

CVR HISTORY 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected officers were:

President – Bob Napoletano
Executive VP – Brian Ruggiero
VP Drivers Ed – David Vaccaro
Treasurer – Tim Beckwith
Secretary – Chris Toussaint
VP Program – Jeffrey Coe
VP Autocross – Paul Kudra
Vice Treasurer Drivers Ed – Susan Vaccaro
Vice Treasurer and Registrar for Club Race– Lisa Parker

Region President Bob Napoletano led the annual planning meeting at on January 25, 2025 at the Inn at Middletown.

Tim Beckwith reported that the region's financial shape was very good with \$151,400 in cash.

Activity chairs were planning for a full season of DE events, a club race, autocross, rally, tours, a concours, and the multi-activity event Porsches at the Rock. Coffee runs were in doubt since there was not yet anyone volunteering to organize them.

All of the remaining nine Board meetings were held via Zoom in 2025. The Board met on the first Monday of the month February through October.

NEW LOGO

Past President Shelley Krohnengold redesigned the CVR logo to be round rather than rectangular.



MEMBERSHIP

Led by Membership Chair Lisa Parker, CVR saw a slight membership decline in 2025, with overall membership down 0.98%. We ended the year with 2,354 primary members and 1,258 family and associate members. Transfer activity was unusually high and resulted in a net loss of 14 members.

The numbers reinforced our ongoing challenge: member retention. Despite the decline, we held several strong engagement events in 2025, including CVR's Annual Member

Sampler in April and Porsches at The Rock in August, and we had a membership tent at Porsche & Pints in November (a non-CVR event.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service Chair Lynn Keller held a pet food drive to benefit Protectors of Animals in conjunction with the October 18 People's Choice Concours. Members donated 700 lbs. of dry pet food and 64 cans of wet food. In addition, the region donated \$750, the amount of the PCA subsidy for charity events.

At the Porsches@The Rock event in August, we collected half a trailer of nonperishable food items to benefit The Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville, Connecticut and presented them with a check for \$3,500.

At the annual meeting in November, 355 children's books and \$460 were collected for the Read to Grow program, Branford, Connecticut.



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

VP for Program, Jeff Coe, arranged for ten monthly meetings in 2025

January Trailer Depot in North Branford for a pancake breakfast

February Negative 109 Dry Ice Cleaning in Milford
Mike Landino discussed dry ice usage for automotive cleaning

March Castro Oasis in West Haven
Luis Castro demoed paint protection technology

April Soan Motor Cars in Fairfield
Brett Sloan updated us on the collector car market

May RS Auto Detailing in Plainville
Rocco Santilli introduced us to his shop



June FCP Euro in Milford
Brake Bleeding Made Easy

July Porsche Fairfield
Hector Hernandez discussed their dealership

August Black Horse Garage in Bridgeport
Tom Truitt introduced us to their new brewery location

September Porsche Hartford in East Hartford
Keeping rodents out of your vehicle

October Porsche Wallingford. Sixty years of the 911
A fabulous display of members' significant 911s and descriptions from their owners.



COFFEE RUNS

Tourmeister Theo O'Neill successfully held five coffee runs in 2025.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Led by</i>
May 18	Miltonbury Lakes	?	Mark Mahoney?
August 10	Greatest Hits	148	Mark Mahoney?
Sept. 6	Curated Coffee Run Roads	?	Mark Mahoney?
Oct 19	Rural County Roads	?	Mark Mahoney?
Nov 8	Millbrook Classic (with HVR tech session)	?	Theo O'Neill?

RALLY

Rally chair Michael Greenblatt organized the fall gimmick rally on September 7. Starting at Porsche Danbury, the rally ended with lunch at the Fife and Drum in Kent, Connecticut. The winners were _____

DRIVERS EDUCATION

Since the snow was not cooperating for a winter driving clinic, on February 8, Dave Vaccaro organized a trailer tech session at Elm City Trailer. An additional DE-related tech session was held on May 17 at European Performance Specialists on “How to Tech Your Car.”

CVR enjoyed a strong DE season, organized by VP of Drivers Dave Vaccaro and VP Treasurer of DE Susan Vaccaro, and DE Registrar Mark Lewis. The team successfully held 10 DE events in 2025. All but two were open to all run groups.

April 14	Lime Rock
April 24	Lime Rock (Advanced DE)
May 10	Lime Rock
June 2	Lime Rock
June 30-July 1	Watkins Glen
July 14	Lime Rock
August 2	Lime Rock (with Porsches at the Rock)
Sept. 13	Lime Rock
Sept. 22	Watkins Glen (Advanced DE)
Oct. 4	Lime Rock

A total of 196 different drivers participated in the ten DE events for the year.



CLUB RACE

Club Race Chair and Registrar Lisa Parker pulled off our 33rd successful Club Race on April 25/26, "Racing into Spring". A total of 92 drivers participated, supported by many volunteers, coordinated by Chris Toussint. Danbury Porsche was the platinum sponsor.

For the first time, the race was livestreamed, thanks to Club Race national marketing chair Van Swenson and the folks from DriversEye.



Most exciting is that in addition to the Lime Rock Club Race in 2026, CVR will be hosting the Watkins Glen Club Race. Since Zone 1 was required to unincorporate, the zone had to find new hosts for the two existing zone events – one of them being the Clash at the Glen. Proposals were sought from any interested Zone 1 region and among three proposals submitted, the region presidents voted for CVR's.

PORSCHE AT THE ROCK

For a third year, Dave and Susan Vaccaro organized what is becoming CVR's premier multi-activity event. On August 2, those gathered at Lime Rock Park could in autocross #3, held in the B Paddock, a DE on the track, Parade laps on the track, or laps on the Proving Grounds (new for 2025.) Thanks to strong sponsorship, the event saw a 68.3% increase in revenue over 2024.



More than 1000 attendees came pouring through the track gates and the 500 goodie bags were gone quickly. The Platinum-Elite sponsor was PCAR Market and the Platinum sponsors were Reposi Motorwerks and Porsche Danbury. There was a display of colorful Porsches on the Midway along with food trucks and artist booths and another 150 cars on display in the A and B paddocks.



AUTOCROSS

Paul Kudra, VP for autocross, planned and delivered a full series of six autocrosses and a runoff.

#	Date	Location	Participants
1	May 10, 2025	LAZ Parking lot, Hartford	42
2	June 7, 2025	LAZ Parking lot, Hartford	38
3	June 21, 2025	LAZ Parking lot, Hartford	43
4	August 2, 2025	Lime Rock Park, B Paddock	61
5	September 13, 2025	Lime Rock Park, B Paddock	52
6	September 27, 2025	LAZ Parking lot, Hartford + Runoff	43

In the 2021 Autocross Series, Paul Kudra took the top spot across the six events with 300 points, followed closely by Ed Bogue in second place with 299.26 points. Third place went to Tony Bogue with 297.86 points.



The Runoff on September 27 saw the top 20 drivers competing in the same 2025 Taycan GTS loaned by Porsche Hartford who also provided a food truck for lunch. The run-off winner was Paul Kudra.



CONCOURS

Concours chair Theo O'Neill organized the fall concours, with people's choice voting, at the Farmington Polo Grounds on October 18. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the 911 Turbo, there was a special display of turbos.





CHALLENGE

Once again, Caroline Abba and team did a masterful job on Challenge, taking a third place in class in the national newsletter competition.

The Challenge presented its own awards this year. Writer of the Year went to Jonathan Haggar and Photographer of the Year was Bob Reinckens.

EMPORIUM

Joe Kuecki? Continued managing the CVR store in 2025. The year started off with a launch of a newly redesigned website that offered a full line of hats, t-shirts, jackets and much more.

We were able to broaden the brands offered, including New Era, Nike, Carhartt and Adidas. We continued with our popular line of Club Race gear and, of course, everyone's favorite "nothing Says Love Like a CVR T-shirt promotion in February. The biggest hit was our introduction of the gear featuring the newly redesigned CVR logo.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Alan and Caroline Davis invited Porsche Historian Jay Gillotti from Pacific Northwest Region to present a History of the 917 at the Connecticut Valley Brewing Company in South Windsor.

ANNUAL MEETING

In addition to learning about the 917, Alan and Caroline were also in charge of our annual meeting, held on Sunday November 16, 2025 in conjunction with brunch at the Millpond Gatherings in Northford, Connecticut. Although this is typically where officers for the next year are elected, there was insufficient advanced notification of the 2026 slate offered by the nominating committee, (chaired by Shelley Krohnengold Therefore, there was no vote taken at the annual meeting. The vote will be held at the January 31, 2026 monthly meeting. The slate for 2026 will be:

- Pamela Kiernan: Treasurer
- Todd Matt: Secretary
- Dave Vaccaro: Vice President of Driver Education
- Jeff Coe: Vice President of Programs

- Susan Vaccaro: Vice Treasurer of Driver Education
- Lisa Parker: Vice Treasurer and Registrar of Club Race

The Treasurer's report showed that the region ended 2025 with \$214,000, 41.5% higher than the end of 2024. The majority of the increase is from the \$40K from Zone 1 to cover the track deposit for the 2026 Watkins Glen Club Race (to be refunded to the regions) and \$9,800 from Zone 1's final distribution of its bank account as it dissolved the Zone 1 incorporation.

Our guest speaker was member and former PCA President Prescott Kelly. He spoke on Porsche History and received long-overdue Paul Kudra artwork from when he left the CVR Board after many years as the CVR Historian.

AWARDS

Enthusiast of the Year: Brian Ruggiero

Rookie of the Year: Andrew Salvio

Frank Carrington Lifetime Achievement Award: Alan and Caroline Davis

Autocross Overall: Paul Kudra

Autocross Rookie of the Year: Rick Parks

Autocross Most Improved: Noelle Talmon

Autocross Hoffman Cup Champ: Paul Kudra

DE Instructor of the Year: Josh Zwick

DE Enthusiast of the Year: Andrew Salvio

The Spencer Cox DE Award: Rich Bello

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