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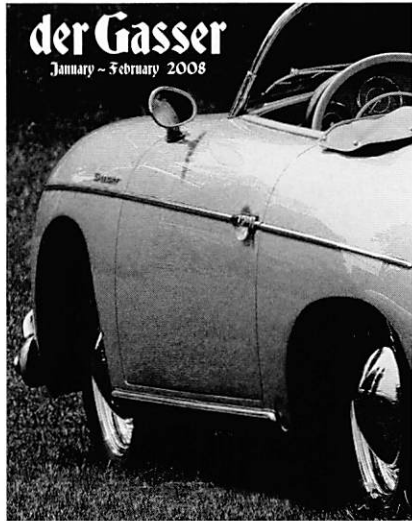


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From the Editor's Desk

WELCOME to the brand-new der Gasser! We are hard at work revamping the newsletter with an updated look and new columns and departments. Of course, the main purpose of der Gasser is to serve the members, so please let me know what I can do to achieve that goal. I've noticed that RTR is very track-oriented, so many of the articles will reflect that interest.

I would also like to thank you for your confidence in me by electing me Editor. I'm delighted to be on board, and am looking forward to a great year of quality editorial. If you have any ideas about how we can best serve your P-car interests, please shoot me an email at your earliest convenience.

See you 'round the garage,

Maureen Sangiorgio

State of the Region

Brian Minkin, RTR President



Happy New Year and best wishes to all. I am proud to be returning for my second term as President of the premier region in PCA. 2007 was a fantastic year for our region, full of great events that brought out members old and new. In 2008 we are continuing along the same road with a full schedule of great events to help you enjoy your Porsche.

Tom, our track chair, has already booked the entire year's Drivers Education Events giving our region 9 events with 20 days of driving. Tom and his team of volunteers strive to make our DE events safe, organized and geared to leave a smile on your face.

Jack, our chief instructor, has developed classroom training this past season that has taken our program to a new level of excellence. Jack heads up a group of dedicated instructors who keep our DE students safe while learning the art of high-speed driving.

Paul and Steve, our safety co-chairs, are ready to kick off the start of the safety tech program for 2008 with an informative program known as Super Tech, a sure sign that the driving season is fast approaching.

Graham, our New VP, has several membership meetings arranged including a trip to the auto show and vendors night already on our calendar. Graham promises a full year of great meetings all around the region.

Francine, our Marketplatz proprietor, will continue to fill our store with great RTR merchandise available at many of our events. In addition to Francine's wonderful selection, we have added an online store for 2008 accessible from our web site. Here you can purchase a variety of cool stuff embroidered with the RTR logo not available at our events.

Steve, our Autocross chair, will continue the AX Road Show and is hard at work looking into additional sites for an expansion of our Autocross Program. If you know of any large parking lots that are empty on Sunday I am sure he would love to hear from you.

Marty, our membership chair, has already scheduled this year's Not Just For New Members Breakfast in a variety of locations throughout the region making it easy for you to find one to attend. Marty tried hard this year to beat my current record of 30 members at the last breakfast in 2006 but the record still stands. Will this be the year for a new record attendance at a breakfast gathering?

Dennis is back as Rally Master with more great Rally events that are sure to create a unique bond between driver and navigator.

Robin, our social coordinator, is recuperating from putting together a splendid Holiday Banquet and will soon be hard at work booking the 2008 holiday banquet and a variety of different social gatherings.

I am looking forward to Wayne's touring events; hopefully, this year I will make one.

We are making plans to participate in a car show and concourse in Bethlehem this year

I must remind you that all these great events are organized and run by volunteers. It can be hard work but it is always very rewarding. Enjoy your P-car and Turbo-Charge your passion. Get Involved! Volunteer!

Stay Tuned,

Brian Minkin



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Holiday Awards Banquet Wraps Up 50th Anniversary Celebration

By Maureen Sangiorgio

When my husband and I entered the banquet room, we walked into a world of elegant enchantment. Draped with thick green and gold garland, the room sparkled with thousands of tiny white lights, and each table was adorned with fresh white flowers and lit votives. Held on Saturday, December 8 in the Carriage Room at the William Penn Inn, the revelers feasted on gourmet Hors d'Oeuvres and a sit-down dinner.



Past and present RTR Award Winners

After dinner, we watched a Powerpoint Presentation prepared by and featuring Chief Instructor Jack Kramer. Jack took the in-car video at many of the DE events this past year. Set to high-energy music, he presented the award for **"Instructor of the Year,"** which went to Steve Schueren. Other award winners were:

John Heckman's "Annual Door Prize," presented to the most active new member: George Busch

The "Mighty-Nitto" Award, presented to the person who "Makes the Best of a Bad Situation": Peter Majka (endured an instructor getting sick on him)

"Tattered Helmet" Award, presented to the person who distinguishes him/her self in a less than glorious manner: Tom Dymant

"Case-Beilder" Award: Brian Minkin

"Broken Crankshaft" Award: Vytenis Bichnevicus

"High-Speed Driver" Award: Drew Coblitz

"Instructor" Award: Steve Schueren

"Riesentöter" Award: Jack and Carol Kramer

After the awards were presented, the DJ spun great dance tunes, and those of us with fashionable but uncomfortable shoes kicked those suckers off and danced the night away. Steve Meenan stole the show by singing

along with the Motown hits and dancing like a crazy man all over the floor. A highlight of Steve's performance was when he belted out a heart-rendering rendition of "It's Raining Men."

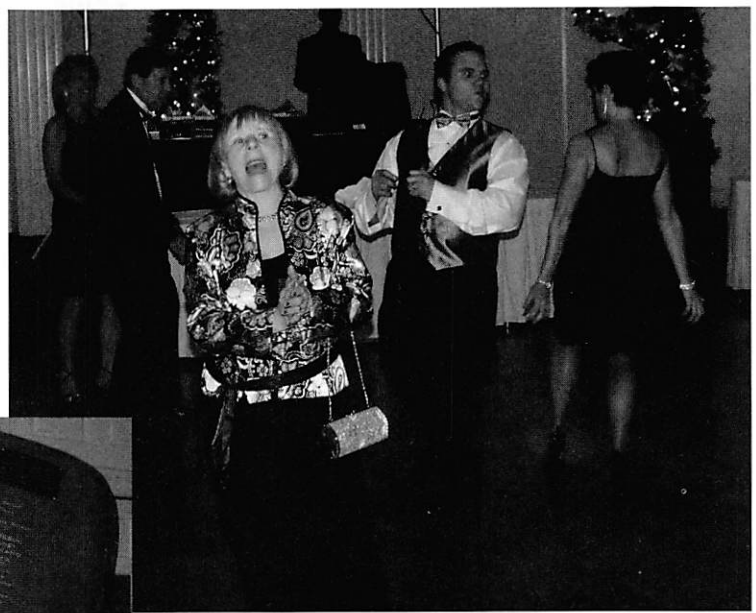
Thank you, Robin, for organizing yet another wonderful affair, and special thanks to those sponsors who donated generous door prizes: **AWE Tuning; John Crowley; Dougherty Automotive; Holbert's; J & J Motors; Knopf Automotive; Performance Automotive; Porsche of the Main Line, and Possum Hollow Motorsports.**



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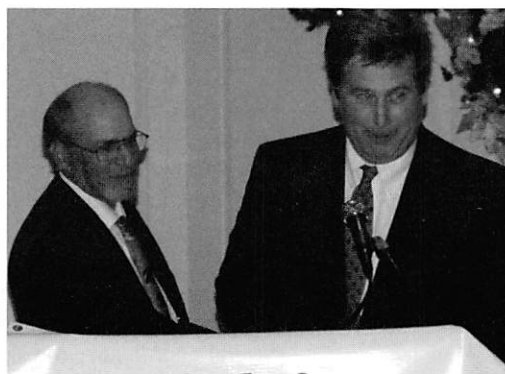
Door Prize



Partying Editor



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Driver of the Year



Mighty Nitto

Gentlemen, START YOUR ENGINES

RTR AutoX 2008



Auto-cross (ô'tô-krôs', -krôs') n. - A form of motor sport that emphasizes safe, low-cost competition and active participation. An autocross is a timed competition where drivers navigate one at a time through a temporary course marked by traffic cones. Autocross tends to place more emphasis on car handling and driver skill than on sheer horsepower.

Welcome to a new year of AutoX with RTR!

2007 was a breakthrough year for Riesentöter Autocross. The program grew from the usual single local event at the Scanticon Center, to a program which involved a 7 event "AutoX+ Roadshow" series, a PAX-based points championship, a novice school held in conjunction with Philly SCCA, lots of pancakes, many new friends, and the occasional beer! As the new incoming chair of 2008, my plan for RTR AutoX this year will be to stay with the same successful format as 2007 . . . but with a few minor tweaks and improvements here and there.

2007 AutoX+ Championship Results

First, before we discuss our plans for 2008, let's review the final positions and points from the inaugural 2007 RTR AutoX+ Roadshow Championship. After 7 enjoyable events ranging from Englishtown, NJ to Hershey in central PA, congratulations go to our very own webmaster Pete Majka, who won the overall championship with 145 points. After a close series in which the lead changed many times, Pete finally finished just 1 point ahead of myself in second, with Vytenis Bichnevicius (just call him Veeeeeeeeeee) coming in a strong third. Final points & positions for the overall championship plus a selection of AutoX photographs from 2007 (including the 3 handsome winners at the holiday party) are shown on the next page. Many thanks to all who attended any of our events in 2007 and we looking forward to seeing you again in 2008!

What's the plan for 2008?

As discussed above, the plan is to keep the same format as last year . . . but with a few minor tweaks and improvements. My first action was to follow in Graham's footsteps by setting up an AutoX sub-committee to help run this year's events. I'm delighted to announce that Beth will return to act as our point person with Philly SCCA, and as I take the step up to AutoX chair, Veeeeeeeeeee will join the team to act as my backup with the additional responsibility of ensuring PAX-factors submitted for the planned championship are fair and accurate. We usually meet once a month for breakfast to plan and scheme. If you would like to help out with AutoX this year, please send me an e-mail at stevemcmorn@hotmail.com

In 2008, we will continue with the successful AutoX+ Roadshow & Championship and we aim to hold another AutoX novice school, either alone or in conjunction with Philly SCCA. The Roadshow is a 'just for fun' series for any RTR members interested in attending more local AutoX events. In addition to

holding our own event(s?), we will aim to attend 5 or 6 local PCA & SCCA events over the summer months. For those who would like to compete in our Championship, points will be awarded according to final finishing position, based on a PAX-scoring system designed to even out the performance of different types of cars in the monthly schedule and more info will follow in the next couple of months. Most importantly, did you notice the logo on the top right of the page? I am also delighted to announce that SPECIALTY CARS have come back on board as the sponsors of the 2008 RTR AutoX+ Roadshow. The owner, Mark Burkit, has been working on Porsche cars for 28 years, and has built SCCA National XP AutoX Champion Dave Newman's 911 from the ground up. Their shop does everything from PA state inspections, brakes, suspension and oil changes to full restorations and track preparation. Please thank Mark and Dave by following the link to their website www.specialtycarsservicecenter.com

We also plan to once again hold our very own RTR AutoX event in 2008 . . . but the secret here is to keep trying to find a new site. The site at the Scanticon Center is small, but very expensive so we are currently looking for a new venue which is bigger and cheaper. We have a couple of very good leads which we are pursuing but if you know of any other potential sites, please contact me and we will follow up. Even though we appreciate your help and enthusiasm, please do not contact the site owners yourself as we don't want to be in the position where several people have the same site suggestion and end up upsetting the owners with multiple phone calls and similar requests.

Finally, my last request is to ask you to check the RTR website and forum regularly for more information. We will aim to update the web and forum in real time as new information becomes available. SO COME ON! Join the Fun! You know you want to! Porsches are meant to be driven and AutoX is a great first step into active autosport. There is not a safer or lower cost way of driving your Porsche on the edge, so if you haven't tried it before, give it a go in 2008!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at stevemcmorn@hotmail.com or join the Riesentöter PCA Forum and add a post to the Autocross section <http://rtr.mywowbb.com/forum3/>

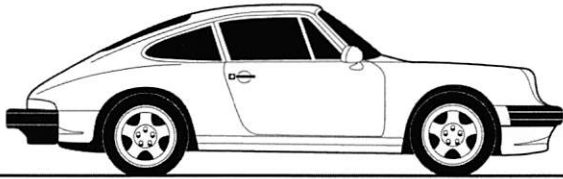
Here's to a great 2008!

Cheers,
Steve McMorn
2008 RTR AutoX Chair

RTR AUTOX + Roadshow --- FINAL Championship Scores after 7 events
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Name	Event 1: Warm	Event 2: Hershey	Event 3: Wherever	Event 4: RTR KoP	Event 5: Warminster	Event 6: Hershey	Event 7: E-Town	TOTAL
	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Running
Peter Majka	30	21	0	24	21	25	24	145
Steve McMorn	22	22	0	30	30	10	30	144
Vytenis B	25	18	10	25	22	10	0	110
James Wirth	24	0	0	23	25	0	25	97
Paul Dentone	23	20	10	0	23	0	0	76
Darren Mingis	0	25	0	22	19	10	0	76
Nick Betegh	10	30	10	0	0	10	0	60
John Bernardi	0	0	0	0	24	30	0	54
Ron Chinappi	0	0	0	21	20	0	0	41
Mikhail Malamud	21	19	0	0	0	0	0	40
Geza	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	24
Hank	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
Beth	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	20





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2008 Drivers Education Schedule

By Carol Kramer

The registration process for all of the 2008 Riesentöter Drivers Education Events is on-line, using motorsportreg.com. If you set up an account in 2007 and registered for one or more RTR events, you do not have to make any changes to your account to register for the events in 2008. You can register for our events per the schedule on our website, paying close attention to the opening dates for RTR members and Non RTR members. Registration for the events opens at 12:01AM on the date indicated.

If you already have a Motorsportreg.com account that you have used to register for Non RTR events, please add "PCA - Riesentöter" to your list of clubs in the club membership section and enter your PCA membership number (if applicable).

If you do not have an account, you must create one to register for our events, as this is the only method of registration.

Click on the following URL to be taken to the RTR registration site <http://rtr-pca.motorsportreg.com>. Proceed to "Create Account" and follow the directions. You must add PCA-Riesentöter as your club in the club memberships section and add your PCA Membership number (if applicable). Enter your information including car information, personal contact, and emergency contact information. Each account must have a unique e-mail address. Please use an email address that you check frequently, as this is the method used to contact you regarding our events.

Once you have created or updated your account, you must be verified as an official RTR member. This last manual step is the only way we can actually ensure we allow official RTR members to be able to register before non-members. You will receive an e-mail from the registrar when your account has been verified. You will not be able to register as an RTR member until this step is complete!!! Don't delay; the registrar will not be responsible to verify last minute accounts on the night registration opens.

Once you have created or updated your account, you can proceed to the Riesentöter specific registration site at <http://rtr-pca.motorsportreg.com> to see our Riesentöter events.

When you register for an event, you must submit payment, either on-line via credit card (preferred) at the time of registration, or via check (must be received within one week of registration date). The Motorsportreg system will not accept payment if you are put on the waitlist. You will be notified via e-mail if a spot opens up in your run group.

You will receive an email generated by motorsportreg immediately upon completion of your on-line registration request and your status for that event will be "PENDING REVIEW". You will receive an additional email from the Registrar once all of your registration information on the application has been verified and you are confirmed for the event.

Please e-mail rtrreg@rtr-pca.org if you have any questions about the registration process.

Sincerely,

Carol Kramer
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From the Track Chair

By Tom Zaffarano

The Track Program for 2008 is set, with a total of nine events including four track days at the new motor sport track in NJ — ‘Thunderbolt’. Dates and details are in this issue.

Last year’s Track /Drivers Education program was a great success with sellout attendance for most events. This success was due, in great part, to the many volunteers who gave many hours both on and off the track to support the program. Thank you for your continued support.

This year we will, again, have the finest DE program in the land with Mr. Riesentöter 2007, Jack Kramer returning as Chief Instructor. His multimedia classroom training program will again “wow” our students. Mrs. Riesentöter, Carol Kramer is returning as Registrar to manage our “sign-up early if you know what’s good for you” DE registration. “Radical” Steve Meenan and “Mr. Corvette” Paul Walsack will be back for Safety and Tech — look for some changes in harness requirements for 2008 and don’t miss ‘SuperTech’. And new this year, but not new to DE, Mike Andrews will ‘officially’ assist me as Co-Track Chairman. Look for Mike to return as Track Chairman in 2009.

I looked for some words to describe our region’s Drivers Education program, but couldn’t find a more precise description than what is on the official PCA website:

“The mission and purpose of the Porsche Club of America’s Driver’s Education Program is to provide a safe, structured and controlled teaching and learning environment. The PCA DE Program is designed so that participants can improve their driving abilities and acquire a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and driving safety. Participants will experience first-hand the capabilities of high performance automobiles in a controlled, closed-course environment and acquire skills that will enhance safer vehicle operation in all driving situations.”

EXCEPT THAT OUR DE PROGRAM IS A LOT MORE FUN THAN PCA MAKES IT SOUND!

Feel free to email me — or any member of the Speed Council — with your questions about our DE program. See you at the track.

2008 Drivers Education Schedule

Event	Event Date	Opening Date of Registration for RTR Members	Opening Date of Registration for Non RTR Members	Closing Date of Registration
Shenandoah Circuit with Skid Pad	April 26-27, 2008	March 1, 2008	March 8, 2008	April 12, 2008
Pocono North (Advanced Day)	May 16, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 8, 2008	May 2, 2008
Pocono North	May 17-18, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 8, 2008	May 2, 2008
Jefferson Circuit/Summit Point	June 14-16, 2008	May 1, 2008	May 8, 2008	May 31, 2008
Watkins Glen	August 1-3, 2008	June 1, 2008	June 8, 2008	July 18, 2008
Summit Point	August 21-22, 2008	July 1, 2008	July 8, 2008	August 7, 2008
Pocono (South on the 19th, North 20-21)	September 19-21, 2008	August 1, 2008	August 8, 2008	September 5, 2008
Thunderbolt (Advanced Day)	September 29, 2008	August 1, 2008	August 8, 2008	September 15, 2008
Thunderbolt October 17-19, 2008	September 1, 2008	September 8, 2008	October 3, 2008	

Please note: Online registration opens at 12:01AM

Women Wanted

By Mike Andrews

Ok, ok, let me explain.

Five or six years ago, in response to increasing requests, we put together an all-women's run group at one of our track events, and it was a big hit. Over the past few years we've received more and more requests to do something else along the same line. That's what prompted this article. Well, it's more of an explanation than an article, but you get my drift.

One of the events we hold is Super Tech. The event is held early in the year and scheduling and communication sometimes can be a little difficult but we all know that it will be held at Dougherty's (keep checking our events calendar for exact dates and times). Here's where we need your help. At this year's Super Tech, we would like to have an all-women's clinic to discuss DE, car maintenance, and well, quite frankly, anything you want to talk about. The clinic can

be for women who have an interest in club activities, or are just curious as to what the club has to offer. We just need to know who is interested and what agenda you would like to follow. We've already arranged to have a few female instructors there to talk about track events and what is required to move up through the ranks.

So, here's what we propose. To allow for us to let this grow and morph as fresh ideas surface let's continue this conversation on the RTR forum. You can get to the forum by going to: <http://rtr.mywowbb.com/> or through our web site: www.rtr-pca.org. Once you get to the forum go to the Girl Talk forum and then to Super Tech. We need to find out who is interested in participating and what topics they would like to cover. From there we'll be able to determine how much space we need, what personnel needs to be there and which issues will be discussed.

Meeting Includes Philly Auto Show

By Graham Knight

February's meeting will be held on Sunday, February 3rd at Teresa's Cafe, located at 124 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA 19087; phone 610-293-9909; www.mainlinedine.com/rest/teresas.html.

Here's the itinerary:

11:00 am brunch/lunch and car show gathering

Train will then shuttle the RTR group to the city
(pay as you go)

Train will bring us into the city around 2:00 pm

Philadelphia Car Show at the Convention Center (\$12)

Hope to see all car enthusiasts at either the diner or the car show! www.phillyautoshow.com

Car-Care Tips: Winter Storage 101

By Maureen Sangiorgio

You love your baby, and can't wait to take him out on the road again, once the snow melts and those nasty street pebbles have been blown away. But before you fire up that P-car that's been sitting all winter, there are a few things you should know . . .

Set the scene. The ideal storing temperature for any pampered Porsche is at least fifty degrees, according to Ed Tatios, Service Manager at Mike Tillson Motor Car Service, Philadelphia. "A warm, heated garage is best with no drastic temperature changes," says Ed. "If the garage temperature falls below about fifty, or the car is exposed to very cold then very warm temperatures, condensation builds up inside the car. Moisture in the engine, oil, and various components of the car can lead to major repairs."

Charge that battery. "We recommend Battery Tender brand battery chargers," says Tatios. "These maintenance chargers work very well at keeping Porsche batteries charged over the winter."

Run the car regularly. If you don't use a maintenance charger, Ed recommends you run your P-car about every two weeks. "This keeps the battery charged and burns off any condensation that might have formed during storage."

Watch for critters. "Try to make your garage rodent proof," says Ed. "We have a lot of jobs repairing damage rodents have done to hoses, interiors, and cloth roofs." If you have a convertible, keep the roof up during storage to help keep the buggers out.

Up the pressure. To help prevent flat-spotting, increase your tire pressure to the maximum listed on the tire. When you start driving again, don't forget to set them back down again. "Tires generally lose a couple pounds of pressure each month so you're going to want to check your tires before you go out and drive again," advises Ed.

Check the oil. "In Porsche world, you have to start the car and warm it up before you can check the oil," notes Ed. "Once that's done, be sure the oil level is up to where it should be before heading out."

Opt for fresh fuel. "Don't drive it hard until you get fresh fuel in the car," warns Ed. "Most fuel today starts to deteriorate immediately, and only has a shelf life of about two weeks." Optimal would be to locate unleaded racing fuel, which has a shelf life of about seven years. "Racing fuel is difficult to find commercially, but can be found at Pocono Race Track. Look for an octane of about 105, and safely store it in your garage for wintering your Porsche."

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RTR Membership

By Marty Kocse

Welcome to another year of Porsche fun and excitement, enjoying our cars and all the people that make our club so great. As the Riesentöter (ree-zen-toe-ter) Region (RTR) Membership Chairperson, I would like to take this time to greet everyone with a big "HELLO". As always, I look forward to meeting everyone in the club and will be happy to help answer any membership questions you may have. Let's make it another great year in 2008.

If you're new to the club, you'll find that RTR is made up of all kinds of people with all kinds of interests related to their cars. And most are more than willing to share their past experiences with you (both good and bad). Regardless of the occasion, all this makes for a good time and lots of laughs. So make sure to come join in the fun. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.

Come Join the Fun!

As Membership Chairperson, my biggest challenge is to get our membership involved in club activities. So please remember, RTR offers something for everyone. We welcome anyone and everyone to come out and participate. Some of the types of activities we have are; car show, picnic, informal breakfast gathering, driving tour, road rally, swap meet, auto cross (in parking lot with cones), driver's education (on a race

track), fundraiser for "Make-a-Wish", and the holiday party at the end of the year. Please check the calendar of scheduled events via the RTR website at www.rtr-pca.org for specific dates and times. We also have the RTR Forum on the website that allows us all to share ideas or ask questions on absolutely any topic. It's the best place to find out things like; where to go to find a rare part you've been looking for, how do I prepare my car for the long winter, where is the best local service shop, or even how to perform do-it-yourself maintenance from oil changes to engine re-builds.

For the upcoming year, I plan on attending as many events as possible as a chance to get to know our region's membership a little better. So if you make it to an event, please take the time to look for me and introduce yourself. I will be more than happy to make you feel welcome and answer any questions you may have. In addition, I would like to continue the informal breakfast gatherings at various locations throughout our region. Please check the RTR Calendar at www.rtr-pca.org for the upcoming "Not Just for New Member Breakfast: meetings. I look forward to seeing you (and your cars) there.

Again, if you have any questions about the club, feel free to contact me at RTRMembership@verizon.net or even give me a call at home anytime 610-865-0550.

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