



# DER GASSER

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NEWSLETTER OF RIESENTOTER REGION, PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you all know, Bob Patton will be the new editor of Der Gasser in 1975. We are most appreciative of Bob's willingness to assume this responsibility, both because of the importance of the newsletter to the Region's functioning and the immense amount of time required each month on the editor's part to bring the newsletter to you. I don't think there's any question that the editor devotes more time to his job than does any other member of the Executive Committee. (Just ask Vern Lyle.)

Bob Patton is one of the outstanding members of Riesentoter Region. He is always there when something must be done and comes up with many ideas of his own to improve things in general. In typical fashion, Bob has already begun to shape the format of next year's Der Gasser. This will not be an easy job either, because Vern Lyle's expertise in putting together an excellent newsletter is well known and a hard act to follow.

You will hear more later on about Bob's plans for 1975. In advance, however, I would like to ask that you support Bob by spending a few minutes every now and then in writing articles, long or short, for Der Gasser. This has been a serious deficiency in the past and imposes additional work on the editor to fill up the pages, yet keep the newsletter varied and interesting. It cannot be a one-man job. Besides, don't you like to see your name in print?

There is only one issue of Der Gasser remaining in 1974. Let's get in some practice for 1975 right now and hit Vern with some good blurbs for the November-December issue. There aren't many more upcoming events to write about this year, so there's plenty of space there for you. If you flood Vern with more copy than he can handle, we'll see that everything appears in subsequent issues. (It should only happen.)

One last word. The Riesentoter Region annual Dinner Dance is the highlight of the year. A lot of planning and work is going into it. In the end, however, its success depends on your presence. Try not to miss it.

## NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

To: Members of Riesentoter Region, PCA  
From: The Nominating Committee

The annual election of Riesentoter Region officers will be held at the regular meeting on Wednesday, October 30. Please note that we have a new meeting place, details on page 3. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of those present and will hold office for one year, beginning on the first day of January, 1975.

The nominees are:

FOR PRESIDENT: Herb Oberson  
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: Louise Lyle  
FOR SECRETARY: Ginny Ebert  
FOR TREASURER: Bob Parker  
FOR MEMBERSHIP: Glen Canfield  
FOR COMPETITION: Eric Koch  
FOR SOCIAL: Steve Freda  
FOR DER GASSE EDITOR: Bob Patton

The above nominees are those submitted by the Nominating Committee, with no additional nominations received by the Committee either prior to or during the September meeting of the Region.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Nominating Committee  
Herb Oberson  
Bob Russo  
Wayne Flegler  
John Chatley

## ATTENTION!!

TECH-WORK SESSION  
HOLBERT'S PORSCHE-AUDI  
WARRINGTON, PA.

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## FUN TIME '74

### PORSCHE POSH 1974

17TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE  
SATURDAY EVENING NOV 30  
THE CARRIAGE BALLROOM  
WM PENN INN  
RT 202, GWYNEDD, PA.

On Saturday, November 30th, we celebrate the final social event of 1974. What could be more fitting than a return to the elegance and warmth of the very beautiful Carriage Ballroom at the Wm. Penn Inn.

Two years ago, 134 Riesentoters dined and danced in this very same room; they talked and laughed and just thoroughly enjoyed a super marvelous and memorable evening. What better occasion to meet old friends? What better occasion to meet the ladies and gentlemen of Riesentoter? What better occasion to buy that new dress that Mom has desired for so long? What better occasion for the two of you to enjoy a marvelous evening of dining and dancing at very modest cost?

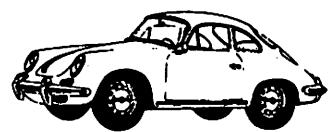
The festivities will get underway at 7 PM with our own cash bar ready to mix your favorite cocktails. Hot hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the cocktail hour, so make sure you're there good and early. From eight to nine we will enjoy music with our banquet dinner of Fruit Cocktail - Fillet of Flounder stuffed with Crabmeat, Lobster and Shrimp or Prime Rib of Beef with Potato, Choice of Vegetable and Desserts featuring Ice Cream Cake and Assorted Pies.

Nine to ten will be an exciting hour. The various Riesentoter awards will be presented. Door prizes will be distributed and you will have the opportunity to hear some of the thoughts and ideas that will guide our club in 1975.

And then at ten o'clock, the cash bar will again be ready for your special order, the music will begin and three hours of enjoyment and dancing on the huge Wm. Penn dance floor will wind up our festivities.

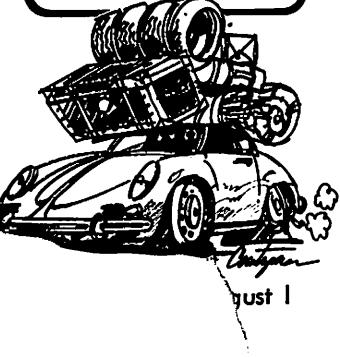
And all this for only \$25 per couple.

So this is it! "Porsche Posh 1974". The Banquet Committee extends a warm and personal invitation to each of you to join us on Saturday Evening, November 30th at the Wm. Penn Inn. So plan now to treat yourself to an enjoyable and memorable evening with friends. Your own very special invitation will be arriving at your home shortly. We ask that you return your reservation with your dinner choices and check promptly.



## UPCOMING PCA EVENTS

- Oct 12-13 - PHA, Weatherly: Sunday is the day for EP1 Porsches
- 13 - Great Adventure Outing
- 13 - PRCA Championship Rally
- 13 - DVSA, site unknown, call Martin Kelbach, 946-3129
- 20 - DVSA, King of Prussia
- 30 - Regular monthly meeting at NEW MEETING PLACE, see notice
- Nov 3 - PRCA Championship Rally
- 9 - Tech/Work Session at Holbert's Porsche-Audi in Warrington
- 30 - Porsche Posh 1974
- Dec 8 - PRCA Championship Rally



We look forward to being with each of you.

Porsche Posh 1974  
Banquet Committee  
Skip & Linda Chalfont  
John & Roberta Phin  
Babe & Bob Ahrens

## RADIAL RETREADS \* John Phin

In these days of skyrocketing prices, it is not often that a real bargain is encountered. Many Der Gasser readers are aware of the advantage of radial tires and prefer to so equip their cars. But as most radials are foreign made, their price is sensitive to currency adjustments which unfortunately seem to be going against the US consumer. It is in this context that I would like to share my experience with the Technitread radial retreads.

Two years ago, when I realized the foolishness of using a 911 for daily urban transportation, I acquired a used Volkswagen fastback. This car came equipped with the cheapest US bias-ply tires imaginable. These undersized tires allowed serious oversteer and poor braking, especially in wet weather. Buying new radials could have solved those problems but such a purchase would have amounted to a large percentage of the price I paid for the car. As I had bought this car to save money, I began looking for alternatives.

When I saw the Technitread advertisement in Road and Track, I decided that the purchase of radial retreads was an acceptable gamble at such low prices. I ordered four 165x15 tires and tubes. They arrived via UPS in a short time and were mounted and balanced by a VW dealer. The total price including mailing, 2 rims, tubes and the mounting was approximately \$100.

The handling, especially braking, has been improved tremendously. These tires which appear to be an approximation of Michelin ZX treads on Semperit casings, are in balance to the VW's top speed and show negligible wear after 15,000 miles. The treads are guaranteed, pro rata for 2 years, but the cases (of course) are not. Oversteer in wet weather is still there, but not at levels that have caused me to fiddle with tire pressures. Besides, oversteer is now correctable with judicious use of the throttle, even with the VW's meagre hp.

I will make Technitread literature available at the October and November meetings. The tires (on my car) are also available for inspection or "test drive". I am completely satisfied with these radial retreads as an alternative to new inexpensive bias-ply tires or expensive radials. They do seem to be real bargains.

## HILLCLIMBING \* Jess Holshouser

### Pagoda - August 31-September 1

Best turnout of the season with 10 of 12 drivers competing. Notable was Tom Beil's 1st place win, Dave Derecola finishing 3rd in Mod II with 13 drivers in the class, and Charlie Beidler finishing 4th in an unfamiliar Formula Vee after a layoff of several years in hillclimb competition.

Team A: Jay Schneider, 3rd Touring I  
Dick Sweigart, 2nd EP1  
Jess Holshouser, 3rd EP1  
Connie Sheldrake, 4th EP1  
Tom Beil, 1st Mod II

Team B: Charlie Beidler, 4th Formula Vee  
Wally Bogart, 4th CP  
Dave Derecola, 3rd Mod II  
Al Derecola, 6th Mod II  
Gerry Sigal, 8th Mod II

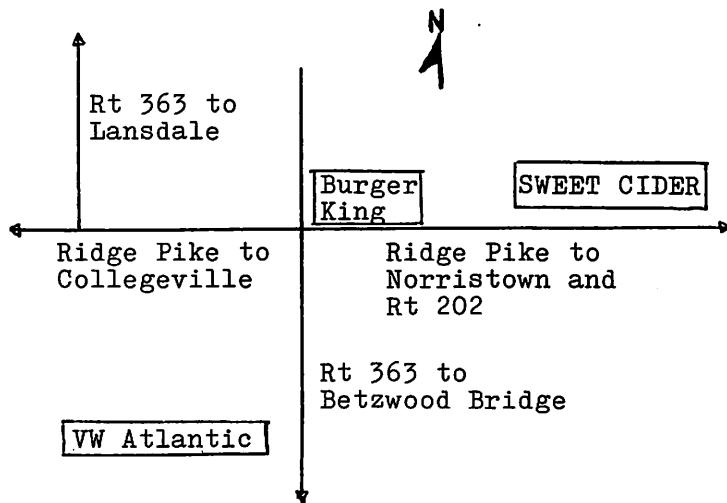
### Schaefersstown - September 14-15

Team A: Jay Schneider, 3rd Touring I  
Dick Sweigart, 1st EP1  
Jess Holshouser, 2nd EP1  
Connie Sheldrake, 3rd EP1

Team B: Charlie Beidler, 5th Formula Vee  
Wally Bogart, 4th CP

## NEW MEETING PLACE

The Peacock is dead! Long live Sweet Cider! Sweet Cider? You got it, baby. That's the name of our new meeting place and we start there THIS MONTH. This is October, right?...and the meeting is on Wednesday the 30th, right?...always at 8:30, right?...but from now on, we'll meet at Sweet Cider in Jeffersonville. It is located on Ridge Pike, east of Rt 363 about 2 blocks towards Norristown. Hey, if I found it (0-for-8 in rallies), you can find it.



RETURN TO:  
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## NOTICE

For 1975, Der Gasser will once again carry commercial advertising. This newsletter will be expanded to 16 pages. Anyone who would like to purchase advertising space may contact Robert Patton at 4069 Lasher Road, Drexel Hill, Pa. 19206 or call (215)CL-9-1378 (after 6 ). Rates for a full year are \$250 per full page or \$130 per half page.

## GOOD THINGS TO BUY

Moving West; can anyone suggest someone to put new sheet metal including a new floor on my Speedster so I can tow it West in one piece? Or might sell the stripped Speedster and all new parts to someone who has more time for restoration. Call Ron Anderson at 215-269-5248 or 215-565-1033

1959 Bugeye Sprite H/P competition car, fresh 948cc engine, headers, 9.5:1 comp. pistons, SCCA approved roll bar, safety harnesses, competition wind screen, new lever shocks, new brakes, flat towing bar, and fresh paint. Needs tires to go racing. Buy now and be ready for the 1975 racing season, \$550.00. Bob Holland, 215-436-6577 evenings, 215-436-0933 days

2 - 165x15 Michelin steel belted radial  
studded snows on 356 rims, \$45; 2 - 165x15  
Columbo fabric belted radial studded snows  
on 900 chrome 5½" rims, \$75; 2 - 14" rims  
for Pontiac, 5 bolt pattern, \$10; 1 set  
of Bosch European type headlight assem-  
blies with extra set of bulbs for 900,  
(lead-crystal type, not quartz-iodine),  
excellent condition, \$75; 1 Conelec 12volt  
fuel pump, new, \$25; 1 Porsche factory  
type ski rack (non-locking) - holds four  
sets of skis - adjustable width - mounts  
on rain gutters, \$25; 1 AM/FM stereo  
Motorola radio for 914 - may fit other  
types, \$75. Bob McCullen, 215-SU9-1523

## LIME ROCK \* Louise Lyle

The "mini-Parade" at Lime Rock each year has long been a favorite with neighboring regions, for its all-inclusive program of events, and for the casual, more intimate atmosphere of a small group. It appealed to us for these reasons, and we set off for New England on Thursday night.

A short driver's school began early Friday, with the afternoon for track touring, on the prettiest and most interesting course we've seen for a PCA event. The Berkshires provided a beautiful backdrop, and even the drive to our inn in nearby Massachusetts was an interesting one.

The slalom and autocross were Saturday, with no rewards for Riesentoter (only a mud bath for Bob Patton's 911), although Dot and George Howard graciously cheered us on. (The Howard 911 had ignition pains on the way up and George decided not to compete.) A welcome cocktail and banquet followed on Saturday night. It grew late and we started walking back to our cottage, when we noticed numbers of curiously huddled forms in the parking lot. Concours - freaks!

When the mist lifted the next morning, the same forms still huddled, wiping and polishing. Most contestants assumed certain rules would apply, but when the event was finally started, it was cleanliness only. Very interesting. The rally was great, and tricky: you thought Pocono got you.

Besides the social and driving events of the weekend, the New England countryside made the trip for us, with a plus of being only 4 hours away. We're looking forward to the 14th Porscherama.