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Zeitschrift: A newsletter for Porsche enthusiasts



From the Prez . . .



Well, I have started off running with some new ideas which we have already tried with a good turn-out. Please read on . . .

We would like to see the club get together for breakfast somewhere in our region once a month. On Saturday, October 22nd a number of us met at the IHOP in Daphne, AL. Coming up, on November 19th, we would like for our group to meet at Ace's in Pace, FL. It is located on US 90 and they serve a great breakfast. We would like to meet at 9:30 AM to allow those from Mississippi and western Alabama to not have to get up too early.

Another thing that we have coming up is our last Autocross of the year. It will be November 12th at the Baldwin County Annex building parking lot at 22251 Palmer Street in Robertsdale, AL. We had a good turn out last month but we would like to see a few more come out.

Here is a real important date to put on your calendar since the Holidays always seem to get busy: **December 17th** for our **Christmas Party**. This will be held at "The Angus" on Scenic Highway in Pensacola. We will have more info out on this later.

Here are just a few things that we are working on for the upcoming year: a rally or poker run in Mississippi; an autocross every month during the spring and fall; and a tech session/meeting at Harry Williams Imports sometime after the first of the year – Harry is one of the best independent Porsche shops in the country – we all could learn a great deal from his years of experience.

We have started up our newsletter again and Bonni Parker, our new volunteer editor, would like any write-ups, photos, and/or suggestions you might have. Contact Bonni at pca@weatherwax.net. Now that we have the newsletter taken care of, we will also be looking for people to fill a few open spots on our Board. If anyone is interested in filling a spot on the board, please let me know.

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Tech Talk . . . by Harry Williams, Technical Advisor

The weather is cooling and it feels awesome! Soon I will be complaining about the cold, but not yet.

Fall and winter bring cooler temps and temperature related maintenance concerns. The first that comes to mind would be batteries. A 5 year old battery will likely fail on a good cold snap. A 4 year old battery might not make it. They always fail at the most inopportune time. Late for work is a given, rain is a high probability.

Speaking of rain, wiper blades should be replaced periodically. Spring and fall are good times to change them. The sun in our area is brutal and wiper blades don't last as long as they might in higher latitudes so more frequent replacement is required to keep top performance.

The leaves are falling and they find their way to the radiators, condensers, and oil coolers located behind the front bumper. In the past we have done and recommended radiator clean outs on the 996/986 cars to deal with the reduced efficiency of these coolers due to debris. I had a customer in the other day and he had installed screens over the openings to reduce/eliminate the problem. A quick Google search shows a few products along these lines mostly for racing. I will be watching for an easy solution and welcome input from any who have done such to their Porsches.

Cabriolet top rear plastic windows become a serious concern when opening the top during cold snaps. The material is much too brittle to flex at lower temps when it ages. I have seen a rear window basically shatter when the top is opened in the cold. It was older, yellowed and showing its age but it was still very rude. A period inside to warm up is in order to be on the safe side.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, feel free to contact me using my business card below:



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Blasts From Our Past . . .

October 1st Mississippi Run – Photos contributed by Wally Lindenmuth



Blasts, cont'd.

October 22nd Daphne IHOP Run – Contributed by Wally Lindenmuth

The club had a good Drive to Daphne, Al. for breakfast at IHOP this morning. We had three cars and six people from Florida, and seven cars mostly from the Mobile area.



It was good to meet some of the people from our region that we don't see very often. We had a good conversation around the table. The cars were a varied lot, from a new GT3 to an old 944 turbo. This type of get-together is something I think the club needs to continue doing in the future!

Motorsports . . . contributed by Wally Lindenmuth

Sonnenschein PCA Autocross, Saturday, October 15, 2011

Now that the weather has cooled off a little, we put on another autocross at the Baldwin County Annex on Palmer Street in Robertsedale, Alabama. The weather was great, even though it did get a little hotter than the weather man said it was going to be. No matter, it turned out to be a wonderful day for playing in our cars.

We had a good turn-out of cars from both Sonnenschein and the SCCA. I was able to get the timing equipment running on a regular basis, so that was good also. My wife Mary and granddaughter did a fine job of timing, thank you . We laid out a very challenging course that would test your driving skills.

Top time of the day was a Z06 Corvette driven by Dan Brown with a fast time of 47.28 seconds. Second was Mark Mattheiss in his red 996 with a fast time of 52.60 seconds. Third was Joel Wahlsten in his 968 with a fast time of 53.22 seconds. Fourth was Wally Lindenmuth in his 911T with a fast time of 53.29 seconds. Fifth was David Wilson from Ocean Springs in his 996 with a time 54.96 seconds. I could have posted many more times, but you get the picture. If you were not there – you SHOULD have been!!!

Dan Brown, who is very experienced at autocrossing, was a joy to watch as he drove his big and very powerful Corvette on the course that was laid out. Mark, who has not a lot of autocrossing experience, really showed what he could do with his car.

We had some good people that came out to help. I would like to thank them for their help in putting the event on. **Saturday November 12, 2011** is our next scheduled Autocross. I would really like to see a few more folks come out and learn how to use their cars the way they were designed to be driven. Did I mention our next autocross is on **Saturday, November 12th???** Mark it on your calendar and come on out. Well, that is, if you want to have **a ton of FUN!!!**



WELCOME to our newest members!!!

Jason & Lucinda Gibson from Mobile, Alabama join us with their 2006 911 C2.

Daniel McCleave from Mobile, Alabama joins us with his 1997 Boxster.

Pablo Conception joins us from Gulf Breeze, Florida, with his 2007 Cayman S.

We all are looking forward to seeing you very soon!!! 😊

Final Words . . .

Upcoming Events:

- **November 12th ~ AUTOCROSS!!!** This event, our last of the year, will be held at the Baldwin County Annex building parking lot at 22251 Palmer Street in Robertsedale, Alabama. For further details, please contact Wally at: wflindenmuth@aol.com.
- **November 19th ~ Breakfast meet and run** at “Ace's” in Pace, Florida. The restaurant is located on US 90. The proposed meet time is 9:30AM. For details, please contact Wally at: wflindenmuth@aol.com.
- **December 17th ~ Annual Christmas Party** at “The Angus” on Scenic Highway in Pensacola, Florida. You don't want to miss out on Bonni Parker's “Redneck Christmas Packages”! More shall be sent to all members very soon, or contact Wally: wflindenmuth@aol.com.

Editor's note: I really hope you like your newsletter! If you see Wally's name too often, it is probably because he is doing more than half of the work. But that is okay, I suppose, FOR NOW. It sure would be great to see YOU become a part of our community. Submit your photos, ideas, and newsworthy articles to pca@weatherwax.net. Cut-off will be on the 25th of each month, and I will endeavor to get to you this newsletter by the first day of each month. “Cogito, ergo ZOOM!” (“I think, therefore, I go FAST!”).

Your Pal,

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1995 Blue Iris Metallic Carrera Coupe (993)