



# DER PORSCHER BRIEF



## NORTH FLORIDA REGION

## PORSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA

### PCA's North Florida Region Stars in the 40th Annual Springtime Tallahassee Parade!

Article and Photos By Barry A. Waters

At a club meeting early in 2008, PCANFR President Ian Anderson suggested we participate in the 40th Annual Springtime Tallahassee Parade in an effort to boost our club's exposure. Since we're the kind of folks who'll try anything twice, a favorable vote was made and Ian secured our entry for the event.

And what an event it was! Saturday the 29th of March turned out bright & clear and the number of organizations that participated was astounding. If you've never been to the Parade, I can highly recommend it! The popularity that, in addition to the many local organizations present, it appears to draw a good number of groups from South Florida and elsewhere.



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The North Florida Region of PCA had a good turn-out with the following members & Porsches ready for a parade on a sunny Tallahassee weekend morning: Ian Anderson and his family's '03 Boxster, Steve and Katherine La Rosa with their '65 911, Charles and Mary Johnson with their '87 924S, Danny Fuchs with his and Linda's '05 Boxster S, Alan Berg and his '64 356C with my '86 911 (ably crewed by daughter Brett as my official 'Candy Distributor') rounding out the field.

We arrived as a group around 9:00AM and were directed to our 'grid' position on North Monroe St. which placed us facing South in the North bound lane... you figure it out. It sure looked strange view on any other day just since you'd only get this seconds before you were hauled to jail for driving the wrong way in the wrong lane! Oh the priviledges of 'Parade Entrants'!



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Once the Parade began it was all business as we had to drive in a VERY CAREFUL manner given the size and proximity of the crowd (large AND close!). The speeds were slow-to-STOP, so a good deal of finesse was required to minimize the 'accordion' impact of this style of driving. I was lucky enough to have my daughter Brett serve not only as 'Candy Distributor' but as 'Crowd Spotter' as well, so my job was that much easier.

One of the most fascinating memories I personally went away with was the periodic sighting of a young lady or man (working for the parade organizers and stationed at intervals along the parade route) holding a sign that stated "Please Do NOT Throw Objects From Vehicles/Floats" while standing ankle-deep in candy and beads! It's very obvious that two facts in general have been proven: 1) Parade Participants cannot READ, and 2) Parade Participants have INCREDIBLE amounts of candy and beads!



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End Result? I truly hope we do this next year and the years after that – it was truly a fun event! The club was enthusiastically received and it was really great to hear the cheers from the crowd and the kids yelling 'PORSCHE, PORSCHE' as we went by. I really hope we can expand our presence at next year's Parade as it was evident that the crowd enjoyed our participation. The Tallahassee Democrat got some great shots of several of the cars and these can be seen at [www.tdo.com](http://www.tdo.com). Just look for their Photo Gallery link and then the 2008 Springtime Tallahassee Parade Photos link under that.

Many Thanks to all of you who supported the club's effort in this endeavor and let's all look forward to an expanded effort in 2009! Participating in this type of event really gets PCA and its North Florida Region's name out there in a complimentary way and that is a very, VERY good thing for us all!

Region Clocks Available-PCA NFL Decorative Wall Clock Order Form

COST \$12 per clock plus shipping (see below) DEADLINE TO ORDER- AUGUST 31, 2008 (Clocks are nine inches in diameter.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of clocks \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Clocks will be delivered to you at a club event in October free of shipping charge) (Optional S&H charges to mail clock(s) to you are \$5 for first clock and \$2 for each additional clock(s))

(Total Optional S&H charges) \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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# SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA FUN

By Tom and Evelyn Vlasek

The Third Annual Ochlocknee Bay Seafood Extravaganza hosted 36 folks by our count. The weather was beautiful and all appeared to have a good time. Fresh oysters were available for shucking and roasting out on the dock, and other snacks and beverages were in good supply while everyone became acquainted and looked at the variety of Porsches in the yard.

Chuck and Cheryl O'Konski, our former neighbors and current owner of a blue Porsche 914, returned from Pittsburgh to help with the event. Bruce Parker brought a new Cayenne SUV from Capital Eurocars to show and provide test rides as well as some posters and door prize items. Evelyn and I had our race car on display, as most folks have not had the opportunity to see it (fresh from a second place at Daytona the weekend before). [Eds. Note: The following weekend, Tom and Evelyn traveled up to Road Atlanta for a national race and finished with a first in class. Tom is now on track to return to the Runoffs in October in Topeka, Kansas.]

Captain Dave Guindon provided boat rides on the bay with his pontoon boat that gave a feel for the wild areas of the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge that begins just up the bay from our house, and many who made the trip saw an Osprey feeding its young.

We served the seafood about 3:00 pm and the feast included fresh fried grouper, boiled peel and eat shrimp, fried oysters, lobster ah-la Ziggy's, french fries, cole slaw (Mindy Waters' and Evelyn's recipes) hush puppies, and brownies and Key Lime pie (courtesy of Alan) for desert.

Barry Waters was in charge of the door prizes and there were numerous items donated so there were many lucky winners.



Photo-B. Waters



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Photo-A. Berg



Photo-B. Waters

## Rally Around

The North Florida Region will hold a Time-Speed-Distance Rally on Saturday August 16, 2008. Details for participation and sign up are below. Let's make this a well attended and well participated in event. It should be a great time for all entrants and attendees.

**Date:** Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Time:** 10:15am

**Starting Location:** J. Lee Vause Park

**Starting Address:** 6024 Old Bainbridge Road Tallahassee,  
Florida 32303

**Rally type:** Time-Speed-Distance (TSD)

**Finish Location:** Florida Caverns State Park

**Finish Address:** 3345 Caverns Road, Marianna, Florida 32446

**PCA Entry Fee:** \$5

**Park Entry Fee:** \$4 per vehicle

**Cave Tour:** \$8 per person, \$5 for kids under 12 (It is cool in the Caverns.)

Food will be provided (we'll be grilling out – hot dogs / hamburgers and chips & drinks)

**RSVP:** Please contact Don Boggs at (850) 386-2321 / [dhboggs912@earthlink.net](mailto:dhboggs912@earthlink.net)

**Rally School:** If possible, we'd like all Rally participants to attend the next PCA meeting at Gil's Tavern on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Special thanks to Don Boggs and Steve & Kathryn LaRosa for putting on the rally!**



## WANT TO SEE YOUR ARTICLE OR PICTURE IN PRINT

DER PORSCHE BRIEF welcomes submissions from members and others dealing with topics of interest to North Florida Region members. If you have an interesting experience, car or observation, or a tech tip or Porsche fix, please share it with North Florida Region members. Articles and pictures are welcome. Due to copyright restrictions, we cannot publish from other sources without permission, so please submit your original article or picture to us for publication. The article need not be long and most picture formats can be accommodated. Please see the address page for submission addresses. Thanks for your help.

## Oktoberfest in the Park

Mark your calendars now for Oktoberfest in the park.

Date: Saturday October 18, 2008

Time: 11 AM with Brats and Burgers at Noon

Location: Tom Brown Park Tallahassee, 501 Easterwood Dr. 32301 (Mapquest for directions)

Parking in the field across from the pavilion (look for the PCA sign)

Picnic Pavilion 5 or 6 on the loop near Lake Leon (same spot as last time)

Cost \$5 per person at the door

Event Co Chairs : Charles and Mary Johnson 850-893-7350 ([cwjohnson@att.net](mailto:cwjohnson@att.net))

Steve and Katherine LaRosa 850-385-8959 ([sclarosa@yahoo.com](mailto:sclarosa@yahoo.com))

### Region Calendar—JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2008

#### JULY

10—6:00 PM, Social at Royal B Restaurant just 1 block east of Cuvee Beach on the south side of Hwy 98, Destin, Florida. Socials are the first Thursday of every month. Locations will be announced by email until a replacement location is found for the Cuvee Beach location. The meeting is on the second Thursday this month only because of the July 4 Holiday.

16—6:30 PM, Social at Gill's Tavern, 2545 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee. Socials are the third Wednesday of every month at Gill's Tavern.

#### AUGUST

7-- 6:00 PM Social at Royal B Restaurant just 1 block east of Cuvee Beach on the south side of Hwy 98, Destin, Florida. Socials are the first Thursday of every month. Location is subject to change and will be announced by email until a replacement location is found for the Cuvee Beach location.

16—Rally. Details on Page 4.

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#### SEPTEMBER

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17—6:30 PM, Social at Gill's Tavern, 2545 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee. Socials are the third Wednesday of every month at Gill's Tavern.

21—Drive your 356 Day. Don and Alan will be hosting a pit stop on Lake Seminole. Details next issue. All Porsches welcome, 356ers especially welcome.

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