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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Guillermo Gutierrez

Greetings One and All!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and good spirits, despite all the torrential rain and, dare I say it, the start of the Hurricane season! For now, let's turn our attention to more pleasant thoughts. :-)) Once again Space Coast Region has been fairly active these past few months with at least one activity each month. In mid-March, a few of us braved the frigid mid 60-degree weather and met early in the morning to caravan down to Sebring International Speedway for the annual (and world-famous) 12-Hour race. It was quite exciting and there was a lot to see both on and off the track. And there was quite a turnout...the Porsche corral, sponsored by the FL Porsche dealers was filled to capacity (and I should know, since mine was the last car allowed in!) The dealers also sponsored a tent and several raffles throughout the day. Pictures from this event should be making their way to our website soon.

Then in mid-April--the Sunday right after Tax Day, to be exact--Steve Dagley and Brian Reinert did an excellent job organizing the annual Tax Day Rally. Since there were quite a few first-timers to our style of Road Rally, the level of difficulty was brought down a notch, thankfully. The Rally ended at a scenic Mexican restaurant overseeing the intracoastal river. Read the full story in this newsletter. Who knows what next year's Tax Day Rally will bring, but I'm sure looking forward to it. (See our Club website for more pictures.)

This past weekend, two of our sister regions (Citrus Region - Orlando, and Suncoast Region - Tampa) joined forces to host the second annual Memorial Weekend PorscheFest at Mount Dora and it was a resounding success! Their registration filled up quickly and a healthy waiting list evolved. Somewhere around 80 cars were able to register this year, and it looks like the event is going to continue to grow. Next year they plan to reserve the entire host hotel (Lakeside Inn) to accommodate more people and more cars. The weekend was packed with activities including a Concours D'Elegance, a murder-mystery Rally, an autocross, and several receptions and banquets sprinkled throughout. All with the beautiful backdrop of Mt. Dora and surrounding countryside. Mt. Dora itself is a very small town around a big lake (Lake Dora, of course) and it has many restaurants, outdoor cafes, antique shops, bed & breakfasts, etc. But it is perhaps most famous for its art shows and other cultural events- A great place to spend a weekend. More info on Mt. Dora can be found at <http://www.mountdora.com/> We have included a couple of pictures from this event in this newsletter. More can be found already on our webpage, courtesy of our webmaster, Jonathan Parker, and yours truly.

We have more events and other goodies planned throughout the year, so stay tuned to our region's website (<http://spc.pca.org>) for the latest. **Lastly, I want to encourage everyone to attend our "50th Anniversary of PCA" dinner which will be held on Sunday June 12th at McMaw's BBQ in Indian Harbour Beach (details elsewhere in this newsletter and on the website.)** We will be showcasing an anniversary DVD which was sent to all the PCA Region Presidents. There will also be several special guests in attendance. I also plan to briefly cover a couple items of interest that were discussed at the Zone 12 President's meeting (which took place in Mt. Dora as part of Porsche Fest '05). Should be a fun evening for everyone!

As always, comments and suggestions about the club, newsletter, website, or anything else are welcomed (email preferred). See you soon!

REARVIEW

(What's happened in our club recently)

Tax Day Rally

by Don Silverzahn



Tax Day Rally Early Birds!

On Sunday April 16th we all gathered at the Wickham Road Post Office parking lot in Melbourne, FL for a tax rally which celebrates the filing of our income taxes to the Feds. We met about an hour early for some mixing and mingling and woo'ing our beautiful Porsche's. There was a great mix of cars with older 911, 911 Turbos, 993's and 996's and one 997. The colors were as varied as the models with yellow, red, black, blue, white, gray and silver.

As a member off on and since 1995 I have never attended a Rally and was excited just to see the mechanics of one. We all got into a line and received a set of instructions on a timed basis. The instructions had clues as to what to look for and when we deciphered the clue, a note was made on the grading form that was handed in at the end. The rally had us going in and out of a few Vierra neighborhoods looking for clues, through old Cocoa Beach, and through Rockledge. We all had a blast driving, navigating and picking out the clues! It was a real learning experience for me, and I am sure next year I will do much better.

The event ended at a Mexican Restaurant in Merritt Island where we all had a great lunch and drinks of our choice. The judges were waiting for us as we arrived and we submitted our completed Clue Sheets. A ceremony was held and the winners were given their accolades.

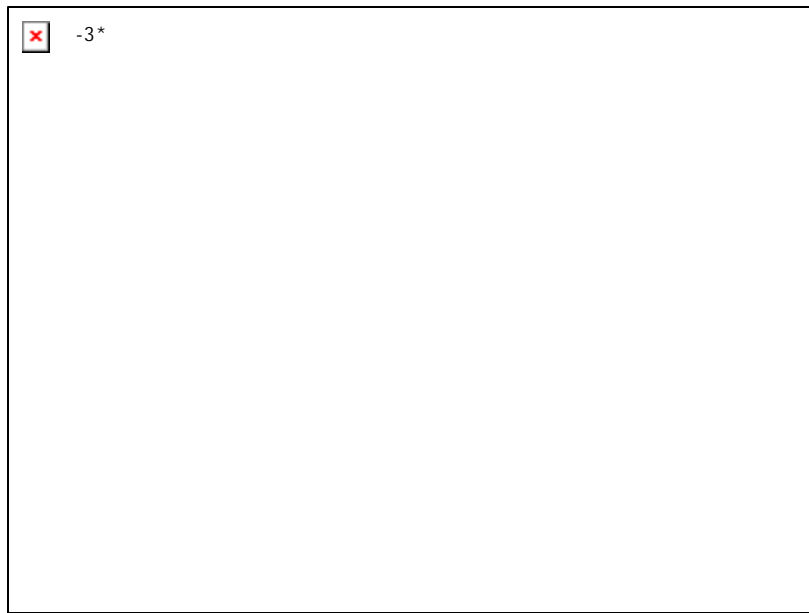
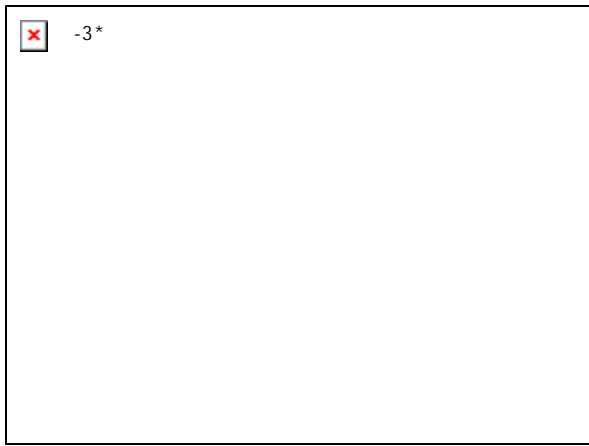
A few of us left together and continued the fun up A1A to Satellite Beach. Luckily it was a Sunday and there wasn't much traffic or monitors on the road. The PCA locals have great

events sponsored throughout the year and each and everyone are a challenge and fun time! If you missed this event be sure to attend the next one and meet some new fellow PCA'ers.



Some Fun From Mount Dora

Pictures provided by Guillermo Gutierrez (More pictures on the web!)



WHAT'S COMING!

Save the Date!!!! JUNE 12, 2005

Our **50th Anniversary of PCA dinner** will be held on June 12th at 6pm at Meemaw's BBQ on Eau Gallie Blvd. beachside (about 1/2 mile west of A1A) in Indian Harbour Beach.

To get there simply take I-95 to Eau Gallie (I'm pretty sure it's exit 183) and just go east on Eau Gallie until you get beachside. The restaurant is on the left (north) right after Ocean Spray Car Wash. We will be showing the anniversary DVD and there might be more surprises along the way. The info for Meemaw's is: Memaw's Bar-B-Q, 600 East Eau Gallie Boulevard, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937 (321) 779-9670. Note: that the banquet hall has its own entrance around the back of the building. The cost of the dinner is whatever you order from the dinner menu. {It would be great if you can RSVP to me sometime next week if you are sure you are coming, but I hope you can make it regardless of whether you RSVP or not.}

SPACECOAST CALENDAR

(for latest calendar check website: spc.pca.com)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>POC</u>
50th. Anniv. PCA Dinner	Memaw's BBQ, (Eau Gallie)	June 12, 6:00pm	
Porsche Parade 2005	Hershey, PA	21 June-2 July	Anyone going??

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ADVERTISING SPOTLIGHT!

A New Section For Our Newsletter!! By Michael Bortner

I recently interviewed Dan Cleary, owner of The Werkshop as part of our Club's new advertising spotlight. Here are some excerpts from the interview...

How did you first get involved with Porsche?

When I was 19, I bought my first sports car, which was an MGA. In rapid succession, I went through many European and Japanese sports cars. Finally in 1981, I bought my first Porsche; a 1967 911. Interestingly enough, the starter fell out of the car on the way home. From then on it has been a non-stop relationship.

ADVERTISING SPOTLIGHT continued.

How did you go about beginning your business and how long has the Werkshop been here serving the Space Coast Region?

The Werkshop has been in business for 20 years. In the early 1980's, I was still in the United States Air Force. Out of economic necessity, I did most of the repair work on my first Porsche myself. In 1984, I left the USAF and went to college. I started the Werkshop originally as a side job while I was going to school. After the Challenger accident, the job market dried up in the area; so I made the shop my full time focus. When I started the shop, I mostly worked on 911's, 914's and 924's. Over the years, I have watched the different models come and go. Today, the shop concentrates mostly on 911/993/996, Boxsters, 944's and of course turbos.

What have you heard about the latest '05 models that will fire up Porsche enthusiasts?

I am excited about the new 997 and 987. There were enough revisions to bring back each model's individuality. With the introduction of the Cayman coupe and the four door Panamera around the corner, Porsche looks poised to become a full line car company. For those of us who have lamented Porsche's lack of racing involvement in recent years, that company's announcement to build an ALMS LMP2 race car and campaign it with Penske Motorsports in 2006 is a very welcome turn of events. I hope this is an indication of Porsche's determination to return to its roots.

MARKETPLACE

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- 1984 Euro 930 (911 Turbo) with 98,000 miles. Black on black with many upgrades. Superfast with around 400hp. Contact Guillermo Gutierrez from Melbourne at: guillermo@alum.mit.edu or 321-254-2640.
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