



On My Mind: Burnell Curtis, President

The club races were held in March and they were great. The weather cooperated with no rain, so the pace was fast. A Drivers Education event was held in conjunction with the club race and it went well also. The DE was for solo drivers as many of those that are instructors are either racing or working the races. I was a driver of the pace car with Bruce Gunther, past president. The pace car drivers have a good job because we are always in front and no one passes us. It is fun to look in the rear view mirror and see all of the racers lined up ready to go. However, we had a bit more excitement than usual this time. A cup car lost its rear wing. The wing was on the track so a double yellow was called so the workers could get the wing off the track. On a double yellow, the pace car is called out and the pack lines up behind to restart the race. It is usual practice for the pace car to be called out on the track ahead of the lead car so the racers will be in order when the race is restarted. Only problem was, the lead car was close behind a car that it had lapped. So, when the pace car was called out it had to squeeze in between the two cars. The race steward (boss of all that goes on during the race) called us by radio to tell us to get into position. He then called us to go. Shortly thereafter, he came back on and in an excited voice, said to go, go, go, in a hurry. There is nothing like looking in your rear view mirror and seeing a cup car going 175 miles per hour closing in on you FAST. Good thing is, not only are cup cars fast but they can stop fast. He had no problem slowing down and getting behind us but we did not know that at the time.

The Lone Star Region also had its first concours of the year. Sylvia Lanz, the concours chairwoman, and her team did their usual great job of organizing the event. The weather also cooperated. There was an added feature this time. An \$80 detail kit from Griot's Garage was offered to all who registered

early. It is a great kit. Sylvia also had a great number of raffle items. One was a buffer from Griot's Garage. Purchase of raffle tickets went hot and heavy because of this item alone. Concours people like high quality buffers. A large number of door prizes were given away also. As is almost always the practice at Lone Star Region event, we met at a restaurant for the awards so we could eat and socialize.

Dave Abmayr, vice president, Lea Safley, PorscheNaut editor, and I attended a Zone 5 meeting held in Dallas called by Caren Cooper, the zone 5 representative. The purpose is to tell us what is going on at the national level and to also get the various region officers together to share their successes and problems with each other. There is a buzz of activity going on at the national level. They are finally getting the national database working and this is good news for all of us so we can more accurately communicate with you. National is also planning podcasts and they are planning more raffles for new cars. If you did not win last time, maybe next time.

I have no technical stuff this time. My car ran great to Dallas and I plan to drive it to South Padre Island soon.

We have Drivers Education events coming up as well as Formula 1 socials. Check our calendar on the web site and attend.

See you at an event.

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