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Jul 13 (Mon)

Mtg @ Dealership 7pm
(Jul 6 is Holiday)

Jul 25 (Sat) Wine
Tasting Party –
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Zonefest 2009 Fun For All

Memorial Day weekend found Orlando awash in ceaseless thunderstorms but the Zonefest event in Mt. Dora was spared and able to hold all its outdoor events with tops down! **Nort Northam**, founder of the Florida Citrus Region PCA and co-chair for the event, was in charge of the weather and did a fantastic job. **Jim Barggren**, club member and owner of the Lakeside Inn provided his usual excellent food, staff, service and accommodations. Both Nort and Jim also provided generous sponsorship to the event. Thanks Nort and Jim! Other sponsors included **Suncoast Motorsports** who provided not only financial support but wonderful (and many) door prizes. Thanks also to **Porsche of Orlando, AirTech, Zotz Garage (Donnie Northrop)** and **Resource Consulting Group (Mike Davis)** who also gave critical financial assistance.



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Pre-Concours photo including Alex Job and his GT3 and Grand-Am #23 Porsches

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The event opened with a Friday night Social which was well attended despite the drive through heavy rains by members from Regions south of Mt. Dora. Delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages were consumed amongst hearty greetings and enthusiastic chatter. Saturday morning **Alex Job**, team owner and winner of many ALMS races for Porsche, provided his latest GT3 entry and Grand-Am car for display in front of the Lakeside.

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

I want to extend big Thank You's to those who made the Zonefest event such a success "despite the economy". To **Northam** and **Jim Barggren**, **Bert** and **Anne Delvillano** and **John Andersen** and of course to our local sponsors Porsche of Orlando, Donnie North-Rop and Mike Davis. It was a lot of work but worth the effort as 55 cars attended. And with North keeping the seemingly endless chain of unusually violent storms away from Mt. Dora, all outdoor events were dry! And thanks to **Rick Vimmerstedt** for feeding us and entertaining us at his facility for the 24 Hours of LeMans. Finally, thank you **Kevin Abel** for all his terrific photos in this and other recent issues.



In July, try to get to the Grand-Am Brumos 250 @ Daytona on the 4th. Now that some of us have met and listened to **Gary Cummings**, Rolex Series Manager, there's a new appreciation for that series and Grand-Am racing.

On the 25th a very nice wine tasting event in Windermere is planned. Watch for email blasts with details.

And looking ahead, October will be a very busy month with Citrus and Crown Regions holding the Octoberfest PCA Club Race at Daytona Oct. 9-11, then Roebing DE is the 17th and 18th with our 35th Anniversary Dinner (we were chartered in Oct. 1974) now scheduled for the Oct. 24th. Hope to see you there!

Chuck Hennings

Photo Credits – Zonefest (Kevin Abel & Chuck Hennings), 24 Hour event (Kevin Abel), LeMans 24 Hour (Porsche)



Bill Davis
Membership
Chairman

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

(Total Members End of May - 509)

David	Elliott	Kissimmee	03 911
Mitchell	Gorshin	Orlando	08 911 S
David	Jowers	Saint Cloud	09 911 S
Anthony	Santore	Palm Coast	03 911
Tina	Evans	Winter Park	84 944

Member contact Information is very important if you want to continue receiving the "Panorama", the "Citrus Spiel" or any emails about upcoming region events. This contact information is maintained on the member database at PCA. There are three ways to update this information. You can call PCA at 703-321-2111; or on the web at www.pca.org <<http://www.pca.org>>; or by sending the information to Bill at daviswm@cfl.rr.com.

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Wine Tasting Event

Saturday July 25th at
Tim's Wine Market
428 Main Street, Windermere 34786

6:30 – 8:30
Hors D'oeuvres, Taste White – Reds

Check email blasts for details

35th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 24th – Watch for Details



Also - Join Porsche enthusiasts Labor Day weekend at the Brasstown Valley Resort for the Peachstate Region's Rennfest 2009. Includes autocross, concours, and rally and more.

Cost: \$115 per person; Kids 6-12 \$35; Rooms \$112/day
Register: Register at www.clubregistration.net by 8/14/09

Zonefest 2009 (Cont'd)

Friday Night Social



Alfred Marino and Bob Tallgren



Christie and Jim LaPiana



John Andersen and Greg Barrows

Concours D'Elegance

Saturday morning, bright and early, **Mike Hansen** from the Gold Coast Region, got the Concours going and the entries set up on the Lakeside's front lawn. Although there were fewer Porsches than last year, some beauties were judged. Tom Pisello's 356 won not only his class but the People's Choice award (see photo).



Judges do their work on '03 Carrera C4S



Tom Pisello's winning 356

Observation Rally

The Rally was held with only one call to the Rallymaster. A bit of road was closed at the last minute to accommodate a band concert. The results were very close and the first 3 places were within 1 correct answer of each other! Citrus Region's **Greg and Jennifer Barrows** finished in second and **Lyn Perez** in third. Congratulations!



Pres. Of Sonnenschein Region Dianne Watson and husband Tom



Rallymaster preps drivers

Zonefest 2009 (Cont'd)

Tech Quiz

A Tech Quiz, developed by Ruben Ledesma, National PCA Treasure and member of the Gold Coast Region, provided some real challenges but pointed out the rich history of the Porsche marque.

After the Rally, folks were on their own for dinner and faced a deluge from the thunderstorm which held off all afternoon for the outdoor events. Sunday, participants moved over to Tavares for the Autocross event (details below).



Bert DelVillano Schools the AXers



This person did not attend class!

"It was a dark and rainy night, again!"Snoopy By Bert Del Villano, FLC Autocross Chair Autocross

Historic rains pelted central Florida for ten days. Record setting rain. Daytona International Speedway flooded. And we faced ZoneFest and a pair of autocrosses. Gads! Saturday night before the autocross was, in fact, horrible, with very heavy rains and strong winds. The forecast for Sunday was not good. Would the hearty show up?

Somehow, **Chuck Hennings** called in all of his chips to spare ZoneFest activities from the downpours. And on Memorial Day, dawn broke over Tavares bright and clear! True, the course was littered with huge puddles and a disabled fire engine, but the team took out the brooms and blowers and cleared away the water in time to run the event. The fire engine stayed.

The FLC autocross ran in the morning and the ZoneFest in the afternoon. **Bob Blucher** did another fine job of setting a fun, yet challenging course – remarkably similar to the design used for the rained out March 1 autocross. The course was a loop within a loop, but had a devilishly offset gate that snookered the unwary. Those who remembered the importance of the course walk and avoided Lorenze's imprinting phenomenon navigated the course efficiently, others did not. The big news of the day was that **George Bonafede**, one of our Martin Club buddies, finally abandoned his Neanderthalic roots and his rice rocket, showing up in a new 997 C2S. With outrageous ground effects and body work, matched by intake, exhaust, and chip modifications, his 997 is hot. But not hot enough to allow him to defend his usual position as TTOD overall. The *really* big news for George though was not the car, but the fact that he took the first step toward surrendering his perennial bachelorhood. At a barbeque after the event, George got down on his knees before long time friend Nancy Ann Jones and surprised her by asking for her hand. Needless to say, she agreed amid tears of great joy. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together. Incidentally, those of us who witnessed this memorable Memorial Day, were astonished to hear George's normally robust voice cracking with emotion.

The AX results also offered several big surprises. First, it was no surprise that **Danny Shields** (Suncoast) took TTOD at 37.600. He is a national championship level driver in his blue Boxster S. The surprise is that FLC's **Wendy Mertz** took TTOD Ladies and finished second among the Porsches, with a half second lead over **Sharron Shields**, also a national level driver. Bob Blucher drove his "new" and very stock 1991 Miata and finished ahead of all of the other frequent top drivers, including George, **David O'Neal**, **Kevin Abel**, **Reich Mertz** and me. Goes to show the value of driving skill. Full results are posted at www.flc.pca.org. For photos, go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/27225497@N04/sets/72157618795592916/>.

ZoneFest drivers took over after a delicious lunch served up by **Anne Del Villano** and her crew. Bob's course foiled many excellent drivers from other regions who are not accustomed to his tricky courses. Danny Shields scored TTOD, again, narrowly edging out **Steve Kidd** from Gold Coast and our own **Gary Merideth**. Sharron Shields had TTOD Ladies, followed by **Ellen Riley**. Full results of the ZoneFest autocross are also posted on our web site.

Thanks again to all who helped make these two events so much fun, especially the guys from the Martin Club, Anne, Bob, Erich Mertz, and George. **We will take a break until September, tentatively Sept. 26 or 27.** This event will be our third annual autocross challenge with Space Coast Region. FLC has won both of the prior events, but trust David O'Neal, **Tom Gorsuch**, and friends to rally their troops to put up another valiant effort to claim the series trophy. See you in the fall.

Zonefest 2009 (Cont'd)

The Victory banquet was attended by 107 who were treated to another round of great eats by the Lakeside Inn. Outstanding entrée dishes and exotic desserts left everyone pleasantly full and ready for awards and door prizes. Guest speaker **Gary Cummings**, Rolex Series Manager, first provided a few minutes insight into the responsibilities of running race events. A special award was presented to **Alex Job** for his "Dedication to the Porsche marque and Continued Excellence in Racing".

All-in-all a very successful Zonefest despite "the economy". Thanks to all of the Sponsors and attendees!



Jennifer and Kendall Barrows assist North in presenting door prizes



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FLORIDA CITRUS REGION CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Monthly Club Mtgs Held Usually 1st Monday of Each Month @ Porsche of Orlando in Maitland			1	2	3	4 Grand-Am Rolex Brumos 250 @ Daytona – TV @ 2pm
5	6 Independence Day Holiday	7	8	9	10	11 SCCA Event @ Sebring
12	13 Monthly Mtg @ Dealership 7pm	14	15	16	17 Grand-Am Rolex Porsche 250 @ Barber ALMS @ Limerock	18 TV 7/19 3pm – TV Sat @ 2pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Wine Tasting Party
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2009

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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3 Monthly Mtg @ Dealership

November 2009

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29	30					

Bold Type = FL Citrus Events

2 Monthly Mtg @ Dealership

TBD Challenge Rally

26 Thanksgiving

September 2009

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

7 Labor Day

8 Monthly Mtg @ Dealership

December 2009

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

7 Monthly Mtg @ Dealership

TBD Holiday Party

25 Christmas

October 2009

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

5 Monthly Mtg @ Dealership

9-11 Octoberfast PCA Club Race
& DE @ Daytona

17, 18 Roehling Road DE

24 Anniversary Dinner

**Car of
the
Month:**

Porsche
911

wikipedia



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AAA CDs Heralded by Consumer Advocate

By Jill Perry

With so many banks closing and the financial market in upheaval, it's difficult to determine where to put your hard-earned dollars. AAA Financial Services continues to be a stable resource you can trust.

And Clark Howard agrees. Howard is a consumer advocate with a nationally syndicated talk show designed to help you spend less, save more and avoid getting ripped off. In a recent article, Howard reported that he'd found an unorthodox resource offering the highest yielding CDs in the market—AAA.

The article went on to report, "There are a number of smaller banks, credit unions and some wholly unusual sources that are offering rates above the national average. As an example of the latter, Howard recently saw a banner ad on The Boston Globe website for a five-year CD at 3.75 percent. He clicked through and sure enough it was a real deal available to members of AAA. That means tens of millions of people in the United States could take advantage of this deal! 3.75 percent is the highest interest rate available anywhere in America, according to BankRate.com."

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Porsche Racing, DE and Autocross

ALMS - American LeMans Series – article excerpted and edited from Jill Beck release

FLYING LIZARD MOTORSPORTS PORSCHE 911 GT3 RSR OF BERGMEISTER/LONG SCORE FLAG-TO-FLAG WIN TO SOLIDLY ALMS GT2 POINTS LEAD

TOOELE, UT. – May 17 –The #45 Flying Lizard Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of Patrick Long (USA) and Joerg Bergmeister (Germany) and the #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of Wolf Henzler/Marc Lieb (both Germany), ran like a freight train as they lead every lap, going flag-to-flag to claim an impressive GT2 one-two class victory. Porsche's two top GT2 class challengers – the second place qualifying Ferrari of Melo/Kaffer and the fourth place qualifying BMW of Milner/Mueller – tangled on the front straight just yards past the green flag on the very first lap. They placed themselves at a tremendous disadvantage for class honors when they came together, sending the damaged BMW to the pits for several laps for repairs and sending the Ferrari off in to the infield.

GRAND-AM Rolex Series – articles excerpted and edited from Jill Beck releases

PORSCHE TEAMS IN DP AND GT SHUT OUT OF TOP SPOTS, BUT IN THE THICK OF CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS AS ROLEX GRAND-AM SERIES COMPLETES ROUND FOUR AT LAGUNA SECA

MONTEREY, CA (May 17) – A stop-and-go penalty for jumping a restart was very costly to the Penske Porsche Riley during the Verizon Wireless Festival of Speed, the fourth race of the 2009 Rolex Grand-Am Sports Car Series. The Penske team wound up finishing sixth at Laguna Seca, 13.3 seconds behind the winning Pontiac Riley. The #58 Brumos Porsche Riley entry of Darren Law (Phoenix, AZ) and David Donohue (Malvern, PA) finished eighth and lost their Daytona Prototype driver's championship points lead. The Rolex GT entry of Leh Keen (Charleston, SC) and Dirk Werner (Germany) recorded the 245th podium finish for Porsche in Rolex Grand-Am GT competition. They drove their #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup entry to a third-place GT finish.

Werner, Keen Win GT Class and Take Points Lead; Bernhard, Dumas Enjoy Podium Finish at Watkins Glen

WATKINS GLEN, NY – June 6 -- Dirk Werner (Germany) and Leh Keen (Charleston, SC) captured their second GT class victory of the season and took over the points lead while Porsche works drivers Timo Bernhard (Germany) and Romain Dumas (France) grabbed a podium finish in Daytona Prototype competition. Werner drove the final segment in the #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup entry and took the checkered flag in the fifth Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series event of the season. It was Porsche's 59th GT victory and 247th podium finish in Grand-Am history. Meanwhile, Bernhard and Dumas put the #12 Verizon Wireless Penske Porsche Riley on the podium for second time this year, finishing just 1.59 seconds behind the dominate Lexus Riley of Scott Pruett (Auburn, CA) and Memo Rojas (Mexico) as the race ended under caution.

24 Hours of LeMans - article (and photos) excerpted and edited from Jill Beck release



The two P2 Porsche RS Spyders running at LeSarthe

While the Porsche RS Spyder is just a memory in North America, it was certainly alive at the checkered flag for the 24 Hours of Le Mans as the iconic LMP2 sports prototype captured its second Le Mans class win in two tries thanks to the Danish customer team of Casper Elgaard, Kristian Poulsen, and Porsche factory driver Emmanuel Collard. The Team Essex, which came in second in LMP2 a year ago, beat its Lola Judd rival by more than 14 laps. Porsche lost its chance for a one-two LMP2 RS Spyder finish only an hour before the end of the race, as the RS Spyder entry of NAVI Team GOH spun off the track while running comfortably in second place. Under braking for the first chicane on the Hunaudières straight on an oil spill of a competitor, Japanese driver Seiji Ara hit the barriers and the car was forced to retire.

LeMans 24 (cont'd)

In the production-based GT2 class, a one-two qualifying effort for the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR from qualifying could not be turned into a race success. After just two hours, the race came to an end for the three Porsche works drivers Marc Lieb (Germany), Richard Lietz (Austria) and Wolf Henzler (Germany). A problem with the fuel system caused the engine of the 911 to die and not start again – 100 meters from the entrance to the pit lane. As the regulations do not allow a car to be towed in such a case, the leading trio of the German Felbermayr-Proton team had no chance to repair the otherwise technically perfect 911 and retired.

For the American Flying Lizard team, the 2009 Le Mans race ended in the early morning hours when Darren Law (USA) collided heavily with the barriers. Prior to this, pole-setter Jörg Bergmeister (Germany) and team owner Seth Neiman (USA) were steadily moving in the direction of a podium result with their GT3 RSR. The French IMSA Performance Matmut team with Porsche works drivers Patrick Pilet (France) and Patrick Long (USA) as well as Raymond Narac (France) maintained third place for more than two-thirds of the race distance. On Sunday morning a problem with the power transmission put an end to their promising charge.

Complete results can be found at the following link:

http://www.lemans.org/24heuresdumans/chronos/2009_24_Heures_du_Mans_24H_Race_clah24.pdf

Driver's Education (DE) -

A DE was held June 27, 28 at Sebring and will be covered in the August edition of the Spiel.

FYI - PCA announced a new member benefit program as they have entered into an association with Lockton Affinity who has created a **Driver Education** insurance program specifically tailored for PCA members. In addition to providing this coverage, Lockton has agreed to offer exclusively to PCA members a **10 percent discount** on HPDE insurance premiums! For most using this service, the savings will more than pay for the yearly PCA membership dues! For details: http://pca.org/Members/DocumentLibrary.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=907
Also visit: <http://pcahpdeins.locktonaffinity.com/>

Autocross - See page 4. Next Autocross in September. Have a great summer!

Club Member Racing

Update from **Ron Zitza**:

On May 16th and 17th we traveled to Sebring for the PBOC race/school with **Dr. Doug Miller** and his 993 street/track car. By the end of the weekend Doug had improved greatly, lowering his lap times from the 3min + down to 2:44s. all the time showing good car control and excellent double clutch down shifting! Then the following weekend we went to Carolina Motorsports Park with **Linden Burnstein** and his GT-2 SCCA car. The event was a double SARRC and Linden took a second in the rain on Sat. Then followed that with a win on Sunday. Great Job Linden! Back to Florida for the Suncoast DE at Sebring on the 30th and 31st of May. This event was a blast, not just because I like Sebring, but I had the opportunity to coach **Ross and Genie Evers**. Ross has a real nice development car, 74 911 2.7ltr. After some adjustments Ross really found some speed! I don't think that his 996 turbo will go back to the track. Genie and I had more fun than you can shake a stick at! I can't wait to work with both of the Evers again. Last but not least, on June 4th-7th, we traveled to VIR for the SVRA/Gold Cup historic races. **Gregg Frey** and I had a challenge, I had to teach him the track fast enough so that we could win the one hour enduro on Friday afternoon. Gregg learned quickly and we did win the race. Never mind that I had to win with a last lap pass. We had a great time and as I have said before, I love podiums.

From **Sid Collins**:

A recent vintage event at Sebring on the short course was participated in by several of our local PCA club members on 6/6-7/09. The "short course" or "green park" is a portion of the famed 12 hr. course and is only 1.8 miles in total length and really capitalizes on braking and handling, not necessarily on power and speed. Weather was intermittent with our normal rains. Results as follows: **Robert Demetrius** - 2nd fastest 911 in main race of 6 911's there; **John Cox** (fastest Porsche 4 cylinder; **Jerry Ruffino** (personal best time in ITR with his 83 911SC. **Pedro Rivera** continues to have a great return to the sport as he bested the production field and was 1st overall and 1st in class for F/prod...that 914 continues to run as well as it looks. Nice job Pedro...!!..



Porsche P2 RS Spyder Winners on Podium



GT2 Porsche (Over) Shadowed by One of Many Ferraris

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LeMans 24 Hour Event at SE Performance

The race may have started across the pond at 9am without us, but by the time the crowd arrived after 10am, most people were more interested in Rick's omelets, bacon and sausage. **Rick Vimmerstedt**, owner of Southeast Performance (see ad on page 13), former two-time 944 Cup Champion, and Club member, opened his shop and provided a delicious feast and plenty of TVs to watch the historic 24 Hours of LeMans. **Ted Hollander** co-owner of Absolute sound, provided HD TVs so all in the good sized crowd could see. Late-comers had to "settle" for hot dogs and hamburgers but there were no complaints. And if you haven't seen the Racing simulator that **Ron Branom** put together for the event, find out when you can see and drive it. There was a long line of "hot shoes" and potential "hot shoes" vying for some time on it. Thanks Rick for a great time!



Early Crowd enjoys the home-cooked breakfast and the 24 Hour Race @ SE Performance



Rick Greets the Arrivals



Ron Branom shows how it's done on his Race Simulator



Rick loves Mike Davis's 356

This seemed like a very good article on suspension alignments written up in the Space Coast news magazine "Escape Velocity". so with their permission, here's a reprint.

FYI – Porsche of Orlando performs the alignment service exactly the same as described below but uses a John Bean Visualiner 3D machine (see Jim for your alignment).

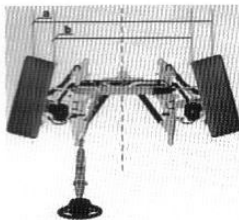
Tech Corner

by Porsche of Melbourne's *Mike Steele*



This month I would like to talk about suspension alignments. Let's start with a discussion of the basic geometry involved in an alignment followed by how this affects ride quality.

The positions of the individual wheels in relation to the body and the road surface are instrumental in defining the characteristics of a chassis. The wheel position directly influences a vehicle's straight-ahead tracking, cornering performance, and tire wear. A number of these values are determined in the course of wheel alignment. The others are derived from physical laws based on certain motion sequences – such as steering movements or dynamic loads during driving (so-called kinematics).

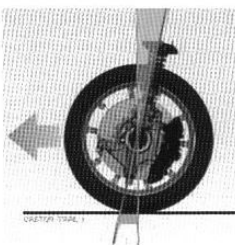


Toe is the angle of each tire in relation to the centerline of the vehicle. Tires with "toe-in" are angled inward; those with "toe-out" are angled outward.



Camber is the angle between the wheel's center plane and a vertical line passing through the wheel contact point. It is positive when the upper part of the wheel is inclined outward from the wheel's

center plane and negative when the upper part of the wheel is inclined inward.



Castor is the inclination of the steering axis in the direction of the vehicle center line. Positive

castor applies when the wheel contact point is located behind the point at which the extended steering angle pierces the road surface. When the wheel contact point is located in front of the piercing point, this represents negative castor.

Toe: To ensure precise steering behavior, it is important to have a degree of lateral traction on the front wheels by means of toe-in. A little toe-in on the rear axle results in axle stability. The amount of toe-in is limited by the growing level of tire wear.

Camber: A tire provides the greatest lateral traction during cornering when it is perpendicular to the road. In the case of independent wheel suspension, the wheels experience the body roll when cornering as a change in camber, i.e. the wheel on the outside of the bend experiences considerable positive camber. As this cannot be fully compensated for by the change in camber during deflection, a negative basic camber is set as a reserve. A wheel running with camber behaves like a cone rolling on its lateral surface in a circular path. It thus generates a degree of

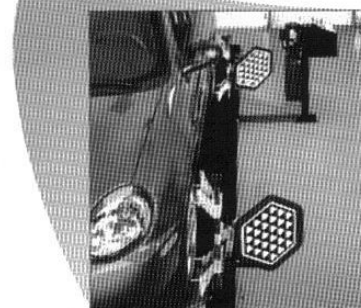
lateral force in the direction of the vehicle centre line even during straight-ahead driving (so-called cone rolling effect) thus causing the sensation of 'pulling'. Excessive Camber will cause tire wear and possible overheating of the tires.

Castor: The distance between the wheel contact point and the piercing point is known as the castor trail. During steering movements, the castor trail causes the lateral force to generate a moment about the steering axis that pushes the front wheels back into the straight-ahead position. This stabilizes straight-ahead running. Castor does not have any negative effects on tire wear. Too great a difference between the left and right wheel will result in poor straight-ahead tracking, also resulting in a 'pulling' sensation.

As you have seen, setting up a chassis correctly is a highly complex matter. All the components have to be tuned and coordinated so as to enable optimum and safe transmission of power to the road at all times. All settings relating to the axle geometry are checked by the means of a wheel alignment process. The Hunter machine at Porsche of Melbourne uses high definition digital cameras measuring targets mounted to each wheel.



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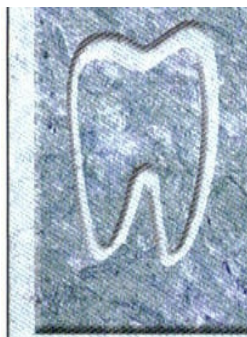


David Edwards – Club Secretary

- Membership: 503 members
- Spiel Report: Still looking for articles; our new printer person is getting issues out faster
- Web Report: New updates to come before Parade. Would REALLY like feedback.
- Track Events: DE Sebring June 27,28;
- Zonefest: Luckily, all events were dry. 55 cars and 107 dinner guests
- Autocross: Next autocross coming in Sept.
- Mentor Program: Hope to pair up new members w/ old, to help people have a better experience and integrate into the club.

Arden Griffith – Club Treasurer

- Financial Report: Balance \$15,663



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