

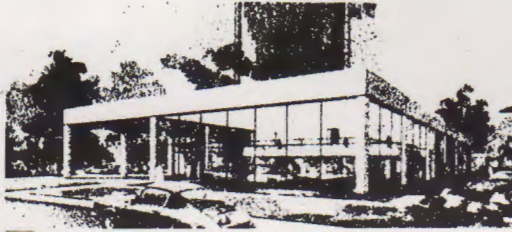
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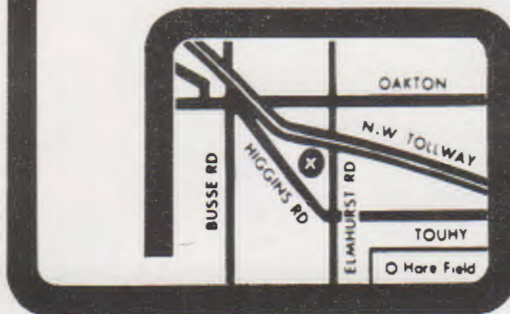


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The Editors Emporium

By Jeff Thurmond

In the last issue of the *Scene* there appeared an article about the Club membership and the inner and outer circles thereof — cliques and involvement. So — there was a good turnout at Elkhart, as usual. But that is not what I meant by involvement. Sure, going to events is part of it, but far from all of it. How many of you worked at the event? Worked at any event this last year? About 40 people, and usually the same ones. How many of you dreamed up an event? How about chairing an event? Or, how 'bout writing an article for this newsletter?

I've been fortunate enough to sit through a year's worth of Board Meetings. Do you have any idea how hard the Officers of this Club work for you, how many hours of their time they spend on Club work, how much personal cost they give to the Club? One hell of a lot of all of the above, plus a lot of sweat, physical work, worry and devotion!

The Club doesn't expect everyone to do everything, but that's what I mean by involvement. Not just showing up at events and having fun, but being a part of the team that made the fun possible. Do you think that events just happen? Believe that the Club budget takes care of itself? This newsletter appears in your mail box by an act of God?

A new year is coming up, new events and new activities. Most are not yet planned. Now is your chance, your opportunity, to get involved. So, damnit, do something for the Club. . . go to events, but also help make the Club run . . . get involved (even if it means being one of the inner circle; if all club members were involved, there wouldn't be inner and outer cliques, just one big Club). Getting involved is not hard; just let someone know, like the President or one of the officers, or even run an ad (free) in the *Scene* — it will work. One thing I've learned: the inner-circle is a hell of a lot more fun than the outer, being involved is a great reward in itself.

It's no secret that event participation is not as good as it could be. No one seems to know why. The Club offers a well-rounded blend of events for every taste. Be that as it may, for those who participate, the Club will conduct an Over-All Award for 1978. So, get out and enjoy the events; and maybe put in an effort for the year-end Award.

H & H Productions will again host (put on) the Ice Gymkhana. Hok/Hill did an excellent job last year, even if they couldn't control the sub-sub zero temps. So, between the December Dinner/Dance and the third week of January, plan on getting out the wool mittens.

Gratten is all set for next year. Frank and Beth have got the track and reservations for lodging. (About time events were nailed down a year in advance.)

A special thanks to The Crystal Cave in Wilmette. They are the fine folks who do the super cutglass trophies for the Club. At Potter's Picnic, they gave (free) us a special trophy which was presented to Wayne Potter.

At the next event, visit the **Goody Store**. There are a host of neat items and nutty stuff available. And . . . don't forget, there is a new Chicago Region patch, which is really dyn-o-mite.

NOTICE!!

"YEAR END SPECIAL NEWSLETTER"

by Jeff T.

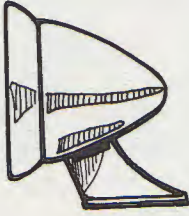
In last month's *Scene* there appeared a short blurb about a year-end super issue of the *Scene*. Some good folks have expressed their desire to have same. Most organizations produce an Annual Report. This will be a combined special issue of the *Scene* and serve as the PCA Chicago Region's Annual Report. It is now slated for January of '78. Covered will be all of last year's ('77) events, happenings, transactions, whata!! lots of photos of heretofore unseen material, special articles from various club members, a couple of feature stories, and a roster of next year's events and doings.

This means two things: If you want to see your article in print, send it to me; and if you have any ideas on what goes into the *Scene/Annual Report* let me know. I'm still at PO Box 185, Barrington, IL 60010.

Most important — this special issue will not be cheap. To get an idea of how many to print, we need to start now to accept orders for it. Cost is a factor we all have to contend with, so don't just say to hell with it and then regret later you didn't get one . . . send in a check for \$5 to me, made out to PCA Chicago Region. It will be well worth the cost. This will be the most colossal publication any region has ever published. Let's hear it out there in Porsche Pusher Land — send five bucks plus your ideas to me . . . now! Thanks.



THE REAR VIEW MIRROR



"BLACKHAWK MIDWEEK"

by Frank Wagner & Beth



As in the past, Dan Gallagher put on two super events. Both Midweek's at Blackhawk were a huge success. Not only was there a large turnout of drivers, but the weather was with the Chicago Region 100%. Must be the luck of the Irish! It's amazing how many Porsche Pushers will play hooky from work to drive their cars flat out.



Things were moving right along smoothly with no problems . . . until a certain party with a new bolt-on turbo decided to smooth out the track from corner one thru corner three. Some oil-dry and a little sweeping later, it was time for the ladies to drive.



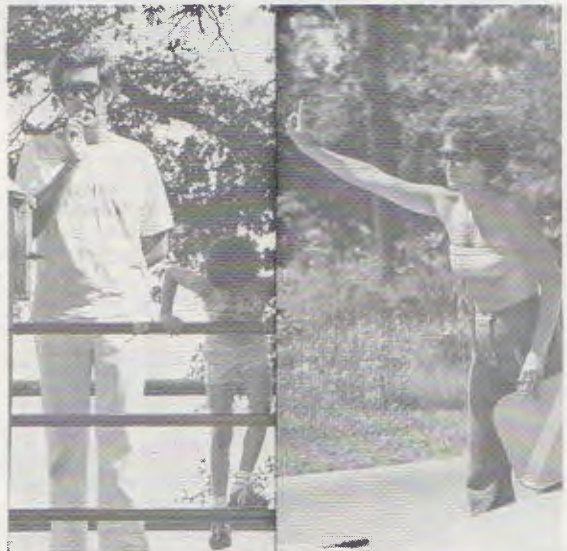
Being the nice guys that the Dirty Dozen are, they all decided this would be an ideal time to work the corners. Let it not be said that the Dirty Dozen won't come to the rescue of a lady in distress. Fortunately (for the ladies?) no ladies needed to be saved.



As the day moved on, the drivers satisfied their urge for fast driving. When Blackhawk was finally closed, everyone was eager to proceed to a fantastic dinner at Buffa's.



We would like to thank all the people that showed up to make our Blackhawk events the success that they were. Without the participation from the club members, we could never have enjoyed two such wonderful events.



POTTER'S PICNIC – '77

by Rip Patterson

I TOLD YOU SO! All of the advance press for Potter's Picnic promised good food, good beer, good friends and **GOOD WEATHER**. As per usual, all four promises were kept.



We had a super day! Beautiful weather, beautiful cars (BMW & Porsche), and beautiful people. The Windy City Bimmer group fielded some very clean cars and at least one very interesting car. Fred Egloff had his 2002 decked out as per the traditional European concours with flowers, ribbons and pine boughs. Unfortunately, our score sheets had no provision for awarding points for Fred's historical approach to concours. You may recall that the BMW Club had challenged us at volleyball. Well, we met their challenge. They did not win any one game in the two different best of three sets. Who knows . . . maybe they will be foolish enough to challenge us again.



Of course all of this fun would not have been possible except for all the willing helpers. Tom Masles ran the concours part of the event. Terry Russ kept the kiddies, young and old, busy with fun and games. Ed and Debbie Leed picked up the brats. Our very able cook crew consisted of Jim Tober, Doris Beach, Bonnie Yanahan and Debbie Leed. And, of course, my chief in charge of getting Rip's act together, Linda.



A couple of special notes on this event. This year, the club had the honor of presenting Gene Bussian with a Charter Member Card from National. Another special was the trophy donated by Joseph Puehringer of the Crystal Cave for Wayne Potter, our gracious host. Wayne received a lawn mowing concours trophy befitting the amount of work done by him and his family. Our very special thanks go out to them!



One more point, and then to the results. The first Potter's Picnic was during 1958. Which means we will be planning the 20th of these super outings next year. So, if you missed this year's fun, be sure to attend the 20th of what I think must be the longest running annual event of the Region!



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TAKE IT FOR GRANTED — OCTOBER RALLYE TOUR

By Jeff T.

If you like cool temperatures and good weather, October is the month of the year for you. The leaves are turning golden and red, the roads are great in the country backwoods areas, and hot apple cider is just the thing. The Mississippi River Valley is at its best, and the sleepy village of Galena is waiting for Porsche Pushers.

The October rallye is for the whole weekend, an over-nighter for those laid-back people who like to drive, enjoy beautiful scenery, and get pleasure out of seeing too often overlooked places.

The "Take It For Granted" Rallye will start at the Midas Muffler Shop in Palatine at 9:30 AM on October 8th. The Midas Shop is located at the intersection of Rand Rd. and Dundee Rd. (Rt. 12 & 68). The address is 847 E. Dundee Rd., and is on the southwest corner of the intersection. It will be a "no tricks" rallye, says rallye-master Bob Ostholthoff, who will start the first car off at 10 AM.

The first day we will wind our way to Dubuque where lodging will be had at the Holiday Inn. When you send in your registration, reservations will automatically be made for you at the Inn. You will pay the Inn when you get there — cost is \$25.50 for the room. Dinner will be off the menu so selection and price are your choice. An Attitude Adjustment Hour will be held before and after dinner. A walking tour (part of the Rallye, with questions to fill in) will be taken of Galena on Sunday morning. Galena is about 20 miles from Dubuque. A different route will be taken back to the Chicago area.

Cost of the Rallye is \$6 per car. Cut-off registration is Sept. 24, so by the time you read this, the cost will be \$7 and we can't guarantee you a room, but that shouldn't be a problem anyway. Send registration checks to:

Jeff Thurmond
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made out to PCA Chicago Region.

NOVEMBER AUTOCROSS/GYMKHANA

By Jeff Thurmond

First — The date is November 6th, not the 20th as previously listed. AGAIN — THAT'S SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 1977.

Event Chairperson Ed Russ has secured Soldier's Field for the event. Ed also noted a super new scoring system, to be explained at the event. This is the last speed event of the year . . . snow is next. True, the H & H Productions Ice Event in January is sort of a speed event, but this is the last one on dry land. It will be held on the majority of the Field, so 2nd gear is possible, and maybe 3rd if you have a Turbo (Larry, are you reading this?) The National Weather Bureau predicts good weather for that weekend, and since Masles says he will bring his car you know it won't rain.

Bring your Helmets. Keep your normal exhaust system on . . . no open exhausts allowed. A dinner will be held following the event; Ed said it was a surprise and he

would announce the place at the event.

If there are questions, co-chairman is Bob Ostholthoff and co-chairwoman is Suzie Blumquist.

Registration Cost	\$6.00
Late Registration (after 8/26)	\$7.00
Dinner	\$7.25 per person
Children's Dinner	\$3.75 each
Registration Time	9:00 AM
Practice Time	9 to 11 AM
Drivers Meeting	11:15 to 11:45 AM
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CONCOURS TIP #8

HOW TO LIVE WITH CONCOURS NEUROTIC TENDENCIES

By Tom *Elegant Simplicity* Masles

OCTOBER '67 — 22 cars turn out on another rainy day for the "President's Rallye" October 15. Dave Morrell (President) lays out the event, including an exercise requiring a little photo reading. The only one who had any difficulty was a certain professional photographer who was and still shall be, nameless. Dinner was served at the Wheeling Hotel. The Godows placed 1st and the Meyers 3rd.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Judith Haskins has moved. You will find her at 2230 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195.

Also Bob & Sally Buckthal. Bob and Sally have been very active members in the Chicago Region for a few years. They have been transferred back to their home state of California. If you would care to correspond with them, their new address is: 311 Menhaden Court, Foster City, CA 94404.

Ben & Julie Frohlichstein have left the Chicago Region and gone to the "Show Me" State of Missouri. You can write to them at: 101 Graybridge Road, LaDue, MO 63124.

What do you do when you have worked for weeks polishing, waxing, detailing and supplicating yourself to a concours effort and it rains? Unlike myself, the brave ones showed up at Potters Farm despite the rain and slop and everything came out in the "wash".

Without a Gummow Trailer it's a delicate decision to sacrifice a great deal of hard work in Class A for a possible trophy.

The problem with being a neurotic concours freak is that the world is dirty. Whether it's dust or mud or snow or whatever, we don't live in "Buckthal Land."

Actually, the true concours neurotic is a Masles or a Gummow . . . one doesn't drive his car if there are clouds on the horizon, and the other has a dust proof trailer. The true concours Porsche diehard drives the car and busts his posterior 3 times a year for a concours event. My hat is off to them, although I'm not selling my BMW 320i "beater" and getting the 911 mudcaked or wet. Let's see more busted posteriors in March for the "Out Damned Spot" Second Annual Concours and Art Show. Thanks to all the brave ones at Potters!

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PCA CHICAGO REGION ELECTION

BY Jeff Thurmond



I know how most club members hate to deface their copy of the *Scene*. However, there comes a time in everyone's life when duty must go before artistic desires; and that time is NOW! So, get out your 'ol ink and

quill, get ready to mark up the bottom of this page, and then tear it out (yes, t-e-a-r it out). You will need a 13 cent stamp to complete this project. Let's get a good turnout for this year's election, huh? Oh yes, you will also need an envelope.

Below is the Official Ballot. Photos of the individuals seeking office are also provided so you'll know who's who. Place a mark by each person's name in either the YES or NO box. Mail filled-out ballots to: Sandy Gerow, 20648 Corinth Road, Olympia Fields, IL 60461. Ballots must be mailed by Oct. 21, 1977. Election results will be printed in the December issue of the *Scene*. There's even a space for a "write-in" if you don't like who's on the ballot. VOTE! It's your duty as a club member.



Dick Guntther



Bonnie Shapiro



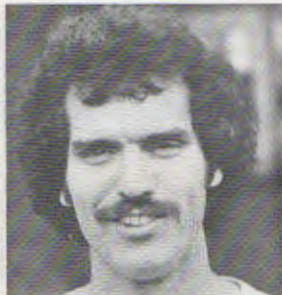
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Dan Gallagher



Bonnie Gladish



Bob Ostholthoff



John Gustavson



Rufus

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PRESIDENT: Richard (Dick) Guntther

Yes

No

VICE PRESIDENT: Bonnie Shapiro

Yes

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SECRETARY: Thomas (Tom) Masles

Yes

No

TREASURER: Daniel (Dan) Gallagher

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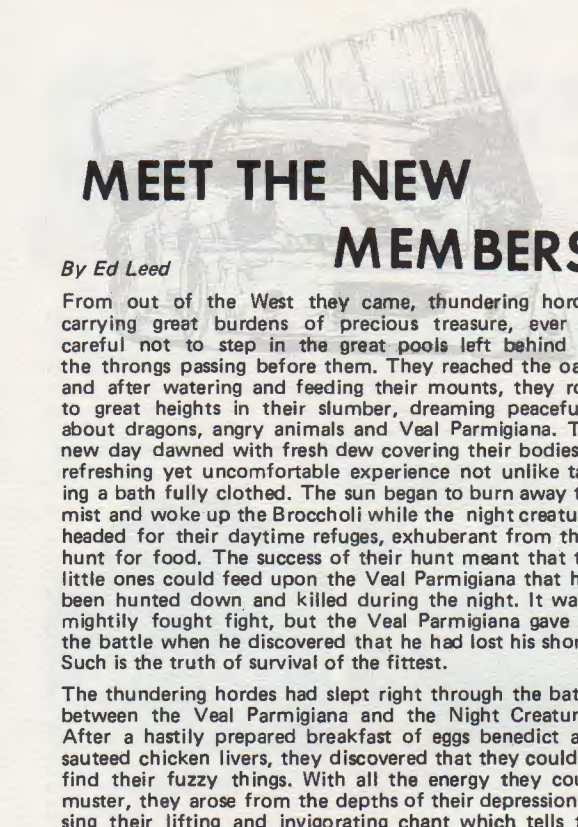
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MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

By Ed Leed

From out of the West they came, thundering hordes carrying great burdens of precious treasure, ever so careful not to step in the great pools left behind by the throngs passing before them. They reached the oasis and after watering and feeding their mounts, they rose to great heights in their slumber, dreaming peacefully about dragons, angry animals and Veal Parmigiana. The new day dawned with fresh dew covering their bodies, a refreshing yet uncomfortable experience not unlike taking a bath fully clothed. The sun began to burn away the mist and woke up the Broccoli while the night creatures headed for their daytime refuges, exuberant from their hunt for food. The success of their hunt meant that the little ones could feed upon the Veal Parmigiana that had been hunted down and killed during the night. It was a mightily fought fight, but the Veal Parmigiana gave up the battle when he discovered that he had lost his shorts. Such is the truth of survival of the fittest.

The thundering hordes had slept right through the battle between the Veal Parmigiana and the Night Creatures. After a hastily prepared breakfast of eggs benedict and sauteed chicken livers, they discovered that they couldn't find their fuzzy things. With all the energy they could muster, they arose from the depths of their depression to sing their lifting and invigorating chant which tells the story of the fair maiden who fell in love with a mushroom and couldn't understand how she got herself into such a horseshit mess.

The horde moved onward in their journey, thundering and bellowing, with nary a care amongst them. With the serenity of a chicken hawk, they swept through the forests, up hill and down dale until they approached a garden in the glen. In a glance they were gone, having paused only long enough for a 10-100. Shortly thereafter, the thundering horde began to examine their inner selves to answer the oft asked question, "What makes us thunder?"

Searching for a new meaning, they took up needlepoint and when their manifest destiny became clear to them, they all called in sick. In a flash a spectacular revelation, the horde was reborn with an oath to the spirits and Veal Parmigiana. They all eagerly look forward to the day when society will accept them.

Meet the horde, in order of appearance:

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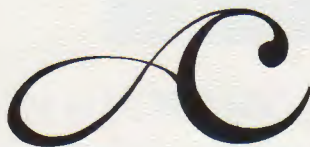
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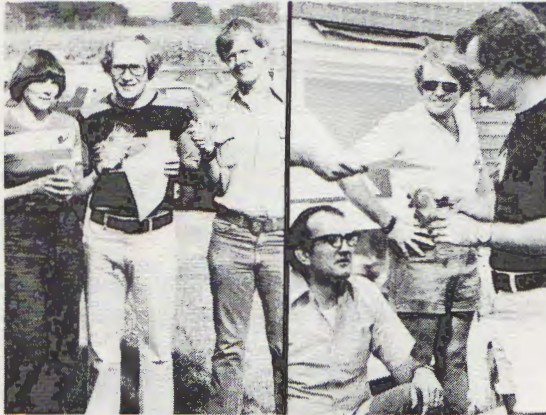
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RESULTS

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Wayne Potter	10,000 Pts. T
BMW	CLASS D
George & Sara Melford	85 pts. T
Fred Egloff33 pts.
BMW	CLASS B
Dave Ewing	170 pts. T
No name on score sheet	151



PORSCHE	CLASS D
Jeff Thurmond	Stolen score sheet T
George & Sara Melford	Stolen score sheet T
Maureen Hutton.67 pts.



PORSCHE	CLASS C
Rod Gustafson	113 T
John Welda67 T

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Rufus:

Please tell your roomies that the Beach's are looking forward to the Dubuque weekend and are enclosing registration fee.

Really enjoyed your article in the Scene - but, you know years ago when we first came to the events we too felt the same way, and then when we got involved, the feelings all went away. Sometimes I wonder if we don't all have such a good time that it is easy to forget someone new needs to be taken under a wing. A little reminder is good for all at times. Thanks!

See you at the rally.

DORIS BEACH

GREETINGS FROM SUNNY PENANG - PEARL OF THE ORIENT! Contrary to popular opinion, the reason for our absence from recent Chicago Region events is not that Steve is still ticked off over his partner's poor performance at the Night Gymkhana last October, but because we've been here, 13000 miles from our beloved car. Motorola saw fit to move Steve to South East Asia for about a year, and while we've missed the club events and our brown machine, we love being here. Penang is a little island (15 miles long and nine miles wide) off the West Coast of Malaysia situated in the Straits of Malacca.

The island is mountainous, full of winding narrow roads on sharp cliffs - the kind of terrain that makes Grattan look like kidstuff. Driving, however, in a right hand Volvo (144) can be a frightening experience. We had no choice on the car; unfortunately there's only one Porsche in the entire Country, down in K.L. but believe it or not, the area is loaded with racing freaks. Penang even has a circuit race. Through some friends, Steve got the job of starter in the Paddock - Bob White (socks) would have been proud, so for two whole days, we breathed exhaust from motorcycles up to formula 2's . . . it was fantastic. The cars and drivers came from New Zealand, Australia, the Phillipines, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong, France and the U.S. There were even two lady drivers in class with the men.

Hope to see you all soon,
NANCY & STEVE KRAVITZ

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FRANK ISAACSON

Dear Tom,

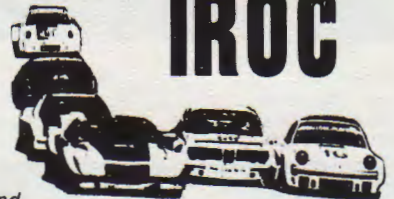
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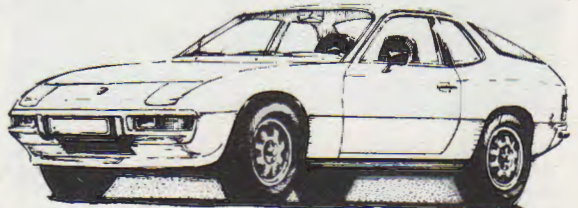


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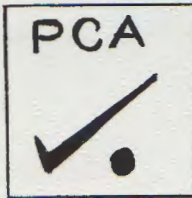


By Jeff Thurmond

At this month's Board Meeting, after much discussion, it was decided that Chicago Region would give the IROC a go again next year. The "Dirty Dozen" did their usual PR job for the region, and the other three regions have granted that the famous Chicago group should have their own keg of beer and another keg for everyone else plus more "hot shoes" from Chicago region to help with the driving. Frank and Beth have succumbed to the task of doing an article on the whole IROC series following the Awards dinner on Sept. 24-25. In the meantime, let it be known that Chicago took last place in overall points; but not without some damn fine driving. Terry Russ did best of ladies at the last event, Bob Ostholthoff took his class, as did Joe Ratschan and Frank Wagner. In overall points of all four events, J. Quebe took his class, F. Wagner 1st in his, B. Ostholthoff and J. Ratschan 1st and 2nd in their class, and O. Johnson did 2nd in his class. We'll have Frank & Beth's report for November issue of newsletter . . . and next year; well, now we know the game and the other three regions are just going to have to accept the fact that Chicago has the best drivers along with the best drinkers.



RALLYE ROUTES



TYPES OF RALLYES

By Bob Ostholthoff

The exposure to rallying that we receive in our club is only a "tip of the iceberg" as far as the sport of rallying is concerned. Rallying is truly a world-wide sport and comes in all forms.

May local car clubs — notice that's not sports car clubs — regularly run rallyes just as we do. It's the family get-together for many people driving anything from sports cars, to family sedans, to even the old station wagon.

Most of the rallyes found in populated areas such as Chicago are rather low-key gimmick rallyes. These are more like treasure hunts than the more technical TSD rallyes. However, they are in their own right extremely challenging and require as much knowledge as any TSD rallye.

The TSD rallyes that we commonly run become a bit more businesslike. They stress mathematical expertise in addition to route instructions.

Add to that the cars that run with navigational and computing equipment and things become rather sophisticated. The sport moves up a notch and cars become rolling computers capable of calculating time, distance and speed in a matter of seconds.

The natural progression becomes a rallye series for money. There are rallye series as hotly contested as any Grand Prix circuit. Like anything, turn it professional and the competition becomes quite keen. Now you've got a field of teams with sophisticated computers all capable of the same mathematical skills.

Again teams progress to increase their advantage. Now the automobile must be a complete driving machine this is able to respond to the speed changes a rallye team must make. The car must be able to stop, accelerate, and corner at the command of the driver. Precise speeds must be maintained or changed with absolute accuracy and quickness. Minutes that most of us worry about in each rallye leg are not even thought of in a pro series. Fractions of a second are aimed for in a leg - it's that critical!

As the on-board electronics and the road machines improve, a final influence becomes involved . . . terrain.

Back to step one. Gimmick rallyes are generally run in urban or suburban areas. TSD rallyes try to get further out into rural areas and pro series go even further to sparsely populated areas and incorporate many gravel roads, considered off-road by most standards. (We'll never have to worry about Bob White Socks turning to pro rallying.)

The ultimate rallyes (International) incorporate all of the aforementioned equipment advances and add a dreadfully brutal course to challenge the best combinations of man and machine. Big money is involved all the way up to factory support.

You think driving 90 MPH on a paved road trying to make up time is fun? Think of doing that on the worst gravel or dirt road you've ever been on. While you're at it, increase the speed to about 110. Road racers suddenly seem a little less brave with nice run-off areas and crash absorbing barriers surrounding them. Can you imagine hitting a tree or sailing into a ditch at 100 MPH? Now do it at night with nothing but 10 Cibie spots to light your way. (Sorry Pyrdok, you'll need 4 more lights to qualify.)

The worse the terrain gets, the more prepared the teams must be. Rallye cars become 120 MPH pack horses carrying a full supply of spare parts — suspension, transmission, wheels, tires, etc. Teams know heavy damage is probable and they must be prepared to fix it. Needless to say, the sport in this form demands a great number of requirements: speed, driving, navigational and mechanical skills, endurance from man and machine, and the organization that goes behind any fine racing team.

Porsches have been extremely competitive and successful in International Rallyes. A Carrera is presently leading the Singapore Airlines World Cup Rallye. This is a 10,000 km rallye run through several countries including Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Australia and Malaysia. Talk about a tough rallye! That makes Cherry Valley Road look like it's paved with velvet!

There's an extremely diverse rallye world around us. If a car can drive on it, a piece of land has or eventually will have a rallye run on it.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Rebel Rennfest in Atlanta was held over the Labor Day weekend. Our region was represented by Dean and Millie Bangert, Jerry and Helga Meyer, Sue and myself. The Meyers proved that Chicago is best by capturing the Larry Howe Memorial Trophy for first overall in the rallye (110 cars were entered). Helga also took first in her class in the autocross.

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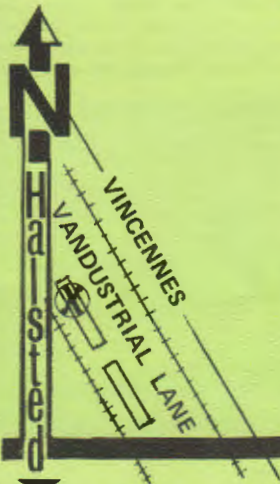
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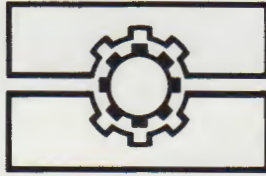
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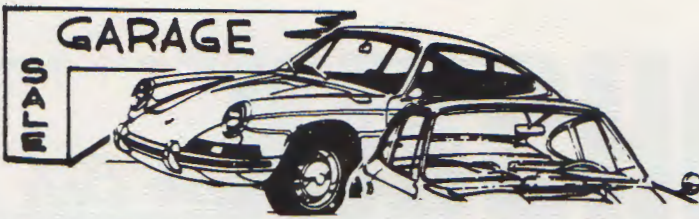


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