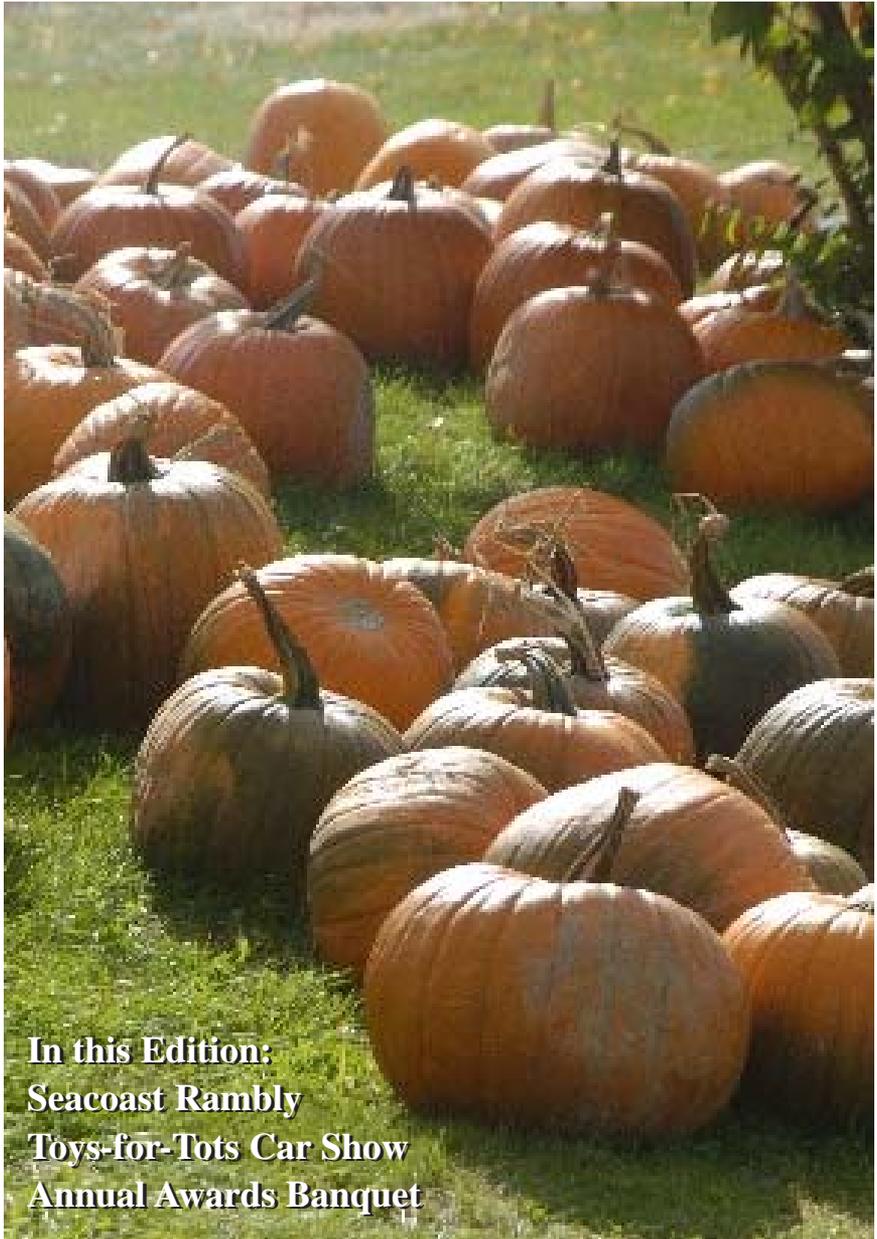




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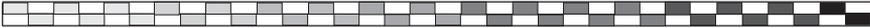
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Jan 15, After Holiday Yankee Swap, New Asia Restraunt, Newington NH, Ellen Beck, rsvp requested at (603) 778-9522

Jan 22, Tech Session, General Maintenance, Sports Car Workshop, Arundel ME, Matt Romanowski, tech@ncr-pca.org

Feb 5, Tech Session, Restoration / Open House, Paul Russel and Co., Essex MA, Matt Romanowski, tech@ncr-pca.org

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Apr 2, Tech Session, Electronics, Precision Imports, Manchester NH, Matt Romanowski, tech@ncr-pca.org

May 5, Tech Session (Tent), Concour Preparation, Porsche of Nashua, Nashua NH, Matt Romanowski, tech@ncr-pca.org

May 27-29, Drivers Eduction (Tent) NCR, NHIS, Scott Martineau, driver-ed@ncr-pca.org

June 11, AX (Tent) NER, Ft. Devens, Bill Brinkmann, bill@the-brinkmanns.org

June 24 -July 1, 2005, 50th Annual Porsche Parade, Hershey, PA

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July 23, AX #2 (Tent) NCR, Ft. Devens, Colin Blake, autocross@ncr-pca.org

July 31, AX (Tent) NER, Ft. Devens, Bill Brinkmann, bill@the-brinkmanns.org

Aug 7, AX (Tent) NER, Ft. Devens, Bill Brinkmann, bill@the-brinkmanns.org

Aug 15-16, Drivers Eduction (Tent) NCR, NHIS, Scott Martineau, driver-ed@ncr-pca.org

Aug 20, AX #3 (Tent) NCR, Ft. Devens, Colin Blake, autocross@ncr-pca.org

Aug 28, AX (Tent) NER, Ft. Devens, Bill Brinkmann, bill@the-brinkmanns.org

Sept 8, Drivers Eduction (Tent) NCR, LRP, Scott Martineau, driver-ed@ncr-pca.org

Sept 17, AX #4 (Tent) NCR, Ft. Devens, Colin Blake, autocross@ncr-pca.org

Sept 18, AX (Tent) NER, Ft. Devens, Bill Brinkmann, bill@the-brinkmanns.org

Oct 2, AX (Tent) NER, Ft. Devens, Bill Brinkmann, bill@the-brinkmanns.org

Oct 10-11, Drivers Eduction (Tent) NCR, NHIS, Scott Martineau, driver-ed@ncr-pca.org

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FROM THE DESKTOP

Bill Kallgren



Members of the North Country! The summer has passed and fall has quickly descended upon us; shortly we can expect the flurries to descend upon us. With the coming of winter, many of us will put our cars away while a few hardy souls will persevere until the arrival of spring when again sleepy cars will emerge from their slumber. Over the past year, the North Country Region has, as usual, been busy with a wide variety of events. If you haven't participated in a club event recently, by all means watch the club calendar closely and plan on joining us for events in 2005.

As for myself, I have had an excellent season of club events. With the thawing snow in the spring, I was eagerly looking forward to the Car Control Clinic. Having participated in my first car control clinic the previous year, I was enthusiastic to sign up again in 2004 and reconfirm my awareness of the capabilities the engineers at Porsche designed into our fine automobiles. The Car Control Clinic is an excellent opportunity to hone driving skills in a safe environment. As usual for an NCR event, Tom Harris and James Demers along with their team of instructors provided ample explanation of the dynamics of car control combined with plenty of "hands-on" exercises. This low key event has surely improved my driving abilities. I firmly believe that I am now a better driver, both on the street as well as the track. A hardy thank you to the Car Control Clinic team, and I look forward to the 2005 clinic. If you have never pushed your car to limits Herr Dr. Porsche originally intended, this is an excellent opportunity to learn the capabilities of our fine automobiles.

To be honest, I was roped into Porsche ownership by a close friend of mine who lent me his somewhat track prepared 911 for a weekend. Although not a full-on track car; my enthusiasm for Chris Bennet's hard sprung car lasted all of about 20 minutes. I realized that perhaps such a car might not be all it appears, or perhaps "Sir, you just might not be made up of materials suitable for Porsche ownership." Sure it was the right color, Grand Prix White, but the squealing brakes and "jar the fillings out of your teeth" ride was not quite what I expected. I returned the car the very next morning, having only put a few dozen miles on it all too eager to get back into the comfort of my VW. Still the allure of the track experience was planted that day. Within three months, I found myself the owner of a similar, but stock, '85 911 Carrera. I purchased the car with the intent of driving it the way Herr Dr. Porsche originally intended so many years ago when the first Gmünd Porsches rolled out of a barn in Austria. God willing, I would make myself material worthy of Porsche ownership. Off to the track I went. In the past year, Jerry Austin, along with the most highly trained team of instructors from any region of the PCA as well as an unsurpassed support team has put on a perfect year of Driver Education events.

Starting with perfect weather in May at NHIS; Jerry's group put on three days of

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OFF THE APEX

Jim Gratton, President

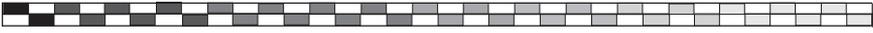


It is a bittersweet feeling as I put pen to paper for my final article of "Off the Apex". It has been three years of monthly articles with some more memorable than others. My fondest memories revolve around the volunteer spirit that the members of North Country have always demonstrated. The heart of any club is the corps of members that come forth to take on various responsibilities. It is this corps of volunteers that I want to pay tribute to in my final article.

The Board of Officers that I have had the privilege of working with over the past year has been outstanding. Janet Leach has been the vice-president. We have worked well together through lots of communication via e-mail, phone conversations and our non-stop discussions as we traveled to and from our monthly meetings. Janet is a great asset to our club. It is very reassuring to have Pete Petersen as our treasurer. His organizational skills and ability to account and hold us accountable for our expenditures are both reassuring and sometimes frustrating but necessary. Doug McIninch is officially the secretary, but he also plays the role of rational reason, legal advisor, and parliamentarian. Doug's ability to keep things in perspective during our board discussions is invaluable, while also adding a little levity to our discussions. Amy Charpentier has had a very intriguing year as membership chair. National PCA is adopting a new software program for reporting new members, transfers and renewals. The new software has been very slow coming online, thus frustrating Amy and club members that need membership information. Sandi Johnson's role as past-president has been invaluable to me. Her guidance, wisdom and insight into many issues have helped steer the board's decision making process. Of the seven board positions, the most challenging has been the *Northlander* editor. This past year we have had four people fill the role: Paul Riddlestone, Bruce Whittier, Judy Hendrickson and Bill Kallgren. All four brought their strengths to our monthly publication. Bruce continues to write technical articles for us. Judy stepped forward to act as interim editor while we searched for a long-term solution to maintaining a quality newsletter. Bill has many new and fresh ideas for the *Northlander* and along with his new assistant editor Tracey Levasseur, we have a great team for an exciting periodical.

The chair people are phenomenal! Take a look in the front of each *Northlander* and you will see a list of dedicated people that work very hard to bring you an outstanding calendar of events each year. The chair people along with the many volunteers provide the "grunt" work for all of our events. As I peruse this list I see many of the people have "volunteered" to continue in their roles for another year. Jerry Austin will be retiring as DE Chair. I applaud all his efforts to continually improve our DE program. North Country's DE program is considered to be one of the best in PCA, and under Jerry's tutelage it has continued to improve and grow.

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THE STARTING GRID

Lisa Roche, Membership

Breaking News: As we go to press, Lisa Roche has been installed as the 2005 Membership Committee Chair. Watch this space for membership updates and a photo of Lisa.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Edward Bowser
Henniker, NH
1968 912

Philip Dotzler
Jean Dotzler
New Boston, NH
1999 Boxster

Rick Lavigne
Sue Lavigne
Manchester, NH
1980 911 SC

Michael Catizone

Kim Catizone
Pelham, NH
2001 Boxster

Edward Gage III
Jill Gage
Nashua, NH
1995 911

Bruce Parsons
Carol Parsons
New London, NH
1995 993

Philip Desfosses
Margaret Desfosses
Portsmouth, NH
1999 911

HAPPY PCA ANNIVERSARY

Oct and Nov

20 Years

Elizabeth Ames
Brewster Ames, Jr.
Francestown, NH
1984 944

James Hanley
Ann Richardson
Hollis, NH
1984 911

10 Years

Peter Griffin
Colby Levine
Portsmouth, NH
2002 996 TT

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NCR BOARD WERKES

Doug McIninch, Secretary



On September 14, 2004, five Board Members and nine Club members met at the Cat'N Fiddle to conduct business.

President's Welcome/Correspondence: Jim Gratton welcomed all present and introduced Bill Kallgren as the new *Northlander* Editor. He will be assisted by Tracey Levasseur who will be proofreading the upcoming issues of the *Northlander*. The introduction of Bill Kallgren led to a report from Judy Hendrickson on the production of the October *Northlander* and the transfer of responsibilities to Bill. Bill will be producing the November/December issue. It was then VOTED: To authorize the expenditure of up to \$500 for the purchase of updated Pagemaker software for use in producing the *Northlander*. The discussion then turned to *Northlander* advertising and it was VOTED: Existing advertisers in the *Northlander* will not be billed for 2004. Those advertisers who have been billed in 2003 and paid the bill will have their payments credited to 2005. Judy then reminded everyone of the 10th of the month deadline for *Northlander* articles.

Jim Gratton then led a lengthy discussion about the format for the November Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Vice-President: All insurance certificates are up to date.

Secretary: The minutes of the August 10, 2004 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was accepted as distributed.

Membership: National continues to have computer problems which make membership reporting by the Regions virtually impossible. Membership is at 487.

Web-Site: N/A.

Safety: All events have been safe.

DE: Jerry Austin provided a detailed written report on the recent DE days at NHIS and Lime Rock. Neither event had any accidents. NHIS had 108 drivers registered and there were 131 at Lime Rock. Jerry also recommended that non-Porsche vehicles be allowed into certain events. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to table the discussion pending a formal recommendation to the Board from the DE Committee addressing such technical and safety related issues as proper pre-track and at track inspections for non-Porsche. Jerry Austin has announced his retirement as DE Chair and DE Registrar for 2005. The Board VOTED: To thank Jerry Austin for his consistently hard work as DE Registrar as well as his excellent leadership as DE chair which has led to significant advancements in NCR's well respected DE program.

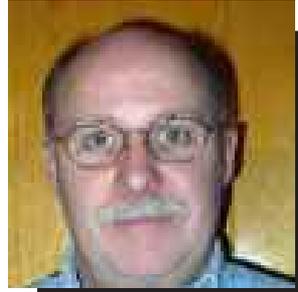
Charity: The \$350 rebate from PCA has been received in recognition of NCR's 2003 charitable activities.

Rambly: The October 17, 2004 Coastal Tour is set to go.

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TRACK TIME

Jerry Austin, DE Chair



The final NCR DE event of 2004 was held on October 11 and 12 at NHIS. We were very fortunate to have good weather, although the people who had early flagging duty at turns 5 and 8 might disagree. My definition of “good” weather is a mostly dry track and some sunshine. I am pleased to say that we had a very successful event and finished the year with no accidents at any of our 8 track days in 2004.

The NCR turnout was fantastic. Out of a total of 127 participants, 79 were from NCR region, or 62%. The next largest group was from the NER with 28, then CVR with 13 and then 4 (or 5 depending how I count dual membership) from DER. We love having so many people participate from our own region as well as our friends from neighboring regions.

One of the great things about DE is the variety of people you meet at the events and the cars they bring. An outsider might think there would be a few cliques within this diverse group of cars and people, but this is definitely not the case. It’s like we’re all best friends getting together for a few days of raw fun. I enjoy watching the GT2s and GT3 on the track, but I also enjoy the 917 replica, stock 914s, the multitude of modified 944s, 911s, and this time a pair of Ferrari 355 challenge cars. How can you not enjoy this if you are a true car enthusiast! I listened to Fred Bussiere (stock 912) challenge Harry Robinson (new 911 C4S) to a driving challenge. Both were having fun. The social aspect of this sport is so awesome; outsiders would not believe it could be this great.



Matt Romanowski and Charles Rozier at Start Finish

We do enjoy seeing members trying the DE experience for the first time. This event, the NCR first timers were Bill Ayers, John Janakos, Andy Kallgren, Joe Kraetsch, Phillip Richard, Christopher Weier, Dan Weier and Daniel Witmer. It was obvious that they were having a great experience. I remember my first event 11 years ago, which was in September. The following winter seemed endless because I wanted to do more DE. So all I can say to you newbies is to look on our DE website and click on Dale and Adams’ track schedule. There are more DE events available in 2004. My own DE season is not over so I hope to see many



Solo on the Track, Jack Saunders

our excellent instructor team for another fantastic event. Because of your participation we were able to accept all students who registered. Finally, congratulations to Jay Gratton, who was promoted to NCR Instructor during the past event.

See you at a track
Jerry

of you at a track in 2004.

Our 2005 DE schedule will be very similar to the 2004 one if you are marking your calendar. The dates should be firm by early December and we'll post them to the website as soon as we are sure. Club Motorsports facility is still a question and we'll pursue getting some track time there if they open in 2005.

As always, I want to thank the DE team and

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ANNUAL BANQUET

By Bill Kallgren

The stars were out and in proper alignment for an evening of socializing and entertainment on November 13, 2004 in Henniker, New Hampshire. A crowd of over 90 North Country Region members and honored guests convened for North Country Region Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, this year held at the base of the slopes of Pat's Peak. With temperatures below freezing, the staff at Pat's Peak were busy preparing for the start of their season, while inside the season was wrapping up for many NCR members (with the exception of a few snowbirds headed south for the winter).

North Country Region was nationally recognized by the Porsche Club of America at this year's Porsche Parade with a certificate of honorable mention awarded for our charity programs. Continuing with this tradition of charity, a silent auction was held at the banquet raising over \$100 for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Our social committee put together a wonderful display of trophies and awards presented to club members at this year's parade along with a preliminary copy of the region's annual yearbook. Topping off the display, a slide show was put together by club photographer David Churcher. Over 1600 photographs showcasing events from the past year were displayed on a large screen at the head of the banquet hall. With each slide on screen for a few seconds, it was the source of many memories and stimulated a lot of fun discussion and in some cases the occasional jibe!

The evening started with welcoming remarks by outgoing President Jim Gratton. Jim highlighted several of the roadblocks the club encountered throughout the year and thanked the countless volunteers who rose to the occasion and helped to make the year safe and successful. Twenty-six years ago the club had five members and a working balance of fifty dollars. This year, as of the banquet, the club has experienced a hundred fold in membership surpassing the five hundred-member mark and has an account balance of over fifty thousand dollars. The success of the club is in part due to the strong team of volunteers but also would not happen without the help of local sponsors, IRA Porsche, Porsche of Nashua and National Tire and Battery.

A quick board meeting followed the welcoming remarks where upon new officers were sworn in including incoming club President Janet Leach and Vice President Miriam Dunster. Continuing as Secretary and Treasurer are Doug McIninch and Pete Petersen respectively.

A by-law was passed recognizing the Webmaster as a voting member of the board,



Outgoing President Jim Gratton

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SEACOAST RAMBLY

By Ellen Beck



Matt and Jay's Most Excellent Rambly "Took Over The Seacoast"

Sunday, October 17, on a most excellent autumn day. Anticipating an amusing, adventurous ride with attractive scenery, Judy and I met at the Newington Mall parking lot, with the rest of the intrepid gang, 71 adults and children in all. With Matt and Jay one never knows what one will get, which is half the fun.

A chilly, breezy but bright morning, our gathering of Porsches and assorted other vehicles were the only occupants of the mall parking lot, with the exception of the mall security guy, who did repeated drive-bys, ogling our lovely cars. We were the only living things in sight, not counting the seagulls. For some reason we attracted billions of them, swirling above and hopping about on the pavement. As we all gathered round for our driver's meeting, ready for most anything, the gulls seemed happy to dive bomb

the tallest thing there... Jay's head! The guys kept it short, explaining that the questions were in chronological order, exhorting us to "think like them" in order to answer the questions, enjoy the scenery, and find the end for lunch in Wells, Maine. After passing out the route instructions (fairly clear) and the list of rambly questions (much less so), we all lined up to be sent off.



The Starting Line Up

we all lined up to be sent off.

Judy and I have rallied several times together (with doggie passenger Sabrina), and as we sat warming ourselves in the 993 waiting, I asked her if she wanted to take this one seriously and try to win. After some thought (too early and too cold for true serious thought) she said, "Yes, I think so. We both like to win, and we can't help but be like that!" True enough, so I began to try to think like Matt and Jay, our

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devious and devilish rambly masters.

Jay, at age 15, was my very first navigator on my very first rally way back in 1994 (ask us about that sometime), so I've known him (and best friend Matt) a long time. I've seen their wacky escapades, and aided, abetted and encouraged them in more ways than I should admit. Getting into their heads is an experience to be avoided, but they did encourage us to think like them, so I figured that their clues might be offbeat, with clever plays on words, or obscurities that would foil even those with minds like sharp tacks (that would be me and Judy).

Finally, our turn, the second to last in line, and we were off! I drove, scanning continuously for clues, and following the route instructions as Judy read them out. Our technique is for Judy to read out the questions in two's, always keeping a couple ahead. The idea here is that if we find the second clue we know we've missed one and can decide to go back, or skip it. Simultaneously, she would read the route instructions as well, always keeping one or two ahead. At times, the turns happen quickly, so I would have to look ahead for the next sign or marker, in addition to keeping the questions in mind and looking for those too. The first answer came only a quarter mile into the route, a common trick to use when participants are still getting

their act together (tsk, tsk). Who is the 14th President of the US? Why, Franklin Pierce, as in the College, right on Pease Tradeport. Bingo.

Our route took us to downtown Portsmouth, and as we exited Route 1 onto Maplewood Avenue we noticed an Audi abruptly U-turn around a traffic median (lots of honking horns). "What's up with that guy?" Judy looked into the rearview



Preparing for the Rally

and said, "Why, it's JJ!" I slung into a little parking lot (opposite Portsmouth Curtain Call, the answer to question #2, smirk) and JJ Dunkle pulled up wanting to know what all the Porsches were doing in Portsmouth... WE wanted to know why he and his dad John weren't on the rally with us! A quick cell call to Matt determined that they were already gone from the mall with all the paperwork, so we thought up an idea and thought it up quick. JJ U-turned again and we both drove the few hundred yards to the Dunkle establishment. JJ bolted up the stairs to inform his dad that plans for the day had changed and we followed with papers in hand. John, being the good sport he is, offered to let JJ drive the 993 C4 (sweet) and we hurriedly tried to copy papers so we could all catch up to the rest of the rally. The end result being that Judy faxed them from one room to John's computer in another, who printed them out while JJ found a clipboard, got jackets and within minutes of arrival we all zoomed

off, the hijacked Dunkles in tow.

That little excitement over, we settled back into the route, which took us onto New Castle Island to the town Commons. A lovely park on the harbor, (NCR has had lobster bakes there in the past) there is a life-size metal sculpture of a man painting on a large canvas. He is right along the rocky shore, and as you look through the empty rectangular picture frame, you see a charming view of the Portsmouth lighthouse (question #4), surrounded by sailboats and harbor activity. It is a great view, and the first of many wonderful shore scenes along our drive. As we left the park, Judy noticed a little cemetery to the side, Oceanside Cemetery (#5). Just around several bends we also saw Riverside Cemetery – aha, tricky.



944 and Fall Foliage

We traveled back through Portsmouth and over the old drawbridge to Kittery, Maine. I had been puzzling over #9, “Where do the Doors get their lobster?” I had just mentioned that Jim Morrison was the lead singer of the Doors when we saw Morrison’s Lobster Pound. Score. #11 was another puzzler, “Where do Texans go to school?” Driving along we pondered that one, trying to imagine what it all meant, when we passed the Austin Elementary School. Got it. After finding America’s oldest family store (Frisbee’s in Kittery Point) we missed the John Bray house immediately after, which caused us a backtrack of several miles when we realized we had passed it. We did see the Kittery Beach where dogs are allowed in the off-season, and carried on.

About this time we began traveling in a little triad of 911’s, John and JJ in their white 993 C4S, Alan and Lois Porter in a beautiful blue cabriolet (top down, Lois in earmuffs) and our own Jelly Bean. One route instruction (which turned out to be an undeleted error) had the three of us piled up on each other at a bridge on Route 1, with John bravely running up and down through whizzing traffic looking for a non-existent sign! A bit later, we all stopped for a potty break at the Stage Neck Inn harbor parking lot. Lined up against the white-capped ocean, with white-sailed boats and white clouds in a crystal blue sky, our Porsches made a stunning display. We stood and admired, grateful for the pleasure of the moment, and how lucky we were on this fine day.

The Nubble Lighthouse is known far and wide for its beauty and classic grace among the rocks and surf along the Maine coast. What a perfect day to see it once again. Nearby we found Fox’s Lobster House (#17), where “you can buy gorgeous seafood”. Ok, that’s a guy joke! Sheesh. (Matt and Jay were seen later yukking it up over their cleverness.) But they WERE clever and devious just a short while later, among the myriad of little shops and galleries in Perkins Cove. The route took

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us around the narrow winding road right down into the cove, where you could literally reach out and touch the weathered gray shingles of the fishing shacks. There were lots of folks out walking, so the going was slow. Following the blue cab and white coupe we drew many stares and smiles. As we crept along I happened to look directly out the side window at a tiny sign in a tiny door window. Ugly Anne's Shop. Why can't Anne get a date? (#20) She's UGLY!! Aha! This was one of the trickiest... And to think that John Dunkle also got this one, but because he saw a little fishing dory on a dock called The Ugly Anne. What a lucky coincidence!

Leaving Perkins Cove, we continued north, looping around Route 1 with its busy tourist attractions. Eventually we arrived at the entrance to a quieter time and place, the Wells National Estuarine Research



The Smith Team on Open Road

Reserve, a long name for a lovely farm along the tidal marsh. The Laudholm Farm was settled in 1643 where two rivers meet the ocean, and is now a visitor's center including nature walks, exhibits, the restored farmhouse and barns and a nature gift shop. We gathered at picnic tables in the lee of a huge yellow barn, framed by cornstalks and pumpkins of all sizes. Matt and Jay provided huge subs with all the fixings, kettle potato chips, oversized oatmeal raisin or chocolate chip cookies and a cold tub of drinks. Despite the chilly breeze, or perhaps because of, we all enthusiastically tucked into our lunches with great appetite.

The results were self-scored, in the finest tradition of the assembled masses shouting out the answers (visualize Matt and Jay ceremoniously standing on a picnic table, rallying the crowd, so to speak). Judy and I managed to get every question answered correctly – a triumph, UNTIL I remembered that the winners have to write the article for the *Northlander*! Drat! John and JJ Dunkle tied for second with a skillfully driven mini-van and had to answer a trivia question correctly to break the tie. The trophies were a collection of stunning enlarged photos by David Churcher, similar to those awarded at the NCR Car Show in September. We were all quite happy – to have successfully completed the rally, have full tummies and to finally be back in our warm cars out of the wind.

The ride home was most pleasant, with talk of the beautiful vistas along the route, the clever questions, and the great people in our club. We live in the nicest part of the country, and what better way to see it than in a Porsche! What a fine day... see you at the next one!

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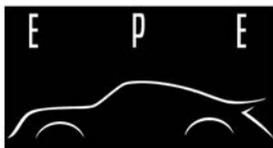
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Barbara Hanson
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2000 911

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2000 Boxster

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Grace Solinsky
Bedford, NH
1999 911 C4

2 Years

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Elizabeth Berry
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Janis Kallgren
Hudson, NH
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Mark Huston
Camille Huston
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1986 928

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Windham, NH
2004 Cayenne

Matthew Wood
Meredith, NH
1972 911 E

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with Loosey Blake as the current Webmaster. Finally, Lisa Roche was installed as Membership Chair, taking the reins of this challenging position.

Next on the agenda, both the Autocross and Drivers Education programs presented awards. The Autocross program has been extremely successful and continued with strong growth for 2004 driven by the hard work of Colin Blake and his team of autocross experts. Winners in the many categories were awarded appropriately embroidered knit shirts, to be worn proudly at next year's events. This program has been extremely successful with a number of participants coming from out of region due to the quality offered by NCR. A summary of the DE year was presented by incoming DE chair Scott Martineau on behalf of outgoing chair Jerry Austin. Jerry was out of town to attend a driving event at Virginia International Raceway for the weekend. Ellen Beck was awarded Instructor of the Year for her hard work not only as an on-track instructor, but also for her instrumental work on new instructor certification. With 25% of all nationally certified instructors being NCR participants, this is a well-deserved recognition. NCR has a lot of fast drivers and this year's rising star is Kristen Karl. Participating in over eighteen track day events throughout the year, Kristen started her drivers education career in the spring running in the green novice group. By October Kristen had graduated through the yellow, then blue run groups finally to the white run group.

Following the awards for our driving events, an emotional reading by Jane Bennett honored the club. In November 2003, Captain Barry Bennett of the Cambridge, Massachusetts Fire Department made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, leaving Jane and her three sons with an unfinished Porsche project car.

Spearheaded by North Country members Chris Bennet ("spelled with one T"), Edgar Broadhead and Damon Josz, enthusiasts around the country rallied to complete Barry's dream of restoring a fire engine red 911 Targa. With the car very near completion, the club looks forward to seeing Jane at more events next year.

In recognition of the sillier things we all do, prior Dummkopf Award recipients were recog-



Edgar Broadhead and Jane Bennett

nized and new Dummkopf Award recipients announced. Former recipient Edgar Broadhead was again recognized for his achievements. Edgar lovingly cares for the club's collection of two-way radios. He carefully maintains them at all times in top working condition, ready for duty at a moment's notice. Upon completion of a day at the track, Edgar was unable to account for one of his treasures. After searching

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TOYS FOR TOTS CAR SHOW

By: Matt Romanowski - Tech Chair

I am not sure who in the club put in for sunny, warm weather for the Annual Toys-for-Tots Car Show, but they sure did a good job! After three days of pouring rain and howling wind, the clouds parted and allowed North Country Region to have a terrific event at Porsche of Nashua. The weather was great, the people friendly, and the cars spectacular.



356 and Sunshine

As always, Porsche of Nashua lead man Harry Robinson treated everyone to early morning breakfast treats and a full tour of the dealership. Robinson also arranged for Bud Lyon's 959 and 4 Cam 356 Carrera to be on display. Along with these two very special cars, there was a wide array of new Porsches, including some beautiful new 997s, in both normal and S models. These were a welcome compliment to all of the gorgeous Porsches that members brought out. As always, NCR folk were more than generous, bringing multiple toys and donating money. Over \$1,080 in cash was donated as well as an extremely large collection of toys, requiring our Marine to "call for backup" and get another vehicle to load them all in.

Sporting a new judging style, working closer to the national preservation style of judging, teams of two judges and a timer headed out to the cars, ready to do their best in inspecting and admiring the entries. Some classes were bitterly contested, with less than .1 point separating the cars. The 944 class was one of these, with Kevin Bobbitt, Scott Martineau, and Frank Sapareto doing battle. Through friendly jousts and attempts at persuading the judges, it was a tough fought victory, but Scott Matineau was able to pull it off. The large Boxster field was also hotly contested with a good mix of veteran and rookie



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entrants. In a close field, John Leach was able to take home the first place prize.

In keeping with the mid engined theme, judging moved onto the 914. Originally designed by Porsche as a Volkswagen product, the 914 and six cylinder variant are affectionately known throughout the world as VoPo's. This fascinating car was represented by two stunning examples which frequent the track. Matt Romanowski's beautifully prepared example from 1972 taking top spot over Jay Gratton's orange machine.

The largest class of the event was 911 SC and Carreras with nine entrants, including the cars of club photographer David Churcher as well as club president Jim Gratton. At the upper end of the field, judging was very close with Mark and Camille Huston taking home the first place trophy in tight competition. 911's manufactured prior



Matt and Jay Reviewing the Scoring Sheets

to 1974 were classed in the appropriately named "early 911" category. Larry Smith, Bill Kallgren and William Batte constituted a winning trifecta in this classic group.

The 964 was well represented with four cars, with Jim Rindo taking home top honors. Backing up a 3rd place at the national level was Judy Hendrickson's "Jellybeam" blue 993, not only winning in class but also taking home the Best of Show Award for the highest judged score. The 996 class was taken by John Demetry's twin turbo, resplendent in stunning yellow livery.

The history of Volkswagen and Porsche can be traced back to prewar Germany where Adolph Hitler commissioned Herr Dr. Ferdinand Porsche to design the "people's car" the original Volkswagen. After the end to hostilities, Porsche set up shop in a barn in Gmünd Austria where work commenced on the Gmünd coupe, an aluminum bodied car based heavily on Volkswagen running gear. Around 1950, the firm relocated to Stuttgart Germany when the cars, now called 356, began appearing clothed in steel bodies. Two of these magnificent examples were present, both drop tops, one a speedster and the other a convertible. In a class too close to call, it was George Huff ultimately awarded the top prize by the judges. Proving the notion that in every man there is a republic it was John Leed's 356 speedster taking the People's Choice award. These two cars were simply amazing (as was the entire entry list) and were deserving of their awards.

The event went very well with everyone having a great time. I would like to thank the rest of the Concours co-chairs Lisa Roche and Jay Gratton for putting on a great event. Also, Miriam Dunster and Amy Charpentier for helping with registration and scoring. And finally, Porsche of Nashua for allowing us to use their fantastic facility and donating trophies, food, and money to the event.

CAR SHOW RESULTS

964 Class

Jim Rindo
Bruce Bower
Alan Porter
Bob Gregerier

993 Class

Judy Hendrickson
John Hobbs
Joan Russon

Boxster Class

John Leach
Bob Futterer
Abe Anderson
Ed Broadhead

996 Class

John Demetry
Charlie Dow

944/924

Scott Martineau
Kevin Bobbitt
Frank Sapareto



356 Class

George Huff
John Leed

914 Class

Matt Romanowski
Jay Gratton

Early 911 Class

Larry Smith
Bill Kallgren
William Batte



911 SC/Carrera

Mark & Camille Huston
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AUTOCROSS

by Colin Blake, AX Chair



North Country Region was the host for the 19th Annual Zone 1 Autocross event. Approximately 75 drivers from all over the North East converged on the old Moore Airfield at the former Fort Devens for this two day event on October 2nd and 3rd.

Saturday started out foggy; real foggy. When we first arrived visibility was probably only a quarter mile. Conditions did improve but the fog never really completely burnt off all day. Saturday's course was designed by our own Chris Darminio and used the entire "loop" at Devens. The course was fast and challenging, and good times were in the low 70's. We managed four runs in the morning, stopped for lunch, and then another four runs in the afternoon.

Saturday evening was the social at the Bull Run Restaurant. The evening began with the mandatory cocktails and then progressed into a three course buffet. The food was good, everyone enjoyed relaxing and socializing with "the opposition."

Sunday was a much nicer day weather wise; I think the sun shone most of the day. The Sunday course, designed by NNJR's Dave Newman, was a shorter, more technical course. I must admit when I first walked it, I didn't like the look of it, and judging from the comments I heard a lot of other people had their reservations too.

But after making a couple of runs it was obvious what a good course this was and I didn't hear anyone complaining about it once they'd driven it. A fast time on this course was in the low 50's. Four runs in the morning, three in the afternoon, and we were finished running by 2pm.

Quite a few NCR members were present, and many took trophies home (the times given here are the totals for the best runs of each day; and a T after their time denotes trophy winner). In class I02L Lisa Roche took second place with a



Team Hawaiian Driver at the starting line.

144.697. In P04M first place went to Chris Darminio with a 126.132(T). In P06M Joe Kraetsch took first place with a time of 130.572(T) while Marc Gagnon took 4th with 143.341 and Jack Saunders 5th with 182.375. Class P08M saw Sam Lurie take 3rd with 143.810 and his co-driver Jeffrey Beard 4th with 146.944. Ellen Beck competed in class P09L on Saturday but didn't drive on Sunday. Tom Gurski took first place in P09M with a time of 128.972(T) and Kevin Bobbitt took 4th with a 136.061. Judy Hendrickson took first place in class P10M with a 139.526(T). Loosey Blake took second place in P23L with a 131.251 and Colin Blake took

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second place in P23M with a 125.470(T) (Ollie Lucier was also in class P23M but due to car trouble was unable to finish). And finally in class SS07M David Keimach took second place with a 138.010.

In case anyone is wondering about those strange looking classes, that's how the classes are defined by the PCR's (Parade Competition Rules). The first letter denotes the type of class; SS for Showroom Stock (no upgrades allowed), P for Production (minor upgrades allowed, including R compound tires), or I for Improved (more upgrades allowed). The two numbers in the middle denote the car model class, for example 23 is the Boxster class. The final letter is L for Ladies or M for Men (and yes, some ladies did get "bumped" into the mens class).



(L to R) Committee Chair Colin Blake with winners Joe Kraetsch, Chris Darminio, Judy Hendrickson as well as Kevin Bobbitt

Full results are of course available on the NCR web site at <http://ncr-pca.org/autocross/zone1>.

As usual, an event like this couldn't be run without the enormous amount of help which people provide. I'd like to thank everyone who helped to make this event a success, but especially I would like to thank the following people. My right hand man, Kevin Bobbitt, who was always there when needed. To Miriam Dunster who attended both days, didn't drive, but worked continually. And to my wife Loosey, not only for all her hard work, but also for putting up with my being a grouch for the weeks leading up to this event. Thank you everyone.

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BIPLANE PICNIC

By Bill Kallgren



Editors Note: About 10 years ago, I took my grandmother on a flight from Boston to Minneapolis to visit my father. Upon boarding the Boeing 757, the flight attendant asked my 86 year old grandmother if she had flown before. "Yes" my grandmother replied, "I expect this will be much nicer; on my last flight I recall it was cold and very windy." The plane was a Stearman PT-17.

With a cool fall wind, hearty members of the North Country Region gathered at a small airstrip near Antrim NH for a Porsche Picnic and the opportunity to ride in a vintage Boeing PT-17 Kaydet "Stearman" Bi-Plane. The opportunity to meet friends, enjoy the fall foliage and ride in a vintage plane attracted many.

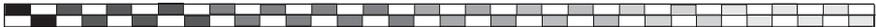
The Stearman Company originally introduced the airframe in 1934 at the request of the US Army Air Corps as a replacement for their aging fleet of training aircraft. In the mid 1930's Boeing Aircraft Company bought out the Stearman Company and continued production of the aircraft for both the army and the navy. Fitted with the Continental R-670-5 7 cylinder radial engine developing 1220 HP and resplendent in the glorious blue and yellow paint of the Navy training version, this plane is technically known as the N2S but is commonly called a "Stearman" or "PT-17". And the association with Porsche you may ask? Well they are both air cooled.

The anxious crowd was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the plane when around 12:00 noon there was a break in the clouds and the sun shone through. At this very moment, the plane emerged from the hills and commenced to make a pass down the runway trailing a plume of smoke about forty feet off the deck. The sight was spectacular, bringing everybody back in time to the days of barnstorming and its certain savoir-faire attitude.

Many of our fellow club members took the opportunity to take a ride in the plane. To the one, all came back with tremendous grins, from ear to ear. Special thanks to Steve Robbins, your NCR Social Chair for putting together a great activity. It is not everyday that the opportunity to take a ride in a vintage plane presents itself.



Steve Robbins consults with the pilot



AFTER HOLIDAY YANKEE SWAP PARTY

Date January 15, 2005

Time 1:00 PM

Location New Asia Restaurant,
99 River Road, Newington

RSVP Ellen Beck 603-778-9522

Holiday traditions. Everyone has them. Your aunt's nutty fruitcake, the tacky ornaments you put on the tree, the red sweater you don for the round of parties in December- all bring back the joys of the season. For 2005, NCR is starting a new holiday tradition deep in the darkness of the New England winter when your spirits need a boost and the fruitcake's been thrown out, the ornaments put away, and the sweater is in moth balls for another year.

We're calling this new tradition a Yankee Swap "After Holiday" Party, but unlike previous years in NCR, it will be more about pure unmitigated piracy than just subdued swapping. Expect to see mild mannered, polite New Englanders transformed into happy-go-lucky Robin Hoods in which constant and continuous thefts of holiday plunder will be the norm. Think fun and frenetic, and plan on attending this gala affair at the New Asia restaurant in Newington on January 15, 2005.

Here's how it will work: All members (and their guests who want to play) are asked to bring a WRAPPED Porsche or automotive related gift valued between \$15 and \$25. Before dinner, you'll place your gift on our After Holiday Gift Table for scrutineering and also place your name in our raffle fish bowl. Following our sumptuous buffet banquet at New Asia, the name drawing will begin. The first person drawn will go the table, choose a gift, and then OPEN the wrapped gift for all to see. The following names drawn have the option of going to the table and opening an unwrapped gift or stealing from ANYONE who already has a gift in his/her possession. If your gift is stolen, you have the option of picking another wrapped gift or stealing from any of your fellow North Country members. Only three steals are allowed on each round, and if that fourth person is victimized and comes up empty handed, then he/she must go to the table and open another gift. Confused? Our Master of Ceremonies, Bob Gutjahr, will explain all and keep the action moving. He has run this PCA Piracy evening for Chesapeake Region for years, and is now bringing it to the North Country.

First, a word about gifts. Try to buy and wrap something you would want to steal and not a rusty set of lug nuts you couldn't give away at the Hershey Swap Meet. In his many years as an MC, Bob has seen all sorts of strange and wondrous effluvia out there, to include anatomically correct Santas that have nothing to do with Porsches but pop up in a most embarrassing fashion and terra cotta flower pots with decoupage Porsche crests. Ugh. So bring something you'd be proud to see stolen



a zillion times over the course of an evening. And it happens. Every year there are one or two gifts that are stolen at least 20-25 times.

And now a word about stealing. New Englanders are a very polite and friendly bunch, and initially it will not be unusual to see some reluctance to affront a friend by stealing a valued gift- even amidst the more cutthroat NCR members like Matt Romanowski and Jay Gratton. Such reluctance will disappear with successive rounds, until virtually everyone in the room will be jockeying for their favorite gift on the next steal. No one will have his or her feelings hurt, and the more you steal the more fun and exciting the evening becomes.

The New Asia restaurant in Newington is the location of all this carnage, so plan to arrive promptly on at 1:00 PM on January 15th for the buffet. We'll overflow the table with our gifts, eat hearty, and then start the steals at around 1:45. The extensive and yummy lunch buffet will cost \$10 per person and you can pay at the restaurant.

Please RSVP to Ellen Beck at 603-778-9522 before Friday January 7th, so we can set the room size accordingly. And don't forget to bring a great gift!

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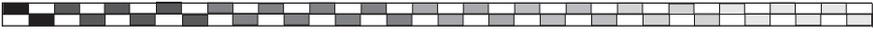
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Charity Chair

North Country Region has established a precedence for excellence with our charity programs. Last year charity groups Make-A-Wish Foundation and Toys for Tots were recipients of the generosity of North Country Members. The Charity Committee will work alongside our Concours and Drivers Education Committees on these important activities. The chair will help coordinate the club event with the recipient charity as well as publicizing the events within the local news media as well as neighboring PCA regions. Furthermore, the committee is encouraged to expand the club's role in local and regional charity events by identifying appropriate causes and working with appropriate event committees on additional projects.

Yearbook Chair

Each year, North Country Region hosts a wide variety of activities including charity events, drivers education events, rallies and rambles, the ever favorite autocross series, car control clinics and social events. Working with each committee, the reporters from the Northlander and our club photographer, the Yearbook Committee is responsible for putting together a comprehensive scrapbook of the club's activities for the year. At the conclusion of the year, the Yearbook is submitted to the Yearbook competition at the annual parade. If you are an avid scrapbooker, this is the position for you.

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Edgar Broadhead, Safety Chair



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the entire track not once but twice for the wayward radio, and after receiving the advice that the radio surely wasn't stolen (after all what would you do with only one radio); Edgar reported the loss to the local police. Surely the radio had been stolen and the criminal would be tracked down and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Upon Edgar's return home, the missing radio was found under his dining room table where it had been placed while being charged the previous day.

The location of the banquet was particularly fitting for the final highlight of the evening, recognition of the Doug Hendrickson Enthusiast of the Year award.

The Enthusiast of the Year is not only a

car enthusiast but also an outdoorsman and active ski racer. When he isn't hiking through Tibet, or out on the slopes, you can find Jack Saunders participating in driving events with his Porsche. When he turned 80, Jack Saunders decided to get a sports car and the car he selected was a Porsche 944. In the intervening three years, Jack has participated in almost every event the NCR has to offer, this year including the full slate of Autocross and Drivers Education events, and he frequently ventures out of region to keep his driving schedule full.

Jack is an enthusiast par excellence even taking his 944 on a long distance trip to Atlanta to visit his son. Scheduling his return exactly, Jack arrived for a DE event at Lime Rock Park where he unloaded his golf clubs and hiking gear prior to heading out onto the track. With a dedication to achieving driving perfection, Jack walked the entire 2.45 miles of Watkins Glen before taking to the track for a better understanding of the subtleties of this challenging track. He may not be the fastest driver, but a more enthusiastic driver would be hard to find. Congratulations to Jack Saunders, North Country Region's Enthusiast of the Year.



Jack Saunders, Enthusiast of the Year

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AX: AX # 3 attracted 75 cars. AX #4 is set for September 18, 2004. The Z-1 AX which NCR is hosting is on Oct 2-3, 2004.

Social: N/A.

New Business: There was a discussion about the need for an inventory of Instructor Shirts and Hats for NCR's new crop of Instructors. Because this requires budget approval it should be included in the 2005 Budget. The workings of the Nominating Committee were reviewed confirming that the nominations and the By-Law amendment are on track.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Doug McIninch, Secretary

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track events combining advanced instructor training, taste of the track samplers and the highlight of the weekend, Make-a-Wish Charity Laps. It is, of course, inspirational to see such efforts of our fellow club members to such a good cause.

In August perfect weather prevailed again at NHIS for another exceptional event. For September, however, some people reported rain at Lime Rock Park courtesy of Hurricane Frances. Although it might have rained on other folks' parades, it was all sunshine on my day off, albeit perhaps a slightly moist day off. Given that the track was slightly damp, and I had only been to Lime Rock once before, I asked for an instructor to give me a few pointers for the first session. My instructor, Abe Anderson, gave me the complement of my year when he said something along the lines of "you have good car control skills" after that first session on the track. Okay, I have to admit, Abe got out of the car after only two laps, as the track was a bit slick. Still and all, no spins and everybody got at least one good dry run in by the end of the day. As stated earlier, it was all sunshine that day for me.

Next up for 2004 was the annual Toys for Tots Car Show sponsored by Porsche of Nashua. Having recently acquired a 1969 911E and having never participated in a car show, I was surprisingly nervous about entering this event. What a rush! I had never thought that washing and vacuuming my car would be such fun. Okay, I had no clue about what to do. Sure, I wash the car and vacuum it once in a while, but "Q-tips" are meant to clean earwax. Getting into the spirit of things, I pulled out all the stops and spent the evening before the event with cleaners, polishes, Q-tips, cloths, wadded up newspapers and a few frosty ones getting into the spirit of the car show. On event day, my car gleamed as much as a 35-year-old car is likely to as I brought it to the show. I was surprised at how nervous I was as other participants arrived in absolutely gleaming examples of the marque. Am I hooked? You bet! I would never have thought what appears to be such a passive event would be so compelling. I cannot wait until the next car show. If you haven't been to a car show, this is a great way to meet your fellow club members. Following the tradition of many NCR events, the United States Marine Corps gathered many toys for children in need. A truly inspirational effort by our Concours and Charity committees!

Most recently, the final NCR DE event of 2004 was held early in October at NHIS. Of special interest to me was the attendance at this event by my ever mellow brother, Andy. He has the sort of "Oh, it looks like the ceiling is falling in. You might want to consider getting under the table until this passes" personality. With a grin from ear to ear, it is clear he had an absolutely great time, proving that you do not need to be an aspiring race car driver to enjoy these fantastic events. Andy's comments on his instructor, John Dunkle: "John made me feel real comfortable in the driver's seat. I was real nervous at first but by the third session was gaining confidence quickly. I would never have imagined the capability of this car, what a rush!" Even if you don't aspire to ripping up the track, these DE events can be an absolute ball as well as very educational.

Next year I might have to try a rally or two as well as get out to the Autocross series! I hope to see you at a North Country Event next year.

One of the new positions created this past year was the Charity Chair. Rick and Marie Keller filled this position most admirably. They worked with the Make-A-Wish Foundation (NHIS) and the U.S. Marines Corps "Toys for Tots" Program at our annual car show. Rick and Marie also took the initiative to develop a "cheat sheet" for all corner workers at our DE events. As new members and participants in their first DE events, they identified a weakness in our program. They put together a laminated sheet that gave a review of all the flags and radio protocol that is now used at all of our DE events.

Another example of volunteerism extraordinaire involves the National PCA Treasurer Judy Hendrickson, who volunteers over 20 hours/week with her PCA duties. She came forth and offered to be "interim editor," while we advertised and interviewed our new staff. Our AX program under the direction of Colin and Loosey Blake continues to earn grand reviews from the record number of participants. They are also our webmasters at our award winning site. These are just a few of the many examples of people going above and beyond the call of volunteerism for the good of our 500 members.

If you are a NCR volunteer, please accept my heart-felt Thank-You! As I pass the gavel of the president on, I feel assured of the continued growth and prosperity of our club because the volunteer spirit is alive and well in the North Country Region.

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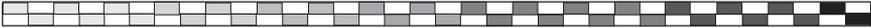
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