

## **CVR Website - History update for 2014 – 2019**

### **2014**

For 2014 most of the Board continues from 2013: Gary Hansen as President, Steve Cloud as Exec VP, Dave Vaccaro as VP Driver's Education, Richard Kretz as Treasurer, and Allen Fossbender as Secretary. The one not-so newcomer is Frank Sena who ascends to the top spot as VP Programs, after helping Mark Richard previously. Over at heavy action central, *Challenge*, Shelley Krohnengold is Editor and Art Director, and John Karam (with 13 assistants) is Photos Editor. John also starts a CVR Photo Club column in *Challenge*. Dan Cooley is Ad Manager. Chip Hall, a past CVR President, vintage racer in a Carrera Speedster and a 904, and an avid Porsche collector, hits 50 years in PCA.

The annual planning meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Southbury lays out a very active year. The first quarter's monthly member meetings are at The Trailer Depot in January, then Carlifts Plus/Ed's Garage Doors in Norwalk, and lastly in March the usual show at Auto Associates of Canton. February sees a Tech Session at Speedsport Tuning in Danbury that features braking systems with Darrick Long from Friction Performance. On March 15<sup>th</sup> CVR holds its annual Driver's Ed Winter Workshop. In April, snow melts, salt flushes, sand gets swept (well, some places) and activities get rolling (pun intended). James Ball's first coffee run goes to Kent Falls, followed by Kensico Dam in May, and then a Zig-Zag through lower Fairfield County in June. The first of Paul and Randy Kudra's eleven AutoCrosses is held at the LAZ Parking Lot in Hartford. The New Member Sampler weekend is in Southbury. A one-day Driver's Ed breaks the ice at Lime Rock on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Advanced runners join the Lime Rock Club Race on April 24-25, while Bob Bradley's Club Race dominates April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Over 130 PCA racers compete, including 44 from CVR. In all, an ambitious schedule of 21 track days at three tracks (Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, and Thompson) are scheduled for 2014. The Capella's Spring Tour, on May 2-4 goes to the Tuning Fork Resort in Oneida, NY. Lon Hultgren's first rally is on June 8<sup>th</sup>, centered on Southbury with a special gimmick leg. Second quarter monthly meetings are at Speedsport Tuning, then Musante Motorsports, and lastly, Dan Jacobs' Hairy Dog Grrrage in Oxford.

The second half of 2014 leads off with the third AutoX, fourth coffee run, but features Jerry Charlup's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual CVR Concours in Norwalk's Cranbury Park celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Speedster. Sixteen 356 Speedsters and five newer ones are displayed. The second special event is a celebration of CVR's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary in conjunction with the Labor Day race weekend Vintage Fall Festival at Lime Rock Park, where Stirling Moss and Skip Barber are guest speakers. The second half's monthly meetings are at Fairfield Porsche in July (street and racing fuels), then at Porsche of Wallingford in August (Brian Cunningham of the Porsche Sport Driving School at Barber Motorsports Park), at Hoffman Porsche (tires, plus Chris Musante's fresh restoration of a 1972 911S) in September, and at Greenwich's New Country Porsche (the new Macan) in October. The Fall Tour sees the Russells and Davises lead a crowd of over 100 people to Lake George and Lake Placid. The July issue of *Challenge* features a huge center section covering the Club Race including 26 pages of full color. In October, Lon's Fall

Rally centers on roads around the Barkhamstead Reservoir. Walt Hyjek's "On the Road" features in *Challenge* continue with coverage of IMSA's races at Daytona and The Glen. Coffee Runs continue with an October run to Bear Mountain. The Annual Member Meeting and Photofest draws a large crowd to Southbury's Crowne Plaza Hotel on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Big awards included;

Newton Family Concours Overall:	Shelley Krohnengold
Autocross Overall:	Rich Bello
Autocross Rookie of the Year:	David Jeffway
Autocross Most Improved:	Steve Dudzic
Autocross Hoffman Cup Champ:	Paul Kudra
DE Dale Smith Award (MVP):	Joe Gawlik
DE Instructor of the Year:	Bob Scotto
DE Enthusiast of the Year:	Mark Lewis
CVR Rookie of the Year:	Mike Keller
CVR Enthusiast of the Year:	Allen Fossbender

## 2015

For 2015 the slate of officers is headed by incoming President Steve Cloud, with newly elected Dick Strahota as Executive VP. Continuing officers are Dave Varcaro as VP DE, Frank Sena as VP Programs, Richard Kretz as Treasurer, and Allen Fossbender as Secretary. The *Challenge* staff rolls on. First quarter monthly member meetings are breakfast at Northfield's Trailer Depot in January (pancakes!), Danbury's Speedsport Tuning in February (Todd Drury's "Man Cave"), and Canton's Auto Associates in March (Skip Barber speaks). The DE winter workshop is March 14<sup>th</sup> at the On-Track Carting Center in Brookfield. Bad kart driving is tolerated. The DE schedule features 22 days over four tracks, with Palmer Motorsports Park freshly added, in part because Watkins Glen is not available all fall because of a paving project. Then we lose a Lime Rock day in May because of paving work. (Grumble.)

The second quarter leads with the New Member Sampler in Southbury on April 11<sup>th</sup>. DE breaks the ice at Lime Rock on April 13<sup>th</sup> and the Club Race takes over on April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. The race faces chilly weather but hot action with 126 registered racecars, including those of 56 CVR members. A large color section in *Challenge* covers the race activities. The Spring Tour has Phil and Maria Capella leading a gaggle to Woodstock Inn in Woodstock, VT on May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. May 3<sup>rd</sup> also sees the first of the Kudras' eight planned AutoCrosses. At the end of the month, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Lon Hultgren's Spring Rally is centered around South Windsor, and attracts 16 teams. Monthly Meetings are April at Black Horse Garage in Bridgeport with a cars-in-the-shop walk, May at Musante Motorsports with speaker Charlie Greenhaus of Palmer Motorsports Park and Entrophy Racing, and June at Dan Jacobs' Hairy Dog Grrrage with a car show. The quarter also has three monthly coffee runs, all starting out in Stamford but heading different directions. James Ball's coffee runs are scheduled for every month through October. At the annual PCA Parade in French Lick, IN, CVR's *Challenge* wins First Place in the large region class newsletter competition, narrowly losing best-in-the-country to the Santa Barbara Region. Congratulations to Shelly Krohnengold and his staff, especially the long-termers Copy Editor Nancy Giacalone,

AD Manager Dan Cooley, photo chief John Karam, and Specials Editors Walt Hyjek and Allen Fossbender.

The second half sees monthly meetings scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> at Porsche of Fairfield with Murray Smith as speaker, for August 11<sup>th</sup> at Porsche of Wallingford with a representative from the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta, and for September 15<sup>th</sup> at Hoffman Porsche in West Hartford with yours truly, Prescott Kelly, discussing collectible Porsche trends and values. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, new Concours Chairman, Mike Keller celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Porsche Turbos at CVR's 42<sup>nd</sup> annual concours, again at Cranbury Park in Norwalk. Over 50 Turbos of all eras are on display

On Labor Day weekend for Vintage Fall Festival at Lime Rock Park, the club and the track arrange the "VIP Concours & Race Experience" to cover the concours and race day. With a tent on the hill for viewing, lunches provided, and guest speakers Stirling Moss and Jochen Mass, it has bargain priced tickets and sells out. September's coffee run goes to Scituate Reservoir from Mystic, led by a new associate Runmeister Tim Anderson – and then there are two runs in October. The finale is James Ball's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bear Mountain Coffee Run on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Lon Hultgren's Fall Rally, also on October 18<sup>th</sup>, runs from Groton to Noank. The fall tour is to the Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes VT, led by Karen and Bill Russell. CVR's Annual Meeting and Photofest is again at Southbury's Crowne Plaza Hotel, on November 14<sup>th</sup>. CVR's annual awards go to:

Newton Family Concours Overall:	Jerry Charlup
Autocross Overall:	Rich Bello
Autocross Rookie of the Year:	Scott Sylvester
Autocross Most Improved:	Jeff Fournier
Autocross Hoffman Cup Champ:	Ed Bogue
DE Dale Smith Award (MVP):	Dave Hutchings
DE Instructor of the Year:	Victor dos Santos
DE Enthusiast of the Year:	Magnus Evertson
Rallyists of the Year:	Tim and Christine Beckwith
CVR Rookie of the Year:	Not awarded in 2015
CVR Enthusiast of the Year:	Nick Esposito
Frank Carrington Lifetime Achievement Award:	Not awarded in 2015

## 2016

The 2016 Board is predominantly a carry forward: Steve Cloud is President, Dick Strahota is Exec VP, Dave Vaccaro is VP Drivers' Ed, Jeffrey Coe is the new VP Programs, Richard Kretz continues as Treasurer, and Allen Fossbender as Secretary. Under Jeff Coe, program coordinators Todd Drury and Frank Sena arrange first quarter monthly member meetings at Trailer Depot on January 16<sup>th</sup>, breakfast with Chip's Pancakes, then Speedsport Tuning on February 16<sup>th</sup> with Sarah Robinson from Michelin Motorsports as speaker, and lastly, Auto

Associates of Canton on March 8<sup>th</sup> with speaker Glenn Sinon from PPG Auto Refinishes. The DE Winter Workshop returns to On Track Karting in Brookfield on March 6<sup>th</sup>, to set the year for 18 DE days at Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, and Palmer Motorsports Park. Dave Vaccaro has speakers from Danbury Porsche (new 911R), Stable Energies (safety equipment), Elm City Trailers, and TR Building & Remodeling. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club race is April 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at Lime Rock Park with 100 registered racers, 47 of them home-grown CVRers. Peter Clark and Steve Cooney lead a large staff of over 100 volunteers.

The second quarter leads with Lisa Parker's always well-received New Member Activity Sampler at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 new members attend. Monthly meetings are at the Black Horse Garage with a car show in Bridgeport on April 12<sup>th</sup>, then Musante Motorsports in South Windsor on May 10<sup>th</sup> with Joe Fabiani of Fabspeed Motorsport and Harry Levitas of Dynamic Suspension Control, and lastly at Dan Jacobs' Hairy Dog Grrrage in Oxford with a food and fund raiser for Spooner House. Coffee runs start in April with the first one centered on Kent Falls. James Ball's and Tim Anderson's runs will be two a month for May through October, and Sean Leahy joins the team for July run in Northwest CT. Paul and Randy Kudra's AutoCross season opens on May 7<sup>th</sup>, with a full schedule of six events running through October. The Capellas' Spring Tour on May 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> is to Williamstown, MA (home to several great museums and the best small college in America, ahem), based at the very fine Orchards Hotel. Lon Hultgren's Spring Rally on June 6<sup>th</sup> fields 14 teams with a start in Berlin and an end in Cromwell. Locals Chris and Tim Beckwith set the course. Features in *Challenge* included Walt Hyjek's excellent coverage of the Daytona 24 Hours and then Sebring 12 Hours. Later, Walt covers the Sahlen 6 Hours at the Glen, the Northeast GP at Lime Rock, and finally Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta. Meanwhile Jerry Charlup does a bang-up review of the Amelia Island Concours weekend.

June 19-26 sees the PCA Porsche Parade (aka our national annual meeting) come to New England for the first time since the Boston Parade in 1991. As a result, 64 CVR members (plus their co-entrants) make the 350-mile drive to Jay Peak VT on the Canadian border for the week and take home trunk loads of trophies and memorabilia.

The highlight of the second half of 2016 is the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual CVR Concours. Twenty GT Porsches from all eras are featured, ranging from Jerry Charlup's 1957 356A Carrera Speedster GT and Steven Harris' 1958 356A GT coupe all the way up to Tim Pappas' current race IMSA car, a 2016 GT3 R. The first annual Ernst Benzien "Patina Award" for originality goes to Arthur Ashman and his 1964 356 SC coupe. Monthly meetings lead off with Porsche of Fairfield Porsche on July 12<sup>th</sup> with speaker John Dunn of Spectro Performance Oils, then Porsche of Wallingford on August 9<sup>th</sup> with speaker Jim Astrausky of Essex Television Group (Wayne Carini's "Chasing Classic Cars"), followed by Hoffman Porsche on September 13<sup>th</sup> with speaker Paul Koetsch of Protection Plus (3M car wraps), and lastly New Country Porsche in Greenwich on October 11<sup>th</sup> – introducing the new 718 Boxster and Cayman. Karen and Bill Russell take the Fall Tour to the Harrasseket Inn (and LL Beans' flagship store) in Freeport, ME. October 15<sup>th</sup> sees a special event organized by Susan Young, as over 250 people travel to Portland CT to visit Wayne Carini's F40 Motorsports showroom and restoration shop. The attendees raise over \$10,000 for Wayne's favored

charity, Autism Families CONNECTicut. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> 23 teams (symmetry in numbers?) attack the Fall Rally. Lon introduces a new type of gimmick rally adopted from the Porsche Parade where contestants try to log the fewest possible miles while visiting a specified set of locations on any route they choose, GPS encouraged. The year closes with the Annual Meeting and Photofest on October 29<sup>th</sup> – again at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Southbury. Famed automotive graphic designer and illustrator Chuck Queener is the featured speaker. CVR's annual awards are presented to:

Newton Family Concours Overall:	Jeff Coe
Ernst Benzien Award:	Arthur Ashman
Autocross Overall:	Rich Bello
Autocross Rookie of the Year:	Elizabeth Jolly
Autocross Most Improved:	Joe Topor
Autocross Hoffman Cup Champ:	George Comenale
DE Dale Smith Award (MVP):	Rick Canter
DE Instructor of the Year:	David Nagler
DE Enthusiast of the Year:	Todd Pajonas
Rallyists of the Year:	Melissa and Zach Little
CVR Rookie of the Year:	Joe Kunecki
CVR Enthusiast of the Year:	Frank Sena
Frank Carrington Lifetime Achievement Award:	Roger Funk

## 2017

January sees roster changes at the top of CVR. Dick Strahota takes over as President, Allen Fossbender moves up to Exec VP, Don Phelan takes over as Treasurer, and Mike Keller moves in as Secretary. Dave Vaccaro continues as VP DE as does Jeff Coe as VP Programs. January's traditional monthly member meeting at Trailer Repot with Chip's Pancake truck is on January 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by Speedsport Tuning on February 21<sup>st</sup> with guest speaker racecar driver and coach David Murry, and Auto Associates of Canton on March 14<sup>th</sup>. On March 18<sup>th</sup> the DE Winter Workshop returns to On Track Carting in Brookfield with speakers including Chief Instructor Spencer Cox, Mike Killeen of Danbury Porsche, and reps from Cars Lifts Plus, Hagerty Insurance, Stable Energies, and Elm City Trailers.

Second quarter monthly meetings are at Black Horse Auto Services in Bridgeport on April 4<sup>th</sup>, Musante Motorsports in South Windsor on May 9<sup>th</sup> with speaker Peter Krause – racer and coach, and finally Hairy Dog Grrrage on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Dan Jacobs's the new facility in Southbury. Spooner House was again the focus with CVRers raising money and food for them. April 8<sup>th</sup> sees the 2017 installment of the New Member Activity Sampler at the Wyndhym Hotel in Southbury. For 40 newbies, Lisa Parker and 12 CVR major activity chairs explain CVR's programs and projects. Dave Vaccaro kicks off the DE season in late April, planning for 15 track days at three different tracks, Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, and Palmer Motorsports Park. On April 21-22, the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Club Race takes over Lime Rock Park with over 100 competitors matched wirth over 100 PCA and SCCA volunteers for another excellent installment of the "Twin Sprint

Rumble.” The coffee run team lays out 14 events for April-October, one monthly for each side of the State. May 6<sup>th</sup> sees the kickoff of the AutoX season with six events through September. The May 19-21 Spring Tour goes to the Mountain View Grand Resort in Whitefield NH to cover the mountains and state parks of New Hampshire and Vermont. The June 11<sup>th</sup> Spring Rally see Lon Hulgren lead 14 teams on a fun day in central Connecticut. The quarter ends with CVR’s 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Concours at Cranbury Park in Norwalk CT on June 18<sup>th</sup>, headed up by Co-Chairs Rob and Mike Keller. The theme is “Great Porsches 1957-2017” and 25 “7” cars are the special display – with a 2005 Carrera GT added in for exotic spice. Special invitees this year are the late Ernst Benzien’s daughter and wife, Kristen and Patsy, to award the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ernst Benzien Award, which is won by Jerry Charlup and his 1957 Carrera Speedster.

The second half of 2017 sees the lead monthly meeting at Porsche of Fairfield on July 11<sup>th</sup> where Mike Pollack and Dave Michin explain their Lee Keen built 911 Safari car, complete with films. Next up is Porsche of Wallingford on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Hoffman Porsche falls on September 12<sup>th</sup> where the UConn Formula Student SAE team present and explain their car, which scored in the top 20 out of 120 competing teams at the US “nationals” in Michigan. CVR contributes \$500 to their current program. Lastly comes Automobilia Auto Salon in West Haven, filling in for an under-construction New Country Porsche in Greenwich, on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Speakers are reps from Ceramic Pro and 3M who are very informative on their car coating products. For the August 5<sup>th</sup> DE at Lime Rock, the Region tries a new gambit, a “Big Porsche Driver Ed Sampler” where owners can drive their Macans, Cayennes, and Panameras on the track with instructors. Seven show up and our instructors are fairly amazed at the performance of the big “wagens.” Dave Vaccaro lobbies for a carbon-fiber bodied Panamera for his next tow rig. As part of Vintage Fall Festival, CVR again has its tent on the hill at Lime Rock park for the Sunday concours and the Monday race day. Richard Atwood, the first driver to win overall at Le Mans in a Porsche (the red/white Salzburg 917K in 1970) is the guest speaker.

On September 10<sup>th</sup> two experienced coffee runners step up to become Run Meisters: Steve Tougias and John Collins organize a coffee run from East Granby into the southern Berkshires of western Massachusetts. The Fall Tour on September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> is led by Karen and Tom Russell, going to the Bethel Woods (the old Max Yasgur farm that was home for “Woodstock”) and the Emerson Resort & Spa in Mt. Tremper NY. October 15<sup>th</sup> sees the Fall Rally of 15 competing teams hit the central part of the State, starting in Pomfret Center. This is a good time to mention that our esteemed and very overworked *Challenge* Editor, Shelley Krohnengold, is producing a lovely wall hanging calendar in full color in lieu of a December issue of *Challenge*. The change is extremely well received. As always, the years ends with CVR’s Annual Meeting and Photofest at the Wyndham Hotel in Southbury on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Yours truly, Prescott Kelly, is the speaker with a review of the collectible Porsche marketplace – keying on the best models in all price ranges, from \$50,000 to \$5,000,000.

The annual awards for 2017 are as follows:

Newton Family Concours Overall:

Dick Strahota

Ernst Benzien Award:

Jerry Charlup

Autocross Overall:	Paul Kudra
Autocross Rookie of the Year:	Brian Ruggerio
Autocross Most Improved:	Jeff Fournier
Autocross Hoffman Cup Champ:	Ed Bogue
DE Dale Smith Award (MVP):	Chuck Veth
DE Instructor of the Year:	Steve Winkler
DE Enthusiast of the Year:	Donn Castonguay and Suzanne Smith
Rallyists of the Year:	Melissa and Zach Little
CVR Rookies of the Year:	Allen Rosenberg
	Jean and Joseph Macauto
CVR Enthusiasts of the Year:	Maria and Phil Capella
Frank Carrington Award:	Shelley Krohnengold

## 2018

The new year sees an unchanged Board of Directors with Dick Strahota President, Allen Fossbender Exec VP, Dave Vaccaro VP Driver Education, Jeff Coe VP Programs, Don Phelan Treasurer, and Mike Keller Secretary, and soon the Board votes to add VP Autocross, who of course is Paul Kudra. Under Paul and Randy, AutoX has grown into a substantial and popular program. Always an active member with his wife Wilma, Barnett Black celebrates 50 years in PCA, while Ann Jesup hits 55 years!

The annual planning meeting sees all the activity chairs and staff meet in Southbury to sketch out some 60+ days of Porsche activity for 2018. The first quarter's monthly meetings are at Trailer Depot on January 13<sup>th</sup> – where over 70 CVRers enjoy more pancakes from Chip's. Next up is Porsche of Danbury on February 13<sup>th</sup> with presentations from Lime Rock's Ryan McIntosh and Mike Distefano and then the introduction of the Panamera Sport Turismo by PCNA's Tom Misciagna and Danbury Porsche's Chris Partelow. Auto Associates of Canton takes over on March 13<sup>th</sup> with 206 members registering for the night and 173 showing up despite bad winter weather. They all come to see CVR's resident comedian Jim Newton review his shop's projects. The DE Winter Workshop is a car control clinic at Lime Rock's skid pad on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Hoping for snow, the team gets drizzly rain that ends up working out well. Simon Kirby takes participants on a track walk between clinics. Presentations are from Danbury Porsche, Hagerty Insurance, Stable Energies, Elm City Trailers, and Car Lifts. Chairman Dave Vaccaro introduces the new Chief Instructor David Nagler, taking over from the four-year veteran Spencer Cox, and the new DE Registrar Mark Lewis, taking over from the gold standard of registrars, Donn Castonguay and wife Suzanne.

April sees activities launched in full force. First up is the Member Sampler at the Wyndham Hotel in Southbury on April 7<sup>th</sup> where Lisa Parker and the activity chairs explain their programs. The first coffee runs of the year are April 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, east from Stamford to Bear Mountain and west from Mystic to Pomfret. The season schedule calls for 15 coffee runs, two runs each

month April through October, with a special third event in July. Hagerty Insurance signs on to sponsor the Coffee Runs and the annual CVR Concours. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter sees monthly meetings at Black Horse Garage on April 10<sup>th</sup> with a car show and a Q&A session with the Black Horse staff; then Musante Motorsports on May 8<sup>th</sup> with speakers from HWI Motorsports (insurance) and from DreamShow/DreamRide (Special Olympics); and lastly Dan Jacobs' shop on June 12<sup>th</sup> with a car show and fund raiser for Spooner House – with 175 CVR members attending. DE's schedule includes 14 track days at the usual three tracks. The first DE day is just before the Club Race on April 19<sup>th</sup> and then the crown jewel of PCA, CVR's 27<sup>th</sup> Lime Rock Club Race is April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, with Mark Lewis again as Race Chairman. Over 1,000 PCAers descend on Lime Rock for the event. The Spring Rally sees new chairs Christine and Tim Beckwith take over from long-term Rally Meister Lon Hultgren. Twenty-three teams compete in the April 29<sup>th</sup> rally that centers on the Route 9 corridor and the Connecticut River starting in Old Saybrook and ending in Essex. The season's first AutoCross is on May 12<sup>th</sup> with five more to follow through the final two in September, all organized by co-chairs Paul and Randy Kudra. The May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Spring Tour sees Maria and Phil Capella lead 114 participants in 60 Porsches (21 with first-timers!) through the Green Mountains to the Taconic Hotel in Manchester Village, VT. June 17<sup>th</sup> sees the 45<sup>th</sup> annual CVR concours take over Cranbury Park in Norwalk with a celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Porsche 356.

The second half starts with a monthly meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Porsche of Wallingford where the IMSA Porsche race team visits ahead of their race the following weekend at Lime Rock. The next month is on August 21<sup>st</sup> at Porsche of Fairfield. September 11<sup>th</sup> sees us moving to Hoffman Porsche. New Country Porsche of Greenwich is our host for the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Speaking of the July IMSA race, as usual, CVR will be staffing the PorschePlatz in a tent on the hill with guest speakers Porsche team drivers Patrick Pilet and Earl Bamber. Also, September 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Tour based at the Crown Plaza in Warwick, RI with 30 cars and 61 participants driving through the coastal areas of south eastern CT and RI, with a stop for lunch at the Newport Auto Museum. One of the September Coffee Runs also heads to the Newport Auto Museum. Following closely behind on September 30<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Rally through Southbury, Roxbury, Woodbury, and Oxford – with a new scavenger hunt included. A repeat of the hugely successful visit to Wayne Carini's shop in Portland CT attracts a sell-out crowd on October 13<sup>th</sup> to benefit Autism Families CONNECTicut

CVR's Annual Meeting and PhotoFest is on October 27<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker Philip Richter of Turtle Garage, a blog for car culture lovers. Our club's annual awards go to:

Newton Family Concours Overall:	Michael Sukta
Ernst Benzien Award:	Richard Ruggiano
Autocross Overall:	Paul Kudra
Autocross Rookie of the Year:	Mike Appel
Autocross Most Improved:	Jill Finch
Autocross Hoffman Cup Champ:	Ed Bogue (again!)
DE Dale Smith Award (MVP):	Chris Musante
DE Instructor of the Year:	Chuck Veth

DE Enthusiast of the Year:	Craig Kennedy
Rallyists of the Year:	Melissa and Zach Little (again!)
CVR Rookie of the Year:	Mike Appel
CVR Enthusiasts of the Year:	Craig Kennedy
Frank Carrington Lifetime Achievement Award:	Allen Fossbender

## 2019

Changes to the incoming board are several: Phil Capella becomes President and Joe Kunecki moves to Secretary. Continuing in their jobs are Exec VP Allen Fossbender, VP DE Dave Vaccaro, VP Programs Jeff Coe, VP Autocross Paul Kudra, and Treasurer Don Phelan. Additional positions are now elected: Vice Treasurer Deborah Cloud and Vice Treasurer DE Susan Vacarro, reflecting the sizable responsibilities of these two jobs.

The club announces that it is preparing a move to a web-based digital monthly magazine to replace the printed *Challenge*. At this point Shelley Krohnengold has been editor for over eight years and the club cannot find a replacement. It's a BIG job that needs substantial graphics skills. And costs are mounting. Replacing printed regional magazines with digital ones has been done by many PCA regions throughout the country, starting with the Golden Gate Region (San Francisco area) back in 2008. In preparation, Mike Keller moves over to Webmeister and Joe Morrow becomes Social Media Chairman, a new position. Then Eric Richmond responds to the call for volunteers to help with the transition of *Challenge*. Lucky us – he develops the new digital monthly region newsletter and is appointed *Challenge* Editor. Paul Roth replaces long-term Photo Editor-in-Chief John Karam who moves south. The club also announces a strong new initiative, promulgated by PCA National called the PCA Juniors Program, designed to recruit under 18-year-olds into club activities.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, new President Phil Capella takes all his charges into the Annual Planning Meeting. A fulsome 60 activity days are plotted for CVR's 60 Anniversary Year. The winter schedule of monthly member meetings kick-off in January when with Trailer Depot and Chip's pancakes. For February, the originally scheduled Danbury Porsche meeting for the 12<sup>th</sup> is obliterated by a snowstorm, but the rescheduled 26<sup>th</sup> event meets great weather. Over 100 members attend to hear Lime Rock's Mitch Conroy talk about developments there. Also, CVR's own Jeff Coe explains PCA's Registers where owners get detailed information and advice on their specific model Porsches. Then we all go back to Auto Associates of Canton for the March meeting. The DE Winter Workshop and Car Control Clinic returns to Lime Rock Park on February 29<sup>th</sup> with LOTS of snow, excellent conditions for learning car control.

The second quarter leads with Membership Chair Lisa Parker's CVR Member Sampler on April 6<sup>th</sup>, again at the Wyndham Hotel in Southbury with all the CVR Activity Chairs there to explain and promote their programs. For 2019 the RunMeister staff moves back to just James Ball, who plans a busy year with a kickoff run on April 13<sup>th</sup> from Stamford to Bear Mountain. With some

help coming on board, namely Andrew Anello, Rich Adua, Sean Leahy, Steve Toygias, and John Collions the schedule expands to 14 runs. Monthly meetings are on April 9<sup>th</sup> with a visit to Fairfield County Motorsports and the collector Porsche dealership Sloan Motors, now successfully run by Brett Sloan, taking over from his well-known late father, Richard Sloan. At the meeting CVR tech guru, Eric Richmond, introduces the new digital *Challenge*.

DE hits the track with a new date on April 15<sup>th</sup>, then has the usual pre-race date on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The 2019 schedule calls for 11 days of DE, all at Lime Rock and Watkins Glen. The Club race, our "Twin Sprint Rumble," is April 26-27 and again is a big success. May sees us back at Musante Motorsports for a talk on windshield maintenance and repair plus a preview of DreamRide/DreamShow for Connecticut's Special Olympics. The Spring Rally is May 5<sup>th</sup> with a route that starts in Kent and loops through Sharon, Cornwall, and Warren. On May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> the Capellas have their Spring Tour to Wolfeboro NH and Lake Winnepesaukee, to tour around the lake and the White Mountains. CVR tour fans book all 44 of the Wolfeboro Inn's rooms almost two months in advance. On May 29<sup>th</sup> Special Events Chairs Caroline and Alan Davis host a tour of Redline Restorations in Bridgeport. The Kudras start up AutoXs in June with a venue on Pequot Street in Hartford and using the B Paddock at Lime Rock. Plans call for six events through September. June's monthly meeting is at the Hairy Dog Grrrage in Southbury with a car show and fund/food raiser for the Spooner House Food Bank.

June 15<sup>th</sup> sees Mike and Rob Keller organize the 46<sup>th</sup> annual CVR Concours with a venue change after many years, from Cranbury Park in Norwalk to the Farmington Polo Club, giving the Hartford area an easier drive for a change. Over 130 cars are shown and the special display of Paint-to-Sample and "bright colors" includes 33 Porsches. The July Monthly Meeting is at Porsche of Wallingford with IMSA team drivers Nick Tandy and Patrick Pilet speaking, MC'ed by Jon Hinbaugh, the voice of Le Mans Radio. Also in July, the Beckwiths hold their first Rally Academy where first or second time rally teams do a mock rally in a classroom. That allows a prime learning experience for all 13 teams that participate. The August Meeting is at Porsche of Fairfield where leather seat restorer, Jordan Stark of Leathersmith CT in Bethany, explains the craft. September's meeting is at Hoffman Porsche where Alex Jones and Christian Mead of Automobilia Auto Salon in West Haven explain the science of coatings to protect Porsche paint. The October meeting at New Country Porsche in Greenwich sees an unveiling of the new 992 Speedster. The Fall Rally is on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, utilizing the roads of north central Connecticut and south central Massachusetts, starting in Hampden MA and ending in Somers CT. CVR is a member of the Treffen Vermont tour team and Tourmeister Maria Capella puts on the Dorset Inn Tour to the delight of 100 PCA members that participated.

CVR 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and PhotoFest is held on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Saint Clements Castle & Marina in Portland CT. Saint Clements Castle is a grand facility that overlooks the Connecticut River. Paul Roth presents a video of 60 years of CVR in photographs, a major undertaking, and a gag self-photo booth is installed for all to enjoy. This celebration is BIG with 175 attendees and over 60 entries in the photo contest. The Region had its annual election of officers and year-end awards presentations, as follows:

Newton Family Concours Overall:	Frank Arute
Ernst Benzien Award:	George Champion
Autocross Overall:	Paul Kudra
Autocross Rookie of the Year:	Raghu Sangabhathula
Autocross Most Improved:	Mike Appel
Autocross Hoffman Cup Champ:	Paul Kudra
DE Spencer Cox Award (MVP):	Todd Pajonas
DE Instructor of the Year:	Chris Musante
DE Enthusiast of the Year:	Jay Diamond
Rallyists of the Year:	Melissa and Pete Gambardella
CVR Rookie of the Year:	Eric Richmond
CVR Enthusiasts of the Year:	James Ball
Frank Carrington Award:	Susan and Dave Vaccaro

N.B.: For the 2019 awards the Club votes to discontinue the Dale Smith annual DE MVP award after 18 years. His long-term partner Sue Smith is at the 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration, as always, to share in the passing of the trophy. DE Chair Dave Vaccaro presents Sue with the large traveling permanent trophy for her to keep with the Region's enduring gratitude for her and Dale's long support. The new DE annual award is named after CVR stalwart, racer, and long-term DE Chief Instructor Spencer Cox, who recently died an untimely death from cancer. We all miss Spencer.