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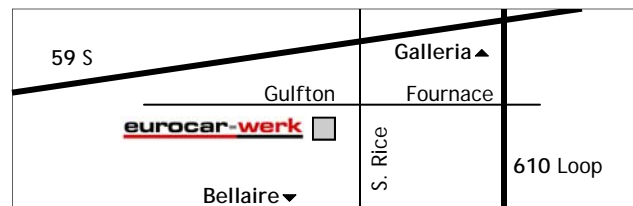
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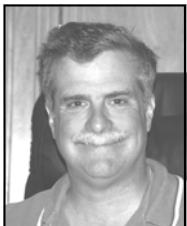
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On My Mind:

Greg Platt, President
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As I write this, we have just endured another national election while our Halloween candy supply has finally been exhausted. That must mean it's time for Christmas (and Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and the Druid Winter Solstice Celebration, etc.) followed by spending a few months trying to remember to write "2013" on your checks. As we move toward the New Year, I figured that this would be a good time to look at the events the Lone Star Region has planned so far.

Our driving programs continue to be second to none and you can grab a taste of all of them early in the year. First, How about developing your driving skills at our Performance Driving School? We should have the first PDS of 2013 scheduled for February. Keep an eye on our website for more details. (Note: The PDS committee has informed the board that a name change is in the works, so be sure to keep track on our website.) The PDS provides "hands-on" experience as you learn car control driving skills for real-world situations and with a knowledgeable instructor at your side.

We urge participants to bring the car that they normally drive everyday. Our PDS program is open to all licensed drivers and members' children get a discount. My wife and daughter have taken the PDS course in their non-Porsche SUVs and, in addition to having a great time, they both told me that the course has made them better drivers. The PDS is great for experienced drivers who have little exposure to performance driving or those that just want to hone their skills, but it is a real life saver for new, younger drivers. Ask yourself this: do you want your teen learning how to control his car in a slow speed, regulated environment with an instructor by his side or on the Katy Freeway in the rain?

The next step up the driving ladder is our national renowned High Speed Drivers' Education Course. We have

DE events scheduled for the Texas World Speedway in College Station on February 4-5. Registration will open on January 4 at noon. These events fill very quickly, so be sure to sign up early.

To round out the driving, our Texas Two Step Club Race will be at TWS on March 16-18. This event features skilled drivers in actual wheel to wheel racing. If you're like me and are not at this level, try to come out to the event anyway – it's really something to see and it's free! We are planning to have our traditional Tour to the Club Race on Saturday, March 17, so stay tuned. As usual, there will be a DE event for the more experienced DE drivers only coincident with the Club Race.

The Concours committee has just logged a very successful event in October and is planning for an even bigger one around February 23 or 24 at the beautiful Kemah Boardwalk. The Boardwalk folks are excited to have us, so I'm looking forward to a really fun time. While the details are still being worked out, this Concours will probably be a "show and shine" event, which means that rank amateur car detailers (like me!) are encouraged to join in.

Our dynamic duo of Tour and Charity chairs, Ron Baklarz and Ann Retzler, have been busy as usual planning out some great events. First, Ron is working to set up his annual Tour to Rockport around February 9 and 10. This is a real fun time that includes exciting driving, good food and a chance to see the rare and beautiful Texas whooping cranes. Ann has scheduled a very interesting charity drive up to the Texas Emergency Operations Training Center in College Station on Wednesday, January 16. Although this is on a weekday, the experience will no doubt be worth the time. Plus, there is a charity drive to Karl's on the Riverbend Restaurant on February 26. It's time to take our German cars for a drive out to the country and enjoy some real good authentic German food.

Finally, we are planning our usual variety of social events during the year, including informal dinners and get-togethers. Check out our website or like us on Facebook for updates. You can join fellow members and gather for an informal coffee and conversation each month at a PCar GTG (Porsche Car Get ToGether) on just about every Saturday morning while our Happy Hour is usually scheduled for the third Thursday of every month at the Stag's Head Pub near Greenway Plaza. Last but not least, our Activities chair, Pam Fitzgerald, will be re-starting our Formula 1 dinner program early in the year. Remember, the name is just an excuse to sample some of the best restaurants in town while enjoying the camaraderie of your fellow members. Because, it's not the cars, it's the people!

– Greg

Upcoming Activities

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- 1 City-Wide Coffee and Cars - Vintage Park
- 1-2 LSR DE at TWS
- 5 Board Meeting at the Houstonian
- 8 PCar Get-together (S) - 8:30 am at Dunn Brothers Coffee in Friendswood
- 15 PCar Get-together (NW) - 9 am at Starbucks at 290 and Spring/Cypress
- 20 Third Thursday Social
- 22 PCar Get-together (N) - 8:30 am Starbucks in Market street by the Woodlands Mall

We have many events for you to attend and meet Porsche members like yourself. If you would like to help us with events please contact one of the board members. We are looking forward to seeing you and meeting you soon.

Since LSR has a close association with the BMW-CCA and SCCA, you may wish to check the calendars for the BMW CCA and SCCA for autocross and other events in which you could participate.

Merry Christmas and



The calendar of events is current at the time printing. Date/time/event changes may be necessary. For additional details of the events listed above and for events scheduled after printing, please check the Lone Star Region web site at www.lsrpca.com



LSRPCA Board Minutes

Cynthia Crawford, Secretary

October 2012 Board Minutes

Date: October 3, 2012

Place: Houstonian Fitness Center

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Greg Platt, President

Mike Globe, Vice-President

Lynn Friedman, Past President

William Wong, Membership Chair

Walt Doyle, Concours Chair

Greg Stewart, DE Chair

Ron Baklarz, Tour Chair

Anne Retzler, Charity Chair

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Jack McCall

Sister Sara Kay Thompson, Magnificat House

Laurie Hallmark, Magnificat House

Greg Platt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He introduced Sister Sara from Magnificat House. Sister Sara expressed her appreciation to the Club for its support over the years and discussed the many ways in which that support has provided assistance to those in need.

Walt Doyle reported on the upcoming Rides and Rolex Concours scheduled for October 6 at Houston Gold Exchange. He is expecting a large turn-out. Edwin Cannon reported that Porsche of North Houston will be assisting the Concours program at future events. The Concours committee is working on scheduling the next Concours at the Kemah Boardwalk in February, 2013.

Greg Platt announced the appointment of Lynn Friedman, Ken Tubman and Burnell Curtis as the nominating committee to select candidates for LSR Officer positions for

2013. Nominations for consideration by the committee may be made up until November 7. Voting will be open from November 8 - November 30.

Greg Platt reminded everyone of the next Performance Driving School on October 6 at the Houston Police Academy.

Anne Retzler reported that the charity drive to Stingaree Restaurant on the Bolivar Peninsula was very well attended and all had a wonderful time.

Ron Baklarz reported that he is planning a Winter Tour to Rockport on February 9-10, 2013. The trip will feature a private Whooping Crane boat tour. Ron will provide more details as the event nears.

Greg Stewart reported on the October 27-28 DE. This event is being run by the Hill Country Region.

Mike Globe reported that he had submitted the required Club Race information to PCA National.

William Wong reported that the Club membership stood at 1270 primary and 2089 total members.

Pam Fitzgerald requested a LSRPCA sign for use at social events so that folks coming to the event can locate the group.

Greg Platt reminded everyone to submit articles to Mark Weisser for the PorscheNaut.

Greg Platt moved to adjourn, Mike Globe seconded, all agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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William Wong, Membership

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Emily Griffith & John Wehrle	2012	911
Bart C Haverkamp	2006	911
Gloria O. Lair	2003	911
Alan D. Lish	2001	Boxster
Lamar E. Loyd	2013	911 turbo
Kenneth Mannigel	2011	911 GT3 RS4.0
Mei Lon Neves	2011	Cayman
Peter G. Norberg	2002	911 turbo
Angel & Ashley Palomino	2007	911
Emmanuel Seenath & Jeanine Galvan	2003	911
Virginia L. Snider	1995	911
Alan & Judy Stubblefield	2003	911

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Andrew & Judith Ann Burgess	2007	911S
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If your ambition is to become one with your car, testing your driving abilities and your car's handling characteristics then our Drivers Education (DE) or Autocross events are just for you. If you prefer a more relaxed atmosphere, our concours events are held at various venues around the Houston area. If wearing a helmet isn't your cup of tea and you've decided that washing and waxing is best left to the detailer, then you're sure to find that participating in one of our "Drive-n-Eat" socials is just for you!

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From the Fast Lane:

By Mark Weisser, PorscheNaut Editor

I hope you find this to be an action packed issue. In it you will find out about concours events, charity event trips, how Porsche supports us with special marketing events, and even a field trip -- all the way to Natchez, Mississippi.

Shawn Galloway, Michael Tribolet and Jeff Taner present you with their tales and photos. Thank you, gentlemen, for that. Keep those cards and letters coming. And ladies, I find I am experiencing a dearth of articles from you. You all are truly a great part of our club, so let us hear about the Porsches in your lives, okay? (And get some photos, too!)

Our cover photo was taken by Sylvester Garza of Sylvester Garza Photography. He found himself with Sondra over at North Houston Porsche and couldn't overlook a chance to take a few photos. His specialty is corporate work but is accomplished with other subjects as well. The dog in the photo isn't just a dog, evidently. The wording in the description says that you can call Madison (the poodle) for modeling jobs. I was about to change that but made a call and found that, yes, you can call that number to hire Madison as a model. I guess the dogs in my life weren't so ambitious.

We are in that wonderful time of year in which to be thankful, grateful, eat too much, think about exercising more (next year), gifts, will it snow, and let's put the top down on the Porsche and go somewhere. And more.

Speaking of going somewhere, Ron Baklarz and Ann Retzler organize some really great trips. Cathy and I went with the group that Jeff Taner writes about as we drove to Natchez. As always, Ron had things well organized and really found some nice places to see, stay, and dine. Have you ever seen the battlegrounds at Vicksburg, Mississippi? I hadn't either. I remember reading about it in school, but there's just nothing like seeing it for real. Ron had arranged for a docent to give us a guided tour. We looked over various ramparts, right over the

cannons to their targets. What an amazing place. I had no idea what it could have looked like until now.

Thanks, Ron!

And in February he is arranging for another trip to Rockport to visit the town and see the whooping cranes. We went on the last trip there and saw those amazing birds. Photographer John Martell took the photo here. He spends a

lot of time to take magnificent photos and they were on display in a gallery the last time we were there.



Things are moving very fast in my fast lane and I hope they are moving at the proper pace for you. Stay tuned for more Porsche news, trip reports, get togethers, and more. Remember, too, that those come from you so keep those cards and letters coming. We want to hear from you.

- Mark



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LSRPCA Goes to the Stingaree for Charity

By Anne Retzler



Sunday, September 23, 2012, our participants on this charity drive drove to Bolivar Peninsula. This featured a nice drive on some rural upper Gulf Coast roads ending with a great lunch at the Stingaree Restaurant. We arranged for a private dining area for the LSRPCA folks and we were treated to a scrumptious bread pudding.



This year we precisely piloted our Porsches' to Stingaree without any navigational errors. HUR-RAH!

Jim Heimer designed a special T-shirt for the event and it proved to be a hit and a sold out. Jim's design featured a big crab driving its Porsche and it celebrated our Stingaree Day. Great showing and support by all. Thank you all for supporting out charity and our club. It's all about the people in LSR.





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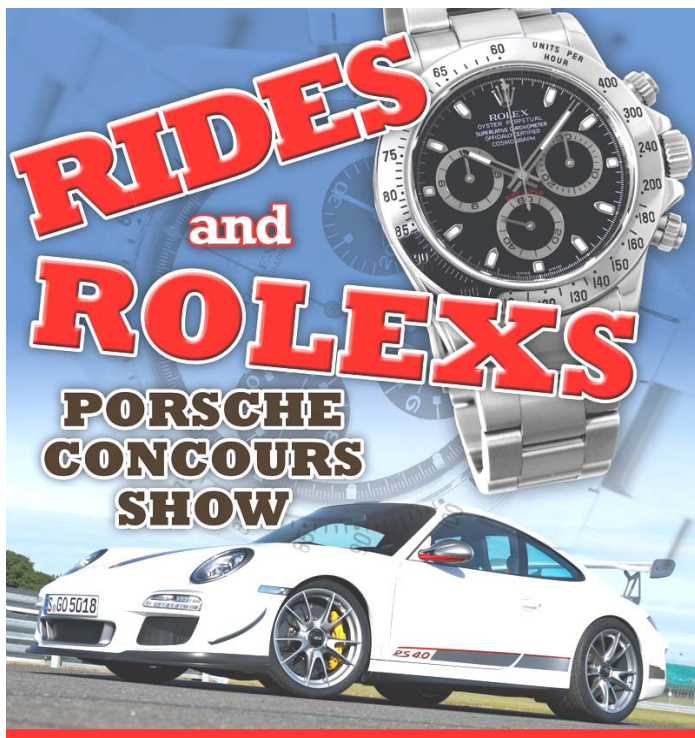


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Winning at a Sta



A nicer day couldn't have been chosen for the only Houston area PCA-judged Concours d' Elegance of 2012. As a participant in restarting the Concours committee, we were all a little unsure about the effectiveness of our outreach. When pulling into the parking lot Saturday morning at 8:15, the 13th of October, 2012, I was surprised how many individuals were already there when the announced arrival time started at 8:00 am.

Not only were cars already set up for the judged event, but close to a dozen other Porsches were parked close by, only to participate as observers in the activities. After the judged and display cars were organized as the day progressed, other exotics arrived as well as multiple generations of 911s, Boxsters, Caymans, Cayennes, another 928, and even a Carrera GT.



In the last piece I wrote for PorscheNaut, published October 2012 promoting this event, I referenced the PCA slogan, "It's not just the cars, it's the people." I have supported and held positions in many organizations in my professional and personal career. Every major gathering of PCA members reinforces my initial decision to become a member and most importantly, become involved.

Readers of this article are either Lone Star Region PCA Members or affiliated with one. If you have yet to find your involvement opportunity, only participate in the get-togethers or driving events, consider the many upcoming 2013 Concours events organized by the great individuals of the planning committee.

Erma Bombeck once wrote, "Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another." Whether love for one another, the vehicles we own, or a mixture of the two, the



Standstill: 2012 Concours Results

By Shawn M. Galloway



October 2012 Concours event would not have been the success it was without the hard work of those on the planning committee.

A vital element the committee was able to successfully manage was the identification, selection and involvement of three very important sponsors for the October event: Porsche of North Houston, Houston Gold Exchange and Vivè Auto Finishing & Detailing. All bringing multiple strengths, the event would not have been the success it was without their participation.



Judging officially began promptly at 10:00 am. Whether experienced or not with Concours events, the volunteer judges performed magnificently and thoroughly. While engines were not part of this year's consideration, as an individual entering

one of my Porsches, I can personally attest to their attention to detail.

After spending the morning with final detailing



and the occasional flattering of the judges, an appetite was more than established. Fortunately, thanks to Houston Gold Exchange, while



preparing for the completion of the judging, more than enough food and drinks was provided for all those in attendance. In fact, as the event ended, more food was arriving to ensure all had an opportunity to eat.



Once the final numbers were entered, the drawings for the many amazing giveaways (ranging from collector pens, shirts, a gift certificate to Houston Gold Exchange, a weekend with a new Boxter, and a weekend with a new 997), and trophies and plaques for winners began.



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I was honored to join the winner's circle (pictured to right with Andy Kay) of the many dedicated individuals who clearly spent days to ready their cars for this event.

Roman Philosopher Seneca observed, "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." Had I not prepared and participated in this event, I would have never had the opportunity to win the random drawing of a weekend with a new 997 from Porsche North Houston. What a great donation!

As my wife is currently in the market for a new Cayenne, a bit of pressure is developing to attempt to switch the prize from a 997. As a result, the winning certificate is now being held at an offsite location by colleagues and ex-members of our nation's special forces.



Kidding aside, what I won that day pales in comparison to the experience I was able to have with dozens of individuals passionate about a common interest. This is why we do what we do. This is why we prepare for races, get-togethers, drives across country, meet for dinner and prep our car to be judged.

We love our Porsches; this is why we read these articles, attend events and attempt to get the most out of our vehicles. Whether you decide to display yours for judging or join in

the camaraderie, consider helping our region make 2013 the best year ever for Concours d' Elegance events. Please visit the LSR website and Facebook page for dates and locations of 2013 Concours events.

Special thanks to Kevin Ferdinand and Donald Bond for the use of their photographs within this article.

The table below outlines the list of winners within the different categories, as well as the winner for Best in Show, Andy Kay.

October 13, 2012 Concours d' Elegance Winners		
Class	Place	Owner
P1 356 All	1st	Hugo Zagaua
P2 911 '65-'84	1 st	Burton Wells
P3 911 '85-'98	1st	Rick Frnake
	2 nd	Dee Cannon
	3 rd	Steve Treror
P4 911 '99-Present	1st	Rudy Mancinas
	2 nd	John Becher
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Porsche World Roadshow in Houston

by Michael A. Tribolet



I attended the Porsche World Roadshow program on Saturday, October 6th at Motorsport Ranch (MSR) in Angleton. If you have not been there, the track is about thirty miles south of the South Loop 610. Houston was one of thirteen U.S. cities on the schedule. I attended with our son Max who was in from UT for the weekend and our friends and PCA members Leah and Gene Shiels.



After arrival and registration, we had a short tech session covering some of the safety rules and the format for the program. We reviewed a

presentation on some braking and cornering basics from a Porsche Sport Driving School instructor before splitting into



three groups. The program covered up to three hours. The venue had two separate programs.

The first program was a lead-follow where you could follow an instructor's lead at rapid pace against a variety of driver skill and experience in the cars that follow. The lead-follow was great way to become more familiar with the driving line of the course. There were three sets of cars to keep the program moving.

We were first paired with a Porsche Sport Driving School instructor, as the driver/instructor in a Panamera, who expanded on the rules for the lead-follow before we set out as the lead car. Each of the cars had a radio linked to the lead instructor to keep everything in sync. This was the first time I had been on the MSR track, so this was extremely helpful to understand the layout, elevation changes, the best braking points and the line for each corner. After this high-speed taxi ride, Max and I cycled

through the cars moving to the next car back behind us. We drove each car, then switched as a passenger. The lead car in our group was a Panamera GTS, followed by a Panamera S, then a new 981 Boxster S, a 991 Carrera base model and finally a 991 Carrera S. The cars grew progressively faster as you progressed to the next car, you would have to hold back ever so slightly.

All the cars were equipped with the PDK and Sport plus. We left each car in Sport Plus to keep the revs up, give quicker throttle response and provide faster and more abrupt gear shifts. I only have the Sport engine mapping on my base 991 PDK, so it was interesting to see the differences.



My wife had has a base Panamera as a loaner a few weeks ago and the Panamera GTS was quite a different car. You could feel the all wheel drive system and the stable transitioning in the corners. Big difference from the V6 powered Panamera.

The Carreras were a special treat in this venue. Both were extremely stable and the Carrera S clearly had an advantage accelerating down the back straight. We were able to accelerate to about 95 miles per hour before hitting our first braking point. Max and I were lucky to be in a group of drivers that all kept a good pace and fairly even spacing, each time out.

The second section was the Technology Drive. This segment was to contrast acceleration of the Hybrid Cayenne and Panamera with their V8 variants. It consisted of an acceleration and then full braking. The Hybrid had better torque off the line, but felt quite a bit heavier.

We concluded after about two hours, it was time well spent.

At dinner that night, all four of us were very impressed with the new 981 Boxster S and how absolutely neutral the car was in the corners. I drove it the hardest of the various cars.



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A look back at the Old South with the LSRPCA

by Jeff Taner

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Ann Retzler and Ron Baklarz put together a trip to Natchez Mississippi where six Porsches and nine Porschephiles got to experience a glimpse into the history of Natchez, Mississippi.

Friday morning we met up with Ron and Ann and two other Porsches and headed for Beaumont under a perfect blue sky. There, two other Porsches joined the group. Driving primarily back roads across Louisiana, we found them to be generally free of traffic, scenic and quite enjoyable. Stopping in Alexandria at England Air Park – previously home of England Air Force base and current location of the Alexandria International Airport – we ate at the former officer's club. For you aircraft buffs, on display are an F-86F, A-7D, A-10A, F-105 and F-84F.

From there it was on to Natchez, passing through many cotton fields before crossing over the Mississippi River.

The group arrived around 5 p.m. at our weekend accommodations, the Eola Hotel's Guest House. There is a great history on their website, but briefly it was originally built as a home in the 1840's, since converted to a sixteen room hotel with period furnishings. After checking-in to our rooms, we settle in to get ready for dinner at "Monmouth," an antebellum mansion.

Saturday morning Ron, Mark and Cathy headed off to Vicksburg, while the rest of us began the antebellum home tour that Ann had arranged for us. These included "Longwood", "Auburn", "Dunleith", "Stanton Hall", "Rosalie" and "Melrose" gardens. Outstanding, all of them, but our personal favorites were "Longwood" and "Dunleith". Longwood is the largest octagonal house in the U.S. and its upper floors were never completed. Dunleith is used as a hotel, wedding venue and has an excellent restaurant. The docents were very informative and we learned a great deal about the homes and local history.

Interestingly the Civil War was usually referred to as the "War between the States" and the term servant was used as opposed to slave for those who worked at these homes. The wealthy plantation owners had their slaves and plantations

across the river in Louisiana and had their "town" homes located in Natchez where they lived and entertained. Natchez had a larger number of millionaires per capita than New York. The town was largely spared during the Civil War as it posed no strategic threat and was not located along any major railway.

After the home tour Gill, Agnes, Andrea and I had time to take a quick trip down a small section of the Natchez Trace Parkway. This is a beautiful two-lane road surrounded by National Park land that extends all the way to Nashville. Ron, Mark and Cathy got to enjoy this route on their way back from Vicksburg. We then visited "Natchez Under the Hill" – a historic section underneath the bluff, by the river, that used to be a seedier part of town back in the day.

Saturday night and another wonderful meal, this time at the Castle Restaurant at Dunleith. The restaurant was originally the carriage house and stables and it was built to resemble a castle. I really enjoyed the white chocolate bread pudding!

It was time to go back to Houston Sunday morning, but not without a stop at Coshatta Casino in Kinder Louisiana to eat at their buffet. I tried not to eat too much, but it was a buffet after all....



We thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience. Next time you have an opportunity to go on one of these drives, I highly recommend it. You get the opportunity to go someplace you may not have been before and meet new people. And we especially want to thank Ann and Ron for all of their time and effort they put in to making our "group" trip so enjoyable.

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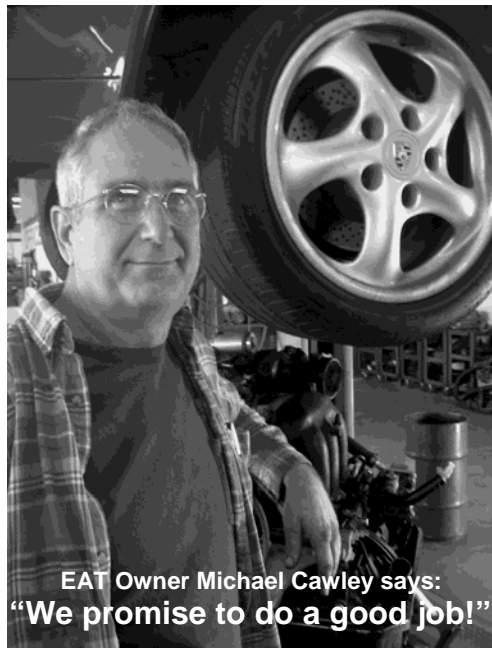
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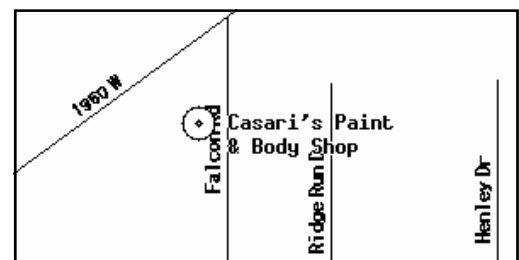
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