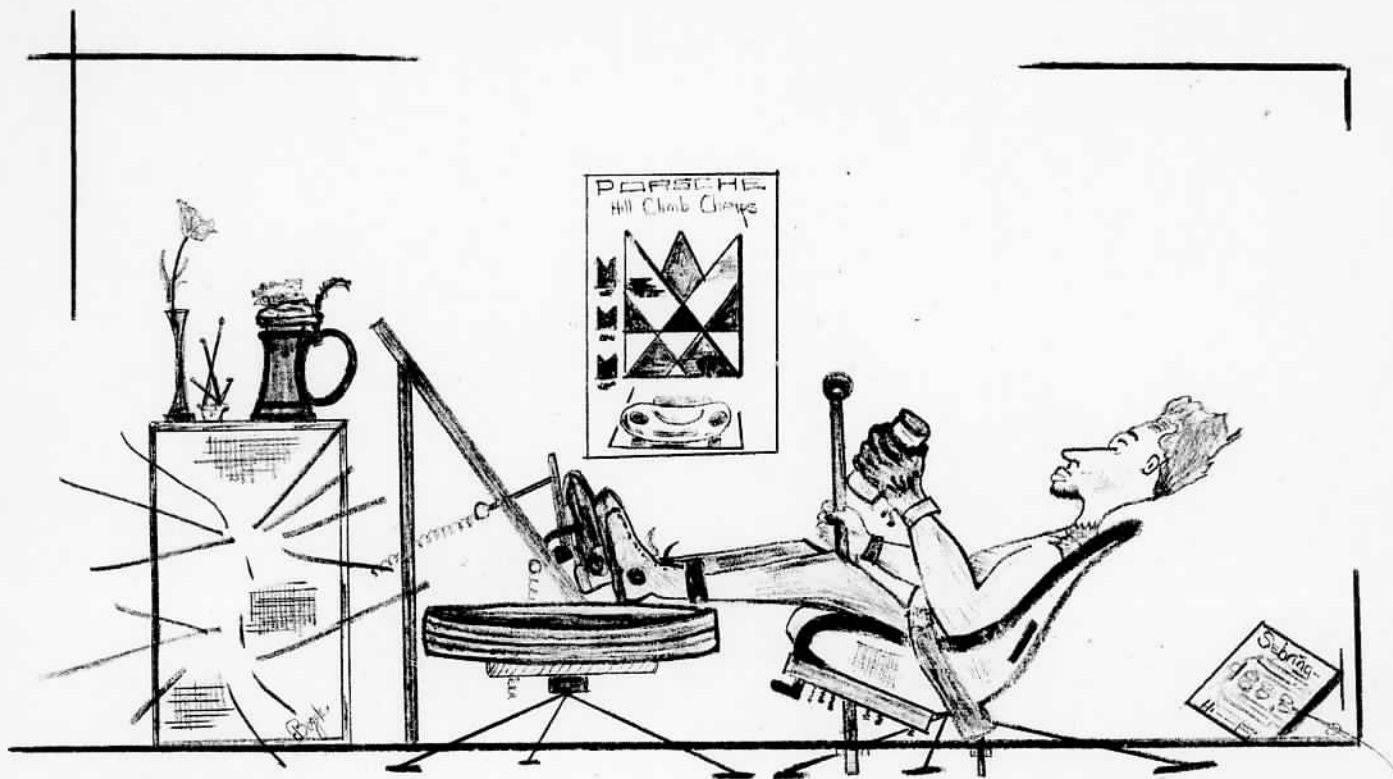


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## WE'RE OFF AGAIN!

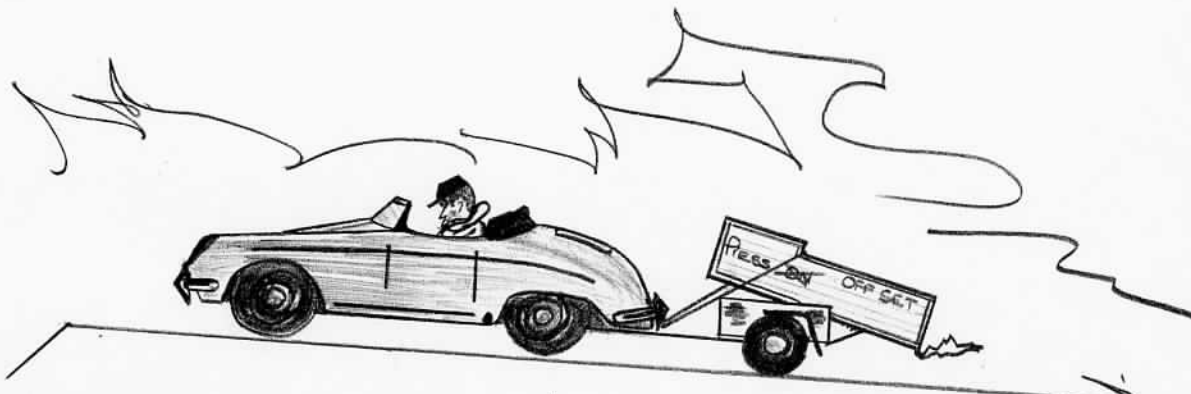
. . . a red can of Carling's Black Label at arm's reach and a screaming Ferrari at Sebring on the hi-fi in the background . . . a Porsche European Hill Climb Championship poster on the wall and three years' Panos on the floor . . . a portable typewriter, several pencils pens and an eraser or two, and a pile of typing paper . . . here we go for '62.

I have volunteered to do the first two issues of our newsletter. This issue will be lacking in solidarity and unity because of the time limitations; plan-

## "OFF AGAIN" CONT.

ing on the next newsletter has already begun and I will not be able to plead the same excuse on its publication.

Printing the newsletter this year will be Bill Otten, who along with a new Super 90 convertible, purchased an off-set printing press. Little did I realize that these hobbies would be so compatible. Bill says he can hardly list himself as a pro yet, but this issue is guaranteed to make him just that, plus we'll throw in frustration for a bit of ageing.



Many of you will find assignments for the April newsletter on a later page of this issue; these are simple and will take a minimum of your time. Please - these will make my job easier and your newsletter more interesting. Phil Gidley

## HEATER AND DEFROSTING SYSTEM

From the Rocky Mountain Region's Porsche Patter and their former tech editor, Vern ~~Racer~~ (Rod Bender):

"Now, as to the heater and defrosting system. This whole system is adequate providing two rules are complied with: 1. Get the heater cables and rods all adjusted properly and working freely, lubricate lightly. 2. You will not be warm or defrosted if you do not use the car properly. We all drive in town much too much. This is a road car. It will not deliver a million BTU's in town for several reasons:

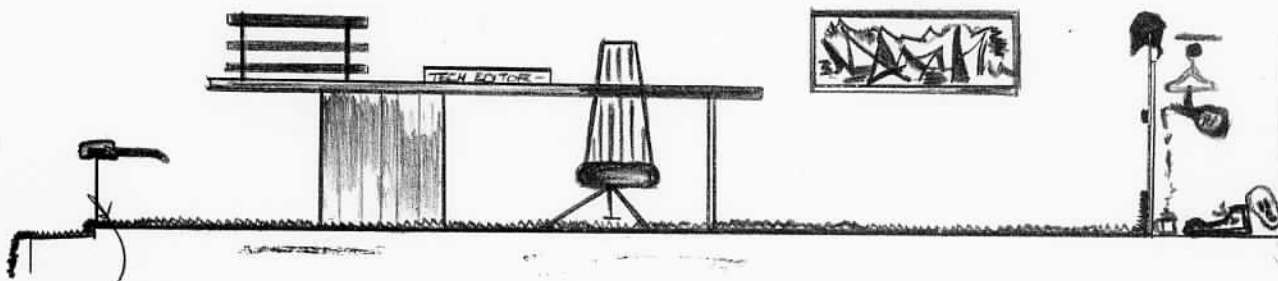
A. There is not enough load on the engine to get the oil to operation temperature (at least 180°). Driving in 3rd or 4th gear in town, does not turn the fan fast enough to really push the hot air through the heater ducts. Also, these bodies are fairly tight and unless one or both of the rear windows, (Or side windows) are open, the hot air cannot circulate out of the heater ducts. If a Porsche (With the heater properly adjusted) is driven on the road at the legal limit (Or above) you will get all the heating and defrosting you can use and you will have to turn the darned thing back unless you are in a blizzard or 30° below.

## HEATER AND DEFROSTING SYSTEM CONT.

It boils down to these facts:

1. Keep the heater adjusted properly.
2. The amount of heat is dependent upon how high you get the oil temp.
3. When the engine is warm, the volume of hot air delivered is directly proportional to the speed of the cooling fan. Use a lower gear than normal in town driving.
4. Open both rear windows (or side windows) to get circulation.
5. If you drive mostly in town and are still not comfortable, investigate installation of a gas heater.

Personally I feel the heater is adequate considering now simple and trouble free it is to maintain and operate. And on top of that it does not cost extra when you buy the car."

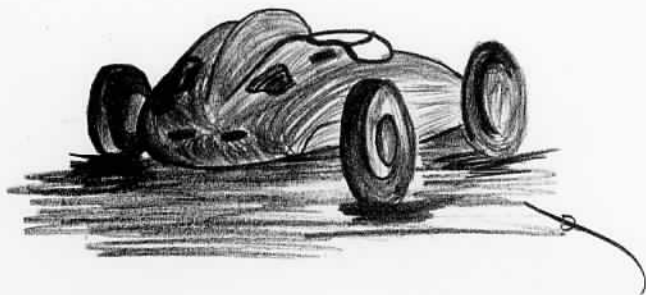


### TECHNICAL EDITOR

We need a tech editor! We have several individuals in the region who have the necessary mechanical and technical background and/or experience to handle this. This should be the most important column of the newsletter. Although the tech editor has full say in what he does with his space, examples of what might be included are: member's technical questions and the tech editor's answers, maintenance tips (Ala Corey) and discussion of new products and accessories for the Porsche. This could well be handled by co-editors and after all, there are only five more issues to be published, this year. Volunteers???

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Western Michigan Region received Christmas cards from Porsche of America Corp., and Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kirschbaum. Earl and Mary are living in Arizona now, as almost all of you know. Their address is 1055 North Country Club Drive, #15, Mesa, Arizona.



From the S.E. Michigan Region's Porsche Pushers Private Papers:  
"KEEP SMILING - It makes people wonder what you've been up to."

## ANNUAL ACTIVITY AWARD

Last year I mentioned the idea of having an annual award for the outstanding member based on the individual's activity and contributions to the region for the year. Your leader, John Vander-Heide brought the topic up at the first executive meeting this year, and it is my understanding that he is going to appoint a committee to set this up. In the July '61 issue of the Hudson-Champlain Region's Air-Cooled Advertiser, a point system for a similar project was given, and several of the areas used would seem to provide us with a starting point.

1. Attendance at meetings - # points plus mileage (Home to meeting place one way). Total allowable # points per meeting. Member must be present for at least one hour.
2. Attendance at Regional events (Activities) - # points
3. Submission of articles to Pana - # points per typed, double-spaced page when submitted, # per column inch, including photos and art work, when published.
4. Submission of articles to newsletter - same as above.
5. Bringing prospective members to meetings - #, #, and # points for the first, second and third times.
6. Visitors from other regions - # points each.
7. Committee membership - # points for chairman, # points for member, and # points for committee attendance.
8. Seat belts - ## points for two sets installed in your car.

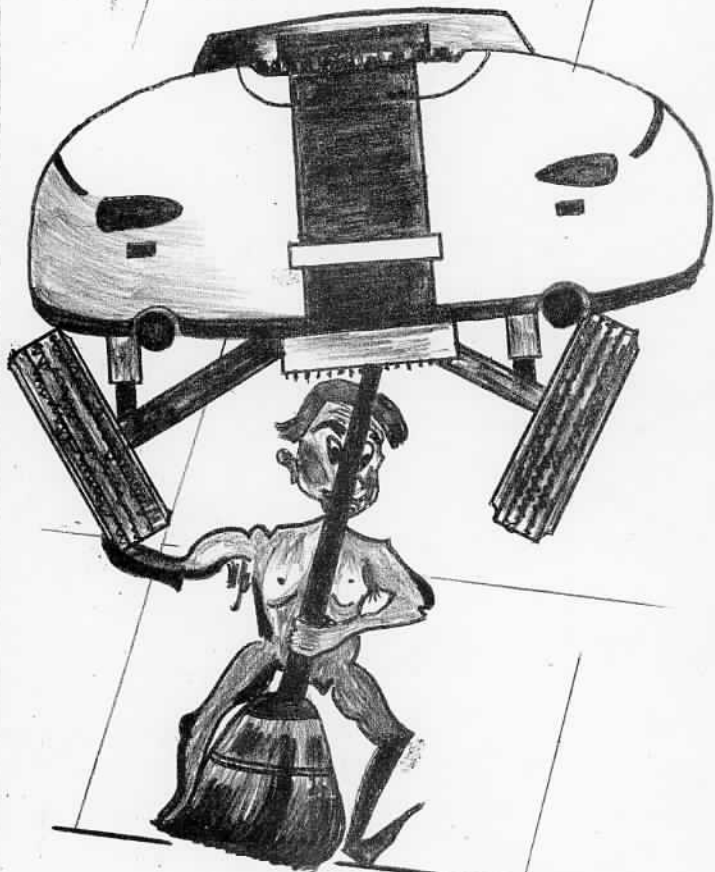
I have left out the actual points the Hudson-Champlain Region uses but this is a starting place, and certainly shows some serious thinking has gone into its make-up.

FOR SALE - One pair of '57 soupe seats - need recovering - cheap-cheap-cheap. Write Phil Gidley, 103 E. Bellows, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

FOR SALE - One Jaguar XK-120C engine, complete except for water pump and one camshaft cover. This mill has a beautiful new head job that you can see your face in, and the ports look as big as the Porsche Fuel filler. Will sell whole or in parts. Also a type JLE transmission with Laycock overdrive as fitted to XK-150s. Being offered at unheard of low prices! Art Holtzman, 118-26 225th St., Cambria Hts., N.Y. Tele: LA 8-4668. (Art is editor of the Metro N.Y. Porsche Post, which incidently, your editor feels is the finest regional newsletter out, and although he did not request me to run this add, I have watched it reappear month after month in his newsletter and feel that the least we can do is feel sorry for him. Besides, you may know of someone in the market.)

DO YOU have any odds and ends for the Porsche (Or otherwise) that you would like to sell or trade? Is there any used equipment you would like to get your hands on if the price was right? Then use this page, it is after all, FOR YOU.

!... Speedster need a lift?!



Why not let Erich handle it at his shop... GERMAN CAR SERVICE 926 Wealthy, S.E., in Grand Rapids. Tele: 454-3289 - Erich will work on the other less distinguished models of the house of Porsche as well - We have even de Hoist now.

#### HAPPY HOUR

"From the Los Angeles Region's sheet, Porscherama: George Duvall, PCA Potomac writes Dick Keys about an autocross he witnessed - while visiting in Florida recently. George writes: 'The Miami Sports Car Club held an autocross by letting all the drivers run sober for the first trip around and then they all had a drink, drove around again, had another drink, etc., etc.. This went on until one poor little lovely couldn't stand under her own power. There was one thing I didn't tell you, the Miami Police were there getting all the drivers to blow up balloons, getting samples of blood and asking the drivers to walk a straight line. It was all done with their cooperation and in the interest of safety.'"

If we can get the Traverse City police to furnish the booze for our regional week-end, Frank, put me down as the first volunteer!



## GREETINGS

This is the section you could all learn to hate. We'll keep switching it around in the newsletter in hopes of surprising you! Assignments where several people are requested to send information need not be written as articles themselves; just send me the facts and your impressions. I'll put the article together. If you would like to handle the article, however, just let me know and I'll get all the responses to you. Just jot down the information on a scrap of paper, any size, and in ink, pencil or charcoal, and send it along to me. Ten or fifteen minutes should be adequate to give me all the information I need.

If you are the only individual listed for an assignment, then you are to write an article. If you feel that you can not put together your information in article form well enough to satisfy yourself, then I will do it for you. My job will not be very professional, but I don't, on the other hand, want to put anyone on too long a hook. Anyone who wants any kind of help on any assignment can have this by merely asking; ask and I'll give you my four cents worth.

If you wish to write on an assigned area that does not include your name, please do so. Any contribution on any area will be most welcome. All responses will receive accreditation. Write as much as you wish; we'll print it all. Space we have much.

ASSIGNMENTS LISTED BELOW are due in the mail by March 26th. SEND THEM TO: Phil Gidley, 103 E. Bellows, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE OF THE PORSCHE. Keep in mind that the annual spring clean-up is just around the corner (I hope). (Suggestions: wax, cleaner, polish, glass maint., de-buggers, what kinds, how applied, how often, recommendations and experiences, etc.)

Carl Clark	Jim Thorne
Dorothy DeJonge	Bill Saenger
Kent Dewey	Ray Olson
Fred Greene	Al Sabo

### INTERIOR MAINTENANCE OF THE PORSCHE -

Isabella Jones	Dick Thirlby
Norm Dunn	Arlene Sabo
Ruth Alexander	Bret Riley

TECH COLUMN - Art Jones (This is not a perm. assignment, but for the next issue only). You might handle mech checks and preps for warmer weather, Art, but this is totally up to you.

INSTALLATION OF FIAMM AIR HORNS - John Alexander & Chet Owen Trials, frustrations and success. Would welcome a joint authorship on this fellows.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT - Paul Despres

THE NEW VS. THE OLD, or we have two headaches now - Frank Power (Nothing technical here, Frank.)

GREETINGS CONT.

BRIGGS OIL FILTRATION UNIT - Bill Schwalm (yes) installation, cost, oil used and results (If too few miles for results, Bill, we'll settle for your suspicions).

R.B. CHAMBERLAIN - a few lines (Hopefully more) on your first driving and owning impressions of the Porsche automobile.

LADIES AUXILIARY

From the Northern N. J. Region's Porscheforum, written by Betty McWilliams, wife of the region's '61 secretary: We feel that the ladies auxiliary could play a very important part in our club, but we can't have a ladies auxiliary unless we have women who are-willing to volunteer their services. Quite a few of you seemed very interested and gave me some good ideas. However, I can't put these ideas to work unless I have some help.

Right now, we're mainly interested in women to act as hostesses at our dinner meetings. A hostess's job is to make new members and guests feel more at home.

Name tags are another job. I sure could use some help here! Do we have any typists? We always have lots of typing to be done. We need food for picnics, and I'm sure you gals have a favorite dish you would love to bring. Last but not least, we would like to get more of you interested in driving the Porsche. I was amazed at the number of wives who don't drive.

These are only a few of the possibilities. There are many, many more . . . Remember, it's your club too, so join in and do your part to make it a good one.

VII PORSCHE PARADE

Golden Gate Region is feverishly working to make the VII Porsche Parade a huge success. They have exciting things in store for every Parade visitor; a great rally, a novel autocross, a fine driving school, an excellent tech session, concourse, five (5) cocktail parties, banquets, tours, exhibits, and many other terrific events. Additionally, all the wonderful Monterey Peninsula area of California, playground of celebrities, where there is "Something-for-everyone", be he golfer, fisherman, sightseer, historical addict or just plain loafer.

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