



# Mag-Notes:

A Publication of the Magnolia Region Porsche Club of America

## Christmas Party at Bravo Italian Restaurant, Jackson, MS Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:30

### Bring Your Favorite Porsche and get a head start on the Holiday Season!!

The Magnolia PCA invites its members to **Bravo Italian Restaurant**, December 4, 2005, for a long awaited get together. The address is 4500 I 55 North. New members are especially welcome.



### Meet the Magnolia PCA Officers:

President - Dan Blumenthal  
Vice President - Alice Van Ryan  
Treasurer - Rusty Williard  
Secretary - Gretchen Haines  
Newsletter Chair – Gary Myers

### A Letter from the 2005 East Coast Holiday

This past September my wife, Connie, and I had the pleasure of attending the East Coast Holiday at the Berry Hill Plantation in South Boston, VA. What a wonderful location for a

Porsche event! The only problem for us, of course, is that we do not own a 356. Showing up in a 911 Carrera will not win many friends, unless one has a good excuse and gift for gab. Fortunately this year several other 911s were there—all of us saying that we are looking for a good 356, as we sipped beer in hospitality.

After a while the skeptical looks disappeared, and conversations about “Porsches” sprang up over the next few days as we dined, sat on the front porch of the plantation, or strolled through the concours on the front lawn. One can always count on having a good time when Porsche enthusiasts gather, no matter which ones they are driving.



In fact, after one day I had decided I could live at the Berry Hill Plantation, stuck in time with so many beautiful cars and friendly people. I'm convinced that had the idea come up for a vote, it would have passed

unanimously (especially after happy hour). Everyone had a blast, and we made many new friends despite our 911 handicap.

Perhaps the most fun was driving a few laps on the Virginia International Speedway which is located nearby. We caravanned to the track through the rolling hills of Virginia and arrived just in time to see some club racing. Boy, were they ever burning it up! When it came our turn, we filed onto the track behind one of our hosts, Randall Yow, and took off. As one might expect, the 356s zipped through the corners, but got eaten up on the straight-aways by the 911s.



After a few laps and a nice lunch in the VIR museum, we all relaxed under the trees before driving back to the plantation for drinks, dinner and a restful night with many pleasant dreams of life in Porsche-land.

As a member of PCA and the 356 registry, I try to go to

Parade, as well as to Holidays. Next time I go to the East Coast Holiday, I'll be in a 356—that's what I saw in my dream.

--Gary Myers (Starkville, MS)

## Panorama

July 2005

Featured in the July issue is a report on Leonard Turner's visit to Weissach to study the technical aspects of the Cayman S. He met with engineers and saw the new Porsche in action on the R & D skidpad. Read Pano for the details.

The Magnolia members will get a look at the Cayman the first part of next year. Stay tuned for details. Another great event is in the works!



## Tweeks June Funfest Effingham, IL

Each year Mid-America Sponsors its Tweeks Funfest. **The 2006 Funfest will be June 10 & 11 in Effingham IL**, just a short drive up the road from us. If you've never been to one, the event is nice—small, easy to get to, plus they have a swapmeet which is good for used parts.



I've bought several things over the years and at very good prices. Check your June calendar and make plans now. We can ride up together.  
—Gary Myers

## Ask Steve Kaspar

1986 911 Carrera: Will a 245 on the rear make that much of a difference?

### Question:

I have 7 & 8, 16" Fuchs on my '86 Carrera NA, non turbo look body. I need to replace the tires and a lot has been written about replacing the rears with 245's instead of 225's. Does the change to a 245 tire offer anything in the way of improved handling, or is it simply cosmetic. Also, many people have told me that the 245 on the rear is not a good idea on the 8" rim but o.k. on the 9". If the 245 offers better handling, I would be inclined to make the change only if it is a safe size to fit on the 8" Fuchs.



### Answer:

You can fit the 245 on a 8 inch rim. 9s are better, but the 8 will handle it.

In regards to why people do it, various reasons really. More contact area to the ground. Under normal street driving this is really not a key factor, but for track that is a bonus.

The street guys like it because it nicely fills out the wheel well and gives that great look from behind the car. Other than a handling point of view from stop light to stop light it is not a necessity nor something you will really notice.

Stephen Kaspar - *PCA WebSite* - 5/25/2004

## Pass the Word to other Porsche Owners

The Porsche experience reaches across the cars and the years to people, binding together the family whose name the cars bear, the men and women who design and build them, and those across the world who drive and cherish them.

We know the unbridled joy that a Porsche can provide, and we've built a community around that very feeling. The Porsche Club of America offers driving experience, technical assistance and camaraderie second to none. Over the years, our club has grown to 140 regions across three countries. Guaranteed, there is a region near you, filled with friendly Porsche fanatics.

If you're as obsessed as we are, join our club today. The road awaits.

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