

# The Nor'Wester

Olympic Peninsula Region Porsche Club of America

## From The President

Olympic Peninsula Region Members,

September and October were busy months for our club with great activities and dinners, plus the next few months will be busy too. Come join us in the fun! This newsletter includes an updated OPR Calendar listing upcoming events plus it is posted on our website at [www.opr-pca.org](http://www.opr-pca.org). Please join us at our next board meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> to help us plan the 2006 club calendar.

Don't forget to vote during our upcoming election for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Member At Large. Send to Gloria Mellon at 6078 Osprey Cir., Bremerton, WA 98312 or e-mail by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Write-ins are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at our next club function and board meeting.

Randy Baisden, President OPR-PCA

## Past Events

### The Great Kitsap Rally



Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> saw nine cars leave the Kitsap Mall at 9:30am embarking on a very fun Gimmick Rally nicely put together by Bill and Maryann Elwell. Each car left with a driver, a navigator and a packet consisting of route directions (intentionally not always clear) and a few pages of photos which were to be searched for along the way. Among the items we were looking for were mailboxes, light houses, pumpkins and buildings. One had to locate each item (hopefully) and notate its' location. The route took us out Clear Creek, through Poulsbo, Suquamish, Kingston and eventually to Barb and George Avila's beautiful home on Hood Canal in Hansville.

Will and Debbie Bonsell tied Keith and Gloria Mellon with perfect scores resulting in a series of tie breaking questions eventually placing the Bonsell's in first place. With the rally taking about 2 hours to complete, everyone was hungry and ready for a great barbecue hosted by the Avila's. Each participant was asked to bring a dish or two. What can you say!! The food was outstanding and the fellowship terrific. See the group picture below, taken with all of us in outlandish sunglasses from Barb's very large and tasteless collection!! Ha!! Brett Burroughs brought his rare DVD on some sort of very illegal 9 minute blast through Paris which was a treat to watch on George's home theatre. All in all it was a great day and hopefully will be an annual event.



Article by Will Bonsell and Photograph by Nicole Avila

## Speed Thrills

I enjoy all aspects of membership in our wonderful club, but I especially enjoy participation in and reading about the many speed events which the northwest has to offer. There are many events in which one could participate or merely go as a spectator.

My hope with this column is to highlight some of those events and our participating members. Area Autocrosses and Driver's Ed or track days are organized by the Pacific Northwest PCA region ([pnwr.org](http://pnwr.org)), SCCA, or Bremerton Sports Car Club ([bscc.net](http://bscc.net)). I encourage anyone wanting information about these events to visit those websites. I have done both autocross and track days with PNWR and lapping days with BSCC and have thoroughly enjoyed myself.

On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> my wife and I had the pleasure of stopping by Pacific International Raceway (PIR) in Kent to visit OPR member, Ed Scheid. Ed had just taken delivery of a 1971 Lola T202

Formula Ford and was running it for the 1<sup>st</sup> time at the last vintage racing event of the year at PIR. You may see Ed and his lovely wife Nancy occasionally in their beautiful white 993

Targa. But on this day Ed was behind the wheel of his Formula Ford. I don't think the top of his helmet was more than 2 feet off the ground! Nancy served as crew chief and made sure everything was ready to



go before Ed took off for his 25 minute qualifying session. If you haven't attended a local vintage event, I was struck by the quality and diversity of the cars. From big V8 muscle cars to formula cars, they were all there. Lots of them and nothing is as intoxicating as the sounds and smells of race cars. I would like nothing else than to have a nice contingent of OPR members

participating in any of the events offered in the region. If you have some interest, but are just not sure how to get started please contact me.

### **Member of the Year 2005**

During the board meeting in September the issue of member of the year had not even been thought about. But Randy Baisden



mentioned that we hadn't seen a favorite member of ours in some months. Gene Shores hadn't been feeling very good lately and we discussed how we could make arrangements to take the club to him. At the time we just wanted to see him to make him know how much he means to us. After his and Gail's attendance at the Avila's house party, we knew then that it was time to start the member of the year program for 2005.

Gene is such an inspiration to us. After all, he is our 'most mature' member. Many of us know how much he loves this club and the people in it. He is a great example of why many of us are in this club. He mostly loves the hugs. Gail told me that they both feel like family because of the personal contact with everyone they have met

in this region. Gene got his first Porsche in 1973, but it took until 2002 before he joined the PCA. In the 2 years that we have been a region, he has enlightened us and inspired us!

One story ... he was driving down the back roads of Clallam County when he was pulled over by a local sheriff. Surprised that Gene was not your typical hot-rodding youngster, the officer asked him whether he knew why he was pulled over. Gene innocently answered that he had no clue. So astonished, the officer asked him again, "do you know why I pulled you over?" Gene again repeated, "No sir, I don't." The officer told him that he was doing more than 25 miles over the speed limit, "how was it that you didn't realize how fast you were going?" Gene's reply, "You know officer, some days this car feels really good and this was just one of those days ..."



Consequently, he did not get a ticket that day.

For this and all the other wonderful things you have brought to our lives, we honor you as our "Member of the Year".

## Upcoming Events

### November 2005

#### 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:00A Tech Session

Jeff Smith Detailing will provide details on Winterizing your Porsche. Meet at lower lot of MAXRPM, 2320 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Bremerton. RSVP to Jeff by 11/3/05.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00P – Board Meeting at Bremerton Airport Diner

Special 2006 calendar planning session

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00P – Social at Mellon's house in Bremerton

Just bring yourself and your family and if the weather's good, bring your Porsche too. Please RSVP by November 20<sup>th</sup> to Gloria. If you need directions call (360) 405-0211 or email.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> – Ballots due for Board Member Elections

## **December 2005**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00P – Holiday Party at Red Lion Hotel's Restaurant**

The Red Lion Inn is located at 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, WA 98383. We have half of the Restaurant at the hotel reserved, so we will order off the menu (may be a limited version) and each person will pay for their own meals and beverages at that time. We will have a special gift for each couple/single member that attend(s), so you won't want to miss out. Again we plan to do a White Elephant gift exchange (up to \$15). To participate, if you are a woman bring a gift for a woman and men bring a gift for a man. Please RSVP for the party to Maryann Elwell at (253) 853-4003 or via e-mail by October 31st. If you would like to stay over at the hotel that evening, room rates are \$59. There is no limit, as long as there are rooms available, so book early to be sure. When making your reservation ask for the "Take the Elevator Home" rate with Booking Code 11636 by calling (360) 698-1000 or (800) 544-9799.

### **14<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting at Bremerton Airport Diner**

## **Porsche Parade 2006**

The 2006 Porsche Parade is going to be hosted by the Oregon Region and we need a Parade Chairman and Committee to represent our Region and head up finding volunteers to help with the parade. The Parade will be held from August 6-11, 2006. Our PCA Zone representative, Linda Bein will be providing more information at our Holiday Party on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a minimum our Region will be manning the Hospitality Booth at the parade for one day. To help out, please contact Maryann Elwell via e-mail or phone (253) 853-4003.

## **Tech Quiz**

Answers to Tech Quiz from our last newsletter, provided by the extremely knowledgeable Revis Rose. See how well you did:

- 1) Q: What does the "K" stand for in the Car name "917K"?  
A: Kurzheck (ShortTail)
- 2) Q: In what way is Recaro connected to Porsche?  
A: Recaro was formerly Reuter Carosserien, which built 356 bodies Porsche. But went Porsche switched to the 911, the

investment for Reuter to keep up to the demand was simply too big. So they combined their names (hence REuter CAROsserien) and started manufacturing seats.

- 3) Q: What notable 911's does Jerry Seinfeld own in accordance to their serial #'s?

A: He has the very first serial number 911 ever made, (restored by the factory) and the very last air cooled 911 ever made.

- 4) Q: Who was responsible for the origination of the Speedster?

A: The responsibility of the idea of the original Porsche Speedster goes to Max Hoffman, an American who set out to create a "stripped down roadster with minimal weather protection". After explaining his idea to Ferry Porsche in 1950, Hoffman's concept caught on quickly and the Speedster was on its way to becoming one of the most memorable models in automotive history. It was not until September of 1954 when the Porsche Speedster was first introduced to the market at an unbelievable price of \$2,995!

- 5) Q: When did the idea for the Speedster originate?

A: The very first design drawings of the Porsche Speedster was completed on July 17, 1947, right after the Porsche office had been moved to the town of Gmund in Karnten.

If you think you know Porsches then try your hand at guessing the answers to the following questions (answers will be posted in the next newsletter):

- 1) The original Porsche 911, introduced in 1964, boasted an impressive 130 hp @ 6100 rpm and a top speed of about 130 mph (209 km/h). What was the top speed of the '05 Turbo S?
- 2) On what date was the one millionth Porsche vehicle produced?
- 3) Porsche tried to kill the rear-engine concept believing it would be eventually legislated out of existence. What was their solution?
- 4) When the Porsche 914 was introduced it was met with mixed reviews. Its dual VW/Porsche personality, obvious use of off-the-shelf VW components caused many enthusiasts to deny that it was enough Porsche to be a Porsche. Why were these snobs wrong?
- 5) How many 914's were produced by Porsche?

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