

riesentöter region, porsche club of america

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1978



President's Message

Now that spring weather has finally arrived in our area, I am beginning to get ready for my favorite Porsche activity: sprinting. During the winter the Porsche had new shocks installed at a tech session; I'm now putting on new tires and installing mechanical chain tensioners. All systems are being checked out. Hopefully, I will get it all together in time for our Sprint School April 30.

If you have ever thought you may have an interest in sprinting, the Riesentöter Sprint School is the place to learn what it's all about.

First we will tech-inspect your Porsche (but it's a good idea to check the tires, braking system, steering, suspension, engine compartment, and other areas before you go). Then we will show you the basic techniques of sprinting. Afterward you will have plenty of track time to develop your skills.

Christmas Village is an excellent place to start your sprinting interest. Come to the Sprint School and do it on the blacktop.

Bob

Meeting Notice

"WHAT'S MY LINE??"

8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 26, 1978

The Midshipman Restaurant
Route 30 at Old Eagle School Road
Strafford, Pennsylvania

Many Riesentöter members are hooked on sprinting (autocrossing, to some), which is probably the least expensive, least risky, and most accessible legal means by which one may drive his or her Porsche (or even his/r Galaxy 500) to its handling limits.

To commemorate the advent of spring and sprint season, we hope to entice our newer members (and those with tenure but as yet

dormant) to convert latent interest into active competitive spirit. Toward that end we have commandeered a

MEL FELDMAN SLIDE EXTRAVAGANZA

Mel, of course, was last season's Competition Chairman. His sorties at Christmas Village included critical analysis of the proper "line" for that sprint course: our program will include a presentation of Mel's slides, and a thorough discussion of how to tackle the Christmas Village track (where we will be having the Sprint School and a number of sprints this season).

Join us at the meeting: our aim is for you to get the drift, get the inclination, and get on out to the blacktop.

BENEFICIAL OUTGROWTH

Remember how you borrowed someone else's safety helmet the first (and several subsequent) time(s) you ran a sprint course? Have you upgraded to a better model recently, or maybe acquired a longer hair style? Got an oldiebut-goodie?

Donate your outgrown or superceded safety helmet to the Club for its use at official RTR sprints—help us make it easier for our beginners to get a loaner, and thereby encourage their participation.

Competition

With the winter's snow and bitter cold behind us (with great relief) we are looking forward to having fun with our Porsches again. For some of us it means sprint season will soon begin.

This year will see the rebirth of an Inter-Regional Series with Northern New Jersey and Schattenbaum. Unfortunately Jersey Shore will not be included because neither I nor the other regions have been able to get in touch with their officer to arrange their participation. Undaunted, we feel we will have a rather interesting series with very intense competition. Northern New Jersey's ability in competition is well known, and I have been informed that Schattenbaum has developed some smooth drivers.

With this tough competition facing us, we will have to tune up both our cars and ourselves. I have set up April 30 for a Riesentoter Sprint School, to be held at Christmas Village, and I am sure many of our experienced drivers will attend to help the novices and infrequent drivers get the most from their cars.

You will be amazed at what your car can do if you handle it properly. We all face emergency situations from time to time, sometimes with unhappy endings that could have been avoided by taking advantage of your car's capabilities. This Sprint School will show you what those capabilities are while you are having fun pushing your Porsche the way it was intended to be.

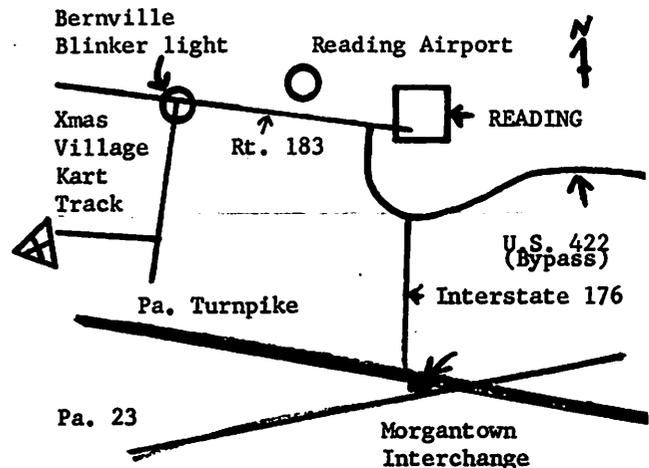
There will be a Ladies' Calss in the Inter-Regional, so girls, please come out. I know we have some very good drivers among you, but only a few of you gals show up for the sprints. Don't let the men have all the fun: share in the thrill of driving your Porsche.

The dates for the Inter-Regional are June 11, July 30 and August 27. Not all sites have yet been confirmed, and

we have not yet settled which Region will host on the individual dates, but we should have this information in time for publication in the next issue of Der Gasser. In addition, keep May 21 and August 6 open so that you can come out and show your stuff when we sponsor DVSA sprints on these dates.

Hope to see you all on April 30, and often thereafter on the sprint tracks.

PAUL H. WALSACK



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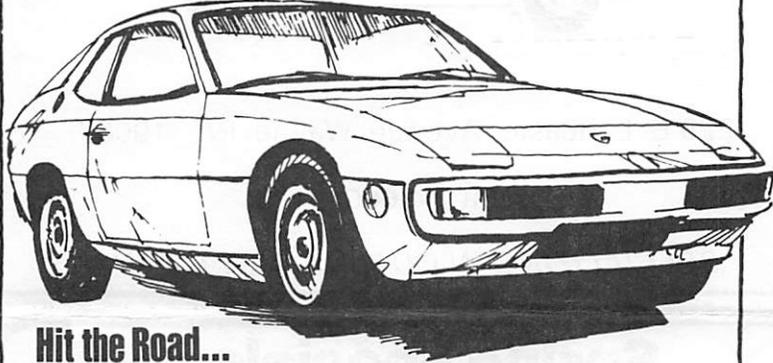
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| Apr 23/24 | SCCA event & Swap Meet at Pocono Raceway |
| Apr 26 | Meeting at Midshipman |
| Apr 29 | Tech Session at Holbert's |
| Apr 30 | PCA Sprint School-XMas V. |
| Apr 30 | DVSA/VFMC-GE @ King of Pr |
| May 5 | Exec. Committee |
| May 7 | *DVSA/OYRSCC-Willow Grove Bowling Lanes, Rte 63 |
| May 12 | <u>Der Gasser</u> Deadline |
| May 14 | Rain Date for /OYRSCC |
| May 20/21 | PHA Driver's School and SCCA Solo I @ Watkins Gln |
| May 21 | *DVSA/PHA-Bucks Co Coll. |
| May 31 | Meeting at Midshipman |
| Jun 2 | Exec. Committee |
| Jun 3/4 | PHA Duryea Hillclimb |
| Jun 4 | PCA Brunch-Three Mariners |
| Jun 4 | Potomac Region Swap Meet |
| | Chuck Allard 301/951-0212 |
| Jun 9 | <u>Der Gasser</u> Deadline |
| Jun 11 | PHA Inter-Regional Sprint |

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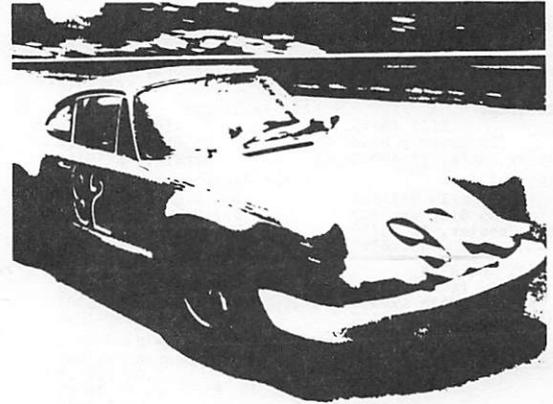
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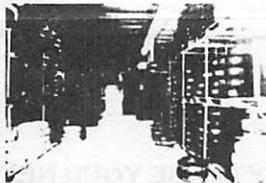
We will soon publish a Riesentöter Region Membership Roster, including name and city of residence only. If you do **NOT** want to be listed, contact Dennis Mahoney, P.O. Box 51, Furlong, PA 18925, 598-7619.

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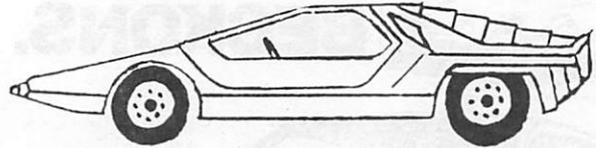
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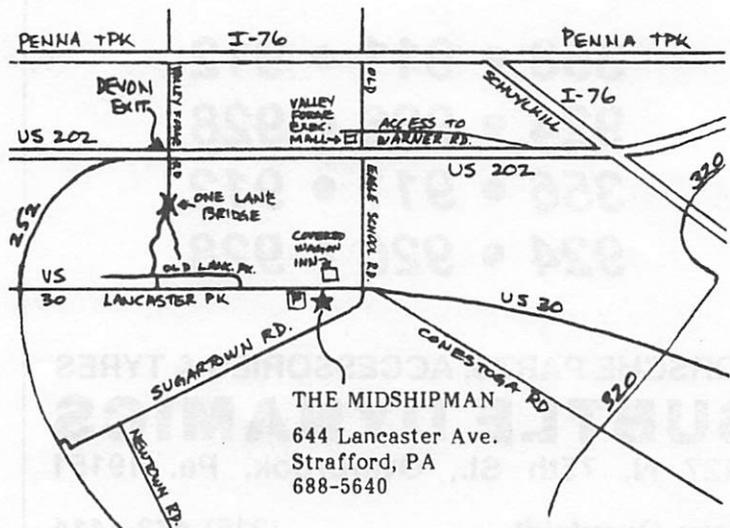
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January 1, 1978 to March 31, 1978

Beginning Balance as of
January 1, 1978: \$639.48*

<u>Income</u>	
Interest on Savings Account	\$ 10.54
Ads in <u>Der Gasser</u>	194.00
50/50	8.25
Non Porsche Drivers	8.25
Tech Session	8.00
Reimbursement from National	357.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$586.04

<u>Disbursements</u>	
Riesentoter Award engraving	\$ 13.80
P.H.A. Membership dues	25.00
President's Trophy	25.02
February Meeting's Prizes	6.91
<u>Der Gasser</u> printing	238.93
<u>Der Gasser</u> mailing	74.87
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$384.53

NET GAIN \$201.51

Ending Balance as of
March 31, 1978: \$840.99*

*These balances include \$300.00 which has been set aside to be used for the possible purchase of a timer, and \$50 in petty cash.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD APPLESTEIN

Special Notice

WHAT'S HOT???

928's, jogging, backpacking, and BRUNCH! Mark it on your calendar that we're having brunch on Sunday, June 4, at the Three Mariners restaurant in Head House Square. We'll meet at the restaurant about noon, enjoy some tasty morsels, and then the day is yours.

"New Market" is a stone's throw from the restaurant, providing a variety of shops featuring handcrafted items, antiques, wicker, dollhouses, and more. For the history buffs in the crowd, a walk through Society Hill will offer historical homes, churches, and museums. If you care to venture a few more blocks, there's Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. When's the last time you've seen them? Me too! Non-walkers can hail a horse-drawn carriage and enjoy the sights just as well.

Penn's Landing provides intriguing ships, puppet shows, and benches in case you'd just like

to sit and watch the world go by.

All in all, the area should provide something somewhere to pique your interest. So revv up your engine, slip on your Addidas's, pack up your backpack, and join us for brunch—while it's hot!!!

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TECH SESSION

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. to ...?

Holbert's Porsche+Audi
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Spring has finally arrived, so let's bring our cars out and celebrate by giving them a check-up on whatever.

No matter what model Porsche you drive, I am sure we will have someone there to help answer your questions. Even if you don't work on your car it doesn't hurt to be informed. The very least you should do is get that dirty oil and oil filter replaced with new stuff.

The parts department will be open to serve you, but please bring your own tools, as the Holbert's mechanics should not be asked to loan their personal equipment to any of us (most Club members, however, will bail you out in time of need as long as you're not a chronic offender).

TECH TIP: When pricing or buying new tires it is important to ask about and get confirmation of the price used when an adjustment of a tire is made in case you need it. Many outfits use an inflated list price and adjustment charge when making good on a defective tire. This I researched. N.T.W will adjust at their stated catalog selling prices.

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JOE BICKEL

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As pylons and flaggers—

The oversteer gave him a blister.

Another (he concurs had reckoned:

Drove naught 'til the weather man beckoned)

Was so taken by spring

That he mangled his thing

By downshifting, fifth gear to second.

