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**ON THE COVER:** Cinco 2024 Best of Show winner

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### President's Corner By Greg Curtiss



#### Hi Everyone!

Early in May we held our premier annual event, the Cinco de Mayo Weekend. There are several articles in this issue about this fun event, so I will try and not be too redundant. It was nice to have all four Cinco sub-events at the Desert Diamond Casino, rather than scattered around town. I hope many of you were able to participate in or attend some or all of these events. Thanks to Debi Norris, the Cinco Committee and all the many volunteers who all did a great job in making an event like Cinco possible.

Several times at past Cincos, I have missed the Welcome Party on Friday night as I was still cleaning my Porsche for the Concours on Saturday morning. Those of you who have entered Concours in the past know that there is always more that can be cleaned or made to look nicer. At some point, one needs to cut it off and relax a little, or if it is late try and get some sleep. This year, I planned ahead more and was able to enjoy the Welcome Party for a change.

Upcoming on June 4<sup>th</sup> is our monthly membership meeting at Jun Dynasty on East Grant, and on June 8<sup>th</sup> our Saturday morning breakfast. To attend these events you must register online at <u>www.motorsportreg.com</u>. An easy way to do this is to visit SAR's website, <u>www.pcasar.org</u>, click on "Calendar" at the top and then "Our Calendar" on the drop-down menu. Each event listing requiring registration has a link directly to the proper motorsportreg.com page. Hope to see you there!

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**Editor's Column** By Debi Norris

Another Cinco de Mayo Weekend is in the books!

You will find this issue highlights all the fun we had during our Cinco de Mayo weekend. I would like to use my column this month to thank several people without whom Cinco could not happen. An event like this takes a tremendous amount of teamwork and planning. Next time you see any of these folks, be sure to thank them!

#### Dave Shryock, John Duclos and John Herold

were my "partners in crime" leading the Cinco Committee.

**Sam Halgren** took over all the shirt and hat sales.

**Barb Crowley** worked with Graphic Impact to order trophies and our program.

**Kurt Fuerstenau** organized the Sunday Tour. **Kathleen Kendler** ran registration, including organizing the goody bags.

**Jim Kendler** set up the Motorsportreg.com page and handled all the entrant questions.

Peter Beaham was our Head Judge. Patick Miller handled the finances.

There were also many volunteers working as Judges, Scorers, Runners, Timers, Registration, Parking, and Banquet Set-Up. Thank you!

# Thank you to everyone who helped make Cinco 2024 a success!



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## Upcoming Events





#### June

04 - Membership Meeting - Jun Dynasty on Grant

08 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell

09/15 - Porsche Parade in Birmingham, Alabama

18 - Board Meeting

### July

02 - Membership Meeting - Casa Molina on Campbell

13 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell

14 - Day at the Diamondbacks (AZ Region)

16 - Board Meeting

28/Aug. 4 - Treffen at Sea

### August

06 - Membership Meeting - Check website for details

10 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell

20 - Board Meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

Sept. 21/22 - HPDE at INDE Oct. 5 - Porsche Tucson Event Oct. 19 - Tucson Classic Car Show Oct. 20 - F1 Viewing Party and New Member Event Oct. 27 - HPDE at AMP Dec. 7/8 - HPDE at Podium Club Dec. 15 - HDPE at Musselman

**Upcoming Events Around Arizona** Check out what is happening in our neighboring regions to the north:

### **Arizona Region** June

05- Membership Meeting 28 - Alpine Tour XXIV

**Arizona Mountain Region** June 07 - Club Dinner 27 - Pine and Strawberry Drive and Lunch



## Cinco de Mayo Weekend 2024

Photos by Hal Tretbar, Barb Crowley, Jim Kendler, Pat Norris and Bruce Ehrlich

The 2024 Cinco de Mayo Weekend was a great success!

Cinco Weekend is PCA-SAR's biggest event of the year. The Cinco Committee started working back in January to make sure all the many pieces came together to make a terrific event. Everything from securing a banquet facility and registering participants to buying equipment and finding judges, the Committee worked together to make it all happen. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Cinco 2024 happen!



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### The Welcome Party

Cinco 2024 started with a Welcome Party on Friday night. The club reserved the bar area in the lobby of the Desert Diamond hotel to hold the event. The food was fabulous as we enjoyed a variety of appetizers along with a roast beef and pork loin carving station. Lots of good stories were shared as club members mingled with one another. It was a great way to start a fun weekend.





### The Main Event – The Concours d'Elegance

Saturday morning dawned bright and early as Concours set-up began at 6:00AM. The parking lot at the Desert Diamond Casino Hotel was a hive of activity as cars were placed, easy-ups and tables were set, the scoring team arranged their materials and the Judges received last minute instructions. Meanwhile, the Registration table efficiently made sure all the participants checked-in and received their paperwork and Goodie Bags.

By 8:30, all was ready and judging began. Head Judge Peter Beaham led a team of judges, runners, and timers. As each car was judged, the scores were delivered to the scoring table where another team took over the job of inputting the numbers and determining the rankings. Many classes were very tight. In the end, James Clark's incredible 1959 Meissen Blue Convertible D won Best of Show. Complete show results are available at <a href="https://www.pcasar.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-Concours-Scoring-Sheet.xlsx">https://www.pcasar.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-Concours-Scoring-Sheet.xlsx</a>

By this time, everyone was ready for lunch. The Desert Diamond provided delicious boxed lunches that hit the spot. We were all finished early enough to get out of the heat as the afternoon approached.

Again, none of this could happen without a whole team of volunteers! THANK YOU to all the people who got up very early in the morning to make the day a success!



## And the Winners Are...

















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### The Evening Banquet

Saturday evening, we all gathered together again to enjoy a great meal and give out awards. The evening started with a social hour held in the hotel lobby bar. Everyone enjoyed some cool beverages while sharing stories of the day as well as Cincos past. As dinner approached, we moved into the dining room.

The dinner was excellent, and the Desert Diamond chefs really outdid themselves. I heard many compliments on how surprised people were by the quality of the food.

After dinner, it was time for the presentation. President Greg Curtiss welcomed everyone, and all the volunteers were acknowledged and thanked. We had a few words from Lori DeCristo, our Zone 8 Representative, who journeyed out from California to join the occasion. Finally, Head Judge Peter Beahan handed out the well-earned trophies to the class and "Best of" winners.

Congratulations to all the participants. It was a pleasure to have so many beautiful cars at our event.

As the evening came to a close, our Tour Leader, Kurt Fuerstenau, reminded everyone that the weekend was not quite over. There was still the Sunday tour to come!



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### The Sunday Tour

Cinco Weekend's last, but definitely not least, event was the Sunday Tour. We met in the parking lot of the hotel to go over the safety briefing and ensure everyone had their directions. Kurt Fuerstenau took the lead with John Duclos covering the sweep and we were off.

The route took us through some of my favorite Tucson roads and landmarks – San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson Mountain Park, Old Tucson, the Desert Museum, Saguaro National Park, the Picture Rocks Pass – it was a tour of some of the best views around. The line of shiny Porsches on twisty roads attracted a lot of attention.

We finished the tour with a delicious lunch at The Landing Restaurant on Oracle. A great end to a great weekend!





Thank You!

A big thank you to our Cinco 2024 Sponsors. Porsche Tucson sponsored our Welcome Party and Patsy Sable with Long Realty supplied the water bottles at the Concours. We thank them both for their generous donations. Thank you also to Desert Diamond Casino for going above and beyond to make our event a great one!



### More Photos From Cinco

















### **Even More Photos From Cinco**









### Yet Even More Photos From Cinco

We really had a great time!





Speed Bump - Slow Down For Some Automotive Tales A Semi-Regular Column and Photos by Hal Tretbar Vignettes From Cinco de Mayo 2024

**Photos by Hal Tretbar** 

#### Vignette 1

I was cleaning my Guards Red '87 Carrera Targa wearing a red t-shirt. On the back was a big round logo for The Manual Transmission Society. The center shows a 6 shift pattern with reverse left and up. The mottos are GET YOUR SHIFT TOGETHER and REAL DRIVERS USE THREE PEDALS.

I was standing in line for lunch at Panera, still wearing the shirt, when this burly guy in bib overalls and ball cap came over. He said, "Hey Bro, I like your T-shirt. I drive a Ram diesel, with a 6-speed stick." After a few words about stick shifts being rare in new vehicles, he continued. "I don't lock my truck. I don't worry about it being stole. Them dumb punks don't know how to shift." Then, with a fist bump, he sat down for lunch.



First time I had ever been called "Bro."



#### Vignette 2

It was Saturday, the week before the 2024 Cinco de Mayo Concours d'Elegance. I was getting ready to clean the sensitive areas on the right door jam, when my brain started muttering to itself. "Hey, look at that! Why hadn't I seen that before? The rubber cap on the light switch is missing."

Maybe I could get one from Chuck Crouteau but I didn't want to bother him on Saturday. So, I called Pelican Parts in California. Yes, they could mail one on Monday for \$7.50 plus shipping. It would probably arrive in 5-6 days. Then, thinking logically, I went to Amazon.com

From Amazon Prime I had one in 2 days for \$6.

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#### Speed Bump Continued

#### Vignette 3

I have entered my '87 Targa in nine Concours. The first was Cinco 2005 with a perfect score in Wash and Shine. The next trophy for Wash and Shine was lost after it was on display at the Posche dealership. There were Cinco Best in Class awards in 2010 and '12, with a second place in '11. I did a Street Class about 2016, but the engine compartment was not good. I received a second place in Wash and Shine in the 2008 Arizona Region Concours (Phoenix).

Last Year at Cinco I lost first place in Wash and Shine because there was a tiny piece on lint on the carpet. This year at Cinco, I had a different problem. When I bought the Targa in 2004 the rear edge of the removable top was slightly raised as if someone had leaned it against a wall. It was never a demerit until this year. In fact, the judge in the Arizona Concours told me it would never be a problem in Zone 8 unless it was in a major Concours on the West Coast.



Well, guess what? Even though I placed First in the Cinco 2024 Detail and Shine 3 (the old Wash and Shine), I was dinged for the raised edge. You know what that means!

### The Southern Arizona Region's Cinco de Mayo Concours d'Elegance may be the best in Zone 8!!

## June Membership Meeting

ARIZONA

This month we will be meeting at Jun Dynasty, located at 2933 E Grant Rd. We will gather for dinner on Tuesday, June 4, at 6:00. Meeting starts approximately at 7:00.

Come hang out with your Porsche friends as we enjoy a great meal together!

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### Blast from the Past by Barb Crowley – Lifetime Member

What a nice surprise to see the tan 1972 914 on display at this year's Cinco de Mayo. I had not seen it for several years. Lifetime members Kurt and Audrey Cramer owned the car and had participated at Cinco events for decades.



My favorite memory was seeing the Cramers, their grandkids, and a Springer Spaniel at concours events on the grass at La Mariposa and Tucson Country Club. They would somehow also manage to bring their picnic lunches along with a folding picnic table with benches! The kids would romp around while Audrey would work on registration or the score sheets (before the time of computers!) while Kurt would help with parking cars or volunteer wherever he was needed. As event chair, I often commandeered the grandkids to be runners for judging teams.

Audrey passed away a few years ago. Kurt has had a lot of health issues and has been unable to attend SAR functions. The last time many of us saw him was at Rink Reinking's celebration of life in 2022.

Jeff Gamble (SAR Charter Member) along with the Cramers and Reinkings helped establish SAR long before Dennis and I joined the club 47 years ago. (Geez! That's a long time ago!) We're worse for wear, for sure. So was the Cramer's 914 shown at Cinco. Its paint didn't sparkle, and the trunk lid didn't match the rest of its tan body ... but it was still a treat to see it again.

Kurt's son, Karl Cramer entered it this year in the Display Class. Seeing it was like being in Peabody's 'Wayback Machine.' Karl not only showed the car, but he brought out his mom and dad's white jackets that had event patches from many races and events they had attended.



Their Lifetime Member badges were proudly displayed on the dash. On the rear trunk sat Audrey's scrapbook showing SAR ephemera and tons of photos. When I thumbed through it, I was flooded with memories ... many Cinco events, Audrey

scoring at St. Philip's Plaza, autocrosses, SAR parties, banquets, etc.



Karl pointed out his mom's favorite picture of the 914 at the Settlers West Art Gallery on north Campbell Rd. It was taken during an SAR 'Photo Tour' event I had chaired. I gave him some background about that event: at that time, our old ZN had a pullout centerfold calendar of events. Each month featured a member's car at a scenic or artistic location. Members signed up for the 'tour' and would caravan to various locations where a professional photographer would have a photo shoot of two or three cars at each location. Those photos were used for the black and white calendars or ZN covers. (the club couldn't afford colored printing so we had to have the color photos 'screened' to be printed in B/W). Then, as a thank you for participating, I gave the color prints to the participants. Karl enjoyed hearing the story behind the photo.

I hope Karl went back and told his dad how much SAR members enjoyed seeing him, the 914 and all the memorabilia he had brought out to Cinco at Desert Diamond. Our best wishes go out to the Cramer family.

### Another Flash Back by Barb Crowley – Lifetime Member

I remember that shirt! I exclaimed to Neville Sonner at Cinco. He said he just had to wear it ... after all, it featured his race car! Yep, there it was. The artwork concept was created by SAR member Wendy Walker. The year was 2004...twenty years ago! The design showed a postage stamp peppered with Porsches ... including Neville's race car. Neville's son, Giorgio Ruggieri, showed the car this year in the "Special Categories" Division winning First in Class and Best of Division. This yellow 1960 356B race car got a lot of attention at Cinco.

Neville also brought his Light Ivory 1965 356C coupe and entered it in the Full Concours Division. This car has been "Best of Show" at previous Cincos. It is always pristine and well prepared. This year it came in a close second. Thanks so much for bringing out both cars to Cinco this year.



The Arizona Region invites PCA-SAR to join them at their: 11th Annual Day at the Diamondbacks

July 14, 2024, Game Time 1:10 pm

Cheer on the Diamondbacks against the Toronto Blue Jays! This will be our 11th annual ballpark event.

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

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<u>Residing in Outside of Tucson</u> Peter Knoot

Marana

<u>Transfers in & out</u> Gregory Zelinski (out)



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National dues have increased.

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I had a wonderful time at Cinco 2024. I had a great time with Registration, judging beautiful cars, and all the social activities. I was pleasantly surprised at the quality of the food served.

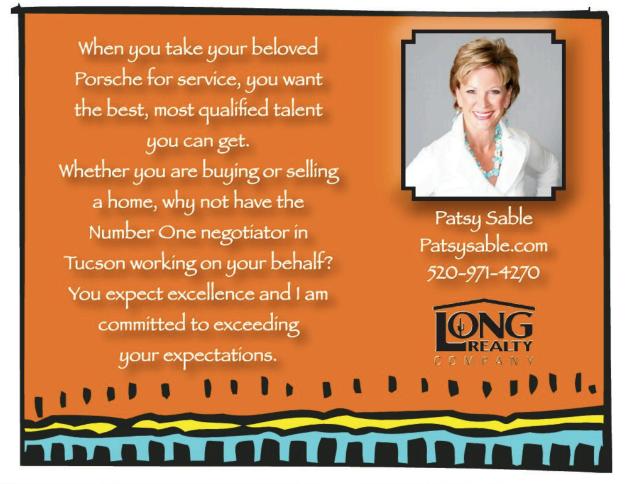
I'll let you know how Parade in Birmingham goes.

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Our monthly breakfast get-togethers are becoming quite popular! Come on out on **Saturday**, **June 8th**, 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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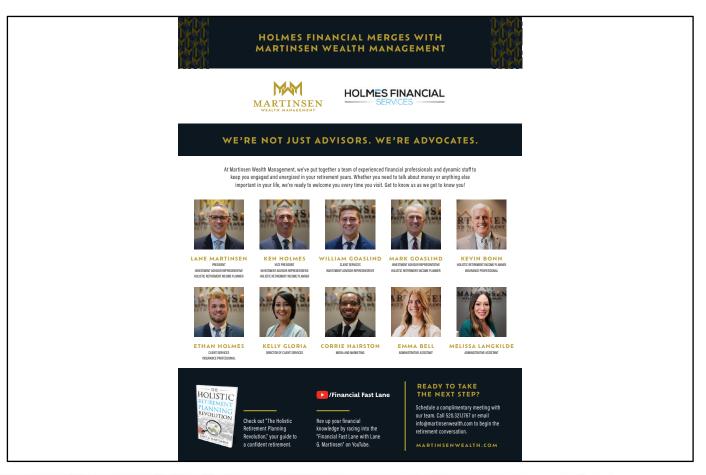
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