

# RED RIVER RAMBLINGS

**Camp 4 Report  
How to Parade  
Events Schedule**



**MARCH/APRIL 2018**



It's March, hopefully only a month or so before we can think about bringing out our cars out of storage (for those of us who don't keep our cars on the road in the winter)! However, as I write this the forecast is for 25cm of snow, yikes that is sounding ugly.

The new Board has been busy representing Red River Region within PCA this last month. John Sobczak (our Treasurer) was the lucky winner of the Camp 4 Porsche Winter Driving in Quebec (see article in this month's Newsletter). Dennis Duncan (our Vice-President) went to Toronto to represent us at a Canadian PCA Presidents meeting sponsored by Porsche Cars Canada (more on this at a later date). I attended a PCA Zone 10 Presidents Meeting in Independence Missouri. In the Zone 10 meeting I met with our Zone 10 PCA Rep, Julie Bailey and Presidents or Board reps from 8 Regions as well as a number of staff and volunteers from the PCA National organisation and Board. We discussed a number of items that were developed to help the Regions carry on the business of running a PCA group. Some of the topics were: building a strong group, risk management (in moving car events), social media best practices, driving tour standards and Region challenges and strengths. It was a great learning experience for me and I learned a lot regarding PCA and how to improve our group and increase/retain membership. Additionally, it was interesting to see what other Regions are doing and the events they hold. Hopefully what I learned will be reflected in our upcoming year as a club.

As we progress into 2018 our Red River Region calendar is beginning to fill up with many events that we hope will keep you interested and involved with the Region and PCA. Stay tuned, and check with our award winning Newsletter and Web/Facebook page for upcoming news and information.

Gord

## DAN GURNEY



**1931-2018**

Dan Gurney, race driver, constructor, team owner, and the first man to win a Formula 1 race for Porsche, died on 14 January at the age of 86.

Gurney's racing career spanned disciplines from F1 to Indy cars, sports cars and stock cars. Gurney achieved his first, and the Porsche team's only, Formula 1 victory in 1962 at the wheel of the Porsche 804. Gurney later founded the All American Racers *equipe* in partnership with Carroll Shelby, constructing successful Indy, F1, and Trans-Am race cars.

Gurney is survived by his wife of 49 years, Evi Butz. Godspeed to you Dan, "the big Marine."



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Springtime has to be coming soon... right?!?!?

I don't know about you, but I always start to get a bit stir-crazy around March. The weather right now is teasing us with above-zero

temperatures, making us think that Spring is just around the corner, but we've been warned to expect a foot of snow in the next few days so Spring will remain a distant dream.

Of course, one of the downsides of such a long winter is its effect on Newsletter content. While summer is full of events, car shows, cruise nights, and drives to write about, we don't have much of that here in the winter... and the Club doesn't have the budget to fly the Editor to California for the winter months (I've asked). So we rely on hardy souls like John Sobczak to regale us with tales of their ice-driving exploits. John had an amazing experience at Camp4 which he describes later in this issue.

As Editor of *Ramblings*, I really do appreciate contributions from members like John, and I want to make sure that all of our members know that their submissions are welcome. I'm looking for your photos (how about some "historic" club pics?), stories (how did you come to join the Porsche family? have you taken an epic road trip in your Porsche? done a clever DIY repair?), and reviews (Porsche- or car-related products, books, TV shows?)

Don't be shy - I am here to help you massage your content ideas into a form that you'll be proud to see in *Ramblings*. And remember, we also offer a free classified ad service in *Ramblings* and on the website! Talk about value for money!

Till summertime!

Dallas



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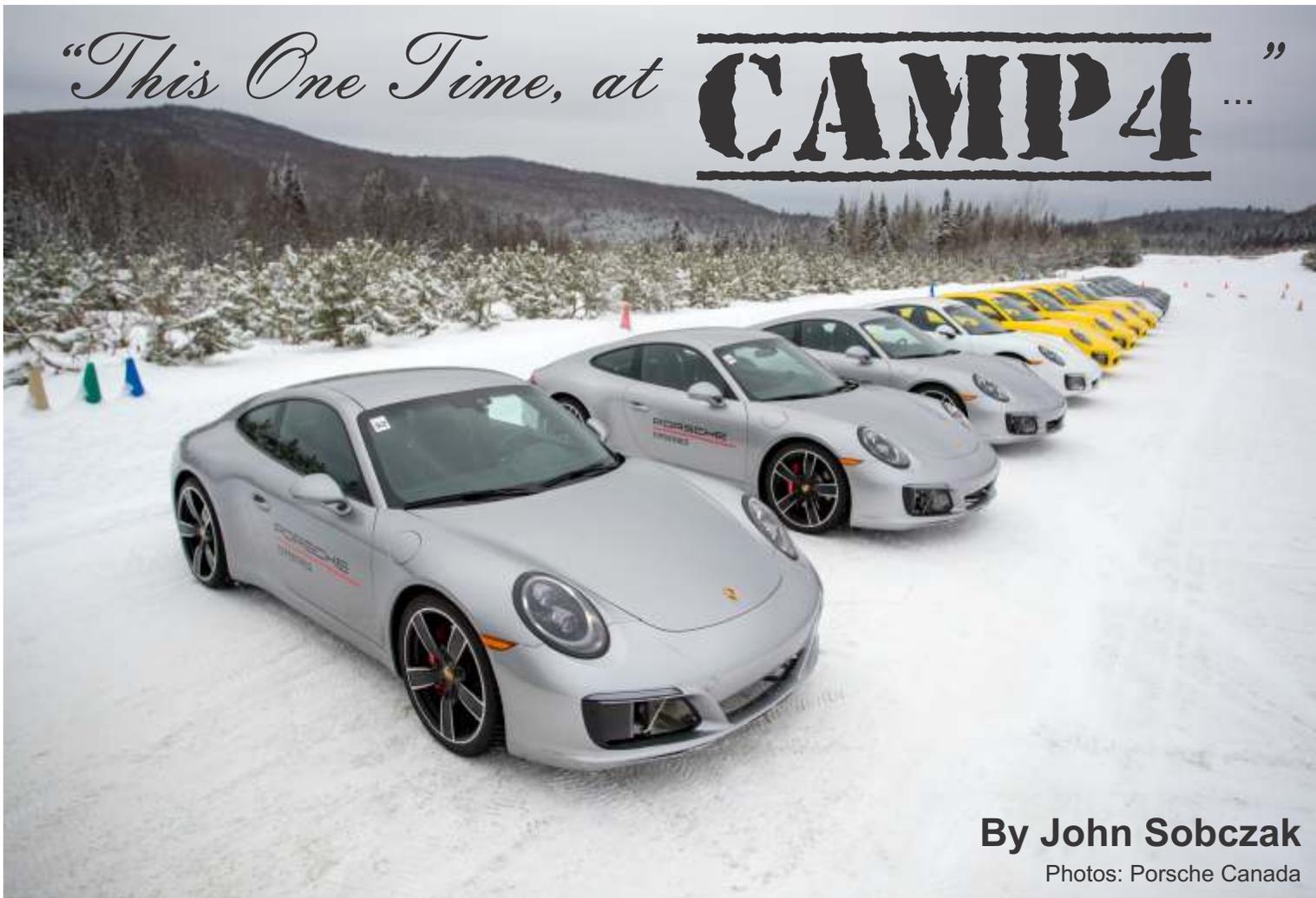
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# CAMP4 ...



**By John Sobczak**

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On December 2, 2017 at the Red River Region annual holiday banquet I was the fortunate winner of the Grand Prize Raffle Draw. It was the best \$40.00 I ever spent. The prize consisted of an all expenses paid trip to Porsche Camp4 2018 Winter Driving Experience and was generously donated by PORSCHE CENTRE WINNIPEG. The two days of driving was conducted at the Mecaglisice ice driving facility in the Laurentians North of Montreal with three nights accommodations at the Esterel Resort & Spa about half hour away. The event is hosted by Porsche Cars Canada Ltd. and includes driving, accommodations all meals food and wine. At the Banquet Braeden Mueller; General Manager of Porsche centre also donated a Business Class flight to Montreal for the winner.

I flew to Montreal on Wednesday, January 31, arriving in a blizzard. By the time I got my rental car it was getting dark. A trip that was supposed to take an hour took two. There was several cars that went off the road with one even on its roof. Thank God for GPS for without it I probably would have ended up in Labrador.

I checked in to the Hotel at about 6:00 p.m. My room was a suite with full kitchen facilities and patio doors overlooking a lake.

I checked in to the Hotel at about 6:00 p.m. My room was a suite with full kitchen facilities and patio doors overlooking a lake. Too bad I didn't get a chance to spend much time in it.

Dinner and meet and greet that night was at the hotel. We were introduced to our assigned group and got to know each other over a fine meal.



There were 40 participants broken up in to five groups of eight that stayed together for the entire event. Each group was assigned a Senior Instructor, Junior Instructor and a Hostess/Starter. The majority of the participants were male with about 10% being female. Ages of participants ranged from mid-twenties to mid-seventies. Participants were from Canada, Mexico and the United States. The following Camp4 also had attendees from Australia, Europe and China. The Porsche Canada Driving Experience is a highly regarded event and is recognized globally.

Thursday, December 1 started with a buffet breakfast at 7:00 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. we attended a briefing explaining our upcoming two days. Each participant was paired with another one for the entire two days. Instructors would be out on the track in contact with the driver via portable radio mounted in the car. The participants would alternate between passenger and driver every two or three runs around the track. There would be two full days of driving. Students would learn; oversteer, understeer, hand position, driving position, vision, braking, loading, weight transfer, accelerating into, out of and during a turn as well as drifting.

After the briefing we were bussed en masse about 40 minutes to the track at Mecaglissee. The track is flooded and the snow is banked on the sides. We arrived to a rousing group of instructors in bright red parkas and were ushered to the Lodge which overlooks the various track facilities.



From the lodge we were greeted by a view of the 30+ vehicles used for Camp4 parked in an arc on the track. There were twenty new 911 CarreraS and 911 Carrera4S with less than a hundred kilometres. Five each in red, yellow, grey, silver and black with PDK transmissions for the participants. The instructors drove white Carrera 911S with standard transmissions. All track cars were equipped with winter tires with 1.5 mm studs. There were also black Cayennes for pulling cars out of snowbanks and shuttling back and forth as required.

We spent all day learning winter driving skills, moving through four different track areas even reversing directions through two of the circuits. I slid off the track in to a snowbank on one of my runs. It was so quick I still don't know how it happened. Luckily I was able to just back out of the snow and did not require a tow and there was no damage. It's definitely a strange feeling heading for a snowbank with no way to stop. Safety is paramount for the event. There is no racing or horseplay allowed. Vehicles are either alone or staggered on the track to avoid contact.

Lunch and refreshments are served at the lodge at the track on both days to maximize time driving. Lunch was a full buffet with 3 entree choices, soup, salad and dessert.



Our day at the track ended at 4:30 and we were bussed back to the hotel. The ride back was pretty quiet as we were all tired from the intensity of the day.

After a quick change and freshen-up were bussed to a local restaurant in a log cabin for another fabulous gourmet meal. Our day ended at 11:00 p.m. with a return to the hotel.

Day 2 again started with breakfast at 7:00 a.m. We were back at the track at 9:00 and spent the entire day in the cars driving all 5 different coloured vehicles and rotating between 5 different areas of the track testing and improving our skills and putting the cars through their paces. Our group was fortunate to finish the day on a long portion of the track which included several different turns, long stretches and a slalom on which we could practice and utilize the skills we had learned. As a bonus at the end of the day each participant was driven around the track by a senior driver and shown how to handle the Porsche on the ice. It was a thrilling ride, being sideways the whole time with a rooster tail of ice crystals flying from all 4 tires.

Day 2 culminated in a farewell banquet and awards ceremony at the hotel with another fabulous meal. There was a professional photographer on site throughout the event. Photographs of all groups and activities were displayed a large screen throughout the award banquet and are available for viewing at [porsche.ca/camp4photos](http://porsche.ca/camp4photos). Participants departed at their leisure after the banquet. I left after breakfast the next day and was back in Winnipeg and reality on Saturday afternoon. Four days that went by in a flash, but ones that I will remember for a long time to come!



Camp4 was an absolutely fabulous experience. The instructors and staff are extremely professional, competent and friendly, ensuring that each participant gets the most out of time spent at the event. The entire event is first class with every detail covered. You can see why people from around the globe attend.

A sincere and heartfelt Thank You to Braeden Mueller; General Manager of Porsche Centre Winnipeg for donating this fabulous prize to Red River Region P.C.A. and to Brent Broten; After Sales Manager for Booking and arranging the trip and flights.

Truly an experience of a lifetime!

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At the time of construction it was one of the largest man-made lakes in the world and the largest in the United States. Though built to provide hydroelectric power for customers of Union Electric, the lake quickly became a significant tourist destination for the Midwest. Unlike many flood-control lakes in the region constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, most of the shoreline on the Lake of the Ozarks is privately owned, and the relatively stable surface elevation has created ideal conditions for private development within a few feet of the shoreline.

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## LAKE OF THE OZARKS



## OUTDOORS

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## ATTRACTIONS

The Lake of the Ozarks offers non-stop activity for everyone. Explore underground caves, parasail above the water, visit one of the many area museums or experience the Lake of the Ozarks from above in a helicopter ride.



## SHOPPING

Shopping is one activity you can enjoy at the Lake of the Ozarks. It's also the place to shop for furniture, imports, plants, housewares, collectibles, antiques and more!



# **SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE ... so far**

## **APRIL**

- 4 - Red River Region Monthly Meeting
- 11 - Coffee and Cars - Lecoka Café, Steinbach

## **MAY**

- 2 - Red River Region Monthly Meeting
- 9 - Coffee and Cars - Half-Moon Café, Lockport

## **JUNE**

- 6 - Red River Region Monthly Meeting
- 13 - Coffee and Cars - Roxy's Diner, Oak Bluff

## **JULY**

- 4 - Red River Region Monthly Meeting
- 8-14 - Porsche Parade, Lake of the Ozarks, MO
- 11 - Coffee and Cars - Vicky's Drive Inn, Ste Anne
- 18 - Car Show, River Ridge Retirement Residence

## **AUGUST**

- 1 - Red River Region Monthly Meeting
- 8 - Coffee and Cars - Le Bebe Rouge, St-Pierre Jolys
- 10-12 - Northwestern Ontario Run
- 12 - Porsches at the Pony, Pony Corral, Grant Ave.

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 5 - Red River Region Monthly Meeting
- 12 - Coffee and Cars - Beausejour Dairy Bar, Beausejour
- 12-16 - Porsche Treffen, Banff



**Hot Shot!** Dennis Duncan submitted this photo of the new GT2RS at the Toronto Auto Show. Nice one Dennis!

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# CARS THAT ROCK



One of the TV programs I've discovered since we got the Discovery Velocity channel at home is "Cars that Rock with Brian Johnson".

Johnson is, of course, best known as the frontman for iconic Australian hard rock band AC/DC, but who knew he was a hardcore car enthusiast as well?

In each episode of CTR, Johnson focusses on one marque. Of course, Porsche was one of the first to be featured and the first episode I watched. Johnson toured the Stuttgart factory and discussed the history of Porsche and its cars. But more than that - he actually drove a 917 on track as a guest of Porsche!



Johnson is an ebullient, enthusiastic presenter but his energy is so positive and joyful it makes the show even more fun to watch. He's knowledgeable, too - his passions range from vintage Bentleys to modern Bugattis, and the producers have received some really tasty inside access to places like the fabled Brooklands racetrack and the Schlumpf Bugatti collection.

Johnson's gravelly delivery and working-man persona, combined with some really informative content, make CTR a superior automotive program. I guarantee that you'll see something in each episode to "put a tingle in your gentleman's vegetables" as Brian himself would say!

## Episodes:

### Season 1

- Mini
- Bugatti
- Rolls Royce
- Lamborghini
- Bentley
- Porsche

### Season 2

- Jaguar
- Land Rover
- Alfa Romeo
- McLaren
- NASCAR
- MG

# PARADE PRIMER!

Porsche Parade is July 8-14

in Lake of the Ozarks, MO

Here's how to do it.

**By Dennis Duncan**

As many now know we have a record number of members registered for this years Parade including several first-timers.

For your information the following is some hints for registration and what to expect when you arrive.

First it's a good idea to check the Parade website often for updates, many will appear from now until April 2, 2018.

The update will add information regarding events and banquets etc.

At Parade the dress is largely casual , however at two of the banquets, (the Concours banquet and the Victory banquet) people dress up somewhat with many of the men wearing suits or sport jackets and the ladies with summer dresses or suits.

The remainder of dinners are quite casual and some may be outdoors and where comfort is important, keeping in mind it will be hot in this area.

The event registration is April 2 at 11am Winnipeg time.

Its best to be prepared in advance knowing which events you wish to join. The guide tours are fun and go to interesting locations, usually including a lunch. A favourite for many is also the gimmick rally that is a fun tour with a theme and will have check stops and observations you will have to find along the way. This is a pressure free good time. You will also find many self directed tours and maps will be provided for those at Parade.

There are also competitive events such as the Concours and TSD Rally for which you need to review the rules before registration to determine your category.

If you are going to be at Parade for the full week it is recommended you take the full Banquet package as it save money and you will want to attend all dinners anyway.



The first night is a welcome party and we traditionally arrange for Red River members to sit together as many of us do different activities after the first day.

On Sunday morning the activities begin at 9 am with check in.

Remember to bring your PCA card and PHOTO ID.

When You enter the room you will be directed to a table where they will check you ID and give you your personal list of activities and you will then go to each appropriate table to get your tickets for banquets, tours etc. This process takes about an hour or so but provides a great opportunity to meet members from all over.

Following check-in, nearby the Parade Goody store will open at 9 am also and will have a large selection of clothing and items of interest. It is best to visit the store in the first couple of days to have a good choice.

When You first arrive at the location ( Sat or Sun) your first stop should be at the welcome tent, where you will be greeted by volunteers that will provide you with a hardy welcome, some cold water and any direction you need to get to hotel check in and parking.

Also for those arriving on Sat there is Parade 101 at 6 pm in the main building and will be in the Redbud Room where an overview of all Parade activities will be provided for first time attendees.

Hopefully you will find this information helpful, but feel free to contact me through the club email or at the March meeting if you have any questions!



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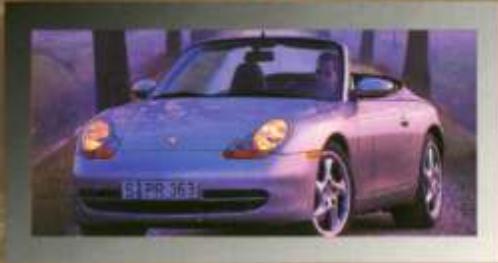
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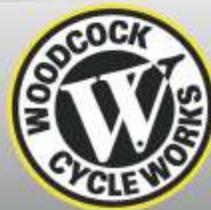
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## Meeting Schedule

Regular Club meetings occur on the first Wednesday of each month commencing at 7pm. Please feel free to come earlier for food and fellowship before the meeting.

April 4	Location TBA
May 2	Location TBA
June 6	Location TBA
August 4	Guess where??

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