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By the time you read this our first event at Grattan will have happened, -- hope you did not miss out, but if you did keep August 14th and 15th open for a driver's school at Grattan.

Results of the membership survey are still being compiled - and there are a few of you out there who have yet to respond - please send in your questionaire immediately, this is your chance to be heard. Our first rally is coming up on June 13th. The rallymaster will be Dave Kramer, who has a lot of experience both running and putting on rallys with the Furrin Group. Dave has promised a fun, challenging rally.

III you haven't already done so, mark the 4th of July weekend on your calendar for "Holiday on Wheels". This multi-event weekend includes a concours, a rally, and an autocross, and is being advertised nationally in Panorama. The concours on Saturday morning at the Calder will be a super opportunity to get some pictures of other Porsches as well as your own.

again sponsor an autocross at Waterford Hills Raceway on June 12th and 13th. For this year SEM has paid heavily for sunshine. Call Charlie Brown - he even has a 'Snoopy' on his helmet - 313-464-2580.

A 914 Owner's Association has been organized to increase the enjoyment and knowledge of the 914 enthusiast through the exchange of technical and historical information, competitive events, and social gatherings. The membership is \$15.00 per year with the main address being 914 Owner's Association, 24338 Dolan Drive, Sunnymead, CA 92388. The local representative is Bill Browne. If you are interested in

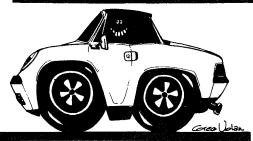
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DDDDD A few weeks ago I read a column in the Chicago Region's newsletter by Bob Ostholthoff, the region's president. Bob's column had a point which I believe is very worthwhile passing on to UBER ALLES readers. The subject is driving our Porsche's on the public roads. When you are out "cruising" on public highways and byways you are a very visible representative of PCA. The driving conduct and etiquette of every Porsche driver can and does create a lasting impression on the general motoring public. Try to keep this in mind next time you are out driving - let's keep our reputation a good one.





#### **SIX PAK TO GO** SIX PAK

Want to thank all you Porsches out there for your terrific response. My garage has been swamped with questions about all kinds of topics. Here are a few with answers for all my readers.

Q: 6-Pak, I'm an older 911 and have developed stomach cancer between my front control arms, under my trunk. What should I do?

A: Don't drive around in Chicago because the chuck holes will kill ya; also you can will your mags to me.

Q: Dear 6-Pak, I'm a 911 driver that seems to be getting beat all the time at autocrosses. What advice do you have for me? Bigger engine, 2.8 or 3.0 liter maybe, more suspension, or homemade Turbo charging?

A: My suggestion is to go to 711 Ball St. here in G.R. Ask them to perform an opposite operation that they have for cats. It's much cheaper than modifying your car and the ladies will love ya.

Q: 6-er; It seems every Monday after I attend a PCA event here in G.R. I have a terrible headache. Am I allergic to Porsches? I don't seem to have the problem when I just drive my 911SC Targa by myself or with my wife? What should I do? A: This one is tough to answer. Either you are going to have to stay drunk till Tuesday, or stay home and just send your wife to PCA events. How's about that!

Q: 6-Pak; I'm another 914-6 from New York State. My owner is starting to go into withdrawls because of the staggering expense I'm putting him through. Is there some way to ease the pain to him?

A: Hell no! But next time you are in town I'll meet you at the bar and we'll get drunk together on Castrol. Seems I hear the same thing here.

Q: 6-er; I'm a Champagne 911 coupe that is owned by a quiet executive here in G.R. My problem is he has taken up with a VW. What can I do to get his mind off this "silly Rabbit" with numbers all over it? He doesn't notice me at all anymore! A: Next time he takes you out of the garage just 'lunch' your engine. I guarantee he'll notice ya.



# **ÜBERALLES**



Western Michigan Region's members speak out subjectively on tires.

This informal survey is open to all members - Just answer the following questions - 50 words or less - 1) What kind and size tires have you used on what Porsche?

- 2) Why did you choose the tire?
- 3) General comments?
- 4) Mileage or use experience?

CHARLIE DUNN: I have 205X50X15, 195X50X15, 175X50X13, on a '76 911, a '73 914-2.0, and a '77 (small porsche) Rabbit. Of course they are all Pirelli P7's. I have P7's because they give you Mexican gear ratios, they improve handling, and the low profile certainly improves cornering. On mileage: "I don't know, and don't care."

BOR SHEDD: I race a DP 914 with 195X50X15 B.F.Goodrich Comp TA's for rain, and Goodyear Bluestreak slicks for dry. The slicks are the current 'trick' compound. The early test reports say the Comp TA's will run circles around the P7's in the rain - and I don't believe Dunn. I can expect between 100 to 800 miles of wear on the slicks.

RICK RILEY: I have as many tires as cars - 185X70X15 XWX's on a '72 911E, 135X70X15, 225X60X15 Dunlops on the '75 Carrera, CN36's on the Carrera, then 205X50X15, 225X50X15 P7's, last but not lease-um I mean least I have 205X55X16 and 225X50X16 P7's on the Turbo. I kept changing tires to keep up with technology. The Dunlop's were junk! Today, for the money the P7's are the best things you can buy without any knowledge of the Comp TA. If you care for the P7's properly, this means camber adjustment and rotation, I think you can get twice as much wear on P7's as XWX's,



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FRANK WAGNER: Mv 914-6 has had 195X70 XWX's, 195X60 P6's, and 185X70 XWX's. The 911S has 185X 70 XWX's. I buy XWX's for their very strong sidewalls and their areat road holding ability. P6's were great out of the box but could not hold up to my driving style. I let the car slide too I was happy with the P6's much. and would recommend them to most drivers. The XWX is a hard tire to mount on a mag, but I get more wear out of them. The poor mileage on the P6's was mostly my fault, tire balancing, driving style, has to be right. An XWX will last 15,000 to 18,000 of my driving miles. I am looking forward to P7's in 1982! Tires are expensive!!!!!!!

DAN CONKLIN: Boy, you're asking me about the old days! At the time I ran my '59 356A coupe I thought that

Firestone Intermediates were the way to fly. So did Bill Moses and Phil Cull. The tires were very sticky, and probably would last two autocross seasons. Now I'm lucky to have Kramer's cast off Wingfoots for my current racing Rabbit.

DAVE KRAMER: Mv 914-2.0 has 195X 60X15 P6's on it. The price of the P6's was comparable to XWX's. run XWX's before and found that the P6's were very good rain tires and did not take as long to scrub in as the XWX's. The 60 series P6 also gave a slight advantage to the 914 when it ran autocrosses classed by SCCA rules. The P6 needs a higher air pressure than an XWX for competition. I must be sold on Pirelli's - I just bought 8 for a front-wheel drive competition car they are of the P7, 13 inch variety. The P6's have half the tread left after 12,000 miles.



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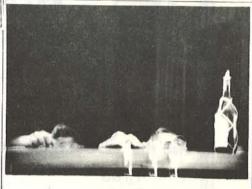


After a dreary rain soaked Saturday the sun was a welcomed sight the following morning. The "S" (our silver 911S) could hardly wait to get his tread onto the warm pavement. So with Willie Nelson in place, in the tape deck of course, we were off to meet the Porsche Pushers gathering at the I.B.M. parking lot for WMR's tour to Frankenmuth. It was a beautiful day for a drive across the state!



YOU MEAN WE CAN SAMPLE ALL OF THESE

Winding through some of the back roads and small towns of the heart of Michigan is one of the most relaxing and enjoyable ways to spend a sunny day even though the pace wasn't exactly "relaxed". Upon arrival in Frankenmuth we took a quick tour of Bronner's -- who can get in a Christmas mood when the snow has finally melted and the Porsches are just out of the garage?



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YOU MAY BE FAST ON THE TRACK NANCY,
BUT WATCH THIS!

Then onward to the wine tasting at St. Julian's. Michigan is starting to create some interesting and palatable wines.

After the long walk through Franken-muth everyone was ready for the culinary delights at the Bavarian Inn. The food and beverages were the best German cuisine that has tantalized my palate in ages and judging from the hush that came over the crowd when dinner was served, no one disagreed.

Naturally the toast went up for sunshine, Porsches, and good friends, but most of all good friends; and the two new members John Von Esch and Sheila Sosa were heartily welcomed into our midst. John lives in West Olive, P.O. Box 57. John and Sheila drove a low-flying orange 911T of the 1970 vintage - "Squirt".

Hope to see you at the next event!



OH THE BURDENS OF BEING VICE-PRESIDENTS



#### ON THE ROAD AGAIN CRAIG PAULL

DATELINE: March, 1982; Paris

This is your roving European correspondant, making a first attempt at an across-the-sea article. After some thought, I've decided to expose you to the rigors of car ownership in Europe. I trust you'll forgive the fact that the article has a distinctly French flavor, as opposed to the more Bavarian atsmosphere I had hoped to set originally.

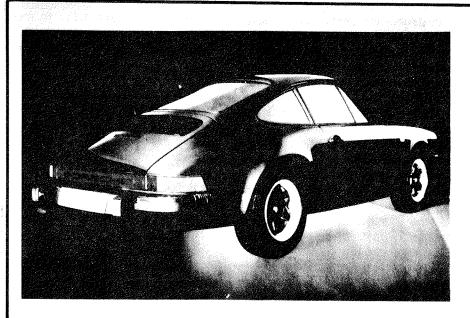
The purchase price of a car ranges pretty much as it does in the States; from reasonable for domestic cars (Rengult, Citroen, Peugeot, Matra, Simca-Talbot) to outrageous for some imports, these include not only the German and Japanese cars, but also some names like Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Mustang, and Pacer, among other oddities. There is a good amount of choice in Europe, with many cars available that are not exported to America. A tremendous amount of competition from the Japanese has also developed, resulting in a situation similar to the one experienced by U.S. domestic car manufacturers. Currently, import sales are slipping slightly in France, as the decreased value of the French Franc (FF) increases the cost of an import. Oh ves, since I quote all figures in francs, for "continental flavor", you should know that currently one dollar U.S. brings you

about six French Francs.

If you were to purchase a new car in France, in addition to the base price, you would run into the European variant of sales tax called "Value Added Tax", or V.A.T. Since a car is considered a luxury by the French government, the tax rate is a mere 33 1/3 %/o. There are more reasonable rates; 7 percent for food and drugs; 17.6 percent for everything else besides luxuries. This applies only to the original purchase; subsequent buyers of the car avoid the big tax bite.

Presuming that you don't have enough French Francs to buy the car outright, you can always run down to your local bank branch office and get a loan. They will finance up to 80 percent of the purchase price of a new car, including taxes, at a mere 18 percent interest rate. The maximum length of repayment is three years. Used car loans run in the same general amounts, although the banks like to see a larger down payment on an older car. Oh ves, one other small point; the interest expense on an automobile is not deductible for tax purposes.

Still interested? Ah, you want to know about insurance, plates, and maintenance. To insure an average car, for a "responsible" driver (good record, no accidents) will cost somewhere between 3000 and



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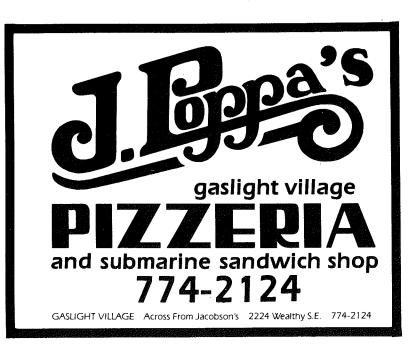
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FZ (1) - argument PORSCHE + METSURISHI E restative ZA to Ballona MARINET Market Angress (E. F. 1941) - (1) and (1) 0 6000 francs per year. Bad driving records and powerful or expensive cars will increase that sum substantially (sound familiar?). License plates come with the car, and remain the same unless you move to a different section of the country. There is no annual renewal or license fee. However, there is a road use tax, paid once per year. This is dependent on the horsepower of the car, and runs from 50 to 5000 francs.

To have your average domestic car fixed will cost you between 100 and 120 francs per hour. However the general consensus opinion that I received was that the workmanship was generally not of a particularly high caliber, and some repairs needed re-

peating. As in the U.S., to repair an import costs more than domestic, and can subject you to lengthy waiting periods for parts. Both oil and gasoline cost more than in the States, with gas right now running at 4.15 francs per liter. You can still get super over here, that costs you 4.27 francs per liter. Diesel cars are very popular, and it is a very rare service station that does not sell "gasoil". The price for diesel fuel is running about 3.50 francs per liter as it is partially subsidized by the state.

Well, that wraps it up for this edition. I'll try to do some research in Germany, and not just on the beer either.







#### BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - April 7, 1982, as submitted by Gary Petertyl.

PRESENT: Charlie and Nancy Dunn,
Rick Riley, Phil Cull, Gary Petertyl,
Steve Locke, Chuck and Lynne Olenyk,
Bill Moses, Marci Thieme, Peggy
Riddle, Sue Andrews, Dave Kramer,
Mike and Pat Buchanan, Mark Beaton,
Bob Shedd, David Tomasik, Frank
Wagner, Janet Langdon, Doug and
Shari Hoek, Lance and Juanita
Weersma, Kurt Wirth.

Meeting called to order at 7:45PM. Minutes of March meeting approved. Finance report accepted. An interesting review of other zone 4 finances presented.

Membership has increased to 98.
Porschemporium has officially been turned over to John and Nancy Lacko. 28 people attended the March event at German Auto Service.
April tour to Frankenmuth outlined.

May Grattan event summarized.

IROC schedule appounced 1982 PCR's

IROC schedule announced. 1982 PCR's will be used as IROC basis.

Car Barn tech analysis will be May 1st, 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

Janet Langdon is handling PCA scheduling at Car Barn.

Holiday on Wheels - Concours and rally run under WMR rules.

Motion passes that if a driver enters more than one car in any HOW event, that person cannot win HOW overall award.

Motion to adjourn at 9:44PM, pass.

JUNE 2nd

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