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President's Corner

by Guillermo E. Gutierrez

Greetings everyone! After a brief hiatus for the too-hot & humid summer months, we are back in full swing for what I guess you could call our "Fall season." Our season opener was a fantastic Open Haus at our brand new local Porsche Dealer: Continental Motor Cars, Inc.. I was very impressed with the quality of event that they put on for us, but most of all, I was very pleased with the great turnout from our members. Easily over 100 of you guys and gals showed up, which is great. I had a great time and judging from the feedback the club officers have received, everyone else did too. Hopefully we'll continue to have such a good turnout and feedback as we continue to plan events more and more tailored to our member's specific interests (our Yahoo Group being an excellent venue for such communication).

And speaking of club officers, all officer positions are up for grabs! It is Space Coast Region's custom to elect the officers for the coming year at the end-of-the-year Holiday Dinner. So if you would know of someone (yourself included) interested in any of the officer positions for the coming year, or if you would like to know what's involved, please let any of the current officers know and we'll vote on them at the dinner--a fun and friendly process, I promise, unlike in some parts of the world! Details on the dinner are included in this newsletter and should be on our website soon. You'll also be receiving a separately mailed invitation to it sometime in early Nov. I encourage you to RSVP soon after you receive the invitation as we had to unfortunately limit attendance to 60 people due to space constraints. Last but not least, stay tuned to our calendar and website (and Yahoo Group) because events will start to pick up again and continue well into next year (Rolex 24, Sebring 12H, Picnic & Polo, Tax Day Rally, etc.). Thanks for making the club what it is today and don't hesitate to let us know how we can continue to improve.

See you soon,

-Guillermo

Porsche, there is no substitute

REARVIEW

(What's happened in our club recently)



Porsche Arrives in Brevard County

September ended with a huge bang as Continental Motors of Melbourne hosted the SpaceCoast Chapter-PCA for a gala introduction of its new Porsche dealership. This long anticipated event was presented in a class style by Jim Cavanaugh and his sales and service team. Doors were opened from 6-9 p.m. on September 30th as all of our members were treated to live music, food, drinks, and prizes. In addition, the entire facility was made available for our review as both the parts and service managers gave tours of their respective departments.

The pace of the evening was relaxed as everyone came and went throughout at their leisure. Old friends were able to get re-acquainted after a long, hot summer. While most of Brevard County knows that Continental's Nasa Street sales facility hosts Mercedes Benz and other flagship lines, there was no doubt in anyone's mind this evening that Porsche had finally arrived in Melbourne Beach. Parking across the front of the facility was reserved for us alone, and the site of gleaming Boxsters, 911's, Turbos, Cayenne's, etc. made one's heart glad!

Chapter President, Guillermo Gutierrez presented Mr. Cavanaugh with a welcoming plaque on behalf of our membership. Immediately following the award, Porsche brand "door prizes galore" were given to those holding the lucky numbers. The evening was topped off by the starting up of the fabulous Carrera GT. I was grateful for having simply been allowed to view the new wonder-car while all of its doors, hood, and trunk were open. The sound of the engine was superb and the smell of the racing fuel made the adrenalin rush!

Again, I want to thank all those who sent me their RSVP's and who helped make this a fun night. It was especially nice for me to be able to meet many of you and to be able to put a face with the e-mails that we had been exchanging over the last month. Drive safely, and I'll see you at the next event.

Cheers!

Mike Bortner - Newsletter Editor



PORSCHE CARS NORTH AMERICA ANNOUNCES 911 CLUB COUPE SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Porsche Club of America member from New York Wins Limited Edition, 381-hp 911 Club Coupe



ATLANTA, OCT. 5, 2005: Clif Rosenberry, a Porsche Club of America (PCA) member hailing from White Plains, N.Y., selected the lucky key that started the Porsche® 911® Club Coupe -- the 911 Club Coupe Sweepstakes grand prize -- at a drawing conducted this past weekend during the American Le Mans Series Petit Le Mans road race at Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga. The car is just one of 50 special 911 Club Coupes created by Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) and Porsche AG to commemorate the PCA's 50th Anniversary.

2005 50th Anniversary Porsche Parade, Hershey (June 25th thru July 3rd, 2005)

By Tom Gorsuch

By now I am sure you've all read about the wonderful PCA 50th Anniversary celebration and the Hershey Parade. It has been written about in Panorama, Autoweek, Excellence.... Here is a local Space Coast Region perspective. We were well represented with four families from our region: Frank and Joan Furci; Peter and Julie Lier; Arnold and Bea Winkelman; Tom, Elaine, Ryan and Erika Gorsuch. That's 4 out of 760 entrants or about 0.5%. For comparison, our region has 385 members out of a total PCA membership of 54,000 for 0.7%. One entrant is at least one Porsche and two participants so you can see there were a lot of people. The concours on Sunday was open to the public and so the crowd was even larger. It was fun to run into familiar Space Coast faces among the crowd and to catch up with other Porsche friends from across the country. If you haven't done so already, check out the Parade photo galleries on the club web site at <http://www.pca.org/parade/2005/>.

A week at Parade is like a week on a cruise ship in a sea of Porsches. There are daily main events such as concourse, rally, parade through town, gimmick rally, autocross, driver's ed, etc. There are great banquets on at least four evenings with special themes and renowned speakers. This year we heard from Porsche racing legend Vic Elford, President/CEO of American Le Mans racing Scott Atherton, and The Racers Group President and Dayton 24/LeMans 24 winner Kevin Buckler. Porsche executives also attended and gave us glimpses of future products and racing activities. The first evening was a 50's flashback with a live band and dancing. This was the evening where Porsche unveiled the PCA 50th Anniversary Club Coupe built exclusively for PCA members. Out of a total of 50 built, 48 were to be sold, one went to the Porsche museum, and one was to be given away at Petit Le Mans in Atlanta on October 1st (see Petit Le Mans article in this newsletter.) The national committee and the Hershey Parade committee did an outstanding job putting on a spectacular event. There is still opportunity to purchase some 50th anniversary merchandise on the club web site if you are interested.

If attending a Parade sounds interesting to you – planning ahead is essential. Next year's Parade is in early August in Portland Oregon (<http://www.pca.org/parade/2006/>). The 2007 event is planned for San Diego. Because it is so fun, it is not uncommon for the Parade registration to fill up on the first day of applications. Instructions for registration begin appearing in the January Panorama so pay attention and mark your calendars for registration day. There has been some discussion about having a smaller "other coast" national event each year in order to allow greater participation Nationwide. Daytona has been proposed as a complimentary event to Portland in 2006 so keep your ears open for that as well.

Petit LeMans in Atlanta (Sept 30 and Oct 1st)

By Tom Gorsuch

For you Porsche race fans, here is an update on the Petit Lemans held Oct 1st in Atlanta, Georgia. First, you should know that as a Porsche Club member you have special hospitality awaiting you should you happen to attend an event like this. Zone 3 sponsored a Porscheplatz hospitality tent and organized activities much like our Zone 12 does for the Daytona 24 and Sebring 12 hour race events in the spring. On Friday evening, the Porsche Club members were able to do some Road Atlanta track orientation laps. This allows you to feel what the race drivers are feeling as they make their way through the elevation changes, blind crests and turns. The orientation laps were followed by a barbeque dinner sponsored by the J3 Porsche GT race team. A Q&A session followed with the J3 owner and drivers. Prior to the Saturday morning race start, the winning name was chosen from the three finalists for the Club Coupe. Clif Rosenberry from Metro NY Region was the happy winner of the Azzurro California Blue 911 with the short shifter and X51 381 horsepower package— lucky dog (see news at <http://www.pca.org/news/news.asp>)

..... And now for the racing! LeMans style sports car racing is the playground of Porsche. The new Porsche LeMans Prototype category 2 (LMP2) RS Spyder was supposed to debut at Road Atlanta but in the closing weeks Porsche decided a 10 hour endurance race was not the place to start. It will hopefully debut at the ALMS final race in Laguna Seca on October 15th (SpeedTV from 3 to 7 EDT). Without Porsche for competition, the prototype class went the usual way with Champion Audi R8s in 1st and 3rd. The GT1 class was visually most interesting with the yellow Corvette (1st) followed by British Racing Green Aston Martin DB9 (2nd) and silver Saleen S7 (3rd). On the other hand, the GT class was all Porsche 911 RSR with a few Panoz Esperantes thrown in for good measure. The winning GT Porsche of Peterson White Lightning team was driven by Patrick Long (only American Porsche factory driver) and Jorg Bergmeister. The Alex Job team of Central Florida was second and is currently running second in championship points for the season. (Note: Guillermo is working to get us a tech session in Coral Springs at the Champion Porsche/Audi race shop in the coming months – let him know if you are interested!)

WHAT'S COMING!

NOVEMBER 13 - Fun Tech Session (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Tech Session at Kirk Stower's new 356 restoration shop. All weather event; \$5.00 for catered lunch. For specific details and RSVP info., please visit our website.

DECEMBER 4 – Annual Holiday Party (5:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

At Pane e Vino Restaurant, next to the Oaks movie theater on Evans & Hibiscus (behind Melbourne Square Mall). Cost is \$25 per person, which does not include drinks and there is a limit of 60 people, so RSVP early when you get the invitation.



ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

See the historical posters and photos from the PCA Museum at the 2005 Porsche Parade on Porsche's website – www.porsche.com/usa/. Click on the "Porsche Club of America: 50 Years of Fellowship" icon then on the "Porsche Parade 2005."

This exhibition also includes a gallery of Parade photos and various features from the PCA 50th Anniversary celebration.

The 50th Anniversary merchandise program ends on December 31, 2005 – please visit the PCA website at www.pca.org for merchandise details.

We are very appreciative of the support provided throughout the year by the membership, the regions, Porsche AG, Porsche Cars North America, the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) and the American Le Mans Series (ALMS).

Ruben Ledesma - 50th Anniversary Program Coordinator

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

This Month The SpaceCoast Chapter PCA Newsletter Interviews Lisa Luke, Manager Of Sharpe's Body Shop, Inc. This Is An Ongoing Column That Allows You To "Meet The Advertiser."

FC: How long has Sharpe's Body Shop, Inc. been in business?

Lisa: Sharpe's Auto Body, Inc. has been in business since 1977 and is a family owned and operated facility.

FC: What are your hours of operation?

Lisa: Our office is open from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday thru Friday.

FC: Do you specialize in any particular type of auto, boat, motorcycle, or damage work?

Lisa: We are just about the only shop around that offers a 1 year guarantee on the repair of rust damage. In addition, we offer a lifetime guarantee on the paint work to the original owner. We specialize in older car restoration, for example 1940's-'50's-'60's cars, and we do motorcycle paint work as well. We provide free estimates in writing.

FC: I can speak first-hand, Lisa about your work. I brought in my '99 Boxster for some body work. I was hit in the right, rear quarter panel above the wheel well. Initially, I was pleased with the customer service. The paint was matched perfectly, and I got my car back in 3 days. Great job!!!

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CLASSIFIEDS

- 1988 944 Turbo S coupe; maraschino red/tan, very nice condition throughout; mech. Excellent; all service records from 3 PCA owners; good original paint/interior, original window sticker; maintenance by Porsche specialists; new Avon Tech M 500's; no winter; non-smoker; garaged; stage 1 chip, \$16,900. C.C. Ling, 1890 Deborah Drive #8, Punta Gorda, L 33950; 941-639-6394; ccling@surfbest.net
- Parade T-shirts and Parade worker shirts, Porsche apparel. Clean, well cared for: wear, give for gifts, use for artistic projects. Saved by long time PCS members. Send SASE for complete list and prices to M.J. Ling, Deborah Drive #8, Punta Gorda, L 33950; 941-639-6394.
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