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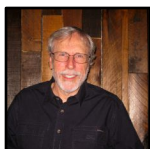
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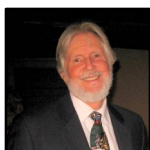
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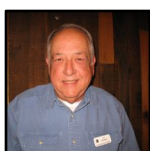
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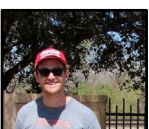
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President's Corner

By Greg Curtiss



Hi Everyone!

As I write this it seems like it is getting slightly cooler. It looks like the 110 degree days are over now. Hopefully, so are the 105 plus days, knock on wood. I have no doubt it will get cooler in the coming months. This means more Porsche events for SAR members.

Speaking of cooler events, both literally and figuratively, our big brother to the north, Arizona Region, is putting on a Drivers Education event at Inde Motorsports Ranch on September 21st and 22nd. Inde is a private track which is occasionally made available to those of us in the Porsche Club. The Inde track is located northwest of Willcox and is about 2.6 miles long. It has a lot of elevation change, has a nice smooth surface which is easy on tires, a fairly long front straight, and 18 fun turns.

If you have done a PCA DE event in the past, you definitely should register for this event. There are run groups for Intermediate, Experienced, and Advanced drivers. If you have never done a DE, now is the time to try! AZ region is going out of its way to make it comfortable for novice drivers. There will be instructors (some from SAR) to help you get comfortable with driving on a track and work on improving your driving skills. For more details see the motorsportreg.com registration page. You can find this event by typing "Inde" in the "Find Events" section of www.motorsportreg.com or go to the direct link later in this issue. Remember, all Porsches are designed to be driven on a track. Hope to see you at a Porsche Club event soon!

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Editor's Column

By Debi Norris

It is always exciting to work on the September issue of the ZN and start seeing our calendar fill up again as the heat of summer begins to wane. Even after being in Tucson for a decade, I still don't like our summers! I'm looking forward to a fun fall full of Porsche events!

Pat and I enjoyed the weekday tour to Mt. Lemmon in August. Pat played hooky from work, and we enjoyed the drive up the Catalina Highway to the cool mountaintop. The temperatures were perfect and we enjoyed good food and good company. Thanks to Jim and Kathleen Kendler for putting on a great event.

I have noticed that the older I get, the harder time I have remembering names. I always appreciate seeing people wear their nametags at SAR events. If you don't have one yet, check out the ad on this page for getting your nametag. Ryan, who owns Graphic Impact, is a long-time club member. He will be happy to get one printed for you. Pat and I ordered several so we could keep one in each car, even my Buick!

Check out the calendar and I hope to see you at an event!



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Upcoming Events



September

- 03 - Membership Meeting - Mama Louisa's - 2041 S. Craycroft
- 14 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell
- 17 - Board Meeting
- 19 - Ferry Porsche's Birthday
- 21-22 - HPDE at INDE Motorsports Ranch
- 22 - Drive Your 356 Day

October

- 01 - Membership Meeting - Check website for details
- Oct. 5 - Porsche Tucson Event
- 12 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell
- 15 - Board Meeting
- Oct. 19 - Tucson Classic Car Show
- Oct. 20 - F1 Viewing Party and New Member Event
- 26 - Arizona Flight 46 - Concours d'Elegance - Westin Kierland Scottsdale
- Oct. 27 - HPDE at AMP

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 02 - Adopt-a-Roadway Clean-up
- Nov. 09 - Corpus Catholic Church Car Show
- 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

September

- 15 - Tour to Tonto Natural Bridge
- 28 - Tour to Cottonwood and Wine Tasting

Arizona Mountain Region

September

- 14 - Porsches and Pancakes
- 15 - New Member Picnic
- 25 - Trip to La Posada

Mt. Lemmon Driving Tour & Lunch Recap

By Jim & Kathleen Kendler - Photos by Jim Kendler



Have you driven your Porsche to Summerhaven or Ski Valley lately? Why do I ask? Because if you haven't yet this summer, we highly recommend it.

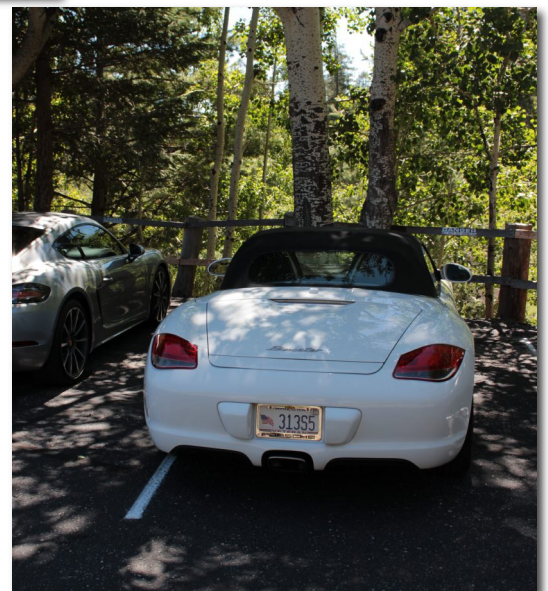
SAR members drove their beautiful automobiles up the Catalina Highway as a group on Thursday, August 15th. The mountain highway is in great shape with many curves and green vegetation along the road. Traffic was light or non-existent. The weather was sunny, dry and 72 degrees. Tucson was already at 90 degrees and heading to 100 when we left the starting point.



After a very spirited, yet safe, thirty-mile drive we stopped for lunch at the Iron Door Restaurant. We were seated on the shaded outdoor deck. Iron Door specializes in hearty German style food and fresh baked goods. I highly recommend the restaurant with its large parking lot. As people finished lunch the group enjoyed the fantastic weather and company. No one was in a hurry to return to 100-degree Tucson! Slowly, the group broke up for an immediate drive home or a little exploring of Summerhaven or a quick hike on a Mount Lemmon trail.



So, if you want to have some fun out of the heat with your Porsche we recommend a weekday drive to the top of Mount Lemmon. See you at a future event.



PCA-SAR Membership F1 US Grand Prix Viewing Party

We would like to encourage new and old members who enjoy F1 to get together and socialize.



Date: Sunday, October 20th

Tentative Start time: 11:00 AM. *Exact start time will be emailed to all participants.*

Location: Road House Cinema

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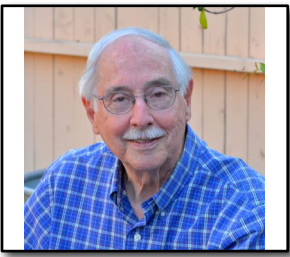
Race will be streamed/viewed on the big screen via F1TV Pro

Admission gets access to the live viewing of the US F1 Grand Prix at the Circuit of Americas (COTA) via F1 TV Pro and a bowl of gourmet popcorn and soft drink.

Fee is \$20.00 per person. New members will be refunded after the event after attendance. Only 50 seats.

New SAR members (first year of membership) will have free admittance.

More information and registration will be available soon at <https://pcasar.motorsportreg.com/>



Speed Bump - Slow Down For Some Automotive Tales

A Semi-Regular Column and Photos by Hal Tretbar

The Great Tretbar Road Trip #2

Chapter One of the Road Trip with my sons Bruce and Brian to my hometown of Stafford, Kansas, was shortened for editorial reasons. Here is Chapter Two with several more Vignettes.

Vignette One: From Tucumcari, New Mexico, Rt. 54 heads to Dalhart, Texas. There is a change of air quality as you approach. The fragrance is not one you would find at Macy's. I would call it *Eau de Cowshit*. There are 75,000 cows spewing methane gas in the 540 acres of the stockyard next to the highway. Enough to effect climate change. Workers there have said they can get used to it!?

Vignette two: After Dalhart, the highway goes straight as an arrow, northeast, piecing a row of small Oklahoma towns. Each boasting its athletics team with a sign by the road or on the water tower: Guymon Tigers, Hooker Bulldogs and Tyrone Bobcats. Hooker of course is; *A Location, not a Vocation*. Then it is the Kansas towns in a row. Each is trying to establish an identity. It is almost like the roadside attractions found along famed Rt. 66.

Liberal, Kansas is next. It likes to be known for its Pancake Day Races. Since 1950 Liberal has been in competition with Olney, England. The race is held on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent. A woman wearing a head scarf and skirt must run 415 yards while flipping a pancake in a skillet at the beginning and the end. Liberal claims to have the most champions.

Further on Rt. 54, Plains, Kansas, claims to have the widest Main Street in the U.S. at 155 feet and 5 inches. Then Meade, Kansas' claim to fame is as an original Dalton Gang Hideout.

The Dalton Gang were notorious train and bank robbers, active from 1890-92, in Kansas and the Oklahoma Territory. The Gang ended when two brothers died in a botched bank robbery in Coffeyville, Kansas. Often, they would stay with a sister in Meade. Today you can visit the original house by entering it via a tunnel from the barn.

We leave Rt. 54 to head north to Dodge City, Kansas, on US Rt. 50. Dodge was Queen of the



Speed Bump Continued

Cow towns in the 1880s. It was notorious for outlaws, prostitutes and Sheriffs such as Luke Short, Bat Masterson, and Wyatt Earp. Today, after visiting the Boothill Museum, you can settle the dust with a cool one at the famous Long Branch Saloon.

Eighty miles east of Dodge City, on US Rt. 50, is Stafford, Kansas where I grew up. In the previous story I told about the marvelous time we had meeting with old timers who knew my family well. My old house and the those of two uncles are in great shape.

As with other small towns in the mid-west, Stafford is struggling to maintain its place as where you would want to live and raise a family. There is only one business that helps with the economy. But wait,

does Stafford have something different that it is known for?

You bet. Stafford is the Gateway to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. It is 22,000 acres of salt water marsh in the middle of sandy lands. The Refuge provides a stop-over for migratory birds and other wildlife. During March and April, it is a staging area for 300,000 sandhill cranes, ducks and Canadian geese, as well as pelicans, gulls and other migrants. 8,000 acres are designated for hiking, hunting and fishing. It was established in 1955, after I had left home and I have never visited it.

Well, that is a Wrap for the Great Tretbar Road Trip. I hope you found it interesting.

In Memoriam – Michael Braegelmann

By Barb Crowley

It is with great sadness to inform our readers of the passing of longtime SAR member Michael Braegelmann on August 2, 2024. We hadn't seen him at recent SAR events lately and most of us who had spoken with him within the past six months weren't aware he was fighting multiple cancers. Many of us remember Mike as a good friend. You would always know if he was in the room because you could hear his unique voice and his big, boisterous laugh.

Numerous members were lucky to have Mike as our trusted insurance agent for decades. In 2014, he retired after 42 years with State Farm. Members have shared that they could always count on Mike to take good care of their insurance needs. His obituary notice stated, "He enjoyed his clients and maintained friendships with them throughout the years."

Mike was patriotic. He served in the U.S. Army as a Chinese Linguist/Intelligence Analyst. (in the early '70s)

Michael enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, trap shooting and traveling around the world. His many hunting and sightseeing trips took him to many places in the USA and around the world. Africa was his favorite. You could see that in the décor of his foothills home.

Michael is survived by his wife and best friend Zona Pinto, his five younger brothers and his many nieces and nephews. Your SAR friends give our deepest condolences to Zona and the Braegelmann family. We wish you comfort and peace.

To quote his obituary notice, "Michael enjoyed good wines, good friends, and the memory of a good cigar. He lived a full and admirable life and loved his Country."

To honor Mike, donations in his name may be made to:

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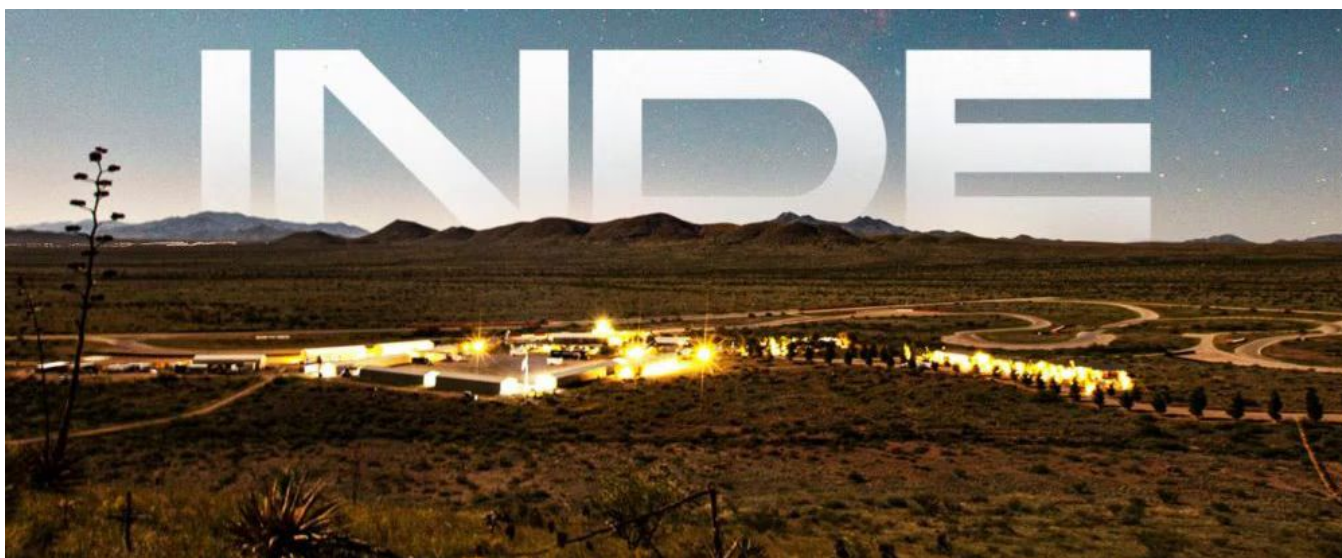
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Track Experience Program (NEW): This is an introduction to HPDE on-track driving. You will be paired up with an instructor and they will navigate the track in either your car or the instructor's for a 20 minute driving session. This will give you exposure to what an HPDE is all about. Very limited spots available for this program on Saturday only. Your car must have the technical inspection performed on it and pass the safety inspection the morning of the event.

Instructors are available! If this will be your first time attending a track day with AZ PCA or if you have not yet been approved to drive solo, you will be provided an instructor to ride along with you as well as classroom instruction to make the most of your day. Even if it is not your first time or if you have never driven at Inde Motorsports Ranch before, AZ PCA can accommodate (and encourages) an instructor to hone your driving skills (lead/follow instruction is available). There is a \$10 rental fee for the bluetooth communicator that's necessary.

Wanna just hang out and lend a hand? We are always looking for folks to help us run these events. If you'd like to volunteer to help us, we'd love that! There is a registration option for volunteering and you can pick from several different roles of participation.

Registration fees:

- \$485 Full track weekend for Solo groups Saturday and Sunday
- \$365 One day (either Saturday or Sunday)
- \$85 Track Experience (20 minute ride-along session w/ Instructor)

Inde Motorsports Ranch is located at 9301 West Airport Rd, Willcox, AZ 85643.

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/az-pca-track-weekend-tt-inde-sept-21-22-motorsports-ranch-arizona-600090>

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The Board of Directors and leadership team of the AZPCA cordially invite you to celebrate our 65th Anniversary as a club and participate in our 46th annual Concours d'Elegance, known as Phoenix Flight 46!

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Saturday will be the Concours d'Elegance car show with judging and display of an awe-inspiring array of Porsches.

Following the Concours, there will be a plated lunch. Then join us after lunch for the presentation of awards and recognition!

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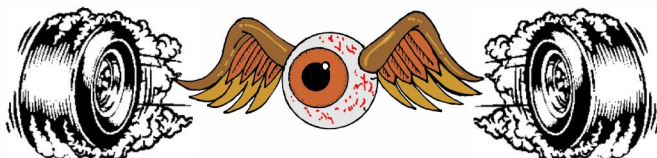
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Update on Restoration Challenge 2024 – By John Herold, Dealer Liason

If you recall from the last edition of the ZN, we had an article with photos of Porsche Tucson's entry into this year's Porsche Restoration Challenge. During that June 22nd event, club members saw the '79 911SC nearing the completion of its total restoration. On Saturday, July 27th, they held a final reveal of the finished car. Of the three categories in the competition (Preservation, Restoration and Individualization) the dealership chose to enter Individualization by modifying the SC with more RS features from the '70s. After the final reveal, the car was shipped to California where the Western Regional judging took place as part of Monterey Car Week (August 9-18). The car was stunning in its gloss black paint with wide body flared fenders and it took the trophy in the Individualization class. This win in the Western Region allows it to move on to the next round of national judging in October.

Congratulations Porsche Tucson!





Calling All Porsche Ladies!

Hi all!

After seeing the ladies-only table at the Club Breakfast in August it occurred to me that maybe we could do some additional ladies-only activities. We could start with a lunch and discuss other options, maybe cards, games, brunch, etc ... Email me if you are interested and your preference for weekends or weekdays and any suggestions you might have.

Thanks,

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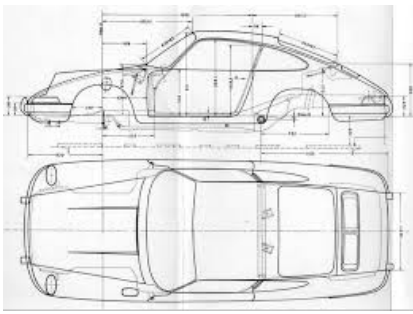


September Membership Meeting

This month we will be meeting at Mama Louisa's at 2041 S. Craycroft.
We will gather for dinner on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 6:00.

Meeting starts approximately at 7:00.

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



Project Corner

Safety First! Or - Plastic vs. AZ Heat. Or - How to Spend \$8 a Gallon to Keep Rattlesnakes out of the Shop. Article and Photos by Pat Norris

Do I Smell Gas?

As is often the case with Tech Corner, new topics arise while working on other projects. Recently, I opened the Shop to be greeted by a familiar smell: gasoline. It's happened about four times now - notice the smell, then search to find where it's coming from, find the leaking fuel jug, then try to save as much as possible.

The problem is simply that plastic doesn't hold up well to our dry Arizona heat. The good news is I have made a special effort to keep the Shop clear of anything that might ignite the fumes. I have now emptied the remaining plastic jug into one of the other cars - the race car was already full - and have started purchasing replacements.

I've selected steel Jerry Cans to replace the failed plastic fuel jugs. It means new spouts, finding a new way to carry them when traveling to the track, and a little extra weight. But, the steel cans should hold up even to Arizona summer heat.



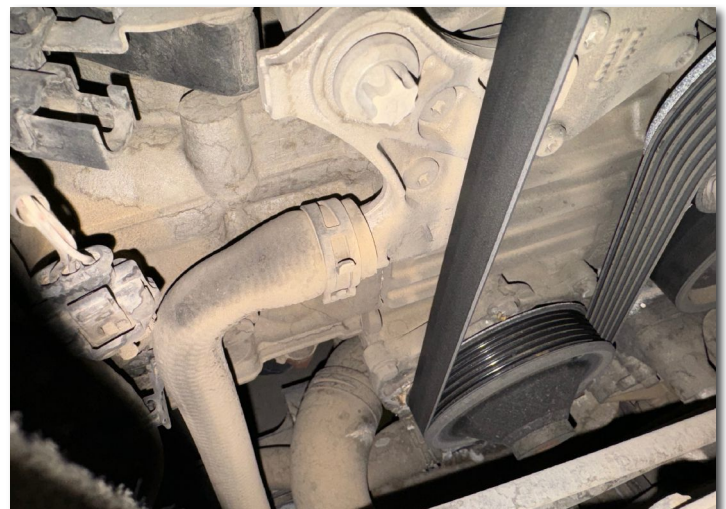
Metal > Plastic

If you have a plastic gas can or two (or 5), I suggest that you check on them. Make sure that they aren't leaking all that gas and causing fumes in a space near a flame. Now is the time to get something safer.

Betty (The Boxster) Update

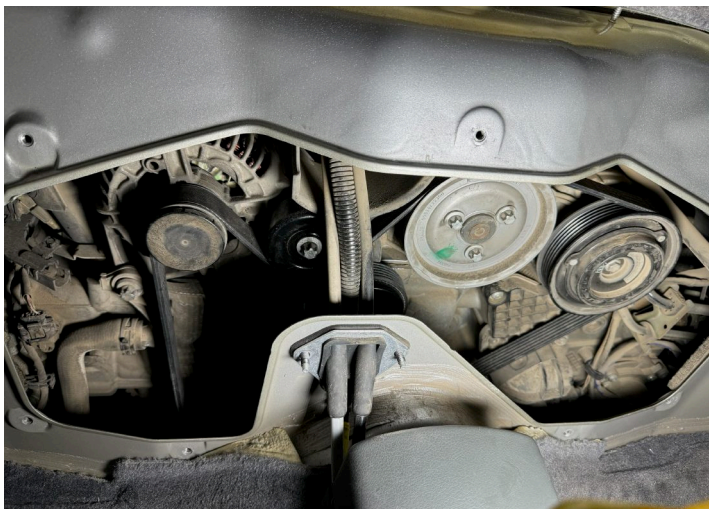
A lot has happened since my last update where I described my attempt to take Betty to the track. First, the water leak at the track looked a lot worse than it actually was. After a little research, checking with some folks, and then confirming where the leak seemed to be coming from, I replaced the cap for the coolant expansion tank and was back on the road! The cap tends to wear out and let the coolant boil over as the cap ages. It's a known problem, and now I, like several other folks I talked with, have a spare new cap. Sometimes, it really is an easy fix.

Of course, as projects go, the next issue was waiting just a few weeks down the road. A small wet spot under Betty after work was in a



Betty's leaky water pump.

different location. I topped off the water (was still carrying a gallon from the cap issue) and found small leaks every time I parked. Yep, it was the water pump. After ordering the parts, along with additional parts that should be changed “while you’re in there,” I was ready. It took me longer to do the job than the estimates said, but it was my first time on this car. The good news is Betty now has a new water pump, new thermostat, and new belt and rollers. Our drop-top ride has been great to have available as it’s starting to cool off a bit.



Betty's new belt and rollers.

Thumbelina (the 944 racecar) Update

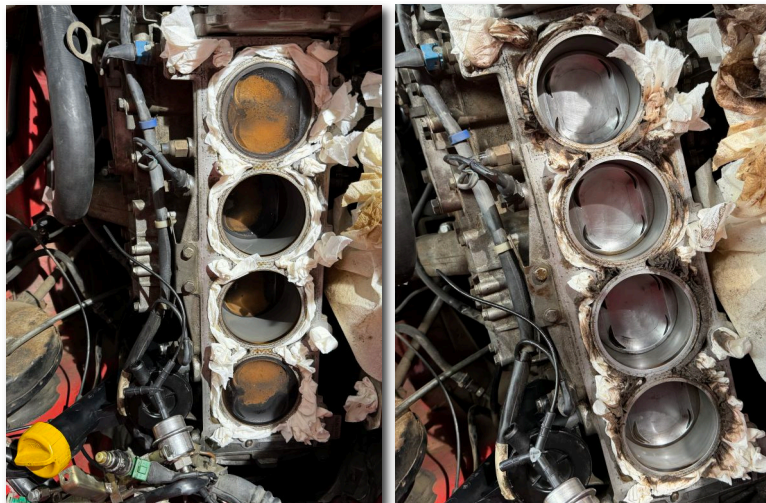
As mentioned before, working on a 35-year-old race car, especially when the model line ended 30+ years ago, requires massive amounts of patience while waiting. Here’s to hoping the results are worth the wait.

Good news on the parts and machine work. The camshafts arrived back safely from MJ Performance in Florida, with new sprockets for the timing chain. Racers Edge, gave the head a positive report after cleaning and a full inspection. It then got a valve job with new exhaust guides, all new springs, and new seals.

The seals on the air-oil separator have been changed (yeah, the 944 engine had those, too). Yet to be addressed are things like changing

hoses, vacuum lines, and seals that were found to be wanting.

While inspecting everything, I noticed a lot of carbon build up on the pistons, so that was cleaned off to help avoid detonation problems. I’ve also cleaned up the threads for the head studs, so I can install and set those to length, too. There’s still a lot to do, but it’s all starting to look like progress is being made again!



Before and after the piston cleaning.

Mimi (the 356) Update

We picked up a new engine. Like the rest of the car, it is in kit form - you know, “some assembly required.”

This isn’t like the old engine, but closer to the engine on the 911. But, that’s really a topic for another article. Stay tuned!



356 Engine in Kit Form

Willkommen, Bonjour, Glad to Meet You

By Kathleen Kendler – Membership Chair

As of the end of August, our new members are:

Residing Outside of Tucson

Mike Colvin	Oro Valley
Kanon & Rachel Cozad	Green Valley
Bruce & Susan Smart	Green Valley
Christopher Sullivan	Oro Valley

Residing In Tucson

Jason & Kristin Forsell
Christopher Reedy
Garrett Sos
Jonathan & Alison Yonai



Welcome!

There are several e-newsletters produced for PCA members including the following listed below. Enjoy!

PCA Mart Fresh News

Interested in Porsche market trends? Sign up for PCA's free monthly e-newsletter, Mart Fresh News! The Porsche Club of America features news, videos, and information about the current market for used Porsches in the monthly Mart Fresh News email newsletter. Mart Fresh News also highlights a variety of Porsche listings from PCA's Mart Classifieds. When you find a vehicle in The Mart, you can be assured that it's been cared for by a registered PCA member — not some anonymous seller. SIGN UP FOR MART FRESH NEWS TODAY: www.pca.org/newsletter-signup.

PCA e-Brake News

This is PCA's newsletter. It appears in your inbox each Tuesday, as well as the recap edition at the beginning of each month. Each edition of e-Brake has been archived for your enjoyment.

PCA Performance News

A monthly email newsletter featuring news, products, services, and information about Porsche Cayenne, Macan, Panamera, and Taycan vehicles.

PCA Juniors

A newsletter for PCA members under 18 years old.



What do you drive?

I drive a 2017 Boxster (Guards Red), and Carolyn drives a 2023 Macan (Papaya).

When did you join PCA?

I first joined PCA March 2014.

What PCA events do you enjoy most?

Within our region, my wife and I love to attend all the social events offered. We also enjoy the driving/tour events. At the national level, the annual Parade is tops with us.

What would you tell a new member?

I would encourage them to engage with our region membership and have some FUN!

What is/was your career?

I retired in 2017, wrapping up with a 17-year stint at the State of Ohio, Department of Health and Human Resources. Carolyn retired in 2015 after 45 years as an RN in women's health.

What else do you do for fun when you are not driving your Porsche?

I am an avid golfer; not good, but avid nonetheless! I also love to cook, travel, and keep our two Porsches clean. Carolyn is a voracious reader, and also a great baker and traveling companion.

Favorite Porsche memory?

When I was 12 years old, a friend of my dad's picked me up at our house to spend the weekend at a farm with his son. He was driving a new Porsche (I forgot the model) but do remember that he was a "spirited" driver for the one hour ride down to the farm.



Come Join Us for Breakfast

Our monthly breakfast get-togethers are becoming quite popular! Come on out on **Saturday, September 14th**, 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!



Fall 2024 Adopt-a-Roadway

By Lon Reeder - Community Service Chair

Hello, PCA-SAR members! I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

The Spring 2024 Adopt-a-Roadway event was a success and I'm looking for similar enthusiastic participation again for our Fall 2024 event. We will fulfill our community commitment with an Adopt-a-Roadway event on Saturday, November 2nd. For many years our club has been committed to the Adopt-a-Roadway program as a very effective means of demonstrating our continued support to our community. The Adopt-a-Roadway program is part of the nationwide effort of sponsorship designed to help beautify our roadways by facilitating trash removal and saving the taxpayers of Pima County approximately \$250 per mile cleaned which translates into thousands of dollars saved. Signage along our portion of Orange Grove Road clearly recognizes PCA-SAR's sponsorship.



This is a fun and not-too-strenuous task that will take about two hours of your time and will make you feel good about your participation in helping clean up our community. Please note that while Pima County Health Department currently has no restrictions on public gatherings, if you are at higher risk for severe illness, or if you are sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, stay home.

I expect great Tucson November weather. We will meet at 7:30 AM in Beyond Bread at the southeast corner of Ina Road and Oracle Road for pre-event coffee and pastry, some socializing, and signing waivers. ADOT requires that we wear hard-soled, closed-toe shoes (no sandals) and comfortable clothing. Gloves and hats are recommended. Water, safety vests, grabbers, and bags for the cleanup will be provided. I hope to see you there!

Call for nominations for the PCA-SAR Board for 2025

It is that time of year where we solicit nominations for the board.

The following positions compose the board:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Member at large (at least 3, but an odd number)

Per our bylaws:

Nominees must be members in good standing with SAR and with the national Porsche Club of America. Nominees for the offices of President and Vice-president must have been members, in good standing, of the Region for at least one year prior to their nomination. Nominees for President must have



previously served on the Club's Board of Directors.

No member may be nominated for an office without his or her permission by email or in writing.

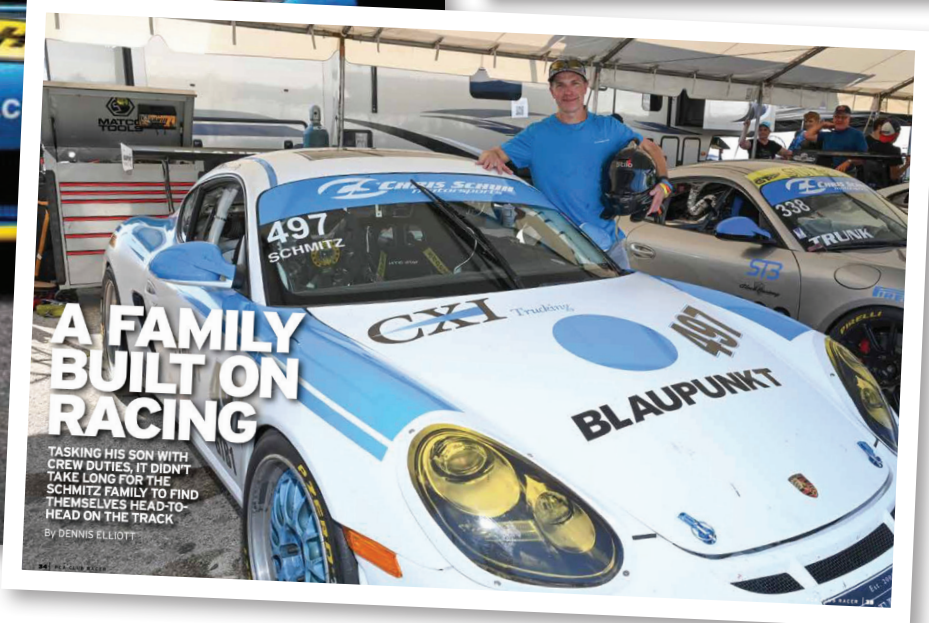
Such nominations must be submitted to the Secretary by email or in writing, by each nominee, no later than October 15th, 2024.

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spot yellow flag and radio back to the main. Calla was happy to see racing again in the second year. Michael and CS Motorsports, who both were affiliated with Kelly going into a few weeks to perhaps make him feel comfortable during Michael's track involvement. But upon reading the magazine's coverage of the racing program and on-track activity, with 100 events and a three-day race with 500+ miles. Calla began competing in 2019 with a Porsche in the track. In June, Michael and Michael's enthusiastic racer contacted! The Racer was a great first year for me and I was able to call the race in 100 years and it was Calla's idea for Club Racing. The first race was at Daytona, and he had a very successful racing season in both open race and Eric to be able to do on the radio in the club of the club and after two years, Calla graduated to Michael's original 911, and updated to a GT3 specification as

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A FAMILY BUILT ON RACING

TASKING HIS SON WITH CREW DUTIES, IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE SCHMITZ FAMILY TO FIND THEMSELVES HEAD-TO-HEAD ON THE TRACK

By DENNIS ELLIOTT

Introducing CLUB RACER!

New design and format for PCA Club Racing's print and online magazine

Club Racing News is now CLUB RACER! The new format will continue as the official publication of PCA Club Racing and is published quarterly. Each edition includes Porsche racing news, club information, and feature stories about PCA members you may know. And you do not have to be a PCA Club Racer to enjoy the magazine! Print subscriptions are also available for only \$20!

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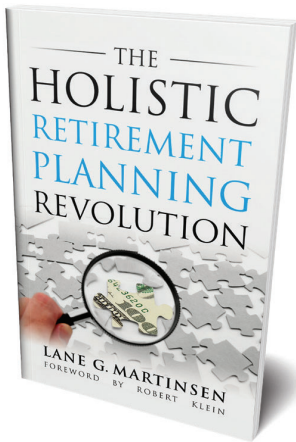




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