



at some of our venues and found that a cross marques event was a lot of fun for all involved.

We have been to almost all points of the compass around Houston, from small town street venues, large strip mall events, small Texas wineries, and from Kemah, to Katy, to the Woodlands, to Spring, to Santa Fe, to Richmond and even quaffing bubbly at the Polo

Well I have been part of the Concourse committee since the fall of 1998 and therefore have seen a lot of changes. Most notably has been the wonderful growth of the participation at the events. I remember when I first started essentially the committee and a few diehards would show up at the venue, usually about 12 cars, and look at each others cars and chat.

Then in late 1999 /2000 we slowly were managing to gain better numbers, 15 or so and judging and awards were now a staple of the events! About this time two wonderful people entered the picture with a brace of beautiful 914's, namely Sylvia and Mitch. Somehow we were able to convince dear Sylvia to not only join the committee but to also take over as our chairperson to replace the outgoing George Sergeant. Sylvia was full of enthusiasm and ideas and the whole LSR concours event began to evolve.

In early 2000 we received a much needed shot in the arm with the opening of the Uptown Park complex in the Galleria. They were trying to get on the map and so we approached them with the idea of holding a concours on their property. Well, over 110 cars showed up and parked and an additional 25 or so snuck into the center. It was quite the event and really allowed people to see that concours is fun and nothing like finals week that the perception seems to be! As we looked for ever different venues, the areas that allow for interaction with the public and provide diversionary activities for our long suffering partners seem to be most appealing, and gives an outlet for them from the smell of Carnauba! We were able to encourage the joint participation of the Ferrari Club

grounds. At all venues the public are friendly, the locations embracing and the participants a pleasure. Most recently we played the "President" card to get some more volunteer participation from the rank and file for the concours committee and they have stepped up tremendously.

Sylvia has been the true driving spirit with Jim and I in support, to continue to be able to put on the kind of events such as the recent Woodlands Concourse on November 4th. 45 cars is a great achievement and for those of you who remember the days of 8-10 of which 6 were the committee, you can share the satisfaction that not only do we have great participation but we have an official event sponsor "Victory Motorcars" and are able to give away great door prizes thanks to the generosity of the club and vendors like Griot's Garage.

We have a great club and that is because the membership is made up of such wonderful folk. With this being the season of "thanksgiving" it gives me pause to reflect on the wonderful group of people that make up the club and warms my heart after 9 years of concours events to see the growth in "our" club and the smiling faces of fellow enthusiasts.

Porsche People.....There is no Substitute!

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