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UPCOMING

April 5 ALMS St. Pete Street Circuit

April 6 Autocross, Lake County
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April 25,26 Sunrise to Sunset Rally – Sold Out

FYI

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March Panorama projects Panamera will use Cayenne 4.8 liter, 32 valve V8, 7 spd tranny, twin-clutch semi-auto, 0-60 4.2 sec, 190mph

Special Driver's Ed at Roebling Road May 3, 4 See Page 2 For Details

See Spiel in Color on Website

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Membership Trivia question of the month.

Which region member has been a PCA member the longest? (Hint: the lowest membership number)

Send your answer to FLC_Rally@hotmail.com (Answer printed in next month's issue)

Porsche Wins Overall and GT2 at Sebring

Article by Sue Belt

All Photos – C. Hennings

For the first time in 20 years, Porsche was first overall at the 12 Hours of Sebring!! Penske racing's #7 Porsche RS Spyder won the 56th Sebring American LeMans Race driven by **Romain Dumas, Timo Bernhard** and **Emmanuel Collard**. In an upset, cars one through three were LMP2, spec'd "slower" than the favored LMP1 class. The #15 Lowe's Acura ARX-01B finished second, just 12.979 seconds behind; with the #20 Dyson RS Spyder Porsche third.

Peugeot entered a 908 diesel powered car and there were two Aston Martins and five Ferraris. GT1 had only three cars--two C6R Corvettes and an Aston Martin DBR9. It was sunny and hot after Friday's downpour, but Michelin Tires got their tenth win in a row.

The last time Porsche won overall was 1988 with **Hans Stuck** at the wheel. Fittingly, Stuck was at Sebring as a new inductee to the Sebring Sports Car Hall of Fame along with **Derek Bell** and **Roger Penske**. This was Penske's first Sebring win which makes him the only owner to have wins at Sebring, the Daytona 500 and the Indy 500.

GT2 was won by the #45 Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. Their 1-2-3 lineup was spoiled when **Johannes van Overbeek** was hit by an Audi. Audi had the most recent streak of wins, after Porsche had eight in a row. (My husband, Maurice, pointed this out on pit row at the end of the race.) Before that there was Ferrari. Porsche has 18 wins overall.

Nearly 500 fellow PCAers and guests signed in and brought 175 Porsches to the Porscheplatz corral (The furthest--Wisconsin). We even had PCA National President **Prescott Kelly** there, as well as PCA National Treasurer **Ruben Ledesma** and his wife. The designer of the 968, **Harm LeGuy** (who signed **Jennifer Barrows** 968), visited the tent earlier. Maury and I volunteered with other PCAers helping **Dick Carter** staff the tent. The PCA now has 58,000 members!



Overall Winner #7 Porsche RS Spyder



GT2 Class Winner #45 GT3 RSR

With whining engines as a backdrop, **Paul Gregor**, Porsche Motorsports of America, told us the 2008 GT3s "are on track" with more horsepower and a new exhaust. He mentioned that California is the center for four elements: the distribution of all race cars; processing of all race engines, except the Spyder; Parts; and vintage racecar restoration. Last year they restored 956s, 912s and 917s. And, **Al Springer** is still in the house.

Another of our Porsche guests mentioned that RSRs have a better lineup since changes in the winter when most teams reorganized. Taking questions, he said you'd have to send your own 356 to Germany for restoration. A new restoration building is included in the plans for the new museum under construction in downtown Zuffenhausen. The Spyder program will continue until 2009 with Penske and maybe until 2010. **Bruce Crowley**, Mobil 1, gave a tech presentation, along with free pens and brochures. Roger Penske normally comes by, but he was a little busy! (One lucky PCA member won a hot-pit tour during the drawings.)

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope those that made the trip to the first race of the American Le Mans Series enjoyed the Porsche Platz at Sebring. Next time you see **Jennifer Barrows** and **Dick Carter** be sure to thank them for their hard work in putting the event together. Also be sure to thank **Romain Dumas**, **Timo Bernard** and **Emmanuel Collard** as well for ending Audi's eight year rein and Porsche's twenty year drought at the 12 Hours of Sebring. If you ever wanted to drive the famous 12 hour course for the first time (or again) you will have your chance in June and again in August as the Citrus Region will take over the track for two DE events with Suncoast and Crown. Check the website for details.

What's next? How about the Sunrise to Sunset Rally set for April 26th. Like many of our events this one sold out early (in only four hours). Keep this in mind as you plan for Zonefest in May and the June DE at Sebring. Sign up early and join in on the fun and friendship!

Jeff Phillips

Welcome New Members!

Roy	Ayranto	Winter Haven	2008	Boxster
Jerry	Burman	Longwood	1997	993
Kenneth	Fowle	Longwood	2001	Carrera
Sasan	Hamidi	Orlando	2008	911
Dewitt	Holt	Clermont	2005	Carrera
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2008 Amelia Island Concours A Winner! Article By Chuck Hennings

If you've seen the movie "The Bucket List" and are thinking about creating a list for yourself (I'm old enough to qualify), then some car related item will probably be on it. Mine is to stay at the Pebble Beach Lodge and take in the entire series of events associated with the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Monterey, California. I've been watching TV clips about it for years and it looks outstanding! And it's still on my list after going to the Amelia Island Concours on Sunday, March 9th, but it's hard to imagine PB really being that much better. OK, so the glorious views of the pounding Pacific surf, Jay Leno, historic at LaGuna Seca are untouchable, but the Amelia event was really great. Cool temps and cloudless skies enhanced the experience (the hotdogs and beer didn't detract either).

Planning to leave very early Sunday morning, I got off to a shaky start after losing an hour to the time change and our dogs who decided to wake us every two hours that night. (I got even though and took them for their annual shots the next day). After parking at the Fernandina Beach airport and a short bus ride to the Ritz-Carlton, my friend and I began our tour of the grounds. Modern concept cars bordered the entrance with a Camaro and Caddy, a Mustang 302 and several others. You then passed into an open area (two gorgeous golf holes finishing at the hotel) filled with tents and cars from all eras, sedans to racing machines and antique motorcycles. There were 36 car classes in all with the two bests in show being a 1937 Talbot Lago T 150-C-SS (similar Talbot T 150 shown in photo) and a 1953 Ferrari 375MM. Porsche class winners were a 962, 935, 356B and a 907 Short Tail Coupe.

Bottom line, for the \$40 entry fee plus \$10 parking, just add Amelia to your list of "must do's" for next year and leave the skydiving or bungee jump for your Bucket List (make those last on that list).



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What's Mine is Mine and What's Hers is Ours!

Article by Paul (and Mary) Ianniello

Please understand that this philosophy is not what rules our marriage. **She** wouldn't allow it, but when it comes to owning two Porsches, that's a different story. We're both very happy though. On my side of the garage sits a 298 hp Cayman S and on **Mary's**, a 290 hp Cayenne.. My problem is that I love to drive both!

Driving my Cayman S is an absolute thrill. Its quick, lightweight, and its manual 6 speed will give you that extra responsive touch, just what you need in Orlando. One of the best parts in the design of the Cayman is the hatch. They have created extra room in the back, unlike my old Boxster, for a couple of suitcases, or more importantly, my clubs. The car is very accommodating but the bottom line is it's still a high performance sports car and needs to be driven like one! Please don't get me wrong, it's not that she doesn't like to ride in mine, it's just not as comfortable, it's harder to get in and out of, and it's more of an effort to drive (words I've heard before), but believe me she loves the looks she gets about town in it!

But when its time for a quick run to the store or just heading out for dinner, I'll grab the Cayenne. Its ease of getting in and out, its comfortable and lush interior and a great navigation system gives us one of the best cars we've owned. As for her, she likes the heaviness of the car and that she feels safe when inside. Throw in heated seats, satellite radio, and other Porsche features and you have one happy wife!

As they say in life, "its great to have options" and having 2 Porsches makes my life a little more exciting! So thank you Porsche... thanks for making driving fun, for making my wife happy, and making my life just a little bit easier!



Sebring (continued)

Later, we had a Boxster RS 60 Spyder in the Porscheplatz tent—silver with red top and interior. There's also a silver with grey top and black interior in the limited edition of 1,960 cars.

Meanwhile, back to the race...about 2 pm, the #6 RS Spyder Porsche of **Sascha Maassen, Patrick Long and Ryan Briscoe** (P2) developed an oil leak and the water pump broke--the first mechanical DNF since LaGuna. The #07 Peugeot Diesel 908 suffered hydraulic problems and got down 24 laps late in the afternoon but still finished 12th overall. In third place overall, the #20 **Rob Dyson** RS Spyder driven by **Butch Leitzinger** was fighting an oil leak at the end. An exciting finish--down to the wire!

We were on pit row for the champagne, cap flipping, fireworks, and close enough to take pictures of the top cars. The elation was genuine--these guys love to drive. Guy Smith once mentioned that if he weren't a race car driver, he might be driving a truck--he finished fifth overall in the #16 Dyson Porsche RS Spyder.



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Forty-five driving enthusiasts came out for the third autocross of 2008. We all enjoyed cool temperatures, sunny skies and another challenging course by **Bob Blucher**. Once again, Bob proved that you must know where to go if you expect a good time. And once you learn the course, you must keep sharp focus on it – or else. As an example, I was instructing **Genie Evers** in her white Cayman S. She had made remarkable progress throughout the day and was on her way to a sensational run, when I shouted, "This is so fast, you are going to beat Anne's time!" Whereupon, she totally lost focus and blew up half a dozen cones. The lesson: Autocrossing is a very intense sport that demands equally intense concentration. Please check out the articles about **Konrad Lorenz** and the importance of the course walk in the Autocross section of www.flcitrusregion.org.

Please remember that the next FLC autocross will be Sunday, April 6 at the Lake County site. This event is the second annual Space Coast - FL Citrus challenge. Last year we trounced our neighbors, but they have come to our events regularly and several of them are becoming excellent drivers. We hold the series trophy and want to keep it. Check the autocross section on the web site for details about the FLC series.

Gary Merideth had Top Time of Day for the Porsches with a time of 42.050. He taught the drivers of more modern and much higher power cars that smooth, precise driving will carry the day. **Jim West** was just a half second off Gary's pace and **Rhett Schmidt** at 1 second off -- both in 996s. Plus, **Mark Peebles'** hot rod Porsche 968/Vette was almost 4.5 seconds in the hole. (Let's get that thing dialed in Mark.)

Congratulations to **Erich Merz** in his 1991 964 for edging me out by 0.015 seconds. Incidentally, that corresponds to 1/55th of a heart beat! Again, Erich drove beautifully in a car that has 16 year old technology and that gave up almost 100 hp.

Once again, our women were very well represented. **Cheryl Martineau**, one of our Space coast rivals, led the ladies with a time of 46.780. She was followed by **Anne Del Villano**, **Cathy Gordon** (our good friend from California), and Genie Evers. Competition among the Porsche gals is getting better and better – all were within 0.7 seconds of the lead. We also welcomed **Lisa Dipaula** to her first ever event. Lisa and her Honda S2000 took to the course like one of Lorenze's ducks to water. Look for her to move up at the next event.

Please pre-register at www.clubregistration.net. It greatly simplifies the registrar's job and will speed up the registration process. Registration is open now and will close on April 4 at Midnight. **If you can not register on line, just come to the site.** No problem. If you have problems with pre-registration, please contact me by email or phone (407-909-0636). Come early. Do a good course walk.

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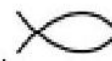
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D. Borinski

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-Financial Report: Balance \$24,124.00,-Membership: 499 members-Spiel Report: New articles still wanted, we welcome your classified ads, email Chuck if you are a Cayenne or Caymen owner who would like participate in an upcoming article.
-Autocross Summary: 45 drivers (7 women) last event. Next events: Mar 2 Lake County, Apr 6 Lake County – 2nd annual Challenge Autocross w/ SpaceCoast Region-DE Report: Roebing Road event was full w/ 130 drivers, 150 participants, and 80 BBQ dinners; sign up early for Sebring!-12 Hours of Sebring Corral: Will be the first to be classified as a Porsche Platz.
-Sunrise to Sunset Rally: April 25, 26. Sold out in 6 hours, limited to 60 couples. Sign up early next time.-Zonefest: Memorial Day Weekend, held in Mt. Dora as sort of a "mini parade," including concours, autocross, rally, tech quiz.

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