

## 2020

The elected officers for 2020 remain as was from 2019. Phil Capella is President, Allen Fossbender is Exec VP, Dave Vaccaro is VP DE, Jeff Coe is VP Programs, Paul Kudra is VP AutoX, Joe Kunecki is Secretary, Don Phelan is Treasurer, Susan Vaccaro is Vice Treasurer DE, and Deborah Cloud is Vice Treasurer Club Race.

CVR's Annual Planning Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> lays out the club's plans for 65 days of activities in 2020. A big year is in the offing. This planning meeting implements the new club policy G-10 regarding the planning and changing of events.

The new *Challenge* editor-in-chief is Eric Richmond. He introduces the digital-only Challenge and a Challenge App is approved by the Board.

Monthly meetings are the primary events of the first quarter. The January meeting is held on the 25<sup>th</sup> at The Trailer Depot in Northford, CT. The new Challenge App is demonstrated, members viewed the trailers available and partook from the Chips Family Pancake Truck. The February meeting is held at Danbury Porsches to introduce the new Taycan. The March meeting is at Auto Associates in Canton, CT with 150 members in attendance. Jim Newton speaks about restoration horror stories. In addition to monthly meetings, the February winter Car Control Clinic at Lime Rock Park is a sell-out. Danbury Porsche brings a 2018 Macan GT and a 2020 Cayenne for members to try out. Although there is no snow in the AM, a snow squall in the PM makes for a more challenging course.

And then the COVID19 lockdown happens and all planned events for April and May are postponed or cancelled. Guidance on the pandemic is changing every day. The Board quickly adapts and prepares for the time when we can again have events in line with the guidance on how to mitigate the risk. Region president Phil Capella keeps the membership updated through regular e-mail blasts. *Challenge* continues to publish on-line monthly. All remaining 2020 monthly Board meetings are held via Zoom.

But our event chairs get creative. A list of the best car movies and shows available for streaming is posted on the CVR website. Two virtual rallies are organized by Rally Co-chairs Tim and Christine Beckwith. The first one is a do-it-yourself ice cream social (distancing) rally July 3-18 that uses selfies and virtual checkpoints, and guides drivers to ice cream stops from Middlefield to Madison, CT. The second one is the Fall Rally, held on September 20 that attracts 15 teams. Each team receives a starting time to leave Colchester, CT and there are two sections: the first is a gimmick section and the second is a photo ID/questions section. Check points are virtual and the rally ends at the Mohegan Sun.

Concours co-chairs Mike and Rob Keller stage a virtual car show July 15-31 with members submitting digital photo entries. Voting is done on-line and the winners, receiving assorted CVR apparel, are: 1<sup>st</sup> place, 1977 924 Martini Edition of Ann Fagan; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the 2017 991.2 Carrera Cabriolet of Ronald Pino; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the 1987

Carrera Cabriolet of Frank Arute. The concours co-chairs comment that the winners leaned heavily on their social networks to cement their wins. One additional prize is awarded – the Concours Chair’s choice. Mike Keller declares Bart Guthrie’s 1997 993 Carrera 2S in Raspberry Red Metallic as his favorite. Bart gets a CVR cap too.

After three months of waiting, Driver Education events resume in June, although under a “no passengers” rule that means no instructors with students. Vice President for DE Dave Vaccaro and DE Co-Track Chair Todd Pajonas and their committee get things rolling June 13 with an Advanced ½ day DE at LRP with two run groups and plenty of track time. June 25 is a full day Advanced DE at LRP. Three run groups each go out for seven sessions. August 8 is a Solo Drivers at LRP where 52 participants take 197 runs. September 12 is another a Solo Drivers event at LRP. October 5-6 is an Advanced DE at Watkins Glen. November 7 is a Solo Drivers only at LRP. At this final event, three year-end awards are presented: “Enthusiast of the Year” goes to Josh Zwick and Jason Kamm and the Spencer Cox Award to Rick Canter, who is in charge of Instructor Development and who travels from the eastern end of Long Island to participate. As 2019 recipient of that award, Todd Pajonas’s name is added to the trophy. No “instructor of the Year” is awarded since there is no in-car instruction during 2020.

AutoX gets a late start, but manages to complete a schedule of five events. AutoX #1 is held July 19 in Hartford with 49 participants including 18 first-time drivers. August 8 is AutoX #2 in the LRP B Paddock (52 participants) as is September 12’s AutoX #3 (43 participants). Since there are no in-car instructors allowed, VP for AutoX Paul Kudra initiates “AutoX U-Drive Thru” in which participants can pull into a tented area immediately after a run to get feedback from an instructor. September 26 AutoX #4 is held in Hartford with 48 participants. October 10 is AutoX #5 in Hartford with 40 participants. In lieu of the Hoffman Cup Run-off Event, a new CVR AutoX-U Road Scholar competition is held in conjunction with AutoX #5. The drivers try to match their fastest time in the AM with three runs in the PM. The winner is Paul Usechak driving his Lotus 7 with a Sigma (standard deviation of 4 times) of .091, just edging out Porsche driver Brian Fournier with a Sigma of .097. AutoX 2020 awards are presented at AutoX #5. Most Improved Driver goes to Rob Keller. The AutoX Rookie of the year is Tony Bogue.

The intrepid Coffee Run Team of James Ball, Rich Adua, John Collins, and Steve Tougias with assistance from Tourmeister Maria Capella manages to hold 10 Coffee Runs in the last half of 2020. June 21 is the first of 2020 from Old Saybrook to Old Lyme...the long way. June 28 goes from Granby, CT to Southwick, MA. 50+ cars carry 75 members and friends on that tour the southern Berkshires. July 11 is a Zig Zag Coffee Run followed by a July 12 run from Plainfield, CT to the Vanilla Bean Café in Pomfret, CT. August 9 is a Windmill Coffee Run (post-storm Isaias which requires some quick planning). 25 cars began and 21 finished. August 30 is a Coffee Run from Madison, CT to Norwich, CT. September 13’s run covers the Westchester Loop. 40

members in 27 cars. September 27 is a Coffee Run to the Quabbin Reservoir in Mass. October 4 is a Coffee Run to the Scituate Reservoir in RI. The final Coffee Run of 2020 on October 24 is to Kent Falls, CT. The spring and fall weekend tours were cancelled due to the pandemic.

The region's annual concours, postponed from June, is finally held October 3 as the "Concours D'istance" at the Farmington, CT Polo Grounds. Attendance is limited to 100 people. Total car count is 62, with each car spaced at least 6 feet apart. Face masks are required. There is no actual judging, but the Concours co-chairs Mike and Rob Keller pick their favorites in each of nine classes.

November 10 is a Virtual Annual Meeting to vote on the Officers for 2021. The Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2021 is adopted.

The Board authorizes a parting gift to go to outgoing president Phil Capella for his outstanding stewardship of the club. On November 29, Paul Kudra presents Phil with one of his original pieces of framed Porsche artwork.