

*Hilton Head Concourse*

*Dragon Slayer*

*Tail of the Dragon*

*All systems go.....*



**The Monthly Newsletter of the PCA Palmetto Region**

# **Palmetto Pipes**

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## **First Driver's Education Run by Scott Buskirk**

My first Drivers Ed experience was at Roebing Road in Savannah. Going with the PCA group made it a first class experience. The whole group was full of encouragement and direction.

After the classroom instruction and watching video's I knew what I was supposed to do. However knowing and doing are two different things once behind the wheel. I will say that my first time around the track was a bit intimidating and un-nerving. It almost made me wonder if I should be there. My next ride around the track was with my instructor Paul Mason. Riding with him was informative and helped me to see the lines and better understand that hitting the apex correctly sets you up for the next turn. My next drive around was much better and I kept learning as the day went by. I learned the proper speed, when to take the turn and even how to settle the car after making a mistake. Day two I started fresh and ran with my instructor first which was a great refresher course for me. Half way through the day I switched to the Blue run group and had experience driving with more advanced drivers. Also had two additional passing zones which eliminated getting stuck in traffic. I felt very fortunate to have such a great instructor. He really tried to make sure I took home a true track experience. Thank you Paul! My plan is to continue with DE until I reach solo driver and a level of confidence that I can run other tracks. I would encourage anyone with a high performance car to take a Drivers Ed course. It will make you a more confident driver and also teach you the true capability of your car.



## **CORVETTE/PORSCHE RALLY & PICNIC October 27, 2012**

We have been invited by the Coastal Corvette Club to join their club for their annual picnic at Wampee Conference Center, Pinopolis, SC. We will be doing a Fun Rallye to the picnic location. We DO NEED RSVP's so that we can get an accurate count for the food. The two clubs will be providing hotdogs, hamburgers and it's asked that each attendee bring a side dish for the picnic.

Please watch the website (forum) for details on the event as they become available, such as the start time of the Rallye that will be starting in the Sears Parking lot of Citadel Mall. If you do not want to run the Rallye, you are welcome to go directly to the picnic location.

This is a great opportunity for our two clubs to become better acquainted. We all drive cars that we love and we are hoping to do future events together, to have fun enjoying our cars and to help out local charities. The Corvette Club has their October Open Car show at Tanger Outlets on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

# HILTON HEAD ISLAND CONCOURS d' ELEGANCE (Oktoberfest?)

\*\* Due to the significance and the number of pre-scheduled events, the Palmetto Region has foregone the Oktoberfest festivities so that you may attend this event. They have several events with all the details on the web ([www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com)). Here are a few to wet your whistle: Savannah Speed Classic, Car Club Jamboree, Concours d'Elegance, Motoring Midway, Happy Hour, Film screening, Cars & Cigars and Carscape. \*\*

This is the 11th year for the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival and Concours d' Elegance, and in that time it has become known as one of the top Concours events in the country. This year the Honored Marque is the Model T; in 2013 Porsche will be the Honored Marque. CERPCA is planning a preview for 2013, with a weekend of events during the Concours this year. On Saturday there will be 20 Porsches of varying types and ages displayed on the show field at the Car Club Jamboree. On Sunday there will be a rally ending at the Concours show field, with plenty of time to explore the Concours field of magnificent cars on display. On both Saturday and Sunday there will be a Porsche Corral adjacent to the show field. For PCA members the cost of Corral parking for the two days and admission tickets for two is only \$60.00. For the Corral parking package, go to [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net) and click on the HHI Concours tab. The Corral is limited to 50 cars, so sign up early. Arrangements have been made for special rates at the Hilton Garden Inn; call 843-837-8111 and mention the Concours. A dinner for all PCA members and PCNA executives attending the Concours will be held at the Crazy Crab North on Saturday night, cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. You can sign up for the dinner at Club Registration on the options tab, or respond to Ned Knight. For more information go to the CERPCA website, click on Events, go to Nov. and you will see 3 tabs about the Concours. If you have any questions, please respond to Ned Knight at [nedknight@aol.com](mailto:nedknight@aol.com).

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## The Chronicles of Sir Stuttgart

By: Stuiie Dasen

Hello, Porsche peeps! It's me again. Yup, Sir Stuttgart, Stuiie for short. Of course you probably all know that by now. All this talk of Dragons has had me doing some research. About a week or so ago I went to my crate to watch the back of my eyelids. I have to do that every night. I do get a snack out of it so it's okay. So, here's what I discovered. DRAGON SQUIRRELS!

Yes, Dragon Squirrels. They are pretty scary little creatures. I'm not really sure what they are all about. I've been able to infiltrate their community so I can learn more about them. The females are neon pink, with spiky furry ears and bright orange claws with purple eyes. Their eyes glow in the dark. The males are neon orange. They like to hang out in Saunas.

You can only see them behind your eyelids and you have to do a special chant before you'll be able to see them. You must eat a milk bone dog biscuit before closing your eyes, humans can substitute an Oreo cookie. Then say the following teeart, zooskie, yawneb, uma ida I want to see Dragon Squirrels. You say it they will come. But you have to repeat it 1000 times with out a break

So there you have it this months chronicle: The discovery of Dragon Squirrels. Oh, and please remember to vote for me this coming election: STUIE DASEN FOR PRESIDENT, a family dog with American values. I LOVE EVERYONE!

New transfer members:

**Jay Elliott**

- 1997 Boxster
- Donald Lesemann
- 2002 Boxster S
- Jack Miller
- 2010 Boxster
- Walter Schlauch
- 1997 911

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

**FEATURED MEMBER- FERDINARD**

Ferdinand has been a laid back club member. He doesn't actually own a Porsche himself but lives in an established PCA household. He joined his household about 3 years ago and he only makes one event appearance a year. He has had the very happy pleasure of actually acquiring a name after this year's appearance. Many of you have met him before but never knew who he was.

Here are some particulars on Ferdinand; he's an orange colored dragon. His mouth is constantly open so you get a great view of his tonsils. He loves Porsche's and will ride in any that have a seat available. He does have some neck issues so he prefers to be securely strapped in.

Ferdinand's one event appearance only occurs at the Tail of the Dragon. This year he has informed me that he would like to attend the Holiday Party with the club. He even agreed to wear a suit if necessary. He is very thankful that he finally acquired a name and no longer has to be referred to as "The Dragon". He would like to extend a special thanks to Nicole Lefebvre for allowing him to ride shotgun in her Carrera this year. He was thrilled to spend time with such a lovely Porsche lady.

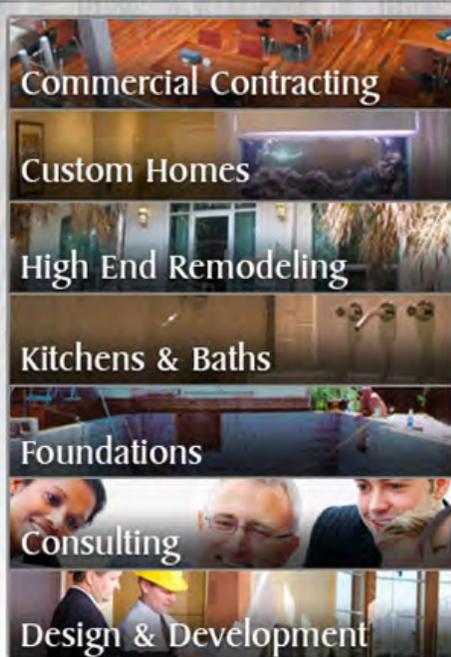
As in the past Ferdinand will continue to make the Tail trips and will always be available for photo opportunities. He asked me if he might be able to start charging for his services now that he has a name but I told him it probably isn't a good idea. So he's agreed to continue providing free photographs while at the Tail, but only as long as someone agrees to let him ride shotgun. He really doesn't like the back seat. We hope to see Ferdinand at the Holiday Party.



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# GERMAN RECIPE

## “Wiener Schnitzel Viennese Cutlet”

(source: About.com German Food, Jennifer McGavin)

Few foods are more evocative of Austrian cuisine than the humble Wiener schnitzel, or Viennese Cutlet. As with many simple recipes, the quality of the ingredients are what will make or break your experience with this golden fried treat. Old oil or meat should be avoided and watch your schnitzel carefully, to avoid burning. Eating it fresh is also important; this is not a dinner which gets better the next day.

**Prep Time:** 10 min. **Cook Time:** 10 min **Total Time:** 20 min.

### INGREDIENTS:

¼ c. flour (all purpose or brown rice)      ¼ tsp. salt  
½ c. bread crumbs      2 eggs  
Oil or lard for frying (lard is traditional)  
4 veal cutlets (traditional) pounded to ¼ inch thickness (about 5 oz. each)  
(you may use chicken or pork)

### PREPARATION:

- To pound meat thin you may want to place the cutlet between sheets of plastic wrap for easier washing up. Use a heavy, flat-surface pan to pound if you don't have a meat mallet.
- Pound the meat evenly to ¼ inch thickness for best results.
- Do not press the bread crumbs into the meat. The crust should not adhere completely, but form a loose shell around the schnitzel.
- Make sure the breaded meat “swims” in fat. Contrary to instinct, the breading will take on less oil than if the meat is sticking to the pan. Also, the breadcrumb topping has a chance to puff up a little, and your cleanup is easier.
- Set up 3 shallow dishes. Place the flour and ½ teaspoon salt in one and breadcrumbs in another. Beat eggs well and place in the third dish.
- Heat at least ¼ inch of oil in the pan to 350F.
- Working one at a time, dredge cutlets first in flour until the surface is completely dry. Dip in egg to coat; allow the excess to drip off for a few seconds and then roll quickly in the breadcrumbs until coated. Do not press breadcrumbs into the meat.



Place meat immediately in the pan with the hot oil. Do not crowd the pan. Cook the schnitzel in batches, if necessary.

- Fry the schnitzel for 3-4 minutes on one side. You may want to swish them around a little with your fork to make sure they are not sticking to the pan. Turn them over once and fry until both sides are golden brown. Remove from pan, allow the oil to drain off, place on a plate with lemon slices and potato salad or green salad and serve.



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## Dragon Slayer by Jackie Dasen

I'm sure since most of you read articles from a "talking dog" you probably won't find this to off the wall. So let me start by introducing myself. My name is Cay (Ki), short for Cayenne. I'm an SUV but not really. That's what the automakers classify me but those that have driven me or own me know I am far from an SUV.

So it's time to set some things straight here. You see that shiny crest on my front hood and those crests in my center caps on the rims? That's a PORSCHE crest. Yes, a PORSCHE crest. Therefore I do not perform like an ordinary SUV. I perform like a Porsche. I AM A PORSCHE.

There are those that roll up next to me and thing, oh, that's just a big bulky SUV it can't jump off the line like I can. Guess what, I'll beat your ass every time. Just like my cousin's in the car family do. So don't mess with me. I AM A PORSCHE. Don't let my size fool you. If you do you'll probably get a pretty good view of my red tail lights disappearing out of your sight.

Oh, yeah and twisty roads, no sweat. I was designed and engineered by the same folks that manufacture there world's best sports cars. I am an equal. I proved it this weekend. Speed, agility and grace I have them all.

I might get teased by being called a pepper but peppers are hot and I'm one hot SUV. I can do things that aren't physically possible for other SUV's to do. So eat my dust.

I had an awesome time up in the mountains of NC and TN and I fully proved what I am capable of doing. I tore up the Tail and the Cherohola Skyway. I made photographers eyes pop out of the heads when the say ME coming around the turns, at the same full force as the other Porsche's. I ROCK and that's about all I'm going to say on the matter.

Oh, one more bragging issue: Taking a 15mph recommended downhill turn into an uphill incline at a minimum of 45mph I think I passed the Dragon test. I AM A PORSCHE!



## Roebling DE

Believe it or not, the September 22-23, 2012 was my first DE. Granted I have a bit of experience when it comes to driving because I am a driving instructor for the SC Police Academy but still my first PCA DE. After covering the basics with the mandatory class, it was to the track. My instructor John went over a few things, my driving history and the car. It wasn't long before the speed increased and I was passing everything on the track. I was actually expecting everything to pass me since I was driving '86 944(automatic) with only about 150 hp. There was a BMW I couldn't pass but his 450 hp on the only pass zone being a straightaway was a bit to much. To give you an idea of how much fun I had: A dedicated track car is in the near future. There



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1. Twenty three members attended the meeting at Gennaro's Restaurant, North Charleston.
2. Tail of the Dragon set for Sept. 28, 29 and 30. Currently there are 32 members registered to attend. Plans to meet at Chili's at Airport at 8 am on Friday. Also meeting some at Exxon, Orangeburg exit at 9:30am. Lunch at Spartanburg. Social at 6:30 at Fontana Lodge. Several are to bring light snacks. All will meet at 8:30 to start drive and have lunch at Tellico Plains. Dinner Saturday will be at the restaurant. We also have a guest coming from Michigan to drive the Tail.
3. DE Roebling is Sept. 21.
4. Oct. 18,19,20 Petite Lemans at Atlanta.
5. Hilton Head Concours Nov. 3 & 4. Keith Martin will have his '67 911
6. AI reported new members – Tim Albrecht from Myrtle Beach and Chris Miller for Carolinas.
7. Corvette Club has invited us to picnic with them Oct. 27 at Santee Park.
8. Stingrays have expressed an interest in having Porsches displayed at a home hockey game.
9. Nominating Committee is still looking for volunteers for next year's officers.

## TAIL OF THE DRAGON—(9/28 – 9/30)

This year's event was great. Thank you to Jennifer and Steve for all they put into making this a wonderful event. We had 20 cars driving this year, with 10 of them being newbies. Our newbie's did awesome. This was a great group.

We made some new friends and saw some old friends. We had folks from four other regions join in with us this year and we thank you for coming and being part of this great trip. We had two cars come down from Michigan, a car from Mid- Tennessee and a car from Virginia. And two other cars from South Carolina that are not Palmetto members.

We only had one little incident. NO POWER at the lodge when we arrived on Friday. But we survived, some candles, LED flashlights from cell phones along with some small hand held flashlights and we did find. It was a little challenging with the clean up as the power didn't get restored till around 9 o'clock or so. But what a welcome relief it was.

We did have a few new awards this year; Richard and Rose Ann Boxx won the "Compass" Award. For being the first back to the lodge. Gretchen Penney was the recipient of the "Sipping Cup" award; a sudden acceleration and a turn don't mix well with an open topped cup of Chardonnay. Though it wasn't made official at the dinner but I do believe Josh will be getting the "Squirrel Award". We are just waiting on the video proof from Joe. But Jennifer had some pretty graphic descriptions so I'm guessing he'll receive the award at the Holiday Party, as will Gretchen. The Boxx's received theirs at the group dinner on Saturday.

I would like to thank everyone that attended this year's run. There are so many great people in the PCA and events like this just prove that they are in every region. One of our attendees I met at Parade last year and I was thrilled to see him there. Sorry about the rain shower Jerry on the ride through the valley.

And for those interested in knowing I DID drive Cay up the Dragon. Ken drove her back down. I don't like the cliff side but it didn't seem to phase Ken or Cay one bit. Let's just say that she tore the place up. I am damn proud of her.

We would like to thank Vernard and Helen Stukes for being our token red car. It helps to have something bright to help locate the pack. It has been proposed that we charge a higher registration fee for black, white or dark colored cars and waive the registration fee for a red, yellow or other bright colored car. Probably won't happen, so don't worry.

I'd also like to thank all those that allowed my dad to ride shotgun with them on the trip. Dad had a blast hopping from car to car on the different legs. I believe he was a little bias in liking Jerry Valka's Boxster Spyder the best. Thank you, Nicole, John, Mason, Mark, Jerry and Josh you all truly made his trip exciting and fun. Because of the kindness of club members he's been able to experience riding in a 944, 928, 968 Cabriolet, 968 Coupe, Boxster, 911 Carrera, Boxster Spyder, and older 911 and of course a Cayenne. Thank you everyone!

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# All systems go for new Porsche Boxster

<http://www.porsche.com/usa/aboutporsche/pressreleases/pag/archive2012/quarter3/?pool=international-de&id=2012-09-19>

**Stuttgart/Osnabrück.** As of today, Porsche has begun partially producing its Boxster model at Volkswagen Osnabrück GmbH. This step is necessary, as Porsche's main factory in Stuttgart does not have enough capacity to cope with demand. In Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen the new Porsche 911 and the new Boxster are being made in a mixed model operation on one production line.



The first vehicle to roll off the line was an Indian red Boxster S with a black soft top. It is destined for a customer in Lower Bavaria. In attendance for the start of Boxster production in Osnabrück were Minister President of Lower Saxony David McAllister, Lord Mayor of Osnabrück Boris Pistorius, Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG Prof. Dr. Martin Winterkorn as well as President and CEO of Porsche AG Matthias Müller. "Taking on production of the Boxster here in Osnabrück shows that the site has established itself within the Volkswagen Group as a centre of excellence for cabriolet and small series production. I am delighted that as of today rolling of our production line here in Lower Saxony will be Porsche vehicles that stand for premium quality 'Made in Germany' all around the world," emphasised Minister President McAllister.

Lord Mayor Pistorius appreciated the significance of the Porsche commission for the city. "The Boxster brings an important additional boost for business in Osnabrück, safeguards jobs and confirms the skills of the workforce in our city, where cars have been made for over 100 years."

Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG Prof. Dr. Winterkorn said at the production start: "The Boxster production in Osnabrück is a clear sign of the rapid coalescence of Volkswagen and Porsche. Production in Osnabrück means creating synergies that will benefit customers, staff and location alike."

Porsche President and CEO Müller explained: "Due to the way things are in Stuttgart there is no easy way to expand our main factory. Over the next few years, we will be fully utilising our own production capacity predominantly with the 911 model. We therefore looked for a partner for producing the Boxster. The decisive factor in our choice was the great expertise of the workforce at Volkswagen Osnabrück. Our sports cars are in very good hands there. After all, we all have the same concept of quality. Osnabrück will become a part of our success story."

This is not the first time that vehicles have been produced for Porsche in the Lower Saxony factory – for example, car bodies were made here for the 356 hardtop coupé in the 1960s and for the Porsche 968 in the nineties. From 1969 to 1975, over 115,000 Porsche 914s were also fully assembled in Osnabrück. And while following the start of full production the new Boxster was initially made solely in Stuttgart, Volkswagen Osnabrück GmbH has been supplying the rear and side parts of the car from the outset.

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## 2012 Calendar: Upcoming Events in our Region and Beyond

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	Wed, Oct 03	6-9 pm	Bessinger's Car Show	West Ashley
	Classic cars and good food. Registration is \$5 to show your car. First Wednesday of each month through November.			
	Tue, Oct 09	7:00 PM	Monthly Social	Harbor Breeze, Mt. Pleasant
	Join us at Harbor Breeze in Mt. Pleasant for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	Sat, Oct 13	8 am - 10 am	Cars & Coffee	Brookgreen Town Center
	While this gathering occurs every Saturday, let's attend as a club and see how many Porsches we can have show up. Brookgreen Town Center, 730 Coleman Blvd, Mt. P.			
	Sat, Oct 13	9:00 AM	CCCC Street Thunder Reunion Car & Truck Show, Tanger Outlet	
	Street Thunder Car & Truck Show, 9am-3pm, Charity is the Low Country Orphan Relief ( <a href="http://www.lowcountryorphanrelief.org">www.lowcountryorphanrelief.org</a> ). Info here: <a href="http://www.4ccc.org/Media/2012StreetThunder.pdf">http://www.4ccc.org/Media/2012StreetThunder.pdf</a>			
	Sat, Oct 13	8:00 AM	South Carolina Region SCCA AutoX	Freestyle Music Park, Myrtle Beach
	Autocross is the sport of navigating your car through a defined course of cones in a large parking lot, allowing you to find the limits of your car. Info here: <a href="http://buccaneerregion.org/soloevents.html">http://buccaneerregion.org/soloevents.html</a>			
	Sat, Oct 13	8:00 AM	Buccaneer Region SCCA AutoX	Roebling Road Raceway
	Autocross is the sport of navigating your car through a defined course of cones in a large parking lot, allowing you to find the limits of your car. Info here: <a href="http://buccaneerregion.org/soloevents.html">http://buccaneerregion.org/soloevents.html</a>			
	Sat, Oct 20		Petit Le Mans	Road Atlanta
	The Petit Le Mans (French for little Le Mans) is a sports car endurance race held annually at Road Atlanta in Braselton, GA. The Petit Le Mans covers a maximum of 1,000 miles (approximately 394 laps) or a maximum of 10 hours, whichever comes first. Hope to see other Palmetto Region members in the Porscheplatz Corral!			
	Sat, Oct 27		Rallye and Cookout with Corvette Club	Santee Area
	Details to come.			
	Sat, Nov 03	Sun, Nov 04	Motoring Festival & Concours	Hilton Head Island, SC
	Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival, Hilton Head, SC. Info here: <a href="http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/concours-delegance.html">http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/concours-delegance.html</a> . Purchase tickets for 2 days parking in the Corral and admission for \$60 at <a href="http://www.clubregistration.net">www.clubregistration.net</a> . Rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn (843-837-8111) using the "Concours" name for the special rate. A caravan will leave West Ashley after breakfast at the Sunflower Cafe on Saturday, November 3.			
	Sat, Nov 03	8:00 AM	South Carolina Region SCCA AutoX	TBD
	Autocross is the sport of navigating your car through a defined course of cones in a large parking lot, allowing you to find the limits of your car. Info here: <a href="http://www.scsportscar.com/solo/schedule">www.scsportscar.com/solo/schedule</a>			
	Sat, Nov 03	Sun, Nov 04	Driver's Education at Roebling Road	The Dark Side Driver's Ed
	The Driver's Education program provides a safe, structured, and controlled learning environment for your high performance auto. Track near Savannah, GA. Register at <a href="http://www.clubregistration.net">www.clubregistration.net</a> .			
	Wed, Nov 07	6-9 pm	Bessinger's Car Show	West Ashley
	Classic cars and good food. Registration is \$5 to show your car. First Wednesday of each month through November.			
	Sun, Nov 11	11:30 AM	Drive & Dine	TBD
	Monthly Drive & Dine in the Myrtle Beach Area. Details to come.			
	Tue, Nov 13	7:00 PM	Monthly Social	TBD
	Join us at TBD for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	Sat, Nov 17	Sun, Nov 18	Driver's Education at VIR	Carolinas Region PCA
	The Driver's Education program provides a safe, structured, and controlled learning environment for your high performance auto. Track near Danville, VA. Register at <a href="http://www.clubregistration.net">www.clubregistration.net</a> .			
	Sun, Nov 18	8:00 AM	Buccaneer Region SCCA AutoX	Hutchinson Island
	Autocross is the sport of navigating your car through a defined course of cones in a large parking lot, allowing you to find the limits of your car. Info here: <a href="http://buccaneerregion.org/soloevents.html">http://buccaneerregion.org/soloevents.html</a>			
	Sat, Dec 01	Sun, Dec 02	Driver's Education at Roebling Road	Coastal Empire Region PCA
	The Driver's Education program provides a safe, structured, and controlled learning environment for your high performance auto. Track near Savannah, GA. Register at <a href="http://www.clubregistration.net">www.clubregistration.net</a> .			
	TBD		Holiday Party	
	Details to come.			

Breakfast with Dr. Bob, Sunflower Café, West Ashley, 8 am.

Monthly Social, Second Tuesday of each Month, Location TBD. Check website for details.

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For additional information and events outside of the Palmetto Region go to: <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/calendar/>

## SOMETHING GERMAN

### “Ludwig van Beethoven ”

(Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Ludwig van Beethoven, a German composer, whose actual birth date is unknown, was baptized December 17, 1770. Ludwig was born in Bonn, then the capital of the Electorate of Cologne and part of the Holy Roman Empire. At a very early age Beethoven displayed musical talent and was taught by his father, Johann van Beethoven and Christian Gottlob Neefe. During his first 22 years in Bonn, Beethoven intended to study with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and befriended Joseph Haydn. In 1792, he moved to Vienna and began studying with Haydn. In Vienna he quickly gained a reputation as a virtuoso pianist.

Beethoven's grandfather was a musician of Flemish origin named Lodewijk (Ludwig is the German cognate of Lodewijk). At the age of 20 Lodewijk moved to Bonn and was employed as a bass singer at the court of the Elector of Cologne. He fathered one son; Johann worked as a tenor in the same musical establishment, and gave lessons on piano and violin to supplement his income. Beethoven's mother was Maria Magdalena Keverich, the daughter of Johann Heinrich Keverich, who had been the head chef at the court of the Archbishopric of Trier. Of the seven children born to Johann and Maria only the second-born Ludwig and two younger brothers survived infancy.

Beethoven is acknowledged as one of the giants of classical music. He was occasionally referred to as one of the “three Bs”, along with Bach and Brahms. Beethoven was a pivotal figure in the transition from the 18<sup>th</sup> century musical classicism to 19<sup>th</sup> century romanticism, and his influence on subsequent generations of composers.

Beethoven composed in several musical genres and for a variety of instrument combinations. His works for symphony orchestra include nine symphonies (the Ninth Symphony includes a chorus) and about a dozen pieces of “occasional” music. He wrote seven concerti for one or more soloists and orchestra. He also wrote shorter works that include soloists accompanied by orchestra. His only opera is Fidelio. Other vocal works with orchestral accompaniment include two masses and a number of shorter works.

His large body of compositions for piano includes 32 piano sonatas and numerous shorter pieces, including arrangements of some of his other works. Works with piano accompaniment include 10 violin sonatas, 5 cello sonatas, and a sonata for French horn. He also composed numerous lieder.

Beethoven also wrote a significant quantity of chamber music. In addition to writing 16 string quartets he wrote five works for string quintet, seven for piano trio, five for string trio and more than a dozen works for various combinations of wind instruments.

During the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, his hearing began to deteriorate significantly, yet he continued to compose, conduct, and perform after becoming completely deaf. Beethoven died in Vienna on March, 26, 1827, having lived there for 35 years.



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## *The Beast: A Tail of the Dragon Myth: BY: Jackie Dasen*

Sun filtered through the trees as Frank maneuvered his black Carrera through the 318 turns that made up the famous Tail of the Dragon in the North Carolina/Tennessee Mountains. It was October and the leaves danced along the side of the road as his Porsche handled each new turn with grace and ease. He'd made this trip more times than he could count and always in a Porsche. The road was made for them.

As far back as he could remember Porsche's had been his family. His father drove one, his grandfather had driven one. The finely tuned automobiles were just a part of his family. And like his father, grandfather, great grandfather and all those before him he drove his Porsche on the Tail of the Dragon. He more than the others before him, making yearly runs each year to pay his respects at his grandfather's grave. Frank moved away from the mountains shortly after high school and hadn't returned. He preferred more civilization. But it was on these roads that he learned to drive. It was on these roads that his grandfather had told him, long before he ever started driving, about the legend of "The Beast"

Reaching the small family cemetery about 7 miles away from the Tail of the Dragon, Frank pulled his Carrera to a stop. Walking the short distance to his grandfather's grave he glanced around at the peacefully scenery surrounding the gravesites. Squatting down at the marble marker he ran his fingers over the 928 Porsche engraved in the headstone above his grandfather's name. Frank chuckled as he thought of how his grandfather resisted getting a new more updated model Porsche. No, this was the only Porsche he'd ever own. Frank often wondered what happened to it after his grandfather stopped driving. It seemed to just disappear. No one knew what became of it. The old hoot was a little crazy anyway.

Standing back up Frank gave a slight salute to his grandfather before heading back to his car. He stopped momentarily as the air seemed to shift. He felt as if someone else was near. Looking around he saw nothing, no one. It was nothing, he probably just felt this way because he always recalled the myth of the "The Beast" and how his grandfather told it. He knew it was probably just that, a myth but something about the way it was told, the tone of voice, it had truth. But it was too eerie to really be true he always reasoned. But this year as he'd crossed the Dragon the myth seemed to have a different impact on him. He felt a need to prove it true. It was when he started walking again that the wind suddenly blew with such a force, whipping leaves in a whirlwind around him, he was nearly knocked off his feet. As the wind howled and the leaves spun he heard his grandfather's voice, "The power of the beast can once again be unleashed if you are brave enough to challenge it."

As Frank drove off he didn't head back to the Dragon and toward Fontana Village Resort, where he always stayed on these yearly treks. He wasn't really sure where he was going, he just went. As he did he recalled again the legend of THE BEAST:

It is said that eight arteries feed life to its massive powerful heart. Its eyes rise from its head for better sight once the sun dips below the mountains. The Beast its said is as black as night, inside and out, with extra gleaming slanted eyes to help it see better, It's a creature not native to land but made itself a home up here in the twisting turning mountain roads.

It prowled often in search of what, no one really knew. But one always heard it coming when it was out. It didn't claim victims. Yet it taunted those that challenged it or thought they better. They always lost against it.

Then one day, after years of prowling the Dragon it disappeared, never to be seen again. Some say it meet a fateful end one misty fall evening when it got to confident. Others say it left to conquer another mountain. The locals claim it was tricked into captivity, where it remains to this day. Waiting patient these past 20 years to be released from its prison. Many have searched in vain. The locals believe when the time is right it will be freed and will again conquer and taunt.

Turning onto a dirt road, Frank realized where he was, but why he had no idea. In the middle of the field stood a barn, painted black. It had always been black since he could remember. But why had he come here. Was there a clue inside as to the location of the Beasts hiding place? Many of the locals claimed his grandfather knew where the Beast was hidden but had never told anyone.

Parking the Carrera, Frank approached the barn. The walls seemed to breathe in and out. Was this the place? Was the Beast hidden within? The hair on the back of Frank's neck stood up. The barn was in good shape, almost too good a shape for never being used. Someone kept it up. If there truly was a creature locked inside then someone was taking care of it. As he got closer his hands became slick with perspiration. A loud roaring sound began to sound all around him. There was definitely something here that was not of this world. Forcing down his fear he drew in a deep calming breath. The roar slowly faded. Drawing another deep breath he realized it was not a roar but the sound of his own hammering heartbeat. One last breath and he grabbed the handles of each door. With all his might he flung them open. Ready to face whatever lived inside.

Dust mites flew and danced at the light that struck them after all these years. Sunlight flittered in upon the beast within. It was not animal. It was a machine. It sat there staring at him, challenging him: "Unleash me if you dare and you too shall tame a dragon"

Frank stood staring at the Beast. It was all that was described. It was black. A powerful V-8 gave it life. With a smile Frank knew the legend of The Beast was about to be reborn. His grandfather's 928 was the legendary Beast.

## Final Thoughts from the Prez...

The past couple of weeks have been great especially to be involved with club activities. The DE @ Roebing Road was not only a blast but also got a few more members involved. Hats off to Scott for getting his car on the track for the first time. The Tail of the Dragon trip went especially great with the fine details as planned out by Steve Kemp, Jackie Dasen and Jennifer Mills. A new route up was explored and a powerless social not far behind. For those not there, the power was out upon arrival and didn't come back on until several hours later but it didn't stop our club from having a good time at the social. After a quick driver's meeting in the morning, it was off to slay the Tail of the Dragon with lunch in Telico Plains and then the Cherohala Skyway. We then broke into smaller groups, one to the Chasing the Dragon event, another for another run through the dragon and a few stragglers for shopping and the hotel. The Saturday evening dinner at the hotel was very nice with Tail photos and videos playing, door prizes given out and the first place prize going to Richard and Rose Ann Boxx (but that's another story). I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting Tuesday. And remember - Keep the wheels turning - Ken



coming soon >>>

### Upcoming events

Oct 9- Monthly Meeting - Harbor Breeze  
Oct 13- Cars & Coffee  
Oct 13 - Roebing Road Raceway Autocross  
Oct 17-20 - Petit Le Mans  
Oct 18 - Oktoberfest at Porsche of Hilton Head  
Oct 20-21 - DE at CMP  
Oct 26-28 - Savannah Speed Classic  
Oct 27- Rallye and Cookout with Corvette Club  
Nov 3 & 4- Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance  
Nov 7- Bessinger's Car Show  
Nov 11- Drive and Dine

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



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