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TRANSSYBERIA 2008 RALLY NEWS

This year's Transsyberia saw a total of 34 teams originally set out on a 15-day, 14 stages, 12 special stages race covering 7200 kilometers which began in Moscow, Russia and ended in the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar. Out of the 34 teams only 21 reached the finish, with the winner being Team France's Porsche Cayenne S Transsyberia.

Team USA drivers Ryan Millen and Colin Godby pulled in a 15th place finish with their Porsche Cayenne S Transsyberia. Rounding out the top five finishers were Team Iberica in 2nd, Team Germany 1 in 3rd, Team Portuguese in 4th and Team Russia 1 in 5th.

Day one saw teams heading out of Russia over sandy ground that had been soaked by strong rains of the past days. Then through mixed forests, water ditches and mud holes. With strong rainfalls from the thunderstorms one of the biggest obstacles encountered by most participants was a big water hole where every other team got stuck.

What a way to start out a race? Day 2 didn't get any better on the 58 km long stretch through coniferous woods in the Russia Taiga. Wet loam and sand, standing rainwater in the ruts and tracks made life a little difficult for drivers. Day 3 brought some easier driving conditions, if you consider driving 1000 km through Siberia with 10 km of coarse gravel track easy. In comparison to days 1 and 2's special tests this one demanded speed.

And so it went from the start on July 11th till the end on July 25th. I think I'll keep our 928 to our nicely paved roads here in America. Can you imagine trying to clean your vehicle after an event like this? I'd have to pay someone. Just another testament though of Porsche's extra ordinary engineering. Out of the 21 teams that finished there were 11 Cayenne S Transsyberia's, 3 Cayenne S's, 1 Toyota HZJ 80, 2 Suzuki Gran Vitara 3D DDis, 1 Mercedes G 320, 1 Land Rover Defender 90, 1 Nissan Pathfinder and 1 Land Rover Defender 110.

For day by day rally challenges and results go to <http://www.transsyberia-rallye.com/> and click on the Magazine & News section. Check out some of the pictures there pretty cool.





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From the Prez

Hello again everyone. Hope the summer heat is providing opportunities for everyone to get outside in the mornings and a reason to look forward to the cooler weather that's just around the corner. It is time to start planning our fall calendar. As everyone knows, we chose to take a few months off during the summer. No meetings did not mean PCA Palmetto was sitting on the porch trying to keep cool.

The drive with the Myrtle Beach crowd was a blast. We met in Georgetown, then drove back roads, arriving in the wonderful town of McClellanville for lunch. Thanks to the staff at TW Graham's restaurant. I hesitate to talk about the wonderful food there. It is one of those places that you want to keep to yourself, while sharing it with everyone. Here you find atmosphere, food, and a quaintness that can only be found in an off-the-beaten-path fishing village. I mentioned to the chef that I thought he stole my mother's recipe for the fried shrimp. I will share his secret: fresh and simple. Hope to plan another drive up in the near future.

The August meeting will be on the 12th at Smokey Bones in North Charleston. Put on your thinking caps between now and the meeting for what you would like the club to do in the near and not so near future.

The trip to Fontana and the Tail of the Dragon is September 12th through the 14th. This trip has become a cornerstone of PCA Palmetto as well as others around the region. While the TOD is a fun drive, the area and scenery is just magnificent. This area may be the best of our mountains. Many rivers and lakes dot the area, making for a beautiful backdrop to wonderful roads. Good friends, fun roads, and great cars, need I say more?

The PCA National Executive Board meeting is slated for Charleston in October. We look forward to welcoming the board and showing them around our wonderful Lowcountry. Look for details on the website.

Enjoy the rest of summer and we will see you on the 12th...

Kevin

"it's not just the cars, it's the people..."



Below is the original content of how this month's newsletter was to go. Unfortunately while putting this edition together personal tragedy struck very close to home. I'm sure you've all heard of the tragic shooting of Colleton County Deputy Dennis Compton. Being the wife of a police officer this has been extremely upsetting. So I'd like to apologize for not giving you the quality newsletter this month that you've come to expect.

I also hope you accept my page of tribute to Deputy Compton and his family. At the time of this unfortunate and sad incident I was in the processing of writing my feature on the 911. I didn't think it fair to put a half-hearted article together on a vehicle that has been such a main stay of the Porsche line. Again please accept my apologies for a less than acceptable newsletter. The articles that are present were written prior to this tragedy.

Parade may be past but I believe our stifling low country summer heat is here to stay for a while. The wonderful, tantalizing smells from the gas and charcoal grills somehow manages to permeate the heavy humidity currently engulfing us. If you have a pool I'm sure you're making good use of it. We are. Along with summer also comes vacations and I wish all members traveling, whether to the beach, the mountains, to the plains or to some exotic location half way around the world, safe and pleasant travels. For those that can't wait for the heat to leave fall isn't too far off.

If you've yet to escape our sweltering coastal region we hope you'll be joining us in September for our Tail of the Dragon outing. Since September can still be very warm down here in the low country our retreat to the mountains should allow us the enjoyment of some cooler temperatures. So, hopefully everyone got their rooms reserved at the discount rates.

For all you 911 owners I hope you enjoy this issue. For this month's feature is Porsche's oldest and most well known vehicle. Of course you'll find other interesting Porsche news too. The famed Transsyberia Rally ran during the month of July and our beloved 911 ranked among MSN Auto's top ten sports car list. So read on.



As you remember 'our' fallen officer, take comfort in remembering that he dedicated his lives to the same principles of honor, duty and courage that brought you to the badge. Such a life is truly rich. Take strength in knowing that even though he has fallen, our resolve to serve those in need is not diminished. Our dedication to protecting those in danger is not weakened. Our commitment to remembering those with whom we shared the badge does not fade. Godspeed, brothers and sisters. You fought the good fight. Now rest in peace...

PORSCHE 911 AMONG THE MOST POPLAR SPORTS CAR

When talking about sports cars what car comes to mind when you here the word *performance*? What about *handling*? How about *fun*? Of course we think of Porsche. For many, affordability often plays more of a major role in the broad appeal. So according to MSN autos the Ford Mustang continues to be the most popular sports car.

Our beloved Porsche 911 is ranked fourth behind the number two Chevrolet and newcomer Dodge Challenger was third. Below is MSN auto's top ten list and their excerpt on the Porsche 911 GT2.

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| 1. | Ford Mustang | 6. | Mitsubishi Eclipse |
| 2. | Chevrolet Corvette | 7. | BMW M3 |
| 3. | Dodge Challenger | 8. | Mazda MX-5 Miata |
| 4. | Porsche 911 | 9. | Saturn Sky |
| 5. | Nissan 350Z | 10. | Lamborghini Murcielago LP640 |

"The legendary rear-engine sports car, the **911** has managed to retain its trademark silhouette since its inception over 40 years ago. A number of different versions are available, with the range-topping 911 Turbo cranking out 480 horsepower from its twin-turbocharged 3.6-liter flat-Six. With a high-tech all-wheel-drive system, the Turbo can lunge to 60mph in just 3.7 seconds and hit 100 mph in 8.4 seconds using the standard 6-speed manual transmission. Opt for the 5-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission and acceleration time improves to 3.4 and 7.8 seconds. Porsche's most powerful 911 to date, the GT2, became available in the U.S. earlier this year

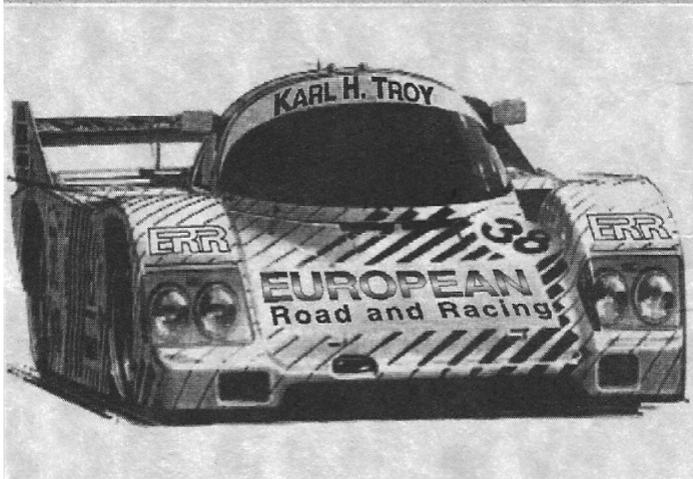
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Porsche Trivia Fun

How many different 911 models are currently produced?

July's Trivia Answer

Noun, Ger. < 1 Sports car and successful racing automobile. Sometimes temperamental \, engines are usually located behind the drive. Often silver, but examples exist in every color.
2 What Joplin's friends all drive. Also see Auto Union

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PORSCHE RACING NEWS

DUMAS/BERNHARD RETURN FAVOR AS PORSCHE EDGES ACURA FOR FOURTH ALMS LMP2 VICTORY; PACE CAR POSITION SINKS PORSCHE GT2 TEAMS AS THEY LOSE LAP TO THE WINNING FERRARI --Number seven Penske Porsche RS Spyder wins with new direct-injection 3.4-liter V-8 engine—

LEXINGTON, Ohio – July 19 – Last week, it was the Brabham/Sharp Acura that ran down the #7 Penske Porsche RS Spyder with 90 seconds left to score a victory at Lime Rock Park, but the roles were reversed today in the Acura Sports Car Challenge at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course as Romain Dumas (France) held off Brabham to score the Porsche tandem's fourth win in six American Le Mans Series races and extend their LMP2 driver points lead to 28.

...Porsche leads Acura by 17 points in the LMP2 manufacturer's contest. Porsche leads Ferrari by nine points in the GT2 manufacturers chase...

...The other three Porsche RS Spyders finished fourth, fifth, and sixth in class, with the #6 Penske Porsche of Maassen/Long running as high as second in class late in the race...

...The #16 Dyson Racing Porsche of Guy Smith (England) and Chris Dyson (USA) was fifth in LMP2, while #20 Dyson Porsche of Marino Franchitti (Scotland) and Butch Leitzinger (USA), which had lost a lap to the field earlier in the event, stormed back to regain its lap and finish sixth...

...The #18 VICI Racing Porsche driven by Nicky and Francesco Pastorelli (both The Netherlands) finished ninth in class, while the Flying Lizard Porsche of Seth Neiman and Lonnie Pechnik (both USA) did not finish due to transmission woes....

Members Corner

New Members-

Vick M. Crawley
& Shanonn Cavanaugh-----1995 911

Patty & Ron Konersmann-----1965 356SC

John Pernel-----1987 911 (930)

A warm Lowcountry welcome to everyone. Look forward to seeing you at our next outing.



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PORSCHE NEWS RELEASE EXCERPTS

Direct Fuel Injection Lowers Fuel Consumption and Increases Performance in 3.4-Liter V8 for 2008 Porsche RS Spyder in the American Le Mans Series

ATLANTA – July 31 – Following in the footsteps of the street Porsche Cayenne and 911, the sports prototype Porsche RS Spyder now profits from direct fuel injection technology (DFI). The new engine, with which Porsche underlines its role as technology leader in energy efficiency, celebrated its race premiere with an LMP2 victory in the American Le Mans Series as Timo Bernhard (Germany) and Romain Dumas (France) took the class win at Mid-Ohio earlier this month...



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A TRIBUTE TO A FALLEN HERO

“A man in blue has lost his life in the service of the law.”

Just after 3 am Wednesday, August 6, 2008 Colleton County Sheriff's Deputy Dennis Compton's End of Watch tragically occurred at the hands of gunmen. *“The love that makes this sacrifice is the greatest love of all.”* Deputy Compton was responding to an alarm call on Sunflower Drive in the small town of Smoaks. *“A policeman was killed today, the reason why I cannot say.”* Only three hours away from the end of his night tour he gave the ultimate sacrifice for his community. *“I don't know why he had to die.”* On the force for only a 1 year and 4 months Deputy Compton wasn't a newcomer to law enforcement. *“The man in blue died for me and you: we must remember him too.”* He'd previously service the department as a detention officer before fulfilling a long time dream of becoming a certified police officer.

Along with a wife, four children and immediate family Deputy Compton left behind a score of friends and fellow police officers and their families. For those not involved with law enforcement it's hard to understand the pain one feels when an officer in your community is so viciously killed. This killer not only took a community hero but he took a piece of every individual in our community that is attached to law enforcement.

The next time you see a man or woman in uniform please stop and tell them thank you. They risk their lives for *you*. They risk it for the good citizens and the bad. They risk it for the grateful and ungrateful. So please be one that is grateful and cherish these men and women that will give the ultimate sacrifice for someone they *don't even know*.

I ask you to add Deputy Compton's family to your prayers in this time of senseless tragedy. And I thank all our Porsche friends who have thought of us during this very hard time. *“Flags fly low, let us bow in prayer for fallen police men everywhere; and remember this: that they are missed.”*

“The badge burns bright like an evening star free from a world of war.”

The lines in italics are from Amazing Grace: The Policeman's Tribute



Deputy Sheriff Dennis Compton
Colleton County Sheriff's Office
South Carolina

End of Watch: Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Upcoming Events

August

- 12th Monthly Meeting at Smokey Bones
- 29th Porscephiles - Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, GA

September

- 12-14th Tail of the Dragon trip

October

- 4th Carolinas Region DE at CMP
- 4th: Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta
- 11th: Tentative Oktoberfest
- 18th: Euro Fest at BMW Plant Spartanburg
- 25th Peachtree Region DE at Road Atlanta
- 25th PCA National Board is in town for the weekend, BBQ planned
- 30th/31st Savannah Historic Races

November

- 2nd: Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance

Saturday Breakfast

Join the gang for Saturday breakfast -held at the Sunflower Café on Hwy. 61 @ 8:00 (every Saturday). Come and Join us.....



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