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Aus des Präsidenten

(From the President)

First off, I would like to thank all my constituents who voted for me, it was a long and hard uphill battle especially given the fact there were zero campaign funds available and no other candidate to run against, so thank you again.

Second – as the winter months are upon us, usually a lull time for the club, we are preparing for what is already shaping up to be another spectacular year for Riesentöter. David Newton already has a plan of attack for our monthly membership meetings with stops at all four of our region’s Porsche dealerships and a few nice surprises mixed in as well – remember to come on out, grab a bite to eat (on us) and learn what is happening in your club. Marty Kocse and the rest of the speed council have solidified the DE schedule with a tentative date planned for a Riesentöter 944 Cup Race hosted at Monticello Motor Club in New York – so please stayed tuned for that one and keep an eye out on the website for more details. Dave Nettleton and the rest of the AX gang’s schedule will be shored up by the end of February with about 8 or 9 events on the docket. Then there just might be a rally or two. We have a few people willing to help out on a Riesentöter Rally, so hopefully with proper planning a late spring rally may be in order with another one slated for fall. Plus there will be a ton of social events from Wendy Walton scattered throughout the year, such as her famous wine dinners, dine and drives, the summer picnic, and already scheduled for December 6th, the holiday party. Let us see if we can make it even bigger this year by surpassing the high water mark of 172 in attendance at last year’s fun gala.

We also want to continue our Happy Hours, so even though your p-car may be in hibernation during the cold months, you can always come out and enjoy the camaraderie of other members of your club over a glass of your favorite swill. If anyone has a local watering hole, shoot me an email (president@rtr-pca.org) and all you need to do is pick a date and we show up as Dutch treat.

Jeff Walton

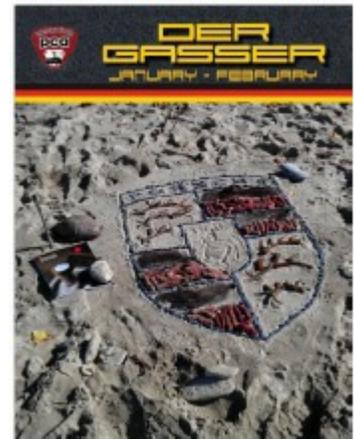
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From the Editor's Desk:



While reading posts on one of the Porsche forums I visit each day, there was a question posted that I found interesting and worthy of discussion.

The poster asked the question of the forum members: "Do you tell people you drive a Porsche?" At first I thought this was kind of a dumb question, but then I reconsidered my initial response after some contemplation.

Now I am very proud of the fact that I'm able to drive one of the finest automobiles made in the world, but I am sensitive that not everyone has the same opportunities that I do. When someone asks me what kind of vehicle I drive I do reply that I drive a Porsche. That usually leads to the question of what model Porsche do I drive. Upon answering "I have a Cayman S", the person asking the question either replies in a way that indicates that they know what the Caymans S is, and then sometimes they reply "Oh that's the Porsche SUV."

The first response usually leads to great conversations about sports cars. Sometimes you even find other current or past Porsche owners through these conversations. The second response requires some patience and perhaps a pause before lashing out with a sarcastic answer aimed at belittling or embarrassing the other person because they don't know one Porsche model from the next.

My response is aimed at educating the individual about the other Porsche models that are available. I find that the Cayman is not well known or recognized, but many folks are eager to learn about it and how it differs from the iconic 911. These conversations are fun and usually lead to questions about where the engine is and how much room there is for storage. One such encounter took place in the parking lot of Target when my wife and I were shopping. We came out with a shopping cart full of paper goods like toilet paper and paper towels. Two guys were getting into a car parked next to me and watched as we filled the both the trunk and frunk with our purchases and blurted out "Where is the engine in that thing?"

So to answer the original question, yes I do tell people I own a Porsche. But I do so without being pretentious or boisterous. I answer the question in a way that would invite further conversation that would help educate others on why these are such great cars and why I am proud to have the opportunity to own one.

Drive Safe

Dave Hathaway
Der Gasser Editor

Editor's Notes

Photos, Photos, Photos

If you have event photos, don't hesitate to send them in to: editor@rtr-pca.org

If you attend an event and want to write up a short piece describing it, we'd appreciate it. We can't attend everything so your help, helps fill in the blanks. We'll edit and let you proof before we publish so rough input is fine.



Updating Your E-mail

In order to make sure you receive your monthly issue of *Der Gasser* as well as club e-mail blasts out to the membership about upcoming events and club news, please update your e-mail address. The e-mails that we send out are not sales oriented, and are strictly for the benefit of our membership. This database is for Region use only and will not be released to other parties.

Use the following instructions to update your e-mail address:

Go to the Porsche Club of America Web site at www.pca.org.
Sign in through "MEMBER LOGIN."
Then go to the "MEMBERSHIP" tab and scroll down to "MEMBER SERVICES."
Click on "MEMBER RECORD."
Click on the pencil icon to the right of your information to edit.
Once you updated your information then scroll down and click "SAVE."

In the "MEMBER RECORD" area you can also update the rest of your contact information and information on the Porsche(s) you own, as well as view your membership status including when you joined the PCA and when your membership expires. As with your e-mail address, all information is kept confidential and is not shared with anyone outside the PCA.

Note: to avoid conflict with spam filters, enews@enews.pca.org should be added to your address book.

Advertising in *Der Gasser*

Der Gasser is the monthly newsletter of the Riesentöter PCA Region. During the first week of each month *Der Gasser* is sent digitally to our membership of approximately 1,400 Porsche owners and enthusiasts. The newsletter is produced in color and contains dynamic digital content such as video and hyperlinks.

Advertising is limited to Porsche and automotive related vendors who offer services and products that would benefit our members and enhance the overall Porsche experience. Advertising rates are as follows:

Full page ad for one year: \$1,650, plus two free banner ads on the website

Half page ad for one year: \$1,275, discount on website two-banner ad package for \$250/ year

Quarter page ad for one year: \$975

Artwork must be submitted in jpeg file format and can be changed each month at no additional charge. If you are interested in advertising in *Der Gasser*, please contact Dave Hathaway at editor@rtr-pca.org.

Advertising on our Web Site

Opportunities to advertise on our website www.rtr-pca.org, are also available. A two- banner ad package can be purchased for \$500 per year or \$50 per month. For file size requirements and placement details, contact our webmaster Jeff Walton at webmaster@rtr-pca.org.

Membership Report

Submitted by Paula Gavin, Membership Chair

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the Riesentöter Region:



New Members

<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Vehicle Model</u>	<u>Month Joined</u>
Nancy Allen	West Chester, PA	2014	Boxster	December
Steve Cacciola	Audubon, PA	1984	944	December
Lou Cipollo	Warrington, PA	2014	Cayman	December
Glenn Conly	Quakertown, PA	1984	911	December
Dave Dempsey	Newtown, PA	2012	911 Turbo	December
Andrew Denzel	Allentown, PA	2013	Panamera	December
Glenn Edginton	Newtown Square, PA	2013	911 Carrera S	December
William Geiger	Radnor, PA	2014	911 C4S	December
Pete Hansen	Berwyn, PA	2012	987	December
Jeffrey Kollar	Nazareth, PA	1989	911	December
John Kontes	Philadelphia, PA	1981	911 SC	December
Rachael Krause	Riegelsville, PA	1987	944	December
Joseph Leithead	Horsham, PA	2011	Cayman	December
Erik Martin	Pennsburg, PA	2013	911	December
Jeff Mathers	Furlong, PA	1988	911	December
Dan McWhorter	Blandon, PA	2006	Carrera	December
Thomas Mickler	Wynnewood, PA	2000	Carrera 4	December
Drew Seibest	Birdsboro, PA	2014	Cayenne	December
Jon Wells	Chalfont, PA	2014	911 C4S	December

Transfers

Bob Piccone	Bear Creek, PA	1992, 1993	968	Northern Jersey
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Membership Report- continued

Submitted by Paula Gavin, Membership Chair



Please join us in congratulating our members who are celebrating PCA membership milestones. The following RTR members have membership anniversaries this month.

January Anniversaries

25 Years

Ann Slade

20 Years

Martha Baker

Frank Lu

15 Years

Maria Cataldo

Tracey Delfiner

David West

Tom Zaffarano

10 Years

Adam Brand

James Brennan

Kevin Congdon

Patricia Doolittle

Fred Rappold

Ira Straff

5 Years

Jeffrey Briglia

Bradley Hall

Barbara Hall

Edward Johnson

Paula Kuester

Derek Moor

Craig Nichols

Cynthia Nichols

Dominic Rachiele

Jennifer Rachiele

Biance Summers

Page Van Atta

Susan Van Atta

R. Williams

Where Our Members Live

Montgomery County 341

Chester County 293

Bucks County 266

Delaware County 160

Lehigh County 108

Berks County 73

Philadelphia 71

Northampton County 63

State of New Jersey 24

Carbon County 7

State of Delaware 7

Schuylkill County 2

Other PA Counties 10

Other Out of the Area 19

Total RTR Members 1,444



Upcoming Events

Submitted by Wendy Walton, Social Chair



Upcoming Monthly Member Meeting- Mark your Calendar.

The February member meeting will be on Wednesday 1631 West Chester Pike in West Chester, PA. Food and social will begin at 6:45 pm and the meeting will

Time for the Jack Frost Run



Calling all Riesentoter Porsche owners; more specifically, calling all Crazy Riesentoter Porsche convertible, targa, or sunroof owners owners. Come on out on Saturday February 22nd, for a **TOP-OPEN**, heated seats on, hat, gloves, scarf, long-johns wearing, drive in the country, followed by a splendid lunch in the Winter Cafe at Wyebrook Farm. Even if you don't own a rag-top or have a hole in your roof, you can still join the fun by rolling down all your windows and wearing shorts to get the same effect.

Schedule

10:30 We will meet at the Penn State parking lot in Malvern, PA. Hot chocolate will be provided for your mugs and cup holders.

11:00 This is the departure time for a scenic back-road top down drive.

12:00 We will meet for lunch at the Winter Cafe at Wyebrook Farm (Dutch treat)

[Visit here to RSVP so we can give a heads-up to Wyebrook Farm](#)

Rain/snow date will be Sunday, February 23rd.



Upcoming Regional Events

March 1-2, 2014

Tech Tactics East

The date has been set for the fourth annual Tech Tactics East at the Porsche Cars North America site in Easton, PA. Please mark your calendars for March 1-2, 2014. The format will be the same as in years past. A very special guest this year from Porsche AG is Daniel Vasiliades, who is responsible for the marketing of the Macan. Also in attendance will be Owen Hayes, Director of Operations Porsche Motorsports North America, who will focus on the 991 GT America and the new United Sports Car Racing series. Additional speakers from Porsche Cars North America, Mobil Oil, Michelin Tires and Performance Friction Brakes will also be on hand. Three PCA members are also part of the program: Jim Newton from Automobile Associates, Lou Verdiales, PCA Tech Committee member responsible for 911 turbos, and John Paterek. This will be John's 34th consecutive appearance at Tech Tactics. He was a presenter at the inaugural event at the Harley Hotel in 1981. Returning by popular demand is the second annual "model car show" which will be held in the Registration area. Dust off your favorite die-cast Porsche for a People's Choice event.

There will be a continental breakfast, and "box" lunches along with a complimentary event tee shirt included in the registration fee of \$60. Registration will open on February 4, 2014 on www.Motorsportsreg.com.

March 14- 16, 2014

Zone 2 Drivers Education Weekend

The 2014 Zone 2 Advanced Drivers Education Weekend will be held on March 14- 16, 2014 at the Virginia International Raceway (full course all three days). Registration will be through www.Motorsportsreg.com. Registration for PCA members opens on January 13, 2014 at 8:00 pm EST. Registration for non-PCA members opens on January 20, 2014. Registration for all drivers closes March 3, 2014. There will be a social on Friday night March 14th and a banquet on Saturday night March 15th. Tech forms can be found on the PCA Zone 2 website www.pcazone2.homestead.com.

June 15-21, 2014

Porsche Parade, Monterey, California

Visit the PCA website www.pca.org for more information on attending the 2014 Porsche Parade.

June 20- 22, 2014

Zone 2 Club Race and Advanced Drivers Education Weekend

The 2014 Zone 2 Club Race and Advanced Drivers Education Weekend will be held on June 20- 22, 2014 at the Virginia International Raceway (full course). Registration for both events will be through www.Motorsportsreg.com. Tech forms can be found on the PCA Zone 2 website www.pcazone2.homestead.com.

2014 DE Schedule

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April 25- 27, 2014 Track: Summit Point Registration Open Date: February 24, 2014	Safety Tech Date: April 12 at	Vintage Motorsports 300 Old Reading Pike Pottstown, PA 19464 (610) 970-7800
May 16- 18, 2012 Track: Pocono North Registration Open Date: March 17, 2014	Safety Tech Date: April 21 at	Dougherty Automotive 17 Hagerty Blvd. West Chester, PA 19382 (610) 692-6039
June 11- 12, 2014 Track: NJMP Lightning Registration Open Date: April 14, 2014	Safety Tech Date: May 31 at	Tillson Motorcars 2097 North 63 rd Street Philadelphia, PA 19151 (215) 473-6400
July 25- 27, 2012 Track: Watkins Glen Registration Open Date: May 26, 2014	Safety Tech Date: July 12 at	Dougherty Automotive 17 Hagerty Blvd. West Chester, PA 19382 (610) 692-6039
August 19, 2014 Track: NJMP Thunderbolt Raceway Registration Open Date: June 23, 2014	Safety Tech Date: Aug. 9 at	Innovative Racing Technology 319 Commerce Court #101 Limerick, PA 19468 (610) 639-6724
September 12- 14, 2014 Track: Pocono South and East Registration Open Date: July 23, 2012	Safety Tech Date: Aug. 30 at	Knopf Automotive 3401 Lehigh Street Allentown, PA 18103 (888) 437-9168
October 17- 19, 2014 Track: Summit Point Registration Open Date: August 18, 2014	Safety Tech Date: Oct. 4 at	Meenan Transmissions 1938 North Broad Street Lansdale, PA 19446 (215) 855-5123

For additional information, please visit our [website](#), and [Motorsportsreg.com](#).

The RTR website contains information on registration, track profiles, forms and manuals, safety tech info and an updated schedule. Contact information for the track chair and members of the Speed Council can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Note: Registration opening date is for PCA members. Registration for non-PCA members will open two weeks after PCA member registration opens.

Riesentöter Club Awards

by Dave Hathaway, Editor

Each year, Riesentöter honours six of our club members at the annual holiday dinner by presenting them with the awards described as follows.

Riesentöter Award

The Riesentöter Award is the oldest and most coveted award of our region. This is presented to the person or persons who, in the opinion of their peers, has made the greatest contribution to or on behalf of the club or those who have made contributions to the club over a number of years. Literally translated, "Der Beste Riesentöter Des Jahres" is "best Riesentöter of the year". It is interesting to note that the use of the word Riesentöter, meaning Giant Killer, was part of the inscription long before it was adopted as the official name of the region in 1973. The inscription on the 12" pewter (not sterling silver) bowl reads:

*Porsche Club of America
Eastern Penna Region
Activities Champion
Der Beste Riesentöter Des Jahres*

William C. Schmidt Broken Crankshaft Award

The **William C. Schmidt Broken Crankshaft Award** was originated by an avid autocrosser. Bill "donated" the crankshaft from his 1971 912 for this award. This heavy award (try picking it up) is presented to the most improved autocross driver.

Tattered Helmet

The infamous **Tattered Helmet** was first "won" by Howard Reed, who purchased the very first 914 in our region. This is awarded to the person who somehow distinguishes themselves in a less than glorious manner.

High Speed Driver Award

The **High Speed Driver Award** is given to the track driver who showed the most improvement during the year.

Mighty-Nitto Award

The **Mighty-Nitto Award** was started by the Lyles after they won their first autocross in a just-purchased car, equipped with Mighty spark plugs and Nitto tires, neither one a recognized go-fast goodie. This award is presented to the person who makes the best of a bad Situation.

Door Prize

The **Door Prize** goes to the most active "new" member throughout the year and proves the motto "It's not just the cars, it's the people." The Door Prize is literally a door from a 356 Porsche; first presented by John Heckman.

Instructor of the Year

The **Instructor of the Year** is pretty much self-explanatory and goes to the instructor who performs well and above their call of duty, both on and off the track.

Below are the recipients of the 2013 Riesentöter club Awards. These awards were presented at our annual holiday dinner that took place on Saturday December 7, 2013. Additional information on the RTR Club Awards and a list of previous winners of each award can be found on our website www.rtr-pca.org.

2013 Recipient of the **Riesentöter Award**

Paul Walsack

2013 Recipient of the **William C. Schmidt Broken Crankshaft Award**

Anthony O'Mara

2013 Recipient of the **Tattered Helmet Award**

No recipient was selected

2013 Recipient of the **High Speed Driver Award**

Ara Chalian

2013 Recipient of the **Mighty-Nitto Award**

Marty Kocse

2013 Recipient of the **Door Prize**

Corey McFadden

2013 Recipient of the **Instructor of the Year Award**

Fred Brubaker

Sidetrack- Pleased to Meet You

by David Newton, Contributing Editor



"Please allow me to introduce myself, I'm a man of wealth and taste. I've been around for a long, long year..." apologies to the Rolling Stones for sponging the Lyrics to "Sympathy for The Devil", but I am neither a man of wealth nor taste. And I'm in my third year as a Riesentöter member, which makes me an infant to some. What I am, is your new RTR Vice President. Where many expect a VP to be cutting ribbons and kissing babies, I will hopefully be more involved than that, which I have so far found can be achieved simply by asking. That's the great thing about this club; it's all run and managed by volunteers. So you better love it, Because there's no pay day.

What are the expectations of the Riesentöter Vice President? Well, there's the arranging and conducting Of the monthly member meetings. Thankfully I've had a lot of support from the board on this, especially from Jeff Walton, current President and former VP. And then there's all the RTR Board activity. It's only the middle of January as I write this, and I am finding out very quickly how involved and active your elected board is. There are a lot of exciting changes and activities planned for this year. If you can't make a monthly meeting (a good place to get information and assemble with your fellow members), check out our award-winning website. It's a great improvement over its former self, and is already filling up with content for the new season.

I suppose I should give you a brief background of how I came to this position. My wife Christine and I joined Riesentöter in the summer of 2011; fully two years after I bought my Cayman. Why did it take me so long? Because I simply didn't know it existed (I'll talk more about this later). I was actually aware of the PCA, but I am also familiar with the Rotary Club and have no earthly idea of what they do either. I just stumbled on the RTR forum website when I was looking for replacement tires. It was a summer Friday afternoon with a lull at work so I shot a message off to the president, and Graham Knight sent me an immediate and enthusiastic response; then Joe Asher, Paula Gavin and also Marty Kocse. Collectively they convinced me to join the club, come to a meeting, and then a new member's breakfast. I was hooked.

I quickly became involved with Der Gasser, and I will continue being as active as I can (to the extent that I don't shirk my new obligations).

Interviewing members, vendors and enthusiasts for my "Defining Moments" column helped me to more closely understand the passion people have for these beautiful cars. I was grateful to find that I was not the only wackadoodle out there, and should no longer feel badly of my disease.

Professionally, I manage projects that install or upgrade financial software systems for a national water utility. I think I just yawned myself, so don't feel like you're being impolite. Project management is all about detail, so you will find me working from a notebook of agenda items primarily due to a condition I suffer from, commonly referred to as CRS; better known as "Can't Remember, um, Stuff." I forget names; even my own at times. An odd affliction for someone to have in my profession, I admit. You will therefore see me conducting the meetings with notes. I just get lost in thoughts and ideas while conversing, so if I close the meeting before I started it, feel free to throw something at me; it has a tendency to facilitate a reboot.

Another condition I've endured over the years is referred to as "Podium Paralysis." I can sit around a table and talk it up with almost anyone, and not be bothered by it. But separate me from the herd with a pedestal or otherwise put me on the stage, and suddenly I'm making a speech with the fate of the world hanging in the balance, awaiting my decree. I've found picturing people in their underwear only makes me nauseous. Luckily I won't pass out or anything, and it'll improve as I get used to it; just hang in there with me if you would.

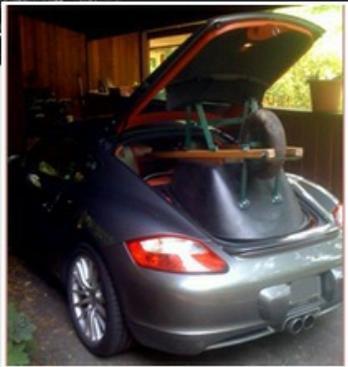
Unfortunately, as I get more comfortable, I'm more likely to tell stories (my wife is snickering as she proofs this). I get it from my dad; I can reference a tale that relates to almost every subject. And I'll tell it whether or not it's particularly good. So I vow to keep the story telling to a minimum.

Speaking of vowing, what other promises can I try not to break? I guess the most important is my agenda. In my line of work it often begins with a Mission Statement. Here is mine: "Promote Riesentöter to increase membership by developing member, dealer and vendor relationships with an eye to the betterment of the organization." It means I want this club to be known to others; so they can enjoy the same benefits and camaraderie that Christine and I do today. RTR will be unveiling a variety of initiatives over the course of the year toward this endeavor, so stay tuned.

I'm tired of the weather and definitely excited to begin the year; so to rephrase the refrain from the lyrics of the aforementioned song, "...pleased to meet you, hope you like my game."

SHIFTS & GIGGLES

BY JEFF WALTON, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR



I have a disease,

... well actually I have several, some of which have no cure, others I'm sure can be remedied with years of therapy and a switch from a willow tree either that or I just have to stop driving – yeah right, ain't happening anytime soon. So now I have to look deep down inside to face the demons that have been bestowed upon me and deal with these diseases and the first step on the road of recovery is acknowledgement – realizing I do have a problem, strike that, I have many problems when I'm behind the wheel.

Bumps is my first disease I have, and it deals with swollen or broken tarmac. The symptoms of this incurable ailment are a vast sense of sparelessness followed by immediate and constant checking of my TPMS after an encounter with a pothole or road litter such as a lost Christmas tree or a used mattress. The symptoms will never truly dissipate for I live in Pennsylvania where the roads are in a perpetual state of disrepair. I must learn to live with Bumps and pray my can of fix-a-flat and a wad of Juicy Fruit is enough to repair the inevitable gaping hole caused by the policeman's road spikes.

Leftosis or in some circles Southpawoma, has plagued me as well and again there is no real cure...well just not yet, hopefully with a few more charity events, telethons, and donations in the form of detergent coupons, 20 of which make up one cent, they will be able to reverse its manifestations upon me and the highways of this great nation. Leftosis is a crippling disease, to me and the fast lane. It's where once I move over into the passing lane I must stay in this lane and always be the fastest vehicle in this lane. "None shall pass," I say as other cars moving at least 60mph, sneak up behind me. "I'm in a Porsche," I say, "My car must be faster than you by default," I say.....so I stay. Sometimes I even stay in this lane as exits fly by on my right....I'm here to prove a point and the point is I'm not always right.....I'm mostly left.

My next infection is called headlightitis – luckily this only happens when the sun is covered behind the blanket of the night sky and has nothing to do with my fear of high beams or highbeamaphobia as it's called in the professional world. Highbeamaphobia is completely different from headlightitis; whereas highbeamaphobia deals directly with the intensity of the light and the fear from being wrong when flashing an oncoming car with what you thought had its high beams on but then they return an even brighter light proving you are a poor judgment of character, Headlightitis occurs from behind your vehicle with any wattage of light. It's the sense that the headlights behind you not only want to see well in the dark, they are there to annoy the living hell out of you, as they creep ever so closer in your rearview mirror.

I can feel their photons of pure evil boring a hole into my soul and judging me as if I'm at the pearly gates. I can hear their taunts, their jabs, their jeers. "Go faster," they say. "Pull over and let me pass," they say. "You're an ass," they say. I flip my mirror down to no avail. I can still see them, I can still feel them, I can still hear them. Within the recesses of my mind I know headlights don't really talk. Learned this one on a leather couch I did, that's called personification they said. So now I'm learning to shift my fears to the actual car behind me and then ultimately to the person driving the car behind me. A multiple step approach they said, baby steps they said, I'm getting better they said....well not really; we need more money they said.

So for now I must learn to live with my diseases and realize I could be worse....you know like the people who have BDD – Bird Dropping Disorder, where just one little spot of white with embedded undigested raspberry seeds leads to an immediate stopping of the car no matter where they are, be it a McDonald's Drive-thru or a funeral procession. They'll whip out a detailing kit quicker than hummingbird fornication then googles the nearest White Glove for an emergency wash and wax. Yeah those people need some serious help.

Side Marker Lights

By Dave Hathaway, Editor

Last month I started a series of articles on modifications that I've been making to my Cayman S. This is the second installment highlighting another modification I made and that you can make as well.

One of the first modifications that I made to my first Cayman was to change out the yellow side marker lamps for clear ones. When Jeff Walton suggested that I do this I was somewhat skeptical that this was going to make any difference in the appearance of my Porsche, and I knew it certainly was a modification that was not going to enhance its performance. But after I actually made the swap out I was amazed at how this simple modification could really change (for the better) the appearance of the car.

The yellow side marker lights that came with car when I ordered it stuck out like a sore thumb against the guards red exterior and next to the clear headlights. The new clear side marker lights blended into the side profile of the car and matched the headlights. The change gave the car a much cleaner look. Now the new lights are legal because they have yellow bulbs and still light up yellow when turned on. All the requirement says is that cars in the U.S. have yellow side marker lights. It still does, just when turned on. Cars sold in Europe must have the clear side marker lights.

When I got the new Cayman S last October it was one of the first things I did to the car when I got it. In fact I had ordered the new clear side marker lights before I even got the car, those along with a few other goodies were waiting to be put on the car as soon as it arrived.

The clear side marker lights can be purchased from Suncoast and are available for many Porsche models. Some Porsche dealerships have them on hand and will even swap them out for you. If you choose to order them from Suncoast the installation is so simple and takes less than five minutes for both. It's so easy that Suncoast has an installation video on their website that is all of one minute twenty-five second long. No tools are needed, how easy is that? Not only is this one of the easiest modifications it is also one of the least expensive modifications you can make. Each set of new side marker lights can be purchased for less than \$60 a set.

Here are some photos showing the two side marker lights and then before and after photos of my car.



Destinations

By Dave Hathaway, Editor

In December my wife Kim and I spent a week in Sarasota and Long Boat Key Florida on vacation. Now mind you we didn't drive down there, but we did incorporate Porsches into our vacation. Sarasota is home to one of the largest Porsche dealerships, Suncoast Porsche. Suncoast Porsche is also known as one of the largest Porsche parts and accessory online retailers. Not only do I spend a great deal of time on their website, I have spent a great deal of money on new parts and accessories for my first Cayman as well as my new Cayman S.

I figured that while we were in Sarasota we could visit Suncoast Porsche to see where a large sum of my money had gone to. Kim was open to the idea since she has been a huge supporter of my newfound Porsche hobby. We choose one of the cooler cloudy days for the visit so that we could spend the nice days near the beach.

The dealership is just south of Sarasota on the main drag; Tamiami Trail and very easy to find. On the outside it looks like all the other Porsche dealerships throughout the country. The lot was filled with a large selection both new and used Porsches with a larger portion of the inventory devoted to Boxsters and 911 Cabriolets than dealers here in the Northeast would.

The inside of the dealership was filled with some of the nicest highly optioned floor models in more unique color combinations than I've seen in other dealerships here. The staff was very friendly and approachable without jumping all over me in order to make a sale. Right away I introduced myself to one of the Porsche salesmen Vince Catena and we hit it off talking about all things Porsche. I mentioned that I was a member of RTR and served as the editor for our newsletter. Right away he starting telling me about his 911 race car and showed me photos of it on his computer. Vince introduced me to members of the staff including the Parts Manager Paul Gursky and the Internet Sales Parts Manager Ric Knab. Ric is also the administrator for the website I visit so frequently.

Paul and Ric showed me the retail parts store attached to the dealership. Here you can buy many of the Porsche parts and accessories found on the website, over the counter. They have a separate offsite location that serves as the parts warehouse and the internet sales facility, which I did not see.

They explained how they tirelessly scoured sources both on the internet and off for new Porsche items as well as vintage parts. They even showed me several items that they were going to start carrying such as the new speedster style humps for Boxsters and 911's. They were in the process of painting one of them for display at an upcoming event that I'll go into later. They showed me a new set of clear side marker LED lights that will be released shortly; I'm waiting for these to be released. These new lights will more closely resemble and blend in with the PDLs light package on the new Caymans, Boxsters and 911's. After more than an hour visiting with the staff of Suncoast Porsche, Kim and I were off to find a particular eatery specializing in food from my hometown of Chicago.

On our last day of the vacation Suncoast Porsche along the Suncoast Region PCA Club were holding a get together near our hotel called Porsches in the Park on St. Armands Key. St. Armands Key is a small key just off Sarasota connected by a causeway. The key features an upscale shopping district and plenty of expensive beach homes. In the center of the key is a round-about with a park at the center. Shops and restaurants encircle the park. It was here that over 150 Porsches from all over western and central Florida along with their owners gathered for a social and informal show.



Porsches in the Park on St. Armands Key, Florida

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The dealership sponsored the event and had a large hospitality tent with food and giveaways for the Porsche owners and club members. Gathered here in this beautiful tropical setting were some of the most beautiful Porsches I've ever seen. Many models both new and vintage were represented here. Two of the most stunning cars were a white 911 Turbo Cabriolet with more custom carbon fiber parts than I've ever seen, and a beautiful blue 911 Carrera with the new speedster style hump that had been painted the day before.



2013 911 Cabriolet with new Speedster Hump

My wife fell in love with this car. We walked around looking at the cars and chatting with the owners. It was a wonderful casual atmosphere where Porsche owners proudly showed off their cars to anyone who showed an interest. This was the type of event that I would like us with a local dealership to try to hold. Did I mention it was 80 degrees and sunny out that day, while back here the first snow and ice storm was raging?

When we checked into our hotel which was the Longboat Key Club and Resort earlier that week I was asked what I thought was a trick question. The desk clerk asked me "Mr. Hathaway, would you like to participate in our Aston Martin Driving Experience? It's free." How in the world could I fall into this opportunity and have two Porsche events to attend also on this vacation? Well after I regained my senses I answered "Sure, how does it work?" The desk clerk explained that Aston Martin would have several cars on display and was offering 30 minute drives in each. This was a marketing event designed to introduce hotel guests to the Aston Martin brand and their cars. I guess it was like the Porsche World Road Show that comes to our area each year.

I've been fortunate to drive quite a few exotic cars in the past few years, but I've never driven an Aston Martin before. I'm going to drive a couple of James Bond cars! I signed up for a time and was told to meet the Aston Martin staff in front of the hotel at the designated time with my driver's license. It was about 3 PM on a sunny afternoon with temps in high 70's for my drive. In front of the hotel, three Aston Martins were parked and ready for drivers. In front of me was a Ripide 4-door Sedan, a V-8 Vantage S, and a V-12 Vanquish Volante Convertible. Guess which one I took out first? The sound of the V-12 Vanquish was amazing with the open top. People snapped their necks trying to catch a glimpse of us motoring up the coast. This was a special edition Vanquish that was number 69 of 100 that were being made at a cost of almost \$300,000 each. Next it was time for the Vantage S. This also was an incredible car to drive. The interior was so elegant and rich feeling. I didn't take the sedan for a drive it just didn't do it for me like the other two cars did. Those were very special cars that I would love to add to my imaginary collection.



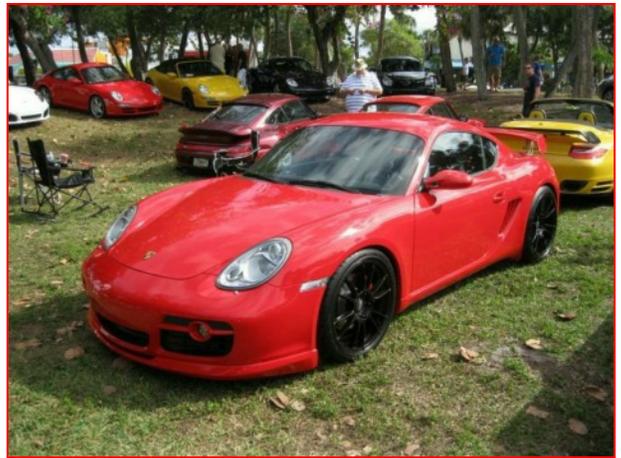
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Aston Martin Vantage S V-8

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Here are some additional photo's from the Porsches in the Park event; enjoy.



I call this last photo "Porsche Porn". A white 911 Turbo Cabriolet with custom leather "frunk" interior with carbon fiber trim. This car also had custom leather floor mats with carbon fiber and Porsche crests.

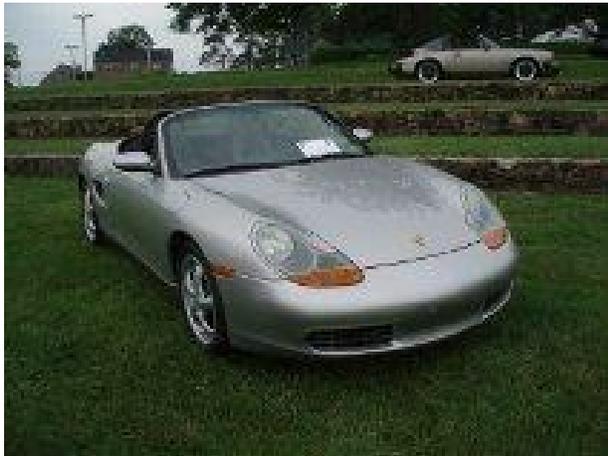
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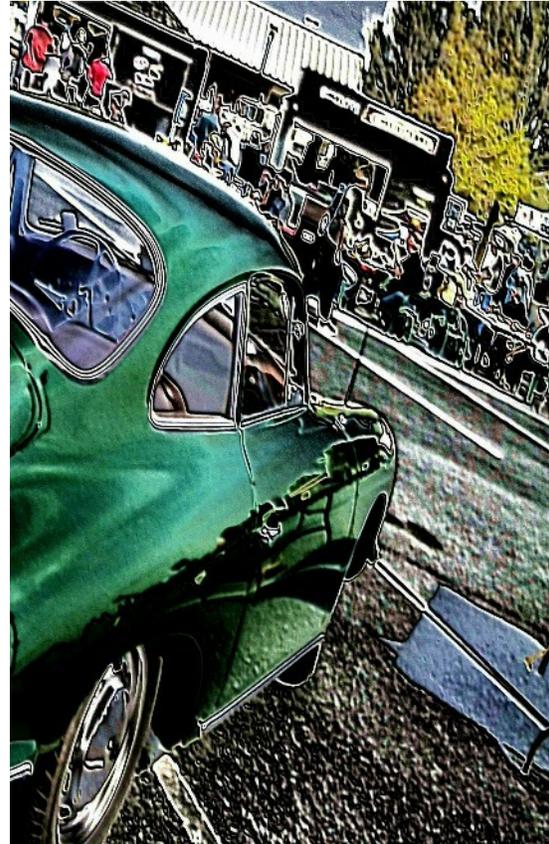
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Moto -Trivia

Anyone know any details about this car? Looking for who the owner is and the event. If so drop a line to the Editor at editor@rtr-pca.org

We'll be keeping track of who gets the most correct answers to our picture trivia and let you know who has the most correct answers at the end of the year.

Last Years Winner was again.....Vidal F. De la Cruz !!!! He has chosen to select another jacket as his prize.



Last Issue's Answer: Last month's picture was Larry Durlfosky having some fun at Autocross.



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