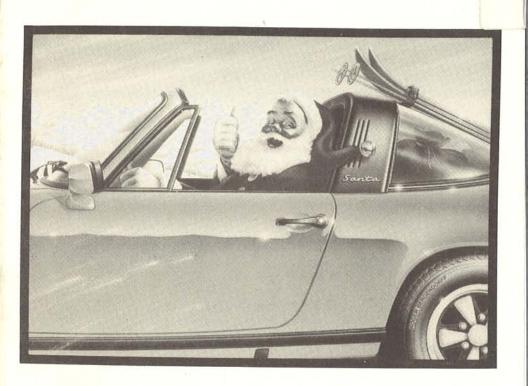


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ON THE COVER:

The Western Michigan Region of the Porsche Club of America wishes all of its members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Our cheeks turned red, however, upon learning she owned a 944--absolute disqualification. Now that she actually has been nominated they're crimson. Not to worry, our color will return to normal. No Congress with the likes of William Jennings could ever approve a Porsche owner for the top NHTSA post.

Source - Autoweek

Deutsche goats: Love that new Volkswagen TV advertisement with the Ronnie-and-the-Daytonas hit Little GTO transformed into Little GTI, but who's the German group singing it? In truth, VW tells us, it was a collection of studio musicians. Off the record, and maybe his rocker, one VW non-spokesperson told us it was "Fritz and the Autobahn Commandos."

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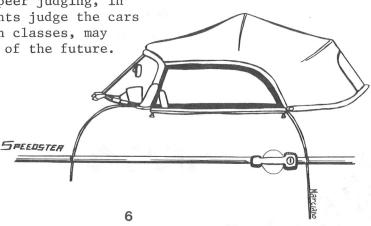
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It seems to us that more and more local and national car shows are abandoning the practice of formal judging and are turning to popular choice or peer judging. fact, a few shows have completely eliminated judging and awards; everyone just gets together for a day of fellowship, mutual admiration of vehicles, and a chance to learn more about the hobby and its participants. This change is no doubt due in part to the burdensome effort required to assemble judges and do the work necessary for a full formal judging program. With the diversity of vehicles now being shown, finding a panel of qualified judges is often very difficult, and unless the judging is fair, impartial, and expertly done, no one is usually satisfied with the results. It's too early to detect a trend, but peer judging, in which entrants judge the cars in their own classes, may be the wave of the future.

EDITORIAL

DIMINISHING RETURNS

Formal judging has much to recommend it, and we should all be appreciative of the accomplishments of the various national and marque clubs whose members have labored long and hard to establish equitable judging rules and standards. These efforts have done much to improve the quality of car restoration over the last couple of A complete decades. abandonment of formal judging might result in erosion of restoration standards within a few years.



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- A. Dear Fab Fart (I mean Ferrari); May your spark plugs foul out, your oil pan gasket leak, and your owner trade you in on an Opel G.T. (Who says I have no taste?)
- Q. Sixer; I'm a 911E Coupe and new to Grand Rapids. I've got a decent autocross history behind me when I lived in Lansing. Now I've got a new owner (nice guy) and a new garage here. Can you tell me where the hot spots are? signed Flyer.
- A. Dear Flyer; Boy, did you write to the right Porsche. Ya picked the hottest spot in West Michigan to move The local P.C.A. to. region runs Grattan twice a year, plus you'll be able to continue running in the I.R.O.C. series from here. Also there is the Holiday on Wheels event to look forward to. Just watch this rag for dates and details. P.S. Hope your not too fast. I got to be able to beat someone in this town.

Well Porsches, thanks for the fan mail. It's Friday, and happy hour starts in a few. Got to polish my mags, dust off my tail pipes, and make my rounds. Enjoy.



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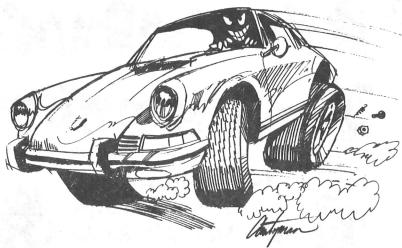
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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

BY MIKE KILLIAN



A year and a half ago I told you about suffering Porsche-overload (is there such a thing?) on a trip to Southern California.
As I recall, there were words about more 911's there than Firebird Trans Am's in the Midwest. I also remember the impression of seeing more 356s on the road in one day than in any other place besides at a Porsche Parade.

For the first time since that trip, some friendly people in the Aerospace Industry needed my help in Southern California again. This time I'm suffering car-over-load.

Where do all these cars come from? Where do all these people get all that money? What is going on here?!? There are more strange exotic/odd/unusual/ neat cars per square acre in this part of the U.S. of A than I've ever seen anyplace else. (There are more neat street cars in any square acre of Germany you'd care to pick, but that only takes care of one of those five catagories.) Instead of giving you a laundry list of how many 911s, 928s, 944s, etc. there are clogging the freeways, I'll simply say that in one 24 hour period I saw SIX 911 Cabriolets! Have we got that many in the whole state of Missouri vet? No matter.

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These guys get real cute too. They'll line up all the sports cars in one place most of the time. (Probably to give the owners that false-sense-of-security feeling about door dings.) If it's busy they'll even have a row of Porsches, a row of Corvettes, and an "Italian" row. At a ritz beachside hotel last weekend. I saw the 911 row starting off with four 930s! It's unbelievable! I think if you lived out here you'd want to drive a Skoda. That's the only way you'd have something different.

Lest you think I suffer my car-overload feelings only in bar parking lots, I have to tell you that's not the case. It actually happened at Riverside Raceway at a Trans Am race, where I spent as much time in that parking lot looking at cars as I did at track side watching the races.

The races were alot of fun though. Trans Am, Super Vee Championship, and Rabbit Bilstein Cup races. You know. The same kind of races they have in Kansas City all the time. But the spectator's cars. What a treat. There are more mean looking BMWs here than in Munich. And RX7s. There can't be a stock RX7 in Southern California. They're all tricked up. 500 SLs, pristine 20 year old Mustangs, Cadillac Cimmaron "Rallye" cars. Just everything.

What do you suppose it takes to create this automotive smorgasbord? From my observation, it takes these things. Lots of money; lots of sunshine; and not a whole lot of sense. That last item is the only thing I can think of that would allow one to hop out of his or her Porsche and leave the car and keys to the valet persons. Lord knows the practice would dry up fast if they let me valet park for a weekend.

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Entry into the Group

Upon arriving at the event site early Saturday afternoon, I sought out one <u>Frank Wagner</u>, a rumored leader of subject group. This is a dangerous man - he has the rest of the members of this coven <u>believing</u> that his car can answer questions and actually write articles for the club publication.

I complimented Wagner (nee \underline{V} agner) on his articles in the publication, and lied about how much I enjoyed them. (At no time during this conversation did I tell him who I was or what I drove.)

I next found one <u>Chuck Olenyk</u>, editor of said publication, and repeated the same drivel to him. This is the character that quoted P.J. O'Rourke's words comparing the 944/Corvette. It's good for us that nobody reads O'Rourke or Olenyk.

Probably the most difficult part of the weekend was telling them how much I liked their cars - it was simply superb acting.

Next, I rigged a drawing for two bottles of cheap wine. When subject group won them, you would have thought someone just gave them a new 928 - they were so excited, and therefore in a receptive mood for more infiltration on my part.

I sat down at the table with them, and began dropping names - expecially the double-agent conversions from my immediate area: Bauman, Johannsen, & Kjoller.

Subjects Contacted

Riddle, P. Chairman of club's I.B.T.C. Profession - CPA. Drives an ancient car of mixed (Porsche/Volkswagen) parentage. Car is held together with Armorall and Rain Dance. Personality type 2A. Probably a Cancer. Polish ancestry.

Tepper, D. An easy conquest because of a lack of a consistant offense. Exemplified by an American driver, a Swedish "Bertil Roos" driving style, a German car, English tires and Mexican gas. Entire brood attended event. Here's a Tepper, there's a Tepper, I really did like to beat the Tepper, too! Certain Cancer. Ancestry "Mut".

Misconceptions

I thought this would be an easy group to convert with liberal applications of gold neck chains, designer sunglasses and jeans, Pirelli sandals, German wine or the like. None of these items were in evidence during noted weekend. It seems that the only status—weakness of subject group is hot tubs (empty) and underwear (frozen).

Errors

My only error of the weekend was some disparaging remarks I made about the PCA hero, Dickenson. During our next contact, I'll tell them he taught me how to drive.

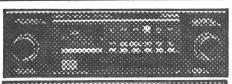
Next Report

The November report should detail the results of our next meeting - I hope to resume my missionary position, and become further immersed with subject group 19

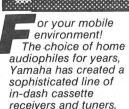
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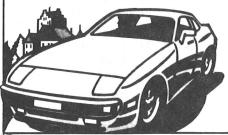




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PORSCHEMPORIUM - J. Lacko: Total Worth \$847.37 covering \$593.02 cost of inventory and \$254.35 in capital. Sales this month limited to one WMR car badge for \$5. Blue Porsche crest ties not received yet. A new person is being sought to take over Porschemporium in January.

OLD BUSINESS

IROC - B. Moses: IROC banquet will be held in Kalamazoo on November 12 at the LaQuinta Lodge. Bar opens at 6:30 P.M. dinner at 8:30 P.M.

HOT TUB GET TOGETHER - J. Cull: Six couples have responded so far.

SKI PARTY - Hoeks: Skis will be available for rental. Even if there is no snow, the party will go on. There will be a soup contest.

WINTERFEST - F. Wagner: Event will be held on Saturday, February 11th, at the Marriott on 28th Street beginning at 7 P.M. Preregistration by Feb. 1. No cost has been set yet. There will be a cash bar from 7 to 8 P.M.

Dinner will be German buffet style with some American dishes Dancing will be possible at Peaches, not in banquet room. There will be awards and door prizes. Possible features include a guest speaker and a Porsche film. A special overnight rate will be extended to members who want to stay overnight.

NEW BUSINESS

1984 IROC EVENT - B. Moses & P. Cull: Recommend a two day speed event in October. The event may require a \$2,000 commitment. Three possible ways to organize it: a Porsche only event; a Porsche Sunday, open Saturday event; or an all open event. Trophies may be awarded. Timing may only be on Sunday.

G.R.A.C.E. SHOW & SHINE F. Wagner: WMR had three
cars at this event. Weather
was totally unsuitable. The
Mustang Club showed up in
force. Also represented was
the Corvair Club and the
Trans Am Club. The Horseless Carriage Club stopped
by during their road event.

1984 PARADE - G. Petertyl: Chicago Region needs Parade Concours judges.

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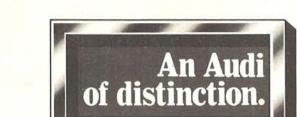
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