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President's Corner

By Greg Curtiss



Hi Everyone!

As I am sure you are aware, everything that the Southern Arizona Region of the Porsche Club of America (SAR) does is done by volunteers. All of our Tours, Driver events, Member meetings, Communications, Newsletter, Website, Social Media postings, and other things which I am probably forgetting, are planned, implemented, and wrapped up by the many great volunteers that we have in our Region. A great thanks to all our volunteers that make these things available to us for our enjoyment amid the camaraderie of Porsche ownership!

Every year, according to SAR's Bylaws, a Nominating Committee must be formed. The Nominating Committee puts together a slate of candidates for the Board for the next year, in this case 2027. We currently have eleven positions on the Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven Members at Large. See page 1 of the *Zuffenhausen News*, our monthly newsletter, to see who holds these positions for 2026. All eleven of the Board Members are entitled to vote on the various large and small matters that come up during the year. The number of Members at Large can be increased or decreased each year depending on the number of people that want to fill those positions.

You should have received, or you will shortly receive, an email soliciting your interest in any of the Board positions as well as our Committee Chairs and other appointments (See page 2 of the *ZN* for a listing of these). I think I can speak for everyone holding the above positions in saying that none of us have a vested interest in our current position, and we will all be receptive to any new person who may have an interest in any position or who would like to have a say in what the club does and how it does it. Please consider a response, we look forward to it!

Now is your big chance to help SAR be a better club for its members. The Nominating Committee for 2027 is Greg Curtiss (President@pcasar.org), Pat Norris (secretary@pcasar.org), and Kathleen Kendler (boardmember6@pcasar.org). Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Nominating Committee with your thoughts or interest. Thanks!



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Editor's Column
By Debi Norris

Every Fall brings election season. No, not the election that has every street corner in town covered in signs! I'm talking about the election of our SAR Board of Directors. Our Board works hard to keep the club running smoothly and organize many fun events that are available for the members to enjoy. We are hoping to get some new faces to join the Board this year. Maybe that new face could be yours!

But what does being on the Board of Directors involve? Is it a time-consuming, tiresome job that only long-time members of SAR can do? Definitely not! The Board meets on the third Tuesday each month on a virtual call. The meetings usually last under an hour. During the meeting there are various reports from different officers and chairpeople including the Secretary and Treasurer as well as the Social, Driving Events, Charity, and Driving Tour chairs. We give suggestions to make events successful as well as voting on various financial allocations. All in all, it is pretty simple.

So, the club needs YOU! If you are interested in being on the Board, contact our nominating committee (Greg Curtiss, Pat Norris or Kathleen Kendler – their contact info can be found on page 1 of this newsletter) and let them know.

We are also in need of a new Charity Chairperson. Our club has a long history of giving back to our community and we would like to keep that tradition going. Let us know if you are interested in helping out in this important area!

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Upcoming Events

October

06 - Membership Meeting

10 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell

17 - Adopt-a-Roadway Clean-up

20 - Board Meeting

24 - Tucson Classics Car Show

25 - F1 Viewing Party and New Members Event

November

03 - Membership Meeting

07 - Phoenix Flight

11 - Veteran's Day Car Show

14 - Monthly Breakfast at Blue Willow on Campbell

17 - Board Meeting

Upcoming Events

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
October
03 - Concours Judges School
11 - Twilight Drive
28-30 - Fall Colors Tour

Arizona Mountain Region
October
10 - Wings and Wheels Sedona
21 - Fall Autocross



Tilman's Travels 2026

Article and photos by Tilman Stuhlinger

This year included three major trips for me. The first was a trip to Germany and Switzerland in May, mostly for visiting family and friends. In late June into July my brother, some friends, and I traveled to Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky, which turned out to be far more interesting than I had anticipated. Late August into September brought a group trip to southern Africa, my fourth trip to that part of the continent. More details follow.

Germany

This trip was mostly about visiting my relatives in Germany and friends in Switzerland. However, my purchase of a 2025 Cayman in 2025 was, at the time, the first Porsche in the wider family and was somewhat of a sensation. Therefore, my brother-in-law organized a visit to the Porsche Museum in Zuffenhausen, Stuttgart for him, my sister and brother, and me. The museum does not offer any special activities for PCA members, but the visit was still a special event. Vehicles on display range from Ferdinand Porsche's first vehicle (a hybrid gas-electric carriage from the late 19th century) to the latest 917 and later race cars.

The development of the classic 356 shape from early wind tunnel models to later sports cars is depicted in some detail. Entry is allowed into only one car, a 917 Spyder RS. Cutaways of some cars, including a Panamera and a Cayenne, are displayed. The museum offers day-long rentals of Porsches, but I did not have time for that (unfortunately). Factory tours are also available. At future PCA-SAR events I will be glad to show more pictures from my museum visit.

Mammoth Cave

Mammoth Cave National Park is located north of Bowling Green, Kentucky. It is the longest known cave system in the world; the current known length is about 440 miles. There are horizontal corridors that are connected by vertical shafts. This is a mostly dry limestone cave; stalagmites and







stalactites occur only in a few isolated places, such as in a place called ‘dry Niagara.’ Within the park there are 27 known cave entrances; only 8 of these are natural. Some of the entrances are open to visitors, although only about 12 miles of the cave are accessible to visitors. We took 2 of the tours, one of which included dry Niagara. Many of the passages go through large underground chambers with ceiling heights of 20 to 30 feet, while others are narrow tubes with low ceilings. Steep staircases connect the horizontal chambers. Outside of the cave there were some nice hiking trails through deciduous forests. After the cave adventure, we visited the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. Lots of nice cars were on display there (although I will stick with my Porsche).



Africa

Much more unusual than the previous two outings was a group trip to southern Africa. This mostly included South Africa, but also featured outings to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe (the former British colony Rhodesia) and Chobe animal park in Botswana. The purpose of the trip was to learn something about the culture and customs of South Africa and to visit scenic places including animal parks. The trip started in Johannesburg, which we reached via flights through Atlanta and Amsterdam. This is South Africa’s largest city (nearby Pretoria is the capital). Here we were introduced to some of the darker sides of South Africa’s history (and present). Thus, we visited the Apartheid Museum and saw depictions of some of the violence and repression that took place from about 1948 until the rise of Nelson Mandela in 1994. We drove through the district of Soweto (Southwestern Township) where we saw that poverty is still rampant in some parts of South Africa. Other visits included Constitution Hill, where we saw former prisons where Mandela, Gandhi, and others were jailed. Also on this hill is the Court of Reconciliation, which opened after the end of apartheid, and which was meant to resolve some of the injustices imposed on South Africa’s black population. While South Africa is today a quite prosperous and democratic nation, problems such as high youth unemployment (44%) persist. There is concern that this unemployment could lead to unrest among the younger population. On the brighter side, we had a nice dinner in a house in which Nelson Mandela once lived.

After this sobering introduction to South Africa, we drove (by bus) to an area northwest of Johannesburg known as the ‘Cradle of Humankind’. This area of rolling hills and savanna played an important role in the development of early hominids. The limestone caves and sinkholes here contain fossils of early hominids up to 3.2 million years old. We were taken by open-air jeeps to one of the excavation sites, where early fossils were being excavated. On the way there and back we were introduced to our first African animals, including antelopes, zebras, and rhinoceroses. Later that day, we continued to

Pilanesberg Game Reserve farther to the northwest. Here we settled into nice hotel rooms with mongooses and monkeys cavorting in the surrounding gardens. On the next two days we took morning and evening game drives in open jeep-like vehicles. On these drives we saw elephants, rhinos, and hippos bathing in lakes, giraffes, lions, antelopes (mostly impalas and kudus), and a variety of birds (including 'go-away' birds and the local variety of ravens). Due to poaching, the rhinos' horns must be removed by local park personnel.



A special event was a hot air balloon ride. We flew peacefully (in two balloons) and quietly over the countryside and saw more animals from the air. The photo below is from after the ride. We saw more animals on the ride back to the lodge and then prepared for a flight (from Johannesburg) to the southern coast of South Africa.



We flew to the town of George and drove from there to our hotel in Knysna. Here we walked along the beach on the Indian Ocean and were treated to a very interesting description, by a local biologist, of some of the local creatures that inhabit the surf area.

In the town we saw some works of art expressing solidarity with various causes around the world and had meetings with local organizations that provide community services such as a daycare center for young children. On the same day we drove back to George and flew from there to Cape Town in the southeast corner of the country.



Planned activities for Cape Town included a gondola ride to the top of Table Mountain and a drive along the Cape Peninsula south of the city. The Cape Peninsula ends at the Cape of Good Hope. The drive included a stop at Boulders Beach where a colony of jackass penguins resides (so-called for the sound which they make). Due to some digestion problems, I was confined to my hotel room and could not participate in these activities. After 3 days I could join the group again and participated in visits to the Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, a local winery (Groot Constantia, which included wine tasting), and in a food jam. The botanical garden features (among many other plants) the protea (as big as a dinner plate), the South African



state flower. The winery includes an administration building built in the typical Cape Dutch style.



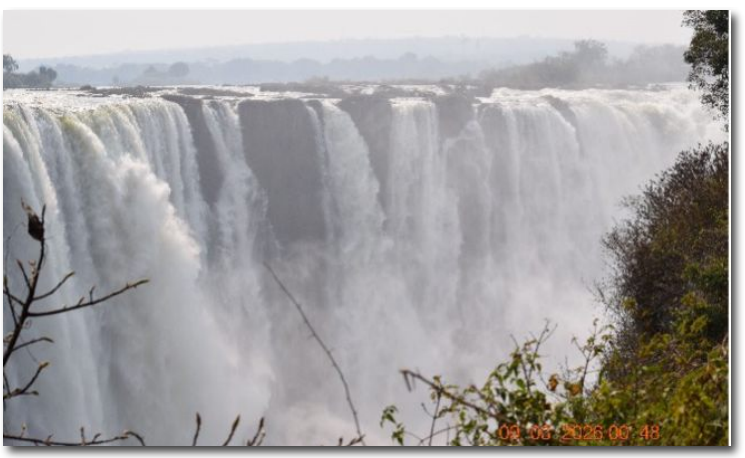
For the food jam, we went to a special ‘restaurant’ that specializes in teaching the guests to cook their own food dishes. Our travel group was split into several subgroups, each one working on different recipes. My group’s recipe was for an ostrich stew. The hosts helped with the cooking and, for instance, showed me how to properly thicken sauce.

Our next big trip segment took us to Victoria Falls in the northwestern part of Zimbabwe. Victoria Falls is considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World and is one of the big three waterfalls (including Niagara on the US-Canadian border and Iguacu on the Brazilian-Argentinian border). The waters of the Zambezi River plunge about 300 feet into a narrow gorge; in the local lore it is known as “the smoke that thunders.” We walked along the edge of the gorge; several of the group took a helicopter ride to see the spectacle from the air.

On the last full day of the trip, we drove (via bus) to the neighboring country of Botswana, west of Zimbabwe. Here we visited the Chope Animal Park, well known for its large variety of animals. We took a boat ride on the Chobe River; we saw many animals including elephants, crocodiles, impala, kudus (a type of antelope), giraffes, hippos, and birds (including Egyptian geese and yellow-billed storks). After lunch at a park lodge, we drove through the park in open-air vehicles on dirt roads. Here we saw more elephants, giraffes, impala, kudus, waterbucks, and birds (including hornbills, cape glossy starlings, and an African fish eagle). We were excited to see all these animals but were somewhat disappointed about not having seen a leopard. Leopards are fairly common in this and other parks but are very good at keeping out of sight.



After the Zimbabwe-Botswana adventure, we flew back to Johannesburg in South Africa. From there the group flew back to the USA via various routes (e.g., Johannesburg to Amsterdam to Atlanta to Tucson). All flights went very smoothly. All tour group members were very satisfied with the trip and the many interesting sights that were offered. Now we are basking in the memories and are looking forward to the next trip, which is planned to take us to Japan.





September Ladies' Event

Article and Photos by Liz Sampsel

For our September outing we met at Café à la C'art for brunch and conversation in our own quiet dining room to start the day. Sufficiently stuffed, we headed next door to the museum. From the outside it is impossible to imagine the cavernous spaces inside the museum. The Tucson Museum of Art has an extensive variety of art to explore. A large part of the museum houses Indigenous Art, Art of the American West, Southwest and Latin America. Additionally, there are galleries of contemporary works and rotating exhibits. It's easy to get lost wandering through the galleries, strolling down the gently sloping inclines between levels and taking in the views from a variety of perspectives. Convenient seating was available for rest stops and chitchat. It was a great day for sharing stories and relaxing with new and old friends.











F1 FANS!
IT'S TIME!

Yes, it is that time again. F1 comes back to the United States and SAR is ready to welcome it.

Our Annual F1 Viewing Party and New Member Social will be held on Sunday, October 25th, at the RoadHouse Cinema.

Admission gets access to the live viewing of the Circuit of the Americas F1 race on Apple TV on the big screen along with a bowl of gourmet popcorn and a soft drink. The regular menu items will also be available for purchase.

New PCA members (first year of membership) will have free admission (refunded after attendance).

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Fall Adopt-a-Roadway Event

Article by Lon Reeder - Community Service Chairperson



Hello, PCA-SAR members!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.
The April 18th, 2026, Adopt-a-Roadway event was a success and I'm looking for similar enthusiastic participation again for our Fall 2026 event.

We will fulfill our community commitment with an Adopt-a-Roadway event on **Saturday, October 17th**. Since February 2003 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 advertises 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. I expect great Tucson October 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!

Save the Date!

Wednesday, November 11th, 2026

Our 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Car Show at the Arizona State Veteran's Home

More details to come!





2026 Restoration Challenge

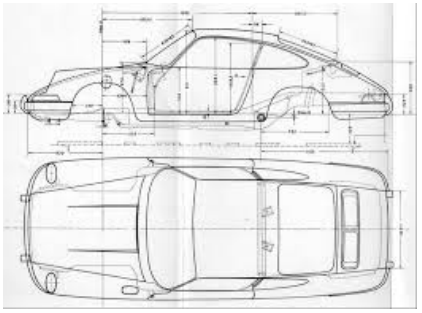
Article by John Herold and photos by Porsche Tucson

The three vehicles entered by Porsche Tucson for this year's Restoration Challenge were shipped to California in mid-August for participation and judging as part of Monterey Car Week (Aug 9-16). Monterey Car Week includes multiple major automotive events including the Pebble Beach Concours, the Rolex Monterey Motorsport Reunion, Werks Reunion and several high-end auctions.

The judging for the Restoration Challenge took place during Werks Reunion towards the end of the week. Again the dealership's entries this year were two 914s in the Individualization category and a 928 in the Preservation category. All three cars showed well but the two 914s made it into the finals of the judging on Friday, Aug 14. When all of the concours points were finally tallied, the '73 914-6 (in Adirondack Blue) took first place in the individualization category.

Everyone from Tucson who attended with the dealership had a wonderful time and they were proud of the honor they had won. **Congratulations, Porsche Tucson!**





Project Corner

Tire Air - Don't Just Listen

Article and photos by Pat Norris

In an earlier “Looking for the Line,” I explained some of the ways your tires can talk to you. From the sounds they make at the track to the look of the sidewall, there are little ways your tires are trying to tell you how they are doing. Most of that article talked about adjusting your driving. However, since this is a ‘technical’ article, I will talk about what to do to make adjustments.

There are two approaches. First option: let your tire shop (you do have a favorite that takes care of your car tires, right?) or the dealer check and make the adjustments needed. They will check the tire pressures, look for uneven wear, and make recommendations, too. Second option: is to do it yourself. This isn’t as big a deal as it was in the past; no need for a huge compressor that makes a lot of noise, and the tire gauges are much friendlier than the old pencil stick style.



My favorite style of tire gauge.

Doing it yourself

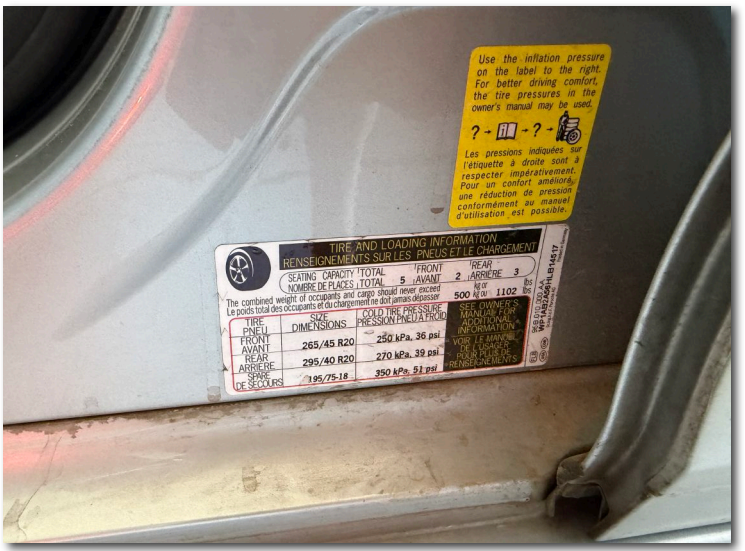
Going down the road of checking your own tires, you will need three things: a tire gauge, a way to add air, and the recommended specs for your tires. I prefer a dial gauge, with a hose and a bleed valve in case I overfill. But there are some simple digital gauges that work well, are easy to find, and fit in a cubby inside your Porsche.

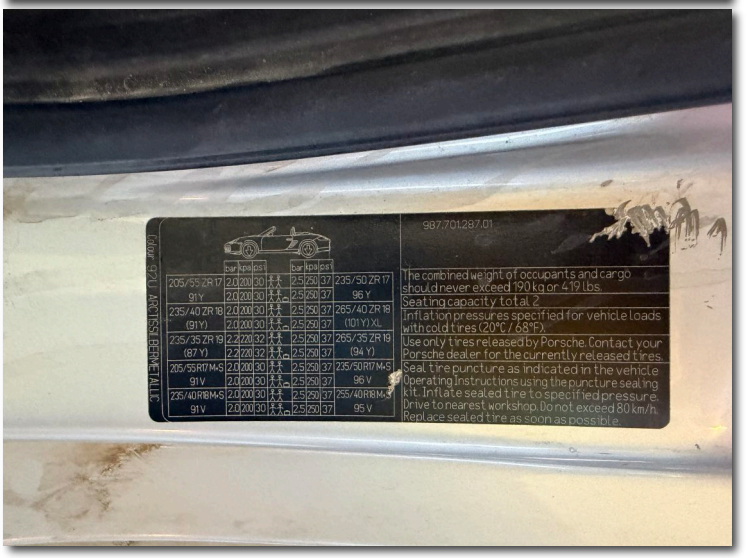
A way to fill your tires is a bit more complicated, but there are some portable compressors that will do the job and really help out in a pinch when you are not near another air source. A public air source, such as at a gas station, will work but you will definitely want your own gauge to check the fill. Of course, there are many Porsches with compressors built right in. Our Cayenne has a compressor for the air suspension and a hose for filling tires; check your owners’ manual to see if you might have an inflator, too.

To find the pressure setting for your car, check the door jamb area. Front door first, but I have seen them on the rear door jamb, too. If you don’t find it there, check the inside of the gas filler flap/cover; that was another popular place for some vehicles. If those locations aren’t there, the owners manual or an internet search should get you the numbers you need.

Adjust as necessary

After listening to your tires, the tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS), or just doing a regular maintenance check, you may find that you need to make an adjustment. You may have noticed that tire pressures tend to rise as you drive and the tires heat up. The tire





Two examples of the tire information stickers.

pressures given for your vehicle are for when the tires are 'cold' - for Arizona, generally try to check them after the car has rested overnight.

Check first. Check what the recommended pressure is for your tires (front and rear are usually different) and use your gauge to check what pressure they are at. If they are low, even a few pounds, add air to get them up to spec. Even those few pounds can be enough to cause strange wear on your tires and really bother your TPMS, if so equipped.

As you get more familiar with what your tires are telling you, it is entirely natural that you will find a slight adjustment in tire pressures, especially for track days, can be a great help. In some cases, this is up a bit; in others, it might be down a bit. Either way, make sure you revisit your tires after a track day and readjust for 'normal' driving.

Time for a reset

Many of our 'modern' Porsches have some form of TPMS. While this can be helpful, there are times when it can drive a person batty (ask me how I know) with all the warnings. Sometimes, all you need is a little air and a quick reset of the system to get things going. If you are taking your vehicle to your favorite tire shop or the dealer, they can help with the reset. However, if you are doing it yourself, there's a trick for your Porsche that should help.

The trick is to reset the tire size that your Porsche thinks is on the vehicle. Some of the 'older' vehicles have a separate screen/menu item for this. On 'newer' vehicles, try the screen where the tire pressures are shown. You should see four pressures for your Porsche; press the 'enter' button (might be a roller ball on the steering wheel, or possibly a button on the end of a stalk). Either way, once you are in the tire selection page, select your tires - even if you aren't changing tires, just find the one already selected - and set the size.

Yes, there should already be a tire size selected, but this tells the system that you have changed the tires and that it's time to relearn the TPMS sensors. In a few miles, once you are above 25 MPH, you should now see the tire pressures for all four tires.

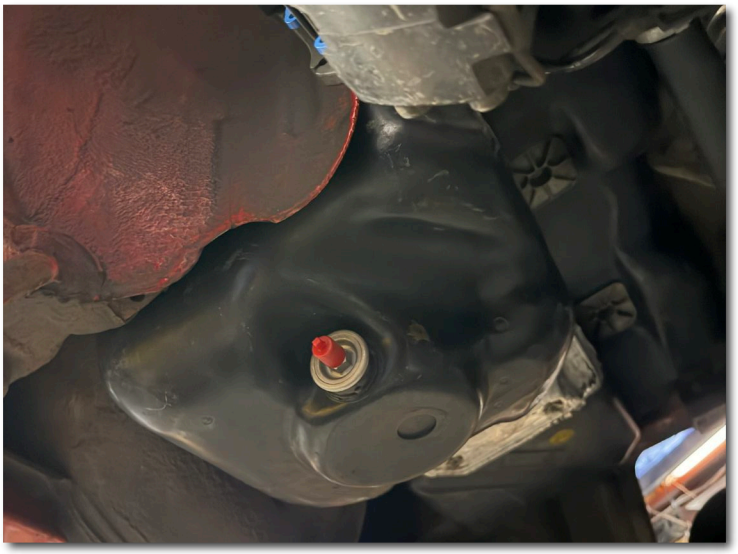
Note: if you don't see tire pressures for all four tires, i.e., there's one that doesn't show a value, there's a good chance you have a sensor that needs replacing. They only last as long as the batteries.

Project Corner Extra

Inspection - Finding Hidden Trouble Before It Is A Bigger Problem

Trash vs Treasure

While working on Thumbelina (our 944 S2 race car) trying to rectify the leaky fuel tank issue, I finally reached the stage where I was preparing the replacement fuel tank to install. As part of the check, while turning the tank this way and that, I could hear there was something, probably plastic, moving around inside.



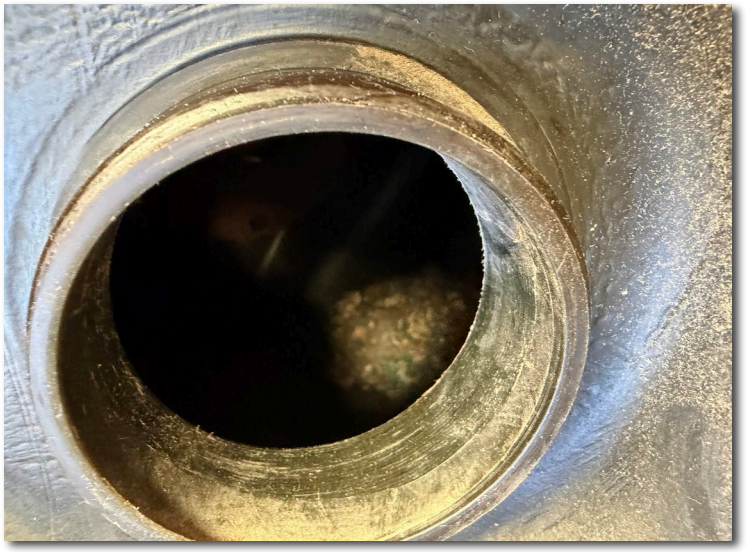
Cleaned-out fuel tank installed in Thumbelina.

After more looking and shaking, even an inspection with an endoscope, I was very happy I was checking before moving ahead with the installation; inside, there was a “rodent condominium” consisting of fur, bits of upholstery, and even a small hand towel. As this tank was from a salvage yard from across the country, this wasn’t a surprise, but I am pretty sure it’s not from a ‘local’ packrat as there was no cactus or mesquite beans inside.

I am sure this was a treasure for whatever rodent had made the effort to suffer the gasoline fumes, but it was just trash and an extra job for me. This serves as a reminder: always check your parts before you install them, even new parts, as they have been in storage at some time. You don’t want more problems after you have already completed the repair.



Rodent Condominium - complete with hand towel.



Way down inside you can just see some fuzz and fur - not what you want in your fuel tank!

Willkommen, Bonjour, Glad to Meet You

By Kathleen Kendler – Membership Chair

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

Residing In Tucson

Chandler Steele

Outside of Tucson

Kevin B. & Sally Carroll	Green Valley	From Western Michigan
Andrew & Marlene McNiven	Green Valley	From Orange Coast
Gregory Sump	Marana	



New Test Drive Members

No new members

Gregory Sump converted his Test Drive membership to a full PCA membership.

As of September 1st, we are currently at:
408 primary members (includes PCA National Lifetime member)
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Total 659 Welcome to Southern Arizona!





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November 7, 2026

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

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12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	**Plated Lunch**	*Superstition Ballroom*

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Come Join Us for Breakfast!

The monthly breakfast get-togethers are becoming quite popular. Come on out on **Saturday, October 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!





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 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.






October Membership Meeting

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

We will gather for dinner on Tuesday, October 6th, at 6:00.

Meeting starts at approximately 7:00.

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

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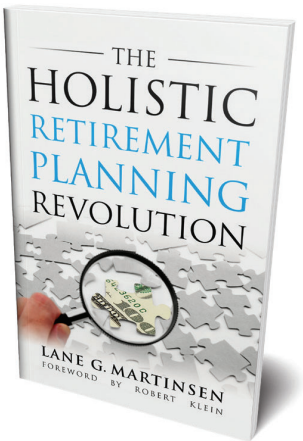


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