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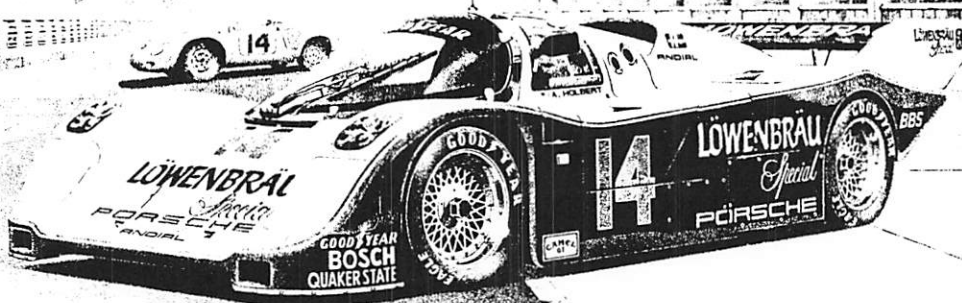
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President's Message

THANKS SAUL – YOU'RE COOL!

By the time this gets in *Der Gasser* we will have gone to the Auto Show and had a great time. My crystal ball tells me we presented Saul Kun, our host at the Auto Show, with a wonderful Riesentöter 40th anniversary jacket. The member response to this event is super. Thanks to all the new members who came out.

HEY BOB - REMEMBER THE TIME YOU ...

I also see that we will soundly roast long time member Bob Russo and his lovely spouse Lee, as they prepare to leave our region for California. Bob has gotten an offer he can't refuse! More details in the next *Der Gasser*. I have this mental image of Bob on a folding chair on top of a table bouncing around and making Porsche sounds. No it wasn't some strange mating ritual – he was teaching a group of drivers about tire contact. Everyone in that classroom will always remember that session! Then there's the story about the first Club Race at Lime Rock, but I'll let Lee tell that one.

ISN'T IT TIME FOR OUR FIRST TRACK EVENT YET?

Since it isn't yet, the Plenzick house has been watching everything from camel races to downhill-snow bicycle racing. I hope everyone had a chance to see Daytona – whether live or on ESPN2. Pretty exciting to watch. Porsches were awesome. I noticed our own member Paul (Where's Waldo?) Poore working on the winning MOMO Team. Every time the camera showed a pit stop for MOMO, Paul was right there in the midst of the action. He did a great job with the water hose!!! and got to ride on the Ferrari sidepod into the Winners Circle.

LET'S HAVE FUN AT THE MEETINGS!

Vice President Nick Hatalski is doing a heck of a job planning our meetings for the year. The February 25th meeting at the Ft. Washington Holiday Inn sounds very auto-tastic. Nick has arranged a speaker from the National Motorists Association. We will hear the real reason for speeding tickets and find out the latest on radar. I know this will be of special interest to several members that I will not name here. See Nick's article elsewhere in *Der Gasser*. New members come out and see what we're up to! You don't have to wait for the New Members Meeting!

ANOTHER PICTURE FROM THE PLENZICK ARCHIVE

Since no one sent me a picture of their baby (car) I pulled the following picture out of my file. This dashing man is our own Membership Chairman, John Crowley, pictured at the Pagoda Hill Climb in Reading several years ago. Photo credit – Nick Plenzick. (Did anyone wonder how I took a picture of myself on the track?)

Best Wishes for a great February. See you at the track!

SPRING SOCIAL – MAY 3, 1998

Save the date! Our spring social will be on Sunday, May 3, 1998 somewhere in Bucks County. It will be held in conjunction with the Spring Rally, but you can come to the social whether you rally or not! Stay tuned to the next *Der Gasser* for details.



Membership Chairman John Crowley at the Pagoda Hill Climb.
(Photo courtesy Nick Plenzick.)

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Down The Pike

FEBRUARY

- 25 Club Meeting, Holiday Inn, Fort Washington, PA
7:30. Topic: Driver's Rights & a salute to Bob Russo

MARCH

- 10 Supertech, Dougherty Automotive, West Chester, PA
9:00am to 2pm
25 Club Meeting, Arnold's Go-Kart Track, Oaks, PA

APRIL

- 19 Autocross School, Lot "7" Camden, NJ
25 22nd Annual Porsche "Only" Swap Meet, Hershey
Park, Hershey, PA 7:30am to 4:00pm

MAY

- 3 Spring Social and Rally. Details to follow.
17 Autocross, Lot "7" Camden, NJ

JUNE

- 7 Autocross, Lot "7" Camden, NJ
28 Autocross, Lot "7" Camden, NJ

JULY

- 19-25 43rd Annual Porsche Parade, Steamboat Springs, CO
Hosted by Rocky Mountain Region. Registration
opened January 26. See November, 1997 Panorama
for registration form.
26 Autocross, Lot "7" Camden, NJ

AUGUST

- 9 Autocross, Lot "7" Camden, NJ
30 Autocross, Lot "7" Camden, NJ

SEPTEMBER

- 27 Autocross, Lot "7" Camden, NJ

OCTOBER

- 18 Autocross, Lot "7" Camden, NJ

1998 TRACK EVENTS

MARCH

- 15 Summit Point (Driver's Ed, Host - Potomac. Contact
Marilyn Hickson at (703) 758-6697 for all Potomac
Driver's Ed Events)
28-29 Texas World Spdwy (Club Race, Host - Lone Star)

APRIL

- 10 Summit Point (Driver's Ed, Host - Potomac)
18-19 Road Atlanta (Club Race, Host - Peachstate)

MAY

- 2-3 Las Vegas (Club Race, Host - Intermountain)
8-10 Mid Ohio (Driver's Ed, Host - Potomac)
8-9 Lime Rock (Club Race, Host - Conn. Valley)
16-17 Mid Ohio (Club Race, Host - Mid Ohio)
30-31 Pocono North Course (Driver's Ed, Host - RTR)
30-31 Putnam Park (Club Race, Host - Ohio Valley)

JUNE

- 6-7 Pocono (Club Race, Host - Northern NJ)
20-21 Jefferson Circuit (Driver's Ed, Host - RTR)
20-21 Brainerd (Club Race, Host - Nord Stern)
26-27 Summit Point (Club Race, Host - Potomac)
28 Summit Point (Driver's Ed, Host - Potomac)

JULY

- 4-5 GingerMan (Club Race, Host - SE Michigan)
16-17 Watkins Glen (Driver's Ed, Host - Potomac)
17-18 Second Creek (Club Race, Host - Rocky Mountain &
Alpine Mountain, in conjunction with Parade)
18-19 Gratten (Club Race, Host - Western Michigan)
25-26 Mosport (Club Race, Host - Upper Canada)

AUGUST

- 8-9 Portland (Club Race, Host - Oregon)
14 Pocono (Driver's Ed, Host RTR)
15-16 Pocono (Club Race, Host RTR)
21-22 Indianapolis-IRP (Club Race, Host - Central IN)
22-23 Summit Point (Driver's Ed, Host - Potomac)

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 Road America (Club Race, Host - Chicago)
19-20 Mt. Tremblant (Club Race, Host - Rennsport)
26-27 Willow Springs (Club Race, Host - Los Angeles)

OCTOBER

- 2-4* Watkins Glen (Driver's Ed, Host - RTR)
3-4 Thunder Hill (Club Race, Host - Sacramento Valley
& Golden Gate)
10-11 Heartland Park (Club Race, Host - Great Plains)
11-12 Summit Point (Driver's Ed, Host - Potomac)
31-11/1 Memphis (Club Race, Host - Mid-South)

NOVEMBER

- 14-15 Summit Point (Driver's Ed, Host - Potomac)

DECEMBER

- 5-6** Sears Point (Club Race, Host - Golden Gate)
5-6** Roebing Road (Club Race, Host - Carolinas)

* The Watkins Glen event will **NOT** be a Club Race. It will be a Driver's Ed event **ONLY**.

** These dates are based on the 1997 schedule; no final confirmation date has been received.

Help Wanted

We are looking for a Riesentöter member CPA who will review the club finances and provide assistance in forecasting our income and expenses for the coming year. No salary and no 401(k), but we will feed you pizza when you present your final report. Call Melissa if interested (215) 343-0263.

Club Meeting Info

As some of you may already be aware, Bob Russo will soon be leaving the area. Bob has twice served as President of the Riesentöter Region and has been instrumental in the success of our club. The February meeting will be used to show our appreciation for all that Bob has done for the club as we bid him a fond farewell.

Also on the agenda for the February meeting is Casey W. Raskob, Esq. Attorney Raskob is the New York Activist for the National Motorist Association. NMA is an organization which lobbies for drivers' rights and against traffic enforcement measures carried out for revenue generating purposes, such as speed traps. Casey is prepared to share his secrets on how to avoid paying speeding tickets!

Please join us to salute Bob and to learn more about our rights as motorists on Wednesday, February 25th at the Fort Washington Holiday Inn. A half-hour social will begin at 7:30, with the official meeting kicking off at 8:00. The Holiday Inn is located off of Exit 26 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Their telephone number is (215) 643-3000.

Now that the Auto Show is behind us, we will revert to our normal monthly meeting schedule: the last Wednesday of each month. Our March club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25th at Arnold's Go-Kart Track in Oaks, PA. Stay tuned for further details in the next issue of *Der Gasser*!

Nick Hatalski
Vice President

Looking for a Future Editor

As many of you know, this is my fourth year as Editor of this illustrious publication. It will also be my last, as I will be relieving John Crowley of his Membership duties (assuming I'm elected) in 1999. Although I have enjoyed my editorial duties, I think it's time to pass the baton (so to speak). Therefore, I'm looking for any interested party who would consider being Editor next year. The prospective editor can help me put *Der Gasser* together and get a "feel" for the process. It should ease the transition considerably. I will of course be available next year to the new Editor with any help needed, as former Editors John Crowley and Bill O'Connell were for me. Thanks again to everyone who has helped me throughout these past three years.

Tracy Chatley

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AUTOCROSS 1998

By Nick Betegh

Even though it is still January (February by the time you read this article) Bob Wiegand and I have been working to organize this year's schedules and program. We have been able to lock in the dates for this year and I strongly urge everyone to **mark their calendars** for the following dates:

APRIL 19. School. Here is your chance to learn everything there is to know about driving. This is the perfect stepping stone before attempting high-speed track events. We, at AX, only reach 70 MPH..... on tight turns that is. No, not really, but an experienced AXer can probably red line in 2nd gear.

MAY 17, JUNE 7, JUNE 28, JULY 26, AUGUST 9, AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 27, AND OCTOBER 18. These are regular competition dates that will count for points for end-of-season awards. As of this printing, all the events will be held at Camden, along the Delaware River just south of the Benjamin Franklin bridge.

As a point of interest, every year we try to make improvements. Last year we acquired a trailer to house the cones and all other paraphernalia. This year we will have state-of-the-art timing equipment and software to keep score and compile points for the entire season. We will adopt SCCA car classifications and use PAX time factors to place every car on the same playing field. This should make competition interesting because a person driving a 356 speedster can compare himself (or herself or itself) with another driver in a 930 turbo. Tires will not matter, so the stickier tires you use, the better you will be. Under this basis, we will have only 2 classes: regular and novices. NOVICES will be defined as a driver with 5 or less events accumulated over any number of years.

For those of you who do not know the way to the Camden site, here are the directions: From I-76 go East and follow signs to the Ben Franklin Bridge (676E). Stay in right lane and make first right immediately after the toll gates to Cooper Ave. Right on Cooper to Delaware. Lot "7" is directly in front of you with the Philadelphia skyline in the background. The lot sits almost directly underneath the bridge on the south side. The adjacent buildings have been removed and now there is a clear view of the Sony Entertainment Center and the Camden Aquarium. Bring your camera, there are great photo opportunities. See you there, OK? BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!



The joy of Autocrossing. (Photo courtesy Nick Betegh.)

Track Tech Notes

by Mark Winkle, Tech Chairman

Changes to Instructor Tech

For the past years we have allowed instructors to self tech their cars for track events. We are modifying that policy this year in the interest of improving safety. We know that instructors are conscientious about safety and keep their cars in good condition; but, we also realize that they may not see everything that might be a problem. Our objective here is to make sure that a second person looks the car over to spot anything that the instructor missed. **Instructors must get their car teched** by a recognized inspector (commercial mechanic or Riesentöter tech inspector) one time this year before their first track event. When you submit the stamped and signed tech form, you will receive an instructor's tech sticker that will be good for our events for the rest of the year. Even RTR inspectors cannot inspect their own car - you have to get someone else to do it. Once you have done this, you can self-tech for the remainder of the year, as before. You are also exempt from grid tech at all events. We realize that this places an additional burden on our valued instructors and we instituted this change only after much discussion. We hope you understand and will support us in this decision. The Supertech at Dougherty's will be a great time to get your annual tech done. Give me a call if you have questions.

Fire Extinguishers No Longer Required for Track Events

While we still recommend mounting a fire extinguisher in your car, they are no longer required for track events in any run group. If you have a fire extinguisher, it **MUST** be mounted with sturdy metal clips and bolted securely to the chassis or roll bar. Plastic brackets are **not** acceptable. These may seem secure but will break on impact - releasing the fire extinguisher to bounce around the cabin of the car.

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RENO, NEVADA, Jan. 12, 1998 -- A long awaited anniversary of one of the world's most revered automakers will take place during 1998. Fifty years ago, on June 3, 1948, the first production car to bear the Porsche name was completed in the tiny village of Gmund, Austria.

Created by Prof. Ferry Porsche and designated the 356, this initial sports car launched the Porsche marque in the automobile industry. As the first Porsche, it also laid the technical foundation for many succeeding and highly prized Porsche models.

Porsche's momentous 50th anniversary will be celebrated throughout the year at numerous worldwide activities including many of North America's premier automotive events. In America, Porsche will be the featured marque at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance (April 18) in Florida, the Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance and Historic Races (Aug. 1-2) in Michigan and the Monterey Historic Automobile Races (Aug. 14-16) in Northern California. The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance (Aug. 16), the National Automobile Museum (April 20 - Aug. 9) in Reno and the Petersen Automotive Museum (Sept. 11 - Nov. 6) in Los Angeles will highlight special displays commemorating Porsche's golden anniversary. And Watkins Glen International will hold a unique Double Fifty Porsche Celebration (Aug. 28-30) honoring both Porsche's anniversary and the 50th anniversary of the rebirth of American road racing at the New York race course.

The Porsche AG Museum in Germany will provide a selection of outstanding historic automobiles for these North American activities, several of which are making their first appearance on the continent. In addition, track events will be attended by such famous Porsche race drivers as Hurley Haywood, Vic Elford, George Follmer and Brian Redman.

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Noon - 1pm	Lunch
Noon - 2pm	Tech Discussions : 911 and 944 Maintenance Procedures

Dougherty's will be sponsoring the 12th annual SUPERTECH session on March 7 this spring. Their bays will be available from 9am - 2pm for club members who want to bring their Porsches in to do some work. You are also welcome to come in to see what others are doing to their cars and meet some of the other club members.

The Dougherty experts will be around to answer questions and the parts counter will be open just in case you forgot something. Lifts will be assigned on a first come-first serve basis (\$5 fee) and will be limited to 2 hours if things get crowded. Please limit your plans to maintenance and minor repairs in order to stay within the time limits. A lunch will be available around noon and we will start the Tech Discussion as soon as the everyone gets something to eat.

We haven't worked out all the details yet but the general theme will be maintenance procedures for 911s and 944s. Check next months Der Gasser for more details. The Dougherty team will always does a great job at these presentations. This is a great opportunity to get your Porsche ready for Spring and to get acquainted with others in the club. See you there.

Mark Winkle, Tech Chairman



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Driver's Ed Info
by Mike Andrews, Track Chairman

Well it's that time of the year when we start scheduling our vacations around the track events we want to attend. And by coincidence I have completed our 1998 schedule. So here goes.

For our first event we will be going to Pocono (on the North course) at the end of May (30th and 31st). This is later than normal and we expect nicer weather.

Our second event will be held at Jefferson Circuit in June (20th and 21st). We will be providing both breakfast and lunch for the participants. We will be running the course clockwise on Saturday and counter-clockwise on Sunday. This change is to allow those individuals that have yet to run the course clockwise, for whatever reason, an opportunity to do so (Robin Zelinskie). The skid pad will be open Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday (thanks Lee Rogers and Dave Bryan)!

Our next event takes us back to Pocono (August 14th), this time on the 2.5 mile road course. We will be running the course clockwise this year. This event has sold out for the last two years, so get your applications in early. For those of you that can't stand to go home after an event, consider volunteering for the Club Race will be held on the 15th and 16th.

Our last event will take us to Watkins Glen at the beginning of October (2nd, 3rd and 4th). If you have never been there during this time of the year you are missing an incredible sight, as the leaves are in full color and the weather should be fabulous. We will be providing breakfast all three days and dinner Saturday night at the Glen Club. The event is expected to sell out. And of course we will attempt to make it the entire evening at the go-carts without being ejected.

There you have it, our 1998 schedule. As noted, the last two events should sell out and I expect the other two to sell out in the lower groups. For this reason we are opening registration to all events now, so get your applications in early and reserve your spot.

We will be mailing out track packs shortly to everyone that has done an event with us in the last couple of years. If you do not get one you can pull up information pertaining to track events on our home page (see the back of *Der Gasser* for the address).

DER GOODY STORE
Jim Foster, Prop.

The Goody Store has RTR decals, hats, T-shirts and sweatshirts. I also have fire extinguishers, racer tape, posters and other great items.
See you at the next meeting!

RTR SPRING RALLY and SOCIAL

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RTR members admiring the new 996 at the Philadelphia International Auto Show. (Photo courtesy Bill O'Connell.)

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Pocono (North Course)	May 30, 31	\$150	
Jefferson Circuit	June 20,21	\$150	includes breakfast and lunch
Pocono (2.5 Mile Road Course)	August 14	\$90	
Watkins Glen	Oct. 2,3,4	\$225	includes breakfast and dinner (Sat night)

There will be a new design for T-shirts this year and they will be available for \$15. If you are interested in one, please include the \$15 in your entry fee as well as the size required. _____

Please circle the event you wish to attend. A separate form is required for each event.

- REQUIREMENTS:** You must have a valid drivers license, be at least 18 years of age, have a Snell 90 or Snell 95 rated helmet.
- ENTRY DATE:** **Members may register now.** Non members - four weeks prior to the event.
- SEND TO:** Vicki O'Connell, 2801 Stoneham Drive, West Chester, PA 19380 (610) 640-1675
- REFUNDS:** Refundable if **Written Notification** is received two weeks prior to the event.
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Porsche Model and year _____	Color _____	

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List the number of days you have done at the following tracks:

Pocono _____	Watkins Glen _____
Jefferson Circuit _____	Summit Point _____

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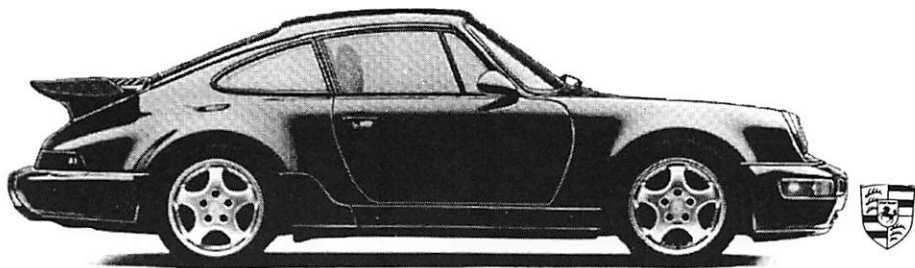
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