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**Zeitschrift: A newsletter for Porsche enthusiasts**

## From the Prez . . .



I am glad that we had a good turn-out for the February 9th tech session at Harry Williams Imports. We need to have more.

I have received the advance copies of the February Panorama and it has the 2013 Parade info in it. Entries open **Tuesday March 12, 2013**. Those that are received by **midnight March 14** will be given the highest priority.

I want to make one of the events over at NOLA sometime this year. I am going to go to Sebring for ZoneFest the end of May. Then Parade and the DE up there and finish up NOLA in the Fall. I hope to see you all there!

~Wally Lindenmuth

# Blasts From Our Past . . .

Wow. We had a good helping of events these past couple of months! We are glad you all are keeping busy with the many great PCA events out there. Below are some reviews and photos of the past couple of months. More photos can be seen at our website, <http://son.pca.org> ! ☺

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## Start of the Year Party – February 2, 2013

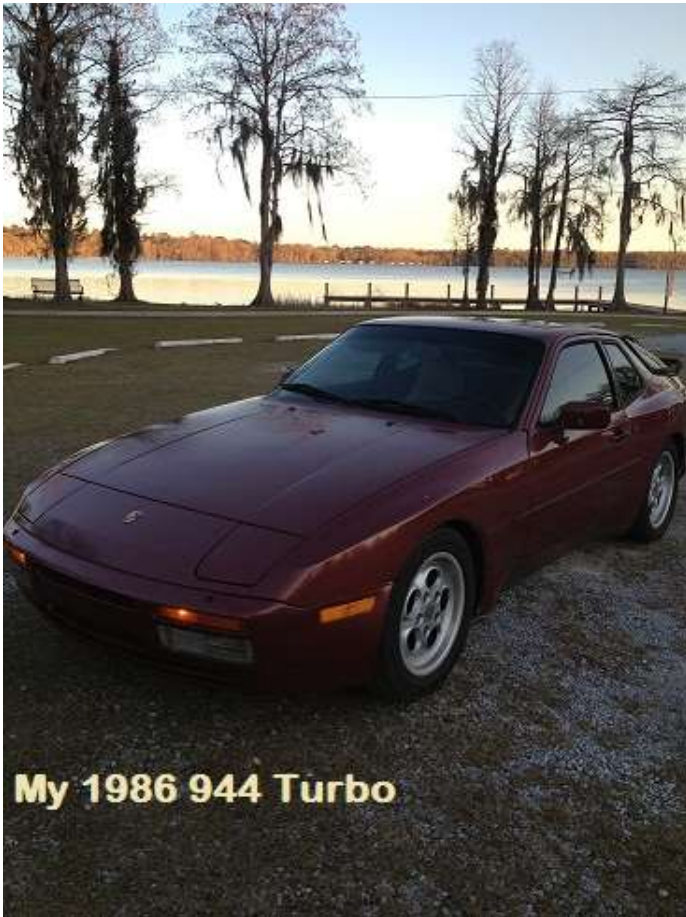
By Wally Lindenmuth

I was sorry more of you guys could not make it Saturday. We only had four cars join the fun run. We had a new 991, new Boxster S, Dave Wilson's 928, and my old 944. We went north then east went past the Escambia County land fill. I had an idea where it was but had never been by it. Then south to US 90, west to Baldwin County along 87, south to BC 20, west and north on 20 through Foley, south and east to Alabama 59 into Gulf Shores then around and down canal road to the Big Fish Restaurant. It was about a 2 hour run and still we got to the Big Fish by 6 PM. They had our table ready when we arrived. Keith & his wife, Pete & Patsy, and another couple from Orange Beach showed up. The food was good I am sorry more people didn't come out. It was fun. Maybe next year more people will join us!

# Atmore Road Rally – February 19, 2013

By Stephen Pearce

Today was my first rally. My navigator was my son, Justin Townsend (15 years old) and my "Guy in Back" was our neighbor, Andrew Nolan (also 15). We caravanned with Gene and Terri MacNaughton, also their first rally.



# Murder Mystery Weekend – February 9-10, 2013

By Pete Mellin

## Of Pirates and Porsches

Argghh! Avast ye landlubberly ways! Hand over the booty! These and other terms of endearment were heard throughout the week-end of 8-10 February at Apalachicola's Gibson Inn on the occasion of their Murder Mystery Week-End. "Pirates" was the theme. In full color, you can see four Sonnenschein pirates in all their pillaging, looting, sea-going finery, plus their German caravels of the pavement.

Friday evening started with guest and actor introductions along with some background material (setting the scene) on the cast of characters, who were mostly pirates and a governess, all supremely interested in enhancing their treasure chests at everyone else's expense. This was followed shortly by a sneaky attack on pirate Captain Desperate, who was stabbed in the back. Saturday morning we learned the stabbing had been fatal, and so began our daylong quest to find the murderer.

We were divided into four teams and scoured the entire (small) downtown area to find clues – an enjoyable way to spend the day. Our team quickly assembled the treasure map and found the treasure chest (filled with candy and other goodies). All the suspects had multiple reasons for doing in Captain Desperate, but one member of our team sorted through the clues and guessed the murderer. However, identifying the guilty scoundrel was secondary to all the fun to be had wandering throughout Apalachicola, eating in new restaurants, and meeting fellow pirate guests of the Inn. Winners were announced Saturday evening, and then we had a chance to visit with the cast and other hotel guests. Sunday morning we had breakfast and then departed.

From Pensacola to get there Friday afternoon, we used I-10, getting off at Exit 152, going south through Blountstown to Port St. Joe, then going east on Hwy 98 to Apalachicola. It was a pleasant 4-hour trip. For our return we used Hwy 98, and on a quiet Sunday morning, it was a pleasant 3.5 hour trip home.

Patsy & Pete Mellin pirates



Jenny & David Wolff pirates (the two pirates on the right)



Porsches in front of the Gibson Inn. David is on the second floor balcony, Pete is on the first floor porch.



# Tech Day – February 9, 2013

by Bonni Parker

Tech days are gatherings of folks interested in how their car works, and how they can keep it running well. This time the focus was how to get ready for a motorsports event. Members Pablo Concepcion, Kurt Krueger, John Parker, and I all showed up with our tech forms in hand, awaiting Harry's approval so that we could participate in upcoming DE events at the track. We all passed. Well, Kurt left his wife's (Dee) car there for some reason. I sure hope it wasn't to install more horsepower! We don't need Kurt's foot getting too heavy in the wife's beautiful car! Don't worry, Dee – we will keep an eye on him for ya (perhaps in our rear view mirror?). 😊

Anyway, Harry ran through the checklist on our cars and found them to all be sound. I had to get my brake fluid flushed later to keep up to date and that was it as far as I know. Harry does a great job helping us make sure our cars are running well, so it's no wonder we all passed this "test" with flying colors.

Aside from that, there was a lot of bench racing and armchair mechanic stuff going on, and some fun socialization. Sinful Pablo brought Krispy Kreme to fatten us all up – probably so he would be faster than the rest of us. Yeah, we are onto him. He's not fooling anybody! We had other members show up as well, though I have a horrible memory with names. I know one of them was Carlton Bellcase. The rest? Oy . . . I need to start taking ginkgo biloba or something. All in all we had a good dozen folks hanging around, talking shop and having fun. I truly enjoyed socializing with fellow members and left with a smile on my face.

We really need to do this more often! If you have any ideas for the focus of another tech day, please let me know and I will set it up for us. Harry is rarely available on a weekend, so if you see an announcement about a tech day, don't miss it!

# Upcoming Events . . .

**Trackside . . .** all events for the track are accessible through [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) unless otherwise indicated.

## **2013 Alabama Region PCA events at Barber Motorsports Park:**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** ... registration opens **January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon central.**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>** ... registration opens **May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon central.**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** ... registration opens **November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon central.**

## **2013 Mardi Gras Region PCA events at NOLA Motorsports:**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** ... registration is open now, and closes March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** ... registration opens **March 01 @ 12:01AM central.**

## **2013 Peachstate Region PCA events at Road Atlanta:**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** ... registration opens **March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 12:01 AM.**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** ... details: [DE-Events@peachstatepca.org](mailto:DE-Events@peachstatepca.org)

**August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>** ... details: [DE-Events@peachstatepca.org](mailto:DE-Events@peachstatepca.org)

**October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** ... details: [DE-Events@peachstatepca.org](mailto:DE-Events@peachstatepca.org)



## 2013 Sonnenschein Region Autocross Schedule:

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

May 18<sup>th</sup>

September 14<sup>th</sup>

November 16<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** 22251 Palmer Street in Robertsdale, Alabama.

**When:** Registration is from 7:00-9:00AM, course walk begins promptly at 9:00AM.

Drivers meeting (mandatory) is at 9:30AM.

**Cost:** \$25.00 for PCA members, \$35.00 for non-members. **Please pre-register** by mailing a check or money order, made out to **Sonnenschein Porsche Club**, to:

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**Details / Questions:** Please call Wally at 251-979-1830 or email him at [wflindenmuth@aol.com](mailto:wflindenmuth@aol.com)

## Social Events . . .

**March 16<sup>th</sup> ... Fun Run to Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival** – We usually meet at the Winn Dixie on the corner of HWY 98 and Blue Angel Parkway (across from McDonald's) in Pensacola. We then take HWY 98 to lunch around Fairhope. Contact Wally at [wflindenmuth@aol.com](mailto:wflindenmuth@aol.com) for details.

## **Zonefest 2013: May 24-27**

Registration is now open for Zonefest 2013 hosted by **Gold Coast** Region in conjunction with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The event will be held at Sebring International Raceway's Chateau Élan Hotel and will feature a DE event on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.ClubRegistration.net](http://www.ClubRegistration.net) to see the activity schedule and select the various event options. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

As always, the above events and more are added often thanks to our webmaster at:  
<http://son.pca.org>

# **Welcome New Members!!!**

**Clyde and Jenny Smith** of Mobile, Alabama join us with their shiny new 2013 white Carrera (991).

**John Waite** from Pensacola graces our club with his 2009 red Cayman.

## **Tid Bits . . .** Tips from our tech director, Harry Williams

**Harry says . . .** It's starting to warm up these days, and that means time to make sure things are ready for those pleasant drives and motorsports events coming up!


When is the last time you checked the pressure in your tires? Better get on it, as tire pressures increase as the weather gets warmer. Be sure you are not running around with too much air in your tires! Most folks know that under-inflation can damage tires and cause premature wear. But over-inflation can cause just as much trouble! It only takes a few seconds to check those pressures, and check them often. No, not once or twice a year. At least once a month is generally a good rule of thumb.

With our warmer weather rain often follows. Don't be stuck in a rain shower with bad wiper blades! Make sure you replace them before the rainy season hits. We can get them for you at the shop if you would like; just give us a call. We sell only the best equipment for your Porsche.

Finally, when's the last time you really cleaned your car? Dirt and debris can really wreak havoc on your car's interior and exterior. Vacuuming and shampooing the carpets will help keep your feet from eroding the fabric. Washing regularly not only keeps it looking nice, but it helps protect the paint from airborne contaminants. Polishing brings out the luster and helps keep the paint from drying out and even chipping. Waxing helps seal in all that work and it also helps repel fluids. Keeping a quick


detailer in the trunk (or under the bonnet, or in the “frunk”) along with a soft, CLEAN microfiber cloth is great for those quick spot cleans. Bird excrement is the worst! If you can, clean that mess off of there as soon as possible. Contaminants can really reduce the life of a nice paint job.

So what are you waiting for? Get at it! And then go have some FUN! If you ever need anything Porsche related, please give us a call. If I can’t get to the phone, it just means I am working hard making sure our club members’ cars are running smooth, so just leave me a message.



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