



Der Porsche Brief



NORTH FLORIDA REGION

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

Rally in the Rain

August 16, 2008, was a dark and stormy day (apologies to Snoopy). Never-the-less, twenty-three intrepid souls gathered at Lee Vause Park, north of Lake Jackson in Tallahassee, for the Rally to the Caverns in what passed for a rain storm the week before Fay hit. Don Boggs and Steve LaRosa had set up a challenging Course for the Rally. A drivers meeting was held, and it was determined that conditions would not allow the rallyists to properly follow the course lay out. It was decided to save the Rally course for rescheduling later this year, and to caravan to the Florida Caverns by a more direct route for the scheduled cook out.

Don Boggs had arranged for a Pavilion at the Caverns, Ian Anderson started the fires before all the cars arrived, and Ian and Steve LaRosa served as chefs and did a great job, while Don and Carol Noennich arranged the drinks, snacks, side dishes and desert. Don and Carol, Steve and Katherine LaRosa and David Meade assisted with food acquisition and preparation. Thanks to everyone who helped out. It was a great job by all. Thanks also to all those who attended in what were harsh conditions at the outset.



Porsches in the Rain at Lee Vause Park—Photo A. Berg



Group Shot at the Caverns Park—Photo B. Waters



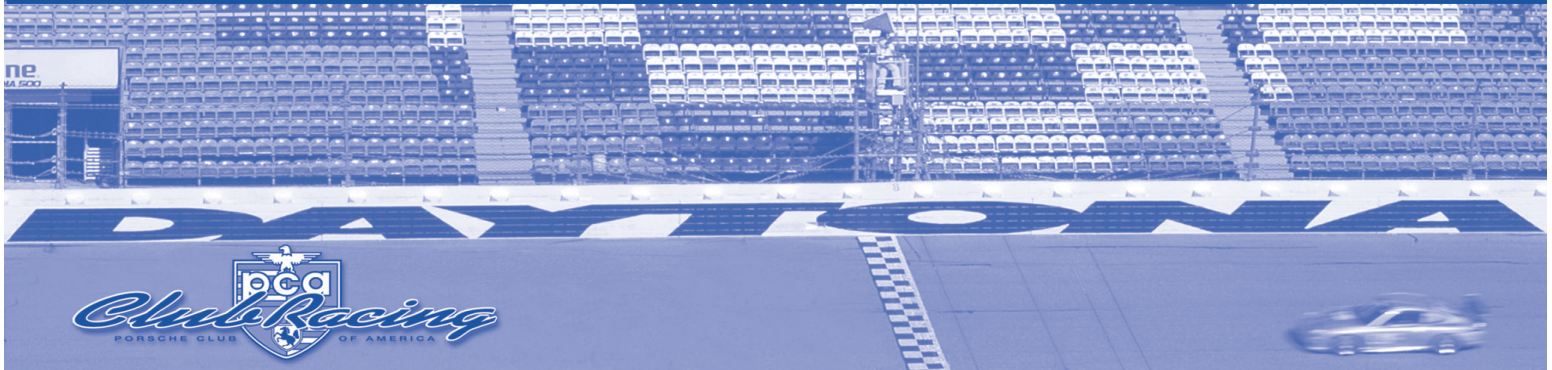
En Route in what passed for a Storm before Fay—Photo B. Waters



Picnikers at the Caverns—Photo B. Waters

Don't You Wish You Could Be Here At Daytona...You Can Be!

The annual "PCA OctoberFast Daytona Club Races", sponsored by the Florida Crown and Citrus Regions, will be held at the world famous Daytona International Speedway on **October 10 -12, 2008**. There will be four race groups, a total of 320 race cars, running both Sprint and Enduro races. There will also be advanced Solo DE sessions. You will run the same 3.56 mile road course that is used for the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona, utilizing the infield road course and the high banks of Daytona! Registration information for this prestigious race event can be found at www.pcadaytonarace.com.



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CHARITY CAR SHOW AND FUND RAISER

IN SUPPORT OF

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

October 11, 2008

GRAND BOULEVARD, DESTIN

Off US 98, between US 331 and SR 85

The Grand Boulevard Area is North of US 98 between St. Charles Place and Sandestin Lane

ENTRANTS SHOULD ARRIVE BY 10:00 AM

This event is a fund raiser for Sacred Heart Hospital in Destin, Florida, and is sponsored by the North Florida Region of the Porsche Club of America.

The rules are simple--each participant's Porsche will be displayed at the Grand Boulevard, Destin, and is challenged to raise funds for the Sacred Heart Hospital Foundation. The participant's Porsche raising the largest donation will have the winning car and will receive a gift of appreciation from the sponsors. It is recommended that funds be raised in advance although spectators can vote for their favorite car with a donation at the show.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL PORSCHEs FROM 1948 to 2008

TO REGISTER CONTACT *Russ Aldrich* IN ADVANCE

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Porsche Parade⁴—Charlotte 2008

Report from Don Boggs

The good news is that Charlotte is considerably closer than San Diego (site of last years Parade). Well, it needed to be since I am - still - lacking a Porsche that has air conditioning. I took my 356C Coupe to show off in any case, but it was really hot going up in the C coupe. The car must have thought so too, the starter solenoid went out at the last rest area in South Carolina. [Eds. Note—I had a flat tire at the same spot. It is not Porsche friendly. Avoid it.]

While the car recuperated in the hotel garage, I wandered the halls, getting registered, enriching the goody store operators, trying to attend two meetings simultaneously, and viewing the concours prep. Indoors concours prep, *air conditioned* indoors concours prep. What a concept! The concours itself was on the un-air conditioned streets of downtown Charlotte, and I suppose that *the* good news was that the tall buildings provided shade and the venturi effect provided breeze. Once again, we found ourselves with an extreme delay. Our judging team finished our 5-car class ... oh, about 11:00 PM. This year, I was also placed on a rejudging team to determine the division winner, and that started about 4:00 PM. The fun part for me came from the fact that you can't judge the same area on rejudging as you did in the class judging, so I - for the first time - got to judge engines. Thank goodness they were both immaculate.

I didn't do too well on the tech quiz. In my class, questions were about both early 911s and 912s and it was not much help when all of the 912 questions turned out to be about 912Es. [Eds. Note—Don has a 912, but not an E.] I may try something else next time. I bolted from the tech quiz to catch the bus to tour the NASCAR shops. Now I didn't *really* expect corrugated-metal sheds with kudzu all over the place, but these were — lavish— is a term that comes to mind. They told us no pictures and I left my camera at the hotel, but the first shop didn't mind. Wish I'd known. Folks, these are really impressive operations. Roger Penske's especially. He had NASCAR cars, Porsche Spyder GTs, open-wheel cars, I can't remember everything. The trailers they take to the track (yep, we got a tour of them too) probably cost more than my house.

On Wednesday, they ran the autocross out at Lowe's Motor Speedway (Charlotte Motor Speedway for those living in the past as I do), the site of my next work assignment. In another first, I let myself be sort of drafted into the protest committee for the afternoon session. Once again, I neglected to think it through, so when the inevitable delays took their toll and we were running a couple of hours late, I started wondering whether I would be back to Charlotte by dark. I was, but the autocross committee had some tense minutes when they started considering the additional track rental cost had we gone past a couple of time deadlines. It turned out that we had to address two protests while I was on the committee; one upheld, one not. I couldn't wander too far from the committee's site, so there was a fairly narrow view of the autocross itself. However, impound was right outside our door, and I did get a good look at all the cars.

On Thursday, things wound down. I got shirts for next year's Parade, trolled the goody store for bargains, started saying au revoirs. The victory banquet capped things off well, although - once again - I didn't win the trip to Germany. I don't know if I'll live long enough, but I'll keep going back and hoping.

You always bring back a jumble of memories: Maybe the most-attended Parade ever; remember, it's not just the cars, it's the people. This meant I got to see a lot of folks - friends - I haven't seen for a year or more. Got to see nice cars. The story that I still like the most involved a '58 Speedster just restored by the original owner, whose *last* Parade was in Colorado in 1960. He brought the trophy he won there. This year, he got People's Choice and Honorary Judges' Choice, and I don't think you can beat that.

Porsche Parade—Charlotte 2008 continued

I did get back from the autocross in time to get to the President's reception (thanks Ian). Here, the penchant for events running late served me well. The view of the setting sun and city lights from the 25th floor was spectacular. They announced the 2010 Parade will be at a resort outside Chicago. It will be the first Parade not organized at the local level. [Eds. Note— PCA National will organize this Parade.] While I was on the road, everybody seemed to enjoy the C. Got looks and compliments whenever I stopped, and I always took the time to speak with the ad-hoc fan club.

About the solenoid... It gave up again in Atlanta. I had the foresight to park on a slope, so I bump started it and made my last two pit stops with the doors locked and the engine running. Had to switch the tank to reserve about a mile from the house.

Anybody besides me going next year? It's only 10 more months.



Porsche Tips

The North Florida Region is fortunate to have Benny Lesch as a member. Benny has done Porsche work for many years, primarily on Cabriolet tops and windows, and interior work. [Eds Note--In the 1980's, Benny recarpeted my 1977 Porsche 924.] Benny has agreed to provide responses to questions in his area of expertise from Region members and Porsche owners. Please send the questions to the email or snail mail address on the back cover. If any other experts would like answer questions or provide Porsche Tips contact the editor at the addresses on the back cover. Benny has provided the following tips on 356 Cabriolet tops for this issue. I think these suggestion are applicable to any Porsche Cabriolet with the exception of the newer models with glass back windows.

Raising and Lowering Cabriolet 356 Top

1. Raising and lowering the top in a warm and dry environment is always preferred. Never lower a wet top as this can damage the window and the cloth if mold develops.
2. Use a blower and a natural bristle brush to clean the dirt out of the cloth. The cloth must be cleaned before lowering to avoid scratching the plastic window.
3. Roll down windows or open both doors.
4. Release the three latches above the windshield.
5. Unzip rear window and lay into top well.
6. Raise top at front and push towards rear. The cloth must lie between the bows in smooth folds.
7. If your car does not have a zip out rear window, the rear window should be positioned so that it is as smooth as possible.
8. After the top is completely folded down, install the boot and button down to prevent dirt and moisture from collecting in the top.
9. When raising the top, watch the plastic window carefully so no wrinkle can crease or crack the plastic.

Oktoberfest⁶ 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)

Steve and Katherine LaRosa 850-385-8959 (sclarosa@yahoo.com)

Region Calendar—SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2008

SEPTEMBER

4—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.

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—Noon to 4:00 PM. Drive your 356 Day. See information on prior page.

OCTOBER

2-- 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.

11-Destin Car Show. See information on page 3.

15--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.

18-11:00 AM. Oktoberfest in the Park. Tom Brown Park, Tallahassee. See information above.

NOVEMBER

6—6:00 PM Socials at Royal B Restaurant just 1 block east of Cuvee Beach on the south side of Hwy 98, Destin, Florida. Social 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.

19—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.

DRIVE YOUR 356 DAY

Drive Your 356 Day falls on September 21, 2008. To help encourage driving on that day, Don Boggs and Alan Berg will sponsor a pit stop at Seminole State Park, on **GEORGIA** Highway 253, about 20 miles Southwest of Bainbridge, Georgia. Further west and you will be in Alabama; further South and you will be in Florida. Park admission is \$3 per car. Soft-drinks, snacks and conversation are free. Any questions, call Don on his landline at 850 386-2321. On the day of the event call Alan on his wireless line at 850 284-3741. Note that wireless reception is spotty in this area. All Porsche are welcome and 356's are especially welcome.



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