

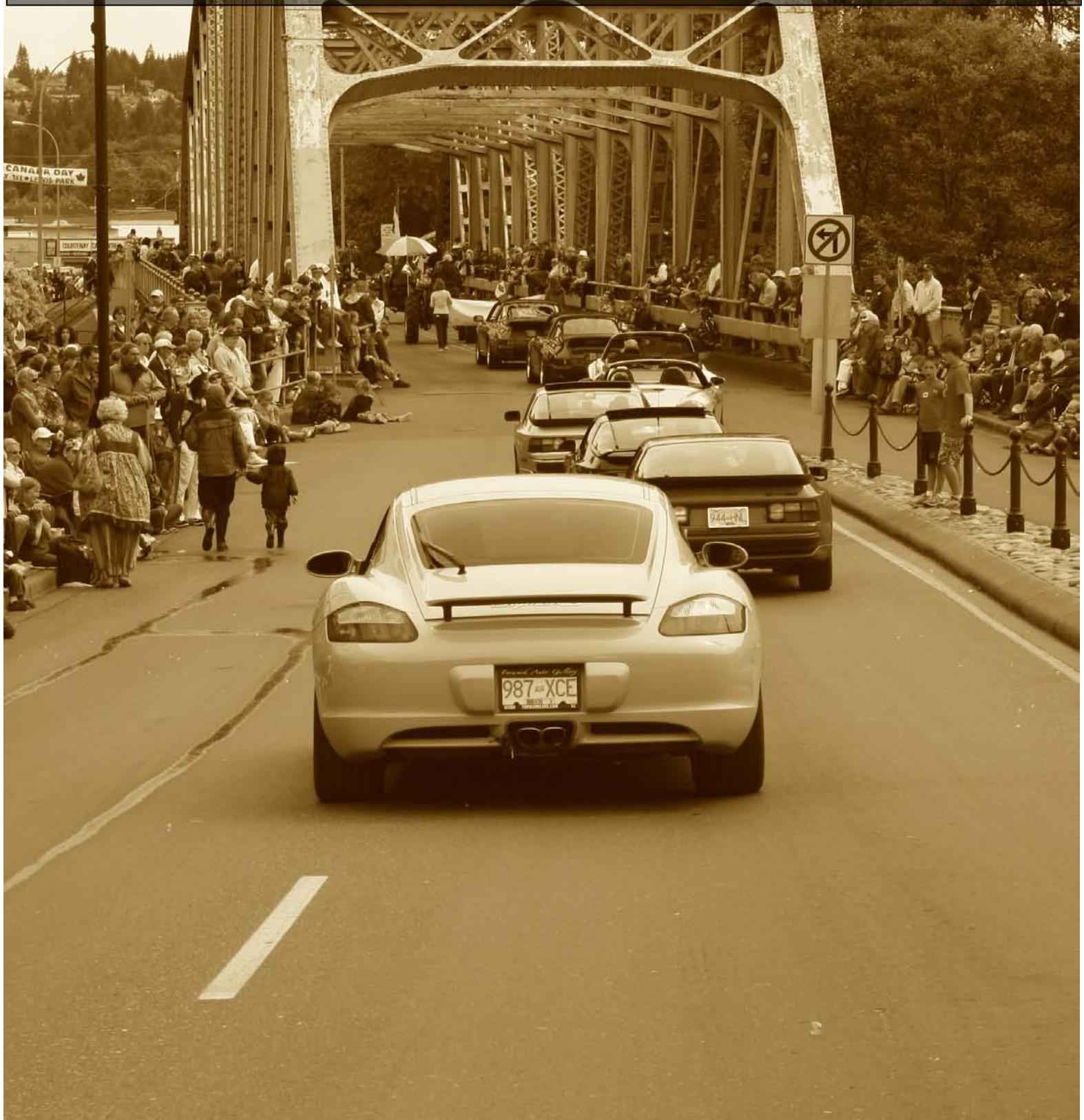


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THE OFFICIAL EXPLANATION: When the previous Editor took over the Porscher in 2008, he reset the counters and restarted back at Volume 1, Issue 1 for his first publication. I'm a nostalgic sort and tend to wallow in the past more than I should so in order to give the distinguished history of the Vancouver Island Region the recognition it deserves, I went back to the last issue that I produced in 2005 and extrapolated forward to 2010 using the mostly-accurate Volume number from back then. Volume 11 in 2005 works out to be Volume 16 in 2010. Simple. And of course this being the third issue of the current calendar year, it logically becomes Issue 3. Enjoy!

COVER SHOT: This month's cover features a fantastic photograph of the Canada Day Parade in Courtenay, BC, courtesy of your President, Gary Glover.

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Dictation

by Gary Glover

Well here we are again, close to the end of another year. A few club meetings and our Year End Banquet are all that are left planned. Of course if the weather co-operates, some might still get out for an impromptu drive.

All are events that are open to any member of our local Region or PCA. We also have many non-club members attend our events including Autocross, BlackRock, the Year-End Banquet, and the many drives that we have done. We welcome everyone who wishes to attend our events.

2011 should once again be a busy year for us. Planning will start in January but already a few new ideas for events have been mentioned. Please feel free to bring forth any thoughts you might have for events or drives that you wish to do.

I would like to take this chance to thank the many volunteers who have made our events this year a success. Without them, many would have not happened. Also, thanks to the members of our Executive for their assistance and hard work over the past year. As I mentioned previously in one of my emails, Dave Manchip has returned as our Newsletter Editor. Welcome back Dave, and a big thank you to Al Sherwood and Jacquie for all they have done!

In closing, remember our Year-End Banquet on November 27th at the University Club at UVic. Cocktails start at 6:00PM with dinner at 7:00PM. Cost is a very reasonable \$45 per person. Enjoy good food and company, and as in years past, a Silent Auction and Wyman Lee's slide and video presentation of 2010. I hope to see you all there!

Drive with spirit, yet be safe. *VIR*



From the Desk Of... *by David Manchip*

Talk about déjà vu. It doesn't seem all that long ago that I was sitting at my computer writing my last column for the Porscher, but the reality is that it has been almost five years since that day. Five years doesn't sound all that long, but I have lived several lifetimes since then it seems: three different jobs, in three different cities, in two different provinces. Time sure flies by.

Many of the longstanding members know me well from my stint as Newsletter Editor from 2002 until my departure in 2005, but more recent members of the club will not so I think it would be prudent for me to begin with an introduction.

My wife Simone and I have been members of the PCA since 2002 but my life with Porsches goes back much farther than that. The very first time I remember recognizing a Porsche as my future dream car was at the Montreal Auto Show back in 1984. It was there that I first laid eyes on the bulging wheel arches and swooping tail spoiler of the then current 911 Turbo. That car immediately put down roots into my brain and has been there ever since. A gracious sales representative saw my adoration and entrusted me with a 911 brochure of my very own. A brochure that I still have to this day. Hitting the fast forward button to 1988 finds me out of high school and working my first real job in the Parts Department of the local Porsche dealer, Mark Motors of Ottawa. I spent the summer before college there inventorying Porsche and Audi parts but more interestingly, doing customer deliveries for the Service Department. I drove so many exotic cars that summer I couldn't believe my luck! From the owner's 924S, to a brand new 928S4 and beyond to a Lotus Esprit Turbo that came in on trade, I was in heaven. Looking back, perhaps I should have given college a miss and just stayed working at the dealership. Regardless, the exposure I received during these formative years cemented my love for Porsches. It took many more years until I could call one my own, but the blessed day did arrive in early 2002 in the form of a mint 1987 924S. I re-enacted that day three more times in 2003 (1969 912), 2004 (1975 911S) and 2009 (1972 911T Targa). And I'm about to relive it again.

Which leads me to the joy of shopping. Shopping? Porsche shopping to be more specific. I have been Porsche shopping casually since last April; it was then that I let my 1972 911T Targa go to a new, loving owner in Quebec. She was a beautiful little car but in all honesty, she wasn't for me. I can't really put my finger on why not, as she possessed all of the traits that I normally look for. It just wasn't right. We never connected. I never fell in love. Try to explain that feeling to a non-enthusiast and they'll be ready to commit you! Only a true motor-head would understand how deep the connection runs when you find *The One*.

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So I've been searching for *The One*. *The One* that will own my heart like my 912 did. She was a sweet car, that 912. I've been trying for years to get her back but alas, she owns the heart of the current owner as well. He's a smart fellow though, smarter than me. He still has her, and won't let her go. So the search goes on.

The search can be great fun though. There are lots of wonderful cars out there and when you're shopping, they all have the potential of being *The One*. And even if they're not, they're still beautiful to gaze at, fabulous to drive and owned by colourful folks with interesting stories to tell. As the PCA says, "It's not just the cars, it's the people".



<- 1987 924S

1969 912 ->



<- 1975 911S

1972 911T ->



But here's the trouble. Porsche has produced so many different yet equally fantastic sports cars over the years that I'm having a hard time deciding which one I want! The 911 is the poster-child for the marque and has always been my number one, but I have had two of them... is it time to try a new flavour? The 944 or 968 can't be beat for handling balance but again, I have owned a 924S which is similar enough for me to say that I've "been there, done that". Not that I wouldn't want to do it again! I have wanted a Boxster since Roy Passmore of Speedway Motors graciously loaned me a black on black example back in 2003, and the relationship of supply and demand has dropped used values down to a level that I now find quite affordable. Who am I kidding? At the price that early examples are selling for, I'd be a fool to pass one up! But then there is the 914. Once unloved, the mid-engined Targa has come into its own in the last decade as enthusiasts have discovered what Conrad has known forever: these are really fun cars to drive! If you can find one without terminal rust issues, it will thrill you in ways that you could only previously dream of!

Therein lies the problem. They're all so awe-inspiring that it's next to impossible to choose only one! This is why I must find *The One*. And the only way that I can see doing this is answering every classified ad I see, and driving as many examples of the breed as I can. As I said earlier, the search can be great fun! I'm sure you all agree. *VIR*

Porsche Parade 2010 – St. Charles, Illinois

Event Review by Bruce Ramsay

The 2010 Porsche Parade was held July 3rd to 10th at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. Pam and I decided to do a “Porsche-less” Parade and fly to the event. Attending a car event without your car is weird, but is widely done.



Most of the events were held at the Pheasant Run Resort. The concours was held at the hotel on their beautiful Pheasant Run Golf Course. The concours featured a stunning array of Porsches. During concours, Pam gifted Hans Peter Porsche with our new regional pin, which he graciously accepted. With German formality, Hans Peter Porsche thanked Pam with a kiss to her hand.

The Autocross competition is a definite crowd pleaser, but a highlight for me is the concours. You see every model of Porsche in almost every interior and exterior colour combination possible.

The driving tours such as the Route 66 and Castle Rock tours were a good way to see the Illinois countryside. The Gimmick and Technical Rallies were other great ways. A further tour featured was the Architecture River Cruise in Chicago.



New 911GT3RS on the show field.

Pirelli sponsored the Welcome Party, which was held at the DuPage County Airport. The airplane hanger event featured vintage warplanes mixed with vintage Porsches. Each event banquet featured a noted quest speaker such as Andy Cotton of Motoring News fame. This Welcome Party was Pam’s highlight as parked on the tarmac was the Snoopy Met Life blimp. For those who don’t know Pam that well, she has a lifelong collection of everything Snoopy.

The other highlight for me was a half-day trip to South Bend, Indiana to visit the Studebaker Car Museum, which has some interesting Porsche content. Porsche built a car for Studebaker in 1952. Known as Porsche type 542 and at Studebaker as the Z-87 car. Studebakers’ Director of Engineering at the time was John Z DeLorean and he didn’t like the Porsche designed four-door car. DeLorean went on to have a storied career in Automotive Design ending with his self-named sports car.

The driving was great even though we passed through many road tollbooths.



Here's your Porsche, Virginia!

We always attend all the banquets and enjoy meeting other enthusiasts from all over North America. At the Porsche Victory Banquet, our Vancouver Island Region was honoured with a third place Community Service award. This award recognized the hard work of Ernie Yakimovich and his Queen Alexandra event committee.



Pam & Bruce Ramsay.

We volunteered, as in years past, working in the Goodie Store and the Walk/Run event. Always a good group of people to work with – not to mention the fabulous “workers party” they put on for the volunteers as a thank you. There were lots of wonderful door prizes and Pam won a gift certificate towards an Autobahn Adventures driving tour in Europe.



Bruce Ramsay accepting the PCA Community Service Award from Kurt Gibson.



Old meets new, all are welcome!



Two 911s having a whale (tail) of a time.

Next year's Porsche Parade is in Savannah, Georgia and we are excited to see this historic southern city filled with our favorite cars. See you there? *VIR*

Canada Day Parade

Event Review by Trevor Minta

Despite the less than perfect weather, the show must go on. We had nine cars turn out for the annual Comox Valley Canada Day Parade. This is the first year that our club has participated. I got the idea last year as I watched the parade go by. I thought what a great way to get involved with the community!



Volunteers proudly displaying the club colours.

As we waited at our marshaling point, the rain stopped. Although the sun didn't shine, it did remain dry for the entire parade. We had enlisted the help of two of my son's friends to carry the club banner. The parade lasted about 45 minutes; afterwards we had our cars on display for about an hour.



The thoroughbreds rest after parade duty.

From there we headed north on the old Island Highway to the Salmon Point Resort where we had a relaxing lunch. Even though the weather wasn't as good as it could have been we all enjoyed the day. Thank you to all who came out and maybe we will have a bigger turn out next year! *VIR*

European and Classic Car Show

Benefiting The Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children

A Photo Essay by Wyman Lee





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GOLD RIVER DRIVE

Event Review by Trevor Minta

On the weekend of July 24-25th we had our driving tour to Gold River. Nine of the ten cars that had planned to participate met at the Miracle Beach Mini Golf. After a short leg stretch, we headed off to Campbell River on the Old Island Highway. We made our way to the gas station on the northwest end of town and the tenth car of our group was there waiting for us. Some cars needed fuel, and some drivers needed the de-fuel. 4 o'clock and time to go! The pavement was warm and the traffic was light, so we were able to drive right around the limit. About 20kms into the drive, some of the local wild life wanted to get a closer look at the cars at the back of our parade, but some skillful driving and superior Porsche engineering managed to avoid the exchange of paint and fur. A brief stop at the halfway point and then it was off to the Ridgeview Inn in Gold River. Dinner that night was at the Odeka Café. The chef informed us that they were leaving Gold River and moving shop to Chemainus, and would let us know when they would be re-opening.



Just days before our visit, fire destroyed a town house complex which left three families homeless. With some quick action from your club's executive, we were able to make a \$300 donation to the Village of Gold River to help those folks rebuild their lives.

Mayor Craig Anderson met with us on Sunday morning to accept the donation. He expressed his appreciations not only for the donation, but also for choosing Gold River as our destination. He went on to say he has never known a car club to do anything like this. GOOD JOB VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION!



A continental breakfast was enjoyed at the Inn followed by a driving tour of the town. By 11:00am, we were on our way back to the east side of the Island. Once again the deer wanted a closer look but fortunately both cars and deer got away unharmed. Everyone went their separate ways upon our return to Campbell River.



Thanks to all who participated! *VIR*



Porsche Collectables & Memorabilia Tour

Event Review by Trevor Minta

On Sunday August 15th our club was invited to the home of John Clark in Comox to view his private collection of Porsche memorabilia.

Over the years John has put together a very extensive collection of books, posters, magazines technical info, sales brochures, die cast models, and photographs (many of which he has taken himself). A large part of John's collection is for sale, and although it wasn't his intention for us to buy, I think most of the 15 members that attended did pick up something for themselves.

John is a very interesting fellow and just about everything he showed us had a story that went with it on how or why he acquired it.



We had planned for a one-hour drive that day but we had to forgo it as our attention was held right up until our dinner reservation time!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, including Mr. John Clark.

Thank you John, and all who attended! *VIR*



CAPTION CONTEST

That's right, the Caption Contest is back! And not a moment too soon.

For those who remember the rules, what are you waiting for? Get to work! For those who don't, it's really easy. Just come up the funniest caption you can for the picture below. Don't stop at just one, you can enter as many as you'd like! Just type them into an e-mail with the subject line "Caption Contest" and send them to the Editor at newsletter@virpca.org. It really couldn't be any easier!

There are no prizes, just hilarity! Every subsequent issue will bring a new picture below, plus the funniest captions from the previous issue right here in this box.

Here's your chance to show the world that Jay Leno has nothing on you!

Good luck! *VIR*

This month's Caption Contest photo is pictured below so put on your thinking cap and mail in your best captions to the Editor at: newsletter@virpca.org!



ANNIVERSARIES AND NEW MEMBERS

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Len Atkinson	8 Years
Keith and Barbara Bowman	7 Years
Peter Bruynzeel and Kristi Simpson	7 Years
Doug and Carolyn Hoare	4 Years
Joseph Tsai and Rachelle Losier	4 Years
John and Marilee Joly	3 Years
Ken Morgan	2 Years
Vinnie and Monica Gill	1 Year

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Chris Souliotis	16 Years
Brad Blaney	13 Years
Mike Griffin	12 Years
Allan Repp and Jennifer Paget	7 Years
Ron Beyer and Susanne Reiser	5 Years
Allan and Penny Cassidy	5 Years
Alan and Jacquie Sherwood	4 Years
Brad Schaffer	2 Years
Tony and Sherry Wentworth	2 Years
Raymond Rozenkranz	1 Year

Congratulations to all!

NEW MEMBERS

Karl Hoener – 2001 911 Turbo Coupe
Ross and Barbara Pelletier – 1986 911 Carrera Coupe
Richard and Annie Reeson – 1999 911 Coupe
David and Sarah Roberge – 1981 911SC Cabriolet
Sean Chase - 1977 911S Coupe
Sterling Eddy - 2009 911 C4S Coupe
Ted Kent - 2001 911 Cabriolet
Mark Koeleman and Victoria Shepherd - 1987 911 Coupe
Rick Lloyd - 2005 911S Coupe
Brett Madsen - 2006 Cayman S
Dave Marchment - 2001 Boxster S

Welcome to the family!

VIR UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Nov 2	Monthly Meeting AGM	7:00PM	White Spot, Duncan	Gary Glover
Nov 27	Year-end Banquet	6:00PM	University Club, UVic	Gary Glover
Dec 7	Monthly & Annual General Meeting	7:00PM	Bear Mountain, Langford	Gary Glover

PORSCHE OWNER'S PICK-UP LINE OF THE MONTH

