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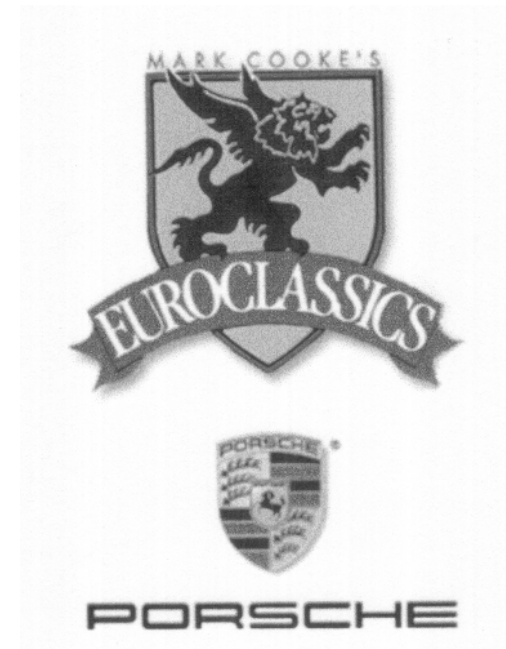
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Calendar of Events.....

- ♦ Jan. 16– Social/Meeting to set calendar of events for 2004! CDOC, 900 Preston Ave., Charlottesville, 7-8 PM.

Directions to CDOC from both Richmond and Shenandoah Valley:

Exit I-64 at Shadwell and take Rt. 250 West into Charlottesville. Turn left at Ridge McIntire Rd. (Rescue Squad & Skate Park on left). Just past the Albemarle County Office Bldg., turn right onto Preston Ave. CDOC is located 5 blocks up at the corner of Preston and 10th Streets.

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President's Letter.....

The Cup is Half Full

Well, I am halfway though my Presidency and the time has flown. We had a great year and with many fun and memorable times, and I thank everyone who has helped make this year a success. We have another busy year coming up and our first social meeting at CDOC in Charlottesville will produce our Calendar for the year's events. Please watch for the finished schedule on the web and in the *Heat Exchanger*.



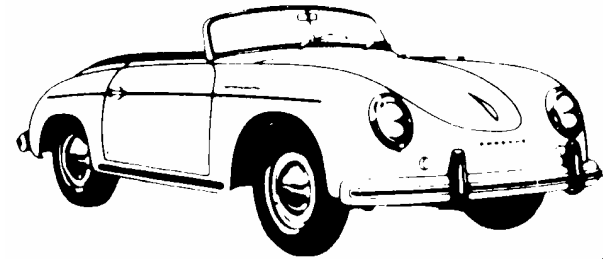
President, Rick Ebinger

We had another special Christmas party at the Brannan's home, with Manny Alban, our Zone 2 Rep and National President Tom Bobbitt in attendance. The impromptu spread of food was pulled off masterfully by our Richmond friends with a little help from the Harrisonburg crew. We were again graced by comic relief from Bryce and Alex during the awards ceremony. This is becoming a regular thing. Thanks guys. One thing I missed was to thank Gail and Alex Smith for the special efforts they make every year with RPM. For those of you who have attended that event, you know what I mean when I say that. For those of you who have not attended, try this year. You will not be disappointed.

We have some new things coming up in our racing programs this year. There has been talk with G&W of a possible Spring Fling at VIR. The November event was a blast and everyone had a ton of track time. I'll make sure to post updates on this as they become available. I also believe the Fall Fling with them will be one week before Thanksgiving. This is a change since they have done it on Turkey weekend for the past few years. Also, Erik and I are still planning on a five-event Autocross season, and with a little prodding, we may be able to shame some other regions to run against First Settlers and us...a regional autocross challenge. So polish up your skills and think about new tires. This should happen in the fall...more updates as we get closer. One note of old business, we made over \$500 in profit from our Zone 2 event. Manny sent the check down right before Christmas.

Lastly, there are so many people to thank for the year's events that I am sure I'd miss someone so I'll take the easy way out and thank everyone. The club is active and with everyone's help, this will be again another good year. We have more events with Hershey's Parade in 2005 coming up and that is a must do. We will be putting out information and related stories throughout the year so watch for this and ask questions. Thanks to all once again and have a safe and fun new year.

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From the Editor's Desk.....



A drop in the bucket

It's only a drop in the bucket but every drop counts.

I'm referring to an action that was taken at the club's Christmas Party last month....to donate \$250 to a down-on-their luck family.

Hostess, Jeanette Brannan told the story in plain unemotional terms...a three year old in the Richmond area with a terminal illness. "She probably won't see her fourth birthday," said Jeanette quietly.

Editor, Phil Audibert

Ironically, the father is an insurance salesman, but he's run out of coverage for his daughter's illness. And because of the massive crushing hospital bills, the parents have fallen behind on house payments. The bank has started foreclosure proceedings.

Later, President Rick Ebinger polled Board members at the Christmas party, and they agreed to donate \$250 to this family in such dire need. It's only a drop in the bucket, but I'm sure I speak for everyone who was in that room that night that, if possible, we would have allocated \$250,000 to this fund on the strength of Jeanette's eloquent plea.

We are a small club with limited resources. We are also a privileged few who own and appreciate fine German automobiles. What does that have to do with a kid who's dying in a Richmond hospital?

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Shenandoah Club Tours Poplar Forest...by Darrell



Tour Participants (in no particular order): Jim Bourie; Robert and Joan Duntley; Dana and Sarah Greenly; Don and Sharon Herzog; Chad and Darrell Hurst; Johnny and Lisa Johnson, and family; Don and Debbie Kremer; Dale Weatherholtz; Robert Whissen; Mike Shutty; Bow and Susy Willetts.

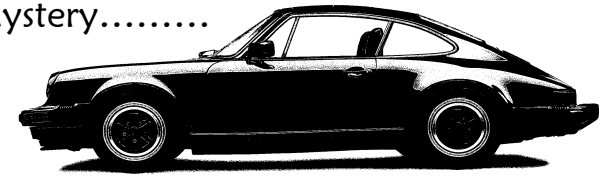
On Sunday November 9, 2003, members of the Shenandoah Regional Porsche Club met at the foot of Afton Mountain to begin a memorable driving tour. The group's destination was Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest "retreat" located near Forest, Virginia. Ten Porsche models, ranging from Johnny Johnson's '63 Super 90 coupe to a new 996, rolled off at 10:30 a.m.

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Car was originally delivered and sold in Belgium in July 1977 as a row car, but with USA specs (?). It was registered in Virginia in 1978. Virginia owner may have been a graduate of Texas A&M. Last known Virginia owner was Allstate Insurance in Glen Allen, VA, but car was later exported to Germany.

Gerko has the history since it arrived in Germany, but its Virginia history remains a mystery. If you know anything about this car, or where info might be obtained, please contact Gerko Hoek at g.h.hoek@wxs.nl

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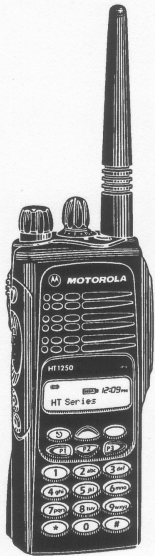
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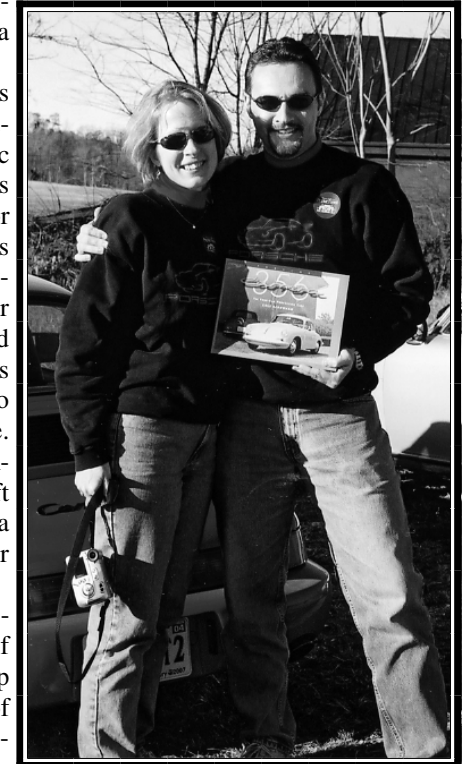
We headed south on Route 151 cruising though Nelly's Ford, Wintergreen, crossing Brown Mountain which had six tight switch backs, and then passing Roseland, Piney River, and Clifford. On this perfect autumn morning, the group traveled over some of the western Piedmont's most scenic rural landscapes with the Blue Ridge always majestically visible toward the west. Too soon, we connected with Route 29 South.

Following a short drive around Lynchburg on the bypass, we stopped for lunch at *Charley's* just off Route 501 West. After a pleasant lunch, we took Professor Chad's Porsche history quiz. Don Herzog "aced" the quiz, no doubt assisted by his lovely wife Sharon, and won the book, *The 356 Carrera Four Cam Production Cars* by Cole Scroggum. A few Porsche photographs later, we left the parking lot for Poplar Forest about five miles distant.


After a slow drive up the long, dusty approach lane, we sighted the roof and portico of Poplar Forest, rising above huge boxwoods. We paid a modest admission fee and began our guided tour of the partially restored plantation home, begun in 1806 and originally situated on 4,819 acres. Jefferson's wife Martha had inherited this rolling, arable land which became a valuable source of income for them.

The house itself reflects Jefferson's Italian and French influences as well as his love for basic geometric shapes. Essentially, it is an octagon with a large central parlor that forms a perfect cube and features corner fireplaces and a central skylight. The parlor is flanked by four trapezoid-shaped rooms that had various uses. Poplar Forest shares many features found at Monticello but is not on the same grand scale. Although the exterior has been completed, with the exception of the left hand wing, the interior remains a restoration in progress with a number of finished and unfinished rooms.

As late afternoon approached, we completed our tour of house and grounds, posed for group pictures, and reluctantly left one of Jefferson's most innovative architectural structures. We drove away in different directions toward our respective homes. It had been a memorable drive and a successful tour!




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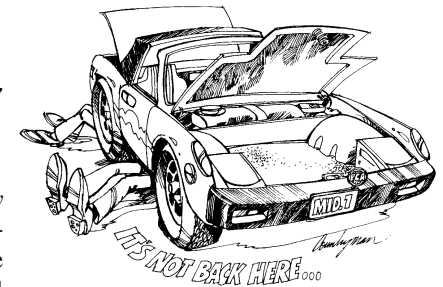
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**Tech-
tactics.....**

**914 Handling affected by
strut wear**



Ray Jang of Ohio Valley Region wrote, "My 1972 914, despite new ball joint, new turbo tie rod ends, new tires and a four wheel alignment, exhibits a strange quirk in its handling. Upon entering a sweeping left-hand curve, the car turns in and takes a nice set, but at the point when one would want to get on the gas to accelerate through the corner, it strongly turns in yet a few more degrees. The first time this occurred, it felt like the car had a mind of its own and was about to spin, even though there was no additional steering input. As the car progresses through the sweeper and tracks out, there is an equal opposite reaction to the right. This steering force is felt in the steering wheel and at the tire patches even though no driver input has occurred...a very scary sensation! Right handed sweepers do not provoke the turn-in tendency. I have also talked with a 914/6 owner who experienced a similar problem. What could possibly be the cause?"

After several months researching the problem, Ray finally found and communicated the following answer which he had not previously seen documented and which may be of interest to other 914 and early 911 owners.

"While using the 914 in daily driving duties, the left hand gyrations became more frequent. Finally the car felt too quirky to use anymore; on long sweepers, it would cycle several times left right!. Upon inspection, it seemed the new right-hand ball joint was bad or working loose or had been improperly installed, or the A-arm was damaged or flexing. A visit to a local suspension specialist finally revealed the culprit."

"The lower strut housing where the ball joint is secured had ovalized with the pinch bolt and the circular segment that secures the ball joint had become deformed. This wear allowed the ball joint and the associated wheel/tire to cock back and forth sideways when a side thrust was placed on that right front wheel. Replacement of the entire strut assembly corrected the mysterious extra 'turn-in' tendency. Now, with the rotors, pads, and front wheel bearings, the 914 handles just the way I had originally hoped it would many months ago."

The problem was essentially solved when Porsche changed the method of securing the strut to the ball joint in 1972 for the 911 and 1973 for the 914. This problem also illustrates the importance of careful inspection of all suspension components when upgrading the early 1970's cars with later tires and other components. (reprinted by permission from *Upfixin der Por-*

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Autocross Final Season Standings.....

<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Season Points</u>
Early Porsche- Pre 1980~		
1) Rick Ebinger	914 Turbo	11
2) John Kessler	911	8
3) Erik Boody	911 T	7
4) Bobby Smith	914 Racer	3
5) Dan Wolkomir	914	1
6) Steve Bomeli	914	1
1980-1994 911~		
1) Chess Earman	930 Turbo	9
2) Andy Turner	911	7
3) Mel Brannan	911 C4	6
4) Bill Willetts	911	3
5) Howie Dunbrack	930 Turbo	2
6) Rich Waer	RS America	2
993 & 996~		
1) Alex Smith	993	11
2) Mark Scafidi	993	6
3) Bryce Jewett	993	6
4) Walter Yeatts	993	1
944~		
1) Howie Dunbrack	944	11
2) Brian Bass	944	8
3) Mike Thompson	944 S2	2
4) Chess Earman	944 T	1
Boxster~		
1) Phil Audibert	Boxster	12
2) Susie Audibert	Boxster	4
3) Daniel Tuszynski	Boxster	2
4) Keith Burns	Boxster	1

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Membership Report

December 2003 by Mel Brannan

160 Members

Welcome to the following **New Members:**

- Tom and Shinko Corpora of Afton, VA 1996 Porsche 911 Cabriolet
- Harold Groome, Jr. and son Vince of Sandston, VA 2002 Porsche 911
- Harold Groome, III of Glen Allen, VA 1999 Porsche 911
- Johnny Joyner of Midlothian, VA 2000 Porsche 911 C4
- Fred and Nerice Kaufman of Crozet, VA 1982 Porsche 911
- Scott Krzastek of Waynesboro, VA 1984 Porsche 944
- Stuart and Louise Moore of Richmond, VA 1987 Porsche 944 S
- Dennis Proffitt of Earlysville, VA 1999 Porsche Boxster
- Emmett and Maxine Richardson of Richmond, VA 2000 Porsche 911 CPE
- Christopher and Barbara Stokes of Edenton, NC 2003 Porsche Boxster
- Tom Young and son Mike of Richmond, VA 1984 Porsche 911

Reported from National as Non-renewals:

- Gary W. Alphin
- Gary and Lucy Hooper
- Manuel and Lorraine Rodriguez
- Hans J. Roethig
- Harold and Amber Singh
- William and Brenda Thacker
- Jon and Bonnie Barlow
- John Bryan
- Carter and Ellen Elliott

Social/Meeting Notes.....by Dave Lasch

**SHENANDOAH REGION
November 20th, 2003**

The meeting, held at Crown Motorcar in Charlottesville, began at 7:00 PM and ended about 7:40.

Driving Events: Rick Ebinger described G&W's Fall Fling weekend at VIR on November 28th-30th. Both track events and less competitive touring will be offered. He encouraged everyone to attend. Eric Boody commented on the autocross held with the First Settlers Region in Crewe. It was another enjoyable, well-run and safe event.

New and Old Business: Rick reminded the group that this year's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 7th at Mel Brannan's home. Mel stated that invitations will be sent to every member listed on the region's most current mailing list and asked that we please respond if we plan to attend. Various year-end awards will be presented and all members are cordially invited to attend.

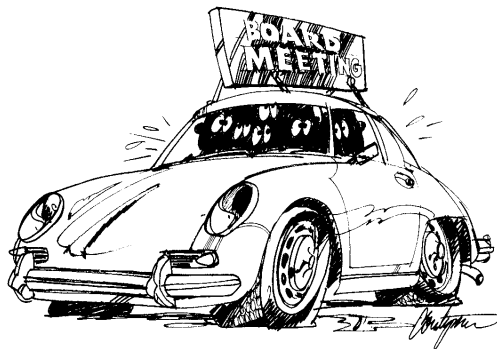
Phyllis Scrogam asked that we pay attention to the dates for upcoming events in our region, neighboring regions and especially the Porsche Parade in Texas. She noted that it was very important to start the application process early in order to be accepted. Rick again mentioned the enjoyable time he had this year and was amazed at the number of family oriented events that were offered. He also reiterated that we should be thinking about helping with the 50th Anniversary Porsche Parade, in 2005, that will be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Mel noted that we have a few more than 150 members but the membership list has not been updated recently.

Rick thanked Don Herzog, the region's webmaster, for improving and keeping the website current.

The region's next meeting will be held on January 16th and will be used to set the calendar for 2004. Rick intends to have four or five driving events, including one at Crewe, next year.

About five new members attended the meeting so Rick deemed it



Treasurer's Report.....by Gay Jewett

Balance on hand as of Oct. 31, 2003.....

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Date	Item	Income	Expense
11/4	Print Source-Nov, newsletter		297.30
11/9	Dominion Marketing-mail newsletter		76.75
11/11	Alex Smith- merchandise		922.54
11/14	PCA National	200.00	
11/21	Dual membership	14.00	
12/7	X-Mas Party food and soft drinks		205.69
12/7	G & W Book- Rally winner gift		25.00
12/7	November meeting expenses		31.76
12/7	Erik Boody- autocross expenses		30.03
12/7	Insty Prints- invitations & postage		354.77
12/12	Anna Guthrie donation		250.00
12/12	McCool's- Christmas gifts		595.65

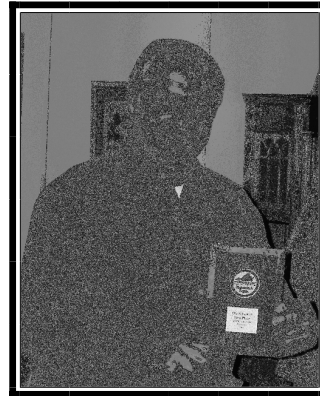
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Name	Car	Season Points
Ladies~		
1) Emily Wolkomir	Integra	13
2) Susie Audibert	Boxster	6
3) Rhonda Dunbrack	944	2
4) Diane Earman	930 Turbo	2
5) Anne Giratdeau	Civic 2002	2
6) Erlene Naugle	Miata	1
7) Shannon Daily	Eclipse	1
Other~		
1) Gary Krichbaum	350Z	9
2) Kerrigan Smith	Audi S4	5
3) Fritz Flynn	RX7	4
4) Jeff Curtis	SVC Toyota	3
5) Jason Hunt	SVC Toyota	2
6) Emily Wolkomir	Integra	2
7) Greg Shaffer	BMW M3	2
8) Stephen Dubovsky	Jetta	1
9) Pat Daily	Eclipse	1
10) Gary Krichbaum Sr.	350 Z	1



Whozat on either side of 944 Division autocross winner, Howie Dunbrack? Why, it's none other than PCA National President, Tom Bobbitt (left) and G and W Motorwerkes legend, Weldon Scrogam! The PCA annual Christmas party was the happenin' place last month!

Shenandoah Region PCA Christmas Party goes crowd Mel and Jeanette Brannan's dining room table, unaware of the fact that the caterer got his dates mixed up. The Brannans, with the help of several other Richmond area club members, hustled out and rounded up enough BBQ to feed the hordes with only a couple of hours to spare.

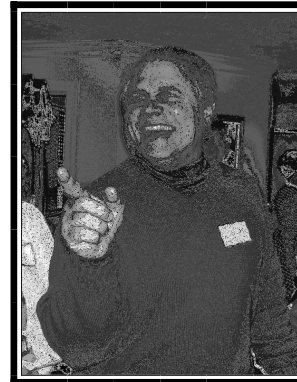


Chess Earman, winner of 1980-1994 911 Division

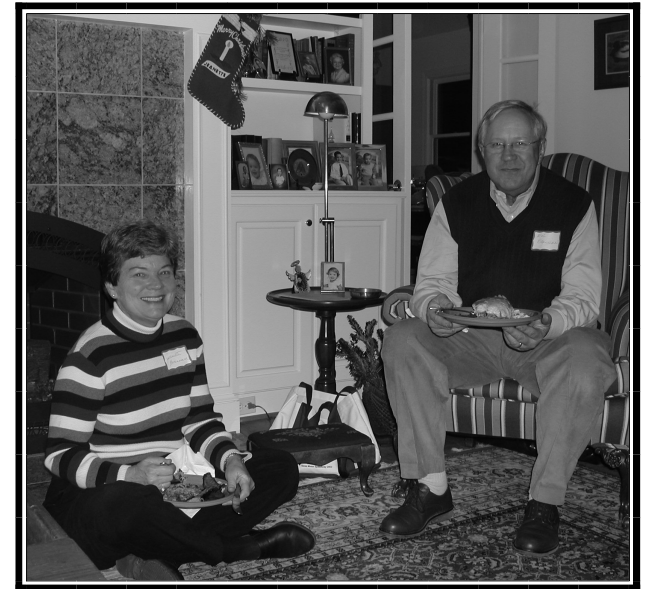


Emily Wolkomir shows off her first place award in the Ladies Division in autocross. Emily racked up more points (13 in all) in the season standings than any other club member in the autocross series. Regretfully the rumor is, she and husband Dan are moving out of the region. This comes as bad news even to her competitors, both male and female, whom she left in a cloud of dust! We'll miss you, Emily and Dan!

All photos by Phil Audibert



Cover photo: "I'm gonna get you," threatens Bryce Jewett to best friend and competitor, Alex Smith. He's referring to the beat up traffic cone Alex presented to Bryce at the annual PCA Christmas party. Alex won his autocross division this past year, edging Bryce out by five points. The "cone roast" is becoming an annual tradition.



The host and hostess with the mostest....Mel and Jeanette Brannan. Mel just happened to have enough beer in his fridge to keep everyone from dying of thirst. Wine drinkers were treated to six bottles from Afton Mountain Winery, courtesy of brand new members, Tom and Shinko Corpora.