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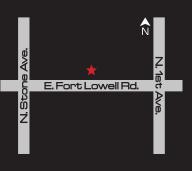
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Photo by Hal Tretbar

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President's Corner By Pat Norris



September is here! There have been a few events (online only, so far) but this month we have our Driver's Education event coming up.

The Robert Dearing Memorial DE on September 26th is the first "in person" event since March. There are restrictions (only experienced drivers, no spectators, one person per car) but it will be a chance to see folks and enjoy an overwhelming amount of track time. Your DE team has been working hard on this event with safety and fun clearly in mind. If you haven't already signed up, now is the time.

The online membership meetings have been well received and pretty well attended. Hal Tretbar has presented in the first two meetings. If there is anyone who would like to present something at a meeting, please let me know. I want to give Hal a break to sit back and watch.

September also approaches the time of the year when we elect our new board for next year. Our club really runs on the efforts and ideas of the members. It has been a year filled with challenges and opportunities, and without the support of the Board of Directors, the chair-people, and interested members, I do not know how we would have fared.

If you have ever thought about joining the Board, are a chair-person coming back for another year, or have some ideas for an event or two, please contact Lee Cuevas. Lee is going to be looking for candidates for next year, and is also a good contact for open chair positions.

As Arizona cools off a bit, let's look at how we can finish 2020 strong and prepare for a running start at 2021.

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Editor's Column By Debi Norris

One of the highlights each year at the Porsche Parade is the presentation of various awards by the club to recognize the many volunteers that keep this club running. This year, since there was no

Parade, there was Virtual Awards presentation. I was very excited to see that our newsletter won an award! We took second place in our division.

Putting together this newsletter each month takes a whole team – I do the layout and design and put everything together, then Barb Crowley proofreads all the articles and keeps me on track of all the details, Cindy Lee posts the finished product on our website and Jim and Kathleen send the final link out to all the members. That is a lot of people working very hard to get this newsletter out each month! Thank you to all their hard work that allowed us to earn this award.

I am planning on attending the Parade next summer in French Lick, Indiana. Maybe we will win again and I will be able to receive the award in person!

In the meantime, it is nice to finally have some events on our calendar again! Both events are driving events. Our Robert Dearing Memorial Driver's Education at the Musselman Track is coming up later this month. In November, we will be heading out to Inde for a combined event with our neighbors to the north, the Arizona Region. It will be great to get out and drive again!

Take care and stay healthy! Debi



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Upcoming Events





September

01 - Membership Meeting

20 - Drive Your 356 Day

26 - Driver's Education at Musselman

All events subject to cancellation or postponement due to COVID-19 restrictions. Check our website at pcasar.org for upto-date information.

October

17 - Tucson Classics Car Show - In person event is cancelled but they are still having an online raffle for charity.

23 - Carrera Region - OctoberFiesta

December 12 - Holiday Party

Are you missing your Porsche friends?

They are missing you, too! Since we still can't get together in person, let's have another

Virtual Membership Meeting!

Tuesday, September 1st

Check your email for more information about how to register so you can

attend this virtual event!

Looking forward to "seeing" everyone!



Join us for our Robert Dearing Memorial Driver's Education (DE) Event Musselman Honda Circuit!

Saturday, September 26th

Continuous lapping with a passing zone. The most track time for a one-day event in the Tucson Area! All makes of vehicles are welcome. Because of COVID this event is for experienced drivers only.

PCA is currently not allowed to provide in car instruction for novice/1st time drivers because of social distancing.

Registration Fee: \$145. Registration is limited to 30 drivers so sign-up early. No registration at the track.

New requirements as follows:

We now have minimum track entry requirements and a Corona Virus Mitigation Plan you MUST read, download and sign.

- Do not come if you are sick or show any symptoms
- Face mask and cell phone are required for entry
- Must read & sign the Corona Virus Mitigation Plan
- 2 people maximum per vehicle entry... Exception for parents with children
- Driver/rider and 1 guest: no spectators allowed
- Maximum participants allowed is 49
- No Pets
- When you leave your area (Bubble/Pit Box) you must wear a protective mask

Sign-up at <u>https://pcasar.motorsportreg.com/events/pca-sar-robert-dearing-</u> memorial-de-musselman-honda-circuit-southern-arizona-388683

Drive Your 356 Day - Sunday, September 20

By Barb Crowley – Lifetime Member

Drive Your 356 Day is an international event with owners of 356s world-wide driving their 356s to honor Ferry Porsche's September 19, 1909 birthday. SAR has no official plans for an event, but encourages our many 356 owners to get their old cars out on the road on Sunday, September 20. We will probably still be experiencing very warm temps, so get out early in the day. Be sure to take some photos to submit to the *356 Registry* magazine, which publishes pictures of the day from all over the world. Photos may be sent to: <u>membership@356registry.org</u> and must include the location of the photo, subject ID, car type and your name. The magazine for the *356 Club* of Southern California is also accepting photos that may be sent to: <u>rexmcafee@yahoo.com</u>.

Note: The Arizona 356 Outlaws club is holding a DY356D driving event on Sept. 20 for its members. Masks required. For details, visit their website at: az356outlaws.org *Editor's Note - Submit your pictures to newsletter@pcasar.org and I will display them in the October ZN.*





Speed Bump Slow Down For Some Automotive Tales - By Hal Tretbar *Excellence* Photo Shoots

This is the story about photographing two Porsche articles for *Excellence- The Magazine About Porsche*. It all began in 2006 when

Tucson pharmacist Jill Davis-Curtis saw a car for sale on the side of the road. It was a 1982 Porsche 935 911 Turbo with a body modified by the German company Evex. Jill fell in love with the Evex. She had it repaired and painted in its original Light Blue Metallic. It became her daily driver.

After wining prizes in local car shows and concours, Jill and husband Carl Curtis decided to attend the 2007 Porsche Parade in San Diego. It was there that the Evex caught the attention of sports car writer Peter Linsky. Jill agreed to have Peter write up her baby for *Excellence* magazine. Peter asked if there were any known automobile photographers in the area. Somehow my name came up because of our friendship in the Southern Arizona Region of Porsche Club of America. Challenge accepted.

I was driving east on 22nd street to meet Jill at her residence

to talk about photographing the car when something caught my eye. The side of a building next to a parking lot had just been painted. Vibrant colors flashed in my vision as I pulled in to check it out. What a back ground for a photo shoot!

I talked to the manager of the furniture store and he agreed to my proposal. If Jill could drive over now, he would have the employees move their cars on the parking lot. Jill was there poste haste and the unplanned shoot was a success. The light was perfect. The Light Blue of the Evex was enforced by the yellow and purple of the wall. I shot various angles and compositions. The best image became a double page spread in Excellence. Then it won first place in the 2009 Porsche Parade photo contest in Keystone, Colorado.

Several years later Jill and Carl returned to their home base in San Diego and I have lost track of this fabulous 1982 935 Turbo.

Last September I received an email from Peter Linsky saying he was writing a story about a 911 RSR in Phoenix. Would I be interested in photographing it? Oh yeah, hell yes. My



I placed the Evex so the yellow-purple line hit the end of the windshield. The low, slightly tilted angle led to emphasis on the front and kept the vertical wall lines straight.

Speed Bump continued

camera batteries were fully charged and ready to go!

Again, Peter had spotted an outstanding and different 911 at the Porsche 2019 Werks Reunion in California. He had watched an intensely black, retro '86 911 RSR with blue accents win the Michelin Sponsors Choice Award.

I asked my friends Barb and Vern West from Gilbert, AZ to shoot with me. I had worked with them for many years. We were all Trip Leaders for Arizona Highways Photo Workshops. So first of all we did a scouting trip to meet James Patrick III of Patrick Motorsports and check out the reconstructed 1986 911 Turbo RSR.



Jim Wheelock, myself, and James Patrick at Patrick Motorsports in Phoenix.

James is the owner and enthusiast behind Patrick Motorsports in Phoenix. He is a Phoenix native with a business degree from the U of A and a fine arts degree from ASU. He opened his business in 1989 and basically limits the garage to air-cooled models. He is widely known for his restorations and ability to do everything in house. He has sections for metal work, engine construction, upholstery, paint shop and a complete machine shop to fabricate his own parts. The place is immaculately clean to the point you could eat off of the floor.



James put together his dream car, starting with a partially restored 1986 Carrera 3.2 liter from a New Jersey body shop. He ended up with a retro look 1973 long hood, wide body turbocharged RSR clone with as many tricks as he could come up with.

After modifications, including the turbocharging, the engine dynoed at 520 horsepower at 6,600 rpm. All body parts were strengthened to handle the power including the suspension and brakes.

I shot this view from a ladder high enough to separate the red bumper from the black fender.

Speed Bump continued

The intensely deep black paint has a hint of Navy Blue. It is offset by the Regatta Blue leather that covers most of the interior. The form-fitting seats are done in the Clan Guthrie Tartan pattern. Patrick gives full credit to his in-house upholstery shop.

In almost any automotive article describing a particular car, there are images that are almost de rigueur. The next time you peruse such a story, look for the following: the first page should be a zinger; and then mandatory views of side, left front three quarter, and back. Look for different angles such as low, high, wide, and with different lighting. There is always a view of the dashboard and the engine compartment and often the seats. There must be shots of small details such as side mirrors, handles, rims, etc. Almost always there is the well-composed shot of the vehicle zooming down a picturesque road.

All in all, it was a fun and challenging time. Seven of our photos were used. Getting the cover of the August issue is almost like winning the lottery!



Vern West brings out the kneeling pads for low angle shots. The Motorsports garage was spic and span with bright, even lighting, leading to brilliant, colorful images. James and his crew were very helpful when we wanted to shoot different areas and angles



I lined up this view so that the black RSR just barely overlaps the red, blue and silver cars in the background.





Always shoot a vertical. This was taken in front of the garage. And surprise! It graced the cover!



The first two pages of the article show us speeding along the freeway with Papago Park as a background. I'm in the back of a pickup hanging on with one hand and shooting with other at 70 miles an hour. Notice how the blue borders complement the photo.





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HDPE - South Course

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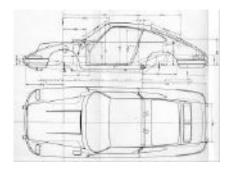
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Project Corner By Pat Norris

Follow along as Pat restores a 1972 911 that raced at the 24 Hours at Daytona back to racing form.

The FrankenPorsche project reaches another milestone.

I recently got the tools needed to measure the stroke on the crankshaft in hope of learning more about the motor that came out of the 911. I continue to clean. Plan. Measure. Shop for parts. And, then the project reached that milestone that so many projects often reach: I realized it was going to take a lot longer to finish than I first anticipated. It was time to admit that the FrankenPorsche would not be ready for Inde this fall.

Fortunately for me, this milestone was reached at the same time I was showing my very supportive wife pictures of a red 944. I think Debi's favorite Porsche is the 944 (*Editor note: It is!*). Debi pointed out that the 944 in question was for sale, probably didn't need nearly as much work as getting the 911 back on the track, and I would be able to drive a Porsche at the track events again. Calls were made, a deal was struck, and before I could anticipate, the red 944 S2 in these pictures arrived at our house.

I'm giving the 944 a good service, updating a few things, and will have it ready for the DE this month. And, if all goes well, I will continue to drive a Porsche on the track while I keep working on getting the 911 ready. Another milestone reached.





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Willkommen, Bonjour, Glad to Meet You By Kathleen Kendler – Membership Chair

First, I would like to congratulate Debi Norris and staff for the PCA National second place finish for Best Newsletter in our class for 2019. The announcement was made at a virtual awards ceremony in August.

As of August 20th, 2020 there are no new members.

Dues News: Your SAR board met in August and decided that membership dues would not be required for 2021.

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I miss my Porsche family. I hope to see you in the near future. In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy. I can be reached at <u>membership@pcasar.org</u>.

PCA-SAR Has a New Website!

By Ed Koharik

Some of you may have noticed that the club has made some changes to the PCA-SAR website. The correct URL is now <u>https://www.pcasar.org</u>. However you can just type pcasar.org in your browser and that should get you there. Nothing else should have changed. Our old domain, pcasar.com, has been redirected to the new site so regardless of which URL you type in, you should wind up at the right place. The changes we made allow us to better manage our online presence. The new .org domain is more in keeping with the nature of our organization. We have also instituted SSL encryption to increase our security. Should you have any questions contact webmaster@pcasar.org.







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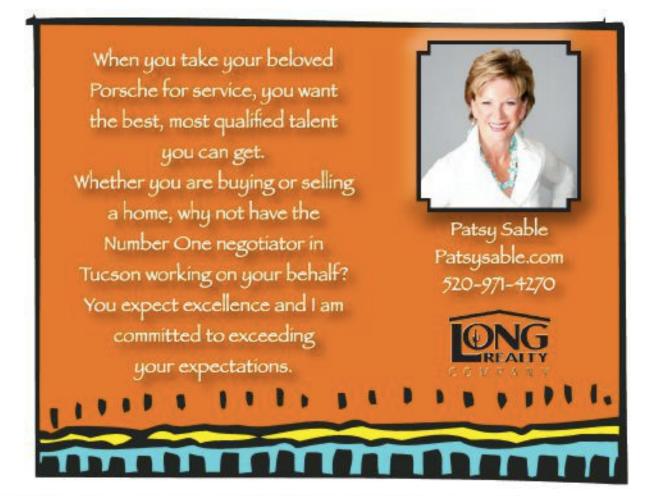
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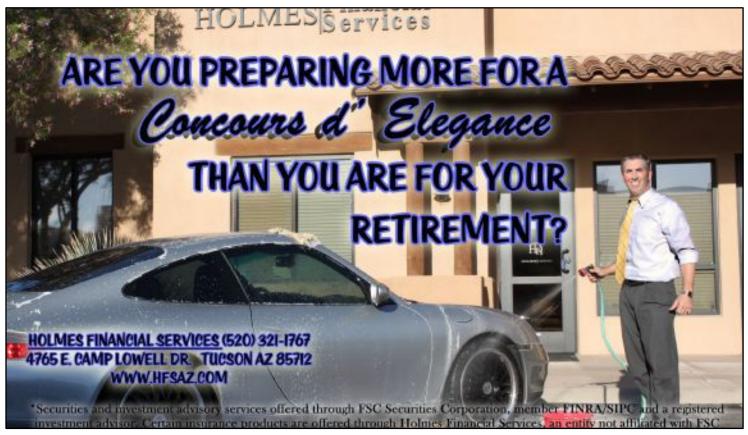
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