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## President's Corner

By Pat Norris



I would like to thank all the folks who served the club this past year. Under the best of times, coordinating events and meetings can be difficult, and the challenges of the past year have added extra surprises - but nothing our club could not handle.

This past year, I'm happy to have seen SAR members participating at a wide variety of events outside of our region, and I hope everyone has found it as rewarding as I have.

In the coming year, in coordination with the other Arizona presidents, we hope to make it even easier to plan and participate in other regions' events. We have been discussing a number of issues, and one change we are making is sharing more of the wonderful events that we all enjoy with a wider group of Porsche friends.

A lot of the Zone 8 events are in SoCal, but there are many events that are much closer to home. As we are closer to Arizona and Arizona Mountain regions than pretty much any of the California regions, we will now be publicizing regional events across all three regions. In this very issue, we have events listed for the next couple of months in both regions to the north, and they will be listing our events, too. The "3 Amigos" want to encourage all Arizonans to enjoy the activities in our clubs.

So, take a look at the calendar. If you find an event that catches your interest, I am sure that you will find the Arizona Mountain and Arizona regions will welcome you, much as we look forward to welcoming their members.



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## Editor's Column

By Debi Norris

This month's issue of the *Zuffenhausen News* was fun to put together. It has been way too long since I had so many activities to report about! From a great

DE out at INDE Motorsports Ranch to a Concours School up in Phoenix to a Winery Tour near to home, November was a busy month! It is so nice to have many events to fill the pages of our Newsletter again!

December slows down a bit with the Holidays, but be ready to ramp things back up again in 2022! The club has many events in the planning stages – multiple tours (including an overnight), a multi-club Car Show with other German car clubs, a Movie Night, and even the possible return of our premiere event, Cinco!!! 2022 should be a great year for PCA-SAR!

As we come to the end of 2021, I want to take a minute to thank several people who I could not put this newsletter together without. Kathleen Kendler faithfully sends me her Willkommen article every month recognizing all our new members. **Thank you, Kathleen.** Pat Norris helps me with the technical aspects of getting the newsletter uploaded to the Internet each month. **Thanks, Pat!** So many members have contributed content this year. **Thank you to everyone who submitted an article.** This Newsletter wouldn't be very interesting without your input!

Most of all, thank you to my Assistant Editor, **Barb Crowley.** She patiently proofreads every issue before publication, making sure I remember to italicize *ZN* each time and letting me know when I should use a hyphen in "sign-up." (Did you know you only need a hyphen when it is used as an adjective? I didn't!) She reminds me of events or articles I forgot to include. She has a vast repertoire of knowledge when it comes to PCA-SAR history and the correct spelling of names. But, most of all, she has become a dear friend who I appreciate tremendously. **THANK YOU, BARB!**

Have a Happy Holiday Season, everyone!

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# Upcoming Events



Local events in **Bold**

## December

- 05 - Holiday Party and Annual Membership Meeting - Hacienda del Sol**
- 17 - Breakfast Social - Blue Willow on Campbell**
- 19 - High Performance Driver's Education - Musselman Honda Circuit**

## January

- 04 - Membership Meeting**
- 18 - Board Meeting**

## February

- 01 - Membership Meeting**
- 15 - Board Meeting**

## Upcoming Events Around Arizona

Check out what is happening in our neighboring regions to the north:

### Arizona Region

- December
- 04 – East Valley Five 7s Drive
- 11 – Autocross at Arizona Motorsports Park (AMP)
- 12 – DE at Wild Horse Pass
- 18 – Holiday Party

### January

- 05 – Monthly Membership Meeting
- 08 – Porsches and Pancakes at Liberty Station
- 29 – Autocross at AMP

### February

- 12 – Casino Night Charity Event

### Arizona Mountain Region

- 04- Holiday Party

**All events subject to cancellation or postponement due to COVID-19 restrictions. Check our website at [pcasar.org](http://pcasar.org) for up-to-date information.**

# INDE Track - First Time Impression

By - Pat Caffrey



I've always enjoyed having fun, experiencing new things, and learning how to do things better. My careers as Chef, Ice Sculptor, and Yo-Yo demonstrator have taught me the key to being better requires patience, practice, and learning from mistakes.

My lifelong dream of owning and driving a high-performance car recently came true when I became the 2<sup>nd</sup> owner of a 2014 Porsche Cayman and signed up for a weekend High Performance Driving Event @ Inde Motorsports Ranch in Willcox, AZ, on November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

The preparation of my car included a brake bleed, oil change, and gathering the items recommended for a successful track day (see *HPDE checklist on next page*).



**Day 1** - I drove my car from Tucson and was met at the safety station by a trio of helpful, friendly folks. My car was approved, I found a parking spot, unloaded my car and attended the mandatory driver's meeting. The meeting was very informative and concise, reviewing track etiquette, passing procedures, flag meanings and locations, meeting location, and Q&A with an emphasis on SAFETY and hydration, with the goal of having fun.

My instructor (Jim Kendler) reviewed what had been discussed at the meeting, and gave me a tour of the jaw-dropping facility features and amenities. Prior to the orientation laps, Jim instructed me on proper seat, hand and mirror position. During these first laps he explained and showed all flag positions, curbs, cones, entry, apex, exit points, passing and track exit etiquette.

The first track session involved an incredible amount of information, and instructions. My main goal this session was to not go off track, and try to memorize all turns. (I succeeded in not going off track, but lost count how many times I forgot

where I was on the track). As the sessions progressed through the day, my driving ability, confidence and memorization of the track improved tremendously.



The driver meetings following each track session hosted by Don Clinkenbeard and Chris Lesaad were extremely helpful, informative and easy to understand. Discussion, track diagrams, video clips, power point graphs, tips about the track, braking, and accelerating were very beneficial to learning how to drive my car smoothly and quickly.



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For dinner I had an incredible Prime Rib dinner at the Double SS Steakhouse in Willcox, very close to the Holiday Inn Express where I slept well and enjoyed their complimentary hot breakfast.

**Day 2** – In preparation of running the track in the opposite direction, I watched several videos posted on YouTube from drivers who had run the track in this configuration. The videos proved to be beneficial, as my 4 runs each felt smoother and quicker.

With each track and class instruction, my confidence in my car's braking, acceleration and cornering was increased. Also improved was my awareness of the flags, location on the track, passing and thinking ahead to the next turn.



**Summary-** I was very pleased to participate in this event, met many interesting and friendly people, became a better driver, and most importantly...I had a BLAST!!.

Sound like fun? Want to give it a try yourself? The next event at INDE is coming up the weekend of March 25-27. To sign up go to:

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# Autumn Sage Winery Tour

By John Duclos

On a beautiful November 20<sup>th</sup> morning, 36 intrepid souls in 20 Porsches (including two or three air cooled 911s) gathered at the Desert Diamond Casino for the annual Tour de Tucson bicycle race. Oh wait, reset that. We were actually gathered for the start of the SAR Tour to the Autumn Sage Winery. It just felt like we were embarking on the Tour de Tucson.

It seems our tour was coinciding with the start of the biggest participant event of the year in Tucson, with many street closures, some of which were impacting our event. Tour Master Kurt Fuerstenau had to scramble a couple of times in the week preceding the event to find alternate starting sites and routes due to last minute changes to the bicycle event. But in the end, all was well. The Desert Diamond Casino graciously accommodated our group (including a number who had caravanned together from the Blue Willow restaurant where they earlier had breakfast as a group).

After the tour briefing and a short drive on the I-10 freeway, we turned onto AZ 83 and were soon in the mountain twisties on the way to the little town of Sonoita. A few miles beyond Sonoita lay our destination, the Autumn Sage Winery in the little town of Elgin (home to a number of wineries and distilleries). Autumn Sage is situated up a slight grade terminating in a beautiful complex with a tasting room and various outside areas with tables overlooking the vineyards.

We had a reserved area for parking around the tasting room and a beautiful private patio for dining and conversation. Lunch was provided by a food truck, which served a number of interesting variations of the traditional grilled cheese sandwich. The Sophie Ranking Band provided live music.

Oh, and by the way, the wine was excellent. Many thanks to Kurt Fuerstenau for pulling this event off in a seamless way in spite of the logistic challenges.





**A Zone 8 Judges Concours School was presented by the Arizona Region in October. Most of SAR's Zone 8 judges attended. The school is required to keep judges apprised of rule changes and to maintain skills needed to insure consistency in judging throughout the Zone.**



## **27th Annual Sahuarita Classics Car Show**

**Formerly the Tubac Collector Car Show**

**Registration is open for one of Arizona's Premier Car Shows at the QUAIL CREEK MUNICIPAL PARK IN SAHUARITA, EARLY REGISTRATION FEE IS \$30 PER VEHICLE THROUGH DECEMBER 25TH. Fees will increase to \$35 on December 26th and to \$40 on January 20th. Registration closes at midnight on January 24th. Register Early and Save. No Refunds after close of registration.**

**Event registration and more information available at [carnuts.org/Car-Show](http://carnuts.org/Car-Show)**

**300 or more vehicles will compete for the spotlight in various classes, including hot rods, trucks and collector cars.**

**Saturday January 29, 2022 - Sahuarita Classics Car Show**

**The show opens to the public at 10:00 a.m.**

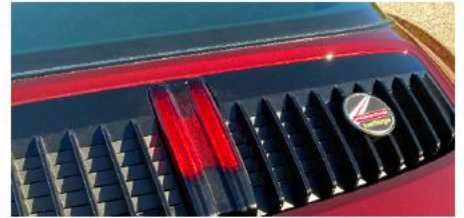
**Car Show Location: Quail Creek Veterans Municipal Park on South Nogales Highway, Sahuarita, AZ across from the Robson Quail Creek Resort Community.**



## Welcome to the family!

Congrats to Richard Kepner and his 911 Targa Heritage Edition! It is always nice to see a new car in the club.

When a new car is added to your Porsche family, be sure to send pictures to [newsletter@pcasar.org](mailto:newsletter@pcasar.org) so it can be included in the ZM!



**When: April 27 - May 1, 2022**  
**Where: The Broadmoor Resort**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**  
**Registration opens February 16**





# Willkommen, Bonjour, Glad to Meet You

## By Kathleen Kendler – Membership Chair

It is November 2021 as I finish this article to send off to our ZN newsletter editor. Our new members as of November 1<sup>st</sup> are:

### Residing in Tucson

**Ivey, Christopher & Cynthia** 10/28/2021

### Outside of Tucson

Transferring In:

**Rhodes, Doug & his son Connor** 10/19/2021 transfer from San Diego Region

Test Drive participants:

**Gary Seamans, Sierra Vista** 10/28/2021

**Richard Derr, Green Valley** 11/20/2021

As November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

New Members	1
Transfer In	1
Lapsed	3
Total Primary Members	349
Affiliate Members	236

I would like to bid a fond adieu to **Larry & Beth Nork** who will be moving in December to Pennsylvania. It has been a pleasure to have them in our region for the past four years. We will miss you.

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# It Was Grand

## Article and photos by Barb Crowley – Lifetime Member

On November 11, Porsche Tucson had a grand re-opening to celebrate its renovated showroom and service department. The community and SAR members were invited. It was a beautiful fall evening for a gathering of Porsche enthusiasts. The dealership hosted a cocktail party and pulled out all the stops including a full open bar and delicious passed appetizers. The backdrop was the sleek, modern new building we all came to view. There were promotional videos displayed on big screens around the showroom. Great music from a live band provided the entertainment.

Throughout the facility, special displays had been set up and included a white 2020 911 Carrera S Cabriolet, a new baby blue Taycan on a lift in a service bay, an orange 2 liter 914, and a nice red 356 coupe. (The 356 was restored by Chuck Croteau and completed just an hour or so before the party began.) Also on display was a dealership-restored green 1966 911. This restoration may lead to Porsche Tucson approval as a Porsche Classic Partner Dealer (Porsche North America Restorer). Many other beautiful Porsches were showcased inside and outside.

At least 200 people were in attendance ... including about 40 SAR members. Various dignitaries took to the microphone to show slides of the new construction and point out the many improvements made to the dealership. Gourmet ice cream served in the service area, closed out the evening as we said goodbye to friends after an enjoyable evening. Attendees were also treated to a lovely goodie bag ... it included a set of two etched cocktail glasses and a very nice lanyard.

The last issue of the *ZN* featured my article about all the past Porsche dealerships in Tucson over the decades. SAR truly appreciates the continued support of 'our' dealerships. After seeing the new Tucson Porsche dealership, I can certainly say ... "You've come a long way, baby."

Note: View a video of the Grand Opening at <https://www.facebook.com/PorscheofTucson>







# Speed Bump - Slow Down For Some Automotive Tales

An Occasional Column By Hal Tretbar

## Autumn Sage Winery

I was looking forward to joining the Southern Arizona Porsche Club of America on its drive to the Autumn Sage Vineyards near Elgin, Arizona on November 21st. I had paid the \$20 fee and put the date on my calendar. Then I found out that I had already been scheduled to put on a Zoom program for the Arizona Arthritis Center.

So my copilot of the Silver 2019 Boxster, Karma Kientzler, and I did the next best thing. We did our own drive to the Autumn Sage Vineyards the next day, on November 22nd.

As the saying goes, there is more than one way to skin-a-cat. Don't take a direct drive to Elgin. Take a long scenic route. By the way, Google tells us that skin-a-cat originated in an 1840 short story, The Money Diggers by Sheba Smith.

Our Boxster purred east along I10 at an adequate speed then turned south on Highway 90 past Kartchner Caverns State Park. Then we turned right on State 82 towards Sonoita. After 35 miles we headed south on Upper Elgin Road passing through rolling grasslands and ranches. You know you have reached the Elgin crossroads when you pass under the large cottonwood trees with leaves turning yellow.

It was about 11 AM as we motored west on the Elgin Road. Wineries not yet open for wine tasting included Twisted Union, Flying Leap, Callaghan, and Deep Sky. Autumn Sage, the first one east of Highway 83 at 90 Elgin Road, was open with banners flying at the entrance.

Stephen and Nancy Basila of Phoenix have 30 acres of prime grape growing territory. They named it Autumn Sage after the plants that were growing wild. One year old vines were planted in 2016. The first vintage was

2019 and quickly sold out.

Over the past five years the Basilas have developed an oasis in the rolling grasslands of southern Arizona. Next to the vineyard, Autumn Sage now has a grassy park with shade trees over picnic tables, a lake, a dock and a classic gazebo. It is ideal for weddings and group events. A large, first class, tasting room with patio opened in 2020.

Karma and I decided to do the \$17 tasting of five wines from the ten available. Our wine steward was Taylor Colvin. He had a pleasant and knowledgeable description for each wine.



Autumn Sage Vineyards



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**2020 Viognier** - \$32.00/Bottle - \$10.00/Glass

A rich white wine aged in French oak. Low in acidity with flavors of tangerine, peach, and honeysuckle. Try it with dishes flavored with almonds, citrus, stewed fruits, and aromatic herbs like basil and tarragon.

**2020 Estate Albariño** - \$36.00/Bottle - \$11.00/Glass

This Estate Albariño is our Signature white wine. A delightfully crisp refreshing Spanish wine from the Iberian Peninsula, low in sweetness and tannin and high in acidity. Has zesty, apricot and apple flavor/aroma. Pairs exceptionally with fish and light meats. You will love it with fish tacos!

**2020 Estate Golden Hummingbird Rosé** - \$29.00/Bottle - \$9.00/Glass

The 2020 Estate Golden Hummingbird Rosé is a real showstopper! This blend of Estate Red Wines is crisp, refreshing, and perfect on a warm summer day, or just for the fun of it anytime!

**2019 Estate Cunoise** - \$32.00/Bottle - \$10.00/Glass

If you like Pinot Noir, you will love our Estate Cunoise. This elegant red wine is made from a dark-skinned grape grown in the Rhone Valley region of France, and here at Autumn Sage! Cunoise is a light red wine with good acidity and low in tannin. It is a good match with grilled or roasted meats, fish, and chicken.

**2019 Grenache** - \$38.00/Bottle - \$12.00/Glass

Medium tannins and acidity with strawberry, black cherry, raspberry, and cinnamon flavors. Grown primarily in Spain, France, and Italy (less than 2% grown in the United States).

**2019 Sangiovese** - \$38.00/Bottle - \$12.00/Glass

Sangiovese is Tuscany's most planted red grape. The high acidity allows this wine to match well with spicy foods and not get lost when paired with tomato sauce. Has flavors and aromas of cherry, roasted tomato, oregano, and espresso.

**2019 Estate Cabernet Franc** - \$38.00/Bottle - \$12.00/Glass

This Estate Cabernet Franc is a staple red wine lover's varietal from France. Cabernet Franc is one of the major black grape varieties worldwide. It is low in sweetness with medium acidity. Fantastic with BBQ, tomato-based dishes, grilled steaks, chops, and lamb. See if you can taste a hint of jalapeno!

**2016 Equinox Red Blend** - \$45.00/Bottle - \$14.00/Glass

Named for the orientation of our vineyard, Equinox is a blend of Graciano and Cabernet Sauvignon. The nose has notes of cedar, tobacco, and black cherry, while the palate delights with blackberry and cinnamon spice.

**2019 Cabernet Sauvignon** - \$45.00/Bottle - \$14.00/Glass

The world's most popular red wine has a rich savory flavor and pairs perfectly with grilled meats and pepper sauces. Has flavors and aromas of cherry, cedar, and spice.

**2019 Estate Sagrantino - OUR STAR OF THE SHOW!** - \$48.00/Bottle - \$15.00/Glass

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Our amateur conclusions were:

- Albarino was OK and tolerable on a hot day
- Golden Hummingbird Rose should have been kept in the bird house because it was too sweet
- Grenache was fairly good and you could get to like it
- Sangiovese was pleasant to the taste buds. It would pair well with pizza.
- Cabernet Franc is an old favorite. This vintage would complement any steak.

While Nancy Basila was busy behind the bar, Stephen took time to chat with us. He said they come down from Phoenix every other weekend. Stephen really appreciated the Porsche Club driving in the day before for lunch and a glass or two of the vintner's best. He confided to us, "I like the classic shape of your Boxster. I don't think those SUVs are true Porsches."

Autumn Sage Vineyards is open Wednesday to Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM. There is live music with food trucks every Saturday 1-5 PM.







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## Marketplatz

### Porsche Stuff For Sale or Wanted

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**2002 Porsche Boxster S being sold  
by Louie and Carol Ybarra. Contact  
Lee at [cueva533@cox.net](mailto:cueva533@cox.net)**

Porsche Multi-Point Inspection	2 front oxygen sensors
Annual oil changes	2 rear oxygen sensors
Rubber Flap Stop	New Battery
Adapter, charger, center part	New brakes front and back
Convertible Top-All	Shocks and strut checked
	New tires



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