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"The Line"

Dick Fidler-President

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and that the New Year has started off well. Were there any new Porsche's under the Christmas tree this year? I certainly hope so but there wasn't one under MY tree although I saw a couple of pictures of the Boxster S that really got me excited. This is one beautiful car. Except for Mikee's Turbo, I can't think of another Porsche that I would rather have.

We have another year ahead of the region and another opportunity for the membership to have some input into the direction of the region. I have had some interest expressed recently in having the region hold a one day Driver Education at Roebing Road. Please let me know how extensive this interest is. Please contact me ASAP so that we can start making inquiries at Roebing Road. What about Autocross or rally? Any interest there? Let us know what you think the club can do to make it more enjoyable for you.

At the Christmas party/meeting, we did not select a place for January's meeting. Since the meeting, we have decided to hold it at Angelina's in Perry. We hope to see you there.

I am including the article describing the car and I have a couple of pictures that I hope can also be included.

Special Edition Boxster® S Celebrates 50 Years of the 550 Spyder

ATLANTA, GA, Nov. 21, 2003 - Porsche® has announced the creation of an exclusive 2004 Boxster S model designed to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the legendary Porsche 550 Spyder. To be unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in early January 2004, the new "50 Years of the 550 Spyder" Boxster S reflects the spirit of one of Porsche's most famous models.

The Boxster is styled after the 550 Spyder, with similar bodylines, mid-engine roadster configuration, low weight, excellent agility, and a high level of driving pleasure. The new commemorative Boxster S further reflects this classic Porsche model with performance enhancements and additional styling cues not previously available on Boxster models. For added performance, the new Boxster S edition is equipped with the most powerful engine ever offered in the Boxster model line. Rated at 264 horsepower (SAE), the 3.2-liter flat-six cylinder power plant propels the car from 0 to 62 mph (100 km/h) in 5.7 seconds, and to a top track speed of 165 mph (266 km/h). Sportier suspension settings, 5 mm-wide wheel spacers on all four wheels, and standard 18-inch Carrera wheels improve handling, while a 15 percent shorter shift travel in the standard six-speed manual transmission provides quicker gear shifting. (Cont. Pg 4)

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“FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT”

Mike Braunstein -Editor Temporarus

Chit Chat for the New Year

Happy Gnu Yere. Better late than never. For those of you who happen to be a little observant, and actually read some of this drivel that I write, you will have noticed that this is Ocmulgee Regions 29th year of existence. Hopefully the region isn't a dinosaur and go extinct before it celebrates #30. We still have one of the founding fathers in our region, Pete Wrigley, Member Foreverus. Pete has started getting active in autocrossing and drivers eds. Shows you can teach an ole dogg new tricks. Now is the time that we need to make some plan to have an event to celebrate our anniversary that will include ALL Ocmulgee members. Whoa, what a concept. Actually have the members who spend their money for the Pano come out to an event. Sure would be nice to see 80+ members and family show up with their cars. I would ask for suggestions but that would mean getting off your duff and actually sending an Email or note to one of the officers or me. I hate to get you involved in YOUR region. More fun spending your dues money. Sarcastic little sob, ain't I?

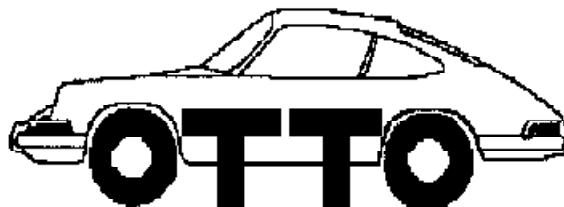
Dick is seeking interest in running a one day drivers ed at Roebing. This is not a cheap thing but if done properly can be a lot of fun and make some dollars for the treasury. It will also give you a chance to do a drivers ed in a no pressure situation. The past ones that we did got the participants an amazing amount of track time for a one day event. Usually the Monday before a track race is the most successful. If you “think” you might like to participate or assist, let Dick know. Rats, another concept of folks having fun. I gotta quit this.

Florida Citrus Region has a drivers ed on February 21-22, 2004. See page 51 of the Dec. Pano for information. If you are planning to attend, we can do it as a group, if we know who is going. Peachstate has the PCA racing at Road Hotlanta on April 3-4th. We usually caravan there on Sunday the 4th to watch. A fun day for the family. Parade is in Fort Worth this year. Don't know if I'll go since it is starting on the 4th of July and I have another convention in Seattle plus the family reunion the same weekend. I'm not certain I want to be in Texas in July anyway. Florida was bad enough but the rain kept the temps down and all outdoor activities were over by about 1 in the afternoon. Decisions, decisions.

I usually list my resolutions for the coming year in this issue. I have decided to forego the usual predictions which never work out anyway. I will say that I hope during the next year, and several-no, a whole lot, of future years will see me alive and not on life support. I hate to think that I have to do a newsletter from intensive care.

Oh, did I mention that I quit being Editor?? See you next time.....

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Boxster Spyder(Cont.)

As most 550 Spyders were painted silver, the new special edition Boxster S is finished in GT Silver Metallic, a color only found on the Carrera GT and "40 Years of the 911" models. The soft top is in Cocoa, a dark brown color used by Porsche for the first time. For additional visual emphasis, wheel spokes are painted in Seal Grey, a colored Porsche crest adorns each wheel hub cover, and the monoblock brake calipers have an aluminum paint finish. Other exclusive exterior styling features include silver-painted grills above the rear strut openings, a specially created stainless steel tailpipe, chrome plated and polished Boxster S lettering on the rear deck lid, and safety bar padding that matches the car's interior. Cocoa and GT Silver dominate the car's special interior with matching carpet and floor mats featuring the Porsche script logo. The center panels of the standard heated seats, handbrake lever, gear lever gate, ball-shaped aluminum gearshift knob, inside door handles, and padded sport steering wheel are covered in Cocoa colored leather. The rear section of the center console, handbrake lever, grooved bar on the dashboard, switch panel, and the back of the safety bars are painted in GT Silver Metallic. Instruments are uniquely styled with black faces surrounded by chrome plated decorative rings.

Other standard features include Porsche Stability Management (PSM), an on-board computer, Litronic headlamps with dynamic beam angle adjustment and a cleaning system, and a wind stop. The Tiptronic® S automatic transmission system, GT Silver seat back shells, and Dark Gray natural leather interior (at no extra cost and with corresponding black top and carpets) complete the short list of options. Named after its corresponding internal design project number, the 550 Spyder was the first Porsche sports car created exclusively with racing in mind. Among its numerous racing successes was a class victory in the 1954 Carrera Panamericana - the famed Mexican road race. Triumphs such as this contributed to the Porsche brand fame and its current familiarity among the general public.

Production of the new Boxster S edition is limited to 1953 units to commemorate the 550 Spyder's introduction at the 1953 Paris Motor Show. A limited-edition plate on the center console indicates the Anniversary car's production number. The new Boxster S model will go on sale in the United States and Canada in March 2004 at a price of \$59,900 US and \$85,300 CAN.

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TREFFEN is the official PCA tour to Germany and the Porsche factory. This year PCA will offer two TREFFENs. The first is June 16-21, and the other is September 22-29. Both TREFFENs visit the Zuffenhausen factory and include hot laps at Weissach. The September TREFFEN also visits Leipzig. TREFFEN is open to all PCA members and their friends and families.

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Welcome to New Members To Ocmulgee Region

The following new members joined or transferred to Ocmulgee during Nov/Dec 2003

Jeff and Berit England of Grovetown who drive a Silver 1988 944.

Andrew Wetherington & Dr. Sandra Mager of Jesup who drive a Blue 2002 Boxster.

James and Annick Woodlock of Warner Robins who drive a 1974 white 914.

Frank and Diane Downing of Augusta who drive a 1986 944 (transferred from Musik Stadt)

Welcome all and we hope you can make our meetings so we can get to know you.

The January Board of Directors Meeting and Dinner will be held 7 PM, January 13th (2nd Tuesday) at Angelinas Italian Garden Cafe, I-75 & US 341, Perry, Georgia. Restaurant is located just west of I-75 next to the Comfort Inn.

The February Board of Directors Meeting and Dinner will be held 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 10th at Logan's Roadhouse, Watson Blvd., Warner Robins. Located on south side of Watson across Watson Blvd. from the Cracker Barrel and Lowes.



**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S
REPORT
Rose Fidler**

January 13, 2004

<u>Beginning Balance:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Balance as of	09/30/03	\$ 2,015.05
November/December Pusher & Postage		- <u>81.82</u>
		\$ 1,933.23
PCA Region Rebate –EFT	10/15/03	+ 182.00
PCA Region Rebate –EFT	11/14/03	+ 200.00
Ending Balance as of 11/30/03		\$2,315.23

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Rose Fidler

(For December Christmas Party)

We had our Christmas Party on December 6, 2003 held at Monique's German Restaurant. We once again had some delicious German food. We did not have a formal meeting but Mike Braunstein, our Editor-in-Chief and Santa, gave each of the Ladies a pair of Porsche earrings. Mike also awarded several door prizes that were quite nice.

We all enjoyed the company of our fellow club members. In addition, Dick Kjellson, Zone 3 Representative arrived somewhat late. He and his wife Carol were returning from Florida and they joined us. They had attended another function in Zone 3 and headed out to Tennessee and beyond for more parties that weekend.

Our January 13th dinner/meeting will be at Angelina's Italian Restaurant in Perry at 7:00 PM. See our Editor's-In-Chief's Article for direction.

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OCMULGEE REGION CALENDAR

JANUARY 2004

**13 OCMULGEE BUSINESS MEETING, 7PM
at Angelina's Italian Garden Cafe, I-75 and
US 341, Perry, Ga.**

FEBRUARY 2004

**10 OCMULGEE BUSINESS MEETING, 7
PM at Logan's Road House, Watson Blvd,
Warner Robins, GA. South side of the street
across from Cracker Barrel, Lowes and Home
Depot**

MARCH 2004

9 OCMULGEE BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 2004

13 OCMULGEE BUSINESS MEETING

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Treffen (Cont.)

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PCA regions or zones may block space on a Treffen for their membership. For every 12 group participants one free space will be awarded on the basic Treffen only (free space does not apply to Porsche Travel Club portions/extensions or specially-designed extensions). The group organizer will determine if he/she will take the free space or if it will be divided among the members.

PCA regions and zones can also request a pre- or post-Treffen extension designed just for them for a minimum of eight (8) participants. This could be a three-day tour to Munich, Zell am See, and Gmund; a two-day visit to Nurburgring and environs; a two-day Rhine cruise; or a visit to another country. **A nonrefundable deposit of \$500 is required to begin this process. The total deposit will be applied to the group's special tour if it materializes.** Extension tours can be in any price range from 'ultra deluxe' to 'dirt cheap'.

A discount of 10% will also be provided for PCA members who have made a significant contribution to the promotion of Treffen. This includes Chris who designs the ads for PANO at no charge, and other helpful individuals identified by Bob Miller.



Porsche's Spyder Boxster S

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