



## Connecticut Valley Region Porsche Club, the years 1990 to 1999

In 1990, Linda Goodman is President; Fred Zetterberg and Geoff Ehrman are the VPs in charge of Track and Program, respectively. Jack Miner is Secretary and Pam Kudra stays Treasurer. Paul Kudra keeps Autocross. The Challenge Editors remain the Curtins and the Rookeys. Porsche AG announces a new Carrera Cup series for the fatherland based on the new Carrera 2 911. Rob Dyson returns to explain why CART racing wasn't for him and why he's returning to sports car racing with a new Porsche 962C. Eric Grossman and Linda Goodman continue to chair Tech Tactics, now celebrating its tenth year. Derrick Walker returns to update us on the Porsche CART effort. But the big news is Jurgen Barth who comes from the factory to update us all on the factory's racing programs and lots of interesting history. Mike Joy speaks at a Monthly Meeting, filling everyone in on the town vs. track situation at Lime Rock Park and then on the intricacies of televising races. Geoff and Marilyn Muggelton have a "sold out with a waiting list" Rally. Tom Weaver would have been proud. Geoff and Mimi Ehrman leave CVR for Philadelphia. (We all tell Geoff to turn down the promotion!) Rick Kummer takes over as Program Chair. Connie Huebner finishes the best Yearbook CVR has ever submitted for the Region of the Year award. Jim Adelman joins CVR. Jaguar wins LeMans and Porsche is shut out on 1990's big three: Daytona, Sebring, and LeMans.

At the Parade in Monterey, CVR does not win Region of the Year, but the Challenge Editors score again, with a second place in class in the newsletter competition. PCA's Executive Council approves the proposal by National Safety Chair Alan Friedman to study the possibility of a Porsche Club racing series. In September, CVR wins the first Regional Team Championship at the Zone 1 Autocross held at Orange Airpark in Orange, MA. At Porscherama Rocky Rookey finishes 2nd Overall and Charlie Mayer 5th. Peg Mayer finishes 3rd Overall among the women. The Rookeys also win their class in the Concours and People's Choice. The Harbecks, Bobbitts, and Gollahers finish one-two-four in the Rally. Through Fast Fred Zetterberg, the Annual Banquet is held in November at the Pine Orchard Yacht Club in Branford with the unforgettable Brian Redman as the guest speaker. Brian amuses everyone with his stories about the factory team efforts in 1969 - 1971, when he was frequently teamed with Jo Siffert in 908's and 917's. Brian won eight races over that span while the team won 18 out of 24 races. Gary Plassman is honored as Enthusiast of the Year and Rita Costantino as Rookie of the Year. Tom Couchon wins Autocross Overall, the Bobbitts win Rally Overall, and the Rookeys win Concours Overall.

In 1991, Linda Goodman continues as President; Jack Miner is V.P./Program Chair and Bill Richter is V.P./Track Co-Chair (with Zetterberg). Pam Kudra is Treasurer, and Susan Wheeler is Secretary. Paul Kudra keeps Autocross and Geoff Muggleton keeps Rally. Gary Plassman and Ray Prokoski take over as Editors at Challenge. CVR's Judy Boles moves up to be National Treasurer from National Secretary. In February, the Joest team 962, with drivers headed by Bob Wollek and Hurley Haywood, wins the 24 Hours of Daytona! Tech Tactics featured speakers are Mike Valentine, Alois Ruf, and Alan Friedman who explains his proposal to PCA's Board of Directors for a PCA race series. Alan shows a tape of the Porsche Club Great Britain's Pirelli Race Series-which

generates enormous support for his proposal. Held in May, The Time Trial lives but is now mostly a CVR event. Of the 55 cars entered, 38 are from CVR. The only CVR member to set a new lap record is "Fast Fred" Zetterberg. At the Father's Day Concours, new member Suzanne Keenan from Greenwich shows up with her immaculate (special order) Bali Blue '73 911 Targa and wins best in show. CVR teams up with Brian Redman to stage the Brian Redman Invitational for Porsches only- preferably vintage-over the July 4th holiday which is an extra unmuffled weekend for Lime Rock this year. (Under the terms of its agreement with the town-it only happens every seventh year or so.) About 50 vintage Porsches turn out to race and about 50 more CVR street cars for Driver's Ed. Famous ex and current racers Joe Buzzeta, Bruce Jennings, Bob Holbert, Derek Bell, and, of course, Brian Redman are here to lend creditably to the proceedings. At the end of the month the Parade in Danvers, MA happens with many CVRers are in attendance. Roy Walzer's stunning 1973 RSR wins the Manhattan Trophy. Of course, the car was restored by Jim Newton. CVR's Paul Kudra, Mike Piera, Pat Barnett, Pam Kudra, and Jim Newton win their classes at the Parade Autocross. Prescott Kelly's largest-ever Parade Historic Car Display of 36 historic race cars is the subject a two-installment article in panorama. Of note: The Board votes to launch PCA Racing in 1992 to be run under "Vintage Racing like rules" and with schools and licensing procedures. Car classifications are to be power to weight derived. CVR officers immediately volunteer to hold an early event at Lime Rock. In September, over 120 competitors turn out for Porscherama. CVR's Jim Hoffman wins Men's Overall, Connie Huebner takes Women's FTD. Tom and Eleanor Bobbitt take first in the Rally. The Muggletons take first in the "Concours only" class. The Annual Banquet, held in December, yields honors for Bob Wolf as Enthusiast of the Year and Jack Wieselmann as Rookie of the Year. Overall Autocross champion is Paul Kudra and Tom Couchon wins the Runoffs (in which everyone drove the Skip Barber BMW M3). Roy Walzer wins Concours Overall and the Hoffmans win Rally Overall.

In 1992, Paul Kudra becomes President. Dave Curtin and Bill Richter are VP's and run the track program. Susan Wheeler continues as Secretary and Pam Kudra continues as Treasurer. Rita Costantino is Program Chair. Mr. Bobbitt becomes Rally Chair. Gary Plassman and Ray Prokoski stay on as Editors of Challenge. In March, Tech Tactics Hurley Haywood is the dinner speaker. Hurley speaks plainly about the sad plight of Porsche racing in the U.S. Bruce Anderson's little brother, Clark, does the April Monthly Meeting at Danbury Porsche and fascinates us all with his tales of the reincarnated Carrera Panamericana for which Clark has built two 2.4-liter, four cylinder 356's that run 150mph on skinny tires. In May, CVR's application and plan for a PCA Race at Lime Rock Park is accepted by National and we announce it in the May Challenge, hoping for 60 cars to come and play "tackle" football. There will be a licensing school the day before the two-day race series in September. At the San Diego Parade in July, our challenge Editors, Gary Plassman and Ray Prokowski win the Heinmiller Award for the best PCA newsletter in the country. It's finally September and "The Race" happens with 94 registrants. Newton finishes second behind NER's Mark Greenburg. CVR's Jim Scott, Jim Newton, Prescott Kelly, Chris Musante, Allen Duff, Jay Putnam, and Gary Wielgoszinski all trophy. The Annual Meeting moves up a month to November and the year's big winners are Susan Wheeler- Enthusiast of the Year, and Fred and Judy Sears-Rookie of the Year. Autocross Overall is Ed Bogue and Tom Couchon wins the Runoffs again! Concours Overall is Mike Maulucci and Rally Overall are Bob and Diane Harbecks. Former CVR President, Linda Goodman writes her first feature article for pano. A special note: For the past several years the Club has benefited from

rejuvenated Rally and Tour programs. With the Muggletons and then the Bobbitts running the Rallies and Rick Roll, then the Borios and Jim Hiller, masterminding the Tours. CVRers went to the Cape, to the top of Mt. Greylock, on Vermont foliage runs, and lots of interesting places in between. These activities have become vital parts of our program. Thanks, ladies and gentlemen.

In 1993, The Board positions change only slightly as Paul Kudra continues as President and the Curtin-Richter duo keep the VP and Track co-chair slots, although Brian Bailey will replace Curtin in a couple of months. Rita Costantino becomes Treasurer. Sue Wheeler keeps Secretary and Autocross is taken over by Roger Butler and Pat Barnett. CVR's Judy Boles is elected to the National Board as Secretary. In the beginning of the year, The Region donates \$2,000 toward the "Pave the Park" fund to help repave Lime Rock. Several Region members also step up with \$5,000 individual contributions to become Lifetime Members of the track. The prototype Boxster is shown at the Detroit Auto Show. At the Marck Tech Tactics, Helene Fox and Don Ross celebrate their 12th anniversary as Registrars for the event. The Rookie Weekend held in May is renamed and broadened to become the "CVR Sampler" for members old and new to get a taste of the Region's activities. The PCA Race at Lime Rock has its second running with 115 cars. CVR class winners included Charlie Mayer and Gary Wielgoszinski; second place trophies went to Chris Musante, Mike Bergan, Ellen Jefferies, and Prescott Kelly. In July, The Region Driver's Ed junkies trek off to Mosport for three days at this wonderful track where the run groups average 30 minutes each! In August, the 30th Anniversary of the Porsche 911 is celebrated at the Monterey Historics at Laguna Seca. Steve Earle relents and even lets some 911's race there. At the Zone Autocross, held in September, only five CVR members compete, but they all score well, with firsts by Roger Butler, Pam Kudra, and Marland Whiteman and second-place finishes by Paul Kudra and Gary Plassman. Roger Butler takes Men's FT2D (fastest time for the two days courses combined). The annual bash is held in November at Avon Old Farms Hotel with Mike Rand, General Manager of Lime Rock as our guest speaker. Annual awards are given to Tom Bobbitt-Enthusiast of the Year, John Bobbitt-Rookie of the Year (it's a family affair), Roger Butler-Autocross Overall, Ed Bogue- Autocross Runoffs, Mike Maulucci - Concours Overall, and Jeanette and Marland Whiteman-Rally Overall. Hans Stuck wins the Supercar Championship for himself and Brumos Racing. CVR ends the year with 997 members.

In 1994, Tom Bobbitt is President, Fred Sears (Program) and Brian Bailey (Track) are VPs, Chandran "CR" Rajaratnam is Secretary and Rita Costantino continues as Treasurer. Roger Butler is Autocross Chair, Marland Whiteman is Rally Chair and Lisa Musante is Membership Chair for the second year. The Plassman/Prokowski team keeps the Challenge and are now "officially" aided by the new Mrs. Plassman (Deanna McHose) and Carline Lutynski. Linda Goodman gets a photo on the cover of the February issue of Panorama. Bob and Joan Moir take over Tech Tactics that is held in March, from the long-suffering and hard-working Linda Goodman and Eric Grossman. David Donohue is the dinner speaker. The March Driver's Ed event at Lime Rock gets snowed out. In June, CVR celebrates its 35th Anniversary with a combined Annual Concours and Anniversary Party at the Castle Inn in Old Saybrook. The turnout is spectacular, and includes former Region Presidents Jack Tighe, Ed Tobolski, Steve Winkler, Prescott Kelly, and Paul Kudra plus National Secretary (and President-Elect) Judy Boles and Zone 1 Rep Bob Moir. The Lake Placid Parade was held in August this year and had many CVR members in attendance. Paul Kudra, aided by Pam, Roger

Butler, Tom Bobbitt, and others, runs the Autocross. Gary and Deanna Plassman and Mike Piera each earn class wins and Mike Piera loses FTD by a whisker. The Challenge wins third in class in the newsletter competition.

At the Annual Banquet, Fred and Judy Sears earn the Enthusiasts of the Year award; Eileen and Joe Wilhem are co-Rookies of the Year; the Bobbitts win Rally. Overall; Joe Kane wins Concours Overall; Steve Sowa is Autocross Overall champ and Tom Couchon wins the Runoffs. CVR's 35th Anniversary year ends with incoming officers Tom Bobbitt as President, Fred Sears and Lisa Musante as VP's, CR Rajaratnam as Secretary, and Hank Voegeli as Treasurer.

On the National scene CVR's Judy Boles is set to become PCA's National President and Prescott Kelly is incoming National P.R. Chairman. In the coming years, Tom Bobbitt will become Zone 11 Rep on the National Staff and then National Treasurer in 1998. Linda Goodman will become a Contributing Editor on the Porsche Panorama staff. PCA Racing will grow to become the second-largest, most active racing club in the country, rivaling the amateur ranks of SCCA.

In 1995, Tom Bobbitt is President; Fred Sear and Lisa Musante are the VPs in charge of Track and Program, respectively. CR Rajaratnam is Secretary and Hank Voegeli is Treasurer. Roger Butler takes on Autocross: Marland Whiteman-Rally and Rick Roll-Tourmeister. Challenge will have three changes of editorship in six months with Jeanette and Marland Whiteman being the lucky winners. In March the 15th annual Tech Tactics was held. Very special keynote speaker from the Porsche factory was promised, but.. it seems the Past National President failed to write to the factory in time to secure the factory speaker. Many were upset but Alan Caldwell did an excellent job of making a highly technical subject very understandable and interesting. The subject was the Clean Air Act and gasoline. Also CVR's own Jim Newton helped to lighten the mood with using audience volunteers to humorously act out the racer's motto, "to finish first, you have to first finish".

In April a new program was added to DE in response to members apprehension in participating in driver education. It is called "Taste of the Track". For a fee of \$25, a student will ride with an experienced driver in the instructor's car during one of the notice group runs. Students learn driving terms and techniques including the driving line, braking, turning at speed, turn in, apex and track out. In May the third annual CVR "Racing into Spring" was held. This year's event held some drama for the Region. Mid-Ohio Region (with PCA racing organization's blessing) received CVR's already assigned date of May 5-6 for a PCA Race. Mid-Ohio is a wonderful track and many CVR traditional supporters wanted to run it. CVR asked Lime Rock to change the date and Mike Rand (track GM) helped CVR out. Little did CVR know that the new date was the same as Zone 1 Concours and Swap Meet, The Chesapeake Challenge in Zone 2, and worst of all Brian Redman decided to add a race for PCA-only licensed drivers and cars. This pulled 50+ cars to his private race at Summit Point. In the end, through lower entrance fees and hard marketing the "Racing into Spring" attracted 100 cars. In August, CVR, Metro New York and Northern New Jersey host the 34th Annual Porscherama held at Lime Rock. Autocross held its Championship Run-off in October at Lime Rock with Paul Kudra, Adam

Valeda Serra and Roger Bulter taking first, second and third place respectively. CVR decides to have a fundraiser for the Sharon Hospital Capital Fund. It is the regional hospital near Lime Rock and the Fund was used to expand the hospital's facilities. Money was raised by program chairs designating one of their events during the year as a fund raising event for the hospital. Thanks to their efforts (autocross, driver's ed , rally, club race and tours) and the participant's generosity CVR donated \$4,000 to the hospital. The following were honored at the annual November banquet: Craig Stout-Concours Overall, Tom & Tony Scelfo-Rally Overall; Roger Bulter-Autocross Overall; Paul Kudra-Autocross Runoff; Don Vidoli-Rookie of the Year; and Jeanette & Marland Whiteman-Enthusiasts of the Year.

In 1996, Fred Sears is President; Lisa Musante and Tom Soriano are the VPs in charge of Track and Program, respectively. Jim Adelman is Secretary and Hank Voegeli is Treasurer. Roger Butler -Autocross; Rick Roll-Tourmeister and Eric Grossmab -Rally.. Jeanette and Marland Whiteman -Challenge Editors. Even in the winter CVR members are on the go with the 7th Annual Ski Trip to Haystack Mountain in Wilmington, VT. March brings Tech Tactics and a speaker from the Porsche factory. Heinz Dorsch, who is manager of engine development at Weissach and worked on engine development since 1969. A new record for our region as of March 31, 1996 membership tops 1100. Driver's Ed in April had a three hour delay due to weather. Just about the time tech inspection opened it started to snow. It snowed for almost 4 hours and at times it was so heavy the local landscape disappeared. The Club Race turnout was so large it was necessary to have five race groups. May's Rally had a "slight" problem when they lost an entire section of highway. Route 17A in Portland disappeared underwater from the spring flooding. They were able to find an alternative path which ended up changing the route length by only a "few hundredths of a mile". The CVR Board started discussing the need for a website. It was decided that a survey is needed to see if the membership would be interested in such a club feature. By July there were only two responses to the website survey. At October's Monthly Meeting, the room became "absolutely silent when the evenings focus turned to the long awaited Boxster". The following were honored at the annual November banquet: Lynn & Jack Miner -Enthusiasts of the Year; Jean-Louis Picouet -Rookie of the Year; Paul Kudra - Autocross Overall; Cory Bogman -Most Improved Autocrosser; Craig Stout -Concours; Ramon Gonzalex & Greg Viscomi -Rally Overall.

In 1997, Fred Sears is President; Lisa Musante and Tom Soriano are the VPs in charge of Track and Program, respectively. Dave Curtin is Secretary and Hank Voegeli is Treasurer. Cory Bogman and Scott Howe -Autocross, Dick Borio-Tourmeister and Sam Gen -Rally. Jeanette and Marland Whiteman -Challenge Editors. CVR member and Track Instructor Jim Scott completes the final of 5 endurance races to win the Rolex Endurance Championship by 2 points. In January, Porsche debuts the "Boxster" at the LA and Detroit Auto Show. At the February Monthly Meeting, Brand new CVR member Al Floyd brought his six day

old Boxster out in the snow to let a bunch of strangers sit in his car and examine it up on the lift. Wait time for a Boxster order is 15 months. March Tech Tactics managed to score another Porsche factory speaker Professor Helmut Flegl, Director of Advanced Engineering for Porsche AG. In April, CVR President Fred Sears moves to Pennsylvania and resigns as president. Former CVR President Eric Grossman will fill out the remainder of Fred's term. At the June Board meeting there is renewed interest in establishing, maintaining a website and a call for volunteers. By August, CVR membership has grown to 1,253.

In 1998, Lisa Musante is President; Hank Voegeli and Marland Whiteman are the VPs in charge of Track and Program, respectively. Dick Strahota is Secretary and Joe Wilhem is Treasurer. Gary Gudinkas and Walt Hyjek -Autocross, Dick Borio -Tourmeister, Jerry Charlup -Webmeister and Noreen & John Howard -Challenge Editors. In February, it is announced that the Board has approved implementation of a CVR website, Jerry Charlup is the new Webmeister. In March, the 9th Annual Ski Trip was held at Haystack Mountain in Vermont. In June, fifty years ago on June 3, 1948 the first Porsche was completed in the tiny village of Gmund, Austria. In July, CVR membership stands at 1,357. In August, Porsche brought 24 cars from its Factory Museum to Laguna Seca for the Monterey Historic Automobile Races. Hurley Haywood starting in the 19th spot, took his 1971 914-6GT to within 15 car lengths of the leader Jurgen Barth by the last lap and sailed by him coming out of the last turn and took the win. In October, a tour of 23 cars made their way to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. Some members ventured out for a ride in a D-25 biplane, cruising speed 70 to 80 mph! An Autocross Run-Off was held at Lime Rock using Skip Barber school cars, instead of the typical Dodge Neons, we were able to secure 3 of their Dodge Formula cars. Skip Barber instructor Brett Roubinek was there to support the event. Class winners were Mike Piera, Kurt Gibble, Mark DaVia, Marland Whiteman, George Comenale, Rich Bello, Paul Kudra and Pam Kudra. In November, the Track Committee held a meeting, some of the highlights; drivers without their own numbers will get stuck on numbers based on the finding that old shoe-polish numbers weren't visible enough, fees for non-instructor drivers increase from \$5 to \$85 and for instructor drivers from \$5 to \$45 per day at Lime Rock. The following were honored at the annual November banquet: Dick Strahota -Enthusiast of the Year; Jerry Charlup, Karen & Dave Wright -Rookie of the Year; Mike Piera -Autocross Overall; George Comenale -Most Improved Autocrosser; Jim & Arlene Hoffman -Concours; Bill Shaw -Driver's Ed Most Improved; Lynn Whelchel -DE Instructor of the Year; Arnie Friedlander -Rally Overall. In December, the second version of the CVR website made its debut with the tremendous assistance of member David Cundy. CVR Membership is at 1,483. CVR is the fourth largest and third fastest growing PCA Region.

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Stamford. It was a picnic type affair that whole families enjoyed, with carnival games, a magician, and fast Action Race Car Challenge, every child had a smile on their face when the carnival booth barker yelled "Everyone wins a prize"! There was a "Peoples Choice" Concours with 77 cars, awards included a bottle of 40th Anniversary Commemorative wine. The event was attended by 260 members and their families. In October, the Fall Tour went to Nonantum Resort in Kennebunkport, ME. The group was made up of 35 cars (couples). The lunch stop on the tour was overlooking the Atlantic Ocean at the Nubble Light Dining Room. In November, The Annual Awards and Slidefest was held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Waterbury. The following were honored at the annual November banquet: Richard Bayer -Rookie of the Year; Paul Kudra -Autocross Overall.