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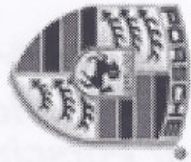
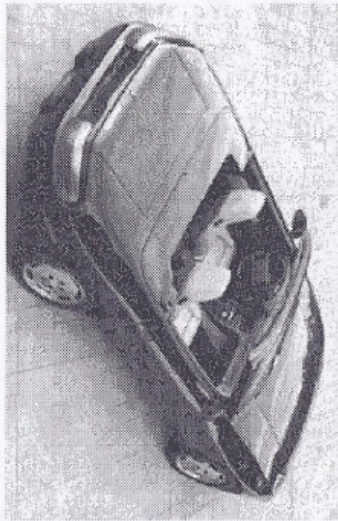
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Don't forget the big event in August is
Porsche Thunder at IRP
on
August 20,21,22.
Entry to the IRP grounds is FREE!

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Club Events and News *by Mike Farr*

CIR Porsche Thunder Weekend

By the time you read this, our August 1st Symphony on the Prairie event will be over. We have over 20 cars registered to be on display to the throngs and it should be lots of fun if the weather cooperates. But the **VERY** big deal this month is that CIR is sponsoring a driving school and all-Porsche race event at Indianapolis Raceway Park (IRP). This and previous CIRculars have provided details on this but here are some more. Thursday is the driving school - all you need are four previous days of track time to come out and have fun. The racing occurs on Friday and Saturday. If you want to register for either of these activities, contact the CIR people noted elsewhere in this issue right away - it is easy to do and there is still room! But, even if you don't plan on driving on the track, here are **3 good reasons** you should come out during one or more of the days:

1. To watch the racing - The race cars are kewl, with everything from more or less stock daily drivers to very serious 356, 911, 914, 944 and 928s in various classes. And we will have some of the best drivers in the country there, including some of our CIR members. Up close, fast, fun.
2. To spend quality time with your significant others - There will be lots of CIR people there to mingle with and this is a great event to bring your friends or family to. Kick some tires, wander through the "pits," buy a sandwich and cold drink (or bring your own).
3. To learn more about the driving school and racing programs - You can see the real thing in action and ask the CIR people there to explain how to sign up for future driving schools or "get into" racing.

Look for more detailed information elsewhere in this issue and plan to come out to support your club in its most important event of the year - and have some fun!

Directions to IRP: IRP is in a little town called Clermont just to the west of Indianapolis. The simplest way to get there is from I 465 on the west side of Indy. Take the 38th Street exit and go west to the fifth traffic light. Turn right (north) on Crawfordville Road which is also state road 136. About a mile past Clermont is the main entrance to IRP. Go past the main entrance to the next left turn and then down to the gates where the racing cars enter.

Upcoming Events

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CIR Events Schedule

August

August 9- Meet at Ooley and Blackburn Imports at 10 a.m. (see page 7)

August 20, 21 and 22 — CIR Porsche Thunder Weekend — A major CIR event at Indianapolis Raceway Park that includes a driving school and all-Porsche racing. Plan to either participate or watch! See details on page 5.

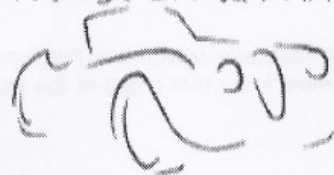
October

Saturday October 10: The Classic Winery Tour is back again! A great driving event organized by Chuck Langenskamp — put it on your schedule now! This is one of the most popular events of the year - a gorgeous drive on great roads, a great destination, good food, new and old CIR friends. Be there!

New: October 2,3 and 4: The Children's Museum Vintage Grand Prix - This is an informal "hanging out" event for a good cause. We need Porsches to participate in the informal car show judged by kids (free plaque and trophies) on Saturday October 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Race car practice is on Saturday with the races on Sunday with multiple classes. You can drive your car on this famous track at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday or 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Details will be in future issues.



The Children's Museum
Vintage Grand Prix



1998

November

November 7: The CIR Annual Dinner (and, this year, Dance Party), located at a private auto collection and party facility near downtown Indy. Planning is coming along nicely for this — we will have catered German food, a DJ, dancing, beer, and a great facility with collector cars (including Porsches) to look at.

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CIR Wants YOU!!!

CIR needs your help with the Porsche Thunder Race and Driver Ed coming up on August 20,21,22 at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

This is a great way to meet other members and have fun while helping the Club. Contact Steve Lynn, Event Chairman at (fax and voice) (765) 342-2840. Email selynn@scican.net or call Harry Crane at (317) 875-0922

YESSS!!! I want to be a Porsche Thunder Volunteer

Names: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time to call: _____

I can help on Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

I'm interested in the following areas (check all that apply):

____ **Corner Worker** (Serve as an extra set of eyes at a turn of the race track. Trained flaggers will be with you. You'll be close to the action and to hear inside scoops via radio.)

____ **Tech** (Assist with inspections such as checking helmet stickers, brake lights, lug nuts, etc.)

____ **Gate Waiver** (Greet incoming racers and guests as they sign the club waiver upon entering the park.)

____ **Souvenir Sales** (Sell T-shirts, dinner tickets, etc. inside the registration tent.)

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July Board Meeting Minutes

Harry reported on the progress of Porsche Thunder Race planning. Some driver ed spots were still available as of the meeting date. It was emphasized that admission to IRP will be free on Porsche weekend.

Pete Simpson volunteered to chair the Porsche Thunder Concours.

It was noted that at least 8 members came to Johannsons for the go-kart race though the start time was delayed by track management which caused some confusion.

Then, everyone enjoyed dinner followed by an exhibition of Lee's newest toy, a heart-tugging 356 which sparkled like a jewel.

Meeting adjourned.



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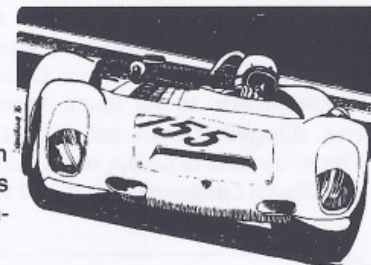
Porsche Thunder (and Things) at IRP

Driver Education Day at Indianapolis Raceway Park Thursday August 20:

A great opportunity to hone your driving skills! The IRP road course offers 2.5 miles of driving excitement with 15 challenging turns. Prior PCA Driver's Ed experience and a willingness to play with others is required. Space is limited so register soon! Call Jack Henricks at (765) 641-7002 for more information.

Porsche Thunder Club Racing Friday and Saturday August 21 and 22:

See all-awesome Porsche power machines in action. Come cheer for our CIR racing heros as they battle it out in thrilling wheel to wheel competition. Admission is free.



While you are there, check out the vendor booths brimming with Porsche related clothing, toys, jewelry, books, etc. Vendors catering to the needs of your Porsche will also be on hand.

Annual Porsche Thunder Concours Saturday August 22:

Show us your Porsche! Enter your car in the annual People's Choice Concours at IRP. This is a fun top side only event where everyone gets to vote by ballot for their favorites. Actually, this is a thinly disguised excuse to mingle and check out each other's cars, so join in! Daily drivers are welcome. All you have to do is sign up at the registration tent. Judging will be from 10:00 to 11:00. Two dozen handsome trophies and ribbons are to be awarded! This event is free.

IRP Track Tour Saturday August 22:

Due to many requests, we're doing it again this year! This is a very cool event where, for a mere \$5 donation per adult (kids are free), you get to show off your Porsche and have fun lapping the 15 turn 2.5 mile road course at this nationally famous track with fellow Porsche people. Your car will receive the checkered flag at the end of the session, always a thrill. Since it'll be pace car led parade lapping (at reduced speeds) no helmet is required. Upon completion you will receive an official wallet sized card signed by the Chairman which certifies that you completed laps of Indianapolis Raceway Park during Porsche Thunder weekend. This event will take place during the lunch hour, rain or shine. Just show up at the registration tent before 11:00a.m. or phone Debbie Wolfe at (317) 241-5141 for advance tickets.

Fifteenth Annual Winery Tour

Saturday October 10th

This is the Tour everyone talks about, *cleverly* scheduled to avoid the IU and Purdue homecoming football games.

Traditionally the last road event of the year, the Winery Tour drew 27 Porsches from the Central Indiana Region and 17 from the Kentucky Region in 1997. The 1998 Tour, an all day affair, starts at 9a.m. with a brunch stop at the Seasons in Nashville, Indiana, in Brown County. We then continue south on the paved and winding roads to the Tour's termination at the Huber Winery near Salem, Indiana. Altogether there are about 100 miles of scenic fall driving in each direction. The entry form is below, more details will appear in the next CIRcular, or you may call Chuck Langsenkamp at (317) 251-3694 for information now!

Winery Tour Registration Form

Entrant _____
Passenger (s) _____
Phone Number _____
Car Driven _____
Brunch (y/n) ____ **Number for brunch** _____

Registration closes on October 6th. Make checks payable to CIR/PCA for \$5.00 per car. Mail to Chuck Langsenkamp, 801 East 81st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Questions? Call Chuck at (317) 251-3694

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Call Debbie Wolfe at (317) 241-5141 any time!

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Contact Steven Peppler at: (765) 429-2944 days or (317) 581-1622 evenings

Goodie Store

For PCA and PCA/CIR toys, patches, models, badges, shirts, stickers and anything else to you need to show your Porsche Pride, give Jan-Berend Heitink a call at (812) 323-7330. We have back issues of Pano, some absolutely fabulous models of GT-1 and GT-2 cars (perfect for your Tim-the-Toolman living room, and lots of other fun stuff.

On the 'Net

Porsche is updating their factory web site. Soon you'll be able to build and see the Porsche you really want in cyberspace!

"ATLANTA, July 28 /CNW/ — Beginning August 1, 1998, Porsche will go on-line on the Internet with a newly designed web site created to provide the user with the most complete information available on its products and activities from both a national and international perspective.

Under the address <http://www.porsche.com>, the redesigned site has been divided into "national" and "global" sites to make it easier for users to find specific information pertaining to their interests. On the "national" site, North American Porsche customers will be able to order Porsche Selection items, such as watches, clothing, diecast model cars and other accessories, from their personal computers for the first time."

Don't forget the club website at <http://www.pca.org/cir> !

Editor's Desk by Dana Kincaid

I've recovered from the heat stroke I thought I was going to get at Tweeks' Swap Meet this year. It helped that I won a dash cover at the meet, and I think Mike Dworek won a gift certificate, and we all got to see some pretty cars. I woke up at 9 a.m. to rain and thunder, went back to sleep for an hour, and by the time I got to Tweeks there wasn't a cloud in the sky. I promptly left my camcorder at the first booth I stopped at and had a few minutes of panic before remembering what I'd done with it.

I wanted to mention something about responsibility. From personal experience on 31 north between here and Kokomo to an experience with the Barney Fife in Columbus I know the police and citizens watch our cars. We don't want people to think we are stuck-up yuppies or creeps, and with the repressive mode this government works in we don't need to add ammo. Keep cool on the roads, don't let your hormones get carried away, don't give the underachievers, police and lawyers and Naderites reson to give us a black eye. Keep the racing on the track, something I REALLY hate to do. Oh for the days of police cars without radios!

I have to get this newsletter out tomorrow as I'm going to Boston all next week. The first stop planned is to see one of the earliest "sportcars" still hanging around, the *USS Constitution*. I've been interested in her since I was in elementary school, so I plan on spending a day just hanging around and taking pictures. Hope the weather is great...

Check out the Sunday Morning Get Togethers that are being planned. I think this is a nice and inexpensive way to meet new people once a month! The first meeting will be at Ooley and Blackburn Imports, whose ad you can see on page six. I won't be able to make it to this meeting, but maybe the next one.

From the President by Harold Crane

We hope you are having a good year. More than one-half of 1998 has now passed but the second half is going to be exciting! Check your calendars now, because we have a lot of activities coming up as you can see from the preceding pages.

A reminder to all that the PCA Club Racing program is all free to spectators. Spectators show up at the track and sign in, that is all there is to it.

Sunday Morning Get Togethers

We are going to try meet at **Ooley and Blackburn Imports** on the second Saturday of August, that's August the 9th at 10 a.m., for lunch and friendly comradeship. We'll see how this goes, but we plan on meeting one morning of each month. If you have a special place in mind we could all meet at please let us know. The drive should be less than 45 miles from Indy. We think this will be a good and inexpensive way to meet new members and caravan to new, neat localities for lunch and car talk.

THE WAY IT WAS by Mike Robbins, CIR Historian TEN YEARS AGO

The feature of the August 1988 CIRcular was the report on the Dreistaatenfest event held in Ohio River communities. Lots of pictures and words indicated that a good time was had by all. If you're wondering about the name, it started with a multi region event held in 1962. CIR, Kentucky and Ohio Valley Regions went together for a two day event. But that's even older history.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The August 1978 issue of the CIRcular had two lengthy reports on the Porsche Parade in Aspen CO. This Parade was oversubscribed and one of CIR's entrants turned out not to be an entrant. The ones that made it had a great time. There was an announcement for a canoe trip on the Whitewater River. A visit to historic Metamora was included. That was a lot of fun. We should do it again.

AND MORE...

Do you subscribe to CHRISTOPHORUS? How about that 200 page June 50th Anniversary issue? I enjoyed it a lot but was troubled by a couple of things. Someone's history book is in error in stating that the Korean War broke out in 1953. And the picture of "Porsche's first airplane engine from the year 1988" ignores the series 678 engines built in the early '60s. A third goof stated that 60,000 356s were built when it is generally accepted that there were approx. 78,000 built. Sometimes the house organ is not a valid historical source.

And speaking of those series 678 airplane engines...they were based on the engines used in 356s. A few years ago a Porsche-pushing friend in Pennsylvania planned to build an airplane using one of these engines. He had previously built a couple of planes and decided to build another one to incorporate his interest in Porsches. He subsequently found that the engine had great value as a collector's item, sold it and used another engine in the plane.

At least one variant of these engines was used in helicopters. And that brings us to another thread. The Buehler Corporation in Indianapolis built helicopter drives that utilized Porsche synchro mechanisms...used under license from our friends in Stuttgart.

As for Porsche powered homebuilt airplanes, there used to be a plane hangered at Sheridan that used a 356 engine. And a fellow in Kokomo used a 914 engine in a plane. I haven't heard anything of these two planes in several years so don't know if they're still active.

Will these pages be cited ten or twenty years from now? Will you look to the sky when you hear the sound of a Porsche air-cooled engine? Stick around!



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