

Palmetto Pipes



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Rally to the Oysters

Who missed the Rally to the Oysters? What a great time. What a great collection of Porsches. The rally started at past president Mavis Greenwood's home. We were told that there would be a surprise at the meeting. Little did we know... A sure sign that the car belongs to the lady of the house is a perfect '87 Porsche parked in the spotless living room.

While the Porsche in the living room will be difficult to beat in future meetings, the collection of Palmetto member Porsche's was impressive as well. A black Carrera Turbo with black wheels looked the part of the "bad boy" on the block. The all-original '73 RS in white with blue graphics quickly became the favorite of many. 968, 944, 924, 928, 911, Boxter, Cabs, Coupes and Targas take your pick, they were all well represented.

So, the cars were there, of course the people were there. Where do we go? Once again, Tuggy outdid himself and sent us out exploring the beautiful Carolina Lowcountry backroads. Any run that starts and ends down the historic avenue of oaks known as Ashley River Road certainly sets the mood for the day. Serenity, beauty, enjoying the peace and quiet? Not so fast. This wasn't a parade of Buicks. We wanted to hear that tone, the sound of the various tuned exhausts as they wound their way through the numerous twists and turns that our rallymaster mapped out for us. Maybe this explains the Prez being followed back by one of SC's finest.

So, we wound our way out and back to the home of Barry and Karen Greenwood for Lowcountry oysters and more fun. Yes, everyone found their way back. The directions may have confused but they didn't confound. Possibly the oysters drew everyone back. Maybe it was the ice cold beverages. My vote is that it was the people. It is after all, a club that is "Not just the cars. It's the people..."



Mavis' Spotless '87 Carrera Coupe found its way into the living room.



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From the Prez

Happy New Year to all. We are off to a great start for 2007! If you missed the Rally and Oyster Roast, you missed a great time. Many thanks to Mavis and Barry Greenwood for hosting this event. We had 17 cars for the Rally. Thanks to Tuggy, for setting up the Rally and the door prizes (Tug Art). For 2007, we have reinstated "The Competitor of the Year" Award. All you have to do is be ACTIVE and attend meetings, rallies, and other scheduled events. Points will be given for each event. The February meeting will be at Smokey Bones on the 13th at 7pm. Zone 3 will host a President's Meeting in Chattanooga at The WinterFest on February 16th weekend. Our Zone 3 rep (Allan Cox) will preside.

Don't forget Daytona. The Rolex 24 Hour Race is January 27-28. Palmetto Region's own, Autometrics, will have two cars in the race. Good Luck to the Friedman family! PCA will have a tent and a parking area. Only Porsches can park in the Corral. Beverages and snacks will be served. We are still looking for an Autocross site. If you know of any potential site, please give us a call. See you on the 13th.

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Everyone, please keep membership chairman **Steve Waters** in your thoughts as he recovers from a few recent health setbacks. Get well soon, Buddy, we need you.

Questions????

Where do questions come from? Why aren't they all answered?

I have driven a car that is over 35 years old for a number of years now and everyday I have questions about it. Wouldn't you think that by now there would be no questions just answers?

I spend time daily reading books, asking questions, and "surfing the web" with an endless desire to know more about this car. Which spark plugs do I run? What oil is best? Should I drive the car "like I stole it"? Drive it in the rain or not? Keep it stock or make it my unique creation? When I stop by the local shops of our sponsors, I could sit for hours and ask questions of these guys. These experts know answers to questions I would never think to ask.

One question that comes to mind is this, what is it that drives such a varied group of people to drive these cars? Is there mystery here?

Maybe so, but more likely it's the marvel. The marvel that such a unique car remained unchanged for years yet improved with each new model. The desire to build a race car that can bring years of smiles. A street car that can be driven to the track, raced all day, then driven home.

Everything about these cars is different from any other out there. Different enough that race requirements are rewritten to give the others a chance. Enough alike that the differences are only spotted by those of us who ask the questions. Those who hunger to know everything. Those who take one last look before turning off the garage light. We "get it." We are where the questions come from.

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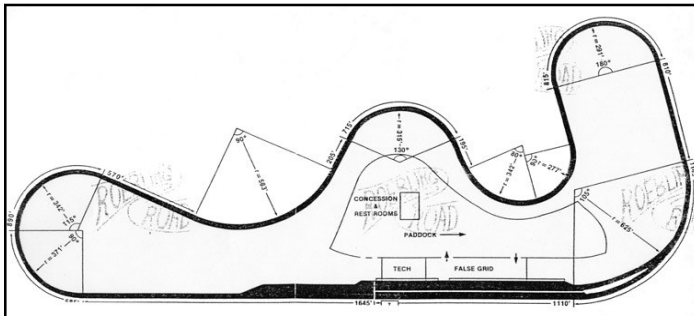
Seat Time Performance Driving Days Drivers Education Event

Seat Time Performance Driving Days, will be hosting a DE event at Roebing Road in Savannah on April 6th and 7th. If you are interested in driving or just want to come out and watch, the registration is here www.seat-time.com.

PCA Palmetto has decided to make this a club event. For those who have attended driver education events in the past, I don't need to remind you how fun and at the same time rewarding these events are. Others like myself who will be attending for the first time approach with excitement and apprehension. Will my car be up for the task? More of a concern is will I? I am convinced that this is the best way to find out. Not to test myself against others, but to give me the opportunity to make myself better. A better driver of a car that was designed and built for this track.

During our trip to the Tail of the Dragon last fall, it was obvious to some of us that a better understanding of what our cars could do was needed. The winding roads of the Carolina mountains are no place to take chances. The race track at Roebing Road, on the other hand, is just the platform to learn. Large run off areas combined with expert instruction in a controlled environment give you the luxury of mistakes that only cost you a little time. Oh, and maybe a little embarrassment and good-natured ribbing from fellow members who tease while remembering their own off track adventures.

If you're planning to drive in the event, please send an email to Andy at Sirius Racing, the Palmetto Region Racing Events Co-Chair, at andy@siriusracing.com so we can make sure we have enough slots open for Palmetto members. Competitor of the Year points will be given to those who are driving in the event.



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Spring Tail of the Dragon Trip

We are planning a return trip to the Tail of the Dragon in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. The dates of April 20th to the 22nd have been chosen and accommodations have been selected. We have made arrangements for a special rate at Fontana Village (800.849.2258). If you mention the Palmetto PCA, the room rate for the Lodge room is \$85.

This is at the beginning of the peak season in the mountains and the weather should be very nice and refreshing. The Tail of the Dragon should be the highlight of the trip, but as most of you know there is plenty to do in this area.

We are planning a social get-together on Friday night and a group dinner on Saturday. This has worked well for us in the past.

Any questions or comments, please email any of the PCA Palmetto officers. Also, it is being discussed in our Palmetto Forum. If you are planning to attend, please let us know by posting in the forum or sending an email.



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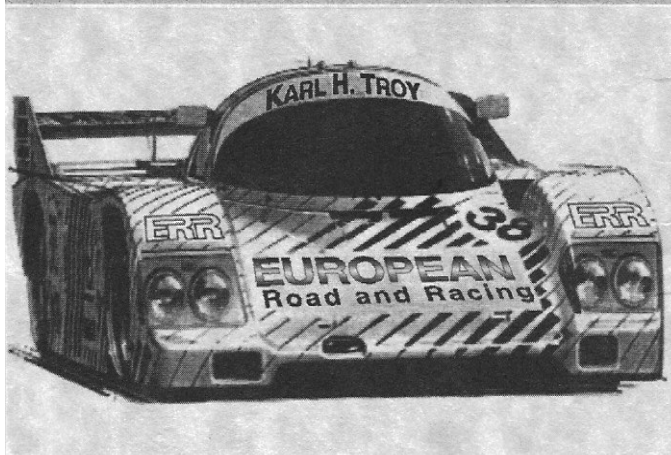
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February

- 10-11 PCA Racing @ Sebring
- 13 PCA Palmetto Meeting
Smokey Bones, North Charleston
- 16,17,18 Winterfest in Chattanooga, TN

March

- 2 Turn One Open Track Day CMP
- 3-4 Carolina's Region DE, CMP
- 13 PCA Palmetto Monthly Meeting

Saturday Breakfast

Dr. Bob and the gang have moved. The Saturday breakfast is now held at Sunflower Café on Hwy. 61 @ 8:00 every Saturday. Join us.....

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Monthly Meeting

PCA Palmetto Monthly Meeting
13 February at Smokey Bones in N. Charleston
Go to www.pcapalmetto.org for details