

From the Regions

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As the northeast drifted from the dull gray of winter to the brightness of spring and summer, the plans of **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY** Region turned from ideas into reality. In May they spent two days at Limerock Park, reacquainting themselves with the joy of driving a Porsche at speed under a beautiful spring sky. This was followed a week later by an autocross in which Ralph Stoesser turned in the fastest time of day in a 911S, just nipping Dennis Thovson in a 914 2.0 by .073 seconds. In June they went to Pocono Motor Speedway for a three day event that involved driver education,

autocross, and a session on the tri-oval, which is a different kind of driver education. The autocross was run on the regular road course, with Susann Miller taking top time in Ladies 4 cylinder, Tony Tola in Men's 4 cylinder, Trisha Hessinger first in Ladies' 6 cylinder, and Zane Nevins, Men's 6 cylinder. After all of that driving, they relaxed in July by having a Gourmet Tour to a ferry boat on the Hudson River. The "Binghamton," which had been placed in service in 1905 and was used to transport autos and passengers between Jersey City and Manhattan until 1967, has been turned into an excellent restaurant with an attractive decor. The club enjoyed a very sociable afternoon while dining in a lovely, historic ferry boat. July closed down with an autocross for those not able to attend the Parade.

Putting their best foot (or feet) forward, the 1981 Board of Directors of **GRAND PRIX** Region received their long-awaited charter at the monthly membership meeting held at the Velvet Turtle Restaurant in Long Beach, California. In the absence of Bert Misevic, Zone 8 Rep.; E. Nick Friesen presented the charter to president Peter Luelsdorf. Peter in return presented Nick with a certificate from National for 20 years in PCA, which included a stint as Parade Chairman. The region is off to a flying start with highlights including reserved seating for 29 at the Long Beach Grand Prix, several



Grand Prix Region: long awaited charter presentation for the Long Beach-based region.

weekend tours, Fasching Farkle Party, two low-pressure S.O.P. rallies, and plans for a second annual (first was unchartered) trip to Carmel and the Historic Auto Races at Laguna Seca in August. Enjoy!

The summer season in Chicago is relatively short (Lewis Grizzard tells us that Chicago's two seasons are winter and the 4th of July), but **CHICAGO** Region members take full advantage of it when it's there. After two autocrosses and one social event in a span of only five weeks, it was time for a good summer rally. Linda and George Gutmann are die-hard Parade attendees and they like it best when fellow Chicago Region members are also there. So, every year they're out pitching for people to head for the Parade. Once that is achieved, they help everyone prepare for the Parade rally. (After all, if all those Chicago members are already there, they might as well take home a few trophies, right?) Thus, the "Pre-Parade Pandemonium Rally" was held on July 18. Susan and Brian Allman co-chaired with Linda and George to produce a 65-miler in northern Illinois. Twenty-six cars left the start on a sunny day from Lee-Klinger P/A. Five checkpoints and 2½ hours later, rallyists and checkpoint workers were finally able to relax for drinks and a delicious London broil dinner at the Timbers Restaurant. All but one car finished the well-designed route. They didn't expect to finish because they didn't think their little boy would last in the back seat that long, but wanted to give it a try. That's rallying spirit! George's hand-made stained glass Porsche crests were awarded to the top teams. Sara and George Melford took first in Equipped class, and Mae and Walter Minato were first in Unequipped. Next stop — Asheville — to see if all the hard work paid off.

ACADIA Region members John Reardon, Jim and Jody Smith took the opportunity over the fourth of July weekend to venture into the Maritime Provinces of Canada to establish PCA membership information boards at the facilities of Brookville Motors Ltd. in Saint John, New Brunswick, and Drescher VW/Porsche in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Receiving the display boards from John Reardon

were J. Rogers of Brookville Motors, and I. Drescher of Drescher VW/Porsche, who appreciatively welcomed the involvement of PCA in the area.

GOLDEN EMPIRE Region's summer rally was held June 6th, with 14 cars participating. With Greg Fullmer and Bonnie Adams acting as co-rally masters, the first car left Columbus Porsche at 10 A.M., and the last car finished at 4 P.M. Trophies were awarded the winners and consolation given to the also-rans, after which everyone headed for the Webbs' house, where Ron and Barbara had invited them to swim and enjoy barbecue. Columbus Porsche played an important role in the success of the day, as the rally began and ended at their facility, and the trophies were donated by the dealership. Sounds like the region has a good friend!

OHIO VALLEY Region is sponsoring its Third Annual Kings Island Autocross on October 17-18, 1981. Practice will be all day Saturday with timed runs on Sunday. Kings Island has 20 acres of pavement and OVR has some great ideas on how to put it to use. There will also be a Bierfest on Saturday night. For additional information contact one of the following: Jerry Wolf, 10457 Adventure Lane, Cinti, Ohio 45242, 513/793-0294; or Barbara Pantenburg, 1240 Grace Lane, Cinti, Ohio, 513/321-911T.

PEACHSTATE Region's Konfusionschnitzle rally looked like the summer heat was about to take its toll, as they were about to have more workers than rallyists. However, the ranks grew a bit, and the teams left to do battle. It was a half mile from the end of the ODO leg that they were smitten with the first checkpoint. Rallyists beware. Start all legs on time! Ziggling and zagging across I-20 in hopes of eventually reaching the wilds of Douglasville, the brave rallyists kept cool heads, for the most part, as a typo error threw a curve in leg 3. But to the rallymaster's glee, everyone finally showed up at checkpoint 4, although a wee bit late. When all was said and done, it turned out to be the hottest battle in ages, with the Barriers just two seconds ahead of the Hansens. Good show! The hardy souls who worked checkpoint and sweated off about 10 pounds each thanks to above 95 temps and high



Acadia Region: Jody Smith presents a PCA Information Board to I. Drescher of Drescher VW / Porsche in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.