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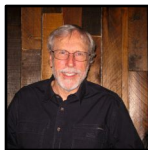
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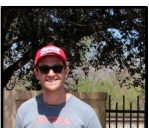
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President's Corner

By Pat Norris



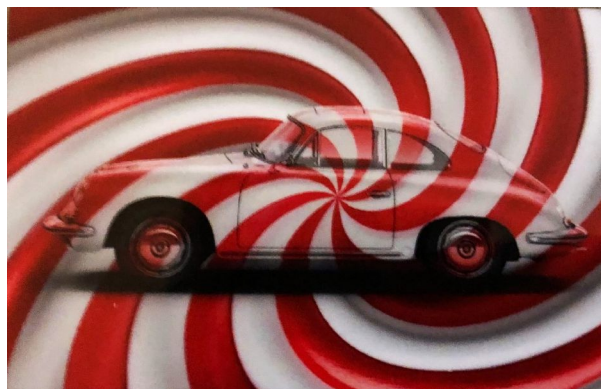
If you were at the Holiday Party, you know that my current term is ending, and this is my last column as President. But before the year is over, there is still a busy month to wrap up the year! With a Saturday Breakfast, the Car Control Clinic/Autocross, the Holiday Lights Tour, and the New Year's Cruise, there is enough to choose from to get out and enjoy some time with your Porsche friends before the year ends.

With the new year, PCA-SAR will welcome Greg Curtiss as our President! Greg already has plans for the club for the coming year and I look forward to helping as the club continues to grow and take on new challenges. If you would like to help, there are many opportunities to volunteer, and I am sure that you will have a great time doing things with your fellow SAR members. The club is growing and more active than it has been in a long time, and I look forward to seeing everyone join me in supporting Greg in his new role as President, as you have all supported me.

As for my plans, like so many in SAR, I will continue to support the club. I will still be on the board, now taking the role of Secretary. I will be helping with events. I will be working on "Zone 15." And I will be out there at as many events, and driving as many Porsches as I can - and you can read Tech Corner in coming issues to see how I am doing on getting more Porsches drivable.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the club members who have done so much to support SAR while I was fortunate enough to be president. From the many folks who have served as board members, to the chairpeople who made the events happen, to everyone who came out to support all the events, thank you for 4 fantastic terms. I look forward to seeing you out at the events and out on the road.

I enjoyed the drive. Thank you all.



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Editor's Column

By Debi Norris

Well, here we are at the end of yet another year!

2023 is rapidly coming to a close and it was a very successful year in PCA-SAR. We have had so many fun, entertaining events this year. We had some fabulous tours, some exciting driving events, some enjoyable social events, and even the return of our signature Cinco de Mayo Concours Weekend. If you have not attended an event, there are plenty coming up in 2024 so be sure to come check them out!

I always like to end the year by thanking all the people who help get this newsletter out each month. Yes, I am the editor, but there is a whole team that puts it together. First, **Barb Crowley** takes my mostly-finished edition and carefully proofreads it, finding all my typos and mistakes. This year, Barb had a serious accident and while she was laid up, **Kymmie Norris** stepped in to proofread a few issues.

Once the final edition is ready, **Pat Norris** posts the file to the internet, **Tom Szudajski** puts it on our website, and **Jim and Kathleen Kendler** send the link out to all the members. It sounds complicated but coordinating all those people to do their part is easy because they each are so competent in what they do.

THANK YOU, Barb, Kymmie, Pat, Tom, Jim and Kathleen! I couldn't do this without you.

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Upcoming Events



December

- 03 - Holiday Party - Viscount Suite Hotel
- 4855 E. Broadway
- 06 - Midweek Tour to Patagonia
- 09 - Monthly Breakfast - Blue Willow on
Campbell
- 10 - Car Control Clinic
- 16 - Winterhaven Lights Trolley Tour
- 19 - Board Meeting

January

- 02 - Membership Meeting - Check
website for more information
- 13 - Monthly Breakfast - Blue Willow on
Campbell
- 14 - Tour Leader Class
- 16 - Board Meeting
- 27 - Sahuarita Classic Car Show

Upcoming Events Around Arizona

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

Arizona Region

December

- 09 - Autocross - AMP
- 10 - Prescott Holiday Lights Drive
- 17 - Holiday Party

Arizona Mountain Region

December

- 09 - Porsches and Pancakes
- 10 - Holiday Party



Cayenne Comparison 2013 vs. 2024

By Kathleen Kendler

I was lucky enough to drive the 2024 Cayenne for 3 weeks. I own a 2013 Turbo Diesel Cayenne and decided to compare the two vehicles.

The 2024 is impressive but in my opinion, I am not ready to change vehicles. The new vehicle costs \$28K more than my diesel and as much as I liked a lot of the new features, it's not worth it to me to upgrade.

What I Did Like:

The 360-Degree Cameras - They provide crisp clear images. What I didn't like was as I joined the conga line at a stop light, the volume on the audio (radio, book, or playlist) would drop to a barely audible pitch as the 360-degree feature kicked in. Needless to say, this made me a little cranky when I missed key points in the book plot. Do I need 360-degree cameras as I am driving? I don't think so. I am focusing on driving – not how close the other cars in the next lane are to me. I can't move – I'm in line waiting for the light to change, not scoping out the camera view.

The Lane Assist Feature (but not in town) - This was problematic when the feature misread the lane markings. It only happened a few times on Oracle Road. The first time took me by surprise and I had to fight the steering wheel in order not to go down the side of a line of cars waiting to make a left turn. After talking to Andrew Stevens, a Porsche Ambassador at the dealership, this feature can be turned off through the menu.

The Exit Warning - When I turned off the car it told me to check the back seat for passengers and pets.

CarPlay - The CarPlay was improved but I still had issues. In my Cayenne, there is no CarPlay, but I can use my phone as an auxiliary device and hear my music or library books. My issue is that after I receive a call the book does not always start up again. I then must wait until a stop or pull over to restart it. With CarPlay in the new Cayenne, I found myself still having to restart my phone to clear issues; I just didn't have issues as often.

What I Did Not Like:

The Menu - Any changes to the car had to go through the menu. This can be frustrating to the driver as they get to know the car. Also, I like a printed manual. What happens if I'm out in the middle of nowhere with no phone signal or internet capability? I can't find the information I need. With a physical manual, I usually can find something to help me understand or enable me to do a temporary fix before I get it to a dealer for an appropriate fix.

Handling on the Highway - I thought my 2013 car did a better job of handling. Jim thought the 2024 car handled well.

Additional Notes:

The ports for charging are all micro-D ports. You will need to buy adapters or new cables for your devices. There were plenty of ports in this vehicle.

There is now a fast charge option. It was nice.

We're not fans of the sunroof but to get the other options it is part of a package deal called The Premium Package Plus. Otherwise, the costs for the other items "a la carte" are hefty.

Final Thoughts:

Overall, we liked the new 2024 Cayenne and may investigate buying a used one in a few years. At this time, I like my ten-year old diesel Cayenne more and can deal with the quirks I have pointed out.

I would like to thank our club members who did not want to avail themselves of this opportunity and transferred it to Jim (I have sent you a thank-you note). Thank you, also, to our Porsche Ambassador - Andrew Stevens - and Porsche Tucson for the incredible experience to test drive the 2024 Cayenne for a few weeks.



Winterhaven Dinner and Trolley Tour
Saturday, December 16th
4:45PM

The Winterhaven Festival of lights is a Tuscon tradition, and for the second year, one for PCA-SAR also. We have reserved both trolleys for the 6:30 ride on December 16th, 2023. Tickets are \$23.00. We will meet prior to the event at Piezano's Pizza at 4:45 pm, so we can park in the lot next to the trolley stop. This sold out early last year, so sign up soon. There won't be refunds, as the trolley company doesn't offer them. We have forty seats reserved.

The trolley leaves at 6:30 pm. We will meet at Piezanos Rustic Pizza, 2921 E. Fort Lowell at 4:45 for dinner, and socializing.

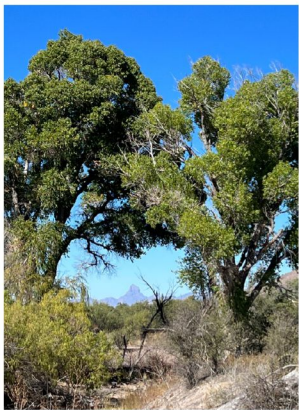
The trolley stop is a short walk from Piezanos. The fee for the Trolley ride is \$23.00. Any questions, please contact Kurt Fuerstenau at kdfuerstenau@yahoo.com.

GT and GTS Tour

By Julie
Doorembos

On November 25th we gathered for the first GT and GTS sports car drive to Arivaca. The rain didn't scare everyone away. We had 10 beautiful cars join the ride! Once we drove out of town the weather cleared and it was a beautiful day. The drive was fun with lots of curves for the Porsches. We stopped for a leisurely stroll through the Arivaca Cienega Wildlife Refuge. It was really neat to see all the GT and GTS cars of all different colors lined up at the stop. We finished our fun day with a nice lunch at La Gitana Cantina and Cafe.

Photos by Debi Norris and George Meisch



Car Control Clinic - Half-Day Autocross

Sunday, December 10th

This event is for new drivers or seasoned drivers, as well as those who want to improve their driving skills. The one-day event is spent learning, practicing, and experiencing car dynamics through a series of 3 key skills, all of which require you to learn to look ahead while driving.



This year, we are opening up the afternoon autocross to drivers who don't want to attend the morning clinic but want to enjoy some track time.

- 1) Smooth Steering on a Slalom Course - Understand how to navigate your car smoothly through a set of cones. Recognize where you want your car to go. You will learn how to drive where the cones aren't.
- 2) Threshold and Trail Braking - Learn how to control your car in an emergency situation. You will understand more about your car's capabilities and how to manage them. Learn how to successfully maneuver around obstacles (just as if you have a deer in the headlights) while slowing your car.
- 3) Skid-Pad Activities - Drive on a skid-pad where you will have the opportunity to experience your car breaking traction and then learn how to regain traction in a safe environment. Feel the balance and learn how to steer your car with the throttle.
- 4) Autocross - After the car control clinic we are offering the rest of the afternoon as a complete autocross so that you can practice and test your newly learned skills. The Autocross is also available to do as a separate half-day afternoon event if you do not care to participate in the morning Car Control Clinic.

For more information on PCA-SAR Car Control Clinic go to: <https://pcasar.motorsportreg.com/events/pcasar-car-control-clinic-musselman-honda-circuit-southern-arizona-376741>

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Up to 400 vehicles will compete for the spotlight in various classes, including hot rods, trucks, and collector cars.

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Car Show Location: Quail Creek Veterans Municipal Park at [1910 North Old Nogales Highway, Sahuarita, AZ](#) west of the Robson Quail Creek Resort Community.

Watch your email for information about PCA-SAR's plans to travel as a group down to the show so we can all park together.

Wine Tour to Autumn Sage Winery

A group of PCA-SAR members enjoyed a beautiful ride out to the Autumn Sage Winery on Saturday, November 18th. There were beautiful views and even some spectacular (and rare!) fall colors to be seen. We had so much fun driving our cars and then enjoying each other's company once we arrived at the winery, that no one thought to take many photos! Thank you to Kurt Fuerstenau for organizing yet another fantastic tour!



Come Join Us for Breakfast



Our monthly breakfast get-togethers are becoming quite popular! Come on out on **Saturday, December 9** to Blue Willow Restaurant on Campbell at 8:00 a.m. There's a reason "It's not just the cars, it's the people" has been a PCA slogan for years – it's true! Our Club Breakfasts are the perfect way to get to know some great Porsche People. Hope to see you there!

Interested in Leading a Tour in 2024? Check Out Our New Tour Leaders Class!



Thanks to all who drove or lead tours in 2023. I would like to offer more in 2024, including some specialty tours such as SUV, woman's only, Boxster/Cayman, air cooled, and at least one Escape, which is a two-day tour. To do this we need more tour leaders. PCA requires a class conducted by the region's Tour Chair. I will present the class and the updated tour manual in a relaxed setting during lunch on Sunday January 14th, 2024. Please call or email me with any questions or concerns. This class is required to lead a tour, and SAR needs more leaders. The class will be informal, and fun. Location to be announced later.

PCA really is about the people, and volunteers. Please sign up so we can continue to add great driving opportunities for our members.

Kurt Fuerstenau Tour Director SAR

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PCA-SAR member Lee Cuevas built this delightful holiday display, including a likeness of his 944 out front. Well done, Lee!

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PCA-SAR at INDE Motorsports Ranch on November 4th and 5th



Willkommen, Bonjour, Glad to Meet You

By Kathleen Kendler – Membership Chair

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Taylor Miranda

Zach T Sawyer

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Residing Outside of Tucson

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Oro Valley

Brandon Johnson

Marana

Sarah J. & Jake Sowders

Oro Valley

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We had no transfer ins.

Transfers Out

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First Settlers

Test Drive participants:

Peter Koot

Marana

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