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President's Corner By Pat Norris



Events are coming!

While I have been a member of Southern Arizona Region for a relatively short time, I have noticed that club members enjoy events of all kinds – especially events that involve a good deal of socializing. While we are all doing what we can to be safe and healthy, especially around each other, a few more events would be nice.

This month, registration opens for Treffen Scotttsdale. The Arizona Region has been working hard to prepare. They have been doing everything from joining

other regions at virtual meetings to give all the hints they can on a successful registration to pre-running the tours so there will be as few issues as possible come time for the event proper. Many of our friends from Arizona Region are working on a fun and safe event for all - and it's so close by!

For folks who like a longer trip, Phase 1 of registration for the 2021 Porsche Parade in French Lick, IN, also opens this month. While it has become harder to get a spot for Treffen, Parades have been somewhat less of a challenge. Parade is a different experience from Treffen. But, they both have one thing in common - there is a lot of time to socialize with friends, both new and old.

Locally, more tours are already on the calendar - with more to come! DE event dates are being worked out. When we get the chance, I know members are talking about group trips to events in other regions. There are even plans in the early stages for some statewide gatherings, with an emphasis on tours, possibly covering all three regions in Arizona for a long weekend. The California Festival of Speed might have one more year at Auto Club Speedway in the fall.

Events might not be plentiful until fall, but now is the time to start planning to join your friends at fun and safe events coming up.

Stay safe, and I hope we can all enjoy some serious socializing at some fun events soon.



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Editor's Column By Debi Norris

My day job is teaching first grade. This year, I have a particularly talkative group of students. Two of my boys are very into cars - one loves Lamborghinis,

the other classic American trucks. They have had some interesting discussions, from a 6 year old's point of view, on the various merits of Lambos vs. trucks. Recently, we bought a GT-4 (you can read about it in my article on page 6) and I showed the boys a picture of our new Porsche.

"Wow," the Lambo lover exclaimed, "That's a cool car!"

"It's pretty awesome, even if it isn't a truck," the other boy commented.

"Can we have a ride?" they both wanted to know!

Now, I am not quite prepared to take my sticky-fingered first graders on a field trip to take a ride in our car but I sure enjoyed their enthusiasm.

Speaking of enthusiasm, I know many of us are ready get out on the road. Well, Kurt Fuerstenau has planned another tour for us coming up on March 6. We will be travelling out to Roper Lake State Park for another picnic. It is sure to be a great chance to get out of the house and get in a good drive.

In the meantime, be sure to join our Virtual Membership Meeting on February 2nd. Jim Kendler has lined up some guest speakers to talk about the upcoming Treffen in Scottsdale in May. It is sure to be interesting.

Take care and keep healthy!



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Upcoming Events





February

02 - Virtual Membership Meeting - check your email for details and a link

13/14 - Driver's Education/Time Trial - Streets of Willow - SDR

16 - Board Meeting

March

02 - Virtual Membership Meeting - check your email for details and a link

06 - Tour to Roper Lake State Park

15 - Driver's Education - Willow Springs - CCCR

16 - Board Meeting

29 - Autocross/Driver's Education - Streets of Willow - GPX

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



The Joy of Six

By Debi Norris

Pat and I have been crazy about Porsches for a long time. It all started back in 1989. Up until then, we were VW Bug folks. Pat had spent several years restoring a 1973 Super Beetle, nicknamed "The Slammer." I spent many an afternoon while we were dating sitting in a lawn chair on the driveway of his parents' house watching him work on the bug. Eventually, she was perfect and we had a lot of fun driving her all around Southern California. Then one day, while on a routine shopping trip, we got rearended. The engine case was cracked, the rear end damage was substantial and the insurance company totaled her. Pat was heartbroken.

We looked around for another Bug, but couldn't find anything that could come close to replacing our beloved Slammer. Then, one day, Pat saw an ad in the AutoTrader for a 1972 914. The car had been sitting in a pasture on a farm for quite a while but the engine ran and the car was solid. The owner suggested Pat take her for a spin and he was immediately hooked. Sure enough, we had our first Porsche!

Over the next thirty-plus years, our love of Porsche grew and grew. We joined the PCA and became active in all aspects of the club from driving events, to rallies, to socials. Eventually, we sold the 914 but a few more Porsches took its place – a 1986 944, a 1963 356, a 1972 911, a 2008 Cayenne and yet another 944 specifically for racing. Pat and I like to joke that our kids' inheritance is invested in German Metals.

A couple of years ago, we started kicking around the idea of buying another 2-seater Porsche like the 914. The kids were now grown and we loved to take road trips with just the two of us. We kept our eyes open but nothing seemed to really catch our fancy.

Then, in December of 2020, the stars aligned. We went on the club's tour to Parker Canyon Lake and happened to park next to Kai and Lorie Gerkey and their beautiful



2016 GT-4. We chatted with them for quite a while and they raved about how much they loved their car and what fun it was to drive. All the way home Pat and I talked about the GT-4. Should we do it? It would be so fun! Could we afford it? Yes, but the world seems so unstable these days. Were we crazy to even consider a sixth Porsche? We thought of the license plate on Kai and Lorie's car – YOLO – You Only Live Once!

About a week or so later, Pat sent me a text with a link to a 2016 GT-4 for sale in upstate New York. She looked incredible – a vivid yellow with all the options we wanted and less than 3000 miles on the odometer. We had found "The One." After a few anxious days of debating the pros and cons and trying to talk ourselves out of it, Pat and I looked at each other, grinned, and said "Let's do it!"



We negotiated with the dealer in New York and had the car shipped out here to Arizona. When she arrived, we knew right away we had made the right decision. It was like she was made just for us. We immediately set out for a day trip around Tucson, cruising up several mountain roads and, perhaps, exceeding the posted speed limit on one or two occasions!

The GT-4 joined the other five Porsches in our family and we named her Joy – The Joy of 6!

Tired of being stuck at home? Ready to get out and drive?

Join us for a Driving Tour to Roper Lake State Park!

Saturday, March 6, 2021

We will depart Tucson at approximately 8:30 AM and take a scenic drive out to Roper Lake State Park near Safford, AZ. We will enjoy a "socially distant" picnic lunch and you are free to explore the park and drive home on your own.

Come stretch your legs and get some fresh air and sunshine!

Registration at: https://pcasar.motorsportreg.com/events/pca-sar-tour-to-roper-state-park-lake-southern-arizona-507024

For more information contact: Kurt Fuerstenau. Email address: kdfuerstenau@yahoo.com or phone#503-351-0934.

Save the Date!

We will be having yet another tour on Saturday, April 3rd. Keep an eye on your email for more information!



Wednesday, May 5, 2021 to Sunday, May 9, 2021

Treffen Scottsdale - Spring 2021

PCA's Spring 2021 Treffen will take place over Wednesday, May 5 through Sunday, May 9, 2021, at the desert oasis of the JW Marriott Camelback Inn and Resort.

Join us for this 4-day event as we tour, explore, and experience the stirring beauty of the lush Sonoran Desert in and around Scottsdale, Arizona. Registration fee includes full breakfast Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; themed dinner with entertainment on Thursday, themed social on Friday, and closing dinner on Saturday. Event apparel and Treffen bag are also included.

Be sure to watch eBrake news and the PCA website for additional information. Treffen Scottsdale's schedule and activities can be found by visiting the Treffen North America website at treffen pca.org.

Registration opens Feb 24, 2021, at 3PM Eastern Time and will sell out very quickly!

Pricing will be available soon, and please note that all tours and activities are subject to change.

Look for announcements and additional information in e-Brake News, <u>PCA.org</u>, and our social media channels.

Oil Analysis

By Kurt Fuerstenau

Oil Analysis is a vital part of aircraft maintenance, along with gas/diesel vehicle fleet maintenance. It is also becoming more common in consumer circles for private vehicles. This is also an important portion of a Pre-Purchase Inspection, as part of a used car purchase. With the introduction of the 986/996 cars in 1997/1998, and concern regarding the IMS bearing, more Porsche owners are using this test to evaluate the health of both the bearing and general wear of the engine. If detected in time, the bearing is easy to replace without engine removal or tear down. I would also recommend this test with the 987/997 cars as well, even with a much lower failure rate, as the bearing replacement is much more expensive because it requires engine removal and tear down. Another opportunity is following an engine rebuild.

The sample can be taken in two ways. With the longer life oils such as Mobile 1, the sample can be taken periodically with a tube in the sump, and a small suction pump, or at the oil change. Drive the car to operating temperature, cool for twenty minutes, and take the sample. Have the shop collect the sample mid flow, if at oil change. Be sure to ask and receive the used filter, so you can open to check for metal fragments. Also, use a magnetic plug, and have the shop give you the old plug and exchange for a new one.

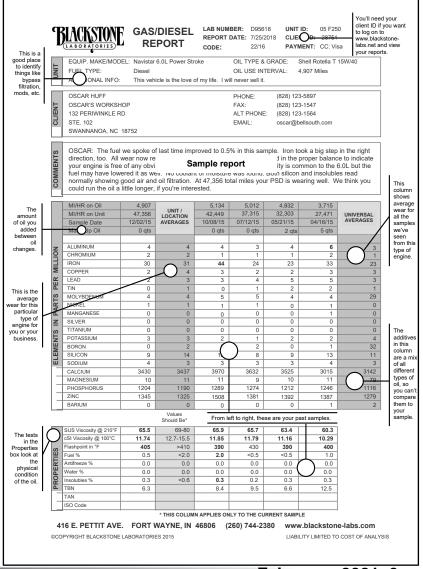
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Your test results will arrive soon with a detailed list of results, and recommendations. They will also log and provide every test as done periodically.

Be sure to provide all the requested information, as it will provide you with a complete account of your cars engine/oil health.

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

It is January 20th, 2021 as I finish this article to send off to the editor. I was excited to say goodbye to 2020 but so far 2021 isn't much better. The country is in an uproar and Covid is rearing its ugly head with promises of being nastier than ever.

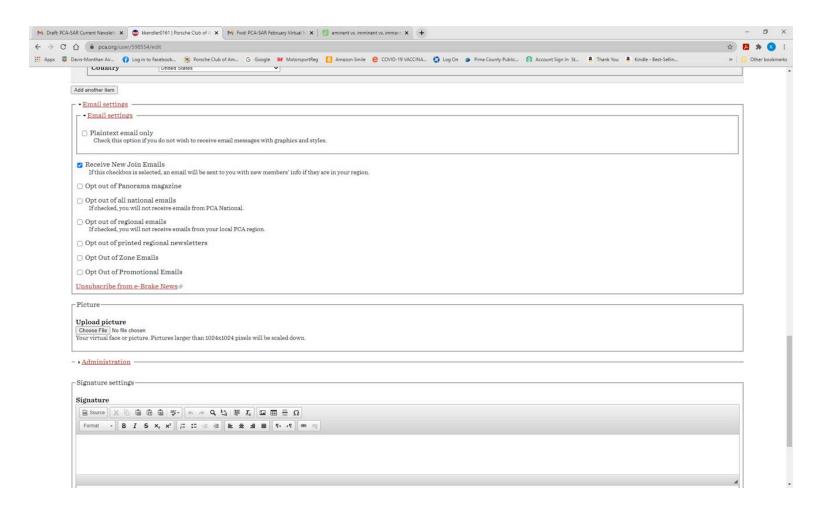
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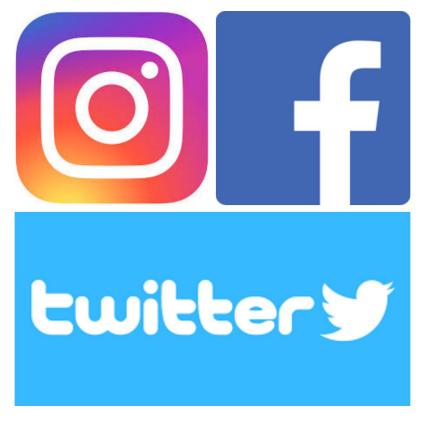
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Farewell Audrey Cramer

By Kathleen Kendler - Membership Chair and Lifetime Member

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you of Audrey Cramer's death. This kind, gentle soul passed away January 12th from Covid. She and her husband, Kurt, have been members for a very long time. If they were not founding members, it was very close. Audrey was the secretary for our club in 1971, 1978, 1985 and 1992. She and Kurt were the 3rd and 4th Lifetime Members inducted into our club. Audrey and Kurt attended most meetings and events until health concerns prevented their attendance. She also was an avid participant in Cinco as regristrar and scorer for the carshow. I also know Audrey was the driving events registrar for many years before my time in the club. Audrey was a welcoming soul, she went out of way to make new members feel welcome and comfortable.

I enjoyed spending time with her at events and the few times I was privileged to keep her company at the hospital while waiting on the outcome of Kurt's operations. I learned a lot about her family and herself. I can only thank the Lord for allowing me the privilege to call Audrey my friend. Audrey you will be missed.

I had input from Barb Crowley on this article. Please feel free to send me notifications of current or past members that may pass. As membership chair, I feel the need to notify our membership and remind them of the people who supported and promoted the club.



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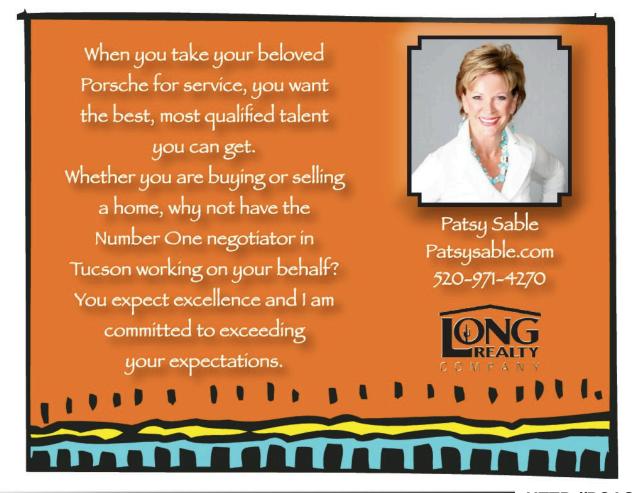
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