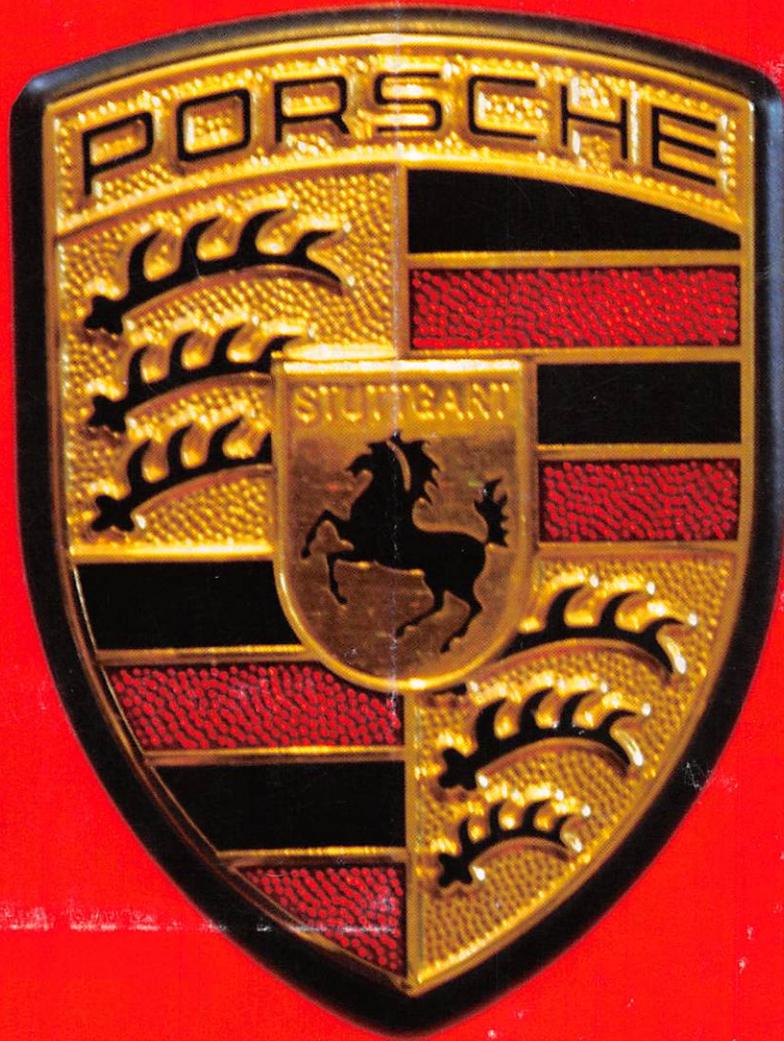


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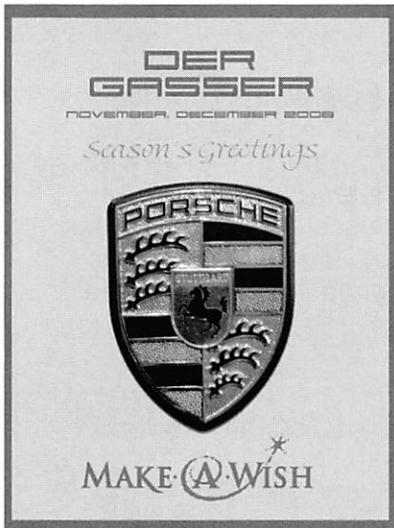


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From the Editor's Desk

As this is the last issue of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors who have volunteered their time to help make Der Gasser a great publication. I would also like to acknowledge the members who took the time to write me and let me know how much they like all the changes I've made with the magazine. I spend untold hours volunteering my time working on Der Gasser each month, so it's those letters that keep me going. Special thanks goes out to Ken Souser, who has also volunteered countless hours to completely redesign Der Gasser, and has graced the magazine with his breathtaking photographs. Ken, if you ever find out how good you really are, I'll never see you again!

I would also like to wish each and every one of you a Happy Holiday season!

See you 'round the garage,

Maureen Sangiorgio

State of the Region

By Brian Minkin, RTR President



This is the last issue of Der Gasser for 2008. With the holidays rapidly approaching I want to wish all the RTR members a Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

Looking back on this year for RTR it truly has been a special one.

10 Membership Meetings and 3 Membership Breakfast Gatherings held throughout the region including our well attended picnic at the America On Wheels Museum in Allentown.

7 Autocross Events including our very successful Planes and Porsches charity autocross that raised \$5000 for ALS

20 Drivers Education Days with the Make-A-Wish charity event raising \$50,000 again this year despite the economic picture

9 Tech Sessions - 3 Concours Car Shows - 2 Touring Events - 1 Rally

The RTR Cyber Community has grown as well this year with over 400 members, 1398 topics, and 15,054 posts on the RTR Forum. Our members have exchanged over 7500 messages with other members since the forum was created and for the last few months has been the conduit for over 500 messages each month between members,

Our web site received a new face again this year and Der Gasser has been available online for the 1st time ever starting with the June 2008 issue.

Der Gasser has had a face lift as well and has been in your mailbox early in the month to bring you up to date club news.

Thanks to all the Executive Board Members and Volunteers that made all this possible.

Congratulations to the newly elected Executive Board who will begin to plan our 2009 schedule of events. If you have an idea, suggestion or want to volunteer to run an event contact one of the Executive Team members. Help make 2009 a year to remember.

Enjoy your P-car and Turbo-Charge your passion. Get involved with RTR.

Stay Tuned,

Brian Minkin

Letters to the Editor

Maureen,

I have just received the latest copy of Der Gasser and was disappointed to read the "letters to the editor" section. I see that not only did you attribute a quote to me without permission, but the (mis)quote was taken out of context from a conversation between the two of us at a membership meeting. I never wrote a letter to you praising Der Gasser and I would not publicly endorse the current state of the publication. I believe that my exact words were along the lines that the publication was improved from the collection of advertisements that it used to be, but it still had a ways to go before it started to serve the membership and really be of interest.

I am thoroughly disappointed that you would make up and attribute quotes to me in this manner. I believe that behavior such as this has been the cause of black marks on the careers of many journalists - As someone who claims to be a professional I would expect you to know better than engaging in such unethical behavior.

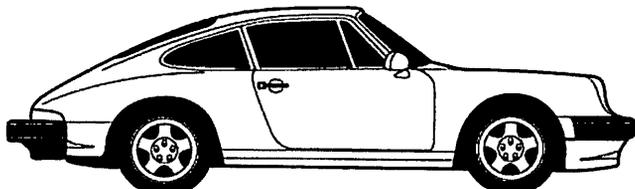
I would appreciate if you could correct the record in the next edition of DG. I have long suspected the integrity of your editorial "love letters" and this confirms my suspicion. Are you really so desperate for praise that you have to misquote and falsely attribute without permission? I expected better and am truly disappointed.

— Wayne Devonport, Ph.D.

Editor's Response:

While it is true that Wayne did not write me a letter, I did ask his permission to print his comments in the Letters to the Editor section, and he said he would have no problem with that. Dr. Devonport does not feel the published comments accurately reflect our verbal exchange, and has asked to retract his comments. If there was any misunderstanding on my part, I apologize. I stand behind the accuracy of the original statements. Integrity and accuracy are of the utmost importance to me. Rest assured that all efforts have been taken to ensure accuracy. I am always eager for feedback, positive or negative, to improve Der Gasser. As for his questioning the integrity of the "love letters," I encourage Dr. Devonport, and any member, to contact those authors and verify their veracity at their earliest convenience.

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Despite Tough Economy, Make-A-Wish Event a Huge Success

By Maureen Sangiorgio

RTR's annual charity event to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation was blessed with glorious sunshine (at *POCONO*) over a three-day weekend from September 21-23. While registration was down, approximately \$50,000 was raised for the charity. Fund-raising activities over the weekend included DE, garage space, breakfast at the track, and a dinner/silent auction held at the Ramada Inn, Mt. Pocono.

MAW volunteer Robin Zelinskie reports, "We raised nearly \$24,000 at the Silent Auction following the dinner Saturday night. Ken Nielsen was MC for the evening, and was able to get a lot of his vendors to donate Silent Auction items. The biggest moneymaker was the 'Quit Smoking Ken Nielsen' campaign that brought in \$7,900!"

"The Riesentoter Porsche Club ranks among Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia & Susquehanna Valley's top club sponsors," says Karen Traten, Director of Development. "Your club has reached the milestone of raising over \$250,000 over 6 years and fulfilling 38 children's wishes. Only a few sponsors here in our area are Wish Champions and Riesentoter is one of them. Every year the club has transformed its driver's education experience at the Pocono Raceway as a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish with amazing results. Children and parents are invited to participate and enjoy laps around the track. On behalf of Make-A-Wish, our heartfelt thanks to the club members who selflessly put in the time and energy to help make the wishes of seriously ill children come true. You are all shining stars."

THANK YOU to the following RTR members who worked tirelessly on making this year's MAW event a huge success: **Dave Ehm, Bodo and Francine Knochenhauer, Bill Moffitt, Bob and Shannon Turgeon, and Jim and Robin Zelinskie.**

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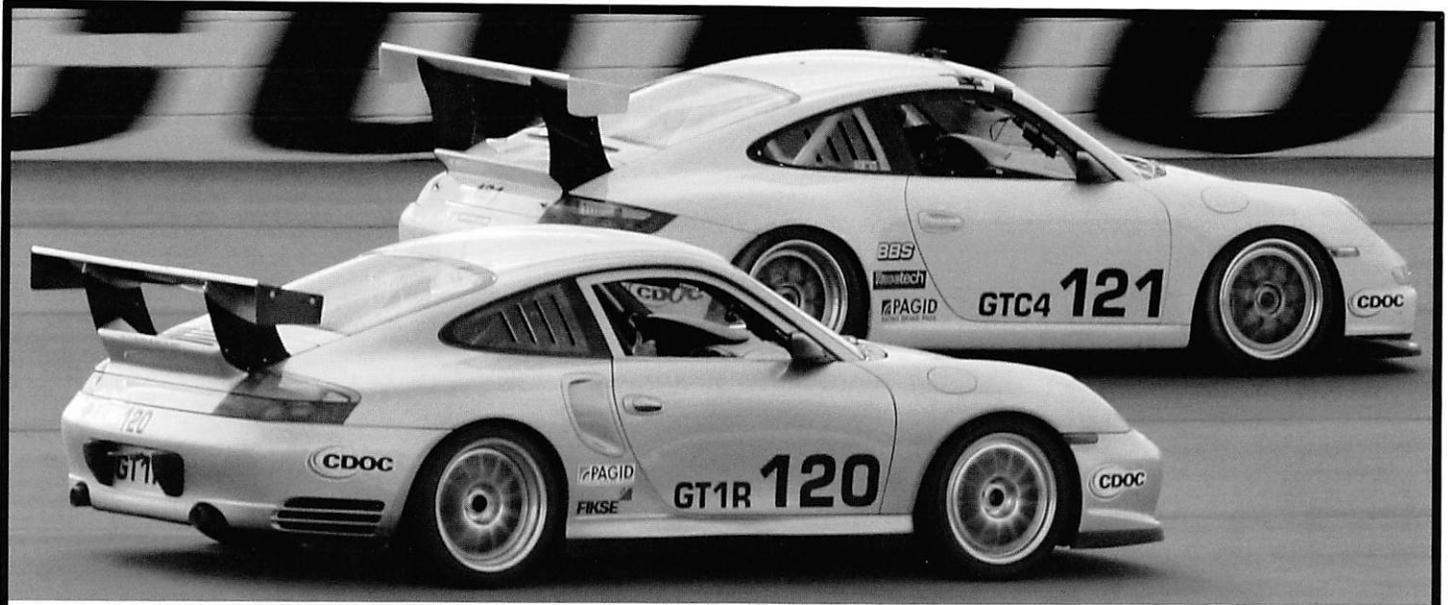
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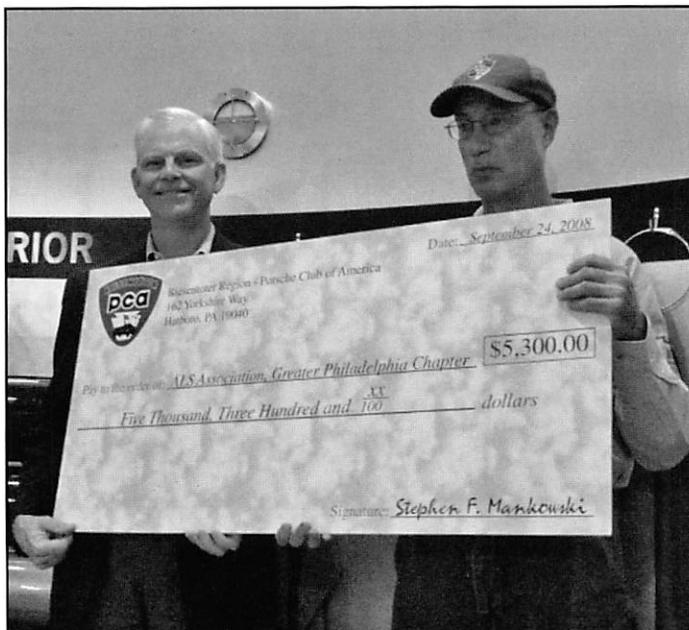
Our September 24th Riesentöter meeting at Porsche of the Main Line was a huge success. In fact our turnout was so good, that finding a parking space became difficult. I can definitely say that this dealership knows how to throw a party. The food, dessert and wine were outstanding. Everyone really enjoyed the evening. A special thank you goes out to Peter Servino whose company provided our fabulous food spread and to Porsche of the Main Line who sponsored our meeting on such short notice. The real "icing on the cake" came when Riesentöter members were allowed to test drive the 2009 Carrera with the newly introduced 7-speed PDK transmission. Any Riesentöter member purchasing a 2009 car from Porsche of Main Line, the dealership will donate \$500 to the ALS Association.

At the beginning of the meeting, our executive board presented a check for \$5,300 to Jim Pinciotti who is the Executive Director of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association. Jim presented our club with a very nice wood plaque for our generous donation and ALS fundraising autocross event in Reading, PA on June 29, 2008.

After the presentation, Brian Minkin handed me the microphone. I became somewhat emotional and began to shed a few tears. **I announced my ALS team walk event, Bob's Hope, for Saturday, November 8, 2008. Registration begins at 10 AM and the walk starts at 11 AM. The walk is rain or shine. It is being held at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.** The 2 mile walk will be great exercise for everyone. Please come out to support me and the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association. Every walker will be given an ALS T-shirt. In addition, my team members will be given a second custom made Bob's Hope T-shirt as well as a special red ALS bracelet while supplies last.

I need people to walk, donate or sponsor my team. If you would like to participate, please call or e-mail me as soon as possible: BOB & LINDA WILDERMAN (215) 822-7474 or dlrwild1@comcast.net. You may also contact Marianne@alsphiladelphia.org or Allison@alsphiladelphia.org for walk details.

I have collection envelopes for all walkers. Each walker will be responsible for collecting donations from supporters before the actual walk. If your supporters have a company matching gift program, this would be a great time to double their donation. Envelopes with donations will be turned in when you register at 10 AM. I am looking forward to seeing our PCA members at the ALS walk. I also have sponsorship confirmation forms which have different levels starting at \$250 and up to \$25,000. I need a sponsor to help pay for my Bob's Hope T-shirts. All sponsorships have different levels and benefits for your firm or business.



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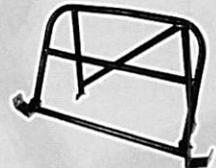
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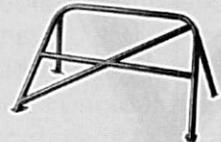


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My Ride in a GT3 Cup Car

By Melissa Hance

All I said was, "I'd love to ride in that car." The next thing I knew, I was being buckled into a 5 point harness. At the Make-A-Wish Banquet, my husband bid on a ride with Mark Reynolds in his Cup car. So, I planned on a thrilling ride the next day. I had no idea.

Getting into a car with a roll cage is not the most graceful of tasks. But I was assisted with being tightly buckled in and helmeted. Then I observed the dashboard and wondered if we had actually won the bid for the ride in the small jet. The cockpit is strictly business! I wanted to ask, "What is this button for?" and "What about this switch?" and "What happens when you push this?" But, I restrained myself.

We headed out onto the track, and as the warm up lap ended and the green flag flew, I had two simultaneous thoughts: "Hooray, we're going to go faster!" And, "Yikes, we're going to go faster!"

Helmets are heavy, and I'm certainly not used to wearing one. I had to focus hard to keep my head against the seat back. I knew if I didn't, I'd have an awfully stiff neck the next day. But even though the brain knows the car is about to brake, the head and neck don't listen very well and fall forward anyway. My eyes don't follow directions very well either. I had to keep reminding myself to look straight ahead as the sight of the fence posts flying by at unimaginable speeds might have sent me into a panic attack.

I know that as we caught up close behind several cars and then braked hard at turn 3, I issued an audible, "Whoa!" Sorry, Mark, but I didn't mean to say that out loud! It seemed like we whizzed by just about everyone on the track. And, then, just as I grew tired of holding my bobble head up, and felt a little queasy from watching the whizzing fence posts and the smell of hot brakes (or was it because of the multiple glasses of wine from the night before?), the checkered flag was flown.

I still don't know how fast the car was going as the display was so complicated with numbers, that I never located the speedometer! After I crawled out of the car, being careful not to accidentally kick a fuse or a switch, I decided I needed to sit out watching the next run group. I hadn't realized how hard I was gripping onto the seat until my hands were still trembling 20 minutes later.

And, now, I'm wishing I could do it all over again! Thanks, Mark, for what was easily the ride of my life!



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Book Review

By John D. Heckman, RTR Past Chief Instructor, and 30-Year Member

PORSCHE *Sixty Years*

by Randy Leffingwell

PORSCHE *Sixty Years*



RANDY LEFFINGWELL

Der Gasser Editor Maureen Sangiorgio brings a background of professional journalism to our Club, and with that background come connections. As a result of those connections I've had the privilege of reviewing this book before it goes to final print. Two big, spiral bound notebooks complete with handwritten notes and some unique photography have been in my possession for a few weeks now. Measuring around twelve inches square and containing approximately 350 pages, *Porsche Sixty Years*, by Randy Leffingwell should add substantially to the "P" section of your automotive library. Or you may choose to display it on a cocktail table. Either way, I think you are going to want this book.

Unlike Karl Ludvigsen's *Porsche: Excellence Was Expected* which stands as a definitive history of the car company but has limited

color photography, or Lucinda Lewis's *Porsche: The Fine Art of the Sports Car* which dazzles the eye with original photos but is somewhat light in information, Randy Leffingwell's *Porsche Sixty Years* combines a true car guy's understanding of and admiration for the Porsche marque along with great color photography, much of which is original.

Born and raised in the Chicago area, photojournalist Randy Leffingwell now lives in Santa Barbara, California and has over 30 books in print ranging in subjects as diverse as motorcycles, farm tractors, barns, wine, and of course automobiles. He travels the U.S. annually in search of material for future works. Maybe Riesentoter could snag Randy for a book signing the next time he is passing through the area — could make for a great monthly meeting. If you like this idea let Maureen know with a letter to the Editor and maybe she'll further access those connections for our Club's benefit.



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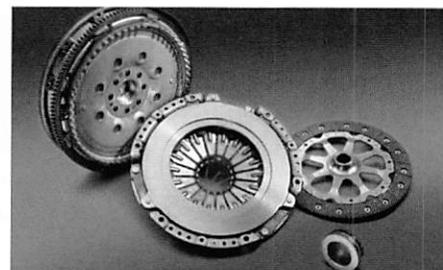
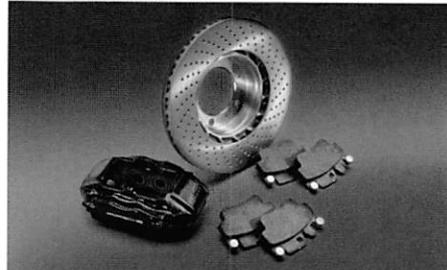
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Pres Wins Fall Gimmick Rally

By Dennis Angelisanti, Rally Master

Sunday October 5th dawned bright and clear, a beautiful Fall day for a rally. Unfortunately, only 11 cars and 22 members participated, even though 19 e-mailers indicated they would attend.

We had two of the youngest navigators ever. One was 6 and the other was 11. Joe Asher's and Brian Serfass's sons both performed really well. Good work boys.

Our Secretary Terry Minkin navigated her way to victory along with her driver husband and RTR President Brian Minkin. Stephanie Thomas (navigator) and husband Michael finished a close second. They are perennial winners, who found themselves also-rans. They were heard bickering prior to the start...a sign of impending doom. The words, "shut up and drive" were overheard. In third place were Colin Broom (navigator) and driver Marc Shelby, who would have been clear winners had they not read into an enroute question. As it was, all three tied and the tie was broken by a small Porsche history test. Your President scored 100% in this quiz.

Food and drink were enjoyed by all at "The Works in Wyomissing" while watching the Phightin' Phils get off to a 5 zip lead in the NLDS.

I am through as the Rally Master, as 5 years is enough. I hope any successor gets better attendance from an over 1,000 membership. Really folks — it takes a lot of time and effort to organize and the low turnout is very disappointing.

As a side note, the intermediate shaft on my '04 Boxster Anniversary Edition failed and destroyed the motor while working on the rally route. It was NOT under warranty. PCNA did eventually supply a new motor, but it still cost me major \$\$\$\$. This is my second Boxster to have this failure and I now no longer own one. Many have had this issue, including two other participants in yesterday's rally. A really great car has a shadow cast on it, in my opinion.



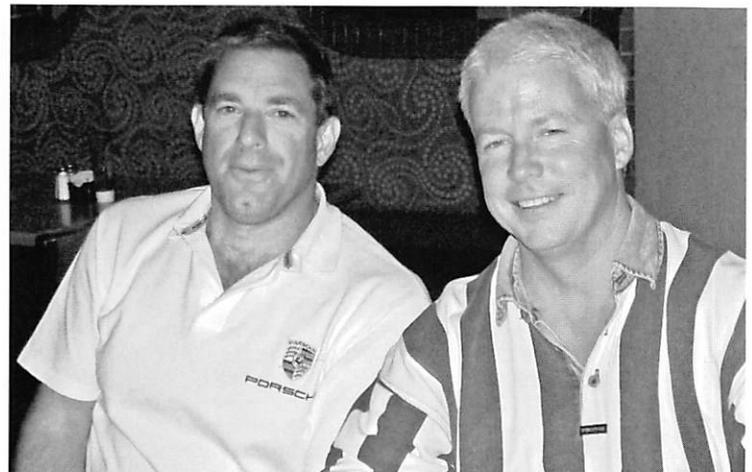
Drivers' meeting and line up to start



Brian and Terry Minkin



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Colin Broom and Marc Shelby

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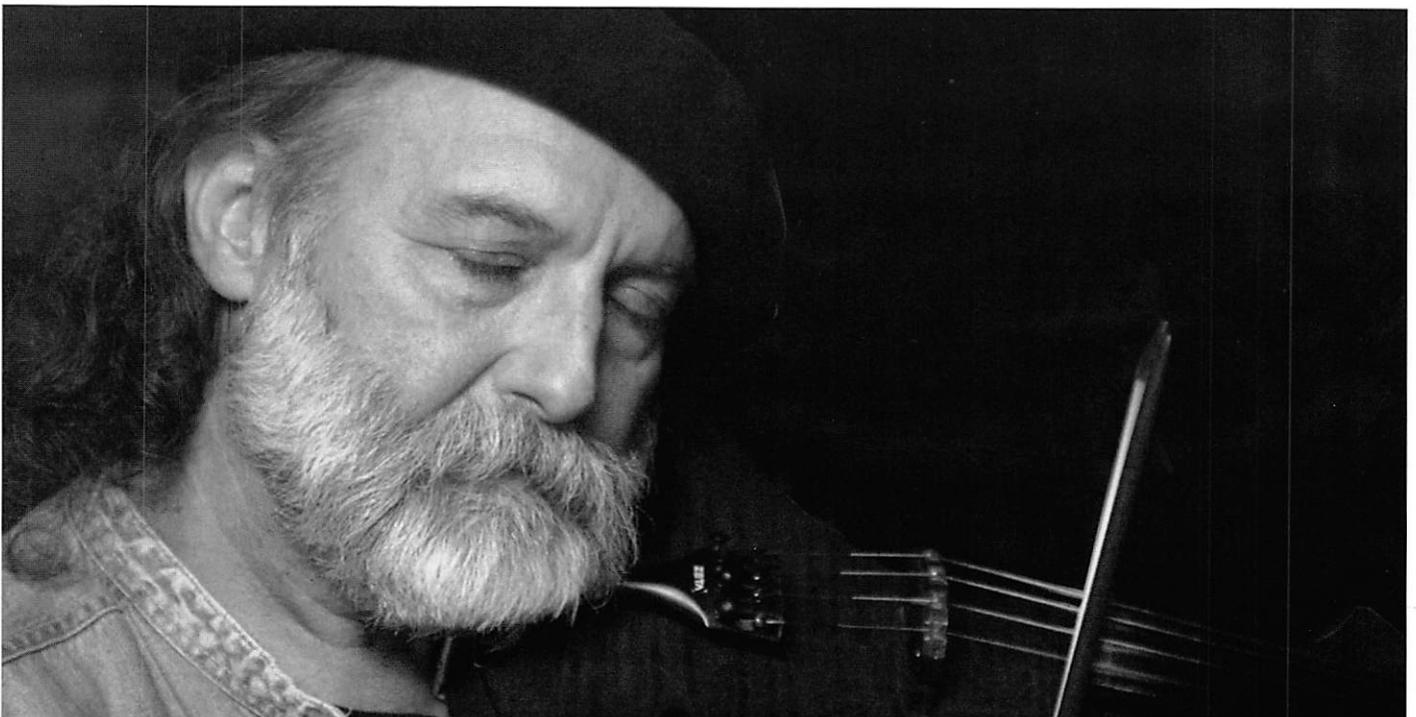
By Fred and Randa Bonsall

It seems that all good things eventually come to an end and so it is for the annual Country Caravan. Every Fall for the last nine years, Riesentöter members have looked forward to Ken Souser's spectacular Porsche romp through the upper extremities of our region's color-encrusted paradise in the northeast region of Pennsylvania...the last opportunity to open up the throttles of our favorite sportscars before winter sets in and the summer's fun is just a memory.

This final Fall fling was a spectacular effort by Ken, perhaps his best yet! The weather provided a perfect "top down" day for eleven of the sixteen cars. We first gathered at Knopf Automotive for a send-off breakfast. At about 11:00, we headed west on I-78 to New Smithville, then off into the wilderness, stopping first at Bear Rock Junction near New Tripoli. With two-way radios in hand, we proceeded westward through Kempton toward Hawk Mountain Sanctuary which was alive with hundreds of hikers. We continued through the scenic countryside and forest lands until we came upon

the Long Trout Winery and Disc Golf facility in Auburn, PA...this is a trip back in time with every collectible and tribute to the Beatles and The Three Stooges ever placed under one roof! Husband and wife, Tom and Kim Leibensperger served up samples of "Immaculate Hoe Merlot", "Dirty Deeds", "Granny's Toast", "Burnin' Bra" and "Indecent Exposure"...un real!!! This is an absolute "must see"!

Traveling on through little towns and villages, such as Orwigsburg, New Ringold and Stoney Run, our own colorful caravan enjoyed nature's color at it's best. The roads were challenging for both us and our favorite cars. On we traveled, traversing the dips and curves to our final destination: the Inn at Maple Grove in Alburtis. Here we all enjoyed libations and superb selections from their menu. Although normally closed on Sunday, they opened especially for our group. Ken even hired a great band for our entertainment. We all raised our glasses to Ken in appreciation of his efforts! What a finale to ten tremendous years as "Tripmeister"! Kudos, Ken!!



"Playin' for the Caravan"

Photo: Ken Souser

Country Caravan X





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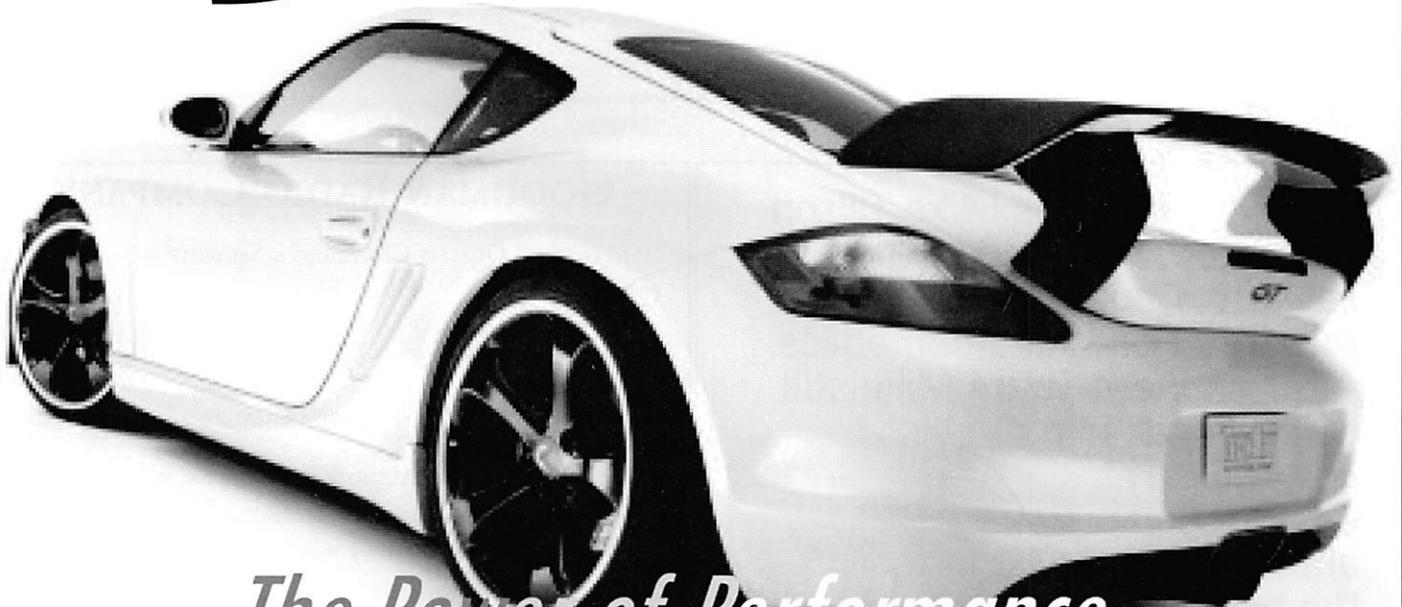
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