



## Flight News: May 2012

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### Zonfest Summary

If you were there, we all hope you had a great time. If you weren't there, we think you missed a truly great multi-regional event. Friday afternoon/evening's storms put a slight fear in our hearts about contingency plans as most events require clear weather to be successful. And for most of us, we had mixed emotions as we can truly use the rain - just not now! Mother Nature spared us, and every event went off without any weather issues. It did threaten a couple of times, but no impacts to the plan. I hear the locals are still talking about how wonderful it was to see those beautiful Porsches adorn their town all weekend.

Lou and Donna Linden were the event coordinators, and with some help from David and Ginny O'Neal did a spectacular job in selecting the perfect venue for the week's events. The Costa d'Este Beach Resort is a beautiful, modern establishment situated in the heart of Vero Beach, and was a welcome retreat after each competitive event. It was the home base for registration and for the welcome party on Friday evening. The food offerings and refreshments were excellent and a good way to get things rolling.

Saturday morning's concours was at picturesque Riverside Park. Only about half of the original 50 cars registered actually entered, most likely due to the threat of bad weather. As stated earlier, the weather held and the event went off without a hitch. The park never looked so good with so many Porsches adorning its landscape. Special thanks go out to the Gold Coast Region for offering up several judges so we could have two groups and cut the judging time in half. Some of the highlights included a deep selection of newer model Carreras, including Lauren and Gio Chico's spectacular GTS, a beautiful '74 US Carrera of Fred and Lucy Kohly, an ultra clean White 968 Cab of Peter and Laraine Olliviere, one of Dan and Neila Bird's 356s, and an extremely nice Speed Yellow 996 Coupe of Veronica Degeunther. Special thanks to the event sponsor Floor Sharks who hopefully sold a few of those amazing floors during the show.

Next up was the autocross at the BCC south parking lot in Palm Bay. A special thanks to Ken Marshall for making this location possible after a closer venue fell through at the last minute. The crew from the Martin Car Club setup a very challenging course, and despite some problems with getting the classes and cars loaded, Lynda Barrie with her expertise in Excel quickly remedied the issue. And, thanks to Lynda Barrie, the top to bottom times were very competitive with most positions decided on the final runs. Michael Sanders captured fastest time of the day for the Men, and Dottie Kidd for the Ladies. Again, a special shout out to our event sponsor Tire Kingdom in Viera, as well as Glover Oil for providing a well needed lunch at the track.

Concurrent with the autocross was the poker run shopping spree back in Vero Beach. Competitors were issued a card at the beginning and a card at the end of the event. They had to make stops in three of the stores and pick up additional cards. The best five card poker hands were rewarded with gifts from those same shops. They were also free to shop at not only the target stores, but any of the other local shops. Although the opportunity to participate was offered in advance to most of the shops in downtown Vero, all but three declined. However, once their stores were crowded with Porsche attired patrons, they had second thoughts. Thanks go out to Ocean Drive Jewelers, Blondies on the Ocean, and the Costa d'Este Beach Resort for having the vision to be a part of it from the start.

Saturday came to a close with the Awards Banquet at the Pelican Yacht Club in Ft Pierce. Commodore Peter Tyson and his wife Jeanne were out of town, but their club represented itself well with an excellent dinner and fabulous location for the event. After dinner, the presidents of the attending regions were acknowledged. As well, PCA dignitaries Vice President Ruben Ledesma, Treasurer Tom Gorsuch, Zone Rep David O'Neal and Region Focus Editor Jennifer Barrows were all in attendance. Ruben Ledesma and Shay Rowe, the owner/general manager of primary event sponsor Porsche of Melbourne, spoke about the relationship and benefits between PCA and Porsche. Space Coast owes a great deal of its recent success to this special relationship with Porsche of Melbourne. Special guest speaker Derek Bell, the most successful driver in Porsche history, once again delighted the crowd with his stories from past racing experiences. I especially loved the LeMans movie stories about Steve McQueen and their relationship. He is a class act and we are blessed to have had him available for so many events. The highlight of the awards was the emotion Veronica Degeunther exhibited when being announced as the Concours Best in Show. It is times like these that make all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes well worth it. After the event winners were awarded, the raffles were drawn. Porsche of Melbourne provided some extremely nice prizes including a top of the line Escort radar detector, a clear bra, and a complete car detail. Glover Oil and Blake Blakely Photography also donated some great items. The night went a little long, but we had lots of awards to distribute and many people to thank.

Lastly, we awoke to clear skies on Sunday and the start of the Gimmick Rally. Two classes were established - Competition and Touring. The route took us through Vero Beach, up A1A into Brevard County, and across the Sebastian Inlet into Melbourne Beach before a well needed pit stop at Porsche of Melbourne for refueling our bodies with refreshments and pastries. Leg one sheets were turned in to our Rally Master Brian Reinert and his Apprentice David O'Neal. They were still smiling when I left, but some of the more hostile rallyists were still on course. The second leg was a very unique picture matching challenge. Match a picture to your mileage location once you spot it. I think everyone really enjoyed this type of diversity in our rally regiment and we would welcome this in future rallies. The second leg extended through Melbourne, across into Eau Gallie, up Tropical Trail into Merritt Island, across 520 into Cocoa, and along the river before crossing back into Merritt Island on 528 and up some back roads to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. The scoring sheets were turned in and we proceeded into the Visitors Complex for lunch with an astronaut.

Lunch was at the Debus Center in the complex and was a buffet style with lots of excellent food offerings. I was partial to the desserts. Jon McBride was our astronaut for the day and had a great message about why future space exploration is so important to our planet. He answered any and all

questions, several of which were responses to our member's inquiries about the present and future of our space program. After lunch, everyone posed with Jon for a group photo. Brian and David presented the trophies for the rally winners. I was remiss in not mentioning that the Over All Winners for the weekend were Greg Barrows for the Men, and Dottie Kidd for the Ladies. Their plaques are on the way!

Included with lunch was a ticket to the complex so folks could enjoy the park for the rest of the day. We had planned to have a drive through the Space Center, but due to circumstances outside of our control, we were not able to make the drive. We closed out the event thanking all who attended and wishing all a safe trip home. Steve Kidd and the Gold Coast Region will be hosting next years' event in concert with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary over Memorial Day weekend. Watch for it as next year rolls in and get registered early. These events are like mini-Parades and are good opportunities to get out, meet some great people, and drive those cars!

### Event Results

#### Concours

356	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dan and Neila Bird	Space Coast
Early 911	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fred and Lucy Kohly	Gold Coast
Late 911	1 <sup>st</sup>	Veronica Degeunther	Florida Citrus
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris and Jenny Branston	Everglades
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry and Linda Paraizo	Gold Coast
Carrera	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lauren and Giovanni Chico	Florida Citrus
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve and Dottie Kidd	Gold Coast
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chip and Susie Reichhart	Potomac/Space Coast
944/928/968	1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter and Laraine Olliviere	Gold Coast
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jennifer and Greg Barrows	Florida Citrus
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jurgen and Rachel Scwanitz	Space Coast
Cayman/Boxster	1 <sup>st</sup>	Karen and Jim Georgeff	Space Coast
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Laporte and Penny Hartwell	Space Coast
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carl and Tamera Lueck	Florida Citrus
Cayenne/Panamera	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robin and Steve Hoffman	Space Coast
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ginny and David O'Neal	Space Coast
People's Choice		Fred and Lucy Kohly	Gold Coast
Best in Show		Veronica Degeunther	Florida Citrus

#### Autocross

P1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Kwasin	Suncoast
P2	1 <sup>st</sup>	Greg Barrows	Florida Citrus
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daryl Jacobs	Space Coast
P2L	1 <sup>st</sup>	Melinda Jacobs	Space Coast
P3	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jurgen Schwanitz	Space Coast
P4	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Sanders	Suncoast
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ken Marshall	Space Coast
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Kidd	Gold Coast
P4L	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dottie Kidd	Gold Coast
P5	1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Barrie	Space Coast
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Les Spain	Space Coast
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Webster	Riesentoter
P5L	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynda Barrie	Space Coast
S1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Gorsuch	Space Coast
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nick Stollman	Space Coast
S1L	1 <sup>st</sup>	Karla Stollman	Space Coast
S2	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Riley	Suncoast
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ron Menck	Space Coast
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Howard Jacobs	Gold Coast
M1	1 <sup>st</sup>	David O'Neal	Space Coast
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Hoffman	Space Coast
Fastest Time of Day	Mens	Michael Sanders	Suncoast
	Ladies	Dottie Kidd	Gold Coast

### **Poker Run Shopping Spree**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robin Hoffman	Space Coast
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Veronica Deguenther	Florida Citrus
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger McGehee	Space Coast

### **Tech Quiz**

Mens	1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Kidd	Gold Coast
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Hoffman	Space Coast
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alan Krenzer	Space Coast

