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Fellow Porsche enthusiasts:

It is summer time; let's get the wheels rollin' and the cars out of the garage! Short message this month as we are all focused on our family, summer vacations, track events, autocross, drive and dines and of course our upcoming August Planes and Porsche gala.

The executive team continues to strive to make this club as interesting as possible for you, no matter your interest. So come on out to any event that suits your fancy and bring a friend. The more the merrier.

Elections are coming up soon; I have enjoyed the last several years in office and plan to run again for President. If you wish to help out either in an executive position or on one of our many committees, please feel free to e-mail me or the committee chair and we will happily chat with you.

Lastly, please keep the comments and suggestions coming, all of it is appreciated. We as a team are listening and working hard to make this the best club ever. Now, go and get your car(s) out and enjoy the open air and I look forward to seeing you at our next gathering.

Storage needed

As anyone who has gotten along to one of the RTR Autocross events knows, we need a LOT of cones to set up a course. Big thanks to past president Brian Minkin for storing them for so long! Now, the time has come where Brian needs his storage space back. So we're asking for someone, be they business or private entity, to step up and offer storage for about 200 cones. What's in it for you? The approbation of your peers not enough? How's about a 1/2 page ad expounding the features of your business? If personal, you will be sworn in as RTR Person of the Month at our next Board Meeting, or you can have a 1/2 page ad testifying to your personal character and moral fiber—your choice! Contact Brian Minkin direct at Bminkin1@comcast.net.

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Come to the inaugural combined Autocross, Concours, and Member Meeting hosted by Millenium Aviation at Reading Airport. See more details on page 8

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Updating your e-mail

Several times a year we send e-mail blasts out to the membership to remind everyone about upcoming events. These e-mails are not sales oriented, but strictly for the benefit of our membership.

We are attempting to update our database of member e-mail addresses, deleting those no longer in use, and adding new addresses as necessary. This database is for Region use only and will not be re-leased to other parties.

It's simple! Go to the Porsche Club of America Web site at www.pca.org. Sign in through "MEMBER LOGIN," then go to the tab "MEMBERSHIP" and scroll down to "MEMBER SERVICES" and click "MEMBER RECORD." Click on the pencil icon to the right of your information to edit, then scroll down and click "SAVE." You're done!

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From the Editor's Desk

My cry for help has fallen on the deaf ears of members. To date, no submissions of photos have been received. A few members continue to carry the flag as reliable article providers and I say "Thank You!" If any members want to contribute an article, you will find a welcoming audience.

As a reader of other regions' newsletters I found a particularly interesting regular column entitled "Why I Love My Porsche." How's about I challenge members to provide me a short article and a photo of their machine/s?

Last issue saw Motorbooks offering members a whopping 46% off retail price. I thought members would jump on that one! Sadly, we managed 3 interested members. So, that deal came to nought, as we needed 10 or more combined orders.

On an upbeat note, I am thrilled with the announcement of the combined Autocross, Concours, Show-and-Shine, and Monthly Meeting on August 15. We have a lot of members working hard to make this combined event happen. Please show your support and intention to attend by signing up on MotorSportReg.com.

Hooroo!

Dan Newton



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In order for the App to be effective, we are asking for volunteers to assist in filling out a spreadsheet to include Porsche/PCA "friendly" local company information including: Business category (Body shop, etc), company name, address, city, state, zip, phone, Web site URL, and office hours. PCA already has Porsche dealer information, so we won't need to provide their information.

Please feel free to step up and lead or assist in this mini-project, as it is a great way to get to know some of the people in the club and contribute at the same time. Contact Graham for further details at president@rtr-pca.org.



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"Horses for Courses"

by Christopher Mahalick

Not much new to report on the car front, but there is some news, however, on the smoking front. As in I think I have finally quit. Thanks to the marvels of modern science, a pill was invented for hard-core smoke addicts such as myself. And it really works! Now there have been reports of folks having suicidal thoughts and strange nightmares while taking this pill. But not me. In fact, I have never had better dreams and felt so mellow. I mean, at this point, I am as docile as a drugged-up circus animal. Maybe I'll replace the nicotine addiction with a smoking-cessation-product addiction...

Oh. Sorry for the ramble. I think there should at least be slight reference to automobiles here due to the nature of this publication. So here goes...

The last time we spoke the Targa was pretty much done, and had been thoroughly "tested", and we were just winding up the inaugural post-op back road run...

Now I don't know about anyone else, but my mind generally wanders during the "cool down lap". And this time was no different. It was while passing by the Radnor Hunt fields that I invented a new word. "Stupider". As in, "Is there any hobby 'stupider' than owning horses?" (I mean aside from soccer, lacrosse, and volleyball).

How about "polo"? Hmmmppphhh... Now come on, am I really expected to watch a match and be somehow impressed by the "action" on the field? I was dragged to a match one time. And lasted about five minutes. I mean, maybe it's not really a spectator sport. Perhaps it is more like an endurance event, where winning is based on the amount of time one spends watching this nonsense. But when you are dealing with this level of boredom, it is more like a "last man standing" event.

And let's be serious. Does anyone really go the Radnor or Devon events with any intention other than hitting the beer tent?. Dressage? Is this not the most smirk-inducing term in all of "horsedom"? Can we just for once and for all replace these effeminate/effete events in the Olympics with something more 2010? Like Freestyle Motocross? Street Luge?

And yes, the "horsey set" even manages to horn in on the annual Concours event held on the grounds each year. Here we are looking at some cool old cars when the dreaded announcement comes: "Ladies and Gentleman, the Hounds of Radnor." A horse and a bunch of beagles running by in a field. "Now was that a 289 or a 427 over there in the corner...?" And then we are "treated" to the "Carriage Procession." The only thing that could make this spectacle even remotely entertaining would be if they ran a figure-eight course at top speed with shotgunners hammering away at clay birds while standing on the roofs. Oh, and maybe throw in some fiery rings to up the ante.

Now before all you "Horsey Folk" surround my home carrying pitchforks of burning hay, just let me state my case. It seems like any investment where the price of admission pales in comparison to that of long-term upkeep would at best be considered unsound. Or more accurately, insane. If one goes out and buys a Porsche, he merely drives his new acquisition home and parks it in the garage. If one goes out and buys a horse, said horse must be trailered to his new home, which is generally a private stable, charging monthly rates comparable to a five-star hotel. The Porsche "eats" only when "ridden." The horse eats regardless of entertainment provided. If the Porsche gets "sick" and money is tight, you merely tuck it away in a corner of the garage until you can afford the repairs. If a horse gets sick, you cannot wait, and you get the joy of putting a veterinarian's kid through Yale. And when you are done with the Porsche, you merely sell it for close to what you paid, and merrily go out and buy another. When you are done with a horse, it is most likely dead, with no salvage value whatsoever. Except for what the Alpo factory will give you. Not to mention the dollars spent on therapy in order to get over the "loss of a loved one." I just don't get it.

But hey, that's why we all live in a free country. It's your choice, but in the end, any choice that includes an engine seems to end up being more fun. Is there such a word as "funnest?"

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2010 Autocross Schedule

Invitation to the RTR “Planes & Porsches” Summer Spectacular

Your Autocross (AX) and Concours teams cordially invite all RTR members, their friends and family to attend our expanded “Planes and Porsches” Summer Spectacular on Sunday 15th August at Reading Airport in aid of the Miller-Keystone Blood Centre (MKBC). This year’s event will include our usual RTR AX car race with local vendors having stalls inside Millennium Aviation’s aircraft hangar but it has been expanded to include a new Concours D’Elegance car show, a free show and shine and a free lunch and desert for all who take the time to pre-register. In addition, our event will act as the August monthly membership meeting and we will be holding a 2-hour cocktail party with free beer, wine and hors d’oeuvres at 4pm to celebrate a (hopefully) successful day when trophies, prizes and awards will be also awarded. This year’s Planes and Porsches event really does have something for everyone so bring your friends and family out to Reading Airport for a great day out with your fellow RTR Porsche enthusiasts! All we ask is that you go online at www.motorsportreg.com – scroll down to 15 August and register so we know how many people are attending and how many people we need to cater for. It only takes 2 minutes to register on motorsportreg.com and in return you are guaranteed to get a free restaurant-quality lunch & desert. Of course, if you do not register, you are still very welcome on the day to be a spectator... but we can’t guarantee you any lunch. There’s no such thing as a free meal, but in this economy, this is as good as it gets, so please take that 2 minutes to register today.

This year’s AX race will follow the same successful format as last year and will include 60 drivers, each getting 6 runs (3 in the morning session; 3 in the afternoon session) with 2 cars on course at once. The entry fee will be the same price as last year at \$50 per driver but, remember, all entry fees will be considered as tax deductible donations to MKBC so it is effectively 1/3 cheaper. For those entrants who would like to skip their work assignment and take their 6 runs whenever they want to, 20 special Gold Pass entries are available at \$100 per driver. If you need to leave before 12 midday or want to sleep late, a Gold Pass entry is just the thing for you as it allows you to you can take all 6 runs when you want to and have a cool relaxing drink instead of doing your work assignment. Each entrant will also receive a (new design 20 oz) commemorative glass stein beer mug, kindly sponsored by **Porsche of the Main Line**. AX drivers should arrive for tech at 8am with first car away at 9:15am.

New this year, Lee Giannone and his team are organizing a Concours D’Elegance carshow competition for the serious car enthusiasts in the club. At the time of writing, the competition classes have yet to be finalized but are likely to include 356s, old 911s, new 911s, front-engined Porsches and assorted others. The entry fee will be \$25 per car with trophies and prizes awarded in each category. Judging will start at 2pm with awards given out at 4pm as part of the cocktail party. For the less serious enthusiast who loves to polish their car but is not quite up to using baby buds or bamboo straws to clean their engine, we will also be holding a free SHOW & SHINE competition for you to show off your car to your fellow RTR members.

Again, all RTR members, friends, family and visitors are welcome to attend our event to watch the AX race from inside the aircraft hangar and to oogle and lust over the beautiful Porsches in the Concours and Show & Shine competitions. All we ask if that you take 2 minutes to register so we can give you a free lunch! For more information on all events, please visit www.motorsportreg.com and scroll down to 15 August. If you have any questions, please email Steve at stevemcmorn@hotmail.com. Finally, BIG thanks to our DG Editor, Dan Newton for allowing us to advertise our event on the front cover of DG – it looks awesome and I already have a copy framed on the bathroom wall!!

Cheers,
Steve McMorn & the 2010 RTR AX Sub-Committee

Social Schedule

Check the Web site for up-to-the-minute details.

Wings and Wheels Car Show - Saturday, July 17th - Plans are in the works for the Wings and Wheels Car show in Dover, DE. We will rendezvous with Delaware PCA at a location to be determined. More details on event specifics to follow in email blast and Website update.

A Night with the Phillies vs Washington Nationals on Friday, August 20th - Tickets are \$30 per person and include a seat for the game, hot dog and soda as well as a voucher for a McDonald's sandwich. \$17.50 per ticket will be donated to the local Ronald McDonald Homes in Philadelphia, Delaware and Camden. There are a limited number of tickets, so please RSVP to Joe Asher at asher681@hotmail.com.

Porsche's at P.J. Whelihans Car Show - Saturday, August 22nd - Come join us for the second annual Porsche's at P.J.'s car show sponsored by autowerks9. Venue is located at P.J. Whelihans Pub in Bluebell, PA. Registration starts at 10 am \$10.00 entry. For more information log onto www.autowerks9.com and visit the "events/media" tab. Please RSVP to David@autowerks9.com.

Duryea Hill Climb - Saturday, August 22nd - This is a 2.3 mile hill located in a beautiful city park in downtown Reading, PA. RTR is planning a Breakfast and Caravan to the Duryea Hill climb on August 22, 2010. Meet at the Cracker Barrel in Plymouth Meeting at 7:00 AM for breakfast the group will head to Reading via the turnpike approx 8:00 AM. For further information contact Brian Minkin via email at bminkin1@comcast.net.

Southern Chester Horse Country Road Tour.....To be announced
Annual RTR Charity Event at NJMP Thunderbolt.....October 23
Annual RTR Holiday Party.....November 20

Drivers Education Schedule 2010

Watkins Glen.....July 30-31/Aug 1 (Fri/Sat/Sun)
PoconoSept 18-19 (Sat/Sun)
NJMP Thunderbolt..... Oct 22-24 (Fri/Sat/Sun)

Tech Schedule

Techs start at 9:00am. You must sign up to be teched by 11:30am at the latest.

Pocono..... Sept 4
Knopf Automotive, 3401 Lehigh St., Allentown, PA 18103. (610) 967-4121.
NJMP ThunderboltOct 9
Holbert Motor Cars, 1607 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976. 1-866-465-2378

Autocross Schedule 2010

Philly SCCA at Warminster. July 25 (Sun)
RTR 'Planes and Porsches #3' Charity AX and
Concours at Millennium Aviation, Reading Airport Aug 15 (Sun)
Central PCA at Hershey Sept 26 (Sun)
Delaware PCA at Dover. Oct 17 (Sun)

Please note: check upcoming Der Gassers and the Web site for more details. For registration and payment for Drivers Education and Autocross events go to www.MotorSportReg.com.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Meetings start with a social hour at 7pm, unless stated otherwise.

July 28 - Don Rosen Imports, 1312 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, PA, 610-279-4100.

August 15 - Planes & Porsches. This meeting will be held in conjunction with our autocross/concours/fundraiser for the Miller Blood Bank. Location: Millennium Aviation, Reading Airport, Reading, PA.

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For PCA Members

Looking in the Mirror: What You Said in the 2010 Survey

by Christopher G. Karras

As of 1 April 2010 Riesentöter had 2,463 members, but only 1,360 of them have provided e-mail addresses through the PCA national Web site. If you did not get an invitation in your e-mail box to complete our member survey please add an e-mail address to your membership record at www.pca.org. Of the 1,360 members for whom we have e-mail addresses, 27 opted out of the 2009 survey, so they did not get an invitation this time. Messages to 144 of the remaining addresses bounced and one additional member opted out, leaving a total of 1,188 members who we asked to complete the survey. We are happy that 502 (or 42%) of them did so. The results are posted to the Club's Web site: www.rtr-pca.org. This is a summary of what you said...

Annual Dinner

We did not ask any questions in 2009 about the annual dinner, so we looked hard at that this year. Of the respondents, 82% have *never* attended an annual dinner. Cost was not a factor in their decision not to attend—mostly it was being too busy and the date was not convenient. In the last two years we have had the annual dinner in December and then in January. This year our annual dinner will be on November 13. We hope that date will allow more members to attend.

Surprisingly, there is a *big* difference as to the preferred dinner format between those who have never been to the dinner and those who have. In general, most members prefer a casual menu, but among those who had attended a dinner the sit down dinner was first choice and among those who had not attended a dinner it was last choice. The casual menu was second choice for those who have not attended and third choice for those who had. This year our annual dinner will have a casual menu. Similarly, although a few members preferred black tie or denim, those who had attended the party in the past favored cocktail attire and those who had not attended favored party chic attire. This year dress will be party chic. Everyone thought cocktails and dinner were important and that the music, awards, and dancing were less important. Our Social Chair is trying hard to broaden the appeal of the annual dinner.

Member Communications

Der Gasser is far and away the principal means of communication with members, and 69% of respondents want a printed copy mailed to them. Almost two-thirds of the respondents preferred the current publication schedule of six issues per year, and a majority of the respondents save their issues but allow them to be read by at least one other person. On average, each issue is read by 1.8 persons.

The Web site is the second most important means of communication, with the Web forum in a distant third place. The Web site is undergoing a major upgrade and we intend to integrate the forum too, all in an effort to make it easier for you to find out about Club activities and plan for them in advance.

Activities

The reassuring news is that around 90% of the respondents are aware of the principal activities that the Club sponsors. The less reassuring news is that barely a majority of the respondents participated in *any* Club activities in 2009. Of those not participating in 2009, the top three reasons why they did not were that they were too busy, that they don't know anyone and that activities were too far from home. Your officers cannot make members' lives less hectic (although many Club activities are a refreshing break from routine), but we are looking hard at more ways to introduce new and less active members to other Club members. We are all interested in cars and Porsches especially, so it is amazingly easy to start up a conversation. around those topics and surprising how quickly conversations move on to other topics.

Activities (cont.)

Our drive and dine and breakfast meeting events are great ways to meet other members, and don't take a lot of time either. The Club is also redoubling efforts to schedule activities through the Club's geographical area.

Riesentöter may have the reputation of a driving club, but of those members who participated in an event last year it was a social event for more than 77% of them. Driver education (DE) was in second place with 43% and charity events came third with a similar participation rate (which is not surprising because they were held in conjunction with DE events). Participants gave their highest satisfaction ratings to DE events, the one rally event, and the autocross events, in that order. Most participants thought the number of events was acceptable and planned to participate in a similar number of events this year.

For 2010, respondents expressed the strongest interest in attending technical seminars on Porsche maintenance and repair, participating in the scenic tours, and driving in DE events, in that order. Clearly there is demand for more off-track activities. Your Technical Chair is expanding the seminar program, and may be persuaded to repeat some of them more frequently. There is very strong demand for his presentations. The DE schedule is set for 2010, but your Track Chair is looking into improvements for 2011.

Who are we?

The respondents are overwhelming male (95%), which is not surprising because we do not have e-mail addresses for most of the affiliate and family members who we would guess are often wives and other partners. Fully 86% of respondents are married or partnered. We're not young: no respondent is under 25 and only 9% are under 40. Those in their 40s, 50s and 60s accounted for 25%, 29% and 31% of respondents, respectively. Fully 63% of respondents live in Chester, Montgomery and Bucks Counties.

We own an average of 4 vehicles, and 1.3 of them are Porsches. The most popular Porsche models are the Boxster, 996, and 997, in that order. About 40% of us bought our Porsches new, but of those members half have bought more than one new Porsche. We are a well-educated group with 80% of respondents holding a college or advanced degree, and about 60% have an annual income of at least \$150,000. More than 75% of the respondents work full time.

Further thoughts

In addition to check-the-box and yes/no answers to questions, more than 100 members took the time and spent the energy to write helpful, thoughtful answers to the open-ended questions. More than 20 members used the questionnaire to volunteer to assist with running Club activities and many more e-mailed our President to offer further advice. Your officers have a good idea what you like about the Club, and what you would like to see changed, but it is extremely helpful to have your direct input to confirm or correct those views. For those of you who took the time to respond to the questions, thank you! For those of you who volunteered to manage or help manage a Club activity, THANK YOU! For those of you who would like to get more involved and active than you have been so far, know that the door is open. Contact information for each Office is on the Club's Web site (www.rtr-pca.org) and there are member meetings at least every month as listed on the Web site and *Der Gasser*.

Your Officers judge their success by the number and quality of the Club activities held each year and your participation in those activities. Thank you for helping us make the Club a friendlier and more fun organization for you.

Autocross is for Girls

by Ian Curtis

Since I joined the Riesentöter Region in 2005, and participated in my very first DE at Watkins Glen, all I have ever heard was "Autocross is for Girls." Well last year I decided to see for myself...

Not to get into too many details there was just one problem, I was short a car due to my 996 engine expiring at Pocono trying to stay ahead of RTRs own Brewer Master. This problem was solved when Steve Landstra, a new RTR member and past SCCA Autocross Champion, offered the use of his 500HP Z06 Corvette and some Autocross instruction (who could refuse).

I immediately signed up for the 2009 Planes and Porsches event at Millennium Aviation, Reading Airport and convinced my oldest daughter Tanya that she should drive her 2005 automatic transmission Honda Civic at the event. Steve McMorn and his crew did a fantastic job organizing and running the event and we both had a great time so decided to sign up for the RTR Autocross championship for 2010. The only requirement Tanya had was that she would drive my newly acquired Porsche, a 1989 911 Carrera, that I had purchased from RTR President, Graham Knight.

The first RTR championship Autocross event was organized by Team KO and run by Blue Mountain Region SCCA Reading at Maple Grove Raceway, just 5 minutes from the Morgantown exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The number of times Tanya has driven a Porsche you could count on one hand and this was only the second time she had driven my 1989 911 Carrera. Conditions were damp and there were four other RTR members in attendance Vee, Chuck, Stephan and Rob (who posted the fastest time of the day).

During the day Tanya was doing better each run but still a couple of seconds off the pace of the guys, so before her fourth run I gave her some words of wisdom, "If the car isn't sliding



then you are not driving fast enough." After the words came out of my mouth I immediately looked at the track one more time to confirm that there was nothing she could slide into, after all this was my daughter and my Porsche. To my shock, surprise, and delight the next two runs she posted times that were equal to me and the other RTR members.

I initially left the event conflicted. Should I be proud that she can drive my Porsche like it was stolen? Or should I try to salvage some male pride and not let her drive my Porsche again, on the chance that she will beat my times? I think these must be questions that all parents go through at some point in their lives when they realize their children have surpassed, or are about to surpass, their own abilities in one challenge or another.

My three daughters are all athletes. Chris my wife and I have spent many weekends traveling to sporting events to watch each one of them compete in soccer, swimming, softball, horse riding, and rugby. That all slowed down when they went to college, so it is great to be out there again at a weekend event and having fun competing together.

My conclusion: Autocross is for girls. And for boys who can handle being beaten by them.

Riesentöter Region – PCA
Profit & Loss
January through December 2009

	Jan - Dec 09
Income	
Autocross Income	6,527
Bank Income	540
Der Gasser Ad Income	15,905
Driver's Ed Income	208,625
Goodie Store	1,352
Membership Income	19,264
Rally Income	250
Misc Income	90
Social	3,830
Website Banner Advertisement	1,050
Total Income	257,433
Expense	
Accounting expenses	4,335
Total Autocross Expense	7,026
Der Gasser Expense	27,705
Driver's Ed Exp	
All Events	6,559
Lightning – June Advanced	10,728
Lightning - June 3-day	45,575
Pocono - Advanced	6,946
Pocono – May	14,141
Pocono – September	13,602
Summit Point - August	16,633
Tech. Expenses	780
Thunderbolt	54,512
Thunderbolt – Advanced	9,048
Watkins Glen - July	43,290
Total Driver's Ed Exp	221,814
Exec. Meeting Stipend	2,157
Goodie Store Exp	16
Membership Expense	100
Misc. Expense (Includes legal fees)	6,023
Monthly Meeting Expense	6,651
Rally Expense	460
Total Social Expense	9,897
Web Site Expenses	302
Total Expense	286,486
Net Income	(29,053)
Net assets at 12/31/08	131,925
Net assets at 12/31/09	102,872

Track Insurance – Worth the Cost?

by Bodo Knochenhauer

Attention all fellow Riesentöter members. May my cautionary tale serve as a warning to all... Beware of promises of coverage made by insurance agents when participating in Porsche Drivers' Education Events.

I had carried insurance, both personally and professionally, for my automobiles with the same unnamed insurance companies for decades. I had always paid my bills on time, and had a long safe-driving record. Sound familiar? As a result of my long-standing business relationship with my insurance provider, I felt comfortable phoning my agent and inquiring whether I needed special track insurance before participating in a Porsche Drivers' Education event.

After detailing what the event involved (and its stated purpose to make safer drivers) I trusted my agent when he told me I did not need to purchase an additional rider and that, in fact, I was fully covered for drivers' education under my existing policy. Before heading off to New York, I phoned again and was assured by both my agent and his assistant that even if I left the state, I was fully covered for drivers' education.

As some of you may have heard by now, I had an unfortunate little incident at Watkins Glen and discovered, after the fact, that my agent's assurances were meaningless and, according to my insurance company, I did not have valid insurance to cover the incident.

I am fortunate to have several attorneys in my family who defended my rights as a matter of honor and took pleasure in making life difficult for the insurance agent and his company. I was still forced to file suit, pay for depositions, and wait two full years before the case was settled out of court. All for what I was entitled to from the beginning, namely the value of my Porsche before the unfortunate incident.



I hope this article will stand, therefore, as a handsome example of what not to do with insurance agents before attending drivers' education events. Do not accept verbal assurances that you will be covered. And do get a promise of coverage in writing that includes the location of the drivers' education event. Or better yet, buy extra track insurance beforehand and get a little peace-of-mind and save yourself the cost of putting a child through law school.

Francine Knochenhauer surreptitiously slipped your editor this photo of Bodo. This is the fastest most of us have seen Bodo go. So, I say, well done to walk away from a 10mph incident at Watkins Glen Bodo! But, seriously, thanks for the advice and everyone check your policies if you're planning on attending a drivers' education event.

Social Update

I am pleased to report the first half of 2010 offered even more opportunities for RTR members to attend social functions across the Region. Most recent activities included a Bucks County breakfast and drive to the Garden of Reflection/911 Memorial in Lower Makefield as well as the first "Wine & Dine" hosted by the Columbia Hotel in Phoenixville, PA. The Columbia is a beautiful and historic landmark hotel and the six course menu paired with complementary wines was very well received by all attending. For those who missed the opportunity to attend either event, stay tuned for announcements on similar events in the near future. Many thanks to Donna and Mike Broderick for organizing the Bucks County Breakfast and visit to the Garden of Reflection, and Jeff and Wendy Walton for making the special arrangements for the Wine & Dine at the Columbia Hotel.

The momentum continues with many more activities in the works for the remainder of the year. Look for e-mail blasts and view the RTR Web site often for the latest information. You can also contact me at social@rtr-pca.org directly. I would enjoy receiving your feedback or questions on current and future social events.

Cheers,
Rita Hancock, RTR Social Chair

2010 Charity Fundraiser on Saturday, October 23, 2010 – NJ Motorsports Park

Plans are now underway for the Fall DE Fund Raiser at NJ Motorsports Park on Saturday, October 23rd. This year, our designated charity is the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. This charity provides a home away from home for families of critically ill children receiving treatment at local hospitals. They operate two houses in Philadelphia serving a total of 62 families each night.

The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House also runs the Ronald McDonald Camp in the Poconos for oncology patients and their siblings. In addition, they offer two Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in the Oncology and Cardiac Centers at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to provide a respite space away from the bedside.

Founded in 1974 as the very first Ronald McDonald House in the world, they are the model for the over 288 Houses throughout the globe. Over 90% of their funding comes from individuals,

and the remaining 10% is provided by Ronald McDonald House Charities. While it costs the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House over \$75 a night per family to provide housing and supportive services, families are only asked to contribute \$15 per night. No one is ever turned away due to inability to pay.



In order to help make this year's RTR Fall Charity Event a success, we need your help. Any RTR member who wishes to donate an item for auction or help gather donations and support this worthwhile cause in any way, are asked to contact Rita Hancock (social@rtr-pca.org) as soon as possible .

Photo of Jackie Gilberg and Rita Hancock at our recent tour of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.

Announcing the

2010 PCA Riesentöter Region Holiday Party

Saturday, November 13th

Location:

Maggiano's Little Italy
King of Prussia, PA



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Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)

7-8 pm

Dinner served at 8 pm

A special four-course Italian
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for dancing the night away.



Cost: \$48 per person including tax & tip.
Space is limited so please confirm your seat early!

RSVP: Please confirm your reservation to
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Porsche Items for Sale – over 40 years have been spent enjoying the Porsche life but now I must part with many items to make sure they get into the hands of those who appreciate everything Porsche. Some items for sale are: many books including the brown binder of the Maestro's *The ABC's (and 912's) of Porsche Engines* (1981); The green binder of the Maestro's *Secrets of the Inner Circle* (1981); *Looking Back* signed by Jesse Alexander; *Porsche—Excellence was Expected*, First Edition (1977); Porsche calendars - some with coins; almost complete collection Many books including the brown binder of the Maestro's *The ABC's (and 912's) of Porsche Engines* (Copyright 1981); The green binder of the Maestro's *Secrets of the Inner Circle* (Copyright 1981); *Looking Back* signed by Jesse Alexander; Porsche Panorama from 1984 onward; almost complete collection 356 Registry from 1992. For a complete list call Judy (past Riesentöter Secretary) 609-898-0844 or e-mail turbo2720@yahoo.com – J. Smith. (05/06)

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