

Palmetto Pipes



PCA Palmetto Region
September 2006

We Don't Need No Stinking Clutch

The car was prepared for the event by my 15 year old son, Michael. Everything was good to go. I took the car for a drive and all was well. Several days later when loading it into the trailer, I heard a funny squeak from the clutch area. I was concerned, but had no time to do anything about it. I could only hope the car would hold up for the weekend.

I went out for the practice run Saturday morning and everything was fine, but after a few laps the clutch pedal stayed on the floor. I pulled it back up and it felt fine, but would stay down the next time also. I decided to stay out and straight shift the car for the remainder of the session (I had to learn the track.) I ended up fourth fastest in practice out of 29 944s. I bled the clutch, but nothing changed and I knew that I had a choice to make, drive the car without a clutch or pack it up. The ones that know me will understand that packing it up is not what I do.

I ran qualifying without a clutch and posted second fastest time. Instead of using gears 2, 3, 4 and 5 I restricted myself to 3rd and 4th only, to minimize the clutchless shifts. In Saturday's feature race, I walked away with a victory over all other 944s. This event combined the Southeastern Region and the Mid Atlantic region and made for stiff competition including last year's champions of both regions. At the awards ceremony, an announcement was made that in the 15 year history of NASA pro racing it has never occurred that a driver started, finished and won a race without a clutch.

On Sunday morning, I skipped practice so my son and I could drive 2 + hours to pick up a 944 Turbo he bought with his own money. I got back 15 minutes before qualifying and got pole position. At the start of the race, I got passed by a 944 Turbo (last year's SE champion) who clearly had more power and we dived for the lead for a few laps. I knew that mechanically I could not beat him. The only thing I could do was to breathe down his neck to make him nervous and force him into making a mistake. Eventually that happened and he went off giving me the lead which I extended for the remainder of the race. Two victories on Mid Atlantic turf, another track record and all without a clutch.

Karl Troy
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OCTOBERFEST

We have plans for an "OctoberFest" for our October 10th meeting. Our hosts will be Martha and Bill Fogle (directions to follow). Mr. Klaus Lapine will prepare German food as well as some German desserts. Our plan is to sell dinners in advance so we can give Klaus a head count. If you plan to attend,, please call any officer and let them know. We will be serving some German Beers as well.

Porsche Club of Charleston Dinner Menu

October 10, 2006

Mini Soft Pretzels

Zwiebelkuchen

traditional southern German onion quiche with caraway seed

Spinach Salad

fresh spinach with apple, walnuts and turkey bacon bits in creamy citrus vinaigrette

Selection of German Sausages

Veal bratwurst, Swiss Knackwurst, Nurnburger, Bavarian Bratwurst

Homemade Sauerkraut

Braised Apple Red Cabbage

German Potato Salad

Rote Grütze

chilled red berry stew served with French vanilla ice cream



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Members Corner

Welcome New Members:

Ramon & Kathy Colon, 2001 911

Kevin Hedges, 2001 Boxster

Steven & Joan Harth, 1963 356

Adam Swetnick, 1987 944

Greetings to our fellow PCAer's. Hope your summer has been a good one. We had a great turnout for the August meeting at Smokey Bones. I guess you could say Porsche folks like BBQ! I'd like to thank Alan Linnemann from Baker Motor Company for coming out to speak to our group. Baker will host the September 12th meeting. Food and beverages will be provided. This will be a good opportunity to see their facility and some of the new cars.

Make sure you check out the OctoberFest menu on the front page. It's a great idea for our October meeting. Our hosts for the event will be Martha and Bill Fogle. Klaus Lepine will prepare the menu. I'm sure you're all looking forward to it as much as I am.

Many of our members are interested in autocrossing. We don't have a facility to host an event. Usually a large parking lot would work. PCA requires insurance for all sponsored events. Lastly, we need some volunteers for a phone calling committee. If you can help, call Steve Kemp our Vice President. Look forward to seeing you soon.

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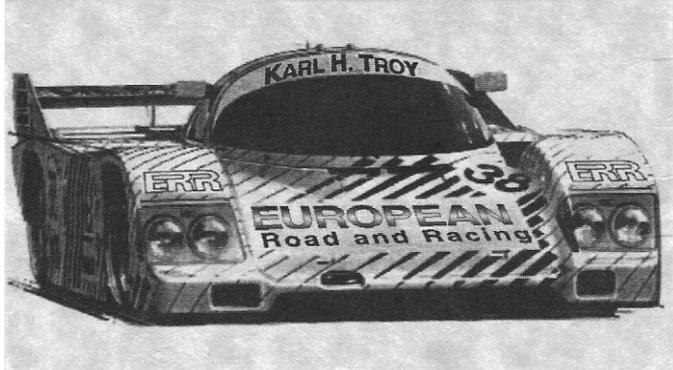
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PCA Palmetto on the Dragon

As many of you may have heard, PCA Palmetto has been soliciting interest in a trip to the mountains of North Carolina to relax, cool off, and enjoy the many beautiful roads in the area. The main interest of such a trip would be to drive the road known as The Tail of the Dragon. Tail of the Dragon, officially named US 129, is 318 curves in 11 miles. Need I say more???

Well, a date and accommodations have been selected. By coincidence, another Porsche group, Pelican Parts, was planning a gathering for the same time frame and we have decided to make ours the same weekend, November 3, 4 and 5. Pelican Parts is an online source for Porsche parts but is also an online community of Porsche enthusiasts that allows people from throughout the world to share their trials, tribulations, and know-how on the Porsches that bring all of us together.

Pelican has made arrangements for a special rate at Fontana Village. If you mention the Pelican group there is an additional 15% reduction in an already attractive room rate. Rooms are very reasonably priced with a variety of room types from double rooms to 3 bedroom cabins. If you choose another of the wonderful areas to stay, there will be a calendar of scheduled events available.

Some may have already found this information at www.pcapalmetto.org. Those that haven't please go there for all the information you will need to plan this trip. There are links to Fontana Village, Tail of the Dragon, as well as Pelican Parts and the discussions by the group there. You can make your reservation, check the weather and even gather info about where the current traffic patrol checks are being conducted.

I have made my reservation and hope to see a large group of PCA

"Saturday at 7:30 AM" mark it on your calendar to join Dr. Bob, Doug et al at Trotters for breakfast. Each and every Saturday Come for coffee, buffet or a short stack of cakes... We love it when we have to move to the big table. PS We had to move **twice** last weekend. Lets keep grow-

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September

- 1-4 Peachstate Rennfest '06 go to www.peachstatepca.org for details.
- 12 PCA Palmetto Monthly meeting @ Baker Motors
- 15-17 Concourse de Graylyn, Winston-Salem, NC
- 17 Florida Citrus DE @ Sebring
- 23-25 First Settlers DE Virginia International Raceway

October

- 10 PCA Palmetto Monthly Meeting

November

- 3,4 &5 Tail of the Dragon Trip
- 11-12 Coastal Empire DE @ Roebing Road

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Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM, September 12th @ Baker Motors
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