it, it will shrivel up in a short period of time (that's the compressed air escaping through the skin of the balloon). Fill that same balloon with Nitrogen and it will remain filled for a much longer period of time. Compressed air leaks at a rate of 1 to 2 psi per month. Nitrogen leaks at a rate of 1 to 2 psi every six months.
2. **Pressure Changes:** Unlike compressed air, Nitrogen is dry. No moisture means fewer, if any, pressure fluctuations. For those of you who race and want to dial in your suspension, you already know this. For those of you spending more time on the track in High Speed Driver's Ed events, it's something to keep in mind.
3. **Oxidation:** Nitrogen is far less reactive than compressed air. It won't cause rust and corrosion on steel or aluminum. More importantly, it won't degrade the rubber. Add the three factors above together and you have a recipe for constant pressure and better wheel/tire wear. More consistent pressure translates into better gas mileage and longer life for your expensive tires (not to mention a fine tuned suspension dialed in to your track needs for that particular day).

If Nitrogen provides such great benefits why is there even a question about using it?

1. Nitrogen isn't anywhere near as available as compressed air, yet. While you can purchase cylinders of it from various suppliers, filling stations are few and far between.
2. Compressed air is inexpensive compared to Nitrogen. Most gas stations have compressed air available for free or a nominal fee of fifty cents or so. Shops may charge as much as \$30 per tire for a nitrogen fill (although \$10 is a more reasonable fee and some places will even fill for free with a tire purchase).

Lastly, and most importantly, you can get pretty much the same results (for street use) from compressed air by simply checking your tire pressure more frequently. Checking and adjusting your tires as little as once per month can provide the same benefit(s) that you get from Nitrogen for most drivers. If you're a racer, then most likely you're already using nitrogen and rightfully so. If you're a Porsche enthusiast who enjoys a spirited drive now and then, simply purchase a nice gauge.

My favorite Porsche advertisement ...



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better.**



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**MusikStadt Porsche Club
2009
Fourth Quarter Treasurer Report**

Beginning Cash Balance -----\$8,987.85

Expense

October 12 meeting expense-----	\$ 558.65	
EMMA email service-----	\$ 90.00	
2010 Banquet Expense-----	\$ 92.00	
PO Box Rental Expense -----	\$ 56.00	
Total Expense	\$ 796.65-----	[\$796.65]

Income

PCA Dues Reimburse -----	\$ 826.00	
Name tags -----	\$ 42.00	
2010 Banquet RSVPs-----	\$ 550.00	
October 12 meeting income -----	<u>\$ 299.06</u>	
Total Income -----	\$ 1,717.06-----	\$1,717.06

Fourth Quarter 2009 Ending cash balance ----- \$9,908.26

Vic Davis
Treasurer

**MusikStadt Porsche Club
2009
Annual Treasurer Report**

Beginning Cash Balance -----\$10,039.07

Expense

2009 Banquet Expense -----	\$ 4,275.43	
EMMA email service-----	\$ 360.00	
2010 Banquet Expense-----	\$ 92.00	
2009 PO Box Rental Expense -----	\$ 56.00	
Name Tags -----	\$ 92.31	
2009 Corporate Filing expense -----	\$ 20.00	
Meeting expense -----	\$ 1,447.24	
Talldaga DE Expense -----	\$ 6,539.00	
Zone 3 RSVP -----	\$ 30.00	
Tax Exemption Fee -----	\$ 300.00	
Blue Heron trip expense -----	\$ 110.00	
Total Expense	\$ 13,321.98	-----[\$13,321.98]

Income

PCA Dues Reimburse -----	\$ 3,808.00	
Advertising -----	\$ 600.00	
Talldaga DE income -----	\$ 4,378.61	
Name tags -----	\$ 54.00	
Caps and Shirts -----	\$ 45.00	
2009 Banquet RSVPs-----	\$ 3,380.00	
2010 Banquet RSVPs-----	\$ 550.00	
Meeting income -----	\$ 299.06	
Blue Heron Income -----	\$ 76.50	
Total Income	\$13,191.17	-----\$13,191.17

Ending cash balance ----- \$ 9,908.26

Vic Davis
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Come Enjoy Chattanooga!

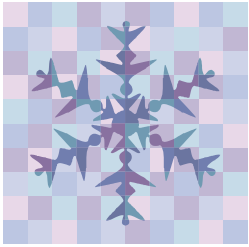
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February 12-14, 2010

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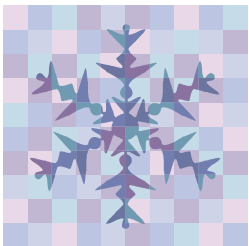
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TENNESSEE REGION PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA
WINTERFEST 2010
February 12 – 14



We hope you will come be a part of this annual fun-filled, multi-event weekend at the historic Chattanooga Choo Choo, located near downtown. Competitive events feature Concours d'Elegance, Poker Rally, Tri-cross, and R/C Autocross, all of which will be complimented by good friends, lots of Porsche talk, and fabulous cuisine. This location offers easy access to the world class Tennessee Aquarium, IMAX Theater, Creative Discovery Museum, Bluff View Art District and the fabulous designer shops of the famous Warehouse Row. Chattanooga, on the banks of the majestic Tennessee River, also offers points of interest such as the Incline to Lookout Mountain, Rock City and Ruby Falls.

The Chattanooga Choo Choo / Holiday Inn offers a family friendly environment that includes a heated pool, 4 restaurants and a variety of shops on the premises. The Choo Choo has offered special event rates of \$83 per night. They also offer their special Train Car rooms for \$139 per night (for those who are romantically inclined). Free shuttle transportation is available to the Tennessee Aquarium, as well as a number of downtown attractions.

The registration fee is \$110/car (2 people), or \$80 for a single, **if register by January 22nd**. After January 22nd, the cost is \$120/car (2 people) or \$90 for a single. It will cover: a welcoming party with beverages & finger foods/dinner, Concours, a Poker Run, R/C Autocross, Tri-cross, Tech Quiz, Awards Banquet, and Hospitality. Concours classing will be based on the current PCRs. Each class will be judged in two categories; Touring Full and Touring-Lite (Lite means no engine or storage compartments). We hope everyone not being judged will participate in the Concours by showing their cars. We have the use of Grand Central Station, a large heated indoor facility, for Concours preparation, overnight parking and in the event of poor weather conditions, the Concours.

The schedule of events includes the following: Friday – Concours prep, registration, welcome party and Tricross beginning at 8pm down at Grand Central Station. Saturday morning, in conjunction with the Concours, coffee and donuts will be down at Grand Central and the Tech Quiz will be given between 9-10 am. All this will be followed by the Rally, RC Autocross and evening banquet. Hospitality will be open most of the weekend at Penn Station, that is also where you can find registration on Friday!

Online registration is available at <http://www.clubregistration.net>. Hotel reservations can be made by phone at 1-800-TRACK29 (872-2529) or at www.choochoo.com. Use reservation code PCW for special "Winterfest" pricing. Don't delay, deadline for Winterfest pricing on room is January 22nd!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Courtney Robbins, at (423) 894-9446 or mrobbins@vol.com.