

PALMETTO PIPES

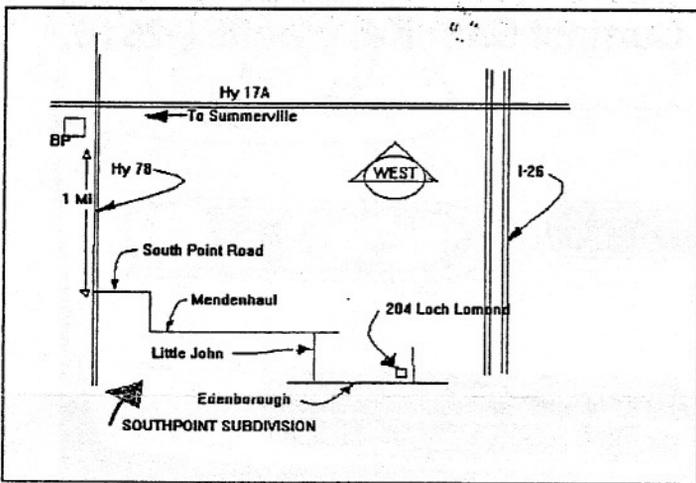
PALMETTO REGION

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

FEBRUARY 1995

!!MEETING DATE CHANGED!!

February's meeting date has been changed from February 14 to Tuesday, February 21, and will be held at Sam and Nancy Kelly's home in Summerville. The address is 204 Loch Lomond. Follow the map below and we'll see you there on the 21st.



From D' Prez

Happy New Year!! What a great turnout for the January meeting.

I would like to take this time to thank Dale Conrad for doing a superb job as our President last year. His commitment to the Palmetto Region is one of the reasons he took Competitor of the Year honors. Congratulations, Dale!

A couple of issues that have to be discussed at our February meeting are: Upcoming Rallies, and, most importantly, Where we can find a new Autocross site.

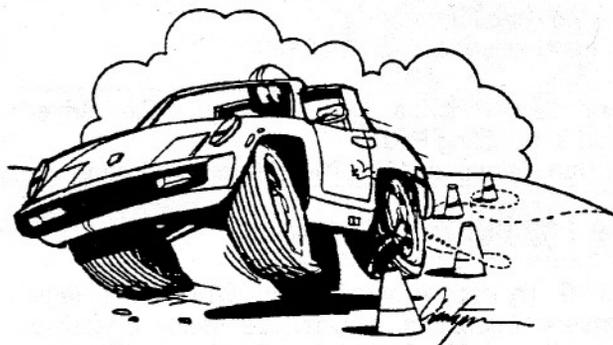
For those of you who are going to Daytona - bring your pictures to the next meeting. Hopefully, the Porsches will do well - As in Win!

We will have a surprise tech quiz for everyone at the next meeting. See you on February 21st.

Al Trego

AUTOCROSS SITES

We are continuing to search for autocross sites. What we need is a big, smooth parking lot. If you know of a possible location please contact one of the officers.



MEMBERSHIP

Palmetto Region currently has approximately 140 members. But, there are a lot of Porsche drivers who are not PCA members. They don't know what they're missing. **So, clue them in!** If you know someone who drives a Porsche but is not a member of PCA, invite him or her to join! "Pano" alone is worth the cost of membership!!

COMMEMORATIVE 25th ANNIVERSARY WINDOW DECALS

Decals similar to the kind distributed upon membership renewals, are still available (free), printed by PCA National for the observance of the Palmetto Region's 25th Anniversary last year. They will be handed out at future meetings, or by sending a SASE to Dale Conrad, P.O. Box 97, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29465. There is one decal for each active member and for each family active member.

COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS

T-Shirts are available for the el cheapo price of \$12. They are gray, 100% cotton, pre-shrunk Hanes "Beefy-Tee", with 2-color ink, and a front pocket! Artwork by our own Tug Mathisen. Large and X-Large sizes are available. Contact any officer, or better yet, attend an upcoming meeting where the shirts will be available.

COMING UP

February 11-12 Car Guys Inc. Driver Ed. at Road Atlanta. Call (800) 800-4897.

February 10th, 11th, 12th Zone 12 Second Annual Club Racing - "48 Hours at Sebring". Contact Lew Houser at 813-784-2169.

February 18-19 Florida Citrus Region PCA Driver's Education at Roebing Road. Contact Dan Helman at 407-679-9179 for application.

April 8-9 PCA Club racing in Atlanta.

April 15-16 Try out the high banks!! Blue Ridge Region PCA Drivers' Education at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC., \$195. Call Mickey Dowling at (703) 774-9301. Please call before 10PM.

CLASSIFIED

Four 911 hub centers, theftproof, \$50

Two 911 KYB rear shocks, \$50

One 911 leather steering wheel, \$150

Contact Sam Kelly at 851-2616.

FOCUS ON THE 356

Toward the end of World War II, Dr. Ferdinand Porsche moved about half of his design office of some 588 employees from Stuttgart to the small, secluded village of Gmund (pronounced like "Gemunt", sort of) in central Austria in order to be relatively safe from the incessant bombing. At first continuing their efforts on the design of wartime equipment, they soon found themselves surviving during the closing days of the war doing whatever they could for the local farmers. The British discovered this rag tag group when they occupied this part of Austria. Shortly thereafter, the French arrested Ferdinand, his son Ferry, and his son in law, Dr. Anton Piech, soon releasing young Ferry, but holding Dr. Porsche and Dr. Piech for almost two years. They were finally freed by their determined family upon payment of a ransom which had been obtained through the design of the Cisitalia GP car for the Italian, Piero Dusio. Porsche, now in poor health, began work on the 356 immediately upon his return to Austria. Early in 1948, the first 356 came into being. Of necessity, it was constructed mainly of Volkswagen parts. The suspension, brakes, steering and other components were all of VW origin. The engine and gearbox were almost pure VW, but with a twist. They were flipped 180 degrees making the first 356 a "mid-engine". In all future 356's, the engine would be flipped back to its position in the rear (like the VW). The body, designed by Erwin Komenda and hand formed of aluminum which Porsche had somehow obtained from Switzerland, was unique and obviously shaped for speed. What a car! All of 40 HP, capable of reaching speeds of over 80 MPH, and visually nothing less than art in motion. During the next 18 years, 76,313 of these small, fast, wonderful cars would be built.



Share your Porsche news, tales, or lies with Palmetto Pipes. We'd like to hear from you!