

# the Palmetto Pipes



Palmetto Region

Porsche Club of America

March 1990

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1990

## APRIL FOOL RALLY



### BOARD REQUESTS AREA EVENT ORGANIZERS

The Board of Directors of Palmetto Region PCA wishes to encourage greater participation in events by all members. If you live in Savannah or Hilton Head, and would like to organize a social event, rallye or autocross in your area, please contact Tom Dougherty.

**CITADEL MALL PARKING LOT AT SEARS END**

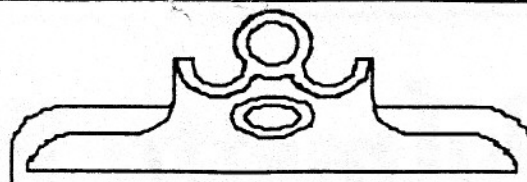
The season's first rallye gets on the road Sunday, April 1. The rallye will begin at the Sears end of the Citadel Mall parking lot (and where it ends, nobody knows). Registration will start promptly at 1:00 p.m., with the first car out

at 1:30. Entry fee is \$10 per car. This is an open event, and all members, family and friends are invited to participate. Rallymaster Tug Mathisen, promises an exciting, fun-filled event with spectacular prizes.

"Can you drive a

car?" Tug says, "then you, too, have a chance at a first place trophy in this event!"

Points will be given toward the coveted Red Baron and Competitor of the Year awards which are presented annually at the Christmas party.



## President's Page

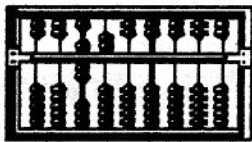
There were no events planned for February or March to give your Board time to make arrangements for the coming year. At this time we have an autocross series and a drivers' school planned. I will have more information on this in the next newsletter.

Our first event this spring is an April Fool's Day Rallye. This will be a good opportunity to get out and enjoy the fine weather we always have in April, and get to know some of the other club members. Tug Mathisen has assured me that if you can drive a car, you will be able to complete this rallye! After the rallye, we will probably get together for a drink and a snack at a local restaurant.

There are still some dates and events that have been left open to give you the members a chance to make some suggestions about what you would like to do this year. Please come out and support your club. We all faced many problems created by Hugo, and now is a good time to put some of that behind you, come out and enjoy yourself!

Don't let the club be another victim of the storm. We need your participation to survive and thrive.

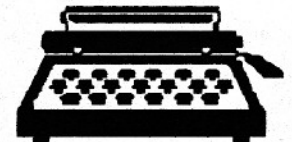
by Tom Dougherty, President



### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	2-1-90	\$949.80
Withdrawals		0.00
Deposits (Bank Refund of FDIC fee)		.67
Service Charge		2.19
Ending Balance	2-28-90	\$948.37

### Secretary's Report
















#### Topics Discussed:

- Board Meeting                      March 7, 1990
- \* Newsletter Ad Rates
  - \* Membership Recruiting Procedures
  - \* By-laws Amendments
  - \* Treasurer's Report
  - \* April Fool's Day Rallye
  - \* Technical Equipment Repair
  - \* Calendar of Events
  - \* Auto-X Series & Drivers' Schools
  - \* Ideas for Annual Multi-Region Event

by Tug Mathisen, Secretray/Treasurer

## KALENDAR

March	31		Southern Swap Meet and Road Atlanta Camel GT Norcross, GA (Information: 404/449-3146)
April	1		April Fool FUN Rallye Citadel Mall Parking Lot, 1:00 p.m.
	4		Palmetto Region Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Mathisen's residence, 49 Eton Road, Charleston, SC
	20-22		Spring Thing Autocross, Concours, Rally Maggie Valley, NC, Sponsored by Smokey Mtn Region (Contact Doss McConnell 615/482-3746)
	21		Montcrest Lawn Party and Fun Concours Laurens, SC, Sponsored by Carolinas Region (Contact W M McDaniel 803/984-5520)
	25-29		Walter Mitty Challenge Road Atlanta, Details to be announced
May	2		Palmetto Region Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Dougherty's residence, 16 Hidden Green Lane, Isle of Palms, SC
	20		Drivers' School and Autocross Time and Location to be announced
	25-28		Porsche at Indy Indianapolis, IN, Sponsored by Central Indiana Region
	26-27		Sun Fun Run, Two day autocross Columbia, SC
	27		Indianapolis 500 (CART PPG Indy Car) Indianapolis, IN, TV Coverage on ABC
June	24		Autocross Time and Location to be announced
	24-30		PCA Parade Week, Monterey, CA
July	22		Autocross Time and Location to be announced
August	19		Autocross Time and Location to be announced
September	8		Roebing Road Drivers' School, Details to be announced
	16		Autocross Time and Location to be announced
October	7		Autocross Time and Location to be announced
	6-7		Rockingham Autocross, Details to be announced
	25-30		Halloweenfest, Details to be arranged
November	10		Election nominations, Details later
December	1 OR 7		Annual Christmas/Awards party

 Denotes Palmetto Region events.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Clip and post in prominent place. **PARTICIPATE!**

## How Long Will Your Engine Last?

by Sam Kelly, Vice President

A critical and often overlooked area in any engine life is rod and crank stroke lengths which in turn determine rod angle. Stress and fatigue factors influencing engine longevity are integrally involved. Normally a crank stroke to rod length spread of 1.8 to 1.85 is considered a safe region. Porsche 911 2.7 L engine is 1.9; Porsche 911 2.0 L is 1.89. Rod angles are determined accordingly.

You should consider this factor when deciding which engine you want to autocross. You can check your favorite engine with this formula:

$$\frac{\text{Rod Length in Inches}}{\text{Stroke in Inches}} = \text{Longevity Factor}$$

Examples: Porsche 911 2.7 L = 5.5" / 2.77" = 1.98  
 Chevy 327 = 5.7" / 3.2" = 1.78  
 Chevy 283 = 5.7" / 3.0" = 1.90

*(ED. NOTE: after having applied the above formula to our 944 engine, we subsequently determined remaining engine life to be approximately 3.56 minutes. Quick, Fred! ease off the accelerator!)*

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## WELCOME, New Members



**Dr. Mark D. Beale** and affiliate **Sonya Bickley** are new to the Charleston area. Dr. Beale currently owns a black **1979 Porsche 911 SC Targa**, does his own routine maintenance, and has previously owned a couple of 914's.

**Dr. George F. Geils** and his wife **Mandy**, are the proud owners of a new **1990 silver 911 Coupe**. Their son, **George F. Geils, Jr.** also recently joined Palmetto region. He owns a tangerine **1968 911 Coupe**. The Geils family are residents of Charleston.

Owners of a brown **1981 911 Coupe** are **Joseph and Margaret McCauley**, long-time residents of Charleston. Joseph is an environmental engineer, whose primary Porsche interests are in drivers' schools and technical information, but who also has some experience in rallying and autocrossing.

Army officer **Claude B. Nolen III** recently acquired his first Porsche, a **RED 1984 944 Coupe**. Claude is a resident of Ft. Stewart, Georgia, and has joined Palmetto region along with his father, **Dr. C. B. Nolen, Jr.** They have expressed an interest in social and technical events of the club.

**Dr. Robert Owen** is a dentist from Richmond Hill, Georgia. He is the owner of a brown **1987 944 Turbo**, and has previously owned a 1984 944. Dr. Owen is also primarily interested in social and technical events of the club.

**Al Trego**, a long-time resident of Charleston, joined the club in January. Al owns a brown **1980 911SC**. This is his first Porsche. Al has expressed an interest in drivers' schools and social events of the club.

Attorney **Richard G. Wern** of St. George, South Carolina and affiliate **Nettie Crosby** have recently joined our region. Richard currently owns a red **1987 911 Slant-nose Coupe**, a **1989 911 Cabriolet Turbo**, AND a **1989 911 Speedster!**

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Running unopposed is one sure way of winning an election! Even though no choice was offered, I would like to thank all who cast their vote of confidence for this very challenging position of membership chairperson.

We, the Board members, are putting our heads together to devise and implement creative new methods to increase the numbers on our club roster. We are planning a 1990 calendar of interesting and fun-filled events. So that being an active member of the Palmetto Region Porsche Club will prove to be not only socially rewarding, but also technically enlightening.

I am really looking forward to meeting and greeting new faces, and together we will all enjoy one another and our mutual appreciation of our treasured Porsches!

**Marianne Truss, Membership Chairman**



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Portia Dearie, I am desparately in need of your advice. As you know, the new Porsche Carrera 2 is now on the market. They say it is without doubt the *fastest* Porsche on the road. Tell me, should I buy one now, or wait awhile?  
*South Carolina Speed Demon.*

Dear *SC Speed Demon*, if it is truly your desire to own a new Porsche Carrera 2, I suggest you purchase one *immediately*, as they are likely to go *very fast!*

Yours truly, Portia Dearie.