

Palmetto Pipes

Palmetto Region

April 2003

Baker Motor Hosts 4/22 Cayenne Stories Prevail

This month's meeting will be at Baker Motor, our local PORSCHE dealer, on Savannah Highway. Dinner is catered, so **we need your RSVP!** Call either (843) 881-6329, or email (preferred) to palmettoprez@aol.com. The meeting starts at 7:00PM.

(One thing known about PORSCHE enthusiasts is that we like to share stories about our driving experiences, especially if it is about a new release. This article about the Cayenne driving experience found its way via the Rennlist 928 message board. The article came from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Friday, March 7, 2003, written by Linda Sharp.)

Carolinas Region Spring Tour to Charleston

The **deadline is approaching** for this registration! This is a great time to meet more PORSCHE enthusiasts. Charleston is the destination for the Carolinas Region PCA Spring Tour. Our PCA friends will be touring Charleston **May 3 – May 5, 2003**. They have extended an invitation to our club members to join them for the fun. The cost for attending the cocktail party, dinner and the dance is \$40 per person. Don't miss this deadline. The registration form is on their website:

Someone recently asked if anyone had driven the Cayenne. I haven't, but a columnist for the Atlanta paper, a former race car driver, wrote an article on her experience. Linda Sharp wrote:

Last week, I had a chance to test-drive the Porsche Cayenne at a press introduction on a driving school road course near Birmingham. It was not a trip that I particularly looked forward to. It seems the last thing the world needs is another sport-utility. The sports-car purist in me was a bit skeptical of the Cayenne. And an SUV on a road course? *(continued on pg. 4)*

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Baker Motor is Hosting Our Next Meeting!

★ **RSVP** ★

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 22

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President's Letter

Spring is definitely in the air, along with lots of pollen! Thank goodness for some showers that have washed the pollen off everything. Speaking of rain, I watched the Brazilian Formula One race today on Speed Channel. Did anyone else out there see it? It was one the wildest races I have ever seen.

In my first newsletter this year, I challenged our members who have not recently been to any of our activities to come out and join the fun. We have a great opportunity this month. We will be meeting at Baker Motors, the local Porsche dealer, on Savannah Highway. Come see the new Cayenne, as well as the rest of the lineup. We will also get to hear the latest details on the new GT3 and Carrera GT! Dinner that night will be catered, so we need to get an accurate head count. Please be sure to RSVP to either (843) 881-6329 or email (the preferred method) to palmettoprez@aol.com

Also, please don't forget the Carolinas Region will be town on May 3-4 and have invited us to join them for dinner and dancing on Saturday evening, May 3. We also have a walking rally planned for downtown Charleston the following Sunday afternoon. Registration forms are available on the Carolinas Region web site at <http://www.carolinas-pca.com>

See you soon!
Happy motoring,

Mike

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Cayenne Stories continued ...

I've been driving for decades, and it's rare when I have an automotive experience that leaves me speechless. The Cayenne was just such an experience. It was more than the vehicle's performance, which was commendable from such a high-sitting vehicle. And it was more than the rain-soaked off-road course that proved the Cayenne to be as capable as any "mudder" out there. What did it was a trailering demonstration in a parking lot.

An SUV's lack of stability in quick, abrupt maneuvers is well-documented. And anyone who has ever towed a trailer will tell you that abrupt steering and braking maneuvers should be avoided at all costs.

The Cayenne, weighing about 5,000 pounds, boasts an impressive towing capacity of about 7,700 pounds. In the towing demo, the Cayenne pulled a 911 Porsche on a double-axle open trailer. Driver Rick Bye said the towed package

Charlotte's Autofair '03

If you missed the Charlotte AutoFair this year, then you missed an event that is considered by car collectors to be the site of the nation's second largest antique car show of its kind in the country. More than 170 PORSCHE owners registered their cars with the Carolinas PCA. The Spring show was just held this past week in April. Start planning now to participate in next April's show.

Established in 1977 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway (now known as Lowe's

was roughly 60 percent of the Cayenne's capacity, or around 4,600 pounds.

We charged onto an autocross course of quick left and right turns with severe braking requirements at speeds upward of 45 mph. My instincts anticipated disastrous consequences. Glancing in the side mirror, I was astonished to see the 911 and trailer following obediently and level as could be. There was no special hitch, no sway-control assists, no equalizer bars — only the factory-mounted trailer hitch. So much for the idea that an SUV cannot maneuver quickly.

I quizzed longtime Porsche racer Hurley Haywood. "Does the Cayenne have sway bars the size of railroad ties?" "Just about," he replied.

I can't begin to explain fully the physics or the engineering that make the Cayenne do what it does. I do know that Porsche has raised the bar for the SUV market.

Motor Speedway), the four-day event draws roughly 100,000 visitors. Thousands of vendors occupied some 9,000 spaces laid out over 150 acres and divided up between four separate fields. Although the show is considered to be second in size to the Hershey show, its car corral is second to none with upwards of 1,500 cars lining the speedway track, with another 400 circling the outside of the facilities. More than 50 different car clubs participated in several different categories, bringing with them a reported 4,000 cars.



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(MSRP New: 120K). ASKING PRICE: \$92,500.00. My '01 is identical to an '03 with comparable Options shown on Porsche webpage. The '01, however, has digital sound & included are the shop manuals. (An additional \$1,700.00 value which would equal to \$124,000 + '03 MSRP). For List of standard equipment & options see www.porsche.com, "build your own". Contact: Lou Csernak, 215.880.9900; ralcon@comcast.net Steve Gibson 843.869.3169; stgibson@earthlink.net

PORSCHE News

PORSCHE's Travel Club

Here's something neat, if you haven't already heard about it, but PORSCHE offers a travel club. If you don't like to leave your car behind when you take a holiday, the Porsche Travel Club is the quickest and easiest way to arrange this year's driving holiday.

The unique Porsche Travel Club is a one number service for all your hotel, restaurant, theatre and route planning details. You will stay at the finest hotels and don't have to take care of anything. Except yourself (and that hardly even).

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 ½ hour tow from Saddlebrook).

Registration forms and more info may be found at:

www.pca.org/parade/2003

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The Carolina's Region PORSCHE Fest 2003

It is time for the 7th annual PORSCHE Fest. This multi-weekend event takes place in Greenville, South Carolina **May 30, 31 and June 1, 2003**. The schedule includes a Concours d'Elegance, a road rally through the local countryside, and an autocross. Last year 56 cars participated, ranging from a 1963 356B to a 2002 911 C45. If it sounds like fun, registration forms can be found at www.carolinas-pca.com.

Send your member news, photos and classifieds to sandratraxler@ppperfect.com, or jason_odell@hotmail.com.

Palmetto Region PCA 2003 Activities Calendar

- 4/22/03 Regular Chapter meeting, Baker Motor Company, 1511 Savannah Highway, 7 pm, please RSVP
- 5/03/03 Dinner & Dancing with Carolinas Region, Saturday Evening, Town & Country Inn, Savannah Hwy, Charleston, details TBA
- 5/04/03 Downtown walking Rally with Carolinas Region, Sunday afternoon, Charleston, details TBA
- 5/13/03 Regular Chapter meeting, Tuesday Night, 7 pm, location TBA
- 6/10/03 Regular Chapter meeting, Autometrics Motorsports, 1913 Belgrade Avenue, 7 pm
- 6/21/03 Rally to the Roofs, Saturday, Beaufort, SC, details TBA
- 9/10/03 Regular Chapter meeting, Bob Woodman Tires, 1939 Belgrade Avenue, 7 pm
- 10/14/03 Regular Chapter meeting, Tuesday Night, 7 pm, location TBA
- 10/26/03 Annual Concours de Elegance, location TBA
- 11/16/03 Thanksgiving Rally, Sunday afternoon, Regular Chapter meeting to follow immediately afterward, location TBA
- 12/13/03 Annual Christmas Party, Saturday night 7 pm, location TBA



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