

Palmetto Pipes

Palmetto Region PCA February 2006

February

- 10-12 SunCoast & Gold Coast PCA, Sebring
- 15 Palmetto Region Mtg. 7:00PM, Autometrics
- 18-19 Florida Citrus PCA Drivers Ed, Roebing
- 20 Suncoast PCA Drivers Ed, Sebring

March

- 4 Welcome Home Party, Oyster Roast
- 17 Open Practice w/ Ed Bargy, Roebing



3169 Stanyarne Drive
Charleston, SC 29414

Next Meeting 15 February 7:00 PM
@ Autometrics



Hey – NICE CAR!

Please join us at the next local Porsche Club of America meeting and get a NICE HAT!



This is a limited production, high quality hat that is \$50 for members and FREE to new members who join PCA at a local meeting. When they are gone, they are gone! Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Check out our website for meeting details:

www.pcapalmetto.org

Or contact: **Membership Chair Steve Waters** 843-478-9413

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Newsletter/Website Update

As I noted in the last Palmetto Pipes, I have just assumed this project. The newsletter is evolving and will continue to do so with everyone's help. My goal is to provide the info that everyone needs to stay abreast of events within PCA Palmetto and the Porsche community at large. Our last meeting was very well attended and I look forward to this and many other functions to share good times and great cars with all of you.

As for the PCA Palmetto website, it is being brought back to life! With a **lot** of help from my friends I am slowly but surely making the changes that will provide a vehicle for information second to none. Again, anyone who has thoughts or suggestions that would make the website more useful, I welcome the input.

Tech Talk

Q: Would it be better to use synthetic oil to avoid the condensation etc. which occurs in regular oil when the car is not driven regularly? What needs to be done when switching to synthetic oil, if anything, or do you just drain the oil, change the filter and put in the synthetic oil? Should the regular Mahle oil filter be used with the synthetic oil & how often should the synthetic oil be changed?

A: Water vapor doesn't care what type of oil you have, it will still condense. As I have said before, when the car is driven infrequently, those drives need to be long enough to get the car fully warmed up and running for 20 minutes or so, not just idling in the driveway (very bad idea). On a car that sits a lot, I would tend not to use synthetic because of the cost. You should change it every 6 months or so to really be on top of it.

Switching is just as you described, drain it out and install the synthetic. Note many oils these days are blends of synthetic and petroleum. The Mahle filter is fine as well. Porsche approves Mobil 10w/40 for all cars back to the beginning. Chris Powell - PCA Website - 1/21/2006

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From the Prez

I would like to thank Mike and Kay Duck for hosting the January meeting. We had a great turnout.

Our February 15th meeting will be hosted by the Freidman's of Autometrics. Note this meeting is on Wednesday to avoid conflicts with Valentines Day.

The Freidman family is involved in the Grand Am racing series. Autometrics prepares race cars, PORSCHEs of course, for several customers throughout the southeast. This will be an exciting meeting! Autometrics is located at 1913 Belgrade Avenue which is off Sam Rittenberg near the SC Federal Credit Union.

Dr. Bob Stonerock and several others host an informal Saturday morning breakfast at Trotters Restaurant in The Town and Country Inn. Numbers range from a few to a dozen or more who like to visit, talk Porsches and put off getting to the "honey-do" list for an hour or so. Arrive around 7:30AM, no reservation necessary. You haven't had an omelette until you have one prepared by Tommi!

Our "Welcome Home Party" is set for Saturday, March 4th 7PM until... Our host for this will be Gordon King. An oyster roast at Gordon's beach home is planned. We need to get a good count for this event. Notices and postcards will be sent to give additional information on this event. Please make sure and RSVP so that we will have plenty of oysters and other goodies. Our special guest will be Mr. Allan Cox from PCA National. Allan represents Zone 3 which includes some seven southern states. You wont want to miss this event!!

Lastly, we have been in touch with Jason Odell this week. Jason formerly was the webmaster and we now have the info to update and renew the PCA Palmetto web page. We will have our website current in the very near future. Links will provide access to various informational sites for our members and visitors.

Looking forward to seeing you at Autometrics,

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Porsche Fest 2006

Carolinas Region will be hosting our tenth annual PorscheFest this year. Dates have been set for June 16-18. The base for the event will be the Hyatt Charlotte. A special negotiated rate of \$95/night has been arranged. We have only blocked 15 rooms, so people are encouraged to book early to ensure they get the reduced rate. All reservations must be made individually by calling the hotel's reservation department at 800-233-1234. Participants must ask for the Porsche Club of America group block. Further details to be announced.



Palmetto Region Still Standing Tall

Membership Corner

We have new members to welcome to the club:

Richard F. Evans

Summerville, SC
1988 944

Milton & Lisa Thomas

Summerville, SC
1997 911

Let's extend a warm welcome to these members and any others who may be just coming on board!

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Our membership chairman, Steve Waters is out doing his job. A few weeks ago my wife drove the 911 to the grocery store. As she rounded the corner she noticed another 911 which happened to be Steve. He pulled in behind her and approached enthusiastically until she introduced herself. He had an application in hand and the recruitment speech ready. Keep up the good work Steve. The more the merrier...

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What a great hat!

You may have noticed the really handsome hat on the front of the newsletter. I'm sure you're asking yourself, "How can I get one?" Have we got a deal for you... These hats, which were created by Mike Duck using the painting done by our own Tuggy Mathisen, are available in very limited numbers.

They are available to members only for the price of \$50. But, if you purchase one at a PCA Palmetto meeting, it can be yours for only \$20. OK, now for the real deal. Anyone who joins PCA Palmetto at one of our meetings will receive one of these limited edition hats absolutely free.

Please copy and distribute the Palmetto Region Hat flyer found on the inside of the newsletter to help spread the word to any potential members. Leave it on the windshield of a parked Porsche or maybe a co-workers desk.