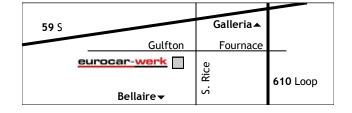






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On My Mind: Lynn Friedman, President Lone Star Region PCA

Happy New Year! Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lone Star Region Porsche Club of America!

That's right, 2011 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LSRPCA. Although the actual anniversary date is in July, the club will be celebrating all year long with special activities. Mark your calendars now!

On February 3 and 4, there will be a Driver Education event at Texas World Speedway. Next, get ready for the winter LSR 'Tour to Rockport, Texas.' On Feb. 12 and 13 LSR will take to the roads and venture to Rockport and the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is winter home of Great White Whooping Cranes as well as over 200 other species. We will tour the Refuge, surrounding areas and overnight in the Lighthouse Inn at Aransas Bay - a Victorian –style boutique hotel. On Sunday, we visit Goose Island State Park, (home of the

1,000 year old "Big Tree") As with any LSR tour, you can be sure of some fun times with fellow members and great dining experiences. Check the website for more information, and to make your reservations. A Performance Driving School is scheduled for March 5 at the Houston Police Academy.

Then get ready for some fine racing at the LSRPCA's Annual "Texas Two Step" Club Race at Texas World Speedway March 18-20. Not a racer? Not a problem. This will be an exciting weekend for everyone, including a solo-only DE (Driver Education), a day tour to the track from Houston and much more.

In 2011, LSR welcomes back our "F-1 Dinners." If the race is in France that weekend, members meet and dine at a designated French restaurant. Check the PorscheNaut, our website www.lsrpca.com and watch for the Monthly "Look Ahead" e-blasts for more information for these events and more.

All the Best for a Happy New Year,

Lynn



**From the Fast Lane:**Rob Quarles,
PorscheNaut Editor

#### Release Your Inner Journalist!

I just read an article by Clive Thompson in Wired Magazine entitled "The New Literacy". In it he discusses the current state of writing and prose. In this age of countless emails, instant messages, internet blogs, Facebook posts, and Twitter tweets, some would think that the writing as we know it is in decline.

On the contrary, our society as a whole is actually writing more than any generation before. Instead of writing letters, we are composing text messages…loads of them!

As the author explains; "...It's almost hard to remember how big a paradigm shift this is. Before the Internet came along, most Americans never wrote anything, ever, that wasn't a school assignment. Unless they got a job that required producing text (like in law, advertising or media), they'd leave school and virtually never construct a paragraph again."

An example of this "new prose" is a recent LSR Yahoo Group posting by member Leo Langston. In his email, he described the fun and excitement of participating in the December DE at TWS. Upon reading the email, I though to myself, "he's more that half way into writing an article for the PorscheNaut".

I contacted Leo and asked him if he would like to expand his email message into an article. He agreed and...voila!, a journalist is born. Leo's handiwork appears on page 11 of this months issue.

The point is, you may already be an automotive journalist and don't even realize it. Simply think of this newsletter as another one of your "texting" opportunities. We'd all love to hear about your Porsche related experiences; like your first Porsche many years ago, the older 911 you restored yourself, the DIY maintenance you recently completed, or the ride in the country to that special destination or restaurant you took last week. You don't have to be a Hemmingway to tell your story.

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- 5 Board Meeting
- 5 Registration opens for February LSR DE at TWS (Noon)
- 8 Coffee and Cars, Marq-E Center from 8:30 to 10:30 am
- 9 PCar GTG (S) 8:30 am at Starbucks in Webster
- 15 PCar GTG (NW) 9am Starbucks at 290 and Spring Cypress
- PCar GTG (N) 8:30 am Starbucks at Market Street by the Woodlands Mall

## February 2011

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- 12-13 Tour to Rockport and Aransas National Wildlife Refuge
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- 26 PCar GTG (N) 8:30 am Starbucks in MarketStreet by the Woodlands Mall

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

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Each PCA member gets a discounted \$265.00 entry fee and priority in the registration process. Registration opens one month prior to the event, promptly at noon. We usually sell out within three hours of opening of registration, so don't hesitate to sign up!

#### "How do I sign up?"

DE event registration MUST be completed on-line at www.clubregistration.net. Additional detailed information can be found on-line at www.lsrpca.com/drivers\_ed.htm. The Texas regions DE handbook can be found on our web site at http://www.lsrpca.com/linked\_docs/de/Multi%20Region%20DE%20Handbook.pdf

#### "Will I learn to drive better?"

Yes -- you will learn about vision, control, and situational awareness just for starters. As a beginning driver, your instructor will be there with you every time you are on the track. Not only that, but these skills are applicable, useful and valuable in everyday driving. So is there anything else that you want to know before joining us?

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## **Porschenistas**

## **Ladies Networking Socials-**

Ladies! Mark your calendars to attend a "Porschenistas—Ladies Networking Social." These monthly events are planned with the ladies in mind. and are open for all primary and associate Lone Star Region members. Past events have included dinners at trendy eateries as well as enjoying musical entertainment at local hot spots. Check the schedule in the PorscheNaut or on the web site for upcoming dates!

OK Porsche guys, if your spouse or significant other isn't reading the *PorscheNaut*, now it's time!

Details for locations and scheduled activities will be communicated via the *PorscheNaut*, the LSR website and our monthly email blasts.

If you have questions about the up-coming events, a suggestion or would like to assist in the planning of a Porschenistas event, contact LSR Social Chairperson, Nina Midway at social@lsrpca.com.

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William Wong, Membership

Lone Star Region welcomes our new members as of 12/01/10 for the month of November 2010

#### New members

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2008	Cayman
2007	911
1988	944 Turbo
2010	Cayenne
2009	911S
2004	911
2007	911S
2001	Boxster
2006	911S
2007	911 Turbo
2002	911
1999	Boxster
2010	911
2010	911 C4S
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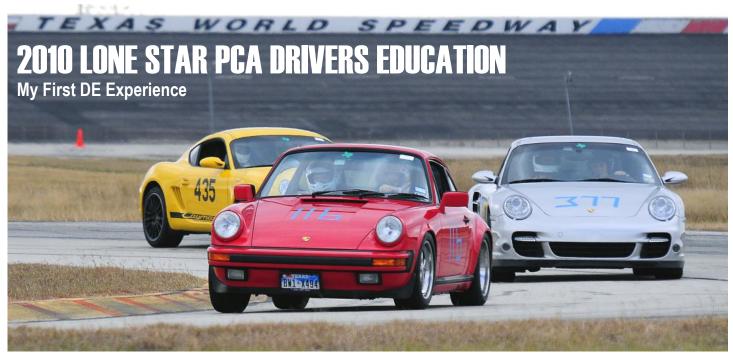
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Will I get addicted now that I have participated in my first DE (Drivers Education) at TWS (Texas World Speedway) on December 4-5? Who's to say, but I can tell you that the event was a blast. I highly recommend participating in a DE at least once for anyone who has never given themselves the opportunity run their car at high speeds under the tutelage of extremely competent club instructors. You will really learn how your car handles and how to drive it safely near its limits.

The December DE was the first time my '87 Carrera was track ready after I purchased it last April. This summer was spent replacing shifter bushings, rebuilding brakes and the air conditioning. The car was finally in good shape and I was anxious to see how it would perform. I participated in the PDS (Performance Driving School) in November. Although not a prerequisite for a DE, I highly recommend members to take the PDS and learn how their car drives near the limits before taking it on the track. I learned a lot that day about oversteer and understeer, and especially, how to drive it using only 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> gears only when my transmission could not shift into 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> after one spin out on the wet & dry oval. After resolving that problem (big hammer, don't ask) I was ready for the DE.

The DE event at TWS in College Station was wonderful. The club has some extremely talented instructors who will teach you how to really drive your car safely. Mike Merritt put on some funny and informative classrooms for the green (rookie) group and my instructor Sam Crumpacker

Above and Below: Leo Langston in his Red 911 SC at the December 2010 LSRPCA DE at TWS



gave me tips on getting my tire pressures correct and how to really hit those apexes correctly. The green group had four twenty minute sessions on the track each day and some extra extreme braking exercises. They were all exciting experiences. Let me tell you, eyes get really big when coming off the banked straight at 100+mph and braking for turn 2, wondering if your car will slow down in time. Under Sam's excellent guidance I never lost control on the track but did get some dirt once coming out of turn 7. Now that was really exciting, but the instruction I had received from Mike helped me get the car safely back on the track to continue the lap. It was fun trying to chase down other green group runners. Of course, I really felt like the grandpa I am when Sam took me for a few laps in my car. I have so much more to learn but it was good to know my car was up to the challenge. (cont. page 13)



### **LSRPCA Board Minutes**

December 2010 Cynthia Crawford, Secretary

Place: Houstonian Fitness Center

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Lynn Friedman, President
Mike Globe, Vice President
Cynthia Crawford, Secretary
Ken Tubman, Member at Large
Burnell Curtis, Past President
Jim Troxel, Club Race Chair
Joost Perquin, PDS Chair
Greg Stewart, DE Chair
Greg Platt, DE Registrar
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Leonardo Docanto Larry Friedman Richard Jackson John Smaardyk

Lynn Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Lynn reported on behalf of Sylvia Lanz that the Concours on November 21 at Martin Farms Christmas Tree Plantation was very successful.

Jim Heimer reported that the online voting for new officers had concluded and the slate of officers for 2011 were unanimously elected. The Board thanked John Smaardk for his years of service on the Board, and welcomed Mike Globe as the new Vice President.

Ron Baklarz gave us a preview of a Tour that he is planning for February. The trip will include a drive to Rockport and a boat ride through Aransas National Wildlife Refuge to view the whooping cranes.

Greg Platt reported that registration for the December 4-5 DE went well. For the February DE he is planning to change the payment method from PayPal to ClubRegistration.net.

Nina Midway agreed to take over planning the F1 dinners for 2011.

Ken Tubman reported on a visit to a showroom of classic cars owned by Charlie Thomas. He will check on

scheduling a visit for interested Club members in January.

Jim Troxel presented a proposed budget for the 2011 Club Race/DE. The Board discussed various aspects of the event including pricing, the awards dinner, and the costs associated with putting on a good program. Greg Platt moved that, based on the proposed budget submitted by Jim, the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$75,000 for the 2011 Club Race/DE, provided that the price charged the DE drivers remains the same as 2010. Ken Tubman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Greg Stewart presented a proposed budget for the 2011 DE program. After discussion, Greg Platt moved that the Board approve up to \$130,000 in expenses for the 2011 DE program. Ken Tubman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New business:

There was no new business.

Jim Heimer moved to adjourn. Cynthia Crawford seconded, all agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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Other highlights of the DE include meeting past President Bruce Gunther and riding in his Ferrari California to the local Harbor Freight store, talking to other members about their DE experiences and just walking around looking at all the various types of cars at the track. There were the Ferrari, an Aston Martin, Lotus Exige, a GT3RS and all other kinds of Porsches participating at the DE. It was very informative watching green group mentor Sean McLean

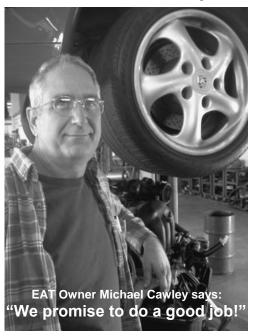
load up 4 racing tires & wheels inside his late model 911 Targa before he left. Now he really knows how to pack. The weather was a little nippy Sunday morning but otherwise it was a wonderful weekend. I can't wait to do it again. Now what should be on my Christmas list: suspension upgrades, 5 point harness, helmet, racing tires & wheels, performance chip....?

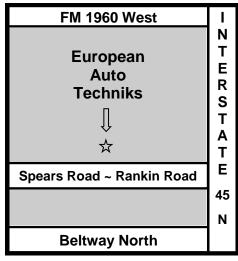


Members of the Green Run Group gathered for instruction prior to braking drills, December 2010 LSRPCA DE at TWS

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#### **Story by Rob Quarles**

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Martin Farms in Bellville, Texas was the site for the Fall LSRPCA Concours. Concours Chair Sylvia Lanz organized the event and ensured that registration proceeded smoothly. Our Concours Sponsor, Victory Motorcars displayed several beautiful Porsches at the event and provided attendees with discount coupons for service.

Many members took advantage of the beautiful, although somewhat windy, weather and drove their Porsches to the event. In attendance were several 356's, early 911's and 912's, 911SC's, 944's, as well as newer Porsches including Boxsters, 996's, and 997's.

Many thanks to Martin Farms and their staff for providing the delicious lunch buffet and for hosting the 2010 Fall LSRPCA Concours.

#### 2010 LSRPCA CONCOURS RESULTS:

#### **P1**

380 pts. - 1st - 1962 356 Beige, Hugo Zagaria 378 pts. - 2nd - 1959 356 Red, Victor Von Phan

#### **P3**

370 pts.- 1st - 1990 944 S2 Burgundy, Tom Erdmann

#### **P4**

378 pts. - 1st - 1979 911 SC Red, Andy Kay 374 pts. - 2nd - 1968 912 Irish Green, Burton Wells

#### **P7**

392 pts. - 1st - 2006 Boxster S Black, Kevin Ferdinand 384 pts. - 2nd - 2005 Boxster Red, Scott Denison 370 pts. - 3rd - 2000 Boxster Green, Edwin Cannon

#### **P9**

384 pts.- 1st - 2007 997 Turbo Black, Andrew Barry 364 pts. - 2nd (tie)- 2004 996 Silver, Eric Serrell 364 pts. - 2nd (tie)- 2007 997 Grey, John Denninger 360 pts. - 3rd - 2010 997 Carrera S Grey, Jim Heimer Honorable Mention - 2004 996 Yellow, Rob Quarles

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2006 Boxster S Black, Kevin Ferdinand

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Airplane passengers tend to see flight attendants as people who help everyone find the right seat, and then serve drinks and food once the plane is in the air. Of course the whole airplane crew, including the flight attendants, has passenger safety as its primary responsibility.

At races as well as at high-speed drivers education events, drivers tend to see corner workers as people whose main job is to "Blue Flag" those pesky slower drivers out of the way. But of course, just as with that airplane flight, the whole staff of the event, including the corner workers, has driver safety as its primary responsibility.

Unlike flight attendants we don't generally have to tell drivers to fasten their seat belts...but at grid we do check for windows rolled down and about 43 other safety-related details. And once vehicles are on the track we are always watching for smoke, fluids dropping, as well as pieces of cars falling off. It is a key part of our job to help protect drivers from endangering themselves and others on the track.

For our DE events we have come to rely a lot on students from the Texas A&M car club for corner workers. They are smart, quick learners, responsible, local (no travel time or travel expenses), they are enthusiastic about doing the work, and they can make good use of the money we pay them. There are enough weekend events at TWS that for some of the A&M students, working weekends at the track is just about a part-time job.

Races are a whole different thing, whether you're behind the wheel of a high-performance Porsche, or behind the barrier at a corner station. So for our annual club race, we have been fortunate each year to be able to recruit a number of experienced SCCA corner workers. Almost every SCCA event they work is a race, so they have the level of race experience that we can draw on to run a safe and successful club race once a year.

The third group of corner workers is of course Porsche club volunteers, primarily from our own club, as well as from Hill Country and Maverick. These categories of workers begin to blur when you consider that a number of our workers are both PCA and SCCA members. PCA racing is somewhat different from SCCA racing, and our workers are able to "translate" between the two sets of rules for everyone's benefit.

If you have attended a previous club race, you probably didn't notice that any of this was going on. And that is just the way it is supposed to be. Just like the security guard at the bank, or the flight attendant on your last airplane trip, we corner workers are doing some of our best work when we are almost invisible.

But our goal is to be always ready, should an incident occur. We believe that Murphy prefers targets of opportunity, so it is by planning ahead that we have so far been successful, for the most part, in keeping him away from our events.

And LSR's special offer to Green and Blue drivers this year (well heck, let's open it up to all club members!) is an invitation to become part of the LSR Work / Drive program. Sign up at http://clubregistration.net just as you may have done in the past to drive in a DE. But this time, since it is the Club Race and there will be no Green or Blue run groups, sign up to work the event, rather than to drive in it.

We will be able to take a limited number of new volunteers for this event. We can only use one new volunteer per corner.

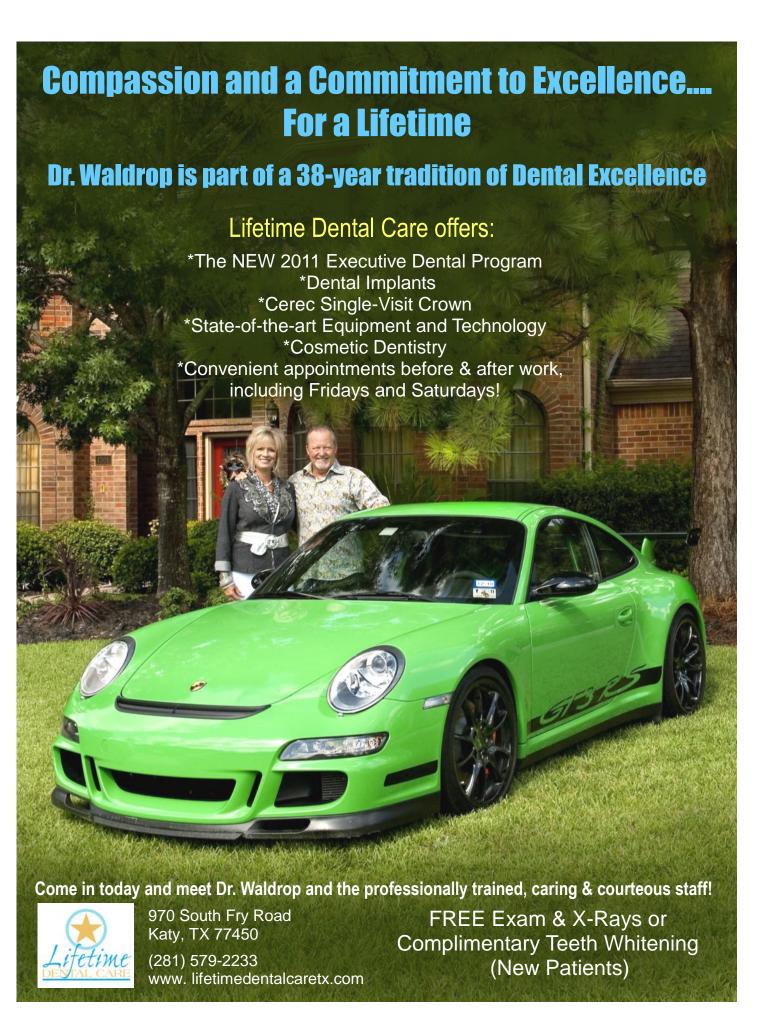
Finally, working corners will help you with your on-track driving performance at future events, will let you contribute to making the event a safe and successful one, and is a lot of fun.

Play Safe!

George Bigham georgebigham@pdq.net Flag One for the Club Race (again)



George Bigham at the track with the unofficial "Blonde Flag" which is displayed to drivers who have done something really stupendous, like a 360 on a dry track without leaving the pavement...



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## **DE INSURANCE**

Am I Covered While Driving on the Track?

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Each year Porsche Club of America Regions organize many high-performance driver's education events. Over the years PCA has earned a tremendous reputation for putting on educational, safe, and structured events. These events target what PCA members are most passionate about – appreciating the fine automobiles they own in a way that just can't be recognized in daily street driving.

For many years PCA driving enthusiasts had a sense of comfort knowing that their standard auto policies covered them while participating in PCA Driver's Education events. Most policies had language that only excluded coverage while participating in "timed or competition events." Since PCA DEs are educational in nature and untimed, most insurers would pay for damages incurred at these events. Incidents causing damage to vehicles at PCA DEs are rare, but when they do happen the damage can be significant.

Around the 2003-2004 timeframe, it seems that many insurance underwriters recognized the additional exposure presented by individuals involved in DEs and modified their exclusions section accordingly. At the beginning, a few companies implemented new language to exclude coverage "on a surface used for racing", "in a performance driving event", or even worse "at a racetrack facility." Since the initial rollout of the exclusions, it seems that the majority of auto insurers have followed suit with these restrictive exclusions for individuals involved in DEs.

Many PCA DE enthusiast members have researched this topic in the past, prior to 2003, and believe that they are still covered while driving in events. Enthusiasts must understand that insurers do have the ability to change

policy terms at each policy renewal. The typical policy holder receives their renewal, looks at the bill, and sends a check to renew their policy. In the pages following that bill, insurers include a coverage update that details any policy changes. Unfortunately these changes often go unnoticed by insurance consumers.

For individuals involved in DEs, it is very important to review your policy before you go to your next track event. Many insurance consumers don't file their current policies, but insurance agents will always send a copy of the current policy upon request. A quick review of the exclusions section of the policy typically reveals any language targeted at eliminating coverage while participating in events held at racetracks. Enthusiasts' vehicles are often the most treasured property they own, so it is important that they do their research and understand whether coverage is included under their standard policy while participating in DE events.

DE Participants that do not have coverage under their standard auto policy and aren't willing to take the financial risk of driving on track without coverage do have options available. PCA has partnered with Lockton Affinity, the administrator of the HPDE Insurance Program. The PCA - HPDE Insurance Program offers single-event physical damage insurance at a very affordable rate. The premiums are based on value, and the average premium for our members is \$205 per event. When applying, PCA members can enter their member number to receive a 10% discount on their premium!

Do not assume that you still have coverage while participating in DEs based off of research or questions asked to your agent years ago. Before your next event, check your policy and go to that event knowing whether you will or will not be covered in the case of an unfortunate incident that causes damage to one of your most prized possessions. If your research shows that you do not have coverage, consider getting supplemental through the PCA - HPDE Insurance Program:

http://pcahpdeins.locktonaffinity.com



Stuttgart - December 12 -- The Porsche 911 GT3 RSR takes off into the new motorsport season with significant modifications. The 2011 version of the world's most successful GT race car celebrated its international premiere at the "Night of Champions" party held at the R&D Center in Weissach to mark the end of the 2010 motorsport season. Priority in the further development of the GT3 RSR was given to the newly designed aerodynamics at the front and rear, changes to the suspension kinematics and to the engine.

The 4.0-litre, six-cylinder boxer engine now delivers 455 hp (355 kW) at 7,800 revs, five horsepower more than its predecessor. The power increase results from an engine management system which adapts even better to different fuel grades, as well as a redesigned exhaust system and a modified air intake housing. Moreover, the drivability

of the famously efficient engine has undergone further improvements. Maximum revs remain unchanged at 9,400 rpm.

Clearly visible are the modifications to the front. A new front lip provides higher downforce at the front axle. The front wheels are now wider with the rims growing from 11 to 12 inches giving additional grip and less understeer. The position of the rear wing and the shape of the wing mounting also underwent optimization and were adapted to the new rear fairing with additional air outlet louvers. The rear lid was also redesigned for optimized air ducting. Like the 911 GT3 Cup and the GT3 R, the RSR has now been equipped with the LED rear lights taken from the latest 911 road-legal cars.

The 911 GT3 RSR joins the 911 GT3 R and the 911 GT3 Cup as the top model of Porsche Motorsport's product range. The successful long distance racer from Weissach can be ordered now at a price of 410,000 Euro plus country-specific value added tax. All 2011 modifications are available as a kit for GT3 RSR cars from the 2010 season.



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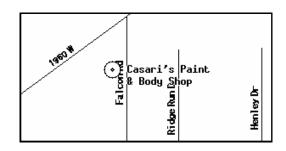
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