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Between the Wheels

Sticky tires. I’m not talking about traipsing on hot summer gum and having to curb-scarpe your Chuck Taylors before going inside for Mom’s lemonade. No, I’m talking about the first time you notice that although the streets may have no name, they have an awful lot of detritus sitting atop them – sand, pebbles, sticks, vegetation, rubbish, hardware (!) – that you never really noticed driving around on your 500-treadwear all-season touring radials. You see, those tires leave the road garish where it belongs, on the road. My 914’s new sticky tires, however, will pick up all that debris, and slingshot it around their wheel wells like spinning fireworks throwing sparks around a nail in a board. What a cloumer! But oh, what a grip! My first autocross on said slicks was a real eye-opener. There is no substitute.

We all saddled up Rocinante a couple weeks back, rearranged all the mesas in the room, and enjoyed some good chile at Cervantes on Gibson. The wrought iron, wall tapestries, and morion helmets added to the night’s 16th century vibe (good thing the guac mole wasn’t that old). The service was very good too, considering the size of our group. Our next social will be Fiesta del Porsche over Memorial weekend.

Bob Blossom will lead a practice version of his “Georgia O’Keefe Country” tour on May 15th. This tour will go through Abiquiu, Gallina, Cuba, and some of the most beautiful roads in the state. This tour is limited to the first twenty cars that sign up for it. Cost is $10 per person and will include lunch. Contact Bob at bbloom@cybermesa.com to sign up or get more information.

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We’ve got a large out of state contingent already signed up for Fiesta del Porsche this year. As you read this, there are only a few days left before registration closes on May 15th. Please visit the website today and get signed up.

Speaking of websites, the Roadrunner Region site is currently undergoing a redesign process, specifically to take advantage of modern website design, functionality, and communication. Facebook, Twitter, RSS feeds, SMS messaging – these are examples of modern communication tools that we can use to get our Roadrunner message out to you, in a method, size, and timetable that you prefer. Part of that process, in keeping with modern communication and financial trends, will entail changing the delivery of our beloved Ramblings. We have contracts to with our advertisers to deliver our monthly newsletter through the end of the year, so this is not something that will change overnight. That said, in the coming months, we will investigate alternative methods and modes of delivery, including different types of mailings, such as event calendars and member directories. This is all good news as we enter the second decade of the millennium, as it reflects a modernization of the Region and a financial responsibility for our continued enjoyment of its many activities.

Speaking of activities, there are lots of them coming up as the weather warms, including the club’s signature event. If you’re a new member or a grizzled vet, I urge you to come out and play. I hope to see you soon. Take care!
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ON THE HORIZON

May:
- May 4: 6:00pm, Board Meeting at Porsche of Albuquerque
- May 8: 8am, Die Serie #3 at Route 66 Casino
- May 15: Drive-out led by Bob Blossom
- May 27: Fiesta DE day at Sandia Motorsport Park
- May 28, 29, 30: Fiesta del Porsche!

June:
- June 1: 6:00pm, Board Meeting at Porsche of Albuquerque
- June 12: Germany Invades Burque Car Show. PS Performance
- June 19: 8am Die Serie #5 at Belen Calvary Chapel
- June 26: 6pm New Member Social at Dennis Chamberlain’s house

Please check www.roadrunner-region-pca.org for up-to-the-minute scheduling changes and additions.

Drive out to Abiqui Lake
May 15, 2010
Meet: 8:30am
Location: Sheraton Uptown (Fiesta Host Hotel)
Back Lot
Picnic Lunch: $8.50

This is a practice drive for one of the Fiesta del Porsche drive-outs. We’ll travel north from Albuquerque via I-25 to 599 (the Vietnam Memorial Highway), past Santa Fe, through the beautiful Espanola valley then out across the Rio Grande and north along the Chama river into the red cliffs that captivated Georgia O’Keeffe. We’ll be stopping at Bode’s General Store for gas in Abiquiu, then on to Echo Amphitheater in the Carson National Forest. Next, back south for a relaxing picnic lunch next to the lake.

After lunch we’ll head west and back south along Hwy 96, through places like Youngsville, Coyote, Gallina, Regina, La Jara. This is sure to be a great day of driving and enjoying the scenery of Northern New Mexico.

Learn more and register at parade2010.pca.org
Registration closes June 20, 2010 so start planning now!

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Die Serie #3: Pre-Fiesta Autocross at Route 66
May 8, 2010
COMING JOIN US for a fun day of autocrossing at the Route 66 lot, with the lunch buffet included. Mac Sandford will be hosting and has promised a challenging new layout.

When: Saturday May 8. Registration from 8:00 to 9:00. Driver’s meeting at 9:30am. First car off at 10:00am* Driver’s meeting is MANDATORY both days!
Where: Behind Route 66 Casino, west of Albuquerque.
Directions: Go west on I-40 from Albuquerque, about 15 miles west, as you come down the hill, look for the big casino. Take exit.
How much: $50 includes lunch.
Contact: Mac Sandford at 505-850-3940 or e-mail at mac951@gmail.com
3rd Annual Germany Invades Burque at PS PERFORMANCE
Saturday, June 12

Lee and Kim Stauffacher invite you to bring your beautiful Porsche to their shop for the 3rd annual car show. There will be a DJ, raffles (including a raffle for free dyno pulls), 1st place and Best of Show awards, and lunch. Proceeds will benefit the Watermelon Ranch Animal Rescue. Lunch - $5/person (1 burger or 2 hot dogs, chips, potato salad, and beverage). Raffle tickets for a free Dyno pull are $1 each.

Discounted Dyno pulls ($30/car) for show participants after awards presentation.

Date: Saturday June 12, 2009
Time: 9:00 AM
Cost: $10 per vehicle for the car show
Location: PS Performance
10300 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM
Phone: 505-298-7185
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DS#5 June Sprints Autocross
at Belen Calvary Chapel, June 19, 2010

WHERE: Calvary Chapel Parking Lot, Belen. I-25 to Belen exit 195 (Business Loop 25), 3 miles to second traffic light (bear right to Belen at underpass), then left at Lopez Rd. to parking lot on left hand side going east. Pits in the rear, behind the building.

When: Mandatory Driver’s Meeting at 9:00am, First car-out at 9:30.

COST: $35 per driver
This will be a classic-style parking lot autocross with lots of cones, slaloms, Chicago-boxes, and hairpins: a great way to test your precision driving skills at moderate speeds and NO walls!

Sponsor: Lee Stauffacher at psperformance@ymail.com or 505-298-7185
www.roadrunner-region-pca.org to download the vehicle tech certification sheet
Please bring the following kinds of items for donation to the Barrett House: Canned food, baby-food, juice-boxes, Windex, toilet paper, fabric softener, bleach, detergent, kleenex.

Where: Leon Valverde’s place at 2518 Camino Catalonia SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124
gate code: #2278
An evening of getting together and mingling with your Porsche friends. Treat yourself to a good cause!

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Friday June 11, at 8:00 pm

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2005 Boxster
Lawrence E. Fisher
2010 997
William McKinney
2010 C4S
Karin Tomlinson
1990 911

RENEWALS:
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Neil & Elizabeth Alessio
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Many people have been contributing to our club’s charity, but there is still a lot to do. Join us at The Barret House for a walk through to see their facilities and all the good work they do to provide emergency shelter for women and children. If you’ve been wondering why the Roadrunner Region PCA selected Barret House, or why this is a worthy cause, now is a great opportunity to see what “all the fuss is about.” Remember if you would like to sponsor a charities event of your own, let us know.

When: June 9th 2010
Time: After the Owl Cafe Lunch
Where: 10300 Constitution Ave. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112
Why: To learn more about Barret House

Barrett House Foundation, Inc.
What’s All the Fuss About?
Come and Learn More
Viva la Fiesta! After a two year hiatus Fiesta del Porsche is alive and well and planning is well under way to make Viva the best Fiesta ever. Registration opened on February 1st at motorsportreg.com for the event. But, to ensure that you’ll get the special Fiesta room rate of $79/night, make your reservations through www.fiestadelporsche.com With such a great room rate even local residents may want to enjoy a “stay-cation”.

Viva la Fiesta kicks off with a special event this year: a High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) day on Thursday morning, before the official start of Fiesta del Porsche. If you want to learn about driving your Porsche at its potential you’ll want to register at the Sheraton on Wednesday, May 26th. The HPDE will start bright and early Thursday morning at Sandia Motorsports Park. This event is open to all PCA members and is a separate event from Fiesta. The cost is $130 per person and you can sign up through the Fiesta registration at motorsportreg.com.

Viva la Fiesta check-in officially starts at 3:00 PM, Thursday, May 27th and will be followed by a welcoming party with cash bar from 5:30 to 7:00PM in the Sheraton’s Baldwin Room, our hospitality room for the entire weekend. After the party, attendees are encouraged to dine at one of the many fine restaurants within walking distance to the Sheraton. You’ll find links to these restaurants on the Fiesta web site.

Friday morning, after breakfast (which is included every day as part of your entry fee) will offer two tours in addition to the traditional Concours d’Elegance at the Tanoan Country Club. Scott Mackie will guide a long driving tour called Central New Mexico Geology, Archaeology, and Semi-modern History (even the name is long!) featuring the Bandelier National Monument, site of Anisazi Indian ruins. Mackie promises to have everyone back at the Sheraton by 4:00PM, in time to freshen up before joining the rest of us at the Tanoan.

As an alternative, Friday also offers a short 75 minute guided walking tour of Historic Old Town. This tour will focus on the history, legends and lore of Albuquerque and should have attendees back at the Sheraton in time to get their cars ready for the Concours. A cash lunch will be available for both tours.

One of the star attractions of Fiesta is always the Concours d’Elegance, this year held on the driving range at the beautiful Tanoan Country Club. Andy and Marion Simon are your hosts for this low stress, fun event. Don’t worry, golfers will not be using the driving range that day, in fact, many Tanoan members will be walking among the Porsches dreaming about one of their own. Parking on the grass will start at 1:00PM, judging will begin at 2:00. We encourage everyone, even those not participating in the concourse, to park their cars on the driving range and enjoy a brat and burger barbecue at the Tanoan. The views from the patio are spectacular, even more so when graced with a rainbow of Porsches. The barbecue will start at 5:00PM and will be over in time to get our cars off the driving range and back to the hotel before night fall.

Saturday brings us the autocross and two drive-out options for those not interested in racing. This year autocross will be held at the Sandia Motor Sports track. Brian Leduc is your cross-meister and promises to make it a safe but challenging event. Paul and Melanie Dodd will have something special for the kids event, so children are encouraged to join us at the autocross.

The driving tours will take participants into northern and northwestern New Mexico. Bob and Cathy Blossom are your hosts for the Georgia O’Keeffe country tour and John and Elaine Rhein-schmidt are your hosts for the Black Mesa Winery tour. Please check www.fiestadelporsche.com.
for more details about these sure-to-be-enjoyable tours. Lunch is included at all of Saturday’s events.

Saturday evening will find us at a sunset dinner on the patio at Sandiago’s Grill at the base of the Sandia tram. We’ll have our cars parked in the west parking which we’ll overlook as the sun sets in the West.

Sunday is drive out day with two diverse drive outs planned. Sean Cridland and Sandra One Feather are your hosts for the Jemez Valley tour. This tour will feature a visit to Jemez Pueblo Indian village and a very special lunch of their traditional foods. This tour was offered during the 2005 Fiesta and was very popular. After lunch, they’ll take a detour from the regular route for a photo-op at the famous Gilman Tunnels where several movies have been filmed, including the more recent version of 3:10 to Yuma. At this point the tour will split. Those with Cayennes will continue on unpaved roads through the forest, while the road-going Porsches will go back on the pavement and rendezvous with the Cayennes near Fenton Lake.

Bob and Patricia Blackwell are your hosts for the High Road to Santa Fe tour which will take participants to the Sandia Crest overlook and up the famous Turquoise Trail to enjoy some shopping in Santa Fe. A cash lunch will be available for both tours.

And if this weren’t enough, throughout the weekend all registrants are encouraged to participate in Patricia Blackwell’s Gimmick Rally. Patricia has promised to make this a fun event. Remember, the Ashley Carroll award requires participation in all three competitive events, concours, autocross and rally.

After all this fun we will conclude the weekend at the awards banquet, featuring a presentation by PCA Past-President and raconteur Prescott Kelly at our host hotel Sunday evening. A cash bar will open at 6:00PM followed by dinner at 7:00. Again, check the Fiesta web site for menu choices. Prescott will be talking on the early history of Porsche Cars.

Registration for Fiesta del Porsche is open, so log on to www.motorsportreg.com and get signed up. Viva la Fiesta!

**Thursday, May 27:**
- Drivers Ed at Sandia Motor Sports track
- Registration and Welcoming Party – Sheraton Uptown Hotel – Dinner on your own after

**Friday, May 28:**
- Driving Tour - Central New Mexico Geology, Archaeology, and Semi-modern History – Scott Mackie tour leader
- 75 minute Walking Tour – Historic Old Town – History, Legends & Lore
- Concours d’Elegance – Wash & Shine – Tanoan Country Club driving range
- Burger & Brat Barbeque – Tanoan Country Club

**Saturday, May 30:**
- Tour 1 - Georgia O’Keeffe Country – Bob Blossom tour leader
- Tour 2 - Black Mesa Winery Tour – John Rheinschmidt tour leader
- Autocross – Included for one car – Brian Leduc course designer
- Kids Competition
- Sunset Dinner – Sandiago’s Grill at the base of the Tram

**Sunday, May 31**
- Tour 1 - Jemez Pueblo Feast Tour – Sean Cridland tour leader
- Tour 2 - High Road to Santa Fe – Bob Blackwell tour leader
- Awards Banquet – Guest Speaker Mr. Prescott Kelly
- Charity Auction: www.ruelkjames.com “Porsche-of-your-choice” original painting

**Gimmick Rally:** - all weekend -- ends Sunday at 3:00 PM – Patricia Blackwell rally master
1980 was a good year for Porsche. Peter W. Schutz, an American, took the helm of Porsche AG as its new CEO. He was a self proclaimed 911 aficionado who successfully crossed over the Porsche brand from the race track into the lucrative market of suburban American yuppies, giving the company a much needed boost in earnings.

30 years ago was also a good year for the Roadrunners. Fiesta del Porsche went off without a hitch and caused great commotion at the Plaza of the Governor’s in the heart of Santa Fe. The cars were grouped by color, painting the entire plaza like a Van Gogh canvas. Joan Christensen, newsletter editor accounts a tourist frenzy as they all took photographs of the vehicles, gazing at them with delight as the proud Roadrunners took pride as the hosts of such a wonderful event. Joan also points out the irony as one of the door prize winners of four tires was a Rocky Mountain member (name not provided) who actually owns a tire store.

Leon Valverde, Club Historian

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We should have known. The weather forecast for the weekend in Farmington was for rain all day on Saturday. That was the first bad omen. The second was the fact that responses from potential attendees were nonexistent. We headed off anyway in hopes that things would improve. There were three couples towing their Porsches behind them. In the lead, Tony and Jude Richey followed by Michael and Margaret Galaviz and yours truly and my wife Joan. They say that bad omens usually come in threes. Well, halfway between San Ysidro and Cuba a cloud of blue smoke pours out from Michael’s van. The drive shaft had separated from the rear end and ripped the transmission open. Fortunately a NM State Trooper stopped to help and was able to get a tow truck from Cuba to take Michael’s truck and trailer back to Albuquerque. It looked hopeless until Joan suggested that Michael unload his 914-6 from the trailer and, after ensuring that the truck and trailer were as their way back to Albuquerque, continue with the caravan in his 914-6. Sure enough, Mark Rochetti was right, within the hour the rain began. Too late to turn back, the band of hopeful autocrossers continued on to Farmington, had a swell dinner at Boon’s restaurant and went to bed praying for a weather change for the better.

Saturday morning came and our prayers were answered. The sun came out and Saturday was a perfect day for autocrossing on the biggest parking lot in NM. It had already been decided that Saturday be a practice day. The course was set and 16 autocrossers each enjoyed 12 runs, 6 in the morning and 6 more after a one hour lunch break. Later 15 of the attendees, mostly RRR members, enjoyed some camaraderie and a meal together at the River Walk grill Saturday night.

Sunday morning offered the same wonderful weather as Saturday and, while some of Saturday’s attendees opted not to participate on Sunday, they were replaced with late comers who arrived in Farmington Saturday evening or early Sunday morning. The course was reversed from the Saturday layout and tweaked by Tom Reynolds and Paul Dodd who made the course a little faster but much smoother. The net result was 17 drivers for DS#2 and the same 12 runs, 6 before lunch and 6 after. The fastest time of the day was Tom Reynolds in his Kart #81 turning 40.959. The fastest Porsche of the day was Billy Sapp with a 46.450. Billy was presented with a beautifully laser engraved stone plaque and my wife, Joan, won the 50/50 charity raffle benefiting the Barrett House. All in all everyone had a great time and can’t wait to do Farmington again.
I just bought a used BMW station wagon for ten thousand bucks. I use the Bimmer when I need to haul a bicycle, or building materials, or when I’m not in the mood for the intensity of the low slung Porsche driving experience. One thing it has in common with a Porsche is a lousy cup holder, so lousy that it’s hardly a cup holder at all. Whether in the Boxster or the Bimmer, I end up with my coffee cup between my knees. Only in my 993 can I put my mug down: in that car an aftermarket cup holder does an adequate job of holding a mug.

I cut BMW some slack on the cup holder issue, for after all there’s a drive shaft running through the central tunnel on that car, requiring placement of a cup holder up on a crowded dash. Not so with the Porsches. Mid or rear engined, the central tunnel on a Porsche, really a structural beam, should have plenty of room for a couple of recessed cup holders, ones big enough for a mug with a handle. But no, Porsche puts a small useless storage box on the tunnel and sticks cup holders on the dash, with a 2001 Boxster’s cheesy example being smack in the middle of things, and the 997’s elaborate arm arrangement being hidden away behind a spring loaded panel above the glove box. Any spills from either of them go all over the place, and they won’t hold much more than an aluminum can.

Conventional wisdom used to be that Porsches have lousy cup holders because they’re driver’s cars, and who would be sipping coke or coffee while piloting such an engaging machine? But today’s Zuffenhausen products are full of driver aids and distractions in their cozy cockpits, from heated and cooled seats to GPS moving maps, so what would be wrong with a couple of recessed cup holders, big enough for a proper mug? Would it look too much like something from a front engined car like a Toyota? Then how about having them hidden under a little tambor door? What’s the problem?

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What’s the Problem?

2010 AMR Charity Golf Tournament

What better way to spend a beautiful summer day than a round of golf with your favorite Porsche Club friends, to benefit The Boys and Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region. This year, we’ll be holding the annual AMR golf tournament on Saturday, July 24th. We are once again returning to the beautiful and private Woodmoor Pines Golf and Country Club in Monument, CO (conveniently located between Colorado Springs and Denver).

This is always a great chance for AMR and RMR members to get together and have some fun. As in past years the format will be a scramble, making it friendly to both regular and occasional golfers. Prizes will be awarded for top gross and net teams, as well as door prizes. We are also planning on our traditional hole in one prize of a brand new Porsche!

Registration is open to any and all club members, their friends, and family. Come one come all - have a great time and support a great cause.

When: Saturday, July 24th, 2010
Where: Woodmoor Pines Golf and Country Club, Monument, CO
Cost: $100 per player (includes greens fee, cart, unlimited range balls, door prizes, and a BBQ after the round!). Anyone not playing in the tournament can join our post-golf BBQ for a mere $10!
Registration: Sign up online at pcaalpine.motorsportreg.com. Deadline for registration is Friday, July 16th, 2010.
Questions: cjlennon@comcast.net or 719-487-2842.
I’m into my favorite part of the year now, the part where I come out and visit the Regions of Zone 9. Towards the end of March I made the trip from New Mexico up to Colorado Springs for the Alpine Mountain Region’s 35th Anniversary brunch. On hand were over 80 members and 11 presidents, going all the way back to the first and founding member: Fred Veitch. Although I’ve previously met many of the members of AMR at Fiesta del Porsche and/or Parade, this time I got to see them more in their element and I really enjoyed listening to their many stories of past “legendary” trips and track days. I’ve always been impressed with how cohesive a group the AMR people are and also with their accomplishments relative to their size. It was a great morning and I really feel as if I came away knowing much more about them and their place in the history of Zone 9.

The very next Saturday I was over in Amarillo, Texas for the Llano Estacado Region’s monthly breakfast meeting. For those of you know don’t know, Llano Estacado is the smallest PCA Region in the country and inhabits a part of the world where the pick-up truck and American muscle-cars are more at home. But that hasn’t dampened their spirit. In fact, it may be just the opposite. Several of their members have been to more double-digit figures of Parade participation and have made the trip to Germany to visit the Porsche factory. They are a tight knit group who show their enthusiasm with great pride. This was my second visit to see them and, being that they’re not too far away, I hope to continue visiting Amarillo regularly. (Not to mention that the hotel where I stay has a fantastic rib-joint right out the front door).

That takes care of my early spring visitations till I head down to the West Texas Region for one of their drive-outs. Last year I visited them in Lubbock for their biannual RUF event, which was a great time. This year we’re going for a drive-out into the Davis Mountains. I’ve heard it’s beautiful and I’ve never been to the mountainous regions of Texas, so I’ll be covering new territory. Plus, I’m looking forward to seeing another aspect of their club and getting to see old friends and meet some more new ones too.

Then it’ll be time for the Roadrunner Region’s Fiesta del Porsche on Memorial Day weekend. This year is a big come-back year for Fiesta since in 2008 and 2009 the Roadrunners gave it a sabbatical in favor of their own hosting of PCA Escape and the RMR/AMR hosting of Parade, respectively. Chairs Dennis and Joan Ledbetter have a great variety of competitive and recreational events planned and the weekend will be topped off with a talk by PCA Past-President Prescott Kelly. There will be drive-outs, an autocross, a show-and-shine concours, even a DE.

Lastly, Zone 9 is starting what I hope will be a new tradition in an effort to get more people to travel around the Zone to their sister Regions. Starting this year, the Zone 9 Challenge Cup will be awarded to the individual or couple who have travelled to the most events in a variety of Regions around the Zone. The Zone 9 Challenge Cup will be a perpetual trophy that will be held by the winner of the previous year for a year when the new winner(s) will take possession. All winners will have their name added to the trophy. I have enlisted an esteemed panel of judges made up of former Zone 9 Reps Dale Thero, Kathy Fricke, and Frank Barrett to look over entries for the Cup. There is no constriction as to what kind of events are necessary to attend, only that members visit a variety of the Regions in Zone 9. The Challenge is designed to encourage travel throughout Zone 9 to the various regions rather than to promote any particular type of event. We’re hoping to see lots of Porsches traveling around in Zone 9 meeting and making new friends. I can’t wait to present this cup to the first winners in December!

I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!
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Chasing Windmills at Cervantes

This was our first visit to Cervantes Mexican Food Restaurant on Gibson Blvd, and it was also our first time to try Thursday night for our monthly social function. Cervantes was a hit and the Thursday evening idea is – well, let’s just say the jury is still out. We had twenty-two in attendance which is definitely below average for our Roadrunner partiers. Cervantes is known for its red and green chili sauces that are sold internationally. The biggest hit with me was their margaritas. While true that I have never had a margarita that I didn’t like, it is ours were superb. Those in attendance were the usual suspects, although there was one guest – my sister Nicole who just moved here from Chicago a couple of weeks ago. Sooo……. The next social will actually be the New Members party, at my house in Corrales at noon on Sunday, June 20. Take a look at the advertisement in this issue for all the details. Hope to see you there!

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