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Upcoming Events:

Dec 10 • Holiday Party and Awards Banquet

Jimmy Duffy's 1456 Lancaster Ave. Berwyn, PA 19312

On the cover:

RTR Make-A-Wish event, Pocono Raceway

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State of the Region

Tom Zaffarano, RTR President

This is my last message for the year, and an eventful year it has been.

By the numbers:

68,000 dollars raised for Make A Wish

21 Days of Driver Education (7 three day events)

10 Membership Meetings

9 Tech sessions including a Dyno Day and Super tech

8 Social gatherings including 4 New Member Breakfasts

2 Autocross Events

2 Rallies including Radnor Hunt

And countless hours of the Executive Team and Volunteers to make it all happen.

Thank you one and all.

The Executive Team will be meeting in early December to outline next year's programs and events. If you have an idea, suggestion, or want to volunteer to make the club better please contact me or one of the other officers. Sooner is Better....

Congratulations to the reelected and newly elected officers.

Have a great holiday season and a happy new year.

See you at the Christmas Banquet.





The Calendar

Monthly Member Meeting

***none currently

Track • DE• Autocross

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Social Events Riesentöter Holiday Award Banquet

Butlered Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar-7 to 8Pm

Sit down dinner-8pm

> Saturday 10 Dec 2005

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Fast Cars, Kind Hearts

When I first heard about Riesentoter Region organizing a Driver Education event to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, I couldn't believe it. A bunch of guys with heart? And feelings? Motorheads? That was until I attended the event myself, and saw how tirelessly a dedicated group of guys can work to benefit this wonderful charity.

The DE event to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation (MAWF) was held September 23-25 weekend at Pocono Raceway, Long

Pond, PA. RTR hosted several families and treated them to a day at the track, including lunch, and hot laps for the entire family.



Maureen P. Sangiorgio, RTR

History of the Make-A-Wish Foundation

The MAWF grants the special wishes of children with lifethreatening illnesses. The MAWF got it's start in 1980, when Chris Greicius, a 7year-old boy battling leukemia, realized his lifelong wish to become a police officer. Many of those responsible for fulfilling Chris' wish wanted to do the same for other children with life-threatening illnesses.

Today, the MAWF

is the largest wish-granting charity in the world, with 73 chapters in the United States and its territories and 28 international affiliates spanning five continents.

Shawn's brother Dale is a very special kid, too. He donated his own bone marrow in an effort to extend his brother's life. That's a special gift he can carry around with him for the rest of his life.

RTR member Dave Coughlin, commenting on how Shawn's brother Dale donated bone marrow to his ailing brother.



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With the help of generous donors and more than 25,000 volunteers, the MAWF has granted more than 144,000 wishes around the world since 1980.

RTR's Role

Riesentoter Region has organized a DE event to benefit the MAWF each year for the past four years. To date, they have raised nearly \$200,000 for the organization. The annual MAWF event keeps growing in member participation, as well as in contributions. Funds are raised by charging track fees, garage fees, dinner fees, and a silent auction. At the auction, members bid on items ranging from a bottle of wine, vacation home rentals, all the way up to a slightly used race car.

One of this year's featured families included Shawn Dippre, 10, who has Metachromatic Leukodystrophy, brother Dale Dippre, Jr., 7, Mom Lisa Jackson, and Shawn's stepfather Clinton Rouck, Jr., of East Stroudsburg, PA. Metachromatic Leukodystrophy is a neurological disorder that results in muscle weakness, rigidity, and paralysis.

This year, RTR raised \$68,000 to benefit the MAWF. "We're trying to give back to the community by bringing some fun into the lives of these children who are so seriously sick," says Mark Reynolds, RTR Community Service Chairperson. "We contacted the MAWF and asked them to find families that thought riding around a race track in a Porsche at top speeds would be a great thing to do."

Besides track time, other wishes that have been granted thanks to RTR's fund-rais-





ing efforts include trips to Disney World, meeting celebrities, and high-tech electronics such as a plasma TV. The average wish costs about \$6,500 each, according to Karen Traten, Director of Development.

"When we take these kids on outings, such as a day at the track, we're taking their mind off their illness," says RTR member Kevin Congdon, past MAWF volunteer, and liaison between the foundation and RTR. "I

don't know what can be more significant in life than dealing with your child's serious illness. But these kids are an inspiration to me because they are very resilient. It's great to see them away from their day to day routine of doctors and hospitals. We bring them a change of scenery, and make sure they have some fun."

Featured Family Enjoys Day at the Track

"Shawn loved spending time at the track," says Shawn's mom Lisa. "I could tell he was happy and interested in the cars because he sat up straight or leaned forward in his wheelchair the entire time we were there.





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If he was bored, he would have slumped down more. But his favorite part was when he went for rides in the Porsche. He came back with this huge smile on his face." Lisa said Shawn enjoys watching car racing on TV. "I'm so grateful for everything the MAWF did for us. The happier Shawn is, the more reason he'll have to keep fighting and to stay alive."

⁶⁶I enjoy DE events, but the weekend wouldn't have been as fulfilling if Shawn weren't there.

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Kevin Congdon, RTR member and past MAWF volunteer.

Attending the DE event meant something special to me, too. I'd recently lost my job, and was feeling very frustrated filling out job applications, and going to interviews, still looking for a good fit. After meeting the Dippre family, it helped me focus on the blessings I do have in my life. As Shawn's stepfather Clinton told me, "I won't give up trying to raise money so I could buy more time with Shawn." Guess what, Clinton—if you won't give up, I won't either.

For More Information:

If you would like to find out more information on the Make-A-Wish Foundation, check out their website @

www.wish.org

For more information on neurological disorders, contact the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke @

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Summit Point Club Race: RTR Cleans Up!

Mitch Reading, RTR

After switching the annual Summit Point Club Race a few years ago to a fall event, I haven't been down to enjoy the racing and camaraderie. However, the 2005 event would turn out to be enjoyed by our whole gang. Jim Reading (Dad) and John Giannone made the trek down on Thursday night to set camp and test Friday and I joined them Saturday morning with helmet in hand. Also at the event was Larry "Rennlist Lover" Herman in a rented cup car, John Phillips in his G class whip, Carl "Mr. Arrive and Drive" Tallardy and Dave "Muscle Shirt" Schenk in their 996s, Joe Ilacqua in the 911 SC "special", and Mike Pechstein and Tom Dymant making their club racing debuts.

The entire weekend turned out to be amazing, on and off the track. The weather was perfect with sunshine and everyone went home with straight cars. Dad battled a 944 turbo cup in D class with his chosen weapon of choice, the 964 carrera cup. Making this the end of the first full season in the new car, the step up to a real factory car has been sweet. As Ferris Bueller once said, "if you have the means, I would highly recommend it." ... easy for me to say as I just get to drive the thing! The group 3 sprint race found Dad get a bad start, which is usually his forte. Maybe it was the attendance of my Mom, who hasn't been to an event since Sebring 2002, or something lit a fire, but Dad's alter ego took over after dropping back to 11th overall. Using the large breaks



of the nimble 964 to his advantage, he was picking off cars in turn 1 and 3 like a pro. Mid way through the race he found himself 4th overall and second in class, only to Mike Trombly's identical 964 cup. A true success and first podium of the year; only Bob DiMarco's participation would have made the victory sweeter!

Group 1 found the usual G class battle, which is a class in the northeast that is one of the most competitive in the series. Some frustrations were well founded as a black flag was thrown in the middle of a lap and the cars on the tail end of the lead lap got the chance to restart in front of the leaders. John Phillips and Mike Pechstein both made great showings, inside the top 10.

Group 2 saw a royal 996 battle in C class. Tallardy out qualified Giannone by the slimmest of margins, less than a tenth of a second, with Schenk nipping at their heels a bit father back. A bit of experience showed in Tallardy over the club racing rookie Giannone, as Tallardy kept Giannone at bay on the start and the race finished in the order they started. Giannone ran a faster race lap, but fast laps are for the bench racers... as we all know that the finishing order is what counts.

Group 1 was the big boys, where Joe Ilacqua and Tom Dymant took first and sec-



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ond in GT 2S. Tom made a great showing in his club racing debut, as did other RTR rookie Mike Pechstein. and I'm sure Joe Ilacqua would welcome some competition to his domination of the class this year. Larry Herman couldn't resist the bug anymore, and rented a cup car for a "taste" of how the scene has changed since his departure from



F class a few years ago. In sub-par equipment, Herman finished strong but is rumored to be considering D class for next year... look out Reading and DiMarco!

The enduro races on Sunday were the highlight, at least for this author. With only the morning warm up as seat time, Dad handed over #65 with an hour remaining and in the heat of battle with the C class 911 of Manny Alban and Pete Tremper. After finding a rhythm for the rest of the race, Mitch Reading was able to chase down Manny/Tremper with 2 laps remaining. However, Tremper was rumored to be in the car and being more than a "polite" co-driver. We look forward to a rematch in February at Sebring! Oh yeah... chalk that up for the first D class PCA win of the Reading/Reading driver duo. Thanks for the opportunity Pop!

As the "silly season" is almost upon us, the rumor mill is already spinning. Mitch Reading will join PCA club racer Bill Miller as they tackle the 13 hour "Charge of the Headlight Brigade" at VIR in November. Thanks to some private coaching at VIR late last year with pro instructor Ian Carpenter, Reading and Miller hope to take their spec miata to the podium in a hotly contested class. It is also reported that John Giannone will be making some ultra-secret suspension upgrades in order to take his 996 to the podium. Turning competitive times

with near street suspension, John gets my vote as **RTR's** rookie racer of the year. When Jim Reading was asked what he'll be doing to tune up his ride in the highly anticipated rematch at Sebring in February with DiMarco. he commented that DiMarco "just better make sure he makes weight at the end of the race." The driver duo of Reading/

Reading hopes DiMarco will also ante up and do the enduro. Finally, Mitch Reading plans to make a full season assault in SCCA next year in Spee Miata and hopes that close friend James "I don't even have a race license this year" Hunt will join him. However, new jobs, beautiful women and home buying could all get in the way of such "plans" and ANY sponsorship plans would be considered! Reading is also willing to quit his full time job if a team owner steps to the plate, but is not holding his breath.

That's about it for now, as always drop me a line if anything I've said intrigues or disgusts you! Mitch.Reading@cbre.com

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Will work for Porsches.....

It's been four months since I sold my soul to the corporate devil. Actually, I needed to catch up on some bills and that siren song known as the weekly paycheck reeled me in faster than the cable guy climbing the pole to disconnect my service. Reality struck, and I had to re-enter the workforce. Three years of fun has now turned into thirty years in the salt mines in order to right the rights of the past.

It hasn't been all that bad, except for the fact that I now work out of a cubicle(aka "The Veal Fattening Pen") on the twentieth floor of a high rise without the benefit of a window through which to enjoy the view. So I keep my mind on the paycheck.

It started out great. The folks I work under are totally cool, and actually have the concept of work/life balance well under control. I am allowed to run my own show with minimal supervision(read intrusion), so all is well.....

Seems I was born under an unlucky star as far as my professional life goes. I get totally cool folks to work with, and as soon as I feel the slightest bit content, the mighty winds of change come blowing through. In short, if there is a raving psychopath in the organization, he or she will find me, and ultimately become my superior, usually within the first month or so. At least this time it took three months. As soon as I saw this guy, I shuddered. He is in his early thirties and makes an excellent salary. Only you can just tell by looking at him that he wants more. Twelve-hour days are the norm, and this young tiger has his eyes on the prize. I think in business circles they call this "ambition". Anyone who has read my stuff in the past should know by now that "Ambition" and "Aggressiveness" are not included in my internal makeup. So when that new org chart was distributed, I knew who would reside a line or two above me. So far he seems OK, but history tells me that my happy, carefree workdays are numbered.

But at least there is always that heavenly five minutes of peaceful bliss known as the Smoke Break. Non-Smokers have it pretty tough as far as working is concerned. Sure, we smokers are susceptible to lung cancer, heart attacks, emphysema and strokes, but at least we have a great excuse to step away from it all during the work day. And wherever I have worked for the past twenty years, there were always some total charac-

Christopher Mahalick, RTR

ters in the smoking klatch. At this moment the strange parade is headlined by "Hair lip", "Skagzilla", "Horse-faced tattoo girl", "Sensitive pony tail man" and "Member's Only jacket man". I've really gotta rethink this whole smoking habit.

Another perk was the morning train ride into the city. A perfect thirty minutes of reading enjoyment. "Was" is the key phrase in that opening sentence due to a strike by the transit workers. While the trains are still running, Suburban Station has now taken on the appearance of the US Embassy in Hanoi, circa April 30, 1975. You now have to wait in line upstairs, while being herded like cattle through these circuitous lines meandering aimlessly throughout the concourse. But I suppose it is a good idea. Imagine some nutcase on the platform grabbing onto a moving train like those unlucky folks clinging to the skids of a departing Huey back in 1975. Hmmmm...... being dragged over the tracks like a rag-doll, or enduring the rage of the unruly mob on the concourse. I could probably argue that one either way.

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If there is one thing that I have strong thoughts on it is the theory that the dirtier a restaurant is, the better the food will be. Therefore, the food carts (aka "Slop Wagons") out on the city streets caught my attention like a crippled mouse in kitty's eyes. There were meatball hoagies, Italian hoagies and kielbassa to kill for, along with the old stand bys, the Gyro and the Chili dog. I ate at those carts every day for the first three months. And in the beginning of the fourth month, my pants began to get a little tight. Who am I kidding? I could barely get them on. Having never given the "healthy heart menu" anything more than a passing smirk in the past, I was now looking at salads for three or four days a week. And so I eat a healthy salad three times a week. At a place next to the Art Institute of Philadelphia.

This one's gonna take some time. While I am sure that there are some folks who truly possess artistic talent, the majority of what I see in front of that school comes off as a crowd of identically dressed "Individuals". I mean, if art is supposed to be the epitome of self-expression, why do these folks all dress in uniform? Pierced everything, "Boy of London" bondage clothing, bad dye jobs, bad makeup and just bad everything. They are like young kids dressing in costumes thinking that they are soldiers, astronauts or firemen. As if looking like Edie Sedgewick(I wish they all did!), ever made anyone Warhol's latest prodigy(actually, it did work for Edie). "Of course you're an artist, honey, daddy just paid the tuition last month".

That about sums up my next thirty years. More like "waiting" instead of "living".

And so there is only one thing I could do at this point. Get that Carrera fixed and back out on the track as soon as possible. I

now have a greater appreciation for those folks that spend every last penny on the never-ending quest for speed. I need to beat some machinery, and I mean right now. I want to throw a car into a four-wheel power slide until smoke fills the cabin and the tires throw off chunks the size of baseballs. I want to see that oil temp pegged, and that tach buried in the red. I want rotors glowing red-hot. I want it like a hillbilly wants his cousin. Get the point?

Maybe things aren't so bad. Getting back to that work/life balance thing. I think the measure of true happiness just may be a function of how many track days one could manage in a given year in order to offset the hours and hours of mind numbing tedium endured in the workplace.

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