

# PALMETTO PIPES

PALMETTO REGION

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## *From D' Prez*

*For those of you who couldn't make the PCNA Plant Tour on June 17th - Well, you missed seeing the new 911 Turbo. Wow~! If I only had \$110,000! The tour was great. I felt like a kid in a candy store. Our Thanks to the Carolina's Region for letting us join them for the tour. We had some sixty people for the tour. Pictures will follow.*

*Our June meeting at The Crab House went well. Thanks to Joe McCaully for his Tech Quiz. Alan Van Dorn has the honors for our July 11th meeting. Palmetto Brewery will host this meeting per Joe Carastro. (Directions below).*

*See y'all on the 11th.*

*Al Trego*

## *Next Meeting*

**at Palmetto Brewery!**  
**July 11th**

First of all, the meeting will begin **at 6:30 instead of our usual 7:00 PM.** There will be a tour of the Brewery, so don't be late!

The Brewery is located at **289 Huger St.**, in downtown Charleston. Go four blocks north of the Cooper River Bridge on Meeting Street. Turn left onto Huger; it is located about 2/3 of a block on the Left. There is off street courtyard parking for the early birds. **Food** will be served. Please be on time for the tour which begins promptly at 6:30 PM.

## **Tour of Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) Facility**

The tour of the PCNA Facility on June 17th proved to be a popular event for our Region as well as Carolinas Region, who were good enough to invite us to join them. A special thanks to PCNA for giving us the tour and to Carolina's Region.

We all gathered at the Facility near Charleston's Airport at 2PM and were welcomed by two of PCNA's employees who generously donated their time for the afternoon. We then split up into two groups and began the tour. Incidentally, our guide pointed out that the reason the PCNA Facility is located at the airport, is that Porsche originally intended to fly all the cars over from Germany. This eventually proved to be more expensive, as you might imagine, so they are all brought by ship. All cars bound for North America come through Charleston.

Our group was first shown the parking area where cars are taken off the trucks which bring them from the ships which bring them from Germany. They arrive covered in a wax like substance, cosmoline, for protection from the elements during their Atlantic crossing.

The first order of business is to remove the "wax". This is done by a washing and drying process. Once this is completed, a thorough visual inspection is given each car, including the underside. Following the 'visual', the engine is put on a dyno and is tested in all gears with the wheels on free spinning rollers. Upon completion, the car is taken outside and driven across a series of bumps to detect any unwanted sounds. If the car fails any of these inspections or tests, it is taken to the shops for corrective action. PCNA has the ability to replicate any work that is done at the factory in Germany, including painting.

Following the tour, we were taken to the warehouse, where maybe 100 cars including several of the new Turbo's were awaiting final processing before being shipped out to customers. Here, we were given time to just walk around and look at the new Porsches - and dream a little.

Even knowing Porsche's attitude toward quality, we were all impressed by the thoroughness and seriousness with which PCNA addresses its job of preparing The Marquee for the North American market!

Thanks again to PCNA for the tour!!

## **AUTOCROSS**



"You've read this before" category. Palmetto Region is continuing the search for autocross sites for PCA. If you know of a possible location, please contact one of the officers.

In the interim: We are welcome to participate in the SCCA Autocross Events. The July event will be held in **July**, on the **23rd** at **Berkeley Co-op in Moncks Corner**.

For more information, contact Jon Simmons at 572-3623 or our own Vice President Sam Kelly.

## **More From Dave Barry-**

### **"PROBLEMS THAT CAUSE YOUR CAR TO STOP"**

*"Generally these problems involve the engine, which is a large object you'll find under your hood, unless you live in a high-crime area. Open the hood and poke around among the wires with a screwdriver, or, if you have no screwdriver, the tip of an umbrella. Have somebody sit in the car. As you poke, yell "Try it now" or "Okay, try it now." This is how most professional mechanics solve engine problems. Before long you'll be fixing cars as well as they do, by which I mean about 30 percent of the time."*

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to all who have recently joined PCA! We extend to all new members a cordial invitation to attend our Palmetto Region meetings. Meetings are held monthly - generally on the second Tuesday of each month at different locations. Meetings are informal, mostly social occasions, and lots of fun!! Come join in!

**New member this month -**

**Bryan Ohning and Diane Goforth, Charleston - '85 928S**

**Robert Tedford and Barbara, Hilton Head - '70 911T**

**Julea & Kent Hartshorn, Summerville - '87 911**

## **Help bring in new members!!**

If you know someone who drives a Porsche but is not a member of PCA, invite him or her to join! "Pano" alone is

worth the cost of membership!! And, a special thanks to all of you who have helped bring in new members recently.



# Letters

*from Al Trego - Who?*

"It was nice to hear from Elliott Barrow last month. I didn't realize that he was a past President and "Competitor of the Year" in 1981.

Elliott and his family came to the PCNA Plant Tour.

It was fun to see everyone. Please bring photos to the July meeting. Oh yeah - Elliott and I think the "Prez" should get a new 911 Turbo for assuming the responsibility of this job - but only for the term.

Would the job of "Prez" be hard to fill? NOT! We might even hear from Tom Dougherty."

*If you have an interesting Porsche story to tell, **fact or fiction**, share it with the rest of us.*

## Competitor of the Year

Point Standings as of May

Sam Kelly	1100
Al Trego	990
Gordon Friedman	890
Dale Conrad	870
Joe Carastro	870
Bob Chick	830
Karen Friedman	730
Stan Turner	720
Christiane Conrad & Max	520
Tuggy Mathisen	510
Bill Via	470

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# COMING UP

**July 22-23** Car Guys Inc. On-track Driver Education at Roebing Road. Telephone: 800-800-4897

### SCCA Driver's Schools:

**Aug. 5** - Charlotte/CCR, 704-545-4266

### SCCA Calendar - Solo I

**Aug. 5-6** Talladega GPR/SEDiv

**Sept. 23-24** Skelly Field(Opp,AL)/SEDiv

**Call 404-928-4198**

### Alabama Region Driver's Education

Sept. 10, and Oct. 22 at Talladega Gran Prix Raceway. Contact Rick Teer evenings at 205-798-5404

## Visit Brumos Porsche

**August 8** Florida Crown Region (and guests) visit to Brumos Porsche in Jacksonville. Secured parking, speakers, giveaways, food and refreshments, Le Mans winner Hurley Haywood, and cars - the 914/6 GT which gave Brumos it first IMSA title, the 917, 935, and Supercar 911 Turbo - \$10 per person - For more information, contact Ken Perry at 904/292-3953 (Call before 10 PM)

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