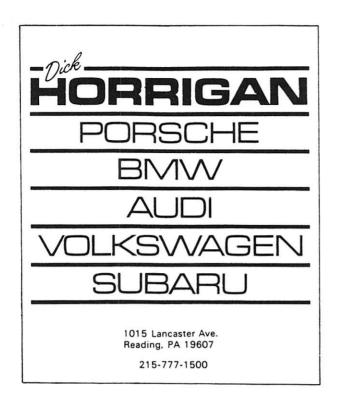
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Riesentoter Region PCA

May 89







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President's Message Bob Russo

"Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder when the next RTR event is." (Translated from an old Hun poem by Attilla). If you have found yourself wondering about this, look at our schedule, printed elsewhere in DER GASSER, and start marking your calendar. The events are coming at us hot and heavy.

Set aside May 27 from 4-8 pm for our Spring Social - this is one you definitely don't want to miss. I've been to Bruce and Catherine's home (read, estate) and this is going to be a fantastic event. The grounds are breathtaking, the house is exquisite, and they are super people. Don't forget to CALL ME and tell me you are attending.

While on the subject of Porsche socializing I want to mention some of the various "multi-regional" events that you might want to consider attending. A multi-region event is not what you track-types think - it is not a track event with people from other regions! National defines it as a multi-day event consisting of three distinct competitive events, open to people of all regions. The events are usually a Concours, Rallye and an Autocross/timed event. The great thing about these events are the people that you meet. We have established some great long-time friendships over the years. most popular multi-region event for Riesentoters is probably the "Chesapeake Challenge". three-day event is usually held in late summer in the Washington area. It is close enough to be a comfortable ride for several cars to form a caravan, which makes getting there half the fun. The easy, friendly atmosphere fosters a laid back form of competition.

Of course, if you don't go out and gorge yourself on spicy Maryland crabs, you simply have not lived! The organizers usually have a well run concours that challenges the cleanest of the competitors. Rallyes of various types have been tried through the years - some have worked, others haven't, but they've all been fun! Sunday's autocross brings the competitors out of the woodwork with many drivers showing only for this Riesentoters have always done well at the Challenge - the Lyle's, Rosenberg's and Russo's have taken home Overall Awards and the Ahrens, Holland's, Flegler's, Koerbel's, Lyle's, Shelanski's, Sweigart's, Smith's, Walter's, Keller's, et al have made off with tons of gold!

This year, "Porsche in Flight" at Crewe, Virginia is being revived! With the same basic format as the Challenge, this event has seen its share of Riesentoters. One of the highlights of the event is the "autocross". Held on the runway of the local airport, it consists of a flat-out blast down the runway with a kink or two, a 180 and back again - many of us have seen 5th gear there! Now that's an autocross! The other highlight is the banquet on Saturday night which features Southern fried chicken and other home cooked goodies by one Lucille Phillips. You have never tasted biscuits until you've had Lucille's!

The other event you may want to think about is "Rennfest". Held by the Peachstate region in Atlanta, this is an event of true Southern Hospitality. Good times with easy living people all interested in Porsches. Mention Vern and Melody Lyle's name at Rennfest and you'll definitely have made friends.

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The ultimate multi-regional event, of course, is the Porsche Parade. This week long gathering has got to be seen to be believed. imagine over 500 Porsches of every model and description gathered at one place; each one trying to outshine the other in some area. (Some try to outshine for the worst condition possible, not just a Porsche!) What a place to make friends! One thousand people with one common interest. Banquets, tours, tennis, lounging, driving, sightseeing, golfing, ballooning vacation Porsches. What more could you ask?

If you want to try one of these events or any other, look in PANORAMA and send for the info. I don't think you'll regret it.

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(Yes, Gladys, we're having fun, yet.)

Up-Comin

MAY

20 - RTR at Malibu, see page 16

20 - SCCA AX, York

21 - SCCA AX, Nazareth

27 - RTR Spring Social, see page 10

27 - SCCA Test and Tune, Harrisburg

28 - SCCA AX, Harrisburg

31 - NO MONTHLY MEETING

JUNE

3 - Porsche/Corvette Challenge XI

4 - SCCA AX, Plymouth Meeting

4 - Chesapeake/Central Penn PCA Mini-Weissach AX at Harrisburg

10-11 - Pro Solo AX, Pittsburg

11 - RTR Car Wash at Carson Pettit,
 see page 11

11 - SCCA AX, Plymouth Meeting

18 - RTR Ralley, see page 4

18 - SCCA AX, Harrisburg

24-25 - Pro Solo AX, Harrisburg

25 - RTR Car Wash Rain Date

25 - BMC AX, Gloucester County

28 - RTR General Meeting

JULY

8 - RTR Tech Session, YBH Porsche

8 - RTR Spirit of Phila Cruise

9 - Riesentoter Autocross

9 - SCCA AX, Harrisburg

15 - SCCA Test/Tune Day, Harrisburg

16 - SCCA AX, Nazareth

16 - SCCA AX, Harrisburg

22-23 - RTR Drivers School, Watkins Glen* - see page 14

26 - RTR General Meeting

29 - RTR at Atco Dragstrip

29-30 - Pro Solo AX, Cincinnati

30 - Riesentoter Autocross

AUGUST

5-6 - RTR Drivers School, Summit Point - Call Jim Confer

6 - SCCA Div Champ, Harrisburg

20 - RTR Picnic, Camp Hideaway

20 - SCCA AX, Ply Mtg

26-27 - Duryea Hillclimb

27 - SCCA AX, Harrisburg

27 - BMC AX, Gloucester County

30 - RTR General meeting

Club Contacts

AUTOCROSS EVENTS

Local SCCA, eight of ten events at Plymouth Meeting Mall (behind Ikea) and two at Pennsylvania Int'l Raceway - Kim Fleischer, 935-1993

SCCA Harrisburg, Farm Show Complex, Lynn DeHart, 717-859-2957

SCCA Hershey Park, at the Visitor's Center of the Chocolate Factory, Dave Walter, 717-432-4018

Brandywine Motor Club, Gloucester Co. Comm. College, South Jersey, Harry Smith, 302-836-3304

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^{*} Complete Driver's Education Event Schedule on page 12

Exec Committee Minutes

By Vicki O'Connell

The April Exec meeting was held on the 14th at Jim Confer's. In attendance were: Al Anderson, Rex Carle, Jim Confer, Lisa Lutz Confer, Bill Cooper, Debbie Cooper, Jim Hartman, Betsi Leidy, Vern Lyle, Paul Margaritis, Sybil Margaritis, Bill O'Connell, Vicki O'Connell, Bob Patton, Art Rothe and Bob Russo.

Items discussed:

- Treasury balance \$4,465.34; first quarter statement completed.
- June meeting, Chet Vincentz of Electrodyne as guest speaker.
- July meeting at NTW.
- August meeting still open.
- Spring Social at Bruce Ferretti and Catherine Caldwell's home on Saturday May 27 from 4 to 8 pm, cost will be \$7.50 per person.
- Atco Dragway on July 29, \$15 per car, \$200 deposit due.
- Mid-Ohio has 65 entrants so far.
- Old autocross timer repaired; all trophies this year will be plaques; dash plaques for school.
- Membership, dealer boards can be purchased for \$125, but we will check with dealers to see if boards would be displayed prominently and continually maintained; current members 755.
- Very large turnout for April 8 Tech Session at Holbert's.
- President's Meeting at Summit Point emphasized importance of newsletters; Valvoline and Michelin interested in sponsoring local events.
- Goodie Store is selling about \$400 each meeting; will look into selling various car parts such as brakes, etc.
- June 18 Ralley to start at the Sheraton in Fort Washington.
- Raffle tickets available; try to advertise in local papers and KYW.

- DER GASSER possibly starting a commercial classified ad section at \$5 per line.
- Discussion of head table, maybe doing away with it; will decide at next Exec meeting.
- Al Holbert Memorial autocross on May 7 at Plymouth Meeting Mall sponsored by SCCA.
- Revised first 8 pages of By Laws to agree with National, remainder to be discussed at next Exec.
- Club directory to be discussed at Next Exec.

944 Charity Raffle

Good news, you have a chance to help little kids and play a game of chance with much better odds than the PA lotto. First the little kids. The proceeds of the raffle go to St. Christopher's Hospital, which specializes in kids and often gives them a chance at a normal life that they might not otherwise have. Not such a bad place to divert funds, right? Now for the lotto part. The odds of winning the recent jackpot were 9.5 million to one. For \$50, you can buy a chance on an 89 944 and your odds are 1 in 944, 10,000 times better than the lottery! Even if you don't win the car, some little kid will definitely benefit.

If all this didn't convince you, take trip through the hospital like we did. That is very convincing. If you have any questions, give Vicki or me a call, or better yet, send your check made out to RTR to: Bill O'Connell, 2801 Stoneham Drive, West Chester, PA 19382 and we will send you a ticket by return mail. Oh yes, we did enter the PA lotto, but I did it while there were no lines. And yes, I also entered our raffle, also while the lines were short.

Treasury Notes

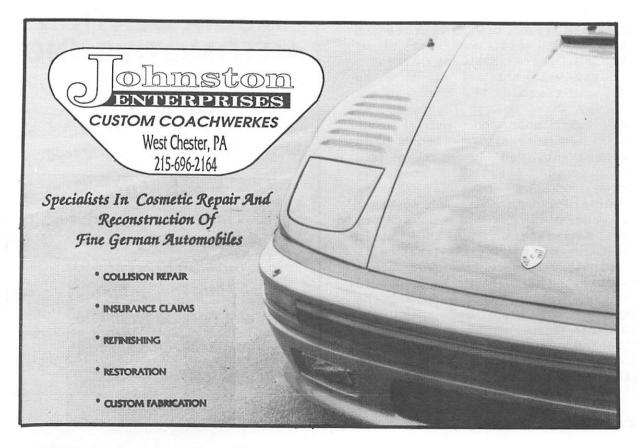
Al Anderson

1st Quarter 1989:	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	Net
'88 Year End Balance	\$4,615.91		
DER GASSER PCA Subsidies	4,067.50 1,509.00	3,267.97	799.53 1,509.00
Meetings	100.50 a	558.14 b	(457.50)
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Goodie Store	733.50	570.09	163.41
Track Events		4,354.30 e	(4,354.30)
Membership	99.00	166.33	(67.33)
Miscellaneous	-	36.00	(36.00)
	\$ 11,252.33	\$ 9,604.69	

1st Quarter Balance \$1,647.64

Notes:

- a) 50/50 and non-Porsche-driving member mug
- b) Room rent and guest dinner
- c) 1988 YBH reimbursement
- d) Deposits on Camp Hideaway and Christmas Banquet
- e) Deposits on Summit Point, Pocono and Mid-Ohio



Rap at Idle

The Editor

Seems like <u>Porsche's Indy car</u> is off to a pretty good start with a 6th at Phoenix, but a DNF at Long Beach. I'm sure they will do better. It was a bit offputting, though, to see <u>Porsche</u> misspelled on their first press release. C'mon guys!

Heard some rumbling that DER GASSER may be a little tilted toward the autocrossers in the club and that's a fair (and correct) observation. It's not only because I think that the autocross course is the best and safest place to learn how to control your car. In autocrossing, everything happens so fast, you are forced to be smooth. Then you can go and play at the race tracks safely. Ask any of the respected drivers in the club and I don't think you'll get much disagreement.

But the main reason you see so much AX info is that is what's happening right now. This season is 6 events old, and some of us are out there battling already. (If you wait til our first AX to run, don't wonder why the regulars are way ahead of you.) Anyway, as the year goes on and someone writes an interesting report of a track event, you'll see that, and social, as well. You know, we don't have a team of roving reporters who make all the events. If your niche is not covered to your satisfaction, let us know in the form of an article that will be interesting to the 755 other members. DER GASSER is supposed to keep you up to date on all the news of the club, and keep your interest level up by reporting on what other Porsche people are doing. We'll report what we see and hear, but we need your help. You let us know what's going on.

We have developed a new commercial classified advertising section in DER GASSER. For businesses that want to advertise special sales, cars, parts, etc, the cost is \$5 per line. Deadline is the date of the monthly meeting, for publication in the following month's issue. This is a real good deal when you think of the market segment you are reaching. Tell your friends, too.

Just another reminder - there will be NO GENERAL MEETING IN MAY. The Spring Social on Memorial Day weekend takes the place of the meeting, so you should come join us there instead. Just don't want you hanging around the Hilton on May 31 wondering, "where did everybody go?"



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James Giranda Pottstown	84 944
Jay Goldsleger Lafayette Hill	86 911 Carrera
Steven Harrington Willow Grove	77 924
Robert Koons, Jr. Gwynedd	77 911S
Jerry Murphy Philadelphia	84 911 Carrera
Darwin Ottolini Boyertown	78 911SC
Jonathon Raines Gladwyne	88 944 Turbo
Norval Reece Yardley	80 911SC
Lloyd Thatcher King of Prussia	77 924
Bob Toff Phoenixville	82 924 Turbo
Douglas Albertson Rocky Mountain)	(Transfer from



Avondale



Member Profile James P. Hartman

In April, the Club had 752 members, spread around more of the country side than one would think - 715 in Pennsylvania, 22 in New Jersey, 7 in Delaware and 8 in other states. The most distant state is Illinois!

Concentrations of more than five members by community:

Allentown	20	Media	8
Ambler	10	Narberth	7
Ardmore	7	Newtown	14
Berwyn	7	Newtown Sq.	10
Bethlehem	13	Norristown	12
Blue Bell	10	Penn Valley	8
Bryn Mawr	12	Perkasie	7
Devon	8	Phila	71
Downingtown	8	Reading	12
Doylestown	16	Villanova	10
Ft Washington	13	Warrington	7
Haverford	6	Wayne	11
Havertown	11	W. Chester	38
Malvern	13		



Goodie Store

Sybil Margaritis

At the June meeting, we will be introducing the new track bag, and we should have more Porsche titles in stock for your library. We will be carrying the full line of P21S cleaning products. And PERCENT DISCOUNT on all clothing at the June meeting!



Call Bob Russo at 674-4756 no later than May 20 for your reservations. The cost will be \$7.50 per person.

Our hosts, Bruce Ferretti and Catherine Caldwell, have graciously offered the use of Belle Terre as the site of our Spring Social. Located just north of Quakertown, Belle Terre is a beautiful 25-acre estate overlooking the Saucon Valley Golf Course.

With some wonderful hors d'oeuvres, we will be sampling various wines, and you are sure to find a favorite among them. Join us for a really special event.

Directions: Northeast Extension of PA Turnpike to Exit 32, go east on Rt 663 toward Quakertown. North on Rt 309, through Coopersburg, and bear right on Rt 378 North in Center Valley. Go about 3 miles on Rt 378, turn right onto Saucon Valley Road (look for Bingen 3' sign at intersection). Belle Terre is 1 mile on right, sign and mailbox at entrance. If you come to a 'T', you went too far.

AX School a Success

By Art Rothe

The AX School was well attended by over 40 drivers. The students ran the course before the class later gauge their improvement, but not many stayed on course. who did later improved their times Bob?). Some never quite (Lisa? Gloria put it together. Doris, you need to concentrate.

Many people gained at least understanding of how their car thanks the handles. Many instructors, tech people and helpers who made the day easier on Rex and myself. With enthusiasm like this, Autocross 89 promises to be a good year.

<u>Driver/Class</u>		<u>Before</u>	<u>After</u>
J. Williamson -	A	53.218	49.193
Dave Donohue	В	49.844	49.747
Bill Miller	В		51.118
Ron Lego	В	49.871	52.162
Chris Galbraith	В	55.862	52.846
Stuart Cerato	В	54.190	53.119
Bill Cooper	В	OC	53.156
Jordan Beil	В	65.231	53.316
Chris Beery	В	OC	54.022
Jim Hartman	В	60.968	55.477
Ernie Fink	В	OC	59.808
Jim Reading	В	OC	
Don Applestein	BNM	OC	55.114
Lisa Carle	BL	51.276	54.133
Debbie Cooper	BL	OC	56.089
Bill McCrink	C	53.418	51.506
Bob Patton	C	51.683	53.703
Gerald Weger	C	53.700	53.848
Robert Morris	C		55.839
Luigi Cianci	CNM	OC	
Darwin Ottolini	CNM	OC	
Marlene Koehler	CNL	OC	
Bob Toff	D	OC	60.731
John Crowley	E	OC	52.836
John Hlywak	E	67.697	52.853
Denny Waldman	E	OC	53.384
Betsi Leidy	E	54.208	53.496
Fred Matolicz	E	OC	54.516

Car Wash, June 11

By Larry and Cheryl Herman

Once again, summer is here and people's thoughts have turned to ... WASHING THEIR CARS! We are having Charity Car Wash "School" to give you plenty of practice before you wash your own. After all, if you haven't washed that all winter, you're beauty Seriously, probably rusty. first Car Wash was more successful than the \$500 it generated for Children's Hospital, because it raised the consciousness of our Club to those around us who are in Ever since, RTR has been sponsoring events to benefit several charities. It makes me proud to be a member, and even prouder to put on one of Our 2nd Car Wash promises to be bigger and better than the The Club will provide a with picnic lunch various beverages, and all of the car soap that your can use. Bring your car drying towel, wheel cleaning brush and your short pants 'cause it's gonna be a wet day! And we will give away a few horsehair cleaning brushes for those who stick it out The Car Wash will be to the end. held at the Carson-Pettit Mercedes dealership Lancaster on (Route 30) just west of the Devon Horse Show, on Sunday, June 11, raindate is June and the First car in will be at 9:00 and we will go til about 3:30. If you can make it, please call me at so that will have 646-6302 I enough food. Even if you can't come to work, bring your car in, and have your friends stop by, or get them to come and work! Also, any monetary donations would be I hope that greatly appreciated. a lot of you can make it, because

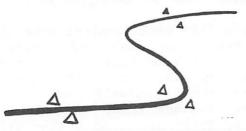
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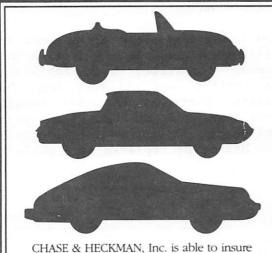
cause. Remember, car washing is

good, clean, family fun!

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DATES	TRACK	REGION
6/23-25	Bridgehampton *	METRO
7/1-2 7/7-9	Summit Point Watkins Glen	POT ZONE 1
7/22-23 7/24-25 7/28-30	Watkins Glen * Watkins Glen	RTR POT
8/5-6	Bridgehampton Summit Point	FOX RTR
8/19-20 8/26-27	Watkins Glen Summit Point	CVR POT
9/1-3	Bridgehampton	FOX
9/9-10 9/23-24	Pocono Summit Point	RTR POT
9/29-30 10/19-20	Bridgehampton * Lime Rock	METRO CVR
10/26 10/27	Lime Rock Lime Rock	CVR H-C
10/28 10/28-29	Lime Rock Mid-Ohio	SCHATT POT
11/2-4 11/3-5 11/10-11 11/18-19	Lime Rock Bridgehampton Bridgehampton Summit Point	CVR FOX METRO POT

^{* -} Professional Flagging

Club Contacts

Connecticut Valley, Jim Russel, 203-456-7316 (8 to 10 pm)

Ron Fox Enterprises, 201-736-9592 (evenings 8 -11, and weekends)

Metro New York, Henry Hammer, 516-421-5139 (evenings)

Hudson-Champlain, Frank Ambrosino, 518-377-9292 (days)

Potomac, T.R. Pierce 703-370-1994 (evenings)

Schattenbaum, Pete Tremper, 215-339-6379 (days)

Technical Tidbits

944 alert (Fred Zetterberg in the CVR Challenge). The lower control arm on early 944s (pre 85/2), 924s, and on the 924S is made of steel, unlike the stronger and lighter cast alloy arms on the later cars. There is a very high likelihood that this will fail, particularly if you have modified your car with the addition of larger anti-sway The A-arms will usually crack, beginning along the leading edge, and this type of failure can be catastrophic. At least people that I know of, (including myself) have had this problem; luckily, none at speed, so far.

If you have steel control arms, if you run on the track, and especially if you have larger than stock anti-sway bars, check them before every event yourself and if in doubt, replace them. This is not a "may fail" situation - they will crack eventually!

You can fit the new alloy arms to older cars (you need to replace the caster eccentric, the stabilizer to control arm linkage, and the bearing parts at the same time). Note that when the ball joint goes bad on the alloy arms, the control arm has to be replaced as a whole!



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RTR at Mid-Ohio

By Jim Confer

The Driver's Education event held at Mid-Ohio was very successful in bringing together Porsche driving enthusiasts from throughout the east and midwest. A large number of Chicago PCAers and even one Bostonian made the journey to the scenic Lexington facility.

The trip (even with a two-hour traffic delay) was well worth it, as we had two excellent spring days for testing our skills on the very challenging 2.4-mile, 15-turn course. Take the best of Lime Rock, and Summit Point, add a few corners which crest a hill at the apex, then add in professional flagging and a beautiful facility, and maybe, just maybe, you have a track comparable to Mid-Ohio.

How do you tell a track driver from Chicago? Easy, they wash their cars at the end of the day and dust it off between run groups. Seriously, they were very friendly and very good drivers.

In the weekend-long Donohue vs. Donohue challenge, Dave walked away the clear winner as Michael committed an unforced error (i.e. spin) entering turn 14. Dave proudly saluted the pit lane onlookers with a big thumbs-up as he crossed the finish line.

Students in the green group were treated to a lesson on remaining calm as yours truly passed just past "the edge" while showing them the fast line.

I hope that Riesentoter's presence at Mid-Ohio will be continued. Track dates at good tracks are very difficult to obtain. Track event surpluses subsidize many of the Club's activities and, in the case of Mid-Ohio, club members that enjoy attending these events. Enough said.

My thanks to everyone that helped make the event go smoothly. The tech helpers, pit-out workers, and the SCCA flaggers made this one of the best run events I've ever seen. You can all share in the pride I feel when people from Chicago, New Jersey, or wherever tell me that they will be telling all their friends what a good track event Riesentoter delivers. Thank you.



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	SEND TO:	Jim Confer, P.O. Box 1631, Southeastern, PA 19399
	REFUNDS:	Refundable if notification received prior to July 15. Call 215-962-2264 (days) or 215-687-1339 (evenings)
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P/C Challenge History

Vern Lyle

So, this is the Eleventh (!) Annual Porsche/Corvette Challenge. Let's take a short run back through history and see what the score is.

As some of you know, in alternate years when the Corvette Club hosts the event and publishes the results, they always seem to find a way to say that they "won" the Challenge. Some of the scoring methods have been unique. I'm reminded of the story about the 100-yd dash between an American and a Russian, after which Pravda proclaimed, "Smirnoff was second, and the American was next to last".

Most of the Corvette owners are good people, despite their taste in cars. At any rate, I think that their machinations with the results are in good humor for the most part. I just never could understand how they could say, "Out of the six fastest cars, five were Vettes, so we won the Challenge!" That has to be said in jest. comparing the times of the seven Vettes fastest and the fastest Porsches and saying we won six of the "head to head " battles. so we won the Challenge. twisted humor - it's good, though.

It seems to me that the only realistic way to judge who wins the Challenge is to compare only those classes where both cars were competing. Let's give 1 point for each of those class wins; but no points for 10 Porsches or Vettes fighting it out among themselves. Over the years, perhaps Overall Fastest Time of Day has carried the most prestige, so for our scoring purposes, let's award FTD 2 bonus points.

It all started in 1979 at Christmas Village Go Kart track with Vettes winning five classes to our one and they took FTD (7-1). next two years looked the same, with 5-2 and 5-3, and two more FTDs. We sort of turned a corner, so to speak, in 82, taking 8 classes to their 2, yet they got FTD once more. But, they have never taken it again. In 83, though we lost 5-3, Bob Russo took FRAUD to the FTD win over the Vette of Bob Kingston (yes, our own Bob Kingston - before he converted). In 84, we lost again 3-2, but now the Giantkiller had been awakened, and I took FTD in a "lowly" 2.4 T. In 85, Vettes again at 5-3, but the same TFOR-2 was the fastest. When the rain series started, we split 1-1; I had a different T and it had a bigger heart, but I think the Bridgestones ensured the FTD win. In the rain again in 87, we shut them out 2-0, and I barely nipped Dave Donohue for the FTD win. At the Sheraton last year, well, you could say it was raining. Porsche prevailed 4-1, and I just got by Rex Carle for FTD. As an added big nail in the coffin, Lisa Carle took Ladies FTD by a good margin.

We always thought that we were blowing them away, but it's almost even over the years, 41-40, favor of the bad guys. Let's gain a few points on them this year. Talk to all your buddies and let's have a competitive car in every class.

If autocrossing is not your speed, come to a few SCCA events before then and polish your technique. A track driver told me last week, "I'm used to having a lot of time to set up for a turn - this autocrossing is hard!" He's right. Even though the skills are similar, everything happens much faster. Get in some practice, come on out and let's show 'em! PORSCHE UBER ALLES!

Malibu, May 20

By Vern Lyle

The gates at Malibu open at 10 am and we will probably be running the north course. The course will be open for practice, with 6-8 cars available for our use. The actual competition will consist of 3 or maybe 5 runs per driver, perhaps in the same car to eliminate variables, and the fastest time wins. After that, you can go back to more practice if you lost, or try to improve your FTD.

The course is so convoluted that almost is impossible memorize all the turns, but there is a certain flow about it, and that can help if you can fix it in your mind. Oh yes, the cars are all different - and they change constantly. I've seen everybody clamoring for a particular car, then watched a good driver set the fastest time in what we thought was a slug. THAT never changes.

These are somewhat difficult cars to drive fast, in that they have a belt drive automatic trans that is not very responsive if you let the revs get too low. One idea is to keep the gas pedal nailed to the floor, and slow and/or balance the car with the brake pedal. works to a degree, and that degree is when the brake fluid boils. can get real interesting til you remember to lift your right foot. Another idea is to stay smooth and steady on the gas and never brake, though I'm not sure you can do FTD like that. Then there is the dirt track style of full on the gas all the time and never brake. can pull that off, you probably should talk with Roger Penske on Monday. Anyway, that's practice is all about.

Another tip is that the cockpit of all the cars are necessarily wide to accommodate the big kids, and a trim person usually has to brace themselves using their knees. You can't do many laps like that. They do have extra seat cushions that you can use for padding, so use them. Another thing is, don't try to do too many laps at one sitting, so to speak. You get tired real fast and then you're just beating up yourself and the car. Take a break after 5 laps or so. Enjoy!

Porsche/Corvette Challenge

By Art Rothe

Just a reminder that the Porsche/Corvette Challenge is being held at Pocono International Raceway on Saturday, June 3. Get your applications in for the event.

For those of you who wish to go up together, we will be meeting at the Allentown Service Plaza for breakfast at 8:30 am. The service plaza is located between Quakertown (#32) and the Lehigh Valley (#33) exits, at milepost We will be leaving the plaza around 9:15 for arrival at the track before the scheduled Tech Inspection at 11:00.

Any questions about this event, please feel free to contact me.

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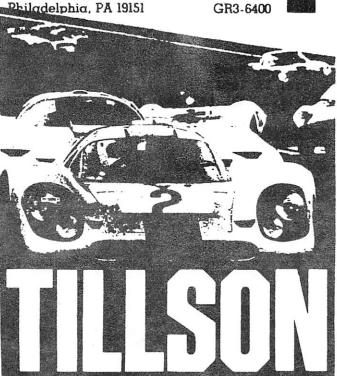
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