

PALMETTO PIPES

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MARCH 1992

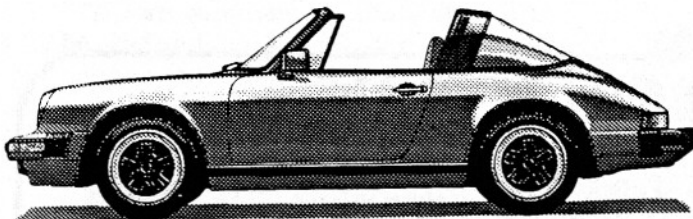


PRESIDENTS CORNER



Well, it appears that the Palmetto Region is off to a great start so far this year!! The PCA National meeting here in Charleston was a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who helped me with this event. I've just received a note from PCA National President Bert Miseric thanking the Palmetto Region for a very successful weekend. It looks as if they would like to come back to Charleston. I attended the general meeting on Saturday. There were no barn burning issues. Special Committee reports and zone rep's reports consumed most of the meeting. Our zone rep -Dave Lumpkin- gave me a breakdown of the topics discussed. These reports will be available at the March meeting for those who desire to read them. We are including a list of zone 3 events for 1992 in this issue of the Palmetto Pipes. Dave Lumpkin has asked me to form a committee to review the BYLAWS. If you have an interest, please call me as we need to get started on this project right away.

Spring is almost here. We will start up our Autocross and Rally events soon. If you're a member, and have not participated in any events, you just don't know what you are missing!! BE ACTIVE!! Get to know your fellow PORSCHE friends. Hope to see you at an event this year!!



AL TREGO
PRESIDENT

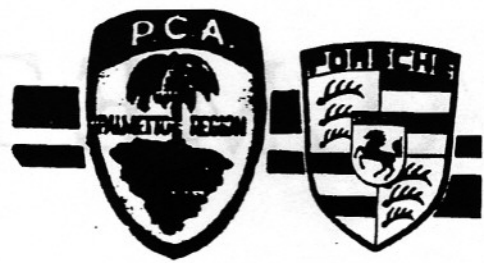
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TREASURER'S REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	\$1704.51
WITHDRAWALS (STAMPS, EXPEN.)	85.68
DEPOSITS	100.00
SERVICE CHARGES	2.87
ENDING BALANCE 1/31/92	\$1715.85

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- MARCH 10: PCA MEETING - 7:00 pm
SIGI'S SCHNITZELHAUS
- MARCH 15: AUTOCROSS
CHARLESTON AFB
TECH: 9:00am
RACE: 10:00am
- MARCH 21: 12 HOURS OF SEBRING
IMSA CAMEL GT will be
running in Sebring, FL
- APRIL 4: TECH SESSION - 2:00pm
CAR CARE (WASH & WAX)
87 NIGHTINGALE MANOR
767-2801
- APRIL 10-12: SPRING THING
SMOKY MOUNTAIN REGION
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- APRIL 11-12: ROAD ATLANTA
PEACHSTATE REGION
BILL HARP 404-237-7008
- APRIL 11-12: DRIVERS ED. SCHOOL
CAR GUYS
703-772-1517
- APRIL 14: PORSCHE MEETING (TBA)
- APRIL 19: AUTOCROSS
CHARLESTON AFB
TECH: 9:00am
RACE: 10:00am
- APRIL 24-25: PORSCHE DERBY
KENTUCKY REGION
KEN DAURGHTY 502-451-3425
- APRIL 26: IMSA GT AND SUPER CAR RACE
ROAD ATLANTA

THANK YOU!!!!

On behalf of the Palmetto Region, and the National Executive Board we would like to thank Steven and Joanie Harth for opening their home for the cocktail party. Everyone had a wonderful time and we couldn't have done it without you. **THANK YOU!!**

We would also like to thank Charlie Weaver of Porsche Cars North America for spending his very early sunday morning giving us a tour of the plant. It's like going into a candy store. You want one of everything. **THANK YOU CHARLIE!!!**

Last but most definitely not least. We would like to thank Al and Deborah Trego for opening their home to us at our last PCA meeting. We all know that it takes hard work to organize a large function but it took several months of planning, phone calls, following up, then putting out those last minute fires. Al you did an outstanding job on the Winter Executive Board Meeting. Deborah, I know it must have been very difficult at times listening and doing those little errands for Al and the club. **THANK YOU!!**

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A U T O C R O S S

Thanks to the efforts of Dale Watson and Col. Steve Wilson we finally have an autocross location. These events will be held at the Charleston Air Force Base. In cooperation with the USAF MWR (Morale, Welfare & Recreation) Department we have scheduled five autocrosses and possibly a Gymkhana with a Thanksgiving theme for the season finale. We have extended an open invitation to the BMW Club for these events. The BMW club has offered to supply door prizes or awards. The first autocross will be for Porsche & BMW club participants only. After that it will be open to Air Force Personnel.

We will use SCCA rules to classify the cars. Each car will be teched for classification and safety. Each driver is required to:

- (1) Sign a release form.
- (2) Pay \$5.00 for an entrance fee.
- (3) Wear a crash helmet.



There will be a limit to the number of entrees. The MWR department will arrange concessions for the second and future events, however for our first autocross you may bring your own coolers but NO ALCHOL WILL BE PERMITTED!!

An autocross committee will be created. Volunteers are needed to be responsible for organizing and working these events. Please contact me (Gordon Friedman) at 763-6740 ASAP!

The dates are: March 15; April 19; May 17; Sept. 13; Oct. 18; and possibly Nov. 15 for Gymkhana.

TECH: 9:00 AM
RACE: 10:00 AM

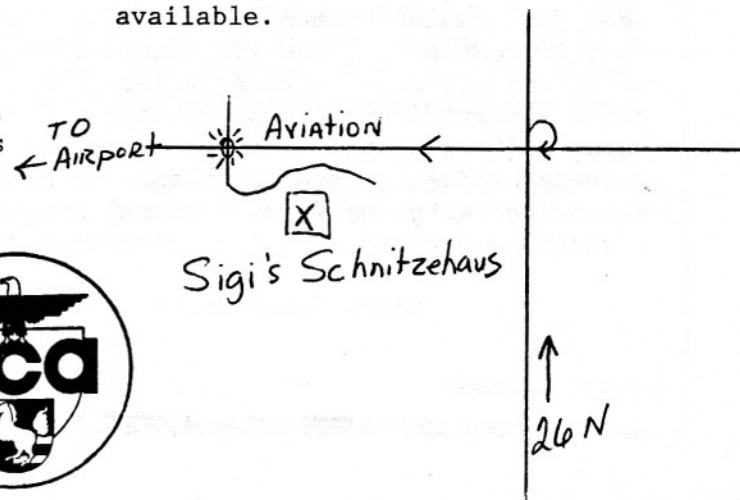
GORDON FRIEDMAN
763-6740

PCA has announced that they will be refunding \$1.50 per registered member to each region. They balanced the books and had a surplus of \$45,000.



Porsche North America announced that they are making arrangements for a PORSCHE CREDIT CORPORATION. Porsche will have their own finance company. More details will follow as it comes available.

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday the 10th. This month we will mee at Sigi's Schnitzelhaus for dinner and a general meeting. 7:00pm, we'll order off the menu and have a great time. FOLLOW THE MAP TO THE RIGHT.



**THE WEEKEND THE NATIONAL BOARD
CAME TO CHARLESTON**

Charleston was chosen for the National Executive Council meeting by the National Board of officers with Bert Misevic as presiding president. This event was held at the Hawthorne Suites on February 14th in downtown Charleston. With the Palmetto region as hosts, and Al and Deborah Trego doing a fantastic job of coordinating all the varied events; it came off with perfection and grace. The schedule included a stay at Hawthorne Suites, a cocktail party at the Harths residence, followed by dinner at the Chef and Clef Resturant.

Starting the gala event was a cocktail party at the home of Steven and Joanie Harth, which just happened to be in historic Ansonborough in the heart of Old Charleston. The house, an authentic Charleston Single House in one of the quaint old historic areas of town, was an absolute beauty to behold. All arrived at the Harths for wine and hors'd'oeuvres including President Bert Mesivic and his entourage of some eighty people. Also many Palmetto Region members attended. Thanks to Steven and Joanie, all thoroughly enjoyed the food and conversation. I ran into our national technical committee person for 911's, Bruce Anderson and found him to be friendly and helpful with my questions on performance chips for Porsche's.

Next the dinner. Thanks to the rain holding off, we all walked over two or three cobblestone streets to the Chef and Clef restaurant on Market Street. Having dinner was a good time for all and thanks to Nancy Kelly for the mementoes of Charleston found at each persons place at the table. Al Trego, acting as host (and birthday boy) took to the microphone and introduced Bert Mesivic and other special guests for some post dinner comments and thanks. Bert also introduced the new 1992 National Appointments including all zone representatives. All had a wonderful time in Charleston and many came early or stayed over for tours and carriage rides. A special thanks to members who helped make our first National event a whopping success.

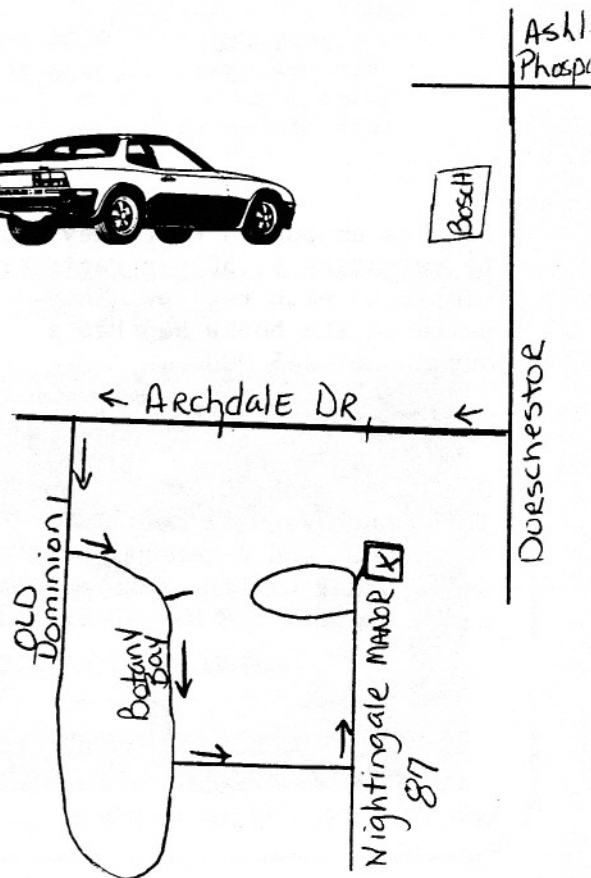
SAM & NANCY KELLY



TECH SESSION

CAR CARE

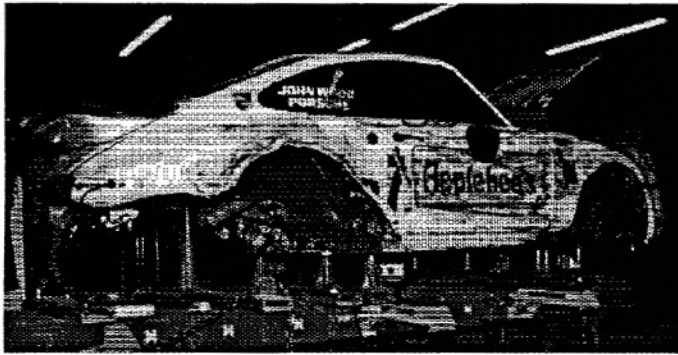
Spring is here, so that means it's time to begin thinking about cleaning your Porsche. On Sat. April the 4th, we'll have a car care tech session on washing, waxing and detailing your car. I'll cover everything from the tires to the roof. I'll show you all the do's and dont's that I have learned. Bring the family and come on out, join the fun. Socializing starts at 2:00pm with the car care at about 3:00pm. After the tech session we'll all caravan to dinner. Location will be announced at the tech session with a raffle on mileage. Follow the map below.



Porsche 911 Turbo Supercar

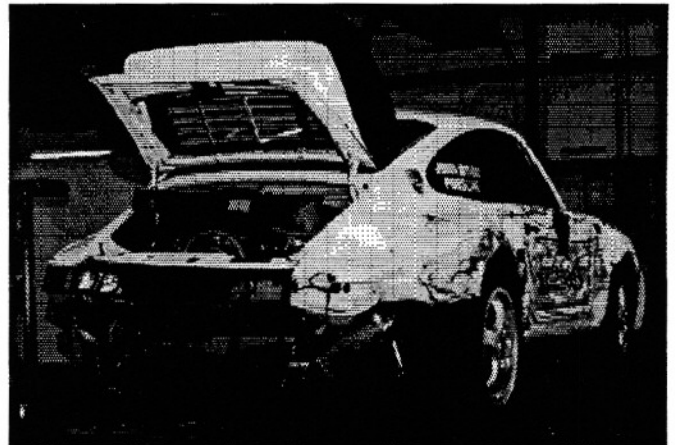
(Part 2)

Pre-season testing of the John Wood Porsche Supercar was proceeding on schedule at Roebing Roads near Savannah, Georgia when disaster struck. On the front straight-away, a fluke brake problem occurred, resulting in the loss of hydraulic pressure in the braking system. The driver pumped the brakes in a vain attempt to restore hydraulic pressure but at the end of the straight he wrenched the steering wheel hard to left to scrub off speed and slammed the right side of the car into the tire barrier. The impact speed is unknown, but the car was clocked at 147 on the straight. The car came to a rest on top of the 10 foot high tire barrier. The driver was briefly knocked unconscious but was unhurt except for a few broken fingers caused by kickback through the steering wheel, a testimony to the extra strength built into the roll cage. The frame, however, was badly twisted, with the rear suspension pickup points pushed up and forwards. The force transferred through the frame knocking the front pickup points out of alignment also.



The remains of the car were returned to Charleston where the engine and body were separated. The engine, which was relatively unharmed except for the exhaust and a few minor pieces, was returned to John Woods dealership in Princeton, New Jersey. The structural repair was done by Rod Kollars and the body and paint by John Halicjek and Guy Talent at Auto Specialties in Ladson with Stan Turner taking care of the mechanical details. First, the frame was straightened by Rod with Cellette frame straightening jigs custom made for the 1991 911 Turbo. After the frame was in perfect alignment, the paint and bodywork began. This consisted of cutting away the right rear quarter panel and welding a new piece into place, replacing the passenger door, front right fender and front and rear bumpers. The final trim work, touchup and assembly was completed at Rennsport Charleston. The decals were removed from the body revealing a section of bare metal on the

drivers door which had been caused by a torch getting too close when the roll cage was being fabricated. This was added to the list of things to be repaired. While the bodywork was being done, Stan compiled a list of all of damaged or broken parts and a list of necessary spare parts. The list included the driver's seat, suspension and brake parts, exhaust and miscellaneous other parts.



The final bodywork touchup and assembly were completed by John and Guy the weekend of the *Rolex 24 at Daytona* and the car was picked up by the Tom Milner caravan returning to Virginia with Applebee's Spice Chevrolet GTP car following the race in Daytona. After two trips by Stan to Winchester, Virginia, the engine has been re-installed. The pre-race testing consisted of Stan driving between the dealership and the local airport on local roads with the car in full race colors!

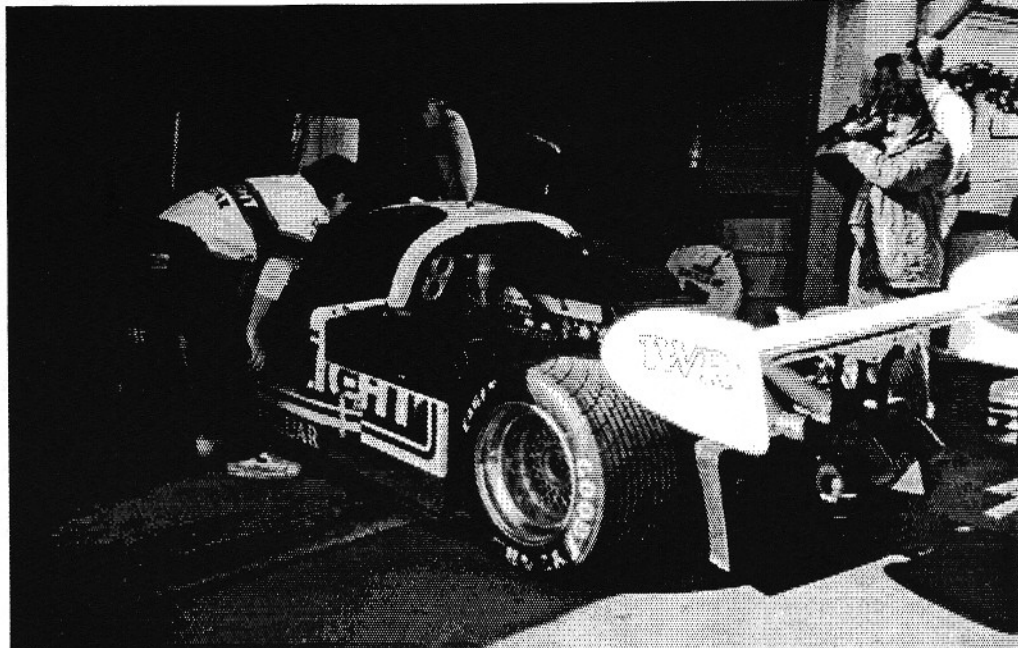
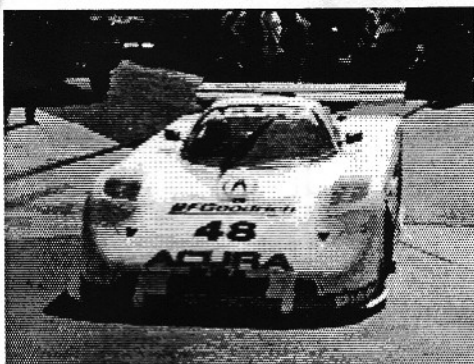
The car qualified on the front row in the season opening Supercar race February 23 in Miami, Florida driven by Jeff Purner. Unfortunately, the car was hit twice in the rear on the pace lap by the same driver and was out of the race before the green flag. The second hit knocked the Porsche into the tire-wall and it flipped up onto a Corvette. Jeff Purner was hospitalized with a fractured vertebra and a protest has been lodged against the driver of the corvette that hit the Porsche. The race was filmed and should be on Cable in the near future so keep your eyes open.

The car has been returned to Charleston where it is once again undergoing the repair process. The car should be ready for the April 26 race at Road Atlanta

Gaines P. Carter

Zone 3 Event Calendar
1992

Feb 22-23	Roebbling Road	Florida Citrus Frank Goyco, PO Box 1696 Oviedo, FL 32765
Mar 14	Talladega Gran Prix	Alabama Mike Basham (205) 991-5358
→ Apr 10-12	Spring Thing	Smoky Mountain Tom McConnel (615) 482-3746
Apr 11-12	Road Atlanta	Peachstate Bill Harp (404) 237-7008
Apr 24-26	Porsche Derby	Kentucky Ken Daughty (502) 451-3425
May 1-3	Memfest	Mid South Steve Fry (901) 767-2318
May 16	Talladega Gran Prix	Alabama Mike Basham (205) 991-5358
→ May 30-31	Sun Fun Run	Carolinas Gordon Langston (803) 736-5810
Jun 6-7	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Blue Ridge Mickey Dowling (703) 774-9301
Jun 13-14	Summit Point (1st Club Race)	Potomic Ed Nork (703) 527-1006
Jul 19-25	Parade, 92	San Diego
Sep 4-6	Rennfest	Peachstate Greg Jones (404) 242-9773
Sep 12	Talladega Gran Prix	Alabama Mike Basham (205) 991-5358
Oct 17	Covered Bridge Rally	Alabama Mike Basham (205) 991-5358
Nov 13-15	Roebbling Road	Historic Sports Car Races
Nov 21-22	Road Atlanta	Peachstate Bill Harp (404) 237-7008



DAZE OF DAYTONA

