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President's Message

The Executive Committee has been pleased with the new meeting place, the Joshua Tree in Bryn Mawr, and the increased turnout that it has generated. Several people were even overheard remarking that it was crowded!!

This month we are to be the guests of Holbert's Porsche+Audi in Warrington, PA to tour their new race shop (Holbert Racing, Inc.), and yes . . . we may go into the showroom as well.

Next month we will be back at the Joshua Tree and will have a new seating arrangement to better accommodate the number of people attending.

Keep an eye on our activities calendar (Achtung!), as our Social Chairman has filled several of the rare open dates with what sound like great events.

Bill Smith

Meeting Notice

The April 25 meeting of Riesentöter Region, PCA will be held at 8:30 at

HOLBERT RACING INC.
(behind Holbert's Porsche+Audi)
Warrington, PA
(on route 611, 7 mi N of Willow Grove)

For some months now we have heard about a complete racing shop under construction at the Holbert Porsche+Audi dealership. It is now very nearly complete, awaiting(at last word) installation of a dynamometer. Continuing his tradition of close ties to our club, Al Holbert has offered the race shop as the site for our April meeting so that we may learn first hand about the realities of professional race car preparation. We hope to be able to view several examples of his team's work, including a 924 being set up for SCCA.

Slow Lane

ALICE IN INSURANCE LAND

Here's a little quiz on insurance: A married couple have three cars all insured identically—one is a 1978 Rabbit, one a 1978 911SC, and one a 1975 Ford Maverick. The six-month rates are \$193, \$183, \$101. Which rates apply to which car? Answer: they are as written.

The Ford is easy to understand but the VW and 911 seem a bit out of line since the 911 costs 4-5 times as much. This is just a simple illustration of the arcane world of Pennsylvania insurance rates.

As near as the Sentry regional office can determine, I have lowered my annual insurance bill by \$300 through application of the follow-

ing adjustments—you all are likely familiar with the theories, but maybe not the magnitude:

1. Two or more cars on the same policy: 15% off the total bill.
2. Increase the deductible from nil to \$100 on Comprehensive: VW went from \$46.84 down to \$31.00; 911 from \$165.22 to \$68.30—for the VW it would take 6 years to save \$100 (not worth it); for the 911, one year (really worth it).
3. Increase the deductible from \$100 to \$200 on Collision: VW went from \$170.48 to \$142.10 and the 911 from \$326.70 to

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Uchtung!

- Apr 25 Meeting at Holbert Racing
Apr 29 PCA/DVSA sprint at BucksCo
May 6 OYRSCC/DVSA "June Fete"
sprint at Wanamaker's in
Jenkintown
May 11 Der Gasser deadline
May 13 Riesentoter Drivers School
at Christmas Village
May 20 Riesentoter Tri-Regional
sprint at Christmas Village
May 27 SCCA/DVSA sprint at MontCo
May 30 MEETING at Joshua Tree in
Bryn Mawr—guest speaker will
be a State Trooper: your
chance to meet in a nonadver-
sarial situation
Jun 8 Der Gasser deadline
Jun 10 OYRSCC/DVSA sprint at
BucksCo (tentative)
Jun 17 Social: St. Peters Village
Jun 24 SCCA(L)/DVSA sprint in the
Allentown area
Jul 8 VFMC/DVSA sprint at MontCo
Jul 13 Der Gasser deadline
Jul 22 SCCA(L)/DVSA sprint in the
Allentown area
Jul 25 MEETING (details to be
announced)
Jul 29 PCA/DVSA sprint at BucksCo
Aug 5 Social: "Shore Thing"
(details to be announced)
Aug 10 Der Gasser deadline
Aug 12 SCCA/DVSA sprint at MontCo
Aug 26 VFMC/DVSA sprint at MontCo
Aug 29 MEETING (details to be
announced)
Sep 9 OYRSCC/DVSA sprint at BucksCo
(tentative)
Sep 14 Der Gasser deadline
Sep 16 SCCA/DVSA sprint at MontCo
Sep 23 VFMC/DVSA sprint at MontCo
Sep ?? MEETING: OKTOBERFEST (date
and details to be announced)
Oct 7 OYRSCC/DVSA sprint at
BucksCo (tentative)

- Oct 12 Der Gasser deadline
Oct 31 MEETING (details forthcoming)
Nov 9 Der Gasser deadline
Nov xx (no meeting in November)
Dec 1 ANNUAL BANQUET

registration for sprints starts at
9:30 a.m.; first car off at 11:00.

Mont. Co. Comm. College is on rte
202 north of rte 73.

Bucks Co. Comm. College is on Swamp
Rd., between routes 232 & 532, in
Newtown.

Special Notice

A TOUR TO ST. PETERS VILLAGE

Mark your calendars for Sunday,
June 17 as a day of history, culture
and comradeship.

In 1731 William Penn provided
Johann Knauer a land grant to set-
tle with his friends along French
Creek in the area which was to be-
come Knauertown and St. Peters Vil-
lage.

"Quaint" is the word to describe
this unusual, functioning town which
might be called Pennsylvania's version
of an Alpine village. Shops of all
types line the narrow main street,
offering unique temptations for
browsing and purchase. Wooden foot
bridges cross French Creek, which
rambles over granite boulders paral-
leling Main Street, and lead to
miles of hiking trails.

Then there is the Inn. On the
lower level is the Fox Cellar where
you will find beef, beer and smiling
faces (foxes were kept there in
bygone days when hunts were staged
in the area). Outside is the Bavar-
ian Beer Garden featuring the Rhine-
land Band—a genuine oom-pa-pa brass
band in full German costume—where
gemütlichkeit lures many into spon-
taneous dancing.

Upstairs in the Inn are elegant
dining rooms. Still further up is
the spacious banquet room whose porch
overlooks the street, parking lot,
and village: this is where we will
dine.

Our schedule is as follows:
- noonish—meet at the Arch in Val-

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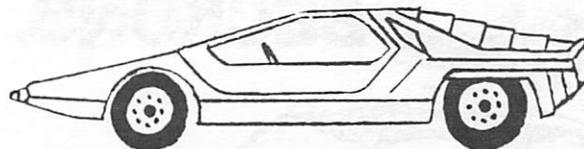
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The following persons have recently
joined Riesentoter Region. Let's
all do our part to make them feel
really welcome.

Richard Bach, Mansfield PA

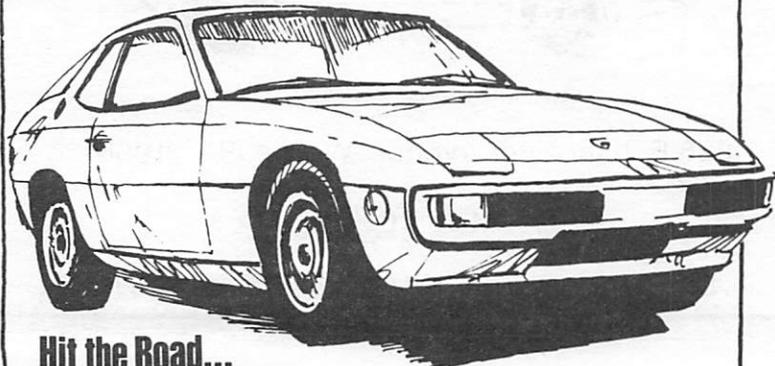
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Al Holbert—1976 & 77 IMSA GT Champion



Hit the Road... Porsche, Audi or Volkswagen

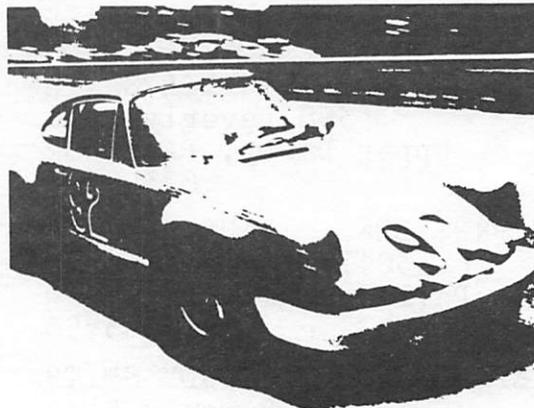
Remember the way it used to be?
You'd buy a car because you really loved to drive. Your machine had a little better performance than your neighbor's car. It was a pleasure to hit the throttle and get moving. And Handle? How often did you take that back-road turn a wee bit faster than normal just to feel 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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ST. PETERS (continued)

- ley Forge National Park
- 1:00 pm—proceed tour fashion up route 23 to St. Peters Village. The parking lot directly across from the Inn will be roped off for our Porsches
- 2:00 to 5:00—roam through the town, hike in the woods, or join me in the Beer Garden with the band
- 5:00 pm—dinner in the banquet room of the Inn

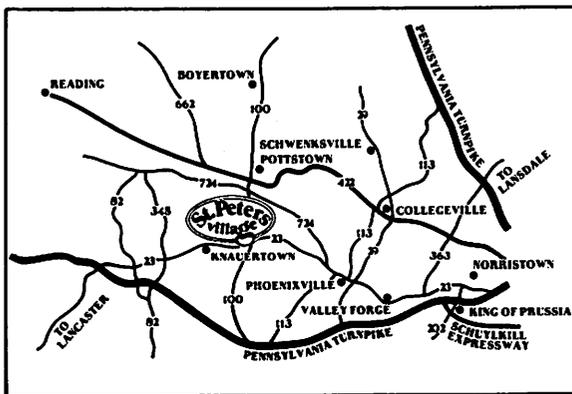
There is no sprint scheduled on this day, and the price of the meal (\$11.95 plus tax and tip) is competitive. We'd like to see you and your friend/spouse/etc.

The meal price includes: a Tropical Fruit Cocktail, choice of prime ribs OR Broiled Flounder stuffed with Crabmeat, vegetables in season, Tossed Garden Salad with choice of dressing, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Coffee or Tea, and Ice Cream. We will need your RESERVATION by May 10, as well as your entree choice.

Clip out the form, provide the requested information, and send it to me.

See you there.

John Heckman



Send by May 10 to John Heckman,
709 Bethlehem Pike, Phila 19118

Name _____

No. Entrees: Prime Ribs _____

Stuffed Flounder _____

SLOW LANE (continued)

\$171.70—again a good deal for the 911 but not so good for the VW (3-4 years to save the \$100).

3. Vehicle used less than 7,500 miles per year: on the 911, 15% discount.

4. Vehicle used for pleasure only; i.e., not to commute to work. This is the biggie, and is why the 911 costs less to insure than the VW. I don't know the precise figure, but it's obviously a lot.

Insurance is supposed to be a plan where we all get together and subsidize each other's accidents, but if you cost your company money they'll get it back in a hurry (this is different from Blue Cross—no one ever had his rates raised after an appendectomy). If they pay out \$300 or more on liability or collision you lose the 15% discount and get a 40% surcharge (i.e. you get a 65% rate increase on the liability or collision part) for one year, then a 20% increase, then a 10% increase. In my case it was a \$315 accident and it would have cost me \$312 extra in premiums over three years—some bargain.

I managed to talk my way out of it by showing them the math, but if you run over your neighbor's ten-speed bike in the driveway don't bet on repeating it: better to claim just \$285 or whatever your agent says.

If all this seems complex it can't be—I have the "Plain Talk Car Policy"—but then again they are a company who will defend you even if you aren't guilty.

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