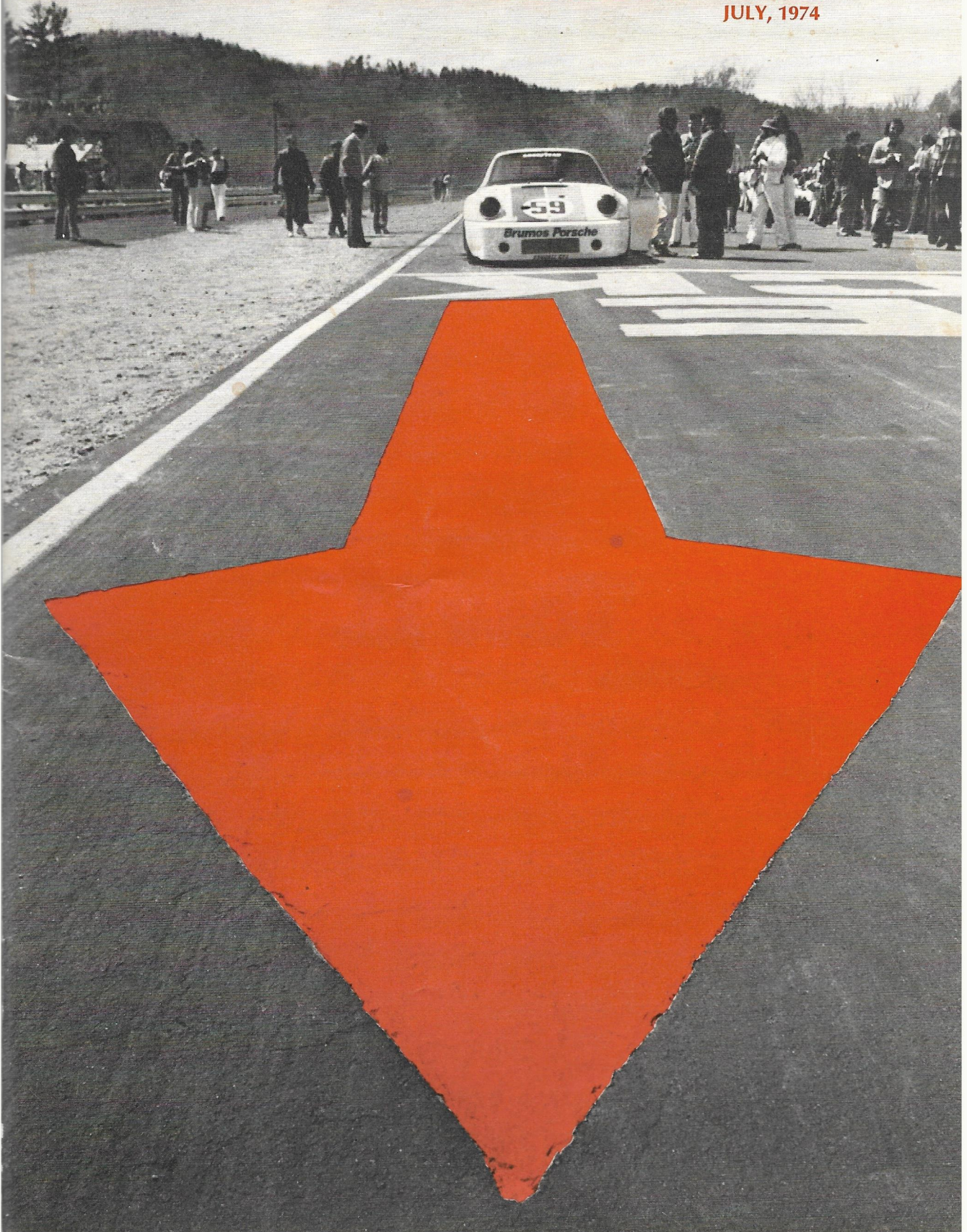


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ALASKA REGION: 1974 Braille Bonanza Grand Prix

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When a group of young people with an adventurous spirit met up with a group of Alaska Region Porsche Club of America members in a high school parking lot recently, the result was an action-packed afternoon under sunny skies called the 2nd Annual Braille Bonanza Grand Prix.

The young people were a group of visually impaired kids who, during this past year, have set out to knock down the limitations and barriers normally placed before persons with sight impairments. This they have done through participation in various planned activities which have included roller skating, ice skating, cross-country skiing, dog sled mushing, camping and fishing! Recently, they added new feathers to their caps as they acted as navigators and copilots in a Porsche rally and autocross, reading their navigational instructions either in braille or in large-size print.

Here is how the day went: Following everyone's arrival and the match-ups of drivers and navigators, the teams retreated to their own cars so the navigators could become familiar with the Porsche and a check of safety equipment could be done. Then, after a brief driver's meeting, the rally was held followed immediately by the autocross. Miss Alaska, Darby Moore of Kenai, acting as trophy girl, then presented trophies to all navigators and drivers, and following the awards ceremony everyone trooped out to the local McDonald's, which donated supper for the group.

Overall first place in the event went to navigator Joan Lehmkuhler in a yellow '73 911S, driven by Chuck Jennings.

This event, and the entire activity program for these youngsters is coordinated and run by Bill Boyle, PCA, Secretary/Treasurer who is incidentally the 1973 A-Stock Autocross Champion with his 911S. He was aided in this year's Braille Grand Prix by Rally Master Ross Bordwell, and John Flora, Anchorage Police Department community relations officer, who provided colorful commentary over the P.A. system.

Trophies were all donated by Mr. Claude Bovey of Bovey Trophies in Anchorage. His generosity and the generosity of everyone who gave their time to work on this event, including all the drivers, and volunteers resulted in an exciting experience that an adventurous group of young people from Anchorage will never forget. And that is noteworthy indeed.

McDonalds gave Alaska Region the cards (good for free food), and the same "hospitable" message was typed in braille for the kids.





Miss Alaska, Darby Moore, awards the First Place Trophy to Joan Lehmkuhler and her driver, Chuck Jennings.



Chuck Connell shows the features of his 911 to his navigator, Mario Dyer.