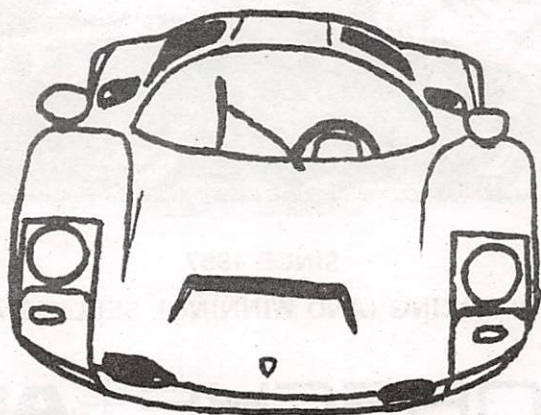


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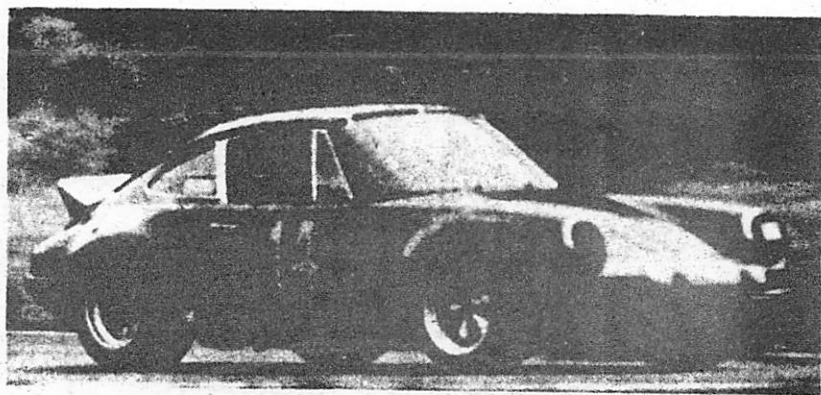
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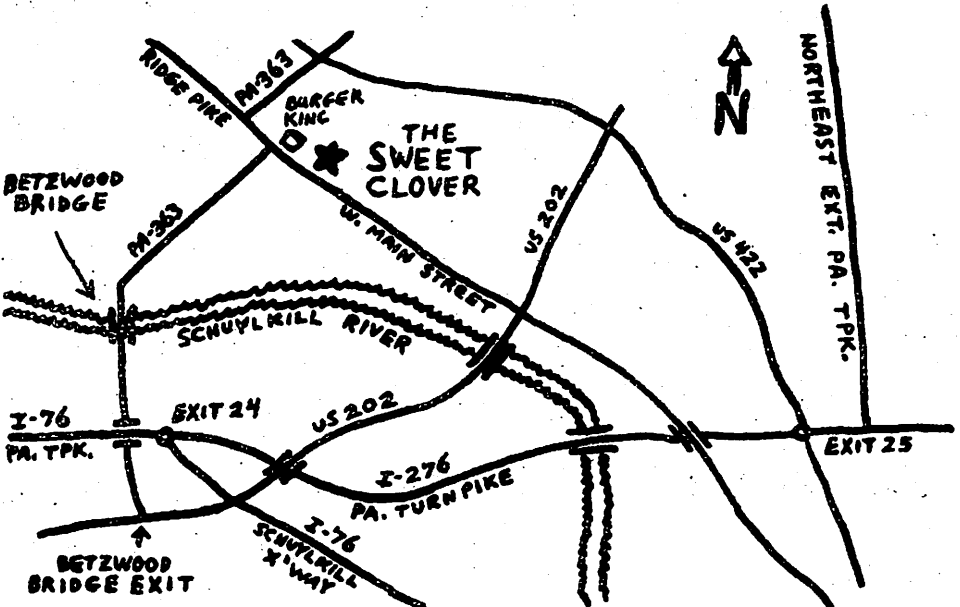
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of February has never been particularly exciting for me, so this year I decided to do something about it. On the first day of the month I was married and on the third day left for three weeks in Peru and the Bahamas (Karen went along, too). Additionally, I decided to start my own business at a time when the country is on the brink of economic disaster and unemployment is running rampant. It's lucky I'm an optimist, or I'd be a prime candidate for Byberry right now. (Incidentally, an optimist is a guy who jumps out of a 25th floor window and, when passing the third floor remarks: "Well, so far, so good.")

Speaking of excitement, Riesentoter Region will have some on Saturday evening, March 29, when it will be Nickel Night at Nick's (the Imperato's). I don't know of another region that has held a similar affair, and we're looking for a big crowd. If this goes over, we'll schedule a "smoker" later on in the year. Get ready Riesentoter gals. You're on!

Although unable to attend, I understand that Winter Sports Day was much fun. We appreciate the interest of the Pocono Region in this activity and look forward to other get-togethers with them during the year.

Congratulations to Ron Anderson for having his interesting article "The Porsche Image: Another View" published in February's PANORAMA, and my thanks to Louise Lyle for filling in for me during my absence last month.

Don't forget our regular monthly meeting at The Sweet Clover on March 26. Nick has another one of his super programs on tap.

Herb

PORSCHE IS A TWO-SYLLABLE WORD.....

# SOUTH OF THE BORDER

The beer party was good, the ski show was better, and this month will be out of sight. The March program will be about our upcoming trip to ACAPULCO. Yes, your eyes did not deceive you. I said Acapulco and for approximately \$400.00/person, you will be able to spend a week in sunny Acapulco in your own private villa, complete with cook, maid, and private pool and terrace (approx. 3-5 couples per villa) -- Included in the amount above is your airfare, villa rental and money left over for food, booze and fun. So come on out to the next meeting and see and hear about the trip from Kermit Robinson, head of Rugazy Travel in Wayne. Join us on our trek South of the Border. The March meeting will be held at The Sweet Clover (see map on page 3) on March 26 at 8:30 PM.

The April meeting will be held on April 30, same place, same time, and will feature our very own Riesentoter member, Al Holbert, speaking about race cars and race car preparation.

Two excellent programs lined up for the next two months. So come on out to these meetings and see what PCA is all about.

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- March 22 SCCA School--see page 14  
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- April 6 DVSA/CSCC Sprint--King of Prussia Plaza  
 13 DVSA/VFMC Sprint--GE, King of Prussia  
 19 Tech Session at Holbert's--see page 9  
 20 Rallye--see page 12  
 26, 27 Goldmine Hillclimb--near Harrisburg  
 27 DVSA/SCCA Sprint--Mont. Co. Comm. Coll.  
 30 Meeting at The Sweet Clover--see page 5
- May 4 Rallye-Tour--see page 18  
 4 DVSA/OYR Sprint--Wanamaker's, Jenkintown  
 10, 11 Pine Grove Hillclimb (note date change)  
 11 DVSA/DVSCC Sprint--Bucks Co. Comm. Coll.  
 18 Sprint School at Christmas Village--p. 15  
 18 DVSA/CSCC Sprint--King of Prussia Plaza  
 25 DVSA/SCCA Sprint--Mont. Co. Comm. Coll.  
 28 Meeting at The Sweet Clover
- June 31, June 1 Solo I, Summit Point, W.V.  
 1 DVSA/VFMC Sprint--GE, King of Prussia  
 7, 8 Duryea Hill Climb--City Park, Reading  
 8 DVSA/PCA Sprint--Leeds & Northrup, N.Wales  
 14 Tech at Holbert's Porsche+Audi  
 15 DVSA/SCCA Sprint--Mont. Co. Comm. Coll.  
 22 DVSA/KSCC Sprint--Granite Run Mall  
 25 Meeting at The Sweet Clover  
 29 Tri-Region Sprint Series--1st event  
 29 DVSA/CSCC Sprint--King of Prussia Plaza

# RIESENTOTER AWARD

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7. Attending a multi-regional event 10 points
8. Attending multi-regional weekend 25 points
9. Writing an article for Der Gasser 10 points
10. Writing an article for Panorama 10 points

## Provisions:

1. Persons must sign the "sign-in" book for the event.
2. Workers are required to report to the event chairman or person designated by same. It is the responsibility of the event chairman to give the names of the workers and participants to the competition chairman.
3. Persons attending multi-regional weekends or the Parade must give a report to the competition chairman to receive points.
4. PHA participants must furnish competition chairman with points for the above system.
5. Points for chairing an event are limited to a total of 45.

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## NICKEL NIGHT AT NICK'S

Casino night full of fun, frolic and games.

B.Y.O.N. (Bring your own nickels). Drinks will be available from the cash bar. March 29, 1975

(Note date change!), 9 PM. 431 Old Eagle School Road, Wayne, Pa.



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# TECH SESSION

Saturday April 19, 1975 9:00AM at

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To get to Holbert's, take the turnpike to Exit 27 (Willow Grove) and go north on Rt. 611 (Easton Road) for 7 miles. Holbert's is on your right.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### BINGHAM PROMOTED TO MANAGER, PORSCHE AUDI SALES

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N.J. -- J. Gordon Bingham has been appointed manager of Porsche Audi sales for Volkswagen of America, it was announced by J. Stuart Perkins, president of Volkswagen of America, Inc. In his new position, Bingham will be responsible for all Porsche and Audi sales related functions for the U.S. and Canada.

A native of Australia, Bingham began his automotive career in 1961 when he joined Volkswagen Australia as a management trainee. In 1963 he was appointed district sales manager for South Australia and held that position until 1966. He spent two years in the U.S. and Canada under a VW management exchange program, returning to Australia in 1968 as national advertising and public relations manager. In 1971 he joined the American Porsche Audi organization as regional sales manager for the Southwestern U.S. In 1973 he was named Porsche Audi operations manager for the Eastern U.S. and held that position until his recent appointment as manager, Porsche Audi sales.

A graduate of Swinburne College in Australia, Bingham resides, with his wife Edna Jane and daughter Alyson, in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey.

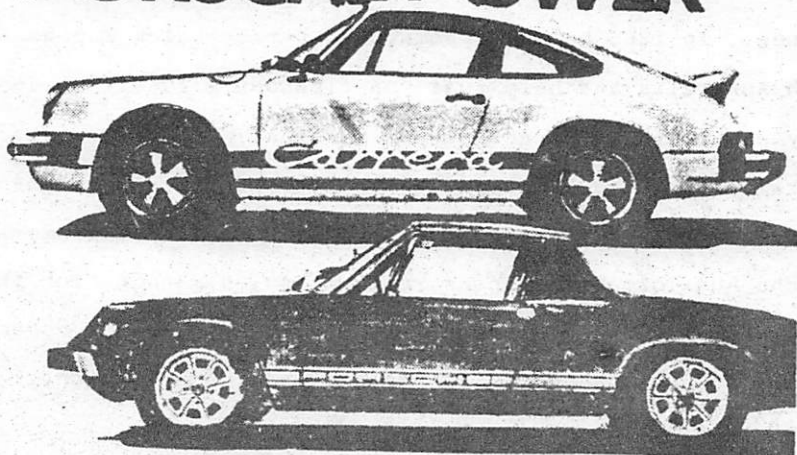
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# RALLYE

Rose Tree Motor Club's Annual Spring Thaw Rallye will be held on April 20, 1975. Registration opens at 11:00AM, first car off at 12:01PM. The start will be at Concord VW, US Rt. 202, 1 mile south of US Rt.1 (between West Chester, Pa. and Wilmington, Del.). The easy-to-follow rallye will cover 80 miles, and will have a short rest/fuel stop. Finish is at the Drexel Ale House (across from the start). Cost is \$7.00 (\$6.00 for RTMC members). For more information contact Registrar Dorothy Priddy, 107 Prospect Ave., Malvern, Pa. 19355. Telephone (215) 647-7377.

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A look at the calendar on page 7 will surely tell you that a Porsche owner in the Philadelphia area has plenty of activity to choose from if he so wishes. Two interesting schools are being offered soon, one of the classroom variety, the other of the track variety. A trip to Acapulco if your heart yearns to travel. A casino night if you can't get to Las Vegas. Sprints galore. Tech sessions, hillclimbs, rallies. Twenty-eight great events in the next three months, and eleven of them are Riesentoter sponsored. Come on out to some. There's gotta be something you like.

P.S.: That little man throwing money around in last month's Treasurer's Report was ripped off from Milwaukee Region's Steinlifter.

And this little tidbit from March Road & Track:

"TEN YEARS AGO we road tested the brand-new Porsche 911. The 911 was the first entirely new Porsche in 16 years; all the previous models were derived from the Type 356, which dated back to 1948. The performance of the original 911 was similar to that of today's 911 Carrera: top speed was 132 mph, 0-60 mph took 9.0 sec and normal driving yielded 14-19 mpg. In the test we said, 'With its 6-cyl engine and with solid, high-quality construction, the 911 will always be a comparatively expensive car. But because the basic qualities are far above average, it undoubtedly rates in the top class among modern GT cars.' The comments are almost as appropriate today even though the list price has almost doubled. Our first 911 cost just \$6500."

Fasten your seat belts. You paid for them.

Auf Wiedersehen !

Editor

## SCHOOL FOR RACE DRIVERS AND RACE WORKERS ANNOUNCED

The Philadelphia Region, SCCA will conduct a school and training session for potential race drivers and race workers from 9AM to 5PM on March 22, 1975, in Founder's Hall at the Montgomery County Community College.

The school is planned to introduce prospective drivers and workers to the exciting world of sports car racing. Seminars will be conducted in Race Driving Technique, Car Preparation, Pit Operations, Timing/Scoring, and Flagging/Communications.

The SCCA is a national organization which conducts over 500 racing events each year, including the professional Formula 5000 and Trans-Am series, a separate National Amateur Championship series, and many regional events.

Both drivers and workers earn and maintain licenses in their areas of competence. Workers who earn licenses and meet certain participation requirements are eligible to work toe major professional events, including the Grand Prix of the United States in Watkins Glen, New York. This racing school will count as the first step towards either a driver's or worker's license.

Philadelphia Region's first event of the year will be the Formula 5000 for both SCCA and USAC cars, held on the road course of Pocono International Raceway (Ed. note: Remember the Parade?) on May 3 and 4. Following that, the club will participate in the Duryea Hillclimb at Reading, Pa., on June 7 and 8. Those attending the upcoming school will be eligible to work both these events.

All are invited to attend this free school. During the lunch period, a film of the 1973 Champion Spark Plug Road Racing Classic at Road Atlanta will be shown.

Although there is no cost to attend the school the courtesy of pre-registration is requested. For further information, contact Jim Taylor, 935-2385 or Roy Tiger, 489-4021.

# SPRINT SCHOOL

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"I can't promise you anything, maybe I'll just come and watch. Where did you say it was?"

Christmas Village, Bernville, Pa. Rt. 422 bypass north, around Pottstown, toward Reading. Exit for Rt. 183 (sign for Reading airport). Follow Rt. 183 past the airport 10 miles to blinking light at Bernville. Turn left, then make first right. Site is approximately 3 miles from blinking light.

# TALES OF 2 IN PERU

Karen Lee  
Oberson

Who goes to South America? What is there to see in Peru? Why did you choose that country? What can you do in downtown Lima at night? These were some of the questions we heard before Herb and I left on our wedding trip. Neither of us would take responsibility for the decision before we left. Now, we hope to go back again--after learning to speak Spanish!

Our first two weeks were spent in Peru where we saw three vastly different areas of the country. Santa Maria Beach Club is one of only four hotels in the entire Lima Coastal area which is open to international travelers. On the Pacific Ocean approximately thirty miles south of the city, it is surrounded by mountains of sand.

Being unprepared for the strong sun, we quickly set out in search of a town and a straw hat for Herb. After a two mile hike across the desert, we found the village of San Bartolo, with one food market, a drug store, and a church. We learned that straw hats were available only in Lima, so we settled for a bottle of suntan lotion instead.

After four days of swimming, climbing sand dunes and hiking, we took off for Lima (and some city civilization). We arrived there three days after a revolution during which 120 people were killed in the streets, stores looted and buildings burned. Lima has a population of 3.3 million, a mixture of Spanish, Negro and Chinese. The city is 97% Catholic as is quite evident from the numerous cathedrals and the crosses on the tops of surrounding hills and mountains. During the day, the streets are filled with a collection of vintage American cars--Hudsons, Studebakers, Edsels, etc. It's like 1951 all over again. The VW beetle is perhaps the most popular car, costing about \$4000 brand new.

At night, the scene was quite different--army tanks, trucks loaded with soldiers and the distant sound of gunfire. Due to the revolution, the city was under martial law with an 8 PM curfew. We learned



that this would be changed to midnight, but would be enforced for at least one month.

After several days in the city, we left for Cuzco in the Peruvian Andes. This city was the Inca capital of South America. Being at an elevation of 11,000 feet, we were forced to slow down and learned what it's like to be chronically short of breath. The people in Cuzco are 95% Indian and were definitely the most colorful and fascinating of those we saw. While there, we took a one day excursion by train through a beautiful river valley to Machu Picchu, the "Lost City" of the Incas.

At this point in time our travel plans were interrupted. On the day of our departure from Cuzco, low clouds resulted in cancellation of all flights between Lima and Cuzco. We therefore missed a connecting flight to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. When we arrived back in Lima the following day, we learned that we could not be confirmed on another Rio flight for one week. Some quick thought and a few inquiries and we were on a flight to Miami. Arriving there at 11 PM, we quickly checked into a motel. Exhausted after a whole day of travel, what did we need but a shower that didn't drain! While the well-dressed motel manager (with plunger) worked on the foot of water in the bathtub, we made reservations for a trip to Nassau.

After an initial feeling in Nassau that we had fallen into a big tourist trap, we began looking around and found that there was much to see and do there, not to mention the fantastic beaches. The weather was perfect, shopping was fun, and music in the restaurants and clubs was delightful. And we only lost \$5.00 in the Paradise Island Casino. To add to the excitement, Queen Elizabeth decided to stop by! She spent a night on the royal yacht, participated in a parade and bank opening, then sailed off for Mexico.

After three weeks of sun and blue skies, we arrived in wet, foggy Philadelphia. Despite the usual travel problems (late or cancelled flights, misplaced luggage, and of course we can't forget diarrhea), it was a great trip!

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For our rallye/tour on May 4, we will be running Valley Forge Motor Club's Spring Fever Rallye en masse. This is a PRCA Novice Series rallye of approx. 100 miles. It will start at GE, King of Prussia, and we will be running as a separate group with our own separate trophies. Registration at 10 AM, FCO at 11. More details next month, or call Ginny Ebert at AD3-1348.

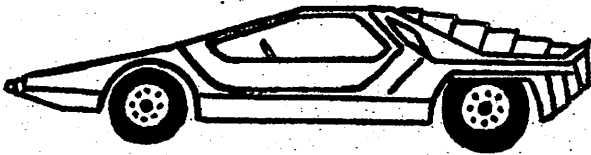
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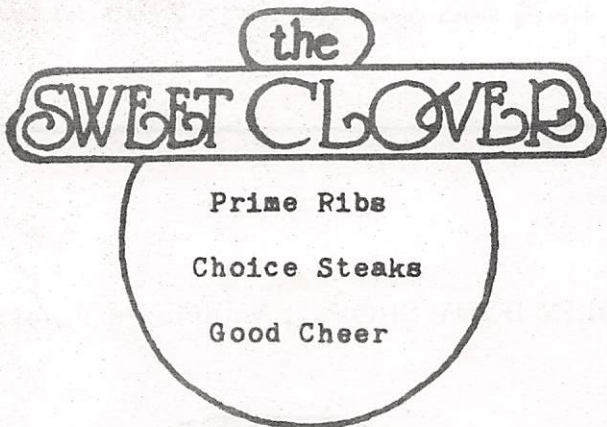
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