



# DER GASSER



MAY 74

NEWSLETTER OF RIESENTOTER REGION, PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This may be the shortest President's Message that you'll read this year. After seeing the tremendous turnout for our April meeting at which Mark Donohue was our guest, not much remains to be said.

Thank you, Nick Imperato, for arranging Mark's evening with us. I'm wondering what you plan to do for an encore on May 29. But those are the kind of problems we don't mind having.

And thank you all for your warm reception given Mark. I can't help but feel that he may have been a little bit awed by us, too. That was my impression, anyway, particularly when Mark, upon seeing nearly 200 people in the room, decided that he'd better jot some notes down on a piece of paper. His presentation was beautiful. Watch for a photo and report on our meeting in a forthcoming issue of Panorama. And watch Der Gasser for other exciting Riesenrotter Region activities coming up soon.

Herb

## NOTES FROM MEMBERSHIP \* Lee Herskowitz

Welcome to our newest members:

Richard Back, Mansfield, Pa, '67 911 coupe  
John Carlin just back from England, '73 911T Targa  
Alan Brecher, Broomall, '71 911T Targa  
A.J. Ahrens (?) driving a speedy '61 356B coupe  
Robert Crawford and wife, Nyla, of Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, just finished restoring a '60 356B  
Richard Leedes, Philly, '74 Carrera  
Dr. James Rex, Allentown, '71 911T Targa  
George Ueltzen, Allentown, '70 911E coupe  
David Laffitte transferred from Peachstate Region  
George Orndorff and wife, Joanne from Philadelphia, drive a '70 911/4

These notes for everyone: When you receive your invoice from National for annual dues, send your check promptly or it is likely that you will be dropped from the PCA membership rolls and miss several issues of Panorama until you are reinstated. Also, notify both the region Membership chairman and National immediately upon change of your address so that you will not miss receiving Der Gasser and Panorama, or receiving them late and miss out on some important information.

FUN TIME '74 \* Bob Ahrens and Pat Imperato

BRUNCH AT THE HILTON, MAY 19  
SUNDAY MORNING 11:00

Fun Time 74 takes you to the beautiful Valley Forge Hilton for the best, most exciting, most delicious brunch east of the Great Divide.... buffet style, choose from over 25 entrees and delicacies - all for \$3.95 per person.

Around 1 o'clock, after our appetites are somewhat appeased, a mini "Porsche Parade" will wind its way through scenic Chester County to the Hagley Museum outside Wilmington, Delaware. The Hagley Museum, at the junction of Rt. 100 and 141 is on the site of the original DuPont powder mills. Dioramas and creative exhibits trace America's industrial growth from colonial times to the 20th century. There are jitneys to take you around the 185-acre property to restored mills with working models. Fortunately, at this time "Eleutherian Mills", a 3-story Georgian country home built by E.I. DuPont in 1803 will be open to the public. This house has been listed in "Great American Homes" and is only open 12 weeks out of the year.

Be sure to bring your cameras to capture some beautiful views along the Brandywine. Admission is free to Hagley. May 19th is going to be a Super day for a trip - 11am, Valley Forge Hilton, Route 202 - see you there.

FUN TIME '74

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, 7:30 PM  
PEACOCK INN

KNOCKWURST

HOTDOGS

SAUERKRAUT

BEER

ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK

\$3 - WOW!!

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## Treasurer's Report, First Quarter, 1974

### RECEIPTS:

New membership dues	\$ 162.00
50/50	36.25
Non-Porsche drivers	13.55
Goodies sales	136.70
January Beer Party - Sponsored by Holberts Porsche-Audi	175.00
Ski outing	460.00
National dues reimbursement	445.60
Tech session at Holbert's	13.00
March dinner meeting	385.00
Miscellaneous	2.50
Total	<u>\$1,829.60</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

<u>Der Gasser</u> - printing	\$ 160.06
- mailing	108.78
PRCA dues	10.00
PHA dues	25.00
Ski outing	500.62
January Beer Party	175.00
Dues refund	18.00
Bank service charges	8.89
Pocono drivers school refund	55.00
Goodies supplies	39.00
Riesentoter name change	80.00
Meeting room	25.00
New membership dues	144.00
Membership chairman's expenses	9.40
Tech session flyer	27.50
DVSA dues	10.00
'73 Dinner Dance - 917 prints	50.00
March dinner meeting	394.05
Poker rally trophies	58.52
Total	<u>\$1,898.82</u>

### Summary:

Balance from December, 1973	\$ 410.87
Total receipts for 1st quarter	<u>1,829.60</u>
	2,240.47
Total disbursements for 1st quarter	<u>(1,898.82)</u>
	\$ 341.65

Checking account balance	\$265.16
Savings account balance	26.49
Petty cash	50.00
	<u>\$341.65</u>

## UPCOMING PCA EVENTS

May 18 - Sprint Series II, XMAS VILLAGE  
18 - PRCA Championship Rally\*  
18-19 - PHA, Pine Grove  
19 - Brunch at Hilton, tour  
19 - DVSA, Valley Forge Hospital\*  
21 - Streaking Day  
29 - Meeting, Peacock Inn 8:30

June 1-2 - PHA, Duryea  
2 - PRCA Championship Rally  
9 - DVSA-PCA, Leeds & Northrup  
22 - Sprint Series III  
23 - PRCA Championship Rally  
26 - Bierfest Meeting, Peacock Inn  
29 - Tech session at Holbert's

July 13-18 - PARADE

\* More complete schedules are available from:

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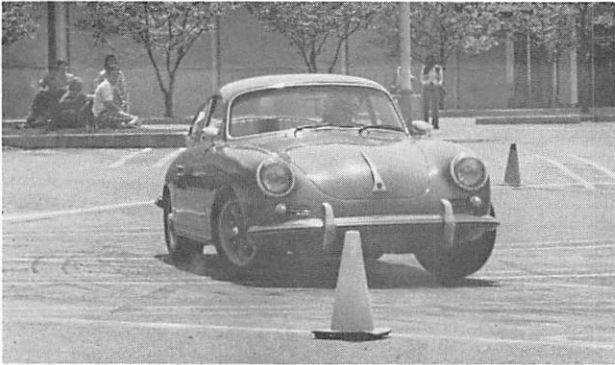
...to our newest Honorary Member,  
Mark Donohue - shown here at the  
Glen blasting by another Porsche  
driver. (Editor photo)



Showroom Stock Sedans and Showroom Stock Sports Cars. As stated in a recent issue of Der Gasser, this class has now been added to the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association as a combined class. I have listed the cars eligible as of 1973. To this list, the following cars have been added for 1974:

Sedans: Datsun 610 (2000cc)  
Fiat 128 (1290) sedan  
Fiat 124 (1608) twin cam sedan

Sports cars: Porsche 914 (1800cc)  
Fiat 124 Spider (1800)  
Fiat X1/9 (1290)  
Porsche 914 (2000)  
Opel Manta (57 model)  
Toyota Celica ST and GT models

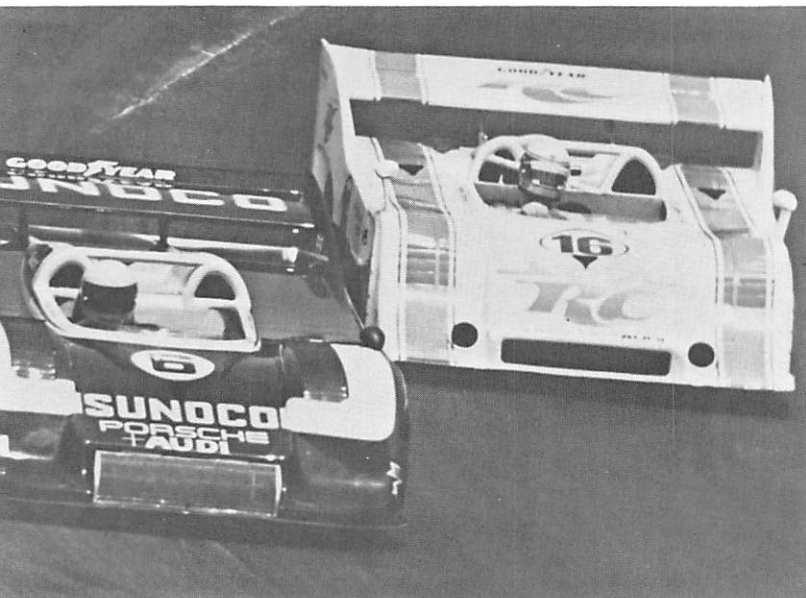


Bob Koerbel doing it with Chuck Walter's SC at Neshaminy. (Stu Baird photo)

## RAP AT IDLE \* The Editor

Late news dept: The second event in the 4 region sprint series will be at Xmas Village on May 18, 10 am - call anyone on the Exec Committee for directions (8 mi N of Reading Airport off Rt 183)

Starting at the May 29 meeting, a suggestion box will be available for ANY comments, suggestions, criticism, whatever - its free, use it.



Recently produced cars are provided with steering locks, but some of us are misusing them and are in actuality making the thief's job easier than it should be. Many times if a professional wants a car he will merely tow it away. If the owner has locked his steering wheel in the straight ahead position, the thief doesn't even have to force entry, rather he just hooks it to the tow truck and away goes your prized Porsche. You can make things difficult for him if you lock your wheels in a turned position, making towing rather impossible until the wheels are unlocked. This delay may be just enough to discourage him or to force him to set off one of your alarms by entering the car. So whenever you leave your Porsche, lock the wheels in a turned position.

Suppose the thief has somehow deactivated your alarm system (or suppose you don't have one) and has entered your car. There are a number of things you can do to prevent him from driving off with it. These are the "disabling" devices. One path you may take is the installation of a digital combination ignition switch. This device consists of a numbered panel resembling a small hand-held calculator which allows the car to be started only after certain numbers are pushed in pre-determined order.

Probably one of the most common disabling devices is the electrical cut-out switch. Once the carefully hidden switch is thrown, the engine cannot be started. Austin-Healey used a similar system with a battery disconnect switch located in the lockable trunk. One trick you might use if you don't mind getting a little dirty (though you shouldn't if your car is as clean as it should be) is to remove the rotor when you leave the car. This is not really applicable to 911s since their rotors are held on by screws.

Another device which is good is the fuel shutoff. After-market devices now available are electrically operated valves placed in the fuel line. Any car equipped with an electric fuel pump can also be wired to shut off the pump through some hidden switch. It may even be advisable to convert cars to electric pumps for this purpose. The system is more effective for FI cars since without the pump they will not start. Carbureted cars can be driven a short distance on the fuel in the float chamber and this may just enough to get it into a van to be whisked away to another state.

I really think that to be effective, more than one system should be employed. If you use more than one system don't wire them to the same switch for obvious reasons. Lastly, really think about the location of your switches and don't tell anyone. You may, however, tell your wife - but only if she can be trusted.

