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President's Message

Unfortunately the holidays and vacation prevented me from preparing a president's message for the December issue of Der Gasser. Therefore this article will have to be twofold.

First I would like to thank all of you who made 1977 a successful year for Riesentöter Region. The names of those who gave their time and talents to the club are too numerous to mention here, but without them there would be no activities, newsletters, programs, etc.

Secondly, as we look toward 1978 there are some things which need to be corrected. Recently, I have received some feedback from some of our new members relating their unsuccessful attempts to become active in the club. They have come to our meetings and no one shows any interest in them. They feel as though they are not needed.

I don't think we are doing our job of familiarizing our new members with Riesentöter Region. Surely we are losing members who would be active or involved in the leadership of the region.

At our next meeting the executive committee will be discussing a program to better acquaint new members. meanwhile please make a conscious effort to make our new members feel at home.

A NOTE OF THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS

The Annual Banquet last year was made even more enjoyable because of the following organizations which donated prizes:

Karrousel Racing: \$25.00 certificate
Robert Bently Publishers: free book
Road & Track: free subscription
Kensington Products: Koni T-shirts
Addco Industries: Swa-Bar kit
Semperit: mugs; Trimm Set; key rings
Electrodyne: 25% discount certif.
Edelbrock: Unisync
Hann: golf caps
Amco: gearshift knob
Mitcom, Inc.: jacket
Molin Body Shop: free polish job
STP: jackets, hats
MIAH: Porsche Sport book
Automotive Quarterly: Porsche posters
Autobahn: Porsche bag; lighter
Precision Motor Works: \$50 labor cr.

To top it off, copies of Karl Ludvigsen's Porsche: Excellence Was Expected were presented, as Grand Prizes, to Bob and Babe Ahrens, Joe and Vi Bickel, John and Vicki Chatley, Bob and Maria Holland, Vern Lyle, Joe Shelinski, and Bernie Sitron. These magnificent books were donated by:

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Special Notice

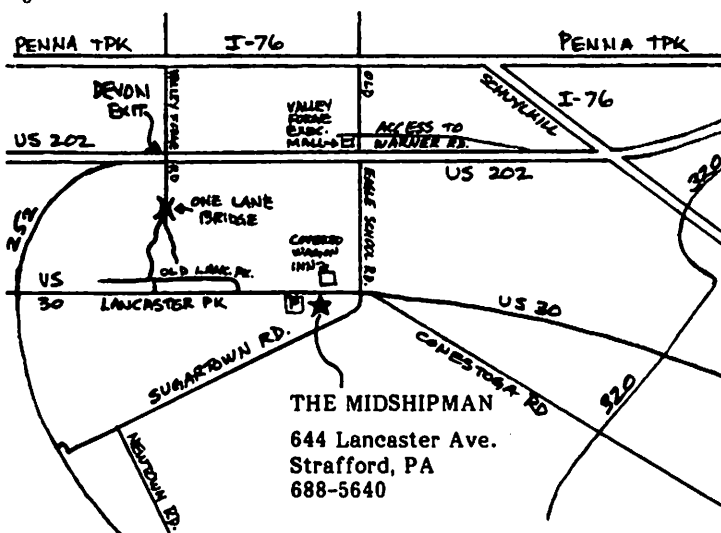
SAVE THIS DATE

Plan for an enjoyable day with your friends in the Club (and otherwise) when we host another Ski Day in the Poconos on February 29. Details are still being firmed up, but we will, through our Social Cochair-couples, arrange for an array of

Meeting Notice

The January meeting of Riesentöter Region, PCA will be on the 25th at 8:30 p.m., and will be held at The Midshipman Restaurant, Strafford, PA.

Mr. Richard J. Miesen, President of NTW (National Tire Wholesale) will be our guest speaker. Retiring? This will be a program you'll not want to miss. Find out what you really get for \$19.95, or \$199.50, and what the hell all those numbers really mean (letters, too). Sprint? Find out how to beat out others by judicious application of air. See you there.



events similar to last year's SDP which included relaxation and cocktails at the Ahrens' Pocono retreat "Snowbird" and dinner at a local (and reasonably-priced) restaurant. More information to come at the Meeting and in the next Der Gasser.

Nehtung!

Wed JAN 25 Meeting at Midshipman
Fri FEB 3 Der Gasser Deadline
Sat FEB 18 Tech Session at YBH
Sat FEB 25 Ski Day in Poconos
Wed FEB 29 Meeting at Midshipman
Fri MAR 10 Der Gasser Deadline
Wed MAR 29 Meeting
etc.

Sat DEC 2 ANNUAL BANQUET

Competition

HILLCLIMBING Jess Holshouser

The official results of the 1977 PHA season have been published—finally, I might add, for they usually are out by November. I won't go into the reasons for the delay, but anyway the results are out in time for the drivers to receive their trophies at the PHA Annual Banquet February 4!

Our drivers and team finished as follows:

Jess Holshouser	3rd EP II (tie)
Dick Sweigart	5th EP II
Carl Ulrich	6th EP II
Connie Sweigart	8th EP II
Dave Derecola	3rd Mod II
Al Derecola	4th Mod II

Our team finished 4th, I'm sorry to say, but this was a bad year for all of us for one reason or another. In EP II there were 13 competitors entered in one or more events and in Mod II there were eight drivers.

Dick and Connie Sweigart should have finished higher, but Dick's job kept him away a lot and he and Connie were not able to catch enough hills to build up the points. Dick finished first in several hills during the year.

Al Derecola timed his visits to the hospital for two operations during the summer when, as all competitors realize, such things should be taken care of in the winter off-season!

Anyway, 1978 is here and all of us are plotting and scheming to do better in the upcoming season.

The Contest Board of PHA meets early in the day of the date for the Annual Awards Banquet February 4, to set the Rules and Regulations for 1978 and to sanction the events for the calendar. The number of events could be as many as 11, including two Solo I-type events (one each at Watkins Glen and York Raceway).

By the time you read this, we will know the results of the annual election of officers — and whether our Connie Sweigart will be Vice President. I think she has a good chance, and hope she wins it. She would do a competent, conscientious job.

Keep it between the trees (even in the ice and snow)!

Treasurer's Report
Riesentöter Region, P C A
December 31, 1977

	Receipts	Disbrsts.
<u>Meetings</u>		
Non-Porsche Drivers	\$ 49.05	
50/50	73.00	
Goodies Store	194.00	\$ 5.00
Wine & Cheese	90.25	185.49
Oktoberfest	42.00	184.25
Guest Spkr's Dinners		34.84
Projector Rental		8.48
	\$ 448.30	\$ 418.06
<u>Der Gasser</u>		
PCA Subsidy	\$ 100.00	
Advertising	762.00	
Printing		\$1,122.77
Mailing		415.48
	\$ 862.00	\$1,538.25
<u>Competition</u>		
<u>Sprint Series</u>		
-Track	\$ 431.00	\$ 400.00
-Trophies		67.15
DVSA -Track	554.00	155.00
-Trophies		367.45
-Mailings, &c.		96.19
	\$ 985.00	\$1,085.79
<u>Social</u>		
Nickel Night	\$ 42.00	
Picnic		\$ 66.64
Banquet -Dinners	1,095.00	856.22
-Door Prizes	200.00	230.00
-Band		265.00
-Printing		115.25
-Mailing, &c.		57.00
	\$1,337.00	\$1,590.11
<u>Other</u>		
Dues	\$1,625.52	
Interest	17.07	
Bank Charges		\$ 74.95
Tech Sessions	44.00	
Rally		12.98
Banquet Deposit '78		100.00
Stamps, supplies, &c.		20.98
DVSA Dues		10.00
PHA Dues		25.00
	\$1,686.59	\$ 183.91
	\$5,318.89	\$4,876.12

Summary

Beginning Balance	\$ 196.71
Receipts	5,318.89
	\$5,515.60
Disbursements	(4,876.12)
Ending Balance	\$ 639.48

Balances

Checking Account	\$ 7.89
Savings Account	281.59
Reserve for Timer	
Replacement	300.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Total	\$ 639.48

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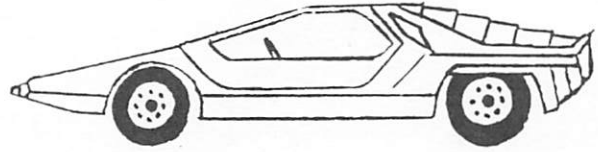
1976 911S Targa; brown; 5spd; factory air; alloys; AM-FM stereo cassette; carrera wheel; foglights; oil cooler; new Konis; new Semperit V600s; koko mats; 26,000 miles; dealer serviced; garaged since new. Asking \$14,500. B. Granite: after 6 p.m. 527-2581

1973 Renault Gordini Coupe; 107hp; 4spd; AM-FM; FWD; 20/25 mpg; 29,000 miles; excellent condition; reliable and fast; \$2,500. Bob Holland: 436-6577 after 6 p.m.

Black vinyl seats from 73 911; very good condition. Make offer. Bob Holland: 436-6577 after 6 p.m.

1970 911T; new Imron paint; A/C; factory alloy wheels; AM-FM Stereo/8 Track; Michelin XVS; Konis; F/R sway bars; carbs recently rebuilt; well maintn'd; 69K miles. \$6,000. Gary Frings 609/567-1890

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INEFFECTUAL SENATE RESOLUTION MAY RENDER 928 "UNDESIRABLE"

Bob Rassa's December 13 Legislative Liaison Bulletin summarized the status of fuel economy measures being considered in Congress. The President, and others, feel the present law is too weak, and the Senate has responded with a really bass-ackwards idea. To save an expected six percent of the amount of oil previously expected to be saved, it would virtually eliminate Americans' choice of the higher-priced high performance (albeit more thirsty) automobiles such as Porsche, Rolls-Royce, Mercedes, BMW, Ferrari, Lamborghini, etc. Read on.

Present federal law would impose penalties on models not meeting steadily increasing economy criteria (rising from 18 mpg in 1978 to 27.5 mpg in 1985): this is expected to save 175,000 barrels of oil per day compared with a total daily consumption of two million. The Senate would prohibit sale of models failing to meet a less stringent progression (rising from 16 mpg in '80 to 21 in '85), with an expected saving of 10,500 barrels of oil daily. Not only does the Senate resolution do less, but it also restricts freedom of choice severely.

Without sacrifice of power, a feature certainly expected in the Porsche package, the 928 (and even the 911 series) will not be able to continue in the American market if the Senate resolution becomes law. If Porsche decides to cut power and avoid losing the American market, it may be for naught because less power will render it substantially less desirable (buy two 924's instead).

Harrass your local (federal) politician! Give them the Bronx Cheer! Do something to preserve the Porsche performance we demand.

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DANKE SEHR

Last year I received a great deal of cooperation (and outright bailing-out sometimes) from many Riesentöter members, which is very gratifying and happens to be consistent with my belief that Der Gasser isn't my publication: it is not in the Club's interest if only my opinions get printed. I hope to continue benefitting from your work in 1978, most usefully in the form of articles and constructive comments.

Only nine letters of the alphabet are represented in the following list of 1977 contributors, but five (count 'em, five) are doubles! This leaves 17 available for 1978; with multiples, the possibilities are mind-boggling. He is my nominee for Best Contributing Letter, since Jess and Bob were extraordinarily prolific and regular in their efforts to keep me off their backs.

Don & Linda Applestein
Steve Buerkle
Mel Feldman
Bob Holliand
Jess Holshouser
Paul Lowe*
Vern Lyle
Dennis Mahoney
Bob McCullen
Bob Rassa**
Bob Russo
Bill Smith
Glen Sweet
Paul Walsack

All of these people, and not the least Russ Morgan and his staff at the Main Line Print Shop, made

my job easier and made Der Gasser possible. Thank you all.

JOHN ENGLISH

* The Morning Call, Allentown
**PCA Legislative Liaison Chairman

Technical

TECH SESSION SCHEDULED

So your State Sticker is valid until April, and you have another 4,000 miles to go before a W-10?? Don't let that stop you from getting the 50-weight oil out of the thing: just try and start it, and if it will, come out to YBH Porsche/Audi in Edgemont for the TECH SESSION February 18 (Saturday). YBH is about 2.8 miles west of Pa. 252 on the south side of Pa. 3 (West Chester Pike). Straggle in between 9 and 9:30; stay until 3 if you must. Overhaul your engine. wash your car, or just watch others do funny things like clean clutch cables/pulleys.

911 TECH TIP

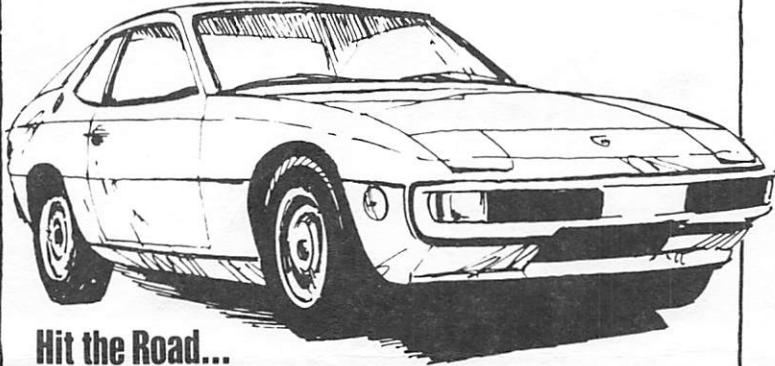
Recent models (1975-77) have thermal reactors and air pumps which are often disconnected. Reconnecting the belt during the winter months will greatly improve the car's heater performance due to higher exhaust temperatures. If the pump is disconnected it should be removed from the car to prevent seizure.

Dennis Mahoney

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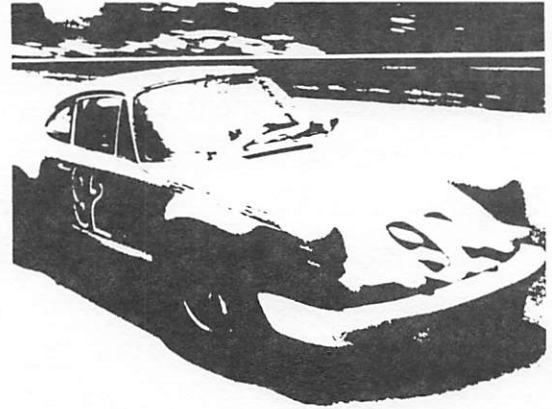
Remember the way it used to be?
You'd buy a car because you really loved to drive. Your machine had a little better performance than your neighbor's car. It was a pleasure to hit the throttle and get moving. And Handle? How often did you take that back-road turn a wee bit faster than normal just to feel the response as you cranked the steering wheel over hard left? Yes, those were the days. And those still ARE the days!
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in progress

This is a new section of Der Gasser designed to keep Club members informed of the topics currently being pursued by the Executive Committee.

Considerable time was spent at the January meeting of the Executive Committee discussing ways to make new members feel welcome. Several suggestions were made to encourage a better atmosphere in the meetings: first, have the officers sit with everyone else, not isolated at a "head table;" second, resurrect the badge board and issue name badges to all members. Another suggestion was to update and reissue the membership list, and include membership changes more often in the newsletter. Inclusion on the membership list could be voluntary, and we could omit street addresses (a cause for previous requests for exclusion).

There appears to be strong interest in multiregional competition—a triregional sprint series will be investigated, as will cosponsoring of a drivers' school at Lime Rock. A series of low-key rallies is another possibility to be researched.

Several social activities are already scheduled (see Achtung!); a picnic is expected to be scheduled in August, and a canoe trip down the Brandywine was suggested. The tradition of Nickel Night at Nick's cannot be continued because Nick's new residence doesn't lend itself to that activity.

Send to Dennis Mahoney, P.O. Box 51,
Furlong, PA 18925, if you want to
be excluded from the Membership
List soon to be published.

I do NOT want my name city to be
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3. Publish every article submitted by the Membership within the month following date of receipt, at the latest.
4. Regularly publish a summary of recent considerations of the Executive Committee of interest to the Membership.
5. Maintain the quantity of commercial advertising space below 35% of total space available for copy, on an annual basis.
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7. Maintain the Club's annual unreimbursed revenue allocation for Der Gasser expenses below \$2.00 per member.