



Rennsport Reunion III set for November at Daytona

Porsche Cars North America and Daytona International Speedway have announced "Porsche Rennsport Reunion



III" will take place the weekend of November 2-4, 2007.

The event brings together significant Porsche vintage and current racecars and those who have driven them to victory in the world's most famous sports car races. The three-day program includes on-track competition plus a concours d'elegance, which is open to the event's participants by invitation. In addition, special activities are planned honoring the series of awesome Porsche 917 race cars and commemorating the 25th anniversary of the racing debut of the all-conquering Porsche 956/962 prototype racers.

In the coupe form, the 12-cylinder 917K



was the first Porsche to score an overall win in the 24 hours of Le Mans, scoring back-to-back victories in the 1970 and 1971 editions of the French racing classic. The twin-turbo, 1,000 horsepower, open-cockpit 917/10 and 917/30 rocketed to SCCA Can-AM championships in 1972 and 1973. Since making its Le

Mans debut in 1982 with a stunning 1-2-3 overall finish, the 956 and 962 went on to win Le Mans six more times, the Rolex 24 six times and the 12 Hours of Sebring four times. Held at three-year intervals, this third edition event returns to Daytona following that track's highly successful staging of Porsche Rennsport Reunion II in 2004. On that occasion, more than 600 Porsche racecars and dozens of legendary Porsche drivers participated in a truly



memorable weekend dedicated to Porsche's motorsports heritage.

Don't you dare miss it!

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More Than a Car—Tom Gorsuch, Space Coast Region President

Guten Tag Space Coast Region members. Thank you for the vote of confidence that allows me to be your President for 2007. I have inherited a dedicated and experienced set of officers and a vibrant organization. I don't want to go any further without thanking Guillermo for his years as President. It was Guillermo who first recruited me to be Membership Chair several years ago and under his direction that I have enjoyed becoming more involved. He assures me that he will stay active with the officer group as he knows, more hands make the work light.

I joined PCA about 10 years ago. Several years were spent reading Panorama; then gradually we started attending events. At our first national Parade week, where our entire family enjoyed a fantastic week of Porsche, I was fully hooked. Then came the years as a volunteer and officer; leading to now where Porsche Club activities are the first to make our leisure calendar and everything else is worked in. Life is too short for any one person to do all the Porsche things you've heard about, but through the club you will meet friends from every corner of the car enthusiast hobby; and that brings the full mystique of Porsche to life. With PCA, the experience is more than a car.

2007 is off to a great start. January included a riverside drive and the Daytona 24 caravan and hospitality area. As you will see from the upcoming events calendar, we are continuing a full mix of driving, technical, car showing, racing and social events. We also hope to be able to join in



with a neighboring PCA region to get our feet wet in Autocross and Driver Education. I've started a list of interested competitive drivers so if you would be interested in joining in one of these types of events please email me. Of course, as a PCA member you will always be welcome at other region events even without an organized effort from our region. Read more about our past and future events in the fine articles our team has supplied in this newsletter.

Several new and exciting programs have been put in place with Porsche of Melbourne. For those of you who made our Christmas party or who have been by the dealership recently, you know that there are a lot of new Porsche of Melbourne team members. At the top, as of last fall

there is a new owner, Shay Rowe. Shay is very enthusiastic about growing the Porsche presence in our area and understands that our club is at the heart of this matter. We have worked with Shay to initiate three significant collaborative programs. First, the dealership will be sponsoring the Events Update Postcards you have been receiving. We have our postcards displayed prominently in the dealer showroom to aid prospective buyers in understanding the broader opportunity afforded with Porsche ownership. Second, the dealership is paying first year PCA membership dues for all new Porsche buyers who are not currently members and who indicate interest. Finally, Porsche of Melbourne has put in place a referral program whereby any new or used Porsche buyer who is a club member or who was referred by a club member, creates a \$1,000 donation to our treasury. So that the dealership can identify a member or referral, members will need to show their PCA ID card or send the prospective buyer to the dealership with your business card and "Space Coast Region PCA Referral" written on the back. These programs are enabling us to improve the breadth and quality of our events. Next time you are in the dealership, or you meet up with the Porsche of Melbourne team at one of our events, take time to thank any and all of them, from sales to service, for their strong support.

Tom Gorsuch

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Porsches and Polo Event Returns Sunday, February 25th

Meet us at the Windsor Polo Club located approximately 8 miles North of Vero Beach on A1A. From I-95, take 512 East, turn right onto 510 East to A1A, then left two miles. We'll gather at about 12:30 PM, so bring your lunch, lawn chair or blanket and vote for the Peoples' Choice Award before Polo begins about 2 PM.

-----Registration Form-----

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Touring the Back roads of Brevard

Greetings! Here's just a quick recap of our last two driving events in case you missed either of them.

Our Region's final drive of 2006 took place in November and was our most sporting drive of the year. A large group met at Porsche of Melbourne, and after little social time and a nice morning snack (provided by the dealership—and here's a



SPECIAL THANK YOU to Porsche of Melbourne for their hospitality and support of our drives) we headed South .



We managed to stay (pretty much) together all the way to Vero Beach. I had chosen a route that took us along some of South Brevard's less traveled back roads. After stopping for lunch at Cracker Barrel we continued west to US 441—one of the best-kept driving secrets in our area. The next time you make the trek to Sebring, give it a try—your Porsche will thank you for it.



On January 15th, a larger than anticipated turnout again gathered at Porsche of Melbourne for our first drive of 2007 and the



second annual river drive to Kennedy Space Center with a return stop at Muddock's in Cocoa Village for lunch.

Last year we had six cars and this year we had eighteen. Hopefully this means you're all having fun and the word is getting out. This time, I don't think we lost a single participant along the way—always a good thing for the event chairman. January's drive really was an event for us with the



new Porsche Sales Manager Horst Seibert and his wife Mariela joining us (and driving a beautiful cab). One of Horst's prospects also joined us for the drive in a Guards Red Cayenne S—it must have gone well, because Horst says he is now an "owner".



We were also joined by special guests Christophe and Gabby Brehme from Stutt-

gart, where they keep a couple of Porsches, and who maintain a winter home here in Naples.

However, not much can top the day that Marian Shope had. She took delivery of her first Porsche, a beautiful, brand-new Boxster, joined the club, and went for her



first drive all in the same morning!

We all wish Marian the best of luck as the newest member of our Space Coast Porsche family. May all your miles be as memorable as your first! And, do let your husband Roger get in a test drive sometime.



Let me finish by saying that it's a real pleasure for me to see everyone out enjoying their Porsches and having a good time. I want you to know that I'm more than open to any suggestions you might have or to any special request drives or routes you might want me to include. Just drop me an e-mail—I'm here to serve you.

Ralph Fritsche

Membership & Events Chairman

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Space Coast Region's Christmas Party and Election of 2007 Officers

On December 17, our Space Coast Region held our annual Christmas Party. This year's event was a tremendous success!



The festivities included good food, door prizes, election of club officers, and significant holiday cheer! I have to admit at one point we did need to go out to the parking lot to retrieve the bartender. Seems he was out admiring all those beautiful Porsches!

Our party was held at the Kiwi Tennis club in Indian Harbor Beach, Florida. The Kiwi Club offers a private room overlooking several tennis courts **and the Porsche Parking Facility**. Attendance was approximately 60 members and several guests attended from our home town dealership, Porsche of Melbourne, including new owner/General Manager Shay Rowe and his lovely wife, Monica. Bob Barren, our PCA Zone 12 (Florida) representative even made the trip down from Jacksonville. Thank you, Bob!

Porsche of Melbourne and the Werkshop both provided generous door prizes. The Werkshop supplied two very nice gift baskets and Porsche of Melbourne provided numerous logo items and they handed out 2007 Porsche calendars to all attendees.



Many thanks to both Porsche of Melbourne and to the Werkshop. The Club also provided name badges and region t-shirts which you will notice being worn at

upcoming events.

The annual election of officers was held during the party. Past President Guillermo Gutierrez did not seek re-election as he is quite busy pursuing his PhD. Thank you, Guillermo, for your service and your com-



mitment to our club.

Space Coast Region 2007 Elected Officers (pictured here with their ladies at the Christmas party) are:



Tom Gorsuch, President



Brian Reinert, Vice-President

Kirk Stowers, Treasurer

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Ralph Fritsche, Events & Membership Chair



Johnathan Parker, Secretary/Webmaster



Jack Roberts, Newsletter Editor (wife Lois)



pictured here—why didn't anybody take any pictures of Jack?)

We've already made plans to return to Kiwi for our next Christmas party. We've booked the date of Sunday, December 16th, so get us on your calendar and plan to attend—OK, it's not a tour or a rally, but you do get to drive there in your Porsche!

See you there!

Brian Reinert

Vice-President

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We're Invited!



...to a special two-day Porsche event and concourse at Bella Vita at Old Palm Golf & Country Club. Porsche enthusiasts from across Florida are invited to Old Palm to celebrate these beloved cars while raising money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Go to Gold Coast Region's website for all the details!

www.goldcoastregion.org



Oktoberfest 2006

In October 2006 we had an Oktoberfest picnic and peoples choice concours at Burton Park off of SR520. We had a good turnout with over 20 cars and families. The weather cooperated to create a beautiful display of Porsches on the lawn. The region supplied hamburger and hot-dogs while attendees brought a covered dish. The cars were divided into water cooled and air cooled classes. Tom's Mercedes (the patty wagon, as in he brought the hamburgers) was excluded from the judging even though it is technically water cooled. Congratulations to the winners!

Air cooled:

1st Place—Ralph Fritsche's '83 911SC



2nd Place: Greg Lambert's '84 930

Water cooled:

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2nd Place" Rex & Sara Moule's '06 997 Carrera "S"

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If you went on Ralph's riverside drive to KSC in January you've seen this one. Black with charcoal leather, chromed 18" AMG wheels, she's got less than 30,000 miles on her and is under warranty and maintenance through the year-end. All the features you'd expect—retractable hardtop, power everything including a 300 hp V8, navigation, and factory phone with Bluetooth option. Driven sparingly by grandmotherly type who's replaced it with a Cayenne Turbo. Call Jack at (321) 727-0046 to see the car.

1985 1/2 944. Original owner. It's Garnett Red with a Grey Beige interior and "telephone dial" wheels. Odometer reads 186,000. All original. Runs great, no problems, no rust. Driver's seat shows wear as does steering wheel, but dash and the rest look good. Asking \$3,500 obo. (321) 267-5396.

1992 Porsche 968: Guards red coupe, black and gray interior, 6 speed, 120K miles, 3.0 liter with 240HP, well maintained with records, 17 mpg/25 mpg, price: \$9,968. Phone: 321-917-5962

Contact Info Update

Members can now log onto the national website, www.pca.org, and follow the link on the home page to their personal info. Please check your e-mail address as we have valid addresses for only 80% of the Space Coast Region members.

E-mail reminders are the best method we have to get you updates as events approach or if details change. If you cannot effect the change yourself, please e-mail our region's membership chair Ralph.f.fritsche@nasa.gov and he can do this for you.

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As the official Club Webmeister (and Secretary), I'll start by pitching the web page. Please visit it at:

<http://spc.pca.org/>

We work hard to keep it up-to-date with the latest club information. It contains our official and ever-changing event calendar, the officer contact information, our club classifieds, and links to our sponsors. We've also posted a huge collection of event pictures from the last three years. Please check it often and let me know if you have any suggested improvements or contributions. We also have a Yahoo chat group that everyone should join to stay plugged in to all the Space Coast gossip. You can link to the group from our web site.

I'd also like to talk about Drivers' Education (DE). We are extremely fortunate to be

surrounded by some of the greatest tracks in North America and to be driving some of the greatest performance cars on the road—and that's the point! If you've ever had an interest



in exploring what your car can really do and enhancing your skills on the track in a safe, structured, and controlled teaching and learning environment, DE is for you.

We are going to team up with neighboring regions who've had a great deal of experi-

ence with these events to bring this Porsche experience to our members. Expect to hear more soon as to how

can get involved.

And now, my favorite subject, early 911s. We have several "901s" in our club and a group of dedicated owners committed to preserving and restoring these unique cars. With Ralph's new addition, I think we're finally at critical mass as a bona fide sub-group in the region. We could even do a dedicated tech session on these cars if there's enough interest—synchronizing Weber carbs might be a good place to start. Drop me an e-mail with your suggestions.

Johnathan Parker

Webmeister & Secretary

24 Hours of Daytona

Well the racing and fan turnout has certainly improved for the Rolex 24 Hours. Jonathan Parker led our region in a caravan to Daytona on Saturday, Jan 28th to catch the start of this year's race. Our group did get into the infield but a short time later the officials had to close the gates due to an infield sellout. The two racing classes, Daytona Prototypes and GT, have a large differential in speed these days and this yields passing situations on every corner. After 24 hours, the three leading DP cars were still on the same lap. The eventual winners were Scott Pruitt, Juan Pablo Montoya, and Salvador Duran in the #01 TELMEX/

the forth place Brumos DP, number 59. Porsche did however place 1st and 3rd in the GT class in what was again close racing all the way to the finish. A lot of the action happened



after dark and in the pits. I'm sure you will be hearing about the details in your magazine subscriptions or online for months to come.

On the PCA front, our region again joined with other Zone 12, Florida regions to co-sponsor a hospitality tent and car coral. These race venue corals are a great place to meet like minded PCA members from across the country and to catch up with of some always present national officers. There were well over 100 Porsches in the coral on Saturday and the variety alone was worth the price of ad-

mission. The regions supplied snack food and refreshments throughout the 24 hour weekend. Our region supplied coffee and donuts at 8AM on Sunday morning and it is always fun to see the Porsche racing fans rolling out of their tents, cars, and campers when they catch wind of the coffee and donut delivery. PCA's exclusive merchandise vendor, Monaco International, had a booth along the midway and for the first time was offering a full selection of PCA shirts, hats, jackets, etc. (available to PCA members only). They are planning to repeat this PCA goodies store at the 12 Hours of Sebring. This is an excellent opportunity to touch and feel and buy the merchandise you may have been considering online. It is all high quality stuff. It is easy to say that Porsche was the best represented marques at the race and our car coral is a strong sign to the racing fans that sports car racing and Porsche are inseparable.

Tom Gorsuch

President



Target sponsored Riley chassis Lexus powered car. The highest Porsche was

Coming Club Events

- February 10th—**Tech Session at Porsche of Melbourne.** Gain a “down under” perspective of the new product line. Starts at 10 AM with lunch provided by Porsche of Melbourne. **RSVP** by Feb 9th to tgorsuch@cfl.rr.com
- February 25th—**Porsche Polo and Picnic.** Meet us at the Windsor Polo Club on A1A in Vero Beach. Information and Registration Form on Page 2. **RSVP** to kstowers@cfl.rr.com
- March 17th—**Drive to Sebring 12 Hours.** Leaving from the parking lot of Sam’s Club in Melbourne at 7 AM. Be sure to buy your tickets early at www.sebringraceway.com. Remember to purchase the Porsche Corral Parking Pass. Watch our website for updates.
- April 14th—**Space Coast Citrus Region Auto Cross Challenge** (tentative—watch website for details)
- April 22—**After Tax Day Rally.** Extend your joy of following directions by participating in our annual rally. Starts at Porsche of Melbourne at 9 AM and ends at a TBD lunch location for awards. RSVP by April 21st to breinert@cfl.rr.com

Other Items of Interest (Non-Region, but still fun)

- March 1st—HSR Sebring Endurance Challenge
 - March 6th—2007 Porsche parade in San Diego opens
 - March 9-11—Amelia Island Concours
 - March 23-24—Festival of Speed (St. Petersburg)
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