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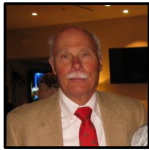
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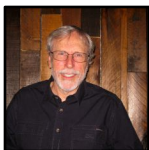
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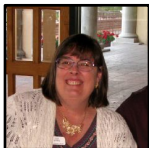
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Early morning in Sedona

Photo by Jim Kendler

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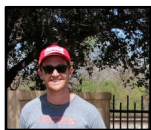
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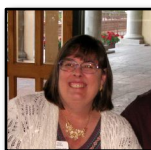
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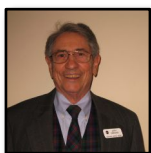
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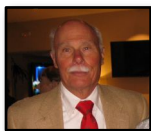
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President's Corner

By Greg Curtiss



Hi Everyone!

Well, a varied and interesting March is all wrapped up now. Early in the month we had a tour to Parker Canyon Lake and an overnight tour in honor of David Shryock to Sedona. I understand that there was snow visible on the mountains surrounding Sedona, which must have been an impressive sight. Glad it wasn't on the roads – who would want to drive their Porsche on snow? In addition, we had an off-road tour to the Empire Ranch, which was re-scheduled from February. It is good to see those Cayennes and Macans do something other than cruising to the supermarket. Towards the end of March, we had a tour to Fort Huachuca followed by lunch at a German cafe. In the middle of the month, members of SAR did one of our twice annual cleanups of the shoulders of a short stretch of Orange Grove Road. Not to mention our monthly Member Dinner Meeting, and our monthly Saturday Morning Breakfast. A great thanks to the volunteers who put on all these events from start to finish.

April is also looking good with a number of fun events scheduled. Don't miss our Member Dinner Meeting at Mama Louisa's Italian restaurant on April 1st. We have tours scheduled to go to the Amerind Museum and to Colossal Cave. In between these tours, we have our monthly Saturday morning breakfast. You also might consider going to an Arizona Region Driver Education event at the Podium Club track on April 19. This is a fun and safe track with some relatively high speed straights.

At the beginning of May, we have our Cinco de Mayo multi-event weekend, including golf, food, Concours, more food and a tour. Everything is now open for registration. SAR volunteers have put together a fantastic collection of clothing with the 2025 Cinco logo. Please note that you must order clothing by April 6. There is a link to the ordering site on the <https://tinyurl.com/Cinco2025> registration page for Cinco.

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Editor's Column

By Debi Norris

It's almost Cinco time!

Our biggest annual event in PCA-SAR is coming up May 1st-4th. This year our multi-

event weekend is led by Chairperson John Herold. John has worked hard, along with a team of volunteers, to make this a great event.

Any golfers out there? The weekend starts on Thursday with a golf tournament. Greg Curtiss and Norma Nada are organizing a fun day at the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort. Don't miss out!

Friday night will be party time at Porsche Tucson. The dealership is going all-out this year hosting the Welcome Party at their facility on 22nd Street. Food, drinks, and music will make for a great night.

But, we can't do too much partying because Saturday's main event will come early! This year we are returning to Tucson Country Club for our Concours d'Elegance. Even if you are not showing a car, SAR members are welcome to come see all the beautiful cars on display. You can also preorder a delicious box lunch to enjoy on the grounds.

Saturday evening will be our traditional Awards Banquet, also at the Tucson Country Club. The weekend will end on Sunday with an enjoyable driving tour through our beautiful desert and a delicious lunch.

There are special event shirts and hats available to preorder. If you are like me and live outside of Tucson and don't want to drive a long way back and forth to all the events, you can book a room at our host hotel at the Sheraton.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/Cinco2025> to register for any or all of these events.

This is our last big event before the heat of summer slows things down until Fall. I hope to see you there!

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Upcoming Events



April

- 01 - Membership Meeting - Mama Louisa's - 2021 S. Craycroft
- 05 - Tour to the Amerind Museum
- 12 - DM50 Car Show
- 12 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell
- 15 - Board Meeting
- 26 - Colossal Cave Tour

May

- 01-04 - Cinco de Mayo Weekend
- 06 - No Membership Meeting this month due to Cinco
- 10 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell
- 20 - Board Meeting

June

- 03 - Membership Meeting - See website for details
- 14 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell
- 17 - Board Meeting

Upcoming Events

- July 6-12 Porsche Parade Oklahoma City
- September 13 - PCA's 70th Anniversary Event

Upcoming Events Around Arizona

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

Arizona Region

April

- 11-14 - Vegas Fun Run
- 19 - Track Day at Podium Club
- 26 - La Posada Ladies Only Tour

Arizona Mountain Region

April

- 12 - Porsches and Pancakes
- 26 - Drive to Bagdad



It's Cinco Time Again!

Join us for SAR's Premier Event

The 2025 Cinco de Mayo Concours Weekend

May 1st – 4th

The weekend starts Thursday with the return of our Golf Tournament.

It continues Friday night with a Welcome Party hosted by
Porsche Tucson.

Saturday morning is the Concours d'Elegance. This year we are
returning to the Tucson Country Club – a beautiful setting for some
beautiful vehicles!

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening,
also at the Tucson Country Club.

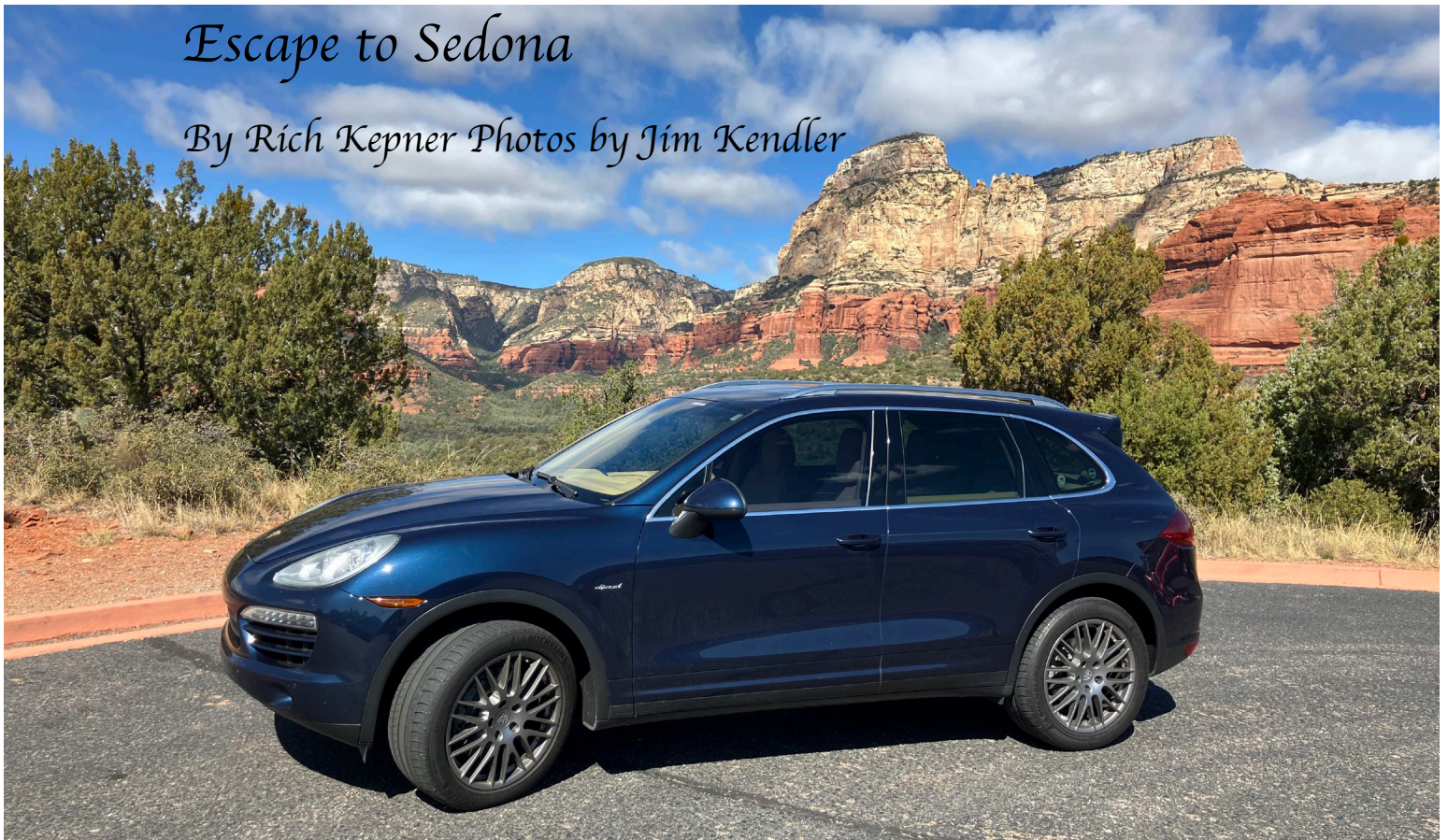
The weekend will end with a fun driving tour.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/Cinco2025>

We can't wait to see you there!

Escape to Sedona

By Rich Kepner Photos by Jim Kendler



Unknown to the participants the Escape to Sedona became a Cayenne Rally as all vehicles at the starting point were the same. As we drove into the Sedona valley we were met with snow flurries for the last few miles and into the evening. In unit 10, wine and appetizers served as dinner and the snow outside, falling on the forest trees, served as our entertainment. The fireplace was cozy on into the evening.

The snow melted away quickly as we had two sunny days after that. The next day started with pastries in unit 8 and an open day of trails, sightseeing, wandering through the Talaqapaque Shopping Center. Two participants found something they were not looking for but needed and of course they were not inexpensive items. Oh well, we are on vacation - right?



That evening we had dinner at "Elote". I won't tell you how good the food was, but they take reservations 60 days in advance.

The following day was another open schedule, but a few restful naps were useful. Some people explored the nearby town of Cottonwood, but no-one made it to Jerome.



Unit 4 was open that final evening with pizza, salad and beer on the menu. Same cozy fireplace, but in a different location. It was a late evening with lots of discussion regarding past favorite events.



Last day; up and moving early (if you call 8:00 early). Breakfast at the Sedona Airport. Boy, they have upped their game for breakfast! So, now we know why pilots will fly to Sedona just for an early meal. Delicious.

This event was in respect for Dave Shryock's love of Sedona after living there for 15 years. His favorite place was the Camp Verde Archaeology Museum and that was our final stop on this tour. Not very many of us had been there but it is a place not to be missed if you're in the area. Dave will be missed.



Maria Fraise received the Long Distance Award, as she came all the way from San Diego, CA.

It was a great trip!



Amerind Museum Tour

PCA SAR will drive to Amerind Museum to view their collection in the beautiful, and geologically fascinating Dragoon Mountains. Nestled in spectacular Texas Canyon in southeastern Arizona, the Amerind's 1600-acre campus is located in the ancestral homeland of the Chiricahua Apache. The Amerind Foundation and Museum was established in 1937 by William Shirley Fulton to explore and expand knowledge of Native Peoples through research, education, and conservation. The drive is about 90 minutes. After, we will continue on to the Triangle T Guest Ranch for lunch.

Start time will be emailed to all registered participants.

The start is at the Roadrunner Market located at 16121 S. Houghton Rd. in Vail. The finish is at the Triangle T Guest Ranch, located at 4190 E. Dragoon Rd. in Dragoon.

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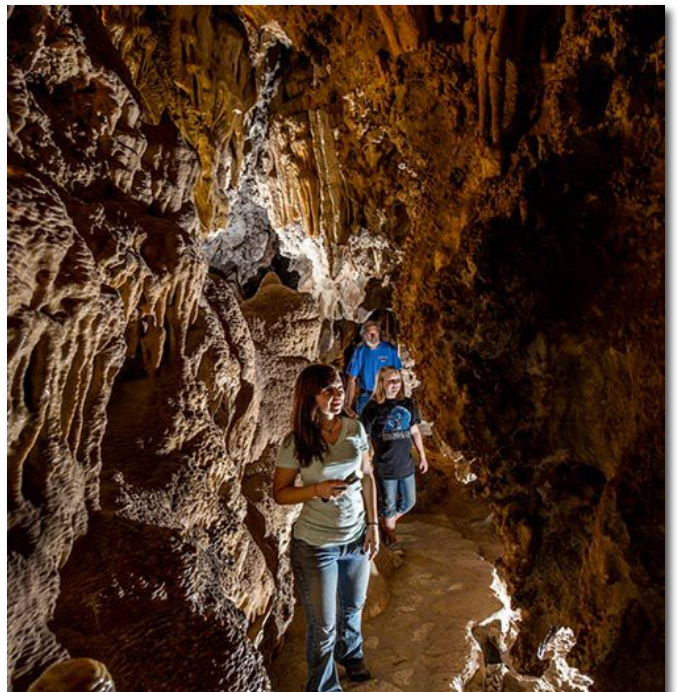
Driving Tour and Colossal Cave

PCA-SAR will drive to the Colossal Cave Mountain Park. There we will visit the cave on a 60-minute guided tour. The fee is \$14.00. The first leg of the drive is about 60 minutes.

Start time will be emailed to the registered participants.

After the walk/tour we will drive together for lunch to the Del Lago Golf Club.

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Parker Canyon Lake Tour - By John Duclos

Photos by Jim Kendler



It was a picture-perfect March 1st morning as 23 intrepid Porsche owners in 15 cars gathered at the Sahuarita McDonald's for our tour to picturesque Parker Canyon Lake. This is the third time we've visited the lake, a 70-mile trek that our tour master Kurt 'Pothole' Fuerstenau laid out in a way that even our directionally challenged drivers would find virtually impossible to get lost. Assuming one made a right turn out of the parking lot, we only had two more turns for the next 70 miles to our destination.

Now, for the potholes...after many miles of great roads, some of which had nice twisties, things changed in a hurry, so that in some places driving was more like an autocross, with quick changes to avoid the dreaded holes in the pavement. But, hey, Porsches are tough, right?

Thank you to Kurt for another great tour!



SUV Tour to Empire Ranch



By Kymmie Norris

Photos by Jim Kendler

Kurt led us on a great off-road tour to Empire Ranch on March 9th. We were fortunate that the day was clear, the recent clouds having passed by a few days before. It was bright and sunny, a great day for a tour!



We started in the same place as last year's SUV tour, at the McDonald's in Green Valley. Most of us were in non-Porsche SUVs and pickups, but props go out to the Macans and Cayennes that joined us! We followed Madera Canyon Rd. for a few miles, then turned off onto White House Canyon Rd. and Box Canyon Rd., where the off-road portion of the tour really began.

As we looked through the dust kicked up by the tires, we got some great views of the mountains

surrounding us. We even could see some snow on some of the higher peaks! Sadly, there wasn't much visible water in the canyon itself. But it was easy to see where waterfalls fall in years when there are heavy rainstorms.

As we drove out of the canyon and down State Route 83, we came to our destination of Empire Ranch. The on-site gift shop supplied us with booklets that allowed us to take self-guided tours of the main ranch house.

The ranch has a long history, dating back to 1871 when William Wakefield had the first homestead. It consisted of a simple 4-room adobe house with a flat roof. The ranch hands would drive the cattle through an open hallway to corral them at night. Their bedrooms were right off of the hallway, so they could hear if cattle rustlers were trying to steal the herd.



Empire Ranch SUV Tour Continued

Several additions were made to the main house over the years. The biggest additions occurred between 1878 and 1882, when John Harvey built a rear addition to the main house, and a separate building called the "Victorian House" as a wedding gift for his wife, Alice. They only lived in the house for a few years before the property was bought by Walter Vail and his wife Margaret Newhall. They made their own additions, including expanding the



large bay window in the Victorian House, and adding a separate wing for their children, aptly named the Children's Addition.

In 1929 Frank and Mary Boice took over management, and eventually became the owners of the ranch. They added more modern touches to the houses in the 1950s, including lowering the ceilings and replacing windows. In more recent times, the US Bureau of Land Management oversees the site. They focus on preserving the ranch as it once was and learning about the life and times of the various owners and residents of Empire Ranch.

There was a lovely picnic spot where we ate lunch, which was protected from the wind by the house. I find some of my favorite parts of club events are the conversations I have with other club members, and this event was no exception!

Big thanks to Kurt for putting on this amazing tour, and for Empire Ranch for hosting us.

Come Join Us for Breakfast

Our monthly breakfast get-togethers are becoming quite popular! Come on out on **Saturday, April 12th**, 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!



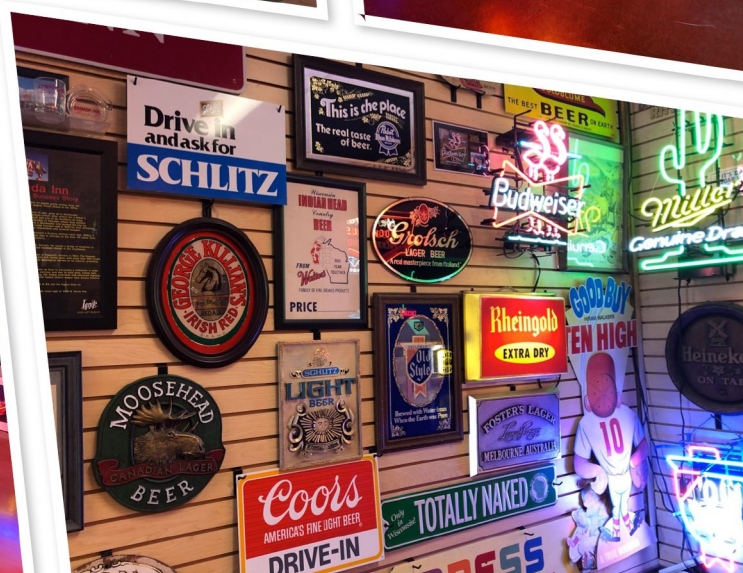
Porsche Ladies Tour to Ignite Sign Museum

By Liz Sampsel

Photos by Barb Crowley



Ignite was the destination for the March Porsche Ladies group outing. Ignite is not just a neon sign museum but also a collection of sign-related items, tin signs and curiosities. We were fortunate to get a personal tour including additional knowledge of many of the displays. A lot of the older neon signs in Tucson have been repaired at Ignite and they have also designed and built some of the newer signs around town. A tricky scavenger hunt required multiple trips through the museum until two of us finally completed our forms - with a lot of help. A leisurely lunch on the lawn at Locale rounded out the day. (Ignite made the Locale sign!) I don't know if the rest of the group that spent Wednesday morning at Ignite found themselves looking a bit closer at all the signs on their way home, but I sure did! *(editor's note – I did, too!)*

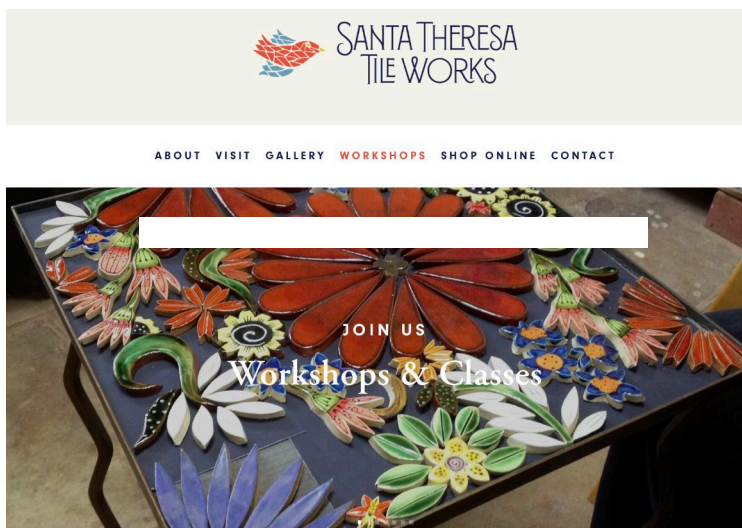




Don't Miss Out on our Next Porsche Ladies Event!

Wednesday May 21st will be our next PCA-SAR Ladies Day. We will meet at 11:00am for lunch at Corbetts - 340 N 6th Ave. You can check out their menu at corbettstucson.com. After lunch we will proceed to Santa Theresa Tile Works, just down the street at 440 N. 6th Avenue, to create our own one-of-a-kind tile project. You can find examples and a price list at www.santatheresatileworks.com.

We are limited to 10 participants and must have final confirmation by May 14th. Email Liz at msampsel1@aol.com to reserve your spot or with any questions.



In Memoriam – Eugene Isaak

By Barb Crowley – Lifetime Member

I am sorry to report that yet another long-time SAR member has passed away. Eugene (Gene) Isaak left us in mid-March. His lovely wife Liz, called to let us know that he died after a long illness that kept them from attending SAR events the past several years.

For those of you that never had the opportunity to know Gene, professionally, he was a respected Tucson attorney. He had been a pilot in the Civil Air Patrol. His love of flying spurred him to be a co-owner of a private plane. His hobbies included golfing and hunting and ... of course, Porsches!

Gene and Liz just recently received notification and a certificate from the Porsche Club of America acknowledging 40 years of membership! During those years, they enjoyed many SAR tours, meetings, and social events. Gene participated in several driving events, including those held in Deming, NM. A true enthusiast, Gene had owned and enjoyed driving several Porsche models including a 911, 912, 928s, and a Cayenne. Today, you will find Liz driving around Tucson in her Macan!



Our SAR family offers our deepest condolences to Liz and the wonderful Isaak family. May your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this heartbreaking time.

Another Successful Adopt-a-Roadway Event

By Lon Reeder - Community Service Chair

To meet our club's Adopt-a-Roadway commitment we meet twice a year to clean the roadway of Orange Grove Road between Oracle Road and 1st Avenue. March 15th was our Spring 2025 event and the typical sunny Tucson weather usually ensures good participation. Due to the chilly temperatures and threat of a drizzle on that day, however, I was concerned about turnout. But my concern was quickly dispelled as, one-by-one, ten loyal volunteers entered the Oracle & Ina branch of Beyond Bread for a warming cup of coffee and tasty pastry and some socializing. Note to self: Never question the support of our club's great membership!

Fortified for the outing with caffeine and sugar, we drove to Orange Grove Rd. to assemble for suiting up with Hi-Vis vests, grabbers, bags for trash collection and the requisite safety meeting. Then we split into two groups, one for each side of the road, to begin the cleanup. Since the road was repaved a couple years ago, there has been less debris along the roadside. Still, we managed to collect four large bags of trash and several campaign signs left-over from the last election cycle. This was piled below our Adopt-a-Roadway sign that you see on the south side of Orange Grove Road not far from Oracle Road. An old tire was left where we found it for the county to pick up with the bags later. I'm always interested in two things after scouring the road: Did anyone find any money and what odd items were found that were jettisoned from passing cars since our last cleanup. Money-wise, it was a



disappointing day although fitting that our Treasurer was the only one to cash in. The one penny that Pat Miller found did not dethrone Jim Kendler from his AAR top-grossing volunteer position (he found \$10 a few years ago).

It was an especially good day for found oddities along the roadside, though. Jerry Fouts found a large, unidentifiable geared mechanical part, I found a plastic Coke bottle full of sunflower seed shells, and Jim Kendler located a large dead bird in a bag left at the corner of 1st Ave. But Steve Crawford's uncracked whole chicken egg was the winner. Even more interesting is that soon afterward he found an unopened can of beans and then a full cup of coffee completing his \$6.99 blue plate breakfast special. Although at current egg prices that would be closer to \$12.99!

My many thanks go to the ten other club members that gave their time to clean up our designated roadway. Proof again that it's not just the cars, our club is full of great people, too. And it's always rewarding when the public expresses their gratitude for the job we do. We had some happy honkers drive by waving while we worked. I'm looking forward to another successful event next time. See you in the Fall of 2025!





Speed Bump - Slow Down For Some Automotive Tales

A Semi-Regular Column and Photos by Hal Tretbar

Back Roads

I recently drove my 2023 Macan in the Off-Road tour with SAR led by Kurt Fuerstenau. We did back roads from Continental, on I19, east past Madera Canyon, through Box Canyon to SR 83, then a jog to the Empire Ranch turnoff. It was picnic time at the historic Ranch.



My co-pilot was son Brian in the red shirt along with others of the SAR Off-Road jaunt.

I started driving back roads in my 1963 Datsun Patrol 4x4, about 1968. It had good power and good ground clearance. There were the two front doors and one on the rear. It had two parallel bench seats in back.



This 1970 adventure took my four kids on a trip to visit the historic Alto Post Office on Forest Service Road 143.

In the 1870s, mining was established in the Alto area of southern Arizona, halfway between present day Amado to the northwest and Patagonia to the southeast. A town developed after the turn of the century. In 1907, a post office opened in the home of Josiah Bond. His wife Minnie became the postmaster of Alto, Arizona.

In 1922, Minnie, a schoolteacher, was killed by a bolt of lightning while delivering the mail on horseback. Her 14-year-old son and baby sister, who were riding with her, were unharmed.

The adobe ruins of the Bond home and post office, that closed in 1933, are all that remains of Alto.

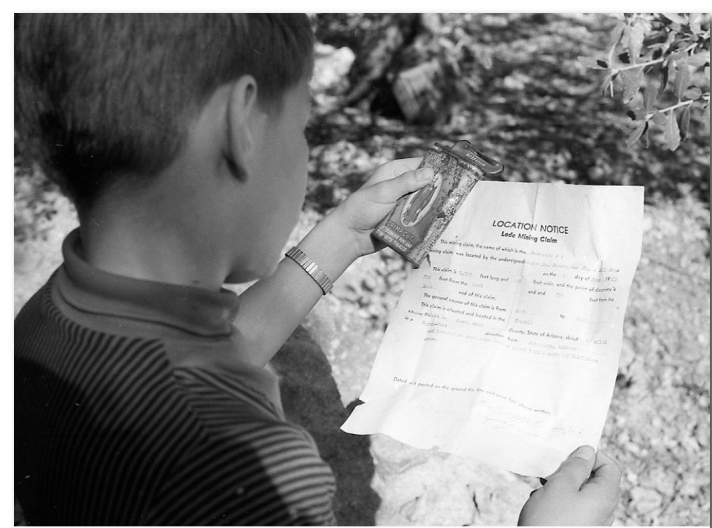


Our first trip to Alto, in the Datsun, found walls of the Bond home were mostly intact. Trips over ensuing years found persistent erosion.

Our last trip to Alto was in 2007 when we took Brian's Nissan Xterra. The walls were about half-way eroded at that time. You can still reach the Alto site, but the roads are very rough.



Bruce, David, and Brian. Roxie the Weimaraner



A mine claim stored in a typical Prince Albert tobacco can



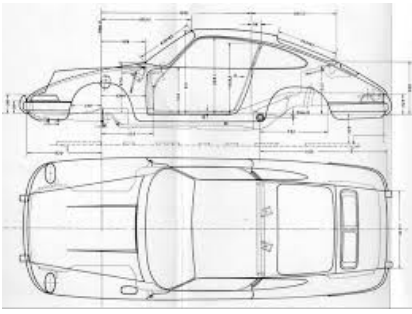
The Old Alto Mine



Bruce and Brian drove our venerable pre-owned 1971 Toyota FJ40 Land Cruiser, but it was David, the future geologist, who put the miles on it. He knew every back road mine site in southern Arizona from Helvetia on the northwest flank of the Santa Rita Mountains, to Mowry and Harshaw in the Patagonia Mountains.

The Land Cruiser died in a 'Blaze of Glory' when it threw a rod and had to be towed home.





Project Corner

Mixed Messages

Article and Photos by Pat Norris

Good News

Our 944 S2 race car, Thumbelina, started and the water and oil intermix appears to be over! The smoke was gone. A plan was in place to flush the cooling system and the oil. And I, once again, signed up for the next local race.

There was still a sizable list of things that needed attention, but I had at least corrected the mistake I had made while installing the head gasket. As a bonus, I replaced a couple of seals that were suspected of minor leaks; replaced a hose with wear marks; and cleaned and resealed a good portion of the oil cooling system.

Bad News

Thumbelina stopped running and wouldn't start. Again. While running the car about 15 minutes to warm up the coolant for another flush before putting in the antifreeze/distilled water mix for the season, the engine began to stumble and stall.

Out of fuel? Nope, pumping in about 5 gallons and trying again gave no results. Very quickly the search went back to the three things an engine needs to run: air/fuel mixture, compression, and spark.

The 'original' problem was lack of fuel pressure. There was still fuel in the lines, and with a new fuel pump, this seemed an unlikely culprit this time. Checking for the damage to the head that was the second major problem showed that compression was unlikely to be the problem this time. That covered two of the three needs of the engine.

Spark it is! Testing gave mixed messages on the condition of the coil. A replacement coil was obtained, but the engine still would not start - and it appeared there still wasn't spark. This was starting to look like another long hunt.

Shifting Focus

While waiting on parts, and trying to figure out what in the heck was wrong with the race car now, I found a few distractions. There's of course the brake job our Boxster, Betty, is waiting for after the HPDE at ASR. And the front brakes on our Cayenne GTS, Mirage. And the long-wished-for-upgrade, a short shifter, is finally looking like a real possibility.

Yes, it's the shiny new thing that keeps catching my attention, but at the same time, a short shifter is an upgrade I have wanted for Mirage since we picked her up at the San Diego Porsche dealer in 2009.

While a factory 997 short shifter would have been an amazing upgrade, experts I consulted were not convinced that the 997-style short shifter would work.

So, if it's not going to be straight forward, why not upgrade to the best shifter I've driven? The 2016 GT4. It may not be easy, but it definitely looks feasible; in future editions I will detail putting a GT4 shifter* in our Cayenne GTS. Watch for a complete write up in a future issue.

Change - the One Constant

Of course, we can't have Mirage down too long, as our Cayenne is also the tow vehicle for our race car. Once the race car is running, all focus will shift again.

After going through all that's necessary for Thumbelina's computer to generate a spark, and a search through my stash of spare parts, I swapped the camshaft position sensor for a used one in the parts collection.

Changing the cam sensor isn't as easy as I would have liked simply because it is hard to get at, but it did give me the chance to inspect under the valve cover. Under the valve cover was more good news. The chain tensioner was still intact. The head was looking well oiled. And there was no trace of the muck that resulted from the oil & water intermixing.

And the morning after completing the sensor change, the engine started again!

A brand-new cam sensor was ordered immediately. Then, the next evening, I successfully ran Thumbelina's engine for over 30 minutes. Looks like it's time to change focus again and return to getting Thumbelina ready for the next race!

*note: Joy, our 2016 GT4 was not harmed in obtaining a shifter to install in Mirage, our Cayenne GTS.

Willkommen, Bonjour, Glad to Meet You

By Kathleen Kendler – Membership Chair

As of March 20th, 2025, here are our new members:

Residing In Tucson

Brian Shear

Tilman Stuhlinger

Lawrence Teruel

Welcome!

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of a longtime member's passing. Gene Isaak passed away earlier this month. Please see Barb Crowley's article in this issue.



CINCO GOLF AT TUCSON NATIONAL, SONORAN COURSE

Thursday, May 1, 2025



To start off SAR's 2025 Cinco de Mayo, the golf committee invites Porsche Club golfers and friends to a fun round of golf at the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort and Spa in northwest Tucson on May 1st, 2025. We will be playing on Tucson National's Sonoran Course, a desert-type layout with tee times starting at 9 am followed by lunch (not included in golf fee) at the Omni's Legend Bar and Grill. Cost is \$75 per person. Various prizes will be awarded during lunch.

Yes, you read right, "and friends," so if you have a friend or friends you would like to join in our fun game of golf, we would love having them. Simply include their name plus handicap when you register on motorsportreg.com.

In the meantime, fellow golfers, start warming up your game and join us for a fun round of golf. We will be playing a golf shamble where the team chooses the best tee shot per hole, then every player plays their own ball from that position. That way, everyone gets to play the Sonoran course.

Any questions or concerns, please contact me, Norma Nada at sloporsche@aol.com. Plan to see you then!

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/Cinco2025>

Tucson Cars and Coffee Events

There are several Cars and Coffee events around Tucson each month. These are a great opportunity to bring your car out and meet other enthusiasts. Come on out and enjoy!

- Every Tuesday of the Month – Tucson British Car Club at Starbucks - 3001 N. Swan Rd.
- 1st Saturday of the Month - Crown Automotive & Top Flight Golf - 3930 W. Costco Dr.
- 2nd Saturday of the Month - Obsessions Show/Lowe's - 4075 W. Ina Rd.
- 2nd Saturday of the Month - Frost's Show/La Encantada - Campbell & Skyline
- 3rd Saturday of the Month - Chapman Honda Dealership (Fall/Winter only) - 4426 E. 22nd St.
- 4th Saturday of the Month - Mona's Danish Bakery - 4777 E. Sunrise Dr.



April Membership Meeting

This month we will be meeting at Mama Louisa's- 2041 S. Craycroft

We will gather for dinner on Tuesday, April 1st, 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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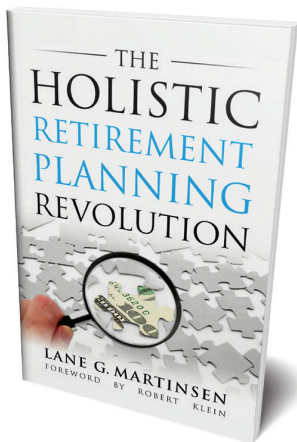




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