

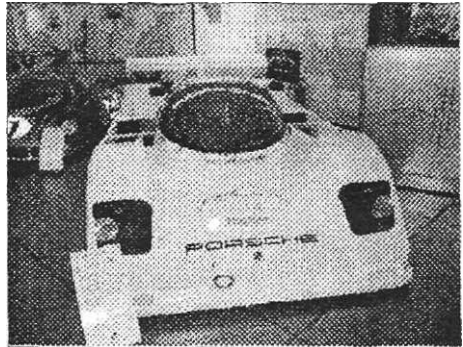
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Palmetto Region

March 2003

The PORSCHE Factory Tour and Museum Visit

Not far from the city center of Stuttgart, Germany sits the infamous PORSCHE factory, and situated right next to it, the PORSCHE museum. This is where PORSCHE has built cars since 1948. The original factory still stands in the center of the facilities. Noted as a historical landmark in Germany, it is forbidden for the factory to make any structural changes to its first location.



2003 is expected to be another record year for Porsche due to the Cayenne. The Barber Track in Birmingham is the location for dealers and press to experience the Cayenne both on the track and off road.

PORSCHE offers a two hour factory tour most days in English or in German, following the production process from the drawing board through the rigorous testing of each new 911 engine. While reservations are required for the tour, it is relatively easy to join one with a little early planning, and the tours are offered free of charge. We've been lucky enough join a couple of tours, and learned something new each time. This is a fun tour. Expect to meet some of the best-loved people in the world: Like-minded PORSCHE enthusiasts,

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President's Letter

I hope spring is right around the corner - I'm ready for all sorts of fun! I hope that you are as well, because our activities will soon be cranking up for this year. We'll even have some chances to visit with friends from other regions.

If things work out right in April, we'll have two chances to see the new Cayenne. Stay tuned for further details. I wonder how many new members the Cayenne will bring to Palmetto Region? May brings the Carolinas Region to Charleston, and June offers another chance to rallye to the Roofs. There will be lots of activities before our summer break.

The one cloud on the horizon has brought rain. The North Charleston Coliseum is going to re-stripe the parking lot, so we will not be able to autocross there anymore. If any of you know of a large, open paved area with minimal obstructions that we might be able to use, please let Brian O'Neil or I know. The autocross series last year was very successful, and I hope we can continue this year.

As I mentioned last month, I hope to see some new faces at our chapter meeting - if you haven't been before, come on out. We have lots of fun!

Happy motoring,

2003 Cayenne Crossing Drive for Hope Charlotte Autofair '03

Showcases the New SUV and Benefits Cancer Research's The Hope Foundation

Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) has announced details of its fundraiser to support The Hope Foundation, a leading cancer research organization, the 2003 Cayenne Crossing Drive for Hope will feature the Cayenne, Porsche's premiere sports utility vehicle.

This year's event will connect some of the projects associated with PCNS "Cayenne Crossing Initiative," a multi-year program dedicated to reclaiming America's paved and unpaved roads. Launched at the 2002 Chicago Auto Show, the initiative includes a variety of U.S. road restoration and maintenance projects along a route that stretches from coast to coast. It also serves as the cornerstone of PCNA's commitment to preserving roads and trails, while advocating responsible outdoor recreation.

On Sunday, April 6, 2003, the Annual Food Lion Auto Fair held at the Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte will host the PORSCHE Club.

This is a fun event with both attendance prizes and trophies given. It is not a judged event however, the entries jsut vote for the car they like the most in the designated classes and for the " People's Choice." The most important thing to remember is that the event is FREE. Where else can you see great looking Porsches, mingle with friends and people whom you have not seen for awhile? This is open to any PCA member.

This has grown to be one of the largest club car displays at either the Fall or Spring show. This is a very fun day, and everyone is encouraged to participate!

To enter and receive two passes for that Sunday, as well as a pass to get your car onto the Speedway infield, all you need to do is send an e-mail to Mike Rich at miker911@aol.com.

In Memory of

H.O. Mathisen

***Father to Tug and Betty, Grandfather to Rhett,
Palmetto Region PCA has made a contribution
to the American Cancer Society.***

PORSCHE News Releases

V10-Powered Carrera GT Unveiled this Month

Porsche will unveil its V10-powered Carrera GT high-performance roadster this month at the Geneva International Motor Show. With more than 600 horsepower and racing-inspired technology, Porsche's top-of-the-line sports car delivers pure performance.

The Carrera GT has a pure racing engine. Its 10-cylinder powerplant with dry-sump lubrication is based on Porsche's 5.5-liter V10 naturally aspirated engine developed especially for racing. For production, technicians at the Development Center in Weissach, Germany, have increased the displacement to 5.7 liters. Maximum output is 612 horsepower (DIN*) at 8,000 rpm, with peak torque rated at 437 pound-feet. The Carrera GT has a top test-track speed of 205 mph and accelerates from zero to 62 mph in 3.9 seconds. Its specially developed six-speed manual gearbox allows it to go from zero to 124 mph in 9.9 seconds.

With attainable speeds of more than 186 mph, aerodynamics plays a crucial role. To achieve as high output coefficients as possible (so-called "downforce"), the Carrera GT has an underbody geometry that can only be found in similar form in pure racing sports cars. The underbody is completely cased in carbon fiber and provides an additional suction effect thanks to its rear diffuser and flow channels.

The Carrera GT also features the Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB) system. Porsche has supplied this component since 2001 and is the first manufacturer to include it in a mass-produced vehicle (the 911 Carrera GT2). A global innovation - the PCCC (Porsche Ceramic Composite Clutch) - transmits power to the drivetrain.

The *Carrera* GT's extremely light magnesium wheels are produced with a special forging process and are offered for the first time on a mass-produced vehicle. The tires were specially developed for the *Carrera* GT (265/35 ZR 19 in the front, and 335/30 ZR 20 in the rear).

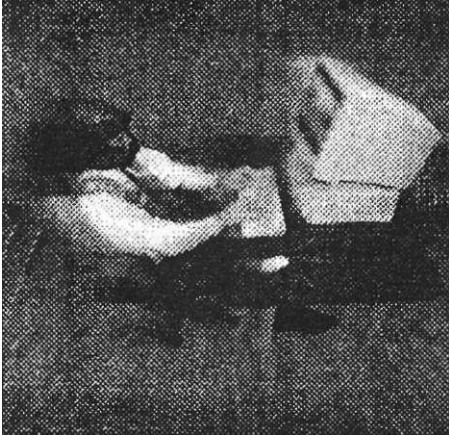
The first Carrera GT models produced at the Porsche plant in Leipzig, Germany, will be delivered to customers at the end of 2003.

Carolinas Region Spring Tour to Charleston

Charleston is the destination for the Carolinas Region PCA Spring Tour this year. Our PCA friends will be touring Charleston May 3 - May 5, 2003. They have extended an invitation to our club members to register and join them for the fun.

The cost for attending the cocktail party (beer and wine), dinner and the dance will be \$40 per person. All beer and wine is included and mixed drinks will be available at the cash bar. Deadline for registration is April 21, 2003. The registration form is on their website:

www.carolinas-pca.com



Check Out Our New Website:

www.pcapalmetto.org

There are changes to our club's website, starting with a new easy to find location on the Internet. This is something worth visiting and promoting among friends.

The PCA membership has grown by more than 2000 people in 2002, and of those new members more than 65% join the club via the web page!

www.pcapalmetto.org

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You won't see any photos of the factory tour, as you are not allowed to take any. Word of mouth, imagination and enthusiasm is how people generally discover these tours.

PORSCHE is one of the few companies that will customize a car for you directly on the assembly line. With each engine hand-assembled by one man who follows the car along the production line, it is easy to understand why a fellow enthusiast would ask the question, "Can we get extra horsepower?" Well, the answer is generally no special favors, but "If we advertise 205hp, you'll get 205hp. If, by accident, there happens to be added horsepower, we've learned it's not cost-effective to make that repair."

Once a car leaves the assembly line, it's taken for a test spin on the Stuttgart streets by a lucky employee. PORSCHE rotates this enviable duty,

allowing employees to sign up one a year to be a test driver for four weeks. Nothing is more exciting than witnessing a new PORSCHE exiting the factory every few minutes for its 30km, 80-point est drive. This is a tour worth taking!

Monthly Meeting 3/11/03

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 7:00PM. The venue is A! Trego's home, located at 2963 Doncaster Drive in Hickory Hill Plantation off Bees Ferry Road. Directions: From I526, take the Ashly River Road exit North. This is the Glenn Mcconnell expressway. Stay on it until it dead ends into a T-junction, Bees Ferry Road. Turn right onto Bees Ferry, then take the second left, which is the Hickory Hill subdivision. Turn left into the subdivision. Take the first left, which is Hepplewhite. Go to the end of Hepplewhite and turn right onto Doncaster. The Tregos' house is the 11th on the left, #2963 Doncaster.

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Heart O'Dixie Region's 11th Annual Dixie Tech

Heart O Dixie Region will host their 11th annual Dixie Tech event on March 14-16. This year's event is scheduled to include presentations from PCA Technical Committee members Bruce Anderson, Bill Burris, Allan Caldwell, Tom Charlesworth, and Ed Mayo as well as local experts Leo Goff, Bill Mitchell, and Jim Watson. The event will be conducted in a garage type atmosphere allowing participants to get up close and personal with the cars and items of discussion. Dixie Tech begins on Friday evening with pre-registration and FREE "Meet and Greet" event offering drinks and hors d'oeuvres. For further information visit the Dixie Tech page of the Heart O' Dixie web site: www.pca.org/hod, or contact Kurt Lessmann (registrar) at 256/837-5207, klessmann@knology.net.

48th Annual Porsche Parade in Tampa, FL

The 48th Annual Porsche Parade will be hosted this year by the Florida Suncoast Region in Tampa, Florida (June 22 - June 28, 2003). The last time this event was held in Florida was 1968, so organizers are expecting a big turnout at the Saddlebrook Resort venue.

This is the PCA event of the year with an open invitation to all members. As quoted from the PCA official website: "Everything great about the PCA rolled into one week of fun." Events include a Concours, Rally, challenging autocross, two days of Solo Driver's Ed at Sebring (a 2 % hour tow from Saddlebrook). Registration forms and more info may be found at:

www.pca.org/parade/2003

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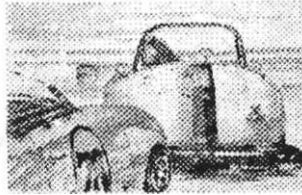


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