

# Palmetto Pipes



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## BLIND RALLY

by Jackie Dasen

Sunday, April 26 saw our region host its first Blind Rally. The event was great, we had 19 registered cars. Each registered driver and navigator received a t-shirt and lunch. Mixed in amongst our Porsche's we had a Mini Cooper, Datsun 280, Mercedes Benz, Subaru and a Volkswagen. Although I ended up driving solo, as some of our scheduled navigators were unable to come, I had a blast driving Amy Hornsby's 911



Carrera. I thoroughly enjoyed the drive up the interstate as Don Lockhart and myself headed to Santee. Upon arriving at Clark's Restaurant we met up with my dad, Roger Wheeler. Thanks for making the trip over from Columbia to help check in the cars. Not long after Don and I arrived we were checking in the first arriving car.

Before our rally kicked off member Mike Duck gave his navigator a little extra. With Mike's guidance his navigator got the experience of driving a Boxster. The early morning emptiness of the parking lot provided the perfect opportunity to give someone something they'd normally never be able to experience. Thanks Mike.

As the cars began arriving at the restaurant it was obvious that our vision impaired navigators had thoroughly enjoyed the experience. During the 70-mile course, through back roads from Northwood's Mall up to Santee, not one car with a blind navigator got off course. An amazing feat since the navigators were relaying the directions to their drivers by reading them in Braille.



At the conclusion of the rally, before we all headed inside for lunch, it was even more evident that the navigators had gotten an experience of a lifetime. The smiles were wide and happy as the cars pulled out at the start of the rally but those smiles were tenfold at the conclusion. President Ben Miehle's navigator was tickled pink when I told him he could keep the Porsche hat we let him use while riding in Ben's convertible 911. Ken's navigator also took home a hat. They were just a small token that added to the joy and happiness these navigators got to experience through the generous use of our beloved Porsche's. It's like the saying says "it's not just the cars. It's the people." Well that day our people made a lot of other people very happy.

If you're like me, and you love admiring your Porsche try imagining riding in one without being able to see what it looks like. And these cars do get some heads turning. Instead you have to rely on your sense of motion, touch, smell, and hearing. So maybe the next time you're the "passenger" try closing your eyes and using your other senses to experience the wonders of your car. These are great cars and they provided a great experience for some great people. They'll long remember that day.

A big thank you to the staff and management of Clark's Restaurant for providing a great lunch experience. Many thanks too to the drivers that came out and gave their time to let these wonderful people experience something phenomenal. The success of this rally was made possible because of the long hours of planning and hard work of Scott Hornsby and Tuggy Mathisen's. So thanks guys for doing a great job. I'm already looking forward to next years rally. Oh, yeah and thank you Betty Mathisen for the use of your kitchen clock.





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## The Prez's Message,

April was another great month here at PCA Palmetto. Our meeting at Fonduly Yours brought a nice turn out and just about burst the seams of the private room we had. The meeting was the day before the Tea Party and we had a chance to pre-view some of our signs. In case you didn't see us on CNN our signs represented the club well, here are some of the signs we suggested, "NO MORE PORK, PORSCHE PLEASE", "CAR COVERS, NOT TARP", "DON'T TREAD ON US, HOW ABOUT WHEELS AND TIRES". We really didn't fly these signs and we're not holding our breath for any of the bailout.

Our planning wheels have been turning and we're making great progress on our 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion party on June 20th. It's shaping up to be a great event. Registration is now open; please sign up for this great event today.

The Rally for the Blind was a great success. It was a fun drive on some nice quiet and a few curvy roads thru the Low country. It was a truly rewarding experience, working with our vision challenged navigators. Talk about a challenge, reading rally instructions in Braille as you motor down the road. Even though we didn't win, I know my navigator and I had a great time and truly enjoyed the ride and our teamwork it took. It had a double benefit with our making a little contribution of funds to the NFB and a huge dose of goodwill. Thanks again to all who participated, to all who worked, volunteered, and contributed in your own ways. Special thanks to Scott, Tuggy, Josh, Ken and Jackie. What a great "inaugural" event. Based on the response from our sight challenged friends, I think we'll see even a better turn out next year.

This months meeting, coming up on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>, is sure to be an eye-candy treat. I've been to Gordon's garage and I think it might even make Jay Leno envious.....Hope to see you there.

Happy motoring to you,

Ben

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

# PORSCHE

## APRIL DE EVENT *by Scott Hornsby*

The Florida Crown Region hosted a Drivers Ed weekend on April 4th and 5th at Roebling Roads. A record 8 Palmetto Region members assembled to join in the fun. Attending as instructors were Gordon King, Kerry Koon and Joe McCauley. Drivers Ed included Wes Henry, Scott Hornsby, Kevin Small and Jim Stoia. Stan Turner ran in the solo group. The weather was perfect all weekend. Saturday came along and Wes ran with Coco [of Coco's track schedule] as instructor. Kevin paired up with Corinne Woodman and I with Joe.

The whole day was fun with all of us steadily increasing our speeds around the track and getting used to driving at high speeds for the first time this year. I managed to take Joe and I to the beach after lunch when exiting turn five. As Joe was telling me to give it more throttle through the turn I [for a split second] felt we were going to run out of track on the exit. I ever so slightly lifted the throttle which a nanosecond later brought the dreaded rear end around to the right. We then departed off track left into a very beachy sand trap. When we pulled into the pits I was really worried that the car was damaged, but everything looked O.K. Joe said, lets get back out there, and we did. All the while I kept thinking I'd flat spotted a front tire or something because

the car felt off a bit. After the session my right front went flat so I took it over to good old Bob Woodman's trailer and he took it off the rim and cleaned all the sand out and it was good to go again.



Kevin unlike me didn't seem to have any issues. Joe's car though, which he and Kerry were sharing, did as on one session the bracket holding the rear sway bar broke and then later the front had a support bar break. Stan's old 911 ran great and looked great around the back of the course as we watched him through the day. Jim Stoia has a race ready 944 and it was his first track time in it. He was paired with a 944 driver who quickly moved him from Green to Blue to white solo group. He has prior experience racing Formula Ford's in vintage HSR. Gordon was seen mostly in his lovely Lotus Exige passing pretty much everything in his run group. By Sunday we all were running some very fast laps in our respective sessions and the best thing was we all made it home in one piece. I hope more of you will take an interest in bringing your cars to a place where it is much safer to drive than on the street daily and where you can drive as fast as you want and dare.

See you at the track

## MYRTLE BEACH CONCOURS

Sunday, May 3 the Myrtle Beach group held a Concours event to raise money for the Humane Society. Josh Stolarz, Ned Othman, Ken and I made the journey north to participate. It was a great day for a car show as well as for a great cause. As an animal lover I was particularly glad that we were able to make the trip.

For those that haven't heard I was looking at a '86 944 in Beaufort earlier in the week. Unsure when we'd be able to pick the car up we weren't sure we'd be able to make the trip. But things worked out. We brought the car home Thursday night so come Saturday afternoon we journeyed north to Myrtle Beach. And it was great, especially since there were numerous 944's in attendance. All Turbo's but still I got some good info on my new car and of course we met some more wonderful Porsche people.

Randy and Rocky did a great job providing us with our own little section of the parking lot in Barefoot Landing, roped off so that our cars were protected. Of course the most of the talk was about the cars as we passed the time till lunch. When we all finally ventured over to T-Bonz Randy stayed behind to help watch over the cars along with one of the facilities security guards (who is a 944 owner).

I do believe our beloved Porsche's received some window shopping of their own that day. It's a nice feeling to know your vehicle is so admired by people. Rocky's white GT3-RS won the favorite car vote. Great event guys. Look forward to next years.



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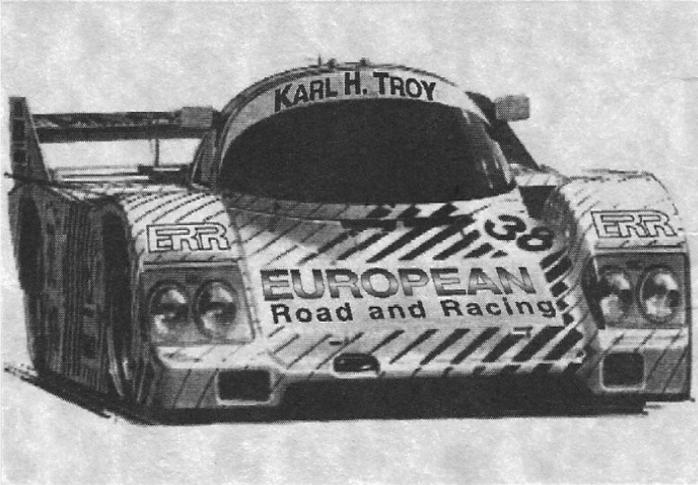
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## SOMETHING GERMAN

### “TACHS KRIEGER”

These days in Germany it is known as the Dachshund, “*dackel or teckel*”. In America this delightful national dog of Germany are often referred to as Doxies. For the non-Dachshund owner this dog is also known as the “Badger Dog”.

The authentic origins of these fierce little dogs as a breed is documented back as far as 1550. German foresters, gamekeepers and sportsmen of landed aristocracy first selected their Dachshunds because of the breed’s ability to go underground. These loveable, adorable dogs we know today would fearlessly hunt the badger, a vicious, saber-clawed antagonist. These animals also weighted anywhere from 25 to 40 pounds. But anyone who owns or has owned a Dachshund will agree they can be very tenacious when they set their minds to something.

The earliest American records saw Dachshunds first imported between 1879 and 1885. The dog was documented in England even earlier, around the 1850’s. Where it managed to find its way into the affections of such people as Queen Victoria and her Prince Consort Albert.

Before the start of the first World War most Dachshunds in the US were owned by Germans, German-American’s or people with German backgrounds or contacts. During the war it took a very courageous owner to bring his Dachshund out in public. When World War II broke out these little dogs once again became the target of ill-deserved jokes and even persecution. In both England and the U.S. these little guys were affected by anti-German sentiments bringing them perilously close to being obliterated.



Unlike other AKC dogs being shown the Dachshund is not separated by color, size or fur texture. The Dachshund comes in two sizes, standard and miniature. A true mini should weight 12 pounds or less, although many, and most weigh a few pounds more. But believe me if you see a standard and then a mini, you’ll know the difference. Dachshunds also come in three different coats, smooth-haired, the most common, long-haired and wired-haired. The most popular colors are red (a brownish color) and black-and-tan. Other colors are chocolates, blues, dapples and brindles.

If you’ve never owned a Dachshund and are considering the breed make sure you fully research it. They are very loyal dogs and can be extremely protective at times. They make great watchdogs despite their size. Their bark often has the unwary visitor asking, “how big is that dog behind that door?” A popular claim for Dachshunds is “it’s a big dog in a little body.” This is a dog that will not back down from a larger one, even one ten times larger than itself.

If you’re looking for an easy to house train dog or one that obeys obediently then you might want to consider another dog. These little guys can be very stubborn making it necessary to devote time and energy to properly training these dogs at a young age. Even the most die-hard Dachshund owner will tell you that “stubborn” is a definite Dachshund trait. They can often have a mind of their own and will do as they please when interested in the task at hand. Just try getting one of these dogs to come inside when you call it when it’s only interest is to continue checking out the yard, even after the same spots have been searched and sniffed hundreds of times over. Because for a Dachshund there’s always something new to be discovered, so be prepared to go “fetch” your little dog if he’s preoccupied with a new smell.

These dogs are wonderful pets and the most loyal dog you will ever own. The German’s being a practical people wanted a dog that can “do it all” and this dog can. These fierce little “badger dogs” also have a hilarious side, just ask any Dachshund owner. They’ll probably have more than one funny “tail” to tell.

Dachshunds Rule! And they are small enough to ride in a Porsche, another consideration for this breed to be your next dog.



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## Members Corner

### New Members :

**Thompson & Gretchen Penney..... 2005 911**

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



### Porsche Trivia Fun

May Question: What song does the following lyrics come from? And who sang it?

“...Oh Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz? My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends...”

April Answer: The Dachshund

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### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 6 apples – peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 (32 oz) package sauerkraut
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 pounds kielbasa sausage, sliced

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Combine the apples and sauerkraut in a deep skillet over medium heat. Bring to a simmer then cook for about 10 minutes, until apples are starting to soften. Stir in the brown sugar and kielbasa. Cook for another 5 minutes, or until heated through.



## **PORSCHE RACING PRESS RELEASE EXCERPTS**

### **PORSCHE SWEEPS ROLEX GRAND-AM GT PODIUM IN NEW JERSEY; PORSCHE VS PORSCHE FOR FINAL PODIUM SPOT IN DAYTONA PROTOTYPE LEAVES EVERYBODY SMILING**

MILLVILLE, NJ – May 3 -- Whether they were tears of joy or extra large rain drops dripping down their cheeks, nearly every Porsche driver was smiling after the Verizon Wireless 200 Rolex Grand-Am Sports Car series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 race on a dismal and dreary day in New Jersey Sunday.

Porsches swept the podium in GT – indeed, Porsches 911 GT3 Cup cars finished one through four – with victory going to the #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche of Dirk Werner (Germany) and **Leh Keen (Charleston, SC)**.



### **BRUMOS PORSCHE RILEY GRABS DP PODIUM SPOT IN ROLEX GRAND-AM RACE AT VIRGINIA; FARNBACHER LOLES TAKES FOURTH IN GT; PORSCHE DRIVERS AND TEAM ON TOP OF NEAR TOP OF ALL POINTS AFTER ROUND TWO**

ALTON, VA - April 25 -- Brumos Racing grabbed a controversial podium finish in Saturday's Rolex Grand-Am Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 race at Virginia International Raceway, and the Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche GT3 finished fourth in GT.

David Donohue (Malvern, PA) and Darren Law (Phoenix AZ) finished third in the #58 Porsche Riley, taking advantage of a late caution that allowed Donohue to make up a seven-second deficit to the third-place car.

### **FIRST ALL-NEW PORSCHE IN SEVEN YEARS POISED TO SET NEW STANDARDS IN THE PREMIUM SEDAN SEGMENT**

ATLANTA – April 20, 2009 ---- Porsche today officially unveiled its Panamera four-door performance car, the first all-new, built-from-the-ground up vehicle from the Stuttgart, Germany based manufacturer since its historic debut of the Cayenne in Paris in 2002. Presented with great pride and fanfare at the company's Shanghai Motor Show exhibit, the Panamera is unique in the premium sedan segment thanks to its 'sports car for four' concept and its best-in-class fuel efficiency.

## Here is a copy of the thank you letter Ben received from one of our Blind Rally participants and of course would like to share.

*PSA*

May 4, 2009

Mr. Ben Mieke, President  
Porsche Club of America, Palmetto Region  
2187 Forest Lakes Blvd.  
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Dear Mr. Mieke, Porsche Club Members, & Friends:

I want to thank you and all who helped with the first annual Porsche Club Rally last Sunday. To say that my "ride" was the thrill of a lifetime would be to understate how much I enjoyed the day. I now have some excellent memories to bask in and share forever.

I am grateful to Mike Duck, Scott Hornsby, Ken, Tuggy, Wes, Steve, and so many others who made me feel so welcome. Blindness, to me, is more of a social disaster than a physical one. We in the blind and less sighted community tend not to be "in motion" as much as we would like. Accordingly, we also don't get to engage with others and make friends as much as we should. So this wonderful rally not only helped raise funds for the blind, it gave us the joyous freedom to hear that Porsche engine sing and gave us the pleasure of shaking hands and slapping backs with many wonderful people.

Thanks so much and congratulations on a successful rally and on your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Cheers,

Peter

That's Peter in the drivers seat...



The Blind Rally was taken to a new level before it even began! Thanks, Mike



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## Upcoming Events

### May

9<sup>th</sup> Walterboro Cruisers Veterans Car Show  
 12<sup>th</sup> PCA meeting @ Gordon King's—Johns Island  
 23-24<sup>th</sup> PCA Porsche Fest—Asheville, NC  
 24<sup>th</sup> Dine & Drive to the Depot

### June

13th-14th Coastal Empire DE at Roebing Road  
 14th Drive to McClellanville and lunch at TW  
 Grahms with the MB group.  
 20th Welcome Home/Anniversary Party on the  
 USS Yorktown!! **Register now!!!**

### Saturday Breakfast

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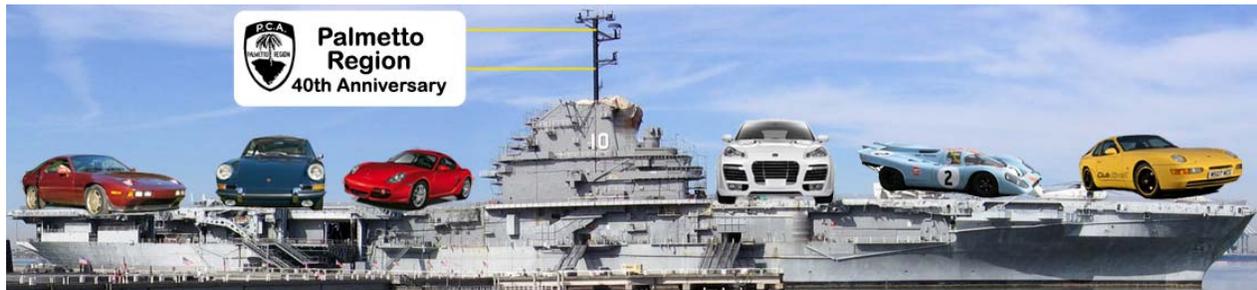


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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009:

### **WELCOME HOME/40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

This event will take place on the USS Yorktown Aircraft Carrier in Mt. Pleasant. Walking rally, gim-  
 mick rally, a very special and interesting SURPRISE guest speaker and much more. Please plan to  
 join us. Make your reservations online now! <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/newsitems/40thanniversary/>



### **Monthly Meeting**

May 12th, 7pm - Gordon King's  
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