

# Palmetto Pipes



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## PORSCHE CARRERA GT

### Is it a Supercar?

By Jackie

What do you say about a sports car like the Porsche Carrera GT? Is it indeed a supercar? Or just another testament to the technology and performance that one of the worlds top sports car designers can put out on the street? And you can drive it legally.

Production of the road-legal vehicle began in 2004 and went through 2006. The Carrera GT came about thanks to the influx of revenue from the Cayenne. The Carrera GT sported a 6-speed manual, 2-door roadster body style with a 5.7 liter DOHC V10 engine. Vehicles shipped to the US came with a hefty starting MSRP of \$440,000. Not a car for those living check to check. And the dealers invoice, a whopping \$414,800. Well most of us still can't afford it. And the delivery charge? How about around \$5 grand.

So what did you get for almost half a million dollars? You got 612 DIN horsepower with acceleration from 0 to 100 mph in 3.9 seconds and a maximum speed of 205 mph. Though road tests showed the car accelerated from 0-60 mph in 3.5 seconds and 0-100 mph in 6.8 seconds. And for you speed demons an acceleration time of 9.9 seconds from 0-125 mph. You also got yourself a piece of Le Mans inspired technology.

The five basic colors available were: Guards Red, Fayence Yellow, Basalt Black, GT Silver and Seal Gray. Custom colors were available (with an additional cost I'm sure).

The large side inlets and air dams helped cool the Carrera GT's large V10 engine that was framed by the carbon fiber rear hood. Porsche fitted the GT with its latest carbon fiber-reinforced Silicon Carbide ceramic composite brake system. These 15" brakes made a visibly impressive appearance beneath the 19" front and 20" rear wheels. Like other Porsche models, like the 911's, the GT included an automated rear wing spoiler that deployed above 70 mph.

Carrera GT's interior was fitted with soft leather. A Bose audio system as well as a navigation system were available as *options*. Should be standard for \$400+ grand.

Some of Porsche's most notable technology can be found in the Carrera GT. Such as the GT's carbon fiber monocoque and sub frame as well as dry sump lubrication and an inboard suspension. The GT's radiator is about five times that of the 911 Turbo's. Unlike it's rivals, the Carrera GT does not have the dynamic stability control. Though it does have traction control. During the Carrera GT's development Porsche claims over 75 technology patents having been filed.

Unfortunately changes in airbag regulations in the US saw the discontinuation of the Carrera GT in May 2006 after only 1,270 of the originally planned 1,500 were manufactured. Of those 1,270 vehicles only 604 were sold in the US. If you're a PCA'er fortunate enough to own one of these supercars cherish it for its uniqueness and the amount of Porsche technology it holds. With the temptation to want to, no I'll rephrase that HAVE to, open it up, drive safely when you do so.





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## The Prez's Message,

We started February with a great meeting at Myabi's and no one got impaled by misguided utensils, that I know of. A couple of us did get hit by "ketchup on a string".

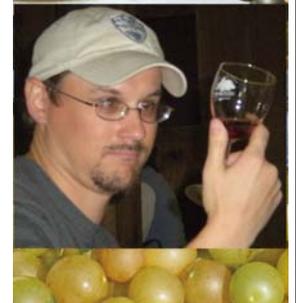
During our business meeting our outstanding newsletter editor, Jackie, appealed to our members for personal Porsche stories about our cars or our PCA lives to add a little of our personal character of our members to our monthly news. You can see my attempt/entry on one of the following pages.

Our Saturday morning breakfasts continue to be a big hit, as some of our crew executed a multiple P-car recovery and the process of bringing a 911 and 914 out of a 20 some year slumber. It's been an interesting and continuing saga at the breakfast table. And in a way it does remind us of Bill Murray in "Ground Hog Day", which was this month wasn't it. It's nice to share our experience and tech tips over coffee and juice. We also had a nice couple from the Raleigh area, Hurricane Region, join us on their recent visit to Charleston touring in their 85 Targa.

The month went out with a fun ride down Bears Bluff Road and sipping some local wine at the tasting after the tour of the Irvin House Winery. Steve and Mary Ann confirmed that she had stomped some grapes in her day. After the winery Josh was a most gracious host and treated us to some of his grilling skills of traditional German fare, brats, vieners, and Hamburgs. Thanks Josh, and all.....

As always, it more than the cars, it's the people, who make this club.

Thanks, Ben



# PORSCHE

# PORSCHE NEW RELEASE EXCERPTS

## *Two Porsche RS Spyder's to compete in Le Mans 24 Hour*

**Stuttgart - February 26** - The successful Porsche RS Spyder customer project heads into the next phase. Two teams will again field a Porsche RS Spyder each at the Le Mans 24-hour race (13-14 June). The NAVI Team Goh from Japan and the Essex squad from Denmark are eager to repeat the double victory of the RS Spyder in the LMP2 class last year. Porsche works drivers Sascha Maassen (Germany) and Emmanuel Collard (France) support the teams in their campaign.

## Cayenne S Hybrid to deliver V8 power with four-cylinder efficiency

ATLANTA – February 20, 2009 ---- Porsche AG, the Stuttgart, Germany-based high-performance car and SUV manufacturer, shared more information about its Cayenne S Hybrid, which will debut next year. Using a parallel full hybrid design with the electric motor between the combustion engine and the transmission, Porsche engineers have been able to drive at speeds up to 86 mph without at all using the combustion engine.

This engineering achievement allows the Cayenne S Hybrid to roll freely – or ‘coast’ -- at highway speeds without the combustion engine on, greatly minimizing engine emissions and fossil fuel consumption. This differs from current hybrid concepts that deliver benefits mainly in city traffic. Porsche, in cooperation with Volkswagen, opted for the parallel full hybrid design as it also significantly improves acceleration, a concept that matches the company’s philosophy of offering outstanding performance and efficiency. It also fits in the current Cayenne design with minimal alterations and without affecting interior space or luggage capacity.

### IDEA PURPOSED:

During our outing to the winery First Lady Jenny Mische mentioned putting together a cookbook with recipes from our club members. We’ve got several already that can go in to it. So if any member has any ideas on how to go about bringing the project to life and becoming a reality [please let me know](#). It could be a great fundraiser for our club. For now here’s a German one:

#### **The Carter’s Roast – Fuhrmanns Braten – Braised Beef Roast**

##### Ingredients:

2 T. clarified butter or cooking oil  
3 lb. Beef pot roast, arm roast or other inexpensive cut  
¼ celeriac root, peeled & chopped, or 2 stalks of celery, chopped  
¼ can tomato paste  
1 tsp. caraway seed  
Salt and Pepper  
1 T. lemon juice (optional)

Ground, sweet, Hungarian paprika  
1 leek, cleaned & chopped  
1 carrot, chopped  
1 tsp. Whole allspice or ½ tsp. Ground allspice  
1 bay leaf  
2 T. sour cream (optional)



**PREPARATION:** Melt the butter or oil in a pan large enough to hold your roast and comes with a tight-fitting lid. Rub the roast all over with salt, pepper and paprika and brown on all sides in the hot fat. Remove to plate.

Add the finely chopped vegetables and brown them, stirring often. Put the roast back in the pan. Add the tomato paste (thin with ½ cup water), and the spices. Pour another cup of water into the pan, stir and close the lid tightly. Braise on low heat for 1 ½ - 2 hours, or until roast is fork tender. Check roast occasionally and add water as necessary. Remove the roast and keep warm.

For a smooth sauce puree the vegetables using a hand blender. Add the sour cream to the sauce and heat through. Taste and adjust the seasonings. You may want to add a little lemon juice as well as salt and pepper.

**TIP:** To keep the large allspice out of the sauce, you may wish to put them and the bay leaf in a twist of cheese-cloth tied with string so that you can remove them before you finish the sauce.

# UPCOMING PALMETTO REGION EVENTS:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME JOIN US

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009:** (check web for more details)

A **Drive and Dine** to The EATERY AT THE DEPOT in Branchville, SC is scheduled for you're driving and eating pleasure. If you plan to attend dinner please be at the restaurant NO LATER THAN 5:45 pm. It is a small restaurant with first come first service seating. It gets very busy, very quickly. In order to better enable us to sit together please call Ken at 843-908-9839 so we know you're coming. If you want to caravan, meet at the Citadel Mall near Sears to depart at 4:15 pm. NOTE: Do the speed limit when you get in town, the local police "like visitors."

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009:**

Our **BLIND RALLY** will take place this day.

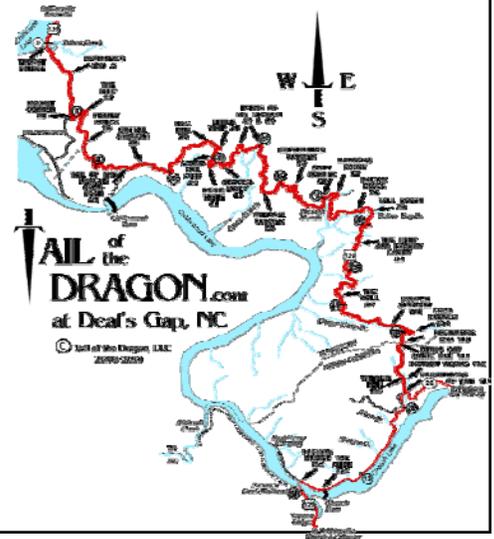
**Registration Deadline: March 31, 2009**

We've got numerous Blind navigators wanting to participate in this fund raising event. So please sign up and give a little of your time to give these people a lifetime of memories.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009:**

**WELCOME HOME/40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIV. CELEBRATION**

This event will take place at/on the Yorktown Aircraft Carrier in Mt. Pleasant. Please plan to join us.



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## TAIL OF THE DRAGON RUN IS SET September 18 - 19, 2009

Listen up all you Porsche's. This is "The Beast" and I've got a newflash for you. Get your owner to fix you up, get you running and keep you running because I've got the inside track on a great even coming up, the Tail of the Dragon run. We're going back! Hot diggity I can't wait. There'll be 318 turns in eleven miles of mountainside foliage that you *won't* even see. Unless of course you get behind a pokey butt Cougar like we did last year. For those of you that weren't there it was very painful for a Porsche like me. Even though I didn't have power steering I was ready to go. You wouldn't believe this car. If the road sign said 15 on the curve it did 5! Come on I know there was some modern technology beneath that hood. Heck I'm 27 years old, old for a car, and I took those babies at twice that speed, and with ease. Ease, man. Ease. But then again I'm a Porsche that's what I was built to do. So come on everyone make your plans because it'll be a fun time. And there's always a story that comes out of it that you're owners will talk about for years, I've got several.

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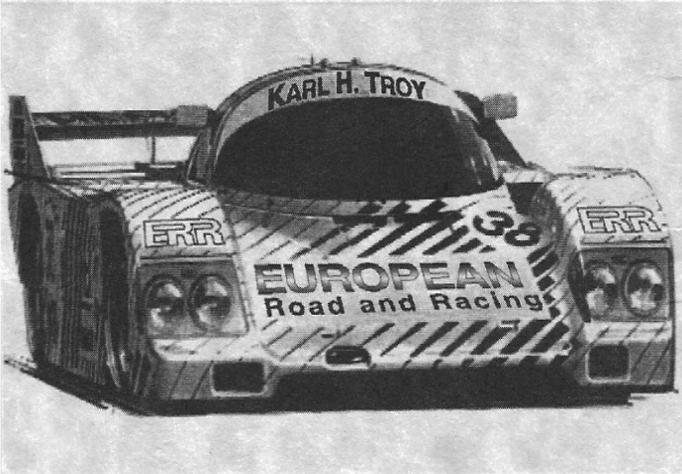
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2009 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

Meetings are the **SECOND** Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Here are our dates for 2009:

March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>,  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>,  
August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>,  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>, &  
December 8<sup>th</sup>

See our year's calendar for the meeting locations. Meeting dates and locations are always posted on our website so check it regularly as the locations could change depending upon availability.

**RALLY FOR THE BLIND—APRIL 26th**  
**40TH ANNIVERSARY WELCOME**  
**HOME—JUN 20**

## AROUND THE REGIONS

*The Rocky and Alpine Mountains Region:*

### 54<sup>th</sup> Porsche Parade

Place: Keystone, Colorado – Keystone Resort

Time: June 29 to July 4, 2009

Registration Opens: March 3 through June 15, 2009

(March 3, 4 & 5 will be counted as "first day" registrations)

Web link: [www.porscheparade2009.com](http://www.porscheparade2009.com)

*The Carolinas Region:*

### PORSCHEFEST!

Place: Asheville, North Carolina

Time: May 23 and 24, 2009

Registration deadline: May 11, 2009

Events include: Autocross, Gimmick Rally, evening awards banquet, photo shoot in front of Biltmore House, brunch at Biltmore's Deerpark Restaurant (included in registration fee), Concours on Biltmore estate grounds

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### Porsche Trivia Fun

March Question: How did the ignition switch come to be about on the left hand side of the steering wheel?"

February Answer: "Our Foam is Green"

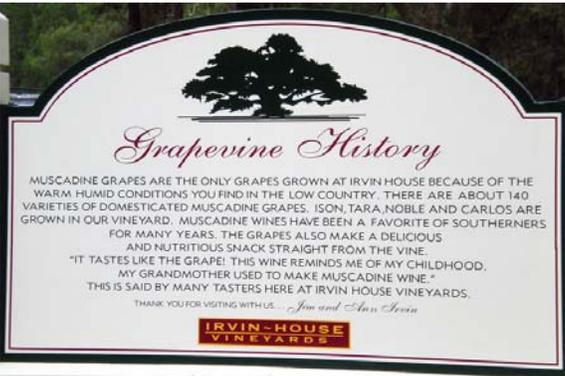
# WINE YOU SAY!

Nine (9) brave souls took on the unknown weather heading into the Low country on Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> to go learn about wine. Of course we tasted it too. With dark clouds in the sky, the wind whipping around and the threat of rain eminent we headed to our own locally operated Irvin-House Vineyards located off Bears Bluff Road on Wadmalaw Island.

After a short tour of the facility we had the pleasure of sipping samples of each of the four wines produced by Irvin-House. Unfortunately we weren't able to sample the Firefly Vodka, though we did ask. Upon completion of our sampling of the wines made from the Muscatine grape we loaded up and headed to Josh Stolarz's house for burgers, dogs, and more. Great cake Josh. Although we were all hungry, we put off our hunger to check out the project car newly acquired by Dr. Bob that they have been tackling since it arrived at his home a few weeks ago.

As most of you know Germany is considered one of the finest white wine producers in the world. So I'm sure when you're looking for a great Riesling wine you search for a German produced one. The Riesling grape is the benchmark grape of Germany and covers most of the area in German vineyards. It is a very aromatic grape variety with a high level of acidity that can be used for dry, semi-sweet, sweet and sparkling wines. Rieslings one drawback is the 130 days it takes to ripen. Another downfall is that during the marginal years the Riesling crop tends to be poor. The Muller-Thurgau is a Riesling alternative. This variety of grape only takes 100 days to ripen and can be planted on more sites and is higher yielding. Some other grapes used in German white wines are the Silvaner, Kerner, Bacchus, Scheurebe, Gewurztraminer, Grauer Burgunder and Weisser Brugunder.

Red wine production plantations in Germany only consist of about 37% compared to 63% for white. The Spatburgunder (Pinot Noir) is much appreciated and can therefore compete with the Rieslings. Germany's most elegant red wines come from this grape. Other grapes grown in Germany that are used in the production of red wines are the Protugieser, Trollinger, Schwarziesling and Lemberger.



So the next time your looking for that perfect bottle of wine to either bring to a function, give as a gift, enjoy during a romantic dinner or to just sip on and relax search out a German produced one. And don't forget to get some good cheese if you're doing a wine and cheese event.

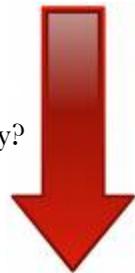
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Who is that crushing grapes with Lucy?



Hint: Her name starts with M and she is a former VP's Wife

## BOOK FOR THE AUTOCROSS BUFFS

Check out this 100+ page book published by Motorbooks and written by Ross Bentley and Per Schroeder called "Winning Autocross Techniques". Available in paperback edition you can find it at any of your favorite bookstores.

This book has some great tips on how to maximize your speed by maximizing your turn radiuses and balancing the car. The section under "Speed Secret: Close enough is not good enough. Be precise" has some great illustrations. There is also a great section regarding car control. As you read this book you'll discover that a lot of what's said can be applied to our everyday driving as well. It might even be a good book for a teen just beginning to drive. So go pick one up and enjoy.

### Members Corner

#### **New Members:**

<b>Chris Felber</b>	<b>1979 928</b>
<b>John Sease</b>	<b>1994 968</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Mary Stoia</b>	<b>1986 944</b>
<b>David Wilson</b>	<b>2004 996 C2</b>

#### **Transfer In Members:**

<b>John Alphine</b>	<b>2006 997 S</b>
<b>Eugene Silvestri</b>	<b>2002 911 C4</b>

**A warm Low country welcome to everyone. We look forward to seeing you at our next outing.**



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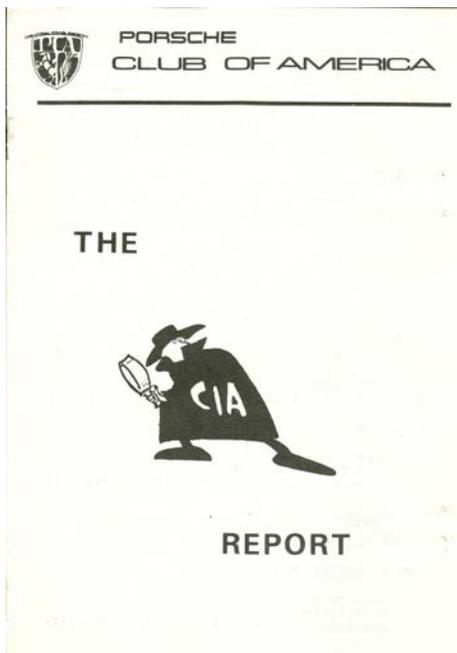
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**PORSCHE**

## One of Ben's PORSCHE personal stories.....

The day after our meeting at Myabi's I received this month's Panorama and enjoyed some of the personal history PCA President, Curt Gibson shared and it really reminded me of my start with PCA. He said he was celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> year in PCA. Mine doesn't go back quite as far but I thought I'd share a little of my Porsche past with you. My interest/affliction with Porsches started when I was in college in the 70's. I saw these beautiful cars, heard that unique purrrr and said I'd have one

some day. Not very long later, I bought a 1/43 scale model of a silver Targa. Then a few years after college, I was living in an apartment and driving a VW Scirocco, but still dreaming of a Porsche. My next door neighbor, partner in \_\_\_\_\_ and best friend, with whom I chased more than cars (w.w.s.) bought a 911S Targa. He'll remain nameless here to protect his identity. It looked just like my scale model but was a beautiful platinum color. I think within a year I found a used 912 and bought it for \$3500.



I've got many happy stories about the times with that car, but that'll have to wait since this is a short story not a book. Anyway, that was my start in PCA over 30 years ago in the Central Iowa Region, the CIA as we called it. I remember helping with the newsletter, typing, clipping, cutting out pictures, sketches and letters and pasting them together to copy on the mimeograph machine. Not near as slick as Jackie and Josh today.



I joked that I spent enough on that car to send it thru college. Not quite, now that I've almost got 3 through. Anyway, it was like a child to me then and I pampered it.

In the mid 80's we moved to Charleston and were "PORSCHE-less" while raising our real children. I found my current 911 in 2000 thanks again to a friend in the club. Who'll remain nameless to protect his identity, but his name rhymes with "truck". I have many happy stories I can recall about this car too, but that'll have to wait too. Anyway, I've been back in PCA almost 9 years again and the CIA connection came back. In my first couple of weeks in office as the new pres, Kevin (past Pres) called me and said, "Ben didn't you belong to the Central Iowa Region club?" I said yes, why? "Well, I just received a package from national with the 40th Anniversary decals, at least that's what I thought. The Palmetto Region decal was on the outside of the package, but when I opened it, all the decals said Central Iowa Region. Do you want me to save you one?" Of course, I had him save me a couple. What a great reminder of where I started. That's why you see the Central Iowa decal here.

By the way I sent one to my old pal with the 75 Targa in Dubuque (which he still has, in cherry shape, plus 3 other cars out of Stuttgart). And I presume he still has my old 1/43 scale model.

Thanks Central Iowa Region and thanks Palmetto Region. We love these cars but it was about the people then and it's still about the people. Thanks, friends always.....



P.S. Kevin has still been trying to chase down our decals. He sent the package on to Central Iowa, they said they had Santa Barbara's decals, and Santa Barbara sent their package to Pocono, and I don't think it ends there.





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## Upcoming Events

### March

- 10<sup>th</sup> PCA Mtg & Tech Session @ European Road & Racing
- 12-15<sup>th</sup> Amelia Island Concour's d'Elegance
- 15<sup>th</sup> Myrtle Beach Sunday Drive
- 18-21<sup>st</sup> 12 Hours of Sebring
- 28<sup>th</sup> Dine & Drive to Eatery at the Depot, Branchville

### Saturday Breakfast

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



## Palmetto Pipes

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### UPCOMING IN APRIL

- 4<sup>th</sup> FL Crown Region DE @ Roebing
- 4-5<sup>th</sup> Autofair Car show/SWAP meet (Charlotte)
- 14<sup>th</sup> PCA Dinner Meeting (Fonduey Yours, Mt Pleasant)
- 18<sup>th</sup> SCR SCCA Autocross Michelin Proving Ground, Mountville SC
- 26<sup>th</sup> PCA Palmetto Rally for the Blind**

**Monthly Meeting & TECH SESSION**  
Mar 10th, 7pm - European Road & Racing