

Palmetto February 2001 Pipes

Newsletter of the Porsche Club of America
Palmetto Region



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A letter from Madame President

Sorry, not this month. We are letting Mavis regain her strength and so this month, the heading here should read:

A letter from the Editor

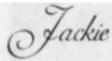
who, would first like to take a moment and have all of us wish Mavis, our President, a speedy recovery. (Mavis, we are all looking forward to seeing Grambo back on the road—so hurry up!)

This month, we have a few thank yous to go out. First to Ted Ohland of the New York Metro Region PCA — for sending me lots of great articles and said, "You can have your way with them." Next to Dick Kjellsen, who really tries to get us calendar information in a timely manner—and fills it with goodies like interesting websites (see pg 6).

If anyone is curious about the photo on the front cover—let me tell you about it. Al and I were traveling around Florida, and we found Foreign Affairs Motor Sports in Pompano Beach. Bob Varela, owner (he is also the President of the Porsche Owners Club and Chief Tech for the Gold Coast PCA) was getting Porsche race cars ready for Daytona races, and anyone of you would have found yourselves drooling over the cars waiting for service.

Next, I want to thank all of you for your wonderful compliments. It makes it worthwhile to put the newsletter together. But we can even improve on the new format—please submit any photos, Porsche anecdotes or information you'd like to share with the Palmetto Region PCA folks. It would then feel as if this newsletter really does belong to all of us!

Hope to see you all at the Rallye on February 25th. If anyone from the Hilton Head area would like to drive up together—let's set a time to meet. Also, whoever knows how to get there—please take the lead.



WAIT THIS JUST IN—FROM MADAME PRESIDENT

Hi all you wonderful Porsche owners: Our January meeting was a great challenge for me and very enjoyable. Everyone there took part and made the meeting exceptional for all. The Oysters and Chili were good too. We congratulated Cap Prescott on a job well done last year and I look forward to his help this year. Bob Woodman gave a wonderful informative report on car racing and he will be driving a Nissan in the 24 hour race in Daytona February 3rd and 4th. Tuggy has some great, crazy plans for us this year so stay tuned. See you at the meeting.

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Mission Statement

Palmetto Pipes is the Porsche Palmetto's region own newsletter. We are committed to bringing you the latest events, club happenings and information to make your Porsche experience better. (Is that possible?)

If you have any information, art work, articles, etc. that you would like to share with your fellow PCA members, please submit them to:

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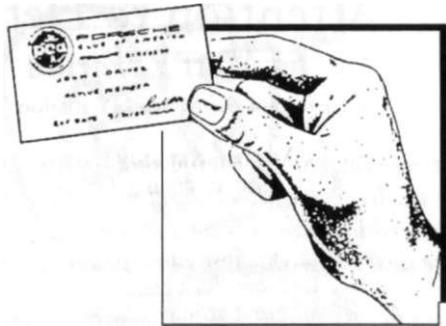
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Welcome New Members

Let's give a warm Porsche welcome to our newest member:

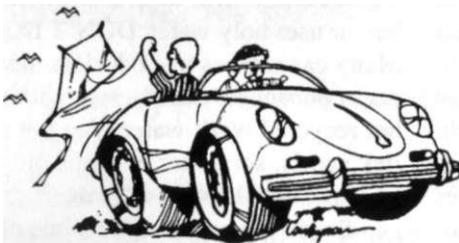
Richard Pattisall
of Hilton Head, SC
1987 911 Carrera



Calendar of Events

- Feb 2-4: 4 Hours of Daytona—this year there will be a Porsche Park
- Feb 4: Sun Fun Run/Fairgrounds Autocross & Concours
Carolinas Sun Fun Area, Columbia SC
- Feb 9-11: 48 Hours at Sebring Club Race and Driver Education event
Gold Coast and Suncoast Regions, Sebring FL
- Feb 17-18: Dixie Tech, Heart O' Dixie Region, Huntsville AL, information at
<http://www.pca.org/hod/>
- Feb 17: PCA National Board Meeting, San Diego
-)) Feb 17: Valentines Day Lunch & Drive, Carolinas Mountain Area
- Feb 25: Patriot's Point Rallye—High Noon in Mt. Pleasant —**
See Page 5 for details or call Tuggy for details (843) 722-7119

The Next Member's Meeting will be held
7pm Tuesday, February 13, 2001



Fly yourself over to the
SPORTZ CAFE

3025 W. Montague
1 block off I-26
(toward the airport)

Your Porsche has complained to us, that it is tired of sitting in your garage.
Remember: Your Porsche has been invited to attend the meeting.
P.S. It's perfect kite flying weather.

Attention to Detail

by Matt Zakarian

(Courtesy of the Metro NY Region PCA)



Last month, David Byron showed us how to clean our wheels, and make the chrome shine. Now it's time to move on to the next step—washing our Porsches.

You'd be surprised at how much good you can do to your car's finish just by washing it properly. On the other hand, improper washing can dull, deteriorate and scratch your Porsche's paint.

First, you need to choose a car wash shampoo. Most of the over-the-counter soaps to stay away from contain solvents, sodium, or harsh detergents that will erode the wax. Dishwashing and laundry detergents are inappropriate because of their high alkaline content. The finest shampoos are biodegradable, pH balanced, and will not strip your Porsche's wax or dry its vinyl and rubber. Some of the better shampoos also contain natural oils to protect the car's surface. The addition of these oils reduces the possibility of minute scratches by suspending small particles above the surface. Even microscopic dust particles take on the characteristics of sandpaper when rubbed across your car. Realizing this, by the way, should dispel the belief that it is best to wash using only plain water.

Your choice of washing accessories is just as important as selecting the right shampoo. Dust and dirt particles become embedded in synthetic sponges and wash mitts. Grime buildup eventually causes serious surface scratches that are often blamed on other sources. I strongly suggest that you use only high quality natural sponges in 100% che-

nille cotton mitts. When using a natural sponge, use only its flat side. The rounded side is actually the rough skeleton of a dead animal.

Always wash your Porsche in the shade. Rinse the entire surface thoroughly and work from the top down. You are better off using too little soap than too much, which will leave a residue if not rinsed off completely. Use lots of water and leave the dirtiest parts of the car, the front bumper and behind the wheels for last.

Make sure to hand dry your car after washing. Cod-oil-tanned chamois or synthetic chamois (which I prefer) are best. Wipe, using the suede side only. Then use a window towel with glass cleaner to finish your windows and chrome to prevent streaking or spotting.

Washing your Porsche should be a pleasurable experience and done at least weekly. Now, here I go with some preaching. Customers always ask me share the "one big secret" of how ... > keep their Porsches looking pristine. Well, hand on to your fuzzy dice—here it is: Do not take your Porsche to a car wash! I don't care if it's brushless, touchless or uses holy water. DON'T DO IT! Many car washes use odorless ammonia or phosphate-based soaps with very hot recycled wash water. You not only risk swirls, scratches or chips on your Porsche, but also take off wax.

So, do it yourself, have some of the local kids help, or employ the services of a professional detailer.

May the wind be always at your back.

LET'S GET READY TO RALLYE



DON'T BE SHY... DON'T BE AFRAID... NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED...
WE PROMISE YOU WILL HAVE FUN!

GET IN YOUR PORSCHE AND COME TO "PATRIOTS POINT" IN MT. PLEASANT
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH. WE WILL GATHER AT **NOON**
AND THE 1ST CAR WILL LEAVE AT **1:00 PM** - IT WILL ONLY COST
\$10.00 PER CAR AND YOU GET A CHANCE TO WIN SOME **TUBART!**

HAVE ENOUGH GAS TO DRIVE APPROXIMATELY **100 MILES**.

WE WILL END SOMEWHERE SO EVERYONE CAN SOCIALIZE, EAT,
CRITIQUE THE ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS, VERBALLY ABUSE THE
RALLYMASTER AND PRESENT AWARDS TO THE WINNERS



