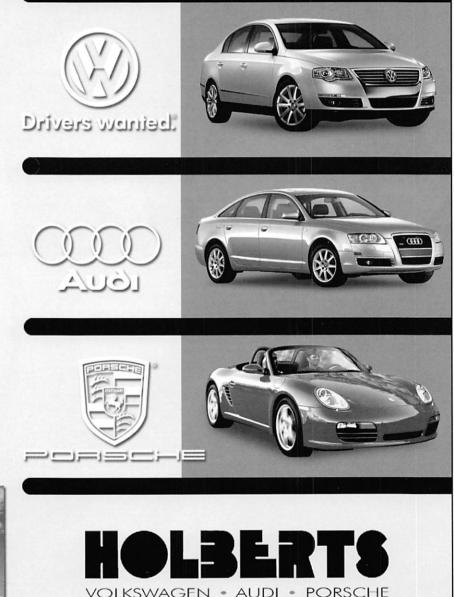


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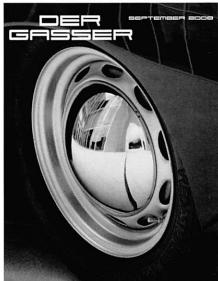
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## From the Editor's Desk

*Wow – I can't believe it's September already! Where did the summer go? For me, September is the time to harvest vegetables from our garden, stashing them away in our freezer for winter consumption.* 

For our club, September is the time to think about our upcoming elections. This year, we have a contested election for the position of President. I know both candidates, and they both have done a lot for the club. What a difficult decision! So you can get to know them a little better, I've asked Brian and Graham to write up a candidate's message about themselves and why they think you should elect them President.

See you 'round the garage,

Maureen Sangiorgio

# State of the Region

By Brian Minkin, RTR President



September has arrived and my favorite driving season is shaping up. The fall is a great time to enjoy your Porsche and the RTR calendar is still packed with Drivers Education, Touring and Social events.

Our annual Make-A-Wish charity Drivers Education event is September 19 to 21 at Pocono Raceway. This will include a "Taste of the Track" program for members wishing to learn more about Drivers Education and will include a Ride on the track at speed with an RTR instructor. This event also features a banquet and silent auction so even if you are not driving come join fellow RTR members raising money for a special cause. More details can be found in this issue of Der Gasser and on the RTR web site.

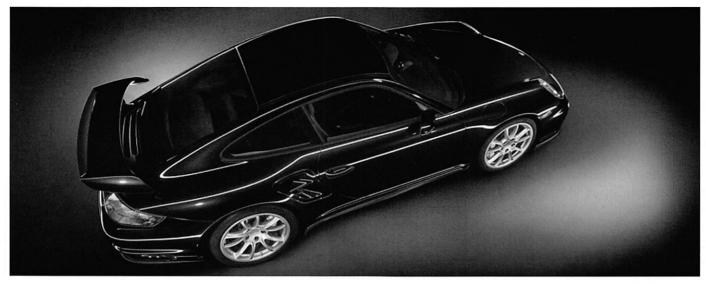
Also coming this fall is our Tulip Rally on October 5th and our first event at the New Jersey Motor Sports Park Thunderbolt Raceway October 17th to 19th. For those members who enjoy the social events of RTR September brings the Radnor Hunt Concours and Rally with special Porsche parking and October will have a charity event and special tour of the new Simeone Foundation Auto Museum located near the Philadelphia Auto Mall.

Fall is also a sign that our election meeting is coming up in October. At the September Meeting active and family-active members may make nominations from the floor. No second is required. Nominations from active and family-active members may be submitted in writing, to be received by a member of the Executive Committee prior to the September meeting. An individual may be nominated for only one office. Nominations will close at the end of the September meeting. All members will be sent notice of the election and the candidates in a club publication prior to the October meeting.

Enjoy your P-car and Turbo-Charge your passion. Get involved with RTR.

Stay Tuned,

Brian Minkin





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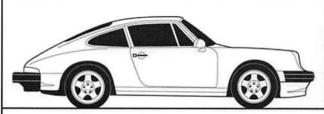


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# **Terrific Turnout for Riesentöter Family Picnic**

By Maureen Sangiorgio

Over 125 Porsches were on display at the annual Family Picnic held on July 26th at the new America on Wheels Museum in Allentown. Bright sunshine shone down on the museum's parking lot where about 215 people mulled around to check out the Concours, then strolled through the car museum. A catered lunch was provided by Susan's Gourmet Shop and Catering, Nazareth, and included assorted cold sandwiches, salads, and desserts.

Always one for nostalgia, my eye caught a beautifully restored 1954 Porsche Speedster owned by Francis Hardner of Macungie. The car was painted in Black Cherry pearl, with beige leather interior. Gorgeous. "This was the first year for the Speedster, and mine was the tenth one built by the factory," notes Francis. "The Speedster put Porsche on the map. It was mostly used for racing. I bought it in 1965 for hill climbs and road races. I put in a 1968 912 engine, which brought it up from the original 55 hp up to 100 hp. Now, we mostly use it for pleasure drives on a Sunday afternoon."

I left the Speedster, walked around and saw a crowd gathered around a black 944S. Reporters are a nosy lot, so I walked over to check it out. Turns out the owner, Joe Asher, put in a Corvette engine. "The car is a 1987 944S," says Asher. "I kept doing DE events, and kept blowing engines. That got too expensive, so I put in a 2007 Corvette engine. That brought the hp up from 180 to 410 hp, at a much nicer price."

Next was a cool-looking silver 914 owned by Frank Cressman. "It's a body kit by Red Dawg Racing," says Cressman. "The car is a 1974 914 2.0 liter, fuel-injected. I cut the top off, and added the new fenders, bumpers, and whale tail. We also rebuilt the engine, added 911 five-lug Fuchs wheels, and Miata mirrors. Oh, and we only take it out when it's sunny."

Couldn't make it to the Picnic? Check out the photos on this page, and the opposite page (page 7), to see what you missed.



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#### Running for a 3rd Term as RTR President

I am Brian Minkin, your current RTR president and I am running for a 3rd term as club president. I have been on the Executive Board for over 10 years having held the positions of Autocross Chair, Membership Chair and President. During these years I have brought new ideas, people and events to RTR. I have led a touring group to the Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix. I organized the Wegmans Wine and Food Festival Porsche gathering and concours which prior to our 50th anniversary party was the largest gathering of Porsche cars in RTR history. I started the "Not Just for New Members Breakfast Gatherings" which continues to be a popular event. I am active in all aspects of RTR events participating in tours, rallies, autocross, social events and driver education. I am a driver education instructor and enjoy teaching high speed driving as a way of giving back the knowledge and fun RTR driver education has brought to me. I continue to assist the Autocross program with course design and setup and help the Autocross Chair operate these events. Many of the current Exec Board members have been recruited by me and I am constantly trying to get members to become involved in the leadership of our club. Although track driving is my favorite pastime with my Porsche, I am acutely aware that this is not the only activity our club that members have interest in. I have strived as president during the past two years to insure that our club offers a variety of events for all members to enjoy their Porsche ownership and club membership experience. It is my desire that these efforts make you want to renew your membership year after year. I hope I will have your support in seeking a 3rd term as club president so I may continue to build a stronger club, offering more events for all members to enjoy.



#### **VP Runs for Pres**

Hello, my name is Graham Knight and I am running for the Riesentöter President in 2009 because I love being part of this club and I want to make it even better for all 1500 members. I have been a member for 3+ years. I joined the Club in 2005. In 2007, I joined the exec committee as the Autocross Chair. In 2008, I was asked to take the step up to Vice President. In 2009, I am running for President. The argument may be made that 1 year as VP is not enough before running for President, as you need time to learn the job. However, if you look at my track record, you can see I am ready for the job now and that argument has no substance.

In 2007 as AX chair, instead of usual single Autocross, myself and my committee developed AX road show plus championship where RTR members traveled around the region attending Autocross events - it was a great success and has really revitalized Autocross in the club. The road show continues to this day.

In 2008, as Vice President, I was/am responsible for organizing all the monthly membership meetings. Can you remember membership meeting in 2007? 30 people in a cold garage with cold sandwiches... However, think about the membership meetings I have organized this year - we have had meetings at the Allentown Auto Museum, local restaurants, garages combined with vendor night, local Porsche dealers with gourmet food and terrific speakers. At my first meeting, vendor night at Dougherty's, I arranged for a record 15 vendors to attend which is 50% better than the previous numbers. Average attendance has risen from 25 people in 2007 to over 125 in 2008. My last event was the AOW (America on Wheels) in Reading - great museum, free entry, free food, 225 people, 125 amazing Porsches and we even got on the TV! I have taken routine boring membership meetings to a new level and I can do this for the club.

My future plans include:

- 1. Reduce the costs for instructors through a lottery system whereby each event 5-10 instructor get to drive for free (they would be selected at one event & be able to use the coupon/discount at the next event)
- 2. Reducing costs, particularly in the area of the Der Gasser
- Increase the number of rallies and social events
- 4. Up the meeting attendance by another 25 people through speakers and interesting locations
- 5. Another great picnic like the 200+ person one we had at America on Wheels in 07/08
- 6. Organize and put forth a membership feedback survey

In summary, I love this club, I love the cars, I love the people, I love being involved, I'm a natural born organizer and I'm good with people. As your next President, I will keep this club moving forward and I look forward to your vote.

Just remember as you vote . . . Old ham or fresh meat . . . you decide.

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

ORIVERS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2008						
Event Name	Date	RTR Member Registration	Non-RTR Registration	Registration Closing Date		
Pocono	September 19-21	August 5	August 12	September 5		
Thunderbolt (Advanced Day)	September 29	August 5	August 12	September 15		
Thunderbolt Please note: On li	October 17-19 ne registration begins	September 1 at 12:01 AM	September 8	October 3		

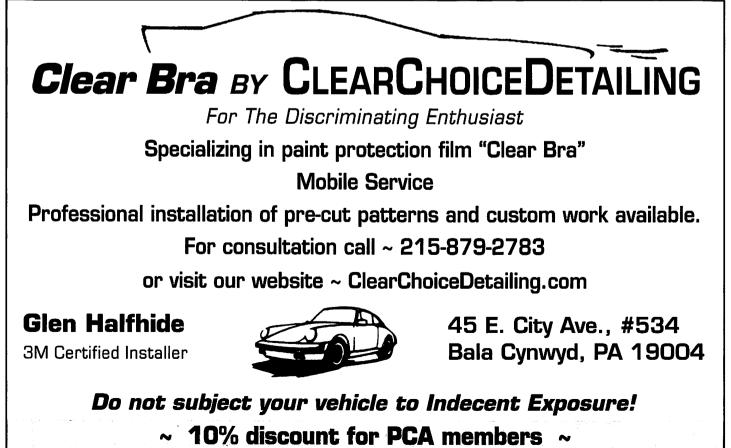
Delaware Region invites RTR to their upcoming ThunderBolt Raceway DE event to be held October 10-12 at the new Thunderbolt Racetrack, NJ Motor Sports Park, Millville, NJ. Sponsored by the All New Winner Porsche, Delaware's exclusive Porsche Dealer. Register at www.ClubRegistration.net. Contact Stover Babcock: stover33@mac.com.

### **RTR MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE**

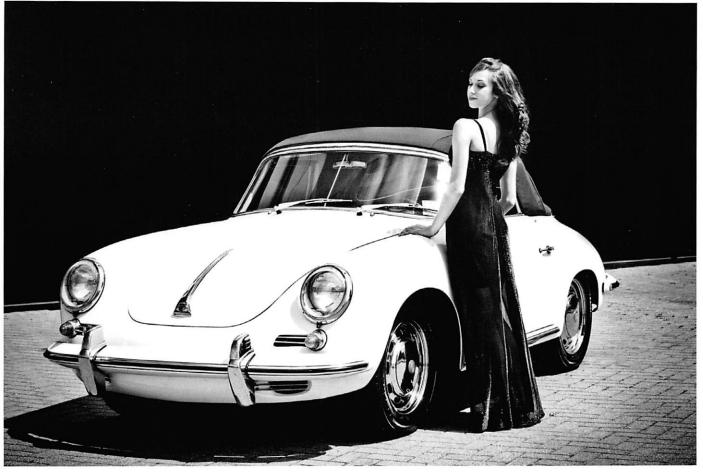
Meetings start with a social hour at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

**September 24 –** NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE! Meeting will not be held at Victory Brewing Co. on Sept. 27, but will now be held on September 24 at Porsche of the Main Line, Newtown Square, PA – 877-666-2884, www.porscheofthemainline.com **October 29** – Monthly meeting and voting meeting currently scheduled for the Bent Elbo located at 582 S Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA 19034. 215-646-2228. Sure to be a great meeting with our club voting in the next round of executives for 2009!!!

DE TECH INSPECTION SCHEDULE					
DATE	TRACK	INSPECTING FACILITY			
Sept 6	Pocono	Dougherty Automotive			
Sept 27	Thunderbolt (Adv)	Meenan's Transmissions			
Oct 4	Thunderbolt	Holbert's			



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Sometimes in life, someone else just does it better ..... so for this month's AX article, please find Mike Kling's very funny write up on the forum of our trip to Giants Stadium on 20th July for the NNJR PCA AX – Enjoy!

We all met as planned on the NJ Turnpike – Steve, Jim, Geza and myself. The four of us were eager to get going. After a quick poll we realized that none of us knew where to go. Geza volunteered his MapQuest printout but was reluctant to navigate due to the small print. No one else was willing to put their navigational intellect on the line to lead the pack. Just about the time we were drawing straws to determine the navigator, Nick pulled up. He agreed to take the lead. After a quick muffin, Nick took off forgetting to check if all were ready. Jim Wirt had yet to gas up. And then there were four .Jim quickly caught up, no doubt due to his Ultimate Driving Machine and we were five again. We arrived at Giants Stadium to perfect weather.

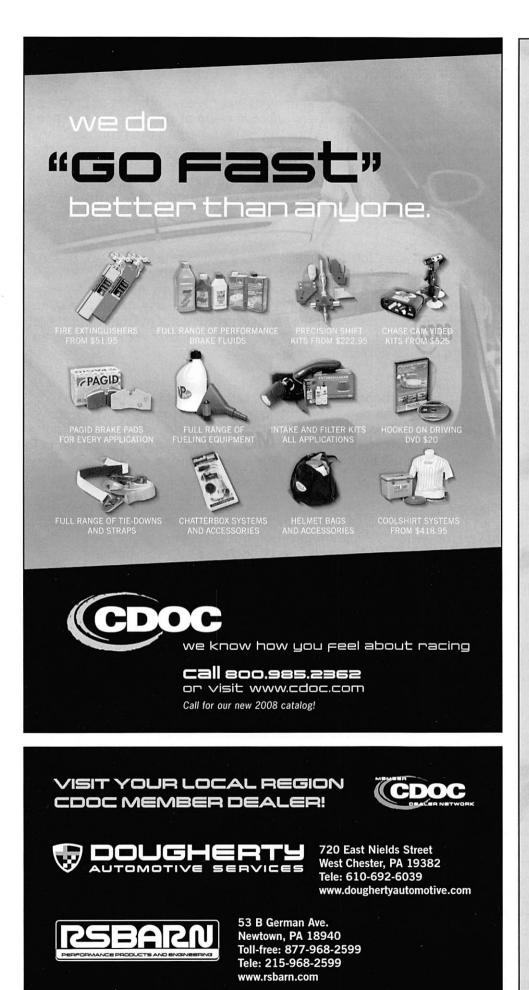


Perfect if you are a lizard in the desert trying to get a tan. The temperature was in the high 90's, on the rise with no clouds to be seen. After a somewhat disorganized check in, a slathering of SPF 50 sun block and water bottles in hand, we were ready to go. The morning went great with 4 runs each, but the afternoon was plagued by timing problem delays. Our onboard outside temperature readings now had us slowly baking in 100+ degree temperatures. "I've had four bottles of water and haven't pee'd" exclaimed Jim. We were all very proud of his accomplishment. Jim proved to be the wisest of us all since the portable toilets hadn't been emptied since the end of the NFL season. After two runs in the afternoon, the heat proved too much for Jim's Bimmer (or is it Beemer?) and its radiator cracked. Maybe it decided to leak since Jim didn't. The rest of us finished our runs, consoling Jim at the end of each. Jim had arranged for a tow truck but it wasn't clear when it would show. The lot quickly cleared at day's end. The sweat, dirt and tire rubber dust had chemically bonded to our sun block turning our skin a patina of rust colored hues. Tired, hot, dehydrated and hungry we decided to find a local tavern. Jim was reluctant to abandon his car, and we were reluctant to leave him. There was talk earlier of a roving band of Giants fans still partying over last year's winning season. We knew Jim couldn't pass for a Giants fan. We convinced him to go with us. Now where were we going? Nick, our local expert, disappeared, so we convinced a local NNJR-PCA member to guide us to the nearest eatery. After a great meal and re-hydration we all felt like new men. Not knowing where we started from and going to a place that we did not know proved to be a bad idea. Within in an instant we collectively realized that we were lost on top of being lost. "How can we NOT find a stadium? Let's just drive that way, we're sure to see it." said Mike pointing to the East. After taking an hour tour of the highways and byways of Rutherford, NJ we finally stumbled onto the stadium. The tow truck driver was having difficulty locating us as well. Jim, who speaks fluent New Jersey, was able to direct his dispatcher. Steve, now low on fuel, had to leave. A stadium parking lot, totally empty, with a setting sun is a lonely place. Geza and Mike stayed with Jim until the friendly tow truck arrived. He only spoke New York, but Jim was able to change his dialect and communicate his wishes. That's the whole story, with an embellishment or two, for your amusement. Hope you enjoyed it.

The final positions and points for Event 4 at Giants Stadium and the impact on the RTR AX+ championship are shown on the opposite page along with some photos of the day. As you can see, I managed to continue my run of 4th places to score a measly 6 points with Nick Betegh once again taking the win (primarily as he is the best driver by a country mile); Geza in a 450 bHP second place and Jim taking third by 0.18s. In terms of the championship, my lead is shrinking and I remain at the top with 32 points only because I've competed in 4 events so far whereas Nick and JMAZZ have only competed in 3 events each, yet have 26 and 25 points respectively. My money is on Nick but watch out for JMAZZ in future events – rumour has it his driving is as smooth and silky as his chocolate milkshakes!

Finally, FYI - the last two events in our RTR AutoX+ Roadshow series will be on (i) Sunday 31st August with Philly SCCA at Warminster and (ii) Saturday 25th October with NNJR SCCA at Englishtown (NJ) raceway. As always, please see the forum for more information and we hope to see you there!

Cheers Steve and "Vee"



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# Summary of Proposed Changes to RTR Bylaws

By Christopher G. Karras

At a meeting on August 15, 2008, the Club's Executive Board unanimously approved a number of updates to the Club's charter and bylaws and recommended that the members approve them at the October meeting in accordance with the current bylaws. This summary serves as notice to the members of the proposed changes. Copies of the current and proposed bylaws and the proposed charter amendment can be viewed on the RTR web site: www.rtr-pca.org. To vote on the proposals you must be an active or family-active member and attend the October meeting in person. Approval requires the affirmative vote of a majority of those voting. If you would like a hard copy of the existing and proposed bylaws contact club Historian Debbie Cooper at 610-793-9345 or barrett356@comcast.net.

#### Charter

The Executive Board recommends two changes to the Club's charter. First, a provision dating back to 1958 relating to intoxicating beverages should be removed. The sentence to be deleted reads: "That no intoxicating beverages will be sold, furnished, or dispensed by the proposed corporation to its members under any pretext, or for any reason in compliance with the requirements for incorporation." Second, the address on record would be updated to that of a current member. Brian Minkin, the current President, has volunteered his address. The Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988 ("PNCL") requires that the Club have an address on file and the listed address is not that of a current member.

#### **Bylaws**

The Executive Board also recommends a number of changes to the Club's bylaws. General changes make the document gender neutral and less ambiguous. The honorary and life member categories were removed because those types of members are now designated only by the national PCA. The list of officer positions was updated to include a Webmaster, and it was clarified that officers will not be paid. The requirements for voting, quorum, notice, and special meetings provided by the PNCL were included in the revised bylaws.

#### Liability

A new section would protect Executive Board members from liability for monetary damages, provided that they acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Club and had no reason to believe that their actions were unlawful. An indemnification provision was also added so that the Club would pay any reasonably incurred fees and expenses related to defense of a suit brought against any Executive Board member, provided the standard of behavior was met. These provisions are expressly authorized by the PNCL, are common for non-profit corporations and should assist in attracting and retaining Executive Board members.

#### **IRS Changes**

Club's detriment. The Whistleblower Policy requires Executive Board members to report any questionable conduct of an Executive Board member, and provides that no Board member who in good faith reports any such issue will be retaliated against. The Document Retention Policy describes the requirements for keeping important Club records.

#### **Additional Changes**

Several provisions were added to allow the Executive Board to appoint employees (although there are no current plans to do so) and other agents, give an officer additional powers or duties without having to amend the bylaws, designate to a member of the Club the authority to sign a particular check, and authorize a member to enter into a contract on behalf of the Club. A provision was added that would require members to obtain permission from the Executive Board prior to incurring any debt or obligation on behalf of the Club. An "action by consent" clause was also added, which would allow the Executive Board to take any action it would be able to take at a meeting by having all the Executive Board members sign a written document. Another clause provides that any vacancy on the Executive Board would be filled by a vote of the remaining members. The provision that required a mandatory annual audit was revised to require an audit at such times as the Executive Board deems it necessary. Finally, the Executive Board would be permitted to amend the bylaws with a 2/3 affirmative vote of the entire Executive Board.

Under the revised bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order would no longer govern Club meetings. Robert's Rules of Order require detailed formalities to be observed, which if actually followed would make Club meetings inefficient. Removing this provision allows the Club to conduct its meetings in accordance with Section 5709 of the PNCL which authorizes the President to establish fair rules.

Finally, whenever written notice to the membership is required it would now be allowed in any form allowed by the PNCL, including a bulk-rate mailing or by publication in Der Gasser.

## September Membership News and Ramblings

By Marty Kocse

As the end of summer approaches, the best driving time of the year is running out slowly but surely. Before you know it, the fall will be upon us so make sure you get out before the great weather starts to turn. We have over 1,400 members in the region (Philly, Reading, and the Lehigh Valley) with roughly 250 active members (that's < 20%). As I've said in the past, at any of our events the more new faces the better. Please take the time to come out, look me up, and be sure to say "Hello".

The next "Not Just for New Members" breakfast meeting will be held at 9am on the last Sunday in September on the 28th at the Cracker Barrel in Plymouth Meeting (2095 Gallagher Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462). All are welcome. Please be sure to stop by for a little meet and greet. There should be plenty of old and new faces and quite a bit of Porsche speak.

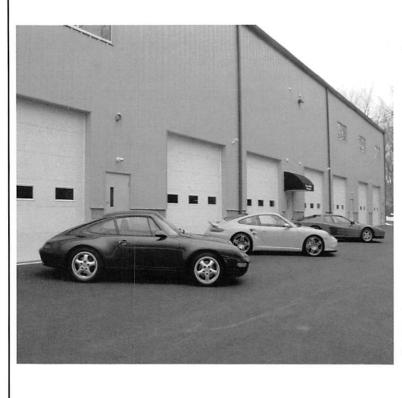
Here's a quick list of the upcoming events in September and October (check our Events Calendar at www.rtrpca.org for a complete listing):

Sept 14	100 Motor Cars of Radnor Hunt - special event concours
Sept 19-21	"Make-A-Wish" Driver Education at Pocono Raceway
Sept 24	September Monthly Membership Meeting at Porsche of the Main Line
Sept 28	"Not Just for New Member Breakfast" at Plymouth Meeting Cracker Barrel
Sept 29	Advanced Day Driver Education at NJ Motorsports Park
Oct 5	Fall "Tulip Rally" - Google that name for more information
Oct 17-19	Driver Education Event at NJ Motorsports Park
Oct 25	Auto-X with Northern New Jersey Region of the SCCA at Englishtown
Oct 29	Membership/Election Meeting

Again, Riesentöter (Ree-zen-toe-ter) is full of many fun things to do and the people of our region make it possible. You really need to experience it for yourself. I hope to see you and your Porsche at the next event.

Marty Kocse, RTR Membership





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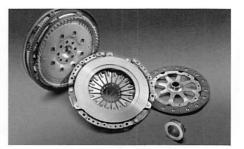
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# Some Shots from The Glen

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"Kenny starting his braking for turn one"



"Steve out for a drive in his wife's car"



"Don showing us how to get tight on the apex....



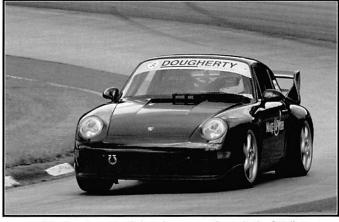
"A few Black Run Group drivers jockeying for position"



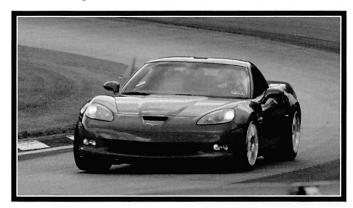
"Eric getting his thoughts together before he heads out"



"Mark stress-testing the rear tires exiting the boot"



"Jack gets out of the classroom for a little OJT"



"Ok, it's not a Porsche... but it's pretty....."

Upcoming Social Events

#### September

**East Coast Holiday 2008** "Planes, Trains and (356) Automobiles," will take place September 4-7 at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster. For more information, go to www.eastcoastholiday.com or contact Chair Bruce Baker at 610-831-1200; email him at BBSPDSTR@aol.com. "Over 250 Type 356 Porsche cars will be on display, some very rare, and all very interesting," says Concours Chair Loren Hulber. For Concours info, contact Loren at Ihulber@ptd.net.

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#### To all registered participants of the Pocono DE, Sept 19-21, 2008:

The Make-A-Wish Dinner and Charity Auction will be held at the Ramada Inn (site of last year's event), on RT 940, Lake Harmony PA on Saturday, Sept 20th at 7 PM. Cash bar will be available. Although your dinner is included in your entry fee, additional guests are welcome at a cost of \$40 each. Please RSVP to Bill Moffitt by Sept 10th. If you purchased extra dinners when you registered for the event, you do not need to RSVP to Bill.

You can reserve a room at the Ramada Inn Pocono (570-443-8471 or 800-251-2610) for Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the RTR MAW event at a group rate of \$89 per night. You must mention Riesentoter for the discounted rate.

We need auction items for the Banquet. Things that have worked out great in the past are: vacation rentals, sporting event tickets, gift certificates to restaurants, gift certificates to tire suppliers and mechanics, Porsche Paraphenalia.

Paddock spaces will be auctioned off again this year. Send your bid to Bill by September 10th.

Questions regarding extra dinners, paddock space bids, and auction items should be directed to BillMoffitt@bill.moffitt.iii@smithbarney.com

Let's make this another great year for the Make-A-Wish Kids!!

#### October

Rallymaster Dennis Angelisanti reports that he is organizing a **Fall Gimmick Rally** to be held on Sunday, October 5th. It will be a "Tulip Rally," google that name for more information. There will also be photo identification and visits to historic sites. The rally will begin at Michael's Diner in Douglassville, PA. It is located at the intersection of Routes 422 and 662, on the Northwest corner. Please park away from the diner nearer to the Rite Aid. Registration will open at 8:45 am with a driver's meeting at 9:30 with first car off at 10:00 am. It will take about 2-3 hours to run the rally and with that in mind the finish will be at a nice place to have lunch, cold drinks and bench driving with fellow Riesentoters. Give me a heads up if you plan to attend and you should plan to attend. E-mail at dla109@comcast.net.

**PCA Pocono Region** of northeastern Pennsylvania extends an invitation for all PCA members to attend their tenth annual **Oktoberfest** weekend. "The dates of October 3, 4 and 5 have been selected to insure fair weather," says Pocono Region President Andrew Moore. "This year's event is being held at the prestigious Inn at Pocono Manor. Freshly restored to its full glory the Manor is sure to provide a regal backdrop to a most memorable weekend. For those that remember Pocono Manor was the site of the 19th Parade held in 1974. The weekend starts off Friday for early arrivals with a best ball golf tournament followed that evening by our official welcome party. An evening of authentic Bavarian Cuisine and live music is in store along with our traditional slot car challenge and tech quiz. Saturday's activities begin with Continental breakfast and Concours held on the shaded lawn of the Manor's Orvis Lodge."

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## **Der Gasser Marktplatz**

#### **Automobiles**

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I am selling a **Guards Red 1984 normally aspirated 944.** Car has a tan and brown leather interior with matching brown Porsche mats. No rips or cracks in the leather seats but there is some visible wear. Flaws, carpet is 24 years old, the leather on the shifter should be replaced and it is missing two switch blank covers from the center console. With less than 81k original miles this is a well maintained car with receipts back to 1984. It is an OEM-parts maintained car except that the Blauplunkt cassette player has been upgraded to a JVC CD player with MP3 input jack in the face of the player. I might even be able to find the blauplunkt in the garage if you are so inclined. Big ticket maintenance includes cold AC, water pump, timing belts, suspension, rotors, engine seals and power steering rebuild. This car does not leak, nothing comes out and nothing gets in. There is no rust on this car. Garage kept for 24 years. Car has BBS single piece aluminum and gold 7x15 with 50% of Firestone Firehawk tires. Also comes with a set of 4, aluminum and black Fuchs (7x16). More photos available at http://rtr.mywowbb.com/forum27/1287.html. This is neither a concourse nor a track car but an economical and spirited ride. Economy comes from MPG of 18/27 for city and highway respectively, Porsche provides the spirit. Currently tagged as a classic car in Pa, so insurance is another economy point for a part time car. JFKittredge@yahoo.com or 215-915-1908

**1990 944 S2 Cabriolet** Guards Red with black leather interior; 105,102 miles. The car is in very good condition overall and is 100% stock other than a one off GIAC chip. The clutch has been replaced within 10K. The car comes complete with the convertible boot, books, maintenance records from the early 90's, original sales brochure, owner's manual and folder, un-used collapsible spare, and car cover. Porsche only made these 944 S2 convertibles for 2 model years, pretty rare car, the #s I have seen indicate the 1824 of them were imported to the US in 1990.

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2000 996 C2 Parts: Front Bumper Cover - Guards Red with slight damage but easily repairable \$150.00 - Engine protection plate with hardware(Used - Part No. 99610798100) \$40.00. Contact Eric at ejkace34@aol.com or (610)375-1243.

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# Fighting the Good Fight ...

By Tony DiDomizio



The former biologist for Merck & Co.'s vaccine quality control division had his life changed forever a year ago. That was when he was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, for the famous baseball player who suffered from ALS. "I was depressed for a few days," he said, "and I decided to turn that negative feeling into something positive."

ALS fundraising is the effect of that positive energy, something he continues to do in conjunction with the Philadelphia ALS Chapter in Ambler. Since his diagnosis, Wilderman, of Montgomery Township, has put his time and energy into fundraising and awareness of the disease. One occurred June 29 at Reading Airport with the Porsche Club of America. About 50 people showed up and the \$3,200 collected through raffles went to the ALS Association for patient care and research.

Wilderman's brother, Dr. Bruce Wilderman, a Doylestown-based cosmetic dentist at Artistic Expressions, has helped through a tooth-whitening event for ALS, with proceeds donated to the foundation. The fundraisers will help Wilderman personally because all money collected

will go to local patient care. Outings like visits to the aquarium, Philadelphia Phillies games and Longwood Gardens are funded through patient care.

"The association loans equipment to patients, like special computers that they can use with their eyes and wheelchairs for transportation," Wilderman said. "There's a lot of things they provide." Wilderman is working on a donation program with Whole Foods. One such program is a success at CVS/Pharmacy, where money for ALS is collected at the checkouts. "We will try to work with Shop 'n Bag, who is a big sponsor for ALS, and set up my own fundraiser with them, where they can collect money at the register," he said.

An event is being planned at the new car museum in Philadelphia, Wilderman said, through the help of the Simoeon Foundation in Philadelphia. That same museum saw visits from Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld, both big car collectors, Wilderman said. "We want to get Simeon to donate a car or Leno or Seinfeld to raffle off at the event as well," he said. "We are working on getting entertainers and singers to perform live in concert and donate proceeds to the ALS Foundation. Hopefully, we can raise several thousand dollars or several hundred thousand."

There are ALS walks set in October and November at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, and another in Allentown. But Wilderman is battling a disease that has no cure. It is fatal. Some who get it progress faster, and others progress slower, like Wilderman. "It starts out with tripping over your feet, then you can't swallow and you lose your ability to chew," he said. "You can't breathe. It affects your arm or leg first, then you lose muscle strength and toning and your muscles atrophy." Some die from ALS because they can't breathe and must go on a respirator or have a feeding tube put in to be fed because they can't swallow or chew.

Once, 30,000 people in the U.S. had the disease. Now, he said, 15 people a day are diagnosed and every 90 minutes someone dies from it. About 3,600 people a year are diagnosed with the disease. ALS usually affects those between the ages of 40 and 70, with the median age between 50 and 60. "I was diagnosed before my 61st birthday," Wilderman said.

In the beginning, Wilderman went through every test imaginable to diagnose the ill feeling he was suffering. "I found the disease by finding another problem I had," he said. "It's good they found it early for me." In 2004, he began having back issues, which was odd because he never had back problems before.

"I woke up in excruciating back pain and I didn't know what it was," he said. "I finally went to therapy to strengthen my stomach and back muscles and had three steroid injections in my spine." That helped for a year-and-a-half, and then the numbness in his right knee began. That was followed by muscle cramps in the ball of his foot when he was in the shower. "It started getting worse and I thought it was related to my back," he said. "I went to neurosurgeons, and I got the same opinion from them." They told him he had herniated discs and surgery corrected that.

In the first three weeks of healing, his whole shin went numb and he started limping. Another doctor's visit determined they had no clue what was causing the problem, and he continued therapy for six months. "I started getting stronger," he said, "but I got weaker again."

After more visits to neurologists, he was sent to one final one in Philadelphia. She did some tests and EMG studies on a nerve to find blockage or damage. "She saw something going on and didn't tell me," he said. "I think she knew right away, but it was too early on."

Another six months of pain, and another visit finally gave Wilderman his diagnosis. "They told me that if I had the fast form of ALS, I'd be dead already," he said. "I think I already had it two to three years before that." Wilderman has a death sentence and has accepted it. "I'm prepared to deal with it," he said. "I had to change my whole life because of it. I'm definitely afraid, and there's no doubt it's going to happen, I just don't know when."

That's why Wilderman is doing the fundraising: it's a way of staying positive. "There's a way of having some hope that there'll be a better treatment, a better cure," he said. To help Wilderman's efforts, e-mail him at dlrwild1@comcast.net. Individuals may write a letter with a donation check to The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association, 321 Norristown Road, Suite 260, Ambler, PA 19002, or donate online at www.alsphiladelphia.org or www.alsa.org. Contact the Ambler chapter at (215) 643-5434 and the national association at (877) GEHRIG-1.

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