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"Blast from the Past"
 Johnny Johnson's 1968 911 on the way to the Maple Festival.
 Photo by Jim Condo
 See more photos on pages 11 & 12

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A regional web forum should make it easier for small groups to organize and coordinate Porsche-related activities quickly without requiring a flurry of emails and phone calls among the participants.

If you would like to join the group, go to the LINKS page, click on "Shenandoah Region Forum," and then click on "Sign in and apply for membership," click on "create an account", and fill in the blanks. Google will send me an email with your request, which Jim Condon will approve if you are a member the Shenandoah Region PCA. After you have become a group member, you can log in to read or post messages at any time by clicking on the "Shenandoah Region Forum" link.

Thanks to Jeffrey Elmore for suggesting the forum, which we hope will help our members get together for small impromptu events. If you have any questions or comments about the forum, send Jim an email at jcondon@nrao.edu. THANKS JIM!

WOW!^{Part II}

Our new deadline (the 10th of the month) got us rave reviews from our membership. Issues of The Heat Exchanger were received in a more timely manner. This leads me to a couple of conclusions: (1) the new deadline hasn't deterred members from sending in articles and photos and (2) sending it before the last day of the month seems to move the Heat Exchanger through the postal system faster. However, this is based on one issue so I'm keeping my fingers crossed that this turns out to be the norm and not an anomaly.

Keep up the good work with your participation – more good things to come in upcoming issues! Thanks again!

Ben

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The daffodils are starting to bloom. I'm beginning to see more and more Porsches on the road. So, spring must be here, or at least close.

Mother nature gave us a beautiful sunny and mild day for our first driving tour of 2011 on March 12. We started with a reception at Porsche of Charlottesville, part of the Flow Automotive Group, with the first of hopefully many events to come with them. Many thanks to Tyrone Lewis, Jason Robson, and the staff for their gracious welcome and opportunity to get to know them, socialize, and check out their Porsches. Afterward, Deane

Parker led us on a nice drive through the mountains to the Highland Maple Festival. See Bob Broeking's article later in this issue.

I'm encouraged to see many new members, faces of those we've never seen or haven't seen in quite a while, and those who have become regulars participating in our events. In addition, a number of members are writing articles for the Heat Exchanger, supplying ideas, and taking on roles within the club to help the organization run smoothly and provide events we all can enjoy. For example, our historian Harry Kennison has written a Shenandoah history quiz for us in this issue that will test our knowledge of just how our club came to be. Answers can be found toward the end of this issue. And, Bruce Russell is back with his "Russ' Ramblings".

Some new advertisers have joined the ranks of our regular and faithful advertisers, thanks to the efforts of our advertising manager, Dan Ehrman. Please welcome and patronize the businesses of Better Living, a building supply company in Charlottesville owned by fellow Shenandoah member John Nunley and his family, and Bob's Wheel Alignment, an automotive repair facility owned by Bob and Sherry Archer that specializes in tires and front-end repair and alignments in Charlottesville. We greatly appreciate the support from both our new and existing advertisers.

We have a great lineup of events for this spring as well as for the whole year. Rick Ebinger and Erik Boody are starting off the autocross season with an Autocross Test, Tune, & School on Sunday, March 27. This will be the perfect opportunity for those who have never autocrossed to give it a try and for the more seasoned drivers to polish their skills. About two weeks later on April 9 Mark Cooke, Shenandoah member and owner of Euroclassics Porsche, and the Shenandoah Region PCA will host an autocross at Richmond International Raceway (RIR). Registration is now open on MotorsportReg.com for both events. Register early for a discount!

We have lots of driving tours lined up for 2011. Our first Porsches & Pastrami Reloaded, organized by tour co-chairs Dan Graff and Bates McLain, will be held on Sunday, April 3. It will start with lunch at the Millmont Grille in Charlottesville and will be followed by a driving tour. On April 16 Chad Hurst will take us on a scenic drive to the famous Homestead Resort in Hot Springs with lunch at a local favorite restaurant, Lindsay's Roost. Dan and Bates have another great Bavarian Chef Drive and Dine planned for May 1 that will start with a wine tasting at Sweely Estate Winery, continue with a driving tour that's sure to please the Porsche driver, and end with an exceptional German dinner.

We have two very special events that are not to be missed this summer. The first is our 15th Annual Richmond Porsche Meet (RPM) on June 10-12, organized by Alex Smith. Fellow Shenandoah members Howard and Leanne Faunce have invited us back to the grounds of their beautiful riverside home again for our concours (tops only) car show and Café Carrera lunch on Saturday. In the afternoon, we'll have a fun run (gimmick rally optional) to a historical Richmond destination that will be followed by a tech session at Euroclassics Porsche. During the evening, we will have an awards banquet, featuring guest speaker Connie Nyholm, co-owner and developer of Virginia International Raceway (VIR). Rick and Erik promise a fun and challenging autocross at Southside Speedway to bring a close to the weekend. Registration is now open on MotorsportReg.com.

The second event is PCA National's 2011 Porsche Parade that will be held in Savannah, GA from July 31-August 6. This weeklong celebration of the car we love and enjoy so much will include a concours car show, autocross, driving tours, rallies (Time-Speed-Distance {TSD} and gimmick), banquets, activities for the kids, and free time to explore the beautiful city of Savannah. There's no other place in the United States where so many Porsche owners come together to share their passion for Porsches, reunite with old friends, and make new ones than at a Porsche Parade. This will be the first Parade for my husband Jim Condon and me. I can't wait!

Registration is now open on the PCA National web site at parade2011.pca.org. Make your reservations early to ensure you get into the hotel you prefer and the activities you want. Shenandoah will try to organize a group or groups that will drive down together, meet at Parade, or both. If you need assistance with registration, please call or email me. I'll be happy to help or will find someone who can if I'm unable to.

My door is always open if you have questions or suggestions. Call or email me at (434) 295-3955 or vscapes@cstone.net. Enjoy the spring weather in your Porsches!

Sherry

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Thomas Jeffrey, III of Glen Allen, 2009 911

John and Sharon Kline of Amissville, 1982 911 SC

Lawrence and Carmen Markley of Anchorage, AK, 2008 911 S

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IMPORTANT NOTE: When you receive your membership renewal notice from the PCA national office, please give it a high priority and renew your membership promptly. If you fail to renew within 30 days, you will be dropped from the PCA roster and thus deleted from the Shenandoah Region records and mailing list. Avoid this tragedy by renewing online at <http://www.pca.org> (click on Member Services & Contacts). You may always renew by mail as well.

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All members, children, and guests who drive, ride, and/or spectate at PCA moving car events are required to sign PCA waivers to be covered by PCA insurance. These events include but are not limited to driving tours, road rallies, autocrosses, gymkhanas, tech sessions, and Drivers Education (DE) events.

Waiver forms for adults are available and are to be signed at the events.

Waivers for children are available on the Shenandoah web site at <http://shn.pca.org/clubdocs.php> and can be prepared in advance. Click on "Release and Waiver of Liability (minors in restricted areas)." Forms must be printed in color and be signed by both parents or guardians where applicable. Waiver forms for children will be available at the events, also.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 3 **Porsches & Pastrami Reloaded at Millmont Grille**
Charlottesville, VA
- 9 **Euroclassics Porsche Autocross at RIR**
Richmond, VA
- 9 **Potomac Region PCA High Performance Driving Clinic (HPDC)**
Summit Point, WV
- 16 **The Homestead Driving Tour**
Staunton, VA
- 23 **35th Annual Central PA PCA Porsche Only Swap Meet & People's Choice Concours**
Hershey, PA
- 30 **Foreign Affairs Open House**
Staunton, VA

May

- 1 **Bavarian Chef Drive & Dine**
Madison, VA
- 13-15 **Grand-Am Rolex 24/PCA Car Corral at VIR**
Alton, VA
- 14 **Autocross at Augusta Government Center**
Verona, VA
- 20-22 **First Settlers Region PCA DE at VIR**
Alton, VA

June

- 5 **Porsches & Pastrami Reloaded at Millmont Grille**
Charlottesville, VA
- 10-12 **Richmond Porsche Meet (RPM)**
Richmond, VA
- 24-26 **Zone 2 PCA Club Race & Advanced DE**
Alton, VA

July

- 2 **Brycefest Vintage & Classic Car Show**
Bayse, VA
- 10 **Autocross at Augusta Government Center**
Verona, VA
- 18-19 **Carolinas Region DE**
Alton, VA

July

- 31 **Porsche Parade**

August

- 6 **Savannah, GA**

DE: Drivers Education event
VIR: Virginia International Raceway
RIR: Richmond International Raceway

visit SHN.PCA.ORG for details & updates

Shenandoah's First Autocross of 2011 - Test, Tune, & School

Join Rick Ebinger and Erik Boody for Shenandoah's first autocross of 2011. This will be a great event to learn about autocrossing and to get you and your Porsche (or other car) in shape for this year's driving season. If you've never tried an autocross, it's a fun way to test and improve your driving skills.

When: Sunday, March 27, 2011

Time: 9:30 a.m.—Registration & Tech
11:00 a.m.—Drivers' Meeting
11:30 a.m.—First Car Off

Where: Augusta Government Center, Verona, VA

Online Registration: www.motorsportreg.com

(Save \$4 by registering online by noon on Saturday, March 26.)

Our autocrosses are open to Porsches and other brands of cars. Drivers and spectators do not need to be PCA members. Loaner helmets and instruction for novice drivers are provided. There is a large open pavilion that provides shelter from sun and rain, and restrooms are available. Events are held rain or shine.

Adult participants and spectators must sign the PCA insurance waiver form that will be provided at each driving event. Minors may attend PCA events only if their parents sign the appropriate parental-release PCA insurance waiver forms. This form can be downloaded in advance off of the Shenandoah PCA web site at <http://shn.pca.org>. Forms will also be available at the autocross.

To find out more about this event, autocrossing, and driving directions to the Augusta Government Center see the announcement under "Upcoming Events" on the home page of the Shenandoah web site.

Porsches & Pastrami Reloaded

Date: Sunday, April 3, 2011

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Millmont Grille (Just behind Barracks Road Shopping Center)

1035 Millmont Street, Charlottesville, VA 22903,
(434) 245-8646, www.millmontgrille.com

We'll start the afternoon with lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Millmont Grille, a spacious American fusion restaurant that offers a variety of appetizers, soups, sandwiches, wraps, burgers, entrees, and desserts. There's ample parking and even an outdoor patio we can use if the weather is nice. After lunch, we'll head out at 2:15 p.m. for a scenic driving tour of western Albemarle and Greene counties.

Please RSVP to Dan Graff at (434) 996-9040 {cell} by Friday, April 1 so he can get a headcount. For maps, menu selections, and other information visit the Shenandoah web site at <http://shn.pca.org/>.

Autocross at Richmond International Raceway

Saturday, April 9 the Shenandoah Region of the PCA along with Euroclassics Porsche will be able to once again stretch our cars' legs at the Richmond International Raceway. We will be on the ¾ mile course, in the infield, and have full access to the facilities from a unique view. The sights and sounds of this event are like no other, with a ground level look out from the center of the track, and there is nothing like listening to a car running down the back straight at high RPM against 97,000 empty aluminum seats. This is truly a great event and one you will not want to miss if you are into autocrossing, interested in seeing what your car can do on a track in safe conditions, or just interested in what a 14 degree banked turn feels like. After a couple-year break from this venue, we are happy to once again bring this event to the area's automotive enthusiasts.

Porsches and other makes of cars are welcome to participate and enjoy the event with us. Drivers and spectators do not need to be PCA members. Loaner helmets and instruction for novice drivers are provided. This event will be held rain or shine.

Details

- Our normal format of running: 2 heats, three runs each
- A drive through for everyone prior to your 1st heat
- The course will be coned and floured for ease of navigation through the event.
- The course will use all aspects of the NASCAR track and will include a slalom up the entire pit lane, and then up onto the track for one and a half laps.
- The track is ¾ mile long with 14 degree banking on a 60-foot wide race surface.
- Porsche classes as well as other makes will be competing for class and Fastest Time of the Day honors and our usual top ten time list. The three times we held this event before, FTD was 75 seconds.
- There will be a practice autocross course in the infield to warm up and prepare your cars. This course will be open all day, and the amount you run on it is unlimited.
- Enter the track through Gate 10, follow the road left behind the track, and go through the tunnel.

Registration

Register & Pay in Advance Online with MotorsportReg.com:

PCA members: \$110

Non-PCA members: \$130

Last day to register online: Friday, April 8, 2011

Register & Pay the Day of the Event:

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IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT MAPLE DONUT

BOB BROEKING

Some say it is the car, some say it is the people, but today it was all about maple donuts. On Saturday, March 12, some 35 members and 22 Porsches of the Shenandoah Region started a beautiful day at Flow Porsche of Charlottesville. General Manager Tyrone Lewis, Porsche Sales Manager Jason Robson, and sales representatives John Slaughter and Stan Powell were kind enough to host a breakfast reception at the dealership as we began our planning to visit Monterey, VA and the 53rd Annual Highland Maple Festival led by Deane Parker in his new yellow Cayman S.

The group reintroduced themselves after a brief hiatus over the winter and fueled up on great coffee and pastries. More and more members continued to arrive, and soon it was obvious there would be a large group. The dealership had a beautiful Grey GTRS in the showroom; simply stunning.

A little before 10:00 a.m., Deane held a short drivers' meeting and at the top of the hour, after thanking our hosts, we headed west on I-64 in a LONG line of colorful cars. We headed down into Churchville where we paused at the Riverside Shopping Center to pick up a few of our western members. Then it was west on route 250, a twisty challenging road made very safe by a slow moving white Toyota in front of us all! We followed that car all the way to Highland County and into the small town of Monterey until most of the group headed north toward Blue Grass.

Debbie and I stopped in Monterey in search of the elusive maple donuts and almost scored a dozen when the last box was sold out from under Debbie who was patiently waiting in line at the local dime store. We tried also to get some at the trailer Deane mentioned, but the line was three blocks long. Instead, we opted for a lunch at a local diner and made our purchase of local maple syrup.

We then headed to Blue Grass where we saw the rest of our Shenandoah group starting to filter out of the Blue Grass Ruritan Club building, happily stuffed with pancakes, maple syrup, and sausage. So, we continued to Puffenberger Orchards where we got to see the maple sap coming out of the trees and also had a third chance to score some donuts...no such luck... the line was too long. Rudy from our group joined us, and soon we were off for our drive back to Fredericksburg, over some even better roads at a spirited pace.

The weather was gorgeous, and the company superb, and the cars all ran perfectly. It was another great outing by the Shenandoah Region. Next year we will score those maple donuts!

SHENANDOAH REGION PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA HISTORY QUIZ

HARRY KENNISON

The Shenandoah Region has a proud and rich history that is definitely worth celebrating! In the months ahead, the Heat Exchanger will be featuring stories that will bring back some of the memorable events as well as the people, like you, who have made it all possible. Test your Shenandoah Region knowledge with this quiz on the club's first year.

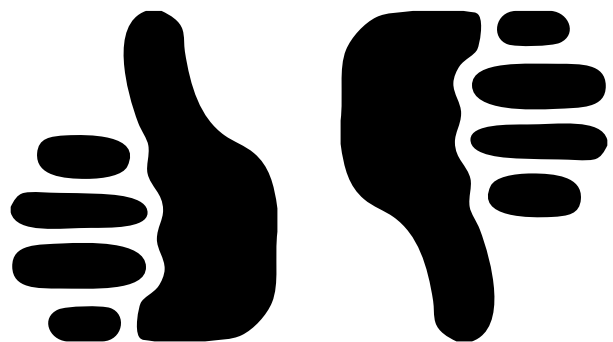
- What year was the Shenandoah Region founded?
- Who was the first president of the Shenandoah Region?
- What was the name of the Shenandoah Region's first newsletter?
(No, it's not the award-winning Heat Exchanger)
- Where was the first Shenandoah Region Holiday Party held?
- How many members were in the Shenandoah Region at the end of its first year?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 21

CONCOURS CAR SHOW JUDGES NEEDED

Dave Lasch is coordinating two teams to judge the concours car show at the 2011 Richmond Porsche Meet (RPM). This part of the event will be held Saturday morning on June 11th at the Faunce's home on the James River in Richmond. You don't need to have previous judging experience but will need to be committed to the judging activities for several hours that morning. Don't worry! Dave will tell you everything you need to know to become a great judge.

For more information, contact Dave at 434/296-3229 (home) or dlasch00@hotmail.com. To get more details about RPM, visit our web site at <http://shn.pca.org/>.



One of the nice things about car shows, be they cruise-ins in your own back yard, club meets, PCA corrals on race weekends, or national shows like the Amelia Island Concours, is that you will always encounter some gems, Porsches included, that will make the trip well worthwhile.

I have many car museums on my personal bucket list, but a lot of them are so distant that it will take a concerted effort to get to all of them. Several car shows are a reasonable drive (or flight) from Central Virginia and some of them have a fresh cast of cars and characters each year.

The low-key atmosphere at a show also means you can chat up the owners, most of whom are more than willing to talk about their pride and joy.

In 2010, I started my show circuit at Amelia Island. The legendary Porsche 917 was one of the featured models, so I couldn't pass up that event.

There were nine 917s on the lawn at Amelia, which I mention in passing since I gushed at length about it in the April 2010 Heat Exchanger.



917s to the horizon at Amelia Island 201

The PCA Porsche Corral at the Grand Am race at VIR each spring and the Porscheplatz at the ALMS race each fall at Road Atlanta also offer plenty of Porsches to admire. And, don't miss the racing Porsches in the pits and paddock. Grand Am and ALMS events let lowly ticket holders get up close and personal.

Our own Richmond Porsche Meet (RPM) in June offered a very nice concours as well. I had to work that morning and then got lost on the way, so I arrived breathless as the first cars were leaving the show grounds. I promise to do better this year. (Jim Condon and Bill Sanders had a great photo spread on this event in the July 2010 HE.)

In August, I found some Porsches to salivate over at two unlikely venues.

The first was the annual Tutto Italiano Italian Car show in Brookline, Mass. (Italian, you say? I know. I also have a weakness for Fiats and Alfas.)

There were no Porsches in the show proper. But Porsche owners attend the show, and there was a designated parking area for special non-Italian cars. The lesson here: When you go to a car show, don't forget to stroll through the spectator lot. At this venue, I took in a very nice early 911 and a – well I don't know what it was. It looked like a Porsche 550 Spyder to my untrained eye.



550 Spyder or good copy Boston Italian Car Show



1952 Glöckler Porsche at Amelia Island 2010

But wait, there's more: Amelia also drew a rare 1952 Glöckler-Porsche 356 owned by Californians Herb and Rose Wysard, which won the Amelia Award for 1945-55 Race Cars. This predecessor of a long line of Porsche racing cars was imported and raced by distributor Max Hoffman, who introduced Americans to the Porsche brand.

Like the grouping of 917s at Amelia, I may never see this car again.

I've been to Amelia Island for three straight years and it is terrific. You owe yourself at least one visit.

The Sebring 12 Hours is held the weekend after Amelia. In addition to the endurance classic, you will find many Porsches to drool over at the PCA Porscheplatz, in the support races, and in the track museum.

HIGHLAND MAPLE FESTIVAL TOUR MARCH 12, 2011

Photos by Jim Condon



A Ruf, a 993 cab and a 356 cab in the showroom



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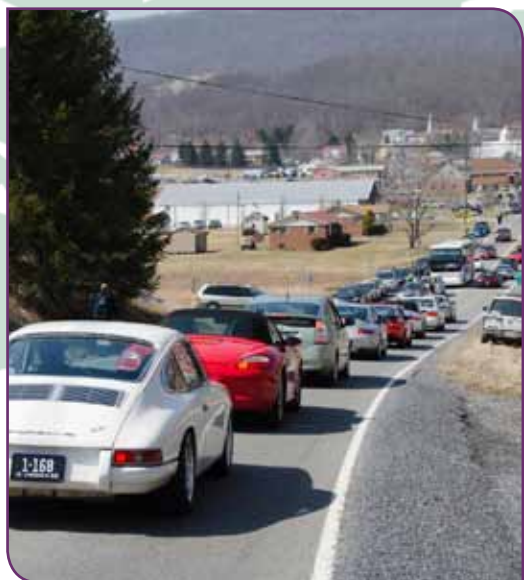
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Club Members Chowing Down on Pancakes



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The traffic jam going into Monterey



We met up at Flow Porsche in Charlottesville



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Deane Parker leading Bruce Russell to Monterey



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Bob & Debbie Broeking



RPM RICHMOND PORSCHE MEET

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It finally feels like the worst of winter may be behind us. We had a string of about 5 or 6 days in February that really felt like spring. I got the Carrera out of the garage and did a little cruising around the country roads west of Richmond. I hope you were able to do the same and take advantage of the break from winter.

I took care of a couple of projects on my Carrera during the last month. First, I purchased four new Michelin Sport tires for my 911. One of the problems I have is my tires always go bad and lose their "stick" long before the tread wears out. This is because I only put about 1000 miles a year on my car. When I installed my new Michelins, the Bridgestones that came off the car looked great except for the 2002 date code. I can tell when it is time to get new tires, because my 911's rear-end wants to swap places with my front-end at speed in the "twisties". Anyway, I am very happy with the new Michelins and my \$70 rebate AMEX card compliments of Michelin.

I also tweaked my height adjustment a bit (front was a bit too high) and then got the car aligned. Let me stop and say, the proper time to set your ride height is when you are corner balancing the car. Since I no longer participate in track events, the "tape measure and angle meter method" of height adjustment works fine for my street car. If you do track or autocross your car, a professional corner balancing and height adjustment is critical for optimum handling.

I used Mincz Tire here in Richmond for my four-wheel alignment. Their alignment person (Red) will align it to factory specs or to

your custom specifications. I have my own specs that I use for an aggressive street setup (as opposed to a track setup), and after about two hours, Red had it dialed-in and was ready for the test drive. I was very pleased and the car handled like it was on rails. There are several good alignment shops in our Region, but I have been using Mincz for years and have always been happy with their work.

My final project was to deal with a stubborn fuel filler door. My situation was that when I pulled the knob in the cockpit to open the fuel filler door, the knob would move but the fuel door would not open. I have been dealing with these cars long enough to know that continuing to yank on the knob was not the way to fix the problem. My technical diagrams showed that the cockpit knob is connected to fuel door release lever by an 18 inch long cable (actually, it is more like thin coathanger wire).

What happens is that, with the passage of time, the fuel door cable will attract some surface rust and grit. This in turn will cause the cable to bind and stick in the tube that carries it between the cockpit and the fuel door opening. The solution is actually very simple, but not without some items of caution. You first need to remove the fuel door cable from the car. Inside the fuel filler opening, you will see the end of the cable where it connects with the "claw" on the fuel door release lever. Simply remove the brass cap from the end of the cable and pull the cable out of the car using the black knob in the cockpit (do not remove the knob from the cable).

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I guess it was one of those amazing reproductions from Chuck Beck's shop in Georgia, but it had Porsche running gear. It drew a crowd, and none of us could spot any telltale clues. It also sported a "1000 Miglia FIA" sticker on the windscreen. If it was the real McCoy, the lingering question is: Who would be rich and eccentric enough to drive a real 550 Spyder on the streets of Boston?

After a week in New Hampshire, I ventured over to the Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car Show at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. This show welcomes all imports and BMW was the featured marque in 2010. But they also had a nice row of Porsches over which to drool.



Porsches in Hemmings Saratoga Springs show

The selection included a very clean 1964 356, but the restored 1968 911 L, which was driven in the SCCA Trans-Am series by Bob Bailey, caught my eye, and that of the judges as well.

This was one of six built by the factory for racing and scored some fine second place finishes in the Trans-Am series' under 2-liter class. Like many racecars, it passed through several hands and was left to disintegrate.

This 911, however, was rescued. And, after extensive restoration,

it was repurchased by Bailey, the man who raced it in the late 1960s.



1968 Porsche 911 L, Bob Bailey Trans-Am car

The Hemmings show is held on the grounds of the Saratoga Automobile Museum, which is worth going to if you are already there, although it does not offer much for import car buffs. (Exceptions are the 1956 Ferrari Indy car and 1935 Maserati V8 (dubbed "Poison Lil") which were in the second floor "Racing in New York" display.)

Then it was back home to Virginia for the Classics on the Green (Formerly Classics on the James), which was held at the New Kent Winery, southeast of Richmond. Porsche was the featured marque for this formerly British car show and there were plenty of Stuttgart's finest to behold.

I struck up a conversation with First Settlers PCA stalwart Sam Gassel, who had his 1973 Penske Sunoco 911 RSR tribute car.

OK, before you start, a tribute car is not the same as the original, but the original of this particular car would literally be made out of unobtainium, since it was raced, wrecked, repaired and then raced and wrecked again.

A loyal member of the notorious "R-Gruppe" of Porsche 911 hot rodders, Sam reckons he has built at least 14 other 911 variants, but this is his masterpiece.

Gassel went all out on this project and reckons "it's as close as I could get within reason," adding that he had to balk at purchasing some very pricey components that were used by the Penske boys in building a world-beater for Mark Donohue and George Follmer to drive.

The original led and "almost won" the 1973 24 Hours of Daytona, until it was sidelined by a parts failure. The Brumos Porsche inherited the victory and the rest is history.

Donohue and Follmer went back to dominating the 1973 Can-Am in their Porsche 917-30s. The Sunoco blue 911 RSR was destroyed (the first time) by Milt Minter in Canada.

Let me stop with a word of caution. DO NOT remove the cotter pin that holds the fuel door release lever to the car. If you do remove the cotter pin, the hidden spring beneath the fuel door release lever will come out at speeds in excess of Mach 3! Assuming you are not hit by the flying projectile (not a good thing), you will probably never find it again because it will end up in the next block or your neighbor's garage. I am not even going to describe the procedure to put it all back together (assuming you survived taking it apart), but suffice to say you will never do it again. OK, back to repairing the cable.

Now that the cable was out of the car, I inspected it for cracks or excessive wear. Mine was fine except for some surface rust. I took some very fine sandpaper and cleaned all the surface rust and grit from the cable. Next, get some grease and wipe the grease onto the cable. Not a lot, but enough that the grease adheres to the metal cable. Then it is just a matter of feeding the fuel door release cable back through its tube from the cockpit opening into the fuel filler opening. This may take a few tries because of the twists and turns in the tube, but it will eventually work out. I found that twisting the cable while feeding it through its tube helped, and I got it on my third attempt. Now I can go to the gas station with the confidence I will not look like a fool trying to coax my fuel filler door to open.

Mary Jean and I plan to attend this year's Porsche Parade in Savannah. Her brother and his wife are also planning to attend; they have a '08 Carrera S and live in Orange County, CA. This will be my 5th Parade and I always look forward to seeing old PCA friends and having a lot of fun and laughs. My first Parade

was the 1988 Parade in Colorado Springs. Bob Gutjahr (PCA Special Projects Editor) and I entered the TSD Rally in a 944 that he rented. That car was so slow due to the high elevation in Colorado that there were times we could have pushed it faster than it would do under its own power! We still laugh about that experience today.

The Hershey Porsche Swap Meet is April 23rd this year. If you have never been, I would highly encourage you to go at least once. This is the largest Porsche-only swap meet in the world. I honestly believe that 99% of all the parts ever made for a Porsche are available there (if you have the time and patience to look). I see stuff there that I have no clue what I am looking at. You can get some great deals on parts, wheels, cars... whatever. I suggest that if you do go, make a "wish list" beforehand so you can stay somewhat focused as you walk the acres of Porsche vendors.

We have some great events coming up and I am looking forward to driving on my new tires in the beautiful Virginia springtime weather. A flyer for RPM was included in the latest issue of the Heat Exchanger. The dates for RPM are June 11-12. I encourage you to register because it is a fun event with lots of great activities.

Until next month, may the road be dry, the sky azul blue, and the wind always at your back.

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For links to MotorsportReg.com registration, directions, and other information, visit the Shenandoah Region PCA web site at <http://shn.pca.org>.

Driving Tour to Hot Springs

Join tour host Chad Hurst for a scenic spring drive through the Virginia countryside. We'll have the opportunity to walk about the tiny town of Hot Springs, visit the famous Homestead Resort, and have lunch at the Lindsay's Roost, a southern cooking, mom-and-pop style restaurant.

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2011

Times: Meet: 10:30 a.m.
 Drivers' Meeting: 10:45 a.m.
 Drive Begins: 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Place: Target Department Store Parking Area in the Waynesboro Town Center (Look for the Porsches!)
 811 Town Center Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980
 Interstate 64 Exit 94

Please RSVP to Dan Graff at horrido05@gmail.com or (434) 996-9040 by Monday, April 11, so we can give the restaurant a head count.

Check the Shenandoah web site at <http://shn.pca.org/> for driving directions and additional information.

Foreign Affairs Open House

Michael and Michele Allebaugh, Shenandoah members and advertisers in the Heat Exchanger, have invited Shenandoah to an open house on Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to celebrate their sixth anniversary in business. They will be offering free service clinics with their Porsche, Mercedes, BMW, and Volvo factory-trained technicians. Some of you may have had work done on your Porsches by their Porsche tech Jonathan Newhall or may have seen Jonathan's spectacular performances at our autocrosses at the Augusta Government Center in Verona driving his '77 Jaguar XJS with a 454 cubic inch Chevy engine. Foreign Affairs will also provide music, free pizza, BBQ chicken dinners for purchase, door prizes, and a car wash and bake sale to benefit Relay for Life.

For more information and driving directions contact Michele at (540) 337-3676 or michele@foreignaffairs.us and visit their web site at www.foreignaffairs.us. Shenandoah will not have an organized

group going, but you can call or email your Porsche friends and use the Shenandoah web forum to put together a group of your own.

Bavarian Chef Drive and Dine

On Sunday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m. join our tour co-chairs Dan Graff and Bates McLain for a wine tasting at the Sweely Estate Winery in Madison, a scenic drive on the winding roads through parts of Madison, Culpeper, and Orange counties, and a hearty German dinner at the Bavarian Chef in Madison.

Please RSVP no later than Sunday, April 24 to Dan Graff at horrido05@gmail.com or (434) 996-9040. For additional information, updates, maps, and menu options, please visit the Shenandoah web site at <http://shn.pca.org/>.

Richmond Porsche Meet

Join the Shenandoah Region for an enjoyable weekend June 10-12 in historic Richmond, VA to celebrate its 15th Annual Richmond Porsche Meet (RPM). Friday-evening participants will gather to prep their cars at Dave's Auto Spa for the upcoming festivities and hang out and "kick the tires" at Euroclassics Porsche. On Saturday, we will host a tops-only concours along the banks of the scenic James River at the home of fellow Shenandoah members Howard and Leanne Faunce that will conclude with a catered lunch at our famous "Café Carrera." Afterward, we will have a short gimmick rally/fun drive to one of Richmond's well-known historical destinations, an informative tech session, and an awards dinner banquet with featured speaker Ms. Connie Nyholm, co-owner and developer of Virginia International Raceway. We will complete the weekend with an autocross on the 1/3-mile banked oval track at Southside Speedway, with an optional boxed lunch. All Porsche enthusiasts are welcome!

Registration is now open! Check the Shenandoah web site at <http://shn.pca.org/> for further information and links to the RPM brochure and online registration. Questions? Contact Alex Smith at (804) 323-1559 or asmith@collegiate-va.org or Sherry Westfall at (434) 295-3955 or vscales@cstone.net



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Sam Gassel Porsche tribute 911 RSR

Gassel did a whole lot of research to make his tribute Porsche as authentic as possible and then did most of the work himself in his two-car garage, which he said he shares with a couple of stray cats.

"I do all my own welding and fabrication," Gassel said, adding that he even built his own overflow bottle and fuel filler neck to make the car more authentic. He also painted the car in his garage, but had a friend with a paint shop add the clear coat.

"If you squint and look quickly, you can't tell it from the original. I went for a lot of visual clues. In the interior, you really have to be an expert to tell the difference," he said.

Gassel admits the car was not quite finished when he showed it at New Kent.

"It was leaking some fluids and I was worried I was going to ruin the grass, but it was dry there so it was brown anyway," he said, chuckling.

The completed car took best of show a few weeks later at the First Settlers' Air & Auto Classic in Virginia Beach, which Gassel helped organize. I'll have to add that show to my list this year.

The bottom line of this thesis is: You can find some truly splendid Porsches at car shows, even the mixed make shows.

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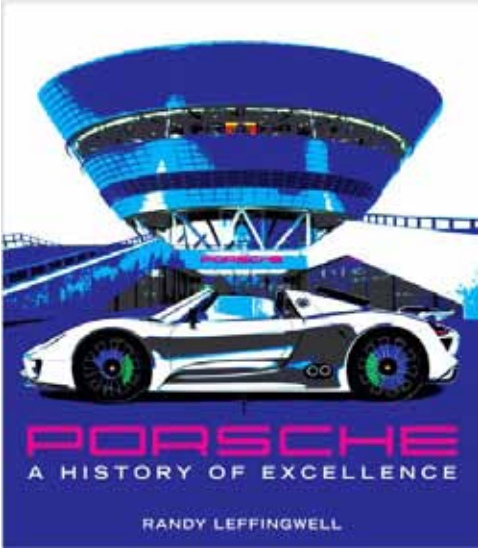
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PORSCHE: A History of Excellence

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PORSCHE: A History of Excellence is a new 9 X 10 inch “flexibound” book. (According to China-printing.org, flexi binding is intermediate between paperback and hardback binding, and it

is “a less expensive option than hardback binding, but offers a higher perceived value than a traditional paperback.”) The front cover shows the new 918, and the publisher’s blurb praises the new book as the “fully updated and revised” successor to the larger hardbound book *PORSCHE: Sixty Years* that they published in 2008. A lot has happened in the Porsche world since 2008, so I looked forward to reading *Porsche: A History of Excellence*. Unfortunately, I was disappointed to discover that only the title and cover are new. I was unable to find any changes inside. There is nothing about the 918, the Panamera, the “generation two” 911, Boxster, and Cayman, the 2009 direct fuel-injection (DFI) engine, or the PDK transmission. The photos, captions, text, number of pages, and layout of each page all appear to be exactly the same as in *Porsche: Sixty Years*. Perhaps a few old typos have been fixed, but otherwise you will find nothing new in *Porsche: A History of Excellence*. The bottom line here is *caveat emptor*. Don’t expect a new or even fully updated and revised book just because it has a new title and cover.

I reviewed *PORSCHE: Sixty Years* favorably for the November 2008 issue of the *Heat Exchanger*, and you can still find my review on-line at <http://shn.pca.org/bookreviews.php>. Obviously, that review still applies to the nearly identical *Porsche: A History of Excellence*; and the smaller flexibound edition is cheaper, only about \$21 at amazon.com. Just don’t expect anything new or different if you already own *Porsche: Sixty Years*.

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