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PORSCHE DRAGON SLAYERS: 944

By: "The Bullet" (944)/Jackie Dasen)

Okay folks I was told by my driveway buddy, 928, that I had to do a story on the Tail of the Dragon trip. Not sure about this narrative stuff so here goes. I've been told this trip is not to be missed. Though I've been warned that we might encounter some slow pokes so if anyone's got a push bar you might want to mount it.

As for the turns I can only imagine. I've been practicing on our "little" Wal-mart turn here in town. But from what I've been told it's cake compared to the Dragon. Hey speaking of Dragon's anyone know anything about them? Or how many different kinds there are? From what I could find out Dragons are legendary creatures normally with serpentine or reptilian traits and are featured in the myths of worldwide cultures. The two most common types are the European ones and the Oriental ones. Bet my buddy 928 didn't know this fact about them, they are completely unrelated. Not that he really cares, nor do I.

If I could take a guess I'd have to say the Dragon we're going to slay is more of an Oriental one. Their tails and bodies are more curvy and squiggly like. More snake like, yuck. Modern Dragons are shown with bodies like huge lizards or a snake like body with two pairs of lizard type legs. The European Dragon had bat-type wings growing from their backs. Either way I doubt that the mythical Dragons were made of concrete. Though I do understand that they could fly and spit fire. As Porsche's I think we can **fly** on the pavement and it would be recommended that we not go airborne. Now the fire part I'd rather not think about. That wouldn't be a good thing for a Porsche unless we were leaving flames behind our tires as we burned up the pavement. Now that could be fun, that we could do.



Anyway enough of the Dragon history lesson lets get ourselves ready for this awesome trip. First get your owner to make sure your tires are in good shape then make sure everything is mechanically sound. If you're really nice your owner might take a few hours and spiff up your inside too. Of course we've got to be all prettied up on the outside too. So get your owners working on getting you ready.

Oh yeah and I was told to make sure we all whisper in their ears on the drive up there not to dilly dally Saturday morning because us Porsche's are going to do some Dragon slaying. See ya soon Porsche buddies, The Bullet.



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The Prez's Message,

We had a great meeting at the Porters'. It was a beautiful sunny beach day and their hospitality was even better. The ocean breezes, with a hint of salt in the air, and a touch of our seasonal moisture rich air (humidity), what a great typical beach day. The venue was spectacular, perfect picnic at the beach fare, bar-b-q, grille-roasted corn on the cob, cole slaw, watermelon, and more, plus an array of Porsches in the driveway of a world-class beachfront home. It wasn't heaven. It was a PCA Palmetto monthly meeting. A real treat. Thanks again, Michele and Herman.

Just a couple of weeks ago I was reminded of our heritage, our 40th year at PCA Palmetto. Again we're reminded of the big events of 1969, the moon landing, Woodstock and PCA Palmetto, to mention just a few of the big ones. Last month was the 40th anniversary of Woodstock, so I picked up the collectors DVD, mostly for the memories of the great music, bell bottoms (did we really wear them), tie-die shirts, and the culture of my college years (wow what did our parents think). What a treat, in the first several minutes of the documentary, as the tractors were prepping Max Yasgar's farm, as the stages and speaker towers were going up, before the bands got there, before the VW Micro buses, VW hatch backs, the Hippies, Freaks, the crowds got there, what did they show, a Porsche 911 with chrome steel wheels and baby moons rolling by the pastures and fields winding up the country roads to Woodstock. Maybe this was what inspired Janis. This original historic footage is just another reason to celebrate our cars and our historic events.

This month we'll prime ourselves for the upcoming trip to Deal's Gap, Tail of the Dragon, with our meeting at Bushido's, a Japanese Restaurant, with great sushi, and a "Dragon Roll" on the menu.

Hope to see you there.

Ben

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

2009 MYRTLE BEACH PORSCHE RALLY WEEKEND

Looking for an October weekend getaway that's not too far from home. Mark off **Saturday, October 17** and **Sunday, October 18th** and head on up north to spend a fun weekend with our Myrtle Beach friends. I for one have already marked it on our calendar.

This year's headquarters is once again at the oceanfront Myrtle Beach Hilton Resort located in the Kingston Plantation area of Myrtle Beach. A block of rooms has been reserved and a special rate will apply and will be published as soon as its known.

The two-days of activities will begin with everyone arriving at the hotel by noon on Saturday. That afternoon there will be a fun Gimmick Rally. For those that haven't done one before it's a low-keyed event that doesn't require any previous rally experience. Like last year the country roads around Myrtle Beach should provide a lot of rally fun.

Saturday evening will kick off with a social hour at the hotel followed by a dinner. During dinner we'll share our rally experiences and congratulate our winners. The Planning Committee is still working on Sunday morning's activity. Rest assured there will be a special outing before you head back home.

As more details become available they'll be posted on our website and/or Forum. Make sure to check the forum if you don't see anything on the home page. If you've questions please contact Rocky Holliday at rholliday@holliassoc.com or you can contact me and I'll be more than happy to get your questions answered the best I can. Hope to see a lot of you there.

SOMETHING GERMAN "2009 BEST DRIVER'S CAR"

Porsche Press Release

ATLANTA: - August 31 2009 – Motor Trend Magazine has chosen the Porsche Cayman S as the "Best Driver's Car" for 2009. Additionally, the Cayman was also picked by British car journal Auto Express as "Best Sports Car" in their New Car Awards 2009. In both cases Porsche's mid-engine coupe won over experts with its driving dynamics, precision, feedback and response.

Featuring PDK (Porsche Doppelkupplung), Porsche's Double-Clutch Gearbox, the Cayman S impressed Motor Trend on both regular roads and the race track, making its way to the top against nine other thoroughbred sports cars. The test team included select members of the Motor Trend staff as well as two professional race drivers – Randy Pobst and Massimiliano "Max" Angelelli.

With its circulation of 1.1 million copies and 7.6 million readers, Motor Trend, and internationally renowned magazine, is acknowledged as one of the leading car magazines in the USA.

Auto Express, the British car journal, was equally clear in emphasizing that the Cayman leads the sports car scene with unrelenting efficiency. The title of "Best Sports Car" was won with the ultimate blend of traction, balance and agility. Apart from the characteristic sound of the boxer engines, the testers also lauded the practical qualities of the Cayman with its two luggage compartments and large tailgate.

Auto Express is the best-selling car journal in Great Britain.

Along with the Porsche Boxster, the newest generation of the Cayman has been available since February of this year. Its newly-developed six-cylinder boxer engine provides exceptional fuel economy and performance – 320 horsepower delivered by the 3.4-liter power unit in the Cayman S and 265 hp from the 2.9-liter engine in the Cayman. Both models are EPA rated at 29 mpg highway and both fulfill the strict EU5 emission standard in Europe and the ULEV standard in the USA.



Deals Gap History

(Information obtained from Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

Deals Gap is a portion of US Route 129 in Blount County, TN. The name also lends itself to a small unincorporated community and motorcycle resort situated in a gap in Swain County, NC. The community is located along US 129 at the Tennessee state line and unofficially has a population of 6, which is posted on their welcome sign. Deals Gap's approximate elevation is 1760 feet above sea level.

Driving enthusiasts swarm to this popular and internationally famous destination because of its two-lane stretch of road known as the "**Tail of the Dragon**". The stretch of road consists of 318 curves within 11-miles. Some of the "Dragon's" sharpest curves have names such as Copperhead Corner, Hog Pen Bend, Wheelie Hell, Killboy Corner, Mud Corner, Sunset Corner, Gravity Cavity, Beginner's End and Brake or Bust Bend.

As most would guess the road gained its name because of its resemblance to a dragon's tail. In North Carolina the actual street name is "Tapoco Road" and in Tennessee it's "Calderwood Highway". An 11-mile stretch of the road is the southwestern border of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with no development along it, eliminating the danger of vehicles pulling out in front of those in the right of way. A majority of the road travels through forested areas with a few scenic overlooks and pull-off points.

Prior to 1992 the posted speed limit on the Dragon was **55mph**. In 2005 it was reduced down to **30mph**. Remember there is a well-documented presence of law enforcement on the Tennessee portion, dramatically increasing each year.



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PORSCHE PRESS RELEASE EXCERPT

PORSCHE TEAMS SURVIVE RACE-DAY CRASHES AT MOSPORT TO ADVANCE TOWARDS 2009 AMERICAN LE MANS SERIES GT2 CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOWMANVILLE, Ontario – August 30 – The two Porsche 911 GT3 RSR teams were involved substantial track incidents today at Mosport International Raceway, but yeoman work by the Farnbacher Loles racing and Flying Lizard Motorsports crews, along with the stout Weissach – built 911 racing chassis help Porsche march closer to its overall goal – another American Le Mans Series championship.



For the Patrick Long (USA) and Joerg Bergmeister (Germany) Flying Lizard Porsche, it was a three-way shunt caused by a prototype cutting of the BMW racer ahead of Patrick, causing the BMW to slam on the brakes unexpectedly, and the Lizard Porsche ploughed into the back of the BMW.

“The accident we got into near the beginning of the race would have put us out in any other car. A prototype cut off the BMW, and I was so close I didn’t even get a chance to brake. I hit him full on, and I radioed in and told the crew that I had major damage – to empty out the parts bin. But when I came in, it was only superficial damage; the crew made short work of the repair and I was on my way. The strength of the GT3 RSR chassis saved our day,” said Long.

The pair was unable to run with the Corvette/Ferrari fight for the race lead after the extra pit stop, and a subsequent ill-timed yellow flag, but finished a credible fifth place to retain their 31-point GT2 championship points lead of the Kaffer/Melo Ferrari, which finished second. The winning Magnussen/O’Connell Corvette was the first win for their new GT2 effort, but they are not in the points chase.



Porsche maintains a 140 – 107 lead over Ferrari in the manufacturers point.

The other Flying Lizard Porsche, the Johannes van Overbeek/Darren Law entry, which also had to start at the back of the pack due to Law’s Saturday racing commitments, finished seventh in the GT2.

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Want to do something different with that boring old chicken? Try adding a German twist the next time by making Wurzfleisch. This dish is an East German HO Gaststaette recipe for chicken and gravy.

The name “Wurzfleisch” is used in many different meat dishes including beef, pork and chicken. Simply meaning spiced meat. In this case the meat is boiled with spices before being put into a tasty non-dairy gravy. For most people broiling a little cheese on top enhances the dishes appeal.

PREP TIME: 1 hour COOK TIME: 30 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

*******MEAT*******

2 chicken breasts or pieces to make 1 lb	2-3 broth or water
2 stalks celery, sliced	1 carrot, chopped
2 stalks parsley	1 bay leaf
1 tsp whole allspice	1 tsp whole peppercorns
salt if using water	

*******SAUCE*******

2 T butter	3 T brown rice flour or regular flour
½ cup white wine	2-3 T lemon juice

1 tsp Worcester sauce

*******EXTRA*******

1 c grated cheese, 4 oz (Gruyere or Emmentaler)
puff pastry crust (optional) or
pie crust (optional)

*******PREPARATION*******

Place all **MEAT** ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Simmer for one hour or until meat is cooked through. Remove meat from broth and cool.

Pour the broth through a sieve, discard solids and retain broth for sauce.

To make the sauce, melt the butter in a saucepan, sprinkle the flour over the butter and cook, stirring for one to two minutes. Do not brown the flour. Add 3 cups of the strained chicken broth, a little at a time, stirring after each addition to avoid lumps. Bring to a boil to thicken.

Add the white wine, Worcester sauce, lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste.

Remove the cooled meat from the bones and chop into ½ inch cubes. Return meat to sauce (or gravy) and heat through.

Place the meat and sauce in a casserole dish or individual ramekins, sprinkle with cheese and place under the broiler for several minutes, until cheese forms a nice crust. Be careful not to overfill the dishes, because the sauce can easily boil over the edge while in the oven.

This is traditionally served with toast points. You may also choose to put a crust on it in the form of puff pastry or die dough.



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TECH CORNER:

Clean Wheels & Tires

Tires are the most important part of your vehicle. Besides having to support the automobile's weight, your tires struggle to provide pivotal braking friction to bring you to safe stops. Because of the massive amount of force constantly being placed on your tires, the heat created by braking is tremendous, generating a substance called brake dust. Brake dust is a combination of adhesive carbon fibers and tiny metal shavings, which can splash onto your lower molding, tires or undercarriage. Brake dust is a highly corrosive, unsightly contaminant that can cause pitting of the wheels. The best way to prevent this damaging agent from ruining your wheels is by cleaning frequently using the best products and techniques. In this article we will discuss not only proper wheel cleaning, we will also show you how to transform your tires into glossy, black, rubber jewels.

Suggestions for Success

Try to think of tires as shoes for your vehicle. Both are typically coated with rubber, and both tend to finalize any outfit you are wearing. While you might don a shirt and slacks, your vehicle wears wax and sealant to keep itself protected and looking sharp. All differences in your wardrobe aside, you and your car share something important in common – you depend on supple, reliable rubber to keep your feet on the ground. Walking in dirty, worn, untied shoes isn't just a bad fashion statement - it's a danger to you and those around you. Your car can't afford to take such chances, as properly cared for tires can mean the difference between life and death. The techniques you are about to learn will keep your tires and wheels in good working order.

1. **The Penny Test.** Always pay attention to the condition of your tires. If you notice a dramatic thinning of the tread, it may be time to replace the tires. To test a tire's reliability, take a penny and place it in between the barest part of your tires treading. If you can see most of Lincoln's head, you should invest in a safer, fuller tire.
2. **Match Your Shoes.** Driving on a set of four, symmetrical tires isn't just stylish - it's the safest way to ensure that all of your tires are working against equal pressure. Even if you are aware of this problem, and have a set of the same tires, be sure to check the amount of wear on them. Worn tires should be rotated with the less worn ones to promote the same level of wear on all tires. To take your safety a step further, outfit your tires with Tire Check Valve Caps. These handy devices alert you when your tires have lost a dangerous amount of pressure with an easily readable green or red marker.
3. **Make a Statement.** Face it: You want your tires to say to onlookers, *'these wheels will keep on rolling.'* Wheels come in a variety of sizes and designs and can be customized. The first step to making your rims impress onlookers is to use a quality gel cleaner like DP Gel Wheel Cleaner to clean and restore the wheel and tire surface. This product works hard to make your job easy, and is a good choice to clean the wheel before following up with wheel wax.
4. **Brush, Brush, Brush!** Tires and rims cannot be cleaned with the same brushes, because rubber and chrome or aluminum have very different needs. A stiff brush that may be good on dirtier wheels could scratch delicate rims. Be careful in your brush selection. The Green Short Handled Wheel Brush is a good, gentle brush that will be great for rims that are regularly cleaned. For areas that could use stiffer bristles, a New England Wheel Brush is the answer. Its design is perfect for removing grime from between spokes and grooves. The resilience of rubber makes it tough to clean with soft brushes, so don't be afraid to scrub hard with a Mothers Contoured Tire Brush to remove contaminants from this area.
5. **Listen to your Mother.** Roughcast aluminum and chrome wheels are durable, and a sight to behold when properly treated. Light reflecting off of an intricately constructed set of chrome rims can be as dazzling as a 4th of July spectacle. However, coated, painted or anodized wheels cannot be combined with the strong cleaners suitable for chrome and aluminum. Mother's Wheel Mist All Wheel Cleaner can be used safely on all types of wheels to bring out a genuine glow, but if you want to enliven your chrome, go with Mother's Chrome/Wire Wheel Cleaner.
6. **A Routine Clean.** Cleaning your tires should be systematic and efficient. Devise a routine that will allow you to clean one set of tires at a time. Doing this will help you concentrate your cleaning efforts while allowing you to finish the job before your product dries prematurely. Work on one side at a time and you should never have this problem. Also, be sure to wash off your tires completely with a thick stream of water. For optimum cleansing, dry off immediately with la Cobra Microfiber Detailing Cloth. This helps remove any additional contaminants that you might have missed while

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scrubbing and spraying. The cleaner your tires are, the better prepared they are for a final dressing with Pinnacle Black Onyx Tire Gel.

7. Doing Wheelies. Wheel wax will bring back the original radiance of your wheels, and protect them from troublesome brake dust adhesion. Wheel waxes apply just like car wax – wipe them on with an applicator pad and buff the wheel with a microfiber towel. DP Wheel Glaze or Wheel Wax are excellent protectants to place on your wheels, and should keep them safe and cleaner far longer than without. This is because most of what contributes to soiling your wheels is the brake dust adhesion. Therefore, weekly waxes are all you need to maintain your wheels, so start now and see where the road takes you.

8. Dressing for Success. Nothing more suitably complements shiny metal wheels than the ebony sheen of well-dressed tires. DP Gloss Tire Dressing will keep your tires looking dark and supple. Apply with a Tire & Trim Dressing Applicator for best results. Be sure to use water-based tire dressings, because silicone formulas can deplete the rubber's natural protectants quickly, even turning them an unsightly brown. Optimum Tire Shine is a safe, water-based choice that will make your tires look like new without the risk of browning or weakening of the rubber. This article is courtesy of Superior Car Care and Auto Accessories at <http://www.superiorcarcare.net/tire-wheel-maintenance.html>

Members Corner

New Members :

Michael Cutler _____ 1980 911 SC
Mason Smith _____ 2008 Boxster

Transfer Members:

Michael Duffy _____ 2004 911
Russell Templeton _____ 1966 911 T

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

Porsche Trivia Fun

September 2009

What is the name of the first curve in "Tail of the Dragon" when leaving from Deals Gap?

August Question:

How old was James Dean when he died?
He was also the first actor to receive a posthumous Academy Award nomination for what?

August Trivia Answer:

24 years old. Best Actor.

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Cherohala Skyway History

(Information obtained from Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

The Cherohala Skyway (also referred to the Overhill Skyway) is a 43-mile National Scenic byway connecting Tellico Falls, TN to Robbinsville, NC. The name is a portmanteau of the two National Forests which it passes through the Cherokee and Nantahala. Besides multiple vistas and overlooks the Cherohala provides easy vehicle access to various protected and recreational areas of the Unicoi Mountains. These include Citico Creek Wilderness, the Bald River Gorge and the remote interior of the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest.

1958 saw the first planning for the skyway with completion on October 12, 1996. The final cost of the skyway was \$100 million dollars. The western half (in Tennessee) follows State Route 165 for almost 25 miles, going from Tellico Plains to the state line at Stratton Gap. The eastern half (North Carolina) goes from Stratton Gap to Robbinsville along NC Highway 143 for a little over 18 miles. The skyway is also known for its drastic changes in elevation. Rising from the lowest point just under 900 feet at Tellico



Plains it goes to its highest point of just over 5,400 feet on the slopes of Haw Knob near the Tennessee-North Carolina state line.

Falls Branch Trail at Mile 21 is a short trail through a patch of old growth forest that leads to a 55-foot cascade waterfall. Another cascade waterfall a 100-foot, worth visiting is the Bald River Falls off of paved Forest Service Road 210. Several picnic areas are located at Hooper cove (mile 2), Shute Cove (mile 3) and Stratton Ridge (mile 16). Unicoi Crest at Mile 18 provides a stunning view of the Tellico River Valley. The Tellico River meandering through the valley is famous for its trout fishing and can provide quite challenging for canoe and kayakers when the water is up.

When driving the skyway be sure to gas up before making the 36 mile drive. There are NO facilities other than restrooms. At night use cause as it is very desolate and extremely dangerous in winter months. Because of its sweeping curves the road will tempt you to drive fast and one of the occasional tighter curves can easily surprise you.

A fact little known is that there are MORE deaths on Cherohala than on the Dragon. Emergency help can be a minimum of 45 minutes away and then it's a 30 minute helicopter transport. So drive this road with respect and caution.



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Austin's Monthly Detailing Tip

After you've taken care of the wheels its time to get down to the car itself. Before you start washing have an electric leaf blower plugged in and ready to use. This will aid in getting the water off quickly before spotting can occur.

Remember always use the 2 bucket method. Bucket number 1 is for your soap and bucket number 2 is for your rinse. Make sure to keep your grit guards in both buckets to protect against picking up grit that may float to the bottom of the bucket. This method allows you to keep the soap you are using throughout the wash to stay clean to the very last panel.

After a thorough rinse of the entire car, mix up your soap to the correct dilution ration in your wash bucket. Then fill your rinse bucket with clean water. Make sure to start washing at the top and work your way down. Washing the lower panels last as these areas tend to collect the most grime. This also ensures you are not transferring the grime from down low to other more visible upper areas. Wash the body about 2 panels or so at a time. **DON'T LET THE SOAP DRY!** After you wash 2-3 panels stick the mitt back into the rinse bucket. Rinse off the panels. Then come back and scrape the mitt across the grit guard to loosen all the dirt in the mitt and clean it off before re-dipping into the soap bucket. This ensures the soap stays clean so that each time you do a panel you are not transferring dirt from one panel to the next.

After each panel is properly washed and rinsed turn on the leaf blower. Blow the majority of the water off the car to keep the water from spotting on the paint. Then blow off the wheels and tires. Once you've gotten the excess water off take a waffle weave microfiber drying towel and spritz down each panel with a detail spray to aid in wiping the car down to a perfect shine. Once each panel is spritzed and wiped down pull the car inside the garage if you have one. Keep a couple of dedicated door jam microfiber clothes to wipe out each door jam and trunk jam. This eliminated those never ending drips from water trapped in these areas.

Austin's recommended car wash soap is Meguiar's Shampoo Plus. This product is extremely slick and leaves a great gloss after the wash and it is very cost effective. Griott's garage has wash buckets with built in grit guards and correct soap dispensers and fill lines.

Next month will address Tire Dressing. And remember Austin is available to come do your car for you. He can be reached at ampbmw@gmail.com.

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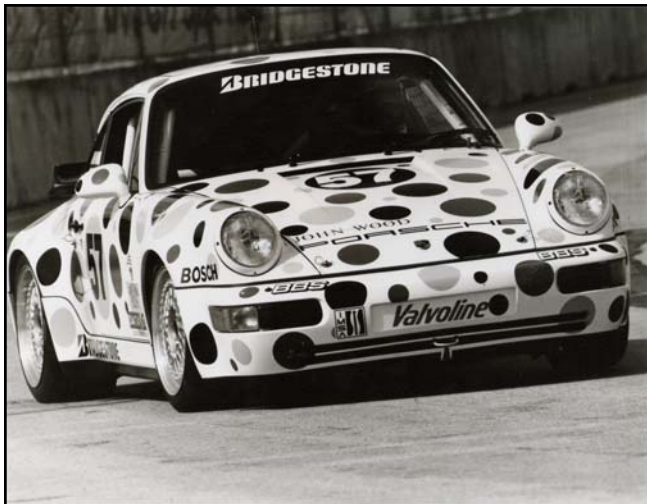
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Upcoming Events

September

8th Meeting @ Bushido Japanese Restaurant
12-13th FL Crown Region DE @ Roebing
13th Dine w/Myrtle Beach to Kenny's BBQ in Hemingway
18-20th Tail of the Dragon
- order your t-shirt thru Jackie Dasen
25-26th Petite LeMans at Road Atlanta
26th Low Country Boil _ Hilton Head Porsche
26-27th SCR SCCA Autocross N Charleston Coliseum

October

3-4th Carolina Region DE @ CMP
? 13th Monthly Meeting or 17th Oktoberfest—TBA?

17th Euro Auto Fest , Spartanburg, SC
17-18th FL Citrus Region DE @ Roebing
17-18th Rally Weekend, Hilton Beach Resort, N Myrtle Beach
24-25th Coastal Empire DE @ Roebing
29th-Nov 1 Hilton Head Concours/Races

Palmetto Pipes

Jackie Dasen, Newsletter Editor
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Monthly Meeting

September 8th , 7pm @
Bushido Japanese Restaurant
1975 Magwood Drive
Charleston, SC 29414

The meeting is at 7 pm but the specials are 4-7 pm so you might want to come early !

Check website for directions and details !!!