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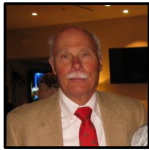
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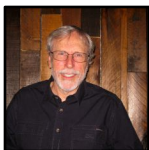
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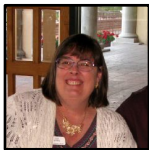
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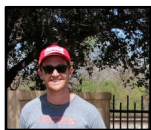
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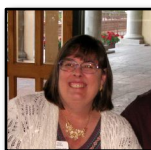
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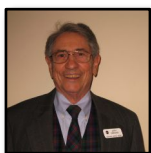
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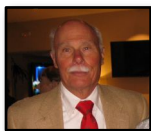
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President's Corner

By Greg Curtiss



Hi Everyone!

Hopefully you are participating in, or volunteering for, some or all of the Cinco de Mayo events that Southern Arizona Region has planned for May 1st through May 4th. I will be attending these events and hope to see you there! Putting on a multi-event weekend like Cinco takes a tremendous effort from many volunteers in all of the different areas necessary for such an event. All of our volunteers deserve a word of thanks here and there from the rest of us.

As it starts getting hotter, SAR's events wind down. If you have looked at our calendar lately, I'm sure you have noticed that we have considerably fewer events planned for the hot summer months. We still have our regular Monthly Membership meetings at various restaurants around town, and our Saturday Morning breakfasts at the Blue Willow. At these events you can meet new people, keep in touch with your Porsche acquaintances, and find out about just about any area of Porsche interest, all while enjoying good food.

Just because it is hot here and we tend to stay in our air-conditioned shells, does not mean that there is nothing Porsche-related to do reasonably nearby. As I'm sure most of you know, SAR is a part of PCA's Zone 8. Zone 8 is comprised of 16 PCA regions (like ours, although some are much larger and some are smaller) in the Southwest part of the U.S. There are tons of events throughout the summer being put on by various Zone 8 regions. Go to <https://zone8.org> and look at their calendar for a listing of the various events if you desire. Many of the Zone 8 regions are only a relatively short drive from Tucson, and they all would be glad to have you attend their event.

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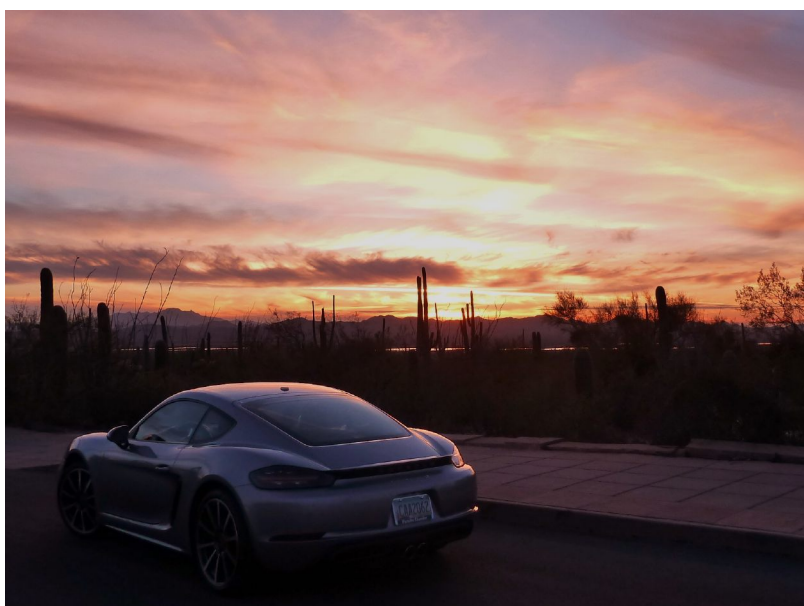
By Debi Norris

It's Cinco Time!

Our premier event of the year is slated for the first weekend in May. It may be too late to sign up to participate but you can still enjoy the fun. Come on out on Saturday morning to the Tucson Country Club to be a spectator to this beautiful display of cars. There should be some interesting vehicles, including Rich Kepner's 959. It is going to be a beautiful day, and the festivities should wrap up before the afternoon temperatures get too high.

Unfortunately, after Cinco, the PCA-SAR calendar slows down for the heat of summer. Many of our friends head out to cooler climates, while the rest of us hunker down in our air-conditioned houses and cars to wait out the summer. I tell my family who live back East that we just have our seasons reversed. They must stay inside all winter due to the cold, we stay inside all summer due to the heat. Personally, I'll take the heat over shoveling snow any day!

Stay tuned to your email and the website as the calendar starts to fill up with activities again in the fall. Until then, STAY COOL!



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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
- 21- Ladies Event

June

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

July

- 03 - Membership Meeting - See website for details
- 06/12 - Porsche Parade Oklahoma City
- 14 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell
- 17 - Board Meeting

Upcoming Events

- 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

May

- 12-16 - Southern California Get-a-way
- 21 - Ladies Only Luncheon

Arizona Mountain Region

May

- 10 - Porsches and Pancakes
- 13 - Alpine Tour



It's Cinco Time Again!
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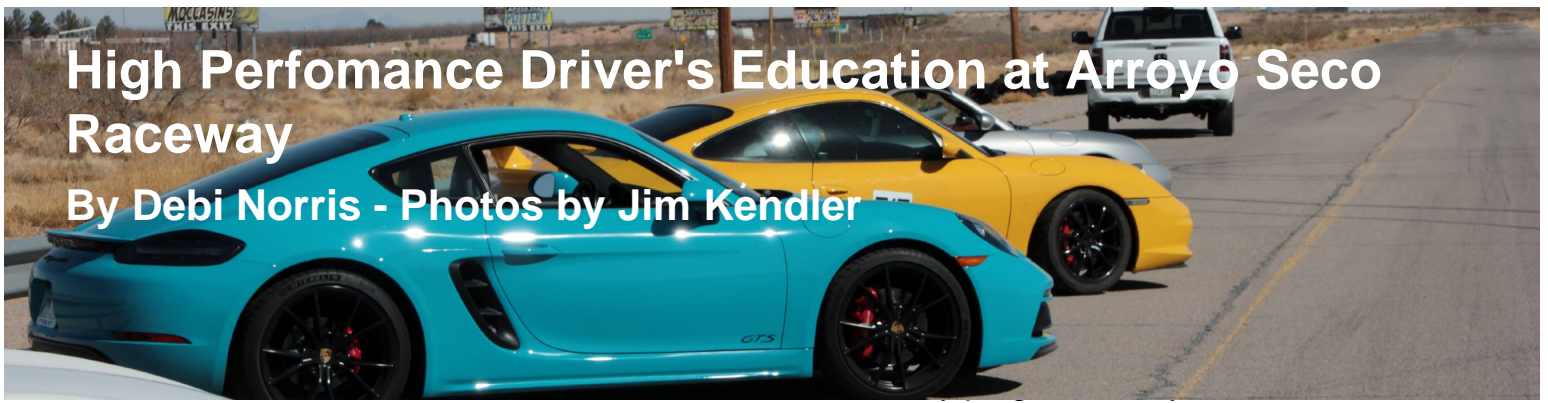
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High Performance Driver's Education at Arroyo Seco Raceway

By Debi Norris - Photos by Jim Kendler



My husband, Pat, has always been the driver in the family. I am usually content to sit comfortably in the passenger seat, enjoying the scenery and using my navigation skills to get us wherever we are going.

But occasionally, I want to be in the driver's seat myself. Back in February, I got my opportunity as I finally decided to take the plunge and try a High Performance Driver's Education Event at Arroyo Seco Raceway in New Mexico.

I'm not completely new to Driving Events. Back in the 1990s, when we were members of the San Diego Region, I participated in their monthly autocross series. But an autocross is not a DE. Instead of a parking lot with a course laid out in orange cones, a DE is held at an actual raceway with many more high-speed corners and technicalities.

The purpose of a DE is in its name – *Education*. As a novice driver, I was assigned an instructor. I lucked out and was assigned our President, Greg Curtiss, as my instructor. Greg started by talking with me about my previous experience and discussing my goals for the day. We looked at the course map and discussed the various ways to enter and exit the turns, where to find the apex, and where the passing zones were. I was ready to hit the track!

My first lap was a bit intimidating. This was definitely not an autocross course! Instead of tight turns and slow speeds, I had more room to really accelerate and attack the corners with some speed. I enjoyed some of the twisting "S" turns and the long sweeper turn leading into the main straight.

With Greg's patient encouragement I braked later, took the corners faster, and surprised myself with how much fun I had. This is really the way my Boxster is meant to be driven! By the end of the day I was exhausted, but thrilled with my accomplishments.

If you have never attended an HPDE Event, I highly encourage you to give it a try. Where else can you push your Porsche to the limits in a safe, encouraging venue? And there is no need to watch out for our friendly law-enforcement personnel – it is all completely legal!

Although Driving Events are put on hold during the heat of summer, be sure to look out for several events next Fall. There will be DEs at INDE in September and Podium Club in October. Our neighbors to the North, the Arizona Region, will put on both of these events and we are always welcomed to join.



My Boxster rounding the sweeper turn.

More Fun at Arroyo Seco Raceway!





Amerind Museum Tour

By Carolyn Miller – Photos by Carolyn Miller and Jack Alexander

On April 5th, our tour was led by our fearless Vice President, Kurt Fuerstenau, to the Amerind Museum in Dagoon, Arizona. There were 12 cars: 11 Porsches and one BMW. My husband and I drive by the rock formations when we travel to see family in New Mexico and Colorado. The rocks look like they've been placed in different formations.



There were actually three surprises that day; we didn't get lost, there was no admission charge for the day, and there was a guest artist.

The museum was established in 1937. The jewelry, ceramics, and art that were displayed were amazing. I still can't figure out how the ceramics were mostly unbroken. The jewelry was exquisite! After only 10 minutes in the museum my husband and I decided we would come back and bring my BFF. She is a retired teacher from Ohio, and she loves history and excursions.



The guest artist, America Merideth, was an enthusiastic speaker regarding her Cherokee heritage, and her love of art.

The last stop was the Triangle T Ranch, where we had lunch. Because of the rain, we left before the talk of the history of the ranch. I encourage everyone to visit the museum.

Thanks, Kurt, for a fun day!



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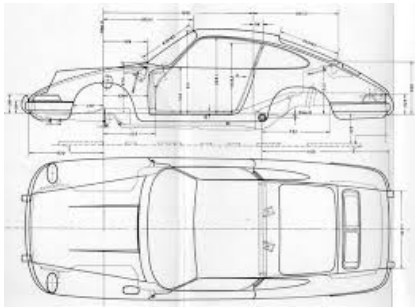
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Project Corner

A Few Updates and Shared Solutions

Article and Photos by Pat Norris

UPDATES

First, let me give you some updates on the projects I've been writing about.

Thumbelina

I ran out of time for the giant wish list of things to do preparing the 944 S2 to return to the racetrack. I had to prioritize what was needed to get safely back on the track, and other work that could wait.

Something I noticed while going over everything is that some of the safety gear is expiring. This is the last year for a number of items. But getting back on the track will take priority.

As of this writing, all the issues to return to racing have been addressed: Thumbelina is running! And I am on my way to beautiful La Junta, Colorado for an SCCA Race. If all goes well this weekend, I will have run a few more races, and likely a new list of items to address. Hopefully, you can see Thumbelina at the Cinco Concours.



Thumbelina and Mirage ready to travel!

Betty

As a 2005 model year Boxster, Betty is interesting to buy parts for. 2005 was a split year. As the first year of the new model - 987, instead of the 986 - some parts match the earlier cars (986s) and some match the 987 Caymans

and Boxsters. Toss in the fact that some parts are also from the 997, and buying parts to do your own work can be an adventure. Unfortunately, the rear brake pads I had ordered look to fit an earlier Boxster. I had to re-order the later ones.

Mirage

Sometimes it's the little things. In this case, it was the melted front brake pad sensors on our 2008 Cayenne GTS. I knew the pads were getting close to replacement, but I put too much faith in those silly little sensors. The older Porsches don't even have sensors on the brake

pads, so this is one that I should have caught with a regular inspection.



Brake sensors melted beyond functionality.

Sometimes you actually can have too much of a good thing. I was running a pretty aggressive set of brake pads on Mirage, and while they had amazing stopping power, the pads chewed up the front rotors. This time around I am going a little less aggressive but reserve the right to bump things up again.

SOLUTIONS/SUGGESTIONS

You may have noticed that this column isn't always about implementing a procedure that is straightforward and results in a smooth-running vehicle with little drama along the way. Working on our Porsches is always a treat, but I do find myself in need of new ways to get things done. This month, I've touched on a few problems encountered, and it might be helpful to share my solutions and suggestions.

Pending/Planned Work:

Take notes after each event. A good number of us already take notes about the track sessions, or possibly what you worked on with an instructor. If you write down what parts might need attention, you'll have a better chance of remembering what needs attention soon, or at least before the next track day. Even if you are washing your Porsche after one of our tours, this is an excellent time to look for worn tires, brakes that need attention, or cracked lenses on the lights. As a bonus, take a minute when parking your vehicle to walk around and check all the lights are functional and bright.

Keeping Track of Parts:

I keep notes on all our vehicles right on my phone, each car having its own entry in the contacts/phone book. I like to put tire sizes, spark plug part numbers, torque specs for wheel lugs, and even when the registration expires. I'm not super consistent across all vehicles, but it can be handy when you are parts shopping without your Porsche along for reference. This might be a bit overkill for most folks, but I will be adding the brake pad model numbers so I won't buy the wrong parts in the future. Just having the year, model, and VIN number is a good starting point.



So many part numbers to keep track of.

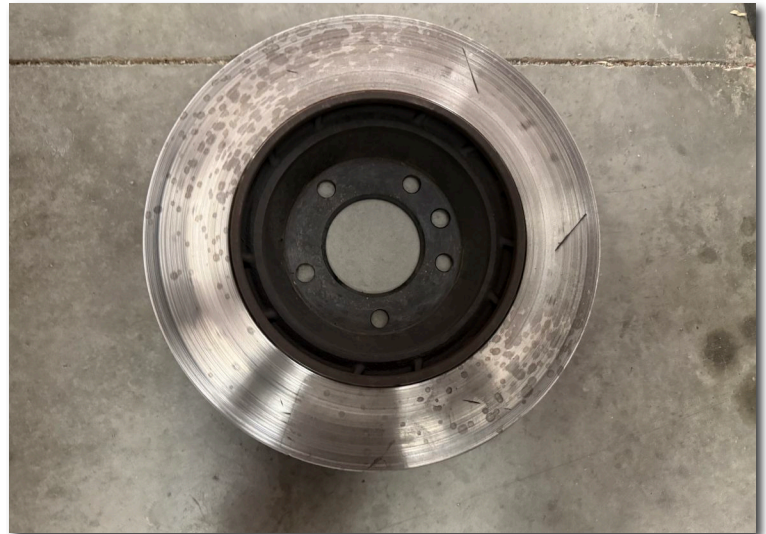
Expiration Dates:

Much like the other things I take notes on for the cars, I will be adding tracking of the expiration dates on the safety equipment for the race car. I expect there will be an article or two dealing with the expired safety

equipment near the end of this season. While this isn't applicable to most, you could keep track of when the brakes were bled last, the latest service, or when you got new tires. Again, this is handy in the notes section of my phone book/contacts entries.

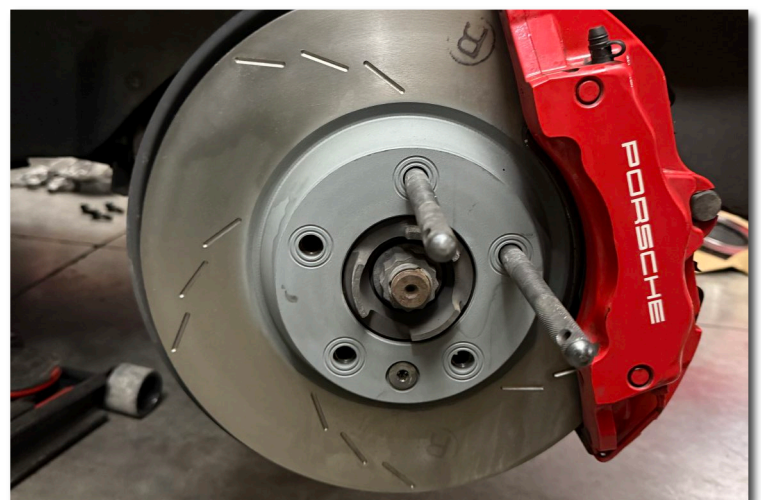
Unexpected Brake Wear:

As I hinted about earlier, self-inspections are the easy way to reduce the problems with your brakes. Most of our Porsches have wheels that allow at least a little peek at the brakes. The first thing to look for is the brake disc itself. It should be reasonably smooth and shiny from wear. Next, try to get a peek at the brake pads. This one is a little harder to describe and a flashlight will make it a bit easier. You want at least 3/8" of pad compound (the part that wears as it stops your car). Remember not to count the steel backing plate. If you would like help learning what you want to look for, any of our wonderful tech inspectors, or myself, can help point out what you are looking for.



Above: Way too much wear on the brakes.

Below: How brakes look new

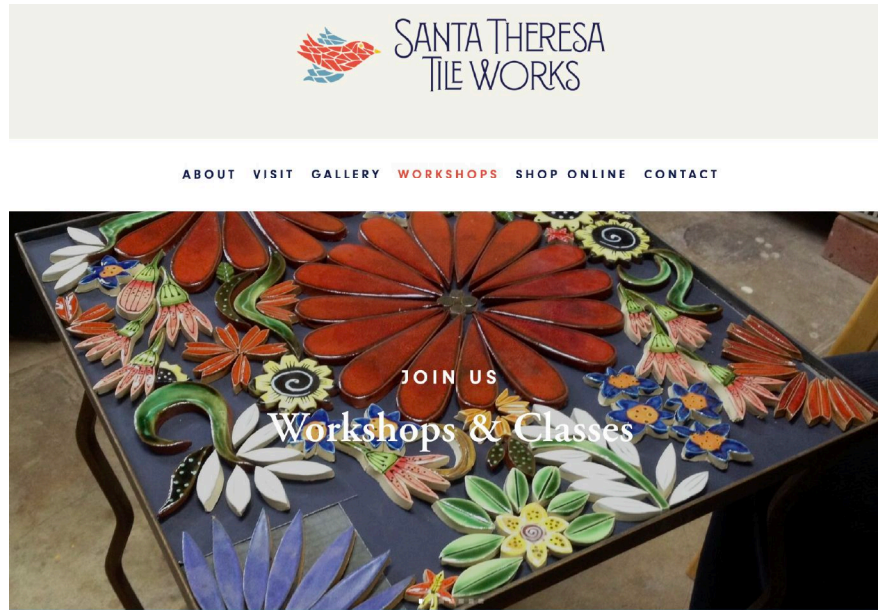




Don't Miss Out on our Next Porsche Ladies Event!

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.



Come Join Us for Breakfast

Our monthly breakfast get-togethers are becoming quite popular! Come on out on **Saturday, May 10th**, 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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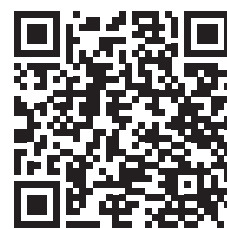


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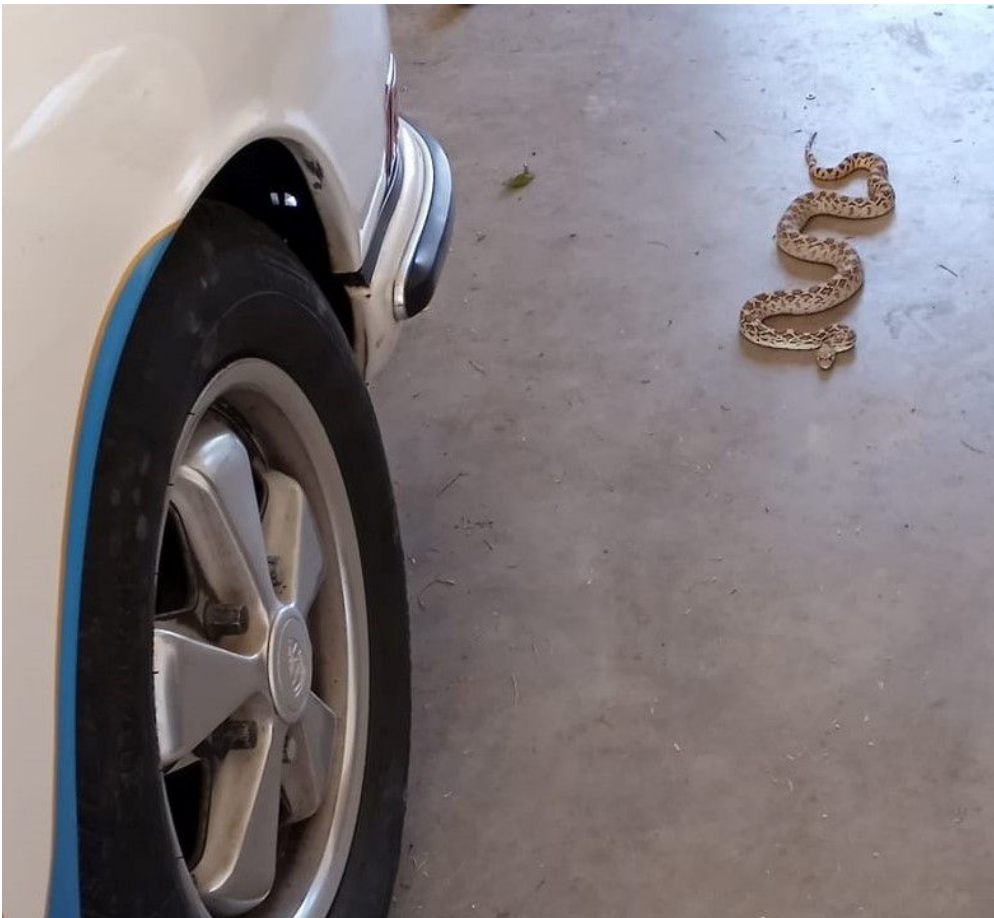


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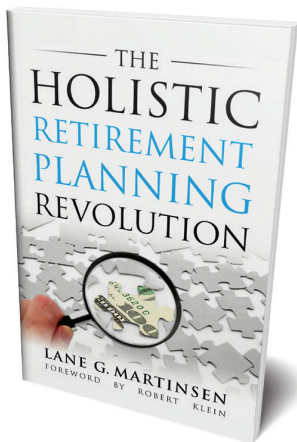




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