What a summer it’s been! Hot and for the most part, dry. No need to cut the grass - leaving lots of time to do what summer is best for - driving!

We’ve had some great Club events this summer too - from Cars & Coffee meetings, to the Garage Tour, Pony Corral, and River Ridge shows, and who can forget the daddy of them all - the Porsche Parade!

Held this year in beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, Parade did not disappoint - and Red River Region represented this year in ways that exceeded any shopwing of ours in the past. In short - we cleaned up!

This year, Red River Region members won awards for best website in the entire PCA, best newsletter in PCA Class II, Concours wins in TWO categories, a golf tournament victory, kids’ art contest wins and placings, and a podium finish in the 5k road race! We definitely punched well above our weight, even beating all other Canadian regions for most members attending Parade!

And above all of that - Parade is a fantastic time of fun and fellowship with other Porsche owners and a great chance to soak in all the wonders of enthusiasm for the marque. You really have to be there!

But there’s more to come this summer closer to home as well. Please check out the (award-winning) website at www.redriverpca.org for details on our late-summer and autumn events, including Escape to Bemidji and Coffee and Cars!

Gord
Wow - what a summer it’s been!

It’s difficult to recall a summer that’s been warmer or with less rain. Not great for the lawn, admittedly, but pretty awesome if you love driving. Unfortunately there’s never enough time to drive, even when the weather’s nice. Case in point: it’s 11 am on September 2 as I’m sitting in my home office writing this, and it’s 21°C and sunny outside. Should I not be out driving???

Anyway... you’ll read elsewhere in this issue about the amazing experience that was Parade and our Region’s impressive accomplishments in both PCA’s national competitions and the ones that take place at Parade. Although I wasn’t able to attend Parade, I’m incredibly proud of our Region for its showing all around. From our big website win, to wins in the Concours and kids’ art competitions, to wins in golf and podium in the running race (as well as a class win for our newsletter, ahem), members of our little Region showed the other, larger Regions of the PCA what true Porsche passion is all about!

I also want to thank the members who’ve contributed to the newsletter - your work is invaluable. So much so that this issue is so jammed full, our summer content is spilling over into the next issue! Our members love to read reports of what the Region has been up to, and even more than that - we love looking at pictures! In that vein, please have a look immediately to the right >>> for a new contest feature...

And be sure to tune in again next month for more summer, including the River Ridge show report, Toronto Indy racing, and more!

Dallas
The 63rd annual Porsche Parade took place at the Tan-Tar-A Resort at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, from July 8th to July 14th. This year Red River Region had a record number of attendees, with 11 cars making the journey to Missouri. Joining Dennis and myself were fellow Red River members George Derwin and Catherine Carlson, Murray and Gale Enns, Gord Favelle and Sherry Wallis, Peter and Anna Fuller, David and Kim Hackbart (Alex, Anna, and Logan), Steven and Christine Hill, Andreas and Sabine Kottschoth, Dale and Eleanor Milne, Pete and Linda Peters, and Bruce and Marcia Tait. The Red River Region had the distinction of having the largest number of entrants from any Canadian region attending Porsche Parade this year!

Lake of the Ozarks, once the largest man-made lake in the United States and one of the largest in the world, was created by damming the Osage River and the consequent construction of the Bagnell Dam. Originally constructed to provide hydroelectric power for customers of Union Electric, it has since become a significant tourist attraction. The spectacular scenery that is characteristic of the Ozarks has helped transform the lake into a major tourist area, with more than 5 million people visiting annually.

Although the Lake of the Ozarks is only 87 years old, the area surrounding it is rich in history. Settlements by the Osage Indians, exploration by Lewis and Clark, the Civil War, westward expansion and construction of the railroad all contributed to its rich history. Music which has been passed down through generations by pioneers who settled the area, is still evident today in the genres of mountain music, country music, bluegrass and gospel tunes.

Lots Going On!

Once again Porsche Parade hosted dozens of activities, a concours d' elegance, driving tours, an autocross, time-speed-distance and gimmick rallies, tech quiz, wine and beer tours, and Parade Kids, which had many events for children to choose from. Porsche Parade also hosted five evening banquets emceed by Mark Shevitz, which incorporated the presentation of trophies for the winners of the various competitive events and draws for the many door prizes.
Taycan was a Star

With registration completed, our festivities began Sunday evening with the Pirelli Welcome dinner at the Hidden Lakes Golf Course. An outdoor buffet hosted by Pirelli, the evening was highlighted by the unveiling of the Porsche Taycan, Porsche’s all electric concept car. Aside from its sleek appearance a question in the minds of most in attendance was just how much power can the Taycan deliver? Claimed to have 600hp and a 500km driving range, the car will go 500 km on a charge and can reach 100km/h from a standstill in under 3.5 seconds. Using an 800-volt charging system, Porsche claims it will take roughly 15 minutes to charge a Taycan that will be capable of driving 400km or to 80 percent capacity. The 600hp comes from a pair of permanently excited synchronous motors that are the same type of motors developed for the 919 Hybrid racing car that won Le Mans in 2015. The Taycan is all-wheel-drive with one of the motors powering the front wheels and one powering the rear wheels. Porsche claims that over 100 of these prototypes have been built up to date and are promising a delivery date of 2019.

Concours Action

One of the major events at Porsche Parade is the Concours d’Elegance. This year the Concours was held on July 9th at the Hidden Lakes Golf Course. As it is one of the Parade events that is open to the public, it is always a popular event. Concours had a special significance for Red River Region this year as two of our members entered their cars in the competition. Peter and Anna Fuller entered their 1990-964 in the Preparation Touring category, and Dale and Eleanor Milne entered their 2002-911 Targa in the Preparation Street category. After many hours of preparation and enduring EXTREMELY hot and humid weather conditions, both our entrants were victorious winning FIRST PLACE in each of their categories! Congratulations Peter and Anna (left) and Dale and Eleanor (bottom left)!
On Monday night we attended the Zone 10 Welcome Party hosted by our Zone representative Julie Bailey and her husband Chester. Zone 10 is one of 14 zones that make up Porsche Club of America. It covers a large geographical area which spans from Missouri to Manitoba that includes 10 regions with 5000 members. The Welcome Party gave us the opportunity to meet zone members from all the other regions and discuss our many similarities and differences.

Warm Springs Ranch Tour

Tuesday morning began for Dennis and me with a driving tour to Warm Springs Ranch, home to the Budweiser Clydesdales. Staging for the tour at the Camdenton High School parking lot began bright and early, so by 7:30 a.m. we were on our way. The tours left the staging area at 15 minute intervals with our tour group being the second to leave. As we were leading the second group it was rather important to navigate the route properly and get everyone there safely! With instructions in hand we set out, but not without some trepidation on my part. As the tour progressed however I began to relax and started to enjoy some of the beautiful scenery. We arrived at Warm Springs Ranch safe and sound (we didn’t lose anyone) and were promptly greeted by our tour guide.

The ninety minute guided tour was very informative, describing the state of the art stable facilities where the horses are treated like royalty. The hitch, comprised of eight Clydesdales (seen in the Budweiser commercials) are chosen for their appearance and their ability to be trained. They are all geldings and must be at least four years old with an even temperament, at least 18 hands tall at the shoulders (six feet), weigh between 1,800 and 2,300 pounds and have white legs, a nice blaze, be bay in color, and have a dark mane and tail. The hitches are transported to the various events by 50-foot tractor-trailers equipped with air cushioned suspension and thick rubber flooring. The trailers are also equipped with cameras and monitors in the cabs for close supervision of the hitch as they travel. At night the team stops at local stables to rest. Known as “The Gentle Giants” they are truly magnificent, beautiful animals!
With the tour completed we were able to tour the facilities and had a rare opportunity to meet one of the hitch horses and have our picture taken. A free sampling of beer (Budweiser of course) was offered to everyone and as it was a very hot day it was greatly appreciated by one and all. Our next stop was a ten minute drive to Les Bourgeois Winery Bistro. Situated in a scenic setting overlooking the Missouri River, Les Bourgeois Winery Bistro was a great place to have lunch and a nice way to end our tour!

**Rally Party and Awards**

Wednesday evening we attended the Mobil 1 Rally Party held at the Performance Boat Centre. The evening consisted of a buffet dinner and the awarding of the TSD Rally Awards, the National Website Awards, and the National Newsletter Awards. Red River Region had an amazing showing! Webmaster Andreas Kottschoth was the overall winner of the National Website Award, judged as having the “BEST OVERALL WEBSITE” of all the websites entered in the contest. Our newsletter editor Dallas Ewen received “FIRST PLACE” in the class II category in the National Newsletter Contest! Dallas and Andreas do a “GREAT” job all year producing our newsletter and website and are very worthy recipients of these awards. Congratulations to you both!

**Hackbart Kids Rule!**

Porsche Parade also had a host of activities planned for kids and juniors under 18. The activities were meant to introduce kids to one another and to follow the adult Parade activities at a junior level. Each child receives a Kids Parade T-Shirt and goodie bag at check-in. One of the activities at Parade Kids was the T-Shirt and Tote Design Contest. All of the kids were invited to design a picture that will be printed on the T-Shirts for next years Parade Kids. The winner of the contest this year was Anna Hackbart, daughter of Red River members David and Kim Hackbart. Anna’s winning design will be reproduced on all Parade Kids T-Shirts next year in Boca Raton Florida! Congratulations Anna on a job well done!!

Another activity at Parade Kids was the Miniature Car Concours where every kid (up to age 17) gets to paint a wooden toy car. The cars are judged and a “Peoples Choice” award is awarded for each age group. Alex Hackbart, son of David and Kim Hackbart, received third place for his entry. Congratulations Alex!
A popular Parade Kids event with all the entrants is the Little Peoples' Choice Concours Award. Introduced in 2015 it is a great event for all the kids as they get to vote for their favourite “Adult Concours Car”. The lucky car owner is then presented with a winning trophy!

One of the truly fun events at Porsche Parade is the Gimmick Rally. Having a much more relaxed format than the TSD rally, it requires members to rely on imagination and creative thinking. This year the rally was titled “Getting Your Kicks On 66” referring of course to the “Mother Road”, the iconic Route 66. Created in 1926 as part of the U.S. Highway System and starting in Chicago, it continued through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, ending up in Santa Monica, California. However, in 1956 legislation created the Interstate System and over the course of thirty years, five separate interstates bypassed segment after segment of Route 66. Its signature black-and-white shield markers were taken down, and in 1985, Route 66 was officially decommissioned. As participants in the Gimmick Rally we had the opportunity to take a trip back in time, when Route 66 was in its glory. Given forty vintage Route 66 Post Cards from the forties, fifties, sixties, and seventies, we were to match the postcards to their current location on Route 66 and put them in the right order as they appeared on our prescribed route. The navigational instructions for the rally was nine pages long! Feeling somewhat overwhelmed we started out on our journey. Trying to navigate the route and match locations with the postcard photos we were given proved to be somewhat of a challenge!

However we were up for the challenge and were committed to completing the rally. Upon completion we arrived at the 'AIR-CONDITIONED” Lebanon County Library and proceeded to tabulate our scores. Greeted at the door by volunteers from the Route 66 Museum, we were invited to tour the museum in which was also situated the Lebanon library.

Some History

Route 66 has been the subject of many songs, books, T.V. shows and movies. Just the words Route 66 have a certain mysticism about them, conjuring up images of 57 Chevys and James Dean. In its glory days, Route 66 was lined with many restaurants, gas stations, motels and resorts. With the construction of the interstate bypasses, most of these establishments were forced to relocate or close completely. Today parts of the route are crumbling and inaccessible. There are attempts to save the historic route and all the landmarks on the legendary road but funding continues to be an issue. However even in its present state we found driving on Route 66 a thrill! The scenery was spectacular, and the history of Route 66 made the drive special. One more item to check off the bucket list!
Our week of activities ended on Saturday with the traditional Parade of Porsches (which started in a torrential down pour), and was capped off with the Victory Banquet on Saturday night. The winners of the 5K run which was held on Saturday morning were announced at the evening banquet and once again Red River Region had a winner. On a day when the temperature was in the high 30s, the humidity was in the 80th percentile, and most of us were taking shelter from the heat, Catherine Carlson and George Derwin were competing in the 5K run. Catherine was able to record a winning time and placed second in her division. Congratulations Catherine!

Red River Rockstars

Red River Region had an amazing showing at Parade this year, winning six FIRST place awards with a final total of eight awards. The dynamic duo of Peter Fuller and Dale Milne also finished in FIRST place at the Parade golf tournament held on Wednesday at the Oaks golf course. Along with team members Mark and Beth Jennings (Mid- South Region) they posted an amazing score of 63! Awesome!!

So congratulations and a “toast” to all the winners on your many accomplishments. You are all very deserving recipients of your awards and have made Red River Region proud! Next Year Boca Raton!
By Malcolm Hinds - Photos by Fiona Haftani

I wish to express my most sincere "THANK YOU" to all those owners who supported the Porsches at the Pony event last Sunday, 12 August, or who invited their friends along. It was a great evening - VERY HOT but no rain! On this, our 16th edition of this annual event, we raised the bar once again with a Porsche count at 7:30 p.m. of 54 cars, verified by three different volunteer counters.

The event was topped off by one of our members, Jim Smith, being selected as "Cruiser of the week" for his race-car decal-adorned 944, and I was honored by being asked to present him with his commemorative plaque.
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5 - Red River Region Monthly Meeting
12 - Coffee and Cars - Beausejour Dairy Bar, Beausejour
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As Concours rookies we opted for “Preparation Street”. Our class included all 996s and 997s from 1998 up to 2007; overall there were 10 competitors in our class. In the “Preparation Street’ class you are eligible to receive a max score of 140 points, 70 for the exterior and 70 for the interior.

All first time competitors are assigned a coach to assist us in the navigation of the event to ensure we understood the rules, process and procedures. We were very lucky to be assigned Michael Grove, a member of the Chicago region of the PCA, who is an extremely experienced concours competitor and judge. Michael’s knowledge and assistance was invaluable. We were also to attend a one-hour classroom session to again review all the protocol, judging and rules for the event.

PREPARATION

After arriving Saturday morning we unloaded all our luggage and personal effects from the car and proceeded to the car wash area to try and remove 1500km of bugs, grime and dirt. Once that was accomplished we headed to the “Concourse Prep” area. This was located on the 3rd and 4th levels of the parking garage. Lighting was poor and the temperatures were between 35 and 40 C with about 65% humidity. In spite of that the camaraderie in the prep garage was outstanding. There were always lots of PCA members around who have a love for their cars all working together to get prepared for the event. It was awesome to meet so many great folks and this really was one of the highlights of the event.

Once in the garage the job of getting ready for Monday's event began in earnest. We started by using a clay bar on the paint to fully clean and prepare the surface. That was followed by a wax job and full polishing. All wheel surfaces were dressed and cleaned. [continued on page 18]
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The interior judging includes all areas of the car including door pockets, glove box and center console. Everything needs not only to be cleaned and detailed, but you can’t have anything in the car that wasn't factory original. This includes registration papers, insurance documents and any personal items. Everything needs to be removed before judging. Later Sunday afternoon I was feeling pretty good about the preparation and thinking we were almost done when Coach Michael came by. One very brief inspection and a few comments and I realized we had a ways to go. Things like “did you clean the hinges on the inside of the seats, what about the backs of the pedals, the lid of the fuse box, cable to the power locks and windows”……apparently we had more work to do.

**DAY OF THE SHOW**

We placed the car on the show field at 6:30 Monday morning and began field prep. This included a final interior inspection including using a lint roller on all carpeted areas and a final dusting. The exterior had a final clean and dress of the tires and wheels, and all stones and grass was removed from the treads. We did a quick detail of the paint, the trim and a once over on the glass. Once judging begins we were only allowed a light dusting of the car.

**THE JUDGING**

In the street category there are two judges and a timer. The head judge does the exterior of the car, coach work, fit and finish, and overall presentation. The second judge is responsible for the interior. Judging for the interior is five minutes and total judging takes about 15 minutes.

When the judges approach they motion for Eleanor and I to come forward for a brief chat, introductions and a history of the car. The exterior judge then begins and does a detailed inspection. At a certain point the head judge asks us to open the car. At this point anything that can be opened is opened, door pockets, ash tray – yes we have one – glove box, and gas filler door. If an area is not opened it will not be judged and you will be deducted the points for that area. A quick side note is that the car should present exactly as it did when it left the factory. There can be nothing in the car that wasn't there from the start. The interior judge now begins his/her inspection.

Following the judging the judges once again have a brief conversation with us to give us a brief overview of their findings. We received very complimentary comments on our preparation work which left us quite pleased.
Once judging is completed we were free to enjoy the other cars in the event and to wait patiently for the results to be posted. Our goal upon entering was not to be last with no expectations of the stiffness of competition. We had one of the toughest classes, 996 and 997 1998-2007, and might I say some beautiful cars. Following the judging and the comments from the judges we felt quite excited that perhaps we might even place.

Once the results were posted we were thrilled to find we did indeed place and placed first with a score of 139.8 out of 140 points. A very proud moment for both of us and certainly a great reward for the hours of preparation. We certainly know our car more intimately than we did before we started this journey.

There are many folks we would like to thank for their help in this journey. Dennis Duncan for his early lessons in claying the paint, Mik Parent and his team at VPS solutions, Peter and Anna Fuller for all your help and encouragement, Steve Hill on his dedicated work on the front bumper and of course Eleanor for putting up with my OCD tendencies and for her hard work along beside me. It was a great journey and one we hope to repeat in the future. The friendships that we made during this event will last a lifetime.
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It happened! On Saturday, August 11, twenty-odd members of the Red River Region gathered for the third annual Garage Tour. The day was lovely and warm when cars began to gather at Jim Smith’s garage on Riverbend Crescent. Members admired his ’84 944 and its matching garage (!) while sipping coffee and shooting the breeze. When his wife Lise came out with the homemade cinnamon rolls... it was game over for breakfast. Amazing!

The next stop was VPS - Vehicle Protective Solutions, down McGillivray. Boss Mik Parent gave us a tour of the cleanest shop I've ever seen and supplied the thirsty bunch with water, coffee, and more snacks. Awesome!

Lastly we cruised around the Perimeter Highway from southwest to northeast in a fast-moving convoy of cars. It gave me goosebumps when that GT3 RS blasted by doing only slightly over the speed limit :-)

We eventually arrived at the final garage of the day, Tim Woodcock’s well appointed annex to his lovely house in St. Andrews. Tim’s wife Arlene had laid out an amazing spread of food including slow-smoked beef and homemade ice cream. Wow!

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