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NEWSLETTER OF RIESENTOTER REGION, PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last year at this time I looked forward to a one-year term as President of our region. Now I find myself looking forward to a second term. Your vote of confidence is sincerely appreciated and, speaking for all of the 1975 officers, we hope to make the new year interesting, fun-filled and rewarding for you.

The 17th Annual Dinner Dance was an unqualified success. Our thanks to John and Roberta Phin and Skip and Linda Chalfont for the magnificent jobs they did in putting it all together. My only complaint is that I didn't win a door prize. I'll have to think of some other way to get a kiss from Pat Imperato. Hinda Rudberg was upset when Nick Imperato mispronounced her name. Nick, what's so hard about saying "Rudberg"?

Congratulations to the Lyle's for winning the Riesentoter and Lady Riesentoter annual awards. The awards are given to outstanding members who never miss activities. We've mailed the awards (COD for engraving, postage and handling) to Vern and Louise in the Virgin Islands where they'll be living in 1975 while trying to organize a new region.

OK everybody, back to addressing your Christmas cards, but first let me wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember the date, January 29, our first meeting in 1975.

Herb

## NEXT MEETING

Sweet Clover is the meeting place, not Sweet Cider as noted last issue. A map is on page 2. Date for the January meeting is Wednesday the 29th. This is a FREE Beer Blast Meeting. Now how can you turn that down? See you there, 8:30.

After that, the first activity for 1975 is a Work/Tech Session at Algar Porsche-Audi on Saturday Feb. 8. Tentative plans call for a Ski Day in the Poconos Feb. 22.

## THE LAST LAP \* Editor

Without getting maudlin about my passing over the Editorship of Der Gasser to Bob Patton, I'd like to say that it has had its moments. Assembling 33 issues over 3 years, often (make that always) with some degree of urgency, there had to be a few clinkers - and there were. But for the most part, I'm proud of our newsletter.

I say OUR because it truly has been a joint effort by a number of people. I'm not going to name names because there are too many. Most of them you know if you've been reading this thing for long. The greatest were probably the people who called unsolicited and offered an article "if I could use it". That's what makes the job worth it. Having someone share their experiences, opinions, knowledge, etc and taking the time to write it down for the rest of us. That's what the newsletter is all about, and indeed, that's what the Porsche Club is all about. My thanks to all of you for your contributions.

Concerning the nitty-gritty of getting a newsletter published, I must give much credit to my wife, Louise - for proof-reading, rewrites, original articles and such, but also for not begrudging the time I spent on the paper. This sometimes was considerable, but so was her patience and cooperation.

Cooperation is what I would ask everyone to give our new Editor. Bob is certainly capable and enthusiastic, but he could use help from each of us in the form of material for the paper. Think what you would like to see published and let Bob know. Without some feedback, an editor is really shooting in the dark - so light him up occasionally and we'll all benefit.

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Here's wishing everyone a happy holiday season, and if you're in our neighborhood, drop in and say hello.



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# FUN TIME '74 \* Bob Ahrens

The 17th Annual Dinner Dance as well as the 1974 social calendar are now history. Needless to say, attendance was not what everyone would have liked, but over 325 Riesentoters did participate and did, I hope, enjoy a year which featured the greatest number and variety of social events that our club has ever experienced.

As we all go through life, it is the memories, the associations, the experiences, the people we meet, that make it enjoyable, and this to me is the great and lasting value of the Porsche Club.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you who left a small place in your busy lives for our activities. A very special thanks to Vicki and Babe for opening their homes to us, and to John and Roberta, Skip and Linda for doing 99% of the work for our Dinner Dance.

It has been a great year for me being with you. I have enjoyed. I hope you have too. Thank you.

# SUPER SUNDAY \* Eric Koch/Vern Lyle

Riesentoters left their mark...

In Fairless Hills, some of our sprinters: Don Reinhard 1st A Stock; Bob Ahrens 2nd A Stock; Jim Johnson 5th A Stock; Wally Bogart 1st A Mod and Vern Lyle 1st B Mod.

And then there was Weatherly...

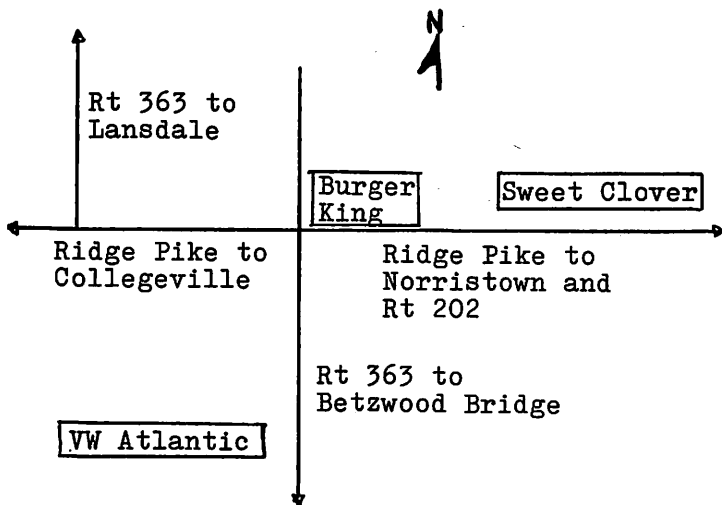
Jay Schneider 2nd Touring I; Charlie Beidler 1st Formula V; Dick Sweigart 1st EP1; Jess Holshouser 2nd EP1; Connie Sheldrake 3rd EP1; Tom Beil 1st Mod II; Dave Derecola 5th Mod II; Al Derecola 7th Mod II; Gerry Sigal 10th Mod II and Ted Klaus 3rd Formula 1.

Remember, they are not only testing their skills, but representing us as Riesentoters. The next time you see these people, congratulate them and say thanks!

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Some of us finished up the sprint year at Xmas Village with the Blue Mtn Region of SCCA. Joe Long and Collen Gleason ran CP in the 911S, Eric Koch and myself were in EP (912 and C). None of us could figure out how our competition was going so fast - a 240Z was much faster than Joe and an MGBGT was sandwiched between Eric and I. We finally realized that with no pylons, everybody was cutting the turns with 2 wheels in the dirt. We tried this technique and Joe did FTD for street cars, I got the MG by 1/2 a second and Eric was a tick behind (scrubbing in new tires). The atmosphere and classification was informal (a Vega wagon ran Touring II with snow tires!) but it was a fun day.

# FREE BEER and SODAS



# NOTICE

At the October meeting, the following members were unanimously elected officers for 1975:

President	Herb Oberson
Vice-President	Louise Lyle
Secretary	Ginny Ebert
Treasurer	Bob Parker
Editor, <u>Der Gasser</u>	Bob Patton
Competition Chairman	Eric Koch
Membership Chairman	Glen Canfield
Social Chairman	Steve Freda

I am certain that each Riesentoter will give their complete support to our new officers for 1975.

Nancy McCullen

## WELCOME \* Glen Canfield

Say Hello to these new Members:

John English, Philadelphia  
Daniel and Linda Sundt, Lansdowne  
Richard Dunnuck, Devon  
James R. Johnson, West Chester  
Dr. Herbert Hendricks, Jr. and his  
wife, Joan, from Danville  
Guy Provenzano, Boothwyn  
William Neuman, Rydal  
Louis Materre, Norristown  
John and Jane Featherman, West Chester  
Dr. Karl Ray and wife, Abigail, from  
Blue Bell  
Glenn Feldstein, Philadelphia

## ATTENTION

The folks in Down East Region (that's in Maine) are working on a tour/train ride to the '75 Parade in Seattle. Present plans call for tour to Montreal, board train with cars in enclosed box cars, arrive Vancouver and tour to Parade. Cost - \$400 each way. Interested parties can contact Alan Mooney, 167 Blanchard Rd., Cumberland Center, Maine 04021 for further details.

## RALLY SCHOOL

The Buckingham Sports Car Club Rally School is a series of three lessons designed for you to study and complete in the comfort of your home over the winter months. The three lessons will cover: 1) General Instructions - route following priorities, tricks and traps. 2) Route Instructions - formats and traps. 3) Basic navigation (staying on time), covering all classes, but with emphasis on Seat of the Pants.

We will mail you one lesson approximately every two weeks, starting in early February 1975. Each lesson will thoroughly cover one of the above topics, and will then present questions and answers for immediate feedback. And if a point still is not clear, help is a phone call away.

The "final exam" for the Rally School will be the 1975 B.S.C.C. SPRING FLING rally, to be held in April. This will be a Pennsylvania Rally Championship Association Novice Series event.

The cost is a paltry \$3.00 per person, and registration in the Rally School entitles you to \$1.00 per car off the cost of the SPRING FLING rally, too. Mail in your registration now! No registrations will be accepted after 31 January 1975. Make checks payable to "B.S.C.C." and mail to Al Brinkman Jr., 329 Shady Lane, Rockledge, Pa. 19111. His phone (after 7 PM, please) is 215-379-4493

## HILLCLIMBING \* Jess Holshouser

### Riesentoter Team A Takes 4th Place in '74

With only 5 of our 6 drivers able to run sufficient hills to count for points, Team A nevertheless finished 4th of the 17 competing clubs. Team A members: Dick Sweigart, Connie Sheldrake, Tom Beil, Ted Klaus, Jay Schneider and Jess Holshouser. Unfortunately, Ted Klaus was put out of action with a blown engine and missed two hills.

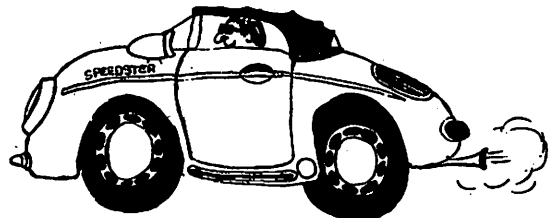
Team B finished 14th with only 3 of 6 drivers competing in enough hills to qualify. Members were: Wally Bogart, Dave Derecola, Al Derecola, Gerry Sigal, Charlie Beidler, and Dick Bach. I hope that these drivers and newcomers are able to put it together next year and do a lot better. Hillclimbing is a real challenge and a satisfying form of competition. Teams have not been set for next year - we would like 3 teams.

Individual finishes this year:

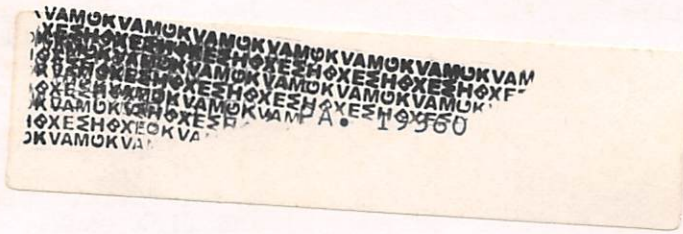
Jay Schneider, Fiat, 3rd Touring 1, trophy  
Charlie Beidler, Autodynamics, 7th FV  
Dick Sweigart, Speedster, 1st EP1, trophy  
Jess Holshouser, Speedster, 2nd EP1, trophy  
Connie Sheldrake, Speedster, 3rd EP1, trophy  
Wally Bogart, 911, 4th CP, trophy  
Dick Bach, 911, 5th CP  
Tom Beil, RSK, 1st Mod 2, trophy  
Dave Derecola, ElvaPorsche, 5th Mod 2  
Al Derecola, ElvaPorsche, 8th Mod 2  
Gerry Sigal, ElvaPorsche, 13th Mod 2  
Ted Klaus, Autodynamics, 4th Formula 1

In the Fastest-Time-of-Day Trophy, Tom Beil did very well finishing 4th behind 3 Corvettes and ahead of such machinery as E Jags, Crossle, Cobra, Brabham, etc. Trophies will be awarded at the Annual PHA Banquet on January 11.

One of the significant changes for next year affecting the EP Porsche, is that they will be running with all SCCA defined EP cars except for MGBs. In the past, one marque classes were created when a large number of cars competed. EP1 was set up for 356s. In recent years, entries of 356s have declined and now MGBs are in the majority and will compete in EP1. Porsches, Triumphs, Alfas and all other EPs will compete in EP2. The Speedsters will be running against very fast cars and it should be very interesting.



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### GOOD THINGS TO BUY

Bra for 911, \$30; car cover, \$35; two Dunlop 185SR15 radial snows, 6000 mi, \$35; pair Lucas SFT 576 fog lights, \$35. Alan Crocker, 215-691-1600, 691-5554 (evening)

Wanted - license plate light for 356A cpe (shines up); for sale - one copy Porsche - the Man and his Cars by Von Frankenburg, like new, \$5 or best offer. Stu Baird, 215-962-5186, 272-6891 (evening)

1964 C coupe, red/black; interior very good; mechanically excellent; Becker-Mexico, snows on rims, factory manual, and original tool kit; body, in general, needs work. Dick Merriman, at Kresge, estimates value at \$2000. Perry Gerhart, Box 523, RD 1, Breinigsville, Pa. -48031

Must sacrifice - 1959 356A coupe #107268, body in good shape with new paint; slight bubbling starting in front of doors; four new Michelin ZXs; mechanically tight, engine (Normal) still very strong. Harlan Glebe is asking \$1200, OR3-0340 after six

1972 911S parts: muffler near new cond; clutch & flywheel; 915 trans; axles; rear susp; air conditioning; oil tank and lines; steering assy; rear Konis; window frames; lights. 1967 912 calipers and rotors; instruments; heated window; new Abarth. Wanted - vented discs for 67 911S; 68 911L flywheel (for 67 911S); 22 mm front torsion bars and 26 mm rear bars. Bob Russo, 215-355-4610

Wanted - 914 front lower body panel (black) must be in good condition; 914 rear chrome bumper without holes for bumper guards, no dings. Lance Priddy, 215-688-9372, 647-7377 (evening)

1965 SC coupe, Togo brown/beige, overall condition excellent; no rust, no damage, repainted once same color, original carpets, etc; drive train in good condition, with 66 912 rebuilt; chrome wheels with new Semperit M301s. Might separate car/engine, Porsche car/component trade-in considered, \$4850. D.J. Frick, Knoxlyn Road RD3, Gettysburg, Pa 17325, phone after 6:30 & weekends, 717-334-7975

### RALLY RESULTS \* Ted Rudberg

On September 29, Giant Killer II Rally was run thru scenic Bucks, Montgomery and Chester counties by 18 hearty souls. As this was a do-it-yourself rally, quite a few people did it to themselves, right Herb? Vern and Louise who had finished 0-for-8 in previous rallies, surprised themselves with a fifth place.

Well, Numero Uno was the Batman and Robin team of Ray Ebert and Bob Patton, with Peter Briglia and Joan Miller a close 2nd. Interestingly enough, Stu Baird and Kathy Touchette placed fourth after a long conference on Lapp Road with a certain guy in a pale Blue VW, who with a certain digital gesture, made it perfectly clear what the Rallymaster could do with his rally.

Interesting sidelight was a team of ladies who, never having rallied before, showed up in a 24-hour-old 911, only to come back later in a muddy 911 - and she wasn't even a PCAer.

Meanwhile, back at the Open Hearth, the Vantastic Rallymaster and the veterans of Giantkiller II assembled for liquid rewards and pewter awards. You might even consider the rally a successful event, since it turned a profit of almost \$4.