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911s, two Sunbeams, an MGA, Mini Cooper, VW Rabbit, and Citroen Familiale (we also had a Triumph and a Jaguar travel part of the way before turning off for other adventures). The parkway offered an excellent venue for spirited cornering and accelerating up

the parkway lately, it is easy to forget how sublime this roadway is for sports car driving.

At the Peaks, we enjoyed a nice lunch in the Lodge. The dinning room is a post and beam affair that overlooks a lake nestled in-between several sharp peaks. Afterwards, folks leisurely took off in different directions, to once again, bask in the

sunshine. Not everyone was ready to return home, so ten of us stayed the night – talking and drinking wine into the evening. Once again, the joint involvement of both the Porsche and British car clubs was a success in terms of bringing together a variety of cars and interesting people.

We believe.....

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Calendar of Events.....

May 16– Autocross, Augusta Gov't Center, Verona, 10 AM.

May 20– Social/Meeting Crown Motorcars, Rt. 250 East on Pantops Mtn., Charlottesville, 7 PM

May 22– Rally celebrating 40th anniversary of the 911. Meet at the Shell Station (with Dunkin' Donuts) on RT. 608 at Exit 91 on I-64 West, 10 AM.

June 4, 5, 6– Richmond Porsche Meet (RPM) Concours, catered lunch, tour, tech session, 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.

Oct. 11- Euroclassics Columbus Day Driver's Ed Event, VIR, Danville.

Oct. 16 or 17– Chad's Tour, TBA.

Oct. 24th- Joint autocross with First Settler's PCA, Crewe Airport

Nov. 18– Social/Meeting, TBA 7 PM.

Nov. 19-21– G & W's Fall Fling, VIR, Danville.

Dec. ? Annual Christmas party.

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President's Letter.....

As promised, there is lots of information on the past month's events. Between an autocross, the Parade and Zone 2 President's meeting in Hershey, and a three-day weekend at VIR, it has been a very busy month. We also had a social drive, which Mike put on. We had some new members come and play and it was great to see everyone again.

We have to set the Christmas party date and location next meeting at Crown. If you have any ideas or suggestions we will definitely be talking about this at this month's meeting at Crown Porsche. We will also be finalizing RPM, and there will be a discussion about safety equipment and what you need to autocross and participate in a driver's ed event safely.

I just got back from the Hershey swap meet. It has grown much over the years. As we drove into town I was still amazed at all of the Porsches around. I would guess 300 or so drove to the event. There were tons of vendors to help you find stuff, or pick up that hard-to-find part, or just buy a shirt or toy from the factory tent. It was great to go again and I walked away with two 916 fiberglass flares for the 914 for \$50. Couldn't pass that up. Mark this on your calendar for next year. It is a LOT of fun.

Lastly, we have another autocross this month at the Government Center. If the weather holds out again it will be another success. Thanks to all those who help, helped, and will help in the future. I've said enough since I have three other articles coming this month. Drive safely and see you at some event soon.



President, Rick Ebinger

Membership Report

April 2004 by Mel Brannan

164 Members

Welcome to the following New Members:

- **Edward and Holly Allen** of Crozet, VA 1977 Porsche 911
- **Andrew Beckler** of Charlottesville, VA 1990 Porsche 911
- **Christopher Brumback and Karyl Morgan** of Lexington, VA 1966 Porsche 912
- **David Craige** of Gordonsville, VA 2003 Porsche 911 C4S
- **Scott Leopold** of Charlottesville, VA 1985 Porsche 911
- **Christopher Ziegler and Fred Ghahramani** of Glen Allen, VA 1997 Porsche 911
- **David Neuman and Anne Casey** of Charlottesville, VA 1984 Porsche 944
- **John Steele** of Richmond, VA 1999 Porsche 911

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From the Editor's Desk.....

RPM is coming up fast.....

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RPM. It stands for Richmond Porsche Meet, and it is the brainchild of past club President, Alex Smith. It has turned into the premier club event not just in this PCA region, but for the whole Mid Atlantic area.

"We're really excited," says Smith, of this, his eighth year organizing the event. There is a slight "possibility" that driver supreme, Matt Drendel will come with "one or two cars from his collection." Also we can expect an appearance from Herb Distefano, who will bring one of his Porsche tractors. Yes, I said tractors with an "S."

Things start for out-of-towners who choose to avail themselves of cheap hotel rates (\$79, just mention RPM) at the Holiday Inn Select (1-800-397-1034) on Friday June 4th with a "hang out and kick tires," session. Then, Saturday morning things crank up a notch with a Concours on the beautiful grounds of the Smith residence nearby. Of course a superb catered lunch at Café Carrera continues the tradition, followed by a "more tour than rally" that afternoon, followed by a Tech Session at Euroclassics and a banquet that night at Walton Park Recreation Center. Are you with me so far?

The following morning, everyone convenes at Southside Speedway

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Saturday Lunch	_____ @ \$12 per person		_____
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Saturday Tech Sesson		no charge	
Saturday Dinner	_____ @ \$30 per person		_____
Sunday Autocross	_____ @ \$30 per person		_____
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There was a driver's ed for motorcycles and it was interesting to see their pits and the way they did a track weekend. No thanks! I'll stick with my four wheels, even if they are attached to a 914.

I had another great track event at VIR. There are lots of events there including a Club race in the fall. If you have any questions drop me an e-mail and I'll try to steer you in the right direction. Rick

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PCA members within a four hour drive of Hershey; so start planning if you want to attend. Members of the Procrastinator's Club of America will most definitely miss out.

Sunday brought the Zone 2 President's meeting for which Manny had all 12 regions in the Zone represented. There were some good points made along the lines of insurance, the national web page, and other points of interest. VIR was mentioned since it was going on the next weekend. The new thing was there is a national program for PCA driving instructors and I was signed up with 5 others to go through the program. The use of the Logos came up again and the regions all passed out their schedules. There are lots of events and lots of things to do. We have a very active Zone.

Manny also announced he would not run at the end of next year so we will have to do some looking to find someone who will try to fill his shoes. He will be missed. I spoke with the First settler's president and he has the Crewe autocross set for October 24th. More on that later.....

Both days were very informative and it was great to see the facilities for the Parade. I managed to see the outlet mall and check out Chocolate world between meetings. For those of you wondering I did not eat chocolate for three weeks after that weekend. I am slow getting back on that horse.....Rick

Don't miss these two fun events!

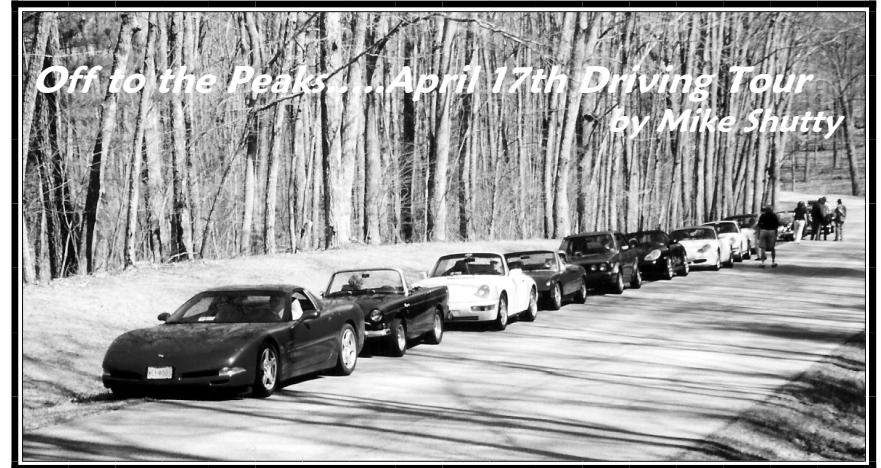


Autocross, Sunday May 16th, 10 AM Augusta Gov't. Center

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."

40th Anniversary of the 911 Rally, Sat. May 22nd 10 AM.

Meet at the Shell Station (with Dunkin' Donuts) on RT. 608 at Exit 91 off of I-64 West (just turn right at the exit and the station is on your left about 50 yards ... you can't miss it!



Folks attending were: Bill & Gloria Armentrout ('98 Corvette), Dale Dickson ('99 Boxster), Herb Distefano ('91 911), Phil Audibert ('71 914/6), Dave Masterson ('88 911), Virginia & Chad Hurst ('89 VW Rabbit), Michael Brittingham & Rhonda Roebuck ('03 Mini Cooper), Richard Comfort & Kathy Bowers ('60 Sunbeam Alpine), Robert Whissen & Dale Weatherholtz ('00 Boxster), Pete Schofield ('55 Citroen), Ken & Diana Brasfield ('59 MGA), Mike Shutty & Wendy Doyle ('65 Sunbeam Tiger).
Photo by Mike Shutty

We didn't know what it was at first. Some were scared by it; some just stared. We hadn't seen it for a long time, so it wasn't recognized at first. But there it was: The Sun! Brilliant rays, blue skies ... a perfect day to meander along the parkway from milepost 1 at Rockfish Gap to the lowest point (elevation 670 feet) and to the highest point (elevation 3933 feet) on the parkway, and onward to milepost 85.6: our destination at the Peaks of Otter Lodge. We welcomed the warm sun and put lotion on our foreheads as we began our trek southward; T-tops, Targa-tops, drop-tops, cabriolets, sun-roofs, or just windows were down and open.

The tour directions read, "In 1936, FDR knew that sports cars would need a place to stretch out...he anticipated that swoopy coupes and drop-tops would someday conquer the blacktop...and so he approved construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway."

Leading the way, Bill & Gloria Armentrout (C5 Corvette) kept a lively pace, pushing the bounds of the 45mph speed limit. Other drivers pulled over graciously as our parade of 13 cars motored by. We had very mixed group of drivers: two Boxsters, a 914/6, two

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PCA Weekend at Hershey

By Rick Ebinger

The end of March I ventured up to Hershey, PA. for the 2005 Parade planning meeting and the Zone 2 President's meeting. I was the only one for the region that could make it for both meetings, but Alex Smith did make the Parade meetings Saturday. I'll try to cover all that was mentioned and hit the highlights...there were many.

I arrived Friday evening and checked into the Hershey lodge. I thought it was pretty cool that they gave me chocolate bars at check in, but that is the charm of the town. Chocolate-chocolate everywhere. From speaking with the others during the weekend, the Hershey Lodge is one of the largest convention centers in PA, and it is a very nice and up to date facility.

The Parade meeting was first on Saturday morning at 8:00 AM. We started off with info from Bob and Manny, Co-chairs for the 2005 Parade. The structure of the meeting was to have presentations from each of the different groups, such as autocross, goodies store, kids activities, and so on. If you needed to break out and have group discussions, you had a room next door.

I am planning on participating next year and thought being on the autocross committee would be a good thing. I volunteered and was immediately signed up for giving the driver's meetings for each of the groups. This is a little bit bigger than I have done in the past since they are planning to run 300 cars over a two day program. I'll keep everyone up on this because we are using the lot at Hershey Park, and it is very big.


Manly mentioned that there may be a Zone 2 autocross up there in September. More on this later.....

The Parade meeting brought people from around the country and some familiar faces that I saw last year in Florida.

We had Jack Bair from PCNA and again the hot topic was the use of the Porsche crest in logos. That issue will just not go away. More on that at our next meeting. I am glad we wrapped up our logo for the region and dodged this. You would not believe the passion behind this discussion.

All in all it was a very interesting day. One note: the Parade next year will include about 600 people who enter to participate, there are over 16,000


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***You are only 40 once!
The 911 Heritage Rally:
May 22nd*** By Mike Shetty

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What better way to celebrate this anniversary than to have a rally (after all, one of the first competitive events won by the 911 was the Monte Carlo rally in 1965 – a class win and 5th overall).

"I just drove this course in my 911 RSR and wow! These roads rival our roads in Stuttgart" (*Dr. Ferdinand Piech...not*)

In keeping with the 911 theme, the rally directions will be keyed to questions about the history of the 911: all of the answers can be found in the article entitled, "Four Decades of 911: A Technical Review" by Allan Caldwell in the January issue of *Panorama* (pp. 58-67).

Of course, there will be other course descriptors (based on landmarks), so that you can still run the rally without knowing anything about the 911 (geez ... does the 911 have 4-cylinders or 6-cylinders?). But I would recommend that you prepare by reading this article (and maybe bring it with you).

"I've decided to move to Virginia to retire...this rally course was superb! My 917/30 was lit up the whole way!" (*Butzi Porsche...maybe*)

The rally will start at 10AM at the Shell Station (with Dunkin' Donuts) on RT. 608 at Exit 91 on I-64 West (just turn right at the exit and the station is on your left about 50 yards ... you cannot miss it!). This is the third exit on I-64 after you cross over Afton Mountain and enter the Shenandoah Valley. The rally route will take you on paved country roads only, ending at my house at the foot of Little North Mountain where we will have a late lunch, green-bottle brews, and an award ceremony for the winner (lowest mileage wins ... so read that article!). See you there!

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Zone 2 at VIR

By Rick Ebinger

I know we don't have a lot of members who don't attend VIR events, but those of you who do, you know what I mean when I say it feels like home each time we come back in the spring.

We had a three-day, full course, event early in April for the Zone.

I found out the week before at Hershey that I was signed up for the PCA Instructor's School. It was a great experience, and it took Friday and Saturday mornings to complete. Tom Bobbitt (National President) was my instructor/mentor and because he only had one seat in his GT3 racecar, we used my lightly smoking 914 for the class. Manny Alban told Tom he thought this was a great joke on the National President as he strapped into my "interesting" car.

I have been driving on track for 5 years now, and I really don't spend much time in the passenger seat, or, for that matter, giving rides. It is a whole new experience, and it turned out to be a great one. I had to remember what comes naturally to me on the track.

Tom acted like a rookie driver and really challenged me to make sure I could handle the experience of a new driver on the track. I have been in the advanced group for years but I really tip my hat to those who instruct. I am looking forward to trying to help others in the future. Pete Tremper put on a first class program. There was a lot of interest from others and I am sure this program will grow.

Saturday afternoon I finally got some track time in the instructor's group...a little more advanced, and a new challenge. The weather was perfect, and with only a little wind on Sunday, it was a good weekend. When I left Sunday afternoon, we had no major issues, and it was a safe and fun event. Mel Brannan, (Shenandoah Region Membership Chair) and I had a great time, and really put in some good laps around the track. It was interesting to see the new Patriot course in use as we raced around on the main course.

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The starting grid at VIR last Columbus Day.
Photo by Phil Audibert

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Name	Car	Class	Time	Pts.
26 Lyall Steger	'80 911 SC	Mid '80-'94	49.146	
27 Alex Smith	'98 993	Late '95-'03	49.323	2
28 Andy Mohn	'94 Jetta	other	49.931	
29 Steve Mohn	Volvo 940	other	50.206	
30 Rhonda Dunbrack	944 Turbo	ladies	51.033	1
31 Diane Earman	'86 944	ladies	52.582	

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- Saw lots of friends
- Great souvenirs... got the T-shirt!

All in all, the greatest Porsche weekend I've ever experienced... thanks to P.C.N.A. and P.C.A. Can't wait for the next one! Rumor has it in three years. In the meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you at the second greatest Porsche weekend on earth... The Richmond Porsche Meet June 5 & 6!
 Alex Smith

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

Date	Category	Income	Expense	Balance
3/26	Balance on hand			4673.95
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	HE Advertising	135.00		
	Merchandise sale	26.50		
	VIR Insurance	375.00		
4/7	Print Newsletter		320.93	
	Mail Newsletter		82.13	
4/8	Southside Speedway		500.00	
4/8	Pres. Meeting Exp.		172.22	
4/22	Sponsors- RPM	750.00		
	HE Advertising	135.00		
	Autocross Proceeds	422.00		
	Merchandise sale	67.00		
	TOTALS	3060.50	1075.28	
4/25	Balance on hand			6659.17

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A Review of Rennsport Reunion

By Alex Smith

Words cannot describe the magnitude of this love fest of the Porsche automobile, but I'll try to share some of the highlights. Rennsport... I was there July 27-29, 2001 in Lime Rock,

Weldon Scrogam came home from Rennsport with this prize...the 32nd Porsche ever made, a 1949 Gmund Aluminum Coupe.

Photo by Phil Audibert

Connecticut, and present at that big hit of a gathering, was the finest collection of Porsches, drivers and Porscheophiles anywhere. I thought that was good,

but Rennsport II this past weekend (April 23-25) in Daytona was even better. It gathered over 1500 Porsches in one place, 40 famous drivers, Jerry Seinfeld and 350 club racers on the famous banked circuit (not all at the same time!).

On Friday (1st official day) you could pay \$20 for a two-lap parade lap in your own Porsche around the track – that was a thrilling sight... to see a hundred or so 911's, then 45 Boxsters, and then all the others mixed in three different groups. But, race qualifying was going on all the time so the track seemed busy from 914's to 917's!

The second largest tent in the whole Daytona Complex (almost a city, in fact, on Nascar day, they fill each and every one of the 170,000 seats!) was G&W's and right at the door was Weldon and a collection of past and present G&W cars that were frankly the best of the whole weekend collection... proof is in the pudding... the G&W cars won three 1st places in the fabulous concours d'elegance along pit lane. That assembly of historic cars was clearly the largest collection anywhere in one place... what a spectacle!

I could go on and on... I'll just list some other experiences:

- Lots of great vendors... our friends Chris & Colin from CDOC were their with their impressive rig.
- An autograph session with all the famous drivers!
- A display of 40 911's celebrating 40 years and each year represented.
- A real live running and gurgling Carrera GT.
- Perfect weather.
- P.C.A. Hospitality tent.
- A 600 seated dinner hosted by P.C.A. featuring great Porsche engineers including Peter Falk and Alvin Springer.

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Kick Off Autocross

By Rick Ebinger

We had our first Autocross of the season for 2004 at the Augusta Government Center. With 31 cars participating, we had a great turnout and perfect weather. We now have good, clean bathrooms at the site now that the construction at the center has been completed. The value of the site keeps going up.

We had a simple, yet technical course that challenged everyone. I plan on opening it up a bit and adding some twists for the May event. For those of you who came out, expect something entirely different. We are still looking at dividing up the "other" class since we had such a large group.

The Subaru STI of M. Ingraham left us all scratching our

heads on how to pick up 2.5 seconds on a 300 HP All-Wheel Drive car. We haven't come up with anything yet, but we'll make sure to let everyone know when we do.

Scott and Renee Mandel wait their turn for the drive-through at the April 18th autocross. Renee won the ladies division in their 2000 996. *Both photos this page by Phil Audibert*

Other note: we had friends from Maryland and North Carolina come out to play. So, I know if they can make it, a lot more locals should be able to come out and see what we're up to, as well.

The results are on the next page. See you there May 16th!



Susie Audibert kicks up a cloud of dust at the finish.

Autocross Results.....

Name	Car	Class	Time	Pts.
1 Mathew Ingraham	'04 Subaru STI	other	42.333	3
2 Bill Mellema	'97 Jetta	other	44.472	2
3 Erik Boody	'73 911 T	Early-'79	44.763	3
4 Mick Seal	'02 Miata	other	44.797	1
5 Fritz Flynn	'93 RX7	other	44.799	
6 Rick Ebinger	'74 914	Early-'79	44.919	2
7 Phil Audibert	'99 Boxster	Boxster	45.319	3
8 Stephen Dubovsky	'97 Jetta	other	45.446	
9 Howie Dunbrack	'86 930	Mid '80-'94	45.501	3
10 Phil Gosnell	BMW 325 TI	other	46.566	
11 Howie Dunbrack	944 Turbo	944	46.568	3
12 Chess Earman	944 Turbo	944	46.676	2
13 Andy Turner	911 Carrera	Mid '80-'94	46.741	2
14 Renee Mandell	'00 996	ladies	46.910	3
15 Chess Earman	'86 930	Mid '80-'94	47.069	1
16 Susie Audibert	'99 Boxster	ladies	47.221	2
17 Michael Moore	'92 Miata	other	47.346	
18 Bob Figgins	'72 Datsun 240	other	47.347	
19 Scott Mandell	'00 996	Late '95-'03	47.399	3
20 Stuart Moore	'87 944S	944	47.575	1
21 Phil Audibert	'71 914-6	Early-'79	47.893	1
22 Rick Kiser	'93 911	Mid '80-'94	47.916	
23 Gary Krichbaum	'00 Ford Truck	other	47.970	
24 Ray Shumin	Golf TDI	other	48.158	
25 Ross Shull	'91 Nissan ZX	other	48.272	