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FEBRUARY EVENT

Social Evening-Party House  
Forum I Apartments, 38th at Emerson  
February 27, 1971, 8:00 P.M.

Member Tom Budny has obtained the party room at the Forum I Apartments for our February PCA-Cir meeting. The program for the evening is purely social, plans for entertainment were not complete at this writing, but the usual arrangements for beer, soft drinks and snacks will prevail. There will also be cards, games and other such diversions as we can devise. Be sure to put this date on your calendar and join us for a "really big" turnout!

Members and guests (prospective members perhaps?) who are interested in getting together for an early dinner before the meeting may call Joan Dodd, 293-4644, a few days ahead of time. I could make a reservation for 6:30 P.M. somewhere near Forum I, perhaps, Knobby's Mai -Tai? Let me know if you are interested.

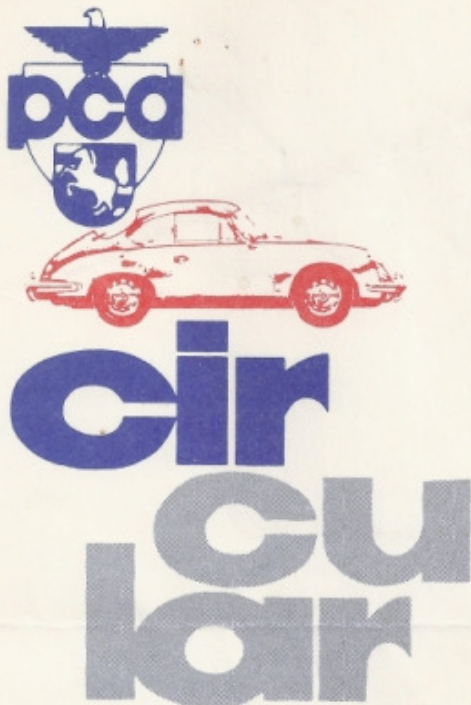
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30 ATTEND JANUARY TECH DISCUSSION MEETING

On January 16, Mike and Sharon Cooper were hosts to 28 other members and invited guests for an open question and answer session with Kline Porsche-Audi Service Manager, Jim Farmer and Parts Manager, Bill Farr, on the answering end of the program. Jim Farmer opened the session with a brief outline of the progression of Porsche distribution in America to the present functioning of the Porsche-Audi Dealerships. Questions about parts availability and costs were fielded by Bill Farr, who stated that parts are going down in cost all the time and current production parts are more readily available, while some older model parts are no longer in stock. He stated that the parts department at Kline's has lists of discontinued and unavailable parts and owners are welcome to see these lists anytime.

Questioned about service labor costs, Jim Farmer remarked that Porsche-Audi hourly labor charges were competitive, and in some specific cases, even less than surrounding American car dealerships. It seems that each service has its "book" charge and, regardless of the time actually spent in performing each service, the mechanic is paid for no more, nor less, hours than the book specifies.

When challenged by PCA President Mike Robbins to explain parts costs on items such as bearings, gaskets, etc., which are double those charged by other imported parts outlets, both Jim and Bill pointed out that prices on factory parts through the dealers are determined elsewhere and include warranty benefits not granted by the cheaper outlets.





### 30 ATTEND JANUARY MEETING, cont.

The organized discussion broke up at this point, but conversation was stimulated and the members got much face to face exposure to two of the men upon whom we rely for much of our Porsche service and help, on a local level. If this sounds like it was less than friendly, it really wasn't. The meeting was very successful on several levels -- it was well attended, it was informative and we all had a very good time. Among those present were GENE and JUDY COVERT, who brought Judy's brother, DAVID HARRIS and his wife PAT, Porsche owners for the past few months. Even though they live in Crawfordsville, they might consider PCA membership someday. Attending solo were JOHN CARMACK, MIKE ROBBINS, TOM FARNUM, DR. JACK MOE, TED LAKSTINS and JIM FARMER. ANN and WERNER KUNACK brought Kelly along. I missed seeing JIM AND KAY SANDIFER's "proofs" of their latest offspring because I was busy taking notes on the discussion, but she must really be a doll from the reactions I was catching out of the corner of my ear. LAURIE ROMAO was holding our attention with her tale of the demise of their 911S on January 2, this year. Uninjured, driver TONY'S feelings were pretty crushed. The replacement Porsche is a red 911T. WILL and SUE ZOBBE, PHIL and SUE ALLGOOD, JOHN and PAT DREESE, GENE and JOAN DODD, BILL and Wanda FARR, TOM BUDNY and his guest, SUSAN EASTBOURNE, completed the gathering.

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### PREZ SEZ: RAMBLINGS

This newsletter will hit you on about the same date as the deadline for renewal of PCA membership. It will be several weeks before the region receives information via national PCA channels as to who has renewed. A simple deduction tells us who hasn't. Which category are you in?

In the Central Indiana Region we are faced with somewhat of a paradox. We have more total members than ever before but for a year or more we've seen relatively small attendance at events. Must we enroll five, six or more new members to gain one who'll be active? I keep thinking back to the terrible winter night in 1960 when we had a tremendous turnout just to explore the possibility of forming a PCA region. On a frigid night when the roads and streets were covered with snow and ice, approximately seventy people went to the trouble to find an out of the way community house in northeast Indianapolis to hear about PCA. What has happened to that spirit?

When I purchased my first Porsche in 1958 I heard talk by the "old timers" that Porsche was going soft. That the 356A was too civilized in comparison with the more violently tail-wagging 356. That a new breed of buyer didn't have the same appreciation for the marque. These feelings have since been expressed with a substitution of numbers as the 911-912 and later the 914 was introduced. Has the Porsche nameplate come to mean more than the car itself? A recent cartoon shows the occupants of a 914 failing to know the identity of a 356A.

We hear about the "Porsche mystique". Porsche drivers used to flash their lights to each other as they passed. In this day of realism, cynicism, and indifference have tradition concepts gone down the tube?



PREZ SEZ:cont.

The pessimistic flavor of these ramblings is based on the minimal attendance we've seen at events in the last year or so. The officers are taking steps to assist in building attendance. Moving the year end dinner farther away from Christmas and some new ideas on gymkhana or autocross sites should help. If the January 16 session was an indication, maybe 1971 is bringing an upswing in the level of participation.

C'mon out there, bowl us over!

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NEW MEMBERS

Membership Chairman, Charlie Munsell, has sent the following information on two new PCA members. We extend a hearty welcome to:

John F. Moe, M.D.                      Wife: Rosemary  
3500 Lafayette Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana-46222  
Tel: 297-1304  
1965 356C - Red

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Timothy H. Selby                      Wife: Mrs.  
R.R.#1 - Box 184  
Jonesboro, Indiana - 46938  
1956 356A Coupe - Maroon

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PCA MEMBERS WIN SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL TROPHIES

For the benefit of PCA'ers who may not be SCCA members, we'd like to report the 1970 achievements of our dual membership competitors. At the SCCA Annual Awards Banquet the following PCA members received year end trophies; Mike Robbins won the Fairbanks award for first place in overall competition, including racing, rallies and gymkhanas. Wilbur Zobbe and Gene Dodd tied for second place in the over all category. Rally awards went to Garret Harbron 1st in class A, equipped, Mike Robbins, 1st in Class B, non-equipped, 3rd to Will Zobbe, in B, and Sue Zobbe placed 3rd in Ladies' Rally Class B. Solo II trophies went to Mike Robbins, in a tie for first, Gene Dodd and Erwin Dollinger tied for 4th place, Sharon Cooper took 2nd place in Ladies' Solo II, Sue Zobbe was 3rd. In racing, our team, "Rennstall Alterschwach" found their leader, Mike Robbins with still another first place in the region, with six 1st place finishes to his credit. Gene Dodd, in his first racing season, received the 3rd place trophy for two 1sts, a 2nd and a 3rd place finish. (Also a finish on two flat tires - last - but a finish!) Other PCA racers ended the season in this order:

Gerry Mason, herding a Datsun(?) this year, was 8th in the region. Will Zobbe campaigned his cabriolet to 17th. Don "Moose" Parish,



SCCA AWARDS,cont.

ex-PCAer, drove member Bruce McConnell's 914-6 in the latter part of the season to finish 20th, Mike Cooper raced to 22nd place and Erwin Dollinger settled for 37th after a disappointing season. Many other members, too numerous to list, participated in the Solo II and Rally programs. Some of us worked pretty hard, too, at Timing, Scoring, Registration, Corner Working, and all phases of planning and administering events. Notable in this regard were Phil and Sue Allgood, who were actively involved in all areas of SCCA activities.

Garrett Harbron was elected to be 1971 Regional Executive for SCCA. Rally enthusiast and new father of Garrett, Jr., born Dec. 7th to wife Margaret, Garrett has undertaken to be the guiding spirit of SCCA for 1971. Phil Allgood will be the chairman of the newly established Rally Board this year. Gene and Judy Covert are 1971 "Clutch Chatter" (SCCA monthly newsletter) editors. Their first issue already has a new "look". Most impressive. PCA is proud to report the election and appointment of these capable and enthusiastic members.

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AUTOMOBILE QUARTERLY PUBLISHES PORSCHE ISSUE

Just in case you haven't heard about it yet, the current issue of Automobile Quarterly is almost entirely devoted to our favorite import. Beautiful photos and exciting racing paintings illustrate a very informative text. Prints of the photos and paintings may be ordered and single issues of this hardcover issue will probably be available from the publisher at this address:

Automobile Quarterly (Volume IX - Number 2, @\$5.95)  
245 West Main Street  
Kutztown, Pennsylvania- 19530

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GOING TO '71 PARADE? MAKE RESERVATIONS SOON!

A letter to Pres. Mike Robbins, dated Dec. 7, 1970, from M.B. Williams of the Silver Sage Region, PCA, relays Parade news. With the '71 Parade planned for July 6-10 at Sun Valley, he reports more than 100 paid reservations were already received and, since the limit will be 500 cars, if you are planning to include this event in your schedule, it seems you'd better act to make your arrangements. Features of the Parade will include the traditional Concours, Rallye, Autocross, Tech Quiz and a spectacular Hillclimb. Sounds almost too good to miss. For reservations, write to:

Porsche Parade-Sun Valley  
P.O. Box 912  
Boise, Idaho - 83701

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FOR SALE:

Five 4½ X 15 Disc Type Porsche Wheels - \$20.00  
Call Gene Dodd, 849-1042, Days - 293-4644, evenings & Weekends

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### ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 1971 OUTLINED

Activities Chairman, Mike Cooper, is busy lining up events for this year that will be fresh, competitive and various. The schedule is merely tentative at this point, since we don't have definite dates available for each month, but here's what he has for us so far:

February 27, 8:00 P.M. - Social Event, Forum I Apts., Tom Budny  
March: Parking Lot Gymkhana - Kunacks  
\*April: Open  
May: TV Race Event Viewing & Cookout - Dollingers  
June: 2nd Annual Mini-Concours & Picnic - Dodds  
\*July: Porsche Parade, Sun Valley, July 6-10  
\*August: Open  
\*September: Elkhart Lake (Maybe?)  
\*October: Open  
November: Annual Dinner  
\*December: Open

Note: All \* months open  
for local events.

Sandifers have offered to host an event and Zobbes have made a suggestion for a summer outing. The Indiana Gun Club could be the finish of a fun rally, if someone would undertake to provide a short hour or two route, with a buffet dinner and clay target shooting and games for those interested. On a Saturday we could have the bar open, also. We could sure use your help and suggestions for these remaining months. If you have anything to offer us, call Mike Cooper, 873-3431.

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### ADULT EDUCATION FOR ERSTWHIDE MECHANICS

The schedule of Indiana/Purdue University Adult Education classes offers the following courses for novice mechanics:

"Five Thumbs" Auto Mechanics, 8 Thursday nights, Feb. 25-April 22,  
\$42.00 fee

"Powder Puff" Auto Mechanics, 10 weeks, eves., \$35.00

Sounds like a good "group therapy" for a few of us "garage widows"! Anyone interested can get more information by calling;  
923-1321, ext. 335

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### ZONE CO-ORDINATOR AND NATIONAL TREASURER ATTEND BOARD MEETING

Mike Robbins as Zone Co-ordinator and Georgeanna Tutrow, PCA National Secretary will be in Houston, Texas this week-end for a National Board Meeting. Mike has promised to give us a report of all items of local interest for our February newsletter.

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Editor's Note: No room for a column this month but I have many ideas & plans. We will be providing you with a membership roster & a copy of our revised by-laws, as soon as I can get them ready. If you have want ads or articles to be published, call me at 293-4644. I'll be seeing you at the meetings, come out and bring guests!

Joan Dodd