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"couldn't have done it without her",  
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# Current Calendar of Events

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Presentation

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# Clark's Corner

by Keith Clark, President, ClarkFNFlying@aol.com

Well, that's it for 2003, I can't believe it's over it seems like it just started. We really finished the year strong we had two great social events in November, Ilene Wostoupal put together a dinner at Café 36 and Toby Duckett hosted an outing at Weber Grill. Both were a wonderful time, and the food was excellent. For the fall tech session we traveled to "The Exchange" in Highland Park where Toby Duckett and Todd Conforti put together a great tech event along with some help from Shawn Young and all the great people at The Exchange. We ate and talked car stuff if any of you are wondering, it was great.

I hope that everyone who tested a car on The Exchanges' dyno was pleased with the outcome? If you weren't, what else can I say but there's a long winter coming to fix it, so stop complaining and get busy. We also had some inside information on tires from the people at "The Tire Rack" who were nice enough to come up to the event and talk tires.

Our concours experts were at it this month, Pat Yanahan and John "is my wheel attached" Takehara hosted the zone 13 judges' school. I missed it this year, but I hope all the new judges stay away from my car! Last month I forgot to mention that Nikki Pesavento also helps out with registration at the Blackhawk events, thanks Nikki. I try not to use names because I always

forget someone, I didn't listen last month. I hope I didn't forget anyone else, if I did I'm sorry.

Well, that's it from me I want to thank the club for allowing me the opportunity to fill this position, it was my pleasure. And I know this is a redundant (rallye word 2 points) statement but I want to thank everyone for a great year. If you attended an event this year I hope you had fun and plan to return. If you volunteered at an event this year, you better return, we're counting on you for next year. We were fortunate again to have a great group of coordinators and/or chairpersons running events, I can't say it enough "GREAT JOB" you all made my job easy. I want to thank the board members and directors for their support during my term, it was a pleasure working with everyone and I'm looking forward to next year, I know it will be great. I especially want to thank my wife Karen, and my children Brandon and Brittany, for letting me do this car stuff. They give up a lot to let me go play like a kid.

From our families to yours have a safe and happy holiday.

Always remember "It's your club enjoy it"

## Behind The Scene

by Scott Adleman, Editor in Chief

First, let me apologize for some errors, omissions and failed promises over the past few months. I hope I have remedied all the issues as I put the finishing touches on this, my final issue of Chicago Scene. I also want to thank all those who have offered words of support and appreciation. I think I speak for most officers and coordinators when I say that recognition from individual members is well appreciated. So, the next time you find yourself in the company of one of these hard working volunteers, take a moment to let them know how much you value their efforts.

On that note, I would like to thank all those who contributed stories, pictures, and their kind words of encouragement. Without the time and effort of many, this publication would not look as good as it does.

I would specifically like to thank the following;

- John Miller, for his regular, on time and humorous stories' along with his support and comedy behind the scenes.

- Cari Compton, for her effort in proofreading the stories I have time to submit. Blame me for the typos as she can only edit work that I send.
- Stan Reed, for bringing a new look to the magazine in 2003 and helping with the layout workload.
- All those who submitted photographs: Paul Silver (now in sunny southern CA), Russ Peskso, and Jason Meredith. A special thanks to Paul for a truly outstanding job and shooting and documenting the pictures through most of this year and part of 2002.

Last, but not least, I must thank my wife, Maria who edited, with uncompromising quality, during the first year. She also provided moral support and continued to edit of this column, though she volunteered for neither. Thank You.





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# THE MIDSHIP REPORT ©

## Yearview Mirror

by John Miller [Boxster\_S@veryspeedy.net]

OK, so it's not exactly year-end as I write/look back and reflect on the Midship year-in-review—but it will be plenty close by the time you read this, so I'm taking what they loosely call 'editorial license'. And I've already got something on my mind, something highly flammable for the next column that is a perfect fit for kicking off the new year. So indulge me while I use this space to look back on the second full Year of the Boxster. Those of you with the Home Edition of this may play along substituting your name and numbers where appropriate. As a refresher, you may recall that 2003 WAS The Year of the Boxster. 2002 was also The Year of the Boxster. And so it will be in '04. And '05. And '06. No apologies (or disrespect) to the 911/x4/28/68/ guys and gals... you're free to come up with rebuttals. I was going to compare this year's stats to the previous years—hoping to show vast improvements across the board (and I'm counting the PCA events at this year's Porsche Parade that I attended)—but I discovered new categories and found some of the previous year's accomplishments unrepeatable, so a comparison wouldn't make much sense... which is pretty much in line with a lot of things I say... anyway, on to some year end stats for you to compare yourselves against:

Number of PCA concours attended: 4  
 Number of PCA concours entered: 1  
 Number of PCA Autocrosses entered: 2  
 Number of PCA Rallyes entered: 2.5\* (\*the .5 was for the Fermi Lab Rally where I participated as a riding Worker.)

Number of PCA Driver's Ed /Track events attended: 1.5\* (\*the .5 was for Road America—I was (sadly) an Inactive participant... but then the 1.0 was a BIG 1.0 for the Holy Grail of DE's: Sebring.)

Number of Boxsters given as gifts: 4\* (\*all less than 1:1 scale... my brother-in-law is a BMW guy and I take great pleasure in making sure all three of his kids have multiple Boxsters to play with.)

Number of Porsche related events attended: Not enough. I'm still irked about blowing Ventura/GermanCarFest, but consoled by having done Hershey and Parade in the same year.

Number of modifications preformed on car: Hmm—couldn't exactly count them up---there were lots, but only one that was important to me. This wasn't a 'must do' change (like the B&M

sure. I've sent out over 36 VHS tapes across the US, Canada, and UK. And those that are out there are getting re-circulated, so I'd estimate that I've helped perhaps 50 Boxster owners install the B&M shifter in their cars.

Number of...Other(?): This is a broad but important category for all the other events, like the Concours Prep School, the Rally School, the Concours Judges School, and misc. Tech Sessions;

Number attended: 5. These are vastly under-appreciated and (in my opinion) under-attended. The Concours Preparation School, held for several

years now at Napleton Porsche, should bring in more people than the 150 or so that were there this year. This has so much to offer (not to mention Chili tasting), that aside from being in early (READ: bitterly cold) March, is under-attended for an event that offered tremendous benefits and rewards for coming out. The Rallye School is a must if you're thinking about rallying and not a bad idea as a 'refresher course' for those with some experience ("WHEN did they change THAT rule???...!@#%\*").

The Concours Judges School was/is another under-appreciated and under-attended event. First rate facilities, personnel (and food) in an afternoon with Pat (and

shifter) although I probably spent more time on it than all the others put together and really challenged my (diminishing) mental skills. This was my long researched and developed gear shift knob replacement. The leather and plastic junk is gone in favor of a polished 2 inch sphere of machine turned billet aluminum---much like the shift ball on the old Formula 1 cars.

Number of indirect modifications: a new category---my Unofficial B&M shifter install instruction videotape has gathered international expo-

Bonnie)Yanahan and John Takehara that prepares the attendees with a sound foundation for participating as a judge at PCA Councours events---an understatement in itself, since they (Pat and John—both National Level Judges) spend several hours explaining how to represent yourself and the club and act in a fair and consistent manner when judging different cars. For the last two years in a row, this event attracted small crowd including PCA



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*Hear ye, hear ye!*

*Come one, come all!*

## The Chicago Region's General Membership Meeting

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004

11am – 3 pm

*Via Bella\**

*75 S LaGrange Road\*\**

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⌚ Introduction of the 2004 Officers,  
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⌚ Review proposed venues and  
plans for 2004

⌚ Begin 2004 with old and new friends

⌚ Lunch is 'on the Region'

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6:30 pm - Midnight

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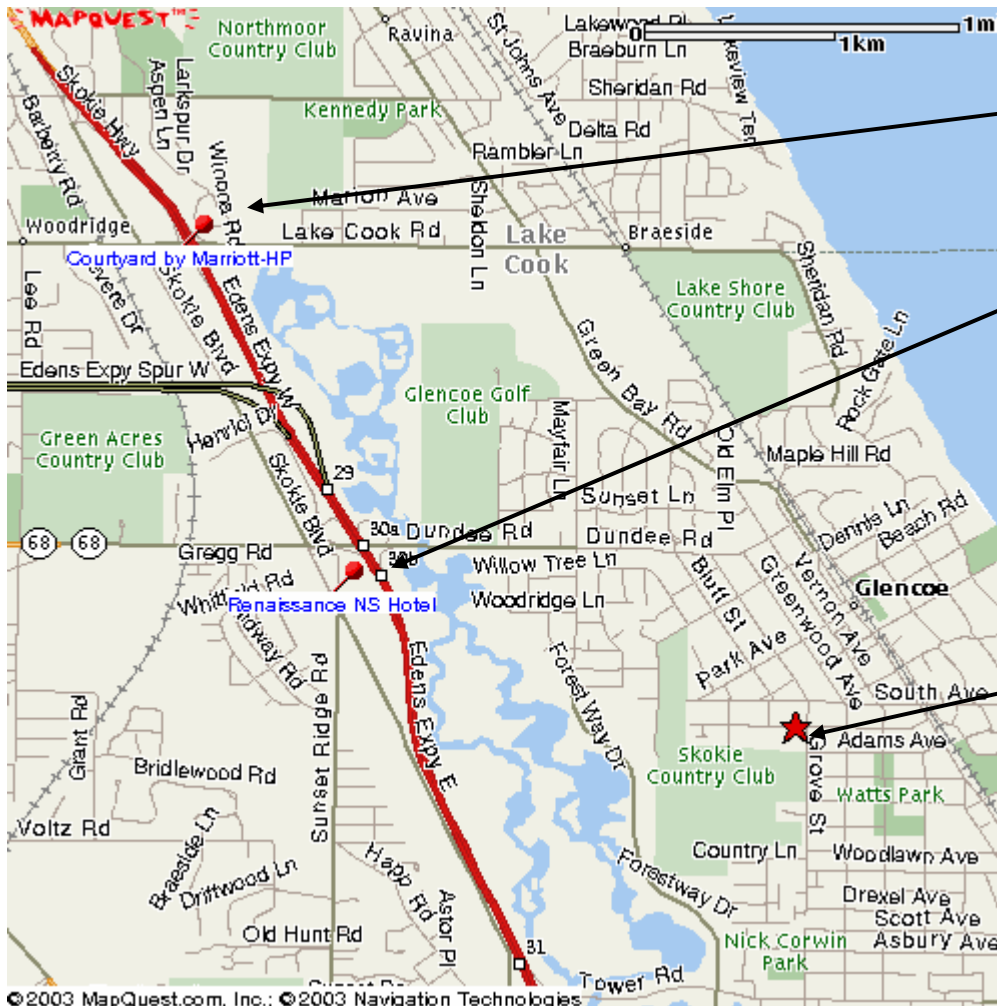
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# THE INDIANA ODYSSEY RALLYE

by Tom Harwood

OCTOBER 19, 2003

The minute we backed our car out of the garage we knew that we were on our way to an uneventful Fall rallye in northwestern Indiana as it was an absolutely beautiful day.

After signing in at the beautiful White Rose Inn at 45th and Torrence Ave., some took part in the coffee and doughnut offering before the driver's meeting. Some "unknown" rallyists showed up, namely our region president and his cohort!

The ODO part of the rallye ended at the recently finished Veterans Memorial in Munster, Indiana dedicated to those who served in this country's wars during the period between 1900 and the present. Phyllis and I toured the entire Memorial at 9 a.m. before the rallye. If you are ever in that area again, you should take the time to tour this magnificent work.

The rallye itself was a straightforward follow the instructions activity. You couldn't get lost but you could blow the times. At the midpoint we found apples, candy, water and soda pop to satisfy our cravings. That was the rallyemasters' daughter, Heidi, directing you to the refreshments. All the checkpoints were exceptional because we noted that they were all in very safe areas.

After some more scenic Indiana roads and sightseeing, we ended the rallye with a Monte-Carlo leg to get





# THE ODYSSEY CONTINUES

us back to the White Rose Inn. There we added up our scores and listened to some lame excuses as to why some of us had such high scores. In all cases, though, it was an overwhelming consensus that it was a great rallye. Even our non-rallyists, like our president, managed to get a trophy! Dinner followed the trophy presentation and the food was great.

The rallye coordinators want to thank Jerry, Helga and family for a wonderful day. Our thanks also to those who helped by working the checkpoints as well as pre-running the course.

We hope to see you all in 2004!

P.S. The article submitted in the September Scene on page 21 regarding the July rallye, was written by Ron Micek. Credit was not given to him in that issue so we want to acknowledge that at this time. Thanks Ron.



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# Another Round at Gingerman

Story & pictures by Brent Johnson

## What a fantastic weekend!!

In spite of damaging storms in the Chicago area and parts of Indiana and Michigan, South Haven skies remained clear for the entire weekend. Some storms came close late Sunday afternoon and lightning could be seen from turns 5 & 6, but the rain drops stayed away.

Approximately 75 cars participated in the weekend's event. Jeff, Jill and Max Girard did an excellent job planning the event and providing a wide variety of tasty eats at Saturday night's banquet.

During the Track Touring on Sunday, a wide variety of vehicles was seen on the track including everything from a Suburban to a Rolls Royce!!

There were a few broken cars, including mine (fan belt), but for the most part, there were no serious incidents and no bent sheet metal. Everyone managed to keep the shiny side up in spite of several off track excursions. Peter Fischer was kept busy turning wrenches as opposed to turning the wheel of his car, but all of us who were aided by Peter's skills are deeply indebted to his willingness to help us out of our predicaments and salvage the weekend.

A fair contingent met at Idler's after the Saturday banquet. It was very relaxing and enjoyable to sit on the deck and watch all the yachts cruise by while sipping one's favorite libation.

If you have never driven Gingerman, it is a very forgiving track. One is not intimidated by concrete walls or lines of trees. There is plenty of runoff room in case concentration is momentarily lost. A frequent topic of conversation was how to take turns 5 & 6. Is it one turn or two? Two worked best for me. I tried following a club racer who made it one turn and I almost ended up in a different zip code. If anyone has some input on this turn, please make a contribution to the next issue of the "Scene."



*Party Marty Bour*



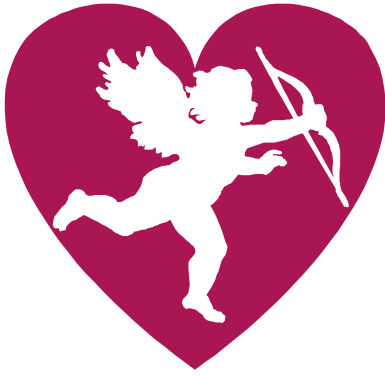
*Jill Girard taking tickets at banquet*



*L-R Joanne Konrath, Marty Bour, Kurt Konrath*



*Paul Radja & new squeeze, Marcia*



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Entree – specify as above

# CHICAGO SCENE

## Help Wanted

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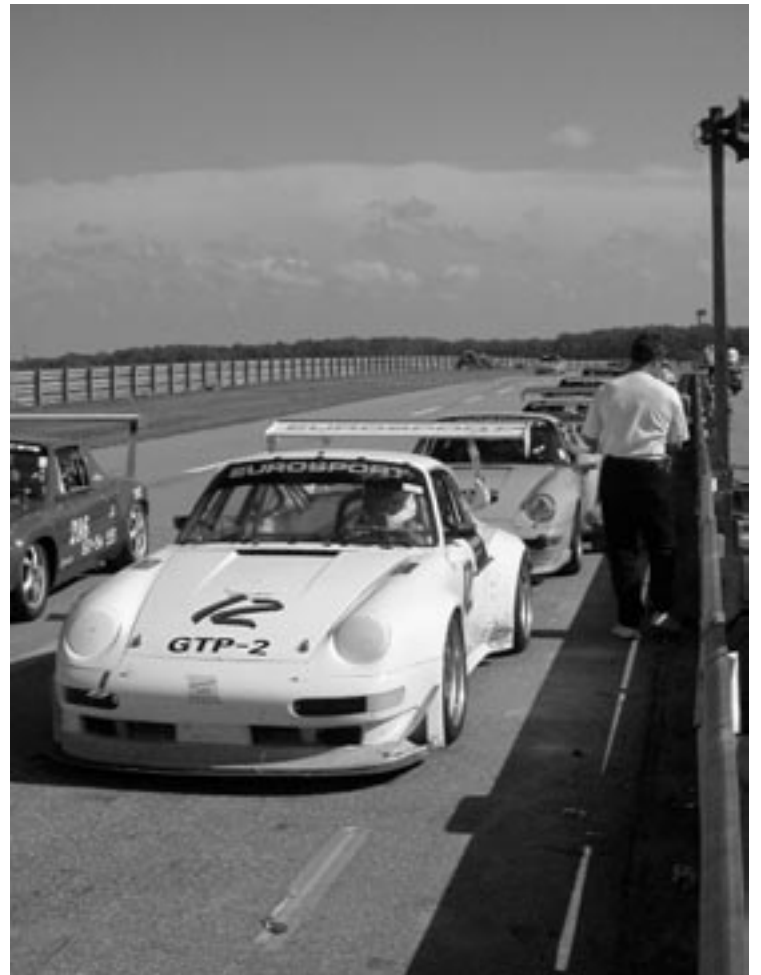
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members that traveled in from other states. . . .WELL worth the effort. [I've got A LOT more to say about these events, but I notice the word counter is already past 1000, so I'll save that for future rantings.]

Number of miles put on car this year: 16,700.  
 Number of serious (more than 100 mile) Boxster Road Trips: 7, including drives to Omaha, Cape Cod, Washington, D.C. via the Blue Ridge Parkway, Tampa, and the end/north tip of Door County Peninsula (Wisconsin).

For those of you scoring along in the home version of this survey, low numbers are BAD. These are numbers that all of us should try (not work) to meet or exceed in 2004.

### MIDSHIP TOURIST-TROPHY

I've managed to ambush half a dozen unsuspecting Boxster drivers since announcing the MidShip TT this past year, filling their hands with radio controlled Boxsters or torque wrenches. As this year comes to a close, the last one (perhaps?) went to Lou Elsner. Lou made the effort to attend the Concours Judges School and (just for showing up in a Boxster) picked up the latest installment of the MidShip TT award (a mini R/C car). Lou and his award are pictured here next to his '01 seal grey Boxster S that wears a recently added Porsche Sports Exhaust. In addition to looking WAY cool, the exhaust adds a deeper howl to the car . . . a sound that a lot of people thought should have come with the car in the first place. It's lucky for Lou that this piece isn't easily detached as it might have gone home on a different (ehhh, mine) Boxster.

### Looking back/Looking forward

Last year I wrote that the coming year was full of potential with events like Porsche Parade, TWEEKS, German CarFest, Hershey, TBHL (The Boxsters Have Landed), the BRBS (Blue Ridge Boxster Summit) and others. Along the way, I made an interesting discovery. The events are great. The cars are fabulous. The Porsche people (club members and non-members) are a terrific group that I look forward to seeing at future events. But the highlight each time turned out to be the trip and not the destination (event). The potential was realized in the nearly 17,000 miles I put on the car taking major trips in every direction. This was the automotive equivalent of a powershot of nitrous oxide. Even the drive to Omaha was interesting. I've gotten a taste and I want more. . . .more vacation days.

NEXT MONTH: Get out the NOMEX underwear--this one will be hot. In the mean time, feel free to contact me with your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, insults, hatemail, etc. at the email address above.

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# Anatomy of a Greenhorn

Story & pictures by Brent Johnson

Ever wonder what motivates an individual to participate in Drivers Education events? All current participants know what lead them to the track with their shiny new Porsches. Following is a brief interview of two newcomers, one female and one male who participated in the August 13 event at Blackhawk Farms.

Kori Kwak is a native of northwestern Germany, near the boarder of Poland. She has recently celebrated her first 29th birthday (for the first time) and has always been a fan of sports cars. Her stable once included a 1977 Fiat Spyder followed by a 1990 Corvette convertible. Around one year ago, Kori purchased a real sports car – 1986 \_ red 944 Turbo and promptly joined the PCA. Kori is not your typical lead-footed female driver that wears high heels. She is a very cautious driver and even turns wrenches on her vehicle. She prefers to get grease under her fingernails as opposed to polish on them.

Kori enjoys "breaking the boundaries." She is still trying to convince her parents that what she is doing is more educational and physically exertive than taking aerobics classes. This was Kori's third DE event at Blackhawk and definitely will not be her last. Kori is very outgoing and anything but shy around the track.

Joel Johnson, 26 years old and soon to be 27, has been following his dad (me) to DE events for five years. He has become acquainted with several of the 'regulars'. Growing tired of attaching a bib around Joel's neck to catch the drool at DE events, I enrolled him in the August 13th event as a surprise birthday gift. What a surprise it was, for both of us. After listening intently to Gallagher's 10 rules of the road, Todd Conforti was assigned as Joel's instructor. Driving dad's newly acquired 1997 red C2S, they headed out on the track for a learning experience of a lifetime.

Joel was amazed at how fast he could travel around the track by hitting the apexes correctly and carefully tracking in and out of turns. It was a dream come true. He even managed to turn consistent lap times around 1:35 with two fast laps of 1:32.

Joel, an avid race fan spends most weekends watching Winston Cup, Busch, IRL or CART races on TV. He has been to Milwaukee for several Busch races and a couple of CART races. He has always wanted to get behind the wheel of a racecar. Now comes the challenge – getting him out from behind that wheel.

Joel is an aircraft component & composite mechanic by trade and would like to apply some of that expertise to PCA club activities. Translation, dad is under pressure to build a Club Racer or to heavily modify his car. First things first: winning the lottery.



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# PCA - CHICAGO REGION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2003

**Voting Members Present:** K. Clark, J. Jacisin, M. Nowakowski, J. Stephensen, P. Hackenson, K. Pesavento, C. Inglot, S. Young

**Coordinators Present:** T. Conforti, J. Drury, P. Harwood, T. Harwood, V. Miller

Members Present: None

**Meeting Called to Order by J. Jacisin at 8:17 PM, at the Park Ridge VFW Hall, Park Ridge, IL  
Handed over to K. Clark at 8:20 PM**

**Secretary: M. Nowakowski**

Presented minutes from September 5, 2003 Board Meeting.

Motion to Accept Minutes: C. Inglot

Second: P. Hackenson                      Approved: Unanimously

**Treasurer: J. Stephensen**

Presented Chicago Region Financial Statement dated October 10, 2003.

Motion to Accept Financial Statement: M. Nowakowski    Second: C. Inglot

Approved: Unanimously

Receipt presented to the Board in the amount of \$344.56 for housing expenses during the September 14, 2003 Autocross, for S. Young and M. Gallagher. General discussion regarding housing expenses for Autocross.

Motion to accept for payment: None Heard

**Autocross: S. Young/M. Gallagher**

Presented by S. Young. September 14 Autocross event was cancelled due to rain and poor condition of venue. A refund from Lake Geneva site has been returned to the region. Currently researching new autocross sites for 2004.

**Road America: P. Hackenson/K. Clark** -Presented by P. Hackenson. Plaque presented to S. Young on behalf of the Porsche Exchange for their TRAC 2003 sponsorship assistance.

**Blackhawk Farms: D. Gallagher/P. Hackenson**

Presented by P. Hackenson. Octoberfest 2003 Drivers' ED event was well attended.

**Insurance: K. Clark** -Insurance coverage for all remaining 2003 events has been procured.

**Concours: J. Jacisin/P. Yanahan**

Presented by J. Drury. Naperville Grand Prix was well attended with 46 cars at concours, and many members driving the Grand Prix track. All Concours events for 2003 are completed.

Rallye: K. Pesavento/T. & P. Harwood

Presented by P. Harwood. Last rallye of the year is October 19, and will travel thru Northern Indiana and part of Illinois.

**Social:**

Presented by T. Conforti. T. Duckett encourages all to attend the Weber Grill social

event on October 26.

**Membership: V. Miller**

Presented 13 new members for September, and 8 for October.

**Safety: T. Conforti**

The Octoberfest Blackhawk Event had four minor incidents.

**Technical: T. Duckett**

The information regarding the November 9 Fall Tech Session, hosted by The Porsche Exchange and S. Young, is included in the Chicago Scene. The key highlight for this event will be a demo and opportunity to run your car on the unique four-wheel dyno. Spaces are still available for the dyno test.

**Goodie Store:** The Goodie Store will be taken over by C. LaMantia and K. Clark in 2004.

**Charity: J. Drury/K. Knott**

Presented by J. Drury. Charity donation total from the Grand Prix event will be presented at the November Board Meeting. This year's charity is the Exchange Club of Naperville.

**Chicago Scene:**

Presented by K. Clark. The new Scene editor for 2004 will be S. Shire.

**Webmaster: G. Gulik**

Presented by K. Clark. G. Gulik will be changing the web page design for 2004.

**No Report:** President: K. Clark, Vice President: J. Jacisin, Timing & Scoring: C. Bittman, Gingerman: J. Girard, Chief Driving Instructor: J. Ruther, Advertising: S. Shire, Property: E. Leed, Sponsorship: M. MacKonckie, Photography: Historian: J. O'Keefe

**Old Business: None Heard**

**New Business:**

Presented by M. Nowakowski. Request for the Region to purchase 500 emblems for the name badges from Diversified Marketing Strategies in the amount of \$1695.17.

Motion by K. Clark to purchase 500 PCA Chicago Region Pins for the amount of \$1695.17.

Second: S. Young    Approved: Unanimously

**Motion to Adjourn: M. Nowakowski**

**Second: P. Hackenson                      Approved Unanimously**

**Adjournment: 8:51 PM**

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

October 2003



Total Members: 1481, Transfers into Region: 3, Transfers Out: 5

## New Members

Gary & Eileen Barkauski Frankfort, IL 1990 911 Coupe	Dick & Susan Farr Batavia, IL 1960 356 Coupe	Bruce & Donna Lowy Skokie, IL 2002 911 Cab	Bill & Janet Ryan Winnetka, IL 2003 911 T Coupe
Dean & Roberta Caselli Grayslake, IL 2001 Boxster	Fred & Mary Gjondla Bolingbrook, IL 2002 Boxster	Daniel Malia Chicago, IL 1981 911SC Targa	Rick & Sue Schuberth Willowbrook, IL 2004 Cayenne S
Mike & Michele Cass Lake Villa, IL 1986 911 Coupe	Fred Hayes Indianhead Park, IL 2001 911 Turbo	Michael Mattenson Leslie Graubart Bannockburn, IL 2001 Boxster S	Mike & Carmen Slomke Burr Ridge, IL 2003 C4S Coupe
John Clark 3540 Scottsdale Cir. Naperville, IL 2003 911 Cab	Greg & Tracy Klovovich Hinsdale, IL 1985 911 Targa	Brian O'Connell Chicago, IL 2003 Boxster	Christopher Thomas Chicago, IL 2004 Cayenne Turbo
Jim & Lori Dvorak Oakbrook Terrace, IL 2001 Boxster S	Ed & Linda Kuehnle Wilmette, IL 2000 911 C2	Timothy Ray Chicago, IL 2003 C4S Coupe	Steve & Kathy Wardell Orland Park, IL 1985 930 Turbo
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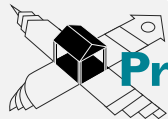
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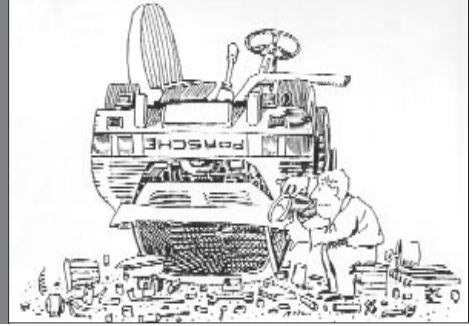
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For new or novice drivers the Friday schools are a prerequisite for participation in the DE. That we have quite a few experienced drivers returning as students says a lot about the instructors. In 2003 we started a "Taste of the Track" this is a ride-along with an instructor for those who are thinking of starting to do DEs and need help getting addicted. Think of the instructor as the "pusher" and then its all down hill from there.

Road America usually has lots of space, three run groups last year - too much track time for me. The Club Race in Aug is a gas and rumor is there will be a CUP car race this year. Hotels in Brainerd in the summer can be scarce so book early. There is plenty of room for camping and RVs at Brainerd Int'l Raceway, BIR.

BIR Friday Drivers Training schools April 23rd, June 11th and Sept 17th.

BIR Sat & Sunday Drivers Education April 24 & 25, June 12 & 13, Aug 6, 7 & 8, and Sept 18 & 19.

Road America Monday and Tuesday Drivers Ed.

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Black Hawk Farms; to be determined.

Le Mans; kidding.

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Thanks again

Phil White

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## Steve's Tech Corner - Continued

highest priorities for such a switch are to be highly visible as well as easy to use in a panic situation. I have come up with a system that does both of these while still remaining simple and cost effective.

The following installation was done on a 1993 RS America, but it translates to most other Porsche models with ABS:

1. Install a Porsche rocker switch part# 911.613.113.00 in the switch blank between the speedometer and clock.
2. Grind a slot into the top of the switch so a cloth streamer will just slide into it. Insert the cloth streamer (I prefer red) into the top of the switch and push the top of the rocker switch in. The switch will now be in the "on" position. ABS activated. (see figure 1)
3. Run two 24 guage wires from the switch to the front fuse box in the trunk.
4. Disconnect the battery negative cable.
5. Lift out the fuse box and cut the .75mm brown wire at the #31 connection of relay R34 (see figure 2)
6. Solder these two cut wires to the wires which run to the newly installed switch in the dash. Install heat shrink tubing to the wires and reinstall the fuse box.

Testing: With the car running, pull the red streamer and notice an alarm sound as the ABS warning light comes on.

Warning: Modification of any brake or safety system should be left to qualified personnel. This modification is for off-road (racing) use only and the user assumes any and all responsibility in the event of system failure.

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Photo 1: Ed: Steve Grosekemper is shop foreman at Dieter's Porsche and BMW Service in downtown San Diego (photo Sharon Grosekemper) For previous technical articles with full size color photos go to [www.dietersmotorsports.com](http://www.dietersmotorsports.com) and click on Technical Articles Photo 2: Figure 1: The switch is now in the "on" position Photo 3: Figure 2: Lift out the fuse box and cut the .75mm brown wire at the #31 connection of relay R34 Figure 4:

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**1981 911SC Coupe**. Silver/black, 51K miles, sunroof, F&R adj swaybars, 22mm/27mm torsion bars, sport shocks, 16" wheels, shock tower brace, SS brake lines, cool-brake kit, Carrera tail, no AC, New tires, Excellent paint/mechanical condition. \$17,900. Vic Harris, 847-382-3217 evenings vphoto@attglobal.net. [DJF]

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**1991 944S2 3.0**. Last and best of the 944s. Guards red w/black leather, two PCA member owners. 122k mostly highway miles, major maintenance by Fisher Motorsports, minor maintenance done personally. Mobil 1 since new, I've owned this car for 8 years, prior to this car a 1988 944 Turbo S, before that a 1986 944 Turbo. This is the best of them in terms of drivability, usable performance and ease of maintenance. Driven only in good weather, many extras included. \$12,000 obo Peter K. (630) 655 6816 office or (708) 338 2384 Hm [OND]

**1986 944 TURBO** Black/black leather, 5 speed with LSD, new Yokohamas on 7 & 8 Fuchs, Brey Krause SS harness bar, Weltmeister sway bars, strut brace, Charlie Arms (\$1600 billet alloy A arms), Koni adj yellows, Schroth 3" 5 point belts (2 sets), SS brake lines, 968 cooling ducts, frozen rotors, bras, cover, more, \$11,900 OBO. Would consider less without track equipment. Jim Davis W 630-443-6560 or jim.davis@raymondjames.com [DJF]

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**2000 BMW 540i** 6 speed manual, 32,000 miles. Silver with grey leather, Xenons, split rear seat, CD changer, Dinan

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**Parts for Sale.** Auto Authority mass flow, Euro brain box w/dyno-ed Auto Authority mass flow chip - solid motor mounts - complete 915 shifter w/Robotek sure shift, boot and shifter knob - 3.2 cams with special grind for motronic - 3.2 balanced Carrera connecting rods - 3.2 distributor - Light weight fiberglass hood & hood hinges - front turbo fenders (steel) - H-4 Headlights - 3.2 Carrera pistons - 3.2 engine oil cooler and cover - Alarm, door switch w/key and wiring. 708-331-8707 gmueller@greatline.net [DJF]

**Time for Snow rims!** Factory 944 Turbo "Phone Dial" Set - Taken off at 5000 miles for BBS replacements. Stored and forgotten in the back of the locker. These are 1986 "early off-set" 7jx16 and 8jx16 ET23.3. Pretty, clean and straight. \$400 for all four. Ezra Goldman (847) 274 3879. Naperville. [DJF]

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**One bag** fits '84 911 good condition-\$75.00 one blue boot to cover 1984 cabriolet, new \$2200.00 \$500.00 contact Mike Allen @815 786 6101 or email MAllen@prairienet.com [NDJ]

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**Parts for Sale.** Auto Authority mass flow w/Euro brain box-dyno-ed chip & Andial twin-plug module for 3.2 motronic motor. 915 shifter w/Robotek sure shift, boot and shifter knob. 3.2 distributor, 993 twin plug distributor & twin plug spark plug wire set. Fiberglass hood w/hinges, steel front turbo fenders, H-4 Headlights, solid motor mounts, 15 gal fuel cell with dual pick ups, 3.2 Bosch fuel pump, 3.2 oil tank, 3.2 starter and other misc items. George 708-331-8707 gmueller@greatline.net [NDJ]

## Misc

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# ABS Emergency Override

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The level of sophistication that our cars have achieved over the last several years is nothing short of miraculous. We now have cars that will shift exactly when they should, put power down to the wheel that needs it and stops the wheel that has the best traction!

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When a late model car with anti-lock brakes is being used for racing, the ABS system is unaware of whether the car is going backwards or forwards, it only knows that the wheels are spinning. The reason that this is an issue is as follows: the front brakes normally do



most of the braking and are, therefore, much larger in size than the rear brakes. This is because, under braking, the weight of the car will shift towards the direction of travel, placing a much higher demand on the front brakes. Unfortunately, if the car gets completely out of control and ends up going backwards, this high braking demand is now placed on the forward facing rear brakes, while unloading weight off the rearward facing front brakes. Since the rear brakes are too small to do much stopping at all on their own, they are of very little use in this situation. The larger front brakes which now have no weight on them, immediately lock up. The ABS sees this and, thinking the car is going forward, it releases the pressure to the front calipers, virtually eliminating any effect they might have had. What you are left with is a smart car which will not stop in a safe distance.

The remedy for this is to install a switch that can be easily activated to shut the ABS system off in such an emergency. The

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