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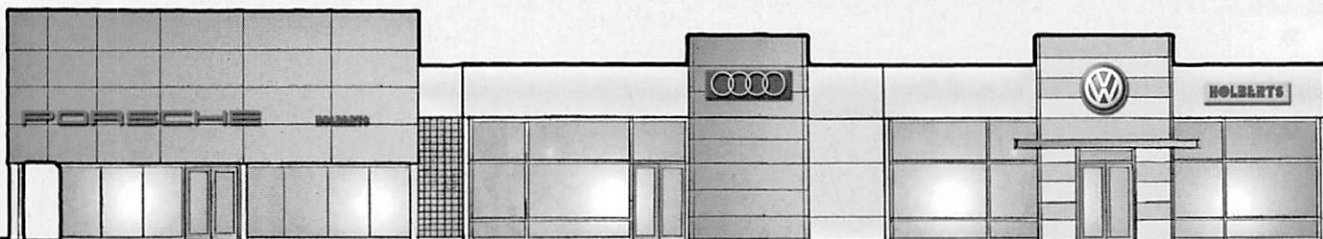
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Buy! Sell! Trade!

Upcoming Events:

- January 26 • GoKarting at Arnold's - Membership Meeting
February 23 • Vendor Appreciation - Membership Meeting
& Shenandoah Driver's Ed Registration
February 26 • SuperTech and Track Clinic @ Dougherty's
March 30 • New Member Night - Membership Meeting
& Pocono Driver's Ed Registration

On the cover:

Saturday - July 31, 2004 @
Watkins Glen International
raceway, Watkins Glen, NY.
Three cars coming up the "Ss"
shot from the top of the bleachers.
A sleepy country scene and
a busy track.

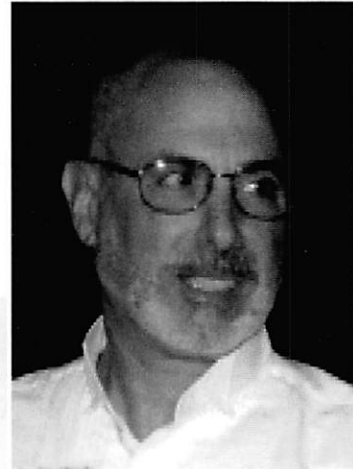
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State of the Region

Tom Zaffarano, RTR President



Happy New Year and best wishes to all.
I hope Santa brought you all that you deserve....

2005 looks like another great year for our region.

At this writing Mike Andrews has proposed seven (7) Drivers Education events including another three day Make-a-Wish program at Pocono. Pat Wayman has identified two AX sites and is proposing five (5) autocross events. Jeff Haas is looking into several new agendas for the membership meetings and Robin Zelinskie has already visited several sites for our 2005 Holiday banquet. Bill Cooper plans to expand his role as Technical Chairman by answering your technical questions in future Q&A articles in der Gasser--so send your questions to him at: barrett356@comcast.net.

If you are reading this article before the January 25th meeting, it means that Sandor Ferenczy, our new editor and our printing and mailing service are on board.

This year, the Porsche Parade (June 25 -July 2) takes place in Hershey. By the time you received this issue it may be a little late to apply for the Parade as the 'opening' date was January 18 and it is expected to be oversubscribed that same day. I hope you have been reading Pano and der Gasser and our website so you had your application in on time. More on day-tripping as soon as we get the information.

Just as a reminder, this is the Jan/Feb issue of der Gasser and covers the region's activities through the end of February. The March issue is planned to be in the mail by mid March.

In conclusion, a word about volunteers--this club-this region-all our events are run by volunteers. Sometimes it is hard work, but it is always rewarding. Get involved, meet new members, turbo-charge your passion--volunteer!

Be Safe

Tom Zaffarano

The Calendar

Monthly Member Meetings

January Membership Meeting (Informal)

Social/Meeting 7:30 Wednesday
GoKarting 8:30 26 January 2005

Go-Karting at Arnold's (Yes, it's an indoor track)

Arnolds GoKart Center
422 Business Center
Oaks, PA
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www.arnoldsgokarts.com (Visit website for directions)

Light Refreshments
GoKart Cost - \$15.00/Session

February Membership Meeting

Social 7:30 Wednesday
Meeting 8:00 23 February 2005

Vendor Appreciation Night

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Food & Refreshments

March Membership Meeting

Social 7:30 Wednesday
Meeting 8:00 30 March 2005

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Time: 11am till 2pm
Location: Sun Motor Cars Porsche, Camp Hill
Cost: No charge to PCA members

Past, Present & Future

Jeff Haas, RTR Vice-President

Monthly Meeting News

Happy New Year!

First and foremost. A hearty round of applause and our sincere "thanks" to Francine and Bodo Knochenhauer for the wonderful 2004 Holiday Party held last month at Talamore Country Club in Ambler. It was a tremendous evening...great food, good music and wonderful friends.

As this is the first issue of the New Year, you will no doubt see several new "by-lines" as the "changing of the guard" has officially taken

place. Be patient with us "newbie's", as quite possibly this is the first time some of us have ever contributed to a newsletter. I for one am a bit numb from the learning curve. I have been assured the job does get easier.

Itchy to hit the track? Need a little winter excitement? Come join us at Arnold's GoKarts in Oaks, PA the evening of January 26. Our January Membership Meeting will start with a Social and brief meeting (light refreshments served) beginning at 7:30 PM. At 8:30 PM the track will open for all who wish to participate. There will be a competitive but fun format for all participants.

Our February Membership

Meeting will be at Dougherty Automotive in West Chester, PA. As our "Vendor Appreciation Night", we will play host to several local, regional and national vendors that support our club with automotive services, supplies and equipment. There is always something for everyone at this event. Join us February 23 and help us show our appreciation for their support. Food and refreshments beginning at 7:30 PM.

Mark your calendars now! Our annual "SuperTech and Track Clinic" will be Saturday, February 26 (9:00 AM to 2:00 PM) at Dougherty Automotive in West Chester, PA. Discover what Drivers' Education is all about. Meet instructors and the ever faithful "DE Track Junkie". The very informative meeting will be followed by a question and answer session. Join us early. Food and refreshments served.

See you there.

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Join Us for Breakfast

Brian Minkin, RTR Membership Chair

Membership News

Another year begins as your membership chair and I am going through the annual winter withdrawal from seat time in my P car. But just because the weather is not conducive to driving my Porsche I am still busy thinking of ways to get more members involved in club activities. Looking back on 2004 RTR had another banner year with many different types of events to participate in and many new faces joining the veterans. I was fortunate to be able to participate in many of the regions events and to meet many of the 199 Porsche owners who joined the region in 2004. The preliminary schedule for 2005 looks even better than last year and I wish to invite all 199 of you to pick at least one event

to get involved in and enjoy the benefits of membership.

I am going to continue hosting the successful new members breakfast program again this year and with the help of the track program will add a great incentive to encourage new members to join us for breakfast. This year will feature 4 of these breakfast events.

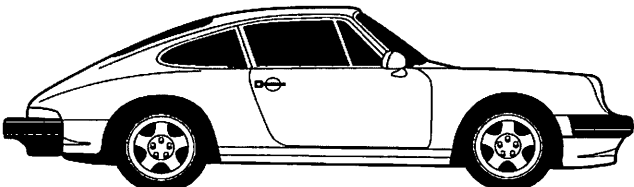
At each breakfast a guaranteed slot in the green group at the next Drivers Education event the region is holding will be awarded to a new member attending the breakfast.

The award is a guaranteed slot. The cost of the event is the responsibility of the winner. The definition of a new member for this

drawing will be a member who has joined the club within the 12 months preceding the breakfast and has never participated in a Drivers Education Event. Please bring your membership number with you to provide proof of when you joined the club.

The first breakfast will be held on Sunday March 20th at Bob Evans in Exton, PA. 303 North Pottstown Pike, Exton, PA. (Rt. 100). The drawing will be for the Spring Pocono Event Scheduled for May 21 & 22, 2005.

Of course any member new or old is welcome to join in these meet, eat and greet breakfasts so mark it on your calendar and bring your P car out for great food and conversation.



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A New Year...and a Fond Farewell

Francine Knochenbauer

I would like to take this opportunity to say Au revoir as your PCA:Riesentöter Division social chair. It has been a pleasure working with the Executive committee and getting to know so many of you, our great members, personally these past two years. I would also like to wish everyone a safe, prosperous New year 2005.

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CDOC Systemized Performance, Charlottesville Va

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Cj's Tires & Automotive Service

Dougherty Automotive Service, West Chester Pa

B&B Performance Exhaust, Phoenix Arizona

Cherry Hill Porsche . NJ

Visionautogroup, Reading, Pa

Danke Schön!

Our 2004 holiday award gala was a wonderfully successful event I have heard from many members who were thrilled to win one of the many beautiful door prizes, given so generously by our sponsors.

Mike Tilson Motor Car Service, Philadelphia, Pa

Don Rosen Imports, Conshohocken, Pa

Michael Furman

Jeffrey Haas

Tire Rack

Chris Radbill Automotive Repair & Restoration, West Chester, Pa

Holbert Motors Cars, Warrington, Pa

Princeton Porsche, Laurenceville NJ

Willow Grove Auto Top Inc; Willow Grove Pa

J Crowley

Jolene Schwartz, Cherry Hill NJ

*And At Last. A Special Thank You To Jack Bair North America Inc.
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*Francine Knochenhauer
PCA Riesentöter Division
Social Chair 2002-2004*

Holiday Award Banquet

Carol Koerbel

Good fun, good music, good food - three components that made up a stellar night on December 11th at Talamore Country Club in Ambler for those attending the Riesentöter Holiday Award Banquet. One hundred and thirty people attended and many generations were represented. How nice it was to see the Herman's sons attending the festivities.

Francine and Bodo Knochenhauer went all out to make this a night that was tres magnifique!!! (Sorry Porsche enthusiasts, I don't know how to say that in German). There were beautiful poinsettia plants on every table that eventually were given away as door prizes, and

"goodie" bags for each family complete with holiday stollen, checkered flags, and authentic Porsche matches.

Who knew that there was such a thing as "Porsche matches"????

The annual banquet is an award night and all were given out to deserving members of the club. Congratulations to Brian and Terry Minkin who were dual recipients of the prized Riesentöter Award this year. In addition to the awards,

seventeen members were "fossilized" and received shirts indicating that they have been members of the club for twenty years. It has been customary over the years to give out door prizes and this year was no exception. Prizes ranged from gift certificates from local dealerships and repair shops, to Porsche dress shirts, and a stunning cut crystal Porsche replica. Kudos to the person(s) who procured these prizes.

It is usually an indication of



a fun-filled night when you have to ask the band to extend their playing time. Francine and Bodo asked, RPM played on, and the people on the dance floor boogied until good-byes were exchanged.

As I said before:

Good fun, good music,
good food...
a good time had by all!



With Thanks

Manny Alban, PCA Zone 2 Rep

Hi everyone:

Just wanted to send a final note as your Zone 2 Rep. It's been a fun and educating five years. I am honored and proud to have served as your representative to national and I hope I did the job to your satisfaction. My thanks to all of you who made my job very easy. It's the success of Zone 2 that helped me get the nomination for Secretary.


While I move to the role of National Secretary, I am happy to introduce Jim Becker of the Pocono Region as the next Zone 2 Rep. Jim has served as President, Vice President, Newsletter Editor as well as Chairman of the region's multi-event weekend, Oktoberfest. I am sure that you'll make sure to make Jim and his wife Margie has welcome as you did me.

Jim may be reached at:

3438 Wild Cherry Lane
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Once again, thanks for everything and please have a happy holiday and a very prosperous new year. I hope to see all of you at Hershey in 2005!

Manny Alban



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Cars and deer can be a lethal combination. Each year the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that there are more than 1.5 million crashes in the United States involving deer, costing an estimated \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage. The average cost per insurance claim was \$2,000, with costs varying depending on the type of vehicle and severity of damage, according to the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I.).

During deer season, which runs from October through December, there can be dramatic movements in the deer population with a significant number of deer darting onto highways and into suburban neighborhoods. Over this time period, more deer-vehicle collisions occur than any other time of year,

so drivers need to be especially cautious, warns the I.I.I. "As our wildlife habitat continues to shrink, accidents with deer and other animals are likely to increase unless we are more vigilant in our driving," said Jeanne M. Salvatore, vice president of Consumer Affairs for the I.I.I.

The I.I.I. suggests the following defensive driving tips to avoid hitting a deer: Be attentive from sunset to midnight and hours shortly before and after sunrise. These are the highest risk periods for deer-vehicle collisions to occur. Drive with caution when moving through deer-crossing zones, in areas known to have a large deer population and in areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland. Deer seldom run alone. If you see one deer,

a deer in or near your path, but stay in your lane. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or lose control of their cars.

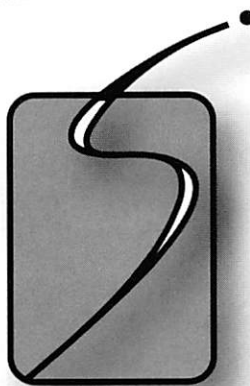
Do not rely on devices such as deer whistles, deer fences and reflectors to deter deer. These devices have not been proven to reduce deer-vehicle collisions. Always wear your seat belt. Deer-vehicle collisions can result in serious injuries. People tend to underestimate how much damage collisions with animals can cause. If your vehicle strikes a deer, it's best not to touch the animal. The frightened and wounded animal could hurt you or itself, warns the I.I.I. If the deer is blocking the roadway and poses a danger to other motorists, you should call the police.

others may be nearby. When driving at night, use high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high-beams will better illuminate the eyes of deer on or near the roadway. Brake firmly when you notice

Contact your insurance agent or company representative to report any damage to your car. Collision with a deer or animals is covered under the comprehensive portion of your automobile policy. More information on insurance can be found on the I.I.I.'s website at www.iii.org. The Insurance Information Institute is a non-profit, communications organization supported by the property/casualty insurance industry.

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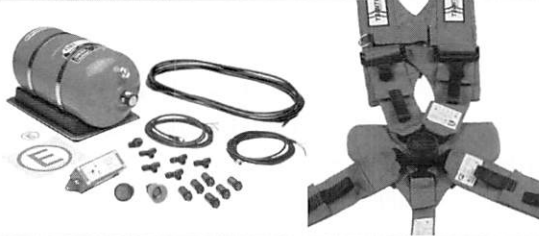
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Think Spring: Tentative Track Dates

Mike Andrews, RTR Track Chair

Track Clinic

2005 DE Schedule

We will continue with tradition and host a track clinic on the 26th of February (the Saturday after our February membership meeting) at Dougherty Automotive. Over the years the weather has ranged from snow covered roads to nice (for that time of the year) temps but we always seem to draw a crowd to this event. I guess it has to do with everyone wanting to get out of their cabins and go mingle with friends. So, put it on your calendar and we'll see you there. While we haven't finalized all of the details we're currently looking at having lifts available from 9:00 to about noon with a track clinic for those that are curious about this activity from 10:30 to about noon. Brian (our chief instructor) and I will go over what to expect at the track and answer questions. This program seems to work fairly well as I recognize a number of the current crop of drivers from those discussions.

Once the lifts are clear and the clinic is complete we'll break for lunch and setup for a safety clinic where the guys from Dougherty's and CDOC will give us a discussion on the current trends on safety equipment. So, if you're looking for seats, belts, roll bars, helmets, helmet restraints, gloves, shoes, suits, fire systems or anything else for that matter come on by and participate.



Put them on your calendar and as soon as we have contracts we'll make them concrete on our calendar of events in der Gasser and on our web site.

We don't normally have dates at this time, this is being written in December, and so I can't say these dates are concrete. And I will simply say to go to our web site for the complete and accurate listing of events (from the application) but our year should follow 2004 with the exception of the first and last events of the year (at Summit Point). This year we will start our season at Shenandoah Circuit in April. Yeah, I know, I've teased you with that track in the past. But this time I think we're OK. While it wasn't completed last year and we could not run a school on it, we did actually get to drive on it. It's going to be a busy track but I think we'll enjoy it. It is much more fun in the cars than it was in the pickup trucks. The NJ BMW guys did in fact run a school on it later in the year so the track is indeed open. It will be a three day school and we'll be able driving different directions so it should be an interesting weekend.

We will continue with our registration process of opening registration, for PCA members, at the general membership meeting two months prior to the event. So, that means the first event will have registration open at the February meeting which I believe will be held at Dougherty Automotive. As usual we will open registration at 7:00PM and will close registration at 7:45 PM. If the past is any indication you should plan on being there a little early as these events (lower groups) sell out.

Now for the tentative dates:

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|-------------------|---|
| April 22-24 • | Shenandoah Circuit |
| May 20-22 • | Pocono (Friday for advanced only, white group and above) |
| June 25 -27 • | Jefferson Circuit and Summit Point |
| July 29-31 • | Watkins Glen |
| September 23-25 • | Pocono (Friday on the South course)
<i>Make-A-Wish</i> |
| November 12-14 • | Summit Point Raceway |

Americans: 7 Of Top 15 At Porsche Cup Press Release

Porsche Motorsports: Bob Carlson, Andy Schupack

ATLANTA - DECEMBER 30 -

For the 35th time since its inception in 1970, the Porsche Cup was presented to the world's most successful private entry Porsche drivers at the annual Porsche motorsports dinner in Germany last week, and American racers took seven of the top 15 positions.

Craig Stanton, from Long Beach, Calif., who won the GS class in Grand-Am Cup in Nonnamaker Porsche 911 and finished fifth in the GT class in the American Le Mans Series in the White Lightning/Petersen Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, was in the running for the title all year, but finished second in the points to Monaco's Stephane Ortelli. Stanton took home 23,000 Euros

(\$27,600) for his efforts.

Ortelli was a co-driver in the last Porsche to win Le Mans overall in 1998. The 34-year-old secured the trophy after his successes competing for private racing teams in the FIA N-GT championship, the American Le Mans Series and the Le Mans 24 hour race (France).

The new Cup winner received a coveted silver-gold trophy as well as 37,000 Euros (\$44,400) in prize money. The Porsche Cup is endowed with prize money totaling 153,000 Euros (\$183,600).

Frenchman Emmanuel Collard was third in points, followed by Stanton's ALMS teammate David Murry, from Atlanta, Georgia, who finished fourth. Oth-

er Americans finishing in the top 15 among Porsche drivers worldwide included Johannes van Overbeek, from San Francisco, Calif., fifth place in the Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR (ALMS); his teammate Darren Law, from Phoenix, Arizona, sixth place; The Racer's Group Porsche ALMS driver Patrick Long, from Oak Park, California, seventh; his teammate and 1999 Porsche Cup winner Cort Wagner, from Los Angeles, California, 11th; and Atlanta's Justin Jackson, in the J3 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 14th.

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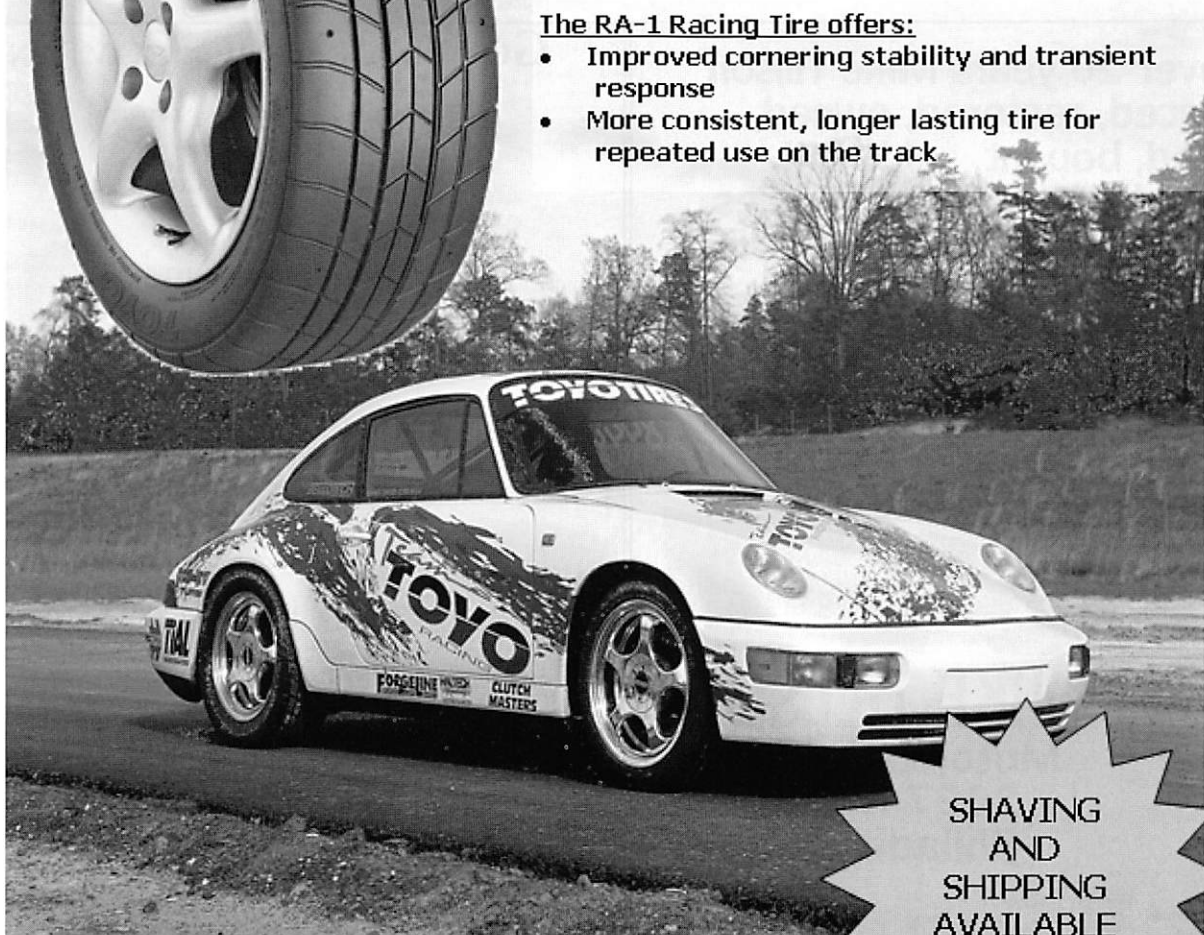
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