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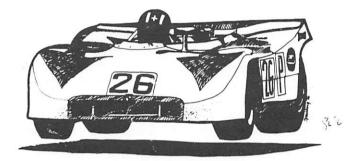
President's Message Bob Russo

It's only the beginning of February and Riesentoter has already had a successful event. Paul Johnston and Bob Lamb organized our first ever track clinic and it turned out to be an overwhelming success. Between the two sessions, we attracted about 160 people - the largest turnout for any single event in the Club's history! Chip Robinson, of IMSA, Jaguar, Porsche, and most recently, Nissan fame was to be our guest speaker, but last minute testing commitments forced him to cancel.

However, the show must go on, and it did, with those in attendance hearing about what to expect at a high speed track event from the perspectives of Bob Lamb, Jim Hartman, and myself. Johnston Enterprises, Auto Research and First Pennsylvania Bank provided sponsorship for the event, and I think I speak for the whole region in extending our thanks to these generous organizations.

If you've been a member for any length of time, you have read countless pleas from the Presidents for input from the membership, usually to no avail. Well, I've decided to make it easy for you. The Executive Committee will be putting together a questionaire that will be as simple as possible, with very little writing required on your part. These questionaires will be available at each meeting, and will appear in DER GASSER. I urge you to fill one out and return it. They will be anonymous so you can say whatever you want without any fear of being held accountable for your comments. Hopefully, we will be able to put together a

profile of what the members want from the Club. The goal is to make this the "Year of Involvement".



By the time you read this, the 24-hours of Daytona will already have been run (the start of the IMSA season). Following just two weeks later will be the start of the NASCAR season with the Daytona 500. What this all means is that racing has begun for 1990! Before you know it, RTR car-related activites will be here. For those interested, Potomac Region has a Summit Point event on March 10-11. The registration form for our April 21-22 event appears in this issue of DER GASSER, so spring is closer than you think. It really isn't too early to start getting your car ready. Jerry Weger, (our Tech Chairman) has scheduled two Tech Sessions just for this purpose, so check the calendar and come on out! Bill O'Connell has some great meetings scheduled; Paul and Sybil have Social well in hand; there are four track events on the calendar thanks to Bob Lamb; Betsi Leidy has Spring and Fall Rallies planned, and Rex and Lisa Carle have a new, spectacular autocross site for a 5-event series. Whew!! Are we going to have a good year?

1990 - The Year of Involvement!!

ON THE COVER: One always stands out in the crowd. But why would a 68 912 have such a huge right front tire? It's probably set up for Cornog! (Photo by Editor)

NEW MEETING SITE

By Bill O'Connell

Please take note of our new meeting place, the Audubon Inn. It comes highly recommended by one of our attended members who has many affairs there. They are excited about having us, so let's have a good turnout and accept their They have a complete menu welcome. so you may want to come out early and try dinner. Directions are on page 5. See you there - right?

Potomac Driver's Ed Program

Potomac Region is hosting a Drivers Clinic on February 24, (similar to our recent event) at Prince George's Jim College. Contact Community Tsakanikas at 703-830-7329. There is a \$10 registration fee. Topics are: Adjusting your Porsche to get from the newest tire the most technology - Bob Strange: What we look for and how to prepare your car for tech - George Whitmore; The New Mid-Ohio - Jack Layne; and a panel discussion of Modifications and their costs and benefits.



Important Info

ARTICLES AND PHOTOS submitted for publication are encouraged. We do reserve the right to edit for space considerations.

DEADLINE IS THE MONTHLY MEETING, FOR PUBLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S ISSUE. TO ASSURE THAT DER GASSER CAN BE MAILED IN THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.

ADDRESS CHANGES to be sent to John Williamson, Membership Chairman.

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FEBRUARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY 28TH, 8:00

AUTOCROSS AND HILLCLIMB PRESENTATIONS

NEW LOCATION, THE AUDUBON INN 666-5553

How many of you are aware that we have some very serious autocross and hillclimb people in the region? Until his vacation this year, Vern Lyle was a consistent Pro Solo winner with his blue 911, even had a long article about him in AUTO-X magazine!

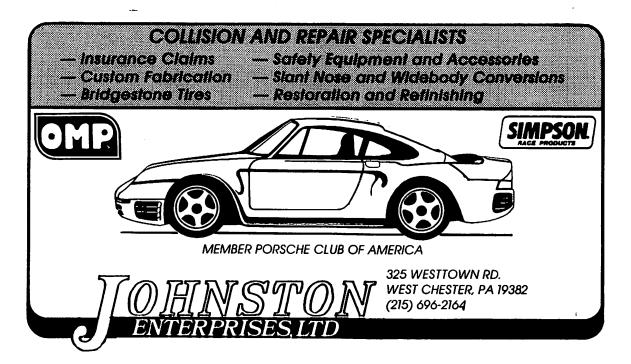
How about the fact that until a few years ago Dick and Connie Sweigart used to take a 356 Speedster and charge up the hillclimb circuit along the east coast? There was a time that we had many members involved in SCCA autocrosses and hillclimbs, and the purpose of this meeting is to make you aware of some of the history of these events and how easy it is to get involved in both activities.

As usual, the meeting will be informal with short talks, and question and answer periods. Come see what you are missing and get some insight into the history of RTR in these events. The meeting will start at 8 pm. Come early and have dinner.

DIRECTIONS to Audubon Inn:

From King of Prussia tumpike exit - Route 202 south to Rt 422 exit, follow this to Oaks exit. Right at the light onto Egypt Rd (towards Norristown). Left at the next light (Parkside ave), and left into the parking lot. If you get to Rt 363, turn around and come back.

From Norristown - Take Ridge Pike toward Collegeville, go left onto Egypt Rd, right onto Parkside Ave, and left into parking lot. If you miss Egypt, go left on Rt 363, and right onto Egypt at the light.



Up-Comin

FEBRUARY 28 - General Meeting, Audubon Inn Hillclimb and Autocross, see page 5 MARCH 10 - Tech Session at Rosemont 28 - General Meeting - Tire Clinic at NTW in Wilmington APRIL 1 - April Fool's Folly: the Spring Rally 7 - Tech Session at Rosemont 7 - PHA Reunion Dinner 8 - RTR AX School and 1st event 15 - Cornog Classic 21 - "Mechanicsburg" Swap Meet at Ski Roundtop 22-23 - RTR Driver's Education at Pocono, see page 11-12 * 25 - General Meeting: Detailing MAY 19 - Spring Fling and Art Show: Catherine and Bruce Ferretti's JULY 25 - General Meeting: Vince Evans from Holbert's AUGUST 29 - General Meeting: Tech Quiz from the Parade ?? - Picnic at Camp Hideaway SEPTEMBER 14-16 - Chesapeake Challenge 26 - General Meeting: Vintage Racing, Bob Akin OCTOBER ?? - Oktoberfest DECEMBER Christmas Banquet

* Track event schedule on page 11.



Track Club Contacts

Car Guys, 703-774-5066

Connecticut Valley, Bob Wolf, 203-488-7312 (7 to 10 pm)

Metro New York, Len Deutsch, 212-489-8600 (W), 212-628-1704 (H)

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

Potomac, Chuck Perilli 301-843-3569

Schattenbaum, Bob Carrington, 215-321-0767 (days)

Northern New Jersey, Bob Winer, 201-292-9681

Exec Committee Minutes

The January Exec meeting was held at Bob Lamb's office complex and in attendance were: Bob Russo, Bob Lamb, Art Rothe, Janet and Jerry Weger, Paul and Sybil Margaritis, Debbie and Bill Cooper, Bob Patton, Jim Hartman, John Williamson, Vicki O'Connell, Sonny Anderson, Jim Confer, Lisa Lutz, Lisa and Rex Carle, Vern Lyle, Betsi Leidy, Bill Miller and Paul Johnston.

A listing of programs planned for the general meetings was given by Vicki O'Connell (see calendar). The meeting site is still in question. A hotel/restaurant-type facility is preferred so that food and drink are available.

Bob Russo indicated that we should all make an effort to make new members feel more at home.

The Annual Picnic will be arranged by the Margaritis'.

Treasurer's Report by Sonny Anderson showed year end balance of \$8307.

New items ordered for the Goody Store include sweat pants, sports bags, children's items, aprons, P21S cleaning products, stop watches, and Riesentoter quartz watches. Left over Christmas books are still available.

Chip Robinson cannot attend the January Drivers Clinic, suggestions for substitutes include Bob Akin, Bruce Jennings, Doc Bundy and Paul Newman. Peter Adams donated \$100 in the name of 1st Pennsylvania Bank for refreshments.

All officers are responsible for a monthly article in DER GASSER.

A "Greeter" will be on duty at each General meeting, Art Rothe to serve at January meeting. Jim Hartman asked that events have a budget that must be approved and a financial report submitted after the event. Jim will have a form available to expedite this.

New Zone 2 Rep is Maury Hamill.

Track events: Bob Lamb expressed concern over lack of attendance, especially in the beginners group. He would like to open the events to other marques; decision is pending. Bob, Bill Miller and Bob Russo will check out PIR as an event site. Summit Point is a problem as the owner will not make a suitable commitment. Allegheny Region has approached us for a possible joint event at Mid-Ohio.

Bill Miller was appointed to the new position of Track Registrar.

The new autocross site will be the Naval Air Development Center at Johnsville. The challenge of using an active runway was rejected. Bob Russo said there is a very good chance we will have another drag race in conjunction with the Corvette Club at Maple Grove.

Bob Patton stated there is still controversy over acceptable inspection shops. Monies will be allocated for two torque wrenches.

Vern Lyle is exploring the idea of a Malibu Grand Prix event.

Betsi Leidy is planning a Spring Map Rally, and another in the fall.

Historian Debbie Cooper will write a column that will go back 30 years, and will include future predictions, i.e. Paul Margaritis will still screw up his car in the year 2000.

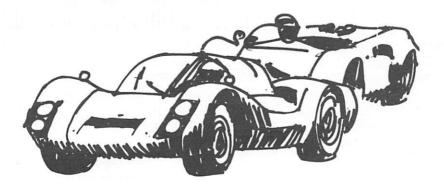
Respectfully submitted by Janet Long Weger

Treasury Notes

Al Anderson

4th Quarter 1989:	Income	Expense	Net
DER GASSER PCA Reimbursements Monthly Meetings Social Autocross Goodie Store Track Events Membership	\$ 70.00 2,340.00 16.75 4,369.25 420.73 488.00 9,029.32 42.55	\$3,562.37 212.00 4,986.71 50.00 1,218.11 109.24	\$(3,492.37) 2,340.00 (195.25) (617.46) 370.73 488.00 7,811.21 (66.69)
Miscellaneous	\$16,776.60	<u>364.18</u> \$10,502.61	(<u>364.18</u>) \$ 6,273.99

1989 Yearly Totals	Income	Expense	Net
DER GASSER	\$7,961.50	\$13,928.46	\$(5,966.96) 9,602.00
PCA Reimbursements Monthly Meetings	9,602.00 423.80	1,407.00	(983.20)
Social Autocross	5,509.67 1,120.31	7,496.05 1,528.08	(1,986.38) (407.77)
Goody Store Track events	4,304.15 41,471.32	3,040.99 37,864.41	1,263.16 3,606.91
Membership Miscellaneous	211.55 81.00	455.78	(244.23) (1,192.44)
Miscellaneous			
	\$70,685.30	\$66,994.21	\$ 3,691.09
	1988 Balance Forward		4,615.91
	1989 Year Er	nd Balance	\$ 8,307.00



Rap at Idle

By The Editor

The winner of the drawing for the \$10 Goody Store certificate (for the whale tail quiz in the December issue) was Lisa Carle.

A new book on Solo Racing by Henry Watts is quite good. It starts from the very basics of what to do when you go to an event as a first timer; how to organize and run an event; how to work corners; how (and when) to "set up" your car; and even how to drive. It is not only for autocross, but has similar sections aimed specifically at time trials. But as Watts says, "a new time trialer should do 10 to 15 autocrosses before going to а track, but twice that would be better". You can find order forms in Grassroots Motorsports Magazine (formerly Auto-X) or we will have some available at the meetings.

Seems to me that we could get a lot more people in the Club involved in the actual running of things. To have 1-2 people solely responsible for all social activites, or all autocrosses, for example, is a hell of a burden. It's no wonder people get burned out after a few years. We should have committees of people and a different couple could chair each social event. They would have some input into activities of the Club, with the benefit of the chairman's experience to help them out. They would gain experience themselves and perhaps we could develop a larger core of people who could chair an event on their own. This could apply to all areas of the Club. Many PCA regions, large small, have committees for and almost everything, from mailing, advertising, meetings, photography, scrapbooks, timing, announcing, workers, and equipment, to informal Friday night socials, etc.

If you are even vaguely interested, please contact someone on the Exec Committee and see how you can get involved. You won't be out there on a limb by yourself. A lot of us started when there was no one else to do the job. Wouldn't it be much better to break in under someone else's watchful eye? Do it now before the year is over and the present Exec is burned out. Find out the easy way if you want to be an officer next year, try it out!

Speaking of volunteers - thanks to Bill Miller, our new Registrar for track events. Bill wanted to help out and we didn't have a position for him, so we made one! This is a huge job that Bill has taken on for each event, and not only does it help by freeing the event chairman for other things, it gives us a person who will become the expert on registration techniques. What would really be nice is for someone to volunteer now to help Bill in this new position, then we'd create two "registrars" at the same time.

Never got any feedback last year on a concours school and/or an actual concours, in contrast to the car show we have now at the Picnic, so we'll try again. Let someone on the Exec know if you are interested.

Dick Sweigart has info on the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association Reunion Dinner on April 7, at the Days Inn in Danville, PA. Cost is \$20/person, call Dick at 249-9138.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Riesentoters who won their class championships in the Philly Region SCCA autocross series: Melody Lyle, undefeated in Ladies 2; Betsi Leidy won A Stock over Ron Lego and your car-hopping Editor; and Rex and Lisa Carle, 1-2 in A Street Prepared, who let me hop to 3rd in their car as well.

Autocross News

By Lisa Carle

Things are shaping up well for the 1990 series. With the help of member Ken Helmsin, who works at the Naval Air Research Center in Warminster, WE HAVE SECURED A NEW SITE, an abandoned runway at the base. This should enable us to have somewhat more open courses this year. A big THANKS to Ken!

We are busily working our event dates into the summer schedule. We plan to have the annual school with a full event attached, four other events and the Porsche/Corvette Challenge, which we host this year.

Some things will be changed. One thing we need is full cooperation from all participants to help out as course workers. With a more open site than last year, we will need tighter control over the entire course for the events to run smoothly and safely. The drivers will be split into two run groups at each event, with both groups alternately running and working. You may choose your worker location on a first-come first-served basis registration. You will at be required to work to receive a trophy and series points. This system should ensure that there are plenty of workers, so that every driver can relax and concentrate on his/her driving.

The first event, the school and autocross, will be held sometime in April. Stay tuned for more news. Remember, its just a couple more months until you can roll your car out of its winter home and bring it to our first autocross of 1990!

Cornog Classic?

By Lisa Carle

last month's Exec, several At long-term members were reminiscing on the days of old when sex was dirty and the air was clean and the roads were paved with dirt, when gas was 35¢ and Cornog was the happening place to be if you were an autocrosser. Having passed the actual location recently and seeing a tiny go-kart track, we short-term members could not believe it self-respecting possible that Porsche owners could have run in the mudflats of the Brandywine Creek. However, our interest was piqued, so Art and Rex set off on a great adventure to see if the current Go-kart Raceway was indeed the Cornog of yore. At the former Marsh Creek Inn, the former owner of the nearby circuit could almost remember the Porsche Club drivers using his track. He sold the track several years ago, and currently it is being used by a local go-kart club, who have repaved the surface.

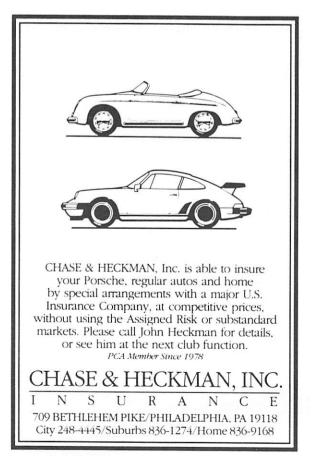
After carefully surveying the course and determining that Porsche cars would indeed fit and be able to maneuver through the turns, the decision was made to plan a Cornog Reunion Classic. There is а substantial fee to rent the track. but many long-term members have chronicled the fun and history of this site and expressed their desire to pursue the classic. With that in mind, we throw it out to all of you who might have once driven here and anyone who wants to try it for the first time. Its a 1st and 2nd gear course with some interesting turns and a significant straight. Registration would be limited to around 30 cars and cost in the \$15-20 range to cover lots of laps. Give us a call if you think you'd like to give it a go.

Parade Transportation

Would you like to go to the Porsche Parade in Monterey, but can't take that much time from work, or don't want to put thousands of miles on the car? There is an alternative. Let someone take the car for you.

A friend and autocrosser from Harrisburg who owns trucking a company has specially-built a enclosed tractor trailer that can haul five cars. Ballpark figures are \$1,400 per car round trip (or \$7,000 if you want the entire rig for yourself!). That sounds like a lot, but when you consider the time on the road, the miles on the car, motels, food, etc it's actually pretty attractive. To get a better idea, I asked another trucking company for the same quote and it was almost 3 times more.

For more information call Vern Lyle at 855-0662 eves.





Malibu Shootout

The shootout is still in the planning stage, but at least three teams have already been formed. There will only be <u>10 teams</u> so get your friends together now and give me a call.

Teams will be three men and one woman. The basic plan is that after lots of practice laps, each driver will take three consecutive laps as his/her "run". The fastest single lap will be counted for each driver on the team and the total time will be your team's score.

At present, this is limited to RTR members, but if we don't get enough teams we will open it to others. More details later.

Track Schedule

Mam	3-4	Summit Pt	Com Curro
	3-4 10-11	Summit Pt	Car Guys Potomac
	23-24	Lime Rock	CVR
	23-24 24-25		
Mar	24-25 30-31	Roebling Rd Lime Rock	Car Guys
			Metro NY
	31 Apr		Potomac
-	6-7-8	Bridgehampton	
	13-14	Lime Rock	CVR
	21-22	Pocono	RTR
	26-27	Lime Rock	NNJR
Apr		Lime Rock	Hudson CH
Apr	28-29	Charlotte	Car Guys
May	11	Lime Rock	Schatt
May	11-12	Road Atlanta	Potomac
Мау	12	Lime Rock	CVR
	18-20	Bridgehampton	
	26–27	Pocono	NNJR
	2–3	Charlotte	Car Guys
	2–3	PIR Nazareth	RTR
	15–17	Mosport	NNJR
	16-17	Rockingham	Car Guys
	22–24	Bridgehampton	Metro NY
	6-8	Watkins Glen	Zone 1
	7–8	Summit Pt	Car Guys
	21–22	Watkins Glen	RTR
Jul		Lime Rock	NNJR
	25–27	Watkins Glen	Potomac
Jul		Lime Rock	Schatt
-	11–12	Rockingham	Car Guys
-	17–19	Watkins Glen	NNJR
-	25–26	Summit Pt	Potomac
-	29-30	Lime Rock	NNJR
Sep		Lime Rock	Metro NY
-	7–9	Lime Rock Po	orscherama
-	8–9	Charlotte	Car Guys
Sep	15-16	PIR	NNJR
Sep	28-30	Bridgehampton	Metro NY
Sep	29-30	Mid-Ohio	Potomac
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0ct	25	Lime Rock	CVR
0ct		Lime Rock	Hudson CH
0ct	27	Lime Rock	Schatt
0ct	27–28	Roebling Rd	Car Guys
0ct	27–28	Mid-Ohio	RTR
Nov	9	Lime Rock	Jersey SH
Nov	9–11	Bridgehampton	
Nov	17–18	Summit Pt	Potomac

RTR at Pocono, Apr 22-23

By Bob Lamb

There were 140 people in attendance at the Driving Clinic held at Paul Johnston's on January 21. If this turnout reflects interest in our Driver's Education Events, we should have a good year.

Our first event is April 21-22 at International Raceway in Pocono Long Pond, PA. The application for the event is on the facing page. would particularly like We to encourage people who have never participated to attend. It is very difficult to describe in mere words how enjoyable these events can be. If you have any questions about this or any other track events. feel free to give me a call.

If you are still not quite ready to take the plunge and sign up, why drive up and see what is not happening? It's only two hours away and it does not cost anything to get into the track, simply go to the tunnel entrance and drive to the garage area. The infield roads and parking areas are all paved and there is even indoor plumbing - it really is quite civilized. It is possible to view the whole course from the infield. You may be able to make a more informed judgment about joining us the next time.

Seriously though, wouldn't you really like to get a glimmer of what both you and your Porsche are capable of? There is no better arena than a Driver's Education Event. Pocono in April is the place. See you there.

RIESENTOTER PCA DRIVER'S EDUCATION POCONO NORTH COURSE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - 22,

COST:	\$105 per driver. Make check payable to Riesentoter PCA.
REQUIREMENTS:	Valid driver's license; PCA member; Porsches only; minimum age 18; one novice driver per car
ENTRY DATE:	March 12. No earlier postmarks. No metered mail.
SEND TO:	Bill Miller, 5330 Laurel Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109
REFUNDS:	Refundable if notification received prior to April 9. Call (609) 486-0465 (evenings).
OTHER:	Registration materials and information on accommodations near the track will be mailed 3 weeks before the event.

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<u>COMPLETE ONLY IF AN INSTRUCTOR</u> Regions for which you instruct:	<u>COMPLETE ONLY IF AN INSTRUCTOR</u> Regions for which you instruct:
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Instructors' schools attended:	Instructors' schools attended:
RIESENTOTER REGION reserves the r I PLAN TO ATTEND SAT SUN	ight to decline any application.

Tech Sessions Scheduled

Jerry Weger

For the uninitiated, Tech Sessions are days that area shops let us use their facilities to do our own maintenance and modifications to That means we can use our cars. and their lifts. their parts department. Also, one of their staff members will be on hand to offer advice and guidance.

Historically, these sessions are held a week or two before a Riesentoter High Speed Driver's Education event, so our Tech Inspectors can make sure that your car is completely safe for high speed adventures. Also, that gives you plenty of time to correct any deficiencies that may have been found. Please note that these Tech Sessions are DEFINITELY NOT JUST FOR TRACK EVENT PARTICIPANTS. They are held for the membership at and even though you may large possess more than two thumbs. please do not feel embarrassed or inadequate just because you lack experience in mechanical matters. Screwing in a light bulb may be a mystery, but I bet we can teach you to change your oil and filter. Not only that, but we can probably lend you the requisite tools.

Our first Tech Session, on Saturday March 10, will be held at Rosemont Imports, see directions next page.

This session is not being held in conjunction with a track event. No tech inspections will take place. Instead, we will have a Brake System Seminar. This is an extremely important part of vehicle maintenance for obvious reasons.

Porsche suggests changing your brake fluid every two years. They

also suggest changing your oil every 15,000 miles in most models. I feel that both recommendations are questionable. Get your car out of moth balls, come to the Tech Session and find out why I and other knowledgable people feel this Also, your brake pads will way. need inspection and possible We will help you do replacement. this. And those of you with hydraulically-activated clutches (do you know who you are?) need that fluid freshened periodically. At the same time, let us check your wheel bearings. Possibly we can save you an expensive repair or get rid of a bothersome vibration.

Rex Carle, one of Porsche Club's fine professional mechanics, will be giving the seminar, and a hands demonstration covering the on topics I have mentioned. Avail yourself of his knowledge. The Rosemont shop will open at 8:30. and lifts will be available on a first come, first served basis. Rex will begin promptly at nine o'clock. We would love to see some "greenhorns" participate, and welcome the opportunity to help There is a real feeling of you. satisfaction that comes from working on your car, and there is always the possibility of saving some money.

Once again, even though the emphasis and lecture will be on braking system maintenance, we welcome all Club members who would like to perform any chores that they promised themselves they would do last year. The only constraint is that we finish and clean up the shop area by three o'clock, so no engine rebuilds, please.

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Our second Tech Session will also be at Rosemont, Saturday, April 7. That is two weeks before our Pocono Driver's Education event, so participants please plan to attend as you will need your tech form completed. If you can not join us at Rosemont, please make other arrangements. If you are not going to Pocono, please attend anyway so you can complete what you started at the previous session.

Please call me with any questions.

DIRECTIONS TO ROSEMONT IMPORTS:

From Pa turnpike - take exit 25 (Norristown), bear right after toll and merge onto Germantown Pike. At first traffic light make a right onto Chemical Road. Make a right at the second light (Ridge Pike) and proceed 8/10 mile to Rosemont on your right.

From Valley Forge are - take route 76 east to route 476 north. Proceed to end of 476, which dead-ends on Chemical Road, where you will bear right. At first light make a right onto Ridge Pike and proceed 8/10 mile to Rosemont on your right.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Gasser,

It was a tremendous thrill and an honor, to be chosen High Speed Driver of the Year for 1989 and see my name engraved on the trophy next to people like Dave Donohue, Al Anderson, Larry Herman, etc.

And as I sat there at the Christmas Banquet, waiting to hear what fellow had won, it was with an enormous amount of surprise that I heard my name being spoken. Actually, I thought it was a gag, since playing jokes on me is yet another sport this Club offers. But it wasn't, and although this may seem somewhat out of character, I became flustered and speechless. Consequently, I didn't thank a few people who deserve my appreciation.

Firstly, I would like to thank my mechanic Jerry Weger who prepared my car so meticulously. It would have been a great challenge to win without the car running.

Secondly, I'd like to thank my coach, Bob Russo, whose bravery needs mentioning, having ridden with me many times while I "colored outside the lines".

And lastly, as all good daughters should do, I'd like to thank my mother - except I can't because she doesn't know that I do this!

Sincerely, Janet Long Weger

Tech Terror

By Jerry Weger

Actually, this should be titled, "Fear of Fire Extinguisher". Yes, it is true, you must have your car tech inspected before you attend a high speed driver education event. And yes, I know this is painful, but it is required that you mount an approved fire extinguisher in your car. Here comes the nasty part - brace yourselves the extinguisher must be mounted metal-to-metal. OUCH!

Come on, let's get real. The fact that you have to drill a couple of holes in your car will not depreciate it significantly. We've all seen Porsches with car phones, hopped-up stereo systems, CB Please radios, the list goes on. believe me, all these devices are attached with metal fasteners that pierce precious Porsche. the Beside, your car is filled with holes already, they just happen to be occupied by bolts, screws and plugs. The truly fanatical can repair any of these grevious wounds with a dab of silicone sealer. The will be effective repair and invisible.

The point is that the much used excuse - "I can't go to a track event because I don't want to put holes in my car" is really lame. If you really need an excuse not to participate try "Lack of ______." You fill in the blank. Time or cajones come to mind. If you can't bring yourself to do the actual surgery, then let someone else do it. Nuff said.

The extinguisher that is needed is a 2.5 pound Halon type that is available through our Goody Store or retail sources. It costs about \$45 and advice and help in the available installation is from anvone who attends track events. You could also bring it to a Tech Session (two weeks before every Riesentoter-hosted track event). If you are having your car tech inspected professionally, it can be done at that time.

Please don't deprive yourself of the thrill of a track weekend just because of the fire extinguisher rule or some other dumb reason. Join us, you'll have a great time and you'll have the right to tell your grandchildren that you drove at Watkins Glen.

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911 Alternator Fixes

Motorola SEV alternator systems are typically more troublesome than the Bosch units. Unfortunately, the replacement parts are also far more expensive. Experience with my Motorola equipped 74 has taught me that they are, however, cheap and easy to fix, at least in some areas.

especially Motorola systems are prone to overcharging. This leads bad things: shortened to some headlight and bulb life, batteries cooked dry of water, unpleasant interior smells, not to mention what can happen to luggage on a high speed trip. Motorola regulators very expensive, (over \$75). are Fortunately, my experience with two of the little devils has taught me how to fix them with no cash outlay whatever, as long as you have a couple of self-tapping screws of appropriate the size and an ignition point file on hand.

Simply drill out the rivets holding the plastic regulator cover on. Looking inside, you will see two sets of points and one will have a buildup. File this deposit off with the point file and replace the cap using self-tapping screws. If you have been careful with the file, the system will now charge properly. If it undercharges, you can adjust the regulator by trial and error until you reach the proper balance.

Bearings in the Motorola alternator are cheap (about \$6 for the fan end) and easy to replace. If you have one go bad, don't spend \$250 on a new alternator (rebuilds are unavailable knowledge). to my it, simply disassemble take the worn bearing to your local bearing distributor and get a replacement. If you use care in avoiding side pressure on the bearing when installing it, you will enjoy many

more miles of use from your alternator. This is probably true of Bosch units as well.

identify vour By the way, to name of the system, read the manufacturer on the cover of the Both the regulator and regulator. the alternator should be the same.

A word of warning which applies to all 911 alternators. If you lose any of the fan belt adjusting washers. replace them. Often. washers will prevent missing adequate tightening of the pulley and the pulley will "walk" on the shaft, chewing whole up the parts assembly. Replacement for the fan are about \$180, the shims are about 35¢ each. (By Fred Schroeder in DER VORGANGER)

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Vintage Racing in Phila

By James P. Hartman

David Reiter's recent articles in DER GASSER on vintage racing may have caught your fancy. Dream no more about the glory of old race cars in modern times - you can see them in action this year. And in Philadelphia, no less!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of August 4-5 when the Philadelphia Grand Prix will take place in West Fairmount Park. The race circuit will be centered around Memorial Hall with a 1.7 mile, 9 turn course.

What will be much more exciting will than watching the race be it! Ι participating in have indicated already to the race sponsors that Riesentoter will have many interested contributors to the Opportunities to be corner race. workers, race marshalls, emergency crew members, and more await all interested. I expect we can muster 50+ volunteers, and I will have more details of what opportunities exist once I attend the first Grand Prix planning meeting.

The time for a Philadelphia Grand Prix seems overdue: the last one was in 1910. I understand that with its passing, they picked up the slack the following year in a place called Indianapolis. Who knows where this year's race might take our city?



Where have all the Issues gone?

By Debbie Cooper

As historian, I am very fortunate to be married to Bill who is an extremely organized person. He has all the back issues of Der Gasser chronologically filed, and has generated a list of all missing issues from the collection.

In order to reminisce about the past, which has been done when RTR marks major milestones, like the 30th anniversary of the club (1987), we have relied on past issues of Der Gasser to help us tell the saga. To help fill in the void we are looking for the following issues: 1957 & 1958 all issues (does anyone know if a newsletter was printed - perhaps Charlie Beidler could help us out); 1959 - Jan, Mar, Apr, Jul, Aug, Nov; 1960 - Jan, Feb, Apr, May, Jul, Sep; 1961 - May, Nov/Dec; 1962 & 1963 - all issues; 1964 - Aug, Nov, Dec; 1965 - Feb, Mar, Sep, Nov/Dec; 1966 - Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug, Nov/Dec; 1967 - all issues except Mar; 1968 - all issues except Jan; 1969 - Feb, Apr, Jun, Jul; 1970 -Nov/Dec; 1976 - Nov/Dec; 1978 -Nov/Dec; 1985 - Feb; and 1986 - Sep.

If anyone knows whether these issues went to press or if you have any "missing" issues, which I could borrow to make copies, please give me a call at 362-2770. I promise to handle them with <u>TLC</u> and your help would really be appreciated.

Now on to some history

February, 1960 - Have you signed up for the Night Rally (1960 spelling) on the 27th? Yes, in the old days, they were adventuresome and didn't need the light of day. Do you think we could convince our current Rally master, Betsi to plan a night event?

February, 1965 - Factory Press Release. "In 1964, 10,700 Porsches were produced and sold: USA - 4900, Germany - 3100, Europe - 2500, Canada - 200" (The only markets!)

February, 1970 - "The board meeting was a long one held at Chalfont's. Suitable locations for the Banquet and Picnic were discussed." (These two topics are still discussed at the February Exec.) "Tentatively planned is a Saturday rallye (1970 spelling) with an overnight stay, followed by a sprint on Sunday." (Sounds like a lot of fun to me.)

February, 1975 - The cover was a picture of Bob Parker's license plate "PCA 1". (I wonder if he still has it?) Who remembers "Bring your own nickels"? (That's right, Nickel Night at Nick's. Maybe Nick Imperato could be convinced to recreate a "casino night full of fun, frolic and games".)

February, 1980 - "WAY BACK WHEN, a monthly column relating the history of Riesentoter (nee Eastern PA) Region of PCA" was written by Bill Smith, president that year (and who attended the Driver Education Clinic earlier this month. Once again, history repeats itself.)

February - 1985 - the issue is missing.

Since this will be a new monthly feature, I'll need your input. Unless the editor or other members of the Exec hears negative reviews from all of you out there, you'll be stuck with the historical trivia that I find interesting.

Pit Stop

By Denny Waldman

Being an avid Porsche enthusiast and also a liquid Captain, this really caught my eye. The following appeared in a recent issue of MOTOR BOATING & SAILING magazine.

It's one of the boldest strokes yet from Porsche Design, sure to set the same standards on the water as the legendary 911 does on land. From the drafting board of Ferdinand Alexander Porsche himself and built by Kineo, this 27-foot, post-modern masterpiece is a hybrid of technology, design and styling. fiberglass deep-V hull The is topped by an aerodynamic. carbon raised fiber Kevlar deck. A camber dot foredeck sweeps into ergonomic matrix air intakes. cockpit and а retractable swim But what really makes platform. this boat DAS BOOT are two marine-**S**4 modified. Porsche 928 turbo engines with waterjet drives.

Porsche will come out with а limited edition of 27-foot, 40-foot 50-foot models, signed and and numbered by F.A. Porsche. The 27 will be available for 1989 delivery through Porsche car dealers. How much? \$100,000 including Porsche Design Team trailer.

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944 Hub Nuts

(CVR CHALLENGE, by Fred Zetterberg)

This is a warning to all 944 turbo and turbo S drivers who take their cars on the track or autocross them regularly, regarding a potential problem with the rear wheel hub nut (dis holds da wheel on!). There have been incidents where this nut has come loose (amazing as this seems, considering it's torqued to 365 ft/1bs).

"Locktite" seems to be a simple fix that is helping, but please check it periodically to be sure it's on tight. (You cannot have this tightened at a safety inspection because of the torque required.) Please have your dealer or garage do this when you have the car serviced.

Garage Sales

80 911 SC Targa, full metal Turbo conversion, 77 turbo motor; 30,000 miles, Slate Blue metallic with dark blue leather interior, Gotti wheels, new P7s, alarm, great stereo, flawless and very fast. John Maine, 854-6109

86 944 Turbo, Sapphire blue/black Porsche cloth int, sport seats or Recaro "C's", forged alloys or forged BBS w/Comp TA, 250 hp chips, club sport sway bars, adjustable Koni sport shocks, SS brake lines, Holbert Cool-brake kit, LSD, alarm, locking, rear wiper. central Blaupunkt washers, headlight Bamberg w/equalizer, very well maintained, \$21,000. Paul Weston, 215-558-0630 (H), 973-2600 (W)

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74 914 1.8, 40IDF Webers, Crane cam, 1911cc NPR big bore kit, roll cage, six-point harness, Dino wheel, oil cooler, EMPI wheels, RE71s, ss brake lines, 911 master cyl, tow bar and more; only 4,000 miles on engine. Definitely not concours, but clean, rust-free body. The perfect street, autocross and track car; \$4,850 or will consider partial trade for 86 or later 944. Call Nick Plenzick, 215-343-0263

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Sales (continued)

72 914 1.7, Mexico blue, rusty, 916 bumpers, high mileage, stainless exchangers, make good race car project or geranium planter, garage full of other junk, any offers; spare 914 engine, ran very well, FI complete, \$400. Call D.R. Snyder, 215-282-1627

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80 924 Turbo, 5-spd, power windows, sunroof, 15" alloys. Drive it home, \$4,900. Bob Koerbel, 215-527-6025

944 turbo transaxle with oil cooler, sorry, no limited slip, \$1,000; 944 turbo struts and rear shocks, \$250; 944 rear swaybar, factory 14mm, \$75. Jerry Weger, 215-649-6618

911 original leather seats w/head rests, stored since 75, \$500 or deal; 924 4-speed transaxle, \$300; 911S rear bumpers, bumperettes and bars, aluminum license panel, all "S" trim, lenses, lights, grille, sway bars, trailing arms. brakes. Call D.R. Snyder, 215-282-1627 PANORAMA back issues, 7/82 through 1/90, except 12/85, \$100 including shipping. Call Ford Kaufholz, 215-622-0171 (W), 623-0765 (H)

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HELP: I'm still stranded! This is my third ad and I have yet to hear from my fellow RTR members (except call back). I'm please Joe – Porsche complete a to trying caravan to transport my wedding party and am still in need of a 911 924 with 2+2 seating and a capacity. If any RTR members are interested in donating themselves and their cars on Saturday, May 5, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Dion Ronio as soon as possible. If you don't, I'll to Detroit gas have to resort guzzlers; 215-948-0534 evenings or 270-2048 days

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