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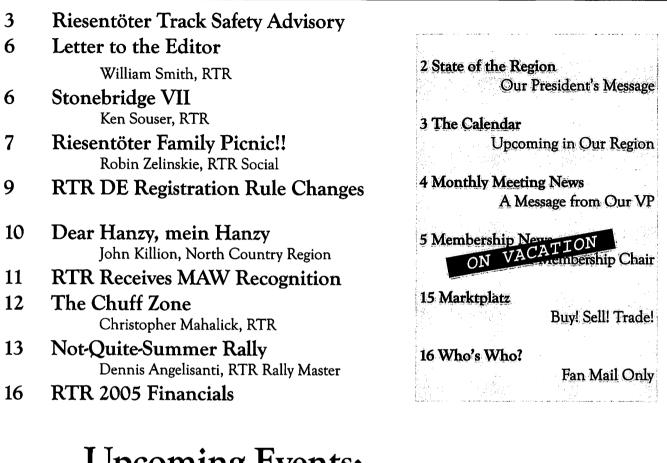
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# **Upcoming Events:**

July 15	Tech @ Brandywine Porsche
July 19	Member's Meeting - Performance Automotive
July 22	Mail Registration opens for PoconoMAW DE
July 28-30	DE @ Watkins Glen
Aug 10	Mail Registration closes for Summit Point DE
Aug 12	Tech @ Don Rosen Porsche
Aug 20	RTR Family Picnic 12-5 Ridley Creek Park
Aug 24-25	DE @ Summit Point
Sept 3	AutoX Valley Forge Convention Center

## On the cover:

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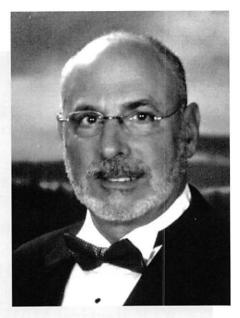
# State of the Region

## Tom Zaffarano, RTR President

Back in the news is RTR and Make-A-Wish. This time we have been honored with their "Benefactor of the Year" Award. See photo and details in this issue. Another proud moment we all can share. This car club and its members continue to amaze me....

Betsy and I attended the social after the 'not quite summer' rally where 40 or so members enjoyed lunch and the afterglow of successfully finishing the event. There is nothing like a ride in the country in a Porsche.... Dennis Angelisanti, our Rally Master, provided a good time and many smiles. More details inside....

The popularity of Drivers Education continues to grow with waiting lists in the double digits for new students. Look in this issue and our website for some changes we have made to the registration process to lessen the impact on our hosts and the stress of our members at the monthly meetings.



On the topic of Drivers Education I have, on a few occasions, been asked about non Porsche cars on the track. Fundamentally, our Drivers Education Program is a driving school and "the primary purpose of the club is to promote greater automotive safety in and around the community by providing organized and supervised activities that encourage safe and skillful driving... activities are offered in several formats...Driving schools held at road racing tracks". The above was taken directly from our Bylaws and does not specify "Porsches only."

It is my observation that DE is becoming more of a family activity with spouses, significant others, and children. Some drivers are learning with the family Porsche and others wanting to learn how to drive their own vehicles, have migrated to our DE program. Personally I think this is a good thing and in line with the primary purpose of the club.

Included in this month's issue is our 2005 financial report. Values shown were taken from our 2005 form 990 Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

With half of the year over, it is time again to nominate yourself or others as candidates for the 2007 Club Officers Election. The process is simple: send me your nominations or speak up at the August Membership Meeting. I will forward the names to the nominating committee (past 2 presidents and myself) and the names will be published in September, with an election in October.

Be Cool, Keep Cool....



# Riesentöter Track Safety Advisory

To All Riesentöter Driver Education Participants: This year, the RTR Exec and the members of the Driver Education Program "Track Council" have taken a hard look at our track safety program. As this is a "transition" year for track approved helmets, it seemed logical if not imperative that we address other driver/vehicle safety related issues.

As we all know by now, May 31, 2006 was the last day for use of 1995 and earlier dated helmets. Riesentöter no longer allows the use of these earlier helmets. Beginning with our upcoming Driver's Ed event at Jefferson Circuit, only Snell 2000 & 2005 SA or M certified helmets will be accepted at our events. Any driver/passenger without an RTR approved Snell 2000/2005 SA or M helmet will be denied participation at RTR track events.

Further, the RTR Exec and the Track Council have mandated that as a confirmation of recent PCA National amendments, the following requirements and/or changes will be enforced at all RTR Driver Ed events:

1) The vehicle used in the track event must be minimally equipped with a properly installed lap and shoulder restraint system (aka: three (3) point restraint).

2) Restraints and seating must be equal and similar for both the student/driver and instructor/passenger.

3) Four (4) point harnesses are not allowed under any circumstances.

4) Drivers of vehicles running in the White, Black and Red run groups are strongly encouraged to install and use five (5) or six (6) point harness restraint systems.

5) As stated by National, a properly installed 5 or 6 point harness will require several changes to the automobile to create a safe occupant restraint SYSTEM. Harnesses must include a submarine strap and be mounted in an approved manner consistent with PCA Club Racing requirements and the harness manufacturer's instructions. A seat designed to be used with a harness must be properly installed in accordance with the seat manufacturer's instructions. A seat designed for use with harnesses will have holes allowing for the correct routing of the harness, both through the back and base of the seat for the respective shoulder, lap and antisubmarine belts. Shoulder straps should be mounted at 90 degrees to the axis of the occupant's spine or at most 40 degrees down from horizontal. In most installations this will require the use of an approved "harness places the occupant in a fastened and upright position in the vehicle, a properly installed padded roll bar or roll cage is strongly encouraged to complete the SYSTEM. The use of one without the other may result in an unsafe occupant environment and is not a complete SYSTEM.

The above requirements will be checked for all RTR Driver Ed events beginning with the upcoming June 24th & 25th Driver's Ed event at Jefferson Circuit. Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be enforced for all RTR events.

Vehicles with installed 5 or 6 point harnesses are to be inspected for conformance to the above Requirement #5. The Owner/Driver of a vehicle found to have deficiencies related to the above detailed Harness System will be advised of the deficiency. Unless it is determined that "gross deficiency" exists that would compromise the safety of the driver/occupant, the vehicle will be allowed to participate in the event. However, beginning in 2007, all of the above requirements will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply will result in a denial of participation privileges.

# **Past, Present & Future** Membership Meeting News

#### Hi Gang,

Hey, has anybody else noticed that we are almost at the half-way point of this year's activities and events. How time flies when you're having fun.

Gone are several months worth of membership meetings, exec meetings, tech sessions, two Driver Ed events, track council meetings, an autocross, three member breakfasts, several issues of Der Gasser, and a partridge in a pear tree. Naw, I just threw that last one in just to see who was paying attention. Anyway, a very busy six months!

Which brings us to the next six months. Aside from the requisite DE's and related Tech sessions, a couple of autocrosses, a club picnic, a few more Exec and Track Council meetings, and another Dyno Day, we have a few Membership Meetings to attend to.

Our June Membership Meeting will be held at Rosen's Porsche/Audi in Plymouth

Meeting on Wednesday, June 28th. The Social hour will begin at 7:00PM with the meeting beginning at 8:00PM. Our own John Heckman will be in attendance to update and answer questions about the upcoming Riesentöter 50th Anniversary Celebration. Special guest, noted photo journalist, Harry Hurst will be with us this evening to share with us a look back at the "12 Hours of Sebring 1970". Mr. Hurst has enjoyed an eventful career following his passion of photographing famous racers and their automobiles doing what they do best – racing.

July will find us at Performance Automotive in Malvern on Wednesday July 19th. The July Membership Meeting will feature a "Club Racing Forum". Riesentöters' own Mitch Redding will head-up an open discussion and Q and A session on Club Racing. Several RTR club racers will be in attendance to share their experiences. If you've ever thought about getting involved in this exciting aspect of being a PCA member, you won't want to miss this evening.

## Jeff Haas, RTR Vice President

Social at 7:00PM. Meeting at 8:00PM.

In August, we will attend our first ever Membership Meeting at AWE Tuning in Willow Grove. On Wednesday evening, August 30th, we will hold our annual "Race Cars of Riesentöter". A presentation of club members automobiles that have seen the track, still see the track, or wish they could see the track. A club favorite you won't want to miss. Social at 7:00PM. Meeting at 8:00PM.

Mark your calendars now!

See you there.

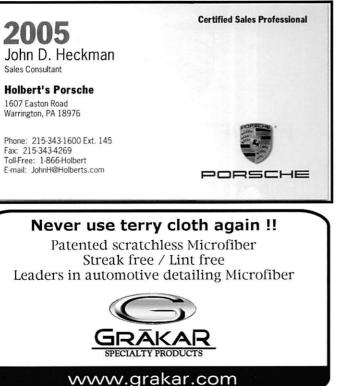




# Membership News

Today was the first 90+-degree day of 2006 and tomorrow is the day to register for the Watkins Glen DE. Both are benchmarks signifying that the RTR season is in full swing. I have hosted 4 new members breakfasts so far this year and met many new members who I have continued to greet at many other events. I have been to meetings. DE's, Autocross, and Tech Sessions this year and am happy to see that many of the new members who have joined Terry and I for the Not Just For New Members Breakfasts enjoying the many other events the club offers its members.

On Sunday May 7th, 9 members new joined us for breakfast at town Family Restaurant in the parking lot we occupants of a into the r not RTR aldast for a bite to cat. Of cour nem all about the club, and we h we persuaded them to join and will see them at one of our events as members. Thanks to all the other members who helped with the sales pitch. The lucky winner of the guaranteed green slot at the Jefferson/Shenandoah DE event being held in June was Tom Barfield. Our thanks go



out to Jim and Maureen Sangiorgio, Marty Koese, Steve Mankowski, Rob and Gerry Pandoleon, Steve McMorn, Tom Barfield and Sonja Lengel for helping to make this another fun breakfast event.

The Not Just For New Members Br will take a new course in July. Members Gathering on and at the RTR Auto Center in King t the barking lot. clue # 1-its red) in the spectator area. has gathered I will explain ent works and then you will have t time watching your fellow members. having fun with their P-Cars. Folding chairs are highly recommended for your viewing comfort. After the morning run group has teed slot in the green group at the Drivers Ed August 24th and 25th at Summit Point Mo-

torsports Park. Members participating in the Autocross who have not attended an RTR DE are also eligible to enter the drawing. The

## Brian Minkin, RTR Membership Chair

award is for a guaranteed tration and entry fethe member who who will only and regissponsibility of ving. Those order from a pienic bas-

rn of the New Hope Auto nally been announced. Although al not be working with any car clubs to tain entrants they have included Porsche as one of the marques that will compete in their own concourse group. The number of cars is limited so if you want to show your car in the New Hope Auto Show on August 13th go to their web site www.newhopeautoshow. Since no registration form has been created. to create a "Make shift" registration print the pages from the web site, mark choices with a circle, write up your description, add photos, a payment check, and then mail it to the New Hope Auto Show. They hope to have an online form up shortly. Watch the July issue of Dergasser for earavan plans to the New Hope Auto Show.



An open letter to the Editor of der Gasser, the Region President, and general membership via publication in der Gasser.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I received the Mai der Gasser and sat down to read it. I was both surprised and dismayed when I read the article on pages 10 and 11. I had those emotions because of the tone and content of "Dear Hanzy, mein Hanzy." For the past 40 years of my PCA membership, der Gasser has been a newsletter about Porsche and of specific interest to Porsche enthusiasts. Until now it has never lent itself to political diatribe, regardless of which party was in power.

I do note a disclaimer at the bottom of page I that "Ideas, opinions, suggestions, etc., are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official position of Riesentoter Region PCA." However, I also note that the article appears to be selected or perhaps solicited from a non-Riesentoter member and/or website.

I strongly object to the inclusion in my PCA region's monthly Porsche newsletter of this or any other article which presents a political point of view even if it is expressed under the pretense of relating a "dream" involving a Porsche. Mr. Killion and this region's editor certainly have the right to express their political feelings, but, I, for one, neither need nor want to read about them in this publication.

Very truly yours,

### William P. Smith

Ed. note:

What is published in "der Gasser" is not a direct reflection of RTR or PCA. rather work which i, as editor, have chosen to publish. I try, with as much energy as a volunteer can expend, to extradite articles and columns from RTR members first, but am never against consideration of articles submitted by other region's members when i have a page or two to fill. So when John Killion of the North Country Region began to send me his satirical articles from his series published monthly in the Nordlander ( www.ner-pca. org/northlander/index.htm ) i informed him of my "region members come first" policy, and thanked him for writing.

Overall, as editor, i desire to put out a publication which members will read and react to, and this feedback, this interaction is what i am glad to see from our members. I want der Gasser to be the product of 1300 + members.

As always, if you, as a PCA member, have anything to contribute, whether it be images, history, or fiction, feel free to email, mail or call me, we'll get it in.

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#### **New Inventory Sample**

'06 Cayenne, Tiptronic, Grey/Grey
'06 Cayenne S, Tiptronic, Silver/Grey
'06 911 Carrera S Cabriolet, 6-Speed, Red/Black
'06 Cayman S, 6-Speed, Red/Black
'06 Boxster S, 6-Speed, Yellow/Black



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# **Riesentöter Family Picnic**



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Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Noon to 5PM

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Pre registration price: \$10/Adult (children under 12- free) Pre-register by email- <u>RobinGZ@comcast.net</u> no later than Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Make checks payable to RTR-PCA and mail to: Robin Zelinskie, 644 Store Rd, Harleysville, PA 19438

Day of event price: \$15/Adult

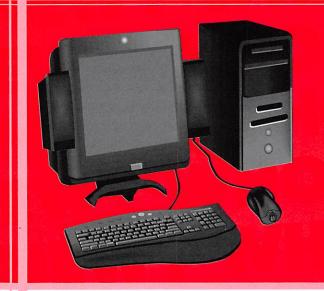
Horseback riding- for riding trails (\$40/pp for ages 8 and up) and pony rides (\$3 each) contact hiddenvalleyhorsefarm.com or 610-892-7260 or take your chance there'll be a space for you the day of the picnic

Fishing- adults bring your fishing licenses

Playground next to picnic area

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# **Riesentöter Region DE Registration Rules**

## Payment

• Payment must be received before your application will be processed. We are unable to accept any applications without payment.

• Check(s) must clearly indicate the participant for whom payment is being made

• Separate checks are required for each participant for each event.

• Checks will be deposited once your application is approved. If registration is not accepted, checks will be voided and destroyed.

## Cancellation

• You may cancel via email notification to the registrar until 15 days prior to the first day of the event.

• Cancellations not made via email must be received and AC-KNOWLEDGED by the Registrar in order to qualify for refund consideration.

# Refund

 Written requests for refunds must be received two weeks prior to the event

# Applications

• Due to the large number of PCA club members who wish to attend our Driver's Education events, first priority will be given to PCA members. Non-Porsche cars are also allowed into our events, provided they meet our tech-safety standards.

• Registration will open at two months prior to the event date, and close 14 days prior to the event date. See Application for specific open date.

• Applications must be complete and include a valid email address. We send all notifications via email. You are responsible to maintain your email address.

• APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA US MAIL ONLY. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OPENING DAY OR LATER. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITH POSTMARKS PRIOR TO THE OPENING DATE WILL BE PROCESSED AF-TER THOSE SUBMITTED CORRECTLY.

## General Application Processing and Acceptance

• Applications will be processed in the order received.

• The registrar will reserve space for sufficient instructors before filling all spaces in the upper run groups.

• You may be accepted for any event for which you have applied without notice until the 15 day cancellation cutoff prior to an event. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE ACCEPTED YOU MUST CANCEL.

## Notification

• The Registrar will send out wait list acceptance via email entered approximately 15 days prior to each event. YOU ARE RESPONSI-BLE TO MAINTAIN A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS.

• Applications are processed continuously. If we are able to contact you prior to the 15 day commitment, we will do so via email.

*Forms* \*\*\*ONRTR WEBSITE\*\*\* http://rtr-pca.org/DEApplicationo6/rules.htm

There are two versions of the application form available - PDF and WORD. Please select the application for the event(s) you are applying for.

Print out a copy, sign it and send it in (or bring it to the meeting) with the appropriate fee.

# Dear Hanzy, mein Hanzy

I got home kind of late the other night after a wonderful evening of food and cocktails with some friends, only to find Bill Shakespeare standing at the end of my driveway yet again, at once both resplendent and foolish in his flamboyant and outrageous attire. I resisted my childish impulse to chase him down, mainly out of fear of damaging my old and beloved Porsche, but before the garage door could close he ducked underneath it and I found myself at his mercy once again.

"Didn't you see me standing there, Little Brother?" he asked while coyly scanning my pockets. "I've been waiting for you all night long. You can't tell me you weren't thinking about her when 'Midnight Train to Georgia' started playing," he smirked with a charming devilishness as his greasy hand began fishing through my inner pockets in search of a smoke. "I know everything there is to know about these matters of the heart. I am an expert in this field."

I let out a wimpy whine and said, "Aw, Bill, haven't you said enough already. She and I both feel bad enough about all this without you adding to it. And how do you know what was playing anyway?"

"Whoa, Little Brother," he theatrically exclaimed. "Take a chill pill. I am here to help." He lit his pilfered cigarette and grandly blew a thick cloud of swirling smoke around us as he sat down on the hard concrete floor. "You know, there was a lot more to my life's work than just tragedy, murder and deceit, although that seems to be about the only thing you people want to remember about me. That and my exemplary manners. Now look – please – sit down and let's have a quiet little talk."

Knowing full well that escape was all but impossible I sat down beside him as I've done so many times in the past, and I noticed that he looked a bit more tired than usual, more careworn, and his unhealthy pallor was an even starker shade of ashen gray, and I warily wondered if he had anything of a contagious nature lurking about his unkempt presence. He was vigorously scratching at himself in a manner which defies all polite description and I wisely resolved that this would be a very brief visit for us. "Dude, listen, I read that self-pitving drivel you typed the other night and all I can say is: Muffin! Poor Muffin!" he laughed outrageously, and his laughter quickly degraded into a spastic and frightening coughing fit of massive proportions, heaving and in and out like a convulsing human bellows in a TB ward, blowing his rank and poisonous air in every direction. Then, recovering surprisingly quickly for a fellow who's been dead for a couple of centuries he asked, "Do you think your the first Bozo to come down the pike feeling short changed by circumstance? For crying out loud kid, you've got to learn to relax. Now gimme another smoke." I handed him my last eigarette and he warily looked into the empty pack, and I could see him calculating his future prospects, "You have more of those, right?" he coarsely asked.

Now Hanzy, after a lengthy and time-consuming discourse focused on assuring him that I indeed had another pack stashed in my car, a temporal pack, one of our world, he continued with his talk. "You know, when those dandy literary types start yammering about my work all they ever focus on is the human tragedy, the unrequited love, the betrayals, the seedy and darker side of humanity, blah, blah, but I wrote all that stuff just to keep the critics happy, and of course to keep myself in wine and women. You know, Little Bro, women love poetic types, and a little wine goes a long way when delivered with a nice verse."

I considered slapping him. "I know, Bill. I've been there. But this was something different. I didn't have to pretend to be someone other than who I was and neither did she. She was just so easy to be with, and I found I was actually interested in talking with her."

"Oh, paleeeze," he bellowed with a sweeping gesture of authority. "Your gonna tell me you weren't thinking about her more mysterious and secret charms? Are you claiming that your sole thoughts were confined to your polite talk while the two of you were eating in that commoner's establishment? I saw the way you were looking at her. I've looked at hundreds of women that way. I dare say thousands!" he said while picking one of the several dozen pieces of crud from his shirt.

## John Killion, North Country Region www.ncr-pca.org

"But Bill," I pleaded. "This was something beyond infatuation. I've been around the block more than once, and she is the type of woman who comes along maybe once or twice in a lucky man's life. Sure, I could fill my time with any number of distractions, but there is more to life than treading water at the shallow end of the pool."

He cursed my name. "Now you are telling me about the mysteries of life?" he grandly questioned with but a small fraction of the literary might and indignation he could have easily mustered. "I wrote the book on this subject – don't ever forget it – and if you would just shut up and listen you may learn something," he said while blowing another voluminous cloud of smoke. "Underlying all my brilliant perceptions concerning human folly, tragedy and misfortune was a subtle message for knuckleheads just like yourself, and if you only took the time to look a little deeper you just might have an easier go of it."

He had my full attention now. I shook the hair out of my eyes and looked at him closely, and I could tell that he genuinely wanted to help. "I've been watching you for years, Little Brother," he said calmly. "I've taken an interest in you and your silly business, and I've seen you emboldened with an attitude of smugness far beyond what your actual level of talent could ever properly answer. But now you claim that you've grown up, that you've developed a taste for sipping fine wine as opposed to gulping down the grog, and now you have a genuine desire to touch the enchanting soul of a woman, instead of just her body," he rolled his eyes in exaggerated disbelief and continued. "So, last week you met a woman you believe that may be possible with, only to find yourself hindered by circumstance and distance seeming beyond the control of either one of you. I-lave I got it right so far?" he asked.

"Yup, that's about right, Bill," I quickly said to him, anxious for him to provide some actual insight to me as payment for my many years of listening to his incessant and fulminating blather.

"And you think she felt the same way about you?"

"Yup, whatever was sitting there between us felt way too good to be traveling in only one direction. It was just so easy to be with her. It felt, I don't know, correct, like I was harnessed in my driver's seat, you know? Like we'd done it many times before and would do it many more."

He shot up from the concrete floor with an agility I never would have expected from him. He tossed his funky bell hat to the floor and began dancing around it like a crazed troubadour, snapping his fingers as high into the air as he could reach which was about up to my nose, convulsed in laughter, and spouting, "This is pitiful, PITIFUL. What do I have to do for you people, hold your hands? Can't I leave you alone? I bet your thinking some Romeo and Juliet type of thing here, right? And now your cast in the heroic part of one of the dumbest characters I ever bothered to take the time to create? And she's Juliet?" He howled with laughter. "That's it! Huh, Little Brother?"

He was coughing and laughing with such frightful enterprise that I would've considered his days numbered if he hadn't already died so long ago.

"Well, ahem, it's not totally unlike...," I fumbled. "Um, ah, hey would you like another smoke? I have that extra pack in my car..."

"Oh, brother," he slowly groaned. "Pretending for a moment that I'll overlook your self indulgent flattery regarding one of my masterpieces, let me ask you something. Do you know what made it a tragedy?

"Well, yea, they died," I cleverly responded.

"Oh, very good, Einstein. They died.' How first-year-English of you."

"No, I mean they died tragically."

He slowly shook his head. "Pitiful. No wonder you people need me. You really need me, and your lucky I've taken an interest in you." He stopped dancing and stood on his tippy toes to reach up and place a surprisingly strong hand on my shoulder. I bent over so he could stand flat on his feet.

"Listen dude, those two tragic little kids went off to fairyland way before their time and their only mistake was of one of bad timing, and that blew the whole deal for them. So, do you get the point yet, Little Brother? Life is long, circumstances change, full plates can become empty. So don't be so quick to jump on the knife. Now give me that smoke."

#### -John R. Killion, Car 168 JRK944@aol.com

Author's Note: In light of the current questions regarding the definitive image of William Shakespeare, I thought it might be fun to drawn my own. In spite of what he considers to be unflattering portraits of him, he still visits me on a regular basis.

# Riesentöter Region Lauded

Riesentöter Region recently received the Benefactor of the Year award by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia and Southeastern, PA at their annual dinner held on May 19.

First presented in 2002, each year the chapter awards one person, organization, company, or foundation based upon loyalty, outstanding level of financial support, dedication and com-



## Maureen P. Sangiorgio, RTR

passion for the Make-A-Wish mission. The criteria for the annual award? Simple . . . "The awardees have to be selfless givers," says Karen Traten, Director of Development, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia & Southeastern, PA. "These are folks who just want to do something good for sick kids, with little or no fanfare."

Way to go RTR!



# **Family Values**

If you are amongst the two per cent of folks who have not already done so; please disregard everything I have said in the past about cars being nothing more than devices made to get you from point  $\Lambda$  to point B as fast as possible. With comfort trailing far behind preferences of speed, handling and braking. But I was wrong.

It had snuck up on me without my realizing what was happening.

About two years ago, my fathers health was such as he was having trouble with driving. And since I was still on a "life sabbatical", I had the time to drive him to his Doctor's appointments and other destinations. It was a cold winter, and the heat had just broken on my current thrasher, "the \$200 Jetta". So I was given my parent's 1995 BMW 525i to drive. It was nice and comfortable, but it was Bummer. an automatic. And then the heat went on that car the very next week! So in my freezing cold driveway I replaced the thermostat, and then made sure that the cooling system bled more than a hemophilic British Royal.

Having dispensed with that unpleasantness, I really began to enjoy driving the car. It was big and comfortable, and handled to boot. One Saturday afternoon I was heading down route 202, heading to the Desmond Hotel to pick up my mother from work. And as I approached the off ramp to Great Valley, some idiot in a pimped out Civic swerves in from the passing lane at the last minute, cutting me off in the process. Enter the "red mist". I entered the ramp and went deep, for a late turn-in. I was so enraged that I was either going to "bring home the checkered, or bring it home in a ball". So I turned in and held my breath, expecting the worst. And I got lucky. I hit the apex and the car just hunkered down and gained speed on the exit. Which flung me towards the offending vehicle at a very fast clip. And then I had to laugh, here I am all comfy and in control, while an obviously panicked "rice-boy" is sawing at the wheel faster than a Maine lumberjack. The only thing that would have made it better is if I were waving a Luger in his rear view mirror.

Score one, "Old Man's Bimmer".

And then in time, my father's health recovered to the point that he once again resumed his driving chores. So I really didn't see much of the car for a year or so. But it seemed to run fine.

So upon my father's passing away this past February, the old Bimmer was available once again.

It took only one, single financial decision to make me a sellout, a tool, a corporate drone, a conspicuous consumer, dare I say, "a commoner".

For my entire life up to now, I had never understood why cars had things like "interiors" and "air conditioning", instead of race seats and full cages. Anything that didn't directly contribute to speed, handling, braking or safety just seemed to be sacrilege. Of the worst sort.

And now I find myself driving a four door car with working air conditioning, and(I am just so embarrassed to admit this publicly) an automatic transmission. There, I said it. You didn't hear wrong, I actually bought a car with an automatic. This is the only thing that may make me want to revisit this decision in the future.

The car itself cleaned up beautifully. And the interior looks like new. And to tell you the truth, I really like driving it. Sure, it accelerates slower than a diesel Rabbit, but then again, there is very little noise. Which makes for a really good high-speed highway car. And a highway car was just what I had been looking for over the past six months.

It came down to choosing between a Mercedes 300 with a five speed, and the BMW. The Mercedes was cheaper, but the BMW had a properly functioning air conditioning system. But the Benz was a five speed, and the BMW was an auto. Tough choices.

## Christopher Mahalick, RTR

But I got the "family discount" on the BMW, which while still more expensive, turned out to be the better value. (Get it? Now the title makes sense. Family "values". Such wordplay, yuk, yuk).

Well, it took forty-two years for me to learn that all driving does not have to constantly involve sacrifice, deprivation, and discomfort on a Hairshirt level. I have found that it is actually possible to go to the Grocery store without having to endure sweltering heat and constant noise. I actually arrive at my destination feeling fresh and relaxed. And it is so nice to cruise at ninety without having it sound like there is a jet engine idling in the passenger seat. And it's also nice to have a daily driver, which will free up the Porsche for some future track work.

In a sense, the luxury car will actually help me get back on the track. See? You can rationalize anything if you put your mind to it.

And what if we combined the two sides? The Ying and the Yang, so to speak. I know that one of our club members has a really nice 750iL. How fun would it be to take out three friends on the track for some hot laps, "touring car style"? Come on Mark, those weld marks on the B pillar would appear obvious only to the trained eye. Another member has a Volkswagen Phaeton that should also prove to be quite track-worthy.

I can see it now. A series devoted to big touring cars. Where you could race with the air on and the stereo playing your favorite music. A five hour enduro would surely be more comfortable. And then you could drive the car over to a fine restaurant after the race. A veritable series of "gentleman's racing".

The possibilities are endless.

In the end, I am really glad that I sold out. Change is the only constant in my life. So with that in mind, be sure to take whatever I say with a grain of salt. For it may change faster than the weather.

# Not-Quite-Summer Rally

## Dennis Angelisanti, RTR

The "Almost Summer Rally" was by all measures an unqualified success. Twenty one cars and 40 members showed up to tackle Berks County roads. Members were

rally last year was there to defend their title. The second and third place teams from last year were also present.

After a nice lunch at "The Works" the re-

ter Emilie who finished 3rd last year were second this year. New to the podium were Bob Brown and Kathy Brown, finishing ard.

given a full color map with ten checkpoints highlighted. Teams were required to visit all ten points, via their own routing, while accumulating the least mileage.



We also had an award for perseverance which went to Robert and Linda Rosend who after 3 hrs on the road finally arrived at the finish line, exhausted. They rebounded and had a good time after some good food and drink.

We will do this

Three cars were within

.6 miles of each other based on corrected mileage as determined by an initial odometer check leg. The team that won a similar sults were in and..... Michael Thomas and Stephanie Baldwin successfully defended their title. Ben Johnson and his daughagain, maybe this Fall, so consider joining us as we explore another section of the county.





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#### 911 Turbo 1992

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stalled 3k miles ago with SSIs, new clutch. Earl's front oil cooler. Leda adjustable struts/shocks (threaded body if you want coils later) with

RSR spindle height. 22/28 torsion bars, 22/22 swaybars. All new suspension bushings, ball joints, factory adj. spring plates, etc. Fuchs 15x7&8 with S-03s. "S" calipers just rebuilt. New master cylinder. New rotors with R4S pads. Turbo tie rods. Bumpsteered and corner balanced with street performance alignment. H1 headlights with relays. Perfed leather '81-'84 manual sport seats. 930S steering wheel. Many new and replaced components.Weighs 2153 lbs. w/ 190 hp from the SC engine. Odo shows 39.8k miles currently. Clean PA Antique title lists 35k miles. \$24,500. Located in Wallingford, PA. Jon: 911fs@sginews.com.[5]

#### 2001 996 Turbo Coupe

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#### 1989 911 Turbo (930)

Silver metallic/black, 5-speed 78K miles. Original owner, non-smoker. Garaged and never driven in snow/salt, seldom in rain. Engine rebuilt @ 55K



miles with enhancements for greater power (cams, turbo, valves/guides/springs, headers, cat bypass, EBC, fuel

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contact: 610-627-1052 or simaed@msn.com [7]

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# **Riesentöter Region Porsche Club of America**

# **Executive Board Members 2006**

#### Riesentoter Region Porsche Club of America Inc. Financial Statament

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Income

of2 St. Andrews Dr. Autocross Banking (interest) Der Gasser (Ad Income) 615 256-8433 C **Driver's Education** Dues - Region's Share of National Dues Duel Membership Income Goodie Store

Meeting Income Rally Income Social

## TOTAL Income

#### Expense

Autocross Banking Contributions (Note 1) ack Chair Der Gasser Driver's Ed Exp Exec. Meetings Goodie Store (Note 3) on than Drive North Wales, PA 19454 Membership Miscellaneous (Note 4) Monthly Meeting Rally Social Volunteer Banquet

Web Site Expenses

TOTAL Expenses

Cash provided from activities Cash & equivalents at 12/31/2004

Net Assets at 12/31/2005 (Note 5)

Note 1 - contributions collected but not yet disbursed

- Note 2 includes \$7467.39 Club contribution to MAW
- Note 3 all Goodie Store purchases are expensed when purchased
- Note 4 expenses related to our 501C(4) filing

Note 5 - on April 11, 2006 a \$75,000 CD was purchased at Stonebridge Bank at an annual rate of 4.5%

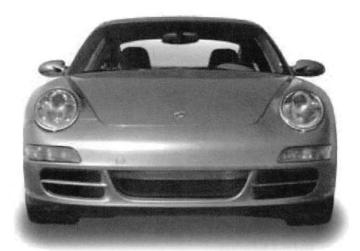
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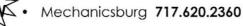
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