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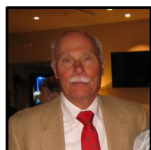
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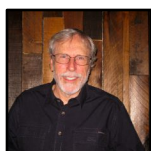
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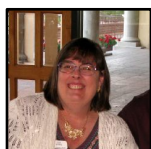
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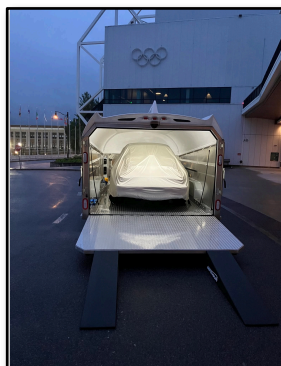
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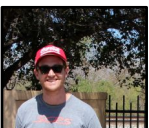
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President's Corner

By Greg Curtiss



Hi Everyone!

Hope you are doing well during the dog days of summer, often the hottest time of year, from the middle of July to the middle of August. You might wonder why this time of year is called the dog days of summer? It is a figure of speech dating back to ancient Greek times. The brightest star in the sky, Sirius, is part of the constellation Canis Major or greater dog, who faithfully follows his master, Orion (which is probably the most prominent of any of the constellations). Sirius was referred to as the dog star. In the middle of summer, Sirius rises and sets roughly at the same time as the sun. The ancients apparently believed that the heat of Sirius, combined with the sun, explained why it was so hot in the middle of summer. Continuing in an astronomical bent, August 12th and 13th will be the peak of the annual Perseid's meteor shower. This is usually the most spectacular meteor shower of the year with around 50 to 60 meteors per hour (you have heard of falling stars?) all observable from Tucson. Viewing conditions should be perfect as it will be a new moon (all dark, the opposite of a full moon). If you want to travel a bit you could see a total eclipse of the sun on August 12th in Iceland and Greenland. Total solar eclipses can only occur during a new moon.

Well, anyway, let's get back to earth. Hopefully you have signed up for SAR's August member social on August 4th at the Toro Bravo Mexican restaurant on the east side of town. I am looking forward to trying this one out. After the monthly Saturday morning breakfast at Blue Willow on August 8th, there will be a cars and coffee put on by Chapman Automotive on Saturday, August 15th. Note that this will be an evening event, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Mercedes-Benz of Tucson. If you want to cool off, as well as enjoy great panoramic views, take the tour to the top of Mt. Lemmon on August 27th. This gets us into September, when our regular monthly events will repeat. Plus, there will be a number of new and exciting events as the weather starts to get a little cooler. To keep up to date with our happenings, look at Our Calendar on SAR's website (pcasar.org). Thanks to Kurt Fuerstenau for keeping our calendar updated. Also monitor the PCA-SAR Future Events email blast which arrives in your email box every couple of weeks. A big thanks to Jim Kendler for updating and sending this out to us. See you at an event soon!



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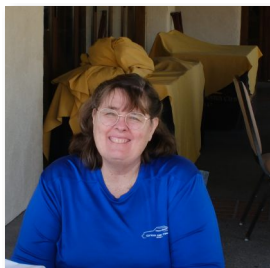
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Editor's Column

By Debi Norris

I hope you are enjoying all the nice Monsoon rains we have been getting so far this

summer. It seems to help take the intensity of the heat down a few notches and make our summers just a tiny bit bearable. Hopefully, these nice rains will continue through the rest of the summer.

Although maybe the torrential downpours and dangerous winds could hold back a bit...

We are still in our summer doldrums as we wait for Fall to start having more activities, but there are a few interesting activities to tell you about. The Porsche Ladies had another fun outing you will be able to read in this issue. Several PCA-SAR members journeyed to Lake Placid New York to attend the annual Porsche Parade. It looked like such a fun event I am sorry we missed it. We are already making plans to attend the Parade in Boise, Idaho, next summer. It's only a couple of days drive away and in a beautiful part of the country. There should be some awesome Porsche roads to drive in the mountains!

Finally, there is always Fall to look forward to. Your Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons are busy planning all kinds of fun events once the weather returns to bearable. I hope to see you at an event soon!



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Upcoming Events



August

- 04 - Membership Meeting - Toro Bravo
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- 08 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on
Campbell
- 18 - Board Meeting
- 27 - Weekday Tour to Mount Lemmon

September

- 01 - Membership Meeting - Jun Dynasty
- 12 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on
Campbell
- 15 - Board Meeting
- 19-26 - Treffen at Sea

Upcoming Events

- October 24 - Tucson Classic Car Show
- October 25 - F1 Viewing Party
- November 7 - Phoenix Flight
- December 5 - Holiday Party
- December 13 - HPDE at Musselman

Upcoming Events Around Arizona

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

Arizona Region

August

- 13-15 - Get Your Kicks on Rt. 66 Tour
- 20 - Castle Hot Springs Off-Road Tour

Arizona Mountain Region

August

- 13 - Kirkland Steakhouse Tour
- 20 - Creekside Lodge Tour

Lake Placid Porsche Parade 2026

By Terry Prince

Photos by Jim Kendler



Porsche Parade from a first-timer's perspective

I've been a PCA member for over 25 years but had never been to a Parade. Needless to say, Parade became a bucket list item for me. So, when Lake Placid was chosen for 2026, I figured I must be there. It's not too far from my summer place and having visited many years ago, I knew it was an outstanding location. And it did not disappoint; the whole experience was fantastic!

Lake Placid is a tourist town with lots of Olympic history. The Winter Games have been there twice; in 1932 and 1980. It remains an active Olympic training center with all kinds of sports programs and activities. Naturally, Parade events were hosted in the Olympic Center where there are two hockey arenas and the speed skating oval along with a restaurant and meeting rooms. This was the biggest Parade in a while with about 2800 people and 1200 Porsches. SAR was also represented by the Kendlers and the Bulls.

Parade runs on volunteers; so, volunteering is a big part of it. I worked at the car wash one afternoon (it ran all week) and helped hand out trophies at the autocross. The week's schedule of activities filled several pages; there was lots to do! The granddaddy of events is the Concours. Prep was in the 1932 hockey arena and the Concours itself was on the speed skating oval. With over 180 judged cars there was plenty of variety and all were beautifully prepared and shown well, even in the off-and-on rain we had all day.

Of course, banquets are a big part of Parade. There is one every night, but we just attended two of the main ones plus the Volunteers' party. These were held literally on the ice, in the 1980 hockey





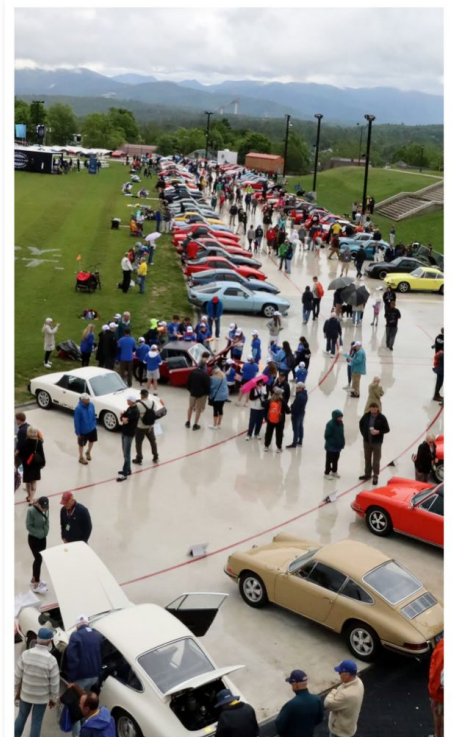
arena; home of the “Miracle on Ice.” It was amazing to dine in such an historic venue.

Driving tours are another important element of the Parade experience. There were many to choose from every day. Even though rainy, the Adirondack roads around Lake Placid were very Porsche friendly. I visited revolutionary Fort Ticonderoga and the Tumblehome Boatshop; where they do to 100-year-old boats what we do to 50- to 75-year-old Porsches. Their craftsmanship and attention to detail are incredible.

Additional activities included Tech Talks, an Art Show, 5K, autocross, TSD rally, gimmick rally, SIM racing, golf, historic & technical quiz, seminars, curling, junior activities and exploring on your own.

Truly, there is something for everyone, some competitive and some casual.

I found Parade to be unique in my PCA Experience with its size, variety and tempo. If you have never been to a Parade, add it to your must-do list. Next year will be in Boise, only a short 1000-mile drive from Tucson. I’m already looking forward to it! PCA always scouts out the best places for this annual gathering and I’m sure they have picked another winner.



More Lake Placid Adventures

Photos by Jim Kendler

SAR members Bill and Corky Bull spend their summers on Chase Lake in New York, about a 2 ½ hour drive from Lake Placid. They generously invited SAR members Jim and Kathleen Kendler and Terry Prince to visit their beautiful home while attending the Porsche Parade. The group enjoyed relaxing on the shores of the lake surrounded by beautiful scenery and being entertained by the loons. Looking at the photos I'm sure we can all understand why Bill and Corky spend their summers there instead of in the Tucson heat!

Thank you, Bill and Corky, for your hospitality!



Restoration Challenge 2026 Final Reveal Event

By John Herold - Dealer Liason Photos by Chapman Media Group

Our dealership, Porsche Tucson, conducted one last revelation of their restored vehicles on the evening of July 11th. They chose a new location for displaying their three entries to this year's Challenge: Tucson Auto Museum. The Auto Museum (now located on North Sabino Canyon Rd) proved to be an excellent venue for the final presentation of the vehicles prior to shipping to Monterey, CA. The Tucson Auto Museum houses over 70 rare and unique vehicles including many specialty builds and examples of cars from movies and television shows (they have two Batmobiles!). The three entries for this year were placed throughout the museum and were revealed separately to the crowd. Much time and effort went into these restorations, especially by the "Build Leads" for each vehicle: Jim Guthrie for the '73 914-6, Derek McGhee for the '76 914-4, and Jon Wegner for the '90 928. The build leads spoke to the details of each restoration and it was great to hear them talk to the work put into the cars. Each car turned out beautifully.

The dealership had Fork & Fire cater the event and we were treated to delicious beef brisket and chicken barbeque while touring the museum.

The vehicles are heading to Monterey in early August for judging that is scheduled to take place as part of Werks Reunion 2026 (August 13-16). We wish Porsche Tucson the best of luck in presenting this year's restorations.



Ready for Some Cooler Temperatures?

Let's get out of the valley heat and head up to some cooler mountain air!

***PCA-SAR Board hopes you will join us for our Thursday, August 27th,
Mt. Lemmon lunch tour.***

Tour meeting time: 8:30 am

***Tour Start location: Starbucks 13460 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way, in
Vail.***

Tour departure time: 9:00 am

***We will journey up the mountain to lunch at the Iron Door near the ski
area. After lunch, you can explore the mountain on your own.***

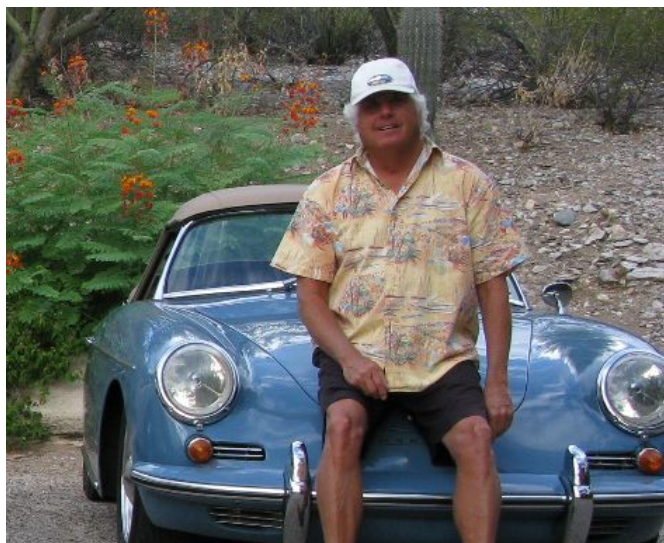
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Congrats are in Order

SAR Charter Member, Jeff Gamble, was acknowledged in the June 2026 issue of *Panorama* in its "PCA Member Anniversaries" feature. (pg. 34) The article stated: "...artist and sculptor Jeff Gamble, who designed and produced the current PCA Parade Concours d'Elegance awards...signed on in 1967." Fifty-nine years and counting...congratulations, Jeff!



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The "Panamera Canal"

Photos and Article by Rich Kepner

Leslie and I decided that it was time to consider replacing our Cayenne as its mileage was getting up there, as are we. Maybe time for something different, a smoother ride (in Tucson?) and a little lower to the ground. Maybe even a Hybrid.

I had heard of "Active Drive" in Formula One several years ago but they banned it because the drivers went over the corrugated apex corners like they were not even there. I found Active Drive at Ford, Chevrolet and others. But the problem was that the suspension was being used in their lifted trucks and also Corvettes. I heard that Rolls Royce has it, but Leslie and I agreed no more cars that are worth more than our house. Surprise of surprises, Porsche also now has Active Drive.

This could be Leslie's daily driver, instead of the family car. We looked at Mercedes, Cadillac and Lexus. We drove the Panamera with the Active Suspension and asked, "When can we get one?"

So, it was decided Leslie would get a new car. It took 30 days and several discussions to formulate what would make the perfect car. We don't even want to think of the number of options available. Dylan Young, our salesman at Porsche Tucson, did a great job of helping us with sorting through all the options that were available. He also assisted us in learning the car's computer system. He knows his Porsche cars.

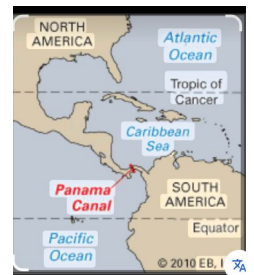
Porsche has a great app that shows you on a map where your car is at any given time of the trip. We followed the map from the factory in Germany to our garage in Tucson.

As the car was going through the Panama Canal, we decided to have an impromptu party with neighbors, celebrating with pizza and a toast of champagne. For that day we renamed it the "Panamera Canal."



Then the wait - We were hoping it would arrive before Cinco. It was close – just through the canal and then North, right up the coast. But no... A left turn took Leslie's car to Columbia. It's OK. If it will head North to San Diego, I think we might make it - real close. What do you mean? It went right by San Diego to Los Angeles...

Getting to be a tight schedule. Maybe L.A. would be quicker? Well, the car is unloaded and heading home - or not - now it is in San Diego... Oh well, it was a good thought to be there for Cinco.



But now we are the owners of a new Panamera. Love the blue color and interior and we are taking our time learning the car's details. I never thought that our replacement for the Cayenne would be a 4-door sedan, but you know what? We never walk up to the wrong white SUV in the parking lot.



Willkommen, Bonjour, Glad to Meet You

By Kathleen Kendler – Membership Chair

As of the July 20th, 2026, here are our new members:

Residing In Tucson

Amit Ashok
Sean Barton
Jerry Cohen
Christopher Langham
Quay Smith

Outside of Tucson

Steve Cuculich Oro Valley
Jerry Mohling & Kim Everhart Oro Valley

David Hanson Sahuarita from Chesapeake Region
Douglas Keaton Sierra Vista
Mark & Lauri Savage Oro Valley from Maverick Region

New Test Drive Members

Tim Gotchey Tucson
Gregory Sump Marana

As of July 20th, we are currently at:
415 primary members - includes Lifetime member
250 Associate-Family - members includes Lifetime member

Total 665 **Welcome to Southern Arizona!**

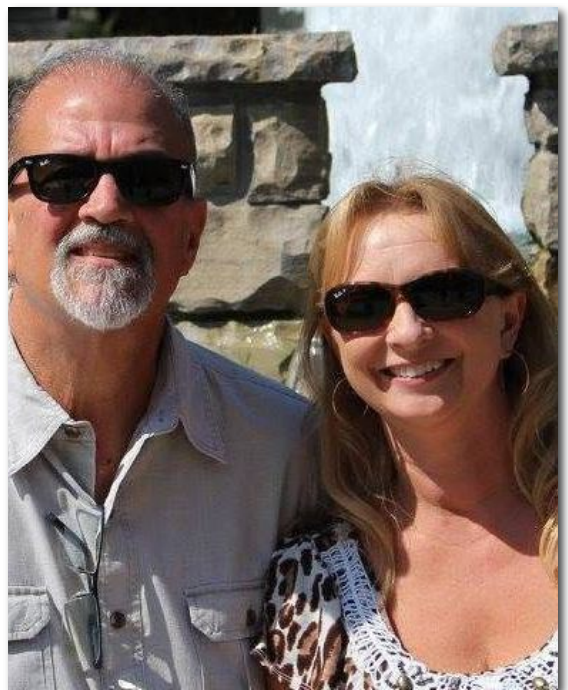
IN MEMORIAM

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of Steve Hernandez's passing on July 23rd, 2026.

Steve was the IT Director at Saddlebrooke Two's HOA. Prior to his illness, Steve and Debbie Hernandez attended many outings with the club. He enjoyed the drives, the monthly breakfast, and the car shows.

One of my fondest memories is Treffen Wine Country in April 2024, our group had a wonderful time. We enjoyed the countryside, the tours, and getting together in the evenings to discuss the places we visited.

Steve turned 72 at the beginning of this month. Rest in peace, my friend. You will be missed by your friends, family, and your Porsche family.



SAR and AZ Region at the D-Backs!

Article by Kathleen Kendler

Photos by Jim Kendler

On July 19th, 2026, Ed and Jan Koharik and Jim and Kathleen Kendler attended the Arizona Diamondbacks vs. the St. Louis Cardinals' baseball game with the PCA Arizona Region. This has become an annual tradition. We had a social gathering at the Third Base Lounge inside the stadium. Then proceeded to our reserved seats in section 204.

The entire game did not look good for the D-backs. During the first and second innings no one scored. At the top of the third inning, the Cardinals scored five runs followed by 2 more runs in the fifth inning. The score was 7-0. But, in the bottom of the 6th inning the D-backs scored three runs (YEAH!). The score heading into the seventh inning was now 7-3. The D-backs scored another 2 runs with the final out leaving players on base. In the 8th, Nolan Arenado (D-backs) hit a home run driving in another player. This was his 1999th career hit! The D-backs were heading into the ninth inning tied 7-7 with the Cardinals. No one scored in the ninth, which drove the game into overtime. The Cardinals went to bat and sadly they did not score. The D-backs were determined to get a guy into home and break the tie. Jorge Borrosa scored the winning run.

All of us were happy except our one Cardinals' fan. Sorry Mark!

Side note: Nolan Arenado went on to become the sixth MLB player to reach 2000+ hits on July 21st, 2026.



The Chapman Cars & Coffee has become one of the most popular Car-lovers event in Tucson. Usually, it shuts down over the hot summer months but this year, its coming back!

Starting on Saturday, August 15th, an evening Cars and Coffee event will begin. For the months of August, September and October, on the third Saturday, head to Mercedes-Benz of Tucson on Grant Road from 7-9PM for a great evening of awesome cars and good conversations!



Another Porsche Ladies Outing!

The Porsche Ladies group had another fun outing on Saturday, July 18th. We met for a yummy brunch at Maria Bonita Mexican Kitchen and then headed just around the corner to Maggie Mae's Mosaics. We were greeted by Maggie herself (a beautiful dog) and given a quick lesson on how to make our mosaics. Soon we were set loose to choose from the wide variety of frames and tiles to create our masterpieces. Unbeknownst to each other, we each picked the octagonal frames! We had a great time choosing our tiles and laying them out. We were all pleased with the final results. Thank you again, Liz, for organizing another fun Porsche Ladies Outing!



Ladies! Be sure to join us for our next event!

Brunch at Café a la C'Art and Tour of the Tucson Museum of Art

Saturday, September 19th

9:30 am - Meet at Café a la C'Art, listed as one of the top ten museum restaurants in the U.S. by Food and Wine Magazine.

After dining we will visit the Tucson Museum of Art next door. Tour at your leisure or you may join a public guided tour that begins at 11:30 am.

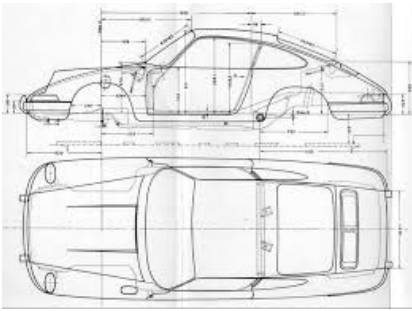
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Project Corner

Tires and Tech

Article and photo by Pat Norris

Solving Problems

Owning any vehicle presents many opportunities to solve problems. Whether new vehicles or older, little things turn up from time to time. With a mindset of “problems are just opportunities to upgrade,” solving each of the following problems has become a larger project of its own.

Here are the latest technical problems I am looking to solve. Work on these has already begun. In coming months, more details on the solutions will follow.

Problem: Plastic headlights wear out.

While it wasn't one of the notes from the judges at Cinco, the more I looked at the headlights on Mirage, our 2008 Cayenne GTS, the more I saw that the headlights were wearing out. The bulbs have lasted a good, long run - 18 years and 160,000 miles - but the outside lens gets all the abuse of the road and sun. Instead of the bright silver reflectors showing through the lenses, the headlights on Mirage's black paint look white. And, if seeing through to the bulbs and reflectors is hard, then there's less light getting to the roadway to keep us safe at night.



The Cayenne still looks great after the Cinco Concours, but the headlights? Not so much!

Solution: New headlights for Mirage.

There are good options for refinishing the headlight lenses. The lenses can be restored, if they aren't too far gone. The lenses can be replaced. Or you can replace the entire light. I have been looking at some options and have decided on one that updates the look while getting a fresh new set of lenses. I expect these will at least restore the light output, and thus safety, of our nighttime travels in our Cayenne.

Pro Tip: Mark where the headlights are aimed before you remove the old lamps.

Having changed lights on a number of cars over the years, one of the key things to get right is the aim on the headlights. To make this easy, place your vehicle with the headlights shining on a surface you can mark with tape, mark where the current lights shine. I usually mark the 'hot spots' for the high and low beams, but I've heard that putting lines to mark the cut-offs for the lights gets a more accurate measure of where the lights actually shine. Change the lights, then adjust the new lights according to your marks. Watch for a future article with more details.

Problem: Parts on old cars wear out.

Time and the Arizona heat take a toll on everything. Plastic parts of our Porsches are very high on the list of things that suffer. In this case, the plastic fuel tank on Thumbelina, our 1989 944 S2 race car. As we prepared for a two-event trip to go do some racing and visiting family, I was fueling up on the right side of the car when a puddle under the left side had started to form. Strange, I thought, there's not a lot of fuel system plumbing on that side - and the fuel seemed to be coming from the exhaust system. A quick look under the car, I found the leak - a pin hole was clearly dumping fuel over the exhaust. No racing until that is fixed!

Solution: Always pre-flight the Porsche.

I remember an article from a San Diego Region



The leaking fuel tank.

member back in the '90s, "Always Preflight Your Porsche," and I still practice this today. A good walk around, looking at the obvious things that can derail enjoyment of your Porsche can save more than just hassle. In this case, it saved finding the fuel leak at the track after a long trip to Colorado, and it quite possibly saved me from being on fire from the fuel reaching the hot exhaust. The tank is currently being replaced, and I hope to share more about that in another future article.

Pro Tip: Remember to look under your Porsche - especially in places you don't expect to see things!

In this particular case, looking under to see the puddle was key. Not only finding the puddle, but recognizing that it wasn't simply a sloppy refueling, but a much larger problem, because there shouldn't have been fuel spilled where I found it.

Problem: Arizona roads are horrible.

While the problem is huge, a small symptom was what caught my attention; grime on the lower quarters of our 2017 Macan S, Kenzie. Now, we live down a dirt road, and it is Monsoon season, so things are going to get dirty. Kenzie has seen a few dirt roads, but this was something more. It appears that some of the roads we've traveled recently have been treated with something. Something black and icky (a technical term meaning it's going to be hard to clean)! Now, there's little we can do about the roads, but I would at least like to protect the paint on our vehicles, especially when they are

going to be driven.

Solution: Mud flaps for Kenzie.

I can't fix the problem, but I can address the symptom. We've added mud flaps to other vehicles before, and it has been very helpful in keeping the paint clean and protected. Knowing what I wanted, the search began. I found a set of mud flaps that blend nicely with the overall style of the Macan that don't take a lot of work to install. And, like the other solutions above, I plan an article to cover the upgrade to deal with the problem of Arizona roads.

Pro Tip: Vehicle specific mud flaps are easier to install than generic parts.

I've tried working with generic mud flaps, but vehicle specific parts have always been easier to work with, look better on the car, and in the end, did a better job. While I did find a nice set for the Macan, I still haven't found a set I like for the Cayenne GTS, or the GT4; they get a lot of road-trip time so these would be really nice.



Icky!!

Until next time...

Go out, take a look around your Porsche, see if you might have any Porsche projects of your own, and then go out and enjoy it!

Come Join Us for Breakfast !

The monthly breakfast get-togethers are becoming quite popular. Come on out on **Saturday, August 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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- 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 Friday of the Month – Sunset Cruise at the Tucson Auto Museum – 4PM-7PM – 4825 N. Sabino Canyon Road
- 3rd Saturday of the Month - Chapman Dealership - 7AM (November-May) 7PM (June-October)
Mercedes Benz of Tucson – 6350 E. Grant Rd.
- 4th Saturday of the Month - Mona's Danish Bakery - 4777 E. Sunrise Dr.



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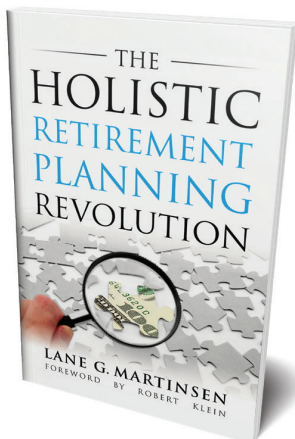




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