

CVR HISTORY 2021

The year started out on a cautiously optimistic note with lingering concerns about the level of COVID precautions that would be required. Elected officers were:

President – Allen Fossbender
Executive VP – Shelley Krohnengold
VP Drivers Ed – David Vaccaro
Treasurer – Don Phelan
Secretary – Christine Beckwith
VP Program – Jeffrey Coe
VP Autocross – Paul Kudra
Vice Treasurer Drivers Ed – Susan Vaccaro
Vice Treasurer Club Race Registrar - Deborah Cloud

Region President Allen Fossbender led the annual planning meeting virtually via Zoom on January 9, 2021. The stated goals for 2021 were:

1. Return to normalcy
2. Refine means and methods of social media
3. Build a new website
4. Increase the number of club members
5. Identify potential club leaders
6. Expand community outreach
7. Improve club management

The region's financial shape was very good with \$78K cash and prepaid track deposits for Watkins and Lime Rock

Activity chairs were planning for a full season of DE events, a club race sans spectators, autocross, rallies, and tours/coffee runs. It was still unclear whether there could be any in-person monthly meetings or special events or overnight tours.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All Board meetings were held via Zoom in 2021. The Board adopted or modified policies for charitable organizations, monthly meeting presentations, and complaint resolution. The Board also voted to have some form of recognition for board members who have served 10+ years.

The annual meeting was held virtually on November 15, 2021. The slate offered by the nominating committee, chaired by Roger Funk, was adopted: Jeff Coe, vice president of programs; David Vaccaro, vice president of driver education, and Susan Vaccaro, vice treasurer of driver education.

MEMBERSHIP

Led by Membership Chair Lisa Parker, the goal for 2021 was to recruit, retain, and reward members. Plans included:

- Increase membership by 3%
- Improve partnership relationships
- Improve membership retention
- Focus on 4-door cars
- Improve event offerings to ensure we are focusing on members' current interests

With assistance from Allen Fossbender, Eric Richmond, and Shelley Krohnengold, a direct mail campaign focused on two and four door Porsche owners and non-CVR members was launched;

signups were monitored to identify membership growth and address trends; 2021 CVR calendars were distributed to Porsche dealers and independent shops; renewal reminders and lapse letters were sent to members with outreach to nonrenewed members to inquire about the reason for non-renewal. Committee members attended car shows and Caffeine and Carburetor events with a membership tent to recruit new members.

Final results showed 4% growth (from 3,404 to 3,552) with improved partnerships, retention rate, and events focusing on membership interests.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service Chair Sue Young established CVR's first Food Drive, held March 13 at nine different locations. Each hosting location specified the local charity/food bank where contributions would be made. In total 13 cars dropped off 4,685 pounds of food and \$2,390 in cash donations.



At the fall concours, October 2, Sue organized a sock drive to go to the St. Vincent DePaul Community Center. A total of 915 pairs of socks and \$568 was donated.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

With in-person gatherings on hold for all of 2021, Jeffrey Coe, VP for Programs began offering virtual meetings. The first was held on April 7 at Sloan Motorcars. Brett Sloan gave an update on the Porsche market and a tour of his facility.

On May 11, the program was a discussion with Lowell Paddock, CVR member, former GM executive, car collector, and auto enthusiast.

On August 17, the meeting was from SpeedSport Tuning in Danbury with a presentation by Matt Rosati and Jeff Adams.



The September 21 meeting was a conversation with the Keller Family (Rob, Mike and Lynn) about their 356 restoration project.



The final meeting of the year was a visit to Automobilia salon in West Haven, CT on October 26. Christian Mead and Alex Jones gave some demos and held a discussion about their latest automotive protection product offerings.



TOURS - COFFEE RUNS

Tourmeister Maria Capella with her capable assistants, James Ball, Rich Adua, Steve Tougias, and John Collins successfully held 18 coffee runs in 2021.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Starting – Ending</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Led by</i>
April 3	Stamford, CT – Cortland Manor, NY “Bear Mt.”	70	James Ball
May 2	Guildford, CT – Old Lyme, CT	105	Rich Adua
May 9	Stamford, CT – Stamford, CT “Zig Zag”	40	James Ball
May 23	Glastonbury, CT – East Windsor, CT	104	Rich Adua



Bear Mountain



Guilford to Old Lyme



Glastonbury to E. Windsor

<i>Date</i>	<i>Starting – Ending</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Led by</i>
June 12	Stamford, CT – Westport, CT “Windmill”	66	James Ball
June 27	Old Saybrook, CT – East Lyme, CT “The long way”	106	Rich Adua
June 27	Bernardson, MA – Kringle Candle complex	103	Steve Tougias John Collins
July 18	Stamford, CT - Wilton, CT “Westchester Loop”	72	James Ball
August 1	Colchester, CT – Norwich, CT	109	Rich Adua

Windmill Coffee Run



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August 1	Enfield, CT – Southbridge, MA “Bigelow Hollow”	99	John Collins

August 7	Norwalk, CT – Westport, CT “Black Bridge Motors”	44	Steve Tougias James Ball
August 14	Stamford, CT – Stamford, CT “Water Wheel”	70	James Ball
August 29	Plainfield, CT – Pomfret, CT “Vanilla Bean”	111	Rich Adua
Sept. 25	Stamford, CT – Westport, CT “Just Because”	50	James Ball
Sept. 26	Farmington, CT – Middlebury, CT	110	Rich Adua
Oct. 10	Newtown, CT – Newtown, CT “Rural Fairfield/Litchfield County Roads”	80	James Ball
Oct. 23	Stamford, CT – Kent, CT “Kent Falls”	92	Mark Mahoney
Nov. 7	Mystic, CT - Plainfield, CT “Scituate Reservoir”	102	Rich Adua

Rural Fairfield/Litchfield County Roads



RALLY

Rally co-chairs Tim and Christine Beckwith organized the June 6 summer rally. Twenty-three teams competed in and around Branford, CT. The team of Zach and Melissa Little won.



The Ice Cream Social Distancing Rally was run from July 1-11. Twenty teams entered and self-reported. The team of Mike and Mare Hopkins won, beating out Tracy and Matt Guyer by one point.



The fall rally was held September 25-26. Twenty teams competed over three sections. Two were photo questions (and one was a gimmick rally). Zach and Melissa Little were the winners, repeating their victory in the spring rally with 135 out of 150 points.

DRIVERS EDUCATION

The DE season, organized by VP of Drivers Ed David Vaccaro and VP Treasurer of Drivers Ed Susan Vaccaro and DE Registrar Mark Lewis, started off with the Winter Workshop/Car Control Clinic at Lime Rock.



As COVID restrictions continued, only drivers who did not require instructors were able to participate in the April 12 Solo DE at Lime Rock; the April 22 Advanced DE at Lime Rock; the May 10 Solo DE at Lime Rock; the April 22 DE at Lime Rock or the June 14/15 DE at Watkins Glen. Chief Instructor Chuck Veth finally had a job to do as July 12 saw the first DE at Lime Rock with students, followed by the August 14 DE at Lime Rock (shared with the LRP Drivers Club) and the September 11 DE at Lime Rock. October 4/5 was another Advanced DE at Watkins Glen and the last DE of the year at Lime Rock, students included, was held on November 6. A total of 200 different drivers participated in the ten DE events for the year.



Watkins Glen 6/14/21



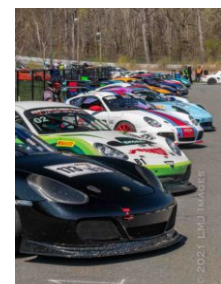
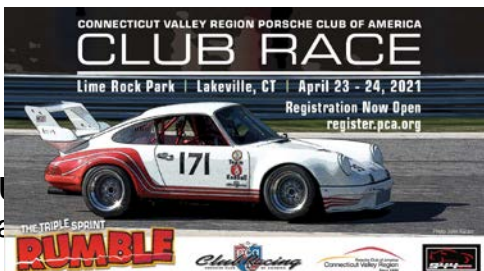
Solo DE 4/12/21



The LRP paddock 11/6/21 in the early morning

CLUB RACE

Once again, Club Race Director Mark Lewis and Vice Treasurer Club Race Registrar Debbie Cloud pulled off a successful (but non-spectator) Club Race on April 23/24, the "Triple Sprint Rumble". A total of 120 drivers participated supported by 75 volunteers. Danbury Porsche was the platinum sponsor.



#	Date	Location	Participants
1	May 8, 2021	LAZ Parking lot, Hartford	57

2	June 19, 2021	LAZ Parking lot, Hartford	55
3	July 10, 2021	LAZ Parking lot, Hartford	49
4	August 14, 2021	Lime Rock Park, B Paddock	51
5	September 11, 2021	Lime Rock Park, B Paddock	49
6	October 16, 2021	LAZ Parking lot, Hartford	46

In the 2021 Autocross Series, Paul Kudra took the top spot across the six events, followed closely by Randy Kudra in second place. Third place went to Ed Bogue.



Randy (l) and Paul Kudra made it a family affair.



AutoX #2



AutoX #5 at LRP

The Runoff on October 16 saw the top 20 drivers competing in the same Boxster 718 GTS, loaned by Hoffman Porsche. The runoff winner was George Comenale..



The top 20 drivers competed In the Runoff



George Comenale took the Hoffman Cup.



CONCOURS

Concours co-chairs Mike and Rob Keller organized a Virtual Winter Car Show March 1-26. Seventy photos were submitted. First place went to William C Hare for his 1964 356C Coupe. Second place went to Ron Neugold for a 1957 356A Coupe, and third place went to Stephen Harrington for a 2019 718 Boxster. The Chairs Choice went to Tom Butler for his 1973 RSR tribute.



The fall concours, with people's choice voting, was held at the Farmington Polo Grounds on October 2. There was a special display of 911 Turbos and 914s (both celebrating anniversary years from 2020). There were many class winners, but the Ernst Benzien Award for the best restoration went to Jim Newton for his 1973 911 Carrera Safari, a professional rally car originally campaigned by Bruno Kreibich. After decades of dormancy, Jim got this very special 911 running, debuting it at the fall concours.



CHALLENGE AND WEBSITE

Once again, Eric Richmond did a masterful job on further development of the digital Challenge. And with the help of Executive VP Shelley Krohnengold and Webmaster Mike Keller there was full integration of Challenge and the CVR website.

The plan had been to redesign the CVR website and major changes and upgrades were made in the spring, including a new calendar/event feature. However, on June 30, the website crashed. Eric, Shelley, and Mike worked tirelessly to migrate it to a new hosting vendor and to move the content into a WordPress environment, which was what the Challenge was already using. By the night of July 5th the website was up and running and was a fabulous club asset for the rest of 2021.

STORE

Joe Kuecki manned the CVR Store, which had to operate virtually for most of the year since there were no in-person meetings. The highlight of 2021 was the first ever limited edition, commemorative collection of CVR gear. 2021 represented the 50th anniversary of the first appearance of the Pink Pig 917 at the 24 Hours of LeMans in 1971. The collection was introduced to members in August 2021 (to coincide with the rescheduled 2021 LeMans race). There was a full line of shirts, jackets, hats and more featuring both the 917 and the Pink Pig 911 RSR that won the race in 2018. These proved very popular and sweatshirts were sold out before the end of December.

AWARDS

Newton Family Concours Overall: Brett Sloan

Autocross Overall: Paul Kudra

Autocross Rookie of the Year: Charles Letouzey

Autocross Most Improved: Marc Casslar

Autocross Hoffman Cup Champ: George Comenale

DE Instructor of the Year: Peg Mayer

DE Enthusiast of the Year: David Lee

The Spencer Cox DE Award: Mark Lewis

Rallyists of the Year: Zach and Melissa Little

Rookie of the Year: Caroline Abba

Enthusiast of the Year: Mike Keller

Frank Carrington Lifetime Achievement Award: Linda Goodman and Eric Grossman

Although delayed until spring, 2022, retiring board members with five or more years of club-wide leadership received artwork by Paul Kudra: Don Phelan, Debbie Cloud, Sue Young, and Maria Capella. Custom photographs were presented to board members who had served on the board for ten or more years: Maria Capella, Phil Capella, Roger Funk, Dan Jacobs, Prescott Kelly, Shelley Krohnengold, Paul Kudra, Lisa Parker, Dave Vaccaro, Susan Vaccaro, and Sue Young.

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