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From Our President

Ted Stephens



Good day fellow members,

Well, I've been ousted from my Presidential position. It was an early weekend evening on November 11th. Mr. Bill Taylor pushed me aside to take the role over for the next 2 years. Ok, maybe ousted was a little strong. In fact, I am proud to turn the reins to Bill; an active NORPCA member with as much passion as I have in this club. By January 1st 2024, Bill will be well prepared to seamlessly execute his presidency. We also have 3 other capable folks running the board; Eric Hansen (VP), Jeanie Radcliffe (Secretary), and Lee Lorence (Treasurer). I will be staying on for my next 2-year term as "Past President".

I want to thank each one of you for the very genuine support I have had for the past 2 years. Being a President of such a large group sometimes feels very lonely. The energy comes from the emails, and in-person, support I've received over the past 2 years.

Since the day I joined, I have been active in the club. From volunteering at many events to the club leadership. I am looking forward to attending 2024 events as a participant.

Continue to support your club with volunteering and continue to support your club with your ideas!

Sincerely,
Ted Stephens

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Locations: January & February TBD

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Happy Holidays and Thank-You,

Season's greetings! As we head into December, with many of us busy getting ready for the holiday season, it's a great time to look back on our safe & enjoyable NOR season and thank all our volunteers, chairpersons, and officers for putting together a wonderful 2023.

For our December edition, we have a special page dedicated to our 3 NOR members who were recently recognized at our NOR Annual meeting. Thank-You for your outsized contributions to NOR this year and for the past few years. We also want to thank our newly elected NOR Officers for volunteering for their new roles. Good luck :)

Also in this month's edition, we welcome a new writer to the Guest Writer Series with a slightly related holiday themed article; we continue our "Puzzle Page" feature with a Winter theme, and our "History" series continues within the Modern Era, this time covering PCA Club Racing sponsored by our very own NOR at Nelson Ledges in 1999.

In event news, we have details for our last event of the season, a great Holiday Party set within the Cleveland Zoo, thanks to Ted Stephens & our 2024 HPDE weekends are already booked, thanks to Lori Bryant.

As always, the best way to stay updated on events is to visit our website <https://www.norpca.org/>, under the Calendar tab. Also, for those looking to connect with others, or see what is being talked about, visit our NORPCA Facebook page, there is something new every day.

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I hope everyone has a joyous & safe holiday season.

Ben Driss,



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Adrian Dalalau	1974 911
Timothy Claes	1998 Boxster

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 11-2023

Total Members	1,315
Primary Members	842
New	4
Transfer In	2
Transfer Out	0
Lapsed	12
Test Drive	6



Annual Meeting Minutes 11/11/2023

(Pending formal approval at the next Board Meeting)

Attendees: Ted Stephens, Eric Hansen, Brad Kennett, Dan Engel, Mike Garriga and 61 additional NOR members.

Previous Meeting Minutes – No Board meeting was held in October. In January 2024, the Board will be asked to approve the minutes from the September 2023 Board meeting. The Board will also be asked to approve these minutes from the Annual Meeting held at Porsche Beachwood on Saturday 11/11/23.

Updates from the President – Ted Stephens reviewed the significant NOR achievements and events during this year. He also presented three Presidential Service Awards: ‘Volunteer of the Year’ – Kim LaFortune, ‘Enthusiast of the Year’ – Karri Patrick and outgoing Past President Mike Garriga for his many years of ‘Dedication and Volunteerism.’

Treasurer Report – Brad Kennett presented an overview of NOR’s financial condition for the previous 12 months (11/1/22 through 10/31/2023). Highlighted were our sound bank balances, contributions to the NOR reserve accounts and the revenues and expenses from the events held during the past 12 months.

Governance – Eric Hansen presented the current status of the NOR’s revised By-Laws under review by PCA national. This process will continue into 2024.

Election of New Board Members – Dan Engel introduced the slate of Nominees for election to be the new NOR Board of Directors for 2024 and 2025. Bill Taylor – Nominee for President, Eric Hansen - Nominee for Vice President, Lee Lorence – Nominee for Treasurer and Jeanie Radcliffe – Nominee for Secretary. No write in nominees and no proxies were received prior to the meeting. Those attending were asked for a voice vote affirming the election of the new board, which was unanimous. Ted Stephens will become the new Past President of NOR in January 2024.

Meeting Adjourned



2023 NORPCA Holiday Party



CLUB REG link; <https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/13777>

When: December 16, 2023

Time: 5pm to 11pm

Where: Stillwater Place at the Cleveland Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way – Cleveland

Cost: \$105.00 per person

What: A Holiday Party located at a unique setting you will never forget. The venue has views of the Waterfowl Lake, a spacious patio, and an outdoor fireplace. Along with our indoor Holiday Party, NORPCA attendees will all be granted free admission to walk the Zoo to check out the 1.5 million lights for their Wild Winter Lights!

The event will be catered with a wonderful dinner for all appetites;

- 3 dinner appetizers
- Chicken Marsala
- Stuffed Shells with Marinara
- Braised Short Rib with Fusion Style Sauce
- Garlic Whipped Potatoes
- Honey Dijon Malibu Carrots
- Roasted Brussel Sprouts
- And of course assorted cookies, deserts, and coffee

We will also have an open bar with liquor, domestic beer, imported beer, and 4 different wine choices.

You can also look forward to a “year-in-review” slideshow and a band for your entertainment.

Ted Stephens

Winter Wonderland

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NOR Announces Exciting 2024 Driver's Education Events

If you're feeling like the 2023 Driver's Education season just ended you would be right! Time to turn our attention into the new year and get the 2024 Driver's Education events in your calendar.

NOR is happy to announce two exciting weekends at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington OH.

The spring weekend will be **May 3-5** and the fall **September 20-22**.

Both of these events will follow our usual format of Friday lapping day for experienced drivers and Saturday and Sunday instructed days for drivers of all experience levels.

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Questions?

Lori Bryant

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See you at the track!

Part holiday tribute and part garage tour, the Porsche Club's Christmas in July event was one to remember. Club members showed up in force to Michael Angelo's Winery in Richfield, where they were invited to shop for wine, fresh baked bread and homemade cannoli as tour planners Keith Inniss, Karen Moyer and Les Checél laid out our plans.



The tour began with a drive to Cuyahoga Valley National Park, past cyclists and a bustling Szalay's farm market and through the Valley on our way to downtown Akron. Our first stop was a cluster of buildings on Broadway belonging to a leader in commercial and residential interior designs, Jones Group Interiors. For a company that specializes in head-turning holiday displays for high-end homes and businesses, the headquarters are rather unassuming. But this stop was full of surprises.

Inside a warehouse, members were greeted by an incredible sight—fully lit fir trees, twinkling tree branches, life-sized reindeer, giant ornaments, ribbons, lanterns and more. As one employee explained, these are the tools of the holiday-decorating trade. Visions of sugarplums danced right in front of our eyes as we moved into a bejeweled and bedecked Christmas retail shop that unfolded over several rooms and scenes.

And then...the real present under the tree: Our tour guide took us to the basement of the business where he revealed Bob and Eric Jones' antique car collection, inviting us to open up the vehicles, touch and sit in anything we liked.

Our guide explained that as Bob's business had grown over the last 50 years so had his car collection, reaching its height of over 115 cars before Bob passed away in 2021. Bob's son Eric Jones has taken over the business and continues to curate the museum-quality car collection. At the time of our visit, several vehicles in the collection were out on lease for a movie shoot.

Highlights included a Ford Model TS and Model AS, a '50 Oldsmobile and a '63 split window Corvette. All vehicles were in pristine driving condition with low mileage. But, as our guide pointed out, the neon signs, service station pumps and memorabilia that dressed the "sets" for these vehicles might even be worth more than the cars themselves.



Inside the Christmas Shop

From downtown, it was just a short drive over to the aptly named Akron Ice House, where we met owners, Justin and Emily. Our knowledgeable hosts explained that the building had a long and interesting history as the only ice house to serve the city of Akron—and shared a few of the unique challenges of renovating the space.

Founded by The Klages Coal & Ice Company in 1879, workers would saw chunks of ice from Akron's lakes and transport them by horse and carriage to the Ice House where it was stored in the six story brick building insulated by 18" walls of cork.

Today, the couple lives in the renovated loft and operates a graphic design studio out of the space—427 Design. The massive building also houses Justin's vehicle collection, which includes motorbikes, Corvettes and a Cadillac engine that once belonged to Chuck Berry.

Our fourth and final stop of the day was the private residence of new members Saule and Mar Narbutaitis. Mar is a metal artist so the couple's beautiful property is dotted with interesting sculptures and art. They also share a love of cars. We found a Jaguar with a Corvette engine and a '66 911 T in the garage and a well-loved MG in the driveway. The day concluded with delicious Italian offerings from Vaccaro portable kitchen, music by Joe Sasina and conversation in our hosts' shady back yard.

All in all, it was a perfect day, the kind that combines exceptional cars and interesting places with great friends, old and new.

Tour Guides Keith Inniss & Karen Moyer



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At the 2023 NOR Annual Meeting,
held on Saturday November 11th
at Porsche of Beachwood,



3 members were recognized for their club contributions.
Congratulations to our 3 recipients.



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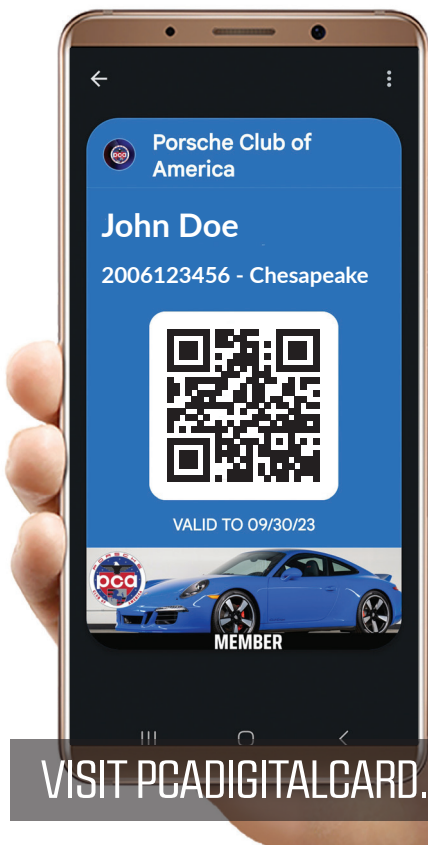
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At the 2023 NOR Annual Meeting, held on Saturday November 11th at Porsche of Beachwood, elections were held for our 4 Officer positions. Congratulations & Thank You for volunteering.



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Northern Ohio Region, Porsche Club of America**The History – Volume III, The Modern Era – Chapter 26 – NOR PCA Club Racing, Nelson Ledges 1999**

In chapter 25 we talked about the emergence of PCA Club Racing in 1992 and the hugely successful 1995 PCA Club Race at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. PCA Club Racing was in rapid growth mode, becoming what is now the largest single-marque racing series in the world with over 2,000 licensed racers and currently 27 races per season.

In the Northern Ohio Region, many of our members had entered Club Racing in 1995 and were continuing to race in PCA, SCCA, vintage, and professional series. Enthusiasm for Club Racing was very high in our region and all PCA at the time. Under the leadership of NOR President Denis Moore, the NOR board approved putting on a Club Race at the Nelson Ledges Road Course. Larry Katz and I were selected as the Club Race co-chairmen. Larry, Denis, and I worked for roughly one and one-half years planning the first ever PCA Club Race at Nelson Ledges which took place September 18-19, 1999.



Proudly wearing 1995 Mid-Ohio Club Racing T-shirts at an NOR Mid-Ohio DE, Don and Larry are planning NOR's first Club Race. Adult beverages aided the planning. Photo courtesy of "Racer" Katz

Planning a PCA Club Race, when there was no template to follow, was a huge endeavor. I remember Denis and myself driving to Indiana to observe how a Club Race was conducted at Putnam Park. Returning home, we knew that we could hold a Club Race that the region would be proud of.

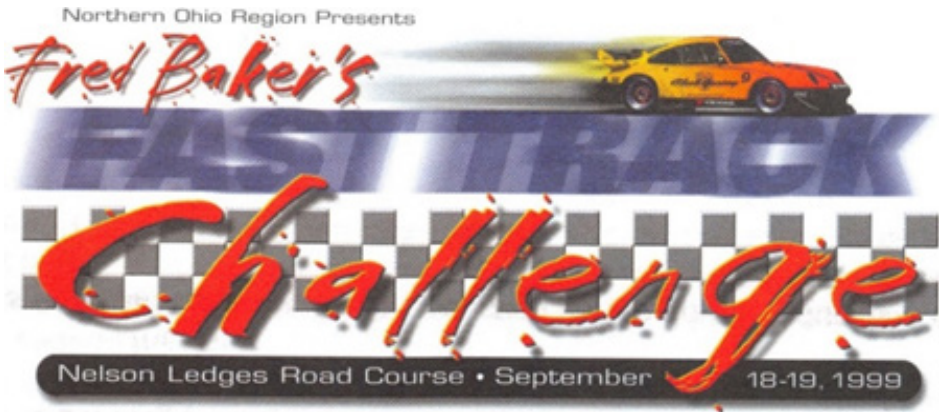
In Chapter 24 we talked about the complexities of hosting a Driver Education event to PCA standards. Hosting our first Club Race was like hosting a DE on steroids. First, we needed to comply with PCA DE standards due to the Friday DE and Test-n-Tune. Second, we needed to comply with PCA Club Race standards which were significantly higher than DE, especially as they pertained to at-track paramedics and medical doctor. Third, we needed to comply with our own very high standards for the social dinner. And finally, we needed swag, and plenty of it. As businessmen running this show, we understood that swag is a valuable marketing tool to build brand awareness and loyalty.

We have all heard the story that it takes a village. To put on this event, it took a region. Larry, Denis, and I assembled a Club Race Committee. Each member of the committee was known to us and, when asked to volunteer, stepped up to fill the large shoes that needed filling. Besides the chairmen and NOR President Ron Marthaller and then past-president Denis Moore, the Club Race Committee consisted of a registrar, track announcer, equipment manager, dinner manager, hospitality hostess, medical director, pit and grid director, publicity manager, scrutineering manager, sponsorship solicitor, steward's assistant, timing and scoring, trophies and swag coordinator, video producer, volunteer manager, waivers manager, and more. I won't name each member of the committee – you know who you are and how greatly appreciated you are.

In 1999, Nelson Ledges Road Course was not even remotely in as good condition as it is currently, under the ownership and management of Brian Ross. The track was bumpy, had sections of broken pavement, was full of patches, but also had some repaved areas. As we fondly called it, the "Nelsonring" was not a world-class racing facility like Mid-Ohio, rather it was a fun place to have club-level racing. If you've visited Nelson

Ledges recently, you've seen all new pavement and curbing, a new mobile bathroom trailer, a new RV dump station, completely rebuilt tech center, refurbished timing tower, paved access roads, and much more. In 1999, Nelson Ledges was to road racing what northeast Ohio public roads were to street driving – like racing on bumpy, patched, pot-holed public roads. Some laughingly called that real road racing.

With a Driver Education and Test-n-Tune on Friday, NOR's first PCA Club Race took place on September 18-19, 1999.



Part of my job as event chair was to report to the PCA Club Racing National Chairman, Monte Smith, about the event. Following this chapter, please see the letter that Monte received.

In the next two chapters we'll talk about the 2000 and 2001 PCA Club Races hosted by NORPCA at Nelson Ledges. We'll look at a bit of Club Racing highly-collectible swag. We'll talk about how PCA Club Racing has evolved from those early days until the present.

Please help the author collect the history of NORPCA. Send him your favorite memories and photos of NOR members, cars, and events. Send to Don at norpca.history@gmail.com. Thank you.

October 7, 1999
Mr. Monte Smith
PCA Club Racing National Chairman
6756 North Fork Road
Liberty, UT 84310

Dear Monte:

The first PCA Club Race at Nelson Ledges has been recently concluded and we thought it was a great success.

The Nelson Ledges Fast Track Challenge was successful for a number of reasons and one of these was the great support provided to Northern Ohio Region (NOR) by our sponsors. NOR is blessed with three Porsche dealers, Porsche-only service providers, and successful racing-related club members who all contributed financially to our event. NOR would not have been able to put on this event without the financial support and commitment of personnel by our sponsors.

The second reason for this inaugural race's success lies with NOR's Club Race Committee and local PCA members. Every member of our committee worked hard to execute our game plan. And as every businessperson knows, good planning together with good execution results in success.

A third significant reason for success lies with the PCA national crew who stewarded, scrutinized, and timed our event. Pat Moyle came up with the brilliant idea of making Nelson Ledges the first PCA "double national" event with two feature races on Sunday for each run group. Since our preentry list was composed of just over 60 racers, we ran two run groups with everyone getting lots of track time, 7-lap practice start/fun races, and two 15-lap feature races. Our national scrutineer and timer were both fair and efficient. We had a great national team to complement our local committee.

The final reason for the success of the event was the local region's attention to detail.

- The event headquarters was at a brand-new, high-quality Hilton hotel with a great rate.
- The race was named after one of our major sponsors, Fred Baker Porsche.
- The often-used paddock tent was named after another of our major sponsors, Stoddard Imported Cars. The Stoddard Pavilion was used for registration of driver education (Friday) and racing (Friday and Saturday); driver education classroom meetings; timing sheet distribution of race practice, qualifying, and finals; tables with flower centerpieces; and the awards meeting.
- Steinel's Autowerks provided tech inspection for the driver's education event, the test-n tune for racers, and assisted the national scrutineer in race tech inspection. National scrutineer Tom Charlesworth was overheard commenting that he wished every club race had a tech team as competent and helpful as Eric Steinel's crew.
- The event dinner was held at Fred Baker's, the Porsche dealer nearest to the track. NOR bought a catered all-you-can-eat barbecue, provided soft drinks and malted beverages, and requested PCA club racing national sponsor Bob Mazza to provide the wine. We also invited our region's membership to attend the dinner as our September social event. The dinner had about 250 attendees – probably one of the largest and best club racing dinners ever seen anywhere.

The track itself is a very fast 2-mile facility. While not as smooth as Mid-Ohio, Nelson Ledges was compared to club tracks that PCA often races at all around the country. First-timers racing at the Nelsonring quickly learned that you must drive on the line and stay on the pavement to avoid a consultation with the national scrutineer or steward. The racers liked the venue because it is a fun club-racing track. And did I mention that the track is fast? Don Stiles, racing his 962, averaged nearly 120 mph on track while lapping the entire field in his two feature races. And the GT cars racing against Stiles were turning laps in 1 minute, ten seconds on a 2-mile road course. Yes, this is a fast track challenge.

My co-chairman, Larry Katz, made a point of going to each car on the grid of the final races to speak with the drivers and thank them for supporting our region. Almost without exception, they responded how much they enjoyed the racing and the hospitality provided by NOR. Many racers said that they hoped we would be putting on the race next year and looked forward to coming back. Larry and I were approached numerous times at the dinner and during the weekend by racers who expressed similar feelings ... lots of good racing and a fun time had by all. Of course, marvelous weather didn't hurt the cause!

Let me share with you some of the written and oral feedback that NOR has received regarding this race:

- Hans Wichter, president of Stoddard Imported Cars, and Fred Baker, our major sponsors, both thought that the event was very well done. Fred raced in two races and Hans commented after the race that he wished he still had his old track car.
- John McGill, Nelson Ledges track manager, wrote us about the "good event put on by good people." John thanked us for coming and invited us back again next year.
- Lisa Musante, president of the Connecticut Valley PCA Region, on behalf of the CVR race enthusiasts attending the race, thanked us for a wonderful event well worth the trip.
- National steward Pat Moyle wrote, "Northern Ohio Region did a magnificent job organizing and running this event. They had good sponsorship and recognized their sponsors at every opportunity. It's a pity more racers did not avail themselves of their wonderful hospitality. Sign me up for next year. This was a class event put on by class people."

In summary, NOR feels that it put on a highly successful Porsche Club Race at Nelson Ledges Road Course on September 18 and 19, 1999. We hope to see you at next year's Nelson Ledges Fast Track Challenge.

Very truly yours,

Don

Donald G. Velcio,

Co-chairman, 1999



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