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Upcoming Events

Monthly	First Wednesday	<u>Rochester</u> monthly Meeting at Otter Lodge
Monthly	Second Tuesday	<u>Buffalo</u> Monthly meeting at Rose Garden

The event below is our opportunity to take part in planning for the upcoming driving season and to present any new ideas:

What: **2007 NIAGARA PCA PLANNING MEETING**

Where: **BOHN'S RESTAURANT, BATAVIA, NY**

When: **Sunday, Feb 25, 2007**

Time: **11:30a – 3:00p**

11:30 begin to arrive

12:00 – 1:00p lunch buffet served

1:00p – start meeting – details

3:00p – meeting complete

Cost: **\$5:00 per attendee** (Actual cost is \$10.50 per person. Club subsidizes \$5.50 per member cash Bar service in the front of the restaurant)

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From Your President

Well my first “presidents message” after being off for 2 years now. It goes without saying that I have some large technical shoes to fill following Dan Deegan. Nonetheless it feels good to back in the saddle, or should I say “driver’s seat” again.

I have also completed my first Rochester and Buffalo meetings as president. For those of us who attended these meetings I hope you understand and are comfortable with my “agenda” and style. For those members not able to be at the first meeting of 2007, my agenda is...

- A club of volunteers. No demands only contribution and participation
- We **do not have to** be here or participate (like a job or duty), we **want and desire to** be here and participate.
- There is something for every member; technical, social, road & track, community service, and general participation.
- It up to us/me to exemplify the fun of membership in order to “pique” the interest of non-active members to join in and experience the club.

With the new executive committee, new and current chairpersons and the excitement that I perceive with several “SIG”s (Special Interest Groups) I know that 2007 will be a blast! I have received several updates from our DE SIG. Two DEs this year! Now that is an undertaking by several members in a very cooperative and collective style. As I mentioned earlier, I have big shoes to fill since the catalyst for 2 DEs was inspired by the previous “administration”, now if I can only do as well. It’s only about 6 weeks till we get our Porsches out of hibernation and then the real fun begins.

For me, the winter downtime is always spent on projects for the next driving season, just like most of us. This past winter (still in process) I have installed a “cup pipe” on my RSA (my wife is going to love that!), fixed an oil leak that was obstructed by the heat exchangers, reinstalled the original CR-1 radio (along with a 6-CD changer), 12 new spark plugs, gear and engine oil and beginning to remove the ignition distributors to replace/rebuild the drive belt for the second distributor. Now I have a confession... I’m a chicken! I must have read 4 written procedures on how to change this belt. It’s complex and has some risk, but within my capabilities. But it was that 5th “thread” that I read that provided some details on what goes wrong if you screw up. This is where I “chickened out”. This also where the true “inner beauty” of the club resides, start asking various members on their experiences and trials with the same. Well my solution resides with Dan Deegan (again)! Dan’s no nonsense style that he has done dozens of belt replacements, has all the tools and parts the job was his! The technical members are “Prozac for repair anxiety”; I can now sleep and concentrate on other things. *(continued)*

For those members who don't get a chance to come to one of two meetings a month you are really missing out on this banter. Everything from engine rebuilds and swaps to tires and wax. It's AG! (All Good!).

Coming up this month is our annual planning meeting on Feb 25, Buffalo Car Show (Feb 2/7-2/11), and Tech Tactics. Try to make it to the planning meeting at Bohn's in Batavia. It's an opportunity for all members to have an effect and impact on the "course of the club" for the upcoming year. I have some new ideas and I'm sure there are a lot of others out there. So come "throw it in the moat and see if it floats".

See ya at the next meeting or event!
Regards,

Rob

New Officers for 2007

Our new officers are in place and ready to start gearing up for the upcoming driving season!

President	Rob Dean
Vice Pres-East	Tom Keating
Vice Pres-West	Ray Buchner
Secretary	Mark Pelkey
Treasurer	Dan Fybush

Tell us what you think!

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HMMMM..... Could this be you?

Maybe this is why it seems only women's letters to "Dear Abby" are printed... (submitted by Mark Pelkey just in time for Valentine's Day)

Dear Abby,

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice on what could be a crucial decision.

I've suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs... phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently although when I ask their names, she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."

I always stay awake to look out for her taxi coming home, but she always walks down the drive. Although I can hear a car driving off, as if she has gotten out of the car around the corner. Why?

Maybe she wasn't in a taxi? I once picked her cell phone up just to see what time it was, and she went berserk and screamed that I should never touch her phone again. And why was I checking up on her?

Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth. But last night she went out again and I decided to check on her.

I decided I was going to park my Porsche Speedster next to the garage and then hide behind it so I could get a good view of the whole street when she came home.

It was at that crucial moment, crouching behind my Porsche, that I noticed that the valve covers on my engine seemed to be leaking a little oil onto the ground. Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the dealer?

Thanks,
Bob

....touching, isn't it?

Niagara Region's DE - Best DE Ever!

The best thing about winter for me is planning for the Driver's Ed (DE) season. It gives us here in the Great White Northeast time to get our cars apart and then back together with new bits and pieces that will make it cooler, faster, lower its resale value and all the other good stuff a hack mechanic can do.

For this year, I'm part of the planning committee for the Niagara Region DE's, and we're doing what we can to be the envy of all other DE events. We are trying a few slight changes to our already awesome event, including on-line pre-registration and a tighter focus on safety. We have regained our Memorial Day dates and added a second set of dates for our first ever fall DE, both at the legendary Watkins Glen International track. So come check us out at <http://www.niagarapca.com/> and save the registration dates to join in on the fun. And remember, keep the right foot down and the shiny side up.

Here are some photos from last year....



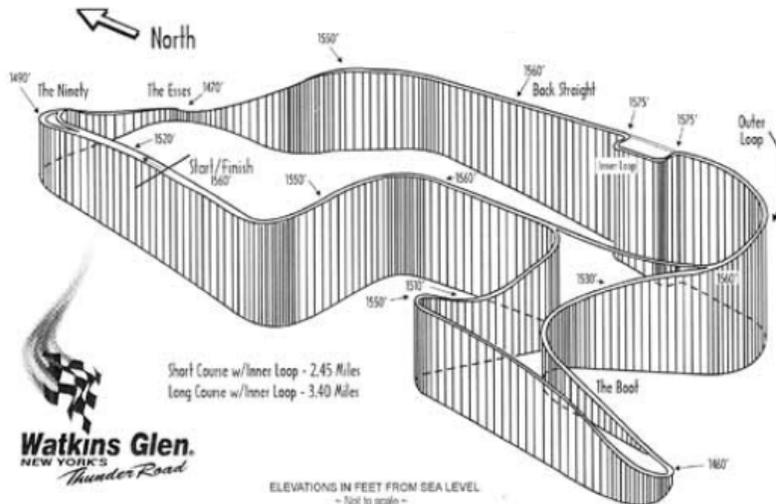
Curt Hinchcliffe
Niagara Region DE Registrar
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Please see next page for DE details.

Niagara Region Porsche Club of America 2007 Driver's Education at Watkins Glen International

May 28th & 29th
Oct. 15th & 16th

- 2 full days of track time each date
- Qualified instructors for all run groups
- \$310 fee (incl. T-shirt/Garage Party)
- Pay each event with separate check
- Pre-Registration available online at www.niagarapca.com
(Pre-Registration does not guarantee a spot in the DE, but it'll give you preference over someone who's not Pre-Registered)



Registration Information (please print)

Principal driver:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone:
Email:
Emergency contact (name, phone number):
Co-driver (separate registration form required):
PCA or BMW member number:
Region affiliation:
Car make/model/year:
T-shirt size (M/L/XL/XXL): Which Event (May/Oct/Both):

- Registration opens March 5th, 2007 (*applications postmarked prior to this date will be returned*)
- Early registration is suggested
- Car technical inspection **MUST** be done prior to each event (tech forms will be sent upon receipt of registration fee)
- Snell 2000 or higher helmet required
- Roll bars required in Cabriolets
- All makes of cars welcome (No SUV's)
- Pre-Registration opens Feb. 5th. Only use this form if you can't Pre-Register online

Driver Experience

No previous autocross or driver school experience
 Prior autocross experience Number of events _____
 Prior high-speed driver school experience Number of events _____ At Watkins Glen _____
 Extensive advanced high speed driver school experience
 Solo II and/or sanctioned racing Number of events _____ At Watkins Glen _____

Payment

- \$310 Registration fee for primary driver (Party Included)
- \$200 Registration fee for second driver of same car (note: second driver must be in a different run group than the primary driver)
- \$25 Fee For Guests at the Garage Party (pay with Registration)
- Make check payable to: Niagara Region PCA
- Mail fee with application form to:
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INSTRUCTORS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT!

For info on instructing, call Rich DeAsis at 585-335-5840 (from 9am - 5pm), or email deasisinc@aol.com
A National PCA Instructor Certification School to be held in conjunction with our DE. But space is limited.