

Palmetto Pipes

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BOXSTER TO BOISE: OUR FIRST PORSCHE PARADE

Cathy & Robert Marino

We started our trip from Bradenton Florida to Boise (pronounced Boy See) on a sunny Sunday morning with 940 miles on our new Boxster S. By early afternoon we suddenly ran into a torrential Florida rainstorm and had to pullover on the shoulder of I-75 to put the top up. Over the next several days we had a great time driving the Boxster across the country, visiting lots of interesting places. We were only stopped once for speeding (doing 62 in a 45 mph zone -it's hard to only do 45 in a Boxster on a 4 lane road) and only got a warning, and we missed a major sand storm outside Boise.

We arrived in Boise on Friday July 26th in time to

check-in at the hotel and register for the Parade. We were impressed with the parking accommodations -a 6 level enclosed parking garage was reserved entirely for Porsches and over the next several days filled up with about 600 of them. At first, registration for the Parade seemed a bit overwhelming. A banquet-sized room was set up (in order to process 600 cars and about 1500 people) with tables or stations around the perimeter for obtaining information for the various events. At the first station we received a copy of our registration form and then went to the appropriate station (arranged alphabetically by last name) to pick up our envelope containing more information about the events for which we had registered. The remaining stations around the room were dedicated to specific events

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President's Letter

Things are finally cooling off a bit and I hope we dodge the tropical systems. Our pace is picking up. We have a great meeting planned for October at Bob Woodman Tires. We also have rescheduled the Councours for October 27 at the Shadowmoss Country Club. This is a new venue for us, and I think it's going to be exciting. Al Trego will have some registration forms at the October meeting. We are still trying to squeeze another autocross or two in this fall, and I hope to finalize this by the next meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in serving as a chapter officer in 2003. Bill McDaniel of McDaniel Porsche in Columbia will host our November meeting at the Acura dealership here in Charleston. Don't forget the Dark Side II driver ed November 9-10 at Roebing. www.cerpa.org

Happy Motoring,

Mike

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and you could go to them in any order, avoiding any lines or wait time. At each of these stations you received details about the event including location, timing, instructions, etc. Workers at each station verified your event selections for accuracy and compliance. Overall the registration process was well organized and efficient and the workers were very helpful and friendly.

The stations at registration included all events and activities that supported the Parade and included VIP's and volunteers, concours and historic car display, rally, autocross, tech quiz, workers, art show, parking, golf & memorabilia, rc cars, walk/run and walking rally, parade through Boise, banquet tickets, hotels, and kid's activities. A station in the center of the room was set up for selecting a table for 2 of the banquets. The final station was to pick up your Goodie Bag, which was a large canvas bag that could double as a seat and contained more information about the Parade and lots of "goodies".

The next day we had our car inspected. The vehicle safety inspection was

conducted by Stoddard personnel and was required for all cars participating in the autocross, the rally, the concours and the parade through Boise. Again the process was very efficient and the staff was very friendly. (And our Boxster passed!)

Over the next several days we completed the walking tour of Boise and answered all of the questions (but not all correctly, since we didn't win). This rally took place in downtown Boise and "forced" us to learn about the history of Boise and see numerous places of interest. It turned out to be a lot of fun.

The Concours D'Elegance (which we did not enter) was held on Monday on the grounds of the historic Veteran's Administration Medical Center (formerly Fort Boise, built in the 1800's). The weather was beautiful, and the Porsches, representing almost every production model and type including racecars, were impressive! The setting and the cars presented many photo opportunities.

The time-speed-distance rally (which we did enter) was on Tuesday and took about 4 ½ hours to com-

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plete, covering about 150 miles. The rally took place in the countryside west of Boise, an area of rolling hills and farms. As the morning progressed we passed more and more Porsches going every which way, hopefully following the rally instructions. This was our first rally of this type and our main objectives were to finish and not get too lost. Some of the instructions seemed tricky and we made a few wrong turns. We managed to finish in the top half of unequipped cars (I forgot what place, but it wasn't good). We did enjoy it though and we didn't get into any major arguments.

On Wednesday and Thursday the autocross (which we did not enter) was run. It was exciting to see modified and unmodified Porsches, from the early 1950's through the present, run the course. Overall most cars stayed on course, some hitting traffic cones and incurring penalties. Occasionally the dust flew as a few drivers took an off course excursion. There were many variations of driver techniques and vehicle handling characteristics, which made for an interesting and enjoyable day for drivers and spec-

tators.

The Parade Through Boise (which we did participate in) took place on Friday morning. The Parade used to be the mainstay of the annual event, but because of increased participation and congestion in most areas it was discontinued. The Silver Sage Region and the City of Boise worked together to resurrect this event. The Parade was limited to 250 Porsches, forming 2 columns of cars controlled by Boise and neighboring police, and Idaho state police. Various local car clubs (Triumph, MG, Corvette) helped with traffic control. It was quite a sight to behold - 2 long columns of Porsches stretched as far as the eye could see, winding through the city of Boise, as city residents and workers turned out to wave us on. It was awesome!

During and after the major events there were continuous activities available to participants. These included the Goodie Store (to spend money), the art show (to view artwork and spend more money), and a rally school (to learn how to run a rally). There was also a radio-controlled car event, a literature, model/toy & memorabilia meet, a thea-

ter for viewing various films related to Porsches, a tech quiz, tech sessions and activities for the kids. There was always something to do, plus free time to do nothing but relax if you wanted (or needed) to.

Dinners/ banquets were scheduled for all but 2 evenings, which left us free to sample some of the excellent restaurants in Boise. The first scheduled dinner was the Tweek's welcome party, which was held outdoors under very pleasant weather conditions. At each of the dinners/banquets awards were presented to the winners of the preceding events. In addition, many door prizes were given to some lucky people (not us). Some of the more notable door prizes included several sets of tires, and on the last night, a trip to Germany. The winner of the Boxster S raffle was also selected. We participated in all of the "scheduled feedings". Sometimes the awards presentations seemed to go on for a long time, but the presenter always kept us entertained. At the final banquet, Bill Reilly extended an invitation to all to attend the 2003 Parade in Tampa.

In summary, we enjoyed

participating in the Porsche Parade and visiting the city of Boise. We enjoyed the events and it was great seeing old friends and making new ones. The drive from Florida to Boise and back, in our Boxster, was a lot of fun and we got to see a lot of new places. Our new Boxster is now broken in - the odometer reads 6993 miles!

We invite you to attend The 48th Porsche Parade in Florida from June 22 through June 28, 2003. The application and registration information will appear on the November Issue of Panorama magazine. And don't forget to send your registration on **TUESDAY - JANUARY 14, 2003.**

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OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

Bob Woodman Tires

1939 Belgrade Avenue

Tuesday, October 8 7pm

Shannon has put together a special presentation with literature from racing tire manufacturers. It's time to remember all those tough questions and see if we can stump Shannon and Bob! Please call the office at (843) 571-2277 if you need directions. See you there!

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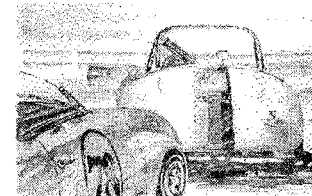
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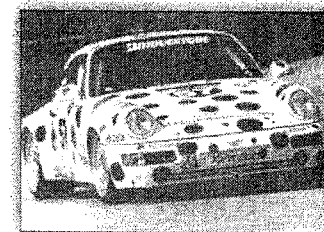
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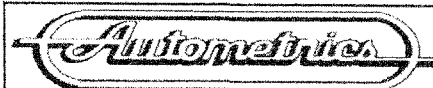


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