## The Palmetto Pipes

Palmetto Region

Porsche Club of America

April 1990



### The April Fool Rally



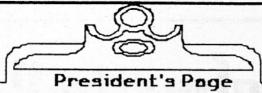
A good time was enjoyed by all who entered the Mathisen's April Fool Rally. The Rally started from Citadel Mall and meandered through the backroads of Yonges Island, Hollywood and Ravenel. Instructions were easy to follow, the weather was nice, and brisk speeds could be enjoyed. All cars entering the rally finished. The rally consisted of finding landmarks identified by a map and answering questions about each landmark. Each correct answer entitled each participant to draw a card at the end of the rally, with the lowest total points winning. First place went to Marianne Truss, who received a beautiful Porsche rendering, drawn by Tug Mathisen. Second place, and a coffee mug, went to Ann Hunter. Third place and an over-sized lapel pin were awarded to Fred Cooper. Points were awarded as follows:

Organizers: Tug Mathisen	150.0
Carol Mathisen	150.0
Marianne Truss Ann Hunter Fred Cooper Rick Hunter Bob Sadler	200.0 190.9 181.8 172.7 163.6
Sam Kelly	145.4
Dale Conrad	127.2
Francie Sadler	118.1
Tom Dougherty	109.0
Ed Vaughan	100.0

Two other non-members participated in the rally. Tug and Carol did an excellent job organizing the rally, and we appreciate their efforts immensely!

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Well it looks like spring is here to stay finally and the club is getting off to a good start. There have been a number of new people coming into the club and I have had calls from cld members expressing interest in becoming active again. This is just what we need to get the club rolling again (no pun intended). If you didn't make it to the rally on April 1, you missed a great event. We had perfect weather, cool and dry. and a challenging course mapped out by Tug and Carol Mathisen. Most everyone answered all the questions, with only two veterans missing any (Ed. Note: Fred and Sam made us promise not to tell who those two veteran ralluists were.) Must have been too much sunlight. Better luck next time, quys! We will try and do this again sometime later this year. There is a tune-up clinic planned for Saturday, May 5, at 11:00 a.m. at Autometrics. Please see the article on page X. A driver's school is being planned for May 20, with more information to follow in next month's newsletter...but CIRCLE THAT DATE NOW. We are also working on an event that can be held annually and will be unique so that we can attract participation from other regions. We will keep you informed on this as it develops. All in all, it looks like the club is becoming healthy again, with current events happening and long range planning for the future. If you would like to get more involved in the club, you are welcome to attend any of the Board meetings. Hope to see you there! by Tom Dougherty, President.

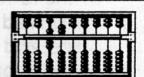
#### Secretary's Report



Board Meeting - April 4, 1990 Topics of Discussion:

- \* Multi-Region Annual Event
- \* March Meeting Minutes
- \* New By-Law Revision
- \* Gran Prix Tour to Myrtle Beach
- \* Savannah Members Contacted by Tom
- \* Technical Equipment
- \* Participation of Other Car Clubs in Joint Events
- \* Technical Session at Autometrics
- \* Club Bulletin Board at Olmstead Dealership
- \* Treasurer's Report
- \* May 20 Autocross/Driver's School
- \* Christmas Party

by Tug Mathisen, Secretray/Treasurer



#### Treasurer's Report

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#### Kalendar of Events

MAY	2	Palmetto Region Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Dougherty's Residence, 16 Hidden Green Lane Isle of Palms, SC
	5	Technical Session/Tune-up Clinic, 11:00 a.m. Autometrics, 1951 1/2 Belgrade Avenue Charleston, SC
	20	Driver's School and Autocross Cummins Diesel Engine Plant, Leeds Avenue Charleston, SC
	25-28	Porsche at Indy Indianapolis, IN
	26-27	Sponsored by Central Indiana Region PCA Sun Fun, Two Day Autocross Columbia, SC
	27	Indianapolis 500 (CART/PPG Indy Car) Indianapolis, IN TV coverage on ABC
JUNE	24	Autocross Time and Location To Be Announced
	24-30	PCA Parade Week, Monterey, CA
JULY	22	Autocross
		Time and Location To Be Announced
AUGUST	19	Autocross Autocross
		Time and Location To Be Announced
SEPTEMBER	8	Roebling Road Driver's School
		Details To Be Announced
	16	Autocross
		Time and Location To Be Announced
OCTOBER	7	Autocross Autocross
		Time and Location To Be Announced
	6-7	Rockingham Autocross
		Details To Be Announced
	25-30	Halloweenfest, Details To Be Announced
NOVEMBER	10	TElection Nominations
DECEMBER	1 or 7	Annual Christmas / Awards Party
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Palmetto Region events are noted by . Please mark them on your calendar and make an effort to attend.



Where are all these people going? Why, to the Tech Session, of course! ... Don't be left behind. ... See you there!

#### TECH TIPS: TECH INSPECTION

Palmetto Region PCA will hold a tech inspection clinic at Autometrics, 1951 1/2 Belgrade Avenue, on Saturday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m. Soft drinks and snacks will be available. This is the start of the autocross season with a driver's school scheduled for Sunday, May 20th. NOW is the time to start thinking about preparing your car for this year's autocross season. Even if you do not intend to autocross this year, many of these items are worth checking to be sure your car is in its best driving condition. Here is a list of things we will be checking. If you would like some help with these items, come see us on Saturday, May 5th.

- \* Windshield no cracks. Functional wipers with good blades. (Yes, we run in the rain.)
- \* Mirrors at least one. All securely fastened. Not important for autocrossing, but a must on the track.
- \* Brake lights must all be functional.
- \* Pedals free return and in good operating condition. This is a common problem on older cars. Brake pedals must be firm.
- \* Seat belts lap and shoulder, securely anchored, metal to metal.
- \* Brake fluid brakes should be bled prior to all high speed track events. Fluids must be changed at least annually. All standard brake fluids absorb moisture in time. Moisture in fluid not only causes corrosion in your brake system, it also lowers its boiling point which seriously decreases its effectiveness.
- \* Battery must be securely fastened and in good condition. No acid leaks or corrosion. Do not try to use bungee cords or wires to hold battery in place!
- \* Belts properly tensioned and in good condition. Replace those older, cracked belts now!
- \* Throttle return freely operating linkage with good spring return.
- \* Leaks no fluid leaks (oil, gas, brake or coolant). Check all caps for properly fitting gaskets.
- \* Rust no excessive rust or damage around suspension mounting areas or in the chassis itself.
- \* Steering and front suspension everything should be solid and secure.
- \* Rear suspension Check half-shaft bolts and shock bolts.

- \* Wheel bearings Proper adjustment is important. Too tight and they will overheat. Too loose and you lose brake effectiveness.
- \* Brakes Sufficient pads (a minimum of 3/16" recommended for high speed track events). No cuts or abrasions in brake lines. Rotors must be in good condition (minor cracking permitted in drilled rotors).
- \* Wheels no cracks or bends. All lug nuts should be torqued to 96 ft. lbs.
- \* Tires good condition with no cracks or bulges. Minimum 3/32" tread depth on contact patch area for standard street tires.
- \* Fire extinguisher not required but recommended. Must be securely anchored (metal to metal) and should be in reach of driver.
- \* Wheel covers must be removed.
- \* Loose items remove all loose items from the trunk and interior including floor mats. Empty door pockets and glove compartment. Remove radar warning devices and cellular phones.

If you don't feel confident checking out your own car, then have your mechanic give you some help, or come out to our clinic!

by Tom Dougherty



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#### WELCOME, New Members



Welcome back, **Dale J. Conrad**, a former PCA member, who has recently re-joined the club. Dale owns a **1990 stone grey 964 Carrera 4**, and is a resident of Mt. Pleasant.

**Fran Young** of Isle of Palms is the owner of a **1987 Carrera**, her first Porsche. Fran's occupation is in sales, and her area of Porsche-interest is primarily social.

Ed Vaughan and affiliate Tracy Brewer own a 1981 928, also their first Porsche. Ed, a long-time resident of Charleston, is in the Navy. Ed does his own Porsche maintenance, and is primarily interested in technical and social events of the club.

For a membership application, and information regarding membership in the Palmetto Region Porsche Club of America, please contact Membership Chairman:

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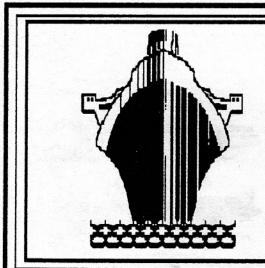
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