

PALMETTO PIPES

PALMETTO REGION

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

APRIL 1996

Next Meeting

Our March 20 Th. the **SATURDAY** meeting will be held at Autometrics, West Ashley, Charleston. The meeting - swapmeet will start promptly at 10 AM. Come join in the fun!! . (763-6740)

UPOLE POSITION

Have been on the Left Coast for two weeks now - constantly amazed at the sheer number of Porsches (of all varieties) there are about.

The National Board Minutes contained some interesting tidbits - Porsche sales were up 50% in 1995 to 17, 900 cars worldwide - after losing money for three years Porsche AG made a 2.5 million DM (\$1.6 million) profit in '95. - knockdown 911 kits will be assembled in Mexico (import tariff dodge) - North American sales were 6079 (34% of total and PCNA is hoping for 6000 to 6500 911 sales I '96 ('95 sales included 968 and 928).

PCNA has also restructured the Owner Relations Department with the goal of more quickly handling owner concerns. Of interest to the weekend fixit crowd is a new a Porsche Parts Express program to reduce delivery time and cost of 911 parts - look for more info in coming months.

I would like to thank **Joan Schwab, Chuck Stevens, Tuggy Mathisen** and his friend **Betty** who responded on very short notice to help out with **Special Olympics** on March 2nd. Theweek prior to the event , I got a call from **Viki Jett**, one of the organizers, with a request for a group to assist with food preparation and delivery

COMING UP

April 13- 14 PCA Club Racing in Atlanta, Braseelton, Ga., Peastate region, Gene and Valerie Wilson, 3265 Creekside Dr., Conyers, Ga., 30208, 770-9291756.

April 16 **Palmetto Region Board** meeting at Joe Carastro's House in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.-881-7695.

April 19-21 Spring Thing '96 at Bent Creek Resort, Gatlinburg, TN., Smokey Mountain Region multi-event weekend, Susan Bowman, 423-984-7908 (eve)

and I am happy to say **Palmetto Region** was able to come through.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the **Tech Session/Swap Meet** on **April 20th** at **Autometrics**. Dig through your garage for buried treasures for the swap meet and be pondering those ageless questions of Porsche maintenance for Gordon and his staff.

JOE

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WHY A PORSCHE?

So you've worked hard and you've bought yourself a Porsche. Now what do you do with it? To some people it's a possession (status), others like to look at it (art), and then there's what it's intended for, to be driven (my opinion). After all, this is the most durable and functional sports car in the world. Driving on the street you can't fully appreciate the cars potential, you might use only 20% of it's capability. How about the other 80%? Now that's where the fun begins, on the track. This is where the Porsche Club sponsored driving schools come in. The cost is typically between \$130-\$180 for two days. This is more fun than the go-carts at Frankies Fun Park, and cheaper. These events are held at some of the best tracks in the country. In the southeast there are Sebring, Roebing Road (Savannah), Road Atlanta, Rockingham or Talladega just to name a few. To get started you'll need a Porsche, fresh brake fluid, a simple safety inspection and a helmet. If you have a bra (for the car) it wouldn't hurt to use it. Go in with the right attitude and you'll have no off-track experiences nor damage to the car. At first you'll always have an instructor in the car with you (like Bob Chick). Maybe Bob is not a good example, but someone like Bob who is familiar with the track and has a lot of experience. Your car will love it and so will you. The car will be fine, the tires will be a little scuffed, but that's about it. This could only be the beginning. How far you go is limited only by desire and your pocket book. If you want to Porsche Club race this is the best way to get experience and seat time. To find out where these events are look in Panorama or contact our Event Coordinator Bob Chick at 795-7437.

My experience is primarily technical; if you have any question regarding car preparation or Porsches in general, call me. If I don't know, I'll research my extensive data base until I find the answer. If it's something anyone else would be interested in I'll submit it for the next newsletter.

Gordon Friedman (763-6740)

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CLUB MEETING & SWAP MEET APRIL 20th AT AUTOMETRICS

- Aprils monthly meeting
- Do the garage Spring cleaning then Trade, buy or sell your cars & parts
- Hot-dogs & Hamburgers available
- Lifts will be open for car inspection and questions
- TUG ART" on display and for sell



10:00AM-2:00PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
763-6740

Classified. FOR SALE:

- 1984 944 White ext. Brown int.
 - 1979 911 Coupe (1995 Palmetto Region PCA peoples choice winner)
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- Gordon at 763-6740

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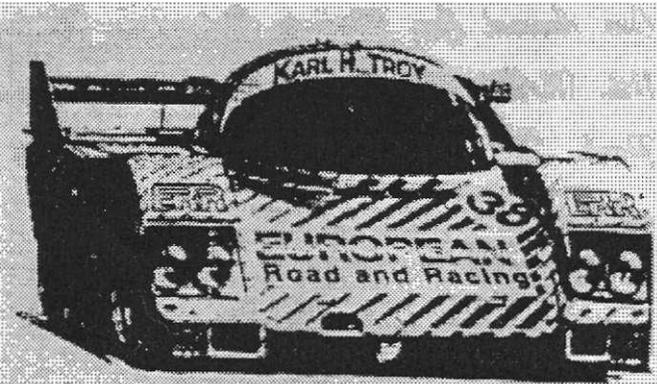
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