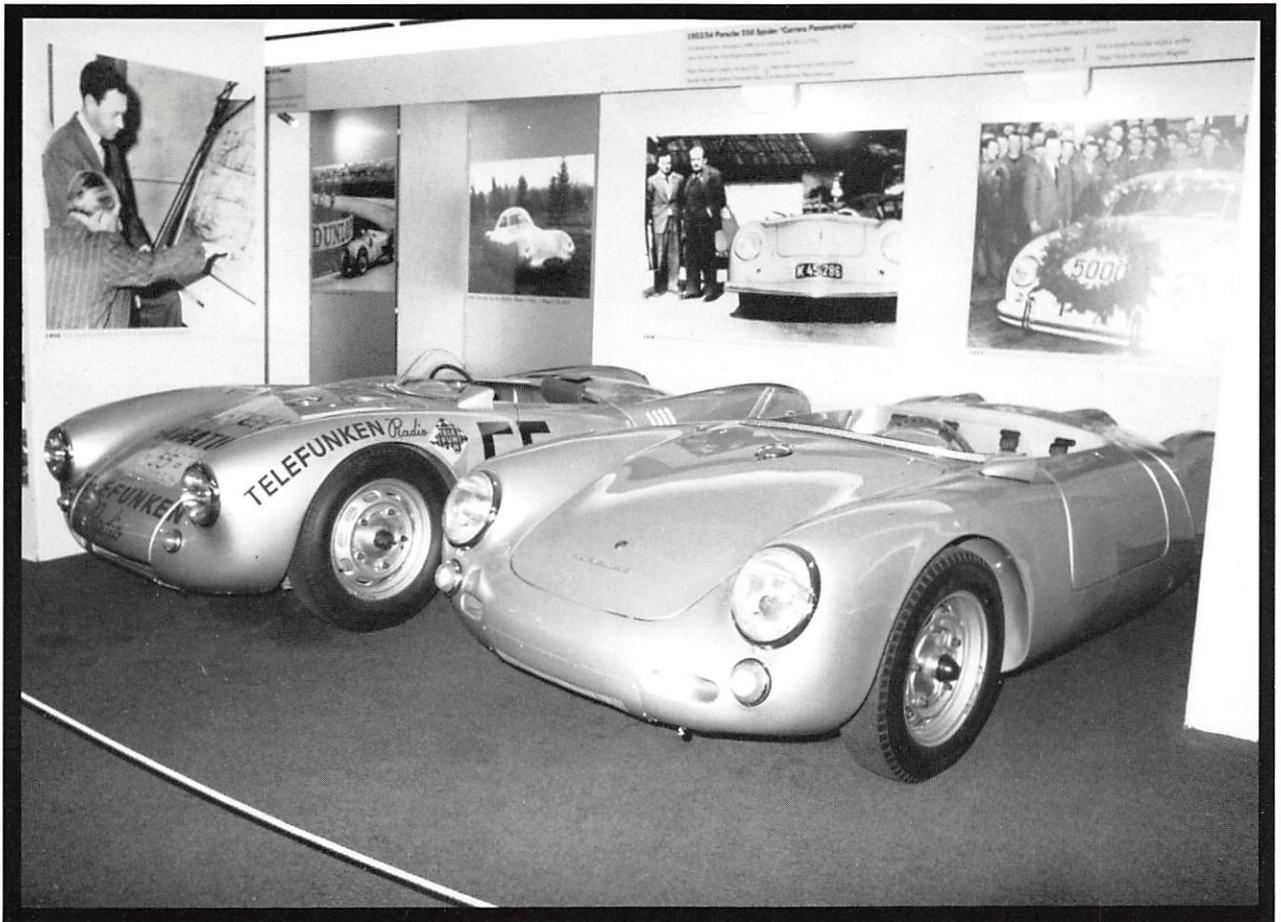


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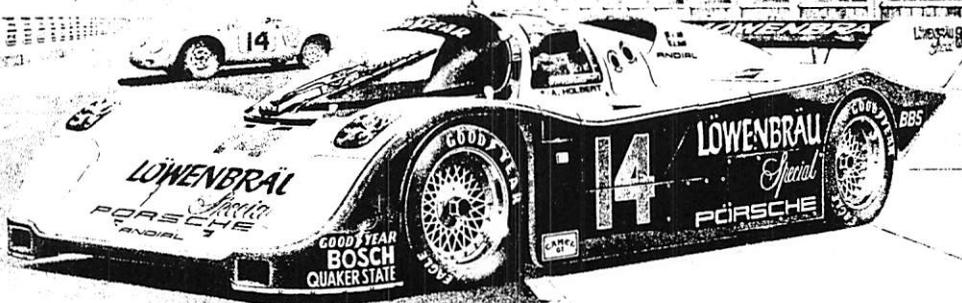
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## President's Message

Parting is such sweet sorrow. Who was it that said that?

As I prepare to pass the Riesentöter Presidential gavel to President-elect Melissa Plenzick at our annual Holiday Banquet on Saturday, December 13, I feel myself connecting with that opening line. Serving as President of Riesentöter Region, Porsche Club of America these past three years has been a high point in my life. True, it's been a lot of hard work. But thanks to the great people who have surrounded me, it's also been great fun. To use the ball and stick reference, each year I was a member of a team that pulled together and went on to win. Each member of those teams, the Executive Committees of the past three years, knows who they are. May they also know how much I appreciate each one of them and the job they did.

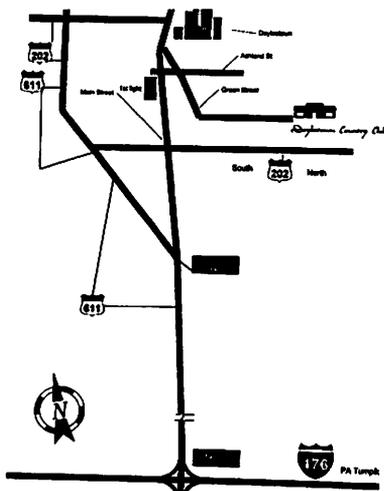
I'm going to miss being President. But before anyone sheds a tear for me, know that I will be serving on the Executive Committee in 1998 in the capacity of Past President and also as Chief Instructor. And you may still have to put up with my writing a few lines here-and-there in *Der Gasser* once in a while.

Our Club has grown steadily over the past three years, and I expect it to continue to do so with the effervescent Melissa at the helm. Assisting her will be the entire slate of officers who were elected at the October meeting at the Bent Elbow Tavern. Rather than take the space to list each one of them here, let me just say a word of congratulations and thanks to each of them.

And thanks to you, RTR, for the opportunity to have served. It's been a pleasure and it's been a privilege.

Fond regards,

John Heckman



### Christophorus Renewal Notice

Vince Evans from Holbert's called to let me know that *Christophorus* renewals for 1998 may be sent to PCNA for delivery to Germany. Make the check out to "Porsche AG" for \$28. Send the check, along with the renewal form, to PCNA, Attn. Barbara Phelps, 100 West Liberty Street, P.O. Box 30911, Reno, NV 89520.

Thanks Vince!

### 40th Anniversary Jacket Orders are Closed

We still have seven XLs in stock in the Goody Store. No more personalized embroidery. If you want one, you better contact Robin Zelinskie soon before they are gone forever!

### Riesentöter Holiday Banquet Celebrating 40 Years December 13, 1997 5:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Holiday Banquet. This year's banquet will be held at the Doylestown Country Club located in historic Doylestown, PA (see map on left). Your invitation should be in the mailbox by the time you receive this issue of *Der Gasser*. The Holiday Banquet is always the highlight of the year, made even more so this year by the celebration of our Club's 40th Anniversary. Don't forget to RSVP as soon as you get your invitation.

## Down The Pike

### DECEMBER

13 Holiday Banquet, Doylestown Country Club

### FEBRUARY

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Robin Zelinskie, Prop.

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See you at the next meeting!

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## Club Meeting Info

### Tom Lacey Wins Tech Quiz!

We all had a great night at the Bent Elbo Tavern for our October Membership meeting, but member Tom Lacey really had a super night! Tom won the special Tech Quiz presented by Der Tech Meister (The Tech Chairman) Mark Winkle. The score of 18 out of a possible 20 was enough to guarantee Tom the victory along with a T-Shirt for his efforts. Member Connie Sweigart also won a T-Shirt for her participation in the Tech Quiz! Thanks Tom and Connie and everyone who participated.

### New Executive Board Elected Unanimously

Thank you to everyone who mailed in their ballot or cast their vote at the Bent Elbo Tavern October 29<sup>th</sup>. The proposed Exec Board was unanimously elected by the membership. Many thanks to the lovely Karen Zarenski who was the Election Official. (Karen made sure we did not have a repeat of last year's attempted ballot stuffing by the GEO Club.) Your new Exec Team will be introduced at the Christmas Banquet, December 13<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the Exec, we thank you for your support and look forward to a Porsche-tastic year.

### Breakfast at Craig's/Tour of the Penske Garage

Craig Rosenfeld, owner of Vision Porsche Audi has a real treat in store for 30 lucky Riesentöter members. On December 13, 1997 at 9:00, Craig will host a light breakfast at the Vision showroom in Reading followed at 10:00 by an exclusive tour of the Team Penske Garage. Unfortunately, the tour can only accommodate 30 people. **IN ORDER TO BE FAIR TO EVERYONE, TOUR SLOTS WILL BE AWARDED ON A LOTTERY SYSTEM.** Please follow these directions to be eligible for the lottery:

Call me to register for the lottery at (215) 343-0263. Leave your name and telephone number. You must be a member or associate member of the Riesentöter Region. One slot will be awarded to each name picked from Nick's helmet. The 30 lottery winners will be notified by Sat. Dec.6. One entry per member, one entry per telephone call.

### To Register Call During the Following Times

**THURS. DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

or

**FRI. DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

**Calls will only be accepted at the times listed! (Please don't ask for an exception.) Good luck to all entrants!**

Look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Banquet!  
Melissa Plenzick

## Letter to the Editor

Dear "Editor" Tracy,

We missed seeing you and John at SpeedZone. We did get to meet John Heckman and Melissa Plenzick, who suggested that we send something about our four-week trip. So....

We enjoyed meeting all who were at the race night in September (September's Meeting at SpeedZone). Everyone seemed to be having a great time driving, especially Melissa.

We had a nice trip driving from Oceanside, California to New York State. We wanted to see the Hudson River area with the beautiful homes. We used to dash through New York State when we lived in Pennsylvania, on our way to Watkins Glen.

We drove our BMW instead of the 1970 911S Targa, as Ginny takes a dim view of the hot desert without the air conditioning. She tends to whimper all the way. We used to travel Route 66 in 356 Porsches going to Porsche Parades in places such as Alexandria, Virginia, Binghampton, New York and Nippersink, Michigan. We drove an overloaded Speedster when we moved west in 1957. This trip we were happy to see the traces of old Route 66 that remain.

On our way back to Oceanside, we visited the Williamsburg area and stopped in Lexington, Kentucky. Jack wanted to visit the university where he took some courses while in the Army. My, has it grown. The horse farms are still beautiful. We visited Sedona, Arizona for the first time and found it much different than the Arizona we are familiar with. The mountains with red rock and the green forests are spectacular.

We hope you all have an enjoyable 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we wish we could be with you. Riesentöter also has grown since ten members sitting in our living room signed a PCA Charter Application!

Sincerely,  
Jack and Ginny Case

(Editor's Note: Jack and Ginny Case are two of the founding members of our region. They were in the Philadelphia area during the time of our September meeting, so we invited them to join us at SpeedZone, which they did. They moved to Oceanside, California in 1957.)



**Annual Riesentöter Awards**  
by Debbie Cooper, Historian

In preparation for the presentation of the annual awards at the Holiday Banquet, the following is a list of the awards, their origins and meanings.

The **Riesentöter Award** is the oldest and most coveted award of our region. This is presented to the person or persons who in the opinion of their peers has made the greatest contribution to or on behalf of the club, or those who have made contributions to the club over a number of years. Literally translated, "Der Beste Riesentöter Des Jahres" is "best Riesentöter of the year". It is interesting to note that the use of the word Riesentöter, meaning "Giant Killer," was part of the inscription long before it was adopted as the official name of the Region in 1973. The inscription on the 12" pewter (not sterling silver) bowl reads:

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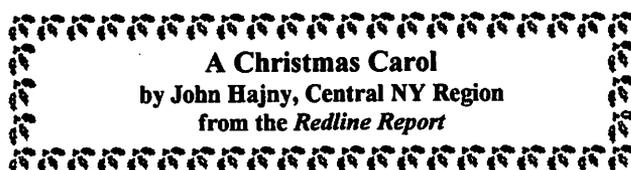
The **William C. Schmidt Broken Crankshaft Award** was originated by an avid autocrosser. Bill "donated" the crankshaft from his 1971 912 for this award. This heavy award (try picking it up) is presented to the most improved autocross driver.

The infamous **Tattered Helmet** was first "won" by Howard Reed, who purchased the very first 914 in our region. This is awarded to the person who somehow distinguishes themselves in a "less than glorious" manner.

The **High Speed Driver Award** is given by the Track Chairman to the track driver who showed the most improvement during the year.

The **Mighty-Nitto Award** was started by the Lyles after they won their first autocross in a just-purchased car equipped with Mighty spark plugs and Nitto tires, neither one a recognized go-fast goodie. This award is presented to the person who Makes the Best of a Bad Situation.

The **Door Prize** was started by John Heckman and is an actual door from his restored 356 ("donated" during the restoration process). This award is presented each year to the most active new member.



**A Christmas Carol**  
by John Hajny, Central NY Region  
from the *Redline Report*

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the grudge... not a creature was stirring, nor a knock-off from Rudge. The Car Bags t'were installed and arranged with such care... sleeping beauties would breathe night of only fresh air. Floor to ceiling scrubbed clean, security lamps flashing... the sight of such things is to me all quite smashing.

Yes, the children were all snuggled in their bays without care... hoping soon some fair weather would warm the day's air. And I in my Nomex, with descriptive track map, had just settled down for a long Winter's nap. When suddenly from the drive, there arose such a clatter... that I sprang from the creeper to see what was the matter. "Such cacophony," I bellowed... "what in the name of heaven? Its... it's... Harm Lagaay?.. in a beat 911?!"

I stood and stared at his ride with confusion... "Last thing in the motorpool," he apologized with profusion. Then he spoke not a word, but went straight to his work... I tried to be patient, not act like a jerk. He drew from his pocket a large lump of clay... and began to work it there in his way.

The lump it transformed from blob into shapely... smooth lines of allure; they excited me greatly. When he'd finished his task what he'd wrought was quite graceful... I stumbled yet closer to get me a face-full.

My movement he countered; from his ride there beyond... he drew a sparkling long black magic wand. A wave of his scepter, a flash it was blinding... no dream from my past was this of me reminding. When smoke cleared, I stood dumb-founded... transfixed... For me he'd created a new Nine-Ninety-Six!

He rattled some discourse of how it saved them on shipping... I heard not a word... my chops they were dripping. He tossed me the keys, they laid at my feet... then he jumped in and started that 911 so beat. As it sputtered to life, the air was bemisrched... and out the drive and on down the road he lurched.

A sharp curve ahead... I saw the whole thing coming... It bounced off the snowbank... the sad beast was still running! I heard him yell, "Damn rear-biased weight... I should have driven my Limited Slip Guards Red Nine-Two-Eight!" Still yelling as I saw him spin out of sight... "Merry Christmas Mein Freund... Hope the color is right!"

**Fall Rally 1997**  
by Dennis Angelisanti, Rallymaster

Well, the Rallymaster's record stays at 100%. The weather for the Fall Rally, despite all the dire predictions, was again perfect. Sunny and mild with many tops down and targa roofs off!

The cars began to trickle into Michael's parking lot as early as 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 18 and eventually 26 cars with drivers and navigators were registered to participate.

The route took participants through 3 counties, Berks, Lebanon and Lancaster, on roads that curved and twisted past historic (1757) farms and (1744) churches.

The cars and occupants continued through towns and townships with teutonic names like Heidelberg, Alsace and Womelsdorf. The destination was Stoudt's micro-brewery which features an authentic looking German village complete with town square and fountain.

The cars participating ranged from a 39-year old 1958 356A coupe, whose owners will remain unidentified (because I forgot) to Harry and Debbie Cooper's (yes there are 2 Debbie Coopers) 20-minute old Boxster. The Boxster was delivered that morning by member Craig Rosenfeld, owner of Vision Porsche in Reading, PA.

The tie breaker question determined the winner. How many fish in the Rallymaster's pond? Do you know what a Koi looks like? These people know the answers:

- 1st place.....Craig and Gail San Pietro
- 2nd place.....Bob & daughter Jennifer Auchenbach
- 3rd place.....Frank Harrison and Kathy Wright



Rally Winners Craig and Gail San Pietro.  
(Photo courtesy Bill O'Connell.)

The rally was a great ending to a good three years as rallymaster. We averaged 33 cars per event, ate an average of 66 high-calorie breakfasts per event and had 100% good weather and good times.

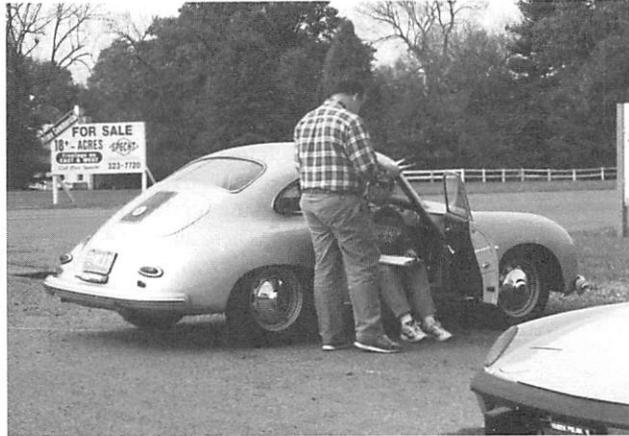
Special thanks to Brad and Judy Carle for always being there to help check the routes, maintain check points, register participants and make copies.

My wife Mary Alice deserves a crown for her support in this effort. She's ridden many hundreds of miles while writing, correcting and observing in order to goof proof the routes. We are still married (33 years). We will now become participants and see if the marriage can withstand that strain.

Good luck to the new folks in town. Please support them as you did us. That support was most satisfying.



With a region named Riesentöter, cars called Porsche and a route that went through Heidelberg, where else would you end up but in....  
(Photo courtesy Dennis Angelisanti.)



Going over those pesky rally instructions.  
(Photo courtesy Bill O'Connell.)

**“Home” is where the Heart Is**  
by Fred and Randa Bonsall

All roads in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen eventually lead to **PORSCHE**. For us, the B-27 took us north through the center of Stuttgart to the northern section of the city. With the “Zuffenhausen” exit in site, I checked the rear view mirrors and signaled to the right, only to be blocked from our desired exit. The next exit was also for Zuffenhausen, but the industrial section.... Bingo.... Light bulb.... The right choice anyway?.... Yes!! At the end of the ramp, a silver sign with red letters was clearly in view. The heart started pumping, the palms started to sweat, so with great anticipation we drove towards the gatehouse marked “PORSCHE WERK II.” A myriad of brightly colored Boxsters, 993s and the unmistakable 996s swarmed around us, coming and going as we reported to the guard. “Turn right and proceed to the Museum entrance. You will be received there... Thank you.”

We entered the Museum, presenting our paperwork, which was obtained through the magic of Vince Evans and his connections in Reno. Thank you, Vince!!! Priceless history laid before our eyes... from the 1948 silver roadster, Porsche No. 1 to the 1954 550 Spyder in race trim to the 1973 917/30 Sunoco #6 driven by Mark Donohue to a bright red 1986 959 Coupe.... I could go on but I won't.

Next, we toured the assembly plant where the cars are assembled on a single moving line, totally by hand, a Boxster followed by a 993 followed by another Boxster and a new 996.... All without fuss or confusion. The engines are assembled on a second floor of this four-floor operation. A total commitment to water-cooled power plants permits more power with less pollution. Starting with the 996, all countries receive the identically powered engine; no more “Euro-only” models. After each is tested, it enters the assembly line and is installed from beneath the car. The upholstery shop was unbelievable with every component being covered in leather totally by hand. The next time you go to the swap meet and see leather seats or dash parts in the ground, take a moment to pick one up and run your fingers along the edge seam.... caring fingers did the same thing once before.

We proceeded to the Visitor Reception area and presented our gift of past issues of *Der Gasser* which John Crowley and Tracy Chatley quickly mailed to me before we left. They were delighted... so much so that they invited us to partake of the venison lunch reserved for those picking up their new car at the factory. So much for the old phrase “There ain't no such thing as a free lunch!” Tracy and John, we owe you! Randa and I hope you all have the opportunity to “go home” someday!



Fred Bonsall outside the Porsche Factory in Zuffenhausen.  
(Photo courtesy Fred and Randa Bonsall.)



Is that a new 996 I see? (Photo courtesy Fred Bonsall.)

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## 1997 Club Highlights



Volunteers' Party at the Radnor Hotel. Thanks to Art Rothe for a great party! (Photo courtesy Bill O'Connell.)



New Member's Night at Holbert's. Wow, what a crowd! (Photo courtesy Bill O'Connell.)



Club Racing at Pocono.  
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Is that a Buick on the track at the May Pocono Driver's Ed event?  
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People's Choice Concours at the Summer Picnic.  
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Racecars at Rosen's.  
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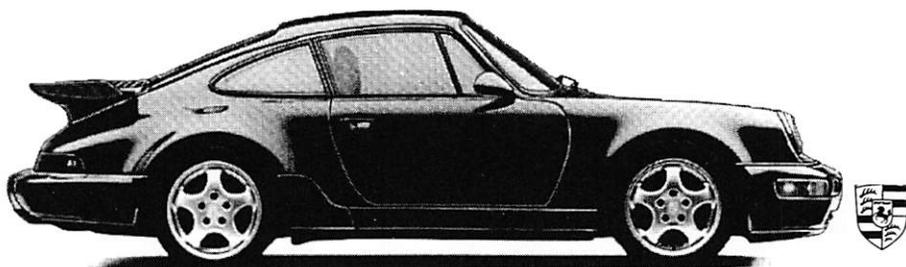
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