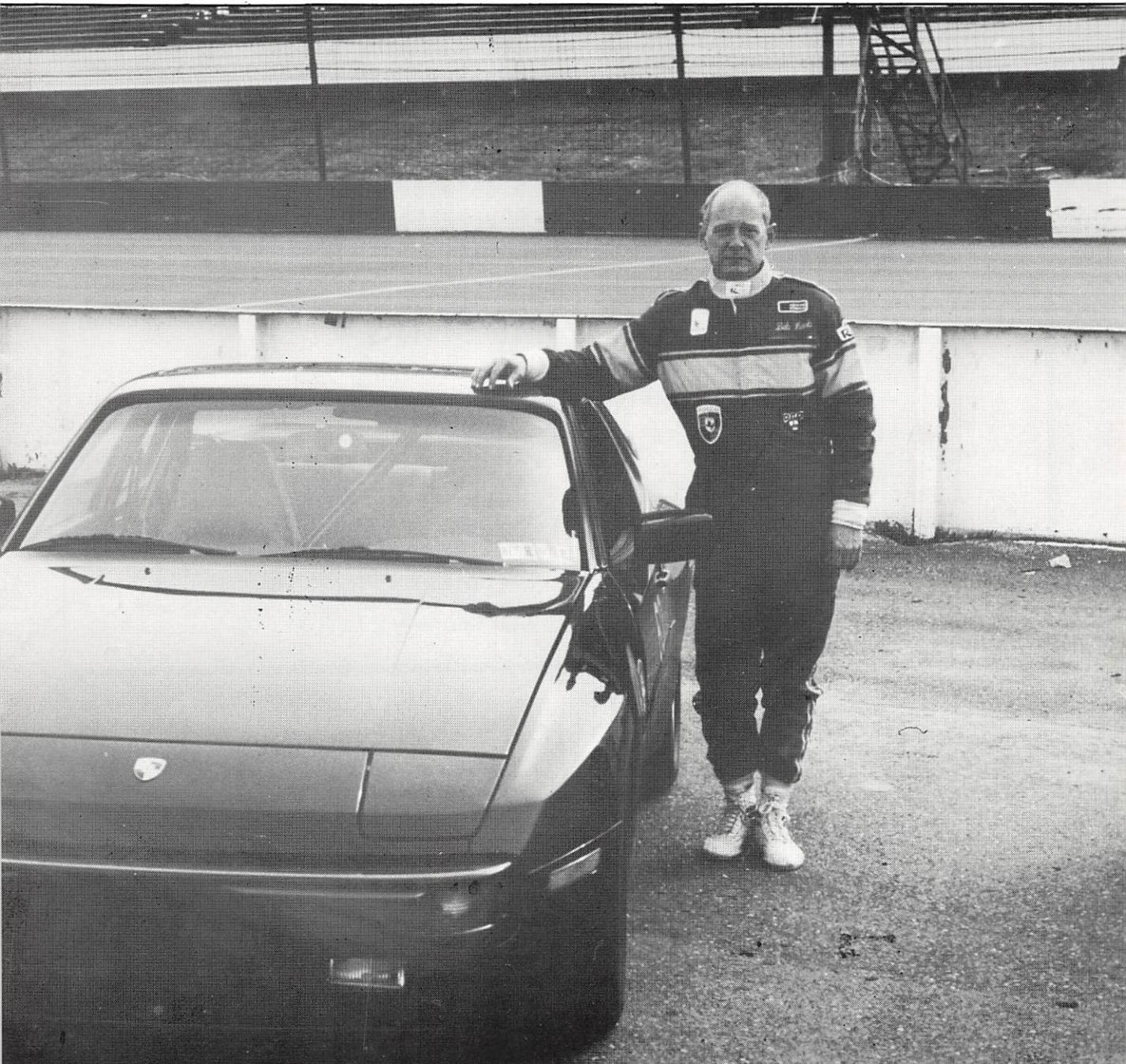


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by AL ANDERSON

I am happy to report all is going well with our club. My thanks to Richard Van Zijl for turning over the reigns in good shape.

The first issue of Der Gasser has been published, and well it was. Our autocross program will continue under the direction of Jim Confer. The van is for sale. Our social and competition calendar is filling up and I can feel a good year ahead of us.

Can you imagine a Porsche club having a drag race? What a twist, so mark your calendar, August 15, Maple Grove Dragway.

Our annual wine tasting has become our "Spring Social". (PCA National is frowning upon alcohol sponsored festivities.) Watch Der Gasser for time and place.

I want to thank Debbie Cooper for her nice article on the 30th Anniversary and hope all members from past years will help in her quest for memorabilia.

On another note, I would like to address a letter handed to me recently. I will, to the best of my abilities, run this club on behalf of all of its 555 members. It will be a well-rounded club. I will at all times try to be objective and address the interests of all its members, thus supporting all club activities, whether it be social, rally, autocross, track, or whatever.....

Call me, it's your club!

FEBRUARY MEETING

Boston Sea Party - Wednesday February 25th
by Bill O'Connell

The February meeting will be held at the Boston Sea Party. Our guest of honor is Jerry Nelson, former Playboy/Escort series driver and co-owner of Schneider/Nelson Porsche, Audi, Sterling in West Long Branch, NJ.

Jerry was part of a team that fielded a factory 944 turbo until two Corvettes, trying to reduce competition no doubt, ganged up on him and trashed the car. Jerry is not a stranger to RTR. He has

instructed at drivers schools and plans to attend more this year. Come out for a great meeting. See you there.

Directions. The Boston Sea Party is located on 611 at the Willow Grove exit of the PA Turnpike. From the turnpike, take 611 North. As you get on 611, you will see the restaurant across the divided road. Take 611 North to the first 'U' turn and come back on 611 South to the entrance.

March Meeting Notice

SWITCH TO PLAN B
by Bill O'Connell

The March meeting was canceled at Penske's request. They have a secret project going on and do not want a horde of people probing and poking around taking pictures for Autoweek. Very understandable! They are still willing to have a tour later in the year, so watch for an extra event. The new meeting is scheduled to be held at California Detailing. One VERY IMPORTANT item, they want a "goat" to show their stuff. Instead of volunteering my trusty old 944, I put on my good citizen hat and decided to raffle off the chance for a mega-buck detail of someone's Porsche for the good of the 30th (I warned you all at the meeting that I would be hawking stuff all year to support

this event). I will be selling chances for \$2.50 each at the FEBRUARY meeting so tell your friends. If you are not going to attend, give your money to a friend or contact Al Anderson or me to get your tickets. This is perfect timing, it is the end of March and spring is coming! What a great way to get your Porsche ready for the nice weather and not have to break your butt doing it. There is one catch - your car must have good basic paint (they can only do so much magic since they don't use mirrors), and you must be willing to leave it there to be completed the next day. Cheap price to pay for the superior job they do on cars. More details will follow in the next Der Gasser. Support the 30th.

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On The Cover - Bob Lamb at Pocono, Photo by John Acuff

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MEETINGS FOR 1987 by Bill O'Connell

The 1987 meeting schedule is listed below. Meetings are normally held on the LAST Wednesday of each month, the exception being special events. The regular meetings start at 8:00 with the business segment, followed by the guest or event. Due to our speakers volatile schedules, PLEASE do both of us a favor and check this for changes each month.

DATE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
02/25	BOS SEA PARTY	Jerry Nelson
03/25	CHANGED AT HOST'S REQUEST	
	Calif Detail	Show how to detail with examples
04/??	??	Spring Social Event
05/27	Holbert's	Talk by Al and tour both race shops
06/24	NTW	Tire Talk by major tire reps
07/29	BOS SEA PARTY	Round Table
08/28	Betsi March's	Cocktail Party
	29 Radnor Hunt	Dinner
	30 Hide-a-way	Picnic
09/30	BOS SEA PARTY	Bob Akin
10/??	??	Octoberfest
12/??	??	Christmas Dinner

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Transfer from Arizona

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Wayne, Pa.
'84 911

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'86 911 Targa

Joanne Walborn
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30th Anniversary

UPDATE

by Bill O'Connell

To keep you posted on what is going on, the dates for the various events so far are;

FEB - The Feb meeting will have a raffle to for a free detailing of a Porsche at the MARCH meeting. See accompanying article. We will also be taking orders for t-shirts, polo shirts and hats. Those that pre-order will get a discount.

APR - Pocono High Speed Drivers Training. This event kicks off the year and is the location of the only parade our region sponsored.

AUG - Friday the 28th. The weekend starts with a cocktail party at Betsi's house. It will be informal with plenty of food and drink.

Saturday. Late morning will be a rally put on by Skip Corey and Nancy Morgan. It will be a gimmick rally with no checkpoints (or will pop up as a gimmick?), and have a failsafe built in so no one can get lost. At four, Radnor Hunt will open with a car show of seldom seen cars. Al Holbert has promised at least one of his jewels and we are still looking for some more. There will also be displays of early RTR and Eastern Pennsylvania Region (our original name) stuff. The speakers will talk during the afternoon and up to dinner, which starts about 8:00. We are in the process of getting some pretty high powered speakers.

Sunday. The annual picnic complete with the Cooper's concour showing you just how dirty your car really is, softball, volleyball, and eats. All in the rain if tradition is to be upheld.

I am still looking for cars, and Debbie is still looking for artifacts so come on people. If have something, or know of something give one of us a call.

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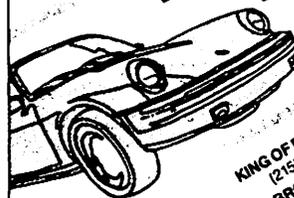
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- SEND TO:** Bob Lamb, Box 821, Valley Forge, Pa. 19482.
- REFUNDS:** Registration is refundable if notification is received prior to April 3, 1987. Call (215) 666-9200 (day) or (215) 687-4828 (night).
- OTHER:** Registration materials and information on accommodations near the track will be mailed approximately 3 weeks before the event.

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City.....	City.....
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Porsche Model.....Year.....Modifications.....	

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Second Driver Experience

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1987 DRIVING EVENTS

Local Autocross Events

by Vern Lyle

If you want to go autocrossing, there is no lack of events. Phila Region of Sports Car Club of America runs a 10-event series locally; Susquehanna Region runs 8-9 events at Gloucester County Community College and the Corvette Council runs a 6-event Fall Series at Hershey. Schedules will be available in the next month or so.

All the above groups run the published SCCA rules. Basically, in Stock classes, you can do the following to the car: Any DOT tire on the standard rim that does not extend beyond bodywork, and lowering is allowed.

In Street Prepared classes you can go a little further: Updating/backdating between the same series of car in the same class (this can get tricky - read the latest rules), intake systems are free, springs can be changed, sway bars and non-triangular strut braces are allowed, any wheel and any DOT tire is allowed and tires may extend past bodywork, fenders and bumpers may be modified for tire clearance.

SCCA being what it is, you must contend with a vague rulebook and mid-year rule "clarifications". Nobody's perfect, but they have the only game in town.

Our cars run in the following classes for this season:

- A Stock - all 911's, 914-6 and 356 4-cam
- B Stock - 944 Turbo, 924S and 928
- C Stock - 912 and 914 2.0
- D Stock - 944, 914 1.7 and 1.8, all other 356
- G Stock - 924 Turbo. Thru a typical oversight, they don't have the 924 listed anywhere - my guess would be here.

SCCA Solo I News

Tentative dates for NEDIV SCCA Solo I events for 1987 were first set at the November NEDIV Convention Meeting at Syracuse N.Y.

March 28/29 - DC Region SCCA plans a Solo I at Summit Point or a drivers school (not a Solo I) at Summit.

May 9/10 - NEPA Region SCCA is trying for the first running of Montage Hillclimb (The Ski Area approach road near Scranton). If it's not possible, then they will run Spring Weatherly Hillclimb as they did in 1986.

May 15, 16, or 17 - NEPA Region SCCA, Solo I at Pocono. This event and the May 9/10 hillclimb will not be on back-to-back weekends if both are held.

July 11/12 - NEPA Region SCCA - Giants Despair Hillclimb

August 22/23 - Blue Mountain Region SCCA - Duryea Hillclimb

October 11/12 - NEPA Region - Fall Weatherly Hillclimb. Weatherly will be on this date if the Blue/Gray Road Racing Classic is held on October 3/4 at Summit, but should the Blue/Gray move to October 10/11, Weatherly would then go to October 3/4.

Bill O'Connell and Jess Holshouser are the only Riesentoters I know of who are participating in this series. It's a great sport - ask Bill. Anyone interested contact Jess at 766-8201. Your car and your personal gear must be prepared and out fitted as tho you are going SCCA road racing.

Jess Holshouser





Drivers Ed '87

1987 promises to be a great year for Drivers Education Track Events. As of now Riesentoter has three events scheduled: April 10 - Pocono, July 25 and 26 at Summit Point, and October 3 and 4 at Watkins Glen. The application for Pocono is in this issue.

We are currently exploring the possibility of conducting a drag race event at Maple Grove Raceway, near Reading, Pennsylvania on August 15th. "A drag race?" you say. Porsches are not meant for drag strips. Right on! All the more reason to try it. Wouldn't you really like to know what kind of an E.T. you could turn? More later.

Other regions are scheduling many events at numerous tracks in our area this year. Ron Fox is scheduling two events at Bridgehampton, one in May and one in September. A tentative schedule is shown nearby.

Best of luck surviving the winter. See you at Pocono.

Bob Lamb

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Tentative 1987 Track Events

These events are subject to change and more may be added. For more information on an event, contact the chairperson of the proper committee. For events not sponsored by RTR, contact the club holding the event. IT IS IMPORTANT that you respond early for all events as many fill on the first day of registration.

Events at Watkins Glen, Summit Point, Lime Rock, etc. are all High Speed, and when sponsored by a PCA region, are classified as a High Speed Driving School.

All events are run by PCA regions unless marked with an "*".

Prior to RTR driving events, we will hold a tech session to check out your car. Watch for the time and place.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	
MAR 14 & 15	Summit Point	NNJR	Open
21 & 22	Summit Point	POT	
26, 27 & 28	Lime Rock	CVR	
APR 10	Pocono	RTR	
10 & 11	Lime Rock	METRO	
24 & 25	Lime Rock	NNJR	Closed
MAY 1, 2 & 3	Bridgehampton *	Ron Fox	
14, 15 & 16	Lime Rock	CVR & SHATT	
30 & 31	Pocono	NNJR	
JUN 5, 6 & 7	Watkins Glen	Zone 1	Open
6 - 7	Charlotte	POT	
27 & 28	Mosport	NNJR	Open
JUL 5	Summit Point	POT	
9	Lime Rock	CVR	
24	Lime Rock	SHATT	
25 & 26	Summit Point	RTR	
AUG 15 & 16	Watkins Glen	NNJR	Open
15	Maple Grove	RTR	
20	Lime Rock	CVR	
27	Lime Rock	METRO	
28 & 29	Lime Rock	NNJR	Closed
SEP 9, 10, & 11	Watkins Glen	Niagara	PCA
12 & 13	Summit Point	POT	
18, 19 & 20	Bridgehampton *	Ron Fox	
OCT 3 & 4	Pocono	NNJR	Open
"	Watkins Glen	RTR	
4	Summit Point	POT	
24 & 25	Summit Point	NNJR	Open
29	Lime Rock	CVR	
30	Lime Rock	H-C	
31	Lime Rock	SHATT	
NOV 5, 6 & 7	Lime Rock	CVR	
14 & 15	Summit Point	POT	

BOOK REVIEW

"Panorama-The First Twenty Five Years"

I haven't written a book report since sister Rita Chita's class in 7th grade so maybe I'll call this a book review and go to the back of the class. The book I read is actually a compilation of the best articles from a monthly magazine but it's hard bound and maybe my teacher will think its a real book and give me enough credit to get through English I.

The magazine is Porsche Panorama and the book is entitled "Porsche Panorama - The First Twenty Five Years". If you want to treat yourself to some interesting reading during these long cold winter nights and weekends, here's the ticket!

"Porsche Panorama - The First Twenty Five Years" is divided into seven parts: Articles On New Porsches, Porsche People, PCA Events, Competition, Porsche Features, Porsche Humor And Historical Notes (ie. How the oldest 911 in the U.S. has over 300,000 miles). What the editors tried and succeeded in doing was to select articles that capture the personal touch of Pano that isn't available in other general enthusiast magazines.

In the section on new Porsches one of the most interesting articles details how the author picks up his Treffen driven 1960 super 90 Roadster from the steamship company and then proceeds to drive it home and preps the car himself - remove the protective paint sealant, wash and wax, adjust the valves and carbs. (This is obviously before dealer prep was invented!) He then compares this car to his previous Porsches both on the road and on the track. After reading about his experiences you realize that people like this were the enthusiasts who laid the foundation for what PCA is today. Because these articles were written from a mid fifties and early sixties viewpoint you become aware of how revolutionary the early Porsches were when compared to their competition at the time.

Congratulations to Don and Doris Reinhard on their 20 years in PCA.

The competition section highlights PCA at it's infancy when a group of amateurs with names like Holbert, Underwood, Jennings and Pupildy were fighting the odds to take the checkered flag at regional events for this small sports car manufacturer named Porsche. The articles describe how Porsche, not even a decade in the car building business was already making inroads at major events like Sebring, Laguna Seca, and Daytona.

One of the most enjoyable facets of the book was that a number of articles were written by Chuck Beidler, a Riesentoter member and former editor of Pano, and there are also a number of articles about RTR members. All you "Track Heads" would love to read Charlie's article about Horace Ott's trip to the Glen in '57 to run his street speedster in some SCCA races. Entitled "Amateurs Go To The Glen" Charlie describes how Horace prepared the car "so stock it hurt". Set the valves, change the oil, tape the lights, add air to the tires and lets go! There are also articles about Bob Holbert, Bruce Jennings (two) and Bret Everett, a former RTR member from Doylestown who ran successfully in the SCCA in the mid sixties.

I hope I've conveyed the good feeling that you get from reading this book and I know you won't be disappointed if you add this book to your automotive library. Anyway, your seventh grade teacher would have told you to read something more scholastic so you know it has to be good.

Skip Corey

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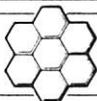
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AUTOCROSSING - AN OPEN LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND RIESENTOTER
MEMBERSHIP

by Betsi Marsh Leidy

I read the comments concerning autocrossing contained in Al Anderson's president's message in the January Der Gasser with considerable consternation. At issue is whether Riesentoter should continue to run autocross events beyond the annual pre-season school and Porsche-Corvette Challenge. Al has requested feedback from the membership; since I am an avid autocrosser and strongly oppose discontinuation of the program, I would like to present the other side of the coin, so to speak.

I whole-heartedly agree with Al that our autocross program needs a shot in the arm - but how has this situation developed? I doubt that lack of interest is a factor. Certainly, there are not as many avid autocrossers in Riesentoter as there are track enthusiasts - but this alone is not a sound rationale for curtailing the program. I think the problem lies in the failure of old and new autocrossers alike to support their own program through attendance at events, articles in Der Gasser, etc. The latter is an excellent example - with the exception of some fine articles by Vern Lyle and a few others, the autocross enthusiasts (including myself) have been mute in spreading the word of the joys - and pitfalls - of this sport. Regarding the poor attendance at this year's events - again, I don't think this reflects lack of interest, merely the fact that there were problems with advance notice of the events in Der Gasser. One need only look to 1985, when autocross attendance was so good, an extra event was added. Together, these observations suggest that yes, the program does need a good shot in the arm (or seat of the pants), but that the patient is not dead yet.

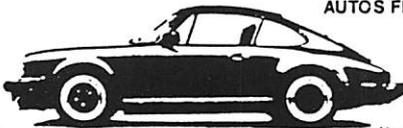
Riesentoter exists because we own Porsches and love to drive them - eliminate autocrossing and except for an annual rally, members are left with a single opportunity, i.e. high-speed events, to drive aggressively and competitively (and oh yes, legally) - and high-speed is not everyone's cup of tea. The continuation of the Porsche-Corvette Challenge and the pre-season school as a compromise situation would be a joke, because without an active autocross program, who would want to compete? We need to develop autocrossers, not pretend they don't exist. As a veteran of the SCCA program, I'd rather get my feet wet and practice autocrossing among Riesentoter friends than in front of 100 - 150 strangers at Plymouth Meeting Mall. And speaking of getting your feet wet, who can deny that autocrossing serves as a starting point for those who are interested in, but not yet ready to make the jump to, track events?

To my knowledge (and I could be mistaken on this), an autocross does not cost the club any money, just the time of those responsible for staging the event, and we have never seemed to lack willing helpers. Plus we have had great support from the folks at Autofest. So what if attendance isn't overwhelming? We haven't lost anything, and those who attend surely enjoy an afternoon of fraternity and sociability with fellow Riesentoters. I know that I will do whatever I can to help maintain the autocross program. I would ask the executive committee not to make any hasty decisions concerning autocrossing, and to solicit opinions from the members, perhaps through a questionnaire mailed with Der Gasser. Concomitantly, I would ask the members to participate in and support the program and let your support be known to the executive committee.



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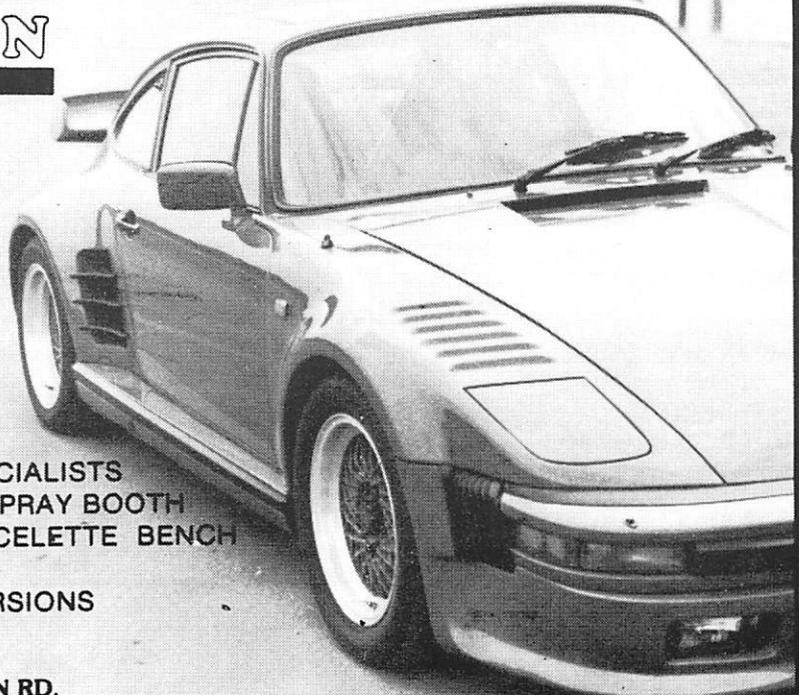
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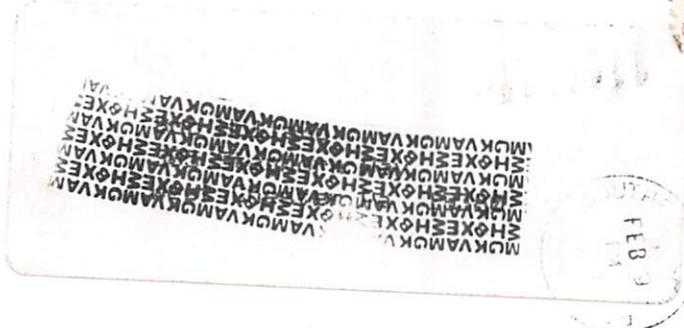
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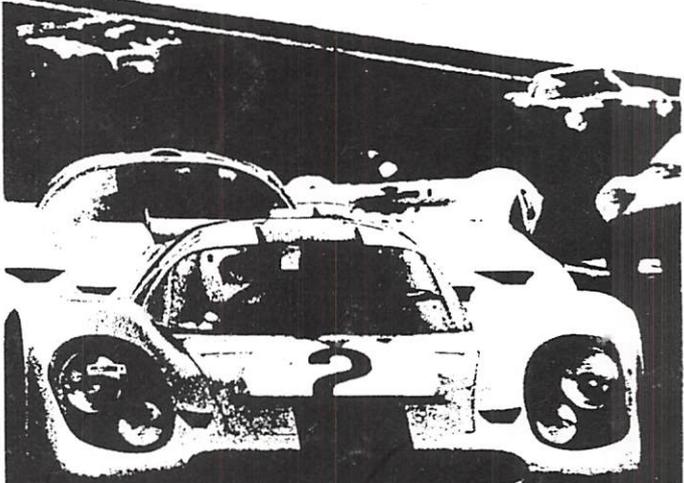


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