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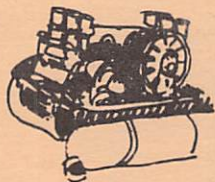
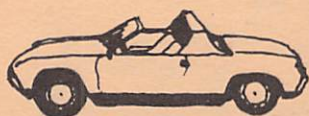
Porsche Club of America: RIESENTÖTER



**BOB AKIN!** : Jan. 21st, BBBricks  
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WHERE HAVE ALL THE DRIVERS GONE? by JESS HOLSHOUSER

Let's see -- At one time these Riesenototers were in it: Dick Bach, Charlie Beidler, Wally Bogart, Al Derecola, Dave Derecola, David Duerr, Jeff Foster, George Frey, Dick Gaspen, Jim Haas, Charlie Hurst, Charlie Keller, Ted Klaus, Dick Merriman, Dick Miles, Jan & Fred Remmick, Carl Rinker, Bill Rolland, Sandy Sadtler, Jan Schneider, Dick Schuck, Gerry Sigal, Paul Sweigart, & Dick Weiss. (It's inevitable that when you make a list such as this, someone gets left out. If so, I'm sorry.) Still competing are Tom Beil, Jess Holshouser, Connie & Dick Sweigart, & Carl Ulrich.

Part of the answer to my question is that some of us dropped out when the number of hills started to decline which in turn resulted in fewer drivers, then fewer hills, and so on. Some of us went roadracing, others took up airplanes, boats, house building, or our work interferred (a hellova reason!) Then there's the expense of it all and some just "retired." Not to be overlooked are the hassles of car prep, logistics, and getting there. And then there's the pure & simple reason - losing interest. I can't argue with that last one for it takes dedication, as all forms of competition do.

Riesenototer and the PHA need you! PHA needs you to permit it to stay alive! And wouldn't it be nice to slip into that harness again? Recall how it was as you tooled into the first left-hander at Duryea --- that difficult switchback that somehow you never got quite right --- as you brake precisely & get on it at just the right moment and your tail drifts out slightly one way then the other. NO 55, NO SMOKIES! Just you and the car in an all out individual performance.

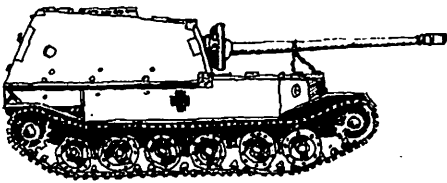
Take a look at your situation. Run through Pano, Autoweek, SCCA Sportscar, or SCCA Spokesman for SCCA-prepared competition cars for sale. You can get one for 3-6 thousand. We're not talking about competition Porsches but there are a lot of goodies out there.

As your rep to the PHA Competition Board I attended the PHA Pre-Annual Meeting on December 14th to consider rules changes and the 1981 calendar. Final decisions will be made in early February and late May is the start of the season.

WE HAVE UNTIL THE FIRST EVENT TO SUBMIT A LIST OF OUR TEAM MEMBERS TO RUN FOR THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP! Give me a call at 766-8201 or drop me a note at the address in this issue.

Keep it between the trees ...





## DVSA Notes

The final points standings for the 1980 DVSA championship are listed below. As expected, PCA drivers won more than their fair share of awards during this 17 event series.

Competition was especially fierce in certain classes with the DON RHEINHARD-AXEL SHIELD battle in A-Stock being the most noteworthy. Special mention should also be made of VERN LYLE who thoroughly trounced all of the B-Prepared competition after a late start with his new 911 2-liter. Unfortunately, MELODY LYLE could not overcome the enormous lead built up by KATHY MADARA during the early season and had to settle for second in Ladies. Finishing 3rd in Ladies was TINA TUCILLO, whose fine efforts in sprinting won her the DVSA Novice Driver of the Year award.

We have yet to agree on the scope and structure of DVSA for 1981. The most heated issue is whether SCCA Solo II rules should be adopted by DVSA. (A similar situation exists between Shattenbarm and Jersey Council.) It is clear that such a move is not in the best interests of PCA. This is especially true of the '81 version which lumps all Porsches into only 2 classes - stock & race-prepared. And, some of the newer models such as SC's and Turbo's are not considered stock even as delivered and must compete with fully race-prepared cars.

Although certainly not perfect, DVSA rules have evolved into a workable set of regulations which fits our local needs. This is especially true for drivers who have made minor modifications to their street machines. WE INSIST THAT IF DVSA WANTS TO KEEP PCA AS A MEMBER, THEN SOME PROVISION MUST BE MADE FOR THIS TYPE OF CAR. Specifically, we have proposed that the current 5 DVSA "prepared" classes be renamed "Improved" and incorporated as is into the SCCA framework. Other details such as Ladies Class and Bumping Order also need to be worked out.

Because of the importance of these matters, all sprinters should express their views to either GARY GROVE (544-4674) or TED SECHOWITZ (342-0294).

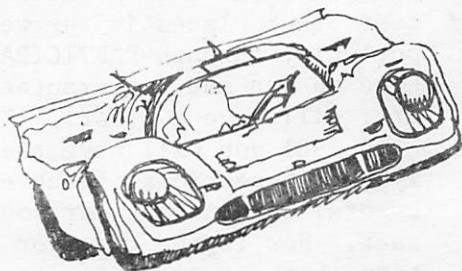
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# BOB!

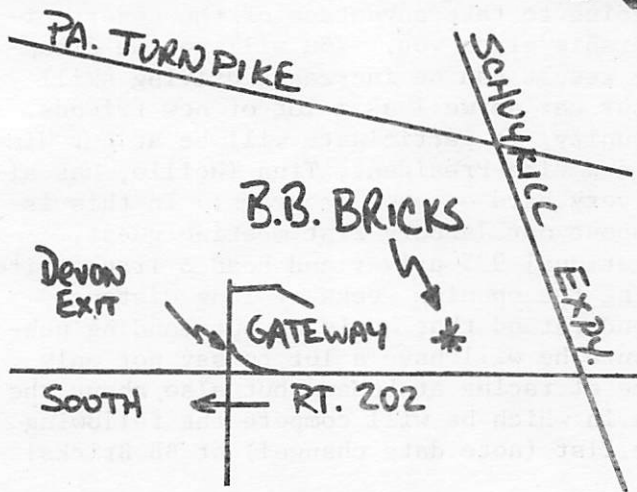
BOB AKIN will be with us on January 21st at BB Bricks at 8:00 P.M. His appearing is a major coup for our new VP, TINA TUCILLO, since Bob is scheduled to drive the following week in the 24 Hours of Daytona. The following biography was printed in Road & Track in October '80. to accompany his article, "1980 24 Heures du Le Mans." Bob drove a Porsche 935 K 3 at that race.



- 1959 - begin racing in a Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce.
- 1961-'73 - out of racing.
- 1973-'75 - Raced a Lotus 11
- 1974-'77 - Restored/raced a Cooper Monaco (vintage)
- 1977-present-purchased a Porsche RSR, raced at Sebring, Daytona, Talladega, & LeMans.



SEE YOU AT 8:00 P.M. SHARP!



Jan.  
21st !!

# President's Message

Dear Riesentoter Porsche Pushers: Here goes my initial message as President of our Region. First, I thank all of the outgoing members of the Executive Committee for 1980. I know that I never had, nor ever expected to have, as much fun and variety of experience with an automobile as I had over the last season. Those of you who participated regularly know what I mean. I hope that the Club will have the continued benefit of the experience & enthusiasm of all you past Execs out there over the coming year.

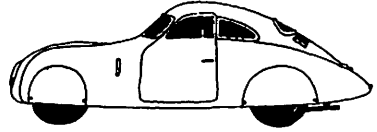
What about 1981, which as you read this, is already upon us? Although just as with the rest of the U.S.A., inflation has dealt a great whackin the chin to Riesentoter, the new Executive Committee is moving gerade aus into the breach. A full schedule of events is already taking shape. Every effort will be made to announce a final schedule at the earliest possible date so that our members will have sufficient time to plan their PARTICIPATION in the coming year.

PARTICIPATION is the name of the game. Riesentoter members are fortunate enough to own the best all around sports/GT vehicle on the planet. PARTICIPATION in Club events gives us each the unique opportunity to use (or attempt to use) our Porsches up to their design potential. This is something you can't do legally anywhere else in this country or most other places in the world. If you don't take this opportunity through PARTICIPATION, believe me you are the loser. Come on out and I guarantee that you, your spouse, friend, etc. will have a blast.

In 1981 you will have the opportunity (at meetings, rallies, tech sessions, track events, the Parade, and other events) to find out for yourself whether or not I am correct. Now is the time for you to make a New Year's resolution that you are going to take advantage of the opportunities that PCA membership gives you. You will not be disappointed as the only result can be increased driving skill and knowledge of your car as well as a lot of new friends.

Your first opportunity to participate will be at our Winter meetings. Our new Vice-President, Tina Tucillo, has already been working very hard on good programs. In this issue you will read about our January 21st meeting guest, Bob Akin, an international 935 driver and Road & Track writer, to speak to us during the opening weeks of long distance racing season. I understand that he is an outstanding public speaker; I am sure he will have a lot to say not only about the experience of racing at LeMans but also about the 24 Hours of Daytona in which he will compete the following week. See you the 21st (note date change!) at BB Bricks!

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# Banquet Notes

SIXTY-SEVEN CAME AND SAVORED THE FOOD, MEMORIES OF A GOOD YEAR IN RIESENTOTER, THE DOOR PRIZES, THEIR DATES, AND THE ANTICIPATION OF BETTER THINGS TO COME.

THE FOOD ... STUFFED FLOUNDER OR PRIME RIB DONE TO THE HIGH STANDARDS OF THE WILIAM PENN INN.

DOOR PRIZES...BILL SMITH, PAST PRESIDENT, WON THE PORSCHE SUNGLASSES; THERE WERE ENOUGH OTHER GOODIES TO GUARANTEE EVERY ENTRANT A PRIZE OF SOME SORT.

ENTERTAINMENT...LIVE PIANO AND A LIVE BARTENDER...EMCEED BY DON APPLESTEIN, DOOR PRIZES DRAWN WITH COMMENTS BY BOB RUSSO.

TROPHIES...THE TATTERED HELMET (FOR MAKING THE BIGGEST FOOL OF YOURSELF FOR THE MOST MONEY) TO BOB KOERBEL...THE BROKEN CRANKSHAFT (FOR THE MOST INVOLVED) TO TINA TUCILLO...THE RIESENTOTER AWARD (FOR THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLUB) TO DON & LINDA APPLESTEIN... THE PHOTO CONTEST WAS WON BY MELODY LYLE (ON THIS MONTH'S COVER) AND TINA TUCILLO.

DATES...REISENTOTER WOMEN ARE A LOT SLEEKER, BRIGHTER, AND BETTER GROOMED THAN THE USUAL RIESENTOTER CAR. (CERTAINLY, THEY'RE MORE RUST FREE!)

NEXT YEAR ... AXEL URGED PARTICIPATION, TEAMWORK, AND PERSONAL GROWTH FOR US ALL...

SEE YOU LATER.





# DVSA FINAL POINTS STANDINGS

## Ladies

*Madara, K	69	14
Lyle, M	49	9
Tucillo, T	38	6
McComb, H	27	3
Goettelmann, H.	27	3
Grove, M	17	5

## Super Mod

*Michaux, G.	66	8
Klaus, T.	48	6
Signore, M	32	6
Hill, Don	32	5
Hill, Den	22	5
White, B	13	4
Grove, G	12	4

## A-Mod

*Allen, B	78	10
*Rossman, D	50	12
Kuhn, G	49	9
Hamilton, J	48	10
Russo, B	44	7

## B-Mod

Sechowitz, T	9	1
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## C-Mod

*Butcher, W	57	8
*Gunther, W.	53	7
Kuryloski, B	42	5

## A Prep

Ahrens, R	18	2
Fink, J	18	2

## B-Prep

*Lyle, V	78	9
*Larsen, C	59	14
*Thesing, B	58	16
Hagerty, B	42	6
Herman, L	28	5

## C-Prep

*Dunning, A	76	8
Kintzi, H	24	3
Signore, M	22	5

## D-Prep

*Rauch, M	57	8
*Sauerman, R	55	8
Kuerlmann, B	18	2

## A Stock

*Reinhard, D	69	11
*Shield, A	68	10
Rosenberg, G	28	5
Lori, A	21	5
Haedo, J	15	2

## B-Stock

*Wood, B	72	10
*Ott, C	51	6
Smith, W	31	7
Goldfarb, J	27	4

## C Stock

*Frick, C	78	13
*Smith, M	56	9
Sutor, P	41	9
Carrington, B	31	4
Goettelmann, L	17	4
Snyder, S	15	5

## D Stock

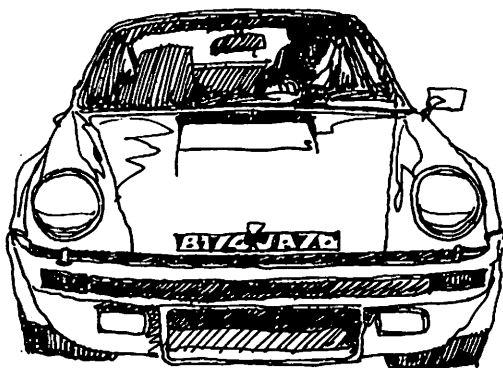
*Trimble, R	75	9
McCook, T	35	8
Close, S	30	4
Tornetta, J	19	4
Fluck, D	18	3

## E Stock

*Abbott, B	81	12
*Chatley, J	57	9
Ahrens, R	21	3

## F-Stock

Pheatt, D	27	3
Laemmee, G	18	2
McNeil, B	13	2



# Membership

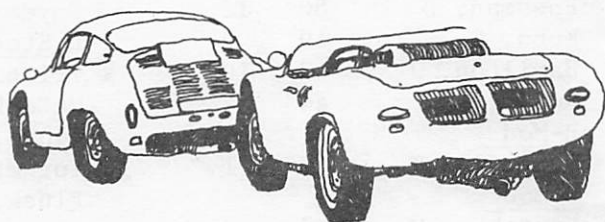
Current membership for Riesentoter Region is now 240... I'd like to welcome the following new members to our Region.

RICK SEIGER	Sinking Springs	'75	911
RON LEGO	Springfield	'77	911
JAMES HOEY	Drexel Hill		
KENNETH MILLER	Felcroft	'66	912
LEO McGUIRE	Shenandoah	'73	914

According to our records our Region includes 94 911's, 20 914's, 19 356's, 15 924's, 8 912's, 5 930's, and 3 928's. As you can see, the 911 models still dominate the membership totals but time may change that as only the rustfree survive and I bet a lot of these 911's aren't very rustfree!

SKIP COREY  
Membership Chair

Ed. Note: Author's are responsible for their speculations.

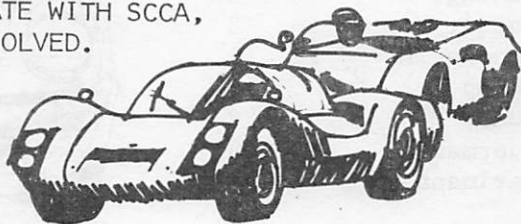


## Calendar

JAN 11	EXEC COMMITTEE @ GALBRAITH'S
JAN 21	GENERAL MEETING @ BB BRICKS DER GASSER DEADLINE
EARLY FEB	EXEC COMMITTEE MEETING
FEB 25	GENERAL MEETING @ BB BRICKS DER GASSER DEADLINE
MARCH	NEWCOMERS' MEETING
APRIL 5	DRIVERS SCHOOL @ BAZAAR

NOTE; KOERBEL'S ARE WORKING ON A WEEK-END EVENT, MORE INFORMATION LATER!!!!!!

ALSO NOTE; COMP<sup>e</sup>ITION SCHEDULE IS "ON HOLD" UNTIL RULES DEBATE WITH SCCA, DVSA, & PCA CAN BE RESOLVED.



# Help!



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