

Palmetto Pipes



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SCCA Autocross By Scott Hornsby



Saturday, March 15th saw the second and final SCCA autocross to come to Charleston this year. Eight club members competed in various classes. The event was held at the North Charleston Coliseum parking lot and the attendance was a total of 154 drivers. Jon Krolewicz of SeatTime set up the course and made it exciting while also trying to avoid any mishaps around the islands. Out of the timing box you launched in 1st gear and once in 2nd stayed there. There were many twists and turns in such a short distance.

Out of our group Bob Woodman in his '73 911 ran the fastest of the day running the course in 38.4 seconds. Cory Friedman took his daily driver M3 to a 2nd place 39.2 run. Bob's daughter, Audrey, ran their 911 in 41.8. Rick Brownyard ran his 951 to a 42.4. Don McDaniel ran my '02 911 in 42.6. Rich Bundschuh took his 993 Turbo and ran a 43.6. I ran my 911 in 43.7 and Adam Friedman posted a 44.5 in his 996 Turbo.

We all had some serious fun out there and realized maybe we could do this in the future as a club again or in conjunction with another local car club. If you are not ready or wanting to take your Porsche to a track event then an Autocross is a good steppingstone. You still learn good car control skills and learn what you can and can't do with your vehicle in a safe environment.

Remember to always look well ahead down the road and drive with enthusiasm!!





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From the Prez

Let's Have Some Fun...

Who is ready for spring? It is here, although some of the temperatures of late don't seem to support this. We have a busy spring planned and there is surely something for everyone. Make sure and check the schedule regularly as new events are being added.

April's meeting is scheduled on the 8th at Autometrics West of the Ashley. As always, we can look forward to some fantastic cars. The Friedmans always have an assortment of race-prepped cars for everyone to drool over. Possibly even the Rolex series race cars will be there. Thanks in advance to all of the Autometrics crew.

Several of us made the trip to Myrtle Beach as guests of Porsche enthusiasts from the Grand Strand Area. There wound up being about 15 cars and 25 people. Various P-cars, owners from various PCA regions all with one desire. The desire to meet others with the same passion. Thanks to Chuck Ottwell, Dick Mgrdechian, and the others who have taken it upon themselves to organize these monthly gatherings. We look forward to attending future events. The drive was fantastic.

Did everyone get signed up for Parade? It was a process, but after the rush died down I do believe everyone that wanted to was able to register. Those that are planning to attend have to be getting excited already.

We had a very good meeting last month at Zeus Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant. Several new members were in attendance. Let me welcome them as well as the normal friendly folks who made their way out.

There was also an autocross held at North Charleston Coliseum last month. This event, which was organized by SCCA, was a huge success. There were around 160 cars that participated. Several of Palmetto's finest participated and represented us quite well. I was a spectator and was quickly told by Bob Woodman that having never run in an autocross was no excuse. I plan to participate next time.

DEs, Autocrosses, Fun Runs, Sebring, Dinners, Parade, Executive Committee Meeting, Walking Tours of Charleston, Tail of the Dragon... Yes PCA Palmetto is staying busy doing what we do best, HAVING FUN...
Kevin

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

VICTORY AT AMERICA'S OLDEST SPORTS CAR RACE

Sebring, Florida's March 16th saw Porsche, the most storied name in the history of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring add to its legacy with a double victory at the 3.7-mile airport course. Making it their 18th overall win.

Porsche in combination with another classic motorsports name in Penske racing saw their 3.4 liter, V8 Penske Porsche RS Spyder to a one minute victory over the Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyder. The Porsche RS Spyder now has either a class win or an overall victory, sometimes both, at every American Le Mans Series venue since the cars first debuted in October of 2005.

In the GT2 Class Porsche claimed a one-two finish. The updated Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSRs claimed number one. Claiming second was the Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyders. Dyson Racing also took third in LMP2 to complete a class podium sweep.

The most notable fact of Porsche's overall wins at Sebring was its 13-year winning streak stretching from 1976 to 1988. Porsche also captured overall wins in 1960, 1968, 1971, 1973 and now 2008. Porsche can also boast 201 top ten overall finishes as well as 65 Class wins, which happens to be a manufacturer record. Porsche 911's can claim 29 overall and class victories. Since 1979 the GT Class claims 26 wins. Derek Bell in a Porsche 962 holds the record for the fastest race lap of 130.707 mph run in 1986.

Having at least one car competing every year since 1953, including 54 straight races, no race was run in 1974, is another record for Porsche at Sebring. No other manufacturer is close to this record.



Members Corner

New Members

Richard & Connie Gentzler.....2008 911 Cab
Charles & Cathy Koci.....2002 911
Dana Parker.....2001 911 Cab

Transfer In

Dickran & Susan Mgrdechian.....1974 911
1987 951

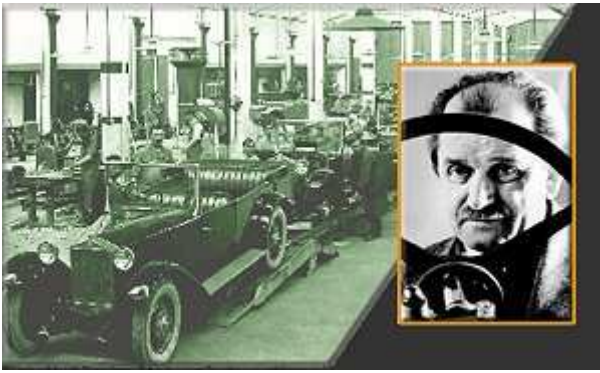
A warm Lowcountry welcome to everyone. Look forward to seeing you at our next outing.

Porsche Trivia Fun

What 2004 race did Australian film and TV actor Eric Bana purchase a Porsche 944 to compete in?

March's Trivia Answer
Iain Banks

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photos...



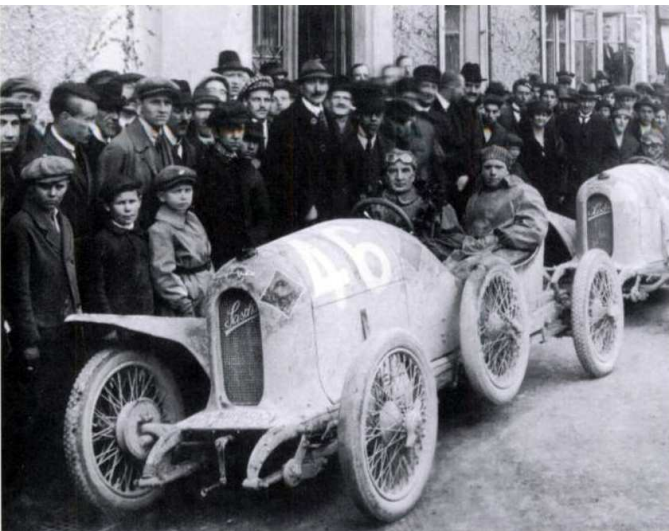
1910 – Prince Henri

Early Porsche Racing and Notable Facts

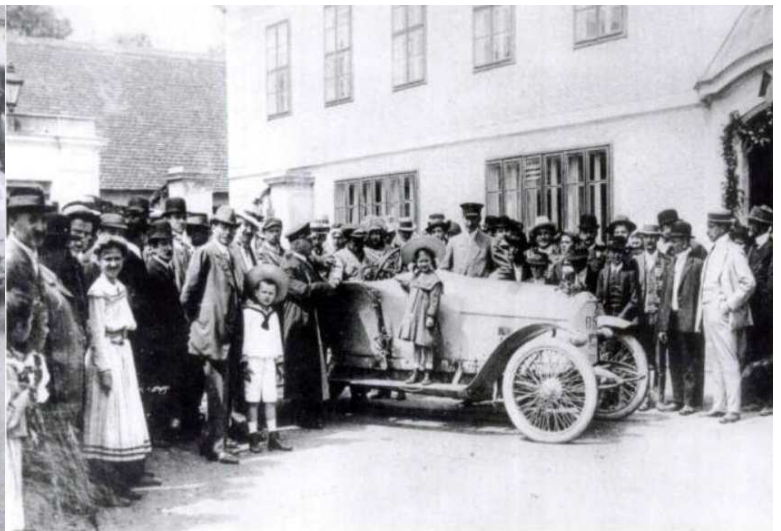
The early years of Porsche's involvement in racing has some notable events beginning in 1910 when the Austro-Daimler touring car designed by Ferdinand Porsche came away with a triple victory in the Prince Henry Trials. The driver of the first place car was none other than Ferdinand himself with his teammates following in 2nd and 3rd. In 1923 he designed the legendary Mercedes Kompressor sports car. The following year the 2-litre racecar won the Targa Florio. Ten years later in 1933 Porsche developed a Grand Prix racer sporting a 16-cylinder engine in a mid-ship configuration for Auto Union. The closing year of the thirty's, 1939, saw the development of three racing coupes under the designation Type 64 for distance competition. Considered the forefathers of all later Porsche sports cars these cars were built for long-distance endurance competition.

Ferry Porsche, under the direction of his father Ferdinand, begun the design of an all-wheel drive Grand Prix racecar "the Cisitalia" in 1946. The car was designed for Italian industrialist Piero Dusio.

Seventy-three years after the birth of Ferdinand Porsche, born September 3, 1875 in the Bohemian town Maffersdorf, the 1948 356/2 Coupe was the first production sports car to bear the Porsche name. In June of 1948 Porsche "No. 1" a 356/1 Roadster prototype was road certified and a month later the lightweight mid-engine roadster claimed its first victory at the Innsbruck Stadtrennen. So began the success of Porsche in racing history. Successful in many branches of auto racing Porsche has scored more than 28,000 victories. In 2006, Porsche built 195 race cars for competition in various international motor sports. No fewer than 275 were expected to be constructed in 2007 comprising of 7 RS Spyder LMP2 prototypes, 37 GT2 spec 911 GT3-RSRs and 231 911 GT3 cup cars.



1922 Austro Daimler Sascha



1909 Austro Daimler Maja

Looking for A Nice Spring Drive?

The Myrtle Beach group has invited us to join in their Sunday drive and lunch. This month's get together is on Sunday, April 13. There will be a short drive and then lunch afterward. They will meet at Noon at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot at the corner of Carolina Forest Drive and Highway 501 in Myrtle Beach. A Google Maps link to the starting location is available on the website in the forum.

SOME INTERESTING BOOKS FOR PORSCHE ENTHUSIASTS

For those club members interested in getting their hands on some Autocross books you might want to check out following website www.Motorbooks.com. Below are two titles of interests.

For members that enjoy Club racing, Auto crossing and even for the beginners in Driver's Ed, "Race to Win" will be of particular interest. Former F1 driver Derek Daly discusses his experiences and the research it takes to make a successful driver into a champion. The racing success of Michael Schumacher, Ayrton Senna and Mario Andretti's are also analyzed.

"Autocross Performance Handbook" by Richard Newton is an easy-to-follow handbook where he shares his autocross knowledge and mechanical experience. He also talks about choosing the best class and car to tuning, modifying, and racing.

For those interested in some general Porsche reading the following titles will be coming available in the future months, "Book of the Porsche 356", "Porsche High Performance", "Porsche Sixty Years" and "Porsche Racing Cars", and "Porsche 996, The Essential Companion," If you like reading about the cars we love to drive you might want to pick up one of these books. They can be found at any major bookstore or directly from Motorbooks Publishing.





Best Wishes to Dr. Bob

For those that don't know club member Bob Stonerock, better known as Dr. Bob, has been recalled to military duty. He'll be going to Fort Bragg, NC, not too far away but far enough. Dr. Bob is the founder of our Saturday morning breakfasts. Though he'll be returning to the call of duty I'm sure his passion for Porsches will not diminish and in his honor we'll continue with our informal breakfast gatherings. Like myself I'm sure there are many of us that will miss his wonderful and friendly personality. When Ken and I were newcomers to the club we journeyed over to our first Saturday breakfast, Dr. Bob and the others immediately made us feel welcome. He was also the founder of our 928's nickname "The Beast." So from all your friends in the Palmetto PCA Region we wish you the best and you'll be greatly missed.



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Upcoming Events

April

- 5-6th Charlotte Swap Meet / Car Show
- 8th Monthly Meeting—Autometrics
- 12th Azalea Festival Parade, Wilmington NC— Hurricane Region
- 13th Myrtle Beach Drive

May

- 13th Monthly Meeting—TBA
- 17th Walterboro Drive & Dine

June

- 26th Porsche Parade in Charlotte

September

- 12-14th Tail of the Dragon trip

Saturday Breakfast

Dr. Bob and the gang Saturday breakfast is held at Sunflower Café on Hwy. 61 @ 8:00 every Saturday. Come and Join us.....



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215 Oak Circle
Walterboro, SC 29488

Monthly Meeting

April 8th, 7pm
Autometrics Motorsports
1913 Belgrave Ave, West Ashley