

Riesentöter region, Porsche club of America

PCAR GAZETTE

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1979

President's Message

Holbert's Mini Parade Weekends...St. Peters Village...Porsche Parade Week...Riesentöter Wine Tasting...

This is really Porsche Fun Season, and would remind one of the fabled California Porsche seasons which, until now, seemed unrealizable here.

I hope that you all take advantage of each "happening" that you possibly can, as each will have its own form of gemütlichkeit.



In Riesentöter Region, the name Joe Bickel was synonymous with the 914; and Joe had a bag of tricks that would keep 914's running as good as new. He loved being around all Porsches and around Porsche people as well. Everyone who knew him loved him. After every PCA meeting, Joe and I would stop at the Phoenixville Dunkin Donuts for coffee and a donut. I missed the first four meetings of 1979 due to Wednesday night classes, and looked forward to the May meeting and to having that donut and coffee with Joe. But the night before the meeting, I received a call from Joe's daughter, telling me that he had died suddenly from a heart attack that night. Joe was buried with his PCA emblems in his pocket and a scale model of his 914 at his feet.

Joe's death shocked and saddened everyone who knew him, and a small part of Riesentöter Region died with him. We'll miss Joe's comments at the meetings, his helpful hints at tech sessions, his radio controlled

917 at the Annual Banquet, and his general warmth and wit. And I'll miss that coffee and donut with Joe after every monthly meeting.

Bob Patton

Although we lose Porsche Club members through death frequently and no mention is made, there are certain times when we should. Members who attended the May meeting heard the announcement of Joe Bickel's death by a heart attack. Some who may not have known him personally most probably remember him as the "Champion of the 914". He rarely missed an opportunity to remind us all that the 914 is really a Porsche. It was this loyalty to his 914 that fueled the good natured banter between him and the "real" Porsche owners. If we could somehow take his enthusiasm for the automotive industry, especially Porsches, and distribute it evenly among our members, we would have a Region with enviable spirit. Riesentöter Region has certainly lost one of its most dedicated and supportive members and many have lost a true friend. We all extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Vi, and to his children.

Bob Russo

Meeting Notice

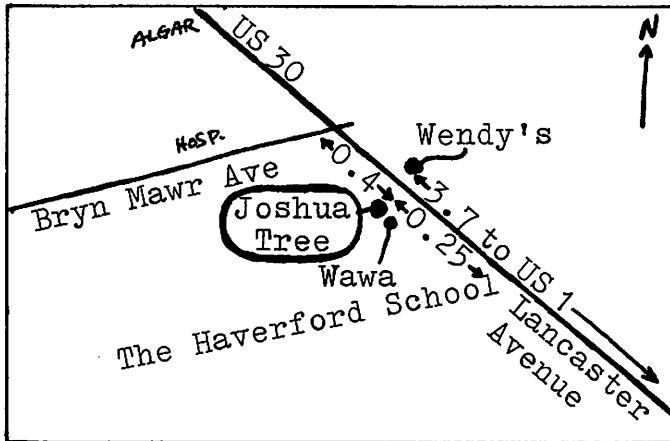
The June 27 meeting of Riesentoter Region, PCA will be held at 8:30 pm at

Joshua Tree
(see map)
Bryn Mawr, PA

The program will consist of a BRIEF business meeting followed by a

WINE TASTING

This is going to cost you \$2 at the door, but the Club is providing a nice assortment of cheeses to tickle your palates and give you one more reason to have another sip. At least four kinds of wine will be offered.



Uchtung!

- Jul 1 PHA: Goldmine Hillclimb Solo I (between Rt 443 & Tower City near Pine Grove)
- Jul 8 VFMC/DVSA sprint at MontCo
- Jul 13 Der Gasser deadline
- Jul 15 Social: St. Peters Village
- Jul 22 SCCA(L)/DVSA sprint in the Allentown area
- Jul 25 MEETING (details to be announced)
- Jun 27 MEETING at Joshua Tree: Program to include WINE TASTING
- Jul 29 PCA/DVSA sprint at BucksCo

- Aug 5 Social: "Shore Thing" (details to be announced)
- Aug 10 Der Gasser deadline
- Aug 11 PHA: Weatherly Hillclimb -12 Solo I, Weatherly, PA
- 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 15 PHA: Giants Despair Hillclimb -16 Solo I, Laurel Run, PA
- 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 21 TRI-REGIONAL Sprint (tentative)
- Oct 31 MEETING (details to be announced)
- 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 Road, between Rtes 232 & 532, in Newtown.

Membership

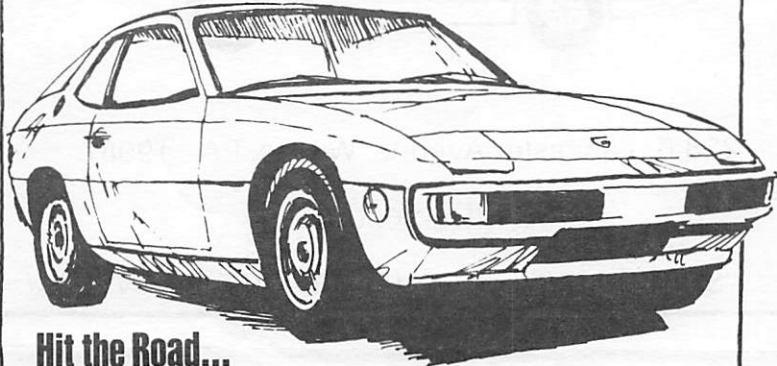
Prospective new members are cordially invited to join us at an upcoming event or meeting to "try us out" before officially joining PCA. The regular meetings are informal, and spouses or friends are encouraged to also participate.

Potential new members are reminded that their applications and dues must be processed through the

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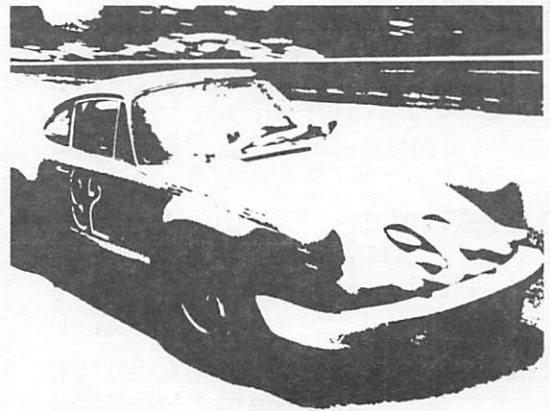
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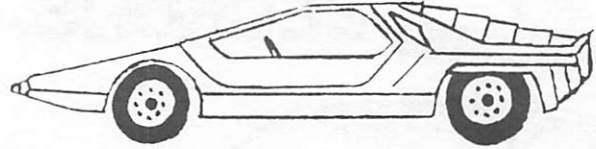
local region by being turned in at a meeting or event, or by being sent to the Membership Chairman.

The following new members are welcomed to Riesentoter Region of the Porsche Club of America:

Jeff Macaluso, Abington
Greg Black, Allentown
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Editorial

Time limitations do not permit me to comment exhaustively on any of the following, but each deserves mention.

Elsewhere on these pages are some words attempting to express our sense of loss in the passing away of Joe Bickel. I have tried to do the same, but am unable to improve upon the others' efforts. I am hopeful his spirit will continue within the Club through those whom he influenced.

Trooper J. A. Birkmire deserves considerable credit for withstanding a surprising amount of debate. The philosophies involved may be argued ad nauseum, but I was pleased that most of the discussion was informative for both Trooper Birkmire and the members present at the May meeting.

Weather and other scheduling difficulties have placed the Tri-Regional Sprint Series in jeopardy. In an effort to retrench, we have set a tentative date of October 21—please save that date if you can.

There still has been no response to our query at the National level regarding justification of the existence of our Zone Representative. You probably have read the June issue of Panorama, however, in which is announced a dues increase of \$6.00: The 1978 "distribution of annual dues" was \$5.04 for Executive Council Zone Representative Committees (not clear how many items this represents), and \$3.83 for Executive Office: since a major portion of those pie-pieces don't seem to be working for Riesentötters, I question the validity of the increase.

Special Notice

Tour to St. Peters Village: don't forget to forward the attached to John Heckman if you want to assure yourself of a place for dinner on the evening of July 15, after the "tour." The deadline for reser-

vations is the June meeting.

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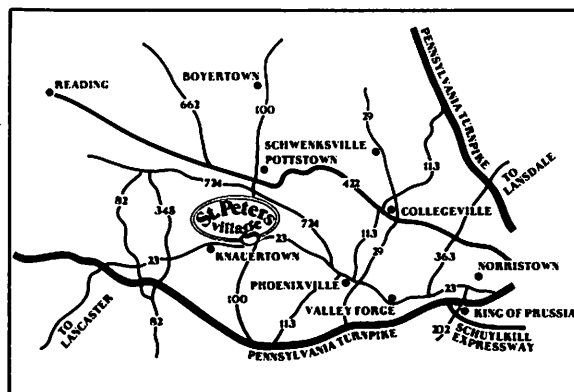
Name _____

Please note: casual dress is acceptable.

Our schedule is as follows:

- noonish—meet at the Arch in Valley 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.



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