

DER GASSER

JANUARY 1984

ANNUAL BANQUET

BIG SUCCESS

Bill Cooper officially assumed his new role as Riesentoter's President at the annual awards banquet on Saturday December 10th at It's About Thyme in Media. The club was treated to excellent cuisine which included a seafood salad, chicken prepared with mushrooms and London broil. The region's former social chairman, Joe Shelansky, organized the evening. Two door prizes, including dinner for 2 at a restaurant of the winner's choice or free entry to the 1984 Parade, were awarded by lottery. These gifts were donated by the Moore and YBH Porsche-Audi dealerships. Pretty floral arrangements, centered on each table, were taken home by a few lucky people. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to several members.

Past President, Don Galbraith, the banquet's Master of Ceremonies, introduced the first presenter, Bob Russo. He bestowed the "William C. Schmidt Broken Crankshaft Award" which was first given to Rocky Williams in 1972. Bill Schmidt donated his well worn and often autocrossed crank to this prize which is given to the novice driver who exhibits the most improvement in

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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY JAN. 25TH

NEW LOCATION

Our January meeting will begin at 8:30 pm. It will take place at the George Washington Motor Lodge just off the Norristown exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, exit 25. Our Vice President, Craig Rosenfeld, has organized an evening of exciting racing movies. They are from Porsche and chronicle the marque's enormously successful 1983 seasons at Daytona and LeMans. Riesentoter will provide a keg for the membership.

Several members plan to gather at 6:30 pm for a relaxed dinner and cocktails at the motor lodge. The Goody Store will have 1984 Porsche calendars on sale. Join us for an evening of good flicks and gab. Come to the new meeting site and make sure the club hears your voice.



Russo awarding Helmet

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the duties of President, is the privilege of writing a message to the Riesentoter membership each month. I hope to use the space allotted to me to pass along relevant information to you and provide a report on items of interest which your executive committee discusses at its monthly meetings, thus renewing an old tradition. Also, as some of you already know, the duties of my job take me to many areas of the world. As you read this, I expect to be en route to the Far East. Consequently I come in contact with automotive news which may not be known even to knowledgeable American enthusiasts. From time to time I will submit a short commentary on my observations (not necessarily Porsche related) to be known as the "Auto Haus."

On November 20th, our PCA Zone 2 representative and Riesentoter member, Bob Holland, hosted a meeting of region presidents at the Sheraton Inn of York, Pa., yours truly being the lone Riesentoter attendee. Many administrative items were discussed to improve inter-region relations and communications. Probably the most important single item was the agreement to have a Zone 2 autocross series, with each region designating one Autocross

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Deadline for the February issue of the Der Gasser is February 1st. This will be strictly adhered to. Address changes should be sent to the Editors. Classified ads are available to members at no charge and \$10/mo. to non-members. Advertising inquiries are welcomed and should be made to the Editors.

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 sprinting. This year's recipient Russ Hunsberger, in his 911 T targa, did well at our autocross school and continued to improve while attending several sprints. He also was at our high speed event which took place at Summit Point. He impressed observers as a good student of the art of driving autocrosses, with a desire to improve his skills.

Vern Lyle immortalized "Mighty" brand spark plugs and "Nitto" tires when he founded the "Mighty Nitto" award in 1981. Vern took delivery of his 911 T and the next day attended an autocross as an observer. Although he had no intention of competing he ended up doing so to help the organizers round out the field. He proceeded to win his class. Neither Nitto tires, which his car sported when he took delivery, nor Mighty plugs, which he discovered in the engine after the event, have received much acclaim as performance Porsche components. And so the Mighty Nitto award was born. It is given annually to the club member who makes the best of a bad situation.

Bob Holland is this year's award winner. Bob made the trip to the 1983 Porsche Parade in Missouri with Joe Shelansky only to discover that he had punctured his fuel tank en route. Bob performed the Herculean act of finding a replacement fuel tank the weekend of the parade which enabled them to participate in the week long parade activities.

Don Galbraith joined a list of undistinguished recipients of the Tattered Helmet Award. This World War II vintage motor cycle helmet is presented to the person who distinguishes him/herself in a less than classical manner during the year. The helmet is adorned with the names of past recipients including its first owner, Howard Reid, who in 1970 was the first person to buy a 914 in this region. Don Galbraith

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 watched all season as Michael Stolper carried a replacement clutch package to and from high speed events, knowing full well that Stolper had no idea how to change a 911 clutch. Not surprisingly it was Don who, between run groups at Bridgehampton changed the clutch for Stolper. Adding fuel to an already smoldering fire, he and his apprentice mechanics (including Stolper and Richard Van Zijl) neglected to replace the car's ring gear. The ring gear is engaged by the starter when the ignition key is turned. No ring gear, no start.

The evening's final presentation was made by Don Galbraith. The Riesentoter Award, which was originally a competition award, has evolved into one of commitment. Each year there are few people who contribute above and beyond the call of duty. This year, as in all years, the Riesentoter Award winners have contributed an extraordinary amount to the club. They were faithful members of Riesentoter's executive committee. They conceived of, organized and ran PATTS. They helped plan, set up and run several autocross schools, which during the past year meant spending hours in the rain laying out cones. They attended virtually all of the monthly meetings and most of our scheduled events. They also found time to drive in several high speed events. It is hard to imagine what Riesentoter would be like without this couple. This years Riesentoter Award was given to a deserving couple, whose commitment to

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the club was occasionally beyond credulity, Bob and Dodie Russo.

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RIESENTOTER DES JAHRES

from Dodie Russo

I would like to thank everyone involved for selecting us for the most prestigious award given by Riesentoter Region, the Riesentoter Award.

To think that just four years ago I couldn't even pronounce the word "Porsche," let alone drive one on a race track. Many wonderful things have happened to me in the last

three years and one of them was becoming a part of a warm, exciting, very involved group of people, Riesentoters. There have been many good times at autocrosses, track events, picnics, banquets and wine tastings with people who I now consider my good friends. Seeing these friends at the events is as enjoyable as the events themselves.

My life has been greatly enriched by joining our club and I wish the same for every new or potential member. Join wholeheartedly and become a winning candidate for "Der Bestes Riesentoter Des Jahres."

LATE BRAKING NEWS

Bob Russo

Although we still have the worst of winter to get through, now is the time to think about the upcoming competitive season. Whether you are a drivers school participant or an autocrosser, there are certain critical areas of the car that should be looked at.

Front wheel bearings should be removed, cleaned, inspected, repacked with grease, reinstalled, and properly adjusted. Another area which should be carefully checked is the CV joints. A broken CV at speed could be disasterous. The joints should be removed from the axle shafts, cleaned of all grease and dirt, then repacked with grease and reinstalled.

The brake system should be your next area of attack. Completely flush the brake system with new brake fluid. Carefully "exercise" all calipers by having an assistant slowly press on the brake pedal with the pads removed from one wheel at a time, as you watch the piston extend. After approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ extension, push pistons back using a soft lever. Repeat several times for each piston. Have rotors checked for runout and resurface if necessary. Replace brake pads. As a final project, replace all belts and correct any fluid leaks.

Now that your car is ready, here is what you can expect on the competition calendar this year.

PATTS: All Zone 2 Regions

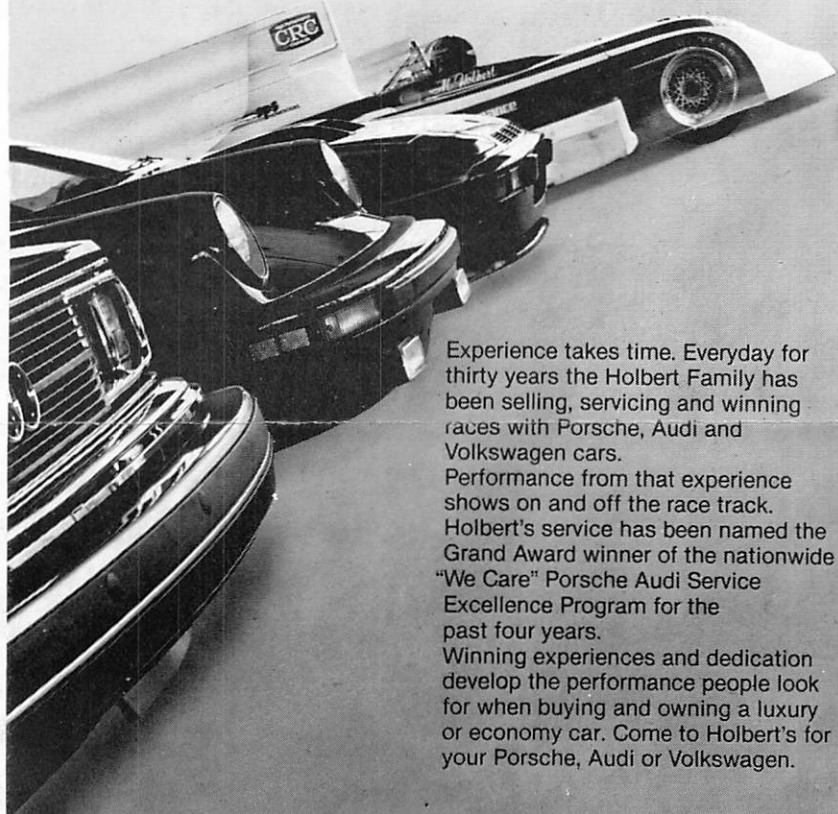
plus the attendees of the original PATTS rules meeting have received revised rules and a questionnaire. As soon as they are returned to me and tallied, a decision as to the feasibility of PATTS '84 will be made. If PATTS '84 is to be, then copies of the rules and a schedule will be made available. The proposed changes will allow some additional modifications in the improved class and reclassification of the 924 and 914-6.

Autocross: DVSA and SCCA

were the two organizations involved with autocrossing last year. SCCA will continue this year with a strong schedule. The future of DVSA will be decided in the next few weeks. Brandywine Motor Club has Gloucester County Community College, which they, Schattenbaum and Old York Rd. use for their events. Al Anderson and I are working on a site for our events.

PATTS, SCCA, DVSA and regional drivers schools all should add up to a super busy season for all. See you at the races.

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BRIDGEHAMPTON EVENT CLOSES OUT SEASON

Riesentoter high speed driving addicts gambled on fair weather and participated in three November driving schools. Hudson Champlain Region sponsored an event at Lime Rock on November 4th. It was their first high speed school. Schattenbaum Region ran a school on the following day. Skip Hoyt, a veteran driver and Schattenbaum's driving school organizer, called the school his "swan song" as far as running such events is concerned. He did not know who would be taking over for him next year. His school was interrupted twice, once to right a '76 911 Targa which had been parked on its side in big bend, and then again while funeral services were conducted at the church overlooking the track. The two disruptions were unrelated. Riesentoter drivers included such die-hards as Axel Shield, Don Galbraith, Richard Van Zijl, Al Anderson, and Michael Stolper among others. Participants were treated to crisp fall weather and colorful foliage. No track records were set.

By November 19th and 20th the crowds were thinning

out when P.C.A. joined ranks with the Datsun Z Club to co-sponsor a Bridgehampton driving school. Bridgehampton is a long, frighteningly fast and challenging grand prix track at the eastern end of Long Island. The edge of the track appears to have sustained heavy damage from mortar fire. Off-track forays are strictly for risk takers. Sand dunes and pebbles await unsuspecting drivers around blind apex turns.

Henry Boreen and Stu Boreen were in attendance. The elder Mr. Boreen walked away from a potentially dangerous mishap when his turbo spun at the end of the "Bridge's" high speed straight. Team Stolper, which included chief mechanic Don Galbraith and apprentice Richard Van Zijl helped change Stolper's 911 SC clutch at track side.

Axel Shield made a brief appearance, driving 6 hours from Philadelphia only to develop a bad oil leak after a few laps.

WHEN THE BUG BITES...

By Al Anderson

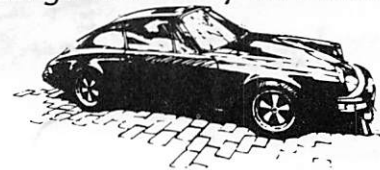
Well, here we are in the middle of winter and the only competition around is the kids and me fighting over the T.V. I must confess that I am having withdrawal symptoms from last season's driving schools. You might say "I'm hooked". After patiently waiting thirteen months for my 944, I promptly headed for Pocono Raceway, and my first driving school. I had spent many hours in the grandstands watching I.M.S.A. cars roar around the track, wishing that it were I behind the wheel of any one of those cars. The time had come and I could hardly believe that I was actually driving the "high banks" at speed. Total concentration, faster, faster, brake. I can still hear Axel Shield shouting instructions as to how to set up for a pass coming out of turn 4. What a ride. I just hated those

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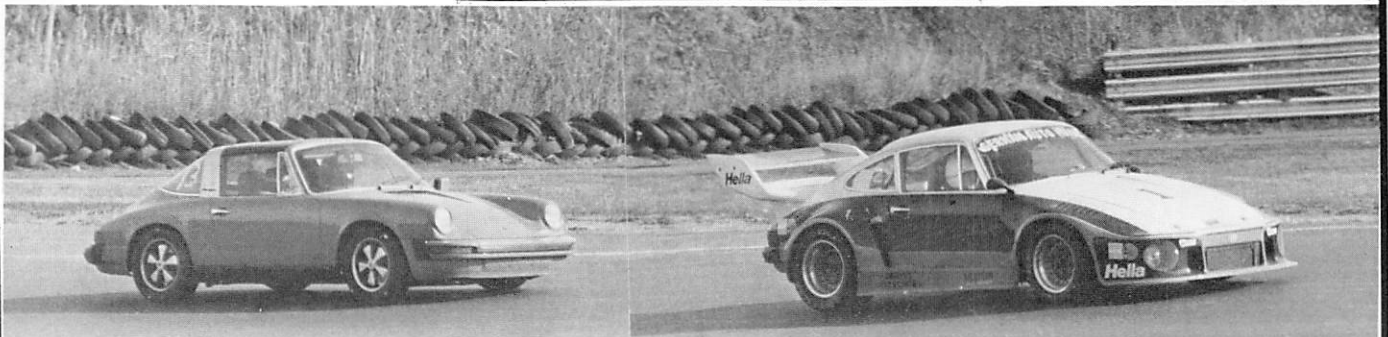


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Axel Shield follows Steve Telchin into "Big Bend" at Lime Rock in November.

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checkered flags. Then on to Summit Point, then Lime Rock, then winter. Booo.

Now I sit in the garage daydreaming about being five seconds quicker at Lime Rock, staring at those new Comp TA's stacked in the corner and wishing that spring was next week. I guess that now is a good time to go over my checklist for next season. Let's see, mount track tires, new brake bleed kit, white shoe polish, get driving shoes retreaded, etc. I really miss those convoys to and from the track, being with friends who are as enthusiastic as I over tire pressures, Summit Point chili, and early morning drivers' meetings. Spring is just around the corner. See you at the track.

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from their calendar to count toward the championship. First Settlers Region has already designated their event to be on the weekend of August 4-5. Watch the calendar for additional dates and information.

Probably one of the most difficult tasks for the executive committee is to plan events which will be of interest to the membership. Recently, events have become more social and track oriented in nature, with a predominance of the latter. Many members have expressed interest in a rally and we hope to revive this event at least once this year. Also, I am sure that many of you have suggestions for events and activities which would interest the membership. I urge you to contact any member of the executive committee and make your thoughts known. In doing this, your executive committee will be able to more effectively plan programs of appeal and interest to the membership.

I look forward to seeing you on January 25th.



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January 25: Regular meeting at George Washington Motor Lodge off the Norristown exit of the Pa. Turnpike. See page 1.
 February 29: Regular meeting. See next issue for details.
 March 29-31: CVR drivers school at Lime Rock. Watch for details

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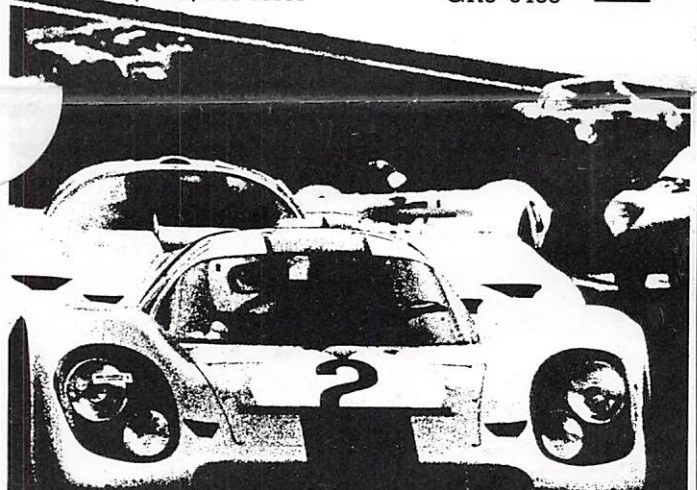
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