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by Ted Stasney

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Spring is just about here and we have an exciting line up of activities coming your way. Karen Selzer, our Social Director has put together some fun filled events that you won't want to miss. See our events calendar on page 4 for more details.

Our March events include:

March 2 - Membership Meeting

March 10 - Golf Tournament

March 11 - Suncoast Autocross

March 17 - 12 Hours of Sebring

Here's a reminder - our deadline for articles, photos, and all ads is the 10th of each month. If you have a good story or photos you would like to share of one of our events, please send them to me. Also, please email your articles to me in either a text or Word format. Photos should be mailed (not emailed) to me. This will assure better reproduction for our newsletter. I will return the photos per your request.





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#### Ellen Riley President

## **Happy Hour**



We have had some great events in January and February. I have enjoyed meeting new members at the activities planned by Karen our social chairman. The first Driver's Education of 2001 was well attended. Even though the day started with rain, the track soon dried and our participants had a good learning experience about driving in wet conditions. We enjoyed warm friendship at Woody's on St. Pete Beach for the first Breakfast Club meeting. The day was cool but we had 21 adventuresome people in attendance

you can donate something for the auction, please, get in touch with either of them. Try to include the Suncoast schedule on your calendar so you will not miss any chance to participate. I hope you will email Karen Selzer or me, if you have additional ideas to share.

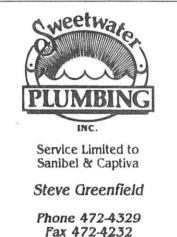
final touches on the Silent Auction and member-

ship meeting for April 6th at Bert Smith Porsche. If

The volunteers for the Daytona race were very helpful in making our visitors welcome to Florida and Porsche club parking corral. Thanks to everyone who participated and especially to Suncoast Porsche for providing the drinks and snacks for our 1-6 PM time period. The other regions that helped with the corral were Florida Citrus, Florida Crown, and Space Coast.

DO NOT MISS the golf tournament March 10th. This will be a different way to compete without your Porsche and the first effort for Chad Hallmark to host a fundraiser for the Children's Home. Also you have the opportunity for bragging rights as the Championship Suncoast Golf team of 2001.

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## 2001 Events Calendar

March 2	Membership Meeting, Suncoast Porsche 7:00PM
March 10	Golf Tournament See page 15
March 11	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See page 8
	12 Hours of Sebring
April 6	Membership Meeting, Bert Smith 7:00PM
April 28	
<b>-</b>	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See page 8
May 5	Membership Meeting/Car Festival Faith's Children Home
	Suncoast Driver's Education at Sebring
May 19	Fantasy of Flights Road Rally
June 24	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See page 8
July 1-7	National Porsche Parade
	Suncoast Driver's Education at Sebring
September 30	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See page 8
November 17	Instructors Day at Sebring, invitation only
	Suncoast Driver's Education at Sebring, full course
November 25	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See page 8

The BMW Suncoast chapter will be holding three autocrosses in 2001.

May 19 and 20 (Safety school on Saturday) August 12

All of theses events will be at Mac Dill. Contact:Ryan Murphy rcm1@tampabay.rr.com



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## **How I Became A Member**

#### Chad Hallmark

I was recently asked, why Porsches? The answer may seem a little off, but I was only 17 at the time. I saw a movie called "No Mans Land" with Charlie Sheen and D.B. Sweeny, and I fell in love with the marque. The movie was about stealing Porsches in Los Angeles and had one of the best chase scenes ever. I knew then I had to have a Porsche. So I sold my 1972 MG Midget and 1978 Triumph Spitfire and purchased a 1973 Porsche 914 1.7. I wanted a 930 just like the one in the movie, but there weren't enough yards in Tampa to mow to pay for that thing. It was great, except for the occasional vapor lock. I loved the car. I had it restored and painted Guards Red, (sorry Steve, I know Guards Red was not a factory color for 914's). My father, who knows everything about British sports cars, my brother and I found out

Porsches, are sophisticated beasts. They can be temperamental, leak oil, leave you stranded, but we have had one in our garage since 1989. My newest adventure is a 1975 Italian 914 2.0(one of only twelve made). It has 911SC suspension and brakes. It has flares that cover up the 7" & 8" Fuchs. The car has been gone through by Dave White and will be on the track ASAP. I have plans for GT bumpers, fuel cell and a roll cage. Eventually she will be converted to a six. After taking the thrill ride I got from Bob Myers 914-6, I am convinced you 911 guys better watch out. I am not however, just a 914 guy. I love all Porsches. They all have their own unique quality and place in Porches history, and they are all superior to whatever competition they come across.

The cars are what bring us together as a club, but it is the people and experiences that keep us together as a club. If you have not been to one of our events or if it has been a while, I encourage you to get involved. I have seen other clubs and I have seen other regions of PCA and I must say that our club is very special. Besides having access to a legendary racetrack, our club promotes having a good time. I have met some of the nicest as well as the most fascinating people in our club. So come on out. If you don't like racing or Auto-X, come out to one of our social events.

Such as a Drive and Dine or the Drive to Drive golf tournament. We really try to involve everyone, but it is you that has to show up and participate.

I look forward to meeting you. Chad Hallmark

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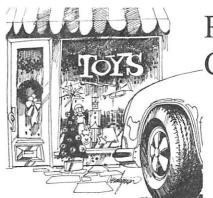
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## Membership

March 2001, Membership Report

Springtime in Florida, the sweet smell of fresh air, orange blossoms, strawberries, and the best of all brakes, burning rubber, and exhaust fumes. Yea the smells that announce that springtime in Florida have brought sports car racing here in all its glory.

First there is the February Rolex 24 hours of Daytona, next we have the February Porsche Club 48-hour Sebring event. Then the 12 hours of Sebring contest March 14-18 with the 12-hour on Saturday the 17th. At each of these events there are great opportunities to watch various Porsche models and classes do what they do best, race. In addition, the Porsche paddock areas give owners the chance to park together and visit with each other and view the street going examples of our favorite marquee. Hey smile, wave or show something special and you could end up on Speedvision, they telecast both the Daytona 24 hour and the Sebring 12 hour race, not the club race yet, but who knows what the future may bring.

It is a great chance for suncoast members to turn out and watch the excitement and share the enthusiasm we have for Porsche motorsports. I invite all members new and old to take a trip out to one of these events and watch the Porsches go round. It might place a bug in you to sign up for the next club Drivers Ed, this way you can go where the big boys go, track wise at least.

Please welcome all of our 18 new members;

Carlos Caballero from Sarasota joins us with a 2001 Boxster

Jerry and Susan Center from Belleair Beach join with a 2001 Boxster

Richard and Diane Curcio from Nokomis join us with a 2001 Boxster

Chad Knoerr and his wife Jennifer from Bradenton joins us with a 2001 Boxster

Dan Miller from Sarasota joins us with a 2001 Boxster

Dirk Peterson and his wife Mary from Fort Myers joins us with a 2001 Boxster S

Robert and Deborah Rosen from Clearwater join us with a 2001 Boxster S.

OK you Boxster people join in our next club event you have enough *friends* already built in,

Hiram Cuebas from Port Richey joins us with a 1986 944

Robert Franco from Tampa brings a 1983 911 to the club.

Cory Liffrig from Tampa joins us with a 1986 911 Carrera.

Kathleen McDonald from Indian Rocks Beach has a 1990 911.

Patti Mclarty from Tampa brings a 1995 993 to us. Lenny Nicholas from Largo brings us a 1999 996 Cab.

Bill and Rebecca Richardson live in Brandon and own a 1991 928S4.

Frank Shea from Odessa joins us with a 2001 996 Cab.

Stacey Turmel from St. Pete. Brings a 2001 996 Coupe to the club.

David Webb from Dade City joins us with a 1979 911SC Coupe.

Trent Williams from Tarpon Springs joins us with a 1984 911 Coupe.

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March 11 April 29 June 24 September 30 November 25

## Autocross

RSVP one week in advance to make sure your name is on the list. Tech and registration are from 7:30 AM to 9 AM only, no exceptions. MacDill now requires a driver's license, current insurance card, & registration to get on base. Make sure you have these documents with you!

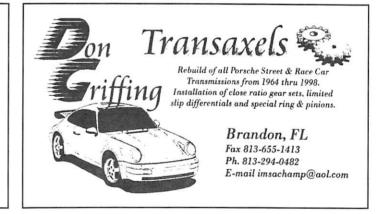
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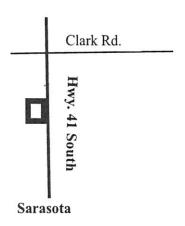
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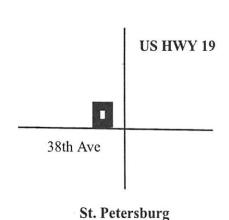
Suncoast Porsche 7576 S. Tamiami Tr. Sarasota (941)923-1700 7:00PM

### April 6

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I am working with each of the locations to try and secure a parking area for the cars. What a sight to see all our Porsche's in row!

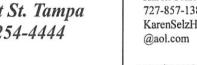
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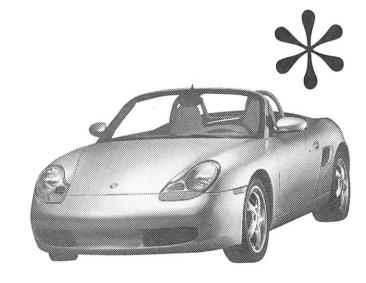
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## **The Social Circle**

By Karen Selzer

Hello Porsche Fans,

I have found myself caught up in scheduling so many fun and exciting things for the club to do that I am actually running out of weekends for all the activities. I have decided an article chronicling all the upcoming events would do nicely. What I am hoping is all of you will see some of the events and call me with other ideas you feel would be great for the club. Glen Getchell has already done that and is scheduling a wonderful Rally to the Fantasy of Flight off I-4. Thank you to Glen for his enthusiasm and the time he is spending putting together the event.

Our first Breakfast Club was a huge success with 23 participants at Woody's Cafe and Beach Bar. Joe and Michelle Celeste, Garry and Julie Eaves, Glen and Mary Getchell, Gloria Patterson, Ellen and Bill Riley, Mark and Michele Krekorian, Mike and Sharla Horne, Rene Monfort, Scott, Tracey and Sam Mitchell, Karen Selzer and Mike Irwin, and the host and manager of Woody's, Dave George. We had a wonderful \$3.50 all you can eat breakfast overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Please join us next time at Woody's on March 25th and enjoy the upcoming fun! April's Breakfast Club will be on Saturday the 28th at a location to be announced. Possibly at Cafe Heidleburg in Tampa.

Our first Humpday Dine & Drive was not as successful, but we did have Allen Chin, Mark and Michele Krekorian and Mike and Sharla Horne at Hooter's. From what I was told they did have quite a good time. I know Wednesday's are rough, so after March's event at Four Green Fields in Tampa, we will be moving our Dine & Drive to Friday or Saturday nights. April13th, yes, that will be Friday the 13th, we will be meeting at 6:30 at Bahama Breeze in Tampa. Again, if you RSVP I can try to get tables reserved where we can sit and see the cars! Please pass on other locations you think would be good...I need help finding locations you folks are willing to drive your cars to.

Our annual BBQ is now going to alternate between Art and Shirley Stemler's and chef Phil Harrison's down in Arcadia. The BBQ will be on April 28th, at 11am. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Phil's home is situated on 600 acres filled will rivers, streams, pastures, woods and exotic animals you won't believe. Watch next months profile for a full ad explaining all the fun and what you will need to bring! We will need RSVP's by April 21st. Mark you calendar now and get ready for the fun!!

May 5th will mark our first event to be held at the Faith children's home outside the Christmas Party. They have always been so fascinated with our cars that I wanted to do something so they could see our cars in all their glory. The Faith Children's Home Car Festival will be a day to remember. Watch for a full ad next month.

May 19th is the day we have set aside for the Fantasy of Flight Rally. We will meet at Gerry Curts around 8am and begin driving the back roads of Florida so we arrive at Fantasy of Flight at 10:30am. They will have a location on the tarmac for our cars to sit next to the various aircraft for all visitors to admire. Once in, we will be provided with a private tour, and partake in a special lunch at the Officers Club. Once your belly is full, you can be off to use the simulators and full-fill that life long dream to be an Ace Fighter Pilot. At 1:30, weather permitting, a daring pilot will take to the sky in the vintage aircraft of the day. Prices include tours, lunch, tax, and gratuities: Adult - \$29.98, Senior (61+) -\$28.18, Children (5-12) - \$20.07. RSVP by May 10th to Glen Getchell at 727-393-5559, and mail checks to Glen in care of Florida Suncoast Region PCA, at 11995 104th Court, Largo, FL 33778.

Whew!! This gets us through May and I look forward to seeing old members as well as many new members attending their first events. We have done a great job so far, and based on the Chi Chi Rodriguez sign up list, I can see we have many other new members joining the fun. Thanks to all who have passed on thier good ideas to me and please keep them coming.

## The Addict's Report

#### BY MICHAEL IRWIN

This year over 20 million new cars will be manufactured on this planet. And of this almost unfathomable number, 80 percent of the cars, trucks and SUVs made will be made by the top 10 companies. Imagine that some of these companies can produce over 2 million cars and still not make a profit. Which is why we should chalk up one more notch for this marque we hold so dearly. Porsche has the highest net percentage income of any car manufacturer in the world, making it the envy of every other car manufacturer.

Now this wont translate into severe price cuts, huge cash back allowances or \$199 a month lease deals, but we do at least get one more piddle of fodder in our defense for our great love of these little cars. So with a small slice of bravado, I would like to offer some advice to the other car companies on how to make a little profit and get the economy rolling again.

First you guys need to realize you are putting the engine in the wrong end and wasting so much money doing so. For example, you would save millions alone just on all the tubing for the exhaust...which you just run clear out the back of the vehicle. The same with drive shafts. Do you realize how many baby seals are killed to make one drive shaft.

Second....Use more German labor. American car companies are are paying above 25 dollars an hour, while German workers are more than happy with a couple pounds of bratwurst and full stein. Think about the jubilation on shareholders faces when the car companies eliminate 75% of there operating expenses that goes for labor.

Third...Eliminate cup holders. The new FORD EXCURSION has something like 400 cupholders in every vehicle. As most of us with coffee stained leather seats know...Porsches don't have cup holders. Lets do some quick math. If FORD make 50,000 EXCURSIONS and each to these SUVS has 400 cup holders we come up with about a billion cupholders (Hey my math aint perfect). And if each of these cup holders cost them \$1 (a low estimate considering Ford charges \$450 for pinstripes), we come up with a savings of about a billion dollars, all by eliminating the cup holder from just the EXCURSION. If we eliminate the cup holders in all vehicles world wide you would have an outstanding dividend payout. Besides I've seen how much most people pay attention while driving already and taking away the distraction of keeping our cup holders stocked would probably save a bundle of lives also.

Next....Start making cars with 170 mile an hour top speeds. With our cars, we can just zoom up to 170 miles per hour, throw the car in neutral, and just coast to our destination. How does this save money? There is very little stress on the motor and transmission while the car is coasting, resulting in less warranty repair work. Now some people might have safety issues over this, but we are trying to boosts profits here. Anyhow we are saving lives eliminating cup holders, so this about balances lost lives and saved lives...remember, we are trying to make money...not save the world.

And lastly....Pick one basic car shape and stick with it. Some of you manufacturers completely redesign your cars every 3 or 4 years....Porsche started out with a basic shape on the 356 and held true to that idea clear up to the current 996. 50 years of slightly tweaking the same basic platform. Rumor has it, that a fender from from a 356 and a 996 are completely indistinguishable if laid side by side.

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APRIL 28, 2001 11:00AM

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We will be meeting in various locations throughout the extended Bay Area at local diners and restaurants.



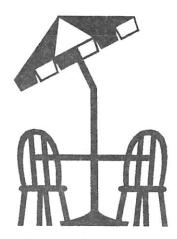
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Rsvp to:

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Look for the Breakfast Club location in the each months Profile. Always feel free to call me with Questions or ideas for other locations!!



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## 68 Drivers Enjoy January **Autocross at MacDill**

By Dan Shields

Beautiful weather and a long, challenging course greeted the large field of autocross drivers at Suncoast Region's first 2001 autocross at Macdill Air Force Base on January 14. An influx of entries from as far away as Miami, Melbourne, and even Alabama resulted in a strong field of 68 entries. The cool, sunny weather was a welcome change from the rain that kept the concrete wet at the November event. The course provided more than a mile of quick, non-stop maneuvers.

Danny Shields and Caroline Spencer guided Caroline's red Boxster S to the fastest overall men's and women's times among the Porsches. Sharron Shields debut her red 944 S2 with a win in G Stock Ladies, second overall among the Porsche ladies.

Joe Winn took top honors in DS, over first-time autocrosser Bob Cassanese. John Cullen stormed to victory in ES in his RS America, which he tows on a dolly behind his Honda Accord! Mike Kwasin drove his trusty 912 to victory in AS, then hosted everyone at his Warehouse II Liquors for after-event complimentary beer and car photos.

Tom Briest defeated fellow 944 driver Bill Conroy to win FS, while David Schnoerr towed his 944 Turbo up from Westin to destroy the GS class. Bill Riley was back in action with his 944 Turbo, winning M1 over rookie Bobby Kostopoulos in a 930. New Suncoast Region Treasurer Mark Krekorian drove his Boxster to the win in HS over newcomer Chad Knoerr.

Curtis Parker drove his BMW M3 to victory in the BMW group, edging Scott Collins by only 0.049 sec. Penny Estrada was quickest among the BMW ladies. Twenty-three BMW entries took part, as the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the BMWCCA will be using the PCA events at Macdill as part of their season championship series.

The new Corvette Z06's were out in force, two examples capably driven by three men and two women. Mark Sipe drove down from Montgomery, Alabama to pilot Richard Beecher's red Z06, and used a quick, clean final run to defeat his car owner. Barbara Beecher defeated Joan Clark in a ladies matchup of Z06's. In the "Other" category, Sipe's time was surpassed by only one car, the Lotus 61 Formula Ford driven by veteran Jay Stannard of Melbourne, who claimed the event's overall Fast Time of Day.

The folks from Suncoast Porsche in Sarasota were on hand to help out, and provided literature, posters, doughnuts, a free lunch for participants, and door prizes. Gordon Mckeehan expressed his dealership's desire to be more active in supporting the Suncoast Region in the future.

Eunice Painter set up the Goodie Store at the event, offering a nice variety of Porsche apparel and accessories, and allowed her Suburban to be used to tow the club equipment trailer back to its storage yard. Extra effort by a number of club members and participants allowed the event to run smoothly despite the large turnout.

The next Suncoast autocross is scheduled for Sunday, March 11, at Macdill. The autocrosses are open to all licensed drivers 18 and older, but attendees should call at least a week ahead of time to be sure they are on the base access list. Call Dan Shields at (813) 681-5378 or e-mail FastDan5@AOL.com.

## **Ugo's Utterings**

By Ugo Mantovani

My priorities are getting screwed up. My job is coming before my "Profile" article input.

I thought I was almost UTTERED out. I was on a business trip in Smyrna Beach, Fl. (stop Laughing) and I did a double take. I saw, I thought, a white 914 under a tree. A real good fixer upper. My first thoughts where that it would be a great one for Steve Gaglione, I think his new race car looked like this before the major work. All this for \$100, WOW! The windshield and hubcaps where worth that. I looked and looked and kept on saying "the windshield is worth that".

In January I had a great time at our Drivers Ed. I had two students with a 930 Turbo and a Boxter. I had Jim Hallmark as a student, what a guy, could probably be as good as me after another couple of Drivers Eds. Boy, with him and me talking I had to tell both of us to SHUTUP and concentrate on driving. With all the BS we where throwing, I could of sworn that the grass in the infield was getting greener, HAHA!

My RS felt great. By cutting my sessions a little short it gave me time to cool down the brakes properly so my rotors wouldn't warp. The problem is, by having students, an instructor doesn't have much time to go to his/her students for their driving sessions. I don't like to keep my students waiting but being stupid did cost me a few hundred dollars of rotors and labor. I'm learning the hard way.

I missed the 48 hours Sebring event and I hate myself for it... Again my priorities are screwed up.

Hopefully I'll see you at our next event.





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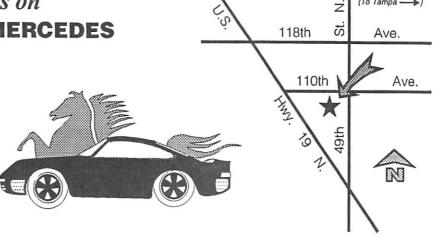
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## **Daytona-Rolex 24 Hours**

By Ellen Riley

Bill and I left Lakeland at 6:15 AM Saturday for Daytona. The weather was cool and as we passed through Orlando someone turned down the temperature. We were struggling to pull on another sweater as we drove through the front that started us shivering. When we arrived at the track at 8:15 AM, we found the Porsche Corral just to the right as we exited the tunnel. We were greeted by our hosts Citrus Region from Orlando with hot coffee and still warm Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

A tour of the pit area was our first activity for the day and we saw and greeted many long time Porsche friends, Carol and Joe Pendergast, Danny Stewart, Scott Tyler, Martha and Steve Southard from Ohio. We also spotted Dale Earnhardt before he was ready for the big ride.

Upon our return to the Porsche parking area the task of getting Suncoast members prepared for meeting and greeting the visitors was the primary focus. Florida Crown Region had setup the area for parking and Ruben Ledesma, Zone 12 Representative, provided the membership information for our visitors. Maps of the World and the United States were displayed and visitors were invited to place a pin in their town. We had many local and distant pins on the map by 6:00 pm on Saturday. We had Porsche enthusiasts from Brazil, Costa Rica, Canada, Cuba, Panama and the United Kingdom.

The day turned cooler and more jackets were added by most everyone and some umbrellas opened with the first drops of rain. However, the cool and wet weather was turned warmer with a friendly handshake, an exchange of business cards and smiles of gratitude for providing a chance to talk about our favorite car.

The membership and information tent proved to be beneficial to many participants seeking information on lost Porsche members and needed technical information. The Suncoast Porsche dealer of Sarasota, represented by Gordon McKeehan and Rob Osborne, provided the snacks and drinks for our time period, also technical information and helped with traffic control. They were so energetic and untiring that even as the rain intensified the smiles grew brighter because everyone was having an enjoyable time.

Thanks to the following for helping Suncoast Florida Region during our 1-6 PM time period: Bob Miller, PCA National President, Janet, Ruben and Wesley Ledesma, Page and Lee Obenshain, Gloria Patterson and friend Karen, Rene Monfort, Charlie Potts, Chris, Dennis and David Krutzler, Gerry Curts, and Bill and Ellen Riley.

We returned to Lakeland at 8:30PM almost too tired to eat but we felt an inner warmth knowing we had, along with Florida Citrus, Florida Crown and Space Coast regions, provided an important service to Porsche Club members and prospective members. Hopefully, the PCA National Board will finance the Daytona Corral in 2002. We all wish for a nice warm sunny day then too.

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### **European Fairy Tale**

By Richard & Addie G. Ross

A fairy tale to me is a better than life story that seems too good to be true. Our first trip to Europe seems almost make-believe now, but it was "for real" with a very happy ending. We love traveling, but had not been to Europe in our 37 years together. We are not the typical old married couple. Geney is an adventurous spirit who celebrated getting her Master's degree two years ago by going to Belize to kayak and snorkel on an island with no electricity. I sport a custom stitched shirt titling me as "Entertainment Director" by my friends. So the usual guided tour traveling mode was not a consideration. After three years of discussion and ten months of gearing up for the actual trip, a Porsche Fest was meant to be! Having a vivid family interest in automotive design as a former amateur drag racer ,racer, auto mechanic and parts salesman, an employee of Ford Motor Assembly Plant in Norfolk VA for over 28 years, and a proud Porsche owner for the past five years, it made sense to shift into high gear. An ad in Panorama for Fast Lane Travel fit our interest and the Fall Porsche Fest 2000 matched the time of year we wanted as well. An all-inclusive, luxury tour, it was booked.

With the Fast Lane Tour dates set for September 28 - October 8 we had a safety net for a little add-on adventure at the front and back end of the tour to make a total of 17 days. Frankfurt was the airport of choice and not a bad one. Although big, it proved easy to maneuver on arrival and departure. The extra days also provided on-off ramps for a smooth entry and exit to the Autobahn pace of the trip!

With luggage in tow we were ready to pick up our car. To our surprise and often rescue our rental car came equipped with a GPS! (Talk about a contribution to marital harmony on a road trip in foreign countries!) Jet lag dismissed we were off to Heidelberg for our first night in Germany. Literature sent ahead had prepared us for differences in highway markers and driving rules. Although I will admit that not knowing German made following the signs somewhat formidable, but the German folk were friendly and compensated for our lack of knowledge. When we stopped for directions to our first hotel a fine gentleman motioned us to follow him and lead us to the front door!

The Neckar River flowed beneath our window in the Hotel Vier Jahresjeiten and beyond stood the Heidelberg Castle. We strolled the streets and dined outdoors. Leisurely taking in the historic architecture while sipping our first notably famous German beer. The next two days were spent in Strasbourg, France and Bad Wimpfen, Germany. Within hours you can go from contemporary culture to medieval romanticism. The entire experience was a sensual delight with breathtaking natural beauty that only got better with every turn.

Rested and relaxed we headed back towards Frankfurt to join our Porsche Fall Fest Tour. A factory-delivered set of Porsches: a Meridian Metallic Carrera Cab, a Black Twin Turbo along with one in Zanzibar Red, and several Boxster S's confirmed we were in the right place. Later our group's set of "rentals": BMW 750il's, M5's and Mercedes would arrive. The Hotel Weiberhofe is adding a day spa to its facilities and the renovation at the front entrance disguised the grandeur of the accommodations. What a shock walking into the sitting area of our suite! Tapestry floor coverings, overstuffed leather chairs, sofa, chandelier and wall hangings gave the sense of being in a small gallery. A balcony overlooked a meadow framed by forest complete with grazing horses and cold mountain stream. (Geney and Arlene met and five minutes later were wading barefoot in the water.)

This would be the setting for our kick-off meeting - a champaignChampagne cocktail party followed by five star dining! Back in our room after dinner we found a tray of chocolate candies and strawberries had been delivered. What a finale to a friendly evening and the beginning of a fairy tale.

A group "Who's Who" provided an advance glimpse of our traveling companions, but was too short to have done justice to their wide array of personalities and interests. The trip became a party as we became more comfortable with each other and had the commonality of shared thrills along the way. Each day brought more excitement than the next! There were 42 people from 10 different states. Peter Sontag, our Festmeister and owner of Fast Lane Travel, Inc. (877 959 FAST or peter@fastlanetravel.com), is originally from Austria. His travel experience and connections with Stuttgart Porsche were a great advantage. Along for the entire trip was Jörg Austen, a retired Porsche engineer. Jörg coordinated mapping and driver briefings each morning. He was a wealth of information and answered many questions about the history and cultural aspects of tour stops.

Friday morning September 29 found us up early, bags packed and ready to roll towards our first destination - lunch in the Black Forest. The Golden Book was our guide. This was a map book with detailed instructions for the entire trip given from one destination point to the next. It was your option to stay together or strike off on your own rendezvousing at the appointed time. We separated. Not such a good idea for the first leg of the trip. Instead of enjoying the beauty of the forest to the fullest extent we were anxious that we were lost, reminiscent of Hansel and Gretel. Rather instead of breadcrumbs we had Brun Hilda, which is what we affectionately named our GPS girlfriend once we figured out how to convert her from German to English. Much to our surprise after traveling through a very remote countryside we arrived first to find Jörg waiting at Hotel Schwanen in Kalberbronn where we would have lunch. Basking in the sun with a backdrop of late summer flowers, the anxiety quickly faded as we waited for others to catch up. The setting was pristine and immaculate. For three generations, the hotel and restaurant has been family owned and operated. The food and service attested to the Ziefle family pride - soup, selection from three entrees and two desserts all home made were excellent. The veal steak was truly a steak of Western proportion!

Full and ready to ride we were back on the road. Our golden book was set around scenic routes, countrysides of quaint villages, sheep, goats, and cows. Green pastures, flowering window boxes, rolling rivers, hills, mountains topped with castles like wedding cake ornaments, and the Autobahn maybe not as scenic, but surely something not to be missed!

To expand on all of the accommodations, meals and sites experienced would literally mean writing a book. It was amazing how just when you thought it "couldn't get any better," it did! In your room at night, each day ended with a personalized note from Peter. The planning was impeccable not only from the quality of the experience, but also from the excitement that built anticipating the next event! It felt like Christmas morning as a kid.

Hotel stays were two to four days and gave you the opportunity to idle your engine if needed. There were heated pools, spas and massage services available. Hotel Bad (meaning "Spa") Schachen in Lindau, Germany situated on Lake Bodensee was a perfect break from driving.

There was a private yacht tour on the brand new "M.Y. Emily" to Rorschach, Switzerland. Its upper and lower decks were auspiciously appointed with mahogany wood, panoramic windows, marble and tile restrooms and full linen service. Recreational biking or walking into Lindau was available as an option that afternoon. That evening the Meeresburger Children's Orchestra enthralled us with their talent. Rested we were ready to rev it up

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again. Off we headed to Austria through Innsbruck, a tour of Swarovski and into Saalfelden for our stay at Hotel Brandlhof.

The next few days were a flurry of history, local customs, speed, driving to heights of incredible beauty and frolicking FUN! Grossglockner (a 12,000 foot mountain pass) and Gmünd were testimonial to the precision design behind Porsche's engineering excellence. Driving the winding, steep inclines of the Alps allowed for full appreciation of a Porsche. Above the clouds temperatures dropped, snow fell and the following day weather advisories announced that tire chains were required.

Salzburg, Austria for a Sound of Music Tour and shopping for a day was a hit followed by Austrian folk culture. We were chauffeured in a modern tour bus through the mountain roads complete with a private showing of the Sound of Music video. Much to our delight a member of our tour group, Peter K., had been an extra in the film! Arriving at hunting lodge setting, we were greeted by the aroma of roasting meats. Lederhosen and dirndl attired musicians and dancers entertained throughout the night with audience participation.

The next day a photo rally and side trip to Berchtesgaden, Hitler's Eagles Nest. Great pains had been taken to provide a booklet of color photos marking possible points that could be earned for citing the item in the picture. Prizes awaited and competitive spirits soared. Otherwise docile group members became wary and protective of the coveted, hard-earned information in their books. As drivers turned in their books and tallied their points cocktail conversation was clandestine. I had joined Carl for the day who was testing the limits of his new Black Metallic Turbo. His mission wasn't about tallying points, but seeing how fast he could take curves! His driving gloves stretched over his taut hands on the steering wheel showed his seriousness. Passionate driver. Soulful, with CD player sounding Thriller he showed the physique and skill of a man half his age. "Are you interested in checking off these photos?" he asked. "Not really." I said. We were off on our own Fast Lane Fairy Tale. We came in last, only in points, but not forgotten.

Peter made sure that even the last place winners were included on the prize list! Delicious meals, elegant service, good wine, and dining rooms filled with local, live music nightly along with jokes, story telling and merrymaking ensured there was always something for everyone to enjoy continuously throughout the trip. The Hotel Brandlhof was great, but it was time to head for Stuttgart.

Stuttgart brought us to the Hotel Graf Zeppelin. In the heart of downtown, a mini-Manhatten, but with palaces instead of sky scrapers. After unpacking and getting settled into our rooms we were picked up by bus for a short trip to Götzenburg for a medieval dinner at a castle. Servers and musicians were in period costume and dinner was served in fifteenth century manner. Lots of fun and games embellished the evening.

We were approaching the climax of the trip – an orgasmic experience for Porsche lovers, a trip through the factory and museum culminating in Weissach. The factory tour split us into two groups with a personal guide that not only described manufacturing processes in detail, but also patiently answered our questions about cultural working differences between the American and European automotive industry. The museum shop offered some excellent gifts and keepsake items. Linda thought it WAS Christmas! But she managed to leave a few things for the rest of the group to buy. With shopping and touring done it was time to get back on the bus for Weissach.

The bus was more quiet than usual. I think most of us had thoughts running through our minds about what it was going to be like on the Porsche test track. The mood was serious as Peter explained the guidelines and warned about cameras. No one wanted to spoil this chance of a lifetime and strictly followed his advice. Diligently, leaving bags behind on the bus we lined up like school children on a field trip waiting for our turn. This was no kiddy ride though. What stood in front of us were three brand new Porsches, a Boxster, Carrera and Turbo, manned with skilled drivers who would chauffeur us around the track at speeds most of us had never seen.

In went the first person, off to the smell and sound of screeching tires out of sight, yet the engine's roar and tires could still be heard. Exhilarating. Adrenalin pumping as we watched. Next car off. Again. We stepped closer. Fear? No, it was a feeling of energy. Shear nervous energy waiting for release. My turn. I braced myself, stepped in, strapped down and smiled. Gas throttle floored, thrusting me back against my seat, I was held in place by the force. Controlled and confident by the driver's skillful manipulation, I relaxed and laughed with the joy of the ride. Engine, tires and track connected, a thrill of a lifetime. Sliding to a stop, out I jumped. Back in line, ready for the next ride. Power, speed and craftsmanship combined to make an automobile an art form – Porsche.

That night was the official end of the Porsche Fall Fest. A formal dinner was held with Porsche executives as guests along with renown automotive artists, Andreas Hentrich and Michael Loeb. Peter rounded out the event with awards and "Doc" presented a computer Power Point slide show of digital pictures he had taken on the trip. However, there was one more event to attend on Saturday that symbolized the German appreciation for good beer and fun. The 155th Cannstatter Volksfest. Reserved tables waited along with platters of sandwiches, sausages, sauerkraut, radishes, roasted chicken and ice-cold beer. It is a carnival filled with rides, music and dancing not to be missed. We stayed until dark then took the train back to the hotel. Thanks to the well-seasoned travelers like big Ed, who survived these fests on many previous Porsche trips, we got off at the right stop and joined our new found friends at Amici's Italian restaurant for dinner. Farewells were bid, addresses exchanged as the Fast Lane tour slowed to a happy ending.

We stayed in Stuttgart for two more days taking advantage of the location, touring the art museum, old palace and castle within the city. The next day we took a twenty-minute train ride with an easy bus transfer to Ludwigsburg. There we visited the baroque palace and gardens before returning to Frankfurt for our trip home to Virginia. For anyone who loves cars, travel, and fun a Porsche Fall Fest is a fairy tale.

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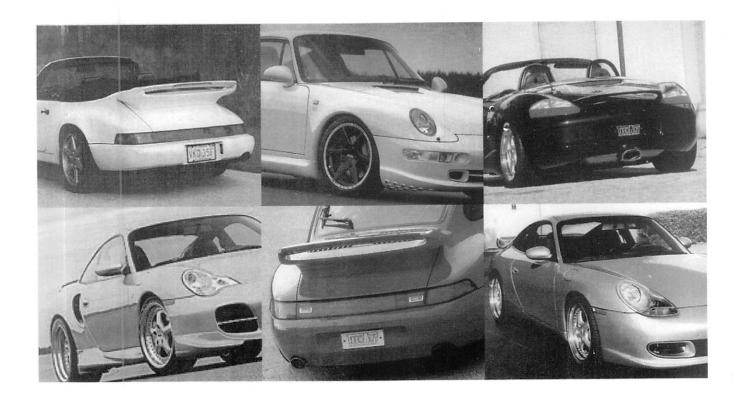
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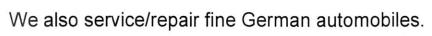


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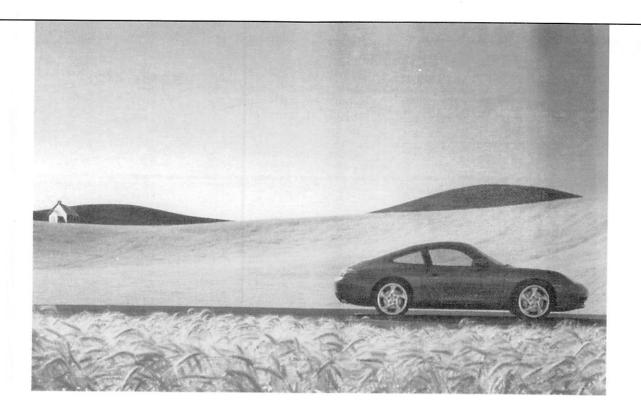


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