

Palmetto Pipes



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November brings about many changes. Our hectic summer lives have slowed a bit as we entered the fall months and it will now pick up again as we get ready for the holiday season. Our weather has now pretty much sent our shorts, tee's and bathing suits scurrying to the back of the closet or the bottom of the dresser in exchange for our jackets. This November also brings with it a new President for our United States.

Along with these changes it seems the woes of our floundering economy is beginning to be felt. With the holidays fast approaching our financial worries and concerns will only grow. Just remember the holidays aren't about how much we spend on each other or who gets the bigger and better gift but the time we spend with our family and friends.

I'm sure we're all a little worried about what the upcoming months will bring. All in all, remember it's still important to have a little fun and enjoy ourselves. And what better way to do that then to get out for a relaxing, leisurely Saturday or Sunday drive. Also, if you go out for dinner, drive your Porsche instead of your other car.



PORSCHE KNIVES?!

“Really impress your guests at Thanksgiving this year with the Porsche Luxury Knives. That’s right, I said Porsche. The Type 301 knives are constructed using traditional Japanese techniques, married to the Porsche design philosophy, which has produced a knife range that is both beautiful and practical. The ‘Pearl’ on the grip simplifies the orientation for users when in use and they feature an ingenious design that allows them to stand upright when not in use. Now, will these knives cut a turkey any faster?” Interested? Check it out at:

<http://www.gadgetgrid.com/2007/11/11/porsche-luxury-knives/>

* note that they are not endorsed by Porsche or Palmetto PCA but it was too cute to pass up.





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From the Prez

Who feels like '08 just started? I know that I do. My first meeting as President '08 with fresh ideas was just yesterday it seems. I drove by a house yesterday with Christmas decorations. Where did the year go? What did we all accomplish?

We witnessed an economic crisis that provided many lively discussions at Saturday Breakfast. If they would just listen, we all have the answers. An election with a historic outcome that will be remembered not just for our lifetime, but for generations to come.

We had Porsche Parade in our backyard and those that chose to partake got a better understanding of what a wonderful community PCA is. We had drives, we had dinners. Many participated in PCA Driver Education events. Others showed very well in various Concours events. Another trip to the Fontana and the Tail of the Dragon left all with stories to tell. Maybe it's my imagination, but all of the stories from these trips are told with smiles.

We have seen the Myrtle Beach arm of PCA Palmetto not only spring to life, but flourish. Not only has this provided opportunities for an eager group of enthusiasts along the Grand Strand, but it has also given others in both Palmetto and Hurricane Regions an escape and reason to take a Sunday drive.

The November meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 18th. We will be meeting at Gilligan's on Main Road. Check the website for directions if you need them. Note this is the third Tuesday of the month.

Come to the meeting with ideas not only to finish out this year, but to start off next season. We do have several current officers who plan to return, but we have openings as well. If you wish to be a part of making Palmetto better, please submit your name. Voting for those nominated will open on November 11th. Please take the time to go to the website and vote. I promise our election will see much shorter lines than those seen at the polls this week.

Drive Carefully and I will see you on the 18th.

Kevin

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



SIXTY YEARS OF PORSCHE

This year marked 60 years of Porsche. Motor-books.com published an incredible book honoring this magnificent feat for Porsche. Author Randy Leffingwell provides a very in depth and detailed history. Along with all the magnificent photos, there is some very informative reading.

Did you know that during World War II Allied bombing smashed through Porsche's works building in Zuffenhausen where armored military vehicles were manufactured? The subsequent fires destroyed sets of drawings that were stored there. Since the German military command would not guarantee safety to Porsche's facilities or it workers the family relocated operations to their hometown of Zell am See, Austria. With storage set up in a former flying school, production, design, and engineering, technicians, craftsmen, and fabricators (some 250 managers) moved into a sawmill outside Gmund, located 10 miles southwest of Zell. When the war ended Gmund fell under British supervision and Zell under American.

Even with the end of the war Ferdinand's hard times were not over and his firm's work for the German government continued to haunt him. In July 1945 British officers arrested all the Porsche men. Three months of interrogations and the production of lengthily reports on his wartime activities it was concluded that Porsche was a shrewd engineer and practical businessmen. It was also determined that he had only done what he could to stay in business and out of a wartime prison.

Less than a month later the French authorities arrested the men. They were accused of sabotaging Peugeot work as well as using French workers as forced laborers. It took fifteen months before Ferdinand Porsche and his brother-in-law Anton Piech were released. The French had demanded payment in the sum of one million French francs as bail. Fortunately for Porsche an Italian industrialist wanted Ferry Porsche to design and build the Type 360 Formula One Grand Prix car for his Cisitalia car company. Dusio's payment freed Porsche and Piech.

With work beginning on the Cisitalia racer Ferry was able to resurrect his father's ambitions to build a sports car. With many VW *Kubelwagen*, an off-road utility vehicle, abandoned along the roadways parts were easy to come by. It was not long before Ferry's first roadworthy Type 356 came along. Now that the family was back in business engineers, designers, and others made their way to Gmund.

The above is just some of the interesting reading you'll find in "Porsche Sixty Years". The pictures are great too. If you like coffee table books in your home and you want some really interesting Porsche history this book needs to be added to your collection.

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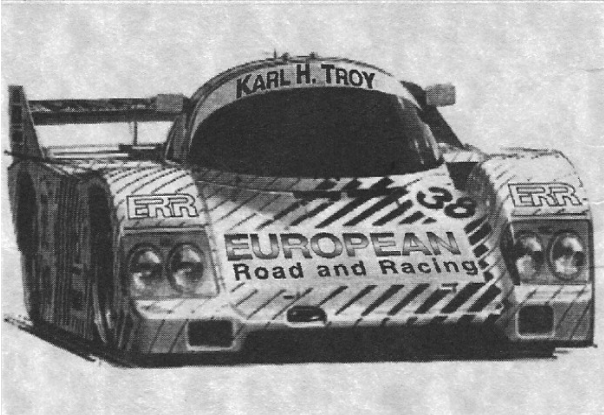
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Porsche Trivia Fun

What does RS mean from Germany?

Answer to October trivia: (How many turns and miles make up the Tail of the Dragon?) 318 turns, 11 miles

THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

Unlike most major holidays celebrated here in the states Thanksgiving is a traditional native North American holiday. Although we now sit down to big, elaborate meals that take all day to prepare and cook the true Thanksgiving holiday were celebrated in the form of a harvest festival. For most of us when we think of the origin of this holiday we think of the Pilgrims sharing a meal with Native American Indians in an outdoor setting.

The earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was held on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, FL. Despite scholarly research to the contrary, it is still acclaimed that the “first Thanksgiving” occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation in 1621. Today Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of each November.

Looking for something different for this years Thanksgiving dinner. Try adding a German twist with *Pikanter Moehrensalat* better known as Spicy Carrot Salad. This particular recipe is for two people so make accordingly.

- 2-3 8 oz carrots
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 small parsley root (optional) not parsnip
- 1/8 tsp. Cayenne Pepper
- 1 ½ T. lemon juice
- 1/3 c. yogurt
- 1 T flat parsley, chopped, leaves from 3-4 stalks
- 1 T. nuts, chopped (hazelnuts or your favorite)
- 2 oz. hard cheese, cubed (Gouda, Emmentaler, Monterey Jack or other)
- 1 –2 tsp. Sugar or other sweetener (honey, agave nectar, Stevia) to taste



PREPARATION: Grate carrots (and parsley root) and mix with lemon juice. Add chopped parsley and cheese cubes, if using, and mix. Sprinkle nuts on top. This can refrigerate until the meal is ready. Shortly before serving, mix yogurt with sweetener, salt and Cayenne pepper and mix with carrot salad. Serve cold.



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SOME MORE GERMAN

Food served at “MITTAGESSEN” is the hot meal of the day and is still served at lunchtime. Whether being served up at a cafeteria, restaurant or at home where “MUTTI” (mother) cooks hearty, warm stir-fry (Geschnetzeltes), soups (Suppe) or roasts (Braten) dominate the middle of the day meal.



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and other classifieds on the web

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A HOLIDAY TRIP ABROAD

If your looking for a something really German and like traveling to foreign places for the holidays than you might want to put Frankfurt, Germany on your list of places to go to. For more than 600-years people have been visiting Frankfurt's outdoor Christmas market which is open from November 26 – December 21. This year's event will include daily concerts, balcony musicians, visits from St. Nicholas and a giant lighted Christmas tree. Loaded on the wooden stands, decorated with fragrant evergreens, are toys, sweets and Christmas ornaments. The delicious smells of hot sausages, roasted chestnuts, spiced wines, hot chocolates and beer will assault you in the crisp, cold air.



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Porsche Winter Storage—Preserve It!

From Russell's Tech Tips by Bill Hawe.

Here are a few suggestions with no warrantee implied with these ideas. They are merely techniques used. Note that this is oriented towards short to medium term storage, such as the winter. Additional steps need to be taken to allow successful long term storage.

Change Oil & Filter- It's important to put fresh oil and a new filter in the car. Otherwise, contaminants in the old oil will have a field day corroding the insides of your engine.

Gas Up- Make sure the tank is as full as possible to prevent undue air in the gas tank. Air (along with its moisture) will result in condensation in the tank. We don't want that water in the gas and the injection system. Use a gasoline stabilizer such as *Stabil*. Put this in before putting in the gas. Run the engine a while to make sure that the stabilized gas has filled the entire injection system.

Over-inflate Tires- Inflate them to perhaps 40 or 45 psi. I have not seen any problems of flat spotting from storage with today's radial tires. However, if you feel more comfortable, you roll the car a little every 2 weeks or so. (Don't jack it up and rotate the tires. If you do, when you lower the car the suspension will be loaded up.) Check the pressure every few weeks to watch for slow leaks. Some people put the car up on jacks. I don't. I've heard some say that this makes the suspension to sag and shouldn't be done. Perhaps that's true. I've noticed no problems from letting it sit on the ground (for the few months).

Clean Interior- Spend some time and get everything really clean. Clean the glass, inside and out. Clean the carpets. Clean and condition the leather. Clean behind the pedal cluster. You won't believe the dirt you'll find. Clean all the nooks and crannies. Don't forget to also clean the trunk, etc. There is a full driving season of junk and dirt in the car. When Spring comes you won't clean it. You'll hop in and drive it. You might put some moth balls inside the car (more on this below). And you might put a bag or two of the silica gel which absorbs any moisture in the air.

Adjust Seats- This item was kindly submitted by Michael G. Monin. Retract your security cover (944, 924, 968) and bucket seats. Notice how the security cover stays in place, does not sag and easily retracts into its holder (tension). Notice how the bucket seats spring forward when the adjustment lever is operated. The security cover and bucket seats use springs for tension. SPRINGS have memory and will lose their original tension strength if they are compressed for any period of time. Therefore, I always retract the security cover into its holder and I let the bucket seats retract fully forward. This puts the least amount of compression on your springs.

Wash Car- But... **do not** put it away wet! This is tricky if you try to drive the car right up to that first snow day. You should never put your car away wet unless you want to encourage rust to form everywhere the water collects. You might try anticipating the advent of snow and cleaning the car and driving it a little to dry it out before storage. But then how to get the dust off before storing it? Interesting problem, heh!? (GOOD THING WE DON'T HAVE SNOW VERY OFTEN HERE IN THE SOUTH) A gentle wipe down with wet/damp towels followed by drying (with towels not chamois) can work if the car is basically clean to start. Or you can use one of the "quick detailer sprays" available at an auto parts store. They do a good job. When you

clean the car use this opportunity to make sure that all the drains work. It's not uncommon for drains to clog up during the fall with leaves, etc.. There are surprisingly more drains in the car than you think. Some have amazing routes they follow.

Wax Car- Maybe... It may be difficult to get in a good waxing of the car depending on the temperature when you store it. High quality wax will be too difficult to put on when it's very cold. But, you may luck out and get this done.

Clean Wheels- And we mean **really clean them!** Brake dust is very corrosive. You do not want this sitting on your wheels for the winter.

To see this entire article and more suggestions, please go to

<http://www.porschenet.com/winter.html>



SOME OLE TIME PORSCHE RACING

The following are taken from the book "White Racers from Zuffenhausen: Porsche 904, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910". This book is a great source of racing photos of the previous mentioned Porsche racing cars. Each photo contains a small explanation. Here are two excerpts from the book.

From Page 54: "The wonderful chaos that is Sicily's Targa Florio was exemplified in Edward Eve's image of cars waiting to take the start on May 14, 1967. Numbers 180 and 182 were Alpine Renaults while 184 was the Porsche Type 910/8 assigned to team newcomers Paul Hawkins and Rolf Stommeken. They gave Porsche its seventh victory in the Targa Florio."

From Page 62: "Powering versions of Porsche's 910, 907 and 909 was its 2.2-liter Type 771 flat-engine, derived from the 1.5-liter Type 753 used in its 1962 Type 84 Grand Prix car. This drawing shows the latter engine with an experimental desmodromic drive for its inlet valves. Camshafts and cooling blower, at top, were driven by shafts and spiral-bevel gears."

This book is one from the Ludvigsen Library Series and available through Motorbook.com.



Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance

As usual one of the best shows in the area. Two members showed off their Porsches and another showed his other car, a Morgan. Mike Duck won the Palmetto award at the show for his 1964 Porsche 911, Josh Stolarz displayed his 86 Porsche 928 and Gordon King had a Morgan in the Concours.



Members Corner

New Members:

Susie Perry ————— **2001 Boxster**

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Upcoming Events

November

8-9th Myrtle Beach Rally

18th Monthly Meeting @ Gilligans

21-23rd Carolinas Region DE @ VIR

December

5-7th Roebing Club Race- Florida Crown Region

6th Porsche Coffee Café 8am @ Old Coffee
House in downtown port Royal

13th Autometrics Dyno Day

Christmas Party (date to be set)

Saturday Breakfast

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



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Palmetto Region Officer Election for 2009

It is time to recruit officers to keep our organization viable and vital for the upcoming year. This years Officer nomination committee has recommended some candidates, but we encourage anyone interested in running for a position to enter a nomination request through our website (<http://www.pcapalmetto.org/polling/09officers.php>). All positions are available for nomination: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster.

Monthly Meeting

**Nov 18th, 7pm - Gilligan's
Johns Island**