



Connecticut Valley Region Porsche Club, the years 1980 to 1989

In its third decade CVR continues to flourish and grow to be the third largest region in PCA. At the end of this article is an invitation to share your stories about CVR and its development into one of the best regions in PCA.

In 1980, Frank Carrington continues as President, Larry Albert is VP, Steve Winkler is Treasurer, and Bob Clough continues as *Challenge* editor. Mike and Peggy Bergan serve as Secretary, Jack Mella and Joan Milot do Membership, and Don Mylchreest is Activity Chair. In January, the annual calendar shows a third CVR Drivers' Ed day at Lime Rock and total track days are up to 10 from 6 in 1979 (counting Porscherama). Five Autocrosses also dot the calendar. In April, Driver's Ed is up to \$25 a day, there's nothing like success! In May, the first Zone 1 Concours and Swap Meet, chaired by NNJR's John and Donna Paterek, is held at the Orangeburg, New York, headquarters of the Northeast Porsche/Volkswagen/Audi distributor. Over 80 cars enter the Concours and CVR's "Mr. Clean" Bill Miller gets his first taste of major competitive success with a First Place. At the Region's second Lime Rock track day, the club hosts its first "Time Trial Challenge" PCAers from seven regions came to compete and Northeast Region wins this inaugural event. (Will racing be far behind?) In July - CVR sends 37 entrants to the Zone 48 Hours at the Glen. Louise Birney-Thompson and Frank D'Amelio put together the first CVR Yearbook to submit at the Portland, OR Porsche Parade in a quest for "Region of the Year" honors. In August, Barb Clough writes an article for *Challenge* extolling the highs of Drivers' Ed for liberated housewives - the beginning of a whole new chapter in the Region's activities. In October, the Monthly Meeting is held at Traynor P+A in Fairfield with the Holbert Racing D-Prod 924 on display and Bob Russo from Holbert's to explain how it works.

In 1981, Frank Carrington continues as President, Albert as VP, the Bergans as Secretary, Winkler as Treasurer, and some guy named Ken Fengler ("handsome and debonair") as Program Chair. Bob and Barb Clough keep *Challenge*. Mylchreest and Peletz become co- "Track Chairs" - first use of that title in the Region. In January, the first ever Zone 1 Tech Tactics is held at the Harley Hotel in Enfield. "National speakers" (no names) and "multiple topics" are promised. Sounds weak at the time, but the event survives for the next 28 years, so something right happens in '81! Photos in *Challenge* of the Christmas Party at the Carrington's show a lot of folks we all still know looking much younger, with lots more hair, and a lot of mustaches (on the guys that is). In February, the annual calendar is announced with six Autocrosses and three CVR Drivers' Ed days at Lime Rock. In March - The first annual Zone 1 Frozen Fantasy is scheduled at a lake front resort in Laconia. A winter sports weekend, no car activities, are planned (this is a short-lived idea). Ron Barnaba's name first appears *Challenge*, over an article on brake maintenance. In May, the Zone 1 Concours and Swap Meet has its second incarnation as does the CVR-led Time Trial Challenge. The Time Trial attracted entries from 10 Regions, BUT it rains. NorthEast Region wins again with

CVR second again. Fast lap in the rain is a 1:25.65! In July - Bob Akin speaks to CVR for the first time. The Regional Concours is held at Castle Point (yes, the same one) with 70 people in attendance. At the Asheville Parade, the Clough's 911 Weissach wins its Class and Division and is judged for the Manhattan Trophy. Eight CVRers take home Autocross trophies, including Pam Kudra, Marion Howard, and Carolyn Carrington. (Oh, their husbands all trophy too, along with Kenny Fengler and Bob Clough). In November, Sam Posey speaks at the Annual Banquet. For the first time there are recognition awards. Barb Clough is "Enthusiast of the Year." The Cloughs also win Concours overall. Rally overall is the Tobolskis. Rookie of the Year is Rocky Rookey. (We didn't realize he was that old!)

In 1982, Bob Clough is President, Kenny Fengler is VP, Paul and Pam Kudra are Secretary, Steve Winkler is Treasurer, and Ken and DG Blackman take over *Challenge*. The year will see a lot of change as both the Cloughs and the Fenglers leave the area, leaving Steve Winkler to move up to President in the fall. In January, Frank Carrington retires gracefully to be Chairman of Tech Tactics. (Several other CVR ex-Presidents will follow Frank into this job over the next 15 years.) In his three years at the helm, Frank's enthusiasm and hard work take the Region from a nice sleepy Porsche place to a powerhouse of a Region. (To this day, we all are reaping the benefits of his efforts.) The annual calendar shows seven CVR Lime Rock days as the multi-day Drivers' Ed weekend is reinvented for local use. In February, Skip Barber speaks at the Monthly Meeting. Bank balance is \$1,679.42. Whee! In March, the first of the year's Drivers' Ed days is announced in *Challenge* under the headline "RACE!" That was before the insurance realities set in; the author is later soundly rebuked. In April, the season's first track event is snowed out! (much public gnashing of teeth) In May, the Time Trial Challenge is held again with CVR vanquishing NER in our third try, led by the Howards and Zane Nevins. Over 100 drivers enter the Drivers' Ed portion and 87 run the Time Trial. In June, Monthly Meetings move to Tunxis Plantation and Bob Overby (two-time SCCA national champion in a 356 Speedster) speaks, over 80 people attend. At the Reno Parade Chuck Wastson's blue Turbo barely loses in Class. Some kid named Jim Newton preps the car with Chuck. (Stay tuned...) In August, the Monterey Historics feature Porsche for the first time. (The second time will be in 1998.) Some attendees find their life's priorities changed. In October, Ken Fengler's two-month reign as Region President ends as he takes a job in south Florida. Fortunately, Mike Bergan now has a place to stay for the winter when the bike shop is closed and good races are being held at places like Daytona and Sebring. In November, some old codger named Kelly who last attended a Monthly Meeting in 1971 submits an eight-page article to *Challenge* on the 1982 Monterey Historics week. (At January's Monthly Meeting he'll bring two videos and over 200 slides to show what it was all about.) In December, year-end bank balance was \$3,111.34.

In 1983, Steve Winkler is President, Jon Grosjean is VP, Jack Mella is Treasurer, The Kudras stay on as Secretary, Wally Simon takes over the Track program, Chuck Watson is Concours Chair. In January, the annual calendar shows CVR with seven track days at Lime Rock plus Porscherama. Metro NY and Schattanbaum account for another seven days at LRP. There are two Rallies and six Autocrosses planned. Vietnam-era Top Gun Grad (no kidding, and you thought he only drives fast) John Boles takes over from Doug Troyer as Zone 1 Rep. (The Zone Presidents' meetings will never be the same again.) In May, Jim Newton and Jim Kelly introduce us all to Auto Associates of Canton as they hold their first Monthly Meeting for CVR in the old "downstairs" shop. (Many area bankers commemorate that day - just as many wives frame invoices and burn their

husbands - or is it the other way around?) In June, the Zone 48 Hours track event moves to Mosport (eh?) while the future of the Glen is settled. (By midyear Corning Glass Works was negotiating to buy the track and keep it operating.) CVRers love Mosport. Gordon Zimmerman joins CVR with ONLY a '63 356B. Things did change soon. In July, Pam and Paul Kudra, Linda Goodman and Eric Grossman take over *Challenge*. Good things start to happen immediately. Metro NY returns PCA to Bridgehampton for the first time in many moons and 123 cars show up, including 18 from CVR. Chuck Watson moves the Concours to the Copper Beach Inn in Ivoryton. Just because we are car junkies doesn't mean we shouldn't eat well and 112 of us show up. In August, the Porsche Parade in the Ozarks sets new records for overheated Porsche owners. (Who would go to the Ozarks in August?) Well, Chuck Watson and Jim Newton return with Chuck's 930, and this time they do win the Manhattan Trophy for "Best-in-Show." In November, the annual banquet moves to the Aqua Turf Country Club. (Good food is on the rise at CVR events.) Bruce MacInnes is the speaker, everyone likes Bruce – he is really funny.

In 1984, All the officers stay in place except that Nancy Haugh (Wally Simon's p.r. chief) is added as Secretary, Linda Goodman is Program Chair, and Jim Newton is elevated from Watson slave to Concours Chair. Little do we know at the time that Newton's appointment is "for life." In January, Ashley Carroll writes a reminiscence for the 25th Anniversary kickoff issue of *Challenge*. *Challenge* switches to coated stock so now we can all recognize what the photos actually show. Calendar shows Lime Rock Drivers' Ed days up to eight with an October addition. In February, Frank Carrington's 4th Annual Tech Tactics happens- bigger than ever - at the Harley Hotel in Enfield. Ron Barnaba's Porsche Werkes advertises "gray market" Porsches. Wes Davenport, Boz Coffin and Tom Weaver build their reputations as fearless Cannonball One Lap of America participants. In May, the Time Trial is won by CVR with a new index set by Soter Slomski. Nick Ventura gets FTD with a 1:01.35 in the batmobile. In June, *Challenge* sports a metallic silver cover to commemorate the Region's 25th Anniversary. Zone 1's 48 Hour Drivers' Ed event stays at Mosport for another year. In July, the Porsche Parade is held in Appleton, WI. CVR wins the coveted Region of the Year Award - something that had been building since Frank Carrington's second year - and finally it happened. Frank, Bob, Kenny, Steve, and about 100 activity chairs and workers earned this honor for the Region. Toni and Bill Reichardt put together the winning yearbook. In November, the Region's 25th Anniversary party is held at the Golf Club of Avon with PCA President-elect Jim Perrin as the guest speaker.

In 1985, Eric Grossman is President, Prescott Kelly is VP, Nancy Haugh continues as Secretary and Jack Mellas as Treasurer. Mike Bergan is Program Chair, Wally Simon has Track, and Rocky Rookey is Autocross Chair. *Challenge* Editors stay another round. In January, nine (!) track days at Lime Rock, six Autocrosses and two Rallies led by Tom Weaver highlight the annual calendar. Wally Simon is building up the track schedule. Go Wally! In February, over 125 PCAers attend Tech Tactics, including 42 folks from CVR. In March, the Cannonball team of Tom Weaver, Boz Coffin and Joel Lang finish second in the One Lap of America in a Audi 5000 Quattro sponsored by Porsche-Audi of Avon. Tom's Regional Rallies are now called the New England Cannonballs. In May, at the Time Trials, both Jim Spacek and Ed Tobolski set new lap records in their classes to help CVR keep the Region title. In June, the Zone 48 Hours returns to Watkins Glen after a two-year hiatus. Bob Akin speaks at the Monthly Meeting about his upcoming run at the 24 Hours of LeMans. In July, the Porsche Parade is held in Costa Mesa, CA with the driving event at Riverside Raceway. After a

bad wreck by a nice lady from Texas, it is deemed that future Parades will have only autocrosses, not race track venue time trials. Too many attendees at Parades come from Regions with no track programs and therefore have too little track driving experience. In October - two CVR members go to Kansas and win SCCA Autocross trophies: Mike Piera takes 1st place in A Stock in his 72 911 Targa (thought they flexed a lot?) and Soter Slomski takes 3rd place in D Sports Racing. On the Regional front, Mike wins the season Auto-X series and the runoff, with Charlie Mayer second in the season series and third in the runoff. Paul Kudra takes second in the runoff, and Jack Mella third in the season series. In November, the Annual Banquet features a new racing team: Rob Dyson and Drake Olson (of Bridgewater) tell us about racing the Porsche 962 in IMSA.

In 1986, Eric Grossman is still President, Prescott Kelly is still V.P. and Program Chair, Peg Mayer is Secretary, Jack Mella is Treasurer, and Bo Skutnik takes Track (while Wally Simon goes off to run the Parade "speed event"). Rocky Rookey keeps Autocross and Mike Bochow is Tech Chair. Linda Goodman and Pam and Paul Kudra edit *Challenge*. CVR's Judy Boles is National Membership Chairman and John Boles is still Zone 1 Rep. Prescott Kelly is Contributing Editor for Porsche Panorama. Porsche AG announces its Turbo Cup Race Series for the 944 Turbo spec racer in Germany. In January, with the upcoming Parade in Portland Maine being run by a tiny (90+ member) Region, the National powers decide that Zone 1 will take an active role in running the Parade. Several Regions in the Zone get assignments. CVR takes the Autocross, and Wally Simon signs on to run it. Over 65 CVR families sign up, most of us to work for Wally, and another 20 CVRers will show up just to work at the Parade. Bridgewater's Drake Olson wins the inaugural Porsche Cup U.S., driving for Dyson Racing out of Poughkeepsie. In February, John Bishop, former Executive Director of the SCCA, then founder and big boss of IMSA (and a resident of Fairfield) comes to talk about the history of sports car racing and the SCCA/IMSA battle. He comes to the meeting straight off the plane from the 24 Hours of Daytona. And yeh, he has the inside story on that race! (Porsche 962's placed one-two-three with the Lowenbrau sponsored Al Holbert/ Derek Bell/Al Unser Jr. car winning.) Good stuff. In March, Skip Barber comes to talk about the early days of glory in Formula Ford and the Racing School he now runs AND all the improvements he's planning for our track (Lime Rock). Lots of CVR folks have already done the Barber school. Many more will sign up in the coming months and years. Tech Tactics VI happens flawlessly with 150 attendees. Don Ross and Helene Ross are still Registrars. Bruce Anderson debuts the 959 to us. CVR friend Bob Akin (with Jo Gartner and Hans Stuck) wins the Sebring 12-Hour in Bob's 962. In April, Bob Russo of Holbert Racing comes to talk about the Al Holbert Lowenbrau 962 season and race car safety. He has a great demo of a blow torch on kevlar (which he is holding). Tom Weaver runs a "Son of Cannonball" Rally for CVRers. In May, Jim Newton goes public and shows how he is cleaning up his '73 Carrera RS to go for the Manhattan Trophy ("best in show") at the Portland Parade. The pressure is now REALLY ON. The 7th Annual CVR Time Trial Challenge draws almost 100 participants. CVR takes 7 firsts led by Dave Porter, Ed Tobolski, and Jim Spacek. At the Zone 1 Concours, Bill Miller and Dave Bess both win their Divisions and then finish one-two for Best in Show, separated by one point 272 vs. 271, with Dave's Ruby Red 1958 Coupe just "besting" Bill's 911 Targa. In June, CVR members Tom Weaver, Boz Coffin, and Carl Prutting tell us all about their most recent Cannonball at the Monthly Meeting. Tom did most of the driving, so Boz and Carl do most of the talking. Seems right. The lads finished 15th out of 130 cars. Eighty CVR folks show up for the Greenwich Point Park picnic and Gimmick

Concours. The Zone 1 48 Hours at the Glen draws 300 cars. The secret is out! Holbert, Bell and Stuck win LeMans for Porsche. In August, the long-awaited Portland Parade happens. CVR, under Wally Simon, runs the Autocross for about 600 cars over three days. Wally has put forward a peerless effort-even if he did work so long and hard on it that his business really suffers. The other highlight is Jim Newton winning his second Manhattan Trophy-this time with his own car. Jim scores 297 points out of 300 possible by disassembling the entire car, replacing or restoring every single part, checking them off in the factory parts manual as he goes. In September, at Porscherama Linda Goodman wins Women's Overall (and a BIG trophy) while Jim Newton finishes third overall in the Men's Division (and a much smaller trophy). Their photo shows Jim eyeing Linda's trophy. In November, Bob Akin comes for the Annual Banquet with knowledgeable wife Ellen and keeps the huge assemblage in stitches with his stories. Bob is awfully approachable for a famous race car driver, successful businessman, vintage car collector, etc. At the Annual Banquet, Wally Simon gets a well-earned Enthusiast of the Year award, some kid named Chris Musante wins Rookie of the Year. The Autocross season ends with Charlie Mayer the season champ, followed by Rockie Rookey, Paul Kudra, Fred Zetterberg, and Dave Porter. Concours Overall is Dave Bess and the Rookeys win Rally Overall.

In 1987, Prescott Kelly is President, Chip Hall and Wally Simon are Vice Presidents, Peg Mayer is Secretary, Rocky Rookey is Treasurer, Jim Russel is Track Chair, and Fred Zetterberg and Dave Porter co-chair Autocross. Outgoing President Eric Grossman joins his wife Linda Goodman and the Kudras to continue their excellent tutelage of *Challenge*. In January, CVR's John Boles retires as Zone 1 Rep to be replaced by Bob Moir from New Jersey. (That fact aside Bob is a terrific choice.) John joins the National Staff as Safety Chairman. CVR announces its schedule for the year with new track events planned for Watkins Glen and Bryar Motorsport Park (now completely rebuilt as New Hampshire International Speedway). In February, the seventh Tech Tactics comes off without a hitch with speakers Bob White, John Paterek, Bob Russo, Bob Strange (of BFG and SSGT fame) and Perry Lingner from ESPN Motorsports. Holbert, Bell, Unser Jr, and Chip Robinson win the 24 Hours of Daytona. In March, two Bridgestone reps speak at the Monthly Meeting and give away a set of RE-71's, won by Linda Goodman. (Much gnashing of teeth by envious attendees.) Bobby Rahal and Jochen Mass win Sebring in Bruce Leven's Bayside Disposal 962. In May, the first and latest of CVR's three Manhattan Trophy winners, Joe Sangiovoni ('70) and Jim Newton ('86), give a talk on how it's done, including an aptitude test for concouring. We all flunk. Whew! At the Porsche Club tent at Lime Rock on Memorial Day for the IMSA races, Price Cobb (U.S. Porsche Cup winner in 1986) drops in to talk to the fans before he drives the Dyson 962 in the afternoon feature race. Pam and Paul Kudra and Jack Mella are pictured in Panorama taking the tech quiz at Tech Tactics. In June, the Annual Zone Concours and Swap Meet is held at West Point, a terrific new venue arranged by Army veteran Dick Hyland. Dave Bess and Bill Miller again win their Divisions, but no Best in Show for CVR this year. Porsche wins LeMans again with Holbert, Bell and Stuck. In July, at one of the hottest Parades in memory (July 4th weekend in Dallas!), our *Challenge* Editors won second in class in the National PCA newsletter competition. Old buddy (and past CVR prez) Ken Fengler's Gold Coast Region (southeast Florida) won the Region of the Year award. (We should've kept him!) The Editors introduce the new look *Challenge* produced for the first time on a Mac desktop publishing system. In August, Prescott Kelly and Ken Fengler arrange for Derek Bell to speak to the Region and then be Chief Instructor at the following day's Drivers Ed event, joined by pro-driver Bobby Akin ("big" Bob's son). Both events sell out with 215

people attending the Monthly Meeting (still a record some 12 years later). Jim Newton and Charlie Mayer lead the Autocross series at mid-season. In September, Porscherama is a sellout as well, and CVRers do very well in the Time Trials and Concours but not the Rally. Alan Issacson gets 2nd in Men's Overall, Newton is 3rd. The Porsche Quaker State Indy Car debuts at Laguna Seca. (We'll get 'em next time.) In December, Bruce Jennings ("King Carrera" for his two SCCA championships with 4-cam Speedsters) is our guest speaker at the Annual Banquet. He shows the film of his eight-flip barrel roll at the Glen in the early 1960's. Fred Zetterberg wins Enthusiast of the Year and Jack Miner is Rookie of the Year. Jim Newton wins both the Concours Overall and Autocross Overall in the same car, his '73 Carrera RS -yup the same one that won the Manhattan Trophy at the Portland Parade in '86. To cap off his year, Newton is the subject of a fawning profile in Porsche Panorama, written by some heavily indebted customer.

In 1988, Kelly, Hall and Simon continue as President, VP, and VP. Fred Zetterberg becomes Secretary. Rookey continues as Treasurer. Russel keeps Track and Dave Porter goes solo with Autocross. In January, American Peter Schutz leaves as President of Porsche AG on the heels of a 30% decline in sales (led by the U.S. which in 1986 accounted for 60 % of sales) and monster earnings declines, in part due to currency losses as the dollar plummets vs. the deutschmark. Price Cobb, driving for Rob Dyson, wins his second straight Porsche Cup U.S. That's three in a row for Dyson drivers. At CVR's Annual Planning Meeting, a year with 15 track days is laid out. In February, Jaguar wins Daytona. Is our demise in sight? In March, Eric Grossman and Linda Goodman take over Tech Tactics with CVRers in all the key worker slots. CVR's Helene Fox and Don Ross continue as Registrars. Jim Newton is added to the roster of speakers. The result? The biggest crowd ever at 190 people vs. 140 maximum B.N. ("before Newton"). Jim graciously takes full credit. At Newton's Sunday morning talk, the 40 CVRers in attendance all, on cue, noisily break out their Sunday New York Times. "We've heard it all before," Paul Kudra tells the crowd. Nope, the end is not in sight as 962's sweep the top five places at Sebring! In May, PCNA's PR chief, Bob Carlson, comes to the Monthly Meeting to explain Porsche's new Indy Car program: the new Quaker State sponsored team with Teo Fabi as driver. The Region's first ever "Rookie Weekend" is organized by Linda Goodman and Nancy Haugh. It is a big success with 50 rookies on hand (and becomes a fixture in CVR's future plans). At the Zone 1 Concours, now moved to the Stouffer's Westchester Hotel in White Plains, NY, Bill "Mr. Clean" Miller and his 1970 911 Targa win their long-sought "Best in Show" trophy after five straight Division victories. Well done, Bill! Prescott Kelly's '65 356C Coupe wins its Division. Dave Bess and Jim Newton/Jack Miner win their classes. CVR wins the Time Trial Challenge behind Fred Stautinger, Sally Curtin and Judy Durkin, all of whom set lap records in their classes. At the Memorial Day PCA tent at Lime Rock, drivers Price Cobb and Jim Weaver from Dyson Racing both show up to talk to the fans. Also there is Bob Carlson, fresh in from the previous day's Indy 500, where the Porsche-March (the Type 2708, Porsche's own Indycar chassis having been returned to Weissach for more development) gets as high as 10th before a pit stop error costs the car a wheel. Finally, the Rothmans Turbo Cup (for spec 944T race cars) series is introduced in Canada with \$500,000 Canadian in total season prize money. May was a major month! In June, Jaguar wins LeMans but Stuckie has the fastest lap in one of the Shell-Dunlop 962's and finishes 2nd in the race. In July, at the Parade in Colorado Springs, CVR's *Challenge* wins the coveted Paul Heinmiller Award for the best Regional Newsletter in the country. WE HAD KNOWN IT ALL ALONG! Congratulations and adulation are showered on Linda Goodman, Pam and Paul Kudra (and associate editor/advertising manager Eric

Grossman). Linda, Pam and Paul get their pictures in Pano. At CVR's Bryar event, Vermonter John Buffum shows up to drive Prescott Kelly's SC/RS for article in Sports Car Illustrated. Buffum goes past everyone, usually sideways. "Everyone" learns the difference between a pro driver such as Buffum and the rest of us warrior wannabes in Driver's Ed and Vintage Racing. In August, PCNA's Ed Tirolo comes to speak and tell us that 20 sport 959's will be coming to the U.S., that the Indy car program will continue, and that Porsche will not be sold (especially not to Ford!). Those 959's will come, then leave, as DOT and EPA had their say. At Porscherama CVR women take 9 out of 15 trophies!! The CVR men take 21 trophies out of 29. Some enthusiast named Tom Bobbitt writes an article on the '88 running of LeMans for *Challenge*, Yes, he was there! We'll all get to know him better later on. In September, the Akin-White racing team comes to show us their fleet of 944S showroom stock race cars and talk up the program and their racing school. At the Zone Autocross Paul Kudra and Geoff Ehrman win their classes and Pam Kudra took second overall among the ladies. On Friday, September 30th, Al Holbert dies when the twin-engine plane he is piloting crashes on takeoff from the Columbus OH airport. With his death Porsche North American Motorsports takes a dive from which it has not yet really recovered. In December, the Annual Banquet is held at the Norwich Inn and Spa. Sally and Dave Curtin are double-double winners as they are voted Enthusiasts of the Year and win the Rally Overall championship. Andy Weiss wins Rookie of the Year. Prescott Kelly is Concours Overall. Jack Miner won the Autocross season championship and then the same car runoffs at a Malibu-like Grand Prix facility in Massachusetts.

In 1989 Chip Hall becomes President, Linda Goodman is V.P. and Program Chair, Fred Zetterberg V.P. and Track Chair, Geoff Ehrman is Secretary, and Pam Kudra is Treasurer. Paul Kudra is Autocross Chair. *Challenge* is taken over by Sally and Dave Curtin and Christine and Rocky Rookey. CVR's Judy Boles becomes National Secretary. In January, Price Cobb wins Porsche Cup North America number three. Rob Dyson returns as Monthly Meeting speaker and tells us why running a Porsche 962 in IMSA is tougher and tougher. He announces that he will be trying CART in 1989 with a one-year old Cosworth-Lola. (That experiment will prove to be short-lived and Rob will be back in sports cars before the new year.) Membership hits 1072. In February, Jim Busby's Miller High Life Porsche 962, driven by Derek Bell, Bob Wollek, and John Andretti, wins the 24 Hours of Daytona-just after the public burial of the 962 as a winning race car. Over the last four hours the 962 is never more than 90 seconds ahead of the 2nd-place Jaguar XJR-9. Several CVRers (including the Kellys and the Bergans) are in the pits for the victory, guests of Kenny Fengler and Derek Bell. Neil Goldberg, ESPN's Supervising Producer for Motorsports, does the Monthly Meeting and explains why sports car racing won't make prime time for a while yet. In March, Linda Goodman recruits Alois Ruf and Derrick Walker, g.m. of the Porsche CART team, to join the usual staff of speakers at Tech Tactics. Over 180 people learn a lot by attending. Nissan wins Sebring. Ugh. In May, At Indy the Porsche-Indy 89P suffers engine failure after running third fastest in the final practice. CVR wins the Time Trial Challenge again, with Christine Rookey ('73 911S) and Prescott Kelly ('86 944T/Escort) setting new lap records and CVR taking 10 of the 12 class wins. At the 10th Annual Zone 1 Concours, Dave Bess and Bill Miller win their Divisions and John and Judy Boles win People's Choice with their Red '59 Convertible D. In June, Mercedes wins LeMans. In July, Bob Akin and Justin Bell (Derek's son and the current season leader in the Barber-Saab Race Series) handle the Monthly Meeting speakers' duty with grace and aplomb. The Regional Concours with "People's Choice"

voting results in Dave Bess winning Best Overall with Ron Leford's nice 914 Second Overall. In August, at the Travers City MI Parade, *Challenge* wins its second consecutive Paul Heinmiller Award as the best newsletter in all of PCA-land. Because we know that the national powers really prefer to move the grand prize around, this is a stunning success for the Editors: Linda Goodman, Eric Grossman, and Pam and Paul Kudra. CVR's Ashley Carroll is presented with the Bill Sholar Memorial Award which is given (infrequently!) for extraordinary service to PCA. Ashley was National Treasurer 1967-1969 and Executive V. P. 1976-1980. In September, at Porscherama, CVR's Christine Rookey wins Women's Overall and Jack Miner wins the Men's. Peg Mayer sets a fastest lap for a woman ever at Lime Rock! Bill Richter, Rocky Rookey, and Jack Miner set lap records in class. Connie Huebner and Rick Kummer win Best Overall at the Concours in their first time effort! Christine and Rocky Rookey win People's Choice. In October, David Finch in his tube-frame 944S wins GT2 and Joe Cogbill in his 356 Speedster wins E Prod at the SCCA runoffs. In November, at the Annual Banquet at the Aqua-Turf, Geoff and Mimi Ehrman win Enthusiasts of the Year and Dave Clark wins Rookie of the Year. Jack Miner is the season Autocross champion and Geoff Ehrman wins the Runoff. In December, CVR ends the year with 1110 members, the most ever, in its 30th Anniversary year, and is the third largest region in PCA.

The credit for researching and documenting the second 10 years of CVR history in this article goes to Linda Goodman (CVR member and currently contributing editor of the "From the Regions" in Panorama) and Prescott Kelly (President of PCA and CVR Historian). They collaborated in documenting the history of CVR up to the year 1999. The availability of information from the early years of CVR has gaps since it was based on *Challenge* which at the start of the club was infrequently published.