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**THIS MONTH'S SCHEDULE**

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- 4 July Monthly Social** — Hosted by Gregg Hering at The Peabody. Come watch the fireworks over the river.
- 8 July Breakfast Club** — Jone's Café in Perryville
- 22 July Monthly Social** — Club social at Joey's Seafood, hosted by Jay Wellwood.
- 12 Aug Breakfast Club** — IHOP in Searcy
- 26 Aug Family Fun in the Sun** — We'll be heading to Heber Springs for a day on the water
- 9 Sep Breakfast Club** — TBD
- 30 Sep Winefest** — Wiederkerh Winery in Altus, AR.



**President's Corner**  
By Rick Daes

I want to Thank Gregg Hering for inviting the Porsche Club to a special viewing of the Riverfest Fireworks at the Peabody Hotel. Once again , Gregg rolled out the red carpet for us Big Time and having the cars parked up front under the bright lights sure is impressive. Speaking on behalf of the 40 or 50 of us that attended, we sure had a great time. We have been invited back for the Fourth of July Fireworks, so plan on being there. Watch for details in the Injector Update. This years Firestone National Kidney Foundation of Arkansas Porsche Car Show was a Big success. We had 26 entries and raised over \$400.

Congratulations to the car show winners: 1st place went to Arjay Hill; 2nd place went to Ray and Doreen Gage and 3rd place went to Josep and Ricard Requena. Keith Lundquist of the Firestone Center on Rodney Parham put together a first class show, he incorporated the sponsorship of Shorty Smalls and USA Drug there on Rodney Parham and NAPA of Maumelle.

Joe Ward put together a tour of the Salmon Brothers Car Barn in early in May and we had about 20 folks attend that function. There were no Porsches in their collection but with over 90 vehicles, there were plenty of cars to look at. This is an event we'll be doing again because they are constantly updating their collection. Thanks

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**Membership Report**  
By Lisa Broadwell

**As of June 1, 2006**

New Members:	<b>2</b>	
Michael Allwine	Little Rock	06 Cayman S
Felix Torres	Jacksonville	05 Boxster
On time Renewals:	<b>2</b>	
Late Renewals:	<b>0</b>	
Transfer In:	<b>0</b>	
Dropped / Non Renewals:	<b>5</b>	

Please try to remember to pay your dues on time. PCA's Main Office doesn't offer a grace period.

**Total Members as of June 1, 2006: 87**

If you see LAPSED and a date next to your name on the address label, it means that PCA National shows you as past due on your membership. Pay ASAP to continue receiving your newsletter and email updates. Speaking of email, If you do not get a weekly email update from us it's probably because we do not have a good email address. Please remember to tell us when you change your email address and also go online at [pca.org](http://pca.org) and change it with National. Thanks!!!



**Editor's Notes**  
By Michael Kennedy

Welcome to another Arkansas summer! July is upon us and with it comes summer, full of outdoor adventures in the sunshine. As the seasons change, so does our club. As Rick mentioned, Joyce Arnold who has been with the activities committee for 3 years now, culminating as the Activities Chairman, has resigned her post as she and husband Cal move on to other adventures. Taking over for Joyce in the interim, our Secretary Harry Broadwell, has stepped up. Even as I sit here writing, our activities committee has plans to meet this evening

and complete out the year's events. With a little luck, we'll even have them all posted on the web calendar by the time you read this!

Outside of activities, as you know, I've attending school for the last 2 months. Well with all that is on my plate I've come to the conclusion I've bitten off a bit more than I can chew. Between work, school, PCA matters and activities, I am now house hunting as well. Therefore I am looking for someone who can help out with the monthly newsletter through the summer. If you're interested please let me know. There are no major qualifications, just a desire to help out the club, be fairly computer literate, and prefer you have Microsoft Publisher

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## Porsche of the Month

The July 2006 Porsche of the month belongs to Rob Barrow. From Rob, his adventure in finding his Porsche.

The Porsche story has two parts. Back in September, I placed a bid on a car in New York state on EBay thinking that I had underbid. Wrong. The car was advertised to be a 1973 911 Targa in good condition and specifically with no rust. This turned out all to be incorrect. I flew my family up to New York to drive this car back. My wife describes the trip as like driving 1100 miles in a lawnmower. No seat belts, extreme gas fumes and constant heater. I hated to stop on the highway because the clutch was not functional and it was a bear to get it going again. Add burning clutch to the gasoline smell and mull it around. All in all it was much more of an adventure than I had planned. Ron Mott is a neighbor and he helped me evaluate my purchase. "Get rid of it as soon as possible" I did get the clutch fixed and in the process found the front end rusted

through, the gas lines had been replaced with regular rubber tubing and the left rear wheel was almost impossible to turn by hand. I found another can on the Internet that I foolishly fell in love with. It is the car I currently have. It is a 1987 white Carrera with a Targa top that I found at Victory Motors in Houston. Unlike my first experience of buying a car on the internet, this time I got a wonderful car. The car had 63,000. miles on it and had been very well maintained and must have been garaged its entire life. I actually talked the dealer in Houston into taking the pile of junk in trade. Amazing! I only lost \$10,000. on my bargain car.



## Editor's Notes Cont... By Michael Kennedy

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2003. I would like someone who can print out and fold the newsletters and then stuff them in pre-printed envelopes. You'll obviously need a color printer for this, and the club will reimburse you for ink and paper. If you are interested, please email me for details at [ozarkpccactivities@comcast.net](mailto:ozarkpccactivities@comcast.net).

As always, keep the shiny side up and enjoy the summer!

## Ozark version of Where's Waldo

Some of you may have noticed two of our advertisers are missing this month. Well your eyes are not deceiving you, both Blair's British Cars (BBC) and Perfection Plus have their ads pulled this month in order to comply with requirement from Porsche Cars North America. Not to fret, we expect to have new ads for them back next month. In the mean time, do not let their absence in the newsletter sway you from partaking of their Porsche (and other makes) services as you ready your Porsche for summer!

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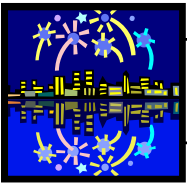
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### 4th of July Celebration At The Peabody

Gregg Herning cordially invited the Ozark Region Porsche Club to join the celebration at The Peabody for the 4th of July fireworks display over the Arkansas River. In addition to the fireworks, we will post a display of Porsches in the front entrance again as we did during Riverfest. Here are the details.

This event has limited space, and is therefore for PCA members and their immediate families. Please RSVP to Rick Daes by 2 July so we may inform Gregg how many will be coming.

All display cars should arrive by 7 PM. Due to the traffic, we will not meet and caravan into The Peabody as we have in the past.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, and soft drinks will be complimentary—beer will be available for \$2

As before, parking for non-display cars will be on your own.

The Ozark Region Porsche Club would like to remind you no matter where you enjoy the 4th of July, please do not drink and drive. Pass the keys to your designated driver, and keep the shiny side up!



### President's Corner Cont...

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Joe.

Bret Patton of Heber Springs has invited the club up to spend a day on Greer's Ferry Lake in August, so watch for more details in the Injector Update. This will be an RSVP event so we'll know how many boats and life jackets we'll need.

I want to Thank everyone who has responded to the Porsche Club Survey, so far about 50 of you have completed the four question survey.

The officers and committee members are very pleased with the turn out at each of the events that we have offered. It's been a pleasure meeting so many of the members old and new, Thank you for supporting your club.

A Special Thanks to Joyce Arnold who has resigned as our activity director, she has been involved with the club as our actively for the past three years and we appreciate all of her hard work and wish her and Cal the best.

The Ozark Region Porsche Club, along with many others, is once again sponsoring Porschapoolza in Eureka Springs on November 10, 11 and 12. You can go to the website [www.porschepalooza.com](http://www.porschepalooza.com) to register and obtain more information and details.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed. Thank You for your support.

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### Breakfast Club

For the July Breakfast Club, we'll head to Perryville for breakfast at Jone's Café.

#### Just the Details

**WHEN:** 8 July, 8:00 AM at Christ the King Church.

**WHERE:** Caravan meets at Christ the King Church at 8:00 AM, departs 8:15 AM

It will be about a 35 minute to Jone's Café and we have a fun run planned for after breakfast to take us through Perry and western Pulaski Counties.

# CONTRIBUTING ARTICLE RUF STEERING WHEEL UPGRADE

Leonard Zechiedrich

Is there any part of a car that a driver is in more intimate contact with than a steering wheel? Well, if we all drove Triumphs, MGs, or Jags, then perhaps the answer could be "Yes". It could be the coil, the alternator, the fuel pump, how about a headlight relay, maybe the distributor, what about the windshield wiper motor? However, since we do not drive these makes of cars we could probably agree that the answer is "No". No matter what the multi-task situation while driving, at least one hand is always on the steering wheel, ... or it should be.

Steering wheels for Porsches are relatively easy to find. A quick check of the usual aftermarket magazines will turn up lots of candidates; Momo, Dino, Sparco, Nardi, and of course the factory Porsche Motorsports wheel. These wheels have quite a range of prices and I can tell you the quality is a direct reflection of the price. When I chose

my wheel, I was reminded of a saying a good friend of mine uses. "If you're going to be a bear, you might as well be a Grizzly". With that in mind I ordered the Ruf Steering wheel from Dallas. Yes, I like the Porsche Motorsports wheel, but it seems the Ruf wheel is based on the factory sports steering wheel. The final deciding factor was once again the Ruf logo on the horn pad.

Ruf has steering wheels for both air bag equipped cars and non air bag equipped cars, and the prices between the two are significant. Although I have removed two air bag equipped steering wheels, I am not sure I would recommend it for DIYers. Air bags can be dangerous if not handled properly during removal, storage, and installation. An air bag equipped wheel swap might be a job

for your local trusty mechanic. As such, the following applies to NON air bag equipped cars only. Of course, it is possible to replace a non air bag steering wheel on an originally air bag equipped car. This, however, should be carefully considered due to the fact that a safety device would be disabled.

After disconnecting the battery, remove the horn pad, and find the wire that connects to the horn. Carefully unplug it from the wheel hub or horn pad depending on your particular wheel. This should allow for access to the large nut which holds the wheel to the steering column. It's 27 mm on the 911 series. If you haven't yet disconnected the battery, you will likely surprise yourself every time you ground the hub to the column. After two or three times of random horn honking, which is much louder in a closed garage, you will probably NOW be ready to disconnect the battery. This nut can be stubborn if it has never been off the car and some mechanics like

to use an impact wrench to break it loose. I personally don't like the impact as it seems like overkill for this job. I use a 1/2 inch breaker bar or torque wrench to remove the nut. If the nut is stubborn, don't be afraid to try the impact, or have a friend hold the wheel while you turn the wrench. DO NOT use the rack and pinion stops to hold the wheel while removing the nut. After the nut is off, and before you remove the steering wheel, make sure that the road wheels are pointing straight forward and that the steering wheel is aligned with them. This will save you some time later with positioning the new wheel. Also at this point you can check the steering column shaft bearing for wear (see illustration below). There are actually two bearings on the column but only one can be changed from the steering wheel end. It should be easy to see and feel if there is excessive play in the wheel when lifted up and down or side to side. A worn out bearing will also magnify any rough road or poorly balanced front wheels. After determining the condition of the bearing, remove the steering wheel by pulling it straight off. If the wheel is stubborn use a persuader such as a rubber mallet. You are now ready to install the new wheel, or the bearing can now be accessed. If the bearing has excessive play it is usually the plastic bearing liner that wears out and creates a loose feel. This can be easily fixed with a repair sleeve sold by most aftermarket suppliers for about \$15. It is tapped in replacing the worn plastic without

removal of the bearing. If the bearing itself is bad, be prepared to spend some time removing the old bearing. I was able to drill a hole in my old bearing and carefully thread a metal screw into it and pull the bearing out with leverage applied to the screw. Be careful not to damage any of the surrounding parts on the column or dash.

Install the new wheel in the same position as that of the old wheel. If this is done incorrectly it will become painfully obvious on the first drive. Reconnect the ground wire for the horn, and torque the steering wheel nut to 54.2 ft. lbs while remembering not to use the pinion stops to hold against the wheel. Connect the battery and try out the new wheel. If the steering wheel is not straight on your test drive, return to the garage, remove the steering wheel nut, pull off the steering wheel and rotate it one spline at a time until the steering wheel is aligned with the road wheels. Enjoy the new look and feel of your new steering wheel...and always keep at least one hand on the wheel!



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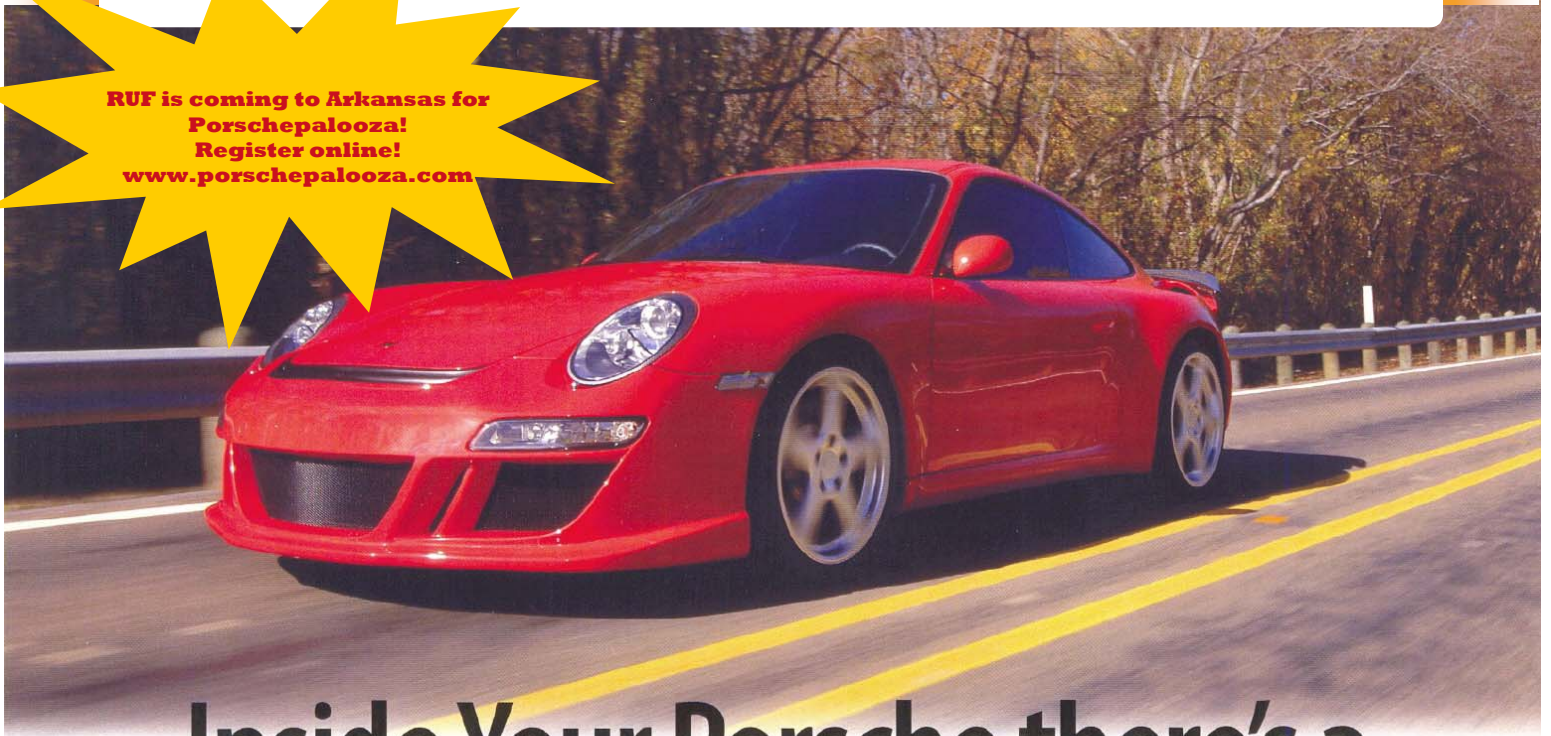
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