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Dec 9 *RTR Holiday Banquet (Save the date!)*

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# *State of the Region*

*Tom Zaffarano, RTR President*

The election is over and the results are in.  
Congratulations to our new Board.  
Thank you all for allowing me to be your president for the last three years.  
It was a great ride.  
We accomplished a great deal  
...and had fun doing it.

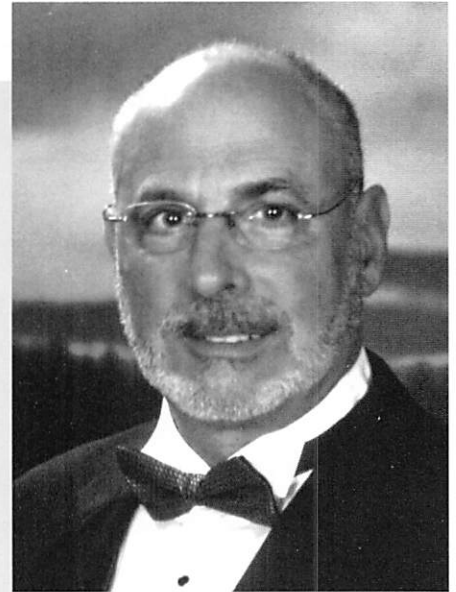
To Brian Minkin our new leader:  
You are the man to continue our legacy of excellence.  
I wish you the best and pledge my support.

Now for me, a new chapter begins– a new challenge.  
Trying to fill the “shoes” of Mike Andrews as Track Chairman.  
But with his help and your support....  
We will continue to have the best DE program in the land.

Next year will be our Region’s 50th Anniversary.  
If you haven’t gotten involved in the past this is the time.  
It is an opportunity to fully explore what our region has to offer.

The adventure continues....

*Tom Zaffarano*



# ***Riesentöter Holiday Award Banquet***

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# Membership Ramblings And News

Brian Minkin, RTR Membership Chair

This will be my last article as the RTR membership chairman. Next year I will begin my new role as RTR President. For the past 5 years I have had the pleasure of speaking with and meeting potential members and new members. Over these years one common theme about joining RTR is expressed in these inquiries, the desire to belong to a community of Porsche enthusiasts.

Many of these new members have become part of our active membership and I have had the pleasure of enjoying the friendship and passion we all share. Our membership is large and diverse. We have a variety of Porsche cars that document Porsche history

and evolution. The activities our members participate in are as wide ranging as the cars but regardless of the event, the enthusiasm, friendship and passion of our members is always evident. I look forward to continuing to make new friends and enjoy the comradery of fellow Porsche enthusiasts in 2007.

I will host one last Not Just For New Members Breakfast this year. Let's meet on Sunday December 3rd at 9:00 AM at the Bob Evans restaurant in Exton for one more round of Meet, Greet and Eat RTR style. Join us at 303 North Pottstown Pike in Exton Pa. (Rt. 100) for great food and conversation. If you have never been to a club

event come out and learn what you missed and what is on tap for next year.

Our Web Forum Continues to grow and after 3 1/2 months of operation we have 104 members, 138 topics and 1061 posts. Check out the forum. (There is a link at the top right side of the RTR Web Site.) There is lots of great dialog about many different topics. Even better register and become part of the RTR cyber community and let your opinions and ideas be heard. Ask a question that has you pondering for the answer and see how our community can help find the answer from their collective knowledge. It's a great place to get acquainted with the club and its many active members.

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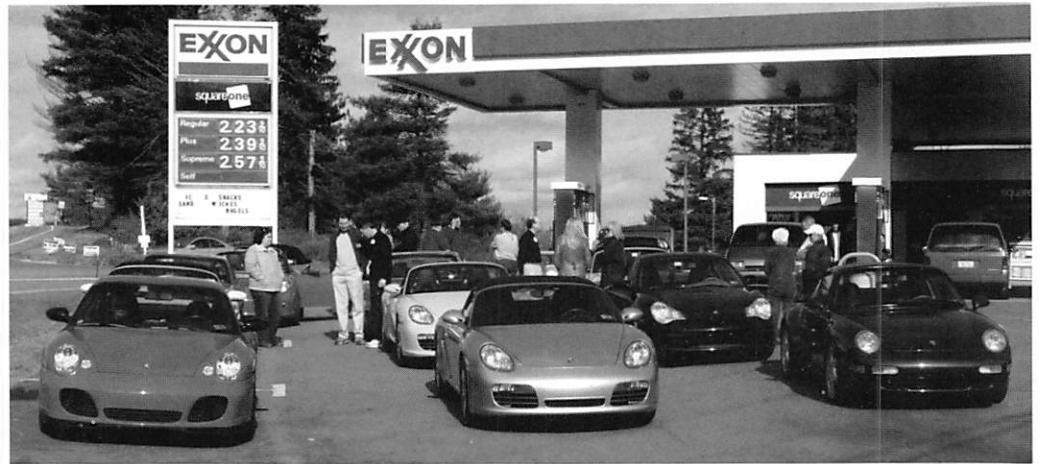
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# Country Caravan VIII - October 21, 2006

Fred and Randa Bonsall, RTR

Every Fall for the last seven years, Riesentoter members have looked forward to Ken Souser's spectacular Porsche romp through the upper extremities of our region's color-encrusted paradise in the northeast region of Pennsylvania...the last opportunity to open up the throttles of our favorite sport's cars before winter settles in and the summer's fun is just a memory. The weather was perfect, crisp and bright, and set the stage for fifteen couples in fifteen various Porsches to meet at Wegman's



Allentown Market. At about 10:30 , we headed off into the wilderness to the west and north of our region's boundaries. With two-way radios in hand, we proceeded westward toward Hawk Mountain Sanctuary which would be the recipient of this year's charity run. We continued through the scenic countryside and forest lands until we came upon the Long Trout Winery and Disc Golf facility in Auburn, PA...this is a trip back in time with every collectible and tribute to the Beatles and The Three Stooges ever placed under one roof! Husband and wife, Tom and Kim Leibensperger served up

samples of Purple Craze, Peeping Tom and Cosmic Charisma all the way to Psychedelic Jack O'Lantern, Garlicker and Love Grass...un real!!! This is an absolute "must see"!

Traveling on through Tascarora, Locust Valley, Hometown and Weatherly (the site of the annual Pennsylvania Hill Climb), our own colorful caravan enjoyed nature's color at it's best.

The roads were challenging for both us and our favorite cars. On we traveled, traversing the the curves through Hickory Run State Park and Albrightsville to our final destination of Macaluso's Lantern Restaurant

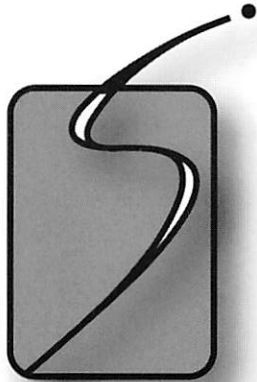
in Nesquehoning, just north of Jim Thorpe on Route 209. Here we all enjoyed libations and a superb buffet of Lemon Basil Chicken, Roasted Pork Loin, Jasmine Rice Primavera, Pasta with Vodka sauce, all topped off with coffee and Italian Love Cake! We all raised our glasses to Ken in appreciation of his efforts!

The day was a glorious tribute to Fall foliage and Porsche engineering, enjoyed by all, generating a total donation of \$525. to the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, and putting smiles on the faces of all the participants!! "Kudos, Ken...we can't wait for next year"!!!





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# Pocono Make-A-Wish: Another Successful Year

Maureen Sangiorgio, RTR

Foggy weather didn't dampen the drivers' spirits at the fifth annual D.E. event to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation (MAWF) held at Pocono Raceway September 22nd weekend. Friday brought clear, sunny skies as 112 cars took to the track. But on Saturday, a heavy fog blanketed the raceway, so all run groups had to wait until early afternoon to go out and play. One family in particular was especially anxious . . .

Nicholas Polimeni, now 7, was only 5 years old when he was diagnosed with T-cell ALL leukemia. "We brought him to the doctor for what we thought was an allergy problem," recalls his mom, Tina. "They did a routine blood test, and when the results came back, we were devastated," says Tina, a stay-at-home mom in Bartonsville, PA. "Since the diagnosis, he's had 13 different types of chemotherapy. Last year, he lost all his hair, and had to quit wrestling, his favorite sport."

When the Make-A-Wish Foundation approached the Polimeni family and asked them if they would be interested in spending the weekend at the track, Nicholas said, "Cool!" While at the track, Nicholas and his two brothers got to ride in the P-cars for six laps. "As soon as Nicky got back, I asked him how he



liked sitting in a Porsche, and going for a ride around the track," says Tina. "He said, 'That was totally awesome Mom! Can I go again?'"

## LUCKY TO BE ALIVE

When A.J. Burns was only 16 months old, he suffered a seizure, and then fell into a



coma. "We rushed him to the hospital, where he was started on IV fluids immediately," recalls mom Tricia Burns, a day care provider in Morrisville, PA. "They couldn't find anything seriously wrong with him. Then six weeks later, he had another seizure. After much testing, he was diagnosed with Medium Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency, or

MCADD. We were shocked." Children born with MCADD lack an enzyme required to metabolize fat into energy. A rare hereditary disorder, MCADD occurs in approximately one in every 10,000 live births.

"The doctors told us there is no clinical reason AJ should be alive today," says Tricia. "The only thing that saved him was getting those IV fluids so soon. Some people think Moms are paranoid, but in this case, it saved my child's life."

Unfortunately, there is no cure for the disease. Children with MCADD must eat often during the day, including plenty of snacks. When children with MCADD don't eat, such as during illness, they can experience a range of life-threatening symptoms. Now 12, AJ was hospitalized 24 times since the diagnosis. AJ's sister Miranda, now 16, also suffers from the disease.

## THE NEED FOR SPEED

"When we told AJ and Miranda they were going to spend the day at Pocono Raceway with the Porsche Club, they were thrilled," says Tricia. "They couldn't wait to get into those cars. I could tell they were having a blast. When I asked them if they were enjoying themselves, they said they wanted to go even faster next time! We would like to thank all the club folks for making my kids feel so special. Everyone at the track couldn't have been nicer, or more generous to my kids. They treated them like royalty."

## RTR GETS CREATIVE

According to Bill Moffitt, RTR Make-A-Wish Coordinator, the club raised over \$60,000 at the MAW Pocono DE event. That's ONE WEEKEND folks! Over the past five years, RTR raised about THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS for Make-A-Wish. "It never ceases to amaze me at how much people can accomplish when they work together for a worthwhile cause," says Bill. This year, RTR offered additional fund-raising events, such as the Lap-A-Thon, the Porsche Driving Experience, and T-shirt auctions. "Fred Brubaker donated exclusive, limited-edition T-shirts," explains Bill. "We auctioned them off and raised \$2,300."

Speaking of T-shirts, Knopf Automotive and Dougherty Automotive donated spe-

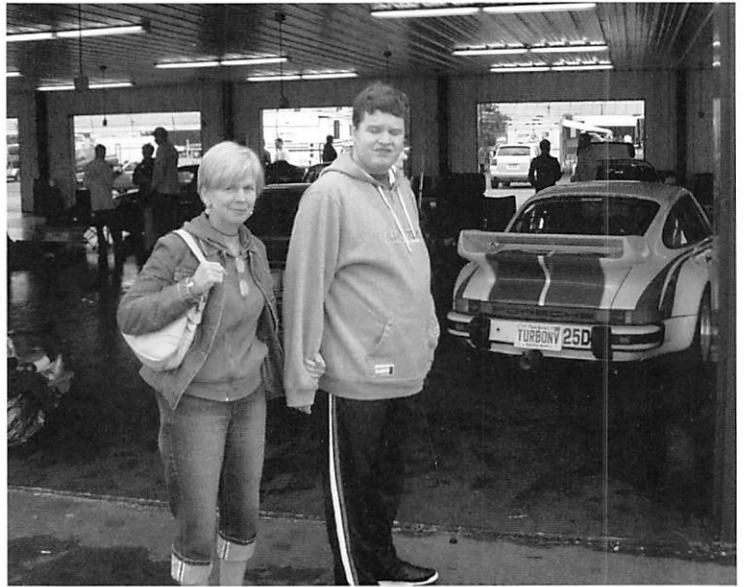
cial T-shirts for the event, and the club sold the left-overs for additional funds. "Everyone who registered received a free T-shirt, so special thanks should go out to Knopf Automotive and Dougherty Automotive," says Bill.

Another fund-raising event that was new to the club this year involved a bit of vanity.

RTR member John "Perfect Hair" Panizza volunteered to have his hair painted a rainbow of colors. "Everyone that knows John is aware of how much time he spends on his hair, and how it looks perfect all the time, so it was a big hit to have us mess it up and mousse it to so many different colors. That alone raised over twelve hundred dollars for Make-A-Wish," says Bill.

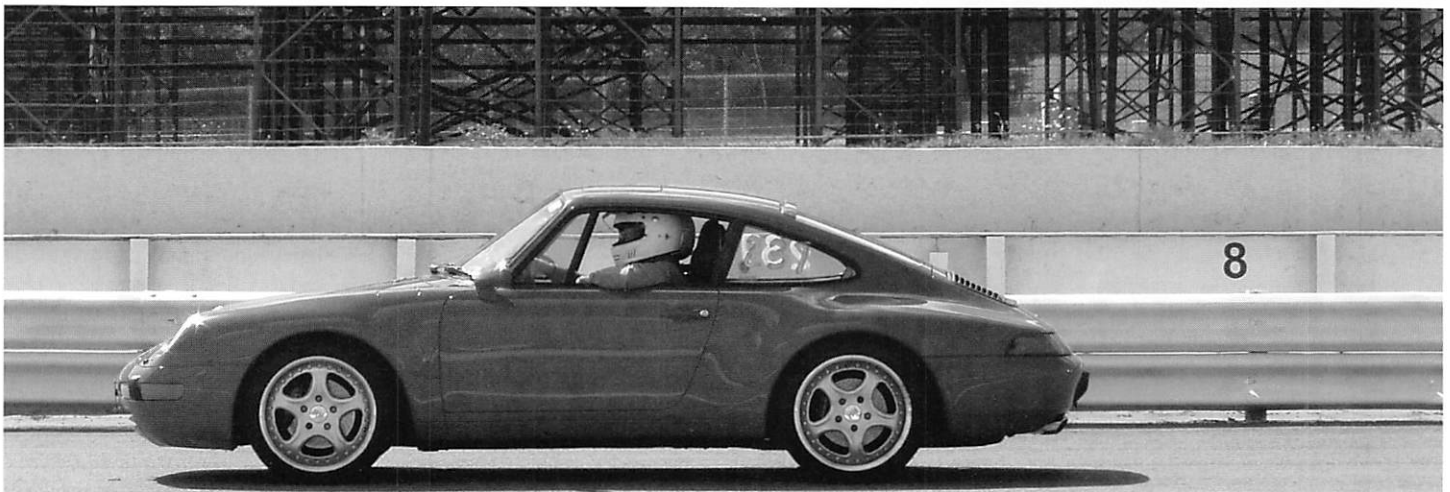
## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

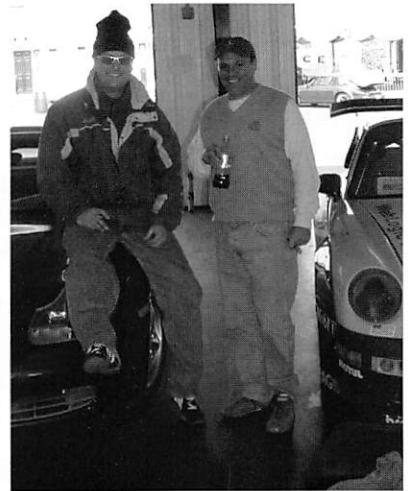
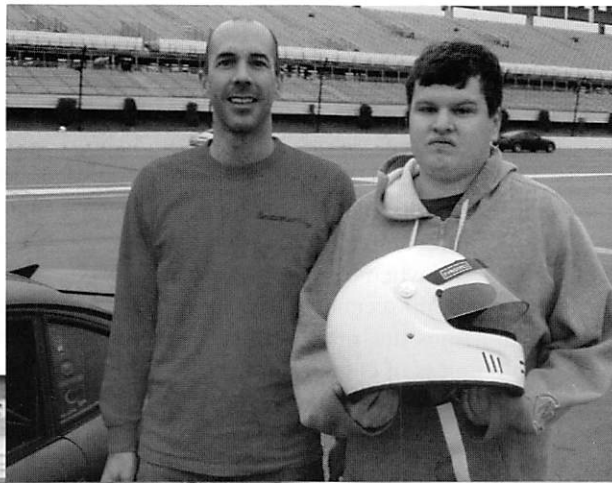
"When we plan the Make-A-Wish weekends, our goal is to offer activities for everyone in the family," says Kevin Congdon, RTR member and past MAWF volunteer. "There truly is something in the day for everyone, such as a



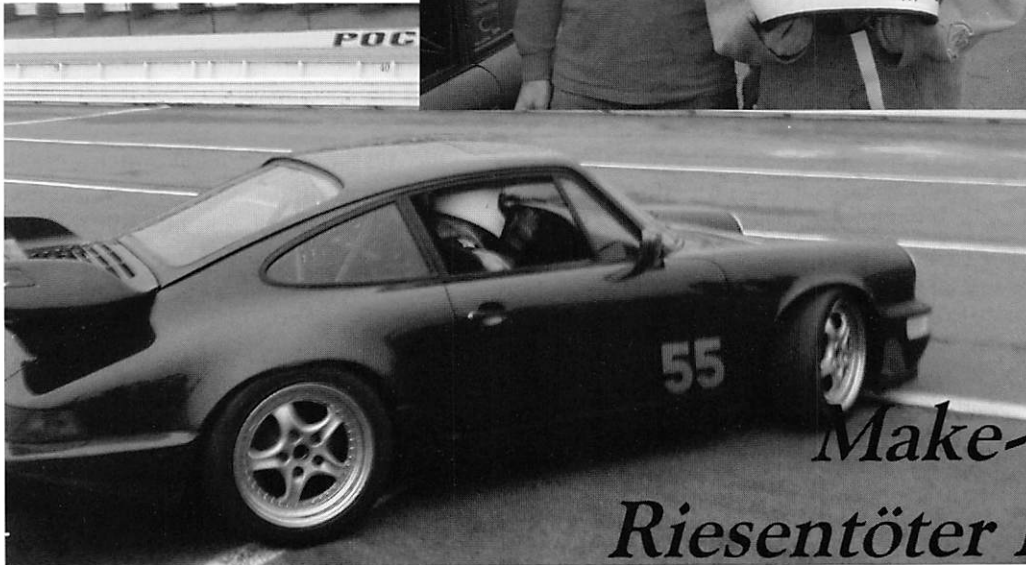
MAWF child watching her mom pop excitedly out of a car after enjoying her first hot laps. The families also get to socialize with one another, and compare health-care challenges and achievements with each other. These activities offset the less fun times of their lives. We drivers enjoy welcoming someone new into our world of toys and camaraderie."

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# Hang Up and Drive!!!

*Christopher Mahalick, RTR*

That's it! I have had enough!

There is a scourge upon the land that makes the Bubonic Plague outbreak of the mid to late fourteenth century look downright palatable. So atrocious is this social malady that the term "Black Death" actually takes on a positive connotation by comparison.

It affects folks in their cars, on the train, on public sidewalks, in stores, and if you share my lack of luck, in their own homes!

Darn, I think I gave away the subject of this biased, judgmental, holier than thou rant in the title. Oh well, no sense in wasting a workable opening paragraph.

So the more intuitive of you may have surmised that the subject this month is cell-phones. I just have to know, what in the world did we do to the Swedes to prompt them to unleash this untamed beast upon our society?

Let's rant:

Now the chances are that if you are reading this "column", you most likely have a Porsche in the stable. I know I do. And I actually think of the driver's seat of mine as "The office", or on exceptionally good days, "The Temple". And I'll bet the farm that the majority of you out there share this "enlightened" worldview as well. And by God, if I am in that driver's seat, then drive is just what I'll do. Whether on the track or on the street, it's just plain fun to take out a nasty, aggressive vehicle and flog it in a nasty, aggressive manner. With no distractions other than some eighties hard-core on the stereo (or, if it's a particularly trippy run, The Velvet Underground).

And that's how I remember the eighties.

At least, I think I do. But then again, there really wasn't a "track" so to speak, and oh yeah, there wasn't even a Porsche. It was 1.7 litres of screaming Volkswagen firepower back then; well maybe "firepower" is an exaggeration. But the racing was still fast and furious in the "Stock Rabbit" division of the "Pocono Mountain World of Outlaw (in the literal sense) Pub-

lic Road Race Series". The roads were wide open back then, and filled with tons of other guys out there hammering their VWs into submission right along with you. And when they met up on the streets it was reminiscent of two alpha dogs meeting. Minus the "mark your turf peeing ritual", unless of course you had just left the bar. Duh.

Good Times.

Now flash forward to 2006. Just twenty short years later. And really contemplate whether or not it would be a wise move to engage in open course road racing on a public thoroughfare.

Things have really changed. Seems like nobody is happy to be just where they are for the moment. After watching far too many depictions of "debonair, with-it, hipster type business tycoons", they have been convinced that the true symbol of today's status is none other than the common cell phone. And if it could only stop there. Because in addition to being an utterly annoying fashion accessory, they make noise as well. On so many levels.

It starts on your drive to work, or in my case, the drive to the train station. It's early, so it should be a relatively calm ride. A veritable "milk run". No one likes being jostled or disturbed first thing in the morning. And certainly, no one really needs to be almost run down by some stay-at-home mom chatting away on her cell phone while piloting her Suburban. What could possibly be that important to her middle-class existence that it couldn't wait until a safer (at least for me) time? I mean these folks aren't heading out to cure cancer or to solve world hunger. So they should stay off the phone while driving.

Once at the station, all you have to do is read and wait for the train. In silence. Not listening to a one-sided conversation of an embittered forty-something career person berating his or her underlings. It just shows not even a hint of social grace.

The morning train ride to work should ensconce one in an aura of solitude befitting a library. Period. So when was the last time

you were in the library and heard someone loudly discussing their latest "procedure"? In full four-color detail? And yes, Timmy, we're all proud that you're such the big business man. In fact, the girls are just swooning in the aisles. Unfortunately, the reality is that your loud talk has just violated every conceivable ethical value regarding corporate communication. So just don't talk. Thanks. Let me get back to my book. Geez.

Once off the train, wouldn't you just think you'd be in the clear as far as noise pollution goes? Well, you are, but there is something just as annoying out there. It is the person walking slowly while talking on their cell phone. You veer left, he or she veers left, you veer right.... Now, I know we're not all athletically inclined, but come on now, is it really that hard to walk and talk at the same time? If it is, then may I humbly suggest physical therapy?

So when the work-week is done, it's time to get in the car, head to the back roads, and drive like you were twenty-three again. Or in other words, like the proverbial maniac. But then no annoyance would be worth its salt if it was only a five day a week annoyance, now would it?

To my eyes, the inner-line drive at Valley Forge National Park was designed to serve as the prototypical inner-city road course for sixteen year olds who have just swiped their sister's MG Midgets for the afternoon. Kind of like a Junior version of the Pocono street courses of yore. It makes me misty-eyed.

But try to run that course today. You can't. Because now you don't just have a mini-van full of tourists gawking at the site of a deer, rather you now have a mini-van full of tourists gawking at the site of a deer, photographing said deer on their cell phones, while narrating the entire experience (on their cell phones) to Aunt Millie, who is back at home in her wheelchair.

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(built 8/90, titled:10/90) new targa top, guards red/black, major tune including a/c, 5sp, approx 88,000 miles, all original, perfect, serviced by Mike Tillson Motor Car Service, mobil one, garaged, custom cover, Nakamichi CD system by Goodman Radio(original blaupunkt available), BF Goodrich 205/50ZR16,225/50ZR16; 17 Cup wheels/Goodyear available Frank Mayer: fimayer129@comcast.net, 215.901.4593 [9]

1993 911 RS America  
white/black, exceptional cosmetic and mechanical condition, never raced, no collision damage, no paint, no mechanical repairs, all four options - A/C, sunroof, limited slip, radio - "bolt on" mods only - "big red" turbo brakes, H+R springs, chip, exhaust, air box, harness truss, all records, 49,200 miles, \$43,500. John Griffith, New Hope, PA. jgriffith76@comcast.net [9]

1976 930 Turbo.  
Serial # 9306800036. Silver over color-match blue. 43,000 original miles. Bone stock, always. Engine rebuilt at 40,000 miles. Painted one year ago to a high standard, by a Porsche-specified garage with German paint. Original interior. Original Fuchs and Blaupunkt.  Although a driver, it is about as good as one can be. Many records, including the original manual with oil change stamps. No disappointments. Come see it at my house in Doylestown. Call Don at 215-766-1213, or e-mail: donbarry77@aol.com. [9]

1995 993 Cabriolet  
44,900 miles. Black/Black over Cashmere, windscreen, magna bra & boot, Nakamichi radio, new tires & inspection.  6 speed, recent major service, 17 cup wheels, loaded with options, garaged & perfect, call for details & pictures. Christopher Sheetz 610-296-5989, tesheetz@aol.com [10]

1993 968 MO30  
VIN WPOAA2969PS820547. 41K miles, black/classic grey, leather sport seats (grey w/black piping), new transaxle (due to noisy pinion bearing), sparkplugs, newer brakes, battery, Mobil 1, never tracked, always garaged, excellent condition, \$25K obo. Marty Frith, 7676 Newport Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93117. 805-968-3065 maf968@aol.com [11]

## Porsche Accessories

Tires: two-225/45ZR-17 and two-255/40ZR-17 BRIDGESTONE SO3S AND two-225/40ZR-18 and two-285/30ZR-18 CON-

TINENTAL SPORT CONTACT 2. TREAD NEAR NEW ON ALL TIRES, \$300 for either set of four tires. Tom Zaffarano. Tzaffarano@aol.com [8]

20' Enclosed Trailer  
1993 Timberwolf Trailer, white with chrome wheels and stone guards, interior walls and ceilings are finished in white, tire rack, checkerboard sheet flooring is worn and torn, but will throw a roll of 8' wide gray rubber diamond plate design sheet flooring that was intended to use on the floor, two of the four tires are brand new. \$3000.00 obo Dennis Howard 410-733-1115 or RSAmer@aol.com [9]

Fuchs wheels  
2-16x6, 2-16x7 very good condition. 2-205 55 16, 2-225 50 16 Michelin Pilot Sport tires - as new. Mounted and balanced on Fuchs. Paid \$1500 will take best offer. Contact John @ 610.563.0209 or jpanizza@genterra.net [9]

Brey-Krause Fire Extinguisher Bracket- Model 2020- Brand New Never Installed List \$125 Sell for \$50 Ron Kellett 215-752-1582 kellett123@aol.com [10]

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944 Front bumper  
w/lights/rubber etc. complete Make reasonable offer(s) all or separate. G.Petito, 610.691.2133 before 10:00PM EST, gpetito@hymed.com [11]

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Simpson one piece SR-5 rated driving suit.  
Approved by SCCA, PCA, NASA, etc. New, never used, Blue w/ Simpson badging, Size: LARGE, still in box/plastic. Was over \$400.....(owner replaced w/red suit) Make reasonable offer(s) all or separate. G.Petito, 610.691.2133 before 10:00PM EST, gpetito@hymed.com [11]

928 BLAUPUNKT (oem)  
Reno SQR 46 radio Make reasonable offer(s) all or separate. G.Petito, 610.691.2133 before

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2000 Ford F-150 XLT 4x2  
Less than 43k miles. Step-side extended cab (4 doors), short bed. Excellent cond. Dark metallic blue / gray, V8, auto, power w/l/m, alarm, AM/FM CD, AC, tow package, OEM bed liner & sliding rear window. Photos available by email. Priced under trade-in value at \$10,000 OBO MUST SELL - bring offers! Call Dan in S. NJ: 856-435-6340, lakeside5@verizon.net [10]

## Wanted

'95 - '98 993 Coupe.  
Under 50,000 miles. Please contact Boyd Kelly, 610.329.9510 or boydkelly@gmail.com [8]

Wanted a 914, 924, or 944  
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## Found

One 996 rear seat cover left at the Shenandoah DE. contact Tom @, Tzaffarano@aol.com

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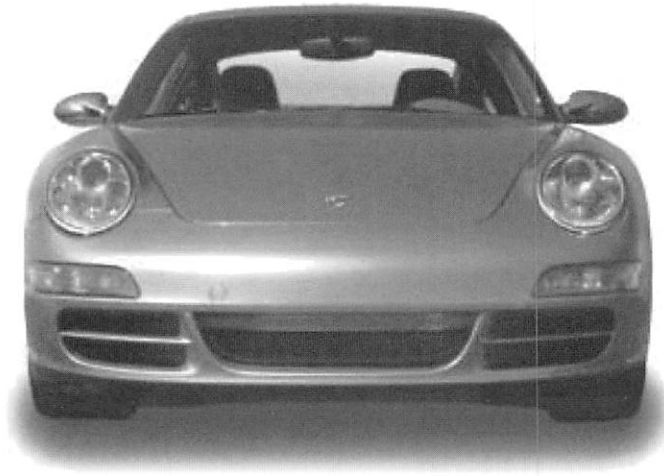
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