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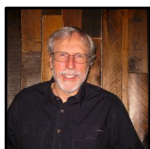
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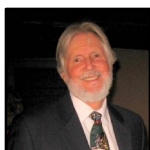
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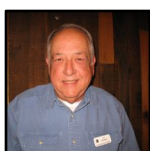
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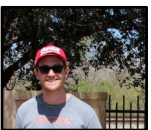
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President's Corner

By Greg Curtiss



Hi everyone! I trust you had a Happy Holiday season, and are looking forward to 2024. For the last three years I have been serving as SAR's Vice-President, and as of January 1, became President. I originally joined PCA in 1988 after I bought a used 944. What an improvement that Porsche was over my previous "sporty" cars.

I want to thank and congratulate our out-going president, Pat Norris. Pat started as President in 2020, which started out well, but as we all undoubtedly remember, around March of that year most everything ground to a halt. Pat did a great job of dealing with the attendant issues and shepherded our progress in rebounding to where we are now. Pat is not leaving as he will continue to serve the Club as Secretary.

Looking back at 2023, PCA-SAR had a large number of events available for your enjoyment. Throughout the year we had monthly membership meetings at various Tucson area restaurants as well as a Saturday morning breakfast each month. There were several guided Tours to interesting destinations. Our premier annual event, Cinco de Mayo, was held in May for the first time in several years. We had a Driver Education event, and in conjunction with our big brother to the North, Arizona Region, additional DE's were offered for our track driving pleasure. We were also lucky to have a national PCA Parade nearby in Palm Springs, California.

Check out PCA-SAR's calendar for 2024; already there are quite a few events of various types listed. All offer an opportunity to socialize with other members and drive our Porsches in some fashion. It looks like 2024 will have even more Porsche-related items on the menu. I expect to attend many of these events, and look forward to seeing you at them.



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Editor's Column

By Debi Norris

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe we have made another trip around the sun and here we are in a whole new year.

2024! I guess time really does fly when you are having fun.

And we are having a lot of fun in PCA-SAR. December was packed with activities – our annual Holiday Party, a mid-week driving tour to Patagonia, a Car Control Clinic, a trolley tour to watch the Winterhaven Lights, and yet another tour down to Tumacacori. Phew, no wonder I'm so tired...

As I enter year 7 as editor of *Zuffenhausen News* I hope you enjoy reading it each month. The newsletter is a great way to learn about club activities and see all that is going on in the club. I have started a new feature this month – *The Member Spotlight*. Learning more about our club members should be informative and entertaining.

Looking forward to the months ahead we already have many activities planned. Our fabulous Tour Director, Kurt, has already planned a number of fun drives to go on. Our Cinco Committee has started planning for this year's Cinco de Mayo event (May 3-5). We have a number of driving events planned. And, of course, there are always our monthly dinner and breakfast meetings.

2023 was pretty awesome – Let's make 2024 even better!



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Upcoming Events



January

- 09 - Membership Meeting - **NOTE DATE CHANGE!** - Jun Dynasty - 2933 E. Grant Road
- 13 - Monthly Breakfast - Blue Willow on Campbell
- 14 - Tour Leader Class
- 16 - Board Meeting
- 20 - Canoa Ranch Tour
- 27 - Sahuarita Classic Car Show

February

- 03 - Dwarf Car Museum Tour
- 10 - HDPE at Arizona Motorsports Park
- 06 - Membership Meeting - Check website for details
- 20 - Board Meeting

March

- 02 - Box Canyon SUV Tour
- 05 - Membership Meeting - Check website for details
- 09 - HPDE at INDE
- 16-17 Tour to Chiricahau Mountains
- 19 - Board Meeting
- 30 - Tour to Kitt Peak

April

- 02 - Membership Meeting - Check website for details
- 06 - All German Cars & Coffee
- 13 - DM50 Car Show
- 13 - HDPE at Podium Club
- 16 - Board Meeting
- 20 - Garage Tour to Redline Service
- 21 - Wine Country Treffen

May

- 03-05 - Cinco de Mayo Event

Upcoming Events Around Arizona

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

Arizona Region

January

- 06 - HPDE - AMP
- 13-14 - Tri-State Weekend
- 20 - Autocross

Arizona Mountain Region

January

- 12- Winter in Wickenburg
- 13 - Porsches and Pancakes



*PCA-SAR
Holiday Party
and General
Membership
Meeting*

By Debi Norris

On December 3rd PCA-SAR held its annual Holiday Party and General Membership Meeting. It was a fantastic evening as we had a great time celebrating the holidays, remembered all the fun we had in 2023, and honored several members of the club.

The evening started with delicious appetizers provided by the Club while we socialized and perused the several items up for bid in a Silent Auction to benefit the Food Bank of Southern Arizona. A slide show displayed photos from many of our 2023 events. Dinner was served and the food was delicious! Dessert was buffet style with a selection of holiday-themed goodies.

After dinner, President Pat Norris proceeded with the business portion of the evening. First, the members of the outgoing Board of Directors were recognized. Many thanks to Randy Hannon as he ended his term of service. The results of the election were then shared and the new Board was acknowledged.

Congratulations to the 2024 Board:

President – Greg Curtiss

Vice President – Kathleen Kendler

Secretary – Pat Norris

Treasurer – Patrick Miller

Members-at-Large – Jim Kendler, Jerry Fouts, John Duclos, Ed Korharik, and John Herold

Several Door Prizes were handed out, including a gift certificate for an oil change at Autohaus!

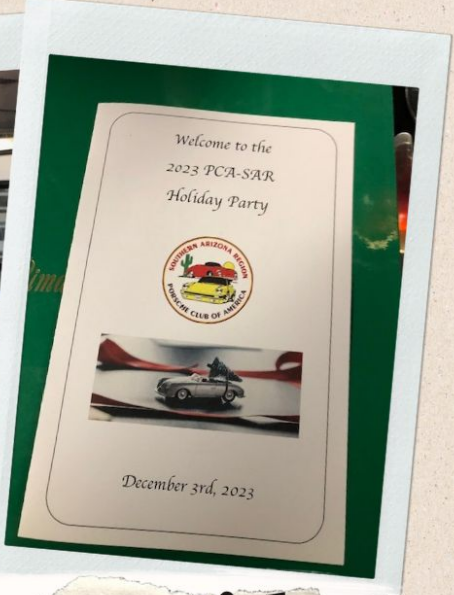
Next up was the President's Cup Award. This award is given out annually to the member the President chooses who was instrumental in the success of the club. I was thrilled to be presented the award this year. The Cup is a perpetual award, and each year the recipient's name is engraved on the plaque. I will return it at the end of 2024 and a new awardee will be chosen.

We next had a surprise presentation as Hal Tretbar was inducted as a Lifetime Member. You can read more about this well-deserved recognition in Barb Crowley's article. Congratulations Hal!

Greg Curtiss then said a few words as incoming President and acknowledged Pat Norris' service as President for 4 years. Pat guided the club through the difficult Covid years, and we are all appreciative of his leadership. Greg presented Pat with a beautiful Porsche book as a thank you.

Finally, it was announced that the Silent Auction raised \$1950 for the Food Bank. Thank you to George Meicsh for organizing the auction, to all who donated items and those who submitted bids. It is wonderful to have a charity program back in place as we give back to our community.

Overall, the party was a good time had by all, and we look forward to another great year in 2024!



PCA-SAR Holiday Party



More Holiday Party Fun



A Well Deserved Recognition

By Barb Crowley – Lifetime Member



You will read in Kathleen’s article some of the history and criteria for Hal Tretbar’s selection as an SAR Lifetime Member. In Hal’s article in this ZN, he shared his thoughts about having received this prestigious honor.

Some of the comments made by Lifetime Members on the nominating committee and Board members regarding his nomination included:

“I think it is long overdue for Hal to be recognized for all his contributions.”

“There is no doubt that Hal deserves to be awarded Lifetime Member status.” and

“Well deserved. If nothing else he deserved this for years of great photography for the club.”

During the Holiday Party, Dennis Crowley outlined the accomplishments of Hal during his twenty plus years of volunteering and service for the club ... to include serving on the board, being the president of SAR, and attending four years of Board (bored?) meetings as Past President during Jim Kendler’s presidency. He worked with Arts Express as its liaison for the many years as SAR helped support this deserving charity with its silent auctions and donations. He also supported all SAR charities with his donations of beautiful framed photographs ... including this year’s charity auction for the Food Bank. Hal even put together an SAR calendar several years ago.

Hal was a great tour leader and has taken us along on his own private journeys as he travels around the southwest and the world taking photographs that ... along with his stories about his adventures ... continue



to grace the pages of *Zuffenhausen News*. We are sure you all enjoy reading what Hal has been up to! He enjoys touring with the club and seems to especially like the wine tours.

Hal has represented the club at several Porsche Parades and has won many photography awards at Parade Art Shows ... including this year at Palm Springs at the age of 92! (First Place in B/W Photography) He is always making new friends at Parade and is a true ambassador for SAR.

You can usually see Hal at all our General Membership meetings and at many events. He has always shown his beautiful red Targa with its neat wheels at Cinco. It is always well prepared ... even though it was quite a challenge and wore him out.



Even though some of you may not know Hal personally, you all know him through his continued support of our club newsletter. I know I always look forward to his monthly “Speed Bump” articles. “Slow Down for some Automotive Tales” is just a tip of the iceberg of his many stories. The variety of articles with their research, history and Hal’s perspective have been a mainstay of the ZN. Check out some of his contributions like the four-part series ‘Women in Auto Racing’ and ‘Airplanes by Auto Manufactures,’ to name a few. You can check them out on the SAR website under “Member Contributions.”

So again, we want to thank Hal for his continued support in helping make SAR such a great region. Congratulations on your achievement!



Speed Bump - Slow Down For Some Automotive Tales

A Semi-Regular Column and Photos by Hal Tretbar

What a Week!

Wow! What a week it was for me, from Sunday December 3rd to Saturday the 9th.

The SAR Porsche Club Holiday Dinner was Sunday at the Viscount Hotel. It was a marvelous affair, with great food, drink, and camaraderie. I was flabbergasted when I was awarded a Lifetime Membership. But more about that later.



On Tuesday, I had surgery at Banner Hospital to change my pacemaker battery. Then I had to wear a sling and couldn't move my left shoulder (no driving) for at least a week.

Then on Saturday, I woke up with headache, cough, and stuffy nose. My covid test was positive. I'm in quarantine for at least another week. Fortunately, Karma was able to leave necessities at my front door.

When I was President of the Southern Arizona Region in 2007, I tried to open each monthly meeting with a joke. Most the time they were funny. This year some of the old timers asked if I could come up with some jokes for the Holiday Dinner. The only one that I could recall was a fuzzy memory that had to do with a police officer, flies, and a horse's ass. However, I was able to come up with several that are in the side-bar. They did get smiles, snickers, and some guffaws.

It was after the jokes that I was flabbergasted with a Lifetime Membership. (The word flabbergasted was first used in a 1772 magazine article and is of Sussex derivation- to strike aghast.)

In 1998, I retired from medicine and sold my business car, a 1985 Guards Red 944 that I had driven daily since '85. I really think it was my wife Dorothy who went through grief and withdrawal symptoms more than I did. I have told the story many times about how we saw a Guards Red 911 Carrera in Denmark and she asked if we could find a similar one when we came home. We ended up with my current 1987 Guards Red 911 Carrera Targa. It was then that I joined the Southern Arizona Region of the Porsche Club of America in 2003.

I was soon involved with Club activities. The next year I did my first Cinco Concours in Wash and Shine. I already had bought 4 rims for taking the Targa to the track, but when I placed first in my class with a perfect score, a Judge told Dorothy that the car was too nice to race. So, the rims were donated to the next Christmas Charity Auction.

Over the years I arranged and led SAR trips. Some were overnight such as Wickenburg, Flagstaff and Canyon de Chelly. Almost all the time I had a camera in my hand. I wrote stories and submitted photos to the *Zuffenhausen News*. I also worked with travel writer George Ridge to publish International travel stories monthly in the Arizona Daily Star. For many years I also was a Trip Leader for *Arizona Highways* Photo Workshops.

My first Porsche was when I was in the Army in Germany. I picked up my 1959 Guards Red 356 A at the factory. A photo of the factory floor taken that time went for \$550 at the recent Holiday Charity Auction. Over the years I have had a '70 911 T, the 944, an '86 911 Carrera Coupe, the '87 Targa, a '12 Cayenne 6 (all

shades of Red), a white '18 Macan 6, a white '09 Boxster, and recently, a new '23 Gentian Blue Macan.

I have presented slide shows at some monthly meetings in the past. But I bet no one remembers the first one that I did. Dorothy, our son David, and I had just returned from a European trip in 1971 where we were able to attend the 1000 K Rennen (race) at the Nurburgring. I took some great photos including Vic Elford winning in the Porsche 908/3. I was invited to give the slide show at the SAR monthly meeting at the Blue Saguaro Steakhouse on Dodge Blvd. Now it is a Power Point

presentation with sound that I recorded. Anyone interested in seeing it 53 years later? (*Editor's Note – YES!!!!*)

It seems that all of the fun stuff that I have done with the Southern Arizona Region has qualified me for a Lifetime Membership, for which I am very grateful.

Cheers to looking forward to more events in the future.

Hal's Jokes from the Holiday Party

Joke #1

It had been a stormy Summer and now it was Fall.

Out on the Reservation the Tribe had just elected a new Chief. When he was introduced to the tribal members, an Elder asked, "Oh Great Chief, what can you tell us about the coming winter. Will it be a cold one?"

Chief George had been raised in the city and had not been taught the old secrets. So, the Chief said, "Common sense says we should be prepared, so make sure you have enough firewood."

Several days later George calls his friend Alex, a weatherman and asks what was being forecast for the coming winter. Alex says, "Well, the El Nino water temperature out in the Pacific Ocean indicates that it could be a cold winter."

Chief George immediately informs the tribe it was going to be a very cold winter and to lay in lots of firewood.

Some time later George bumps into Alex and asks him what he knows about the winter weather. Alex says, "I'm sure it will be one the coldest winters on record."

George asks him why he is so sure. Alex replies, "I'm sure, because the Indians are buying firewood like crazy."

Joke #2

Harley, a prominent lawyer, calls his client, Diego, who is

an art expert and Gallery owner. "Diego, I just met with your wife. She wants me to tell you a couple of things. She said there is some good news and some not so good news."

Diego replies, "It been a rough day, so tell me the good news." Harley says, "She said she just paid \$5,000 for two photos. She is sure they are worth millions of dollars and I agree with her."

"Great, my wife is a very good businessperson. Now, what is the bad news?"

Harley says, "The photos are of you and your secretary."

Joke 3

An acronym is when you take a series of words and form a new word using each first letter. For example: NASA is National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

What do you call it when you take a word or name and substitute a word for each letter? The slang for this is backronym.

For automobile examples:

SAAB is: Sad attempt at beauty.

Ford is: Found on road dead.

Fiat is: Fix it again, Tony.

And from a disgruntled **Porsche** customer:

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Lifetime Membership - By Kathleen Kendler

At this year's holiday party, the club inducted Hal Tretbar as a PCA-SAR Lifetime Member. Many of you are probably wondering, what does that cost? Actually, you cannot purchase this title and it isn't a time-in-club award, you must earn it.

Rumor has it, the award was started by Pati & Rink Reinking. The procedures and criteria were informal at first. Just a consensus of the current Board - "For exemplary service to the club." The first awardee was Dee Rosado, a previous president who also held many other positions. We don't have a record of the exact years, so if you remember, please feel free to email me your recollections and I can update the list.

In 2010, then President Jim Kendler requested a formal criteria and procedures be finalized and captured in our by-laws that Tom Sherman was working on. The Lifetime members provided input to Barb Crowley and she captured our process and criteria. I have lifted certain portions of the policy and procedures and paraphrased others:

SAR recognizes certain members as "Lifetime Members." This is the highest honor to be bestowed on any member. It is achieved through outstanding service to the region over the course of many years. This distinction exempts the member from regional membership dues. At any given time, a maximum of 10% of SAR members or member households may be Lifetime Members.

Note: The Lifetime Member Nominating Committee may recommend the spouse/partner of a nominee to receive the distinction of Lifetime Member if that spouse regularly attends SAR functions, volunteers, and in general, supports the club. A committee comprised of existing Lifetime Members will review, discuss, and nominate one deserving SAR member for distinction based on the criteria. This award is not handed out annually. Remember the committee is looking for service to the club and being a Porsche Ambassador. Does one have to meet all the criteria? NO, but it helps.

So, to all the past Lifetime members and our newest, CONGRATULATIONS For a Job Well Done!!!! Hats off to all of you for continuing to serve by being on this committee.

Please congratulate Hal Tretbar the next time you see him. He is a marvelous representative of our region.

Criteria for inclusion as a Lifetime Member:

- Longevity (membership for a minimum of ten years) in the region
- Member in good standing
- Has participated as a member of the SAR Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and/or Standing Committee(s)
- Regular attendance at general meetings, SAR events, tours, public service activities, and/or DE
- Regularly chairs/organizes SAR events
- Volunteers services for club activities or committees on a regular basis
- Promotes and supports SAR charity endeavors
- Through a commitment of his/her time, is integral to the success of the region
- Is an ambassador of SAR locally, in Zone 8, and nationally
- OR has been awarded national "Lifetime Member" status by the Porsche Club of America. "

SAR Lifetime Members

(16 current Lifetime Members as of Dec. 4, 2023)

Jeff Gamble

Kurt Cramer

Dennis and Barb Crowley (1992) at the club's 25th Anniversary/Holiday Party

Larry and Rita Dennis (2002)

Hank Malter (2004 - former PCA National Board President)

Richard and Leslie Kepner (2007)

Patsy Conklin (2008 or 2009)

Dave and Barb Radmacher (2010)

Connie Sherman (2012)

Jim and Kathleen Kendler (2015)

Hal Tretbar (2023)



Join PCA-SAR on the First Tour for 2024!

Saturday, January 20th

Visit the Historic Canoa Ranch.

The Historic Canoa Ranch is now a county park and has preserved one of the largest ranches in the area. Long owned by the Manning family, it now consists of 5000 acres. The ranch buildings have been saved and a large lake and cienega rebuilt to reflect the original waterway.

We will drive south to the ranch, take a tour around the park, and then drive to lunch.

Please be at the start location by 9:00 for the driver's meeting, and to sign the waivers.

We will leave at 9:30, arriving at the ranch at 10:30, and will have about 90 minutes to see the ranch buildings, lake, cienega, and de Anza trail.

We will then leave for lunch, a ten-minute drive.

For more information and to sign up for the event, go to:

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January 27th, 2024

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

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

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.

PCA-SAR Weekday Tour to Patagonia Wednesday, December 6th



High Performance Driving Event at Podium Club

December 2nd
2023



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 kdfuerstenau@yahoo.com 503-351-0934

PCA-SAR Tour to the Dwarf Car Museum Saturday, February 3rd



Ernie Adams, after racing, turned to building Dwarf cars in Maricopa, AZ. On February 3rd we will drive North to see his creations, and have lunch in a themed restaurant, the Raceway Bar and Grill. They are both excited for our visit, which should be both a nice drive, and a chance to see these unique cars. Due to space considerations, we will first stop for lunch, and then on to the museum.

For more information and to sign up go to:

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Member Spotlight

Debi Norris

Last Spring, I got the opportunity to be a judge in the PCA National Newsletter contest. I read many newsletters from regions all over the country. One feature several regions had was a Member Spotlight article. These articles had members complete a survey of questions to get to know him or her better. One of the reasons some people do not come out to events is because they are concerned they won't know anyone. I thought having a Member Spotlight each month will help new or inactive members get to know some of our members. I figured I'd go ahead and do the first month myself!

What do you drive? Pat (my husband) and I joke that we have a Porsche Problem! Yes, we have 7 of them... They

range from a 1963 356B that is in the restoration phase to a 2016 GT4. Most of the cars Pat drives and I enjoy being a passenger. But, I have really taken to "Betty," our 2005 Boxster S. She is the perfect car for me. I love putting down the top and driving her along our beautiful Arizona highways. I drove her at the Car Control Clinics the last two years and am contemplating taking her to INDE for the DE in March. She is just so much fun to drive!



When did you join PCA? We have been PCA members more than 30 years. We first joined the San Diego Region way back in 1989. We transferred to SAR in 2014.

What PCA events do you enjoy most? All of them! Seriously, I don't think there are any events I don't like! But I think I enjoy the tours the most. You get a chance to drive interesting roads, see new sights, and then enjoy socializing at the final destination.

What would you tell a new member? Don't hesitate to go to an event. You will find great people who love to talk about their favorite cars.

What is/was your career? I was an elementary school teacher for 34 years until I retired in 2021. I mostly taught kindergarten and first grade. I loved working with the kids, but I am glad to be retired now!

What else do you do for fun when you are not driving your Porsche? I love to make things. I do a lot of hand crafts like making quilts, lace, and watercolor painting. I also enjoy volunteering at the Tucson Botanical Garden.

Favorite Porsche memory? This was a tough one! I have so many! Getting to talk with Hans Peter Porsche at the Boston Porsche Parade in 1991 was definitely a highlight. But, my favorite memory was driving down the main straight at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway at the Sportscar Together Fest in 2022. The GT cars were the featured marque that year and we got the royal treatment. We got a special parking paddock with all GT cars, unique gift bags and swag, and best of all, a couple of laps around the speedway. They were supposed to be "Parade Laps" but when you get a bunch of GT cars together, we weren't going to go "parade" speeds! Going over 100 mph down the main straight past the Pagoda was an amazing experience.

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By Kathleen Kendler – Membership Chair

We would like to welcome our **new members**:

Residing in Tucson

Zach T. Sawyer

Residing Outside of Tucson

Chris V. Greer

Michael D. Lancaster

Oro Valley

Sierra Vista

Transfers in & out

Thomas & Diane Peacor

Potomac

Test Drive participants:

Cornelia Brown

Peter Koot

Nils Menten

Brad Smith

Tucson

Marana

Oro Valley

Tucson



Welcome!

This is a reminder: If you let your national PCA membership lapse, you are removed from the email list and will not receive notices from the club until your membership is renewed. Have a great January!!!!!!

Come Join Us for Breakfast



Our monthly breakfast get-togethers are becoming quite popular! Come on out on **Saturday, January 13**, to the 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!



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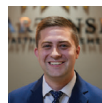
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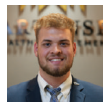
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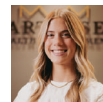
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