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from the EDITOR

Ben Briggs

By the time you get this issue, you'll have enjoyed a great weekend at the RPM event in Richmond. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as it conflicted with my son, Caleb's, graduation from high school. But, I'm confident everyone had a great time and will read about it in the July issue complete with the many photos our members will submit along with their thoughts on the event.

Happy driving,

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We have had good turnouts for our events this past month. More than 40 cars registered for the latest autocross at the Verona government center, with over half of the cars being Porsches. We are getting Blue Ridge Region members as well as SCCA drivers to show up. I'm sure the turnout has to do with the great autocross courses setup by Rick and Erik. Way to go team!

The Montpelier to Bavarian Chef Tour also had good attendance. Congratulations to Dan Graff for organizing this event.

This past week, Sherry Westfall organized our May business meeting at Shackelford's Restaurant in Richmond. Jim Condon had several years of RPM photos running from his Apple computer onto the big screen TV in our own private dining room. Alex Smith brought up to date on the upcoming Richmond Porsche Meet, which is schedule for June 4-6. Be sure to register for the activities, including Concours 'd Elegance, driving tour, Café Carrera, awards dinner and autocross. Alex has again done a great job promoting this event. Also, PrintSource and Ben Briggs have again stepped up to print the great looking RPM brochures and posters. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sherry has also come up with another great event that should be fun for the whole family. She is working with First Settlers Region and is planning a drive-in movie night in Goochland County. We are still working out the details, so look at the website often and hear in the Heat Exchanger for more information.

Herb Distefano is working on plans for our club's 15th anniversary party, to be held at his Lake Anna home on August 14th. We will finalize the budget for this event after RPM. Be sure to put this on your calendar!

At our January planning meeting, the board authorized a committee to research ways our club can make charitable contributions to local charities. Steve Heim made a presentation to those attending the business meeting about charitable giving and he presented ideas to support Service Dogs of Virginia, including member support with raffles, 50/50's, poker runs and charity laps. We will keep you posted as this idea progresses.

Our club has many activities because members like you step up and volunteer to help. Whether it's organizing a tour, hosting an anniversary party or heading up a committee, our members are what makes Shenandoah Region great. Thank you all for your help.

In the March 2005 issue of the Heat Exchanger, the editor, Phil Audibert, introduced our new Advertising Manager, Johnny Johnson. That's over five years of tremendous service to our club. Johnny as announced to the board that he would like to pass the baton to someone else. The duties of the advertising manager include making phone calls or personal visits with current and potential Heat Exchanger advertisers, coordination with the treasurer on billing and with the Heat Exchanger editor on ad timing and placement. I'd like to thank Johnny for his many years of volunteer service to the club. If you are interested in the high paying (rhymes with "hero") position, please contact me or any board member.

Enjoy the end of spring and I'll see you at RPM!

Bill Sanders



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Rhonda Dunbrack

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CALENDAR of Events

June

- 12 **Goochland Drive-In Movie** (Joint event with First Settlers Region PCA)
Hadensville, VA
- 25-27 **Zone 2 Club Race & Advanced DE at VIR**
Alton (Danville), VA

July

- 3 **Brycefest Vintage & Classic Car Show**
Basye, VA
- 3-9 **Porsche Parade**
St. Charles, IL
- 12-13 **Carolinas Region DE at VIR**
Alton (Danville), VA
- 24-25 **Green Bank Telescope & Cass Scenic Railroad Tour**
Green Bank, WV & surrounding area

August

- 1 **Porsches & Pastrami**
Charlottesville, VA
- 14 **Shenandoah Region PCA 15th Anniversary Party at Herb Distefano's Home**
Bumpass (Lake Anna), VA
- 15 **Autocross at Augusta Government Center**
Verona, VA

Changes & Notes to Calendar

June 6: There will be no Porsches & Pastrami to avoid conflicting with RPM.

July 4: There will be no Porsches & Pastrami this month because of the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

July 11: The Gymkhana at CDOC in Gordonsville has been canceled. We'll try again next year.

July 17: The Autocross at Richmond International Raceway (RIR) is still pending.

August 17: This Social/Business Dinner Meeting has been canceled because of all of the other events scheduled for this month. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Photoworks in Charlottesville. Mike and Geoff Kilmer will be our hosts and give us a tour of their shop and treat us to dinner. More details will be coming soon.

visit SHN.PCA.ORG for details & updates

Insurance for Shenandoah Region PCA Events

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.

Porsches & Pastrami and a Trip Back in Time to the Glory Days of Scottsville

On the warm and sunny afternoon of Sunday, May 2, Gary Hagar owner of Dirty Nelly's Pub opened his doors to fellow Shenandoah PCA members and guests. We all enjoyed having lunch and getting the opportunity to socialize with our friends. Greg Long, a non-PCA member who is considering adding a Porsche to his eclectic car collection, added color and variety to our group by bringing his bright red Citroen convertible.

After lunch Deane Parker led us on a short drive through the rolling pastures and woodlands of southern Albemarle County. This was definitely a "tops down" kind of day for the convertible owners! We ended our journey in the historic town of Scottsville that was established in 1745 alongside the James River.

Our first stop was Country Blessings Local Foods where many of us of us enjoyed ice cream and other goodies. Some of us took the opportunity to tour the small but very informative Scottsville Museum. A new exhibit "Where the River Bends: Scottsville and the James" was on display. It focused on the powerful James River and its effect on the Scottsville community and surrounding areas—especially the devastating floods. We also ambled along the streets of the town and looked at old homes and businesses, the flood watermarks on buildings, and the bateau display in Canal Basin Square. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Come to Gary's next Porsches & Pastrami on Sunday, August 1. (There will be no P&P in June and July because of the Richmond Porsche Meet and Fourth of July holiday.)

Come to the Drive-In for an Evening of Old-fashioned Fun

Join members and the family and friends of the First Settlers and Shenandoah PCA regions for a double-feature movie night under the stars at the Goochland Drive-In. We will have a special area reserved just for our group. Come early and enjoy dinner or just grab some snacks from the concession stand. We will be able to choose from their original "Gooch Dogs," burgers, BBQ, corn dogs, soft pretzels, cheese fries, popcorn, sno-cones, candy, sodas, bottled water, and coffee.

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010
Time: Gates open at 6:00 p.m.
First show starts at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.)
Come before the movie starts to park your Porsches & socialize with your friends.

Location: Goochland Drive-In Theater
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Admission: \$7.00 adults, Kids 4-11: \$3.00 / Babies: FREE

Details: No admittance 30 minutes after first movie begins. You will need an FM radio to hear the movies. No outside food or beverages are permitted except for special dietary needs and baby food. NO ALCOHOL and NO SMOKING are permitted on the property. Rain may cancel the event. Check the Goochland Drive-In Theater web site for status.

Please RSVP to Sherry Westfall at vscares@cstone.net, (434) 295-3955, or (434) 249-2877 (cell) by Friday, June 11 so that we can make sure to have enough parking spaces for everyone.

Check the Shenandoah PCA web site at <http://shn.pca.org/> for the movies that will be playing that night and other details as they become available.

Coming July 24-25, 2010: The Green Bank Telescope & Cass Scenic Railroad Tour

Follow the Porsche "train" to the wild and wonderful mountains of West Virginia. (The Blue Ridge and other PCA regions may join us, too!) Shenandoah's own Jim Condon, a career radio astronomer with the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), will be our guide as we explore the Green Bank Telescope facility. Upon arrival, we will have pre-ordered boxed lunches from the Starlight Café in a private room. Then, Jim will give us a personal tour of the control room, the Jansky electronics lab, and other areas of interest. Afterward, we will see a movie about the Green Bank facility and take a short bus ride down to the base of the Green Bank Telescope (GBT), the world's largest moving structure on land. We'll also have time to browse through the interesting astronomical items in the gift shop.

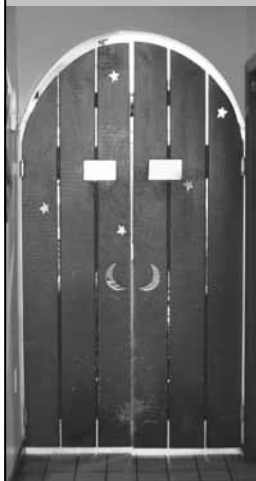
When we have finished our tour at the GBT, we will have the option of saying our goodbyes and returning home or staying overnight. Those who stay will head off to settle into their hotel rooms and then meet that evening for dinner.

Sunday morning, participants will have the options of meeting for brunch, taking a short drive on the curvy roads in the area, and then going on a group train ride aboard the Cass Scenic Railroad. For those who want to do their own things, they will have some of the following choices: taking a bicycle ride on the Greenbrier Trail (a minimal grade former track bed of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad), canoeing on the Greenbrier River, hiking the numerous trails in the area, exploring the Cranberry Glades Botanical Area, and much, much more.

You will be receiving an email soon with more details about meals, lodging, and activities as well as a schedule of events. You can always check the Shenandoah web site at <http://shn.pca.org/> for the latest updates.



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As the owner of a 911 and a 944 Turbo who likes to exercise his treasured Porsches on the back roads of Central Virginia, PCA Shenandoah member Dan Graff promised an invigorating romp through Orange, Madison, Rappahannock and Culpeper counties May 8.

He delivered. My wrists were still sore the next day from keeping up with the pack in my non-power-assist 1983 944 (small wonder the folks from Stuttgart added power steering in 1984). But I digress.

Dan's work on the route started many weeks before May 8. He collected road suggestions from two Madison County residents, PCA member Keith Welty, and Morgan owner Bates McLain (we're working on him). As somebody who lived in that neck of the woods for 17-plus years, I also tossed in my two-cents worth. Dan then ran many of the roads, assisted by Bates, Keith and yours truly, before making the final cut. (He ditched the road past the Coffeewood Correctional Center, but who missed that?)

The intrepid road warriors met at James Madison's Montpelier in Orange County. (They all drove Porsches, save for a very brave young man and his dad in a Maserati Biturbo, plus a Germanic-looking sedan with "Porsche" scrawled in the road film on the back bumper.)

Early arrivals took in the nicely renovated home of Pres. James and his frau, Dolley, as well as the Montpelier visitors' center. At 2 p.m., or thereabouts, Graff led the procession out of Montpelier and down Route 20, now named "The Constitution Highway," in honor of little Jimmy M.'s best known piece of penmanship.

A right turn at Somerset took us onto the Blue Ridge Turnpike, which once was used by wagon masters hauling cargo over the mountains of the same name. About halfway to Rochelle, where the battle of Jack's Shop was fought, we turned onto Tatum's School Road.

That was the last we saw of relatively straight roadway for quite a while, by the way. (When was the last time you encountered

a VDOT sign telling you to slow down to 10 mph for the next curve? I rest my case.) For the next 45 minutes or so we were on a roller coaster romp through the Foothills of the Blue Ridge. Though it eventually took its congressman's last name in 1792, Madison County was actually settled by Germans who came to these shores as indentured servants of Lord Spotswood at the Germanna iron mines. After doing their time, they headed west. When they got to this hilly country, it reminded them so much of home that they put down stakes. So it makes perfect sense to drive Porsches there.

By the time we arrived at James City, an old stagecoach stop named for the same James Family that eventually produced outlaws Frank and Jesse James – I kid you not – almost everyone was ready for a stop at the Prince Michel Vineyard. This winery was founded in 1982 by the late Jean Ledoucq, a member of the French Resistance during WWII, who made a ton of francs and dollars in the rental uniform business and indulged his passion for the grape.

A number of our hearty party took advantage of the wine tasting, while mindful that there was more road ahead. This included the locally named "Thunder Valley," which tumbles down from Etlan to Syria in the shadow of Old Rag Mountain. (Given the winter snows and heavy spring rains, old Rag sported a lush green toupee as we passed it.)

From Syria, we traipsed through Criglersville and the Hebron Valley. Pres. Herbert Hoover and his entourage used to pause in Criglersville on their way to Camp Rapidan (The Hoover Camp) in what is now the Shenandoah National Park.

Then it was on to Madison, where we took the Ruth Road and a few others to Shelby and The Bavarian Chef. There the wayfarers feasted on weinerschnitzel, sauerbraten and the like, while quaffing moderate amounts of good German beer. Prosit!

Our thanks to Tour Meister Dan and my apologies to those in the second half of the caravan whom we attempted to rescue and then promptly got lost all over again!



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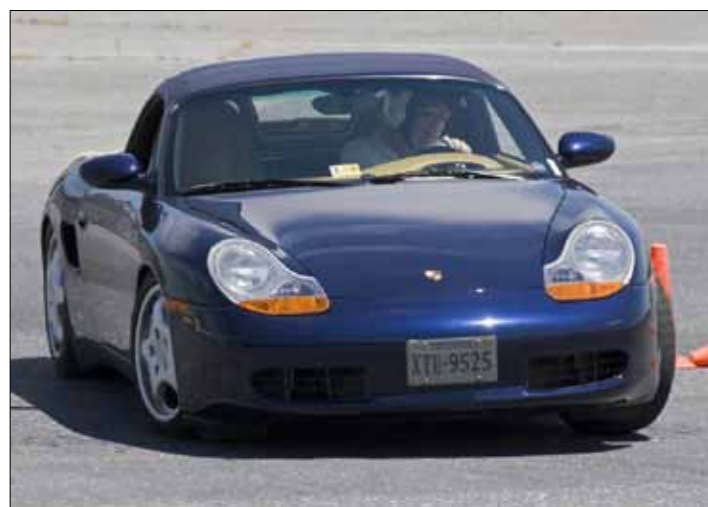
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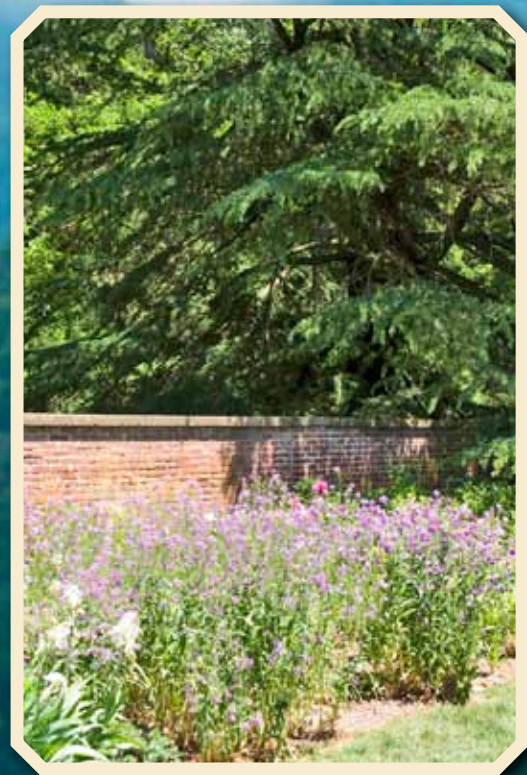
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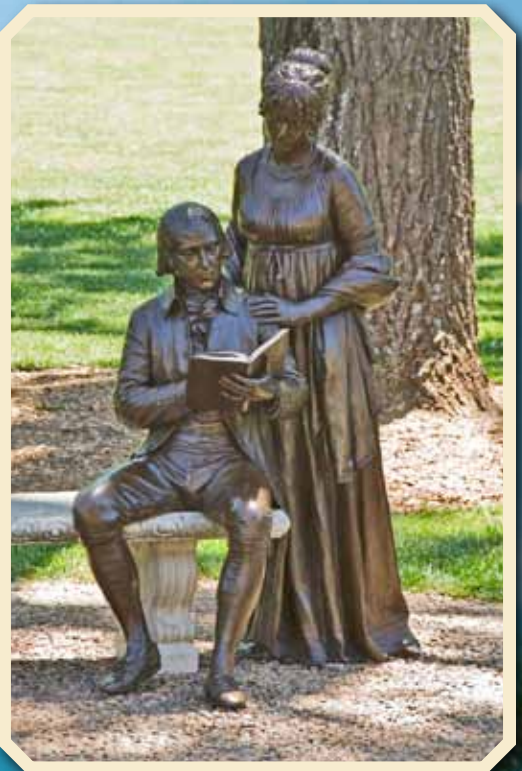
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Greg Long's Citroën



At the Country Blessing's Parking Lot



The Barclay House, Scottsville



Country Blessings: A Good Place for a Snack in Scottsville



The Scottsville Museum



Andy & Mariana Hess's 993

MAY DAY SATURDAY RACE

by Rick Ebinger

We had a rare Saturday Autocross on May 15th in Verona. We usually run on Sundays, but due to schedule conflicts this was the best set up we could do. It seemed to work because we had 42 entrants in the event and a great showing. Thanks to all those who came out and ran with us.

Being that this is a Porsche event, we had a good showing of our favorite cars, ending up with 5 Porsches in the top. Boxsters, a 944, and an old 914 well represented the brand. Erik, time to bring out the '73 911!!!! Overall, a very good tight group, with the top 27 cars within 5 seconds of the top time in a 1 minute course. For track design, we tightened up a bit this time, with only one big straight away and our original classic track design that we have always used since 1993. The layout may be the same, but the flow is where you make a great course. We had some really cool and different tricks in this course that caused some issues for some, and just put a smile on the others who had no problem with the challenges.

Starting with the ladies, we had four racers with our own Sherry Westfall coming in second and Rhonda Dunbrack coming in fourth in the group. Jennifer Kimber won the class with her well prepared Honda Civic. Paul Sponseller gave the Cayman a spin, and it is always good to have Paul at an event. Paul bought some documents about course design and also

had an idea. He thought I should do a class on course design with anyone who is interested and explain how to set up a successful track. I'm for it if anyone is interested. I can show you what I do and how I approach the day. We'll field this out to the club in the future and I will be more than happy to set something up. Let me know if you are interested. Good idea Paul. Mike Kilmer had the fastest 911 of the day, only 4 seconds off of FTD, but finished in 17th. That should let you know how tough the competition is. Good run thought, Mike. Keep ahead of Eric Huggins in his 88 911. Eric has been getting closer and closer due to seat time and car set up. Nice job Eric, Kilmer's stranglehold on the P03 class is being challenged. Wild rides of the day have to go to Cesar Diaz and Jonathan Newhall. Both found ways to get into the grass backwards, which is a first for any event I have attended at Verona. I was concerned for the safety of the course and checked the course from a couple of different angles. Luckily, both cars left clear evidence through tire marks that they were 30 feet from the apex of the turn when they lost it so course good, driving line BAD. Both cars were fine and both continued and ran well. The sad part for Jonathan is he just got new tires, the front tires are huge 275s so my guess is the problem lies between the steering wheel and gas pedal. Good show Jonathan, and most of the time great car control. British Jag+ 454 engine= excitement.

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Stephen Garstang is really running his Boxster well. He won the class again and really is doing well with a non-S version of that car. Great runs Stephen. Lastly, Gary and I battled it out again, and with a suspension adjustment, (up), and new tires the 914 slipped by Gary for FTD. The car is coming together and has some more adjustments in the near future. I still have stock brake pads, stock 16 mm torsion bars, and mystery springs in the rear. All are candidates for upgrades. Gary did pull second and third in his BMW and a borrowed RX-8, and Pam stopped by so I stole one ride with her Boxster. Thanks

Pam for stopping by on your lunch break. It was a fun day and all 42 had a pretty good time. Erik is working with the officers to get a new computer to avoid the crashes we had, which caused us about 13 minutes both times the system dropped out. We have gone a long way with donated computers, but with our groups getting larger and more at stake with still just Erik and I being the main core team, we can ill afford those periods of downtime. This is being addressed. Thanks everyone for the help and a great event!

AUTOCROSS RESULTS - MAY 15, 2010

	Class	First Name	Last Name	Car Model	Raw Time	From 1st
1	I01	Rick	Ebinger	7 4 Porsche 914	58.88	
2	OTH	Gary	Krichbaum	1997 BMW M3	59.113	-0.233
3	OTH	Gary	Krichbaum	2006 RX8	59.858	-0.978
4	P05	Rick	Ebinger	2007 Boxster S	60.406	-1.526
5	OTH	Chike	Dellimore	2006 Mazda RX-8	60.899	-2.019
6	OTH	Ben	Williams	1990 RX7	61.636	-2.756
7	P05	Stephen	Garstang	2001 Porsche Boxster	61.833	-2.953
8	OTH	Jonathan	Newhall	Jaguar xjs	61.937	-3.057
9	P05	Jeffrey	Elmore	2000 Porsche Boxster S	61.967	-3.087
10	P02	Vee	Halen	1986 Porsche 944 Turbo	62.383	-3.503
11	OTH	Cesar	Diaz	1990 Miata	62.402	-3.522
12	OTH	Dan	Kimber	1991 Civic	62.568	-3.688
13	OTH	Brix	Brickner	2009 WRX	62.673	-3.793
14	I01	Erik	Boody	1974 Porsche 914	62.785	-3.905
15	OTH	David	Lingenfelter	1997 Mazda MX5	63.067	-4.187
16	OTH	Ray	Schumin	1999 Mazda Meeotter	63.329	-4.449
17	P03	Mike	Kilmer	1983 Porsche 911 sc	63.534	-4.654
18	OTH	William	Stewart	1986 Mercedes-Benz 190-16V	63.547	-4.667
19	P03	Eric	Huggins	1988 Porsche 911	63.652	-4.772
20	P05	Donald	Mattingley	2008 Porsche Cayman	63.942	-5.062
21	OTH	Justin	Kiomall	2003 BMW M3	63.967	-5.087
22	P04	James	Condon	1999 Porsche Carrera	64.059	-5.179
23	OTH	Tom	Warden	1965 Morgan 4/4	64.156	-5.276
24	OTH	Bruce	Crow	1994 Mazda Miata Limited	64.241	-5.361
25	OTH	Brenton	Kiomall	2003 Honda S2000	64.484	-5.604
26	OTH	Mick	Seal	1994 Mazda Miata	64.583	-5.703
27	OTH	Jeffrey	Glass	1994 BMW 325i	64.674	-5.794
28	P04	Randolph	Kohr II	2008 Carrera	64.915	-6.035
29	OTH	Ruslan	Kirilyuk	2003 Honda s2000	65.318	-6.438
30	OTH	Jim	Rimel	2004 Mini	65.424	-6.544
31	P02	Geoff	Alms	1986 Porsche 944	65.67	-6.79
32	P05	Paul	Sponseller	2008 Porsche Cayman	66.129	-7.249
33	LAD	Jennifer	Kimber	1991 Civic Si	66.638	-7.758
34	LAD	Sherry	Westfall	1999 Porsche Carrera	67.277	-8.397
35	P04	Robert	Duntley	2001 Porsche 996 310 TIP	67.751	-8.871
36	OTH	Tom	Harris	1980 Rabbit	69.551	-10.671
37	OTH	Chris	Belsky	1998 BMW 328i	70.074	-11.194
38	OTH	Randolph	Kohr	2010 BMW 650i	70.101	-11.221
39	OTH	Addison	Newberry	2003 BMW 330ci	70.945	-12.065
40	LAD	Sydney	Scrogham	2000 Vw Bug	74.825	-15.945
41	P05	Chauncey	Hutter	1998 Boxster	74.886	-16.006
42	LAD	Rhonda	Dunbrack	1986 Porsche 951	77.752	-18.872

COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS GET ON THE FAST TRACK TO LEARNING WITH SYNERGY RACING AT VIR

by Greg Glassner

(Photos by Nick Liberante on back cover)

When J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (JSRCC) offered a class in Studies in Automotive Technology: Motor Racing, it didn't take long to enroll 26 students – especially when word got out that the school would be the sponsor of Synergy Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car at the April 24 Rolex GrandAm race at Virginia International Raceway.

"The class is probably a one-time deal," said JSRCC instructor Kelly Schwendeman, who added, "I'm a huge racing fan. It was no chore at all to teach it." Schwendeman and his students visited the team's shop in Alton, Va. in March and got some firsthand insights from Synergy Racing's Principal Cole Scrogam and team driver David Murry, who demonstrated the Porsche 911GT3 on the VIR track. Then they returned to VIR April 24 to soak up race day ambience, cheer on their entry in a nationally televised event, and see automotive technology in action. Two students earned the right to work in the race pits while classmates looked on. Schwendeman said the whole thing started out when Ivor Massey Jr., the chairman of the college's Educational Foundation, underwrote

the one-race sponsorship deal to get the college some nationwide exposure. Schwendeman was asked if there was "something we could do to get students involved."

The class was incorporated into the two-year program leading to an Associates Degree in Applied Science in Automotive Technology, which is based at JSRCC's Western Campus in Goochland County. In class and at the track, Schwendeman and his students studied the similarities and differences between the cars you see on the street and racing cars. "We went over all the major systems on the vehicle: the brakes, suspension, engine, transmission, chassis, bodywork and tires. "This is a great opportunity for some very motivated students to come out to the track and be a part of a Grand-Am weekend in a way that just wouldn't be possible otherwise," said Scrogam. "We are very excited to be going racing again and to be able to do it at our home track. Working with J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College makes it even more special."

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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!

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JSRCC students Clayton Needham and Richard Van Reekum of Richmond had the highest scores on a test, earning them the right to work in the Synergy race pits at VIR Saturday. "We learned about racing technology, where racing has come from and where it is today," said Needham, adding, "I eventually want to do some racing." "It's been a great introduction to motorsports, a mind-bending experience," said Van Reekum. The students also learned that things don't always go the way you plan them in racing.

The Synergy crew was given a mismatched set of racing tires by Pirelli, the race supplier, and had difficulty in qualifying Friday. Starting from the back of the pack, driver David Murry worked his way up into seventh place in the 19-car GT category during Saturday's race, only to have to pit with a broken radiator. That misfortune gave all of the JSRCC students in the paddock a chance to watch race mechanics spring into action, tear their car apart, rebuild it, and get back into the fray. Massey said he hopes this one-time effort to help spark donations will lead to similar initiatives.

Fans were invited to sponsor a race lap, with all the proceeds donated going to help fund the college's Downtown Campus

Science Lab renovations project. Although the first Grand-Am event of the season for the VIR-based Synergy car did not have a storybook finish, there was bright news for Porsche fans. Kevin Buckler's TRG Motorsports Porsche GT3, driven by Andy Lally and Ted Ballou won the GT category, with the John Potter-Craig Stanton Magnus Racing Porsche GT3 fourth.

In the Grand-Am Daytona Prototypes, Scott Pruett and Memo Rojas took the class and overall win, but the Brumos-sponsored Porsche-Riley of David Donohue and Darren Law finished fourth. Many Porsche fans based themselves at the PCA tent on the hill overlooking turn 4. (Thanks to the PCA Blue Ridge Region for running it!)

Postscript: My newspaper photographer, Nick Liberante, and I enjoyed the brisk lunchtime lap of the track in my 944 with fellow PCA members. He had never been to a road course before. His comment as we headed back home was, "Why can't we do this every week?"

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TREASURER'S Report

by Bob Duntley

Cash Flow: 1/1/2010 thru 4/30/2010

OPENING BALANCES

Checking Account	\$6,473.76	
Sweep Account	\$1,480.05	
Total Opening Balances		\$7,962.81

INFLOWS

Sweep Account		
AutoX	\$344.11	
RPM 2010	\$405.86	
TOTAL SWEEP ACCOUNT	\$749.97	
AutoX Entrance Fees	\$560.00	
Goody Store	\$66.44	
HE Advertising	\$3,132.00	
Refund PCA National	\$1,072.00	
Refund PCA Zone 2	\$3,000.00	
RPM Registration	\$458.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS		\$9,038.41

OUTFLOWS

AutoX Expenses		\$320.60
Biz Taxes		
Federal	\$227.00	
State	\$92.00	
TOTAL Biz Taxes		\$319.00
Donation		\$300.00
HE Printing & Mailing		\$2,998.99
Postage and Delivery		\$57.04
Refund Autocross		\$24.83
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As we left you in March the floorboards had been put in place, the old paint had been sanded off the body and the lids. Chris Overholser of Lufteknic was ready to start spraying the two coats of epoxy primer.

THEN as Chris told me 'LOTS' of sanding would take place and he meant it! I am surprised that his arms aren't shorter by now. Chris started with 320 wet then graduated to 600 and finally with 800. In-between sanding he had to shoot some more primer to fill the low spots. He showed me how the low spots would look darker then the high places. Amazing!

When he was done with the prime coats the car looked so nice he could have buffed and glazed it and it would have been a 'show car' compared to where he started! The man is a Master Craftsman! True statement!

I don't know and I'm not sure if Chris has a count of how many times the doors were put on and taken off the car during the rebuild process. They were UGLY when he started! (Which is an understatement!) Each door received a lower skin panel welded in, bottom door panels and then some filler to make them look pretty and not protrude on the bottom from the rockers like they used to!

Then epoxy prime, sanding and then were the first to get the Ruby Red color coats after the bottoms of the lids, then 1500 and 2000 wet sanding before being buffed and glazed! 'WOW' what a process!

On April 30th on a Friday morning about 10:30 AM I stopped by the shop to see 'The Patient' and see how things were going. Chris said, "I'm going to wipe the body down once more and then shoot it." The color coats of paint I'm sure he meant! I'm outta there! You don't hinder an artist who is going to paint your car!

At 1PM I had an e-mail from Chris that said, "Got the 4th coat laid down 5 minutes ago (1pm). I started shooting right when you left. I'm sweating! It looks good."

On Saturday morning he went to the shop and removed the masking and sent me another e-mail and picture!

Chris said, "Just took off masking and it seems we're looking good." Looks good?? It looks fantastic! IMHO (In My Humble Opinion). Now comes more sanding with 1500 and 2000 wet paper before the buffing and final glazing. I think that is one of Chris' secret recipes because I haven't seen that done in my presence yet!

Oh, I have to mention that Chris masked and retaped the body several times so that the gritty residue would not get into the final spray coats and or buffing process. Fantastic detail work folks!!

By May 12 the entire body had been buffed to bring out the shine. New Vredestein 165R-16 Sprint Classic tires were delivered to Lufteknic ready for mounting on the rims that will be cleaned and sprayed silver. "NEW SHOES" with an 0910 DOT date code to keep me off the ground!

On Friday May 14 I came by in the afternoon after Robert and Chris had gotten the window glass in the doors along with the locking mechanisms, felt strips and upper chrome on the doors. He always says something that makes you feel that your car isn't really a piece of junk that he is bringing back to life. Makes ya feel good! Once recently he said, "I hope you are satisfied with the results"! Satisfied? I went past satisfied, happy, and gleefully joyous to '**Being Ecstatic**' a long time ago!

One day last week Chris asked for the boxes of parts that I had at home. WOW, does this mean we are getting closed to reassembly time? Not an easy task in itself. I hope to be able to assist in the non technical stuff like bumper assembly, rear grill installation, front horn grills etc.

We're not sure if the car will be ready in time for RPM, but we hope so! I'll be there anyway!

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Patrick Huisman rounds VIR's Oak Tree corner and brings the JSRCC/Synergy Racing entry home to a race finish Saturday.



FAST TRACK TO LEARNING AT VIR
 (Photos by Nick Liberante)

Mechanics, including Charlottesville's Kenny Shreves, work feverishly in the paddock to get the Synergy car back into the race. The JSRCC students got a first-hand look at what can go right and wrong during a nearly three-hour race.

JSRCC Educational Foundation President Ivor Massey Jr. with students Clayton Needham and Richard Van Reekum, who won the right to work in the Synergy pits.