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PAST HISTORY

The "Magical Mystery Tour" was indeed just that from beginning to end. This included missing signs, tricky questions ("How many blades on the old windmill?" Answer: none), closed roads, and Indiana's typical mystery weather.

We began the rally under gloomy skies at Nora Plaza, and right off the start we were baffled by the second instruction. It seems one of the signs had disappeared within the last few days. After conferring with other puzzled drivers and navigators, we proceeded to the next direction which put us on the right track.

With the sun shining and the rest of the signs in place, we sat back and enjoyed a beautiful trip through the countryside, viewing such towns as Lebanon, Brownsburg, and Pittsboro.

After about 2½ hours of fairly smooth traveling but some mistakes, we came to a "Road Closed" sign which apparently wasn't on the format. Thinking we had goofed somewhere along the way and with five instructions to go and no time left, we decided we'd better call it quits. We headed for Shakey's where we were soon joined by other confused rallyists who had run into the same predicament.

It seems Indiana's liquid sunshine had put an end to the Howe's rally. When they had previously checked the route all the roads were passable, but all that rain changed the situation.

This didn't succeed in putting a damper on our spirits though, and we finished the evening with pizza, prizes, and fun at Shakey's.

We'll have to admit that some of the credit for our first place prize goes to our little navigator Leslie Ann, whose constant chatter couldn't help but keep us on our toes.

by Jackie Dwyer

VEEP BEEP

Central Indiana Region
Visit to Import Motors
Limited

Purpose:

Representatives of the CIR/PCA visited our Porsche distributor, Import Motors Limited, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on March 10 for the purpose of establishing communication, touring the warehouse facilities and discussing items of mutual interest. This was part of a national program established by PCA and Porsche of America. Our PCA Zone Rep., Mike Robbins, arranged the visit.

Summary:

Import Motors Limited (IML), a nearly twenty year old franchised firm handles Porsche, Audi and VW. It supplies dealers in Michigan and Indiana with their cars, parts technical training and marketing guide. Porsche-Audi is a separate and rapidly growing division with 18 current dealerships in the two states and expected growth to about 23 by the all, 197 . It is a large and serious business which is to our (enthusiasts) benefit and their profitability. A 2.5 million dollar facility covering three football fields and containing 36,000 parts valued at 4.5 million dollars is the main feature. Cars are purchased from VW or Porsche-Audi of America and delivered directly to the dealers. Hence, cars are not stocked in Grand Rapids. The entire operation utilizes extensive electronic data processing equipment and has a 10-month supply of parts available at all times.

Discussion:

CIR was represented by Phil Allgood, Gene Dodd, Mark Smedley and Dave Turner. Mike Robbins also attended but as representative of Zone 4, PCA. IML was represented by: Cal Verduin- General Manager, Dick Rochford-Sales, Al Kunig- Sales, Geof Clarke--Warranty, and Walter Hahan- Technical. IML's address is : Import Motors LTD., 2660 28th Street SE., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Any of the above IML personnel can be contacted on specific problems. For example, Geof Clarke promised to resolve some warranty problems experienced by a PCA member from the Western Michigan Region.

The entire trip was very enjoyable. Gene Dodd drove his Olds station wagon in lieu of Mike's Speedster and drivers were switched in true Sebring fashion. Phil tried to run it out of gas but we noticed the gauge. IML provided a well planned meeting featuring a tour of the warehouse, open discussion, a Porsche Can-Am film and 2 new cars ; and Audi 80 and a 1973 911 with Porsche designed fuel injection system.

The warehouse was noted earlier. Highlights of the discussion were:

- New dealerships in Columbus, Evansville, and Fort Wayne,
- A move by Kline to larger facilities,
- Establishment of a central warehouse facility in Washington D.C. for slow moving and hard to find parts,
- Willingness to provide lists of Porsche parts being closed out,
- Including Zone 4 on IML distributor newsletter,
- IML has requested and supports cash prize money for racing but the monies must come from VW of America,
- Supplying technical info. for racing,
- IML cannot train private individuals in Porsche service and
- Supplying CIR with a bi-annual list of new Porsche sales in our region.

Following an excellent Can-Am film describing the 1972 season, we saw a 1973 911 Porsche designed fuel injection system rather than the Bosch unit of previous models. (continued)

This provides a 10 HP increase and great simplification which should reflect in lower maintenance costs. The six throttle plates of the Bosch unit are replaced by one (obviously requiring no synchronizing) and the 6 idle mixture screws of the Bosch unit are also eliminated. The injectors simply press into the intake manifold and can be removed by hand for servicing. The 1500 cc. Audi 80 Sedan looks and sounds great. About \$3200 for interior room, comfort, easy cruising and excellent economy.

Following the meeting, we joined members of the Western Michigan Region at a German restaurant for dinner. Then the drive home in heavy rain arriving about midnight.

by Dave Turner

HOT LITTLE GOODIES

The following appeared in the Michigan Indiana Region Newsletter:

Sept. 1st-2nd-3rd. Multi Regional Event sponsored by Western Michigan Region to include a Concourse d' Elegance, TSD Rally, Parties, an Autocross, more Parties, Champagne Breakfast, etc. Full details on prices, accommodations, etc. on request.

Of Special Interest:

The Southeastern Michigan Region (Detroit) is planning a trip to Germany Sept. 14th -30th. Price is reasonable with Air Fare at 195.00 per person (round trip Detroit to Munich) with an optional land package tour priced at \$499 (15 days). For further details write Tom Gasser; 816 Knowles; Royal Oak, Michigan.

The trip is backed by Porsche Club of America and the land tour includes a trip through the Porsche factory. Mr. Gasser said that a number of people were planning to purchase a new Porsche in conjunction with their trip (work through the dealer on this aspect.).

Do you need new tires?

Universal Imports has made a special, limited quantity purchase of Michelin 185/70VR15 XWX tires that we are making available for Porsche Club of America members. We are offering these tires at our dealer price of \$79.91 plus \$2.46 F.E.T. The Michelin XWX is the latest version of the high performance XVR. The two steel cord tread belts are placed at different angles than the XVR to increase high speed response, and the shoulder of the XWX has a greater tread depth to aid in high speed cornering. All tires are brand new, first quality and are shipped freight collect via United Parcel Service or the fastest way. Freight charges are approximately \$1.50 to \$2.00 per tire. Your members can reduce their freight costs by up to 50% by submitting combined orders totaling 16 or more tires. We can then utilize more economical trucking firms.

(the above taken from a letter to Ed Taylor)

911 Owners Take Notice:

Factory Manuals and Supplements for the 911 are available via PCA-Executive Secretary, 5616 Clemont Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22310. Pre-paid orders are filled on a first come first serve basis.

Membership Information:

Total membership at end of year 1972 : 8,672
Total number of Regions 77 (active)

about dual ignition heads for those cylinders. The double overhead cam feature is the real ringer to me. Does anyone have any other publications that refer to this engine? I'd like to know more.

CARS IN PROFILE: The English house, Profile Publications Ltd., has a series titled "Cars in Profile". Number 5 in the series is about the Porsche 917. It is written by Paul Frere, the well known Belgian writer and former race driver. Obviously there is much repetition here from other 917 books but it is still interesting. One rather startling thing occurred to me in first leafing thru and looking at the photos. The caption for a photo of a turbo charged 917 engine reads "Except for the two turbo chargers it is outwardly identical with the normal type 912". My obvious reaction was that a printers error resulted in "917" coming out as "912". It turns out that this was not a printers error; the Porsche internal project number for this engine was "912"; in the same fashion as the 1600cc pushrod engines were identified as "616". This book can be obtained from Classic Motorbooks in Minneapolis for \$2.00. There are many new details here - I recommend this one to those interested in the details of these cars.

W. 79th St. Gadabout

PRESIDENTS CHATTER

As expected the Porsche Carrera driven by Peter Gregg, Hurley Haywood, and Dave Helmick won the 12-Hour Sebring Enduro. Remember at the 24-hour of Daytona Gregg and Company had a broken windshield and replaced it with one borrowed from congenial competitor- it took several minutes to make the change. Well at Sebring Team Gregg was ready for their second broken Carrera windshield - this replacement took 2.5 minutes, that should be some kind of record.

The team of Moose Parrish, Dave Causey, and me finished 14th overall and 4th in the under 2.5 Liter grand touring class. Although Comp Press gave us credit for being about 2 seconds behind Bruce Jennings and Bob Beasley's 911, I think it was more like 30-40 seconds. We were fortunate in not having to change tires or brake pads in 12 hours. That means the drivers were sub-standard or Goodyear gave us tires meant for some other prominent team. I'll let that subject drop before I dig a deeper hole! The 12-hour Sebring can be summed-up as follows: It was a great experience racing on the same track for 12 hours with Jim Fitzgerald (SCCA, CP and BS Datsun Driver) and not being nerfed or hit once- that is definitely a record !!

To date I have received 3 service reports- Actually one can't be considered very reliable because it comes from an old Porsche Garage with a swaying roof on 79th street. Those 904 motors have too many complicated and unobtainable parts to be rebuilt, so best of luck to Mike's 904 racing this year. The 3 service reports are in another portion of this newsletter.

FROM THE SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

OK, folks! You've all seen the preliminary schedule I had drawn up a couple of months ago, but there have been some minor changes and also things have been firmed up a bit. I thought you might like some of the available details. No! No more funky VW movies I'm still ashamed of those damned things!!!

For openers how about this month's event. I know you all have odds and ends lying around the basement or garage which you don't want but won't pitch just because, "It's worth too much", or "someday I might need this thing!" Well, somebody else might want it and, AND, pay a few shekles for it! Or remember that old 356 bonnet handle that Arjay Farquart has had in his garage for what seems decades- maybe he would part with it for some beans- if somebody simply planted the thought. Here's your chance!

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CENTRAL INDIANA PCA FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY APRIL 29th
1:00 PM

AUTOHAUS ON WESTFIELD
HOSTS: JIM & JUDY FORAN

JD's fired up about all of the PCA'ers seeing his new investment and personally I think they all ought to know about his service. Bring all your bits and pieces or what the hell, a whole car! and get ready for some bargaining!

Now, for the rest of the year here is a synopsis with brief comment:

MAY: Mark Donohue-- We do not have a date as yet; this will depend on Roger and how things go for the crew during the month. Keep your calendar peeled.

JUNE: 500 Mile Race and Swim Party at Irwin & Lenora Dollingers. There will be liquid refreshment both drinkable and swimable and depending on ABC-TV either radios or televisions for watching the infield cops; I mean the, yawn, race. I think race day is May 27th- don't ask why its the June event, just come!!!

JULY: July 14th Central Indiana PCA Autocross at Raceway Park. With the June event in late May we have a month and a half to plan this dude!! Volunteers for the following committees:

- I. Competition; rule, tract layout etc.
- II. Technical; rules, insp. and safety.
- III. Timing and Scoring: just that!!!
- IV. Refreshment; bratwurst etc.
- V. Evening Party; find a place!!

AUGUST: Brown County Tour and Picnic tentative date August 18th some of you didn't know there were such roads between Indianapolis and Brown County or did you? HEE!HEE! And I don't mean gravel!!!!

SEPTEMBER: Chicago Region PCA's Elkhart Lake Weekend. Mere words escape me! If you like to eat, drink and be merry plan on it! Or if you are just your basic speed freak Leave Now! God! It's a mini parade with rally, concour', and super autocross tentative date September 14, 15, 16. A must!!

OCTOBER: Hayride and Weenie Roast, tentative date October 6th. Some very enterprising and nice folks in SE Marion Co. provide horses, wagons, and a nice bon-fire. Should be a great Autumn evening.

NOVEMBER: Annual Dinner, When? Probably the 17th. Where? I'm open for groovy ideas!!!

DECEMBER: Kline's Party- That turkey, Osborn is saving the Hot- flicks!! By then Jim will probably be very wrapped up in a new building-- would be a nice way to end the year.

There you have it;
hope to see you there!
Mark Smedley

SEVENTH ANNUAL KANSAS CITY REGION PORSCHE OZARK WEEKEND 1973

HOW DOES THIS SOUND? A LEISURELY DRIVE TO THE BEAUTIFUL LAKE OF THE OZARKS, COCKTAILS AWAIT YOU ON ARRIVAL, DINNER IN A BEAUTIFUL RESTAURANT, MAYBE A SWIM, GOOD COMPANIONSHIP AND THE NEXT TWO DAYS FILLED WITH DRIVING EVENTS, PARTYS, DOOR PRIZES AND TROPHIES. SOUND GOOD? IF SO READ ON!

Date: MAY 18th 19th 20th

Place: OSAGE HOUSE OSAGE BEACH, MISSOURI LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Schedule of Events:

Friday 18th May
5:00-9:00 PM

Registration and Free cocktails
Dinner at leisure

Saturday 19th May

10:30 AM
2:00 PM
6:30 PM
8:30 PM

Concourse d'Elegance
Autocross
Free Cocktail Party
Banquet (Menu: 10 oz. Top Sirloin Steak, twice
baked potatoes, vegetable, beverage,
dessert)

Sunday 20th May

10:00 AM
1:00 PM

Rally
Lunch, Awards and Trophy presentation

Cost

The Registration fee is \$20.00 per car. This covers the Banquet (steak and all the trimmings) engraved silver trophies, dash plaques, door prizes, free cocktails and awards.

Accommodations

OSAGE HOUSE is located 11 miles North of Camdenton, Missouri, just off Highway 54 Osage Beach, Missouri. It features an indoor-outdoor pool, tennis courts, recreation room, color TV and excellent cuisine.

Rooms

\$19.00 per night based on double occupancy. Children under 12 free.
The Kansas City Region will make reservations. Room payment may be taken care of on departure Sunday May 20th. Applications MUST be in by May 5th. Please send your check for \$20.00 to:

Mr. Robert Benson
8108 N.W. Overland Drive
Kansas City, Missouri 64151

Any questions or information may be obtained from Mrs. M.A. Reno, 2522 West 64th St., Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66208 or telephone 913-236-4229.

This is an annual event sponsored by K.C. that has always been successful and 1973 should be the best. We welcome Porsche owners from other regions and guarantee FUN, COMPANIONSHIP, RELAXATION, CHALLENGING EVENTS PLUS TROPHIES, BOOZE AND GREAT FOOD! PLEASE COME!



SERVICE REPORTS

Member: Gary R. McGinnis
R.R. # 21, Box 670-A
Terre Haute, Indiana

Model: 1967- 912

Service: Engine Rebuild, Tune-up, new shocks

Overall Rating: Excellent, " Car runs like a Top"

Comments: The car idles at 2000 RPM, anything below 2000 RPM is rough- any helpful suggestions?
Generator pulley broke on a Saturday mornin, Jim Doran sent pulley via bus to Terre Haute- received Saturday evening.

Repair Shop: Autohaus on Westfield
7405 Westfield Blvd.
Indianapolis, Indiana
(317) 253-1294

Member: Mike Robbins
2307 W. 79th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Model: 1964- 904

Service: Engine Overhaul with reservations

Overall Rating: Engine is certainly questionable; The Female parts washer and general "Go For" was totally unsat.

Parts: Generally hand made, come from my stock pile, the majority were begged, borrowed or robbed from Gene Dodd's Garage.

Repair Shop: Swayback Garage
2307 W. 79th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

NEW MEMBERS

Member: Clete Fortwendel
Box 113
Troy, Indiana

Model: 1966- 911

Service: Engine and Transmission rebuild, replace right rear shock.

Overall Rating: Excellent "Runs better than expected"

Comments: After 8 months of owning a 911, I find it a fantastic car and service has been excellent.

Repair Shop: D-Patrick Imports, Inc.
200 N. Green River Road
Evansville, Indiana

William J. Wills 72 911T Coupe
1058 Kings Court Yellow
Indianapolis, Indiana 46260

Roy C. East
6450 Johnson Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 73 911 " Coupe

Richard R. Donnelly wife- Kathleen
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Columbus, Indiana 47201
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