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Kurt Konrath exits the track at Blackhawk  
Octobertfest (87 911)

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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**2005 CALENDAR** AS OF 11/12/05  
*Italics = info in this issue* CAPS = change

**Dec**  
 17 *Dinner Dance*



## TENTATIVE 2006 CALENDAR

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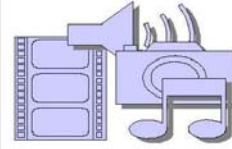
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Jim Jacisin, President

## The Road Ahead ...

A blanket of snow seems to cover the past. And as 2005 turns to 2006, the Porsche Club get a fresh start, a new beginning, a new calendar full of possibilities, and a fresh Board of Directors, there to listen to your input on which direction you want them to take this club.

I wish to congratulate a dear friend, Chuck LaMantia, on his election to President and wish him well as he steers the Porsche Club in 2006. I know Chuck has the skills to bring even greater success and broader smiles to all of our regional activities. As another friend, Keith Clark, steered the Region prior to me, allow Chuck to 'grab the keys' and see where the road takes us. I ask all of you to support Chuck with the same enthusiasm and spirit of volunteerism that you've been kind enough to show me.

Moving into positions on our board are Ed Barnicle, who as Vice

President has now held all positions on the Board of Directors, Cindy Jacisin, the newly elected Treasurer, and Ron Bean, the newly elected Secretary. Congratulations to both Cindy and Ron for their election to board positions for the first time. Rounding out the board, Keith Clark, John Ruther and Toby Duckett have been elected as Directors. Best of luck to you all!

## A Final Note...

I wish to thank our outgoing board members. My Vice President, Chris Inglot, who as our Zone Representative, now shares his enthusiasm with the entire Zone, not just the Chicago Region. Todd Conforti will now be concentrating his tireless energies on our Region's many track activities. Steve Rashbaum steps out of a distinguished role on the board and has accepted a newly created position as Region Dealer Liaison. And Mary Ann Nowakowski, who I've had a crush on since I met her (and her loyal

husband, Wes) at the Concours at Air Classics Museum of Aviation many years ago, has dreams of the swaying palms of Molokai.

On behalf of a grateful Region, many thanks for your hard work and dedication to making this an organization to be proud of.

I urge all of you to treasure the time we have together. The laps around the sun seem to go by faster with each year. We should all make the effort to enjoy this while we can.

Please let me end the year with a thought printed on a coin I always carry that my sister gave to me from my Irish side's homeland:

*May your troubles be less,  
your blessings be more,  
and nothing but happiness come  
though your door.*

It has been the ride of my life.

**Happy Holidays!**



Jim (left) with Wes and Mary Anne Nowakowski at the joint sessions of the Concour School and Tech Sessions.

*photo by Chris Inglot*

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**2005 PCA Chicago Region  
Dinner Dance and Awards Presentation**

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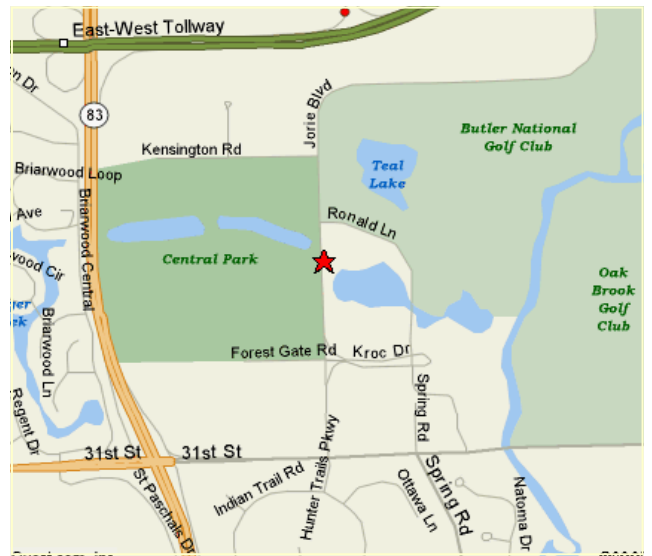
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## 2nd Annual Tots for Tots Collection

Dear Members,

Remember the sheer joy of the holiday season as a child? Not just for being out of school for a few weeks, but for making a list, struggling between naughty and nice for a few more days and putting out milk and cookies?

Remember hoping for a Lionel train, a 3-speed Schwinn bike with a banana seat, Lincoln Logs, Erector sets, Tinker Toys, Hot Wheels track, Risk, a sled or a baseball mitt?

Or maybe a Barbie with the Malibu beach house (not the Corvette), a tea set, an Easy Bake Oven, a dollhouse, Candy Cane Lane or roller skates with a key?

Or any stuffed animal that would keep you safe at night?

I know I couldn't sleep, knowing I would soon awaken to a room full of toys. It's still my favorite holiday!

So many children don't have those memories. Sometimes, Santa has trouble finding their homes. Fortunately, since 1948, the US Marine Corps Reserve help Santa find his way. Please help support this noble cause.

Two Marines will be joining us at the Awards Dinner Dance on Dec 17, 2005. Please help fill Santa's sleigh by bringing a new, unwrapped gift (or even two or three) to the dinner.

Please help bring joy to a child's holiday season.

Thank you,

Cindy Jacisin

# TENTATIVE 2006 CHICAGO REGION CALENDAR

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So that we all may get a heads up what 2006 may bring and before we make our vacation plans, we have released a TENTATIVE 2006 Chicago Region Calendar of Events. Keep in mind that until the necessary contracts are signed ... anything can change. The following is GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION ONLY ... please see Event Information (when available) for specific details.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
January	6	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
January	29	General Membership Meeting	Edelweiss Restaurant
February	3	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
February	11	Valentine's Day Party	Shaw's Crab House
February	18	New Racer Workshop	TBD
February	26	Chili Tasting & Concours Prep School	TBD
March	3	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
March	11	St. Patrick's Day Party	TBD
March	26	Spring Tech Session with Dr John Melvin	Northstar Motorsports
April	7	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
April	23	Rallye School	TBA
April	28	Board Meeting (May)	Park Ridge VFW
April	30	Autocross School	Maywood Park Race Track
May	1	Drivers Education (Experienced Drivers Only)	Autobahn C.C.
May	5	Drivers Education (Novice Day) at Blackhawk #1	Blackhawk Farms Raceway
May	7	Autocross #1	Maywood Park Race Track
May	21	Rallye #1	TBD
May	26-28	RADE (Road America Drivers Education)	Road America @ Elkhart Lake, WI
June	2	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
June	4	Autocross #2	MGA @ WI
June	18	Concours #1	Long Grove
June	21	Drivers Education at Blackhawk #2	Blackhawk Farm Raceway
June	25	Rallye #2	TBD

July	7	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
July	16	Concours #2	Autobahn C.C.
July	21	Drivers Education at Blackhawk #3	Blackhawk Farms Raceway
July	23	Autocross #3	TBD
July	30	Potter's Picnic & Concours #3	Peter & Janice Fischer
August	5-6	Drivers Education at GingerMan Raceway	GingerMan Raceway @ MI
August	6-11	PCA National Parade	Portland, Oregon
August	11	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
August	13	Autocross #4	TBD
August	20	Rallye #3	TBD
August	23	Drivers Education at Blackhawk #4	Blackhawk Farms Raceway
August	27	Concours #4	Geneva, IL
September	1-4	TRAC (The Road America Challenge) DE & Club Race	Road America @ Elkhart Lake, WI
September	2	TRAC Golf Outing	Elkhart Lake, WI
September	2	TRAC Concours #5	Siebkens Resort @ Elkhart Lake, WI
September	2	TRAC Dinner	Siebkens Resort @ Elkhart Lake, WI
September	8	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
September	16	PCA Golf Outing & Dinner	White Pines Golf Course
September	17	Autocross #5	Maywood Park Race Track
September	20	Drivers Education at Blackhawk #5	Blackhawk Farms Raceway
September	24	Rallye #4	TBD
October	7-8	Octoberfest Drivers Education at Blackhawk #6	Blackhawk Farms Raceway
October	13	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
October	14	Social/Dinner	TBD @ Milwaukee, WI area
October	15	Rallye #5 and Driving Tour #2 (Zone 13 Event)	TBD
October	22	Tech Session & Concours Judges School (Zone 13 Event)	TBD
November	3	Board Meeting	Park Ridge VFW
November	12 or 19	Bears Game Social @ Weber Grill	TBD
December	9	Annual Dinner Dance	TBD

TBA – not on calendar yet

Driving Tour #1

Wine Tasting & Dinner

Baseball Game (Cougars, Flyers, or Bandits)

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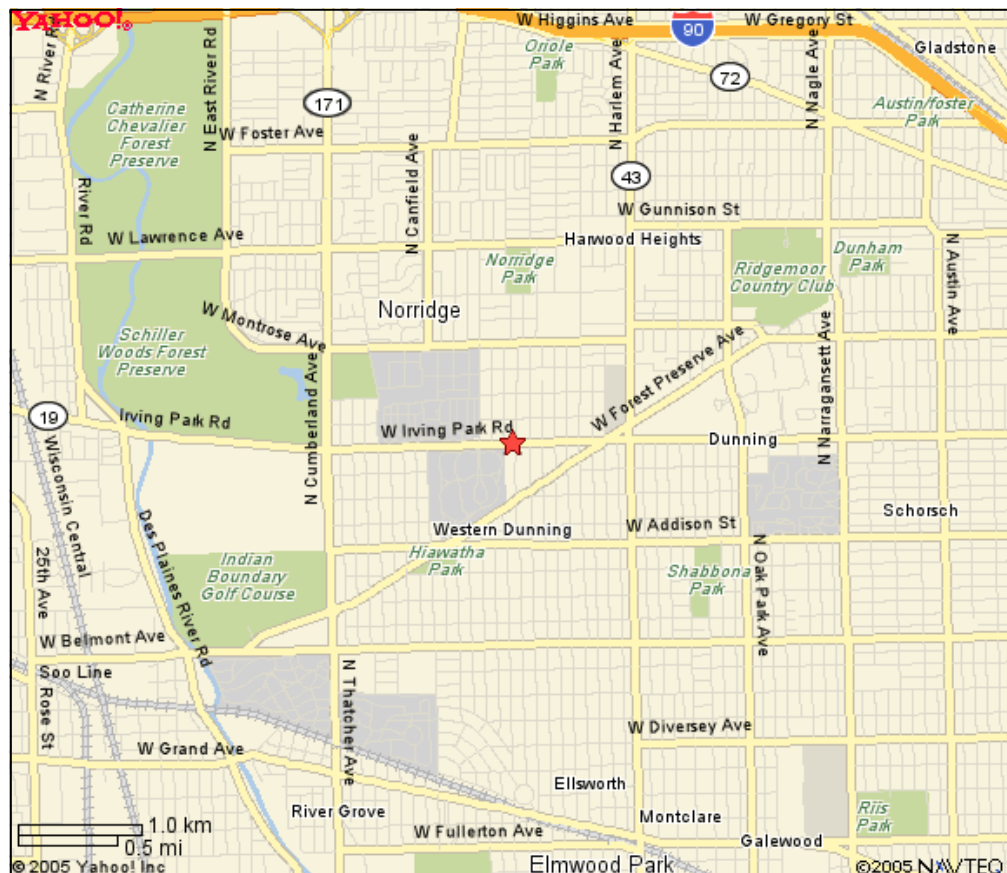
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- Review proposed venues and plans for 2006
- Begin 2006 with old and new friends
- The Buffet Lunch is 'on the Region' CASH BAR
- The Goodie Store will be 'on-site'



# FROM WITHIN THE 13TH ZONE

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## Porscheplatz

Based on the overwhelming reception and success of the Porscheplatz concept, PCA is hopeful that Jack Bair of PCNA and Larry Hayes of IMSA can continue this new tradition going forward to 2006. Many members across the country enjoyed the hospitality tent as well as the presentations by GT Cup Challenge teams, track touring and the catered lunches. The concept was offered at IMSA events at Road Atlanta, Mid-Ohio, Road America, and Laguna Seca.

## PCA National New Hire

The National Office has hired an executive office manager. Potomac/Chesapeake region member, Vu Hguyen has been hired to fill this new role.

## Region Mentoring

The election of the 2006 Regional Officers and Directors has begun within the Zone. Many thanks to those that have served a board or coordinator position within their respective regions. You all deserve a big pat on the back. For those that are stepping down, don't forget to share the valuable "tips" that you have learned during this year and years past. It is this valuable

information that will aid the next year's administration and coordinators in doing a great job.

May each and every member work hard at making new members attending an event for the first time feel welcome and want to come and play with their "toys".

## Track Junkies Alert

Hot news flash! Chicago Region will be hosting a Driver Education event on the Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, IL on May 1, 2006. It will be an "experienced only" day to give all those unfamiliar with the track a chance to learn. The full 3.6 mile track configuration will be used. If that's not enough ... the Milwaukee Region will be hosting their first Club Race and DE at the South Track at Autobahn Country Club, June 9-11, 2006. We will need lots of volunteers to make this the second successful club race within our Zone 13!

## Region Membership Continues to Grow

Information just received from PCA's Membership Chair, Carolyn Eubanks, membership across the country has blossomed to over 54,000 strong. Zone 13 has grown

by 83 members since January 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep up the great job on nurturing and growing your respective regions.

## Milwaukee Region's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

October 15<sup>th</sup> marked a celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Milwaukee Region within the Porsche Club of America. It was a wonderful event held at the Miller Brewery just west of Milwaukee. It included an informative tour that educated tour goers that this facility produced 500,000 cases of beer daily! After working up a powerful thirst, several Miller products were available for taste testing. Concours and Autocross winners were present to collect their year-end awards and get recognition amongst their peers. Nicely done Wolf and Trish for planning a great event! PCA National Secretary, Manny Alban was also in attendance for this special event.

## Happy Holidays!

Go out and enjoy that Porsche! May everyone enjoy the holiday season with family and friends.

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# ZONE 13 CALENDAR

## December

12/1	Board Meeting	Milwaukee
12/1	Christmas / Holiday Party	Kentucky
12/3	Holiday Party @ Red Circle Inn	Milwaukee
12/10	Holiday Party	Fox Valley
12/10	PCA 50th Anniversary Party in Decatur	Lincoln Trail
12/12	Membership Meeting	Kentucky
12/15	Dinner @ Mario's Pizza	Lincoln Trail
12/17	Breakfast Social	Kentucky
12/19	Dinner @ Lucca Grill	Lincoln Trail
12/21	Monthly Meeting @ Kelly Moss	Central WI.
12/29	Dinner @ Monicals Pizza	Lincoln Trail

## Jan 2006

1/15/2006	Holiday Party @ Fitch's in Fitchburg	Central WI.
1/16/2006	Dinner @ Lucca Grill - Bloomington	Lincoln Trail
1/19/2006	Dinner @ Mario's Pizza - Springfield	Lincoln Trail
1/26/2006	Dinner @ Monicals Pizza - Champaign	Lincoln Trail
1/28/2006	Breakfast @ Panera's - Peoria	Lincoln Trail

## Feb 2006

2/5-6/2006	PCA National Board Meeting - Phoenix, AZ	National
2/16/2006	Dinner @ Lucca Grill - Bloomington	Lincoln Trail
2/20/2006	Dinner @ Mario's Pizza - Springfield	Lincoln Trail
2/23/2006	Dinner @ Monicals Pizza - Champaign	Lincoln Trail
2/24/2006	Breakfast @ Panera's - Peoria	Lincoln Trail

## March 2006

3/16/2006	Dinner @ Lucca Grill - Bloomington	Lincoln Trail
3/20/2006	Dinner @ Mario's Pizza - Springfield	Lincoln Trail
3/25/2006	Dinner @ Monicals Pizza - Champaign	Lincoln Trail
3/30/2006	Breakfast @ Panera's - Peoria	Lincoln Trail

## April 2006

TBD	SAE / PCA Drivings Skills Seminar - Peoria	Lincoln Trail
4/1/2006	Mid America Swapfest - Effingham	Lincoln Trail
4/17/2006	Dinner @ Lucca Grill - Bloomington	Lincoln Trail
4/20/2006	Dinner @ Mario's Pizza - Springfield	Lincoln Trail
4/27/2006	Dinner @ Monicals Pizza - Champaign	Lincoln Trail
4/29/2006	Breakfast @ Panera's - Peoria	Lincoln Trail

## June 2006

6/9 - 6/11/06	Autobahn Country Club DE & Club Race - Joliet	Milwaukee
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## August 2006

8/6-8/11-06	PCA Parade - Portland	National
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# YOU JUST GOTTA DO IT

by Michael "Slades" Sladek

So you just started thumbing through your latest copy of the "Chicago Scene" magazine and you come across this article with this title. Your first thought is either "do what" or something a little more risqué. For those of you I have not lost to the gutter of your fantasy world ... Rallye!

Now hold on those of you who are saying rallying is not for me, or I tried that before, or whatever other excuse you can come up with. Read on!! My girlfriend Rose and I just attended our first and actually second Porsche Rallye at the River Run Rallyes held on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a blast. Even though we came in last or second to last on both days it did not matter. Why? The people!!! From the moment we showed up on Friday until we left on Sunday afternoon, we felt welcome and as if we had been friends with the other rallyers all our lives.

Rose and I bought our 2005 Boxster in March of this year, and joined the club shortly thereafter. This was actually our first Porsche event with the PCA-Chicago. When we showed up at the hotel on Friday, what a site!! There were about two dozen Porsches all in the parking lot of a Country Inn & Suites Hotel in the middle of Freeport, Illinois. Very cool! Is there a Porsche dealership in Freeport? Steve Olson happened to be in the parking lot putting something in his car when we pulled up to park. Being the all around good guy Steve is (and observant as well) he came over and introduced himself. He then invited us over to the pub next door where he said there were a bunch of "us" hanging out.

We checked in, dropped off our suitcases and headed over to the bar. You could hear the noise from the Porsche revelers at least a block away since the group had chosen to sit outside on the patio. Rose said;

"I hope that is our group!" We walked onto the patio, introduced ourselves and were immediately welcomed and asked to sit down. Rose and I had a fantastic time getting to know everyone. We heard great stories about past rallyes and were invited to participate in other Porsche events as well. We both laughed so much our sides and cheeks were hurting by the end of the night. The best part of the evening was meeting the great folks who make the PCA-Chicago such a great group.

Over the next two days we learned a lot about rallying and got to see some beautiful countryside. We made a lot of mistakes, but remembered the rule to "just have fun"!

So how did we do it? First of all it helped that Jack and Karen Stephensen were rallyemasters for this event, because they were both great! In fact Jack and Karen should get a medal for all the time and effort they put into doing the rallyes.

I e-mailed Jack after I had registered and asked for some assistance getting started. Jack was quick to respond and gave some great advice. Karen offered her assistance as well; she sat with Rose and me before the rallye and gave us a mini rallye school. Rose and I can't thank you guys enough!

So what was that great advice Jack gave me,,, pray! Just kidding! The first thing to do is download the 2005 General Rules or "the generals" from the club website. Then read the "supplementals" which are suppose to make things clearer but originally just seemed to muddy the waters a little more.

Once you get to about page two of the Generals, and you're still trying to determine if an SI overrides a GI or whether or not you have to execute all the RIs or just what the heck is the MAIN ROAD RULE is, you may be ready to give up, but don't be scared off by the instructions. Read them a couple of times through and come up with some questions and then give Jack a call. Is your phone ringing yet Jack? As Jack said most of the experienced rallyers are willing to help and that is a very true statement. Everyone we spoke to was willing to help with everything from advice, to tips to even helping us calculate our score (thanks Linda). It is really not as bad as you might think. Sometimes you just have to DO things to understand them.

So make sure you register for the next Rallye and whatever happens don't wimp put!

See you there!



photos provided by Jack Stephensen



### Rallye #3

### Return of the River Run Rallye Day 1 Results

Place	Car #	Driver	Navigator	Class	Car	Color
1	16	Ed Barnicle	Gayle Barnicle	SOP	996 Cab	Green
2	19	Ron Micek	Martha Kuffel	SOP	930	Black
3	5	Tom Harwood	Phyllis Harwood	SOP	911SC	Silver
4	14	Nadine Haupt	Jim Haupt	SOP	911	Black
5	18	Peter Faehnrich	Peter Brychel	SOP	944 Turbo	Red
6	6	Steve Olson	Sharon Olson	SOP	911 Targa	Red
7	10	Fred Jacobson	Marilee Jacobson	SOP	968	Red
8	17	Dave Youngblut	Mary Youngblut	SOP	911	Black
9	7	Shauna Stephens	Karl Urban	SOP	944	White
10	11	Dan Gallagher	Peggy Gallagher	SOP	Boxster S	Silver
11	15	Mike Sladek	Rose Presti	SOP	Boxster	Atlas Gray
1	2	George Guttman	Linda Guttman	Equipped	993	Red
Rallyemasters		Jack Stephensen	Karen Stephensen			
Pre-Run		Stephan Rashbaum	Susan Shire			
Check Point Workers		Mike McKillip	Kathy McKillip			
		Karen Stephensen	Cindy Jacisin			
		Roy Brown	Eric Martinez			
		Jennifer Brown	Nichole Lapaglia			

**GOTTA DO IT ...**



**Rallye #4**

**Return of the River Run Rallye Day 2 Results**

Place	Car #	Driver	Navigator	Class	Car	Color
1	19	Ron Micek	Martha Kuffel	SOP	930	Black
2	17	Dave Youngblut	Mary Youngblut	SOP	911	Black
3	16	Ed Barnicle	Gayle Barnicle	SOP	996 Cab	Green
4	5	Tom Harwood	Phyllis Harwood	SOP	911SC	Silver
5	10	Fred Jacobson	Marilee Jacobson	SOP	968	Red
6	24	Rich Styczynski	Nicole Styczynski	SOP	996	Seal Gray
7	14	Nadine Haupt	Jim Haupt	SOP	911	Black
8	18	Peter Faehnrich	Peter Brychel	SOP	944 Turbo	Red
9	11	Dan Gallagher	Peggy Gallagher	SOP	Boxster S	Silver
10	4	Claude Reed	Rachel Reed	SOP	993	Yellow
11	7	Shauna Stephens	Karl Urban	SOP	944	White
12	15	Mike Sladek	Rose Presti	SOP	Boxster	Atlas Gray
13	6	Steve Olson	Sharon Olson	SOP	911 Targa	Red

Rallyemasters                      Jack Stephensen      Karen Stephensen

Pre-Run                                Stephan Rashbaum    Susan Shire

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Notes, e-mails, and info from other Regions, National, PCNA, various websites, and the rest of the universe ...

## Interesting Stuff On The Web

from Bruce Janeczek

## Vanity Plates: The 411 On Those CRZE PL8S

from Edmunds.com Editors

You see a vanity plate on the car ahead of you. Perhaps it's on a Ford Mustang, a Volkswagen New Beetle or a Mini Cooper - cars that just beg for vanity plates. You read it over and over, wracking your brain to decipher its meaning, wondering if you're missing a good joke.

It helps if you know "the code." Like the abbreviations and symbols used in e-mail and instant messaging ("BTW," "LOL," "TTYL"), there is a shorthand for vanity plates (also known as "personalized license plates" or "custom plates"). Fortunately, there are dictionaries that will tell you, for example, that "U4IC" means "euphoric," and "6S" means "success."

Dennis Cowhey, author of *What Does That Mean? The Personal Stories Behind Vanity License Plates*, calls himself the "world's greatest expert on vanity plate meanings." Cowhey traveled the U.S., stopping total strangers to hear their stories. He also distributed questionnaire cards and got about 850 cards back, many with full explanations.

The responses are a testimony to human creativity. It's not easy to invent a meaningful, one-of-a-kind label for your wheels within seven or eight letters and numbers.

"You wouldn't believe how clever the plates are," Cowhey said. "Some are touching, heart-rending, hysterically funny and everything in between. People wear their hearts on their sleeves."

Apparently so: Cowhey's personal favorite is a series of two plates, held

by a married couple. His says, "TYED-UP"; hers says, "KEENKY2." The pair intentionally drives alongside each other as they commute each day to their family-owned business, taking great enjoyment from the shocked faces of pedestrians and other drivers.

On most days, it's not hard to find vanity plates that express the nature of the car or driver ("XCLR8TR"), occupation ("HV A SLCE," on the car of a pizzeria owner) and personal statements ("WAS HIS"). Think you can crack the codes? Try your luck: Scroll to the bottom of the Vanity Plates Web page (<http://pages.prodigy.net/pizzabagel/VanityPlates.htm>) and click on one of the links. Each link leads to a page with 30 photos of actual vanity plates.

Many Edmunds.com readers have vanity plates as well. Burt and Jacquie Harwood of Washington bought their vanity plates with safety in mind. (Attention, parents!)

"Each time I provided a car for one of my children, the car had a vanity plate with their first name on it, front and back," said Burt. "Living in a small town, their driving habits were more easily reported to me, and they knew it."

Though Harwood's kids did get into a few scrapes, he's convinced that the vanity plates made a difference in their driving.

Reader Brian Bear's family likes to play on their last name. "I have two plates - 'SU BEAR U' and '4 BEARRS'," he said. "The 'SU BEAR U' one is on my '04 Subaru Forester XT (and my previous '00 Subaru Outback)," he said. "'4 BEARRS' is on our '02 Mazda MPV. We are a family of four, plus the last name. I've always had some sort of plate with the word 'BEAR' in it over the years." Even his parents and other

relatives have vanity plates that incorporate the Bear name.

Wisconsin reader Robert Hammen chose his vanity plate in order to defend his car: "I own a 2004 Pontiac GTO, and got a lot of flak from traditional GTO owners who didn't think the car was worthy," he said. "So I got the plate, 'REAL GTO' just to rub it in."

"CNSRSHIP" OR "FRESPCH"? Unlike bumper stickers, which aren't issued by state governments, vanity plates are subject to significant legal controversy. Columnist Ken Paulson of The Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan foundation dedicated to first amendment rights, describes some of the legislative battles waged over the censorship of vanity plates. Many states, for example, ban vanity plates related to obscenity ("SHTHPNS"); hate speech ("ARYAN-1"); references to alcohol, tobacco or drugs ("VINO"); religion ("ROMANS5"); or the implication of violence ("GLOCKEM," which refers to Glock, a semiautomatic handgun manufacturer). Paradoxically, this last plate was stripped from the car of a Tennessee law enforcement officer.

Each state determines which vanity plates will pass muster. A California vanity plate request, for example, is thoroughly reviewed by several people with both foreign language and slang dictionaries. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has the right to refuse or recall any plate that may be considered "offensive to good taste and decency, which could be misleading, or conflict with any license plate series currently issued," according to the state's vehicle code.

What constitutes good taste and decency, however, is up to the screeners and open for speculation. What's more, once a plate is issued, anyone who finds a plate offensive for any reason can submit a written request to the DMV to have that

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plate rescinded. (The latest one to be recalled in California as a result of a complaint letter was "FDUBYA.")

The state's right and ability to censor vanity plates is vague territory. When the Cal Berkeley football team was knocked out of the running for the Rose Bowl (many say unjustly), fan Paul Lewis ordered a plate online which said "IH8 BCS" ("I hate the Bowl Championship Series"). The initial order was processed and accepted, but when Lewis went to pick up his plates, he was told by the DMV that he couldn't have them, because of the "H8."

Ironically, Lewis didn't intend to use the plates for his everyday driving. "I was going to drive with them for a day, or save them for football season, but then eventually give them to Cal football," he said.

Lewis appealed in a letter to Sacramento, explaining that because

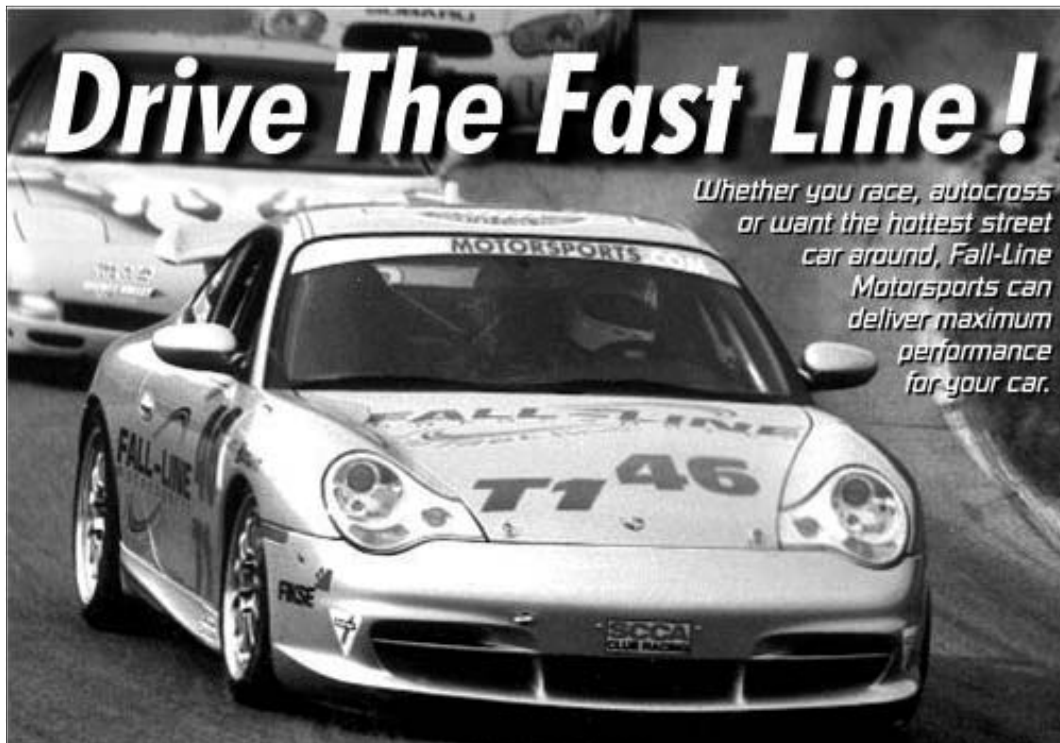
the BCS wasn't a person, his plate shouldn't qualify as "hate speech," and that educational scholarships were lost as a result of Cal's contested elimination. He's still waiting to hear back. In the meantime, Lewis sells T-shirts featuring a mock-up of the plate - and donates all the profits to Cal Berkeley's athletics department.

**REAL MONEY, REAL CRAZIES**  
Car-crazy California issued its first personalized plate in late 1970. As of year-end 2004, there are almost 1.4 million such plates on California roads. During that time, the state has raised more than *1 billion dollars* from vanity plate sales, according to the DMV. Nationwide, vanity plates can cost anywhere from \$10 to \$65 per year, depending on the state. California calls them "environmental plates," because it uses the revenue to fund programs that preserve and protect the environment, such as the purchase of land for preserves, studies of endangered species and public education.

The U.S. doesn't hold a monopoly on being plate-crazy, though. In February 2005, a Hong Kong man, wearing a mask to protect his identity, paid HK\$7.1 million - then \$910,000 - for a license plate which said, simply, "12." Why would anyone pay that much for a license plate? Because the number, when pronounced in Cantonese, sounds like "certainly easy."

But \$910,000 wasn't even close to the highest price ever paid for a vanity plate in Hong Kong. In 1994, business magnate Albert Yeung paid HK\$13 million (US\$4 million) for the number nine, which sounds like "everlasting" in Cantonese. Yes, *4 million*. Which makes one wonder: What's *up* with these guys?

One man is capitalizing on the plate craze without buying or selling a single plate. Richard Barnett has just launched Great Plate Exchange, an online forum where users can purchase or sell active vanity plates, similar to an eBay auction. Barnett



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gets a small fee for listing the plate, and a commission on the transaction. Once a deal is struck, he links the parties to the appropriate DMV to make the legal transfer. Although there are only a handful of plates on the site so far, the concept is one that could take off once enthusiasts discover it.

Like other hobbyists, plate enthusiasts buy, sell and trade plates on eBay and any number of plate-specific sites, such as PL8S.com. This includes not only vanity plates, but rare plates, plates for a certain color or type of car, and plates from all 50 states. A member of the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association (ALPCA) built an incredible Web site, "License Plates of the World", which illustrates plates from every corner of the planet, as well as special-issue military plates and U.N.-issued plates. ALPCA has just issued its own book, *A Moving History - 50 Years of ALPCA, 100 Years of License Plates*, to celebrate its golden anniversary.

One of Edmunds.com's own programmers, David Haber, developed CALPL8S to highlight his collection. He notes that, unlike some other hobbies, plate collecting appeals to both young and old.

"You see them all the time: kids play games, spot states on license plates on long trips and get little plates

with their name on them for their bicycles," said Haber. "I've always been interested in plates, and about six years ago I discovered other collectors sold plates on eBay. Before then I had never considered they were something you could collect."

Haber's car sports a creative plate that includes a symbol of a hand, one of four symbols available for use in California. It reads, "G(hand) DALF," for Gandalf the wizard, of *Lord of the Rings* fame. Other available symbols are a star, a plus sign and a heart, leading to all sorts of imaginative combinations.

If you enjoy the challenge, you can find a way to express just about any opinion or passion in a vanity plate. The rest of the world will enjoy laughing at what you said - or puzzling over what you meant.

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### **Elkhart Lake Historic Race Circuit Preserved**

from [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com)

The nomination of the Elkhart Lake Historic Race Circuits to the Wisconsin State and National Historic Register was enthusiastically approved by the Nomination Review Board of the Wisconsin Historical Society at the Board's quarterly

meeting on September 23rd in Lac du Flambeau. The two race circuits used in 1950, 51 and 52 were the last of the great open road sports car racing circuits in America and brought national and international racing prominence to the State of Wisconsin, Sheboygan County and the Elkhart Lake area.

The 3.35 mile 1950 circuit followed a closed loop immediately north of Elkhart Lake beginning on CTH P midway between CTH JP, J proceeding north to the corner of CTH P and J, turned right and proceeding southeasterly on CTH J to CTH JP, turned right onto CTH JP and proceeded west to CTH J where it turned north on CTH P to the start/finish line.

The 6.5 mile 1951/52 circuit began on Gottfried St. across from the feed mill in Elkhart Lake and proceeded to Lake St., followed Lake St. to CTH J and A, then south to the corner of CTH A and turned west on CTH A to CTH P. It then turned onto CTH P and preceded north to CTH J, turned southeasterly on CTH J and back to the start/finish line at the feed mill.

The 1950's open road circuits launched a new period of economic vitality in Elkhart Lake area. Although open road racing was discontinued after the 1952 race, Elkhart Lake experienced a rebirth of tourism and became the focal point for sports car enthusiasts in the Midwest. The momentum from open road races resulted in the establishment of the Road America closed road race circuit in 1955.

With the listing in the Register of Historic Places, the Historic Race Circuits joins the American Club in Kohler, WI, The Old Wade House in Greenbush, WI, the Sheboygan County Court House and others as historically prominent county sights worthy of preservation. The Elkhart Lake Historic Race Circuit also joins the Watkins Glen Historic Race Circuit in Watkins Glen, NY as the only other preserved open road race circuit in the United States.



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Your seat bottom should permit you to push the clutch in all the way without extending your toes or leaving your left knee bent when fully extended. Next, especially for taller drivers, raise the front of the seat bottom to provide better thigh support. Dropping the back of the seat bottom helps accomplish the same thing.

Rake, or angle, of the seat back should permit you to sit up fairly straight. This can be measured by keeping your shoulders firmly against the seatback while extending your arms with your elbows locked in the straight position. Your wrists should now be able to rest on the top of the steering wheel.

The position of the steering wheel should permit clear visibility of your instruments. The bottom of the wheel should not encroach on your thighs.

Once you have accomplished these exercises, your hands can now be placed at the three and nine o'clock positions. This should leave your elbows bent. Most Americans like to drive with their elbows straight, and you should drive mitt zee elbows bent.

In this position your right hand should now fall on the shifter. Amazing what those engineers

accomplished. You'd almost think they did that on purpose.

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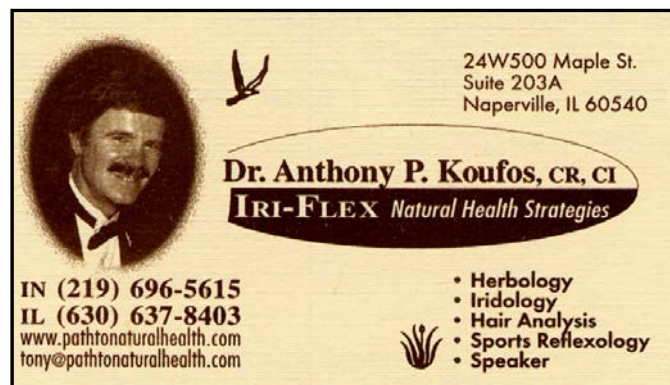
Some of you will be instantly impressed with this position while others will have to work at it a little before it becomes natural. Any deviation should be limited.

Most highway and track maneuvers will not require your hands to leave the original three and nine positions. The advantage of this is that you always know where the straight ahead position is by moving your arms back to their original position. Another method is shuffle steering that keeps your right hand in the right hemisphere, and your left in the left. This requires a little coaching and practicing until it becomes natural.

The position of your head and eyes now make the biggest difference in your ability to travel briskly without surprises. Most drivers have a tendency to look at what is directly ahead of them. You can still see what's directly ahead of you when you pick up your eyes and look down the road (or track). The further you can look ahead the fewer surprises you will encounter.

You will also find that by being able to process information at a more comfortable pace, you can make your inputs slower and more deliberate. The slower and smoother your inputs are, the faster your Porsche can go. By not jerking the steering wheel, or slamming on the brakes, or stabbing the accelerator; your Porsche will remain more stable and capable of doing what it was intended to do.

All of these factors will permit you to release that "death grip" on the wheel and turn white knuckle driving into smooth, uneventful driving. The smoother you are the faster you can go (safely).



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2005 Boxster	Arctic Silver/Black	'01 911 Cabrio	\$52,900
2005 Boxster	Black/Black	'01 Boxster S	\$32,900
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2006 Carrera Cabrio	Seal Grey/Black	'00 911 Coupe	\$44,900
2006 Carrera Cabrio	Black/Black	'99 911 Coupe	\$37,900
2006 Carrera Coupe	Arctic Silver/Black	'99 Boxster	\$23,900
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# BOARD MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 4, 2005

Ed Barnicle, Secretary

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## PCA CHICAGO REGION November 4, 2005

### **Voting Members Present:**

Ed Barnicle, Todd Conforti, Chuck LaMantia, Jim Jacisin, Keith Clark, Chris Ingot, Steve Rashbaum, and Jack Stephensen

### **Coordinators Present:**

Susan Shire, Ed Leed, Carl Walstad, Cindy Jacisin, John Ruther, and Toby Duckett

**Members Present:** John Mueller, Paul Radja, and Marty Bour

Meeting Called to Order by Jim Jacisin at 8:09 PM, at the Park Ridge VFW Hall, Park Ridge, IL

**Secretary:** Barnicle reported that the minutes of the October meeting had been e-mailed to all Board Members and Coordinators, and asked for a motion to approve them as sent. Conforti so moved, Ingot seconded, and the motion passed without dissent.

**Treasurer:** LaMantia presented an in-depth look at the Region's finances for the year, and reported that the treasurer's report was set up for an efficient transition, Jim Jacisin asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. Rashbaum so moved, Clark seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Vice President:** Ingot expressed his gratitude and thanks to everyone with whom he has served on the board.

**President:** Jim Jacisin thanked all those who had served on the Board, and were now stepping down. He reminded all the coordinators to turn in the roster's and score's so that the year-end points can be calculated.

**Autocross:** Jim Jacisin reported that the Autocross Computer had died, and that the club might have to purchase a new one for next year.

**Timing & Scoring:** No Report.

**Road America:** Clark reported that a successful follow up meeting was held and that those present found good solutions for some of the problems that occurred at the 2005 event.

**Blackhawk Farms:** Conforti reported Blackhawk Farms might be making some improvements to the facilities for next year.

**Gingerman:** LaMantia reported that possible dates had been secured by Lynn for the 2006 event. That dates are August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Autobahn:** Ingot reported that he had sent copies of the contract out to all the board members. He presented a proposed budget for the event, and made a recommendation as to what registration fee should be for the event. The date proposed for the event was set as May 1, 2006. This would be an event for experienced drivers only in order to give instructors a chance to learn the track. Clark expressed that caution should be taken in signing the contract to insure that we did not get charged for a lot of "ala carte" charges after the fact. Clark also asked that to make sure that all taxes are already built into the fees. Clark motioned to send the balance due on the deposit to Autobahn to secure the date. Conforti seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Chief Driving Instructor:** Ruther thanked all his Instructors for a successful year. Ruther reported that they recruited 20 new instructors this year, and that over 80 instructors participated in various events over the course of the year. Jim Jacisin thanked John for all his work.

**Novice Driving Instructor:** No report

**Insurance:** Clark reported that we are insured, and that Insurance costs will be going up 20% next year.

**Concours:** No Report.

**Rallye:** No Report.

**Dealer Liaison:** Rashbaum suggested that the Annual Membership Meeting might be held at a Dealership. Ingot commented, that if it is, the Board should still fund the event as it has done in the past; and not burden the dealership with the expense. No action was taken.

**Social:** LaMantia reported that everyone had a good time at the Wine Tasting event, and that several new members had attended the event. Jim Jacisin thanked Chuck for a good year.

**Membership:** No Report.

**Safety:** Conforti reported that plans to have Dr. John Melvin speak on March 26, 2006 at Northstar Motorsports are going forward. John Mueller had contacted him about the date; and John Ruther highly recommended him, as he had previously heard him speak.

**Technical:** Duckett reminded everyone that the Fall Tech Session would be held at Napleton Porsche in Westmont on 11/6/05 in conjunction with the Concour Judges School.

**Goodie Store:** No Report.

**Charity:** No Report.

**Chicago Scene:** Jim Jacisin thanked Stephan Rashbaum and Susan Shire for all their hard work on the Scene this year.

**Property:** No Report.

**Sponsorship:** No Report.

**Photography:** No Report.

**Historian:** No Report.

**Webmaster:** Walstad reported that he was working on changes to the web page for next year. Jim Jacisin thanked him for a great job in having the web page be extremely responsive to the clubs needs.

**Dinner Dance:** All is set.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:**

Barnicle reported the results of this year's election. 65 Ballots were certified and 1 was not certified. The results were reported as follows:

President: Chuck LaMantia  
65 votes cast for, 0 against  
Vice President: Ed Barnicle  
63 votes cast for, 0 against  
Treasurer: Cindy Jacisin  
64 votes cast for, 0 against  
Secretary: Ron Bean  
62 votes cast for, 0 against  
Director: Keith Clark

60 votes cast for, 0 against  
Director: John Ruther  
64 votes cast for, 0 against  
Director: Toby Duckett  
63 votes cast for, 0 against

LaMantia reported that the General Membership Meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2005 at the Edelweiss Restaurant, 7650 W. Irving Park Road, Norridge, IL 60706. Barnicle made a motion to fund the event. Conforti seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. LaMantia then said that he wants to schedule a January Board Meeting

on 1/6/06 at the Park Ridge VFW Hall at 8:00PM.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Conforti & Rashbaum  
**Second:** Barnicle & Inglot  
**Approved Unanimously**

**Adjournment: 9:38 PM**

**Next meeting:**

January 6, 2006  
8:00 PM  
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# So you want to go racing... II

Three years ago, in response to requests from our members, the Chicago Region hosted its first "New Racer Workshop" for those members looking to make the jump from Autocross and Drivers Education, to PCA Club Racing. Feedback from those who attended that event, and requests from members currently considering Club Racing, make it clear that it's time for:



## Chicago Region's New Racer Workshop II

**When:** Saturday, February 18, 2006  
9am - 4pm

**Where:** River Run Club  
4204 Clearwater Lane  
Naperville, IL 60564

**Cost:** \$50 (includes lunch)

### Who:

Experienced drivers considering their first club race in 2006 or 2007, or new club racers interested in accelerating their learning curve. This workshop is not structured for new or novice drivers with only a couple of days of on-track experience. We will assume that you have basic driving skills, understand vocabulary such as "turn-in", "apex" and "track-out", in addition to concepts such as the friction circle, heel-and-toe, threshold breaking, the correct "line", and weight transfer.

We will discuss PCA Club Racing license guidelines, personal preparation, and recommendations for minimal car preparation. We will also review the requirements outlined in the PCA Club Racing rule book for personal safety equipment and car modifications required for participation

The agenda will also include a walk-through of what to expect at your first club race: racecar technical inspection, safety equipment inspection, novice racer orientation meeting, driver's meeting, the 13/13 rule, practice,

practice starts and "fun" race, qualifying, and the race. We will also look at strategies and tactics for: car setup, learning a new track, using your practice sessions to your best advantage, what to do during qualifying, and how to handle the various parts of the race.

If you are interested, please send in the registration information detailed below. If you have topics that you would like to see covered, put them in the note with your information. Questions? Call or email us:

John Ruther: 847-304-5515  
john@northstarmotorsports.com  
Greg Turek: 630-904-0800  
gjt@tureks.net

### Directions:

From I-88: Exit at Rt. 59, go South 7 miles to 103<sup>rd</sup> St, turn left, go 1 mile to Book Rd, turn right, go 0.1 miles to 104<sup>th</sup> St, turn left on 104<sup>th</sup> St, go 1/2 mile to Clearwater, turn right and go 1 block to the River Run Club.

From I-355: Exit at Boughton Rd., go West 8 miles to Plainfield-Naperville Rd. (Boughton ends), turn right, go 1/2 mile to 104<sup>th</sup> St., turn left, go 1/2 miles to Clearwater Dr., turn left and go 1 block to the River Run Club.

From I-55: Exit at Weber Rd, go North 2 miles to Hassert Blvd. (111<sup>th</sup> St), turn left, go 2 miles to Plainfield-Naperville Rd, turn right, go 1 mile to 104<sup>th</sup> St, turn left, go 1/2 miles to Clearwater Dr, turn left and go 1 block to the River Run Club.

**Chicago Region's New Racer Workshop Registration is due by 2/10/06 and is limited to the first 50 who reply.**

*On a separate piece of paper, please take a few minutes to tell us a little about your car and your track experience.*

Provide your name, email and postal address, phone number, car model, modifications, the run group you normally drive in at Chicago Region events, how many years you have been participating in Driver's Education events, total number of track days you have completed, which tracks have you driven, and typical lap-times. Also tell us what you want to learn from this school and any specific topics you would like to see covered (this last one is IMPORTANT!!!):

**Make checks payable to: PCA Chicago Region**

**Mail to:** New Racer Workshop  
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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Debby and Ed Leed, Membership Database and Michael Haas, Membership Chair

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## NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS ... Welcome and we hope to see you at an event soon!

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David Bruskin Benjamin Bruskin Gurnee, IL 1997 993 Coupe	Jesse Hernandez Susan Hernandez Homer Glen, IL 2001 996 Cabriolet	Dan Lauderback Mary Kay Lauderback Barrington, IL 2000 996 Coupe	David Smalstig Susan Smalstig Cary, IL 2003 996 Coupe
Diego Caro Marcela Torres Grayslake, IL 1977 911 S	Victor Hoernig Vicki Hoernig Lowell, IN 1999 Boxster	Erich Luichinger Rene Luichinger Winthrop Harbor, IL 2003 Boxster	Scott Strelitz Northbrook, IL 2005 997S Cabriolet
Gorman Cook Jonathan Cook Wilmette, IL 2001 Boxster S	Mark Johnson Leslie Johnson Naperville, IL 1988 944 Turbo	Dan Mclachlan Oakbrook, IL 2002 996 Turbo	Joe Sterbenc Sara Sterbenc Homewood, IL 1974 914
Dennis Duel Andrea Schild Des Plaines, IL 1985 944	John King Jill King Chicago, IL 2004 996 Cabriolet	Carlo Pagni Eilis Pagni Orland Park, IL 1979 930	Steven Stitle Nancy Stitle Barrington, IL 2000 996 Coupe
Bob Fischer Maurita Fischer Palatine, IL 1986 944 Coupe	Paul Konopacki Beth Bucaida Sun Prairie, WI 1996 993 Cabriolet	Timothy Reckard Jenell Reckard Mundelein, IL 2000 Boxster	Waldemar Werner Margaret Werner Mokena, IL 1986 928 S

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1964 Dr. Merwin B. Rosen	Tammy Rosen	1990 Phillip Wesa	Chad Wesa
1972 Gerald E. Dunn	Karen Dunn	1990 Douglas J. Jenson	Candice Jenson
1973 J. Edgar Leed	Deborah S. Leed	1990 William G. Dobrin	Phyllis Dobrin
1981 Guy Revesz	Marilyn Revesz	1990 Philip W. Collin	Olga Collin
1982 James E. Schragar	Teresa Schragar	1990 Robert A. Neal	Nancy J. Neal
1983 Neil J. Horden	Aleece Horden	1990 Thomas E. Murphy	Tim Murphy
1985 Robert W. Gettleman	Joyce Gettleman	1991 Peter Fischer	Janice M. Fischer
1985 Kurt Hipke	Mary Beth Hipke	1991 R. Michael Cox	Maria Cox
1987 Anthony J. Lisanti	Janine Lisanti	1991 Carl L. Backer	Julia Backer
1987 Kevin M. Buss	Deb Nye	1991 Michael Coglianesse	
1990 Michael T. Forni	Jody W. Forni	1992 Trent W. Oler	Laura Oler
1990 John M. Kramer		1992 Martin Saltzman	
1990 Martin D. Jurasek	Mary Mone-Jurasek	1992 Stephen H. Maslen	Susan Maslen

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1992	Scott D. Sanda	Leah Sanda	1998	Gary J. Norman	Kristina A. Norman
1992	David W. Schoenberg	Judy Schoenberg	1998	Joseph P. Stiefel	Christy Schaefer
1992	Richard E. Sturm		1999	Terrill W. Janssen	Mary Beth Janssen
1992	George A. Biskup	Bernadette L. Biskup	1999	Richard John Gonzales	Richard John Gonzales
1992	Joel A. Haber	Bonnie Haber	1999	Thomas M. Dogan	Lolly Dogan
1992	Philip I. Holland	Susan Holland	2000	Kathi L. Meyer	Bryon Frost
1992	Thomas A. Verachtert	Marilyn Verachtert	2000	Jack Turner	Suzanne H. Turner
1993	Michael L. Liebmann	Colleen Liebmann	2000	Al Lieponis	Ellen Lieponis
1993	Ralph E. Lambka	Margaret Lambka	2000	Larry C. Finder	
1994	William R. Huffman	Patricia Huffman	2000	Edgar E. Wotring	Erik Wotring
1994	U. Karl Augustin		2000	Sheffield S. Hyde	
1994	Walter Lytwyn	Nancy Lytwyn	2000	Brian Herbstritt	Jay Carroll
1994	Larry L. Emmons	Jan Emmons	2000	Barry Swalla	Mary Ann Swalla
1995	Peter M. Drozt	Jennifer L. Drozt	2001	Joseph J. Macak	Susan Macak
1995	Ray M. Quick	Helen Quick	2001	John V. Bibbo	Darla Bibbo
1995	Robert Trahan	Giedre Larson	2001	Louis J. Elsner	Janet Elsner
1996	Timothy R. McNulty	Wayne McNulty	2001	James S. Anderson	Jo Anderson
1996	Joseph F. Fraczek	Robin Fraczek	2001	David W. Ellis	
1996	Raul N. Mosquera	Katie F. Mosquera	2001	Waleed Shafiqullah	Adeel Shafiqullah
1996	Frank S. Magnifico	Jennifer Magnifico	2002	Robert Der	Joan Der
1997	John E. Cline	Joan Cline	2002	Mark A. Toth	Debbie Toth
1997	Paul G. Radja	Marcia Leal	2002	Ken Shiffman	Cory Shiffman
1997	Stan Reed	Kathy Reed	2002	Robert S. Rozwat	
1997	Robert A. Gildone	Robert Gildone Jr	2002	Lutz L. Strobel	Rhona Ann Hoffman
1997	J. Brian Nolan	Sue Nolan	2002	Bryan J. Kemker	Judy Kemker
1997	Michael P. Hill	John Hill	2002	Val Strumberger	Michael Strumberger
1997	George D. LaCross II	Linda LaCross	2002	Michael Walther	Beverly Walther
1998	Kurt A. Konrath	Joanne Konrath	2002	Francisco J. Miyares	Carmen S. Miyares
1998	Frederick Au	Annika Ngan	2002	Michael W. Grove	Nancy L. Grove
1998	William D. VanNorman	Barbara VanNorman	2002	Christopher J. Baker	Carol Baker
1998	Arthur Kardatzke	Janet Kardatzke	2002	Tim D. Schiewe	Karen Schiewe
1998	Timothy J. Taylor	Angela A. Taylor	2002	Gary E. Kay	
1998	Patrice C. Al-Saden		2002	Steve N. Twietmeyer	Carrie Twietmeyer
1998	Dennis Costis	Jan Costis	2002	William J. Stepien	Theresa Stepien
1998	Lee W. Minogue	Katharine Minogue	2002	Gregory B. Root	
1998	Lee S. Selander	Mark Selander	2002	Peter R. Konkel	
1998	William H. Elliott	Donna Elliott	2002	John E. Morgan	Darcy Morgan
1998	Arthur B. Koenigsberger	Charlotte Koenigsberger	2002	Anthony V. Czapla	Deborah Czapla
1998	Allan A. Davidson	Denise Johnson	2002	Frank J. Jendraszak	Cissy Jendraszak

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2002 Robert B. Gwinn		2003 Daniel W. Malia	Veronica Hodgson
2003 Michael Mattenson	Leslie Graubart	2003 Richard J. Farr	Susan Farr
2003 William J. Ryan		2003 Fred Hayes	Sandra Hayes
2003 Steve R. Wardell	Kathy Wardell	2003 Gary C. Barkauski	Eileen Barkauski
2003 Maneesak Pimsarn	Ruksakul Wongvanich	2003 Dean M. Caselli	Roberta Caselli
2003 Bruce J. Lowy	Donna Meltz	2003 Richard C. Lothridge	Liz Lothridge
2003 Michael Curry	Michael L. Curry Jr	2003 Michael G. Zeman	
2003 Edward C. Kuehnle	Linda Kuehnle	2003 Steven D. Pjesky	Sandy Pjesky
2003 Mark Fuehrer	Joyce Fuehrer	2003 Brandon R. Griffin	Kevin Griffin
2003 David Justh		2003 Rick Schuberth	Sue Schuberth
2003 Robert M. Cass	Michele Cass	2003 Timothy Ray	Lisa Florence Ray
2003 Joseph B. Kurian		2003 James Dvorak	
2003 John M. Osuyos	Carolyn Osuyos	2003 Timm R. Reynolds	Philip Reynolds
2003 Robert E. Ward	Janice Ward	2003 John C. Brink	Roz Brink
2003 Robin H. Bronstein		2003 John C. Hansen Jr.	Maxine Hansen
2003 John A. Clark		2004 Francis Neil MacDonald	Francis Neil MacDonald
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# JOINT SESSIONS

by Toby Duckett

## Fall Tech and Concour Judges School

Before I start in on the report of these two events, I wanted to take this method to thank all the TECH TEAM members that assisted so much during the year. We can not hold events without your assistance.

Remember, all DE drivers are more than welcome to assist to keep the lines for tech down to a minimum so we can all go out on the track.

A special thanks to Jim Hopp for securing and carrying the new PCA scales to Blackhawk and Road America. They worked great mainly due to the thought and effort put in by Jim.

THANK YOU ALL DRIVERS and TECH TEAM Members.

The Fall Tech and Concour Judges School were held together for the first time ever at Napleton Porsche, Westmont, IL, November 6, 2005. Seventy six people attended the two events with 22 for Concour and 54 for Tech. The Chicago Region PCA thanks Napleton for hosting this dual event where everyone had a great time to listen, learn, eat, drink, and socialize.



Pat Yanahan and John Takehara provided a classroom for judges and then reviewed cars in the dealership.

Items were stressed that judges need to be sure they review all the cars in the same class with the same points ... like looking behind the pedals in all cars, looking under the gas cap, etc. For obvious reasons, belt buckles, rings, watches should be removed so the judges do not damage the cars. The event ran from 11 AM to 2 PM.

Pete Hackenson and Todd Conforti assisted Toby in the Tech session.



Cary from Napleton did a great job presenting why Porsche owners should take their cars to a dealer for Autocross and DE support. The dealer can let you know what works and what does not, what you should do together at the same time versus how you can prepare to improve your car over time. Examples were provided with real cars on the lift to highlight the suspension, brakes, and alignment. The event ran from 11:30 AM to 4 PM.

Thank you to all that attended the event. I know that I learned things for next year as I am sure we all did.

Thank you to Napleton for hosting and Dan Basin for bringing the pizza and salad.

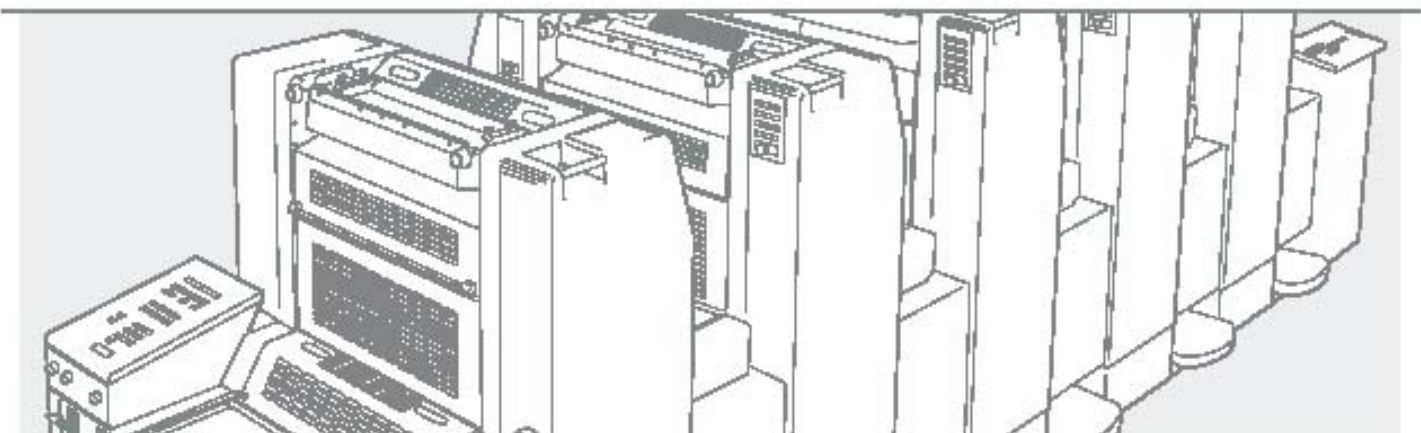


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# THE MIDSHIP REPORT: WORLD CARS

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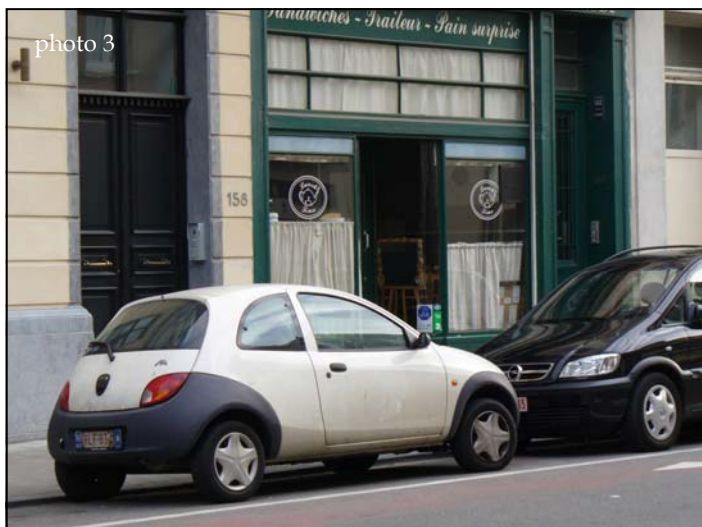
We just don't get it. Pick a car manufacturer. Any of them. Domestic or foreign. Doesn't matter. Large or small, there's something that stands out among all but one of the car manufacturers of the world: WE DON'T GET IT. Would you know a Nissan Micra if it pulled into your driveway? What about a Ford Ka? An Audi A2? What about the Smart CDI?

As I mentioned in last month's MIDSHIP, I'm on 'short time' at the office - my department is being outsourced, perhaps as soon as January, and I've decided it's my obligation to live like there's no tomorrow. I'm using my remaining airline days to fly to far-off

destinations in search of interesting automotive attractions. This past weekend found me in Brussels, Belgium where I took in cars in a museum and cars on the streets. The streets were better. This isn't a put-down of the Autoworld Museum ([www.autoworld.be](http://www.autoworld.be)) - they have over 300 cars with many notable examples, but all are in static displays ... whereas the streets of Brussels come alive with cars - even when parked. And thus my conclusion: *We don't get it.* Take a look at these photos - you'll concur. All the major auto makers market a number of completely different vehicles for the European market. All but one. Any guesses? ... starts with a P ... Peugeot? No. Po ... Not Pontiac.

Porsche. In my 4 days of strolling the streets of the E-U capital, I spotted 5 Porsches: three 911's (993 and 996 variants), and two Boxsters (986). These are 'world' cars - no second looks are necessary. The model line that Porsche sells in Europe is the same model line available in the USA. No so for the rest, as you'll see.

You're probably familiar with the SMART car (photo 1) by now. Daimler-Chrysler was expected to bring it to the US in the next year or two, but has officially backed out of that plan. It may not be the perfect urban car, but look at what it offers: 2 seats; can be parked anywhere short of a bicycle rack; has unique



## MIDSHIP ...

looks; and it's available as a cabrio. There's even a 4 door edition (photo 2). But we just don't get it (in the US).

Look at some of the others photos. The manufacturer names are all commonplace, but these cars aren't likely to ever be spotted at your neighborhood carwash.

Photo 3: Ford Ka.

Photo 4: Audi A2.

Photo 5: Peugeot 206.

Photo 6: Nissan Micra.

Photo 7: An interesting illusion - this Renault resembles a US minivan. But note the figures in the background that are taller than the roofline of this micro car - those are grade school children.

My favorite of this recent adventure is this VW (photos 8 & 9). This 'crossover' VW is a Golf (or Polo) from the front half, and a minivan from the back half. It's a weird combination that seems to work.

And if you thought buying a *Caddy* means purchasing a General Motors product, think again (photo 10).

So? What's this all mean? As noted, Porsche doesn't market different cars for different (world) markets. It has four different model lines (911, Boxster, Cayenne, and Carrera GT) and a 5<sup>th</sup> line (Cayman) due shortly. And if you haven't been following the news, yet another model line is in the works: a 4 door variant that, from initial sketches released from Porsche (image 11), carries over many of the lines of the 911.

A lot of the Porsche faithful are starting to grow concerned over the direction Porsche is taking. More than once, I've heard: "What's next? A station wagon?". So let me be the first to say this:

**The 4 door Porsche Panamera will be a success for the very reason the Cayenne is not.**

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the 911, and just as will be with the Cayman. Consistent, identifiable, sporting lines. A truck can never possess those lines. The 4 door (as drawn) does it easily and ... successfully.

I've read that the current Cayenne line comes to an end in 2010. Wouldn't be a bit surprised it Porsche AG freshens it up a bit and re-markets. Everywhere, but the US.



photo 9



photo 10

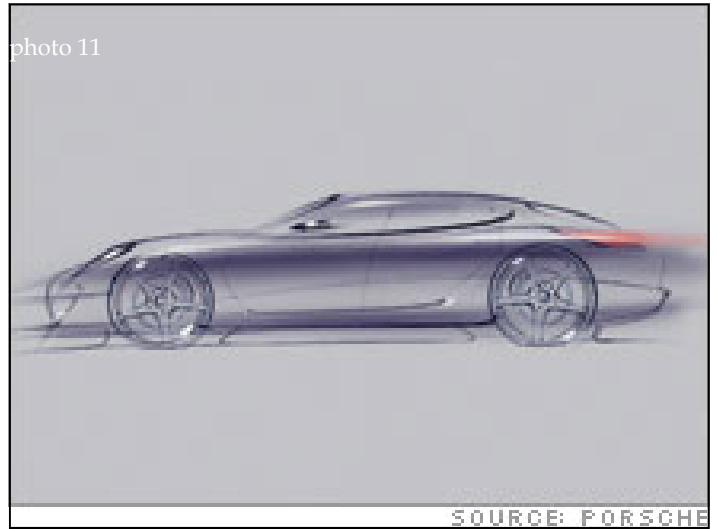


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# TECH QUIZ

compiled by Skip Carter and Greg Phillips

1. The Porsche Parade moved west for the first time in 1960 to what location?
  - a. Aspen
  - b. Salt Lake City
  - c. Denver
  - d. Los Angeles

*RPM 2004, p 5*
2. The Porsche 935 "baby" had a 3.0-liter engine.

True or False  
*Porsche 911 Story, p 270*
3. Which item was not a main technical feature of the Porsche 959 when it was first announced?
  - a. Four-wheel drive with variable torque split
  - b. Six-speed gearbox
  - c. Tiptronic transmission as an option
  - d. Four shock absorbers per wheel

*Porsche 911 Story, p 296*
4. The Type 993 all wheel drive version differed from the Type 964 C4 version primarily due to:
  - a. Viscous coupling versus computer DME controlled all wheel drive system
  - b. Four inch longer wheelbase than the comparable C2 version
  - c. Carbon fiber aerodynamic underbody panels to protect the AWD system
  - d. None of the above

*The Porsche Family Tree, PCA, p 19*
5. One of the 356 SL racers built from Gmund coupes in 1951 resides in the:
  - a. Canton Hall of Fame
  - b. Daytona International Pavilion
  - c. Corvette Museum
  - d. Collier Museum

*Panorama, 1/04, p 14*
6. The 356A was introduced in the fall of 1955 at the:
  - a. Frankfurt Auto Show
  - b. Detroit Auto Show
  - c. Paris Salon
  - d. None of the above

*Panorama, 6/03, p 4*
7. In 1976 all non-turbo Porsche 911 engines had high-speed ten-blade cooling fans.

True or False  
*Excellence, Vol. 2, p 677*
8. Features of the 914's VW-made engine were:
  - a. Four cams and sixteen valves
  - b. Variable valve timing
  - c. Electronically controlled cooling fans
  - d. Compact cooling-air ducting and fuel injection

*Excellence, Vol. 2, p 493*
9. Porsche and VW established sales and spare-parts facilities for their joint sports car program at Ludwigsburg, north of Stuttgart.

True or False  
*Excellence, Vol. 2, p 499*
10. The forged 5-spoke alloy wheel first appeared as standard on the model year:
  - a. 1966 911S
  - b. 1967 911S
  - c. 1968 911S
  - d. 1968 911L

*"Porsche: Excellence was Expected", p 444*
11. Not all 2002 model 911 Carreras featured the new headlamps that had been introduced on the Turbo at the beginning of the year 2000.

True or False  
*Excellence, Vol. 3, p 1398*
12. The 2005 Boxster (2.7-liter) comes standard with \_\_\_\_\_ wheels.
  - a. 17-inch wheels
  - b. 18-inch wheels
  - c. 19-inch wheels
  - d. 16-inch wheels

*Panorama, 11/04, p 18*
13. The 24-hour "Longest Day" races held at Nelson Ledges, Ohio provided Porsche engineers plenty of information for improvements on the 944 series. These improvements included:
  - a. New Aluminum suspension arms
  - b. Larger plastic fuel tank
  - c. New boost-control system
  - d. All of the above

*Excellence, Vol. 2, p 958*
14. Porsche gave the 944 engine a cylinder-bore of 100mm, which was a new record bore diameter for Porsche cars.

True or False  
*Excellence, Vol. 2, p 946*
15. The PCA Junior Participation Program allows sons and daughters of PCA members to participate in selected events if they are at least 18 years of age.

True or False  
*RPM 2004, p 70*

Answers on page 49



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3. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
4. Righteous Darkness
5. Arrival Time:2400 hrs - Weather:Cloudless
6. Loyal Followers Advance
7. Far Off in a Feeder
8. Array the Corridor
9. Bantam Male Percussionist
10. Monarchial Triad
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness
12. Jehovah Deactivate Bliethe Chevaliers
13. Red Man En Route to Borough
14. Frozen Precipitation Commence
15. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle
16. The Quadruped with the Vermillion Probiscis
17. Query Regarding Identity of Descendant
18. Delight for this Planet
19. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings
20. The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals

Answers are on page 49

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  8. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
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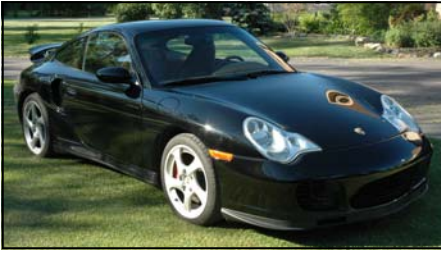
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4. O Holy Night
5. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
6. O Come, All Ye Faithful
7. Away in a Manger
8. Deck the Hall
9. Little Drummer Boy
10. We Three Kings
11. Silent Night
12. G-d Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen
13. 1Santa Claus is Coming to Town
14. Let it Snow
15. Go, Tell It on the Mountain
16. Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer
17. What Child is This?
18. Joy to the World
19. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
20. The Twelve Days of Christmas



### Tech Quiz Answers

- 1) a; 2) F; 3) c; 4) a; 5) d; 6) a; 7) F; 8) d; 9) T; 10) B; 11) F; 12) a; 13) d; 14) T; 15) F



**A little bit of business ....**

Bruce Janecek has asked that I correct an error of authorship in the November Chicago Scene. *The "Editor's Rebuttal" to the Peachstate "PRESSE" was NOT Penned By The "PRESSE" Editor, but rather by our own " (then) Chicago Scene" editor, the incomparable Dan Gallagher.*

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The votes are in for the 2006 Chicago Region Officers and Directors. Congratulations and thank you for 'stepping up'..

Next month ... Porsche movies.

**A lot of holiday cheer ...**

The holiday season is in full swing. We spent a long Thanksgiving weekend in Denver with Steve's mom and some of my family. As bothersome as the packing and travel are, it was wonderful to be with them and also see friends in that area.

Now we're trying to finish the shopping and the Christmas/Hanukkah/New Year's decorating and plans.

I'm baking cookies and planning the festive menus.

The cats still won't wear antlers and Steve won't don a tux for the Dinner Dance ... maybe next year

There are parties to attend, friends to see, cards to write, and packages to wrap and mail.

It's snowing and it's cold but the dark is aglow with the sparkle of the holiday lights. I love it and I not embarrassed to admit that I force Steve to drive us around at night to look at the decorations and lights.

And in the midst of it all, we stop to consider the meaning of the season, to look back at the year almost gone, and to look ahead.

*Holiday Wishes*

*May peace fill all the empty spaces around you and in you may contentment answer all your wishes.*

*May comfort be yours, warm and soft like a sigh.*

*And may the coming year show you that every day is really a first day, a new year.*

*Let abundance be your constant companion, so that you have much to share.*

*May mirth be near you always, like a lamp shining brightly on the many paths you travel.*

*May you be and know true love.*

Happy Holidays ... we'll see you at the Dinner Dance!



*Aungahh ( a-úun-gaaa), n. [Skip Barber Racing School]. 1 The sound of the motor of a car as the clutch is depressed, the brakes applied, and the throttle "blipped" to effect a heel and toe downshift. 2 Editors' column.*

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- CREATIVE ITALIAN CUISINE
- FRESH SEAFOOD SPECIALS
- HOMEMADE BREADS & DESSERTS
- WINNER: AOL PIZZA POLL
- OUTDOOR CAFE SEATING
- RELAXED ATMOSPHERE
- FRIENDLY PEOPLE

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