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*Northlander* is short on home grown material. It is, after all, January in New England.



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## CALENDAR

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### FEBRUARY 2012 ... AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact/Email
February 7	Board Meeting	TBD	Tuesday 6PM	Jay Gratton President@ncr-pca.org
February 15	Deadline for Mar Northlander			NcrNorthlander@ncr-pca.org
February 25	Tech Session - AX with Bill Gendron	Porsche of Nashua, Exit 5E off Rt 3, Nashua, NH	Saturday 1-3PM	Bob Futterer tech@ncr-pca.org
February 25	Sleigh Ride and Bonfire	Charmingfare Farm, 774 High St (Rt 27), Candia, NH	<b>CANCELLED</b>	Rich Willey social@ncr-pca.org
February 26	NER Ground School	HMS, Danvers, MA	Sunday 9:30-12PM	Steve Artick www.porschenet.com
February 28	Jay & Matt's Spontaneous Dinner	Gas Light Company Portsmouth, NH	Tuesday 6-8PM	Matt Romanowski vice-president@ncr-pca.org
March 10	Tech Session, AIM Data Acquisition	Porsche of Stratham, 58 Portsmouth Avenue Stratham, NH 03885	Saturday 9AM-4PM	Bob Futterer tech@ncr-pca.org
March 13	Register for PCA Parade	Salt Lake City, UT	Tuesday 7AM	www.parade2012.pca.org
March 13	Board Meeting	TBD	Tuesday 6PM	Jay Gratton president@ncr-pca.org
March 15	Deadline for Apr Northlander			NcrNorthlander@ncr-pca.org
March 24	New Member Intro to NCR	Porsche of Stratham, 58 Portsmouth Avenue Stratham, NH 03885	Saturday 1-3PM	Rich Willey social@ncr-pca.org
March 27	Jay & Matt's Spontaneous Dinner	TBA	Tuesday 6-8PM	Jay Gratton president@ncr-pca.org
March 31	Tech Session, Dyno Session	KMC Auto, 425 Canal Street, South Lawrence, MA	Saturday 10AM	Bob Futterer tech@ncr-pca.org

**Jay & Matt's Spontaneous Dinner: the 4th Tuesday of every month. On February 28 join Jay, Matt and other NCR members at the Portsmouth Gas Light Company at 6:30pm. Portsmouth Gas Light Company is at 45 Market St and on the web at [www.portsmouthgaslight.com](http://www.portsmouthgaslight.com).**

Please note: calendar information is correct at the time of *Northlander* going to press but for the latest information you should check our web site: **[WWW.NCR-PCA.ORG](http://WWW.NCR-PCA.ORG)**



## Jay Gratton **The Rolling Chicane**

My mom and dad took my sister and me to Gettysburg when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the first time and I was instantly hooked on Civil War history, especially Gettysburg.

With the holiday season behind us, we find ourselves now settling into the gloomy days of winter. With the countdown to spring firmly underway, I certainly have time to reflect back upon the Christmas holiday. Jaime's family takes Christmas very seriously, and I always have a wonderful time with them as we play games, eat, drink and be merry. This year was a little different for me as Christmas night I flew down to Washington DC to visit my sister Janet, her husband Randy and my 7 month old niece Kate. My mom and dad flew up from Estero, Florida, as this was Kate's first Christmas. Sadly, Jaime couldn't make it for this trip as she coaches and had a track meet the next day.

I got down there in time to see Kate before she went to bed; we opened her gifts before she retired for the night. I have already priced out a 4-stroke, 30mph go kart for her that she will have when she is two years old, but until then, she gets a stuffed animal from me. I gave Randy his own NCR-PCA membership to finalize his acceptance into the Gratton family with the goal of him taking part in his first DE event this year at NHMS. After a long day I was more than happy to crawl into the good ol' pull-out sofa bed, even with the bar in my back and Janet's Pit bull Rosie sleeping in the middle, I was out like a light.

Before sunrise the next morning my dad and I slumped into Randy and Janet's red Miata with coffee in hand. We were on a mission that we had planned long before arriving in DC. We were determined to be the first guest at the Gettysburg National Battlefield Visitor Center when it opened at seven in the morning. My mom and dad took my sister and me to Gettysburg when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the first time and I was instantly hooked on Civil War history, especially Gettysburg. This particular would be my 11<sup>th</sup> such trip to Gettysburg and my dad's first since the recent opening of their new visitor center. Our plan was to tour the center, do a CD car tour of the battlefield and then study a few parts of the battlefield with an advanced battlefield book that broke down each engagement in greater detail.

Upon arriving at the visitor center, we were easily the first in the building and being the day after Christmas we had this massive

new building all to ourselves. After watching a 20 minute video narrated by Morgan Freeman we toured the portion of the center that explained the entire Civil War leading up to Gettysburg, during the battle and following the battle. I am always amazed at the numbers of men who gave their lives to fight against brothers, friends and countrymen. At Gettysburg, 46,000-51,000 men were killed in three days of fighting. This would be the equivalent of a large sports stadium being wiped out in three days. Incredible, simply incredible!

Following the tour of the center, my dad and I purchased a CD and tour book that you played in your car and when you reached certain stops gave detailed information of what happened at that point. Being true enthusiasts, my dad and I put the top down on the Miata to really get into the tour. It was a gorgeous 45 degree day, with no wind or clouds. I am sure we looked rather peculiar driving around in a little red Miata with the top down on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Both being over six feet, my Dad and I don't fit in the car well, but it is still a hoot to drive.

There was one point on the battlefield that I really wanted to visit and tour with my advanced guide book, titled *Gettysburg: A Battlefield Guide* by Mark Grimsley and Brooks D. Simpson. The Wheat Field was one of the deadliest engagements of the war where 7,000 men died in a few hours. My book had you walk to certain portions of the field and described in detail what I would have seen, heard and felt had I really been there. Unlike the car audio tour, this book really got you to stand on the exact spots out and about on the field. As most of the trees, rocks, stonewalls and hills are still accurate, you are really able to get a good feeling for what happened back in July 1863.

The trip was a whirlwind for my dad and I, but we really wanted to make it a point to get up there. Our main objective of the trip was obviously to be with family and our trip to Gettysburg was an added bonus. Although I am just now starting to get feeling back in my fingers from having the top down, the Miata, while

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## David Churcher

And this time I hope to pull off that long planned photograph of a Porsche in front of the Opera House.

I am about to do it all again. Well, let me re-phrase that: I am about to do most of it all again.

February I am off to Australia again so I am busy here with Tracey getting our ducks lined up for the March issue. We are anxious to avoid the drama I caused last year and anxious to not miss an issue. Instead we are planning to bring you an issue with a flavor of Down Under. Indeed, maybe a bit of it in this issue. That depends on my Aus colleagues being in a work mode right now ... after all, it is their beach and barbie season. It's also Australia Day January 26.

The logistics of compiling an issue of *Northlander* with one of us on the road can be a challenge. Tracey runs the Maine *Northlander* office and I have the New Hampshire office. We do not have networked computers and that means our email, and even sneaker-net, gets a lot of use. Not being networked means shared files can cause grief with broken links. We have just had a week of swatting bugs and testing our system. I can say, as I write, all is well although we both have a few more gray hairs.

As I write (there, did it again) Janet Quintero is days away from departure to Australia. By the time you read these lines Janet will be back and we expect with an article and photographs too. I will be departing about the time you read these lines and I expect to celebrate my mother's birthday in Tasmania, visit some galleries and Porsche friends in Melbourne, on to the National Galleries in Canberra for a day, and then on to Sydney. I must wonder why I never lived in Sydney. As a kid it was "the big smoke" and today I love it as much as I do Heidelberg. It's just a fabulous place to be. And this time I hope to pull off that long planned photograph of a Porsche in front of the Opera House.

I hope you will enjoy the Australia material. It won't be all about the cars. It will be a lot about the food, the wine, the art ... and the people.

Meanwhile, back here in NH, the NCR Board members will be watching their plans unfold. It may be winter but there is no lack of events. As I look at the material we will include in this *Northlander* and the next I see we have a Yankee Swap, a Tech Session, and two more Tech Sessions on the horizon ... and a party to introduce the 991. Look for nice coverage of the 991 in our March issue.

All this activity and the season has not even started. Just wait until the event at Porsche of Stratham to welcome new members is behind us ... the word will be out about what a fun group NCR is and our DE and Autocross events will be packed. *Northlander* might have to expand. 😊

On that point ... we made some changes in the layout and the text fonts in our January issue. We might have one more subtle change in the next month or two. By the time spring arrives we will have our changes in place and the season will be here. So perk up your enthusiasm, get the Porsche out, and if you have a camera and a story ... *Northlander* wants to hear from you.

While we are on this Australian theme ... one more comment: the Formula 1 season starts in March with the Australian GP. I will miss it by a few days. But I am doing my part to help Mark Webber pull off World Champion in 2012. Every few trips to the grocery shop I buy some Red Bull and raise a glass to Mark. Watch him go in 2012.

## MEMBERSHIP



**Janet Quintero**

### New Members:

David M. Braun  
Michelle Porter  
Center Tuftonboro, NH - 1986 911

Christopher Hubert  
Kathleen Hubert  
Pelham, NH - 1999 Boxster

Peter Kawonczyk  
Jefferson, NH - 1983 911

Peter L. LeSaffre  
George Denoncourt  
Rye, NH - 1957 356A

Michael W. Quinton  
Keene, NH - 2007 Boxster S

Eric T. Roux  
Atkinson, NH - 2011 Panamera

Charles J. Staab  
Nashua, NH - 2005 Carrera 2S  
Transferred from Northeast Region  
– Joined PCA 12/01/1996

Jason B. Woz  
Woodstock, CT - 2003 Carrera  
Transferred from Connecticut Valley  
Region – Joined PCA 09/15/2011

### Member Anniversaries:

#### 1 Year:

Todd Ellis  
Katy Ellis  
Rochester, NH – 2002 911 Turbo

Russell Fanelli  
Troy, NH – 2000 911

Timothy J. Kachel  
Lawrence, MA – 1988 911

Grant Kaiser  
Sharon Kaiser  
Greenland, NH – 1972 914

Shane A. McLaughlin  
Brookline, NH – 1995 911

Joseph A. St. Martin  
Susan St. Martin  
Exeter, NH – 2009 911 Carr4S

#### 2 Years:

Elvira Aguila  
Portsmouth, NH – 2008 Cayman S

Bud Clare  
Penny Clare  
Lee, NH – 2006 Carrara S

John J. Kearns  
Charles Kearns  
Fayston, VT – 1997 993

James N. Locke, Sr  
N. Jean Locke  
Gilmanton Iron Works, NH – 1984  
944 / 2007 GT3 / 983 944

#### 5 Years:

Philip O. Jefferson  
Kim Barnes Jefferson  
Cambridge, MA – 1988 911

Carl B. Schulz  
Kathy Sirah  
Brookline, NH – 2004 BoxsterS

Jeffrey P. Sullivan  
Michelle M. Sullivan  
Auburn, NH – 1992 964 / 2001 996

Phil Zarrow  
Ellyn Tores  
Durham, NH – 1985 Carrera

#### 20 Years:

Barry Brensinger  
Cam Brensinger  
Manchester, NH  
– 1986 944T / 2003 GT3 CUP /  
2003 996 / 2004 GT3

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Matt Romanowski

## WIDE OPEN

Whether you like driving, cleaning, eating or socializing, there are events on the calendar that will entice you to come out.

NCR just had its annual planning meeting and WOW, do we have a great year planned! We put in DE dates, rally dates, car show dates, social dates, tech session dates, and lightly penciled in autocross dates (we're waiting on confirmation from the site). Adding in the traveling road show that is Jay and Matt's Spontaneous Dinners and board meetings, we have over 60 events on the calendar. Still to be filled in are a couple of ice cream runs and other social gatherings that come up during the year, NCR may set a record for the second year in a row for the number of events.

What does all this mean for you, the membership? Well, it means that there is something for everyone to be involved in. Whether you like driving, cleaning, eating or socializing, there are events on the calendar that will entice you to come out. The beginning of the year is a great chance to pencil in an event (or 50) on your calendar to come out to.

Maybe you don't see an event that you like or maybe there is one that you look forward to all year? That is a great chance to become involved in NCR. You can help out running an event, step up and chair an event or maybe do even more? We're always open to suggestions for events and for help in putting them on. Please don't feel that you can't do it – NCR has a great group of folks that will help you out and make sure the event is a success.

So with all this talk of events, you're probably wondering what is coming up. First thing to do is take a look at the calendar in the front of *Northlander*. That is a great spot to get some dates for the coming months. After that, check out the "official" NCR calendar on the webpage at [www.NCR-PCA.org](http://www.NCR-PCA.org). That has the most up to date information and is constantly having events added as they are put together.

For the folks that are interested in doing some driving events, the registration system that NCR uses is [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com).

You can find all NCR's autocross and DE events there along with the fees and options. A nice feature that goes along with the registration system is to search for similar events in your area. You can input your event of interest and a radius to search, and you'll come up with all the similar events in all the clubs that use MotorsportReg. This is a great option for folks looking for DE events at tracks throughout the east (and the rest of the US!) and for folks who just can't get enough autocross action.

The final spot to check is MotorsportReg's competitor, [www.clubregistration.com](http://www.clubregistration.com). This is a similar system with lots of events by PCA regions, BMW car clubs and lots of other groups. Same idea as before, you can search different areas, tracks and types of events to find out what is going on and what you might be interested in.

With all these options out there, I'm sure you'll find some NCR events that you want to come out to this year. I hope to see you at some events – maybe even some of the great Tech events that are planned in the coming months. I know for me, it's a chance to get out of the house, put down the "to-do" list and have some fun with Porsche friends.

See you soon!



## Mark Watson **MY SPIN ON THINGS**

We have good dates for NHMS and I am very excited to let you know that we have two full days at Lime Rock this year.

Your DE Team has been putting in some overtime the last month preparing for the 2012 DE season. Even though the Car Control Clinic is not until May, we have had our planning meeting, presented our budget to the Board for approval and most importantly we have finalized our driving schedule for the year. As I mentioned last month, we have good dates for NHMS and I am very excited to let you know that we have two full days at Lime Rock this year. I'm not talking about one day for NCR which backs up to another day with another Region, I'm talking about two full days assigned to North Country! I don't think we have ever sponsored two days and from what I can tell, many of the other regions are sharing their events with the Lime Rock Drivers Club. The LRP event will be on September 19 and 20.

We are going to open for registration ([motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com)) on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Solo drivers and instructors will be able to sign up for the entire year. John is going to stagger the Green and Yellow registrations again this year to allow for promotions. Green and Yellow drivers will be able to register for the early events on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> but will need to wait until June 1<sup>st</sup> to register for the September and October events. Look for the DE advertisement in this issue to update your personal calendar for registration and DE dates.

I need to let you know that we increased registration rates by \$5 per day to help offset additional costs for safety services. We absorbed the cost last year but with increased track rental fees this year we need to make a small increase. For the NHMS events, we plan to have two track dinners and a track party. Toni is organizing the activities so expect some great food and, as always, a great time swapping stories and enjoying the company of your fellow drivers.

We reviewed the recent revision to the Demonstration Rides (Standard #38) policy. The revision has no impact on the

instructor/student program but we will no longer offer the Taste of Track rides. The new guideline requires a separate Taste of Track run group which would take too much time from the other run groups. We also reviewed a draft policy dealing with cockpit secured devices e.g. video cameras or GPS devices. Look to the website for the information.

Before I end the column, I want to remind those of you thinking about trying DE in 2012, to consider attending NER's annual Drivers Education Ground School program. This is a great way to get information on why so many of us enjoy the Porsche Club Drivers Education program. The event will be held on **February 26th (Sunday)** at HMS Motorsports. Contact and sign-up information are contained in the advertisement in this issue of the *Northlander* or go to the NER website.

The second program that you should consider is the Car Control Clinic that we will sponsor on May 12th. This activity will take place in the lower parking lot at NHMS and involves real driving (in a controlled environment with a coach) in your very own car. You get to drive your car on a skid pad to find the adhesion limits of your car and then move to another area where you can work on threshold braking and rapid lane changes. Everyone who has participated in the previous CCC's have left with a slightly dirty car and a big smile on their face. It is a great way to begin your DE career.

BTW, we are going to need some experienced drivers to help coach the new drivers. You don't have to be an instructor to volunteer. Contact Dave Logan if you are interested.

Please stay safe and warm until I see you at the NER Ground School, the Car Control Clinic or at the track. If you need to reach me, e-mail me at [de@ncr-pca.org](mailto:de@ncr-pca.org).

## Ground School 2012 - NER's Driver Education Ground School Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am, Hosted by HMS Motorsport



"A great seminar! I hit the ground running."

--Moe Auger  
2003 Attendee  
(now a NER DE instructor)



"The ground school was a great introduction to understanding the dynamics of the car and a superb lead-in into the DE events that followed."

--Mark Abbott  
2008 Attendee



"For me the Ground School took a lot of the anxiety out of my first DE. Thanks to the Ground School I knew what to expect, and had a great, safe day."

--Geoff Kronik  
2008 Attendee



"Prior to attending the ground school, I didn't know what to expect at the track. Now after driving in 8 DE events I can hardly wait until next season!"

--Sarah Anderson  
2006 Attendee

Ladies, gentlemen and younger drivers.....if you've ever dreamed of driving your Porsche at speed, feeling exhilarated by its performance and testing your mettle, we invite you to get a leap on our upcoming track season by attending 2012 on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This is NER's annual classroom-based introduction to our Driver Education program graciously hosted by Joe Marko of HMS Motorsport at HMS's great facility in Danvers MA. Directions can be found at [www.hmsmotorsport.com](http://www.hmsmotorsport.com).

PCA's Driver Education program is the most popular activity offered by PCA and NCR's and NER's events are especially well-known to be among the best organized, safest and the most enjoyable and rewarding DE events in this part of the country.

The Ground School will give you a great overview of NER's on-track driving program. While not geared to grooming you to become the next Formula 1 champion, we will discuss the fundamentals of high performance track driving and how many of these techniques can be applied to improve your everyday, on-street driving. You'll hear how to prepare for an event, how and where our events are held and, most of all, you'll learn how much fun it all is. You'll also get an informative handout to jog your memory when all else fails.

Driver Education events are by no means "for men only". Each year, a growing number of female and younger drivers attend these events. So, all you ladies, teens and twenty-somethings, this is a special invitation for you to join us at the Ground School. In addition to presenting general information on our Driver Education program, we'll have *special sections in the presentation that are specifically aimed at you!*

**Advanced registration for this highly-popular event is strongly suggested.** Check-in and a continental breakfast will begin at 9:30am followed by our presentation from 10am - 12noon. At the end of the program, HMS will host a pizza lunch. You'll also have ample time to see the practical and fun stuff that HMS has to offer, including helmets, gloves, harnesses and other safety equipment.

Sure, February 26<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday in the deep mid-winter, but before you know it your fellow Porschephiles will be completing laps on world-class tracks next spring while you're fertilizing the lawn wishing you'd taken us up on this offer.

And remember, attending this "Ground School" in no way obligates you to sign up for a DE event. However, we hope you agree that the only way to truly experience and appreciate what you and your Porsche are capable of doing is to drive it on a road track. Questions? - email [sartick@gmail.com](mailto:sartick@gmail.com).

### **Who should attend?**

Anyone interested in learning about our 2012 Driver Education program and improving their driving.

While everyone is welcomed to register, drivers participating in NCR's and NER's Driver Education events must be current PCA members, have a valid driver's license and be 18 years or older.

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Send check payable to NER/PCA to Steve Artick, 17 Colburn Street, Burlington MA 01803  
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## Judy Hendrickson **LOOKING BACK**

The trip through the Blue Ridge Parkway with absolutely no traffic, a well prepared RX-7 and a well handling 914 was a dream.

Since both 1982 and 1992 featured bi-monthly *Northlanders* and we covered those last month, we will focus on the February 2002 issue of *Northlander* this month. The VPs column had that timeless aspect we look for in a reprint so here goes: (The 914 spoken of here is TANG.)

From Volume XXV, Number 2, February 2002

### OFF THE APEX

by Jim Gratton, Vice President

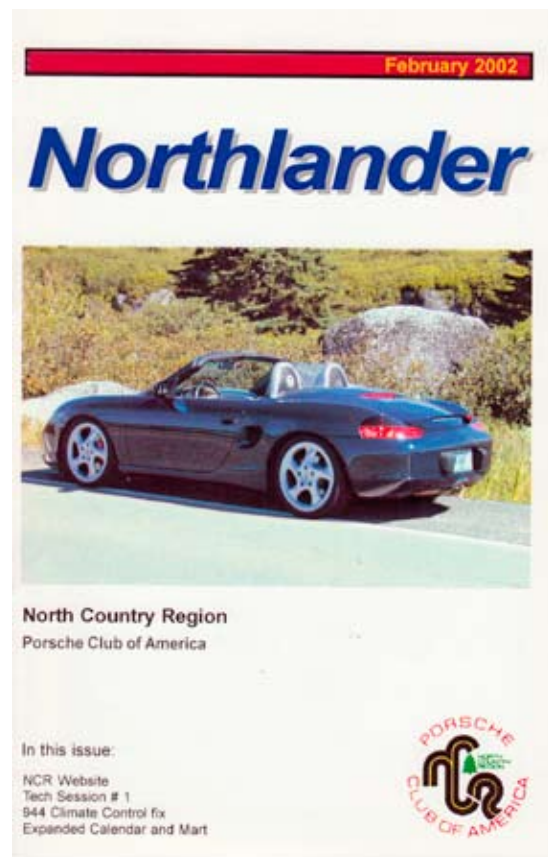
When Road & Track arrives at the house, Jay and I are anxious to read one of our favorite writers, Peter Egan. In the February 2002 edition, Mr. Egan has two articles. His standard "Side Glances" speaks of his problem with speeding tickets (one of them was in his 356). His second article entitled "Cross-Country Cobra" enthralled me, because of a similar personal experience. It also reminded me of a trip that my brother Steve and fellow NCR member, Ray Marcos, took to pick up a twin turbo in San Francisco and then drove back to New Hampshire. The pictures they took coming home were not of the scenery, but of the speedometer hovering in excess of 180mph.

When Jay purchased his 914, a friend of mine and I drove down to Tennessee for the final inspection. The Peter Egan story paralleled our adventure. My neighbor and I spent all of 15 seconds deciding we could drive down to Tennessee in his Mazda RX-7, pick up the 914 and drive back via the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The weather was fabulous, the company was great, just two car enthusiasts enjoying their cars, the scenery and the driving experience. The trip through the Blue Ridge Parkway with absolutely no traffic, a well prepared RX-7 and a well handling 914 was a dream. Having traveled over the Blue Ridge Parkway a number of times via motor home, summer traffic and in traditional American iron, the chance to run one of the most beautiful stretches of highway in America in a Porsche was truly exhilarating.

**Peter Egan's writings are light, enjoyable and informative. Quite often, I live vicariously through Peter Egan's writings, but when he writes about something that you have experienced, it makes the story that much more enjoyable. So much so, that I am hoping when Deb and I finally decide what our next Porsche is going to be, I'll look in the southwest in hopes of recreating another "once in a lifetime experience."**

I would have to presume that Peter Egan is one of those people that is never "off the apex".



# NCR

## 2012 PLANNING MEETING

### January 14, 2012

Story and photographs by David Churcher

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A planning meeting can take some planning. A date which does not conflict with other events must be picked, a venue must be found and an agenda must be compiled. All that done the meeting follows and must meet the approval of all involved and meet the budget.

Sounds like hard work? It's not easy. It takes work.

NCR is fortunate to have a Board of enthusiastic members who have a unique ability to get work done and make it fun. The attached photographs show your Board hard at work organizing the year to come. After a few hours of toil 2012 was set and it looks good. Actually, better than good. Matt read out a few statistics which indicate NCR has a super year in store for its membership.

In the tradition of recent years there is and an "apres meeting" at Chez David where the Board has a chance to unwind and the photographer has a chance to show off some recent work. And to photograph some favorite people.

2012 ... here we come.





From top left:

Lisa and Mark discuss things to be done. Joe watching the calendar take shape. Laura finds hard work something to smile about. And so does Ivy as she plays Secretary. Matt is Calendar Meister. And our Treasurer is happy too.

Previous page:

Our Prez and Vice Prez get into the details of 2012.



From the top left:

Webmaster Dick Demaine contemplates his iPad. Joe Kraetsch reflects for a moment. Treasurer Lisa Roche remains happy. Rich Willey contemplates dates for 2012 social events.



Ah ... that was easy!

Hit the button and "apres meeting" is next. Janet Quintero (Membership) tries the Tasmanian cheesecake while Bob Futterer (Tech Chair) tries the Tasmanian pizza. Ed Broadhead (Safety) checks on the safe use of the knife.

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# 2012 Boxster

Photographs and text from Porsche

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## Lighter and more muscular, more distinctive and more fuel-efficient The new Boxster generation – the mid-engine roadster from Porsche

Never before in the history of the Porsche Boxster was a change of generation so comprehensive. The open-top two-seater car is being marketed with a completely new lightweight body and a completely revamped chassis. Considerably lower weight, longer wheelbase, a wider track and larger wheels significantly enhance yet further the mid-engine sports car's driving dynamics, already far and away the best in its class, supported by the new electro-mechanical power steering. The new Boxsters boast superior performance and are also up to 15 per cent more fuel-efficient. Depending on model, they get by with significantly less than eight litres of fuel per 100 kilometres.

The new Boxster thus delivers what the fundamentally changed styling with shorter overhangs, significantly forward-shifted windscreen, flatter silhouette and expressive edges promises. The passengers are enclosed by the completely redesigned, fully electric hood, which now dispenses with a convertible top compartment lid. The interior concept offers the occupants more space and reflects the new Porsche outline with the raked centre console, which, originating with the Carrera GT, ensures further improved ergonomics in all models.

The new sports car generation makes its debut in the classic Porsche pairing of Boxster and Boxster S. Both models are powered by flat-six engines with direct petrol injection, the efficiency of which is further enhanced by electrical system recuperation, thermal management and start/stop function. The base model's new power unit delivers 265 hp (195 kW) from a 2.7 litre displacement – ten hp more than its larger displacement predecessor. Technically, it is now based on the 3.4-litre engine of the Boxster S. This now delivers 315 hp (232 kW), which is five hp more than before. Both models feature a manual six-speed gearbox as standard with the seven-speed Porsche Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK) available as an option. Both sports cars achieve their best fuel consumption and acceleration performance with the PDK. The Porsche Boxster's fuel consumption with PDK is 7.7 l/100 km and 8.0 l/100 km for the Boxster S. With gear changes without interruption to the power flow, the Boxster sprints from zero to 100 km/h in 5.7 seconds, the Boxster S in 5.0 seconds.





The 2012 Boxster S

Photography by Porsche



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Silent Auction - This year there will be a silent auction going on in Control during this event. Be sure to check out all the wonderful items and place your bid. All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish. so come check it out!~

Purchase a shirt to support Make-A-Wish.

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Contact me with any questions:  
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**WHAT:** Intro to NCR. Each Board Member & Committee Chair will present a brief overview of their activities and responsibilities. Q&A time, Socializing & Refreshments.

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**WHEN:** Saturday, March 24, 2012, 1-3PM

**WHERE:** Porsche of Stratham, 58 Portsmouth Rd (Rt 108), Stratham, NH (approx 1 mile north on Rt 108 from exit 11 off Rt 101).

While an RSVP is not necessary, if you let us know you plan to attend it will help to determine the appropriate amount of refreshments. **Contact** [social@ncr-pca.org](mailto:social@ncr-pca.org).

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## 2012 NCR AUTOCROSS SEASON



**WHEN:** April 22  
June 2  
July 21  
August 12  
August 25-26 Zone 1 Event  
September 8



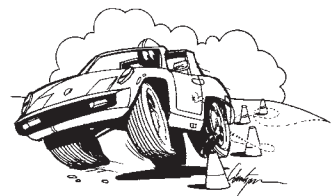
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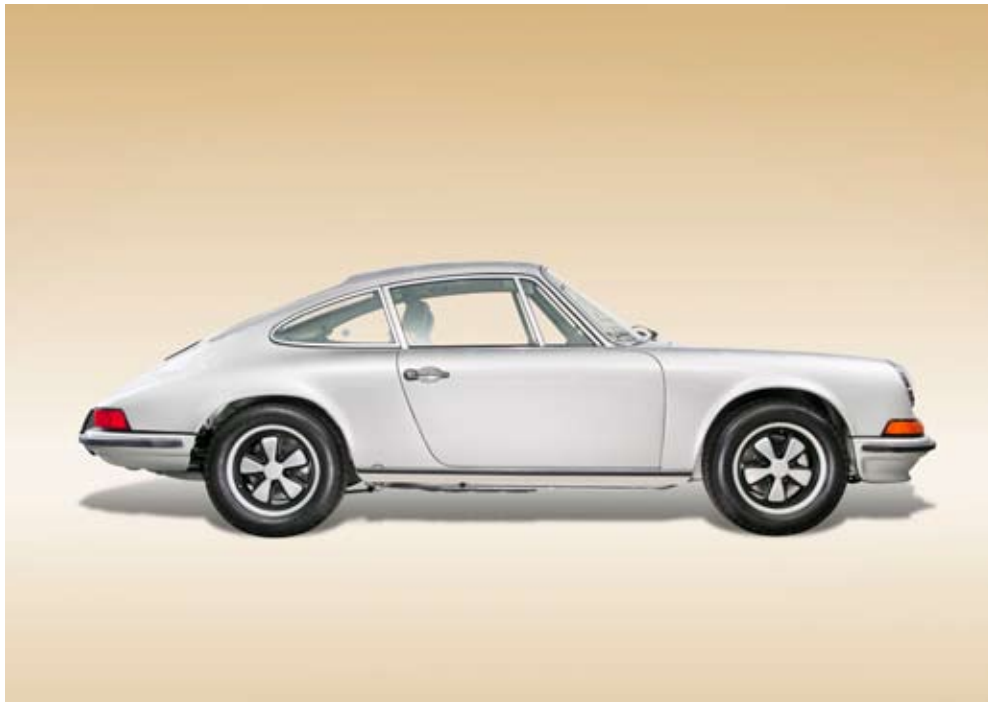
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# A Visit with Florida Crown Region

By Ivy Cowles

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Clockwise from front left are FCR members Ed, Nikki, Elana and Ken, NCR's own Hank & Ivy Cowles, Jo and Rusty.

It seems as if a common interest has brought us some new dear friends.

That common interest happens to be cars. Although it really is true when they say it's not just about the cars but about the people!

MAL and I – (MAL = Hank Cowles) went to Amelia Island for a few days of R&R and spent one of the evenings with our great friends from the Florida Crown Region. Our meeting was at Baxter's on Fernandina Beach. Joining us for dinner were Ken, Elana, Rusty, Joe, Ed and Nikki. We talked about old times, caught up on some of the new and about what is to come for the future. After a while our cheeks were sore from all the laughs.

We met these wonderful folks 5 or 6 years ago for the Amelia Island Concours and have remained in contact ever since. David Churcher and Miriam Dunster have had the chance to meet them as well. In fact as we were sitting down for our first glass of wine with Ken and Elana, they asked how David and Miriam were doing, I guess that instant bond will never go away. They even remembered their names. Well, I ask how could anyone forget David and Miriam?

A wonderful time was had by all, but all good vacations – send you back to reality. Time to head back home. Of course what was waiting for us in NH was a snow storm. After the sunny 70 degree weather in Amelia we wanted to turn around and head back. The plans for our return to Florida are already in the making.

We are now waiting for our Florida friends to come visit us here in NH for a NCR event. Wouldn't that be a hoot?

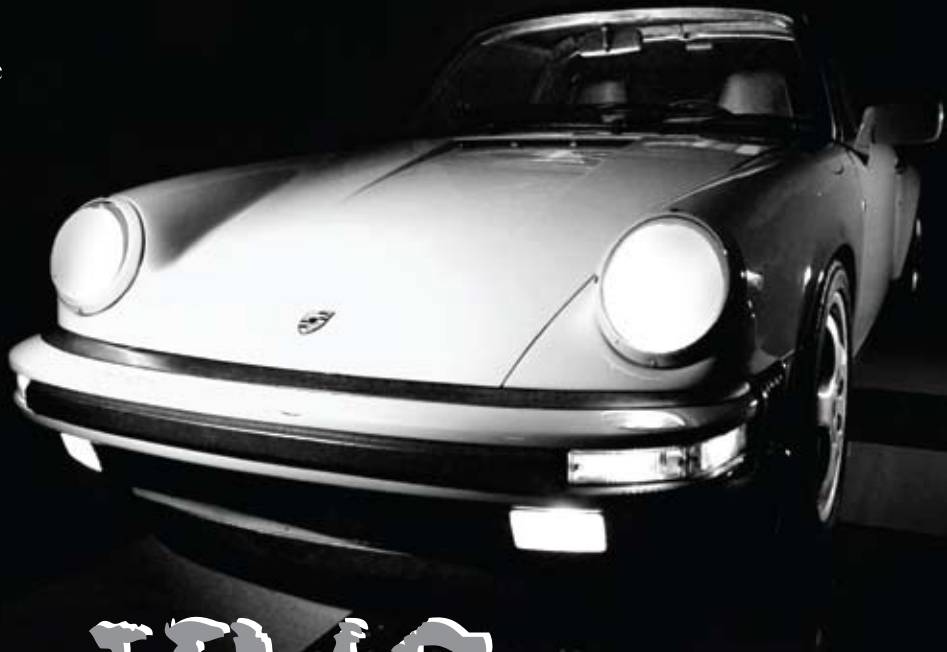
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DATE	DAY	TRACK	REGION	NOTES
24/25 April	Tuesday/Wednesday	NHMS	NER	
12 May	Saturday	NHMS	NCR	Car Control Clinic
9/10 June	Saturday/Sunday	NHMS	NCR	Make A Wish Saturday
15/16/17 June	Friday/Saturday/Sunday	WGI	Zone 1	Friday Instructors Only
20/21 June	Wednesday/Thursday	WGI	Niagara	Advanced Drivers Only
6/7/8 July	Friday/Saturday/Sunday	Calabogie	NER	
10/11/12 July	Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday	LCMT	NER	
6/7 August	Monday/Tuesday	NHMS	NCR	
24/25/26 August	Friday/Saturday/Sunday	WGI	NER	
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# Yankee Swap Vs AFC Championship Game

Story by Judy Hendrickson

Photographs by David Churcher

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Planning months away cannot always take developing events into consideration. Such was the case for the 2012 Yankee Swap. The New England Patriots made their way to the AFC final playoff game. Kickoff/TV coverage began at 3PM on Sunday, January 22. The Yankee Swap kickoff was at 4PM on Sunday, January 22, at The Yard Restaurant in Manchester, NH.

Eighteen dedicated souls chose Yankee Swap over watching the Patriots fight to go to the Super Bowl. Well, they didn't totally forego the Patriots. We gathered in the bar of The Yard where there were plenty of TVs and \$2 NFL lite beer (Miller) until halftime and then smart phones followed the action and waiters kept us updated as we retreated to the back room for dinner and swapping. With each new report there were moans and hurrahs depending on whether the Pats were down or up.

Minds must have been on the game as this year's Swap, unlike last year's, had limited steals. In fact, we were in to gift 6 or 7 before the first steal. The hot items this year were an autographed (Vic Elford) photo of a 917 and mugs with the outlines of the world's greatest Grand Prix tracks. There was also some rival interest in a couple of books (*The Lost Spyder* and a Porsche Museum book).

Those who chose the Patriots over the Swap missed a good time and some great gifts – including a chance at the Zone 1 Grand Door Prize – a free entry to the Zone 1 AX, Rally or Concours or \$100 off an entry to the Zone 1 Club Race (Porsche Clash at the Glen) or the 48 Hours of Watkins Glen DE. I'm not sure I caught who won that, but think it was Ivy Leonard (Cowles).

Rich Willey, our Social Chair, did a great job of hosting and keeping things moving along. Thanks to all the attendees: Hank and Ivy Cowles, Rich and Marilyn Willey, Paul Tallo and friend Pat, Neil and Jen Schelly, Matt and Xana Romanowski (we should find out the fourth week of January whether the new Romanowski will be a boy or a girl), Biff and Mike Gratton, Nancy and Edgar Broadhead, David Churcher, Jack and Olivia Saunders and Yours Truly for coming out and making this another fun NCR event.

And why am I writing this? Well, you know the NCR tradition of "event winners" "winning" the job of writing up the event for *Northlander*. Seems drawing #1 not only gets you the first gift and the last steal, but also the "prize" of writing the article.

Hope to see some NEW faces at the next NCR event.



Photo on page 28: Biff Gratton and Ivy Cowles say forget the football, we want to open gifts!

This page, clockwise from above: The tempting spread of gifts await the Swappers. Judy was quite happy with this gift, but she would soon lose it. No, this isn't a Rorschach test, Nancy is checking out the track maps on the wine glasses. Rich Willey holds the day's most coveted gift: a 917 photo at Le Mans signed by Vic Elford.





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not a Porsche, is a wonderful little car to drive on such a trip. It is extremely nimble and gives tremendous feedback as to what the road is communicating to the driver. My next goal is to tour Gettysburg by Harley-Davidson with Jaime in the coming years, probably just not around Christmas.

Even if you are not a history nerd like I am, I highly recommend Gettysburg as a destination. The power of the town and battlefield is incredible. The town is scattered with old buildings such as B&B's, restaurants and museums. The landscape is gorgeous and it would be a perfect get away in your favorite Porsche. I always jokingly say that I would love to plan a tour for North Country Region down there, but I am afraid that it would only be my dad and I again. On the other hand, that might not be a bad thing either! Until next time, drive safely!

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Underlining its position as the Ultimate Tarmac Rally, the six day 2012 Targa Tasmania will be a true endurance challenge seeing competition take place over 590 competitive kilometers, with teams tackling 40 targa stages - 15 of those stages being over 10km in length and five of those being longer than 30km.

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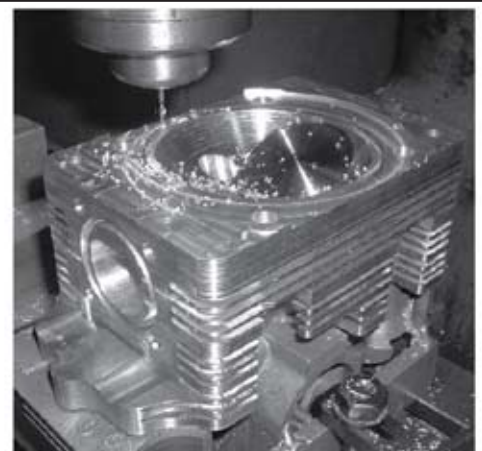
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**1980 911 SC** white / black leather. CA 91A0141868. \$18,500. Runs strong, street or track. 147K miles. SSI headers, short shift, turbo tie rods, strut brace, momo wheel. No AC. VG condition inside and out. Always maintained and garaged, no snow, no rust. [georgelagos@comcast.net](mailto:georgelagos@comcast.net) 603-913-4210

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I am the owner of a yellow **1977 924**. This car has been owned by our family twice and spent time in Vt in-between. I am too busy to put work into this old girl (install front fenders that I have for it and tune-up), and with two small children don't have the time either. I am not hard-up to sell this but don't want to watch it rot....if anyone has a similar car or needs a project first \$1000 takes it... Harold Lamos [veggieh@yahoo.com](mailto:veggieh@yahoo.com)

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**'86 911 original 15" phone dial wheels with Toyo Proxes R888 tires** for immediate sale. Wheels are in good shape (balanced and round) with minor curb rash. The R888 tires have been used in only one 20 min track session (novice) at Tremblant. Basically brand new. Fits all '79 - 88 911. Also most 944, 928s and 924s. 7" front, 8" rear wheels. 205/50 front, 225/45 rear. Not using these as I have other track tires. Priced to get them out of my basement. \$500 for all. cwlovell@gmail.com. Sherborn, MA.

Do you have a photograph to go with your ad? If you have a high resolution photograph which is also a nice graphic then send it to *Northlander*. We plan to run a few such photographs with The Mart.

## BTW

Meanwhile, a world away NCR's Janet Quintero is enjoying a respite from New England's weather in lovely Tasmania. Lunching on a boat from left to right are Janet, Tas, David Churcher's sister Lyn and Janet's sister Nancy.

After Tasmania, Janet and Nancy cruise over to New Zealand. Look for a story and more photos in the March *Northlander*.



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 unless otherwise noted. Billing is done twice per year,  
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## BTW



Andrew Nelson was heading out to breakfast in Portsmouth one recent Sunday morning and found this beauty parked on Market Street.

It would seem many people have a passion for these old Porsches and keep them immaculate.

## NEXT MONTH

It would seem our plans to bring the Down Under content to this issue have slipped. And, slipped with a couple of other plans too.

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