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# **Greetings from the Southland**

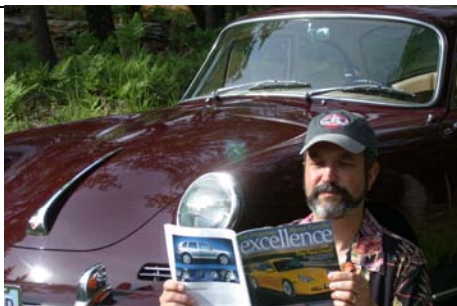
**By: Dave Hamann**

***We started off the year here in the Southern part of the Region with a Brunch tour. As all of you know, planning a driving event in Southern Oregon the first part of the year can be problematic weather wise. This year was no exception. We watched the weather carefully as our Tour date of March 16<sup>th</sup> approached. It wasn't looking real good. But once again the weather held and our record of no rain events continues!***

***16 cars showed up at Starbucks to start the day. It was overcast and cool but everyone was ready to enjoy the day no matter what. We had a nice drive out through Sam's Valley on some roads that most folks hadn't been on in awhile and while a drop or two hit the windshield there was mostly sun. We wound our way back into Gold Hill through the back roads and ended the first leg of the drive at the Valley of the Rogue State Park for our rest stop. While we were there a bus load***

***full of tourists also pulled in and they scrambled out with cameras to take photos of us as we pulled out of the lot.***

***The second leg of the tour***



**wound out through Rogue River and followed the river into Grants Pass. We arrived at our Brunch destination on time and just in time as folks were**



**getting hungry. The Rivers Edge Restaurant, [www.riversedgerestaurant.net](http://www.riversedgerestaurant.net), is a great dinner house and they have just started serving Brunch again. We weren't disappointed. They had us in a private room upstairs overlooking the river with our own waitress. The food was great and plentiful. It was set up in a room downstairs. When I was planning the event I thought this might be a problem. But actually it helped, as folks got to get up and stretch a little in between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ...and 4<sup>th</sup> ....and 5<sup>th</sup> ....etc, helpings! Thanks to Dee and her staff for a wonderful time.**



**All and all it was a great way to start another year of events.**

**We have the Wild Life Images tour coming up April 19<sup>th</sup> and I can't wait. Cokie and I have wanted a**

**behind the scenes tour and we'll finally get it with a few of our Porsche friends. Hope to see you there.**

**Then in May it's Johns track day event. He needs your RSVP NOW to assure that there will be enough participants to make it financially feasible. He's put a**

***lot of effort into this so if even if you don't care to drive but can help with track duties, please let him know. It's your Club, help support it!***

**Take care,  
Dave**

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## **Prez Sez**

**By: John Thompson**

***I am going to be short and sweet. As I sit at the computer and look outside, I see blue sky and ask myself "Self, why are you sitting inside at the computer? You should be outside enjoying this wonderful rain-free April morning."***

***Days like this have been very few and far between so heading to the advice of my mental friend, I bid you adieu. I hope you were able to take ample advantage of the nice weather and I encourage you to show your face at one of the many great events your areas volunteers are hosting.***

***See you on the road.***

***John***



## **Central Chapter - Daffodil Drive**

**By: John Thompson**



***Ahh, the smell of fresh baked cinnamon rolls, hot coffee and....wet llamas? Well two out of three weren't bad. This years Daffodil Festival provided an early opportunity for those in attendance to dust off the cobwebs from their cars and get out to see the countryside. This event is always a crap-shoot as to weather and this year provided mostly sunny skies with a small bit of rain just to remind you what spring-time in Ore-***







**gon is all about. The Daffodil Festival is held at the Long Tom Grange just outside of Junction City. Many vendors set up booths selling their wares and is a good example of a small-town**

**craft fair. This one is special in that they invite car clubs so the sights aren't limited to craft items. The Porsches in attendance gathered some attention, but once the Model A Club showed up, the crowds seem to find them more interesting.**

**With the enticement of free drinks and rolls, I am sure there will be another group next year keeping the Porsche tradition alive at the Daffodil Festival.**



# **Track Day - May 3, 2008**

**Please join us on May 3rd at 10:00 AM for a car / kart Track Day at Jackson County Sports Park's go kart track. NOT an autocross but a fun day for you to take your car on the track. Get your best time in your daily driver then try it again in a real, full race kart capable of speeds in excess of 60 mph, although it feels much faster with your rear end 2 inches off the ground! With only about 10% of the horsepower available in your daily driver you might be surprised to find your lap times are quicker in these diminutive, purpose built racing machines.**



**Cost per driver (not per car) is \$35. Although this is being offered as a "compare your car to a kart" event, driver's can forego either vehicle if they choose so if you don't want to track your car you can still try the course in one of the karts.**

**This event is NOT affiliated with PCA in any way. Drivers will participate in this event entirely at their own risk. Signed waivers will be required for each participant and helmets are required for both the cars and karts. Some helmets will be available at the track. There will be a tech inspection for each car before it is allowed on the track. Only one car or kart will be on the track at any one time. Two 3 lap sessions for cars and two 3 lap sessions for karts, preceded by a briefing on kart operation and safety.**

**This is a DRY event only. Karts with racing slicks can not be driven on a wet track.**



**Failure to receive a sufficient number of participants will result in cancellation of the event.**

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4/28/08**

# **Tech Session - Tool list**

*By: John Thompson*

*With the request for more technical related articles, I thought it would be good to first talk about some of the tools that might be necessary for our at-home repairs. I don't know who to give credit to for the following list, but I am sure the author is out there somewhere. Thanks anonymous author.*

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

**MECHANIC'S KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing leather seats

**ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:** Normally used for spinning steel Pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling mounting holes in fenders just above the brake line that goes to the rear wheel.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting [tools](#) built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your garage on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside a brake drum you're trying to get the bearing race out of.

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against that freshly painted part you were drying.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Ouch...."

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering a car to the ground

*after you have installed your new front disk brake setup, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front fender.*

**EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 2X4:** *Used for levering a car upward off a hydraulic jack.*

**TWEEZERS:** *A **tool** for removing wood splinters.*

**PHONE:** ***Tool** for calling your neighbor to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.*

**E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR:** *A **tool** that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.*

**TIMING LIGHT:** *A stroboscopic instrument for illuminating grease buildup.*

**TWO-TON HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST:** *A handy **tool** for testing the tensile strength of ground straps and brake lines you may have forgotten to disconnect.*

**CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 16-INCH SCREWDRIVER:** *A large motor mount prying **tool** that inexplicably has an accurately machined screw-driver tip on the end without the handle.*

**BATTERY ELECTROLYTE TESTER:** *A handy **tool** for transferring sulfuric acid from a car battery to the inside of your **toolbox** after determining that your battery is dead as a doornail, just as you thought.*

**TROUBLE LIGHT:** *The mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, it's main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.*

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** *Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.*

**AIR COMPRESSOR:** *A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts last tightened 60 years ago by someone in Springfield, and rounds them off.*

**PRY BAR:** *A **tool** used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.*

**HOSE CUTTER:** *A **tool** used to cut hoses 1/2 inch too short.*





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flathead engine with 120 Hp. Only 26 were made, they all came with the same colors, bright red engines, cream exterior and interior. The company, which Does not exist any more, was well known for their large sedan's wins in the early '50s stock car races. We need the full name of the car.

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## ***And from last month, the answer is ....***

**Sunbeam Talbot Alpine MK 1**

**John Crisalli, Jim Chambers, Jim Scheffel, Susan Sinclair, Bill Lucas & Slade Bittler had the correct answer. Well done guys & lady!**





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