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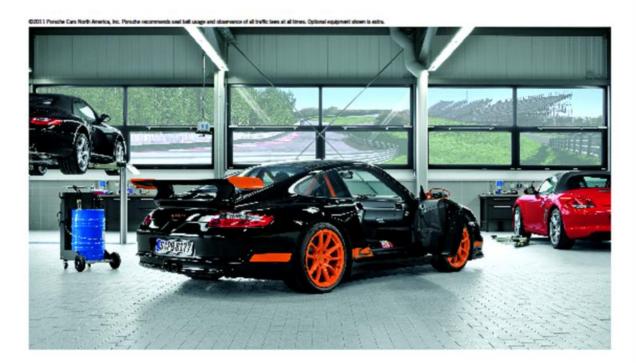


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President's Message

What an active year!

By Ed Steverson



hat an active year the club has started off to!

Have you been to any events this year? If not, I would like to invite you to look closer at our activities calendar and see if any would work out for you. It will be a great time guaranteed!

David Patrick is our new activities chair and is doing an outstanding job mixing up the variety of events. Please see David's article to get caught up on what the club has going on.

I would like to mention two events coming up this summer that aren't actual Bluegrass Region events but are heavily attended by BGR members and BIG time fun!

2012 Porsche Parade

PCA's biggest event of the year, the Porsche Parade. As many know the Parade will be in Salt Lake City, Utah July 8-14.

Parades are all Porsche all of the time and there is something for everyone. More information can be found at parade2012.pca.org.

Summer Heat

This is the first of Kentucky Region's two annual Driver Education events.

Have you ever wanted to get your Porsche on the track? This is where you get to do it! You will be placed in a group depending on your level of experience. An instructor will teach you the lines of the track and how to drive your car on the track. Everyone comes away from their first DE with a better appreciation for their car. Our cars were designed for that type of performance. Huge fun!

One of our advertisers, Blue Grass Motorsport, sponsors the event. The hospitality is like no other DE that I have attended. There is a party at the hotel on Friday with grilled food, and dinner on Saturday night. These provide great opportunities to get to hang out with your track friends away from the track.

Cars and Coffee

This early-morning impromptu gathering of car nuts looking for an excuse to talk cars while chugging caffeine has turned out to be a huge success! Last month the guys at Foreign Affairs Autowerks were our host at their shop at the corner of Fourth Street and Newtown Pike. We had at least twenty nine Porsche cars. The lot was full! Check out the coverage in this *Rumble*. The club would like to thank everyone at 4N for their support.

During the summer months we have decided to open up Cars & Coffee to all makes. Yes, not everyone has a Porsche. Last Saturday was our first multi-marque event at Cosi in Hamburg. We had several Mustangs, and other Germans in the BMW and VW flavor. It was a big turn out. I would guess 75% of the parking lot was displaying cool cars! So, please join us at the next one at Cosi in Hamburg on June 2nd at 9am. Please invite all your car nut friends. Let's see how big we can make this!

Ramon Jaunso

Ramon's progress continues and he will be taking his driver's test on Wednesday. Wish him luck! Hopefully he will be behind the wheel of a Porsche soon.

Remembering Brad Smith

Fellow club member and 356 enthusiast Brad Smith passed away last month. Brad made it to many of our events over the years in his beautiful 356 convertible D. Brad enjoyed this car for over 40 years and picked up the Judge's Choice one year at the Keeneland Concours. Since he was always in his 356 at the events, I bet many did not know his daily driver was an Anniversary Edition 911. Brad was a true Porsche enthusiast. Thanks to Paul for the reprint of Brad's "Spooky" article in this *Rum*ble. Check it out. It's a great read. Rest in peace, Brad.

Bluegrass Region is on the move, and we are open to ideas for more activities, so contact one of the board members with your ideas.

Drive It!!

Ed

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BOARD MINUTES

Maureen Elwyn Secretary



April 2, 2012 Marrika's

Board Members Present: Ed Steverson, Ken Slone, David Patrick, Robert McClelland, Maureen Elwyn, Neil Fisher, Mark Doerr, Paul Elwyn, and Tim McNeeley

Members present: Mary Doerr, Patricia Patrick, Nigel Mack

Meeting convened by Presi-

dent Ed Steverson at 5:40 pm

March 6 Minutes approved, motion by Ed Steverson, Second by Tim McNeeley

Treasurer's Report (by Bob Lovejoy via email) approved: \$5,292 balance, motion by Ed Steverson, second by David Patrick

Vice President's Report: Ken Slone attended Zone 13 President's meeting in Peoria, Illinois. The eight regions represented discussed common concerns: recruiting, retaining, and engaging members. All regions reported approximately 8 to 10% member involvement in activities. Bluegrass member and zone rep, Ken Hold, made a presentation at the meeting.

Activities Report: David Patrick reviewed upcoming events: Cars & Coffee April 7th, Foreign Affairs Autowerks; DE April 20-22, April 27-29; April 15th Drive and membership dinner, Acres of Land Winery; May 20th social will be held at the home of Robert and Denise McClelland.

Newsletter Report: Paul Elwyn reported 25 pages ready for April.

Membership Report: Tim McNeeley reported one new member. Membership stands at 116 regular members, 195 total members.

Guest Presentation: Lisa Adkins, CEO of Bluegrass Com-

munity Foundation, talked about setting up an endowment fund.

Old Business: Endowment fund: Robert McClelland will chair a committee to study the proposal to establish an endowment fund. Committee members who will also be a part of the ad hoc committee are Neil Fisher, Tim McNeeley, Paul Elwyn, and Maureen Elwyn.

New Business: Board will meet Monday, May 7 at Marrika's.

Adjourn: 7:30 pm motion by Tim McNeeley, second by Robert McClelland

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Three new members, 198 total members

Tim McNeely Membership Chair



Three new members this past month!!! One is brand new, and two are transferring in from other Regions. Please join me in welcoming:

- Rick Music of Nicholasville (brand new) 1992 911
- Hugh Wilson
 of Lexington
 (transfer from KY Region)
 2002 996 Turbo
- Mike & Linda Strenger of Williamstown (transfer from OVR) 1987 & 2004 911

Our membership is at 117 Regular Members and 81 Family & Affiliate Members, making our total membership 198.

The leaves are green...the weather's warm, come out and join us for an event soon. Lots of cool stuff going on!

Also, please recognize the following Member Anniversary dates:

- Tim McNeely 2003
- Mark Kidd 2004
- **John Downs** 2005

- Mike Spirito 2006
- Kelly Ison 2008
- Robert Keck 2009
- Mike Ryan 2009
- Christian Ramsey 2011
- April Winstead 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Many events; Join the fun!

Bluegrass Region has started the year with some great activities.

We Started the year with our New Years / Holiday party that was a huge success. Our new officers and directors were introduced to the club. Tech Sessions continue to be a big draw and we have had two very interesting ones so far this year. Paul Elwyn invited us all over to see the new garage and to share his current project car with us, and Jim Brandon showed off the completed 2.7

May 12 Bowling Green Euro Classics/ TN Tubbs BBQ, 10am -2pm, Roland Bland Park Pavilion, Bowling Green

May 20 Drive to Drei Staaten Gruppe Picnic/ Car Show/Swap Meet. RSVP by May 13th to David Patrick.

June 2 Cars & Coffee, 9-11 am, multimarque event, Cosi's, Hamburg

June 4 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Marrika's

June 8-10 Summer Heat DE at Putnam Park MotorsportReg.com 415-462-5603 x3

June 10 Drive to Ault Park Concours, Cincinnatti. See Chat.

June 16 Drive to Elk Creek Winery (Membership Meeting). See Chat. litre that we tore down last year and had a mig welding class to boot.

We have had two drives to our monthly socials and were blessed with great weather for both of them. First, we took a scenic drive to Danville to dine at Mallard's while watching Steve McQueen in *LeMans* on the big screen. The second drive was to Richmond and dinner at Acres of Land Winery. Again, a fun drive and great dinner with wine tasting.

On May 5th we had our first Multi Marque Cars and Coffee. We invited other area car clubs to join us. If you have any friends with a passion for cars tell them to join us for the June 2 event at Cosi' in Hamburg. The event starts at 9:00 and we will be there till around 11:00 so come by and have a cup of coffee to start your day off right! Cosi' is located at: 1890 Star Shoot Pkwy Suite 195 (Behind Bonefish Grill)

Also this month we will be taking a drive to the north side of Cincinnati to join Drei Staaten Gruppe for a Picnic / Car Show / Swap Meet / Bull Session on May 20th. The DSG is a club based in Cincy that is dedicated to the 356. They have invited us to join them; the more the merrier.

We will take US 27 to Cincinnati and then take I-71 through town to Sharon Woods Park. The event starts at 10:30 so we will meet at Cosi' in Hamburg at 8:15 and leave at 8:30 for the drive. This will be an easy drive with very good roads and a steady pace. When we get there it costs \$3.00 for access to the park. The Drei Staaten Gruppe has said they will pick up the tab for the lunches but I am going to "donate" a few bucks to help them offset the cost since I am not a member of their club. They also ask that we bring a side dish, salad or dessert as they will supply bar-b-que and drinks. You may also want to bring a chair. They will be at a



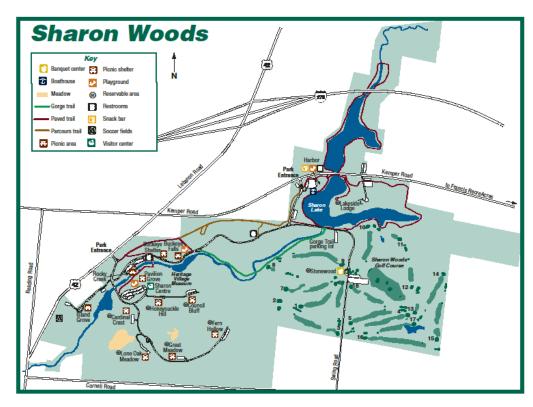
David Patrick Activities Chair

covered pavilion so this event will be held rain or shine. *I NEED AN RSVP BY MAY 13* so they can make sure they have enough food to go around. ptrckdvd@yahoo.com 859.229.1376

This is a Family Picnic type of atmosphere and the Park has sand volleyball court, horseshoes etc. so everyone is welcome. This is another great chance to get the car out for a drive and enjoy a day with your fellow club members and meet some new friends.

Please join us for one of our upcoming events and if you have an idea for some activity that you would like to do let us know.

See Page 8 for more details regarding Dei Straaten Gruppe Picnic/Show/Swap Meet.



Bull Session and Picnic,
May 20th, Sharon Woods Park,
Sharonville, Ohio
Join the drive, enjoy a Porsche
show, swap meet, and picnic:
RSVP to David Patrick by May 13th:
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Drei Staaten Gruppe Annual Bull Session, Family Picnic and MINI SWAP MEET. Sunday May 20th, Sha... Page 1 of 2

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Subject: Drei Staaten Gruppe Annual Bull Session, Family Picnic and MINI SWAP MEET. Sunday May 20th, Sharon Woods Park,

Sharonville, OH

Date: Sat, Apr 14, 2012 9:06 am Attachments: sw_map_(2).pdf (272K)

Hello Gruppe!

Please be advised that we have scheduled the 2012 Bull Session and Family Picnic for Sunday May 20th in Sharon Woods Park located in Sharonville, Ohio.

This is the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend which has been the traditional date for this event. Many will remember the Bull Sessions held at the Parlin estate and our goal is to recreate the enjoyment and camaraderie that those events brought to the group in attendance.

We are going to include the mini swap meet again this year as well. Each year we are seeing more and more parts being offered. Please bring along **your** extra parts and treasures to share with the Gruppe. We will have a special area of the parking lot reserved for this. Tag your items with a price and your name which will allow you to wander the event and socialize as we usually do. A blanket to display your parts on will be a good idea as well

Last year was great and let's make this year even better with a good turnout.

The theme for the day is to relax and enjoy the company and friendship of other enthusiasts, their families, and the many features offered at Sharon Woods.

You don't need to drive a 356 to attend this fun event. You are encouraged to gather up family and friends and come on out. We have over 80 members in the Gruppe now and our goal is to get every one we can to come out to meet each other, swap stories, and pass along 356 related information and simply enjoy the day.

Last year we had a wide variety of vehicles show up ranging from all models of Porsches to English cars to vintage motorcycles. All contributed to a great gathering.

Tom Oerther may even bring out his shiny new moped!

We just want to see your smiling faces!

Let's continue to develop this as our signature annual event and surpass our attendance at past events.

Sharon Woods Park is just off I 275 on the north side of Cincinnati on SR 42.

You can check out the Sharon Woods website at: http://www.hamiltoncountyparks.org/parks/sharon.htm for additional details on the park and the many attractions at this location.

You will take exit # 46 for SR 42 South off of I 275 and travel less than 1 mile. The park entrance is on the left.

Please note that we will be in the Lone Oak Meadow Pavilion which will be on the right following your entrance to the park and is the next area after Cardinal Crest where we have been in the past. This area has a nice wide open area for easy parking. There is an electronic sign that will help direct you once you have passed the gate house. See the attached map.

We have a large covered pavilion reserved that includes a private parking lot for our cars.

We are also calling this a Family Picnic. We will have our own sand volleyball court and horseshoe pits and

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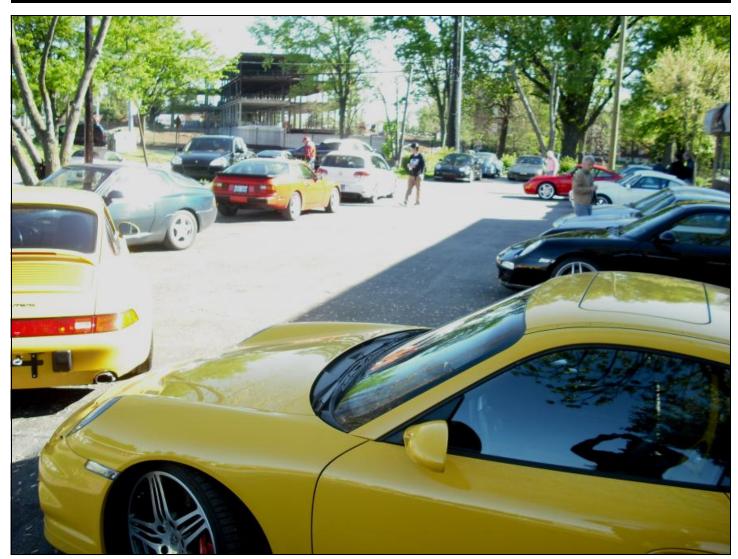
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Autowerks hosted the
April Cars & Coffee event on
April 7th drawing approximately 36 people in 29 cars.
New member Nigel Mack
provided the coffee, ORGANO GOLD, and 4N Affairs provided pastries.

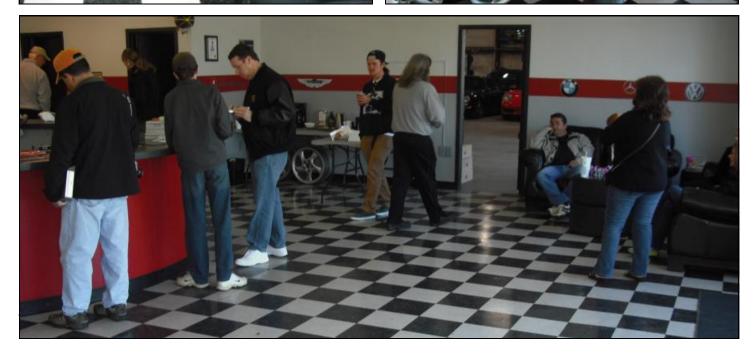
See the June issue of *Rumble* for coverage of the May 5th Cars & Coffee, the first of the multi-marque events welcoming all car clubs, which was held at Cosi's in Hamburg.





















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Cars & Coffee

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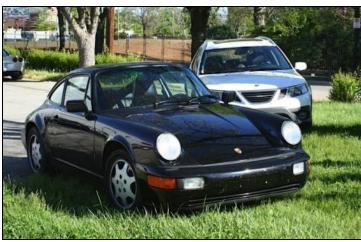
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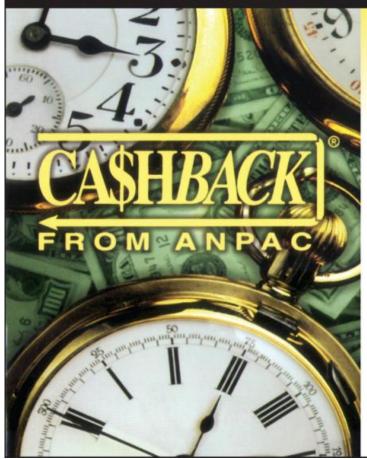
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18 members drive to Acres of Land Winery for April Membership Meeting Photos this page by Mary Doerr









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18 members drive to Acres of Land Winery for April Membership Meeting



Eighteen enthusiasts drove to Acres of Land Winery on April 17th for the monthly Membership Meeting.

David Patrick led drivers from Jacobson Park down US 25. Joe Kephart representing the winery welcomed us and provided a brief history on the winery on 400 acres west of Richmond.

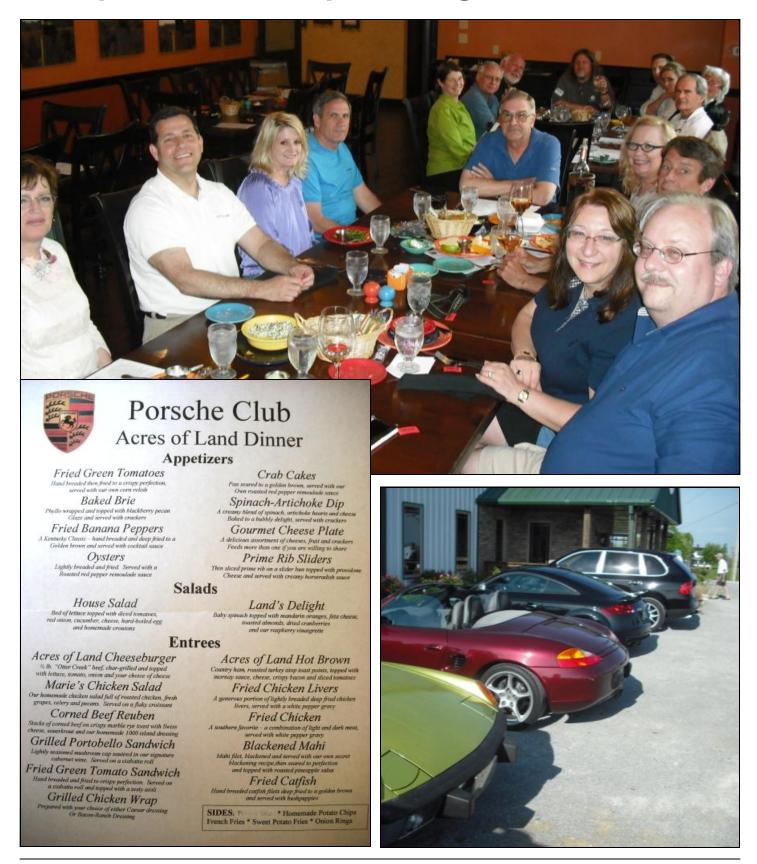
We ordered from a special menu prepared for us, sampled wines, and had a great time as usual. David Patrick provided door prizes.

The May 20th Membership Meeting will be at the Drei Staaten Gruppe (356 club) picnic/car show/swap meet in Sharon Woods Park in Sharonville, Ohio. David Patrick will lead a drive from Cosi's in Hamburg departing at 8:30 am. See Pages 7-8 in this issue of Rumble for more details.

The June 16th Membership Meeting will be at the Elk Creek Winery. A drive will depart from the Georgetown Walmart. See Chat for more details.



18 members drive to Acres of Land Winery for April Membership Meeting



TECHNICAL

Taking a closer look

Adventures in Lighting, or Do Your Homework, First

By Gary Hackney



everal years ago, at a long-forgotten DE, we had tech in the early morning, and we all had our lights on as we got to the tech shed. The inspector was checking for functioning brake lights. Mine were fine, but as a courtesy he mentioned to me that both my license plate bulbs were out.

I'd had my 968 several years by then, and had never even checked the license plate bulbs, much less replaced them. But it AutoZone and proudly handed was a 15-year-old car, so it wasn't a big surprise the bulbs were blown.

I thanked him and promptly forgot about the conversation.

Fast-forward to a few weeks ago when for some reason I remembered, and decided to bring things up to snuff and replace the bulbs.

I removed the old ones--not too bad although it could have been easier. They were glass cylinders with a pointy metal cap on each end. I took them to caps that I need. "But that's my friendly neighborhood AutoZone. I couldn't read a number on the old bulb so I picked three bulbs off the display that looked close. The friendly attendant came over and offered to look in the database so I could get the absolutely correct bulb. Hey, that's a great idea! I should have thought of that.

He entered 1992 Porsche 968, 3.0liter (there was only ever one engine used in the 968; I don't know why all the databases insist that one be selected, but they do). "You need a 3893, but I don't have any in stock" he said. Of course he couldn't tell what was different between a 3893 and the ones that I had selected; not his fault.

"But there's one card (two bulbs) at the Lexington store near the northside WalMart." OK, that's close to where I work, I'll just swing by tomorrow for them. "I can have that store hold them for you if you like; it would keep someone else from buying them before you get there." Great! So he took my info, logged it into his computer, and I left with my claim check in hand.

The next day I hiked over to my claim check to the clerk, logically expecting her to dig under the counter into their cache of reserved parts and pull out my bulbs. "Hmm", she said. The she strolled over to the lightbulb department, studied the inventory, and picked "my" 3893s off the rack. So much for their parts reservation process.

But wait; these don't look right. These are regular roundtopped bulbs with a single silvery cap, not the twin pointy what the database says." What about for a 944, I ask, they're probably the same. "3893." 928? "3893." Thanks but no thanks.

my own research (BTW Auto-Zone's public online database agrees with the in-store one; probably the same database with a different interface for store people), which of course I should have done up front, and found a couple websites that said I needed a 6814, and the picture looked right (same bulb as the Boxster, and most 911s.) Rather than reward AutoZone for having an incorrect database and not reserving my parts, I went to Advance, who had 6814s on the rack. (BTW: Advance's database also specifies the 3893 for my car. Don't trust anybody!)

ne might think this would be the end of the adventure, but one would be wrong. So far this wouldn't have been worth writing an article about.

Got my bulbs home and installed them; more difficult than removing the old ones, but I got them in OK. Turned on the lights: nothing. Hmmm. Maybe I need the ignition on? but that doesn't make sense, the taillights are on. Got the key anyway, turned the ignition on: So after leaving the store I did nothing. Hmmm. Got my

voltmeter & removed a bulb. There's no 12V here. This isn't good. But when I pull on the wire to one fixture the other one wiggles, so at least I know they're connected to each other. I open the hatch and the license wiring would be well below anything I can see inside. Drat; it's underneath.

Of course, since I'm not actually Working on the Car, I'm not wearing Working on the Car clothes. But did I let that stop me? No! I get my trouble light and lie down to look up under the car. Aha! Here's a loose wire connector in the general neighborhood of the license plate! Bingo! But there are no other wires within a foot and a half of the loose connector. What the ...?

Some of you may remember several years ago when was replacing my front grill, and found two towels jammed in the nose of my car. It's always a bit disturbing to start a project and find evidence that someone's been there before.

The cable is leading out from between the bumper and the bumper cover, and only 3" is showing, and it has a one-inch round captive rubber grommet that's way too big to push back behind the bumper. My conclusion is that someone removed the rear bumper cover, and when they reinstalled it they forgot about the connector until it was too late, and they decided not to bother to undo everything just to fish the wire back where it belonged.

On further looking, I found a nice round hole leading into the hatch area, just the right size for the grommet. The hole had been covered with a very neat 1 1/4 inch square of duct tape. Now we all know duct tape isn't



TECHNICAL

Taking a closer look

Adventures in Lighting, or Do your homework, first

By Gary Hackney





The correct bulb, Part No. 6814, for 944, 968, Boxster and most 911s.

1 1/4" wide. This guy didn't just You might ask if I ever checked tear off a strip to cover the hole; he actually cut a square of tape. And hey! here's a connector I hadn't seen before, that's just the right size to fit the other one!

Back under the car, I had to cut part of the grommet away, tug it off the connector, fish the wire up behind the bumper and out the top, reinstall the grommet and fit it in the hole. Reconnected the long-separated connector, and now after eight years of 968 ownership I have a lit license plate. And I didn't ruin any clothes.

the old bulbs to see if they were indeed blown, and the answer is

I also never looked into whether an unlit license plate is a ticketable offense. In eight years I was never stopped for it.



Remembering Brad Smith



Brad Smith purchased his 1959 Convertible D 356A Super in 1967 for \$1,000 when he was a law student. This Porsche was his only car at the time and the first of 12 Porsches he owned through the years. Brad restored the car in 1988 and again in 2003. With over 200,000 miles on the odometer, this car in 2006 won Judges Choice at the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance, pictured above. Brad declined an overseas offer of \$125,000 for the 356. For Brad's account of the restoration of his car, see the *Rumble* article at http://bgs.pca.org/pdf/2010-09-Rumble.pdf.

At Brad's funeral on April 10th, a memorial keepsake featured on the cover a photo of Brad with his 356.

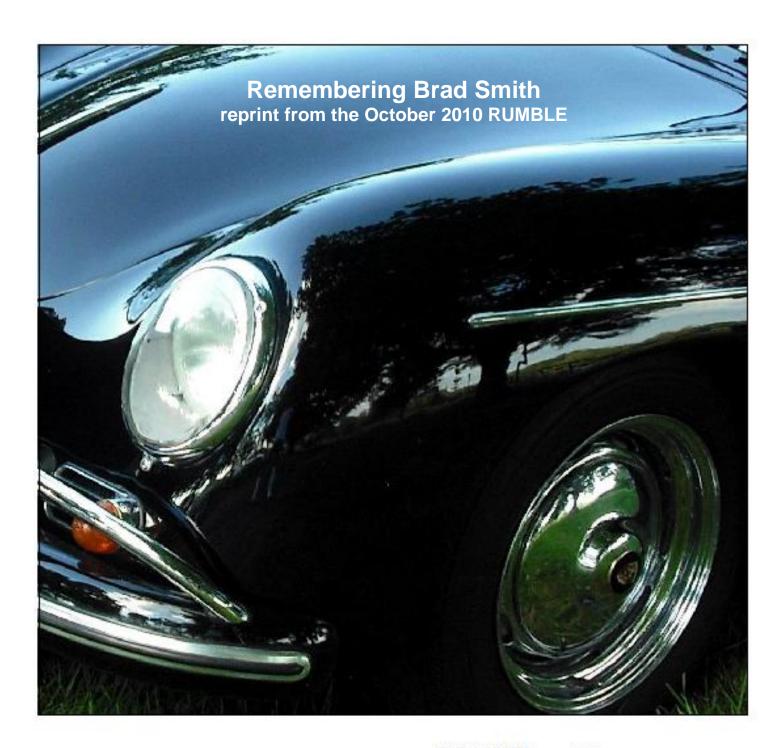
H. Bradley Smith was born on February 12, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan.

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Spooky

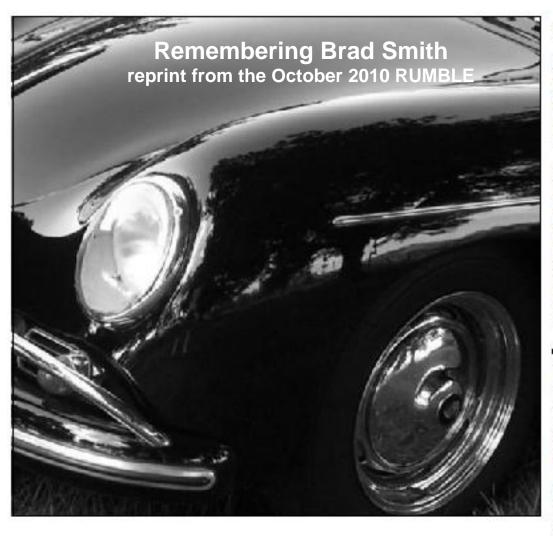
By Brad Smith

Murphy's barking and scratching at the Kitchen door woke me.

The clock said 2:00 A.M.. I threw on a robe and opened the door to my garage and flipped on the light. There sat my trusty 911 and "Black Beauty," my '59 Convertible D, 356 A Super, my car for the past 44 years.

Murphy ran in and started barking and dancing around the 356. I walked around the 356, opened the passenger door and immediately smelled the richness of leather combined with a faint odor of gas and oil. Murphy leaped into the passenger seat.

I hadn't driven her for six months having used the 911 as my everyday car. She just sat



Spooky

there in the garage like an ignored second-hand rose.

I opened the driver's door, crawled into the seat and looked over the dashboard. Looking down, I saw the key in the ignition - hmmm - don't ever remember leaving it there.

I pulled the headlight switch and was surprised to see full lights. For the hell of it, I turned on the ignition, flipped on the secondary six-volt fuel pump and let it do its "clicking" while it primed the Zenith

I turned the key one more notch and was surprised the engine turned over with ease. I West Connector in Frankfort. again cranked it and was shocked that it burst to life. Damn - Houston, we have igni-

Not wanting to asphyxiate

opened the garage door (I could see the headlines now -

"Double Homicide - Deranged Lawyer Kills Dog and Commits Suicide by Carbon Monoxide*)

K-e-e-rist, it was cold outside. I was thankful I thought to bring in my brass monkey this frigid February night.

Got back in the car - checked the instruments - rpms at 800 (good) - oil pressure fine - generator working - no strange noises. What the hell, I'll drive it around the block.

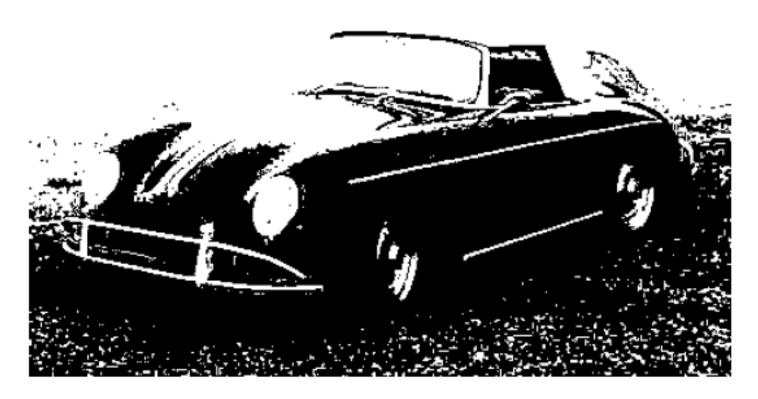
Seemed to be running fine better yet, think I'll take a spin for three miles up the East-Got to the end of the Connector, and thought - why not, let's turn right and drive one more mile and hit I-64 West to the first Frank fort exit and go Murphy or myself, I got out and home. In for a penny - in for a

Hit I-64 West with no traffic in sight Five miles to the Frank fort exit. Ran her up to 3500 rpms & hit 70 mph. Temperature in the green zone - car sounding strong and purring night along.

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Remembering Brad Smith reprint from the October 2010 RUMBLE



If I get stopped or this sucker craps out on me, how in the hell crawl by at 70 mph - reminded am I going to explain this mad- me of Gordon Light foot's song ness? I can see the headline now - "Unknown geriatric man when the minutes turned into taken into custody - taken to Eastern State for evaluation dog saved and given loving home to foster parents "- to quote Officer Hensley of the State Police, "pitiful case of dementia".

O.K. Miss Beauty, don't fail me now. Looked over at Murphy. He's sitting there grinning gratefully thanked the Good like a possum eating poop.

Watched the mile markers "The Edmond Fitzgerald" hours.

With the grace of God & the luck of an idiot, I made it home. door I turned to look at both

I pulled into the garage, shifted into neutral, let the engine idle for a few moments, ran the rpms up to 2500s and shut her down. Putting my head on the steering wheel, I Lord for this deliverance.

Spared by the fickle finger of fate again!

I got out of the car and closed the garage door. Let Murphy out who immediate thanked the Beauty by peeing on the back right wheel. Walking to the cars before turning off the light.

I glanced once again at Black Beauty, - and for a fleeting moment, I could have swom the damn thing was smiling -Spooky.

-Brad Smith



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