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**THIS MONTH'S SCHEDULE**

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- 2 Dec Toys for Tots** — We'll again participate in this worth while cause. More details to come in November.
- 9 Dec Club Christmas Party** — Pirate Gift Exchange and announcement of 2007 officers.

**This finishes up another great year of Porsche events!  
See you all at the Christmas Party and next year!**

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## President's Corner By Rick Daes

On the weekend of November 10-12, the Ozark Region along with the Cimarron Region sponsored "Porsche-Palooza" at the Eureka Springs Convention Center. This event is the concept of Melody and Leonard Zechiedrich, I give them all the credit and for which they received several standing ovations from an appreciative gathering of Porsche enthusiasts at the Saturday evening awards banquet.

I heard nothing but positive comments about the weekend and how it was organized. On Friday night there was "The Mixer" featuring Gregg Herning and his band "Crisis" playing for a very receptive crowd.

Saturday morning offered two separate drives; Scenic and Spirited and from what I heard, both were scenic and very spirited. Once everyone had returned to the hotel and had a chance to have lunch, we got ready for the car show. What an assortment of cars and colors, you'll have to check out our web site once Kelly Shipp has them posted, there was close to 100 cars in attendance. That afternoon the folks from RUF explained how they can give your car that extra 300 horsepower you've been wanting and they brought with them three RUF modified cars Then Steve McPherson

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## Membership Report By Lisa Broadwell

### As of November 1, 2006

New Members:	0
On time Renewals:	7
Late Renewals:	0
Transfer In:	0
Transfer Out:	1
Colby Grimshaw Transfer to Cimarron	
Dropped / Non Renewals:	6

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Primary Members	83
Affiliate Members	60

### Total Members as of 1 November, 2006: 143

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made available a private dining room with a special menu for our Christmas Party. The cost will be \$20 per person and the choice of entrees are as follows:

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## Editor's Notes By Michael Kennedy

Wow! Has this year really flown by! The holidays are upon us and that means we have two events left for this year: Toys for Tots and the club Christmas Party! The votes are in, and we'll be announcing the club leadership during the Christmas party, this year at Capriccio's inside The Peabody Hotel in Little Rock.

For Toys for Tots details, see page 3, our website calendar, or the weekly Injector Updates. As for the party, here are the details. Ozark Region Christmas Party and Pirate Gift Exchange --December 9th at 7 p.m. at the Peabody Hotel. Gregg Herning and his staff have

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## Porsche of the Month

The December 2006 Porsche of the month belongs to Gregg Wood with his pair of 911s—1997 and 1989.

I had my first encounter with Porsche in 1984 when I sold my RX-7 (great car by the way) and bought a new 944. I drove the 944 for about 2 years when I came across a low mileage 1983 Red 911 SC Cabriolet for sale. I took it for a drive and “OMG” my interest turn to passion. Luck was on my side, I was between a motivated buyer wanting my 944 and a motivated seller wanting to move the 911 taken on trade. Suddenly, there I was in a Red convertible 911 with minimal additional invested with Spring just getting started. Life was good. I enjoyed many adventures during the next several years and became a true 911 follower.

The start of medical school said goodbye to all things impractical for the next several years and the Porsche passion packed itself into practical hibernation. Yes, that included the 911. However, after 8 years of medical school and residency I was paroled to private practice.

Like most new medical parolees a little material reward



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New York Cheesecake for dessert.

There will be complementary wine and a cash bar available.

This will be an RSVP event and we will need to know which entree you want by Friday December 8th. We must notify the restaurant by Saturday on how many folks will be attending.

Those driving their Porsches will be asked to park out front.

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was long past due. I wanted to go old school (I never went for the New Coke either- Coke Classic all the way) and wanted a traditional air cooled 911. I set my criteria: latest year model with low mileage, white with tan interior, and 6 speed manual transmission. The search was on. Finally, I found a 1997 911 Carrera in December 2001 after spending a year looking. Little did I know until a year later that I had been looking for a needle in a hay stack. I had a weekly ritual of searching all the various internet sites for cars until I came across a photo of exactly what I was looking for and it was located in Carmel, Indiana at Ooley and Blackburn Motors. The car had only 12,000 miles and sitting on the showroom floor looked like a brand new car except for the body style. I was told by the dealer not to bother buying a round trip ticket because the car was mint condition and that I would be pleased. I took a one way flight to Carmel, Indiana to inspect the car. I bought it and drove it home. No biggie except to the northwest a huge snow storm was developing and I had about a 24 hour window to get there and get back before the weather would set in.

My flight departure and arrival ended up being a total of about 5 hours late. I spent 2 hours longer than planned getting to the dealer, inspecting and completing the transaction, and getting on the road. There was major road construction going on all around Carmel at that time and at a crucial intersection the north and south were incorrectly oriented. So off I go heading directly north thinking I am going south and hurriedly so as to make up time and get ahead of the approaching storm. I came across the first road sign forty five minutes down the road which indicated north. Oh No. Another twenty minutes or so I was able to cross over the divided highway and redirect southward.

By the time I am leaving Carmel, Indiana I am about 8-9 hours behind schedule and the weather report stated the storm was moving faster and had now taken a more southerly course. Needless to say I ran head long into the worst blizzard I have ever seen about 5 hours from Little Rock in a 911. I am here to tell you these cars are not snowmobiles, but they do resemble Slip-N-Slides in the snow. I kept a slow and steady course and made it back in one piece.

FYI: When you are driving in snow that is deeper than the 911's clearance, when ever you stop for gas don't slow down or stop until you are actually under the covered gas area and when you leave don't stop either because if you stop you loose the sled affect and will be permanently stranded until the snow thaws out.

I avoided being stranded by listening to that little voice in the back of my head that was derived from a father who grew up in Michigan and the 4 years I spent in Syracuse, New York which said, "It's OK to run that light and stop sign, for God's sake don't stop!" The only ones having fun that day were the countless number of truckers that flew by me, each one nearly sending me into

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**Breakfast Club**

There will not be a breakfast club in December. Instead, we will again participate in Toys for Tots on Saturday, Dec 2. Toys for Tots --- On Saturday December 2nd at 8:30 a.m., we'll meet at the parking lot of Ray Winder field. We'll have a photo session then drive through the line and donate our toys. Toys need to be new and not wrapped. Then we will decide where we want to go to eat breakfast.



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conducted an open question and answer tech session.

Saturday night we had a very nice dinner/buffet: crab legs, shrimp, BBQ ribs, salad bar with all the trimmings. Then came the awards for the car show and the sponsor selection. Barry Sorrells won in his category with his 1960 356 B, Kelly Shipp won his category with his 1991 928 and Joe Keeling won a sponsor award (from RUF) for his 1986 911 Turbo/ Look. The door prize drawing was last and what a great selection of prizes that had been donated: hats, T-shirts, books about Porsches, Porsche bears, pictures, bottles of wine, car parts, gift certificates and free night stays at hotels. After everyone had won a door prize, they still had some left over for next year's event.

On Sunday morning, the folks from the Cimarron Region conducted the auto cross there in the convention center parking lot for about 20 contestants.

What I observed and experienced during this three day event was how well everyone interacted with each other, so friendly and polite. Out of the 175 or more folks who attended, the Ozark Region was represented by about 40 members and guests. Porsche-Palooza has already been scheduled for 2007 and how appropriate that it falls on the weekend of November 9-11. Rick

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**SYLAMORE FUN RUN**  
By Rick Daes

On Saturday October 28th, the club drove up to Sylamore, located at the intersections of Hwy. 5 and 9 on the White River. We drove up Hwy. 5 through Heber Springs to Mountain View. Along the way we passed through the communities of El Paso, Romance, Rose Bud, Tumbling Shoals, Wolf Bayou and Ben.

The weather was beautiful, the temperature cool, the sun was out, and the leaves were at their brightest fall foliage colors. When we entered Mountain Home we all saw one particular tree that had the brightest red color to it. You couldn't help but notice it, as it was the only tree in the yard and folks were slowing down to get a good look at it, causing a quite a traffic jam.

Once we arrived at Jo Jo's Catfish Wharf just North of Sylamore and were seated, it didn't take long before we placed our orders. I want to share with you the menu items for their fillet catfish. I, like most folks, ordered the Minnow which includes 3 pieces of fish. All dinners include hushpuppies, french fries, beans and green tomato pickles for \$7.49. The Tad Pole has 5 pieces of fish for \$8.99, the Catfish dinner has 7 pieces of fish for \$10.99 and the Hungry Fisherman comes with 11 pieces of fish for \$12.99. If you don't think 11 pieces of catfish are enough, you can get All You Can Eat for \$14.49.

Lynda and Barry Sorrells brought their Golden Retriever puppy, Bagel, and tied him up on the back patio where we could all keep an eye on him. Bagel was the favorite of all the folks in the restaurant, he got more attention than our cars.

On the way back to Little Rock, Lynda and Barry invited everyone to stop by their cabin named "The Back Porch River House" just North of Pangburn. Once we got back down to Heber Springs we turned East on Hwy.110 and turned off on a road named Hiram. What a scenic winding country road this turned out to be. Once we had arrived at their cabin (what's that old expression, "One man's cabin is another man's castle") we were given a tour of the house inside and out. They have a wonderful view of the Little Red River and if the water was to rise too high, they would be in the river. Once the group left we drove through Pangburn and on in to Searcy, from there, we drove home.

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the world of 360's. I have no doubt that everyone of them were talking on there CB's back and forth and playing the Try to Spin the Porsche game.

When I arrived in Little Rock I looked at my car. I couldn't believe it. The perfectly detailed 911 that I picked up now was completely enveloped in a sheet of ice about 1/4 inch thick. It looked like an ice sculpture and the wheel wells, I mean what wheel wells. They were completely impacted with snow. But fortunately for good old Arkansas weather, we were in the 70's the next day which allowed for a good thawing and a complete cleaning and detailing back to that car I had picked up.

The car and I bonded on that trip. Since then I have enjoyed the car with every drive. I have also picked up a couple of other cars since then. A year and a half ago I bought a 1997 Ferrari 355 GTS which is a lot of fun, and most recently this summer I bought a 1989 911 Carrera who our family calls "Sally". "Sally" is the family favorite and she got her name after the Porsche in the movie "Cars".

I have 7 year old boy/girl twins and a 3 year old girl all of



which like my cars and racing "Sally". She is a garage queen gone wild! I bought her as a garage queen from up North and believe it or not I flew my mother to Detroit to drive it back. She called me about half way back and told me if I hadn't of had her grandkids she probably would keep on driving until she hit California. She was granny gone wild and having fun Porsche style! I have since converted her into a track car for DE events and autocross with the help of decals and the mechanical expertise of Rick and Steve, and some day plan to run her in Porsche Club Racing. Of all the cars I have driven the Porsche 911 is my favorite and the adage "Porsche, there is no substitute" still holds true.

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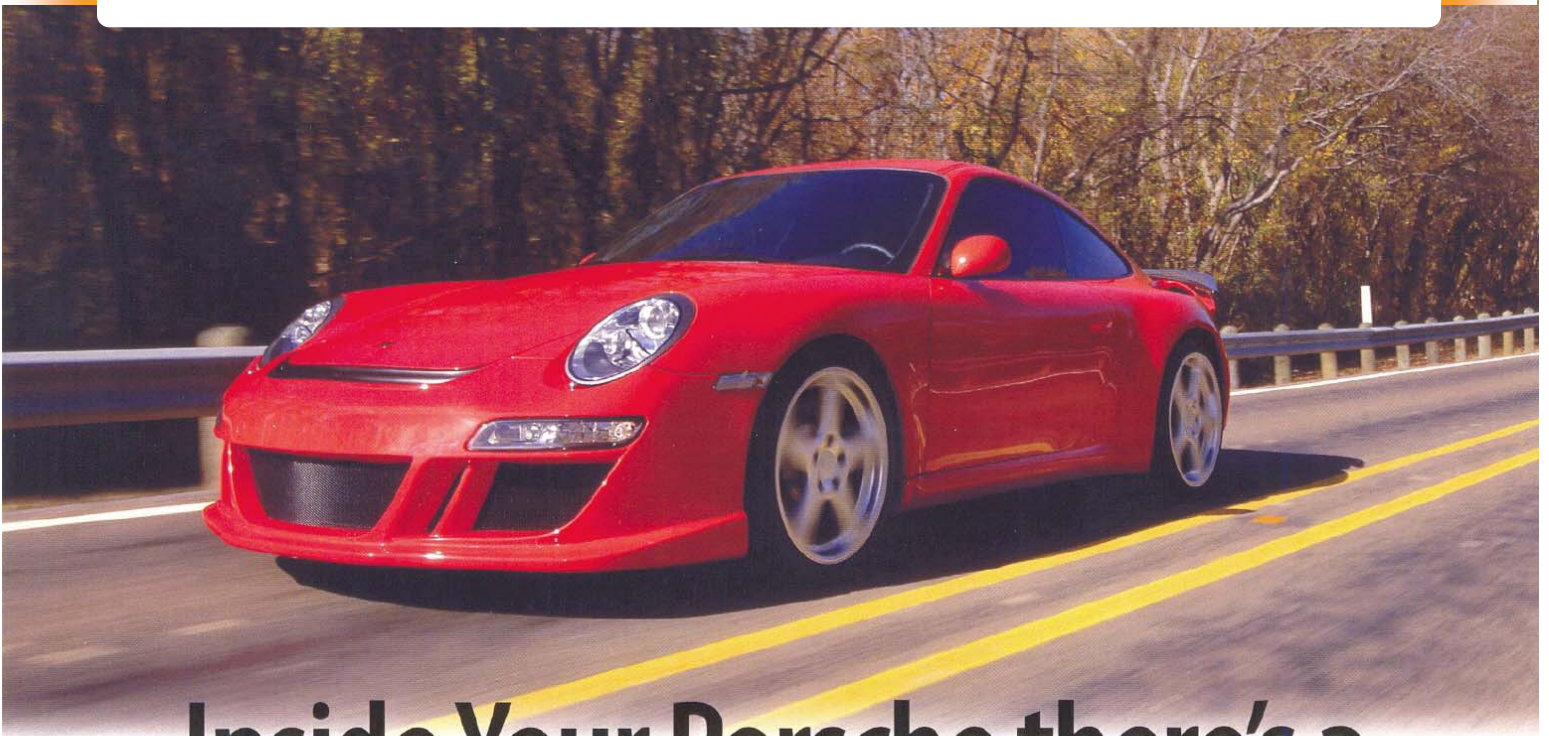
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