

THE CHICAGO SCENE

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STATEMENT OF EDITORIAL POLICY

As you may have probably noticed, the format of the SCENE has been altered and expanded in scope. At no additional cost to the club, we are now able to present an expanded newsletter.

We, the present editors of the SCENE, are of the opinion that this change in format should be utilized to provide additional services to the membership. This does not mean that the SCENE will not continue to serve the basic purposes it now offers: event reports, future event information, miscellaneous gossip, and sundary pictures.

We are, however, of the opinion that an expanded newsletter should also present to the membership a forum through which to make their views known to the members and the Board of Directors. Further, it should foster the interchange and dissemination of information related to our common interests: service, maintenance and other facts and ideas.

To put these ideas into effect we are instituting the following programs. First, letters to the editors, including criticism of the SCENE, are welcome and will be published as space provides. Second, guest articles on information relating to the club and its function are hereby requested. For example, Jim Gladish's article which appeared in the last edition of the SCENE, which provided basic and useful tips. These articles, however, need not be technical in nature - humor is always appreciated as would be general information; what really goes on at Sebring-Merv? Finally beginning with this edition, we will be presenting interviews with members concerning their backgrounds, interests and opinions - about their cars and the club.

Any constructive criticism about the above changes in policy, as well as letters and articles, should be directed to Daniel A. Gallagher or Henry Novoselsky.

JANUARY EVENT

Kaltfest '71  
Sunday, Jan. 31

Once again you can spin your Prosche around beautiful Lake Lauderdale. All this plus ice skating, snowmobiles (for rent), and various indoor games. Sterlingworth Motor Inn will once again be our host. Sterlingworth is located 6 miles North of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, on Hwy. 12.

Practice begins at 10:30 a.m., timed event at 1:00 p.m. Dinner, which we remember as one of the finest of last year has been scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Sharp. Prices are: adults - \$4.50, children - \$3.50.

Ray Stonechiper, Event Chairman, has asked that the rules be published to avoid any confusion: (1) No tire chains permitted; (2) Only one passenger other than the driver.

Classes:

- (1) All cars with standard equipment
- (2) All cars with snow or studded tires on two wheels
- (3) All cars with snow or studded tires on four wheels
- (4) Ladies in class 1
- (5) Ladies in classes 2 and 3

Kathy Gross  
1746 W. 106th Place  
Chicago, Illinois 60643  
Telephone: 445-0677

Dear Kathy:

I would not miss an opportunity to pull down my pants and slide on the ice for anything! Besides, I hear the Sirloin of Beef is great.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$4.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$3.50 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ cars at \$4.50 (\$5.00 at line) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to PCA/Chicago Region

Circle Class    1   2   3   4   5

## I N T E R V I E W

The first interview has as its subjects, Bonnie and Rodger Shapiro. As you are aware, both have been extremely active in the Region for three years. They are natives of the East Coast and previously belonged to the Chesapeake Region. They have been married for seven years and are expecting their first child shortly. Hobbies include restoring a 90 year old Brownstone on the near north side and a 9 year old Prosche. Rodger is employed as an engineer for a Paper cup manufacturing firm. The term "Ed." used in the interview refers to either Henry Novoselsky or Dan Gallagher.

Ed: We would like to know a little bit about your background.

Rodger: Obviously, you want to know about my automobile which has always been on the odd side. In 1955, when everyone wanted a '55 Chevy with glass packs, I fell in love with the Nash Metropolitan. One of my life's ambitions is still to own a Concours Metropolitan. I first got bit by the sports car bug when I bought my first car, a '59 MGA.

Ed: When did you acquire your first Porsche?

Rodger: In 1963, after an Alfa which I didn't like.

Bonnie: That car didn't like me. When I first met the car, the door handles would fall off. When we got married, we traded in that ridiculous Alfa and got a '64 356 Coupe. We loved that car and the car loved us. It was a really good car.

Ed: Do you think the 900 Series is as good as the 356?

Bonnie: The 356 is much better. It was a solid car. We never had any trouble at all, and it was reasonable to maintain. The 900 Series is more expensive to keep up.

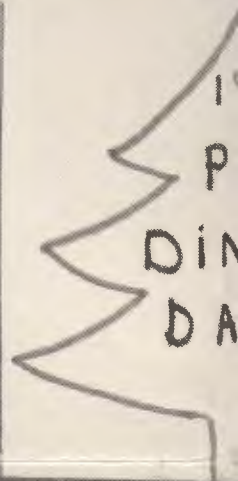
Rodger: With the 900 Series the philosophy is: If you are going to take out the plugs, replace them. No one cleans and gaps plugs anymore. No one will put a new diaphragm into a fuel pump; they just replace the pump.

Ed: Do you service the 912 yourself?

Rodger: No, I have it serviced at Jack Cooper's, and I am very satisfied with the service.

Ed: What happened to the 356?

Rodger: We traded it in on a Mercedes, because we thought we had matured. It had four doors and I could fit my golf clubs in the trunk. It lasted six months.





1970  
PCA  
DINNER  
DANCE



WHY IS THIS MAN SMILING?

We really missed having fun with a car.  
I really liked the 356 Series. I had a  
feeling of exclusiveness.

Ed: Is that why you bought the Roadster?

Rodger: Yes. We always wanted one. As soon as we sold  
our "C." They never really got the Roadster  
right. It was never a water-tight car. That  
is why you see so few of them around. Our is  
a 1962. It has the double grill in back - very  
few around. Finest handling car I have driven.

Ed: Whose car is the Roadster?

Bonnie: Both. It is a joint venture and we intend to  
restore the car as much as possible. A lot of  
credit of what we have done so far goes to Larry  
Gross.

Ed: What do you think of the Porsche Car Club?

Bonnie: It is great. I feel it is my club as much as it  
is Rodger's. We have met some really great people.

Ed: Do you think this chapter is male oriented.

Bonnie: Yes, and it does not bother me a bit, and I am  
not submissive. A women can have just as active  
a part in the club as a man. Yet not everyone  
can be active. People who only come to events  
are still good members, and we need them.

Rodger: Women can play any role they want in the club;  
for example, we have some who are extremely  
active. It is up to the person to choose.

Ed: Do you see a relationship between Women's lib  
and Porsches?

Rodger: Yes, my Porsche does not wear a bra.

Ed: Do you think new members should be solicited or  
that they should seek out the club?

Rodger: Members should seek us out. If someone really  
wants to join they can find us. When clubs get  
too big they become cumbersome.

Ed: What suggestions would you make about the club?

Bonnie: I like it. I think the events are well run, the  
club is run about as well as it could be.

Rodger: I do not believe anyone should be required to work  
for the club. There is plenty of room for every-  
one; just coming to an event is ample support.

Ed: What are your feelings about Porsches?

Rodger: Well I come from a family that drove DeSotos, how-  
ever, I like cute little things. Porsches are  
cute little things -- well put together, cute  
little things -- but still cute little things.  
I think they are the finest and best compromise  
car in the world. It is a compromise between a  
sports car and a G.T. car. It is not the best  
at any one given thing. There are a few cars  
which handle better, like the Lotus. There are

some faster and even a few that are better made. But there is no car which does all things as well for the money.

Ed: Do you think Porsches are overpriced?

Rodger: No. A number of years ago Porsche ran an ad showing some caviar and oysters. The ad stated-- Porsche, an acquired taste. Porsche is an acquired taste. People ask you what it is like to drive a Porsche. So you tell them - it handles well. And they say well, mine handles pretty good. You just can never explain to another person what it feels like to own and drive a Porsche. It is like trying to describe what it feels like to have an orgasm to a nine year old girl; no matter how much you try, you just can never explain it.

Ed: Do you believe Porsches are becoming status symbols?

Bonnie: They may be for someone else, but the people we know drive them because they appreciate them.

Rodger: I am starting to run into people who are buying Porsches because Porsches are winning races outright and not just in their class. To me, this philosophy is completely foreign. I cannot see anyone driving a Porsche without being a car nut.

Ed: Describe what you like best about your car.

Rodger: Quality and durability, and it gives you consistent performance. You can depend on it. For what it gives you - it is not overpriced.

Ed: What do you think of the 914?

Rodger: I think it is cute, but it will never replace the Speedster.

Bonnie: People buy the 914 because they cannot afford a Porsche, whereas, people bought Speedsters because they wanted one.

Ed: What is the Shapiro philosophy on rallies?

Bonnie: The family that rallies together stays together. I drive and Rodger navigates. When we were dating, I did not know how to drive a stick shift, so I navigated. We got lost on the third turn. Since then, I drive!

Ed: Do you run equipped or un-equipped?

Rodger: We run a set of watches, a curta calculator, and a slide rule.

Ed: What would you advise a beginning rallyist?

Rodger: Buy a slide rule, and if you cannot use one there is a little device that sells for \$1.98 called an additator which is a basic calculator.

Ed: What about our rallies?  
Bonnie: I think they are great. A rally is meant to be finished.  
Ed: Do you think the club should run an equipped and un-equipped class?  
Rodger: Yes. The National Parades do. Anything more than a watch and pencil puts you into equipped. This does force you either to go all the way or not at all, but I still favor two classes.  
Ed: What do you think about "tech sessions" and concours?  
Rodger: I like driving events. However, this is not to say that tech sessions and concours do not have their place -- some people really like them. I would like to see them stay, but they could be combined with a driving event.  
Ed: Thank you for a most interesting interview.

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#### 1971 COMPETITION CLASSES

1. 356 N, 356 S Coupes and Cab., 356 C
2. 356 S Roadsters and Speedsters  
SC, S90, 914-4
3. 912
4. 911, 911T, 911L, 914-6
5. 911E, 911S
6. Competition, includes Porsches with tires "for racing purposes only"
7. Ladies in 1, 2, 3
8. Ladies in 4, 5, 6

\* Note: It takes two cars to make a class

#### Concour

1. 900 Series (911 & 912)
2. 356
3. Competition
4. 914-4 & 914-6

LETTERS TO EDITORS

Dear Dan and Hank:

I have some observations concerning membership that I feel are pertinent at the beginning of our new year. Although this is the direct responsibility of the Membership Chairman and the Board of Directors, it is also the duty of each member to seek out and welcome prospective members at each meeting. Too often we depend on "someone else" to do this. As our club grows, it becomes more essential to meet the people that may be spending a considerable amount of time with us at future events. I also welcome any of your ideas and/or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Dennis Skidmore

Dear PCA/Chicago Region:

Whereas, I no longer own a Porsche (due to my October accident), I will really miss participating in the Club's exciting events. The organization sponsors some really "groovy" rallies, and by attending these get-togethers, one picks up priceless information concerning driving, cornering, and maintenance. During these events, one also is given the opportunity to exchange ideas on the different elite aspects of owning a Porsche. I say elite since a Porsche is "part of you," not just another vehicle solely used for transportation.

Porsche owners are a unique groups: "Greater love hath no owner." Another appreciable trait of the Club's character is that, as a young person, I felt completely at ease with all the members. I'll sincerely miss participating in the events. I hope to see you all just as soon as my financial standings allow me once again to drive the finest.

Till we meet again,

Michael L. Bono

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PORSCHE MART

1970, 914-4, Comfort Group, Empi Mags, Empi exhaust, AM-FM-SW, tinted glass, Tangerine, 7,000 miles, one year left on balance of factory warranty. \$3600. David Novoselsky, 6610 N. Kimball, Lincolnwood, 679-2060.

1967, 912 Targa, City's finest, white, four speed, air-conditioning, wood wheel, 5-1/2" rims, chrome wheels, Bursch exhaust, new clutch, no dings. \$4000. Mike Fultz. 793-2600.

356 parts, including complete engine (disassembled)  
Larry Gross, 1746 W. 106th Place, Chicago, 445-0677.