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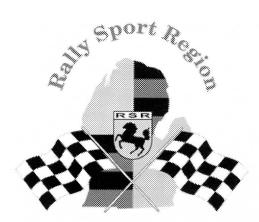


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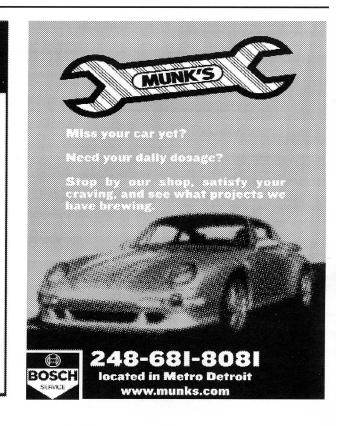
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# the paddock

#### By Mary Ann Kantrow, President

elcome to 2002! I hope everyone had wonderful Holiday and your New Year is shaping up as you wished. With the New Year comes along new faces that will be serving your club. Chuck Freitas will be taking over as Goodie Store and Advertising Chairpersons. He is replacing Dave Bates who started up our Goodie Store, and Chris Gibson. Both did a wonderful job in those positions and I would like to thank them for all their hard work. Kelly Roberts will also be taking over the Secretarial duties from Gary Starin. Gary will still be helping us out with our insurance needs but he has been doing double duty too long. Thanks Gary for all your hard work.

January 19th was our Annual Holiday Party. Sharon Winston did a fantastic job organizing this event. We were back at Fox Hills, which always provides great service and food. Sue Sarin had the responsibility for dessert and come through with a great cake for our event. We also had some great door prizes and everyone went home with something. Thanks Lisa Sandau for getting all the prizes! The evening was great fun and a prefect time to catch up with each other after the holidays. Look for pictures in this newsletter and on our website.

Our next event is at Kart2Kart on February 23. Please come and bring the kids for some fun on an indoor track and fulfill your need for speed. Brian Bennett has all the details and information will also be included in this newsletter and on the website.

Kelly Roberts is organizing a detailing clinic for the spring. We don't have a date set yet but most likely it will be in April, just in time to get your car ready for summer driving. Stay tuned for more details in future newsletters. To go along with that, Roger Garrell and Katie Sharp are planning a Spring Tour. We all know what a great job they do for our Fall Color Tours so I'm sure we won't be disappointed with their Spring Tour. They don't have all the details worked out yet but we should be able to get you an update for the next newsletter.

We already have our track days set for our Driver Educations Events. May 7th starts us off with our beginner's day. If you have never taking your car out to the track this day is the prefect opportunity to learn how to handle your car. All the dates have been set for the year and we will have them all posted on the Website and in our newsletter.

As you can see we have a lot of events already scheduled and some that are still in the planning stages. If you have any ideas for an event please contact me at (734) 998-1403 or email me at mkantrow@peoplepc.com.

See you soon.

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#### By Jim Dunham, RSR tech chair person Targa to Coupe Transformation Project.....Part I

There seems to be a difference of opinion on the stylishness of Targas. They don't do much for me so when I commented to fellow 911 owner Jimmy Fogolini that the only thing missing from his 1972 911 restoration project was a real roof; the wheels started turning! After a few weeks of modling it over he was convinced that turning his Targa into a coupe was a great idea and asked if I would help out. This sounded like a challenging project.

I just happened to have an old roof from a 1967 912 that I had parted out sitting around the shop for a future project. Because of the number of "future projects" mulling about in my head exceeded my available time, I figured this is one that I could afford to forget about. The 911 changed little over the years and I knew that the roof was basically the same up until the 90's or so. The 912 shared the same structure until its untimely end in 1976. The next step was to determine feasibility and decide if the basic roof dimensions would allow grafting the

coupe roof onto the Targa with confidence that it would work and not look like it was grafted on.

Once temporary cross-bracing was welded in, the Targa Roll Bar was cut off at the B-Pillars. The Sawzall is the perfect tool for this. Always wear safety glasses and ear protection when doing this kind of work.

The next step was to compare the dimensions and shape of the coupe vs. the Targa roof. It was soon evident that Porsche had made most of the structural parts the same between the Targa and coupe; the shape of the windshield, the B-pillar and

C-pillar contours, and the profile around the engine lid were all similar. The lower B-pillar and sides of the inner C-pillar of the Targa have "add on" reinforcements that are needed to improve stiffness and torsional rigidity. We left these in for added protection and strength.

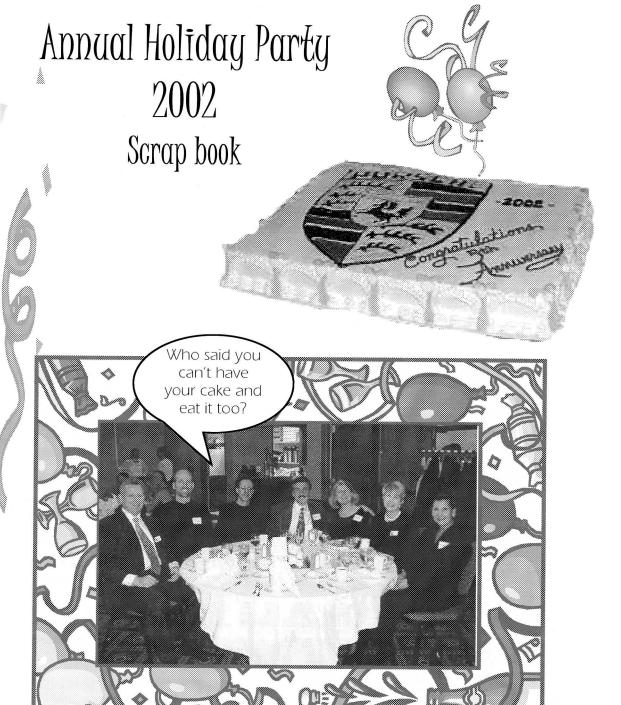
Luckily, the quarter panel contours and lower profile of the rear quarter windows are identical to the coupe roof and "points of grafting" were laid out to establish cut lines. I decided that the top of the A-pillar, 50mm behind the windshield, the base of the B-pillars, and the base of the C-pillars would be the graft points. The first roof bow on

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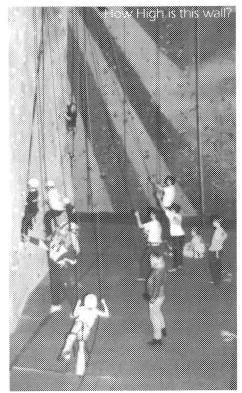
the Targa that is part of the windshield header was temporarily removed for future grafting onto the coupe roof. The sun visor attachment points would also remain in place.

While I started to plan the cuts I sent Jimmy off to Rennlist and E-bay to find some coupe door window frames and quarter windows, which are the main parts he'll need to convert the Targa to the coupe. The first order of business was to place cross bracing inside the car to keep everything in alignment while the Targa roof bar was cut off and the holes were welded in with patch pieces. These cross braces were made from square tubing and tacked into place along the door openings to tig

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December 1 was our 4th or 5th (lost track) annual Wall Climbing event. It was the biggest turnout that we have had. We had 32 + quest and members attend this year. A rather equal mix of adults and children attend the event. A great big thank you goes out to Nick (owner) and his associates at Planet Rock for all their assistance. Nick is a RSR club member and has extended his support for the club by assisting in this event yearly. This event is a large family event for our club. Family members and friends are always welcome. It was great to see such a large turnout, there where many new faces in the crowd. Not all of our events focus on track related activates. You may have noticed that they do, however, have food or adrenaline involved to suit either addiction.(;

We had some past on lookers become climbers this year. No not the hubby he remains to be the sought after belay person. However, club president, Mary Ann, and husband, Dan, where climbing participants this year. I even heard mention of doing this again.

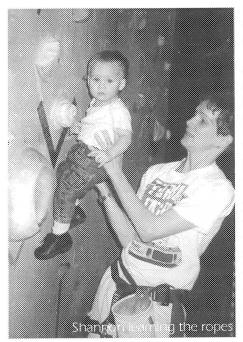
I had a really good time when I wasn't chasing down the fussy little one. It was a big day for her. Sometimes we ask a lot of her but better to get use to it now. She missed her late afternoon nap only to table dance at the restaurant. Hey, she earned \$2.11, got to pay for all those clothes daddy buys her some how! So now I've got your attention. It goes like this. . .

We meet some friends for dinner before the event and after an hour-long wait to be seated Shannon was a bit antsy. The restaurant staff frequently turns up the volume and dances around the restaurant (disco ball included). Shannon found this to be the opportune time to show off her prow ness. As she was already standing on the table (anything to entertain her at this point) she proceed to dance and clap with the staff and was so entertaining that she had two one dollar bills put in her pants and from a teenage friend his only change—eleven cents. Way to go!!! Made mommy proud and daddy very nervous.

I only made it up the wall three times this year, in the past I could go up—down—up—down all night. Well times have changed I've gotten wiser and older (ok older). I did manage to show Shannon the ropes, in the photo to the left. I wonder if they make a harness that small? I've already found a wet suit to fit, had difficulty with the snow goggles when we went skiing though.

Hope you will join in the fun next year. Lori Jo

Photos provide by Mary Ann Kantrow and Memo Sahinbas



Tuesday, May 7

May 23rd Thursday,

Tuesday, June 18th

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Thursday, August 22nd

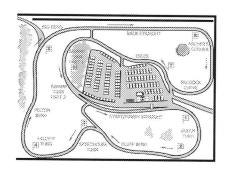
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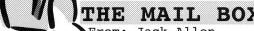
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From: Jack Allen To: Lori Jo

Hi Lori Jo,

We had a great time at the dinner last Saturday, and it was nice to talk to Mary Ann and Lisa and Bob Sandau and Glenn Trapp, and to meet some other people. Kim, my fiancée won a model of a 911 GT1, and it's been years since I put a model together. I'll have to get paint and glue all over again.

Thanks for letting me donate a couple of copies of my book to give away. I think Mary Ann won one of them, and I was very pleased to sign it for her.

Thanks again, Jack Allen



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- 1 Ground Hog Day
- 7 Monthly Meeting— Sahinbas house
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 23 Indoor Karting—Sterling Heights

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7 Monthly Meeting—

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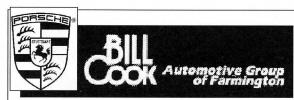
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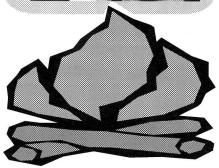
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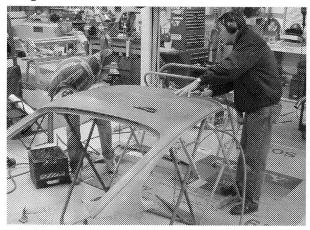
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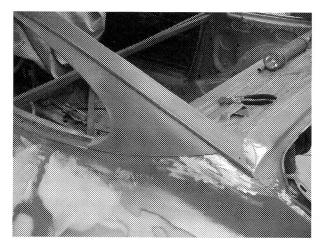
Kelly and Sue Roberts take home the prize their White Chicken Chili receipt won the evenings taste contest



#### Project Corner continued







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into the B and C-pillars. While I started the metal work, I sent Jimmy to the bead blaster to clean up the roof and bring it back clean and ready for welding.

←The Tuesday night gang helped out by trimming the coupe roof for final fitting

Time to cut. No turning back. Off with the Targa bar. Next came the transition point for the windshield and careful measurements revealed that making a cut 50mm from the front bend line profile of the windshield edge would line up precisely with the coupe roof. The rain gutters are slightly different at the top — with the Targa, they taper in to about 10mm. On the coupe, they stay wide the entire length at about 13mm wide. I decided I would deal with this problem later.

With the Targa bar gone, a quick trial fit of the coupe roof is done to start the process of trimming. It was soon evident that there would be many iterations of fit-trim-fit to get this right. This is a good time to put the Tuesday night gang to work cutting metal. The edges of the windshield header, the B-pillar and C-pillar all needed to be trimmed to ensure a good fit.

←The top of the A-pillar and the windshield is trimmed along the same 50mm line for proper match up. The rain gutter will need some additional metalwork to blend the parts.

The roof grafting points were mainly areas where the curved surfaces of the Targa matched the coupe. These "tangent" points could only be determined by trial fitting and by removing small amounts of metal to ensure a good match between the surfaces. We had the added advantage of having two other 911s in the shop for dimension reference.

←The C-pillar matched right up to the Targa quarter panel contours. The engine lid opening, rear window opening, and side windows were matched up. Inner patch pieces are still needed to tie the structure into the inner wheelhouse.

In Part II, we'll do the final fitting and get started welding the rood on. Stay tuned!

Jim Dunham, club technical chairperson

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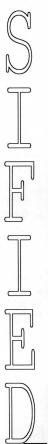
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#### By Lori Jo Sahinbas, Editor

It's down to the last minute of the last hour of the last day... You get the idea. The newsletter is looking a little different these days. I know I've had a month off to work on things but you know us artsy types we have to wait until the creative

juices flow. And some times you wait and wait and wait. I've enlisted the help of Emmanuel, remember him? We have some ideas for a new cover look and

logo so stay tuned. I've only been talking about a new look for a year now, maybe we'll actually get it done.

This issue had so many photos that I incorporated the scrapbook theme on one subject. A little harder to do on the computer than just cutting out paper. Yea right! Say that to someone who scrapbooks. I've given it a try

but that's a whole other can of worms. My big project this year was learning how to hand colour black and white photos. I love painting and taking photos is a natural or so I thought. There is such a big difference between black and white composition and colour. After rolls and rolls of film I enlisted the help of my ever talented husband who with my direction got the photos I was look for. Then all I had to do was to paint, matte and frame them. So months later I had a finished project, good thing it was for a Christmas gift or I would still be working on it. It all started with a free photo sitting for Shannon. This turned into a rather expensive "got to have it" hand coloured photo's of our precious little one. Remember Memo's motto "nothing to good for my little girl". Of course not as long as she keeps table dancing and bringing in the big bucks. For that story you'll have to read the

article on the Wall Climbing event.

Well as you can see in this issue there has been a lot going on in the past several months. The club elected a new board at the Annual General meeting so please make note of contacts on the Official Page. You will also note that we have enlisted several new chairpersons. Thank you Chuck Freitas for volunteering for the positions of Advertising Chairperson and Goodie Store Chairperson. And to Kelly Roberts who will be filling the position of Secretary and providing the monthly minutes. Garv

will be staying on as Insurance Chairperson but would like a brake from all that typing. And a great big thank-you to those that previously held these positions. Chris Gibson who took over Advertising Chairperson just to help me out was able to secure four new advertisers last year, way to go! Chris has found

that buying a home comes with more commitment then one can imagine and asked to be replaced. And David Bates, past Goodie Store Chairperson, will still be involved with the Charity Chairperson position and will once again be enlisting your assistance for ideas on events. Thank—you, thank—you, thank—you.

Well the little one just woke up so I'm off to do my mommy duties. Saved!

See you soon, Lori Jo

**Editors Corner** 

ERRORS, MISTAKES, AND OTHER EDITORIAL BLUNDERS: ?!\*&. I categorically deny being aware of making any such mistakes.

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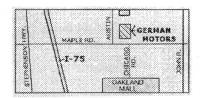
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