



DER GASSER



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NEWSLETTER OF RIESENTOTER REGION, PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In last month's President's Message I asked for suggestions from the membership regarding how the officers and committee chairmen of Riesentoter can be more responsive to your interests and needs. I was surprised at the number of letters that I received, and most of them shared a common theme.

We have been somewhat negligent in keeping you fully informed of the Region's scheduled activities. Items such as the date, location and the program for our monthly meetings have not always appeared in Der Gasser. Details on how to reach a sprint site have not always been given to you. Several times we have provided you with only two or three days notice of important and interesting get-togethers, when we could have given you the full story weeks in advance. At other times, the cost of attending some of our activities has been on the high side, and this, too, has hurt our attendance.

The members of the Executive Committee appreciate your constructive criticism and will correct the problems outlined above, along with others that we are aware of. Continue to let us have your thoughts on any matter affecting the functioning of the Region, so we may make needed improvements.

The 19th Porsche Parade was an unqualified success. Everyone from Northern New Jersey and Riesentoter Regions involved in pre-Parade planning and activity during Parade week itself deserves to be complimented. There are too many names to be mentioned here, but I must congratulate Dennis Thovson, Parade Chairman, for his magnificent achievement. In the minds of many veteran Parade-goers, Pocono '74 was unparalleled in the past. I hope some of our members will be able to make the 20th Porsche Parade to be held in Seattle next year.

We're looking forward to seeing some excellent slides of the Parade at our next meeting (Peacock Inn, Wednesday evening, August 28). Also, the Nominating Committee will present its recommended slate of officers for 1975. You will have an opportunity to submit your own nominations at the September meeting and the election will be held at the October meeting. The next three meetings, therefore, are interesting and important ones, and your attendance is invited.

Herb

TECH-WORK SESSION
HOLBERT'S PORSCHE-AUDI
WARRINGTON, PA.
AUG 24

FUN TIME '74

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

An outing for the whole family - the new - the exciting - the incredible

GREAT ADVENTURE

the Enchanted Forest - the Safari Park - over 2000 wild animals - dozens of rides...watch for details in September Der Gasser...don't forget -

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

GREAT ADVENTURE

SATURDAY EVENING NOV 30
THE RIESENTOTER REGION PCA
17TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
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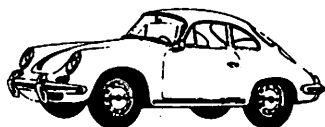
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UPCOMING PCA EVENTS

- Aug 17 - Sprint Series IV, McGuire AFB, FCO 9:30 picnic and trophy presentation follows
18 - DVSA Sprint, GE at Valley Forge
18 - PRCA Championship Rally
24 - Tech/Work Session at Holbert's
25 - DVSA Championship Sprint, MCCC
28 - Meeting, Peacock Inn, Rts. 363 & 202, King of Prussia
31-Sept 1 - PHA, Pagoda Hillclimb (Reading)
- Sept 6-8 - Porscherama, Lime Rock, Connecticut
14 - PRCA Championship Rally
14-15 - PHA, Schaefferstown Hillclimb
15 - DVSA-PCA Sprint, site to be announced
22 - DVSA Sprint, MCCC
22 - Parade Workers Picnic, see below
25 - Regular monthly meeting
28-29 - PHA, location to be announced
29 - Giant Killer II, PCA open rally
29 - DVSA, Leeds & Northrup

PARADE WORKERS PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPT 22

Clambake, rain or shine, noon til ?, at Bushkill Grove, near Easton. Map will appear in Sept issue of Der Gasser. This is free of charge, and your reservations are required as soon as possible but no later than Sept 15.

This is for anyone who worked on the Parade (plus their children). For reservations, call Bob Koerbel, SU9-0820

REFLECTIONS OF A

GOLDEN PARADE * Bernie Sitron

To begin with, Mother Nature must have been eating a Porsche full of real butter. The weather was absolutely perfect. A lot of sun for the photographers at the concours. And crawling in and under the 912's like two wooly worms were Vicki and John Chatley. Ginny and Ray Ebert missed the longest distance award - they only travelled over 6400 miles not including walking the dog. And the Rover Boys (Bob and Wayne), like the proverbial hay after it's been through the horse, they were all over the place; put on a Driver's School as if it were run by a computer helped by Bob McCullen high up in the press box, voice crackling incessantly over the walkie-talkie from 7am til 6pm (he went up there with his water jug and a dozen paper cups and came down with 2 doz.??) Louise Lyle's constant smile reflecting everyone's feelings and Vern's calculating eye looking at all and everything through the blinking lens of his Konica, mumbling something about a carburetor. Dick Sweigart with little Richard helping him get Jim Haas' RSK over 100 mph down the entrance road to the inn; driving instructor Connie putting her hand on the shift lever, "So this is a 5 speed!" Even Ruby and Howard Reed "Schlitz tastes better up here". And Charlie Keller, the wall always was there. As Babe watched Winkie, I watched Bob (Ahrens) tool past me on the tri-oval at 125+. Charlie "Brown" and Helen Beidler at the V.I.P. table, then at the driver's school literally stuffing himself into the passenger side of Jerry Sigal's Elva. Bob Parker helping at every event then taking the van home to get the 356 for the autocross and school. That is a moustache Bob Patton was sporting. The Reinharths showing them all how to drive in the Poconos - George & Dottie Howard appeared now and then and for the old timers Bill Signer and his Dottie were at the banquet, and President Herb was at the head (table, that is). Bob Holm and took Maria on the course but she flagged him in after he didn't use the brakes on turn 2 (per instructions from Bob Garretson). Many others kept popping in & out such as new daddy Bob Koerbel, Chuck & Joy Walter, the Schneiders, big Joe Long & his Colleen, Henry Scheuerman taking to the track in his new 'S' but talking about a Speedster, the Kochs, Pizzas, Laepoles, Priddys, Scotts, Art Luciano, Ted Rydberg, Karen and Lee Herskowitz (Karen, Lee did not take that last "scenic" picture on the roll of film), the Derecolas giving each other instructions on how and where to shift, Skip Chalfont coming up on Friday to work a corner all day, Steven Freda introducing us to his friends from Stuttgart, of course our own Mark Donohue ingratiating himself even more with his super cool, Tom Beil and his flying machine, our own A.J. showing how Riesentoters grow up. And my Marilyn at the Hospitality desk showing the women where. As we did not stay at the inn, we did miss a few non-scheduled events and some of our gang, but one thing is sure - that no one there missed a golden opportunity for a great time.

Seems the only unhappy people in the Poconos that week were the farmers - no rain.

- It's very ironic that I chose such a title for this column. A rap at idle is exactly what my engine developed at the Parade. It was kinda coughing and wheezing too - consequently I didn't place very well in the competitive events. But before Louise was to run the autocross, I decided that if the engine was going to break, what better place than here - so I told her to stick her foot in it and hold on - she managed a 5th in class, very good under the circumstances.

- I guess I owe an apology to anyone who missed the July meeting due to its not being listed on the calendar - just an oversight on my part. But we wouldn't have changed or cancelled a meeting without telling you. It's always on the last Wednesday of the month, usually.

- At the August meeting (that's the Peacock Inn, August 28, 8:30) we will have a slide show of the Pocono Parade. Anyone with slides to show, please send me your best and I'll try and arrange everything into a meaningful presentation. I must have these before the 24th.

- In reference to Herb's Message this month about little prior notice of events, I take some of the blame and just a little umbrage. The reason the info is late is because I don't get the paper out early enough and one of the big reasons for that is that the deadline for each month's issue has largely been ignored. When the deadline is the date of the meeting and I don't get vital info til a week later, well, - it takes a week to put together, the printer keeps it a week, the post office delays it a few days - you can't possibly get much advanced notice of something that's going to happen on the 21st of the month. If everyone with info to go in Der Gasser would heed the deadline, one of the problems would be eliminated.

- One editorial opinion and I'll sign off: there are changes occurring in our club which I think are good. Herb was exactly right in his Message last month in that a club like ours cannot function without input from the general membership. Well, for whatever reasons, we are beginning to see that. Some newer members are interested in Exec Committee positions, some older members are drifting back into involvement and yes, we even get some constructive criticism. It's happening!

This has largely been a year of change - in attitudes, in relative importance of types of events, in the formats of each event and in the degree of cooperation and volunteer help from the membership. Generally, I think all of these things have been improved and to a great degree, Herb Oberson deserves the credit for tying the Exec Committee together and making it function more effectively.

The seeds of change have been planted and Riesentoter is growing. It's a great feeling to be part of an enthusiastic bunch of Porsche nuts, whose only real goal is to have fun with each other. Come on in - the water's fine!

WEISS TAKES U2L CROWN

Our own Dick Weiss of Phillipsburg, Pa sewed up his first SCCA title for Under Two Liter cars on July 27 at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin and did it in convincing fashion.

Dick, needing at least a 6th place finish to win the point championship, claimed first place in c1 class and was more than a lap ahead at the end of 200 gruelling miles on a very hot day.

Roaring into the lead from the green flag, Dick kept his Porsche in front for 20 minutes, but lost the lead to a Ford Escort. When Dick pitted to let Hal Keck of Hellertown take over the driving chores, the car dropped to 3rd. When the Escort dropped out with mechanical ills, the Weiss/Keck 911S shot passed an Opel Manta and opened up a big gap for an impressive victory.

PLAUDITS

The "19th Parade" was without a doubt the most enjoyable and well organized Parade that Bette and I have had the privilege to attend.

We are grateful to the members of Riesentoter Region for making this outstanding event possible, and for the hospitality that was so graciously extended to us.

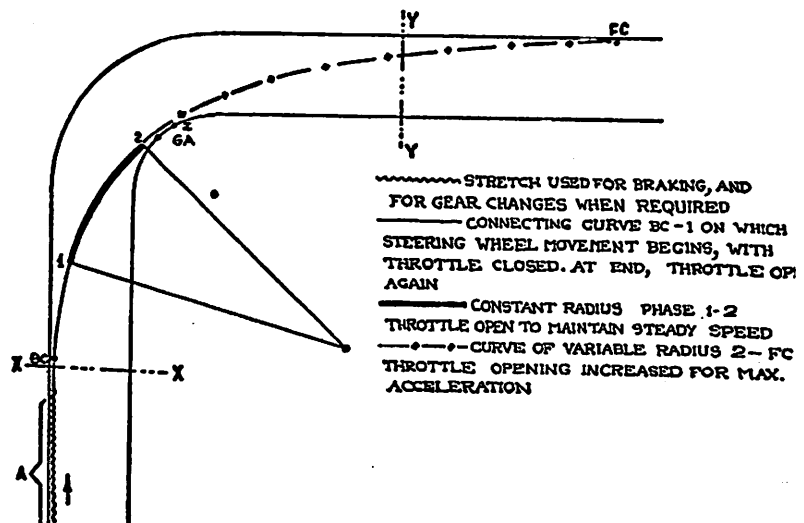
Sincerely,
Lou Marable

I'D like to personally extend my thanks to the women of Riesentoter Region who were such great hostesses for the Hospitality committee at our recent Parade.

It was a small, but important, job to staff the hospitality desk and if we didn't have the dedication of your ladies the job would not have been done.

Many thanks to each and every one of them.

Mrs. Robert G. Handzo
Chairman - Hospitality



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CHESAPEAKE CHALLENGE

The site of this year's CHALLENGE will again be the beautiful new luxury resort, the Hunt Valley Inn, located in Hunt Valley, Maryland, approximately 20 miles north of Baltimore.

Weekend festivities will begin Friday evening, September 13, with a poolside Cocktail & Swimming Party at the private pool of a nearby luxury home, at which time, registrations will be accepted. On Saturday morning we will present a Concours D'Elegance in a beautiful grassy, lightly wooded area. After lunch, participating contestants will embark upon a 50-mile Regularity Run Rallye through some of Maryland's most beautiful rolling green countryside. Afterwards, you will have time for a refreshing swim in the Hunt Valley Pool, and on to the Grand Banquet and Cocktail Party for event trophies, awards, and door prizes.

On Sunday, we will host the Autocross, to be held this year at a large lot nearby. And we have special classes for the Ladies, too. Finally, early Sunday afternoon, all entrants can conclude their weekend at the Victory Luncheon in the Hunt Valley Inn, where final event trophies will be awarded, as well as the top award of First Overall for the CHALLENGE weekend.

Anticipating a large turnout again this year, I urge you to send in entry forms well in advance of the September 6 cut-off date to insure that reservations can be confirmed. If additional details are needed, contact:

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GOOD THINGS TO BUY

- 5 - 5 1/2x15 steel wheels, 4 with 185/70VR15 Dunlop rayon with some tread left, \$95. Don Reinhard, 215-826-2035
- 4 - 5 1/2x15 steel wheels for disc brake 356/900 series with 185/70VR15 Michelins (three have 40% tread, 1 marginal), \$100. Leather steering wheel from 911, \$25. Set of quad Marchal QI headlights, \$40. 911S rocker panel trim, \$40. Bob Holland, 810 Queen Drive, West Chester, Pa. 215-436-6577

Take this for what it may be worth: met a guy who has two sets of Webers from '68 911, he wants \$200/set. Call Dan, 547-2533 (days)