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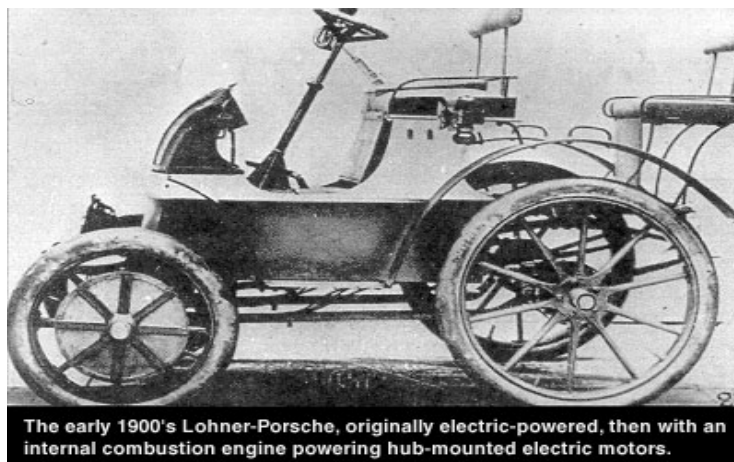
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## The Early Years of Ferdinand Porsche The First Porsche

In 1875 in Mattersdor, near Reichenberg (presently the Czech Republic), Ferdinand Porsche was born. One of the earliest pioneers of the automobile and motoring lifestyle he was a visionary in his field. With few opportunities locally, his reputation having spread, by age 18 he was off to a job in Vienna, Austria with Bela Egger.

With no previous technical or engineering training Vienna was the ideal place to learn. But obtaining an education was expensive and difficult for a young man of his means. “Unofficially” he attended night classes at the Technical University. Creeping into the back of lecture halls and workshops he obtained his only formal education. Although his methods were unorthodox the experience taught him well.

Five years later he landed his first job in the automobile field with Jacob Lohner as an engineer and test driver. It was with Lohner that Ferdinand’s name first came to public attention as an automobile designer. At the 1900 Paris Expo he proudly displayed his first automotive design, winning great acclaim for its unique hub-mounted motors and innovative all-wheel-drive design.



The early 1900's Lohner-Porsche, originally electric-powered, then with an internal combustion engine powering hub-mounted electric motors.

The press praised the wheel hub-mounted motors as an ‘epoch-making’ innovation. With no gears or driving shafts the drive mechanism could operate without any of the power-sapping friction losses associated with traditional cars. The lightweight chassis and low center of gravity suggested a sporting use. A racing version was also planned and it would claim to offer a lightening –quick top speed of 37 mph. Ferdinand designed this vehicle at the age of 25.



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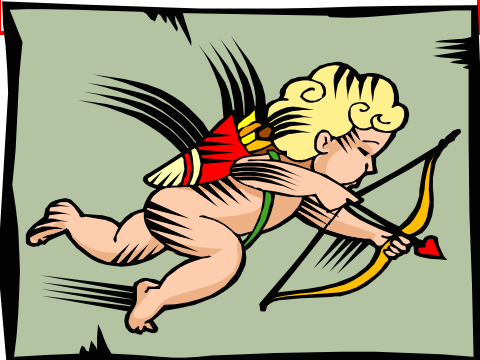
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### From the Prez

PCA Palmetto had a great meeting at Smokey Bones this month. Good food, a great turnout, and lots of good ideas for the upcoming year. Keep an eye on the calendar for future events.

Palmetto is in contact with PCA National about holding an Executive Committee board meeting in Charleston in the fall. As part of this event, Palmetto will host the committee members and guests at a social function. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to get out and put faces with the names of those that do such a wonderful job of leading us. Information will be shared with all as more details are known.

Our region was well represented at the 24 Hours of Daytona. Not only by many of us who made it down as spectators, but we had several participants as well. Drivers, crew, and, of course, the Friedmans represented the Lowcountry well. I have often wondered how the opening dash to the first turn does not have disastrous results. Well, this year the disaster happened to affect the Autometrics #14. I watched as the beautifully prepared 997 became a pinball. The results were a 15 lap deficit and 24 hours of grit and determination to keep the car in the race. While this drama unfolded, the number 74 Autometrics Porsche ran and ran and finished what is a true test. The elation in the pits, as the somewhat tattered Porsche completed the race, was evidence of why this race is run.

Steve Kemp and I met recently with the staff at Baker Porsche. In the past few years we have had very nice meetings hosted by Baker. Look for news of more partnering in the upcoming months. Last year we were invited in to a pre-release viewing of the 2008 911 Turbo Cabriolet. Again this year, we will be lucky enough to see Porsche before their public release.

Our meeting this month is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> at Easterby's Restaurant on Highway 61. Mike Duck will be sharing a presentation of photos he took on a recent trip to Germany. Mark this one on your calendar. You don't want to miss it...

Kevin

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

### Members Corner

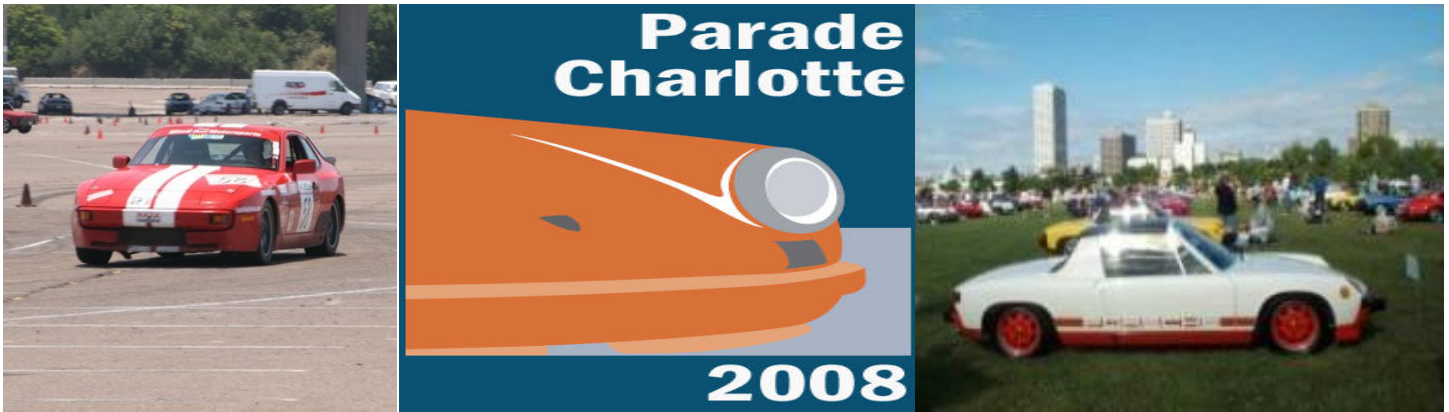
**New Members**

**Harold & Mika Bilich.....2008 997**  
**Reg Blynn>>>>>>>.....2002 911 C4**

**Transfer In**

**John Hamill.....1987 944**  
**Patrick Tolbert.....1990 911**

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



## *2008 Porsche Parade*

**Registration opens 9:00 a.m. EST on Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

**TICKETS WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY, SO BUY EARLY!!**

The admission fee is \$175 which covers one entrant, a co-entrant\* and one car. A separate registration fee is required for a second car. Other fees apply to the banquets and activities. Co-entrant must be a PCA member or an affiliate PCA.

### *Registration Methods*

On-line: Register at [www.paradecharlotte.org](http://www.paradecharlotte.org). **You must use be a registered user on the PCA site prior to registration.** If you're already a registered user make sure your information is updated for you sign up for Parade.

Paper: Forms can be requested via phone by calling Registrar Dave Nichols at (704) 847-3059. Form requests can be made beginning February 12, 2008. The can also be downloaded from the Parade website. **These forms must be stamped (not metered) and postmarked on or after March 11.** Forms postmarked earlier or received via delivery service will be rejected.

Methods of payment: Visa, MasterCard or American Express for On-line registrations and check or money order for paper registrations.

You'll receive confirmation of your registration materials in April.

*On line registrations will be treated equally to paper ones postmarked the same day*

For cancellations, changes, transfers or refunds please see the January 2008 issue of Panorama issue article "Porsche Parade 2008 – Welcome to Charlotte!" starting on page 38.

Questions and more information can also be obtained from the Parade website at [www.paradecharlotte.org](http://www.paradecharlotte.org) or email Parade registrar Dave Nichols at [david5cents@aol.com](mailto:david5cents@aol.com). Or call Dave at (704) 847-3059.

See page 6 for the tentative parade schedule.

*The Westin Charlotte, located at 601 South College Street (uptown Charlotte) will be the host hotel. Reservation particulars can be found in the January 2008 Panorama.*

### *For more detailed Information*

The January 2008 Panorama issue contains more detailed information on the above as well as event activities. See "Porsche Parade 2008 – Welcome to Charlotte!" article starting on page 38.

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## **PORSCHE® 911® GT3 WINS [EDMUNDS.COM](http://Edmunds.com) 'MOST-WANTED' AWARD**

Edmunds' Inside Line editors call Porsche's race-bred 911 'an unforgettable thrill'

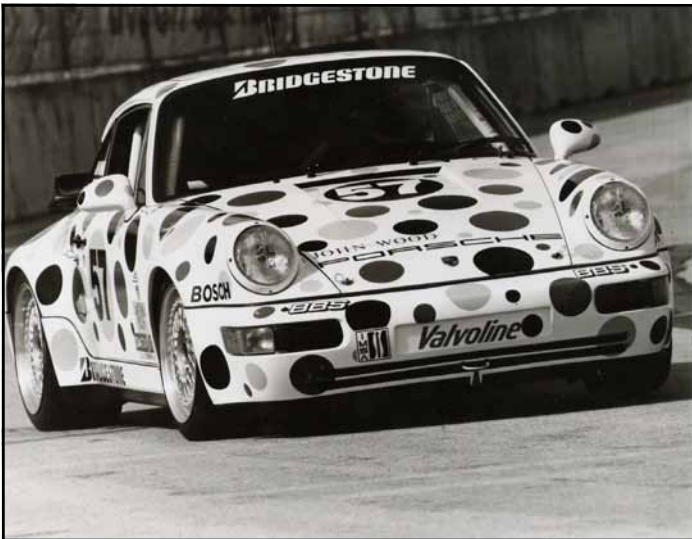
ATLANTA, January 10, 2008 - The auto editors at Edmunds' Inside Line, [Edmunds.com](http://Edmunds.com)'s online automotive magazine, had a tough job in 2007 as they tested and reviewed 268 new cars and trucks and were then asked to select only the best for their 2008 Editors' Most Wanted Awards. In the end the Porsche 911 GT3 endured their expert scrutiny, scoring a victory and driving off with this very prestigious and important award.

This year Scott Oldham, Inside Line editor-in-chief, had only one rule: the editors must have tested the car or truck by Dec. 1, 2007. All vehicles were eligible for all six slots -- speed, luxury, hauling, commuting, family and instant classic. With no price cap or restrictive 'new models only' or similar requirements, the editors were allowed to simply pick their personal favorites.

"The GT3 provides world-class performance just a couple of short steps removed from that legendary racing iron, and it does so in a package accessible to mere mortals. This is the essence of the Porsche story, and it makes this car an unforgettable thrill," said Dan Edmunds, Edmunds' Director of Vehicle Testing. Oldham added, "The Porsche 911 GT3 is our favorite Porsche. It's as if everything that Porsche has ever known about fast cars has been stuffed into this 911."

The Porsche 911 GT3 is also the base model for the world's most-produced race car, the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Produced on the same assembly line as the street cars in Stuttgart, the Cup car is the racer of choice in the SCCA SPEED World Challenge GT, the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge, and the Rolex Grand-Am GT Sports Car championship, including this month's Rolex 24 at Daytona. The GT3 RS, the model with improved aerodynamics and a stiffer suspension, is the basis for the Porsche 911 GT3 R/RS/RSR, the most successful racer in the ten years of the American Le Mans Series.

At 415 horsepower, the 911 GT3 is Porsche's most powerful non-turbocharged sports car and is based on the current 911 platform that debuted in 2005. With more than 40 years of road- and race-proven success, the 911 model line now features 15 variants to fulfill all sports car enthusiast whims, and as evidenced by a new 911 sales record in 2007, the iconic rear-engine sports car continues to thrill Porsche loyalists and dreamers. Porsche sold 12,493 911s in 2007, vs. 12,045 units sold in 2006.



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### **Porsche Trivia Fun**

What Connecticut city or town's 2006 Grand List (tax list) included more than \$1 billion in assessed values for automobiles? There were 2,337 cars worth more than \$50,000 and included 931 Porsches.

### **January's Trivia Answer**

"Parents Just Don't Understand" by DJ Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince



**DON'T FORGET VALENTINE'S DAY THIS MONTH !!**



# Porsche Parade 2008

June 28—July 3, 2008, Charlotte, North Carolina

Harvey Yancey (2008 Porsche Parade Chair) is asking for volunteers!! He tells us the following positions are currently available.

Hospitality Chair - This chair would be in charge of the Hospitality Room and will coordinate with the National Banquet Chair and the local Welcome Tent Chair and the Concierge Chair. More details are at this website: <http://www.pca.org/members/library/PPM/Section%209%20-%20Hospitality.pdf>

Concierge Chair - This is a new position for Parade 2008. This chair would be in charge a local group of volunteers that would serve as event 'ambassadors'. These ambassadors would provide information, insight, directions and hospitality for all event attendees at the Parade Concierge Desk at the Westin and as 'roving' ambassadors at all events. Think Field Trip Leaders ... ;)

Car Wash Chair - This chair will be in charge of the Car Wash to be situated at the Westin.

Contact Harvey Yancey at [Harvey.Yancy@microsoft.com](mailto:Harvey.Yancy@microsoft.com) or (704) 906-0343 directly if you are interested in any of the above positions.

Heritage & Historic Display Co-Chair – This person(s) will be the "right hand" for John Meek, H&H Chair, that will take responsibility for helping John with critical follow-up issues and split the on site management load with me during setup and the H&H Display hours. This is be a very critical and high visibility position.

H&H Display Volunteers (Parade Registrants) – These volunteers will act as 'tour guides' for the H&H display and will give visitors detailed information on each car in their area (probably 4 or 5 cars). These individuals will need to be able to do three hour shifts during the H&H Display hours and must be reliable!

H&H Display Volunteers (Non-Registrants) – This is your opportunity to participate in Parade if you are not planning on being an official entrant. These volunteers will take at least two, possibly three, three hour shifts during setup and the H&H Display hours.

Contact John Meek at [JMeek911@aol.com](mailto:JMeek911@aol.com) if you are interested in any of these positions.

*Be sure to register early.*

*As a friend once said to me "A Porsche isn't a possession but an Obsession"*



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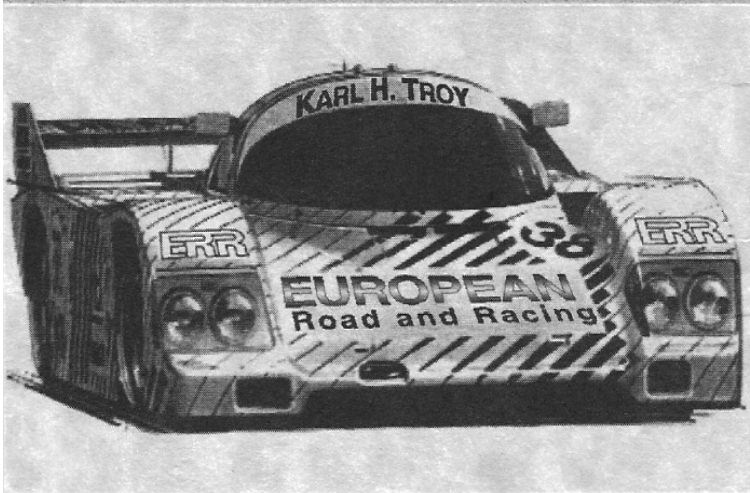
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### February

- 8th 48 hours at Sebring
- 15th TN Winterfest 2008
- 19th Monthly Meeting @ Easterby's  
Family Grille in West Ashley

### March

- 11th Monthly Meeting--TBA
- 18th WildernessTrail full course DE  
@ Virginia Int. Raceway

### 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.....

## *Palmetto Pipes*

215 Oak Circle  
Walterboro, SC 29488

*Monthly Meeting*  
February 19th , 7pm  
Easterby's Family Grille, West Ashley