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"The Line"

Dick Fidler-President

The days are getting longer and the days are getting warmer but I think we still have a few more good weeks before the hot days are here. In the meantime, we should take advantage of all the outdoor time that we can get.

One of the best ways to do that is with your Porsche. There are several recent events and several more upcoming events that you have either attended or might want to attend before the weather gets too difficult.

This past month we had a Driver's Education at Roebbling Road (which several of our members took advantage of) and the Rennsport event in Florida which several of our members also took advantage of. Hopefully there will be an article in this issue from Kent Barnard but he MAY not be able to get it in to publication before the deadline for the June issue. If not, I am sure he will try for the August issue.

Next month, the Walter Mitty weekend will be held at Road Atlanta on April 30 – May 2. If you enjoy seeing some older cars, this is a good one to attend. Several of the big name sponsors will be attending and there will be lots of things to see even if you get tired of watching the racing. This will be the 27th Annual Mitty Challenge and there will be a variety of historically significant race cars on hand for the event.

Dick Kjellson, out Zone 3 rep, has been sending out a lot of information about things in the PCA world as well as local events. One of those things is the ending of his current term as Zone 3 rep at the end of this year. His purpose is to find out if anyone is interested in this prestigious position. I hope he will continue as our rep but there may be someone else that wants to take a stab at it. If so, send Dick an e-mail at pcazone3rep@earthlink.net. Dick also sent out a notice that there was a recall on Kumho ECSTA V710 tires race tires. They have been banned from some SCCA events and pulled by the distributors. If you have a set of these tires, contact Kumho about getting replacement tires.

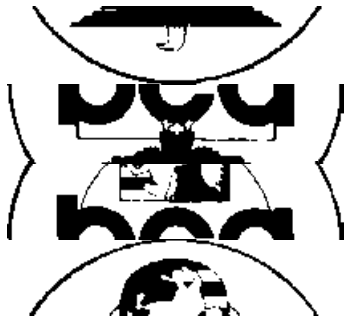
Two additional May events are the May 8th - Peachstate Tech Session at the BBS plant next to Road Atlanta and the May 22nd - Automobile Atlanta Swap Meet in Marietta. Contact www.autoatlanta.com/swap for additional information.

Last, but not least, you should try to get a copy of the Porsche Carrera GT road test article that appeared in a recent Autoweek magazine. For those of you that have an extra \$400,000+ lying around, you can get 605-HP, 435 ft-lbs torque coming from a V-10 engine from your local Porsche dealer. The car weighs just over 3000 pounds so the 0-60 time should be pretty good also.

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“FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT”
Mike Braunstein -Editor Temporarus
Empty Nest Syndrome

Betsy is gone. By the time most of you read this Betsy, my '88 Cab, will have left her nice warm spot of 14 years in my garage and ventured forth in the state of Florida. Fourteen years is a long time to raise a car and she gave me some fits and some really great times. Guess that is the way it is. I have owned Betsy longer than any other car and it almost seems like she was part of the family before I even got my license.

I had taken her to many DE's and even more autocrosses. She always did her best and never once let me down. She performed well in almost every state east of the Mississippi and even in Canada at the Mt. Treblant Parade. Although I haven't had her top down in almost 4 years, she was still fun to ride around in the evenings.

Speaking of DE's, Pete Wrigley, Bill Gresham, Jeff England and I attended the Roebing Road DE in mid April. Dr. Jim Chapman was there on Friday with his race car. The picture on the last page of the custom body work is the result of kissing the wall after turn 9. My theory is that the sway bar bracket on the rear broke causing a spinout and the back end hitting the wall. Along with the side and front scraping it to a stop. If you own a 83-89 Carrera, check those brackets for tearing. Even a small fracture line should be welded. There are aftermarket kits which weld to the originals to reinforce them.

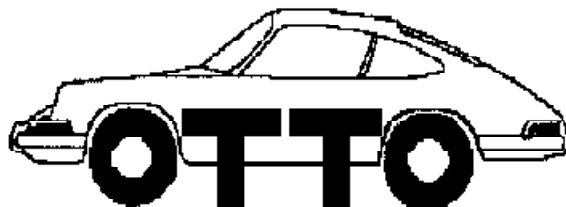
It is getting rather hot for doing DEs right now but if you are game, have at it. The experience is one of the highlights of owning a Porsche and it is the only place you can break interstate speeds without looking for the blue lights.

Remember that the monthly membership meetings are just that. Meetings for the membership to get together. The Board conducts some business, mainly letting folks know what is coming up and where the next meeting is. If you have anything you want to discuss, bring it to the meeting. It won't be long before we are looking for NEW officers, including the Editor's job. The announcement will be in the July issue. Please consider offering your services. While I'm on that subject, if anyone in our region wants to host a meeting or event, even a tour (Rose especially likes shopping), let us know. There are a bunch of us who would love to go to another area and play tourist. The group in Columbus did this for us one time and we had a ball.

That's the word from my place for this time. I am off to the garage to look at the blank space that was once occupied by my oldest daughter. Now you know why the title is what it is. It is definitely hard to let one of your children spread their wings and go out on their own. Maybe she will write. See you next time.....



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Scenes from Florida Crown's DE at Roebing Road, April 17, 2004



Bill Gresham wondering how his helmet goes on.



Dr. Jim Chapman gave Marina Blomberg of the Gainesville, Fl Sun Newspaper her first ride in a race car. Yes, her knuckles were white.



Marina (Green) & Cindy "Spindy" Hill (Instructor) do their version of a Chinese Fire Drill. Cindy had never driven a Turbo.

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Welcome to New Members To Ocmulgee Region

The following new members joined or transferred to Ocmulgee during Jan/Feb 2004.

Michael & Bonnie Haney of Thomasville who drive a 1998 Silver 993 C2S.

Michael & Rita Macfee of Augusta who drive a 1989 Graphite 911 Targa.

Joesph & Marcia Barnes Jr. of Centerville who drive a 2000 Boxster.
Transferred from Suncoast Florida.

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

The May Membership Meeting and Dinner will be held 7 PM, Tuesday, May 11th at Mandarin Chinese Restaurant, 3086 Riverside Drive at Northside Drive, Macon. This is the old Steak & Ale Building on the corner. You can get off I-75 at Arkwright Rd. and head South (toward town) on Riverside. It will be on your right where the road widens to 4+ lanes.

The June Membership Meeting and Dinner will be held 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 8th at Moniques German Restaurant, 713 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, GA. The restaurant is directly across the street from the Civic Center 6 blocks west of the Air Force Base and Ga. Hiway 247.



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

<u>Beginning Balance:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Balance as of	01/31/04	\$ 2,457.41
Christmas Party Expense		- \$ 60.00
State Registration Fee		- \$ 30.00
March /April Pusher & Postage		- \$ <u>81.82</u>
 Ending Balance as of 04/30/04		 \$2,285.59

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Rose Fidler

(For March 9th Dinner Meeting at Peppercorn's in Fort Valley) and April 13th Dinner Meeting at Monique's German Restaurant in Warner Robins)

We had our March meeting at Peppercorn's with 10 Attendees. There were changes on the Menu and they have expanded with large capacity room in the back where we had our meeting and the privacy we could not have at the other places. There were several issues discussed; some of the upcoming events we had on our February Porsche Pusher.

Our April meeting at Monique's was great! The food was outstanding. We had appetizers we did not have before our meals and 'On the House' German coffee; couple of our guys enjoyed the 'Oberdorfer Weiss' German Beer. We enjoyed the food and the service we'll have the June 8th meeting again.

Here are the rest of the Upcoming Events in May:

Roebing Road	05/21	Hosted By SeatTime
	05/22 – 05/23	Hosted By QuattroClub
	05/29 – 05/30	Hosted By ChinMotorsports

Some of you who might be interested: 13th Annual OCMULGEE Wild Hog Festival in Abbeville, GA. Sponsored by Ocmulgee Festival, Inc. I-75, Exit 101 – 30 miles East of Cordele on Hwy. 280. For more INFO call: (229) 423-5500 – Antique Car Show; (229) 424-9158 – Car Show (Night Number). Free Parking, Admission: \$2, Kids 10 and Under \$1. EVENTS: Entertainment All Day, Music – Singing, Clogging, Over 150 Craft & Food Booths & Others. The next month's (May 11th) Dinner Meeting will be at the Mandarin – 3086 Riverside Drive in Macon. Restaurant Manager: Jack Chang: (478) 477-5728. ROSE

The Line (Cont.)

Well, I have just about exhausted my word quota for this issue so I will stop for a while and hope to see you at the next meetings. We have received the OCM region Sport shirts and they can be picked up (those that haven't already gotten them) at the next meeting. They are really nice. Dick

OCMULGEE REGION CALENDAR

MAY 2004

11 OCMULGEE MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7 PM, Madarin Chinese Restaurant, 3086 Riverside Drive, Macon

JUNE 2004

5 SCCA Autocross Novice School-10 AM,
Warner Robins High School Stadium Parking
Lot.

6 SCCA Autocross, 10 AM, Warner Robins High
School Stadium Parking Lot.

**8 OCMULGEE MEMBERSHIP MEETING-
7 PM, Moniques German Restaurant, 713
Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA**

JULY 2004

4-10 PORSCHE PARADE-FT. WORTH, TX

11 SCCA Autocross, 10 AM, Warner Robins
High School Stadium Parking Lot.

13 OCMULGEE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 2005

10 OCMULGEE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2004

14 OCMULGEE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OTHER REGIONS

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For other regions events and
links to PCA functions.



A bad day at the track is better than a good one at work.

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