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AUTOMETRICS DYNO DAY

Several members brought their Porsches to Autometrics Dyno Day in December. Although we didn't put "The Beast" (our 1982 928) on the machine Josh Stolarz did Dyno his 1986 928. Some other cars that participated were several 911's, including a Turbo, an Alfa Romero and Autometrics #14 Race Car. Of course the Autometrics race car topped everyone else and you should have heard that Turbo.

Many thanks to the Autometrics crew for opening their shop to us and showing us what kind of horsepower our cars are truly capable of. Thanks too for providing the burgers, dogs and other snacks and drinks. It's always enjoyable just to be around the Autometrics folks and our cars.

We also wish your luck in the up coming Rolex 24 hour race in Daytona. We're sure you'll make Porsche proud.



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From the Prez

Welcome to 2009 from the PCA Palmetto Board and the new president. Thanks to all of you for helping make 2008 a great success and another step towards bringing our club back. I'm proud to report our club is strong and happy to ask you to join with us in celebrating the entire year, our 40th year as the PCA Palmetto Region. We now have the 40th Anniversary Banner, provided to us by PCA National to hang at our meetings and events. If you plan to attend a race, "Parade", Concours, or other Porsche function, please feel free to hang the banner and proudly represent our club.

Last year was really fun and well attended thanks to all of you. From our local regular meetings, to our Saturday Breakfast meetings, to our Rally's, the National Parade in Charlotte and our Tail of the Dragon run. I can't think of which one I enjoyed best. We ended the year with the "Dyno Day" at Autometrics, which we also really enjoyed. It kind of reminded me of some of what really weaves the thread of our common bond. The sounds, purrs to roars, of the engine that started as a horizontally opposed air-cooled racer over 50 years ago, to the sweet smell of the oil, and the thrill of hearing our motors reach red-lines, while talking and sharing with friends. The Dyno was a great success. They tested cars from a golf cart to their Number 14, with HP ranging from 7 to over 400. What a contrast....

I thank you for your overwhelming support and for electing me as your new president. I won by a landslide, or maybe it was a mudslide. Anyway, I look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings or events. As our presidents past have often said, "it's not just the cars, it's the people," and from my years in the club it has really been the people that make our club great. We have a great group representing you on our board. Please look at the officer list and feel free to call or email anyone of us.

Ben Mieke

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

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Tentative Calendar of Palmetto PCA Events

All events are subject to change, look for confirmation of events in your upcoming newsletters or be part of the discussion at the next meeting. **BOLD printed items are confirmed PALMETTO PCA events.**

January

13th PCA Meeting @ Smokey's Bones (N. Chas)
17th Fl Crown Region DE @ Roebing
22-25th Rolex 24 at Daytona
31st Carolina Region DE @ CMP

February

7-8th SCR SCCA Autocross
Summerville High School
10th PCA Meeting @ Miyabi's, W.Ashley
21st Carolinas Region SWAP Meet
21-22nd FL Citrus Region DE @ Roebing
28th Irvin House Vineyard Tour & Wine tasting

March

10th PCA Meeting @ TBA
18-21st 12 Hours of Sebring
28th Dine & Drive to Eatery at the Depot, Branchville, SC
17-18th FL Citrus Region DE @ Roebing

April

4th Day on the Ashley
4th FL Crown Region DE @ Roebing
4-5th Autofair Carshow/SWAP meet (Charlotte)
14th PCA Dinner Meeting (Fondue! Yours, Mt Pleasant)
18th SCR SCCA Autocross Michelin Proving Ground,
Mountville SC
26th PCA Palmetto Rally for the Blind

May

2nd Dark Side DE @ Roebing
12th PCA Dinner Meeting (Gilligan's)
16th Dinner and Car show w/ Walterboro Cruisers
23-24th PCA Porsche fest – Asheville

June

9th PCA Meeting @ TBA
13th Welcome Home/Anniversary Party!
13-14th Coastal Empire DE @ Roebing
20th Rally to Harold's Steakhouse in Yemassee

July

12th BBQ & Pool party
14th PCA Meeting (Shem Creek Bar & Grill)
18th SCR SCCA Autocross Michelin Proving Ground

August

11th PCA Dinner Meeting (Sticky
Fingers Downtown Charleston)
23rd Dine & Drive to Land's End
Restaurant, Georgetown, SC

September

8th PCA Meeting @ TBA
12-13th FL Crown Region DE @
Roebing
18-20th Tail of the Dragon
26-27th SCR SCCA Autocross N
Charleston Coliseum

October

13th PCA Dinner Meeting @
Beef'O'Bradys
17th Oktoberfest
24-25th Coastal Empire DE @ Roebing

November

7-8th Dark Side DE @ Roebing
10th PCA Meeting @ TBA
20-22nd Palmetto PCA Myrtle Beach
Get-a-Way

December

5th Christmas party
8th PCA Meeting @ Baker Motor Co
13th Dinner and Festival of the Lights
**OTHER EVENTS IN THE WORKS
BUT NOT SCHEDULED ARE:**
Palmetto PCA Golf Outing
Porsche's & Puppies to James Island

Dog Park (benefit SCPA)
Meet/Rally to Charleston Tea Plantation
Lunch at Rockville

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Your site for current events and photos...

Jackie's Corner



Happy New Year to everyone. Can you believe that in less than 365 days it will be 2010? Remember when everyone was in a panic about Y2K? If I remember right weren't all our computers suppose to crash? Our bank accounts wouldn't be accessible and our ATM cards wouldn't work. Well now it is nearly a decade later, can you believe that? Where has the time gone? Where did 2008 go? I don't know about you but I'm at a lose to figure out where the year went. I do believe that as we age the time goes by faster.

Remember when we were in school and couldn't wait to graduate. We counted the years till that high school graduation. We were free. Now we look back each year and say, "Where did it go?" "What did we do?"

If your life is anything like ours its full of obligations, sports activities with our children, keeping up with our relatives, attending graduations, traveling and vacationing. Almost makes you wish you were a kid again doesn't it. Like 2008 the upcoming year holds a lot of stuff for Ken and I's household, many of which will include doing things with all our friends in the Porsche club as well as our friends in our local car club the Walterboro Cruisers. Of course anything we can do with our beloved Porsche is worth the time.

In 2008 we had a few club sponsored activities, but 2009 we want to do more and provide a little something for everyone. We are also asking for your help. It's been noted that our members prefer to get a mailed newsletter. We are working on making that a monthly possibility. *But we need your help.* We need to find more sponsors to help cover the costs. So if you know of a business or you're feeling generous and would like to help make this a reality, please contact one of our officers.

Enclosed in this issue you'll find a tentative calendar for the year. Please note that the dates are tentative dates and/or activities and only the bold colored dates are confirmed. And please feel free to let us know if you have an idea or would like to see the club do something. Our club can only continue to grow and flourish when **ALL** our club members provide input and activity ideas. So speak up let us know what you want to see us doing.

Remember: "It's not just the cars, It's the people" too.

ATTENTION MEMBERS WITHOUT A HOME COMPUTER!

To all our members that do not have a personal home computer and/or no access to a computer (Internet) at work please let me know. We'll be happy to mail one to you during our non-mailing months. It had come to our attention that some members could only be contacted via mail so please let us know. We want to keep *everyone* in our region advised of our on going activities.



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2009 PALMETTO REGION OFFICERS

This year we'll see a few new faces with our
Region Officers.

President:	Ben Meihe - new
Vice President:	Ken Dasen – new
Treasurer/Secretary:	Tuggy Mathisen
Co-Membership Chair:	Scott Hornsby - new
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Newsletter Editor:	Jackie Dasen
Webmaster:	Josh Stolarz*

*2008 National Website Award winner

Zone 3 Representative: Bob Saville - new
(Carolinas Region)
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Allan Cox has reached his term limit so Bob Saville
has happily stepped forward. He is the former
Carolinas Region President.

All our officers can be contacted via telephone or
email. Both are available on the website as well as
listed in the Officers Section of this newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2009 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

Meetings are the **SECOND** Tuesday of
each month at 7pm. Here are our
dates for 2009:

January 13th, February 10th,
March 10th, April 14th,
May 12th, June 9th, July 14th,
August 11th, September 8th,
October 13th, November 10th, &
December 8th

See our year's calendar for the meeting locations.
Meeting dates and locations are always posted on
our website so check it regularly as the locations
could change depending upon availability.



Porsche Trivia Fun

What famous actor's wife drove a green
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TECH TIP—911 Timing Chain Replacement by Kurt Williams

Changing the chains without splitting the case is not a easy thing to do but its much easier than I thought it would be.

What had happened to mine (69' r/s clone with a 77' 2.7) was that the previous owner of my motor had the chain guides in backwards and this caused the chains to flop around and caused the chains to stretch resulting in my right side tensioner wheel to rub the cam housing. After pulling off the exhaust I found that it looked near impossible to get the new chains around the crank gears since the gears are nearly impossible to see even with a mirror. After looking in every shop manual printed I could not find a procedure to change the chains without splitting the case. Although there was a few that said you could but just plainly said remove chains and reinstall new ones, and that did not help me figure out how to get them around the crank.

Here's what I did:

First thing is to remove the oil drain pan to have inside access to the left chain gear. Next was to remove the left side (driver) tensioner, wheels, cam gears, and guides. Oh yea make sure the engine is at TDC (Z1). Next step was to remove the chain by either grinding a random link or open the master link (if your chain was already replaced). I had one of each since my left side chain had been changed already. After opening the chain I used the master link from the new chain and connected it to the old one. Next step was to make a tool to slip in between the chain and the top side of the crank gear (I cut a piece of plastic 1-1/4" by 10" flat) My homemade tool looked like a ruler but was thinner and more flexible. I worked the plastic tool between the top of the crank gear and the old chain. Once the tool is inserted far enough I pulled the chain from the old end and with ease I pulled the old chain out while pulling the new one in place. Next was to disconnect the link which held the new and old chain together and connect the chain as intended making sure the center link of the double roller was in place and that the locking clip had the closed side facing engine rotation. The chain did however slip off the tool and fall behind the gear but without much difficulty I was able to put the chain back on the gear by using the oil drain pan passage for access to the gear from the inside, making sure the chain was on both sets of teeth. Next step was to put the left side together using new guides and putting in new hydraulic tensioners (which is a whole different animal). The correct way the guides go is to have the long end of the guide facing its nearest gear. When installing the ones that are in the case which use the through bolts make sure the little plastic clips lock in place or the guide will not be inline with the chain. Also remember that the right side inner lower guide is different from the rest but looks very similar. After putting it all together on the left side without the pin in the cam gear, I installed the tensioner wheel and tensioner by pushing up on the tensioner wheel letting the cam gear freewheel on the cam (no pin) while I took up the slack in the chain. I had the cam timing right in the ballpark since I never rotated the crank or the cam. The right side was done the same way and I didn't have to worry about the chain falling off the homemade plastic tool since the chain has no room to fall off in this side. After setting the cam timing I was ready to button it up.

All this took about 7 hours but if I had this info I could have done it in 5 hours or less. Also my camshafts don't have the dot which is supposed to face up at TDC which is noted in the cam timing procedure in most manuals. I found that the #911 stamped on the face is what is supposed to face up. I hope my experience with this helps someone out. For this article and more go to Pelican online (http://www.pelicanparts.com/techarticles/911_carrera_chain_tensioners/911_chain_replacement.htm).

40th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In case you didn't know 2009 marks our region's 40th Anniversary. At this time our officers are looking to organize a 40th Anniversary Welcome Home party in celebration of this great achievement. Since our inception occurred on May 23, 1969 and this year's May 23 just happens to be on a Saturday we are hoping to have our celebration on that same day but it looks like June might have the better date for logistical purposes. As more details become available on this event we will keep you posted via our website and the newsletter.

Members Corner

New Members:

Jennifer Foster Mills	2006 Carrera
George Geils Jr.	1968 911
Herman Porter	1987 911
James Tsakanikas	1999 996 C4

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



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PCA PALMETTO RALLY FOR THE BLIND

The Palmetto Region announces it's first "Rally For The Blind." The date for the event will be April 26th 2009. Starting Point will be in Charleston S.C. and finishing in Santee S.C. We are looking for entrants from all Porsche clubs and as registration fills we will be mating drivers up with navigators from members of the S.C. Commission For The Blind. A lunch and T-shirt will be included at the finish at Clark's restaurant in Santee. Entry fee's and form will be posted soon. In the meantime anyone looking to participate can call Kevin Small at 843-810-9956 or Scott Hornsby at 843-276-2367. This should be a great event for both the driver and blind navigators so please mark your calendar and sign up. Registration deadline will be March 31st.



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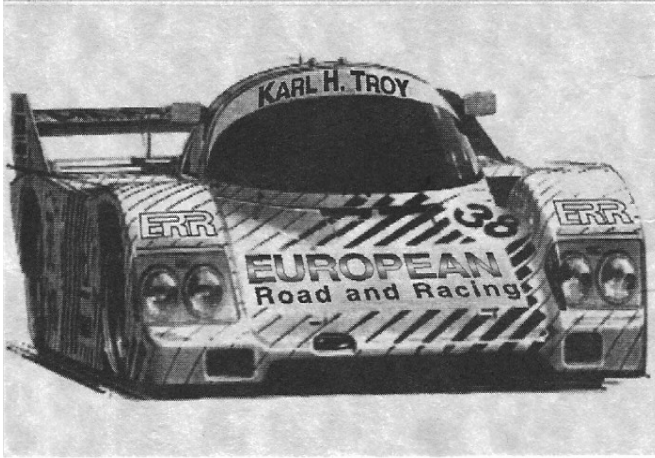
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Upcoming Events

January

13th Monthly Meeting @ Smokey Bones

22-25th Rolex 24 hour Race

(see page 3 for further events)

Saturday Breakfast

Join the gang for Saturday breakfast -held at the Sunflower Café on Hwy. 61 @ 8:00 (every Saturday). Come and Join us.....



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