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### We believe.....

Shenandoah Region, PCA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enjoyment of the Porsche automobile.

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## Calendar of Events.....

**April 17**– Driver's choice: tour or Fox and Hounds Rally to the Peaks of Otter with optional overnight stay. Meet at Afton Mtn. 10 AM. (Exit 99 off of I-64, turn right and right again to Inn at Afton)

April 18th– Autocross, Augusta Gov't Center, Verona, 10 AM. May 16– Autocross, Augusta Gov't Center, Verona, 10 AM. May 20– Social/Meeting TBA, 7 PM May 22– Rally celebrating 40th anniversary of the 911. June 4, 5, 6– Richmond Porsche Meet (RPM) Concours, tour, swap meet, banquet, autocross. Our Premier annual event! August 7– Brocks Gap and Orkney Springs tour. Meet at Park View Plaza near exit 251 off of I-81, 10 AM. August 29– Autocross, Southside Speedway, Richmond, 10 AM. September 16– Social/Meeting TBA. September 19- Joint autocross with First Settler's PCA, Crewe Airport Oct. 11- Euroclassics Columbus Day Driver's Ed Event, VIR, Danville. Oct. 16 or 17– Chad's Tour, TBA. Nov. 18– Social/Meeting, TBA 7 PM.

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#### President's Letter.....

# Falling into place.....

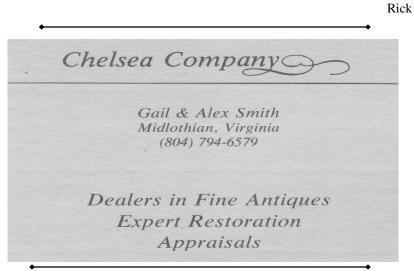
It looks like our calendar and our events are starting to fall into place. We were able to get the Government Center again, (this month) for Autocross and Alex was key in gaining the Southside Speedway for RPM. Lots are more and more difficult to get and keep, so as a club we are very lucky to have these at

our disposal. Remember to respect the President, Rick Ebinger lots when we are there.

We had our last social meeting at Crown Porsche and it is always a pleasure to visit such a nice place. We set some of the final plans in motion for the summer and got to see some old and familiar faces.

I am heading to Hershey, PA to the Zone 2 President's meeting and Parade planning meeting. I'll have some information coming back from that event. The VIR driver's ED event is also early in April so expect some pictures.

I hope to see you guys out at our events this month. Have a good and safe spring......



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There is a wild rumor afoot that the Alex and Gail Smith family and the Bryce and Gay Jewett family will have a connection that goes beyond their longstanding friendship. Recently, Gay Jewett confirmed, "the Jewetts and Smiths go way back– Alex went to high school with Bryce and me and was in our wedding. Our daughter, Jennifer works for Alex, and we have all been friends for years. Bryce III (the Jewetts' son) is 29, Erin (the Smith's daughter) is almost 28. Both went to Davidson, but did not date until about two years ago. Wedding is next fall!" Photos by Phil Audibert

#### Treasurer's Report.....by Gay Jewett Category Balance Date Income Expense 5161.57 2/29Balance on hand 3/15 Print Newsletter 341.87 Mail newsletter 3/15 82.75 3/17 Deposit for W. 135.00 Park-RPM 3/18 Rick-Meeting ex-24.00 penses 3/18 Grill Badges 96.00 Totals 96.00 583.62

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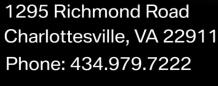
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# From the Editor's Desk.....

#### PCA...What a Deal!

I received my renewal notice from PCA National recently...\$42 for Susie and myself. What a deal.

Then I notice in Mel Brannon 's Membership Report on page 10, that half a dozen folks either forgot or chose not

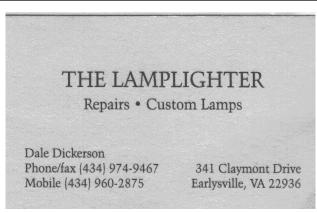
to renew their membership last month. Editor, Phil Audibert

That's a pity, because they're missing out on a lot.

For 42 measly bucks, look at what you get!

- A year's subscription to *Panorama*, the PCA's official magazine, loaded with all kinds of cool articles and photos about our favorite cars.
- Access to the vast resources (just the tech library alone boggles the mind) of PCA National's web site, not to mention the Zone 2 web site and our own club web site. You have to be a member to access this stuff.
- A year's subscription to this august and sage publication...ahem.
- An open invitation to five socials/meetings with free refreshments, good company, and reliable information from a variety of speakers.
- The opportunity to participate in numerous safe and fully insured driving events from rallies to tours to autocrosses that are either free or cost only a nominal fee.

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- The opportunity to participate in the Richmond Porsche Meet, a three day Porsche fest the first weekend in June, complete with driving tour, concours d'elegance, catered lunch, tech session, banquet, and autocross.
- The opportunity to participate in the Euroclassics Columbus Day Driver's Education Event at Virginia International Raceway, and the G and W Fall Fling, complete with professional instruction from some of the best drivers in the world! • They've got something for everyone: the collector, the gear head, the speed freak, the cruiser, the garage queen, the investor the restorer the
- A free invitation to an elegant catered Christmas party.
- investor, the restorer, the average Joe."
- And maybe most importantly, the chance to mingle and mix with a diverse group of folks who have no ulterior motive other than to share their love of the Porsche automobile.

This is a no-brainer folks. Membership in PCA is a bargain! They've got something for everyone: the collector, the gear head, the racer, the cruiser, the garage queen, the investor, the restorer, the average Joe.

So when your membership renewal comes up, remember they won't ask you twice. Just sit right down, fill out the renewal form, make out the check for \$42, mail it in, and get ready to be plugged in to another year's worth of major Porsche fun!

#### Ads look better.....

In case you haven't noticed it, the advertising in this (ahem) august publication has (BAM!) cranked up a notch.

Check out the newly designed ads for **Euroclassics** inside the back cover, **Crown Porsche** on page 18, and **G and W Motorsports** on page 14. Big improvement huh? Whereas before we were scanning printed material in, now we're doing it all electronically (duh, welcome to the 21st century). I know I'm a little slow in the technology department, but I'll catch up eventually.

Anyway, the point is this. Our advertisers have made the effort to support us. We should return the favor.

#### Web site looks better.....

And I am as guilty as anyone else in that I haven't bothered, until today, to drop by our new and improved web site. Check it out! http:// shn.pca.org. Don Herzog is a magician!

But he's not done yet. So help him out! Send him stuff. Board members whose photos are missing...send him a picture! Do it now!

30,000 miles.

Cars start when you turn the key, not something cranking away with less voltage than a Makita attempting to fill filters, fuel pumps, carburetor bowels and who knows what else before it even thinks of starting.

Cars are dry inside when it rains, not something that has more leaks than the Bush administration.

Cars you can drive to Krogers and park, not something you have to park a furlong away from the door to protect its rust bubbled paint.

Cars get you where you are going and back with major problems limited to tuning in a radio station, not something which generally turns into an adventure along side the road with someone saying, "we got fuel and spark, why in the hell did it quit?", or worse yet, "What the \$&%# was that sound?" just north of One Dog, Tennessee.

It's hard to argue with Dawn. She's right on all the above. So, why would anyone keep an old 356 around?

Editor's Note: I'll answer that one, Mick..."because when you raise the garage door, you just have to step back and smile." This article first appeared in the Blue Ridge Region PCA newsletter, Blau Rain, December 2003 issue. It is reprinted here with permission from the author. Mick Michelsen is best recognized by his flaming red 356 with two pink flamingos attached to the luggage rack!





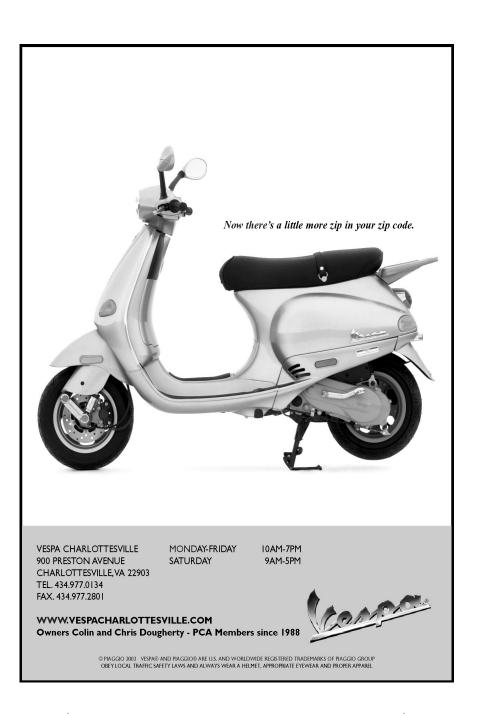


Tour participants line up for a group shot...left to right: Peter Schofield ('55 Citroen), Herb Distefano ('91 964), Cynthia and Rudy DeCanio ('01 Boxster), Hermione and Chauncey Hutter ('57 TR3), Gloria and Bill Armentrout ('98 Corvette), Diana Brasfield ('59 MGA), Michael Brittingham ('03 Mini Cooper S), Dennis and Evelyn Gorman ('01 Miata), Jim Conley ('63 TR3B), Robert Whissen ('01 Boxster S), Bill Carmichael ('01 Boxster S), Dale Weatheroltz, Colleen O'Brien, Mike Shutty ('70 911). Not pictured, Ken Brasfield ('59 MGA) and Phil Audibert ('99 Boxster).

For some, it started in the middle of the week. For others, it started on Friday night. A garage wall smartened with a tin Porsche logo; a car cover embroidered with the Union Jack; WD40, waxes, cleaners ... neatly arranged in formation: What is it that defines our appreciation of motoring?

Perhaps it was the quiet enravishment (is that a word?) and pride that we felt when the engine fired up and settled into a burbling idle – performance tuned motors are indeed exhilarating. It was enough to bring 19 of us to the top of Afton Mountain on a breezy and rainy morning.

Perhaps it was a sense of veneration for our chosen mark; after all, our choices are emblematic of each of us, as an individual. If so, it was enough to bring out Triumphs, MGs, Porsches, a Miata, Mini, Citroen, and Corvette. There were 13 cars, parked sharply in a row, spanning a half century: from a 1957 TR3 to a new Mini Cooper S, with plenty of Porsches in (Continued on page 7)



#### Tech-Tactics.....

#### Boxster speedo error.....by Phil Audibert

Some time ago, I was participating in a fox and hounds rally in my '99 Boxster when I noticed that I had significantly higher end-of-rally mileage than other participants. And I had not taken that many wrong turns.

And then one time, coming home from an autocross, I was driving on the Interstate with the speedometer precisely on 65 mph and my wife Susie

blew by me in the 356. I asked her how fast she was going and she said "I was going 65...YOU were going slow."

terstate, I set my odometer to zero at the

mileposts and found that the speedo was clocking a mile at every nine tenths or so.

"I asked her how fast she was going and she said "I was going 65...YOU were going slow."

I decided to look into this further.

So the next time I got on the In-

In Culpeper, there is an outfit called Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts Specialists. They have a calibration machine. Apparently they do a brisk business with the state police division headquarters just outside of town, as well as with their , uh, victims. People go there to get their speedos calibrated, hoping against hope that their readings are slow, hence the reason they were doing 75 in a 55 mph zone. You need all the help you can get in court.

Anyway, I backed the Boxster onto this contraption where the rear wheels were resting on two rollers and let her rip...or actually, the technician let her rip. And out came the following report which came signed, sealed and NOTARIZED!

When my speedo read 25 mph my car was going 21.8;

at 35 it was 32.0;

45 became 41.3;

55 dropped to 51.0;

at 65 M.P.H., I was really going 60.5;

75 became 69.8;

and finally, 85 on the speedometer was really traveling at 79.3.

By the way, I should mention that I performed this test on factory wheels and tires.

Needless to say, this report would not do me any good in court because it's all going the wrong direction. It would convict me. But I will say that since I performed this test I routinely run the car in the mid seventies when driving on the Interstate. And I haven't been pulled yet. In fact I'm still getting my doors blown off.

One final note: At a social meeting at Euroclassics one evening, I buttonholed Mark Cooke and explained this problem to him. He was not in the least bit surprised, saying it is a common problem with Boxsters.

What I want to know is, is this a common problem with 911's?



2004 5th Annual G&W Motorsports Fall Fling November 20-21





The climb to the summit.

we passed were oblivious to.

Perhaps it was the food. Everyone loves food after three hours of spirited driving. The Grist Mill Inn had our tables ready: Tomato Florentine and a chef salad full of meat and cheese.

No, it was none of these things: pride, allegiance, speed, food. What brought us together on this Saturday was the connectedness that our hobby brings us. We are a car club – with the emphasis on "club." I assume that our target audience has at least one car that they enjoy, but does it really matter if it is a Porsche, MG, or even a Citroen? No, ... not on this Saturday.



A wet and chilly start atop Afton Mountain.

(*Continued from page 5*) between.

Perhaps it was the thrill that comes with speed, control, and the precise sensation of the road underneath that only a sports car can communicate. Indeed, the caravan headed west, at a good clip, over the Alleghenies: Shenandoah Mountain (elev. 2936), Warm Springs Mountain (elev. 2950). And then south, through the Williamsville gorge: sweeping esses flanked by the Bullpasture River and rocky bluffs (watch out for the fallen rocks !!!). The gorge was beautiful at speed – beautiful in a way that the hikers and fisherman that

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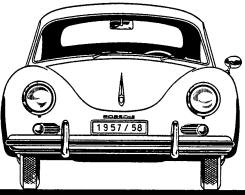


#### Why would anyone keep an old 356 around?

by Mick Michelsen

Why would anyone still keep an old 356 around? A unique sports car? Hardly!

GM sold more Monte Carlos any given model year than the good Doctor made 356's between 1948 and 1965. But that hardly qualifies them as unique. There are at least a half dozen coupes, speedsters and cabriolets in the Roanoke area which is not known as a Porsche Mecca.



A performance car? Hardly!

In stock trim, a 75 horsepower 356 on hard skinny tires is hard pressed to run with a healthy late model Volvo driven by your basic soccer Mom enjoying her Starbucks while chatting on the cell phone.

Yet, I keep on around. Why?

Dawn doesn't even consider the 356 a car. According to Dawn...

Cars have electric door locks and remotes for security, not door locks which once locked with a key can only be unlocked with a key.

heater, not something windows and driving like hell. onto your feet with simi- BTU's as kitten's breath. lar BTU's as kitten's breath."

Cars have air conditioning, not a "Cars have a real cooling system involving reversing the wing

Cars have a real heater, not somethat blows air across the thing that blows air across the exhaust and exhaust and then drifts then drifts onto your feet with similar

> Cars have designed in retractable seat belts, not belts added later which are always in a tangle and impossible to fasten.

Cars have sealed vented fuel tanks

under the rear, not a gas tank located in the trunk above your lap wafting Eau de Chevron in your direction.

Cars have exhausts with efficient mufflers, not noisy contraptions which by design mix the smell of hot oil with what you are trying to breath.

Cars have CD's or at least a good tape deck, not an AM radio with tubes.

Cars go to the dealer ever 30,000 miles for maintenance, not something that needs the valves adjusted and God only knows what else ten times in (Continued on page 17)

#### Social/Meeting Notes from March 18th.....

by Dave Lasch

#### SHENANDOAH REGION

The meeting, held at Crown Motorcar in Charlottesville, began at 7:00 PM and ended about 7:50 PM.

Driving Events: Rick stated that the dates for the autocrosses at the Government Center have been finalized and that suitable sites for an autocross are becoming scarce. Rental of the Government Center site still includes an employee fee of \$150 and about \$150/\$200 for the lot. Rick and Alex discussed the need for increasing the track fee from \$20 to \$25. The increase was approved. Phyllis agreed to find out about using the parking lot of a shopping center in the vicinity of Waynesboro. It may be possible to save money on site rental. Rick pointed out that the Zone 2 driving event is approaching, April 2nd-4th, and that our region will not be a sponsor this year. He also mentioned that the SCCA will present an event on September 19th and that G&W Motorsports will not be offering an event this Spring but will have their Fall event the week before Thanksgiving this year.

**RPM:** Alex put in a pitch for this year's gathering, the 8th annual, on June 4th-6th and indicated that sponsors are still welcome. He has secured motel rooms and the autocross site (Southside Speedway) which was more expensive this year.

**New and Old Business:** Rick mentioned that he will attend the Zone 2 President's meeting on March 27th and lamented the fact that it coincides with one of our tours. He intends to become involved with the 50th Anniversary Porsche Parade and has encouraged the rest of us to do the same. Rick is also determined to find a speaker or some sort of presentation for one of our meetings and once again addressed the question of making our mailing list available to various vendors. He felt that the membership already receives enough advertisements. Right on Rick! Alex presented the most recent financial statement and noted that \$360 should be added as income. He displayed the new car badges - and as the consummate salesman sold two of them - and said that shirts and baseball caps are available. Phyllis and Alex will be attending the Porsche Parade in Fort Worth this summer and noted that they have not received much information about it yet. One important aspect is that this will be the first parade to offer a Club Racing event, held at the Texas Motor Speedway, as well as an autocross.

Adjournment: The meeting ended with an informal questions and comments session. Alex explained his recollection of attending a past Porsche Experience driving event to Herb.





Peaks of Otter Tour and/or Rally is coming up fast !!! By Mike Shutty

We will meet at the top of Afton Mountain in the parking lot of the Inn for a 10:00 AM Driver's Meeting. We plan to provide a choice of a Rally Route or a Tour Route that will take us through the countryside to the Peaks of Otter Lodge (located on

the Blue Ridge Parkway at mile post 86) for lunch.

This is a scenic spot, overlooking a lake with sharp peaks all around great driving, great friends, great food. spot, overlooking a lake The Shenandoah British Car Club will be joining us, so there will be many new cars to enjoy (MGAs, MGBs, TR3s, TR4s, Minis, etc.). Some of us have reserva- great friends, great food." tions to spend the night, so if you are so inclined, please join us. We will be

"This is a scenic with sharp peaks all around - great driving.

drinking wine, eating a big dinner, ... maybe even jump in the lake for a midnight swim.

If you decide not to spend the night, that is OK too, as we will have a nice relaxing lunch and then return by a variety of routes. The phone number for reservations: 540-586-9263. The British Car Club did this last year; we had about 12-14 folks. The year before, some of us stayed after our club (Porsche) made the jaunt, so this could be the beginnings of a tradition.

#### Brocks Gap and Orkney Springs Tour will replace the Summerdean Tour for August 7th

Several of our club members are coming forward with great ideas for events in their areas. Robert Whissen has planned a super event for early August that will replace the already scheduled tour. Robert knows some great roads just West of Harrisonburg: he has gathered together some historical information about the quaint towns along the route, planned some great stops at country stores, and has found a neat lunch spot. We will also stop at Orkney Springs, an old resort hotel complex from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. This looks to be a fun event with great driving and sightseeing: Robert is putting together a packet of information for all comers. It is great to see folks volunteer to host driving events like this, because we all get to benefit from their first-hand (or should I say, steering wheel) knowledge of the great roads in their area ... and after all, that is what makes our cars and our club so great!!! More to follow.

#### THE HEAT EXCHANGER

The Shenandoah Region PCA extends its deepest sympathy to club member, Herb Distefano.....

Karen L. Distefano, 51, died February 9, 2004 at her home at Lake Anna, Virginia following a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer. She was a Senior Project Manager for Altura Communication Solutions in Fairfax, Virginia where she worked for nearly 24 years.

She was a volunteer for numerous Lake Anna Area Activities including the 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, The Friends of Lake Anna State Park, Louisa County Habitat for Humanity and various committees of the Lake Anna Civic Association.

### **Membership Report**

March 2004 by Mel Brannan

#### **160 Members**

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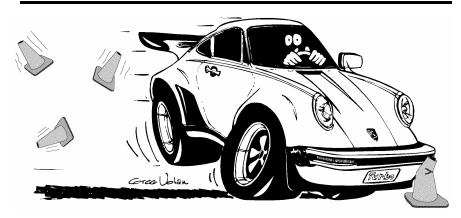
- Mark Cooke of Richmond, VA 2003 Porsche Boxster
- William and Mary Cox of Richmond, VA 1995 Porsche 911

**Reported from National as Non-renewals:** 

- Gamble and Ann Bowers
- Bruce Campbell
- Rayford Scott and Carol Jones
- Carroll and Tina Knupp
- David Riley
- Daniel Rosinkski

**Reported from National as Transfer Out:** 

• Scott Mathews to Potomac Region



First Autocross Of the season!

# Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!

# April 18th. 10 AM Augusta Government Center

Directions: From I-81 North at Staunton- Take exit #225, Rt. 275 West towards Monterey. At traffic light, go right onto Rt. 11 North. At second traffic light, turn right into Augusta Gov't Center, bear right, follow signs for "public meeting rooms."

Event happens rain or shine. Loaner helmets & novice instruction available. No special equipment or ability necessary! Safe!

#### COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FUN!