



THE SMUGGLER'S BOX opened by Randy Stolz

Edie's Scrapbook

It came to me last Thursday as I was alternately sorting through some old Anzeigers and doing some email. The Great 'Net had caught an inquiry from the club's website.

Message: *I am a former PCA member and have just unearthed some materials I think the club should have. Do you have anyone in charge of your archives???* The most important thing I have (I think) is the scrapbook I put together for the club when

we applied to host the 25th Porsche Parade in 1980. It contains lots of club information. Please have someone call me. Thanks! Edie



Scrapbook?

... Wow!! I've only met a few people in my lifetime, besides myself, that did scrapbooks. Imagine; a scrapbook about the club! I called immediately and we set a time to meet ... Her place around noon. As befitting the occasion I took the Porsche.

"C'mon in", she said as I peered through the glass storm door. A woman sitting in an easy chair with boxes all around stood up as I opened the door. I introduced myself as she shook my hand with a warm, "Hi, I'm Edie." I looked around. "The movers are coming in eight days", she said.



(Top) Edie and her scrapbook.

(Middle) Edie's 914 2.0 goes through its first tech inspection at the hands of Steve George.

(Bottom) Edie and Juanita in Hawaii.



Edie Leo, nee Woodside, got her

first camera (a Kodak Brownie) at an early age and began chronicling school and family events. In high school and college she worked on the yearbook and later as a teacher at Reynolds High School advised the yearbook staff.

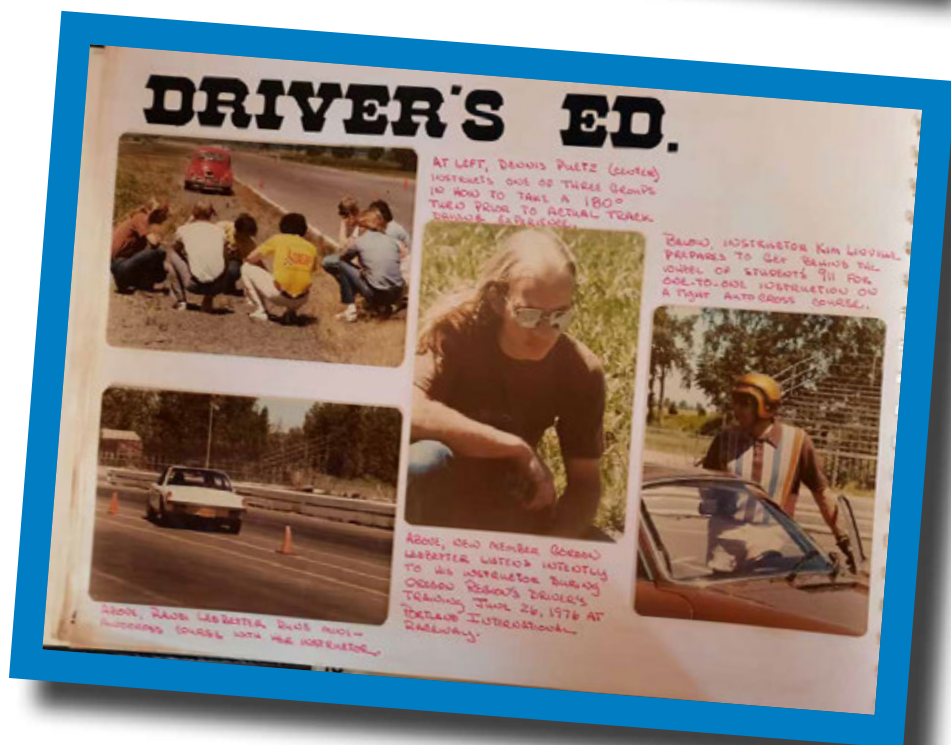
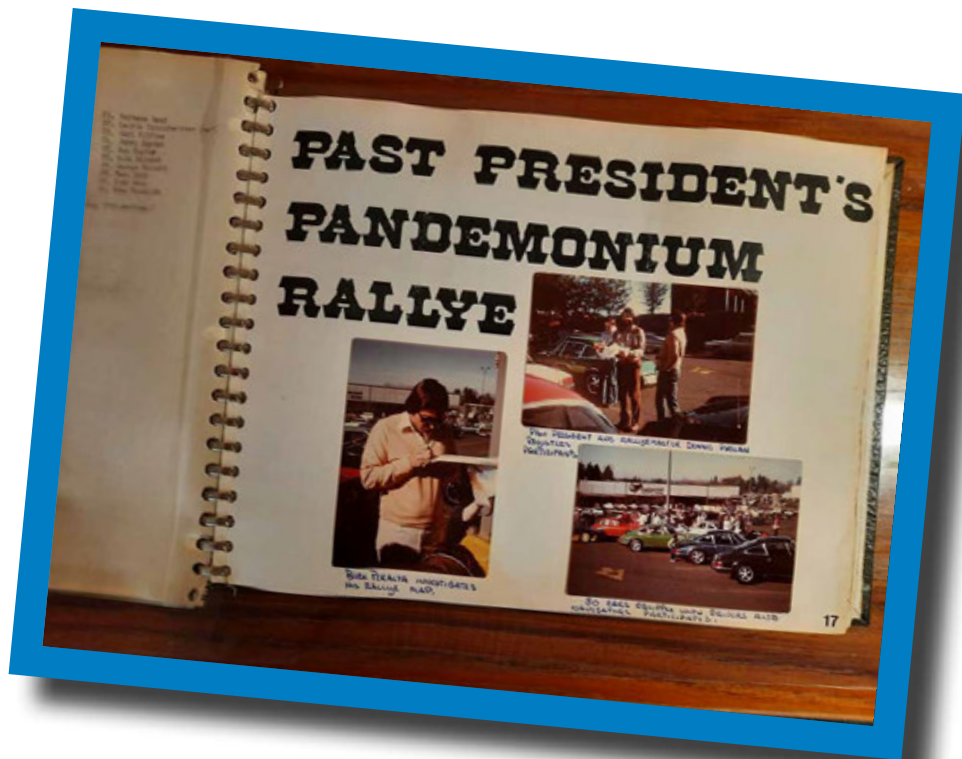
During her early years at Reynolds she met Roger Fantz, an ORPCA member who introduced her to the club, the members, and the love of the Porsche

automobiles. Roger, along with Bob and Juanita Caspell, helped her shop for her first Porsche ... a 1974 Limited Edition 914. It was black with a large yellow strip along the side that spelled out PORSCHE. Edie called it "Bumble Bee". Joining the club in 1976, she became the historian; hence her photo skills came in handy.

In all the excitement of meeting Edie, looking through the scrapbook and recalling old times I forgot to conduct a proper face to face interview. Realizing this, we did it by email a few days later ... continuing in her words.

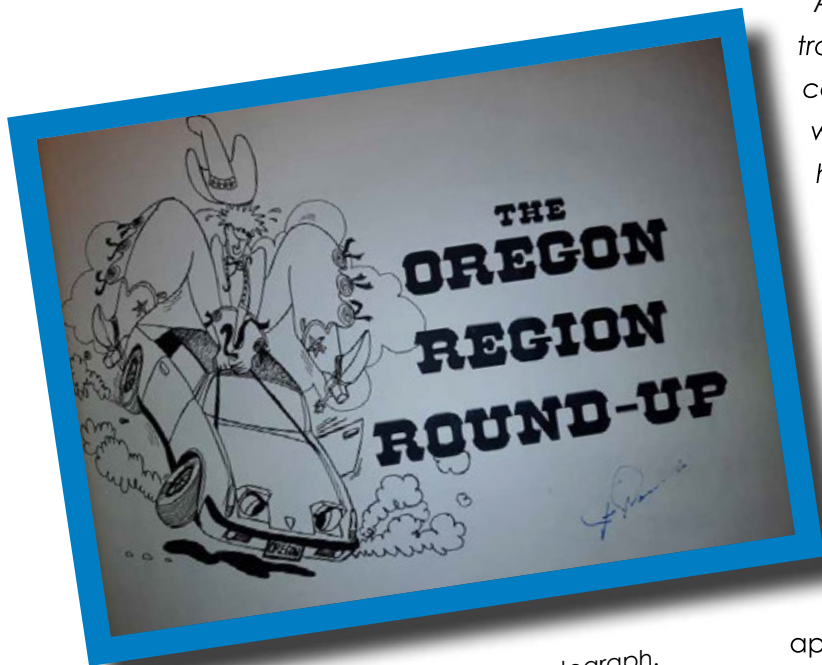
"My memories of those years are of learning to prepare a vehicle for the Concours d' Elegance events I entered; learning to drive Bumble Bee at high rates of speed at P.I.R., taking classes from Todd Webb and others. My favorite was learning to navigate a rallye course. Randi Ledbetter and I sure had some great times figuring out John Joyce's courses, but we did fairly well."

Indeed, this was one fast lady. Rummaging through some old boxes in the garage revealed some serious Autocross hardware: A 3rd place for AutoX in the 1976 Oregon Gas'em (a west coast, multi-regional event put on by ORPCA), a 1st place (women's 2nd div.) for the "Spring Fling" AutoX in '77, 2nd place B Stock WOWASCC May '81, 1st place B Stock "Pedagogic Frolic" AX July '81, 1st place from the Grand Prix at Portland Meadows - July '81, 1st Place Women - Rainier-KISN Autocross, and a 1981 Oregon Region PCA AutoX Champion Women's Division are just part of her collection. Her favorite (?) ... the 1st Place Autocross trophy from Whistler Weekend in 1983.





Moments from Rose Cup 1976



The "Front page" has Ferry Porsche's autograph.

Another piece of hardware includes a beautiful silver platter for her participation in the 25th Porsche Parade in Portland, Oregon. She goes on to say, *'that was a busy time for the club and many of us were wearing many hats. I think it was during that time that Peter Porsche came to Portland and I was invited to sit at his table for a large reception/dinner. It was a delight to hear him speak about his family and the company. I helped with Porsche Parade PR, setting up Timberline Lodge, and helping John Joyce with the rally. I remember being busy all the time, getting ready*

for the event, and then, BOOM! Mt. St. Helens blew up. If you were around the area during this time, I am sure you will remember the chaos that followed.'

Another Parade memory follows, *"I remember traveling with my good friend Mary Ann. Her 914 was called Blue Bird...gorgeous color with aluminum shiny wheels, and the PCA club from Eugene to Reno for a huge Porsche Parade (1982) during my years with the club. It was a great event and one of my fondest memories ..."*

The Scrapbook (signed by non-other than Ferry Porsche) recounts through pictures and text the meetings, events, community service, and other information about ORPCA in 1976-77. That was the year we won PCA's Region of the Year under the leadership of Dennis Puetz. There were about 180 members; more if you count the associates. The impetus for its creation by Edie was part of the application for the 25th Porsche Parade in 1980 which ORPCA won and hosted. Titled, "The Oregon Region Round-Up", there are 130 pages of snapshots with handwritten captions, clippings, letters of appreciation, and documents.

It's impossible to describe the feeling that comes over you looking through this labor of love. It was a simpler time. I daresay the average age of members was much younger and the enthusiasm was over the top. At once there is envy and challenge. How could so few do so much? All the while you get a sense of a tight knit group having loads of fun ...

and then some. It's very personal.

There are pictorial gems in here ... lots of paisley, bellbottoms, and beards. Nobody has ears (they're all covered with long hair) ... John Lennon and Yoko Ono ... Sonny and Cher... you get the idea. There's a fresh-faced and athletic Gary Feldman in denim and "new" members Gordon and Randi Ledbetter doing Driver's Ed. I think it took.

Dennis and Susan Phelan, Shelby Newman, Rick Black, Steve and Lori George, K.C. Forrester, Win Casey, John Joyce, George Baker, Sam and Barbara Egli are in here along with such supporters as Todd and Mary Webb, Wayne and Darlene Ditsworth, Bill and Joyce Shores, Bob Hicks, Kim Linville, and Monte Shelton. As always, there are many other members worth mentioning here; all doing their part.

The Past Presidents' Rally, the first annual Otter Rock Weekend, the Corvette Challenge, a Concours, trips to the Long Beach Grand Prix, and Kah-nee-tah are here. The "Team Oregon" of John Joyce, Steve George, and Kim Linville travel to Parade in Brainerd, Wisconsin to contest the Concours, autocross, and rally in Kim's "Ol'Green" 911S. ORPCA answers the phones at a telethon and conducts registration for the March of Dimes. There's more of course. I'm hoping to get this scanned onto the website (somehow) but the large format will be a challenge.

On the last page it reads, "This scrapbook comes from the loving space in which Edie Woodside exists".

Indeed. We love YOU, Edie. The members of ORPCA are forever in your debt.

If you have something to contribute to the Smuggler's Box, or ORPCA, contact me at historian@oregonpca.org . ■

