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Three Months At A Glance

Looking Ahead (as of 1/5/07)

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	<i>JANUARY</i>					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 General Membership Meeting	29	30	31	1	2 Board Meeting	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>FEBRUARY</i>						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Chili Tasting & Concour School	26	27	28	1	2 Board Meeting	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 St Patrick's Day Social
<i>MARCH</i>						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Spring Tech Session	26	27	28	29	30 Board Meeting (April)	31

Apr
 22 Rallye School
 TBA Wine Tasting Social
 29 Autocross School
 30 Autobahn DE - Experienced Only

May
 4 Board Meeting
 6 Autocross I - Maywood
 9 Blackhawk DE - Novices
 20 Rallye I
 25/27 RADE (Road America DE)

Jun
 1 Board Meeting
 3 Autocross I
 13 Blackhawk DE II
 17 Concour I - Long Grove
 22 Autobahn DE II (North Track)
 24 Rallye II

Jul
 13 Board Meeting
 15 Autocross III - Tire Rack
 20 Blackhawk DE III
 22 Potter's Picnic/Concour II
 28 Golf Outing

Aug
 4/5 GingerMan DE
 10 Board Meeting
 12 Autocross IV/Concour III
 15 Blackhawk DE IV
 18 Kane County Cougars Game
 19 Rallye III
 26 Concour IV - Geneva
 31 TRAC DE/Test & Tune

Sep
 1 TRAC Concour V/Dinner
 1/3 TRAC DE/Club Race
 7 Board Meeting
 16 Autocross V - Maywood
 19 Blackhawk DE V
 23 Rallye IV

Oct
 6/7 Blackhawk Octoberfest
 12 Board Meeting
 14 Rallye V

Nov
 2 Board Meeting
 17 50th Anniversary Party -
 Butterfield Country Club

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The 2007 Chicago Region Calendar of Events

Jan		Jul	
5	Board Meeting	13	Board Meeting
28	General Membership Meeting	15	Autocross III - Tire Rack
		20	Blackhawk DE III
Feb		22	Potter's Picnic/Concour II
2	Board Meeting	28	Golf Outing
25	Chili Tasting & Concour School		
		Aug	
Mar		4/5	GingerMan DE
2	Board Meeting	10	Board Meeting
10	St Patrick's Day Social	12	Autocross IV/Concour III
25	Spring Tech Session	15	Blackhawk DE IV
30	(April) Board Meeting	18	Kane County Cougars Game
		19	Rallye III
Apr		26	Concour IV - Geneva
22	Rallye School	31	TRAC DE/Test & Tune
TBA	Wine Tasting Social		
29	Autocross School	Sep	
30	Autobahn DE - Experienced Only	1	TRAC Concour V/Dinner
		1/3	TRAC DE/Club Race
May		7	Board Meeting
4	Board Meeting	16	Autocross V - Maywood
6	Autocross I - Maywood	19	Blackhawk DE V
9	Blackhawk DE - Novices	23	Rallye IV
20	Rallye I		
25/27	RADE (Road America DE)	Oct	
		6/7	Blackhawk Octoberfest
Jun		12	Board Meeting
1	Board Meeting	14	Rallye V
3	Autocross I		
13	Blackhawk DE II	Nov	
17	Concour I - Long Grove	2	Board Meeting
22	Autobahn DE II (North Track)	17	50th Anniversary Party - Butterfield Country Club
24	Rallye II		

WANTED

PCA/Chicago Region memorabilia to be displayed during 2007 for our 50th Anniversary celebration. Any and all items (Chicago Scene -awards - badges, photos, etc.) from 1957 thru 1970 would be appreciated. Especially, pertaining to our four Chicago-hosted National Porsche Parades (1959-1964-1972-1984) All in Wisconsin!

Artifacts may be donated or loaned. All will be given T.L.C. We can arrange pick-up within the Chicago-land area.

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The Point

Chuck LaMantia, President

An ending and a beginning ...

We celebrated the end of the 49th season of the Chicago Region Porsche Club of America at the Royal Fox Country Club in St Charles on December 2, 2006. Melissa LaMantia, Karen and Keith Clark and I were the hosts of the annual awards and dinner dance function. The announced attendance of 178 members and guest were 2 short of the targeted sell out of 180. As the "emcee" of the evening's events, I tried with delicate balance to mix up the awards with the raffles.

The job description for Region President looks similar to the one many of us has seen when we have managed a Little League baseball team. In baseball, the all-star team needs to get selected. As Region President, I need to select the annual President Award winners. Basically, the President Awards acknowledge over whelming commitment and dedication to the in the support of the clubs many activities. President Award winners for 2006 were the following individuals;

Wayne Potter Life Time Achievement

Bob and Shirley Cook

New Member Enthusiast

Neil MacDonald

Enthusiast of the Year

Toby Duckett

Man of the Year

Todd Conforti

Woman of the Year

Susan Shire

Family of the Year

Rich, Nicole and Alexandra Stycznski

Commitment and Dedication

John Ruther
Mike and April Milhouse
AJ Tiller
Ed Barnicle

From what I could tell, a good time was had by all. I know Dennis Costis enjoyed himself as for the second year in a row Dennis was the winner of a free entry into any one of our track events. This was also the second year in a row that I personally selected the winning ticket for Dennis

If the number of tickets entered for an item is a proxy for the item being the "grand prize", then John and Jeannie Ruther drove home with the winning item ... a 32inch flat screen television.



Melissa and Chuck LaMantia

photo by Ron Gould www.rongouldstudios.com

As in the past, The Ralph Wilder Orchestra provided excellent entertainment through out the evening.

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As you will see on the opposite page, the 2007 Chicago Region Calendar of Events has been finalized. (While we have done our best to set the dates 'in stone', there is always the possibility of a date or location change. Changes will be posted and highlighted both on the web page at www.pca-chicago.org and in the Chicago Scene.) Looks like we have the usual jam packed options to meet every ones needs. If you want to keep your car clean, drive on a race track, drive in a parking lot, drive on country roads of just hang out with your Chicago PCA friends ... there are plenty of opportunities. I am thrilled that all the coordinators from 2006 have agreed to the same positions in 2007!

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This year marks the **50th Anniversary** of the Chicago Region. We will be having a year long celebration leading up to the 2007 Dinner Dance on November 17th, 2007. Starting the year will be the General Membership Meeting on January 28th, 2007 at The Edelweiss in Norridge. For those that attend, you will be asked to fill out a card and in return you will receive a special commemorative name tag acknowledging the 50 years of the Chicago Region. Throughout the year, certain events will be designated as "signature events" whereby the name tags will be made available to those that attend. Future versions of the Scene and the web site will include up to date information.

Looking forward to another busy Chicago PCA season!!

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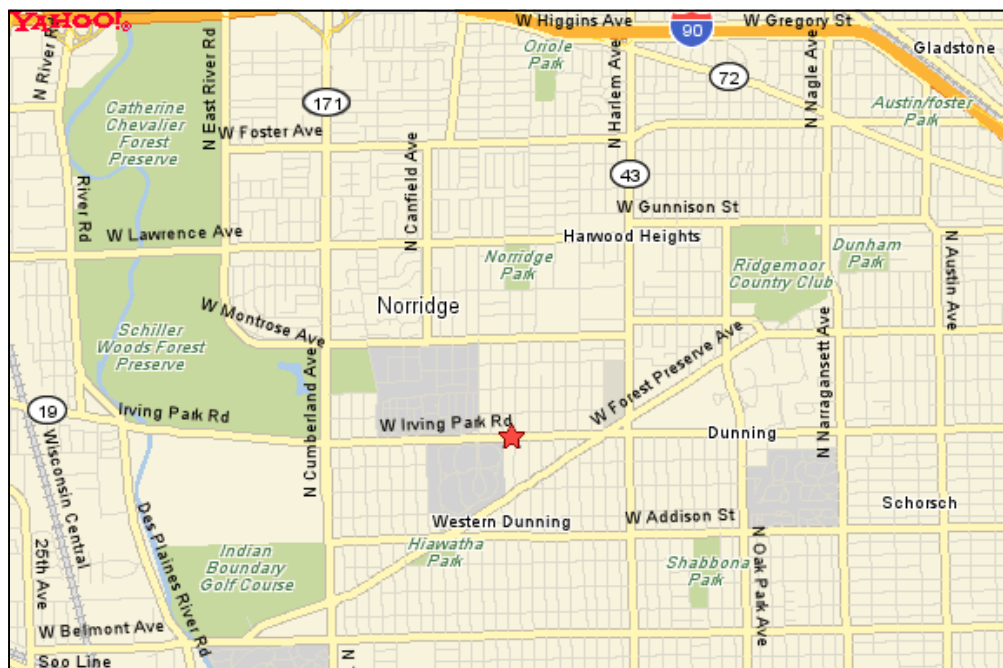
The Chicago Region's General Membership Meeting

Sunday, January 28th, 2007
11am – 3 pm

Edelweiss Restaurant
7650 West Irving Park Road
Norridge, IL 60706

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- Introduction of the 2007 Officers, Directors, and Coordinators
- Announcement of the plans for the year-long 50th Anniversary Party
- Begin 2007 with old and new friends on a “No Football” Sunday
- The Buffet Lunch is ‘on the Region’
- Order your 50th Anniversary Commemorative Name Badge
- Valet Parking
- CASH BAR



From Within the 13th Zone – January 2007

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Holiday Parties Galore

With the recent holidays now being over, many regions held their annual holiday parties and many had awards ceremonies. Congratulations to all that attended and brought home some “goodies”. I was presented with an “Emergency Key” Award at Chicago’s Dinner Dance. I just need to figure out how to affix the key to the outside of my trailer to avoid any further issue of being locked out of my trailer while attending future track events. Thanks. The holiday parties are not quite over, Fox Valley and Central Wisconsin still have their extravaganzas in the next couple of weeks.

Dreams That Come True

On December 4th, one lucky ticket was drawn in Atlanta for the sold out (4000 tickets) raffle that the Porsche Club held. Greg Adams of the Golden Gate Region was awarded a new 2007 Cayman. The video can be seen at www.pca.org or http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLUrEL_UDHY. Based on the success, look for more raffles in the future!

New Year’s Resolution

If you are like me, you are still thinking of what kind of resolution to make this year. May I recommend that you are willing to try a new activity of a different kind within the club. If you normally participate in concour, then try a rallye. If you normally drive an autocross, then perhaps you should try a driver education event. While at the event, introduce yourself to someone you don’t know. Who knows, you may meet your new best friend! While you are at it, try volunteering at the next event you attend. It is nice to give something back to the membership.

And the Beat Goes On ...

Finally, I will continue to serve in the capacity of Zone 13 Representative for the next two years. Thank you to the regions that gave me another vote of confidence. Hopefully I have been helpful to those who needed help in the past two years. Going forward, if there is something as a Zone Rep that I can



Vanessa and Chris Inglot

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be of service to you or your region, let me know. I will try to assist. All that being said, one of my jobs in the interim will be to find my replacement that would be starting in 2009. The pay does not exist, but the benefits of meeting great Porsche people and attending fun events is priceless. If you have any interest in the job, please let me know. I can fill you in.

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Zone 13 Calendar

Jan 2007		
1/4	Milw. Business Meeting - Concours Motors - Glendale, WI	Milwaukee
1/5	Chicago Board Meeting - VFW Hall - Park Ridge, IL	Chicago
1/6	FVR Holiday Party - Necadah, WI	Fox Valley
1/8	BGR Board Meeting - Cooking by George	Bluegrass
1/8	KY Membership Meeting - Bluegrass Motorsports, Louisville, KY	Kentucky
1/10	LTR Board Meeting - Guzzardo's in Lincoln	Lincoln Trail
1/13	BGR Tech Session @ Richard Lane's Garage	Bluegrass
1/14	CWR Holiday Party @ Biaggi's	Central Wisc.
1/15	LTR Dinner @ Lucca Grill - Bloomington, IL	Lincoln Trail
1/17	CWR Monthly Meeting @ Lee's Automotive	Central Wisc.
1/18	LTR Dinner @ Mario's Pizzeria - Springfield, IL	Lincoln Trail
1/21	BGR Membership Mtg - Portabello's - Lexington, KY	Bluegrass
1/25	LTR Dinner @ various Champaign, IL locations	Lincoln Trail
1/27	LTR Breakfast @ Panera's on Knoxville - Peoria, IL	Lincoln Trail
1/27-1/28/07	Rolex 24 Hour Race at Daytona, FL	
1/28	Chicago General Membership meeting @ Edelweiss Inn - Norridge, IL	Chicago
Feb 2007		
2/1	Milw. Business Meeting - Concours Motors - Glendale, WI	Milwaukee
2/2	Chicago Board Meeting - VFW Hall - Park Ridge, IL	Chicago
2/3	Milw. Carrera Chili Party - River Hills, WI	Milwaukee
2/4	Superbowl XLI	
2/5	BGR Board Meeting - Cooking by George	Bluegrass
2/9-2/11	48 Hrs of Sebring DE & Club Race	Gold / Suncoast Regions
2/12	KY Membership Meeting - Bluegrass Motorsports, Louisville, KY	Kentucky
2/18	BGR Membership Mtg - Portabello's - Lexington, KY	Kentucky
2/18	Chicago Wine Dinner	Chicago
2/21	CWR Monthly Meeting @ Lee's Automotive	Central Wisc.
2/25	Chicago Chili Tasting & Concours Prep School	Chicago
March 2007		
3/1	Milw. Business Meeting - Concours Motors - Glendale, WI	Milwaukee
3/2	Chicago Board Meeting - VFW Hall - Park Ridge, IL	Chicago
3/5	BGR Board Meeting - Cooking by George	Bluegrass
3/10	St. Patrick's Day Party	Chicago
3/12	KY Membership Meeting - Bluegrass Motorsports, Louisville, KY	Kentucky
3/18	BGR Membership Mtg - Portabello's - Lexington, KY	Bluegrass
3/21	CWR Monthly Meeting @ Lee's Automotive	Central Wisc.
3/25	Chicago Safety Tech Session @ Northstar Motorsports, Barrington, IL	Chicago
3/30	Chicago (April) Board Meeting - VFW Hall - Park Ridge, IL	Chicago
3/30-4/1/07	Road Atlanta Club Race - Braselton, GA	Peachstate
April 2007		
4/2	BGR Board Meeting - Cooking by George	Bluegrass
4/5	Milw. Business Meeting - Concours Motors - Glendale, WI	Milwaukee
4/9	KY Membership Meeting - Bluegrass Motorsports, Louisville, KY	Kentucky
4/15	BGR Membership Mtg - Portabello's - Lexington, KY	Bluegrass
4/21	BGR Possible Tech Session	Bluegrass
4/22	Chicago Rallye School	Chicago
4/25	Milw. Blackhawk DE, Rockton, IL	Milwaukee
4/29	Chicago Autocross School - Maywood, IL	Chicago
4/30	Chicago Autobahn Country Club DE (Experienced Only) - Joliet, IL	Chicago

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Doors open at 10:30 and the school will start promptly at 11:00 AM. We will hold three simultaneous sessions and then repeat them a total of three times. This will give everyone the chance to spend time with each instructor before rotating to the next group.

Group A

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Pat Yanahan

Group B

Interior cleaning, preservation and how to clean behind the gas pedal

Jim Jacisin

Group C

Engine and all that grime that goes with it

Ron Bean

Concour School Registrations may be sent to Pat Yanahan

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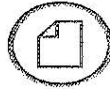
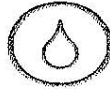
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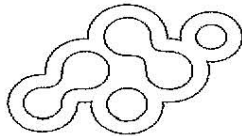
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Daytona! Porsche Club Racers at the Shrine of NASCAR

Mike Faems

When you come out of the tunnel onto the infield for the first time, what strikes you immediately is the enormity of the place. Infield is a misnomer. It's more like a vast plain. To the North is a huge grandstand. It calls to mind a football field, providing the end zones are 1200 yards apart. To the South is another grandstand. This one just not as grand as the one to the North. And rising to the East and West is what everyone pictures when they hear the D word. The Highbanks. Glorious sweeping arcs of asphalt with big black letters spelling DAYTONA looming on the white concrete wall every quarter mile or so.

There are park district toboggan hills in the suburbs that are smaller. The banking is slanted at 31 degrees. You can barely stand on it on your own.

Myself and more than 250 other type A personalities have come down for the inaugural PCA Club Race at the Daytona Motor Speedway in mid October.

This event was a long time coming. Though the Speedway has been the scene of many Porsche successes in the 24 hour race, it took more than 5 years of negotiations by the National Club Racing committee and the Florida Citrus and Florida Crown regions to secure a three-year contract.

Each PCA Race weekend typically begins the night before with a chalk-talk by the hosting region's chief driving instructor. These are normally intended for novices and experienced racers who are new to the venue to learn their way around the course, and are normally attended by 20 or 30 drivers. But for this event the two regions had arranged something special. Presentations by no less than Hurley Haywood and Kevin Buckler, pro drivers with an armload of Rolex watches between them for numerous Daytona victories. Ten times the usual number showed up for this.

Their main theme was "Respect this place". It's fast, it's different than anything you've driven, and things can go wrong very quickly. On the banking you have to scrunch down and peer out of the upper left corner of your windshield to see up track. your mirrors don't allow you to see very far behind you. Faster cars can be on top of you seemingly suddenly.

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Okaaay ...

In particular Hurley and Kevin cautioned us about the Busstop chicane on the back straight, the Tunnel Bump in NASCAR Turn 4 and the Tricky Turn one off the superspeedway onto the infield portion of the course.

The Tunnel Bump can surprise the unwary. At speed, it causes your car to skip, usually to the right. It can easily upset your car, and as a result, you the driver, very easily.



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Gulp...

In both Turn 1 and the Busstop, cars are slowing from maximum speed down or close to it to a slow tight left turn. If you get them right, you've got a 'flyer' of a lap going. If you get them very wrong, it's a spin, or worse, an introduction to some concrete.

Double Gulp...

Usually I sleep very well before the first day at a new track. But not this time. I awakened at 4 am. Not frightened. But I was doing more than "respecting this place". I was a bit apprehensive. What was this going to be like?

At the 7:30am driver's meeting Friday morning, the Chief Steward asked how many of you have never driven here before? At least 95% of the driver's shot an arm into the air. Well at least we were all in the same boat ... make that FIA competition seat.

Daytona ...

I race an F Class 944S2 which puts me among the fastest class in Yellow Run group. Yellow was also the first group out for Practice session #1. At least I don't have to wait long to find out what this bad boy is all about.

Pit exit dumps us on track at the beginning of the short straight leading to the first Horseshoe, a big 180 degree 2nd gear right. Then a quick run up through tow gears and a very fast left hand bend called the Kink. Then another 2nd gear right hand horseshoe leading to Turn 6 a left that takes us onto to what we came here for ... the banking.

The very first time it's strange. As you enter it, you just keep tilting, and tilting and tilting. Finally the track and the car take a set, and you're just holding it in place, at this time a third of the way up the banking. You're straining to peer ahead out the upper left corner of the windscreen, and finally see the end of the banking and the track level off to the back straight. Normally at this point you're still accelerating, but we're all taking it easy in this first session. Now quick left right, and if you hold the right hand arc, it sets up perfectly for the right, left and the briefest of straights that starts your world askew as you enter the banking for NASCAR turn 3. Here I had my first taste of how different driving the high banks is. I usually have a light touch on the wheel. First time I went to check my mirrors on the banking, the car headed down the banking instead of holding my line. Yeow. This definitely takes a firmer grip than normal to hold position.

As the session progressed, I kept waiting to feel the notorious Tunnel bump. Nothing. The banking actually felt pretty smooth. Nearing the end of a lap, the banks drop from 31 degrees to a mere 12 degrees for the Tri-oval turn underneath the Start finish platform. Then it's hard on the brakes for Turn One. This is a very tricky heavy braking, decreasing radius turn with pavement transitions from banked to flat infield. There's even a portion that's slightly off camber to catch the unwary. There are a couple of lines through here, each of which has pros and cons. In fact some drivers believe Turn 1 is really three turns, or at the very least sections. It's followed by a quick jog and we've back at pit out, having completed a full lap of 3.56 miles.

Each lap I picked the pace up a bit. I was getting comfortable with the place. I was getting the rhythm of it. I must have been acclimating quicker than the other F racers as I posted the 10th fastest time out of 32 F cars. Still couldn't feel the tunnel bump, but this wasn't so bad. (Ahhh the confidence of the noobie, who isn't up to speed yet)

Now that everyone knew which way the track went, drivers began building speed in practice sessions 2 and 3. I started getting better runs onto the high banks. Which of course meant more speed down the entire speedway portion of the course. Hey it's getting bumpy out here. Hey I really have to hang on.



In session two, I felt a little skip in NASCAR 4. That must be the tunnel bump. In session three, the skip is turning into a pretty serious hop. So that's what they were talking about. Now that we are turning serious speeds, the banking has gotten much rougher.

In fact the common refrain from all the driver's in the paddock is "I have new respect for those NASCAR boys." This place is tough. And for most of us, it's the fastest we've ever driving. Just past start/finish and just prior to the brake zone for T1, I work up the courage for a glance at my tach and speedo. I'm a few hundred revs short of the redline and at 143 mph. Not bad for an old fourbanger. Even I'm getting the hang of the place. With each session, my lap times are coming down. In qualifying, I lower my best by a full three seconds.

The qualifying session sets the grid for both our 40 minute

sprint race on Saturday and the hour and a half Enduro on Sunday. Unfortunately, everyone else is on the same learning curve, maybe even ahead of me.

I end up 17th out of 31 F cars and 25th on the grid of 65 cars for the Sprint. I'm usually in the upper third of the grid, so this is disappointing. At least some of the guys I always am chasing at other tracks are right around me. And surprise, surprise, for the first time in my racing career, I have Chicago hotshoe, and Zone 13 Rep par excellence, Chris Ingot, behind me on the grid. And former Chicago President Keith Clark, another fast F'er is not far ahead. Maybe qualifying wasn't so bad after all. And no doubt wile, cunning and superior race craft will carry the day.

Well maybe not.

The pace lap brought the most disconcerting moment of the entire weekend. We'd been running the banking at speeds well in excess of 100 mph. But on the pace lap, the pace car had us at 45 to 50 mph. It felt like we were going to roll over sideways and tumble down the banking. And instead of focused on the track ahead, you become very aware of the optical illusion the banking creates. It's as if you're riding the right leg of a big V, the other leg being the horizontal apron that now appears to be tilted at a crazy angle. Weird.

Back to the business at hand.

Not my best start ever. By the second turn, I had been passed by two cars, despite my best efforts to make my car wide by turning in early. (The classic fast line we learn in DE doesn't matter in racing. You don't want to be passed while you are trying to catch and pass others). I did manage to get one back though, and pass another car on the banking.

The ensuing few laps were spent holding position, then picking off a few more cars on the banking after getting good runs through Busstop.

A full course yellow near the end bunched us. I'd managed to keep Chris behind me the whole lap. But the wily Zone Rep jumped me on the restart. Curses.

A couple laps later I saw an opportunity to pass a guy I have never beaten, on what I figured was the last lap. I had another good run through the busstop. On the banking I'm slowly closing on him. Start to draft in his wake. As soon as we skip over the tunnel bump I pull out to pass. Careful! There's a G car up high. I split them both. I edge ahead just before the flagstand. I'm gonna do it!

What! There's no checker! Another lap to go. Now I have to keep him behind me. I figure he's going to try to repass me going into One.

I'm carrying more speed than usual into One. Whoa baby. C'mon, WHOA! My whoa's turn into NO! - Too much speed as we reach the decreasing radius portion of the turn. The tail starts to come around. Damn! I manage to catch it, and keep from looping it, but the slide scrubs off most of my speed. The guy I had worked so hard to pass, motors by on the inside, as does the G car that had been up high.

I finish 19th overall, and 14th in class. Not my best race, but still a ball. I'm still on an adrenalin high, well into the evening's dinner and festivities at the track's entrainment complex and museum, Daytona USA. And everyone is grinning because we get to do it again the next day.

Sunday is the Enduro. An hour and a half of racing with a mandatory five minute pitstop. In this one, I'm sharing my car with a good buddy with experience at Daytona, Greg Fishman, who's a second or two faster than me. I decide to start the race, run 30-35 minutes, then turn the car over to Greg. We're gridded 20th.

Another disappointing start. This time I get trapped behind a car in turn two and 3 or four cars get by. I'm saying words my mother would disapprove of. But get settled and start picking off cars. By lap twelve I'm up to 17th, when I drive through debris in turn 8, and sense a yellow coming. I dive into the pits and turn the car over to Greg. I've been burned by yellows before, so it's nice to catch one.

Greg goes out in 24th, but many of the cars ahead of us haven't pitted yet. Watching from the pits, it appears Greg is picking off a car a lap. Two more yellows occur, and with all the pit-stops no one is exactly sure where they are running. It sure feels like we've moved far up the charts.

The checker falls, and the wait for the official results begins.

Finally Timing and Scoring sends them down. I pick up a copy and look about a third of the way down. Where are we? Start sliding my eyes up the page.

Yeow! There we are. Eighth over all and fourth in class. With just nine cars on the lead lap. A terrific finish for us. And this time, the adrenalin high lasts into the next day, and through the flight back to Chicago.

While Daytona won't supplant Road America in my heart, it's going to be a regular stop on my race schedule. What other track lets me look at the world from 30 degrees off kilter, without first stopping at Siebkens (just kidding!)



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Rallye Winners (from left) Jack and Karen Stephensen, Steve Rashbaum and Susan Shire, Phyllis and Tom Harwood, Ron Micek and Martha Kuffel, Steve and Sharon Olson, and Tom Thompson and Kristi Moen
photo by Chris Inglot

2006 Rallye Winners

	Driver	Navigator
1st place	Jack Stephensen	Karen Stephensen
2nd Place	Steve Rashbaum	Susan Shire
	Steve Olson	Sharon Olson
3rd Place	Lee Lichtenstein	John Miller
4th Place	Ron Micek	Martha Kuffel
5th Place	Tom Thompson	Kristi Moen



(from left) Jack Stephensen, Bonnie and Toby Duckett
photo by Steve Rashbaum



(from left) Jack Stephensen, Rose Presti and Mike Sladek
photo by Steve Rashbaum

Rallye Rookie of 2006

Bonnie and Toby Duckett

2006 Men's Autocross Winners

1st place	Tony Koufos
	Brian Beierwaltes
2nd Place	Ed Russ
	Dan Cubric
3rd Place	Neil French
4th Place	Bob Rath
5th Place	Brian Jackson

2006 Rallye Hard Charger Award

Mike Sladek and Rose Presti
 Rich and Nicole Styczynski



(from left) Christy, Ed, and Tena Russ

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(from left) Bob Rath, Jim Jacisin, Cindy Jacisin, Frank Creamer, Rich Styczynski, and Jack Stephensen

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2006 Ladies' Autocross Winners

1st place	Rita MacDonald
2nd Place	Christy Russ
3rd Place	Cindy Jacisin
4th Place	Jo Anne Avellone
5th Place	Linda Gutmann

2006 Overall Winners

1st place	Jack Stephensen
	Bob Rath
2nd Place	Cindy Jacisin
3rd Place	Frank Creamer
4th Place	Jim Jacisin
5th Place	Rich Styczynski



(from left) Chuck LaMantia with April and Mike Milhouse, Concour and Presidential Award Winners

photo by Steve Rashbaum



(from left) Chuck LaMantia, Club Race Winners Glenn Sapa, Greg Turek, and John Ruther

photo by Steve Rashbaum

2006 Concour Winners

1st place	Mike and April Milhouse
2nd Place	Frank Creamer
3rd Place	Ron Bean
4th Place	John Diwik and Beth Luddy
5th Place	Frank Dusek

2006 Club Racing Winners

1st place	Greg Turek
2nd Place	Glenn Sapa
3rd Place	Shawn Young
4th Place	Andy Mandell
5th Place	John Ruther

Dance ...



(from left) Chuck LaMantia and A J Tiller
photo by Steve Rashbaum



(from left) Chuck LaManti and Todd Conforti
photo by Steve Rashbaum

2006 Presidential Award Winners

Wayne Potter Life Time Achievement
Bob and Shirley Cook

New Member Enthusiast
Neil MacDonald

Enthusiast of the Year
Toby Duckett

Man of the Year
Todd Conforti

Woman of the Year
Susan Shire

Family of the Year
Rich, Nicole and Alexandra Stycznski

Commitment and Dedication
John Ruther
Mike and April Milhouse
AJ Tiller
Ed Barnicle



(from left) Ed Barnicle and Chuck LaMantia
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Neil and Francis MacDonald
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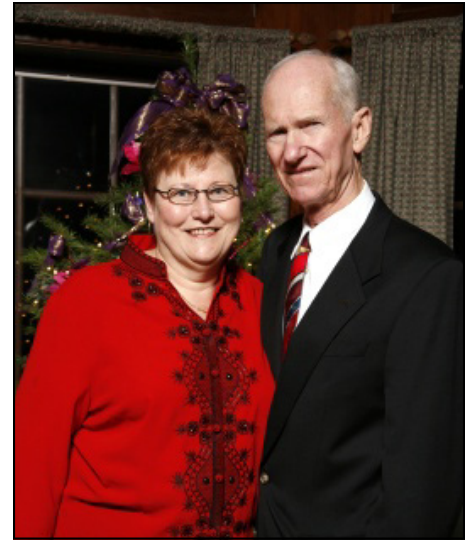
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Membership News

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

December New Members ... WELCOME! ... We hope to see you at an event soon.

Alan Adams Anne Adams Lake Forest, IL 2001 Boxster S	Shannon Gallagher Blarneystone Gallagher Chicago, IL 2002 Boxster S	Kevin Miller Amy Miller Oregon, IL 1975 911	Alex Rullo Vicky Rullo St. Charles, IL 2005 996
Jim Anisi Tracey Anisi LaGrange, IL 2002 996 Turbo	Marc Gomora Angela Riede Mokena, IL 1986 951	Michael Murphy Chicago, IL 1988 911	Greg Sharon Sheri Sharon Carol Stream, IL 1991 964 C4
Daniel Bender Eileen Bender Glen Ellyn, IL 1991 911	Rick Hud Shasta Hud Downers Grove, IL 1988 911 Cab	Jay Lloyd Neal Naperville, IL 2001 Boxster	Pete Stout Sue Stout Chicago, IL 1958 356 A
Robert Bochenek Jennifer Bochenek Schaumburg, IL 1989 911 C4	Anwar Shah Kahn Abar Khan Lincolnwood, IL 2005 Cayenne	Michael O'Connor Holly O'Connor Naperville, IL 2000 Boxster S	Tim Taylor Chicago, IL 2007 997 Turbo
Mark Dixon Maureen Dixon Geneva, IL 2006 Cayman S	Jim KonDrat Marshall Kondrat Crystal Lake, IL 2001 996	Arel Ondoy Eric Ondov Orland Park, IL 2007 997 T	Mike Thompson Chicago, IL 1999 996 Cab
Jerry Fisher Jordon Fisher Highland Park, IL 2006 996 S	Eric Lenting Gina Guzman Winfield, IL 2006 997 C4	Ted Palarczyk Margaret Babicz Clarendon Hills, IL 2006 997 S	Edward Wise Chicago, IL 2001 996 T

January Anniversaries

1955 Eugene F. Bussian	Marian E. Bussian	1974 Terry B. French	Carol N. French
1960 Glenn K. Appleton	Olga Appleton	1982 James Kutill	Laura S. Kutill
1961 Craig K. Skaar		1983 Bernard E. Lakemaker	Penelope Larsen-Lakemeyer
1963 Lawrence W. Petry	Edith Schumacher	1984 John L. Laidlaw	Lynnette Laidlaw
1964 Robert J. Kohl	Goldie Kohl	1984 Lee A. Lichtenstein	
1966 Gerald F. Wetter	Deborah S. Wetter	1984 Keith H. Orum	Cherie Orum
1967 O. Jerome Meyer	Helga Meyer	1985 Robert W. Gettleman	Joyce Gettleman
1968 Eleonor Kalweit	Michael Kalweit	1986 James H. Grotelueschen	Michael Grotelueschen
1969 Ronald R. Deutsch		1990 Michael G. Corrigan	Alma Corrigan
1970 George N. Malos	Kristine Malos	1990 Frank S. Allgauer	Carole Allgauer
1972 Jon Randal Jester	Mickey Jester	1990 George C. Balbach	George F. Balbach

Anniversaries ...

1990	Chris Ingot	Vanessa Ingot	2000	Charles B. Mattas	Eileen Mattas
1990	John M. Kramer		2000	Ronald N. Heftman	Ronna Heftman
1992	Don N. Sinnott	Jennifer Sinnott	2001	Amy J. Kristoff	
1992	Jason N. Shih	Sharath Sury	2001	Richard B. Suerth	Patricia M. Suerth
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1993	Douglas E. Coup	Steve Dayiantis	2001	Jake Bleveans	Lu Bleveans
1993	Heather L. Diedrich	Christopher Diedrich	2001	Becky McGovern	Frank McGovern
1993	George A. Pecoulas		2001	Mark Suppes	Spencer Suppes
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1995	Larry G. Mosely	Jackie Mosely	2002	Martha L. Kushner MD	Glenn Kushner
1995	Scott H. Glazer	Meredith Glazer	2002	Jeff Stone	
1995	Samuel J. Patterson	Chris Patterson	2002	Hank Weil	Jolly Weil
1995	Michael S. Seedman		2002	Jerry Maynard	Kathy Maynard
1995	Michael Ryan	Penny Ryan	2002	Marc Horn	Chris Horn
1995	Joseph A. Asfour	Joyce Anne Asfour	2002	Bob Crowe	Mary Ellen Maguire
1995	Edwin Holzer	Josephine Holzer	2003	Michael Walsdorf	Brian Walsdorf
1995	Mary Ann Metz	L. Daniel Metz	2003	Paul Peterson	Karen Peterson
1996	Robert M. Johnston	Lisa Johnston	2003	Jeffrey D. Burkett	
1997	Martin M. Alter	Sandra Alter	2003	Peter Moag	
1997	John W. Diwik	Beth Luddy	2004	Chris E. Girgenti	
1997	Guy M. Karm	Christine Karm	2004	Fred Ellenberger	
1998	Francis H. Hufnagel	Mark B. Hufnagel	2004	Oscar Im	Lorna Im
1998	David Brearley	Carol Brearley	2004	Gregory A. Lehman	
1998	Werner W. Hausner	Helga Hausner	2004	Stefan Kleine	
1998	Keith E. Wolters	Debbie Duncan	2004	Amir L. Bastawarous	Hani Khalil
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1999	Stephen W. Sum	Jean Sum	2004	Greg Zarembo	Cathy Zarembo
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1999	Peter Martin		2005	Mark T. Malin	
2000	Gary L. Bannon	Elizabeth Bannon	2005	James M. Skelton	Kay Skelton
2000	Kevin T. Lehmann		2005	Rodney D. Lubeznik	
2000	John Zajac	Lisa Zajac	2005	John Roeslmeier	Terri Roeslmeier
			2005	Joel C. Walcott	Janet Walcott

2005	Richard N. Messersmith		2005	Michael P. Lewis	Rob Lewis
2005	Christopher J. Elder	Amy Elder	2005	Mel G. Ligon	Stasi Ligon
2005	Timothy L. Cremer		2006	Fred Middlebrooks	Diane Middlebrooks
2005	Terry R. Beckman	Jim Dorfman	2006	David C. Handke	Christopher Handke
2005	Z. Mark Ghaowi		2006	Peter McHugh	Ann Adams
2005	Larry E. Ballard	Annette Ballard	2006	Ian Moore	Sau Wai Woo
2005	Thomas C. Chavoen		2006	Ernest S. Hirn	Karen Hirn
2005	Joseph J. McGinnis Jr		2006	Noel J. Michaels	
2005	Ernie A. Rossi	Dave Rossi	2006	Donald J. Kindwald	
2005	Eric Ostermeier	Michael Ostermeier	2006	Drago R. Stevanovic	
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Board Meeting Minutes: November

Ron Bean, Secretary

PCA Chicago Region Board Meeting Minutes November 3, 2006

Voting Members Present:

Ron Bean, John Ruther, Chuck LaMantia, Jim Jacisin, Ed Barnicle, Cindy Jacisin, Toby Duckett, Jack Stephensen, and Keith Clark

Coordinators Present:

Carl Walstad, George Schaefer, Pete Hackenson, Bob Rath, Steve Rashbaum, Susan Shire, Ed Leed, Todd Conforti, and Chris Ingot

Members Present:

Marty Bour, Kurt Konrath, Bob Danko, Paul Radja, and Mark Palmer

Meeting Called to Order by C. LaMantia at 8:02 PM, at the Park Ridge VFW Hall, Park Ridge, IL

Secretary:

- LaMantia sent Ron Bean, Keith Clark, and Ed Leed out to count the ballots that had been cast in the election for Officers and Directors for next year. He then reported that the October Board Meeting minutes had been e-mailed to all board members and coordinators, and asked for a motion to accept as presented. Duckett so moved, Cindy Jacisin seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer:

- Cindy Jacisin reported on the financial affairs of the region. After her presentation, Rashbaum reported that two dealers still hadn't paid their sponsorship fee for TRAC 2006, and that PCNA is trying to help us collect the money. Barnicle moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Duckett, and passed unanimously.

Vice President: No Report.

President:

- LaMantia said that the year had been very enjoyable, that it went by very quickly, and that he was proud to have been able to serve the region as President in 2006. Since A.J. Tiller was unable to attend the meeting, LaMantia thanked him for serving on the board for the past two years, and for the minutes to reflect the Board's appreciation.

Autocross:

- Rath reported that they are trying to eliminate Hawthorne Race Track as a venue for next year as it was too expensive.

Timing & Scoring:

- Schaefer reported that he is looking for a new laptop for next year. LaMantia thanked him for his hard work in 2006.

Road America:

- No report except Hackenson thanked all the volunteers once again.

Blackhawk Farms:

- Conforti reported that the year is over, and the profit was about the same as last year.

Gingerman:

- LaMantia reported that Scott Lynn had secured the dates of 8/4/07 and 8/5/07, and that a deposit needs to be sent right away. Cindy Jacisin moved to approve sending the deposit, Jim Jacisin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Autobahn:

- Ingot reported that the DE event for experienced drivers will be 4/30/07, and that he was going to do online registration.

Chief Driving Instructor: No Report.

Insurance: No Report.

Concours: No Report.

- **Rallye:** Stephensen reported that Rallye # 5 was a success, and was won by a novice team. He reminded everyone that there will be a year-end Novice and year-end Hard Charger award given out this year.

Social:

- Duckett reported that 25 members were pre-registered for the Bears Social on Sunday, and LaMantia reported that rooms are still available at the Marriott for the night of the Dinner Dance. Details are in the Scene.

Membership:

- Cindy Jacisin reported for Mike Haas that we have 20 new members for November.

Safety:

- Conforti reported that PCA National is requiring race seats if you want to run in the faster run groups, and that factory belts are thought to be safer than harnesses if you have factory seats.

Technical:

- Inglot reported that the Tech Session went well with about 50 attendees. Pat Yanahan talked about national concouring; and Peter Tremper, PCA National DE Chair, explained the National DE Instructor Certification Program as well as the proper method for installing safety harnesses. The Chicago Region thanks the Porsche Exchange for serving lunch for the many Porsche-related items that they gave away. Event Chair Duckett thinks future tech sessions should focus on car-related topics only. Lengthy general discussion followed.

Goodie Store: No Report.

Charity:

- After reviewing our charitable income for the year, LaMantia requested authorization to instruct the Treasurer to issue a check to the H Foundation and another in the same amount to Dogs For The Deaf. Jim Jacisin so moved, John Ruther seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously. He reported that the total donated to charity will be about double last year's donation. Thanks to all who worked to make it possible.

Chicago Scene:

- Shire requested a motion to increase advertising rates for the Scene by 10% to cover the increased cost of postage. Stephensen so moved, Duckett seconded the motion, and it carried with one dissenting vote.

Property: No Report.

Sponsorship: No Report.

Historian: No Report.

Webmaster:

- All is well with the website.

Old Business:

- Cindy Jacisin opened a discussion about a year-long

celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Chicago Region culminating in a party at the Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook on 11/17/07. Many ideas were heard and expressed on how to properly help all club members to join in the festivities, and each discipline within the club was encouraged to make one of their events a showcase above and beyond the usual. Much more discussion will take place in the coming months.

New Business:

- Secretary Ron Bean certified that he, Keith Clark, and Ed Leed had validated 50 ballots in the election for next year's Officers and Directors. The number in parenthesis after each candidate's name is the total cast for that candidate. There were no dissenting or write-in votes cast.

President	LaMantia (50)
Vice President	Stephensen (50)
Secretary	Bean (50)
Treasurer	C. Jacisin (50)
Director	Shire (45)
Director	Barnicle (49)

Toby Duckett, John Ruther, and Keith Clark return to serve the second year of their terms as Directors; and Jim Jacisin remains in the position of Past President. LaMantia reminded everyone of the Calendar Planning Meeting at 9:00 AM on 11/11/06, and the Board Meeting on 1/5/07.

Motion to Adjourn: Clark
Second: Cindy Jacisin
Approved Unanimously

Adjournment: 9:37 PM

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person price of admission will include hot appetizers, dinner, dessert, non-alcoholic beverages, tax, gratuity, and the cost of the after-dinner entertainment. Cocktails/**cash bar at 6:30 PM** for those who desire a “Touch Of The Creature” and **dinner** being served no later than **8:00PM**. The entrees will include the traditional Irish-American corned beef and cabbage, a delicious Guinness Stew, and Roasted Chicken for those who prefer something without an Irish theme to it. Chuck LaMantia and Keith Clark are the only ones that come to mind to me! We will be entertained with more **Irish music** by Jim Boyle beginning around 8:30PM, and lasting until 10:00PM.

This promises to be a fun-filled event, so mark your calendars now; and plan to be there.

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*Due to the necessity of giving the Pub an accurate head-count of the number of people who will be attending, please plan to get your reservation to Ed Barnicle by **March 3, 2007**.*

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The MidShip Report: Seasonal Thoughts

John Miller [Boxster_S@veryspeedy.net]

I bought a shed last week. One of those plastic, allegedly-easy-to-assemble jobs. It's not all that big - five and half feet wide, six feet deep and six feet tall. This is of no consequence to anyone ... unless ... unless you figure out that I can move the lawn tractor, the snowblower and some other miscellaneous junk FROM the garage TO the shed (after I build it ... which may not be until spring). And why would I need a shed? I already have a 4 car garage. The only explanation that has been suggested is that with all that useless junk relocated to the shed, an empty space ... a VOID would exist in my garage. A void just large enough to hold ... (GASP), another car. I don't believe this has any link to my shopping for 914's in the last few weeks. I have friends that tell me to lie down and wait for the shopping impulses to go away. There's just something that can't be denied. A telling moment occurred to me just recently - flipping through a magazine that had nothing to do with cars, I came across this page (photo 1). It's an advertisement for expensive women's clothes and features a very attractive young model. Take a look at the photo and ask yourself, "what's the first thing I noticed?" Consider this a test.

Looking Backward

It's that time. You start to ask yourself, "is this the end?". The weather is turning cooler, the events have all but ceased, and yet, maybe you're just not ready to park it and say, 'enough'. There were many fabulous drives this year - both in terms of planned organized events and the spontaneous. And there may be no greater reward in life for a car person than taking a chance on the weather.

Last Monday started out warm but overcast - the forecast calling for rain by early afternoon. Having washed and waxed the Boxster one day earlier, I was not inclined to take it out just to get covered in Chicago street slop. And yet, fate intervened. I fully intended to drive the pickup truck, and yet when I walked into the garage and reached into my pocket for the key, the key in my hand had the Porsche Crest on it. A sign like that can't be ignored, so I loaded the Boxster up, lowered the top and took off.

At the office, I occasionally caught myself glancing out the window looking for signs of rain. Fate would not let me down. At the end of the workday, I went back out, lowered the top - after all, if fate hands you a 63 degrees day in late fall/early winter, you MUST honor that - and proceeded on a leisurely drive home.

And then fate offered me a parting gift. About halfway through my commute, a black 996-GT3 with a sweet sounding modified exhaust pulled along side and after glancing acknowledgements, we took advantage of some gaps in the (highway) traffic and took some (minor) liberties with the speed limits. Days like this mean EVERYTHING to a Porsche owner. Yeah, all you Carrera 4 and glass Targa roof drivers can yak all you want about having four-season cars. When the real snow falls and salt hits the

streets, you'll want to park it inside, safe and clean, just the same. By the way, I know of a nice safe garage spot.

Looking Forward

It's still (ONLY!) 6 months to the start of Parade 2007 (July 1-5) in San Diego, but it's not too soon to start thinking seriously about this. Registration will open in February, The official PARADE website (if there is one) is not yet online, but the San Diego Region has a terrific info page at: http://www.pcasdr.org/news_dates/Parade/index.php and the Porsche national magazine (Panorama) has been running items about it for the last two issues - the November 2006 issue highlighted changes to the PCRs and the asserted that there will be no tolerance for abuse of the showroom stock rules that surfaced at Parade 2006 in Portland.

As I alluded to before, Parade 2007 is 2113 miles from my house. I've already started mapping out the trip. It doesn't involve airports and won't be a BANZAI SPEED RUN. This will be a leisurely two and half week Boxster-meandering across some of the finest lands in the world. It goes without saying, I won't be crossing through west Texas.



Scenes Thru The BackLite

Bruce Janeczek, Chicago Region Historian

ELKHART IN AN OLD 356

As authored by Dan Gerow and published in the Chicago Scene November, 1973.

Sitting two cars away from the start line at Elkhart Lake's Road America before my final run, this is what went through my mind:

Okay, Dummy--this is your last chance. Now let's get it all together and no more stupid mistakes. No more putting the car's PM before its AM, and that short cut through the Boonies after corner 8 to get to 9 has got to cost time.

One more car to go ... helmet on ... seat belt fastened ... radio off. The Cowboys can live for ten minutes without my support. Who's the chase car? Oh, wonderful ... White! Say starter fella, don't forget this is a fat 356. Don't eat me alive in the straights. I'm ready! Come on, Meyer, that car has been gone for an hour. Quit chewing on the end of that flag and keep this show running.

He's looking ... ok ... flag down ... watch out, here I come: even a blind dog can get lucky once in a while. First gear - it's alright. Second gear, holding tight, third gear, keep on truckin'. Now, stay on it until the "3". It's coming-coming-coming. Now!

Through the pylons, not bad. Back to the floor. Third gear. Through Corner One and Two. Wish I could get going fast enough to use all the track. Oh, well! Hey, you can really see the tracks Susan White left through the weeds. Back to business-Corner 3 is next. Hold it deep ... deep. Now brake! Crank! Oh my, does that rear end break loose smoothly. Back to the floor. I wonder why I can always hear the accelerator pedal hit the floor so clearly with the distinct CLICK? Must be because there is no booming engine noise. Speed trap coming: fourth gear. Ready ... under Pontiac Bridge at 73 mph. Am I flying! Wow!

H-m-m-m, I'll be switched. It must have frosted last night: those two big trees over there are starting to turn. Here come the Pythons. I wonder why Roger named them that? Oh well, back to business. No sense in biting the guard rail just because I wasn't payin' attention.

Gentle now ... wait ... downshift ... wait ... downshift t... Now! Fast, but not fast enough, but that's life. Oh, well - into Corner 5. Blink, brakes. Crank. Thummp. CLICK! Well at least I used all the track. Now up the hill. I think I can: I think I can: I think I can. Come on, Red, get goin'!!! Around six. Thummp. Oh-oh, bushes here we come. Stay cool.

What would Gallagher do in a case like this? Use a little muscle. Back on the track. Now the right line. Stay on it; all the way down. Around Seven. Slide. Thummp. Thummp. Used a little more than all the track that time. 917's eat your hearts out for that kind of clearance. Back to the left side. Fourth gear. Stay deep on Eight, but don't try to be fancy. Remember the last time. That field looks like a mini-combine went through it.

Downshift. Brake. Drift...Drift...That's the last time I wax the seat for a concours before a race! Better tighten the seat belt again ... lots of slidin' coming up. Downshift ... brake, pythons, CLICK. Brake, pythons, CLICK. Upshift, CLICK. That pedal hitting the floor sounds like a flat cymbal. Why did they have to put all those pylons in the Carousel? My arms are tired after all that thrashing.

The Kettle Bottoms sure have pretty scenery. Fourth gear. I wonder if the Cowboys have scored yet. They were on the eleven when I left. Well, I couldn't pick it up back here in this hollow anyhow. Pythons coming up. Downshift ... downshift ... slide to the left. Slide to the right. Come on, Red, fight, fight, fight! Gad, maybe I should quit this and just go write poetry. I must have been out here for ten minutes. Thank God there is only one more set to those things. Third gear. Canada Corner, here we come! Deep, deep, deep ... now! Brake, slide, thumb, CLICK! Straighten out Thunder Valley. Well, I'll be dipped: I'm getting a cramp in my accelerator foot. Fourth gear. Must be from extending the toe for a prolonged period of time. Now point it toward the bridge. Look for the tire marks. Now gentle ... crank. Use finesse ... slide ... h, you are magnificent. Slow, but magnificent. Ready for the last set of pythons. Downshift, wait, downshift, wait. Now crank it through. Look good for the people in the timing shack. CLICK. Up to the last corner. Slide, Upshift. Slide. Hope I don't get Uncle Neil's timing light. Finish! Far out! Radio on. taubach hands to Garrison. Touchdown! Super! What a beautiful way to spend a weekend. This is fun! Well, Bob White said don't race into the pit area. I wonder if he minds if I accelerate up the hill. If I don't I'll never make it and that could create one big traffic jam.

Well, so much for the formalities of racing: now for some fun. Down with the top and let's find a ride to chase with ... Hey, want to go motoring?

Until the late '70's, Chicago Region conducted a 4 mile timed autocross with pylons (pythons) to slow the driver before critical corners.

TTD -September, 1973

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Pre Registration is not required but a call or e-mail before March 18th to our Tech Coordinator, Toby Duckett would be appreciated so that we may give preplanning numbers to our Hosts: Northstar, John and Jeannie Ruther.

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While I love the holidays, being with family, seeing friends, and the lights, the parties, the food, and the spirit. I'm not unhappy to be back to 'real life'. I just don't remember it being sooo busy!

The Dinner Dance was wonderful ... thanks to Melissa and Chuck LaMantia and Karen and Keith Clark. A lovely evening enjoyed by all who were there.

Chuck surprised me with the 2006 Woman of the Year Award. My thanks to him ... I was, for one of the very few times in my life, speechless.

A very special thanks to Ron Gould at Ron Gould Studios. He was the photographer at the Dinner Dance and has graciously allowed the use of some of his photos in this issue. To see how good we all look when we're 'dressed up' go to Ron's website at

<http://www.ecoreimaging.com/ptg47/mc/Event.asp?SID=47&EID=75&SEID=0>

The link is also on the Chicago Region web page at www.pca-chicago.org.

The 2007 Calendar is on page 4 (and page 2 in a different format). We hope that the dates and venues are set but, like everything else, stuff happens and things change. So, keep an eye on the calendar in each issue and also the one on the web page (www.pca-chicago.org).

Mark January 28th on your calendar. It's the General Membership Meeting. A good way to begin the new year. The Bears won't be playing that day so there's NO good reason not to be there. Free food, cash bar, and Porsche friends. As this is a year of celebration, start it on the 28th at the General Membership Meeting.

It was the plan to send the 2007 Membership Directory with this issue ... look for it with the February issue. Also in next month's issue will be articles by

Neil MacDonald on digital photography, Rainer Dronzek on being a rookie racer, and an article reprinted from Nord Stern on batteries.

That's it!

See you on the 28th

Go Bears!



Aungahh (*a-iun-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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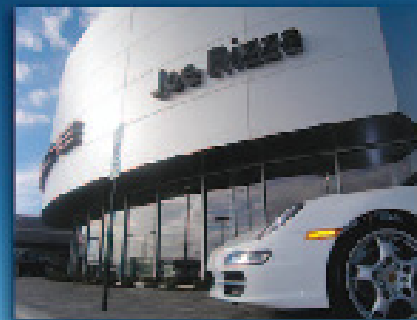
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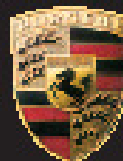
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