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President's Column

As usual, winter and spring were jam packed with a large variety of activities, but not to worry because we still have some fun-filled events left as we head into the summer slowdown. Registration is now open for our Summer Banquet being planned at Exploration Tower in Port Canaveral. The views from the Tower are spectacular. This year our Auto Cross events are back up and running thanks to Mark Pielock of the American Muscle Car Museum for offering the use of his beautiful facility. The hard work of our autocross team of Ken & Tim Marshall, Craig Barrie, Carmen DeVito, and Steve "Wojo" Wojcicki has resulted in 3 successful events. Be sure to check our website for dates and times when autocross resumes in the fall. If you haven't tried it, come on out, you won't be disappointed in the way your beautiful Porsche performs in tight conditions. Plus, it's just plain fun!

Driver Education (DE) interest has been growing steadily in our club, including our increasing list of DE Instructors. This adventure can become addicting no matter what level you're at. You can improve your driving skills, and get a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and capabilities of your Porsche in a controlled environment. You'll come home with lots of stories to share and I guarantee have dreams of driving your car on the track. If you haven't tried it yet, consider trying it, you won't regret it.

We're a busy club with lots of things going on. Please visit our website at <http://spc.pca.org> and our Space Coast Face Book page for lots of event pictures and calendar updates. E-Blasts will be going to all our members too, to keep you up to date, so make sure your emails are updated with PCA so you won't miss out on any events. Please remember to support our many advertisers in **EV**.

If you are a new member, please come to our monthly Kaffeeklatches to get to know other members in our friendly club and be sure to introduce yourselves. Come on out, drive those magnificent Porsches and have some fun!

Lastly, but most importantly, a big thank you to the many volunteers that make everything possible. Volunteers make all the difference in the many activities and events we're able to do. Also, a special thank you to Shay Rowe and Porsche of Melbourne. Their continued support makes many of the events possible. Thank you also to the Board of Directors, event chairs, and volunteers for stepping up with their time and efforts to plan and execute lots of activities for everyone to enjoy. It takes a village to plan and execute these events and our volunteers work tirelessly to make them happen.

Scott Kee

On the Cover: Porsche SUV's pose in front of a beautiful old oak tree in the middle of the road in Tallahassee. Photo by Robin Hoffman at Zonefest 2017.

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From the Editor

What a busy Spring we've had! I hope you all enjoy this issue filled with pictures and stories of the fun.

First, I'd like to welcome our two new advertisers, Cobia Insurance and Ruddick's Detail to add to the many wonderful advertisers that help to support **EV**. Thank you all for your support. Let's everyone remember to patronize them all!

In the recent issue of Panorama, there was a letter about how Ryan Gannon from Porsche of Melbourne went above and beyond to help them in an emergency. I've also been the recipient of the dealership's generosity, specifically Ryan and his service department, when I had a front tire blow out Friday afternoon on I-95 on the way to a DE at Sebring Race Track. I was able to exit and get off the highway, call the 1- 800 Porsche Emergency phone and had a tow truck on the way to tow us to Porsche of Melbourne within minutes. While waiting, my husband Scott called Ryan to see if a replacement tire was available. Ryan jumped into action, located the tire, and when the tow truck brought in my 911, it was rushed into a bay, tire changed, car checked over, and I was on my way back to Sebring in about 30 minutes. I was thinking my weekend was ruined, but Ryan and staff not only saved the day, they saved the weekend for me! I must also report that I've never been treated so well in any car dealership. Thank you!

A small group went to the Zone Fest in Tallahassee over Memorial Day Weekend and I must say we had a wonderful time! The North Florida Porsche Club was very welcoming and gracious hosts. All of us from Space Coast that went would heartily agree with me that a great time was had by all, not to mention all the awards we walked away with!

Welcome new members to our great Space Coast PCA Club. Come on out and meet us monthly at the KaffeeKlatches in Daytona, Melbourne and Vero Beach. Check out the calendar on our FaceBook page or the website spc.pca.org. If you just try one event, you'll see how much fun we all have together and you'll be hooked! Be sure to call me or shoot me an email if you have a Porsche story or experience you would like to share. Come on out and celebrate the Porsches we love and the people who drive them.

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Membership Corner

by Carmen DeVito

We hope you find Space Coast to be an active PCA region rich with activities. We offer everything from social events, driving tours, gimmick rallies, concours, auto crossing, drive and dines, Kaffeeklatsch's, Porsche Tech Sessions, and my personal favorite, High Performance Driving Events. Space Coast Region strives to host events for all areas of interest. Please check our calendar of events online at <http://spc.pca.org/calendar/>.

I have noticed many new members enjoy attending one of our monthly Kaffeeklatsches, better known as a "cars and coffee" informal get together. We simply meet at a place with great coffee and discuss everything Porsche – and more. Since we are a large region we hold

three of these each month; one per month at each of the following locations: Daytona (north), Melbourne (central), and Vero (south). I frequently attend all these and welcome the opportunity to meet you and introduce you around. Pick one that is close to you and I'll be the guy standing near the blue GT3.

For more information about Daytona specific events or local Porsche services you can contact North Region Coordinator Terry Miller at TMiller@valenciacollege.edu. For more information on Vero area events and services contact South Region Coordinator Jurgen Schwanitz at 928s@att.net.

Welcome to our New Members!

March 2017

Aryanna Lee, 2017 Macan
Glenn Desimone, 2017 Macan
Wendy Brandon, 2017 Macan
Louis Lower, 2017 Cayenne
Eugene Atkinson, 2016 Panamera
Camille Kanner, 2017 Cayenne
Trea Odom, 2017 Cayenne
Rosalen Cline, 2017 Macan
Clarence Maienschein, 2017 Macan GTS
Brian Lally, 2014 Panamera
Claudia Obrian, 2011 Panamera
Terry Stinson, 2017 911 Carrera
Margaret Sally, 2017 Macan
Steven Milesic, 2017 718 Boxster
Brent Peoples, 2011 911 Carrera
Richard Lovell, 2008 Cayman S,
transfer from Rocky Mountain Region

April 2017

Paul and Marsha Thayer, 2016 Midnight Blue Cayenne
Jack Ohlrich, 2007 GT Silver Cayman S
Eric Holland, 2015 Cayenne
James Mc Grath, 1997 Alpine Silver 911 Carrera Cab
Orley Harewood, 2017 718 Boxster
Eric Straehla, 2017 718 Boxster
Joseph Deluca, 2015 Boxster
Robert Labode, 2017 Macan
Sherry Rogers, 2017 Macan
Nick Rocco, 2017 Macan
J Robert Geiman and Mona Stillwell, 2017 Cayenne
Jerome Sacco, 2017 Cayenne
Roberta Peirce – 2016 Cayman
James Stevenson, 2007 white Cayman,
transfer from Gold Coast Region
Paul and Lynda Pearce, 1973 white 911E,
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2017 Panamera Roll Out

Article by Dylan Kotulis
Photos by Robin Hoffman

Porsche of Melbourne recently had the opportunity to showcase the all new 2017 Porsche Panamera at our brand new Porsche Center. The Panamera sure has come a long way, and now rightfully carries the torch as our premier flagship car. Porsche not only redesigned the Panamera to showcase the latest in advanced technology, but refined every aspect to solidify it's position as the world's greatest 4-door sports car.



The new facility

To help our dealership present the Panamera, Porsche Cars North America was on hand to lend us some of the baddest Panameras in their arsenal. These very special cars were driven through an incredible indoor fireworks display that shrouded them in cold sparks as the "The Final Countdown" rocked in the background. The sound of the new 550 hp V8 revving really stole the show. After they "cooled off", those in attendance got to see first hand what Porsche has done to make this our best car ever. Almost everyone commented that this car looks even better in person, like a proper 4-door 911.

The Panamera Launch was the first event in our new facility, so we decided it would be great to dedicate the building during the event. The Melbourne Chamber of Commerce was on hand along with Melbourne Mayor Kathy Meehan for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Five Purple Heart recipients representing all five US military branches took part in a beautiful ceremony including a special tribute by the Color Guard.

We invited legendary sports car driver Derek Bell, five time winner of the 24 Hours of Le Mans. We were also joined by tennis great Ivan Lendl. Both stayed for photo opportunities and are always a pleasure



The new Panamera

to speak with. We are very lucky to have so much talent in our community that shares in our love of all things Porsche.

To cap off an exciting evening, we had even more fireworks for the grand finale. All guests had a great time enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres catered by Petty's of Melbourne and mingling with our special guests from Porsche Cars North America.

Shay Rowe, our General Manager and Owner of Porsche of Melbourne, couldn't have been more proud of the reception to our very first event in our new Center. We are following up soon with even more events. Next up is our breakfast to kick off the 2017 24 Hours of Le Mans and a Tech Session in our new Shop to showcase the under the hood technology of the new Panamera. For those that can't make it to one of our special events, we encourage you to stop in anytime for an exhilarating test drive.



Racing legend
Derek Bell with
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Judging a Werks Reunion

Article by Carmen DeVito
Photos by Sue DeVito

While there are many pictures and stories of the cars that attended Werks Reunion at Amelia Island, there is another story of the judges who volunteered to spend their time at the show, working and focusing on the specific car class they were assigned to judge. They had the job to find a winning car from a sizeable group of excellent cars in attendance. At this caliber of show that is not an easy task. I entered my car in a concours once at a Zone Fest and I still remember the preparation and hours cleaning the "track car" for a few minutes of judging. A lot of love and effort goes into preparing a car for these shows. However, this was advertised to be a different, a low key, fun event. It was not to be your typical concours for cars, owners or judges. Certainly, for me it started the same, driving up the day before in the GT3 to ensure I could be there early the next morning. But this was also different, gone was any stress of keeping a good distance behind trucks kicking up debris or dodging

bug swarms while driving up 95, just to try to keep the car a bit cleaner. Once there I wasn't rushing to clean the car, I just had to find the Corral parking and leave it. Wow, this was shaping up to be a fun event.



... and look the car over from top to bottom



Judges talk with the owners...

Walking from the Corral parking to Judged parking, we watched the beautiful cars rolling by the sand traps onto #2 fairway to take their spot and owners of already parked cars cleaning and primping at their designated places. At the judges meeting my mindset was this is serious business. My analytical mind wanted to understand all the criteria involved to make a fair assessment. After all, there is some tradition to uphold, right? After a quick hello and brief explanation, we were told to go have fun! But wait, there were questions from both new and experienced judges. The extent of how different the paradigm was to be, sunk in when we were assigned classes. For example, I sent in my qualification letter stating I had owned 951, 964, 996, 981, and 991 series cars so I would be very comfortable judging them. At the end of the judges meeting, the class I drew? 356! Well, I've never even ridden in a 356. Yes, this will be a starting from a blank sheet!



Every car an amazing story

Since this was not a concours de elegance in the classic terms, we were not to focus on the most original with the most correct nut and bolt orientation! This made my not knowing 356s a reasonable situation. So how to determine the best? We focused on things that made each of us enjoy one car a bit more over another. The color combination, details of the restoration, the presentation and documentation came into play. Interviewing the owners and understanding their motivation for preservation or restoration and the car's "story" was a part of the judging process. Our team of judges discussed each car and although each of us had a specific part of the car to judge, interior, exterior, engine, storage, overall, we came to a consensus rating on each car then move to the next. In the end there can be only one, and we voted on our favorite three and found the group top pick. Luckily in my team of four judges we were unanimous on top three and clear on top spot. Being a judge was very rewarding and I learned a lot about 356s. The format made it easier to be a first time judge and I found I like looking at and judging other's cars much more than cleaning mine!

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Werks Reunion, Amelia Island

Article by Steve Hoffman
Photos by Robin Hoffman

When Werks Reunion Monterey was created by the PCA in 2014 as an event to celebrate both the Porsche marque as well as the camaraderie of being an enthusiast, those of us on the East Coast felt a little bit jealous. This year we finally got a Werks Reunion we could call our own at Amelia Island. Registrations officially sold out over two weeks prior to the event with over 670 Porsche vehicles on display, 160 of which appeared in the judged competition. The general event parking was filled with Porsches as well. The goal was to take what was learned in Monterey and bring this great event to the East Coast to allow club members and Porsche fans on the other side of the country to participate as well. Attendance was free for spectators.



Space Coast in the house...

The Space Coast Region was well represented with several members in both the judged event as well as filling the model specific parking corral. A couple members even took away some hardware to commemorate the event with Buster Venables taking a 3rd for his 356 Outlaw, Jorge Hoffmann taking 2nd with his Boxster Spyder and myself being honored to take 1st place with my 1964 356 Coupe. I was lucky enough to be the first car ever to roll across the stage and receive the very first Amelia Island Werks trophy! Pretty cool!!



...hanging out with Magnus Walker



Lots of Porsches here

If you like events with nothing but Porsches as far as you can see, with great people who share a love of Porsches, and every Porsche supplier of products you can imagine in attendance, then this has to be a must attend event every year. The grounds were first class, the weather was perfect and the memories will last forever. I would put this just slightly behind Rennsport as the premier Porsche event. The best part is this one is planned to be held every year. When registration opens later this year, sign up early and book your hotel immediately, as that is the only challenge of the event. I promise you will not be disappointed!



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Kaffeeklatsch Report

North Region - Milt Weisman

The Northern Division continues to have mostly good participation at our KKs. A couple of our KKs this quarter did have somewhat lower turnouts due to competition with other Porsche activities. Some of these other activities included DEs, auto crosses, and the Sunrise to Sunset Rally (where the Space Coast Region triumphed).



A parking lot full of Porsches



Miles of smiles

We had a very good turnout on May 21 when we had over 20 cars in the Panera parking lot. Included in the car count were three new 718 models, 2 Caymans and 1 Boxster. Sue and Scott Kee even brought their newly purchased used Cayenne GTS. Two of our members just returned from the Barber Racing School in Birmingham, AL. They had nothing but great things to say about it and are considering going again and enlisting

more of us to go since we could possibly get a group discount. There were two new attendees (Rick and Stan) this day who brought a 2011 black Cayman and the 2017 Slate Blue 718 Boxster to our Northern fleet. At the conclusion of this KK, some of us took a Fun Run toward the Deland area where we found some nice curvy roads (yes, there are a few of these roads in our area).

Mid Region - Nick Breitfeller

We had a fantastic turnout for this quarter's Suntime kaffeeklatsches. The spring weather provided the perfect atmosphere for friends to catch up and marvel at the beautiful cars stretched throughout the parking lot. This quarter also saw a significant increase in new member attendance, raising overall



P-cars everywhere



Crowd's too big, tree's too small



Shade is a must with all these hot cars

attendance levels higher than it has ever been in the past. At one point we had so many attendees, it was difficult to find an open table. Thank you to everyone who came out, and we look forward to seeing you all next quarter.

South Region - Jurgen Schwanitz

Our Vero Beach Kaffeeklatsch is getting very popular with some new members and also PCA members driving here from further away like the Melbourne area. Why? Because we have a great crowd of Porsche enthusiasts and a fantastic venue. You can have breakfast at Panera and park in our very own parking lot to show off your ride. Having this low key event is very beneficial to us Porsche owners. We can exchange interesting stories and learn from each other like car care tips,



Porsches under the palms



Vero attendees enjoying great company

not to mention make new friends. Also it's a great way of getting some beautiful photos of your Porsche taken by David Kelly. I was able to have some nice photos enlarged and framed. We have had just about every type of Porsche attending over the years, the only one we haven't seen so far is the unbelievable and beautiful Porsche 959. We hope to see you and your Porsche soon !!!

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Picking Up Rachel's Macan Porsche Experience Center Atlanta

Article and photos by Jurgen Schwanitz

My wife Rachel and I started looking into getting a Porsche Macan ever since we went to the unveiling at Porsche of Melbourne. We were still a little hesitant, until Dylan Kotoulis from Porsche of Melbourne told us about the PEC (Porsche Experience Center) delivery option at NO extra charge.

The Experience Center is a beautiful place and the design is unmistakable Porsche. Immediately, Rachel spotted two covered cars. Hmmm. Could one of those be ours? The receptionist just smiled and did not give anything away.

Our tour guide Melvin was very welcoming and knowledgeable. There were amazing cars throughout the multi-story Porsche Center, even a Porsche 918 Hybrid! The museum was my favorite part of the tour, where they had the 4 door 928S4 special built for Mr. Porsche and lots of other unique cars on loan from customers and owned by Porsche museum. Melvin even knew about my wife's grandfathers love for all things Porsche and our history, they certainly did their homework on us.

After our tour, we walked into a special section downstairs that is just for deliveries. It's like a lounge at a very nice hotel but with your Porsche waiting for you. Once we got some paperwork done we moved into the delivery room where two covered cars were waiting. Again, an amazing room with a sitting area with chocolates and fruit waiting for us. They really know how to make you feel like a VIP!



Oh yes, that new car smell

When they pulled the cover off our Macan, Rachel cried with joy. They even took photos so we both could enjoy this once in a lifetime opportunity together. We got a quick guide inside the car on how things work. They pointed out the special features which are only available to the select few who select delivery from the center. Like the sticker in the window that shows the delivery number of the car, ours was 194 as well as the license frame showing that this car came from the Atlanta Delivery Center. Rachel also got to sign the wall where less than 200 people have taken delivery of their Porsche.

Next was track time. From where our Macan was parked, there was a Macan GTS for my wife and a 911S for me. Our driving coaches arrived and off we went. The track is fantastic, maybe a bit scary at first but after several laps I put the hammer down and we were flying,

getting closer to the corners and even overtaking a 911 GT3 several times at the end. My wife was doing the same thing. Other track activities were the slalom, launch control, a wet low traction section and even drifting. It's such an amazing feeling driving such a capable and neutral car on this track. I didn't want it to end. Rachel's favorite track section was the wet skid pad that has a kick-plate that kicks out randomly and makes you lose control of the car and your job is to save the situation. She drove it like a pro!



The PEC staff made our delivery a very special event

But all good things must come to an end. Photo time, and goodbyes to both our guides, followed by an out of this world lunch at the 356 Restaurant. The restaurant directly overlooks the track. Our name was on the menu, my wife was tickled pink. Schnitzel of course for me and a German beer, Shrimp Scampi for my wife. What can be better?

Our Experience over, next was some shopping at the nicely stocked Porsche gear store, buying a Porsche jacket and hat to complement the car. While leaving, we again ran into the other lucky couple that had their Macan delivery right after ours. It was "Girls Day" at the PEC. We all talked about the great day we all had. I didn't want to leave. We headed our separate ways but we now stay in touch with this couple. This is exactly what the Porsche Club and brand is about. It's not just the cars it's also the people!

So, if you are in the market for a new Porsche, make sure you check the PEC delivery option, you would be silly not to. And of course get it from Porsche of Melbourne!



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Planes, Trains and Automobiles In Our Own Backyard

Article by Terry Miller
Photos by Robin Hoffman

Well OK, our Porsche Club did not see any trains (we did cross some RR tracks) as we drove to the Warbird Museum in Titusville. We sure did see plenty of Porsche's (45) and Planes (60) and all up close and personal. It was quite an experience! The weekend before the Tyco Air Show this past March, our club was invited to preview the many historic planes that would be on display at the air show from the Warbird Museum.



Horsepower vs thrust

As I've said before, there are many great places that surround us in Space Coast Country, yet we still so often forget about them. One of the great venues in our beautiful Space Coast is the Warbird Museum at the Titusville airport. While many knew of the great curved road around the airport, most did not see or get to know what was behind the sign that said Warbird Museum.

I am not quite sure what the fascination with planes, trains, and automobiles is for so many people. It may be the speeds that can be reached, or maybe it's the size and the unbelievable mechanical engineering abilities of these beautiful aircraft, or just maybe they are a work of art and a thing of beauty for one to behold. People of all ages can and will just stare and admire the special ones without saying a word.

While I have always been fascinated with planes, trains, and automobiles, this museum held a little more of a special place to me. I spent four years in the Air Force with two combat tours in Vietnam refueling in flight (15 thousand feet and up) and some of the very same plane models were actually in the museum. While that was a difficult past for myself and many others, time has healed many of the wounds and now I could see the planes in a different light. To make the visit even better, I was not only in my Porsche (something I never dreamed I would own while in the military) but to be able to arrange this very special tour and parking experience for so many great people and their Porsche's, with these very special planes. The opportunity to park under the wing or beside an F-4 or an F-105 was just amazing. There were so many beautiful airplanes there just waiting for you to create a totally unique photo opportunity.

Our club has many members who served and experienced living in the time period of the past wars and remembered these hard working airplanes that also served our country. The Warbird Museum is one of the largest collections of aircraft in our country. A very special thanks goes out to fellow Space Coast member, Tom Etter and the other



People and Porsches and planes



On the wings of eagles



Aviation history meets German automotive excellence

museum volunteers, for helping make this a very special experience for us and to be able to park our special cars in and around such special airplanes.

If you missed this great event this year then I am sure there will be even a bigger and better one next year. Stay tuned.



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Charity Spotlight - Porsches & Putters Inaugural Event

Article and photos by Elaine Christine

The inaugural Porsches & Putters Charity Golf Tournament took place on Saturday, May 6th at the Cocoa Beach Country Club and followed a fun-filled Caddyshack theme. Huge thanks to Shay Rowe and Porsche of Melbourne for giving all our players a chance on #2 River Hole to win a 2017 Porsche Boxster! Unfortunately, no one went home with the Porsche, but we all got to have a photo taken with the beauty!

Following the Tournament, we had lunch at the 19th Hole Restaurant, an awards ceremony, and a Tech Quiz with a Caddyshack tie-breaker. Congratulations to Dan Plate, who won the Tech Quiz and a brand new golf bag compliments of Jack and Lois Roberts at Brown & Bigelow. We would like to acknowledge and thank PCA National for sponsoring lunch for this Multi-Region Event with Lisa Lewis, President of Florida Citrus Region and her Dancing Gophers! We also wish to acknowledge hole sponsors Scott and Sue Kee, Glover Oil Company Inc., Movement Mortgage, LLC and BreitWerks.

Proceeds from Porsches & Putters will support the Brevard Schools Foundation (<http://brevardschoolsfoundation.org>), which invests in young minds and fills educational funding and opportunity gaps. Executive Director Janice Kershaw shared their mission and vision to positively impact 73,000 children and 5,000 teachers in Brevard County. Valerie Kelly, a certified mindful educator at Manatee Elementary thanked our Porsche Club for raising \$1,000 for her program which impacts 500 children. Recently, the National Center for Education Statistics reported over 50 million students attend public schools. That's a lot of children and a huge opportunity to empower the next generation! Please consider being part of our Calendar Project 2018 – which will also support the Brevard Schools Foundation.

Golf Results:

1st Place: Classy Shack (an all girl team!) – J. Carney, D. Turner, RA Sullivan, K. Hedgecock

2nd Place: It's in the Hole! – S. Kee, S. Kee, R. Aumuller, G. Gibson

3rd Place: The Tremendous Slouches – C. O'Brien, J. Ribar, P. Kegami, G. Seay

Longest Drive, women: Jean Carney

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Closest to the Hole: Sean Kehoe



Elaine Christine with Tournament winners Classy Shack

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Feel the Heat, Move your Feet

Article by Jack Roberts
Photos by Ray Baldino

I'll admit it—when Lois and I met with Master Photographer Ray Baldino to discuss our shoot for the club's 2016 Charity Calendar, there may have been some drinkin' involved. We were trying to come up with an idea that would be as much fun as the pose struck by Lois leaning against our Red 911 Cab, also photographed by Ray as an introduction to the auction some years back.



Tom in his tux and Elaine in a flowing wedding dress. Behind every calendar page you'll find a similar story. Remember, it's not the cars, it's the people.

Spots in the 2018 calendar are still available. Minimum bid is \$250, or you can "Buy-it-Now" for \$500. Since Ray Baldino donates his time and expertise and Shay Rowe's Porsche of Melbourne generously sponsors the printing, all funds are payable to the club charity—this year the Brevard Schools Foundation—and are tax deductible.

To make some memories of your own in next year's calendar, e-mail your bid to JackERoberts@hotmail.com.



We were at Eau Gallie Yacht Club at the time, seated next to the dance floor where you could often find us on Friday nights, when the idea of doing a Florida spin on Saturday Night Fever crossed someone's lips. So, instead of a lighted dance floor, our 928 was magically transported to the beach. After taking a couple of stills, Ray suggested we turn on the stereo and dance a bit. Later he claimed he just couldn't decide which he liked best so he ran the strip of dance photos across the top. We were so pleased with the result that large framed prints of both Baldino photographs now greet guests in our entry.

Despite the fact that he shoots the calendar as his donation to the project, Ray somehow finds the time to meet and visit with every participant to develop a theme for their calendar photos and I think you'll agree that it's time well spent. Otherwise, how would he have known that Tom and Elaine Gorsuch didn't have a wedding album and had the idea to pose them in front of their Merritt island home,



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Member Spotlight - Bill and Kristy Bashwinger

Kristy and Bill went to junior and senior high school together in upstate New York, but never said a word to each other in those 6 years. They started dating after their 20th year reunion in 2011 and were married 2 years ago. They have 4 children between them, ages 9 thru 14. Kristy resides primarily in upstate NY and Bill in Suntree. Bill is a retired Coast Guard pilot and now flies for Delta. Kristy is Aspen Dental's Director of Operations for Eastern NY. They are fortunate to have free air travel to go between New York and Florida, and Bill frequently gets Albany, NY layovers, so they see each other more often than you would think.

Bill has been a PCA member since 2013 when he bought his first Porsche, a 2008 C2S after admiring the 911 for many years. He soon began eyeing the GT3, and flew to Ft. Meyers last year to test drive one, having never even sat in one. He bought it immediately after the test drive, and drove the Carrera down 2 days later to make the trade. Kristy joined PCA two years ago. She currently drives an SUV made by an inferior German company, but Bill is putting the full court press on her to jump to the Macan. It looks promising.

When not attending kid's dance recitals, softball or soccer games, Bill and Kristy



Kristy and Bill Bashwinger

enjoy working out. Bill belongs to Harbor City CrossFit, and Kristy the YMCA. Though the whole family snow skis together a few times a year, Bill is an avid snow skier, managing to ski 10 to 12 days each winter in New York, Vermont, and at least one trip out West including Idaho, Montana, and New Mexico. He also has also skied in Chile. They love to travel with their favorite places being Southern California and Scottsdale, AZ (winter months only!). Bill also reads all things 911, and enjoys all exotic cars. His dream car is the 911 GT3 RS 4.0, but fantasies aside, he sees himself in a 997.2 GT3 RS eventually, or the 991.2 GT3. Kristy can finally decipher between a 996 and 997 after 4 years, and sometimes even Gen 1 vs. Gen 2!

After all kids leave the nest, they plan on eventually moving to either California or Utah, where Delta has hubs, to be closer to the mountains and enjoy less humidity.

The GT3 was loaded on a transport truck on April 20th to make its debut in upstate New York where they plan on tearing up the mountain roads of New York and Vermont all summer. It should return to sunny Florida before the snow flies.



Kristy and Bill with their GT3



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First Drive at Homestead-Miami Speedway

Article by Tom Kirk
Photos by Eric Zitza

Built in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, the Homestead-Miami Speedway has hosted many different kinds of automobile racing; from NASCAR to IndyCar; Rolex Sports Car Series to the Camping World Truck Series; and many others. Over the weekend of March 11th and 12th, Chin Track Days sponsored a DE event at this fabulous race track that I was fortunate to attend for my very first time.

Homestead has been described as a “mini Daytona”. Like Daytona it is an oval with banked turns and a road course that runs through the infield. But unlike Daytona, Homestead is a standard oval vs. tri-oval, has 20 degrees of banking vs. 31 degrees at Daytona, and is only 1.5 miles around the perimeter vs. 2.5 miles at Daytona.

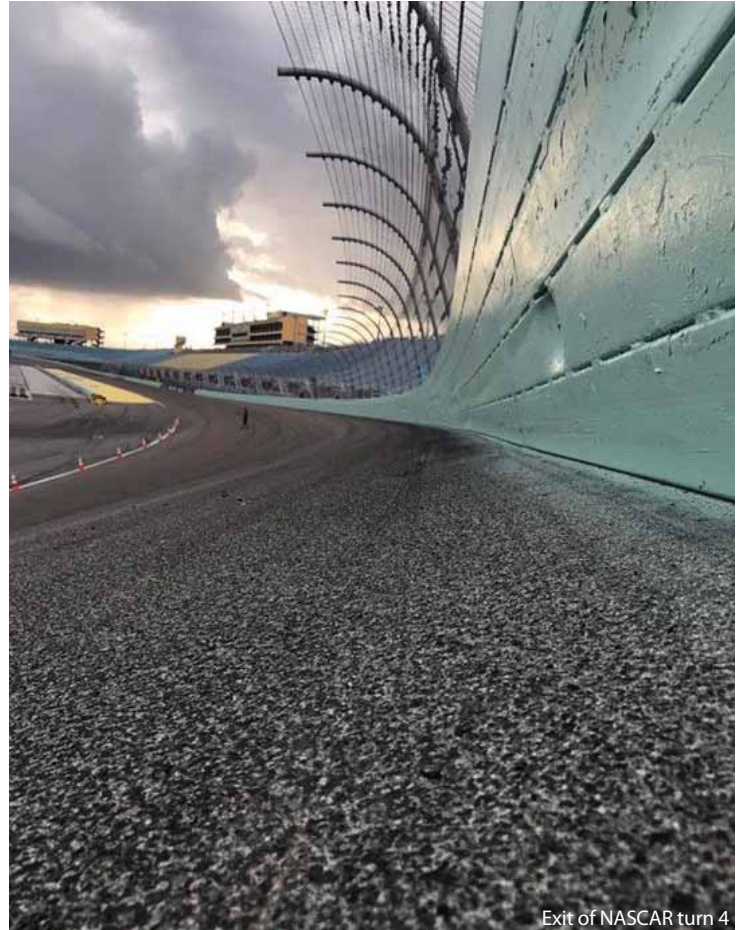
Chin requires you to have instruction if you have not been previously solo qualified by Chin at that particular track, no matter how experienced you are at other race tracks. So, I had senior instructor Eric Armstrong ride along with me during my first blue group session to explain the many peculiarities of Homestead. Thanks to Carmen DeVito for graciously allowing me to spend about three hours on his simulator prior to my arrival at Homestead, I was given my blue solo wrist band right after that first session with Eric.

Blue group (intermediate solo) drivers are required to follow the road course, which excludes the banked turns at each end of the oval. This increases the course length from 1.5 miles to 2.21 miles, including 14 turns. The infield of this configuration has some very fun and technical turns, but the most challenging for me was the high-speed transitions from the straights of the oval back into the infield just before NASCAR turn 1 and again just before NASCAR turn 3. Done well, I could carry a lot of speed over the rough transitions from the 3-degree banked straights into the flat infield. Done poorly, my car would become upset, making it difficult to properly set up for the next, fast approaching turn.

On Sunday morning I was promoted into the red group. Now, as an advanced solo driver, I would be allowed to drive on the banks. Instead of diving back into the infield just before NASCAR turn 3, the course now continued down the back straight into the banked turns of NASCAR turns 3 and 4. When approaching NASCAR turn 1, I dove back into the infield for that part of the road course as before.



In the pits at Homestead



Exit of NASCAR turn 4

On Sunday morning it started raining during the drivers' meeting. I have slicks on my car, so I sat out the first red group driving session. It stopped raining a little before the start of the second red group driving session, but the track was still wet. Me and two or three other brave (daring, impatient, foolhardy, the list goes on) drivers cautiously ventured out onto the wet track. The damp conditions favored smoothness over speed and I got to experience the banking at less than full tilt. I was surprised how well my car drove even with no traction control or ABS. We all made it back to our pits without incident. It was actually a lot of fun!

After lunch the track was completely dry. Driving on the banks at Homestead is a lot different than at Daytona. Since Homestead is shorter than Daytona, the banked turns are much sharper. And since the banking is less steep at Homestead, there is a lot more lateral force trying to push you up into the wall at the top. As a result, I had to steer my car much more than at Daytona and could not go WOT like I do there. It was actually more fun than just keeping the car floored and driving straight like I do on the banks at Daytona!

Thank you to all who make it possible for me and others to have driving experiences like this; Chin Track Days; Zotz Racing; Eric my instructor; all corner workers and track officials. And to my lovely bride Cyndie, who lets me to spend my time and our money on this hobby I enjoy so much.

Hope to see you trackside soon!





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Drive & Dine to Rib City, Grant

Article and photos by Steve "Wojo" Wojcicki

Our first Drive and Dine for 2017 took place on March 11. We had a great Spring day for a casual drive down A1A and over to Grant for some good barbecue at Rib City. There was a modest turnout: eleven cars and seventeen people; two more club members from Vero Beach joined us at the restaurant.



We met at a new location to start this drive; many thanks to Tom Kirk and First Wave Financial for allowing us to use their parking lot on A1A to assemble for this event. Although Tom was unable to join us,



a member of his staff was there and provided water and rest rooms prior to our departure, as needed. We departed shortly after 10:00 a.m. and headed south on A1A driving over the Sebastian Inlet enjoying the ocean view.

As we approached Wabasso and Orchid, we turned right onto Wabasso Beach Road. We drove on the causeway over the Intercoastal Waterway and turned north onto US1. This part of the drive took us through town of Sebastian, over the Sebastian River, and our short drive ended at the Rib City restaurant,

aka Grant Station. This restaurant occupies the building that was formerly the railroad station for the small town of Grant. This building has a rich history and plenty of character.

We then proceeded to the upstairs dining room and enjoyed some great smoked barbecue and even better service. No one left hungry. And for those of you who found the homemade ice cream shop downstairs, it was a perfect way to end an enjoyable day with new friends and our Porsches.



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Competition Report

Article by Ken Marshall
Photos by Tommy Prusaski and Jerry Frye

It was a “family affair” at our April 15, Porsche of Melbourne sponsored AutoX at the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne, Florida. Father and son, Jason and Nick Breitfeller, father and daughter Carmen and Gabby DeVito, mother and son, Sharon and Robert Rymer, grandfather and granddaughter Ken Marshall and Erin Mikalsen, brothers Ken and Tim Marshall, and Jorge and Gregory Hoffman, husbands and wives Steve and Robin Hoffman and Jay and Mary-Lynn Hall all shared an exciting Saturday AutoX with the Space Coast PCA. What a great way to spend time with family!

Thanks to the PCA Junior Participation Program, I could share the AutoX experience with my granddaughter, Erin Mikalsen, as did Jason Breitfeller with his son Nick. It was a great way to bond with our “buddies” and share our passion for Porsches with the next generation of potential Porsche owners. Erin had a blast as she piloted my 2015 GT3 through the course. As her instructor, I was more than pleased as she never touched a cone, and pared her time from an initial 89 seconds, down to an impressive 69 second final run. Nothing but smiles all around and it made for a very special day, indeed!



Erin Mikalsen and the PCA Junior Participation Program

And now to the racing. Each participant got 5 runs. With a 60 plus second average time, the American Muscle Car Museum course proved quite challenging. It featured a quick start, a tight, technical double loop in the skid pad area, a brisk and twisty run with a four-cone slalom ending down the 1/8-mile dragstrip, and a curving and twisting flight around the maintenance building to the quick left hand finish.

Thirty-seven drivers competed and there was some very close racing in the S3 987 Boxster S/Cayman S class and S9 Cayman R/Cayman GTS classes. In S3 Tim Marshall, with a 58.564 (7th overall) in his Cayman S, edged out Jerry Neely, 8th overall (58.870) for 1st place by just under 3/10 of a second. In S9 Russ Karnap, (3rd overall) with

a 57.926 in his Cayman R, just nipped David O’Neal’s Cayman GTS, 58.00 flat (4th overall) by a scant 4/1000 of a second. That was about as close as it gets!



Blazing through the cones

Steve and Robin Hoffman put on quite a show with their Cayenne S. Don’t ever take a Porsche SUV for granted. Their tight turning radius and remarkable handling characteristics emphasize the “Sport” in SUV. Steve elicited lots of surprised comments from the crowd as he wheeled his Cayenne to an impressive 61.095 time, good for the 13th overall position! Nice driving, Steve.

Good to see a colorful brace of four new GT4’s competing in the S10 class. Beautiful cars! Tom Kirk, (2nd overall) led the pack with a super-fast 56.874. Also in the S10 class, Paul Tebbe, 58.383 (5th overall) dusted off his helmet and returned to AutoX action after 20 years. Great run, Paul! Marcello Canitano put on quite a show with blazing starts in a 911 Turbo S to take 6th overall with a 58.545. Ken Marshall took TTOD with a 54.819.

We had a good representation from our friends in the Northern Space Coast PCA region at this event as well, with Terry Miller, Sharon Rymer, Robert Rymer, Milt Weisman and Lydia Gearhart all driving down to join in the fun. Terry, along with Tommy Prusaski graciously donated their time to head up our Tech area. Thanks for helping to keep us all safe, guys!

A tip of the hat and thanks again to Porsche of Melbourne (POM) for sponsoring the event. Shay made sure to have a colorful array of new Porsches on site, and POM brand ambassador, Han Hoelzlzwitter, was on hand to highlight and answer any questions regarding these beautiful machines! In addition, POM Goldmeister technician Tom Hilt signed up to run in the event and made himself available to answer any Porsche related technical questions. That’s what I call support!

The AutoX couldn’t happen without the hard work of our Space Coast PCA AutoX Team. Thanks to Craig Barrie, Carmen DeVito, Tim Marshall, and Steve Wojcicki for their tireless efforts in staging and managing the event.

And finally, thanks to our gracious host Mark Pieloch for the use of his amazing facility, and his American Muscle Car Museum team of Ed Dedick and Jerry Frye!



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As told by Cebotech owner Bill Berman's lovely wife Eliani Berman

Q: What does your company do, when did it start, what's the specialty?

A: Cebotech's expertise is OEM approved automotive collision repair equipment. That's what Bill Berman, the owner, would tell you. He would say that he has been toiling in this sector of high end Italian welders for 30 years.

Dear PCA friends, I will tell you the truth. This company is his ruse to be involved in the automotive industry, to hob-nob with the automakers and be part of that special "it" of the auto world while earning a living.

Visits to Porsche, BMW, Ferrari and others are a necessity. Yearly jumps to Italy and Germany is a cross he must bear. Cebotech participates in trade shows in the US and Europe. Since its inception Bill has made over 58 trips to Las Vegas. I'm included in many of them.

Every day he tackles the demands of this industry but we also got to drink espressos at the Ferrari factory. A huge perk for Cebotech are the warehouses. Porsche parts on pallets live peacefully next to pallets of welders. I no longer find gas caps and O-rings in the cutlery drawer at home. Somewhere in the high rafters carefully camouflaged are several engines. There is a Mini-Cooper skeleton in the repair area along side my 1968 Jaguar XKE which has been on the "Bill please do my car next" list for 17 years. Bill decides the triage, Porsches before the Jaguars. He bought me a 1988 Carrera so that I'd stop whining about the Jaguar.

In summary, Cebotech has the very best collision repair equipment. Bill works with automakers and body shops to proudly provide the best. This is indeed a demanding business but when the day is done he plays with his Porsches.

Editor's note: We gratefully thank Cebotech for being an **Escape Velocity** advertiser for many years. Bill and Eliani Berman are active club members, and one or both of them can usually be seen at the Daytona area Kaffeeklatches.



There can be no greater joy to a car enthusiast than warehouses filled with goodies. Cebotech's warehouses are no exception and boast decades of both commerce and collection. Peer behind the curtain and encounter automotive magic. A brief glimpse inside reveals pallets of Porsche parts, a 1968 Jaguar XKE, engines of various makes and manufacture, gas caps and O-rings along side high end precision Italian welding machines.

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PCA High Performance Driver Education (HPDE)

Article by Carmen DeVito
Photos by Sue DeVito

Want to learn how to drive your Porsche the way it was design to be driven? PCA High Performance Driver Education provides a safe environment to do just that. These events are held about 7-10 times per year at venues in Florida by regions within PCA Zone 12. You can also find events at tracks every weekend somewhere in the US if you're so inclined. Beyond PCA there are high speed track day events held by a few quality companies and clubs like Chin Motorsports, PBOC, and Audi/BMW clubs. PCA's differentiator is it focuses exclusively on Porsche owners with an emphasis on education. In our region and many others HPDE schedules are posted on clubregistration.net. You will need a few things to attend your first event.

For the Driver, clothes must be natural fiber and some tracks require long sleeves and pants. A Snell approved SA2010 (not M) or newer helmet is required and no loaners are available. Cars must be in safe operating condition, with minimum requirements for tire tread depth and brake surfaces. A technical inspection checklist form is available on clubregistration.net which covers all safety aspects and must be filled out by a certified Porsche Technician. A free technical inspection is often offered by Porsche dealerships and many independent Porsche only service/tuner shops.

If you've read this far, great! Here is more detail of what HPDE is all about, adapted from Wikipedia.

PCA High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events are non competitive, untimed, driving schools held on dedicated race tracks designed to teach Porsche owners proper high speed driving techniques. In Zone 12 we are lucky to have 4 excellent venues to drive (Daytona, Sebring, Palm Beach International, Homestead). Events are usually scheduled at one venue spanning a single weekend. Most cars are not dedicated track cars but are street legal daily or occasional weekend cars.

Participants include both students and instructors. Students are grouped according to their ability and experience, with "Green Novice Group" students being the least experienced, «Blue Advanced Intermediate Group» being more experienced. There are three solo groups, "White Solo" is the lowest level not requiring an instructor ride along. The remaining two "Advanced Solo Groups" are comprised of advanced solo drivers and instructors being the most experienced. Advancement to higher levels including becoming an Instructor is solely dependent on the student's demonstrated ability and desire to improve. "Seat time" or time on track will is the best learning tool



The author in action

to developing the muscle memory required for ultimate proficiency. However, on track experience is augmented with mandatory classroom instruction, to introduce high speed driving principles, optimum track driving line and allows peer-group discussions of driving techniques, preconceptions, myths, and event logistics.

HPDE events are not not timed and not racing. There is no trophy for fastest time. Cars on-track operate under strict «rules of engagement» which minimize the likelihood of running off track or contact with other cars. For all student groups, passing must be started and completed only within defined «passing zones», and then only with clear hand signals from the car being passed and instructor confirmation ("Point-By").

We encourage participants to drive within their ability and improve their car-control skills with each event. Instructors and staff evaluate each student's progress throughout the weekend, and make recommendations on the student's advancement through successively higher skilled driver groups. It is extremely important for Novice drivers to learn the basic safety measures of the sport first such as entering the track, flags, corner worker functions and emergency procedures. It is also important to master basic car control skills and the racing line before worrying about how fast you are going.

Some basic things for all novice drivers to learn include:

- Track Safety
- HPDE terminology
- Proper seat and hand position
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Tech Spotlight

Care and Feeding of your Cayenne

Article and photos by Rob Van Name

I would like to discuss a care few items for your Cayenne that you can do yourself. Many Cayenne and Macan cars came with standard or panoramic sun roofs. My 2015 Cayenne came with the Panoramic sunroof. These are engineering marvels that could stand some regular care. I like to lubricate the rubber seals with silicon lubricant which can be purchased from your local home improvement store.



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The windshield wipers are quite easy to change, sliding on and off a pin on the wiper arm. Don't let a bare wiper arm snap onto the windshield, it could crack the windshield. I use the Porsche wipers along with Porsche windshield washer fluid to help reduce chatter. I recently replaced the rear wiper blade, it snaps into the arm.



Don't ignore your wiper blades

My Cayenne came with a trailer hitch so I purchased a WeatherTech BumpStep. It fits in the trailer hitch. This does a couple of things for you. First it keeps folks from actually touching your expensive painted bumper. Second you can stand on it when washing your roof. I bought a lock for it for good luck.

My Cayenne also came with a diesel engine from VW. After getting tired of waiting for the oil level measurement from cold I added an old style dipstick. I got the dipstick from an online TDI place.

To make the dipstick fit under the engine cover you have to trim off the corner of the handle. Below is a shot of the dipstick



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Cinco de Mayo at Fiesta Azteca

Article and photos by Jason Breitfeller

During our April Leadership Meeting at Fiesta Azteca on Wickham Road in Suntree, Alan, the General Manager, asked us if we would like to show off our cars during their Cinco de Mayo event in return for some VIP treatment. The only catch was that we were going to be limited to ten spots. We focused our recruitment on new members and successfully landed two brand new 991's and a 718 that came all the way down from Daytona! Nestor, the owner of Fiesta, has his own white 997 too so we ended up feeling right at home.

The VIP treatment began with the Mariachi Band serenading us and the Patron Girls posing for photographs with everyone! I saw many of our members graciously engaging in conversations and answering questions from the adoring crowd. We met some new Porsche owners who were anxiously looking forward to attending the next club event. Our very own Carmen DeVito even started up the GT3 so people could hear that awesome sound. Next year we will have to see if we can get a couple more spots reserved!!!



Mariachi band entertained the crowd



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Sunrise to Sunset Rally 2017

Article and photos by Robin Hoffman

Space Coast's 9th Sunrise to Sunset Gimmick Rally was a huge success!! Thanks to Shay Rowe and Sheryl Swist from Porsche of Melbourne and our many Space Coast volunteers the weekend was awesome! Special thanks to our Rally Master Steve Hoffman (with assist from Jason Breitfeller) and our Tee Shirt design artist Shelby Goode. We were fortunate to have members from four other PCA Regions join us in competing for the coveted Sunchaser Trophy.

The Green Lights and Blue Skies Party at Porsche of Melbourne on Friday night kicked off the start to a fun weekend as Jason Breitfeller unveiled the logo for our club's 50th Anniversary next year. Congratulations to Scott Hansen who designed the winning logo, it captures the essence of 50 years perfectly!



Scott Hansen and his winning logo



Green Lights and Blue Skies party goers

Saturday morning we arrived at 6:30AM and were treated to a huge breakfast while watching a beautiful sunrise from the deck of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Melbourne Beach. As the Rally Master's wife, I was unable to participate in the rally competition, so I rode as navigator with our friend Roger McGehee who was new to the whole Gimmick Rally concept.

It was easy pointing out the answers to the clues as I had seen them twice before. Sadly, my navigational skills still went sideways when we got to talking and we drove an hour in the wrong direction while watching for the "Right at T" instruction! I blame the Rally Master!



Breakfast on the beach



Good day sunshine



Diabolical Rally Master Steve Hoffman sends out another victim

After returning to the course, we finished our drive to the beautiful west coast of Florida and experienced a cloudy sunset seen from the 8th floor of the spectacular Lido Resort in Sarasota. The food was great and company exceptional! After dinner, we had a slideshow of all the answers to the rally clues and howled with laughter at some of the participant's comments – Tom Kirk was even seen throwing napkins at the Rally Master! "The Rally Master is always right" mantra was sung repeatedly by my husband! I almost fell out of my seat when none other than our editor and hubby were announced as FIRST PLACE winners in the Novice class! This was the first rally they actually finished! So proud of Sue for getting Scott to TURN AROUND! Happily, with a few more Space Coast members representing well we brought home the Sunchaser trophy again!

With good humor and full bellies, we returned to our hotels before setting off for home the next morning. As I reflect, I realize how lucky we all are to live in a place where you can drive coast to coast in one day and enjoy the company of such awesome people in this Porsche Club – no wonder next year we are celebrating 50 years as a group!

And here are the results!!

Expert

- 1st – Sharon Rymer and Diane Spence – Space Coast
- 2nd – Danny and Francine Crawford – Suncoast
- 3rd – Milt Weisman and Melissa Carns – Space Coast
- 4th – Paul and Chris Bienick – Suncoast
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Novice

- 1st – Scott and Sue Kee – Space Coast
- 2nd – Ron Menck and Scott Cyders – Space Coast



First-place winners in the Expert Class
Sharon Rymer and Diane Spence



Space Coast President Scott Kee
with the Sunchaser Trophy

- 3rd – Rex and Sara Moule – Space Coast
- 4th – Steve Floyd and Chuck Bethune – Space Coast
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Sunchaser Trophy – Space Coast



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Wheels & Keels

Article and photos by David Kelly

Wheels and Keels Antique and Exotic Car and Boat Show is an annual exhibition at the Moorings Yacht & Country Club in Vero Beach, FL. It appeals to both car and boat enthusiasts and designed to support and raise money for local youth programs.

Exhibitor's cars are displayed near the Club House on the Moorings golf course adjacent to the Indian River Lagoon and the classic yachts are displayed in-water at the Moorings Yacht Club Marina. All the yachts were open and available for visitors to board and observe the workmanship and furnishings.

The cars on display were a mix of classic antique and modern exotic European and American automobiles arranged in predetermined classes for a judged concours event. Competing were some of our Space Coast Club Region members' Porsches on display in addition to a full complement of Porsche vehicles from Porsche of Melbourne, who was a major sponsor of the event.

Two of our members, George Funk, owner of the beautifully restored Conda Green 911T, and Jurgen Schwanitz, owner of the immaculate Slate Blue 928S, took Best-in-Class (Blue Ribbon & Award Plaque),

and Excellence-in-Class (Red Ribbon & Award Plaque) respectively for the German Sports Pre-'92 Class. It is especially noteworthy that they were in competition with a beautiful classic Mercedes 300SL roadster.



SCPC members Jurgen Schwanitz's Slate Blue 928S and George Funk's Conda Green 911T class winning cars



Mercedes 300SL

You would have found many other cars that may peak your interest as well. The red Maserati was especially unique, along with the eight liter Bentley, the red 1931 classic Packard and the immaculate light green Austin Healey 3000. There were so many to see, it was tough to find a personal favorite. Other than a Porsche of course! Mark your calendars to watch for it in April next year and make a plan to attend. You won't be disappointed. Additional pictures can be accessed at <https://goo.gl/photos/z5cGJoNAMFUW545F8>.



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George Funk receives his Best-in-Class Blue Ribbon and Plaque

Editor's Note: Sadly George Funk passed away suddenly on May 5th. Our condolences go out to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Confessions of a Porsche Wife

Article and photos by Kate Breitfeller

Flash Back: “Something’s burning!”

“Nothing’s burning, it’s just the smell of the brakes. It’s fine.”

Still in a calm voice, though feeling a little annoyed by his miffed tone, I point at the smoke beginning to fill the passenger foot well.

“Seriously...something is on fire.”

“Kate! Nothing is...” Looks over at smoke “Oh \$%^!! Something’s on fire! What did you touch?!”

In my head I’m thinking: *What did I touch? REALLY??* This car, which by the way was described to me as “finally done”, is so sensitive that if I touch something it catches on fire?? With difficulty, I keep these thoughts to myself because screaming at him isn’t going to fix the problem. Am I imagining it or are my feet starting to feel warm? “I turned the dial up on the a/c.” “Oh, ok.” He sounded relieved. Then he simply turns off the a/c, tells me to roll down my window...and continues driving. I stare at him for a second but roll down the window simultaneously wondering if there is a fire extinguisher somewhere in the car.

After a minute, I realize that with the a/c off and the window open, the smoke is actually clearing. Only a few minutes from home the drive was completed in silence as I ground my teeth together and contemplated if I could get away with murder.

I’m an idiot.

Several months earlier:

After a couple of years of not having a project car, Jason presented me with what he wanted to buy. A beautiful 1986 911 “that wouldn’t need much work.” It sounded like the perfect car. No bodywork would need to be done like on the 914, and the engine was solid. He just wanted to make some performance upgrades. Even the interior is in great shape he raved. An easy project that he could do with the kids and wouldn’t cause too much trouble, because “I’ve learned my lesson.” Uh huh.

I waited for the car to be delivered with a nervous stomach. Please let this car not be hideous like the 914! When “Frederick”, named for his Prussian Blue paint, first came into sight, I was thrilled! It looked great! Yay, a normal person’s project car!!!

While it was being unloaded, I made the appropriate enthusiastic comments and was happy to see Jason so excited. The car was in the garage, everyone seemed happy. As Jason began enthusiastically telling the boys about his new acquisition I noticed that the truck driver was uncovering something else on the flatbed. Something that looked suspiciously engine shaped.

“Uh, Jason? Did you buy an extra engine?” Take a deep breath Kate, he’s about to explain that the engine is for another delivery. Jason looked back and forth between the engine on the truck and I, clearly confused. “What d’ya mean? That’s the engine for the car.” “This car?” I pointed at what had seemed so perfect only moments before. I didn’t wait for an answer but went back inside.

As it turns out, Jason had been truthful about the fact that the engine was basically solid. He couldn’t understand why I thought it was concerning that a car would be delivered without the engine in it!

And so the project began. The first issue was while the interior was nice, there were definite mildew stains on the carpet. After a Saturday on my knees in the garage with my steamer, I conceded that it was going to be worth the cost to buy new carpets—though I wasn’t aware at the time that the entire layout would be mocked up on the floor in the house until he had time to install them!

Then Jason decided that while bodywork wasn’t *necessary* wouldn’t he (meaning Frederick) look cool with big flares on the back. “It’s an easy



Is the engine optional?

cosmetic fix, not like the 914”. Not as bad, true, but not easy either! The biggest challenge came with the wiring harness. Apparently, there are no schematics available. For several weeks, Jason had colorful wires draped and coiled from the kitchen table over the backs of kitchen chairs and onto counters, because it was the only space long enough!

After all the engine mods (more extensive than originally described), the new interior, the new flares, and the new wiring, Frederick was ready for his maiden trip. I wasn’t home at the time but my then 9 year old was proud to regale me with the story of how Dad had taught him how to use a fire extinguisher. Apparently the 9 year old’s job was to follow Frederick around the cul-de-sac and put out any fires that might occur. Thankfully, there were no fires that day and the car performed great until the night described above.

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Space Coast SUV's take over Zonefest 2017

Article and photos by Robin Hoffman

What a weekend! Zonefest was held over Memorial Weekend in Tallahassee. We had 9 "SpaceCoasters" make the trek to the annual multi-regional 3 day event. Of those Space Coasters participating, 1 Cayman, 1 Boxster, 2 Cayenne's and one Macan were in attendance.



The SUV's are here

Once arriving on Friday night, the food and drinks flowed and stories of the drive North were spun. We all stayed at the host hotel – the Doubletree, which was beautiful and reasonably priced!! It was fun to see faces of friends from other regions and meet more members from the northern part of our zone! The concours was in a beautiful park not far from the hotel. Rachel and Jurgen Schwanitz were up at the crack of dawn on Saturday to put the final touches on their Macan. Rachel used a stick to clean the tire treads spotless, but accidentally forgot a napkin under the seat which was spotted immediately by the eagle-eyed judges. Not to worry though, they still brought home a first place trophy!



A clean Macan is a happy Macan

The Saturday afternoon Gimmick Rally ran us through the Canopy Roads around the beautiful city of Tallahassee. The rally was a tough one to start, with each and every one of us getting lost. Jurgen got so frustrated that he ripped the instructions in half and

had to start over with Rachel in charge of directions! Scott and Sue Kee, with their attention to detail, won another first place rally trophy in which instructions rivalled a TSD Rally! We found almost every church around Tallahassee!!



Awesome roads

The Tech Quiz was tough as usual and written by our own Steve Hoffman. The ladies cleaned up with 3 of the top 5 places being awarded to Space Coasters. Beverly Shook would have got first place, but admitted to Googling most of her answers so she got bumped to 5th place. Only 5 ladies took the quiz. So much laughter at the dinner.

Sunday's Autocross was so well run we were through by 11AM and we all got to enjoy the Food Truck treats. Scott Kee made his new Cayenne GTS fly through the course and secured another first for Space Coast. Sue Kee also brought home a first in her ladies class, but with the flair of rock music blaring as she autocrossed the course like a pro. The Hoffmans both won First Place trophies in their divisions and the Schwanitz's landed second place trophies in their classes. Rachel was deemed the most improved autocrosser of event with her run times getting faster by 5 seconds each run. It was getting a little embarrassing how many trophies the SUV's



Scott Kee attacks the cones

won at Zonefest! Twelve trophies were brought home in total, not to mention the certificate for a Free DE and custom 911 purse that we won in door prizes.



Space Coast winners were many

We would like to offer a big THANK YOU to the North Florida Region for hosting a wonderful Zone Fest this year! In addition to being gracious hosts, they made sure we had fun events, and plenty to keep us busy, not to mention providing outstanding weather. All in all, a perfect weekend spending time with friends and playing with cars!



It's all about the people



Ready for action

Porsche Cayman GT4

Last Year's Ultimate Drivers Car

Article by Ralph Fritsche

When Porsche introduced the GT4 in 2015 it sent seismic waves of excitement throughout the automotive world. Porsche's GT department was finally going to unleash the full potential of the mid-engine Cayman platform. With the 3.8L engine of the Carrera S, a manual transmission, and stellar reviews from motorsport journalists, it was clear that Porsche had set a new performance bench mark for the mid-engine Cayman.

Even so, The GT4 quickly drew the attention of the aftermarket performance industry who felt that despite it all Porsche had still left something on the table.

All the typical players quickly jumped into the fray, but like is so often the case being first on the scene comes with risk. On the one hand, the customer pool will never be bigger but on the other, product development and testing can be compromised. More than a year has passed since delivery of the first GT4's and things in the aftermarket performance industry have settled down somewhat. The occurrence of CELs (Check Engine Lights) as a result of the hasty incorporation of modifications has subsided throughout most of the community and the field of reliable product manufacturers and installers has become clearer.

That's a good thing because the new 718 Cayman S, yes, the one with the 4-cylinder turbo that journalists complain sounds like a Subaru, is even quicker to 60mph than the GT4. In fact, so is the base Cayman when properly optioned. Yes, Porsche performance never stands still.

So, what is a GT4 owner to do? Well let's consider the options. First, let me say that I don't think that trading in your GT4 is the right thing to do but on the other hand you had better get prepared for the day that a 718 Cayman S pulls up next to you at a stoplight or on the autocross course.

When it comes to modifications there are a few areas that merit investigation. Let's start with the simplest things first. A good performance alignment has proven to work wonders on transforming the GT4's already great suspension. Check with either Porsche of Melbourne or one of the reputable race shops in the area, like BGB motorsports, to have them take care of your handling needs. You may also want to read up on toe links if you decide to explore this path and also consider a DSC active suspension upgrade. DSC offers a plug and play programmable module that capitalizes on experience gained on racetracks around the country.

Now to the fun part, the engine. There are significant performance improvements to be gained on both the intake and exhaust side of the equation. All of these are relatively simple and reversible bolt on modifications that should not invalidate your factory warranty (thought to be certain check with your authorized Porsche service representative). Which route to pursue first has been the discussion of many heated internet forum threads. So, take your pick or just do them all at once. On the intake side, an IPD intake plenum with larger 82mm Throttle Bodies will replace the more restrictive 74mm TB that come stock on the GT4 and bring it up to par with those on the 991 Carrera S. On the exhaust side, current wisdom says that from both a sound and performance perspective the stock factory exhaust is more than adequate. The place to look for more performance lies a



little deeper, with the exhaust manifold. Unlike with the intake where IPD is the name of choice, there are several vendors you can choose from to source a performance exhaust manifold. Cargraphic and Fabspeed are just two of the more popular suppliers. As you explore the exhaust side of the equation you will also need to address how you want to handle the catalytic converters as your selection there can affect both performance and sound. At this point, you will need to decide if you want to retain the original factory exhaust. Like I said, from a performance and sound perspective most people find it to be an excellent setup but there are also a number of aftermarket suppliers who offer lighter, and arguably more aggressive sounding setups.

If you have gone this far with engine mods you will also need to pursue an aftermarket ECU tune. A tune is mandatory if you want to avoid the dreaded CELs and get the most from the modifications you have made so far.

These are the basic and most common performance upgrades. A brief search will show that there are a number of vendors and race shops that both source, integrate and install complete packages as part of a comprehensive performance package. What can you expect as a result of these enhancements? Well aside from a somewhat lighter wallet, my guess is that you will have a car that is about on par with the next GT4 that Porsche unveils. So in effect, you will have bought a little more time before you have to look in the rear view mirror again...

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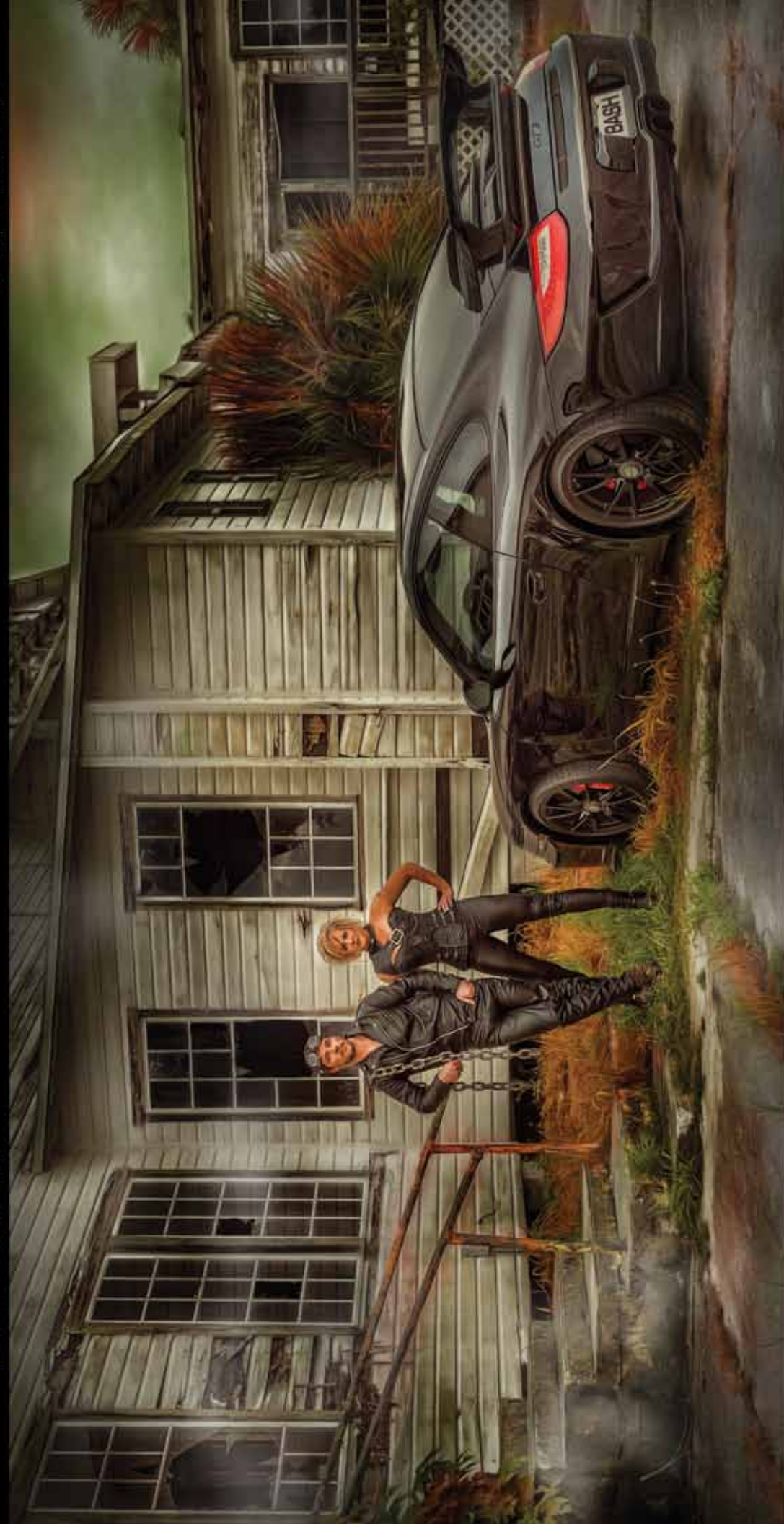
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