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Chattanooga Choo-Choo
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 Feb. 16-18 2007

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TIRES, CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE!

The trip to Porsche Parade turned out to be a bit more interesting than I anticipated. My wife Gretchen, Alice Van Ryan, and I decided to go to the Parade this year in Portland, Oregon. I was going to serve as the timer for Bruce Anderson's team of concours judges and Alice was the timer for Ruben Ledesma's concours team. The trip was great, beautiful weather, nice hotel, and acres of BEAUTIFUL cars. It is real easy to overdose the Porsche part of your brain (for us guys I think that is about 85%) when surrounded by so many cars, all of which you want, naturally!!

Anyway, here we are in the goodie store buying tee shirts, as if I actually needed them. Let me think ... is this my 32nd or 33rd Porsche shirt?? I am running out of interest (and money) so I suggest to Gretchen (you never TELL your wife what to do) that we go. As we are walking out of the goodie store Gretchen sees a table with a sign the says something like "Register Here for Free Tires". Well, Gretchen turns to me and says "Aren't you going to sign up for these tires". My response was "No, I NEVER win anything". Now, you have to understand that my lovely wife not only saves coupons, but has them organized into files! What does that tell you? So, you can see why Gretchen's response to me was "Wait, wait, I AM going to sign you up". Was that sweet or what? So, I patiently wait while Gretchen fills out the little slip of paper and stuffs it into the jar; I thinking, " You know, I could be out there sniffing the tires (?) of some beautiful car, but NOOOO we're here wasting time". Alice walks up, Gretchen turns to her and says "Aren't you going to fill out a slip?" and Alice says "No, I never win anything, I'm just unlucky". At this point I need to tell you something that I think some in the club already know, Alice and I are cousins. It is obvious that we both carry the same "stupid gene"!! The rest of our stay was great and by the time I settled into the seat for the return flight I had completely forgotten about the tires.

About 3 or 4 weeks after we got back a large envelope from PCA arrives at the house. Gretchen calls me at work. "You'll never guess what just came in the mail", "What?" I say, "You won 4 Bridgestone tires at Parade!". " WWWHHHAAATTT!!!", I say. The certificate says 4 tires up to a value of \$1440.00; you can get pretty nice tires for that! Now the dilemma, if you can imagine there might be a dilemma. Do I get the tires for my 911 or for Gretchen's BMW? Hummmmmmmmmmm. There are lessons here. First, something like this covers most, or all, of the trip. Nice! Second, Alice has learned a lesson. Third, more from the Magnolia Region need to go to Parade and win more stuff.

--Regards to everyone, Duane E. Haines

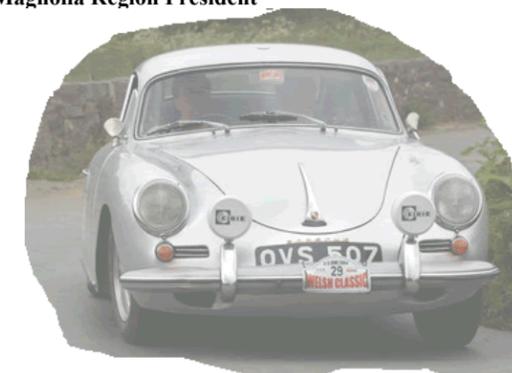
Dear Mag Region members:

On Saturday, October 21st, we will be gathering with our cars to take a friendly drive from Jackson to the Windsor Ruins. The itinerary is below courtesy of Julius Ridgeway. We will meet in the BRAVO! parking lot in Highland Village at 9:30 AM and depart soon thereafter for a "leisurely" drive to the ruins, where we will have a picnic lunch courtesy of Broad Street Baking Company (sorry for all the gratuitous plugs!). Please join us, as this should be a whole bunch of fun.

P.S.- Please help me spread the word to all club members. I will also need ya'll to RSVP with me so we know approximately how many lunches to pack.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, October 21st!

**Dan Blumenthal
 Magnolia Region President**



Here is the suggested route:
 9:30 Meet in Bravo parking lot (or another suitable location)
 Head south, go to Hwy 49 South (15 min)
 Take 49 S to D'Lo (30 min)
 Exit D'Lo Hwy 13
 Take Hwy 43 to Pinola (30 min)
 Turn right on Hwy 28, pass Strong River Camp
 Stay on Hwy 28 thru Hazlehurst, under I-55 overpass, continue west (30 min)
 Turn right on Hwy 547, continue to Port Gibson (30 min)
 From Port Gibson, take 552 (I think, but if that's not it, I know the way) to Windsor Ruins (15 min)
 12:00 Picnic lunch at Windsor Ruins (1 hr)
 Return home via Hwy 18 or Natchez Trace (1:30)

Should be home by 2:30
 Total estimated time: 5:00 hours

PEACHSTATE REGION FALL RENNIFEST

Sometimes one looks at those Porsche keys hanging by the door, and the idea of driving somewhere, anywhere, becomes overpowering. The grocery store's no good—you've already been twice. You've also topped off the fuel and stopped for a cone at Sonic. Starkville, a rather small town, just doesn't offer much cruising. Cruising!?! How desperate can one get.

Well, I was about to reach my breaking point when I got the notice that the Peachstate region was opening their Rennfest to outsiders in northern Georgia, so I jumped at it. Perfect I thought! We will jump in the '85 Carrera Thursday night, have a restful night in Birmingham, then head out to Chattanooga, through the mountains to North Carolina, and down to Clayton Georgia (just over the border) to the Kingwood Golf Resort. Okay, I don't play golf anymore, but no matter, the place was perfect for the Porsche crowd—hilly, green, manicured flowerbeds, and a keg already tapped. We arrived to a parking lot of porsches, from 914s to early and mid-911s, to Boxsters and later 911s, including GT3s, even a couple of 356s. Very nice! Boy it sure beats driving to the store in Starkvegas. Besides a great venue, the Peachstate hosts were very welcoming. Of course I already knew some of them from Parade, so that helped, but I could have been a complete stranger and felt like I belonged. But, that's what Porsches will do—start friendships.



The planning of the Rennfest was outstanding; everything was in order when we arrived: room, daily schedule, goodie bag, and plenty to talk about as we looked over the events planned for the next few days. Clearly the rally through the mountains of Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina would be great. (Yes, Dick Kjellsen made sure that his route took in all four states.) As it turned out the drive was magnificent, but we didn't do it on the day of the rally. No, we left the starting point and once

north of Clayton ran into a traffic jam—some sort of accident several miles up the road stacked up traffic for over an hour. That pretty much shoots one's time on the first leg. Anyway, the porsches sitting in the heat were tested as well. Mine idled the temperature up to 225 degrees, which isn't too bad, but the 930 ahead of me started smoking through the lid. He finally waved goodbye and headed back to Kingwood. I later found out that his had reached 300 degrees. Ouch!! A cold beer was probably the cure—for the driver at least. We hung in there a little longer, but finally gave it up, then drove the route (at our leisure) the next day. Beautiful!! Of course, the penalty for not running the rally on the correct day meant that I had to stop at antique shops along the way. Connie, my wife and navigator, handled all the antique check-points. With such a beautiful drive, I didn't mind. We found some interesting things and met some very friendly people.



Without a doubt the cours d'elegance was the most exciting event because it was my first one. I entered the "French" concours which, by definition, is a judging of overall appearance. Okay, that's reasonable—no white gloves. Well, not so fast Marcel. They not only did a once over, but went throughout the car. I was docked for "lent" on the carpet!! I hadn't planned on such a thorough judging, so I left road maps, jackets, umbrellas, etc. and lost several points. BUT, the little Carrera is a looker, and got 4th place anyway. I could have won first!!! The Peachstate people did it right, though. I received a very nice etched glass trophy (my first) and a ribbon. I was more than pleased, and the banquet celebration/awards ceremony was very nice, especially when I was called forward, and they said "from the Magnolia Region" A proud moment to represent the Porsche faithful back in Mississippi. I was pleased with that.

Next year, let's all go. It's an easy drive, good location, and 60 some cars makes it about right for a weekend event.
--Gary Myers



This "new" RSR built from a C2 was at the Rennfest in Georgia. The car is gorgeous with all the comforts of the later model 911. Sweet! Only \$65,000. The extra wide fuchs were constructed from fuchs and corvette rims.

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TECH CORNER

Question: I am looking at getting my special edition gold Fuchs (15x7F/15x8R) refinished and saved for Porsche events. I would like to enlarge my wheel size to 17x7 in the front and 17x8 in the rear. I realize that the way the car is lowered will determine what will fit. Could you explain to me how the offset is determined and how it works, or what the specific offset would be for what I am trying to accomplish?

Answer: You would want basically the same offset that the stock wheels have, in order to have clearance for the taller tires. Talk to whoever is making your wheels, as they should have lots of knowledge in what works with their wheels. If they don't know, consider a different wheel. The offset is basically the axial distance between the center of the wheel rim and the hub mounting surface, and is used to locate the tire within the fender on a given suspension arm setup. The offset can be manipulated to get wider wheels and tires under the existing fenders, but you need to work with a good wheel builder to achieve this.

Chris Powell - PCA WebSite - 4/12/2006



Question: Greetings Chris, I own a 1987 carrera. It has KN air intake kit and dual stainless exhaust. I still would like a further power boost. What is the best method to accomplish this? Turbo kits? Any preference? Pros and cons. Thanks

Answer: How much are you willing to spend to get more power? It is not easy to get a lot more power out of a Carrera without making significant changes to the engine. I would investigate any turbo kit very carefully, and if it does not include an intercooler, forget it. The most reasonable way (still not inexpensive) would be to put a 3.6 engine in. We have done this conversion and the result is very satisfying.
Chris Powell - PCA WebSite - 6/14/2006

