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### COMING EVENTS

July 13 – Gymkhana  
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**THE REAR VIEW MIRROR**  
**First and Last BMW Challenge Rallye**

The Rallye was as advertised — fast and difficult. The Rallye-master - Chuck McKay and Bob Suszyski being very familiar with FIA rallies presented us with some very unfamiliar rallye instructions - Tulip diagrams and stick diagrams. Our club was at a little disadvantage in that almost all of us had never seen them before.

Don't let anyone ever tell you that the BMW does not know how to lay out a rallye. The roads were the best I have ever encountered on a rallye, bar none. The average speeds were high enough to let the driver enjoy the fine machinery.

Black Bart enjoyed the drive so much that he covered 186 miles on a 110 mile rallye. No one club was declared the winner as the results were dead even. The BMW club won two trophies, PCA collected two and Norm Studier and son, Mike, who claim both clubs won the other trophy. George and Linda naturally won the equipped class.

It was nice to see that other sports car clubs contain interesting fun people. Sometimes I think that PCA becomes a little too snobish. It was good to mix with others of the same proclivity.

Thanks once again to McKay and Suszycki and all the Bimmers who worked the seven checkpoints. It took a very large effort on the part of a small club to put this on. We of PCA want to thank you for a great rallye. We hope that this was not the "First and Last" Challenge Rallye.

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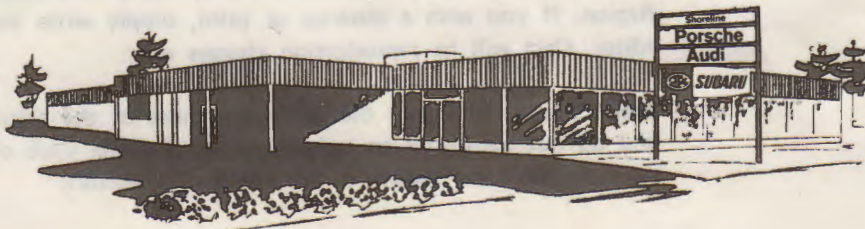
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2.	Dickenson-Dickenson	PCA	1821 T
3.	Rude - Stwora	BMW	1983 T
4.	Meyer - Meyer	PCA	2130 T
5.	Studier-Studier	PCA-BMW	2570 T
6.	Christensen-Christensen	BMW	2637
7.	Robinson-Muesing	BMW	2949
8.	Grutzmacher-Kramer	PCA	2964
9.	Ostholtfoff-Ostholtfoff	PCA-App.	3448
10.	Lissy-Stajoa	PCA-App.	3544
11.	Gladish-Gladish	PCA	3904
12.	Leed-Leed	PCA	3956
13.	Sagin-Isbister	PCA-App.	5179
14.	Melford-Melford	PCA-App.	5452
15.	Wilterding-Zan	BMW	5819
16.	Hill-Ratschan	PCA	5942
17.	Elliott-White	Ferrari	DNF
18.	Iverson-Miclock	PCA-App.	DNF
19.	Tippens-Chamtsens	BMW	DNF
20.	Palazola-Palazola	BMW	DNF
21.	Cornett-Grant	PCA-App.	DNF
22.	Wagner-Coyne	PCA	DNF
23.	Barron-Barron	PCA	DNF
24.	Beach-Beach	PCA	DNF
25.	Moss-Goldfarb	BMW	DNF
26.	Hoppenwasser-Hoppenwasser	PCA	DNS
27.	Giesel-Winkler	PCA	DNS
28.	Riskind-Riskind	Ferrari	DNS

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**THE REAR VIEW MIRROR****Grattan Weekend — High Performance and Safety School**

Michigan bills itself as a vacation paradise. Which is probably correct except for one small item - lots of rain. The illustrious event chairman, the modest Black Bart, was heard to have said "It cannot rain on my event", but it did anyway.

Most of us arrived at the Holiday Inn in the midst of a monsoon, but once inside the famous Porsche camaraderie overcame the unpleasant trip. Saturday was as perfect a day as you could ask for. Wives stayed busy acquiring long denied suntans while the rest of us familiarized ourselves with the track. What a neat track! The track is very different from what we are used to driving. The off-camber turns and blind corners were a real treat to drive and excellent experience. Thanks to all those who served as instructors. Thanks to Black Bart, Roger Shapiro, Dan Gerow, Dan Gallagher, Bob White (Socks), Larry White, Neil Holleb, George Gutmann, and Chuck Regan.

Grattan featured plenty of area to let the kids loose in. Most of them were observed go-carting, trail biking and just plain having a good time. Grattan also has a stocked lake located before the straight where most of the kids and several older members tried their hand at fishing. No luck.

Saturday evening found the greatest majority of us headed back to the Holiday Inn for a good dinner and an even better cocktail party. It seems that the Gunthers, who were celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary added quite a bit of champagne to the festivities. After dinner the real carousing started. Unfortunately, the Allemans, Steve Zalik, Dan Sobeck and Joe and Mary and Eric Gaucher, who decided to camp out at the track were not having as good a time. It seems that what will be remembered as the Great Grattan Typhoon

decided to blow away their tents and drench them with three inches of rain, they really roughed it!

Sunday the remnants of the Great Grattan Typhoon were still with us. The fact that the track was wet and slippery as hell did not prevent most from learning about the transition from understeer to terminal oversteer. About two o'clock the great Typhoon came back and blessed us with 70 MPH winds and a real downpour. There were still cars driving out their with lights on. Joe Ratschan decided it was safer in the Paddock so he pulled in. About this time the wind picked up one of the portable chemical outhouses and dropped it on the front of the immaculate 911, not only doing great damage but befoiling his once clean machine. About that time Bart decided that the track was no longer safe enough to allow us to continue, so for the first time in our history, we closed the track.

Thanks to all those who worked so hard in sometimes difficult surroundings. Thanks to Bob, Wilma and Dawn White Socks, Todd Kaitis, Mrs. Bart, Brenda Bart, Vicky Bart, and Gray Bart (Mike Jr.).

It is interest that while the cars were much better prepared than usual (No one ran out of brakes) still Bob White (Socks) claimed that 8 out of the 10 cars he instructed needed clutch adjustments. Because of the better mechanical preparation only one serious mechanical problem was encountered. Chuck Regan had better bring a U-Haul truck to ever event. In spite of the weather all that attended had a terrific time. Thanks once again to Black Bart. It was a ball!!

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Registration, also known as "why is Arlene yawning?"



Bart: Now I don't want you instructors to panic and above all keep your eyes open.



Nervous students



Diane wheeling "the Silver Flash".



The very illustrious event chairman, Black Bart, with not so bright assistant. You cannot be very bright if you hold the sign upside down!



Staging Area



Parade lap on main straight.



Larry Chmura with improvised spoiler in the "Esses".

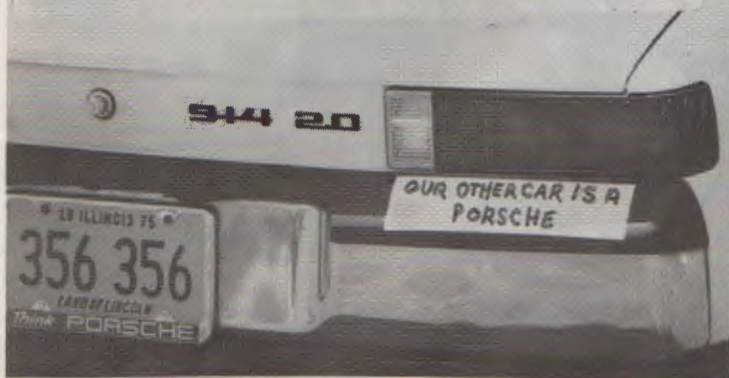
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Whale Tail 911 chasing 356 SC who is chasing 911s down the main straight.



4 bangers exiting more "Esses".



Fill in your own comment.



We hope all you adults are having a good time. We are having a ball.



"Other" waxing soft windowed 911S Targa. Would you buy a used car from this man?



Dick: In as much as it is my wedding anniversary, I deserve a little affection.

Sue: O.K., but why do you also want some the other 359 days!



Debbie: you know Ed that they hung the last rallyemaster, don't you?

Ed: That doesn't worry me. My rallye is so easy that even Black Bart will not get lost.



Applicant Bob Ostholhoff and Father.



Dan: Sandy, beer drinking is not allowed!

Sandy: There is nothing worse than a reformed sinner.



Diane: You look too young to be married 22 years.

Joyce: Yes, I was very young when that tall, dark handsome man swept me off my feet.

Diane: I thought we were talking about Dick?



Linda: Don't you feel a little silly riding around in a 356 open roadster with an old English Sheepdog in the back.

Larry: With the way I drive, the only thing silly is I don't have a crash helmet for my dog.



George: The weather looks beautiful, I'll put on the race tires.

Linda: Be careful for if it rains, things can be very interesting on race tires!



Black and Blue does not mean that he was injured. Fact is he left in better shape than he arrived in.



We love it up here. Now if only the fish would bite.



Someone told me that there is a car back here, but I don't believe it.



No comment.



Sandy: I did not like that comment about you getting in shape by "climbing the walls".

Big Dan: Me neither. Climbing walls is easy, it is getting back down that is difficult!



After a hot day at the track, the cool water feels good.



Gray Bart rescues Roger.



Dick: Say Terri, how about an anniversary kiss.

Terri: I bet you say that to all the girls.



Bart: Say Roger, when are we going to see that speedster again?

Roger: Please don't ask that question!



Bob: Say Todd, why are you not driving?

Todd: Please don't ask that question!



Dan: I am beginning to understand why Chuck doesn't care how you drive!



Here is to Black Bart for arranging perfect weather.



Hookey: Watch out Frank, Laurel might be around.



Doris: Aren't you happy you finally got your Porsche back!

Bob: A four month absence of your Porsche doesn't make the heart grow fonder.



Applicants George Melford and wife.



Judy: Tell everyone that it is not the 100 watt pro-Max Hair dryer in the injection system on our beautiful brown Whale-Tail 911 which makes it go fast.

Larry: That's right, but is sure helps.



The reason why our 911 carries license plate #CJ 912 is because with like to surprise the 24 oz. Datsuns.



Jerry Herron and wife, transfer students from Peoria, ran his "Stoak" 2.8 Carrera complete with Webers.



Paul Lederen and wife, applicants.



8 Tom Iverson and friend, applicants.



More applicants.



Joe: We were just sitting there trying to keep dry when the outhouse was deposited on the front of my 911. If that is not enough injury, now they want to give me the toilet seat award!



Alice: Say Dick, what ever happened to our CB attenea?

Dick: It just disappeared up here.



Bob White (Socks) receiving special award of an ant farm filled with genuine Grattan ants given in recognition of his performance as an Ardvardk.



Chuch Regan receiving mechanics tools given in recognition of his performance of once again requiring a bannana truck to get his Porsche home.



Uncle Neil just cannot resist getting into pictures.



Wet and cold participants,



Sorry, the course is closed due to the fact that it is under water.

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COMING EVENTS

**The Dirty Dozen Do It To It Gymkhana**

Date: Sunday, July 13  
Time: Registration & Tech 10-11 A.M.  
Practice Runs: 11-12 Noon  
Timed Runs: 12-5 P.M.  
Place: Union 76, 200 E. Golf Road  
Located at Meechan & Golf Roads  
Palatine, IL  
(Proceed N.W. on Northwest Tollway,  
Exit 53 South, 1st exit West to Meechan  
Road, North on Meechan to Golf Road

Here is your chance to see if you have learned anything at the last couple of driving schools. The "Dirty Dozen" is putting on their first gymkhana. If you know anything about them, you realize it is an event you will not want to miss.

The site is huge, allowing a long course, plenty of pit area, and several hundred areas of green grass to picnic on or just plain turn the kids loose.

Our usual classes will be run. Helmets are mandatory and stingers or open mufflers will be barred.

Dinner will be held immediately afterward at Henricci's Steak House located at 2375 Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Dear Darlette:

I would not miss this opportunity to show off my new found skills even if the "dirty dozen" shaved. Please register me:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Member          Applicant          Guest

Pre-registered fee \$5.00 (registration will be considered late if received after Thursday, July 10. Late registration fee - \$7.00)

Porsche Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Engine Displacement \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Driver (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Second Driver Fee \$3.00)

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ adult dinners (steak) - \$5.25 (\$7.25 late)  
Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ kids dinners @ \$2.75 (\$4.75 late)

Make checks payable to PCA/Chicago and mail to:  
Darlette Ratschan  
8514 Catalda Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60656 - Phone 695-5897

**Fourth Annual 8 Hours of Blackhawk**

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 1975  
Place: Blackhawk Farms Race Track  
So. Beloit, IL  
Time: Registration and Tech 9-10:30 A.M.

If you enjoyed the Grattan Grand Prix, you will love the 4th Annual Eight Hours of Blackhawk. Once again you will have the opportunity to learn high speed handling and safety techniques in complete safety, and to get in a little practice before the Elkhart weekend.

By virtue of the fact that this is being held on a weekday, the track rental is less expensive and the course should not be crowded. For all of those who missed the weekend event, several well qualified instructors will be present to help you learn proper shifting, braking and cornering techniques.

Because this is a weekday, the concession stand will not be open so we recommend that you pack a picnic lunch but do not bring alcoholic beverages. There will be plenty of time for that later at the cocktail party and dinner will be held immediately after the track closes at Buffa's restaurant in So. Beloit.

No regional points or trophies will be presented. The event chairman requests that you leave your stingers at home and bring along your helmets. The event chairman will be using the timing lights, but only on corner 3. There will be an attempt to give you your elapsed time for this corner. This will hopefully enable students to learn the act of driving "sweep corners".

Dear Diane:

I would not miss this opportunity to polish up my bathtub driving techniques. Sign me up!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Member          Applicant          Guest

Porsche Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 pre-registration (pre-registration cut is Monday, July 20). \$27.50 late registration - \$27.50 at line).

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Dinners @ \$4.75 (Prime Rib)  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Dinners  
Prime Rib @ \$3.75 or order off menu  
\_\_\_\_\_ want instruction  
\_\_\_\_\_ know it all

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Phone 312/775-5944

**MORE COMING EVENTS**

**August Event — Potter's Picnic**

Date: August 10, 1975  
Place: Potter's Farm, Grays Lake, IL  
Time: Concours Juding - 1 P.M. Sharp,  
Concours Entrants may arrive at 11 A.M.

Yes, summer is finally here and that means it is Potter's Picnic Time again. This is the longest standing event in the club and one of the best. Marion and Wayne, along with Rip and Linda Patterson once again have agreed to open their spacious farm for the club's pleasure.

This is our only true, family event. All are encouraged to bring the little nippers. Even your mother-in-law is welcome. Unfortunately the swimming pool we have used for all these years is no longer. Due to the high cost of repairs, Wayne decided to fill it in. However there will be plenty for the kids to do as Sally Buckthal, Sandy Gerow and Diane Gallagher have graciously consented to put on a number of games for ALL kids (the big ones too!)

The family asks that you leave your mini-bikes at home, along with the dogs and cats. There is a large open area where baseball, football, etc. may be played.

Our own expert team of chefs will cook fantastic Wisconsin Bratwurst to perfection. All leftover brats will be sold at our cost. There will be plenty of cold tap beer and pop for the little ones and Bruce Janecek.

The concours will be held on two areas of beautiful green grass. It will be our now standard four class event and it will be free. All cars will be encouraged to enter. A good cleaning surely will not hurt your Porsche and who knows-maybe you can take home some silver. If Ray Cuny can enter, you can!

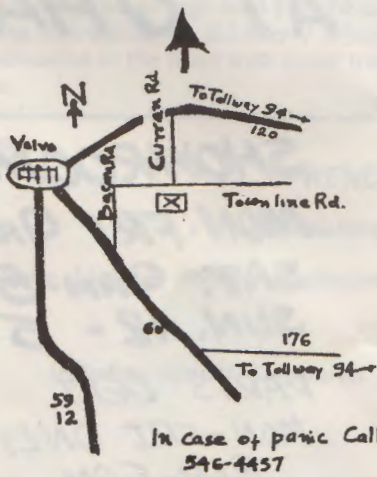
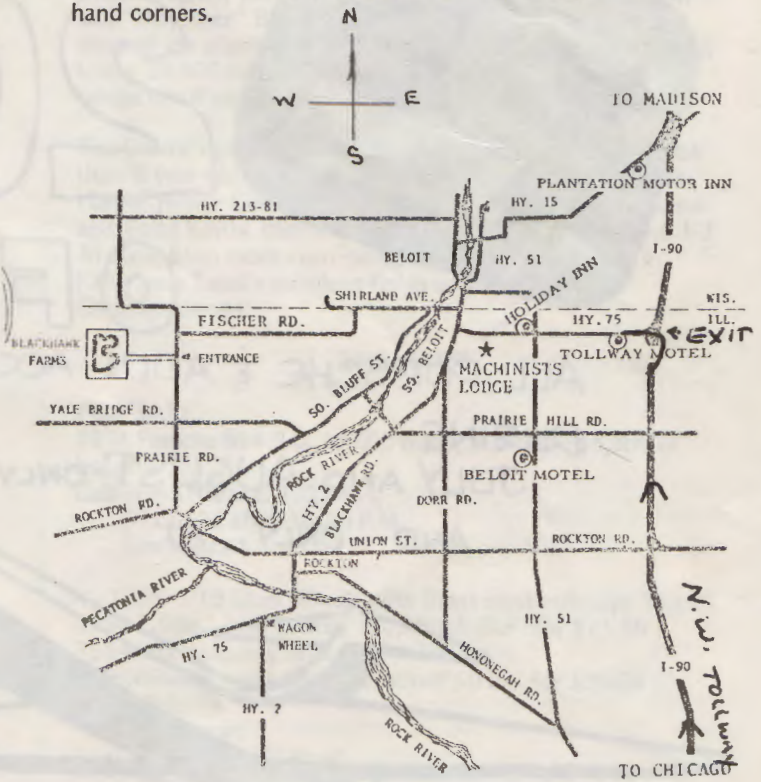
Pre-registration is not necessary. The registration fee will be \$5.00 per adult (no fee to enter Concours) and \$2.50 per child. So clean up your car and kids (in that order), put your mother-in-law in the trunk, and come on out to Grays Lake.

**THE 2nd —  
FOURTH ANNUAL 8 HOURS OF BLACKHAWK**

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 1975  
Place: Blackhawk Farms Race Track  
So. Beloit, IL  
Time: Registration and Tech 9-10:30 A.M.

All the same stuff applies as the Fourth Annual 8 Hours that will be held July 30.

The event chairman will be using the timing lights, but only on corner 4 and 5. There will be an attempt to give you your elapsed time for these corners. It is hoped this will enable students to learn the act of driving late apex left hand corners.



Dear Diane:

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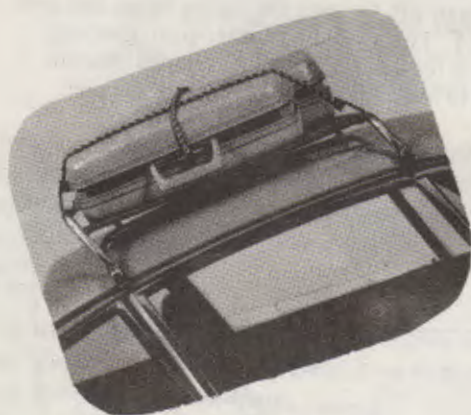
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Porsche Model			Color

\$25.00 pre-registration (pre-registration cut is Monday, August 18). \$27.50 late registration - \$27.50 at line).

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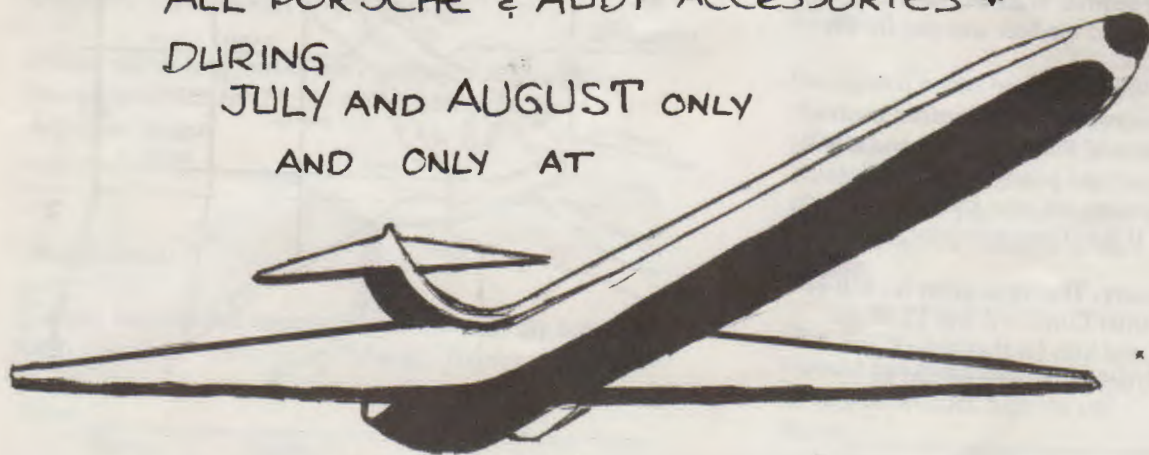
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## MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS

Congratulations are in order for Steve Scott. Steve recently graduated from Medical School. Apparently enjoying his new found prosperity, he purchased a Lamborghini Maria. Only doctors can possibly afford them.

If you have nothing to do over the 4th of July, here are several things that may interest you. Central Indiana Region is holding an Autocross at I.R.P. Entry fee is \$15.00. Mail entry to Gene Covert, 6235 N. Chester, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

The Western Michigan Region is presenting its Holiday On Wheels, with a Concours at the 4th of July and Rallye also on the 4th, and an Autocross on the 5th and 6th. Entry fee is \$18.00 for all events. Write or call Richard M. Riley, 1602 Woodward Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Our Elkhart Weekend is now definitely set for September 19th, 20, and 21st. As we will once again limit the number of registrations, be prepared to register early.

It is definite that Porsche will re-introduce the 912 as the 912E. However, the 914/2 will still be available for the present. Judging from the dealer's order sheets, the Carrera will be available as the "Turbo Carrera Coupe". The "Turbo" will come standard with such items as widened fenders, 8 inch wheels, air-conditioning, leather interior, etc. It is rumored that Neil Holleb has ordered one. To speed up your order, we are supplying the correct number, 930-781. Hurry, and don't forget your check for \$30,000.

It is now fairly certain that our October 25th and 26th Two-Day Rallye will take us back to the land of Oz, sometimes called Dubuque. Mark your calendars accordingly.

Every few years ROAD AND TRACK magazine selects a list of automobiles that they consider to be the ten best in the world. In so naming the 911/Carrera as the best GT over 12 thousand R & T had some nice things to say about the "old" design and what Porsche has been able to do in adapting the 911 to increasing stringent rules, regulations and general harrassment from our idiot infested government. To quote R & T ... "as the government regulations have clamped down, Porsche has done the most impressive job imaginable to keep performance and appearance outstanding". Perhaps the most remarkable aspect about the Carrera is that it won over more expensive, more exotic mid-engine cars despite being an 11 year old design with an air-cooled engine hung way out over its rear wheels."

The 928 must be getting closer to reality. Autoweek reported that a 928 was rolled by a "high level Porsche official at Weissach". The 928 will have a 3.5 liter V 8 (some rumors say 5.0) watercooled in the front with a rear transaxel for good balance.

Have you ever checked your tire rating against the potential speed of your car? An SR rating means to speeds of 113 MPH, HR goes to 130 MPH, VR to 165 MPH, P 7 (Pirelli) to 215. By the way the new Pirelli P7 (series 50) will be standard on the 1976 Carrera. A great series 50 tire should do wonders to your old too tall geared 911.

Has anyone wondered where Merv Rosen has been lately? There is a rumor that he has been spending his weekends racing his sailboat named "Carrera" in Florida. Hope to see you soon.

The Corvette Club held its annual autocross at Rockford Speedway on June 1. Naturally, some of our members showed up to spoil the day. Roger Shapiro took away their thunder and won 1st in A-Stock. Also doing well were Joe "Rat", Frank Wagner, Joe Hill, Terry Baumhardt, Bonnie Shapiro and "the other" Bob White. They all had a super time, and showed the plastic cars that Porsche cars can be fast without losing 20,000 miles worth of rubber and without making a whole lot of noise about it.

The Editor's good friends, Dan Gallagher and Ed Leed took their 11 year old bathtubs out to a BMW gymkhana held at Harper Junior College. With a little help from Bob Buckthal and Todd Kaitis, they ended up with FTD, 3rd FTD and 1-2 in class. Even more convincing than Gallagher's FTD in Killer, was Leed's excellent finish in a stock tub. Congratulations!

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## PORSCHE — THE FAMILY CAR

by Gary Hart, Reprinted from Zuffenhausen News

It's amazing how many people think of the Porsche as a sports car and not a family car. In my opinion, it's the most incredible family car around.

My experience with "our" family car started in Furth, Germany during June of 1968. I had finally convinced my wife that we could afford a new Porsche. "We" were in the service and it was questionable whether we really could or not. This particular day we had made arrangements for a salesman from the local dealer to meet us at our apartment to talk some business—namely ordering our 4 speed 912 Targa. Being the fine salesman that he was, we ended up ordering our beautiful 1969 911T tangerine targa, 5 speed, mag wheels, etc., for delivery in October.

We picked our sports car up at the factory near the end of October—really at this point it was still a sports car since there were only Trudy and I in the family. Trudy was 8½ months pregnant and wasn't even supposed to make the 5 hour trip to 42 PorscheStrasse. We had decided to stay in Stuttgart when we got there and make the trip back the next day. We were so excited when we got the Porsch that we drove it all the way back to Furth the same day. It was sheer ecstasy!

Our Porsche became a family car on the night of November 18th, when I was taking Trudy to the hospital at midnight, during a snowstorm. My mother-in-law was in the back seat (both of them) when I decided to "goose" it around the corner to see how it handled in the snow. My mother-in-law had heart failure as we spun out!

Our daughter Terri was born the next day. What a wonderful sight we were when we got back in the good old U.S.A., the three of us in our family Porsche.

I had always had a dream about me, my wife, child and Old English sheep dog travelling in an open Targa. So I bought an O.E. sheep dog. We had to make some different arrangements in our family car at this point. I had to remake (rebuild) the infant seat to fit on one side and the pop fit on the other (for a while). Panda became huge, but I thought it was neat (after she was potty trained, that is).

Before I knew what happened, our son Greg was born. How was I ever going to get a wife, two children with infant seats, and a huge dog in a family Porsch? Well, it works—the wife fits in the right front seat, Terri in the right rear seat, Greg in the left rear, and Panda in the back yard. Panda has always resented Greg. I wonder why?

The real challenge is on long trips and camping. After weeks of long study and trial and error, we devised a method to arrange everything we needed in the Porsch (free diagram available on request). We had gifts for 24 people, luggage for a week, 2 kids, a huge dog, and one wife. It was the most incredible packing job we had ever performed. We only had to take two cars.

At this point in time, I became very interested in time trials and had decided to purchase a set of racing tires. Now, how to go to Holtville with two kids, wife, racing tires, toys, luggage, and huge dog. Well, it can't be done - so I left the dog at home. We had a great time. Everything fit in the Porsche. Oh yes, thanks Rink and Jeff to taking the tires.

Some of our most joyous and terrible experiences have been on Porsche outings with my family in our "family Porsche". However, there is no reason in the world why a four member family can't be happy in a Porsche. "Where there's a will, there's a WAY."

We were just getting everything down pat when son #2 Brett arrives on the scene. We had to start all over again with a new packing diagram. Can a family of five survive in a Porsch? Yes, I said! No, said Trudy! Long trips are coming up, like the Holtville Time Trials and we had to come up with a solution. We had Brett on mommy's lap, racing tires in the back and front, and kids on top—no, wife didn't like that. We tried Terri on the floor in front, Greg standing between the front seats, Brett in mommy's lap, racing tires in front and on top, and luggage in the rear. No dice, said mom. We then tried Greg on the floor in front (sitting), Terri lying on the floor in back, Brett in my lap, 1 racing tire in Trudy's lap, 3 tires in the back and the luggage up front. No, said Trudy again (She's a hard woman to get along with sometimes).

All of a sudden it hit me like a flash, what a dummy for not thinking of it before. It's the solution!!!

For those of you travelling to Holtville or PIR, look for me, my wife, 3 kids, toys, racing tires, luggage and other necessities sitting comfortably in OUR 9 passenger station wagon towing our "Family Porsche". Who said that a family of five couldn't survive in a Porsche?

## JUNE BOARD MEETING

Date: June 6, 1975

Place: Residence of George and Linda Gutmann

In attendance: H. Holleb, O. J. Meyer, B. White (Socks), B. Shapiro, M. VanderWerff, H. Beach, B. Hubert, D. Gerow, D. Gallagher, D. Gunther, G. Guttman, B. Gladish and guests J. Ratschan, E. Leed, J. Welda, R. Patterson

1. Accepted Secretary's report; Newsletter Editor's report; and Treasurer's report.
2. Discussed and approved upcoming events: Grattan, Mid-Week Driver's Schools, June 29 Rallye, Potter's Picnic, July 13 Gymkhana, and Elkhart Lake.
3. Approved the purchase of back-up timing equipment
4. Approved trading our Calendar of events for the coming year within the zone and agreed to avoid conflicts of dates for major events.
5. Discussed the possible reclassification of the 2.7 911 into a lower class. Bob White (Socks) will report next Board Meeting.



## REFLECTIONS ON GRATTAN

Although I have never been prone to superstition, Friday the 13th started out like the day for which it is best known. For reasons which I still cannot remember, we had decided that Grattan would be an excellent place for our first "camping weekend" of the season.

Friday night saw us loading two 911 coupes and an Audi Fox with enough gear for the 3rd regiment in addition to spare parts, race tires, food, helmets, cameras, six adults and a small boy. This was all accomplished, in a total downpour at 9 P.M. at night. We would have started earlier but a friend of ours was tying up the garage putting new shocks on his VW bus (guess who got to help him).

Anyway, by 10:30 p.m. we left my house in Northbrook for the drive to Lakeside Michigan. That was our half-way point where we were staying with friends for the night (what little was left of it). Our caravan included Steve Zalik and his friend Barb in his green 911E with real Carrera flares, Susan and myself in our silver 911T with a real Carrera spoiler and Joe and Mary Gaucher driving my Audi Fox which has no Carrera parts or anything else worth mentioning for that matter, including the color.

Steve's 911 led the pack, complete with leaky sunroof and doors because there were no seals in the car yet just having been freshly repainted.

1 A.M. (our time) found us at the home of our friends Joel and Betty Ann Moreau in Lakeside, MI, where we were to spend the night.

After a quick cup of coffee, we were off for the gas station and ultimately Grattan. Thanks to the national speed limit and the necessity of keeping four vehicles together (were joined by the Moreau's in their pick-up-camper), we settled down to a nice blah 55 mph.

The ride to Grattan reached new heights in boredom. The kids even fell asleep. There wasn't the usual Illinois potholes to dodge so I almost fell asleep myself. Getting to Grattan may have been boring but running the course certainly wasn't. I was somewhat apprehensive about running since I had won the un-official title of "spin out king" at Elkhart the previous year. But sanity, confidence and 7 parade laps prevailed and I did not spin out once! I did manage a hell of a sunburn, tho!

By the end of the day, everyone really seemed to be looking forward to showers, drinks and a nice warm meal. We were not to be counted among that group, however, as our plans included pitching tents, gathering firewood, cooking our meal, washing dishes, etc., not to mention what to do with Steve's disabled car. (It seems as though the throttle linkage hung up between shifts and over-revved the engine causing a valve to bend).

As luck would have it, Susan did, in fact, remember how to set up our umbrella tent—a good thing since the clouds were approaching at a breakneck speed and the winds had doubled in velocity.

I was elected to get water from the pump for cooking and cleaning. After 300 or so furious attacks on the handle and near cardiac arrest, I did succeed in getting two containers of water. The fire was going nicely and the meal was almost cooked when the skies opened up. We all dashed for cover but not before our plates were full of steak, potatoes, corn and water-lots of water. The end result was something close to stew with really big chunks. Not exactly a culinary delight but it was gladly received by all of us. The kids thought it was great fun, my wife, who is a veteran camper, thought it was only a minor

inconvenience, and I thought it was like being in the Army again. I would have thrown my plate to the wind but my sunburn prohibited moving my arms any higher than my belt loops. Dinner was followed by my birthday party in our tent. My wife thoughtfully prepared a donut with four candles for the occasion, that being the last thing we managed to squeeze in our shrinking 911 the night before. Before too long, we were stretched out in our sleeping bags listening to the rain on the canvas. The only problem was that the rain turned to torrents and at 3 A.M. the wind blew the tent in! We abandoned our tent with everything floating in it and went to sleep in the Fox with the motor running and the heat on. It didn't do much for the fuel economy but at least we finally got some sleep and relief from the rain.

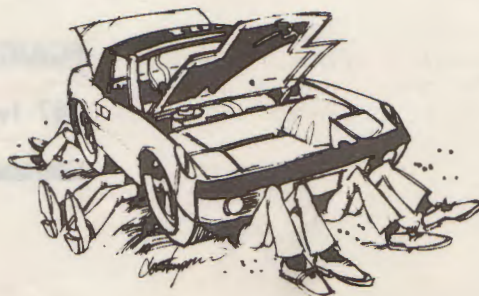
The next morning we tore down camp very quickly. In fact, we probably set a land speed record as the rain came again. What an incredible event! Only PCA Chicago could plan such an interesting time for us. The ride home was slow and boring once again. This time my sunburn and newly acquired cold kept me from falling asleep on those smooth Michigan roads. The only interesting part of the trip home was watching to see if Steve's 911 would make it on five cylinders. Well, wouldn't you know it, after 50 miles the engine smoothed out and ran beautifully and we were all lulled into our previous trance. Oh well, there's always Elkhart Lake.

S. O. S.  
(SAVE OUR SPORT) by Bonnie S. Shapiro

On June 17, 1975, Senate Bill 193 died in Committee. Despite the efforts of AMS, we lost this battle. It is now more than ever that we need individual support. I am pleased to see the very active involvement of Joe Ratschan and Frank Wagner and other members of the Dirty Dozen in AMS, and very disappointed in the rest of you! The NEXT MEETING OF AMS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JULY 15, IN JOLIET, AT THE HARWOOD POST AMERICAN LEGION HALL, ROUTES 80 and 7, LARKIN STREET, AT 7:30 P.M., BE THERE!

At every event I attend you will hear me talk about AMS; why don't you come to a meeting and find out what's all about for yourself? If you do not give money, send letters, etc., you will have no events to attend except a concours (No offense meant to the Rybacks, Gummows, and the Bob White "Socks" Family). The Porsche factory designs beautiful cars; they are engineered to perform as well as looking good. If you want to be able to put your Porsche through its paces, support AMS and keep our sport alive. Your presence at AMS meetings is important. Be there on July 15.

Thank you for your support. For any information, please feel free to call me at (312) 8585-5055.





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