

# riesentöter region, porsche club of america

# DER GASSER

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## President's Message      Slow Lane

Porsche Club, what is that? A familiar question, I am sure. How do you answer it? Do you know enough about the Club to answer it? You might say "it is a group of people who own Porsches, some of whom get together once a month at a meeting place which is inconveniently located as far as I am concerned, so I haven't been able to attend." Oh (you might continue), I think they also have a couple of types of events for members, social and competitive, but they are all either too far away or inconvenient as to time, so I haven't been able to get to any of them either." If this is what you have to say, then you owe it to yourself to be able to answer the question in a more knowledgeable fashion. The only way to do that is to come to the meetings and events. See you there.

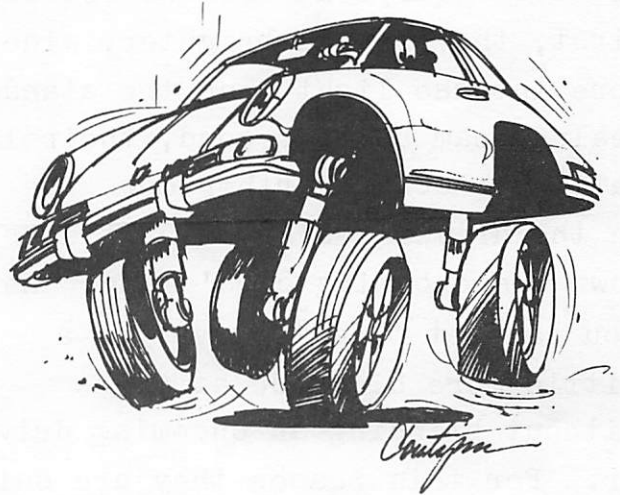
By the way, we now have a different "inconvenient" meeting place. Check the meeting notice elsewhere in Der Gasser.

Bill Smith

## Meeting Notice

The February 28 meeting of Riesentöter Region, PCA will be held at 8:30 p.m. at

The Joshua Tree  
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by Dennis Mahoney

I have an uncontrollable urge to take things apart. This started when I was a child and I destroyed my first electric clock. Because of this beginning, you would think that by the time I got around to owning cars, especially Porsches, I would have learned my lesson — but the fact is just the opposite. I enjoy taking on projects and, now that I am no longer Membership Chairman, I decided it would be fun to write a column about some of them.

In this first one, I want to talk about quartz iodine or halogen headlights and foglights. They are made by European manufacturers and differ from the sealed beam units which come standard on new cars. Some

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well-known names are Hella, Cibie, and Marchal. These may be purchased at your local Porsche+Audi dealer or through the advertisers in Panorama or Der Gasser at somewhat reduced rates.

QI's are usually considered superior to stock equipment for two reasons. First, they have a brighter, wider, more intense light than the standard sealed beam unit; second, their light pattern reaches farther down the road on the driver's side than it does down the oncoming cars' lane. Hence, you can set them to give you a little more distance at night without blinding an oncoming driver. For this reason they are said to have an asymmetric pattern.

On high beam they give astounding results, but it is on low beam that they are really good, simply because they also light both sides of the road and allow you to see small animals, potholes, curves, etc.

The QI also looks different from the sealed beam. Quite often the lens face is flat or shaped differently; also, similar to a flashlight, it uses a reflector assembly with a small bulb which fits right into it. The bulb can easily be changed and, unlike a sealed beam unit, it is convenient to carry one as a spare in your glove compartment.

The bulbs themselves are coded, the most common types being H1 and H4.

The H1's are single filament and two such bulbs are required if you QI's on both high and low beam. The H4's are dual filament, and are used to replace a single high/low combination sealed beam unit.

The units vary widely in price. For instance, the Bosch H1 units for Porsche 911's cost around \$180, while others sell for as little as \$35. In the past ten years or so that I have been driving I have put quartz iodine lights in every car I've had; of the several different brands I have used over that time period, I liked the Bosch best. I have a set of Marchal Ampilux in my VW: these also use two bulbs, and cost about \$60. The H4 lights are also good, except they are not quite as powerful on high beam. The only ones I have really been disappointed in are the Cibie Z-Beams—maybe I got a defective set, but I ended up returning them to buy the Marchals.

In my next column I plan to discuss aligning headlights and a few tricks you can do with QI's to make them work even more effectively.

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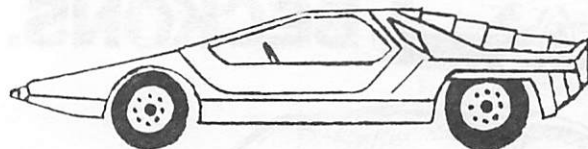
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## Wichtung!

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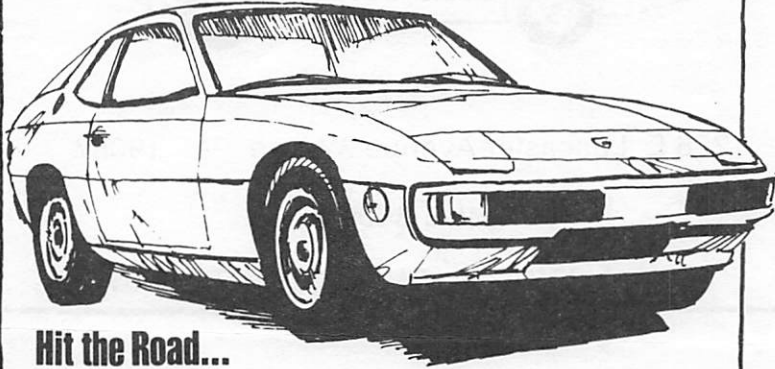
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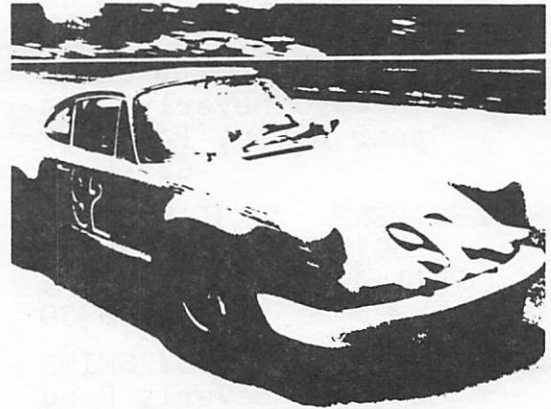
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# Editorial

YES, VIRGINIA, WE DO HAVE A ZONE REPRESENTATIVE.

Riesentoter Region, PCA is in Zone 2 (Pennsylvania, Delaware, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and part of West Virginia). Zone 2 contains a bit more than 10% of all PCA members and, since there are 11 Zones, ours is larger than average in head count.

Our club is one of eight in the Zone, and ranks second in size (223 members as of 12/31/78 versus Potomac with 641); in fact, we are the 16th largest of the 108 clubs listed nationally.

The above information comes from Steve Chronister, our Zone Representative. Well, actually, your Editor did the calculations—Steve provided a Xerox of the clubs listed in Panorama with each club's membership penciled in, along with a mimeographed request to the eight club presidents for their proxies.

Let me see. I joined Riesentoter Region late in 1975, and I think I recall seeing Steve at one of the first meetings I attended. By spring of 1976 I had become more active, and since 1977 have been on the Executive Committee. During the past three years, I have heard mention of our Zone Representative only in passing: one such instance was owing to a less than favorable report of this club's activity level—an evaluation by Steve which the club officers could not understand and which had not been based upon any communication with any club officer (a negative appraisal should have at least been given the courtesy of official inquiry).

Since then we have attempted several times to induce Steve to come to a meeting—any meeting—to explain in general what "National" does for us (and, of course, what Steve does for us, too) but without success. Even a personal contact at the Chesapeake Challenge last year apparently did not reinforce our extreme interest in bringing Steve to Philadelphia.

So now this guy has the gall to send Bill a form letter describing his influence, role, and need for our proxy.

I confess to a degree of righteous indignation. Local clubs depend upon the efforts volunteered by their members; likewise, without successful local clubs, PCA nationally would have little steam. If the Zone Rep is a local club's link to National, then we should see him more often than once every three years. He should at least show up to explain things such as \$6,962 spent for six months' worth of "Zone Expenses" (see 11/78 Pano).

Should Bill Smith sign a proxy card so Steve Chronister can carry our thoughts (telepathically?) to National? Can our club afford to send its own representative to the National Board Meetings (God knows where they're held)? Are we communicating effectively with our Zone Rep? How can we improve this situation?

How about a little feedback at the next meeting? See you there.

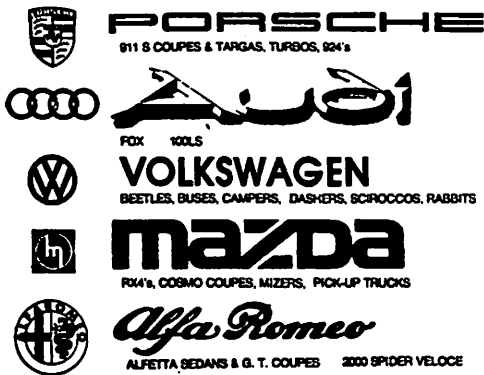
John English

## Membership

Prospective new members are cordially invited to join us at an upcoming meeting and/or special event to "try us out" before officially joining PCA. The regular meetings are informal, and spouses or friends are encouraged to also participate. Potential new members are reminded that their applications and dues must be processed through the local region by being turned in at a meeting or event, or by being sent to the Membership Chairman.

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## **Achtung!**

Potomac Region Flea Market will be held Sunday, March 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Heishman's Porsche+Audi, 3100 Jeff Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. For info, call Dan Rowzie 703/768-3719. Sellers will be charged a slight fee in accordance with the amount of stuff they bring.