

Palmetto Pipes



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The Low Country

When you hear the words “the Low Country” what do you think of? Is it historical downtown Charleston with its lack of skyscrapers and overpowering buildings? Is it hundred’s of years old towering live oak trees draped in Spanish-moss? Or is it the sparkle of the sun off the numerous waterways snaking there way around Charleston and its surrounding areas? Maybe you think of the historical plantations and a way of life that is no longer.

What do I think? I think of what it’s like to get our 928 out of the drive way and drive. I long to feel the blazing sun beating through the open sun-roof and the feel of the wind whipping through the windows as we race along tree lined roads. With so much beauty and history in the area it’s the perfect place to drive your Porsche.

So for all you Porsche owners that are either new to the area transplants, existing transplants or born and bred natives this issue will highlight some of what our area has to offer. So here are some highlights on what our area offers, whether you’re looking to indulge yourself in some outdoor recreation, good old shopping, dining or delving into Charleston’s history.





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From the Prez

Thanks again to Autometrics and the Friedman family. While the Friedman's have hosted wonderful meetings in the past, April's meeting stands out as one to remember. Karen and her boys always welcome the club with open arms. Wonderful food and beverages were available to all. Then came what we all showed up for, the display of cars. Cars that make those of us who love the Porsche marquee drool. Cars that we marvel at. The cars that have won races as a result of the design genius that Porsches have been based on for years. Combine this flawless design with a world-class shop of the caliber of Autometrics and it is easy to understand how they continue to place drivers, at all levels, on podiums year after year, race after race.

May is slated to be a busy month. We held a walking tour in downtown Charleston on the 3rd. Last year's rally allowed even those who are natives to the area to discover or rediscover parts of our beautiful city that are often overlooked.

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th. Our hosts this month will be Baker Motors. John, Richard and staff will be on hand to answer any questions about the current line of Porsches. There also will be representatives there from Baker's outstanding service department to field questions and offer suggestions for everyone. Note the meeting this month will begin at 6:30.

Also, there is a lowcountry drive to Walterboro on Saturday the 17th. We will end at a local restaurant which by chance is hosting a car show that evening.

For all of these events, as well as, future events check the PCA Palmetto website at www.pcapalmetto.org

Kevin

“ it's not just the cars, it's the people...”

Historical Plantations

Our first featured historic plantation is Boone Hall. Situated on Horlbeck Creek in Mount Pleasant it was first established in 1681 by Major John Boone, one of the original South Carolina settlers. Rice was the plantations original crop until the 1800's when it converted to the more prosperous cotton. Thomas A. Stone, a Canadian ambassador to the Netherlands built the present manor home in 1935.

The most notable thing about Boone Hall is its magnificent double row of live oak trees. These picturesque Spanish-moss draped oaks line the three quarter mile dirt drive leading to the home. Bordering this avenue of oaks are nine original slave cabins, known as Slave Street, one of the few remaining in the Southeast. The home has also been featured in numerous movies such as "Queen", "Scarlett", and "The Notebook" and most prominently the TV mini series "North & South".

Being one of America's oldest working, living plantations the continual growing and producing of crops has spanned over 320 years. It also features its own U-Pick fields. Or if you'd rather, visit their store located on Highway 17. Though the "Avenue of Oaks" leading to this magnificent home might put a little dust on your Porsche it's worth it.

Our second, third and fourth featured plantations are located along the Ashley River off Highway 61. Leaving the West Ashley area, heading up Highway 61, lined with beautiful Spanish-moss draped live oaks you'll arrive at Drayton Hall. This two-story antebellum home started in 1738 and finished in 1742 is the only house among the three to survive the American Revolution and Civil War in tact. This seven-bay double pile plantation home stands on a 630-acre site that produced indigo and rice as its main crops. When arriving at Drayton Hall today's visitors actually approach the back of the home, the front faces the river.

This home has not been restored or filled with period time furnishings. Kept in its original state only the most necessary of preservations occur. Seven generations of Drayton's helped preserve the home. Unlike Boone Hall only one out-building remains on the property though they have discovered the foundations of others.

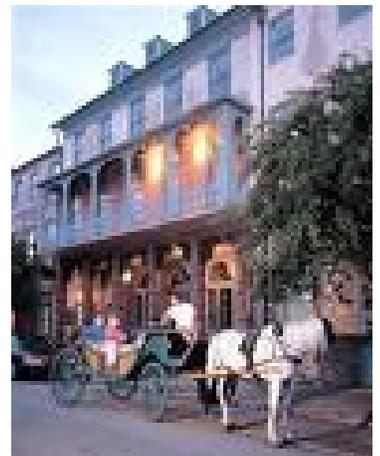
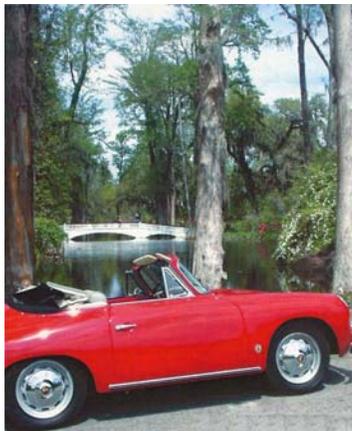
Leaving Drayton and meandering your way along the beauty of Highway 61, make sure you put that top down if you have a convertible, you'll come to Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. Here you'll find 70 acres of pure southern beauty. Magnolia is one of the oldest plantations. The plantation dates to 1676 when Thomas and Ann Drayton built a house and small formal garden. Today it is still under the control of the Drayton family, 15 generations later.

Although originally a rice plantation Magnolia was known for its English style gardens. During the Civil War the original manor home was burned supposedly by Union troops though more probably by newly freed slaves. After the war Reverend John Grimke Drayton opened the gardens as a tourist attraction. In 1870, "Magnolia-on-the-Ashley" became the first man-made tourist attraction in the states.

Today's plantation has many attractions including a Wildlife Refuge, Cypress Lake, as well as the Plantation house. Some of the notable garden areas are the Barbados Tropical Garden, the Biblical Garden, the Camellia Collection, the Long Bridge and the Maze.

Continuing on up 61 to our last plantation you come to Middleton Place situated on 65 acres and was first established in 1741 by Henry Middleton, the President of the First Continental Congress. Home to many generations of Middleton's it produced some prominent and important American's. Arthur Middleton signed the U.S Declaration of Independence. His middle son, Henry was the state Governor as well as a U.S. Minister to Russia. Henry's son, William signed the Ordinance of Secession.

If you're looking for a weekend get-away but don't really want to go-away then stay at the Middleton's hotel. Enjoy a nice quiet dinner at their restaurant and let your Porsche soak up some sunshine while you explore the stable yards, house museum and just pure scenic beauty.



Downtown Charleston

For those familiar and not familiar with Charleston there is always something new to discover. If you're in for a little adventure drive your Porsche around town rather than walking or taking a carriage tour. Or maybe just park along the battery and watch the boats go by or walk up the road to some of the historic homes like the Edmonston-Alston House.

During our 2007 downtown walking tour it was great exploring all the little side streets and alleyways. I wouldn't recommend taking your Porsche down them though. Then you might want to grab a bite to eat. Just pick a place and you're bound to find something to please your palate. If you like seafood try Hyman's up by the Market. If the celebrities go there then you know it's good.

The open-air market is a great place for the ladies to go do some shopping. Or if your looking for some more expensive, elite shopping check out some of the shops near Charleston Place. Gucci is rather nice, though a bit high for the budget

Members Corner

New Members

Edwin Boyle.....1988 944
Michael Buttree.....1990 944 s2
Michael & Jean Goldson.....2003 911
Michael Jones.....1987 944
Susan & Edgar Meszner-Eltrich.....2004 911 Turbo
Dominus Rivera.....1990 Boxster

Transfer In

Douglas Sorrells.....1987 951

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



Porsche Trivia Fun

What was the base price of a Porsche 928 S4 in 1987?

April's Trivia Answer

Australia's Porsche Challenge

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photos...

Looking for A Nice Drive?

The Myrtle Beach group has invited us to join in their Sunday drive and lunch. This month's get together is on Sunday, May 18. There will be a short drive and then lunch afterward. They will meet at Noon at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot at the corner of Carolina Forest Drive and Highway 501 in Myrtle Beach. A Google Maps link to the starting location is available on the website in the forum.



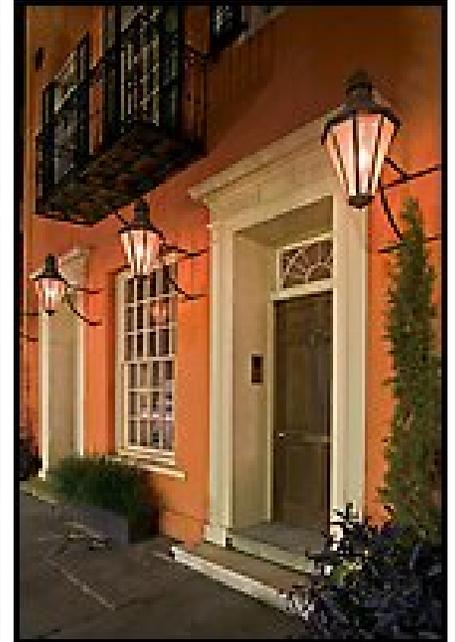
Charleston Outskirts

For you nature buffs that want to escape the city atmosphere take a nice long drive up Highway 17 towards Myrtle Beach to The Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge. Plan on spending the day because the refuge is only accessible by boat so start your visit at the Sewee Visitors Center. Established in 1932 the refuge encompasses a 22-mile segment of the Atlantic coast. 66,267 acres of barrier islands, salt marshes, intricate coastal waterways, long sandy beaches, fresh and brackish water impoundment and maritime forests make it a great place for animal and nature lovers. One of the islands, Bull is only one of three islands in the US to be chosen as a pre-introduction site for the Red Wolf. For bird lovers these barrier islands and waterways will be a haven of excitement. So let that Porsche stretch its legs a little.

If you're interested in historical ruins you might want to let your Porsche guide you down towards the Beaufort area. You'll be going to the Sheldon Church ruins. This once magnificent church was originally built between 1745 and 1755. It was burned in 1799 during the Revolutionary War then rebuilt in 1825. During Union General William Tecumseh Sherman's march to the sea Sheldon was burned for a second time. Along with the churches ruins amongst the magnificent live oaks are scattered gravestones. Inside the ruins lie the remains of Colonel William Bull. Colonel Bull was of great assistance in the planning of Savannah, Georgia.

If you want an even further ride head on down to Savannah for a leisurely stroll along the river front shops and restaurant. Like Charleston, Savannah offers a lot of history. If you're a big Civil War buff you might want to take an excursion to Broxton Bridge for a battle re-enactment.

There is so much to do in our area that it's a great place to get that Porsche out and about. Besides, people always like seeing one pass by. Just imagine as you drive up scenic Highway 61 in route to one of the plantations and you pass another motorists. Most likely they'll sneak a peak in their rear-view mirror asking, "Was that?" "Yes it was." "Someday I'd like to have one of those." And it won't matter if you're driving a new Cayman, a 911 Turbo Cab or if you're driving an older 944, 968 or an even older 356. So enjoy those cars. Get them out and get yourselves out.



Charleston Downtown Walking Rally was May 3rd and a lot of fun for those in attendance. Hope to see you next time.

REMINDER: THE DRIVE INTO THE COUNTRY, MAY 17th.

It should be a lot of fun. Not only do you enjoy the drive to dinner but can you can enjoy the cruise-in car show that will be in downtown Walterboro next to the restaurant.



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Upcoming Events

May

13th Monthly Meeting—Baker Motor Co
17th Drive into the Country

June

26th Porsche Parade in Charlotte

September

12-14th Tail of the Dragon trip

Saturday Breakfast

Dr. Bob and the gang Saturday breakfast is held at Sunflower Café on Hwy. 61 @ 8:00 every Saturday. Come and Join us.....



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