



FROM THE NOT SO OVAL OFFICE

Club members, our January Lemans movie night event at, NUTS about HIFI, was outstanding. The turn out had an awesome 40 members and guests participating. A special thanks to Bill and his team at NUTS about HIFI for hosting the event. Thanks to Gary Hodskins for arranging Mr. Rosen to be our guest speaker. Not only was the movie great but Mr. Rosen entertained us with a lot of facts and trivia that we would not have had the opportunity to learn about other wise. During the last part of the evening, questions were non-stop and the responses were truly informative. Someone mentioned, as they looked around the room, most of the people were truly spell bound (it was mostly the guys). We would also like to extend our thanks for the two cars that were on display. Alex Raphael brought his 930 Turbo, and Dave Krabill brought his Ruff Turbo. If it sounds like we had a great time, we did, it was awesome!

Our January dinner was another wonderful time. Thanks to Maryann for arranging the dinner at the Narrows Landing Restaurant in Gig Harbor at the Tacoma Narrows Airport. February's dinner at the Oden Inn in Poulsbo is rapidly approaching and we are looking forward to seeing you there. Our February event will be held at the Grand Prix Raceway in Tacoma. Please see page 6 for more details.

Your board has quite a lot of events scheduled for this year, which will be a terrific time for our region. We hope to have our calendar of events out soon for the rest of the year. We, the board, would like to hear from our members for upcoming event ideas. Our region is off to a wonderful start and this is possible because of you! Our annual charity event is right around the corner and we are expecting an even larger turn out. We have some special automobiles potentially lined up for this event. More to follow on this soon.

Lastly I want to say welcome to our new members and we look forward to meeting you at our next function. See page 2 for new member list.

Salutations from the not so oval office PRES.

Thanks,  
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## Club Event – LeMans

By Gary Hoskins

Wow! What a way to start the New Year! The club met at Nutz About HiFi in Silverdale. Bill opened his business, including the garages, for the event. Bob Rosen, the Executive Director of the icon movie, LeMans, starring one of my all time favorite actors, Steve McQueen, brought a thirty minute DVD “the filming of LeMans”. Bob (I asked him if was ok to call him Bob) spent the evening enlightening our members about the 917 Porsches and the 508 Ferraris featured in the film. Bob shared numerous stories about Steve McQueen; the prop-man selling the TagHuer watch McQueen wore during the making of the film. The watch sold on EBay for \$12,000. It took over 20,000 feet of film to produce the movie. The movie did not have a script until near the end of filming, and editing was in progress. The movie was completed with less than three days left until the premier. The premier was held at the Indianapolis 500.

We raffled a LeMans poster signed by Bob Rosen. The winner was Kurt Schneider. How fitting, since that’s about the only Porsche memorabilia Kurt doesn’t have in his collection.

The evening was catered by Lighthouse Café, and Alex Raphael brought his 930 Turbo, and Dave Krabill brought his Ruff Turbo to the event. Both Alex and Dave opened up the engine compartments so that we could peruse these wonderful cars at every angle. It was fun sitting in the drivers seat and imagining going through the gears of a car with well over 380 hps!

I can’t thank Bob Rosen enough for a fun filled evening. Like I said in the beginning, WOW! What a way to start the New Year!



Bob Rosen had all captivated with his stories.



Dave Krabill's Ruff Turbo AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!!



Alex's 500+ HP 930 Turbo



Good food and drink with great stories made for a special night. Everyone enjoyed the details of filming.

## HAVE YOU DONE A DE LATELY??

By: Will Bonsell

One of the joys of owning a Porsche is the many events open to members of PCA where you can legally have a little fun. Most all of us have done various tours. Maybe even an autocross or two. But to really have fun and fully appreciate the cars we drive, may I recommend a Drivers Education (DE) event at Pacific Raceway in Auburn. This is my account of the most recent event on Sunday, October 16th.

Knowing that I would be driving my 944 all out, I was hopeful the day would bring dry conditions to the 2.2mile track. It was up at 5:30am for the 60 minute drive to Pacific Raceway. I had packed up the night before fully expecting rain. The tarps, umbrellas, etc were tucked away next to the cooler, air tank, tool box etc. I felt I had to be prepared for whatever the day delivered.

Arriving at the track at 7am we were ushered through registration where drivers' licenses were checked and the obligatory release was signed. Then off to a very brief tech inspection to check lug nut torque, helmet legality and various other matters. This 30 minute process then allowed us to proceed to the track area where all the cars began to muster and unload vehicle contents.

Since this was my first PNWR DE event, I was in the novice class (run group white) along with about 13-14 other drivers in cars ranging from a 1971 911T to a Cayenne S. We had each been assigned an instructor. Mine was Bob Rothwell who was there with his '01 Corvette. We were to have 4 run sessions and Bob was to be in my passenger seat all day. At approximately 9:30am the novice group headed out for our 1st session. This consisted of two laps under yellow caution where getting a feel for the track and following the line was #1. Fortunately, the track was set up with all braking zones, turn ins, apexes and run outs all marked with orange cones. It made it much easier to know where to brake, where to turn it, where the apex of the corner was, and how to drive out of the corner. Needless to say it was fun but definitely a lot of work trying to listen to my instructors comments over our headsets while attempting to hit all the marks. There were to be only two passing areas (referred to a "let by zones") where you were free to signal out the window allowing a faster vehicle by "go by". With all of us novice drivers at different comfort levels, there was a lot of letting by and going by! Quickly the session ended and it was my turn to ride with my instructor in his 400+hp ZO-6 vette.

As we were hitting 140mph at the end of the straightaway, the thought occurred to me that should we crash, I might not see my family again!! But Bob was extremely competent and after a few moments to gather my nerves, I settled in and tried to gather as much info as possible on how to drive the track. What a ride, that's all I can say. It was a definite thrill and very much a learning tool as I especially noticed how deep into the corner speed was carried and how much speed was removed under very heavy braking before turn in was initiated.

The day continued with one more session before lunch and two sessions after lunch. Each session was better than the previous one and after a bit of work with tire pressures my little 944 began to really shine. Bob was amazed at its neutral handling and fantastic braking. As I began to "drive the line", and with Bob's continued encouragement, I really began to pick up speed throughout the track. What my 944 lacked in raw horsepower was made up for by superior handling and along with my SO-3's I was really sticking the turns. The highlight of the day was cars having to "let me by" during the final session not because I was faster in the straights (they clearly were) but because they were slowing me down in the turns. I am sure the last thing a 993 driver would have thought was that he was going to have to pull over and let a little 944 get by. There is no substitute.

The day ended at approximately 5 pm having been signed off by my instructor to drive solo my next event. I can't wait and I really hope next time some of my fellow OPR members can go along and have their own driving experience. It's just a fantastic way to enjoy your Porsche and the company of others.

Our February OPR PCA Social Event will be held at the Grand Prix Raceway indoor

karting track in Tacoma, just off the Union Street exit of Hwy 16. Address: 3133 S. Cedar, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409. Phone: (253) 272-9000.

**Date:** Sunday February 27th at 1:00PM.

Depending on how many people sign up, we'll have the track for 1 or 2 hours. We need a minimum of 21 people to get a price that is estimated to be \$33-\$35 + tax per person, based on how many sign up. Price includes helmet and all required gear needed for driving these gas-powered cars. Minors can race if they are at least 5 feet tall give or take an inch or two. To be sure call the

**Note:** it can be a little chilly at the track, so dress warmly. Details and directions are provided below.

Please RSVP to Maryann Elwell at [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003 by Tuesday Feb 22nd, so we can get the final count and determine what the actual price per person will be. We will collect the money at the door and all drivers will need to sign a waiver. The adult and minor waiver forms are attached. It would help expedite our check-in if you printed out the waiver form and brought it with you filled in and signed to the Raceway. After racing, everyone who is interested will get together and go out some place nearby to eat. There are some good restaurants in the area over near the Tacoma Mall.

**Details:**

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For more details go to [www.grandprixraceway.com](http://www.grandprixraceway.com).

**Directions & Map:**

1. Take State Route 16 East towards Tacoma and across the Narrows Bridge.
2. Take the Union Street Exit.
3. Turn Right at the light at the bottom of the ramp.
4. Turn Left at the first light onto S. Center Street.
5. Turn right onto S. Cedar Street.

We are in need of other locations for our Dinners. We have been to Silverdale, Poulsbo, Bainbridge Island, Port Townsend, Gig Harbor, and Bremerton to name a few. For those of you who live someplace different, give us some suggestions.

If you don't know what is involved or how to set it up just contact any of the board members.

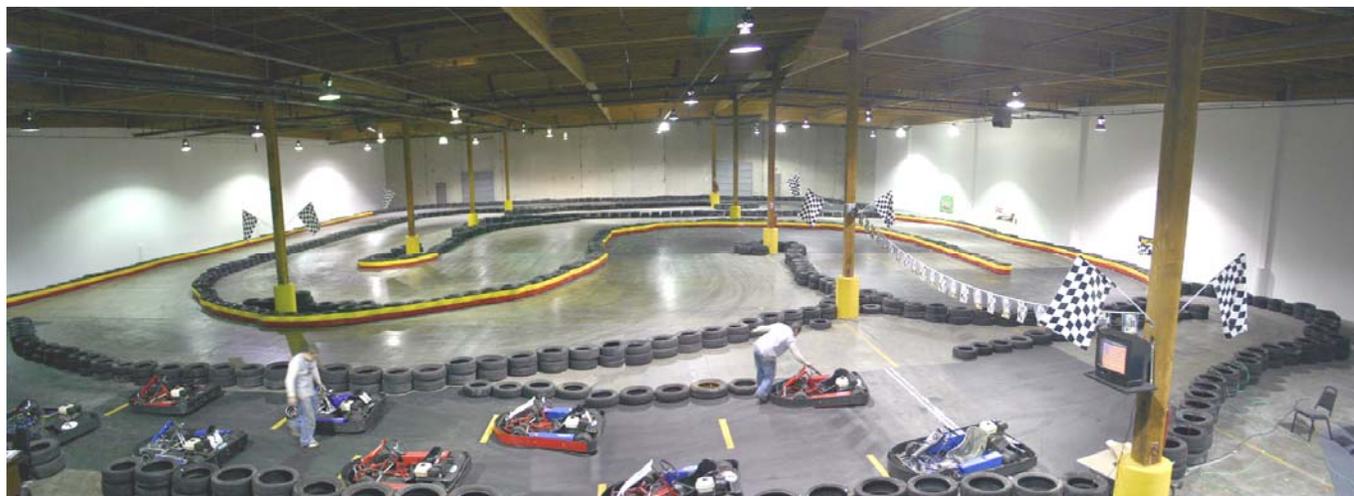
Basic points are a place to seat 25-35 people at a time and good food. Come to a meeting or send us a note and get it on the calendar. Follow it up with a menu for us to select from (many require that we pre-select our meals), and location/ directions. That's it!

TRIVIA QUIZ  
ANSWERS

*Answer key: b, c, a, c, d, b*

Please send in your pictures, ideas, and articles for the newsletter.

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## TRIVIA QUIZ

This installment of the Porsche trivia will deal with racing Porsches of the 1960's. I think these are 6 of the greatest Porsche race car designs ever. But there is not nearly enough room for all of the trivia about these cars. Enjoy, the answers are sourced from the VP Racing web site

[http://www.vpracing.com/The\\_Cars/the\\_cars.html](http://www.vpracing.com/The_Cars/the_cars.html)

1. Type 904:
  - a. Had a steel unit-body?
  - b. Had fiberglass bodied coupe, bonded to a steel channel frame?
  - c. Had a steel space frame fitted with an aluminum body?
  - d. Had a steel space frame fitted with a fiberglass body?
2. Type 906
  - a. Was an evolution of the 904?
  - b. Was the spawn of Berg Spyder?
  - c. Used 904 suspension components to keep them from going to waist.
  - d. Ran on 13 inch rims?
3. Type 910
  - a. Was a 906 without the 904 suspension?
  - b. Was a 10 cylinder version of the 906?
  - c. Was an evolution of the 908?
  - d. Was never sold to Porsche privateers?
4. Type 907
  - a. Was never raced in America?
  - b. Upset Ferrari in the 1967 Brands Hatch race?
  - c. Won the 1968 Daytona 24 hours in a one, two, three sweep?
  - d. Was the car that gave Porsche its first manufacturers crown in 1967?
5. Type 908
  - a. Was not an evolution of the 907?
  - b. Was a cut down version of the 910?
  - c. Was not a 917 with an 8 cylinder engine?
  - d. Gave Porsche its first manufacturers crown in 1969?
6. Type 917
  - a. Was raced in the 1969 Targa Florio?
  - b. Was introduced in 1969, with a flat 12 cylinder engine?
  - c. Was not qualified as a "production" legal racer?
  - d. Langhect version was capable of speeds over 250 mph?

From Revis Rose



Come to the February Board meeting and help us pick a name for the newsletter

### **Peninsula related (in German):**

Meine Halbinsel (My Peninsula)

Die Halbinsel (The Peninsula)

### **Peninsula related (in English)**

Nuts and Bolts

Peninsula Prognosticato

Peninsula Press

Peninsula Passion

Peninsula Passages

### **Kinda Weatherish**

Puddlejumpings

The Rainrunner Report

The Raindodger Digest

The Shiny Side

The Sunny Side

### **Other Stuff**

Olympic Pen and Quill

Ferry Tales

Ferry Trails

Beyond the Bridge

The Nor'Wester

Leidenschaft (German for Passion)

Peninsula Trails

Porsche Tach Watchers

Porsche Ramblings

Porsche Mania

Northwest Trail Runners

Trail Drivers

Rain or Shine

Northwest Trail

Peninsula Post

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Starting Line

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### Events Calendar

*Join us for the fun*

<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7PM MAX RPM Bremerton</b>
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>PNWR Autocross Practice Session</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>PNWR Champs Autocross Party</b>
<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>PNWR Autocross Practice Session</b>
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Dinner at Oden Inn Restaurant Poulsbo</b>
<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7PM MAX RPM Bremerton</b>

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