



On My Mind: Burnell Curtis, President

It is hard to believe that 2005 has come and gone and that 2006 is here. It was a very good year for the Lone Star Region Porsche Club and one of the main reasons is the dedicated people that spend their time to organize, plan, and execute the events that the Lone Star Region puts on. When you see an officer or chairman, be sure to thank him or her for their time and effort that they put into the club. On a good note, almost all of the officers of the club are back for 2006. Some of the titles have changed, but by and large the same group will help guide the club. We are fortunate to have several new officers, and we plan to use them extensively.

Because the club has done so well in the past several years, I see no reason to change much at all. One of the big problems that I personally have is that I am following Bruce as president. Bruce was an English major and I was not, so bear with me as I struggle to write these articles.

There is one area that I would like to put more emphasis on in 2006. I would like to get more of our members involved. At present about 50 LSR members engage in the Drivers Education events, about 35 in the concours event, about 12 in the driving events, and about 50 in the autocross events. The net result is that less than 150 of our members are involved with the activities of the club. This is less than 20% of our 755 members. I do know how busy everyone is these days. I know that family comes first and it should. The soccer games, recitals, little league, school plays, and work all come before LSR events. I know that many of you simply want to get the *Panorama* and the *PorscheNaut* and that is it. Well, we are glad to have you, but we want to try and get you involved because the people in the Porsche club are a great bunch of people. As a couple of examples, the club had an evening at the horseracing

track for dinner and the races. There was no cost to the members, but yet only about twelve members came. We had a great time but would have had a better time if more had showed up. On the drive we had recently to the Stingaree restaurant on the Bolivar peninsular, only ten cars came. Again, we had a good time as you can see in the picture where Jim Heimer, myself, and Mel Rainer are showing off our new LSR shirts.

One of the problems is that the club needs a quick way to communicate with the members. Our current way is to use email. William Wong, who is our membership officer, (he calls himself the spam-master) has about 75% of the email addresses of our members. The rest are no longer good or were never entered into the national database that the Porsche club maintains.

William is suspicious that many of you have spam blockers on your email system and that you never see the Lone Star Region emails. Please contact William and let him know how we can get through to you. The Lone Star Region uses your email address ONLY for club announcements and only as bcc. Your email address is protected so do not fear giving it to us.

If you have not received an email from William recently, please email him:
William.h.wong@gmail.com

Lastly, but most important, we need ideas on what type of event members would like to attend. If you have some idea, then email or phone any officer and tell them.

That's all for now, see you at an event.
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