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On My Mind: Lynn Friedman, President

The 2010 LSR PCA Club Race is now in the books, but not the memories of some fine Porsche racing. I especially enjoyed rooting for local racers from our area. For me, it is exciting to watch drivers who started in our Driver Education program and who are now are actively racing. Congratulations to all of you. You are an inspiration.

Support your local racers, whoever and wherever they may be....

As we approached the speedway, we prepared to shell out some bucks for the parking. To our surprise, the parking was free. We drove on to the freshly mowed field and parked next to all of the other pickup trucks. We bought our \$8.00 admission tickets, and entered what many know as "hallowed ground."

Where is this world we have just entered? Sebring? Daytona? Watkins Glens?

Nope. It's Hickory Motor Speedway, "Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars," located in Newton, North Carolina. Hickory Motor Speedway (aka HMS) has been credited as the longest continually operated motor speedway in the country. Also known as "The World's Most Famous Short-Track," - full .363 miles with one flag station. It gives new meaning to "Git out thar, turn left, just keep turning left, and drive really really fast." Hickory Motor Speedway stands alone with a long list of history and tradition. It was home to drivers Ned and Dale Jarrett, Bobby Isaac, and Ralph Earnhardt (Father of Dale, grandfather of Dale Jr. and Kerry.)

We found a place to sit up on the old aluminum stands, unreserved seating with plenty of space. (We forgot to bring our lawn furniture) There is an easy view down to the paddock full of a myriad of trailers, from the big commercial rigs to converted stock trailers hitched up to old trucks.

The festivities began at 7 p.m. with an invocation by the local minister, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem. It reminded me of earlier and simpler times when *every* sports event began that way, something I miss today.

On the schedule for the evening is the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series with appearances by the Bojangles Late Models, the Advance Auto Parts Limiteds, the Hickory Street Stocks, the Hickory 4-Cylinders, and the Everything Attachments Super Trucks (Everything Attachments are purveyors of everything from tractor attachments to post hole diggers to radio controlled flail slope mowers that price out at \$51,000...but that's another story)

From the locals to the big guys, each race had its own character and was exciting. Races were 25 to 35 laps long. Fans of all ages enjoyed the cool night watching the races. And as the winners in each race drove out on the track for their awards, there was no bubbly champagne or beautiful models presenting the trophies. Instead most winners celebrated their victories in front of the grandstands surrounded by the hugs and attention of their families, friends and crew (which most of the time *was* their family and friends.)

What made this evening so much fun and special, even with no Porsche in sight, was that it was full of heart. Local racers with no sponsorship next to those with major company logos plastered all over the cars, all on the same track.... all sharing a devotion for motor sport racing. From the Ladies Auxiliary selling souvenirs and raffle tickets to hardcore fans analyzing the points standings even the kids running amuck with their checkered flags waving – this was hometown entertainment at its best. Something we don't always see in the "big city."



The passion of motor sports comes in all shapes and sizes. So grab your blanket, bucket of fried chicken, cooler full of soda water and support your local racers and speedways, whoever and wherever they may be. You will have more good old-fashioned fun that you can shake a torque wrench at.

Safe journey wherever the roads take you, Lynn

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- 1-2 LSR DE at TWS
- 5 Board Meeting
- 8 PCar GTG (S) 8:30 am at Paradise Coffee in Clear Lake City
- 14-16 Spring Tour to Western Louisiana (see link for details and to RSVP)
- 15 Practice Autocross at Houston Police Academy
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- Wings and Wheels at the 1940's Air Terminal, Hobby Airport
- 15 Car GTG (NW) 9 am at Starbucks at 290 and Spring/Cypress
- 21 Porschenistas Ladies Networking
- 22 PCar GTG (N) 8:30 am Starbucks in MarketStreet by the Woodlands Mall
- 23 BMW Autocross at Houston Police Academy

June 2010

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- 15 Registration Closes for Porsche Parade 2010
- 18 Porschenistas Ladies Networking
- 19 Car GTG (NW) 9 am at Starbucks at 290 and Spring/Cypress
- 19-20 Alabama Reg. Summer DE event at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham
- PCar GTG (N) 8:30 am Starbucks in MarketStreet by the Woodlands Mall
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Lone Star Region PCA Driving Tour of Southwestern Louisiana March 14, 16, 2010

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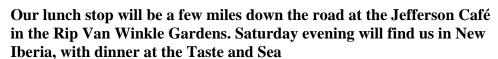
and a chance to see the other side of the Sabine River...

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We will drive from Houston Friday evening May 14th to have dinner in Beaumont's Spindletop Steakhouse and spend the night at the MCM Elegante Hotel, our jumping off point for a fantastic weekend.

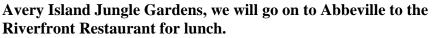
Saturday's drive goes to Port Arthur and across the Sabine Lake Causeway Bridge intoLouisiana, onto the Cameron-Holly Beach ferry, and then along beautiful beaches and marshes to the RockefellerState Wildlife Refuge.



Restaurant and lodging at the new Holiday Inn Express.

After breakfast on Sunday, we will make the short drive to Avery Island, home of Tabasco

sauce, for a tour of the Tabasco plant. Following a drive through the



The tour will conclude on the Jean Lafitte Scenic Byway to Lake Charles and I-10 for our return to Houston.

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To join the tour, RSVP to Ron Baklarz at yu4ch6un@sbcglobal.net, then book your hotel reservations (see above phone numbers).





It's NOT Louisiana!

Looking for something to do over the holidays? How about making plans to attend the annual <u>Porsche Parade</u> in 2010 being held at the <u>Pheasant Run Resort</u> from July 3 - 8. The host is the Milwaukee Region, and the Pheasant Run Resort is in St. Charles, Illinois, which is 40 miles west of the Windy City (that would be Chicago).

The Porsche Parade is an annual gathering of PCA members from across the US and from several foreign countries. Last year the Parade in Keystone, Colorado, attracted nearly 2,000 attendees, who drove 650 Porsches from as far away as Alaska. St Charles is approximately 1,000 miles away – a comfortable two day drive through East Texas, Arkansas, along the Missouri-Tennessee border, and across Illinois.

For 2010, we would like to organize a group from the Lone Star Region to take part in the Parade. You can participate in the Concours, Rally, Autocross, Tech Quiz, or one of the many other events, including the driving tours that will take place. You could volunteer to assist with some of these events. Or you can just be there for the activities and banquets, visit with representatives from Porsche, tire manufacturers, and other vendors of Porsche parts in the display area, or just stay a few days and take this opportunity to do some touring of your own before heading home.

On-line Registration will open on March 9th, 2010, and preliminary information is available at http://parade2010.pca.org/. You will get an e-mail notice from PCA, and there will be announcements in the Panorama as March approaches.

If you think you might be interested, drop a note to the webmaster at (lsrweb@earthlink.net), and he will make sure you get an update on the Region's plans.

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From the Fast Lane

Lea Safley—PorscheNaut editor

For those who noticed that you did not receive your favorite Porsche literary work of art, OK maybe your second favorite, I want to offer my apologies. The April issue was left unfinished on my hard drive as I was called away due to the passing of my father in law. It was during my 22 hour round trip drive that it became obvious to me that I can certainly use the help of a couple of hard working and dedicated members to join me in my quest to publish an enjoyable and informative Lone Star Region newsletter. My current work and family schedule permits limited free time and wearing the hats of newsletter editor, bill collector and ad salesman is becoming a difficult task. The lack of an April issue is a prime example of the need for assistance.

If you are interested in working on the *PorscheNaut* newsletter, please email me at nauteditor@aol.com. Experience is not required but if you are already proficient in any of the aspects of newsletter publishing, you're welcome too!

As I was updating the event calendar found on page 5, it is obvious that events for every Porsche enthusiast are being offered through out the upcoming months. DE's, Autocross events, driving tours and social events are scheduled for all to enjoy. If you've never attended an event, be sure to read the article by Zachary Prell on page 16 who made the trip from Houston to College Station for the 2010 Club Race Meet-Eat-Drive event. Fun was had by all despite the less than perfect weather.

In closing, if you paused, even for a moment, to consider using your talents or to acquire new talents working on the newsletter I am waiting to hear from you!!!!

Happy motoring! Lea



What a view! The decision of which deserves your undivided attention, the Carrera or the Houston skyline can be perplexing! My choice, the Carrera wins *EVERYTIME*!

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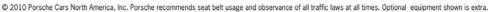
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February Board Minutes

Cynthia Crawford- Secretary

LSR PCA Board of Directors

Date: February 3, 2010

Place: Houstonian Fitness Center

Time: 6:30PM

Present:

Lynn Friedman, President John Smaardyk, Vice President Cynthia Crawford, Secretary William Wong, Membership Burnell Curtis, Past President Matt Kucharski, AutoX Chair Greg Stewart, DE Chair Greg Platt, Store Chair Lea Safley, PorscheNaut Editor Jim Heimer, Webmaster

Tim Westby, Treasurer (by proxy) Ken Tubman, Member at Large (by proxy) Richard Jackson, DE Registrar (by proxy)

Ron Baklarz Larry Friedman Anne Retzler

Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a discussion regarding scheduling a date for the Horses & Porsches event at Sam Houston Race Park. It was agreed to look into the possibility of holding an event in July or August.

Greg Stewart reported that the February DE was full. He reminded everyone that all non-driver participants should be identified in advance in order to be admitted into TWS. A meeting will be held during lunch on Saturday at the DE to discuss preparations for the March Club Race and DE.

Jim Heimer reported that the website was in good shape but that he was continually working on ways to improve it.

William Wong reported that Club membership had increased to 1033 members. William suggested that the Club work towards developing future Club leaders.

Matt Kucharski reported that he was working on selecting and purchasing the best package of Auto-Cross timing equipment and software. He is planning a practice session in March to test the new equipment. Matt encouraged experienced DE participants to become instructors for the Performance Driving School.

Ron Baklarz presented a proposed itinerary for the Louisiana Tour. The tour leaves Houston and travels to Beaumont on Friday evening. Saturday morning the group travels via the coastal route to New Iberia, LA where there are numerous interesting historical sites to visit. The return trip begins with a tour of Avery Island, then proceeds through Abbeville to Lake Charles via the Jean Lafitte Scenic Byway and back to Houston. The proposed dates for the tour are May 14 - May 16. Ron will finalize plans and report back to the Board.

Cynthia Crawford and Lynn Friedman attended Magnificat House's invitation to the LSR Board for dinner in January. They were served a homemade dinner and listened to "testimonial" presentations from several residents of Magnificat House. A tour was given of the homes in the Magnificat House community. Sister Sara Thompson and Grant Kennedy thanked LSR for its support in the past and looked forward to seeing how we can work together in the future.

Old Business:

Burnell Curtis led a discussion regarding the Club's financial condition. The Club's income is generated primarily by its DE events. Other Club activities either break even or are subsidized by revenue received from DE's. There was agreement by the Board that the Club needed to maintain a minimum reserve equivalent to one year of expenses so that it could continue to operate in the event that it was not able to hold Driver's Education events for an extended period of time.

The Board discussed areas where there may be opportunities to reduce expenses. Lea Safley discussed the mechanics and costs of publishing the Porsche-Naut, and how the size of the magazine, use of color, and type size all affected costs. There was agreement that the PorscheNaut was a valuable benefit the Club provided to the members, and that a reduction in the size or quality of the PorscheNaut was not warranted. Lea will research whether he can obtain cost savings by requesting bids from several printers. In addition, he is working on obtaining additional advertisers.

There was discussion about improving our Performance Driving School/AutoCross events which could lead to improved revenue generated by those events. This may involve holding two large events per year with more activities, instructors and volunteers participating to make those events successful. Matt will prepare a proposal for consideration.

The Board held a discussion regarding the manner in which the Club would participate in charitable giving. Upon a review of prior Board minutes, it was determined that the Club had not made an ongoing commitment to one specific charity. The Board will

entertain proposals from members interested in holding charity fundraising events.

New Business:

Anne Retzler presented a proposal for holding a charity fundraising event at Westside Tennis & Fitness Club. Westside Tennis has generously offered its facilities to LSR at no cost so that all funds raised could be donated to charity. The charity selected by Anne to be the recipient of the event is Magnificat House. The event will be held on Sunday, April 18 and include full use of the Club's tennis, swimming, and fitness facilities, as well as its youth zone, and would include lunch provided by Westside Tennis. Admission is \$75 for adults, \$15 for children. Greg Platt moved to accept the proposal and to subsidize advertising and promotion of the event to the membership. Jim Heimer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Anne will continue to work with Westside Tennis regarding details of the event.

Greg Stewart moved to adjourn. Greg Platt seconded, all agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.





Cynthia Crawford- Secretary

LSR PCA Board of Directors

Date: March 3, 2010

Place: Houstonian Fitness Center

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Lynn Friedman, President John Smaardyk, Vice President Cynthia Crawford, Secretary William Wong, Membership Ken Tubman, Member at Large Burnell Curtis, Past President Sylvia Lanz, Concours Chair Joost Perquin, PDS Greg Stewart, DE Chair Greg Platt, Store Chair Jim Heimer, Webmaster

Ron Baklarz Mark Crawford Rodger Gay Anne Retzler

Larry Friedman

Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a discussion about encouraging members to attend the Porsches and Pirogues dinner cruise on March 13, 2010. Lynn mentioned that the 2010 Region Procedures Manual is available on the PCA website for the Board's edifica-

Sylvia Lanz led a discussion regarding holding either a Show and Shine or full Concours in conjunction with the charity fundraiser at Westside Tennis & Fitness Club on April 18, 2010. After discussion, it was agreed to hold a Concours. Sylvia will begin planning the event.

Joost Perquin reported that he has a conflict on May 16 and is working on re-scheduling the PDS scheduled for that date to April 24, 2010 at the Houston Police Academy. Matt Kurcharski (not present) reported that he has purchased the AutoCross timing equipment and software previously approved for purchase by the Board.

Anne Retzler reported that plans are in place for the Westside Tennis & Fitness Club fundraiser to benefit Magnificat House on April 18, 2010. There was discussion about inviting the BMW, Ferrari and other car clubs to participate.

Ron Baklarz reported that he was working on details for the Driving Tour of Southwestern Louisiana to be held May 14 - 16, 2010. Ron and Anne made a trial run to

check the route and road conditions, and visited hotels and restaurants to choose the most desirable for the trip.

William Wong reported that membership currently stands at 1029.

Greg Stewart reported that the solo-only DE to be held in conjunction with the Club Race was filling up. The Board expressed their appreciation to Rodger Gay and Porsche of North Houston for sponsoring the event.

Greg Platt reported on sales from the LSR goodie store. The Texas flag shirts are popular and he is ordering more.

Jim Heimer discussed plans for the Drive, Display and Dine to be held on March 20, 2010 at Texas World Speedway in conjunction with the Club Race and DE. The event will include a group drive to TWS that morning, display of cars, lunch at the track, parade laps, tour of the facilities, watching the races, and dinner in Brenham on the return back to Houston. He moved that a budget of \$250 be approved for a room at the restaurant and light appetizers for the group. Greg Platt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Jim also mentioned that registration opens on March 9, 2010 for the Porsche Parade at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. He will coordinate with those LSR members who would like to participate in the Parade this year.

Lea Safley (not present) reported that Texas World Speedway had become an advertiser in the PorscheNaut and that Manor House was going to continue with their advertisements as well.

Old business:

There was no old business.

New business:

There was no new business.

Burnell Curtis moved to adjourn. Joost Perguin seconded, all agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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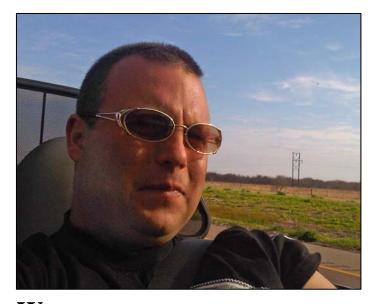
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The day was forecast as being an 80% chance of rain, with that in mind I thought that I may not make the ride up to the TWS to see the races but the least I could do is to go meet up with some members & introduce myself to become acquainted with people that share a similar passion for their Porsches as I do, thus qualifying me for "show" status. We met at the Porsche of North Houston dealership just as the rain was starting to set in a little.



A short briefing was held with safety being the emphasis. Porsche of North Houston is one of twenty five Porsche Premier Dealers in the nation, the only Premier Dealer in Houston. The general manager, Jack McCall, was a great

A Day at the Races

By Zachary Prell

host & sponsor to our club event. Not only allowing us to make use of the dealership's facilities to meet, drink a cup of coffee, talk & view some really beautiful Porsches, but also shared with us details of an upcoming opportunity to join in on the Ozark Tour. To top that off someone had the movie Le Mans with Steve McQueen playing right before we were to hit the road. After watching a few moments of Le Mans, I realized that I was not just going to "show" at the North Houston Porsche dealership but was also going to "place" in the trip up to the TWS despite the poor weather that was awaiting us all on the trip.



There were fifteen cars total by my count that left our start point & headed on a journey together that is beyond words. For that morning the fifteen cars that followed one another in a procession through the rain was definitely a sight to be seen. It was clear to see that several other motorist on the road were admiring what we as a club were enjoying doing together, sharing in what is a passion to us, but what may only be a dream to others.

Jim Heimer had an excellent trip mapped out, with some really scenic roads to ride through with numerous wonderful curves to allow us to get a richer appreciation for the fine automobiles we share. The roads he took us through were so beautiful I could only ask myself "when will I be able to drive these roads when the rain is not occurring so as to maximize the pleasure of this route by having my top down?" We were all enjoying the winding roads that curved with such beautiful scenery that Jim

took us a little further past one of our turns, to some it may have appeared as though he made a mistake...I believe he was showing us there was more road ahead in the direction we were going to enjoy an even further ride with exciting tight curves for another day of personal driving when the weather was better and we were not driving as a club to a particular destination on a schedule. It would be wonderful for the old fashioned "Sunday Drive". By turning around it also provided us the opportunity to see the other beautiful vehicles drive along side of us as we performed our U-turn, a view we may not have been afforded due to the vehicles either being in front of us or behind us.

Soon we were on Highway 6 coming out at Navasota. Yes, we all observed the speed limit. Some of us may have observed it a little faster than others but safety was never abandoned. While we observed the speed limit, there was still other motorist on the road observing us living what is a dream to most other people, but a passion to us. Not much time passed before we were taking our right turn into the TWS.

Upon entry to the track facilities we signed a release & waiver of liability form to gain access to the track facilities; I obtained a blank copy to modify for my own use so in the future I may have all future passengers sign one before gaining access to ride with me in Grace. A little confession of sorts, Grace is the name of my Porsche 911, Carrera, Cabriolet. I have no wife or children, so my car is the important relationship in my life. As to what year she is, we all know it is not polite to ask a lady's age.



After heading into the track I was amazed to see there were so many other people that shared a passion for these magnificently engineered vehicles despite the cold front that had blown in with temperatures dropping near 20 degrees from the start of the day. The rain only made me wonder how many other fine vehicles may have attended

permitting the weather was better.

We were provided the magnificent opportunity to drive the track for three laps in what were called "parade laps". This was great because it afforded us all an opportunity to get a little feel for the track that some have raced on & others may race on in the future. We were provided a map showing the various curves on the track. Turn 10 is worth the experience in & of itself. Nothing can be written here in words to describe it other than don't pass up the opportunity to take part in this, even if it is a "parade"



lap."

Aside from our club showing up there & participating in the parade laps there were several cars actually racing on the controlled track, despite the wet, cold weather conditions we were all enduring for the day. The cars there were sights to be seen. It was great to know that as much enthusiasm & pride we as a club take in our vehicles there are other owners that are ahead of us in their enthusiastic activity with their Porsche automobiles. Now I know there is a way to further experience what for me I will admit is my addiction.

Lynn Friedman was so kind as to ensure the club was allowed access to the control tower to view the races from up above the stands so as to provide a magnificent view of the track & listen in on the calls being made on the vehicles involved in the races. Every event that occurs on the track with all vehicles is documented. We were all provided with a tour of the TWS track facilities, & informed of upcoming events such as the Performance Driving School, as well as the High Speed Drivers Education courses. There was a dinner held at Volare's in Brenham, but Grace & I had miles to put in so I didn't make the dinner which I am sure was wonderful.

This was my first time to attend one of the LSR PCA events. There were many sincere, nice people that share a common passionate interest in our magnificent vehicles.





I look forward to seeing our club members again in the near future. As a birthday present for myself I have signed up with eager enthusiasm for the Performance Driving School on April 24th to learn more about the proper handling & maximum limitations of my vehicle from an instructor that will be able to show me more about "Grace", a vehicle I have accepted as being a part of my life to the extent of being my addiction.

Everyone that participated on Saturday March 20th got to "win" by having a great time, got to "place" by being involved in the procession up to the TWS and "show" by not letting a little poor weather keep us from entertaining ourselves on a Saturday by driving fine automobiles we are so passionate about.

"Hi my name is "Zac", & I am addicted to driving my Porsche". It is nice to have a "support group" that understands that & I am proud to be an active member of the LSR PCA.

And In Conclusion

As Zac mentioned, about 4 pm 10 stalwart cars and 18 people left the warmth of the control tower for the 50-mile scenic drive to Brenham for dinner. While still cold, the roads were dry and tempting. The group managed to stay together until we reached Volare's for a great Italian meal before we dispersed to our homes.

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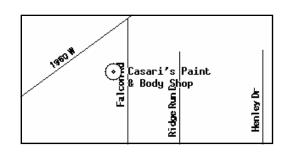
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Tim Westby - Treasurer

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Money Market:

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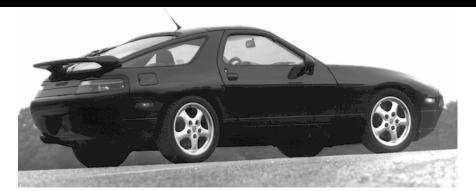
2/28/10 closing balance: 27,178.84*

Revenues (excluding interest) totaled \$47,602.00 and consisted of \$25,014.93 for DE; \$16,676.62 for CR; \$920.00 PorscheNaut ad sales; \$3682.00 PCA National dues rebate; and \$1,308.45 Social.

Expenses totaled \$48,140.35 and consisted of: \$33,302.13 DE (\$3,485.00 corner work, \$13.43 miscellaneous expenses, \$327.50 concessions, \$204.70 hotel, and \$29,271.50 track); \$401.57 AX; \$5,723.00 CR (\$2,223.00 dinner, \$3,500.00 insurance); and \$8,713.65 newsletter printing and mailout.

*excludes six CDs purchased for \$25k/ea, current value approximately \$163,824.03. Our current checking account balance is 53,732.68. I have outstanding checks totaling 1,293.73. Our effective balance is therefore \$52,438.95.

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The Tow Hook Solution

Jim Heimer, Auto Accessories Reporter

In the February PorscheNaut you may have read the Lone Star President's horrific story of being prosecuted (one could almost say "persecuted") for failing to display a Texas license plate on the front of her Porsche. The expense of assembling a crack legal team, the lengthy trial, the conviction, hefty fine and seemingly interminable period of incarceration (I'm a little hazy on the details of that last item) were frightening to say the least and a lesson to us all.

To recap, "Lynn" (not her real name) was stopped for a minor infraction of the Texas vehicle code (something involving mach number, I believe) and her felonious behavior was further compounded by the absence of a front license plate on her car. Like me (and maybe you), Lynn had taken the entirely reasonable position that displaying a front license plate detracted from the sleek appearance of her Porsche, so she didn't.

Now since I began driving Porches about 10 years ago, I have made a similar choice. I have been stopped three times in Texas (and given three warnings – we are not talking about Wyoming in this article), and on only one occasion did the DPS representative notice that I had no front license plate. I attribute this to his having attempted to laser me on the plate, which is the normal target for lasering a vehicle – gives a nice return signal. Apparently he accepted my explanation that I did not display my plate for "aesthetic reasons" and so I got off with my third warning.

However, "Lynn" is correct in that you are required to display a front plate, so instead of installing bumper plugs in my front bumper on my new Porsche and flaunting the law, I gave directions to Momentum to NOT NOT drill the front bumper and went to the Tow Hook Solution.

I think I got this idea from Lone Star member Vince Muller (but I could be wrong), who directed me to www.gominigo.com. Go Mini Go (not Go Mingo, as I mistakenly associated the site with Flash Gordon – those under the age of 50 will need to google "Flash Gordon and the evil Ming the Merciless" to understand this allusion), specializes in bits and pieces for Minis, Smart Cars (don't ask), and the occasional odd man out, including Lambos, Ferraris, Porsches and as many other models as they can crank out. One of their offerings is a bracket to hold a car club badge (but I digress) and another is the THS, which they call the "The 'NO HOLES' License Plate Bracket."

The Tow Hook Solution (THS) involves removing the plastic cover over the tow hook receptacle just off to the right of center (that's stage right) on the front bumper, and inserting a custom machined stud that screws into the tow

hook receptacle. This stud is machined to accept an easily assembled and very well constructed bracket to hold the license plate.

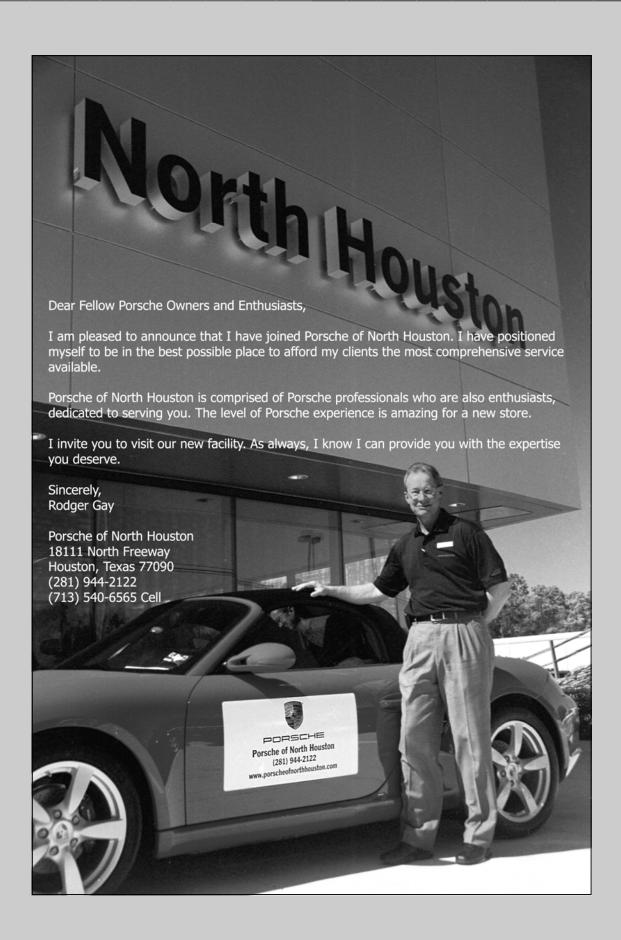


There is even a video on the website with an assembly and installation demonstration, although I chose a different mounting method. Instead of putting the bracket together piece by piece in situ, I put it together as a unit, so that once the tow hook stud had been installed, the assembled bracket and plate can be readily screwed into the socket.



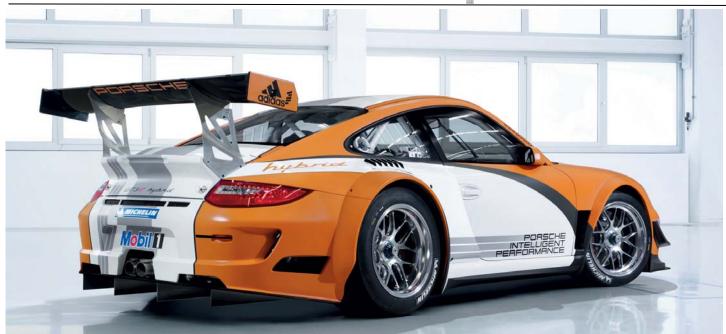
The off-center position should not be a problem and if that bothers you, there is an optional "offset bracket" that will move the plate more to the centerline. Also, if you use a vinyl bra, you will need to have your local shoe repair store punch a small hole in the appropriate location and stitch a border around it. The bracket and plate can be easily removed and reinstalled, as your risk tolerance changes.

You say you already have holes in your bumper. I would tell you about bumper plugs (http://bumperplugs.com/) but I may need to write another article and ideas don't grow on trees.





Porsche Motorsport News



911 GT3 R Hybrid to World Debut in Geneva

Porsche Intelligent Performance to make Race Cars even More Efficient

ATLANTA - February 11, 2010 - 110 years after Ferdinand Porsche developed the world's first hybrid, the Lohner-Porsche, Porsche engineers are now expanding this visionary drive concept with a production-based GT race car: Over the past 45 years, Porsche 911 race cars have recorded more than 20,000 victories and on March 4, a Porsche 911 GT3 featuring an innovative hybrid drive will make its debut at the Geneva Motor Show, opening a new chapter in the history of Porsche.

This innovative hybrid technology has been developed especially for racing, differentiating itself from conventional hybrid systems by way of its configuration and components. In the case of the 911 GT3 R Hybrid, the front axle features two electric motors, each developing 60 kW and supplement the 480 hp, naturally aspirated four-liter flat-six that drives the rear wheels. Instead of the heavy batteries usually found in a hybrid road car, an electrical flywheel power generator is installed inside next to the driver delivering energy to the electric motors.

The flywheel generator is also an electric motor, with its rotor spinning at speeds of up to 40,000 rpm while mechanically storing energy. The flywheel generator is charged whenever the driver applies the brakes, as the two front axle electric motors reverse their role and act as generators. Then, when accelerating out of a bend or

while overtaking, the driver can use the extra energy from the charged flywheel generator, sending up to 120 kW of stored kinetic energy to the motors. This additional power is available after each charge for approximately six to eight seconds.

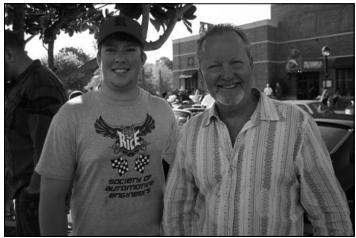
Energy formerly converted into heat upon each brake application, and therefore wasted, is now converted into additional drive power in a very efficient manner.

In addition to increasing available drive power, depending on racing conditions, the hybrid drive can also be called upon to save fuel. By increasing the efficiency and, accordingly, the performance of the 911 GT3 R Hybrid, reductions can be made to the weight of the fuel tank or the car can make less frequent pit stops, for example.

After its debut in Geneva, the 911 GT3 R Hybrid will be tested in long-distance races on the Nürburgring. The highlight of this test program will be the 24 Hours on the Nordschleife of Nürburgring, May 15-16, 2010. The focus is not on the 911 GT3 R Hybrid winning the race, but rather spearheading technology as a "racing lab." The intent is to provide hands-on know-how for the subsequent use of hybrid technology in road-going sports cars.

The 911 GT3 R Hybrid is a perfect example of the Porsche Intelligent Performance philosophy, a principle to be found in every Porsche: More power on less fuel, more efficiency and lower CO2 emissions - on the track and on the road.





UPTOWN PARK Coffee and Car

The Roving Reporter spotted these LSR folks at the April Coffee and Cars at Uptown Park. Although this is not an LSR event, Porsches were well represented among the great variety of cars there.











Membership: Feb / Mar

William Wong - Membership

Lone Star Region welcomes our newest members!

New members as of 03/01/10 for F	ebruary 20	10
Mark A. Bashforth	1972	911 S
Andrew A. & Wendy Bernstein	2010	911
Andrew Brehm	2007	Cayman S
Amy M. & David Burgert	2003	911S
Vincent T. & Elena Dahlenburg	1986	911
Philip Drago	2009	911
Rehman & Hameed Farahshah	2007	911
Gary Faye	2001	911
Jeff Gainsborough	2004 Cay	enne Turbo
Leslie L. & Fran Heugatter	1989	911
Christos Kouloumbris & Karolina Io	annou	
	2008	Boxster S
Engbert-jan Oosterga	2005	911
Mike M. Sanati	1999	911
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Dave L. & Theresa Diulus	2009	911
Craig M. Dorling	1999	Boxster
Wayne M. Dorling	1999	Boxster
Alan F. Howells	2008	911
Jason M. Lebwohl	2008	Boxster RS
Cheng H. & Dinah Lee	2007	Cayman S
Robert Lewis	1995	911
William P. Murphy	1987	911
Alan & Meg O'Donnell	2003	Boxster
Engbert-Jan Oosterga	2005	911
Glenn B. Raney	2006	911
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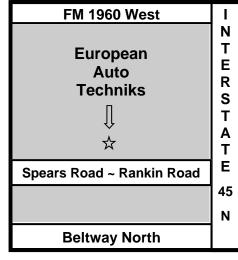
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