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Anniversary Reflections

As we approach the end of our 50th anniversary year, we dedicate this issue to honouring our incredible Porsche club members. Their unwavering support has made this once-in-a-lifetime celebration a memorable year.

As our club grows, we're excited to share news of our Fall New Members event, where the club executives warmly welcomed new members. It was an afternoon spent meeting the executives and learning about upcoming programs.



Fall is when our members focus on fundraising for Pink Parade and Movember, which support medical research in British Columbia. We cover these programs to demonstrate our club's dedication to the community we call home.

This issue highlights our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, hosted by the Executive Committee last October. All our events depend on volunteers whose contributions make everything possible.

For Porsche enthusiasts seeking a winter escape, I share my discovery of storm-watching at the Wickaninnish Inn in Tofino. Vancouver Island offers scenic drives, and Tofino is a treasured Canadian travel destination you shouldn't miss.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Edward Quan

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I look back on 2025, it's hard to believe how quickly we've come full circle from spring to winter, and what an incredible year it has been. From our earliest spring drives to the crisp beginning of winter, it was filled with unforgettable moments, remarkable events, new friendships and the camaraderie that defines the spirit of Canada West.

Our season began with lots (lots and lots) of planning, optimism and energy. March offered the opportunity to ditch our umbrellas and start the driving season with JCC – Langley Backroads, followed by our beloved C2Sky drives and a full slate at the Vancouver International Auto Show. Make sure to stay tuned for VIAS 2026, because they've invited us back again! April opened with the fabulous Sunshine Coast Day Drive and the beginning of Meet Your Neighbours in May. These early-season socials reminded us that this club is as much about people as it is about cars.

Summer took that momentum and turned it into a season to remember. Planes & Porsches was first to land in June, then the highly anticipated Black Rock Resort Tour delivered lots of friendship, ocean air and great roads. July too was a month to cherish as we gathered for our 50th Anniversary Celebration; our golden milestone with more than three hundred members, past presidents, and guests, including PCA President Aaron Ambrosino and Zone 6 Representative John Sommerwerck. My deepest thanks to Lori, Teri, Ingrid, Karen, Tracy, Nancy, Gerard & Jon for all the hard work they put in during the year it took to prepare such a magnificent event! August brought our most colourful moment of the year: Shades of Stuttgart with 230+ cars in a rainbow of Porsche hues, generous donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, and a showcase of what Canada West can do together. My deep thanks to Luis, Alan, Gavin and all the



volunteers who contributed to making this such a resounding success!

As autumn arrived, we began to wind down our driving season with style. September stacked the deck with the Late Summer Osoyoos Wine Tour (Sept 12–14), Gruppe J “The Loop” and Weissach Let’s Talk Classics (both Sept 14), C2Sky ran right through the end of the summer season, and then we began our tech nights with the Adam’s Car Care Tech Event. The Ladies Porsche Pink Parade and the final C2Sky Drive capped the season. In October, we paused to recognize the people who make it all work with Volunteer Appreciation, alongside the final Meet Your Neighbours, New Members Night, and OkTurbofest.

Before the year ends, we’ll gather as a club once more for November in November, and then we’ll wind up 2025 with our annual CWR Christmas Party on December 4th. A wonderful and warm close to a season that truly had it all: friendship, fun, and the heartfelt joy of being part of this incredible community.

None of this would have been possible without the outstanding people behind the scenes who helped make it all happen! I’d like to share my deepest, heartfelt thanks and gratitude with:

- Edward Quan, our C2Sky Magazine editor, for capturing our stories so beautifully;
- Jon and Teri Sunderland, our Tour Directors, and all our Tour Leaders, whose imagination and dedication turned routes into adventures;
- Scott Newbury, for taking us to the next level and leading another safe and successful HPDE season;
- Brad, Alan, Scott, and Jeff, for stewarding C2Sky, JCC, and our many weekend drives that kept our calendar full of driving fun and friendship;
- All of our chairs, leaders, and volunteers—you are truly the engine of Canada West;
- And our CWR Executive—Alan, Mike, Ann, Nancy, Darren, Glenn, Gerard, Bruce, and Brad, for your steady leadership and wise counsel. My profound and humble thanks.

This has been a milestone year for PCA Canada West; not just because of our 50th anniversary, but for the many friendships formed, the countless memories made, and the momentum that carries us into our next chapter. Whether you joined us for one event or dozens, your presence made a difference.

Each time we gather, I’m reminded that this club isn’t just about the cars we drive, but the people who share the road with us; the laughter at a rest stop, the wave between cars, the stories told long after the engines cool. It’s in those moments that the true spirit of Canada West lives.

Thank you, CWR, for another extraordinary year. For the trust, the friendship, and the shared passion that make this community what it is.

I look forward to seeing you at our final events, and of course, on the road.

All the best,
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President
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by John P Sommerwerck

I just returned from a very full weekend of region visits. I had dinner on Friday night with the Olympic Peninsula leadership. I went to PNWR's TechEd with Alwin Springer on Saturday. Then closed the weekend with a ferry ride up to Victoria to have lunch with the Vancouver Island region leadership.

Last year, I wrote about the 46 car and Rod Emory/Cameron Healy's restoration of it. At this year's TechEd we learned about Alwin Springer, founder of Andial and leader of Porsche Motorsports North America. Alwin's insights were great. I will soon be seeking a copy of his book – "Racing with Porsche in North America." The session concluded with the entrance of a 962. Per Jay Gilloti, it was a 962C chassis number 105. It started as a Group C car for John Fitzpatrick Racing, so it is one of the rare 962's that raced on both sides of the Atlantic. The owner's mechanic was removing some of the cowlings and Alwin quickly pointed out he had forgotten to disconnect a wire.

For those long-range planners in the audience, I would note; Porsche Parade 2026 will be held in Lake Placid, NY starting June 14th, 2026. Spring 2026 Treffen will be held at the Montage Palmetto Bluff (Bluffton, SC) March 29th to April 2nd. 2026 Treffen at Sea Pacific Wine Country cruise will depart from Vancouver, BC on September 19th, 2026. Parade 2027 will be held in Boise, ID, starting July 11th.

Nancy and my Zone 6 region visit plans are complete. We have visited nine regions so far and have plans to visit the last two in November. Zone 6 signature region events can be found PCA Zone 6—The Pacific NW Regions. Zone 6 abounds in great roads to drive and great automotive venues.

Stay healthy and see you in the Zone!



Judy Colby
CWR Historian

At the invitation of the CWR Board of Directors, we are delighted to announce that Judy Colby has graciously accepted the role of CWR Historian. The CWR Historian plays an essential part in preserving the depth, continuity, and character of our club by capturing the achievements, milestones, and stories that define Canada West for future generations.

Judy's long association with the club and her deep knowledge of its people and events make her ideally suited to this important responsibility. In her new role, she will help chronicle the evolution of our region, safeguard its archives, and celebrate the many members whose enthusiasm and volunteer spirit have shaped our community over the years.

The Board extends its heartfelt appreciation to Judy for her continued commitment to PCA Canada West. It looks forward to supporting her efforts as she helps preserve the legacy and spirit of our region for years to come.



Everett Romain
Volunteer Liaison

The Canada West Region Executive Committee is pleased to announce that longtime member Everett Romain has accepted the role of Volunteer Liaison.

In this role, Everett will act as a friendly point of contact between our event organizers and volunteers. He will help connect people to the right opportunities, support organizers as they plan their volunteer needs, and ensure everyone feels informed, welcomed, and supported throughout our events.

With Everett's experience and genuine commitment to our community, we look forward to strengthening volunteer engagement and continuing to build a positive, collaborative environment across the region.

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George Jones + Joan Chocholik

36 years

Mike + Andrea Aird

30 years

Rodney + Chloe Kopman

27 years

Larry Fuline

18 years



Welcome new members!

Brad Alden, North Vancouver

1965 356SC Coupe (Black)

Richard + Sandra Anderson, Hope

2025 Macan GTS (Silver)

Richard Austrom, Langley

2008 911 Turbo Cabriolet (Black)

Giles Barton-owen, Maple Ridge

2000 Boxster S (Silver)

April Bellia + Milos Pavlovic, Vancouver

2013 Boxster S (Silver)

Sami + Maya Bentroudi, North Vancouver

2023 911 Turbo S (Gray)

1998 Boxster (Black) owned since new

2006 Cayman S (Black)

2016 Boxster GTS (White)

Robert + Deann Berzins, West Vancouver

2024 911 Carrera Coupe (Silver)

Paul Buddingh, Half Moon Bay

2022 718 Cayman GTS 4.0 (Chalk)

Perry Booth + Joy Case, Vancouver

2016 Macan Turbo (Silver)

Elvis Chan, Vancouver

2003 911 Carrera 4S (Yellow)

Christopher Chen + Vanessa Lo, Vancouver

2019 Panamera 4 E-Hybrid (Red)

Zack + Joshua Chiu, Richmond

2025 718 Cayman GTS 4.0 (Blue)

Beni Cobaschi, Langley

2017 911 Carrera Coupe (Dark Blue)

Quinn Cole, Vancouver

2023 911 GT3 Touring (Grey)

Adrienne Cooper, West Vancouver

2024 911 Carrera 4 GTS

Andy + Kimberley Dadgar, Delta

2008 Cayman (Yellow)

Sean + Chrissy Disdero, Surrey

2017 911 Carrera S (Black)

Chris Engst, New Westminster

2018 911 Carrera GTS Coupe (Red)

Kevin Evoy, Vancouver

2008 911 Carrera S Coupe (Gray)

Glenn Farquhar, Langley

2007 Cayman S Coupe (Blue)

Dylan Garn, Delta

2013 911 Carrera S (White)

Sunny Ghataurah, Burnaby

2015 911 Carrera S Cabriolet (White)

Jetic Gu, Richmond

2000 911 Carrera Cabriolet (Blue)

Raj Gurtata, Surrey

2009 Boxster (Red)

Pierre Heuskin + Dora Bergen, West Vancouver

1987 928 S4 (White)

2013 Cayenne S (Black)

Geoffrey Hill + Sara Pordel, Richmond

2012 Cayenne S (Black)

Melvyn Ing, Vancouver

2008 911 Carrera S (Black)

Tony Jalt, Burnaby

2025 911 Carrera Coupe (Red)

Daniel Joseph, Langley

2000 911 Carrera 2 Cabriolet (Blue)

Lindsay Kendall, Whistler

Transfer from Rennsport Region

1979 911SC

2002 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet (Beige)

Riku Kenju, Burnaby

1990 911 Carrera 4 Coupe (Blue)

Mike Lantz, Langley

2025. 911 Carrera 4 GTS (Gray)

James Leong, Vancouver

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2015 Macan S (Black)

David Lifton, West Vancouver

2000 911 Carrera Coupe (Black)

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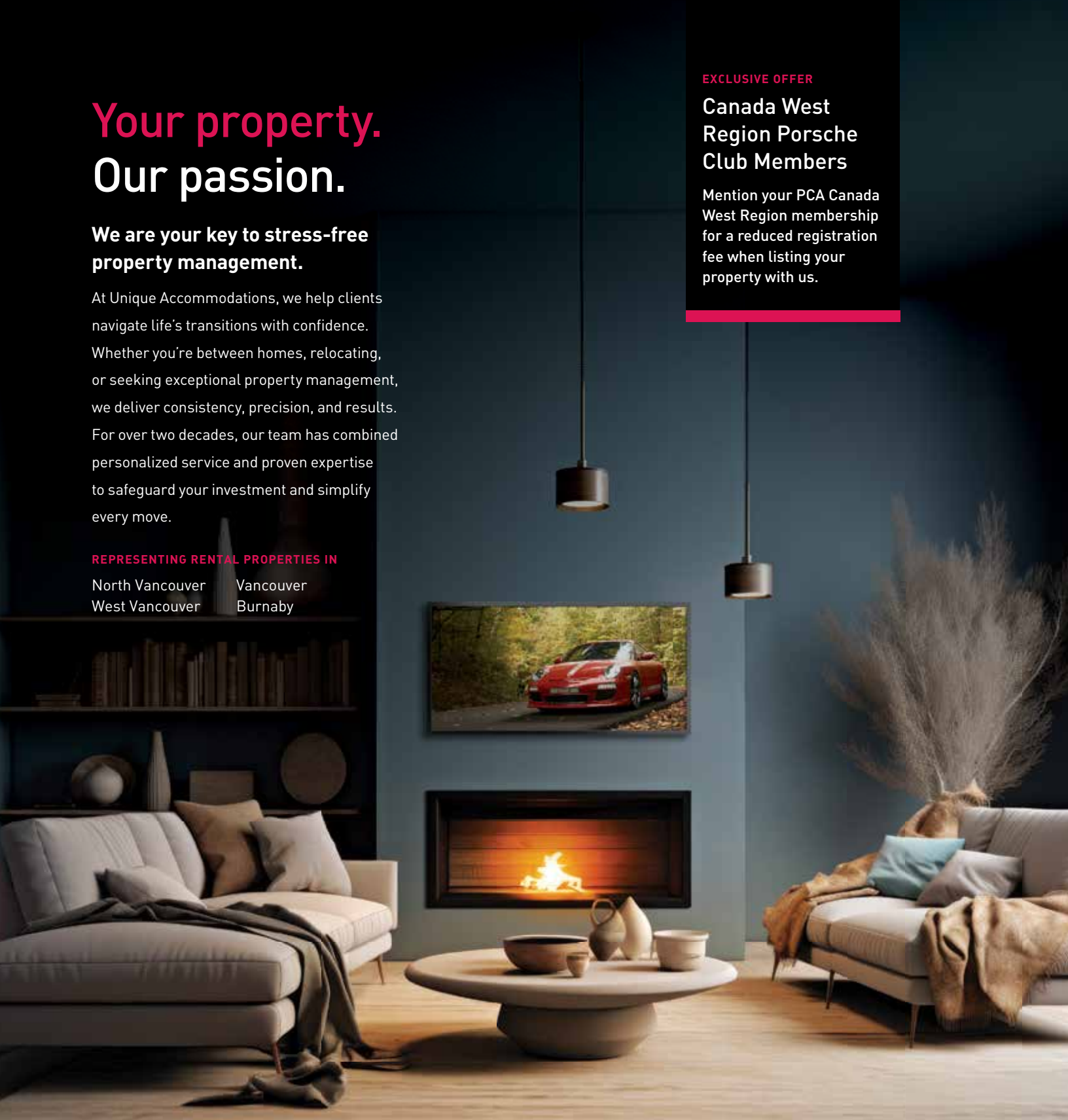
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2016 Boxster (Black)

Jay Nijjer, Surrey

Transfer from Pacific Northwest Region

2024 911 GT3 RS (White)

David Oberman, Surrey

Reinstated after an absence of few years!

1991 944 S2 (Black)

Aman Panatch, Richmond

2025 911 GT3 RS (Black)

Ernest Pau, Richmond

2025 Macan (Chalk)

Greg Paxton, Surrey

2017 911 Carrera S Coupe (Blue)

**Roksana Tarin Pisheh +
daughter Nakissa Clemens,
Burnaby**

2017 911 Targa 4S (White)

Rajnish Prasad, Burnaby

2002 Boxster S (Blue)

**Alexander Ragoussis,
Vancouver**

2002 911 Carrera (Gray)

Donald Schick, West Vancouver

1987 911 Carrera Coupe (Blue)

Mario Soriano, Vancouver

1984 911 Carrera Targa (Gray)

**Jean Stenhouse, West
Vancouver**

2003 911 Carrera Coupe (White)

Jim + Leslie Titus, Fort Langley

2024 911 GT# Touring (White)

**Patrick + Son, Sydney Tsai,
Richmond**

Renewed after an absence of a few years

2015 911 GT3 (Purple)

**John Wark + Annette
Schroeder, Vancouver**

2024 Macan GTS (Black)

**Adam + Howard Wong,
Vancouver**

2021 Macan GTS (Black)

Wayne Xu, Vancouver

2024 Macan 4 EV (Gray)

2022 Cayenne Platinum Edition (Chalk)

David Yakiwchuk, Delta

2016 911 GT3 RS (Silver)

**Lichen Yan + Chen Zhao,
Langley**

2025 718 Boxster GTS 4.0 (Black)

Tony Zhang, Surrey

2021 718 Cayman GTS 4.0 (Blue)

CWR Membership Stats

As of November 1, 2025

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The story behind the name.

Story by Gerard Pietryklewicz, Advertising, Sponsorship and Dealer Liaison



Most of you know that I named my beloved 2018 Porsche Panamera 4S “Helga.” The name originates from the 80s BBC sitcom “Allo Allo,” which hilariously depicts the World War II occupation of France. This TV series has become part of Polish pop culture, and we tend to call strong German women Helgas; it’s a bit cheeky but still very positive.

Helga is strong, with 440 horsepower and 405 lb-ft torque; she absolutely flies. I think very few people realize that Panameras would easily keep up with

most 911s. Yet, it is a car I can use daily, year-round. And to me, that was super important. For now, this is my only car, and I need something I can have fun with, but also make a proper Ikea run.

I always liked fast saloon cars. My very first dream car of this kind was the BMW E32 and then the E38. Those simple lines were so elegant, but under the hood, there was a V12. If I had a parking space, I think I would still buy one today. Helga has a V6, but it is bi-turbo, which I think helps it make a balance between power and efficiency. When I am not

pushing it, I can get to around 8 L/100 km. So, this car does not bankrupt me.

But I think the most important thing for me is how this car makes me feel. Each time I give it some beans, it just brings a massive smile to my face. I love driving, and I love road trips. Driving for hours is an absolute pleasure; I never feel tired, even after long days smashing some kilometres. Then, when I park it, lock the doors, take a few steps, I turn around, and I still look at it with amazement.

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The journey beyond ownership

An introduction to the Porsche Club experience.

Story by Edward Quan, Editor-in-Chief
Photos by William Waung, Photographer

While purchasing a Porsche from the dealership marks the start of your journey, it is the PCA-CWR club that genuinely shapes and enhances the ownership experience.

In October, an enthusiastic group of new members visited Porsche Centre Langley. This new member orientation event introduced them to the club and its activities, paving the way for exciting experiences beyond the showroom.

For half a century, the club has fostered a welcoming environment that turns driving into a memorable and rewarding experience. It provides a new layer of ownership by connecting you with others who share your passion.

This was the second new member gathering organized this year, following a successful event in June. The high level of interest from attendees underscores the club's welcoming atmosphere and the strong sense of community among Porsche enthusiasts.

Since many PCA clubs face an aging membership, they must continually work to grow and sustain the club for future Porsche enthusiasts. A commitment to inclusivity cultivates a vibrant community where tradition merges with a younger generation, protecting the Porsche legacy.

The orientation was hosted by Tim Bourdois, the club's President, who



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LEFT: The Porsche Centre Langley hosted the fall PCA-CWR New Members event.

BELOW: Nancy Mao, Director at Large, and Alex Camilleri, Marketing Lead at Porsche Centre Langley, draw prizes.



played a key role in making new members feel welcome. He facilitated introductions of the Executive Committee and various departmental Chairs.

Additionally, Tim provided valuable insights into the club's events, the benefits of membership, and the many ways new members can participate.

Attendees learned about the club's day and multi-day tours, and the upcoming 2026 Escape—a four-day event in the Okanagan wine country co-hosted by CWR and the BC Interior region. Plus, the HPDE track program, along with SIM racing opportunities for members interested in virtual motorsports.

This club has historically organized the most driving tours within the PCA, highlighting its position as one of the most active clubs in North America. Tim also highly encouraged volunteering at club events as a great way to meet fellow members and enhance your Porsche experience.

While the dealership might be where your Porsche journey begins, it's through the club that your experience truly comes alive. Events like these welcome members into the broader Porsche family, inspiring everyone to enjoy their ownership and build lasting connections within the community.





Porsche Pink Parade

Fundraising efforts
for the
BC Cancer Foundation.

Story by Edward Quan,
Editor-in-Chief

Photos by William Masimira
& Gary Walker

Last September, the CWR ladies proudly hosted the sixth annual Porsche Pink Parade, an event dedicated to supporting women's health and treatment through BC Cancer Foundation.

The Pink Parade was founded by Nancy Mao, who joined the club in 2016. Other than two editions of "W5" in 2017 and 2018, both organized by then Secretary Marolyn Hum, there were no other women-focused activities. As well, her experiences as one of only two women drivers during early-morning drives back in 2017 along the Sea-to-Sky Highway further highlighted the need for drives specifically for women. These moments emphasized the lack of women-focused events and inspired her to take action.

In 2019, Nancy took on the role of Activities / Social Chairperson for the club. In addition to organizing events, she wanted to also create experiences where women could connect and celebrate their shared interests. Seeking guidance, Nancy reached out to Judy

Colby, a longtime member and former Timberline Editor, to discuss her vision with the then-current Executive Committee. Her ideas received unanimous support. Additionally, Nancy contacted Asgar Virji, President of Weissach, who also pledged his support for women's events.

August 2020 marked the first ladies' drive to Squamish, led by Nancy and the Weissach team, which raised funds for the Union Gospel Mission's Women's and Family Centre in Vancouver. During the pit-stop gathering in the A&W parking lot, participants voiced their desire for more events like this. These conversations, and in partnership with Weissach, led to the creation of "Pink Parade" - an October drive for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Porsche Pink Parade is now one of the club's signature yearly fundraising events, gaining support across the club. In its first year, the event raised over \$12,000 (\$6,000 plus change with donation match). Last year, fundraising

ABOVE: PCA-CWR members come together to support the annual Pink Parade event.



efforts topped \$27,000. Now that the 2025 campaign is completed, more than \$100,000 has been raised since 2020 as a result of this ladies' event.

Nancy chose to support the BC Cancer Foundation specifically to ensure that funds raised would stay in British Columbia, rather than being sent to national organizations which might not focus on local needs. She even invited ladies from three other regions to host their own Porsche Pink Parade: VIR (in 2023), BCIR (2023 and 2024) and PNWR (2024). Both VIR and BCIR also supported the BC Cancer Foundation!

Cancer touches the lives of many, including some of our members and their families and friends. By creating meaningful fundraising opportunities like the Pink Parade, everyone can actively contribute to the cause. Each year, participants and donors help make the Porsche Pink Parade especially personal and meaningful to the women in their lives and the Porsche club community they call home.



The Movember fundraising initiative is one of CWR's ongoing efforts dedicated to supporting men's health. This globally recognized organization focuses on key issues, including mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer, making a meaningful impact on the lives of Canadian men.

This year's event was held at Porsche Centre Richmond, offering a welcoming space for attendees to gather and support the cause. The morning started with a light breakfast and coffee, creating a relaxed atmosphere for the day.

Movember fundraising initiative



Supporting men's health.

Photos by William Waung, Photographer



The event featured a brief yet insightful presentation by Dr. Michael Cox, Senior Research Scientist at the Vancouver Prostate Centre, and Gery Herman, a longtime club member. Their talks emphasized the importance of early detection and mental wellness, offering valuable information and encouragement to all participants.

Attendees had the opportunity to share personal experiences related to men's health, fostering an environment of open discussion. The educational setting encouraged meaningful conversations, helping participants gain deeper insights into the challenges and significance of men's health issues.

Over the past three years, club members have actively raised awareness and funds for men's health through creative activities, including a photo shoot and a parade lap around the Richmond Auto Mall. These initiatives have helped maintain momentum and support for the cause.

This year, CWR members raised over \$4,000 at the event, bringing the total amount raised to more than \$11,500. This accomplishment highlights the community's collective dedication to improving men's health and supporting essential research and outreach initiatives.



CENTRE LEFT: Dr. Michael Cox informs the members about ongoing research projects funded by Movember.

CENTRE RIGHT: Gary Herman, Ann Peters and Gerard Pietrykiewicz.

Celebrating our Volunteers

The heart of CWR.

Story by Edward Quan, Editor-in-Chief

Photos by William Waung, Photographer

Our volunteers consistently say “yes”, embodying the spirit of dedication and teamwork that drives the CWR club forward. Their willingness to step up and support club activities ensures the successful execution of a diverse range of events every year.

Tim Bourdois, President, has expressed appreciation for the club’s volunteers’ invaluable support. During a recognition dinner last October at the Burnaby Mountain Clubhouse, Tim warmly thanked the volunteers for their continued dedication and generosity.

In 2025, the club celebrated its 50th anniversary—a significant milestone marked with a special celebration party. Organizing this event, which brought together the PCA National President, past club Presidents, and members, was one of the most challenging undertakings in recent years.

Tim highlighted the remarkable dedication of the club’s volunteers, emphasizing that their support was crucial in successfully managing the year’s numerous events. Each year, club volunteers devote hundreds of hours to organizing nearly 75 events, ranging from day and multi-day tours to Shades of Stuttgart, meet-your-neighbours, HPDE, SIM racing, tech workshops, new members’ receptions, social media, C2Sky magazine, and charity initiatives to support our communities. The winter season limits the club’s activities, yet the volunteers’ drive and enthusiasm remain undiminished.

The collaborative spirit and dedication of our volunteers have been crucial in turning the club’s plans into reality, fostering a lively sense of community throughout the year. Their efforts continue to build connections, enhance club experiences, and support the wider Porsche ownership community.

TOP: Alan Bird, Vice President, observes as President Tim Bourdois thanks the volunteers who constantly say “yes”.

BELOW: Lori Rowe, who led the 50th Anniversary party, warmly thanks all the volunteers for their amazing support.





The Volunteer
Appreciation
dinner was held at
the Burnaby Mountain
Clubhouse.



Storm-Watching in Tofino

Every winter, strong winds from Japan travel over 8,300 km across the vast Pacific Ocean before reaching the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island. When they arrive, these fierce winds mark the beginning of the storm-watching season in Tofino, providing one of Canada's most awe-inspiring natural travel experiences.

Our destination was the Wickaninnish Inn, perched on a rocky promontory at the north end of Chesterman Beach, known as the perfect spot for storm-watching. This famous oceanfront resort combines rustic charm with an unbeatable front-row seat to nature's most spectacular displays. Great hotels don't just sell rooms; they sell memories.

My Porsche travel adventure to this remote community of 2,500 residents began with an early-morning two-hour ferry ride. We departed from Horseshoe

Bay in West Vancouver to Nanaimo's Departure Bay on Vancouver Island. After reaching the island, we continued with a three-hour drive northwest to Tofino.

My amazing Porsche adventure at the Wickaninnish Inn.

**Story and Photos
by Edward Quan,
Editor-in-Chief**

In British Columbia, winter tires are mandatory on all mountain highways, including the route from Parksville to Ucluelet, from October 1 to April 30. I've just fitted new winter boots on the Porsche for this adventure, making sure

we're ready for the road ahead! Winter tires behave differently on dry and wet surfaces, so I took this drive to get familiar with how they handle both conditions.

As we near Port Alberni, a forestry town now recognized as the salmon capital of the world. The highway traces the shoreline of Sproat Lake, which stretches over 25 km and is bustling with windsurfers on windy days. We planned a rest stop at the legendary Cathedral Grove, an old-growth forest of giant Douglas fir trees in MacMillan Provincial Park. As we entered the park, the towering trees lined the narrow twisty road and dwarfed my Porsche. Making ourselves feel even smaller, a true natural wonder that invites exploration.

Travelling along Highway 4 from Port Alberni to the west coast offers a spirited drive. The two-lane valley road rises and falls, inviting drivers to trail-brake and power through curves—a thrill

that Porsche owners live for. If you're unfamiliar with the route, watch for blind hilltops and tight 180-degree S curves, as the road frequently changes direction. The road surfaces are uneven due to patching, so drivers should be cautious of sudden pavement drop-offs, especially since many areas lack shoulders.

Upon arriving at the Pacific Rim Visitor Centre in Ucluelet, my bright racing yellow Porsche drew a sidelong glance from a Mountie in a parked unmarked black SUV. For a split second, my pulse quickened as our eyes locked. He paused, considered, then turned his attention back to a steaming cup and a large pastry balanced on his dashboard. I exhaled slowly, feeling my nerves relax as the officer reached for his treat. I gradually turned the corner towards Tofino, with only seagulls overhead and his hungry smile as witnesses.

The Wickaninnish Inn, opened in 1996 under the leadership of Charles McDiarmid—who remains Maitre De Maison—has played a key role in boosting storm-watch tourism in Tofino and Ucluelet. Its innovative approach has set a benchmark in the industry, inspiring many hotels and helping to position Tofino as a year-round destination.

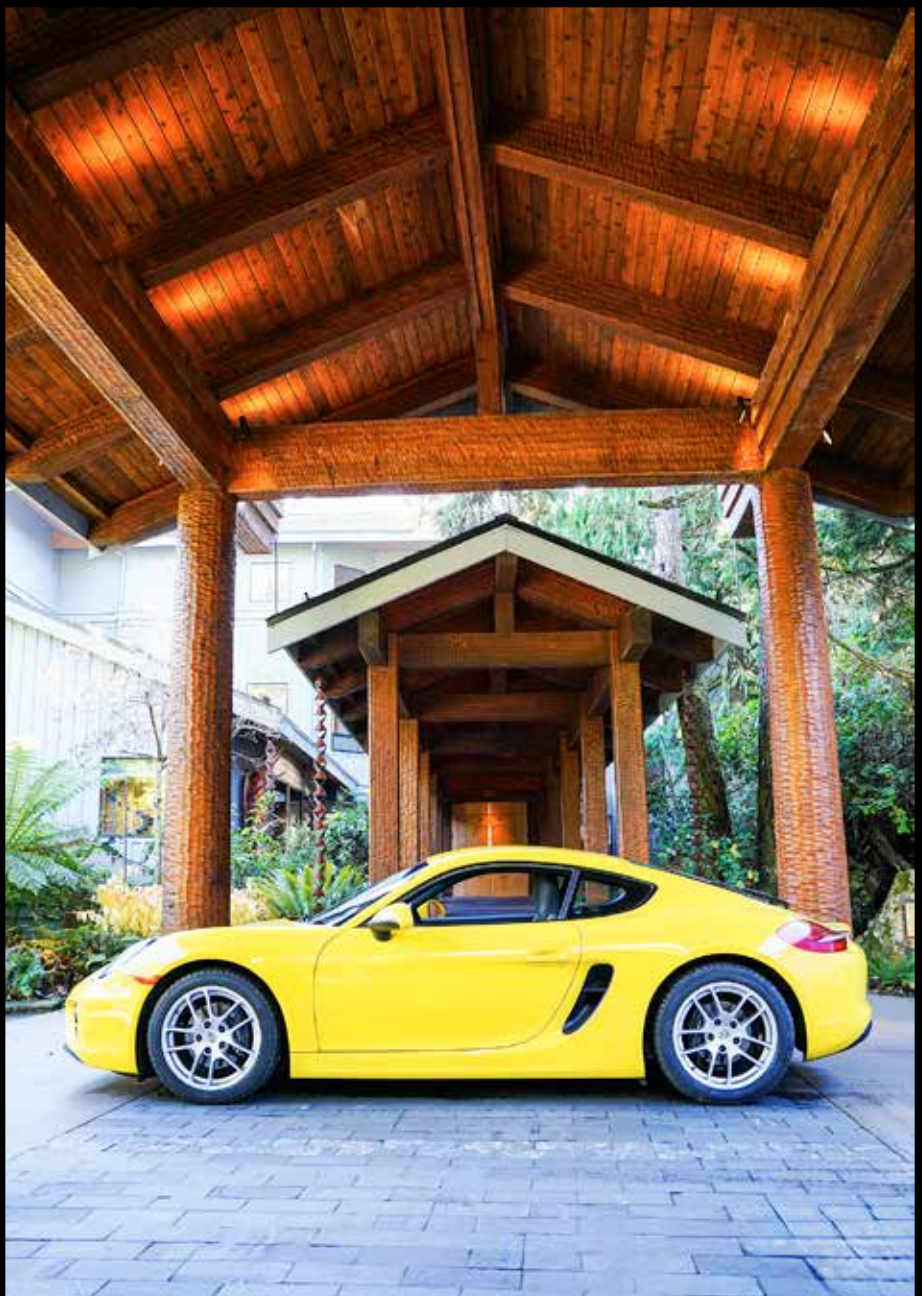
Each room offers views of the Pacific Ocean and/or the beach, with large windows built to withstand strong winds. Our spacious room features a king-size bed, a gas fireplace, and balcony chairs with an authentic Hudson Bay wool blanket for added comfort. Outdoor explorers will appreciate a pair of neon-orange raincoats in each closet and the option of custom-sized rain boots delivered to their room door.

The Wickaninnish Inn boasts the acclaimed Pointe Restaurant, famous for its superb dining and wine pairings. It also features the On the Rocks bar, Shoreline Terrace, Howard's Wine

LEFT: Feeling Mother Nature's force at the Wickaninnish Inn.

TOP: The Wickaninnish Inn is on a secluded, rugged peninsula within the rainforest.

RIGHT: We reached the Wickaninnish Inn, built with red cedar from the property.





Cellar, and the Ancient Cedars Spa. In the Beach building, guests can visit the Henry Nolla Gallery, Lookout Library, fitness room, and Driftwood Café. Each of these spots provides a hospitable setting for storm watching during your stay.

We arrived on a sunny afternoon with mild autumn temperatures and golden foliage. However, the weather suddenly changed, and a dark, overcast storm rolled in that night.

The next morning, we woke up in our cozy room to a gale-force storm with winds exceeding 50 km/h. We watched enormous three-meter waves crash violently against rocky outcrops and sandy beaches, creating a continuous symphony of surf that echoes through the air.

Once the storm subsided, we took a walk along Chesterman Beach, just steps from the Inn. Even with the waves crashing onto the white sand, there was a distinct feeling of peace in the air. We wandered through the resort grounds as well, surrounded by towering red cedars and bird songs. The experience was both captivating and humbling, serving as a reminder of the ocean's incredible force and the stunning beauty of this area.

From November to February, Tofino becomes a hotspot for those eager to experience the intense power of storm-watching. It's the ideal winter escape, as I prefer travelling during the off-season, which offers fewer crowds, more affordable accommodations, and greater opportunities to connect with locals.

This was our second visit to the Wickaninnish Inn, and Charles has consistently made us feel at home. The Inn offers exceptional service, luxurious comfort, and the promise of an unforgettable Porsche travel adventure along one of Canada's most spectacular coastlines.

TOP: The calm at Chesterman Beach after a winter storm.

BOTTOM: The rustic lobby of the Wickaninnish Inn's Beach building.



RIGHT: Exploring the Wickaninnish Inn grounds' ancient forest.

BELOW: Every room provides a neon orange raincoat for guests.



The Pointe Restaurant at the Wickaninnish Inn is one of Tofino's top dining spots. Many seafood dishes feature freshly caught ingredients from local waters, and Executive Chef Clayton Fontine is committed to choosing high-quality, island-sourced produce.

During our evening meal, we each chose the menu with wine pairings. I ordered the Roast Beef Tenderloin, and my partner selected the Slow Cooked Steelhead Trout. Both dishes were delicious, and all the wines recommended were Canadian, which was a nice touch.

The setting inside The Pointe is spectacular, with panoramic windows that showcase the wild Pacific coastline and dramatic ocean. The attentive staff enhanced the experience, offering thoughtful explanations of each course and pairing. It's an excellent spot for a cozy, memorable meal, especially when the weather outside is stormy.

The Pointe Restaurant



The Pointe Restaurant offers superb food, service, and breathtaking views.



Edward's top picks

Tofino is adjacent to Pacific Rim National Park and situated in the heart of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Outdoor trails and activities are plentiful; here are two of my top indoor picks during storm-watch season.

Ombre Restaurant

Located in the heart of Tofino, Ombre Restaurant impressed us with its beautifully arranged dishes. Each plate was thoughtfully crafted, highlighting not only the chef's creativity but also a keen attention to presentation detail. The artistry of the food enhanced our dining experience and reflected the restaurant's commitment to both taste and aesthetics.

During our evening visit, we shared eight small plates, including two desserts. The first and second plates were cold dishes, such as Lingcod Accras and Fall Crudités. My favourite was the Braised Pork Belly. If you're looking for a hearty, warm entrée, it's best to order it separately from the menu.

Relatively new to the Tofino dining scene, the restaurant's name was inspired by Tofino's sunsets. The atmosphere was lively yet relaxed, making it ideal for a casual evening out or a special occasion.

Tofino Clayoquot Heritage Museum

The Tofino Clayoquot Heritage Museum is housed in a bright blue building in the heart of Tofino. It's small but provides insights into the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations peoples, the original inhabitants. We also discovered how Tofino Inlet was named in the summer of 1792 by explorers Galiano and Valdes after Spanish hydrographer Vincente Tofino.



The Ombre Restaurant features a menu of shared plates, ideal for a relaxed evening out.



The Tofino Clayoquot Heritage Museum offers a glimpse into Tofino's history, inviting visitors to explore its origins and stories.

We learned that Japanese fishermen played a crucial role in Tofino's fishing history, arriving in the early 1920s. They made significant contributions to the salmon trolling industry by introducing new techniques and gear, becoming an essential part of the local community. At one point, more residents spoke Japanese than English.

Despite its modest size, the museum presents an engaging selection of exhibits, including historical photographs, artifacts, and stories that highlight Tofino's diverse heritage. The displays and informative panels, along with knowledgeable staff, make it a valuable stop for visitors interested in the region's cultural and social history.

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Vehicle Cooling Systems

Cooling systems are key to optimal Porsche performance.

Story by Glenn Barron, Director at Large

Our vehicles are complex machines filled with various vital fluids to ensure trouble-free operation, but one of the most consistently overlooked is the cooling system. Coolant, also known as anti-freeze, plays a large role in our vehicles - larger than most owners realize. Over the years, I have heard all kinds of myths and misunderstandings about vehicle cooling systems and their associated components. This article is designed to help better understand what cooling systems do and the importance of regular maintenance.



Cooling systems protect engines from overheating. But this is not the only task that engine coolant does - it also takes care of the lubrication process in the engine's moving parts, preventing damage to head gaskets, water pumps, and controlling temperatures of the pistons, cylinders, and cylinder heads.

Coolant transfers and optimizes the heat in the engine and provides antifreeze protection in low temperatures to keep your vehicle running in optimal condition. Since the internal combustion engine generates energy through the process of burning fuel, portions of this energy in the form of heat inevitably end up being harnessed by the engine and its parts themselves. The key role of the engine coolant is to prevent engine failures related to overheating and to keep the engine running at optimal temperatures for efficient fuel burning

and emissions regulations. Using the right engine coolant type and mixture provides the following benefits:

- mitigate freezing of coolant in cold temperatures
- prevent boiling of the coolant in high temperatures
- prevent internal component corrosion
- prevent wear of rubber and plastic engine parts
- mitigate corrosion-induced electrolysis

Cooling systems also provide heat to the passenger cabin via the climate control (HVAC) system. This heat is used to maintain a comfortable temperature for passengers, as well as window defrosting and defogging functions. Now that we know more about the function of cooling systems, let's look at how they work.

Cooling System Operation

When the engine is running, the coolant

pump (water pump) circulates the coolant throughout the entire cooling system. As the engine temperature rises, the thermostat in the cooling system opens at a specific temperature to allow coolant to flow to the radiator. As the coolant flows through the radiator, airflow over the surface of the radiator extracts heat from the coolant before it enters the engine



Electrolysis damage due to poor cooling system maintenance

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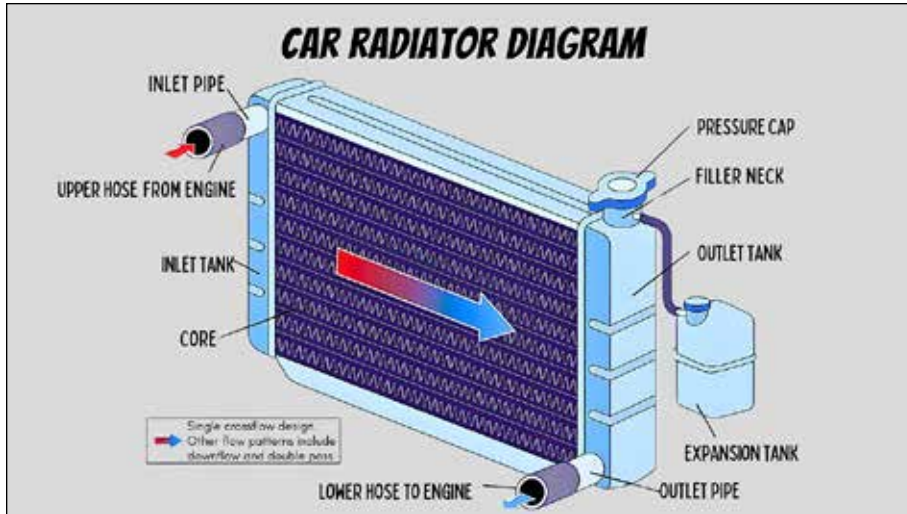
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again. The radiator plays a critical role in heat transfer from the engine to the ambient air.

Another component that does a similar function is the heater core. This is a smaller version of a radiator housed inside the HVAC system. As cooler outside air is drawn over the heater core by the HVAC fan, heat from the coolant is transferred to the air piped inside the cabin via the vents, creating a comfortable temperature for occupants. While there are many other components of the cooling system that can play different roles (such as intercoolers used to cool compressed air from turbochargers or superchargers), the basic components are the coolant, coolant pump, thermostat, radiator, and heater core.

Additionally, various sensors take temperature readings from the cooling system in different places to allow the on-board computers to adjust the fuel maps, automatic climate control settings, etc. With today's ever-increasing computerized controls in vehicles, you can imagine the array of issues that can occur when specific components of a cooling system are not functioning correctly.

Cooling System Maintenance

Most modern cars will alert us to a failure of sensors & electrical-related components as well as scheduled intervals for maintenance. Warning lights will typically illuminate when the onboard computers see something out of range,

such as high engine temperatures, low coolant level, erroneous sensor readings, etc. The amount of data collected from cooling systems on modern cars is massive and can have an immediate effect on other components if the system is functioning correctly.

Some people have asked if it's okay to remove their cooling system thermostat during the summer months since they do not need heat...and they believe their engine will run better at lower temperatures. This is not only a myth, but it can cause detrimental damage to the engine and its components. Cooling system temperatures are optimized to allow for the most efficient fuel burn during combustion. Overcooling can lead to increased fuel consumption, excessive soot build-up, which can damage the emissions systems, and eventually damage the cylinder walls. Additionally, thermostats allow time for the hot coolant to dwell in the radiator for maximum heat transfer to the ambient air. With



the thermostat removed, the coolant becomes a continuous loop and on hot days, it can lead to overheating.

One area that is typically overlooked on our Porsches is the radiators. All of Porsche's modern sports cars from 1997 up have the radiators (oil coolers and AC condensers as well) mounted in the lower front corners of the bumper. Due to their proximity to the ground, various road debris (leaves, dirt, bugs, pollen, etc.) gets sucked into this area and eventually reduces air flow over the surface area. The on-board computer looks for a maximum temperature before illuminating the overheating light, but restricted air flow may not indicate a problem until you find yourself in the summer heat of the Okanagan Valley. Suddenly, your vehicle is overheating due to the ambient air temperature and reduced flow over the surface of the radiators. Regular visual inspection of the radiator surface areas and annual cleaning may be necessary—depending on mileage accumulated—to prevent this from happening.

Many owners find cooling system maintenance intervals confusing, and even more confusing sometimes is what to do if the system needs to be topped up. Manufacturers are now starting to advertise extended coolant life up to 6 years, and in some cases, stating lifetime coolant. The basis of these statements hinges on the factory-filled coolant not being disturbed, diluted, or contaminated, which is rarely the case over the life of a vehicle. My rule of thumb for coolant is this: if I don't know the history of the car, then I recommend a full flush and refill with the manufacturer-specified coolant. When topping up cooling systems, fill with the same product used from factory-fill or the last flush. If this is not readily available, demineralized water is the next best choice for small amounts, followed by distilled water if demineralized water isn't readily available. Never use tap water or bottled water to top up your cooling system, as this is how contamination happens. Drinking water has soluble minerals and salts present, which interfere with the coolant properties. Some coolants can form a sludge when mixed with incompatible products. This



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Automotive cooling systems are one of the leading causes of roadside breakdowns.

can lead to overheating and corrosion, costing large amounts of money to fix.

Coolant pumps are another area typically overlooked. Coolant pumps contain rotating components which wear out over time. Most of the time, the coolant pump will give us a warning when we see small puddles of colored liquid on the garage floor, but other times, it can seize up in the middle of a planned road trip. Most manufacturers do have a recommended replacement interval for coolant pumps; it is typically listed as a set number of kilometres or years. Do not ignore the year interval just because you don't accumulate a lot of kilometres on your car - this is where owners can find themselves stranded. Coolant pumps are constantly submerged in coolant, and on most vehicles, the bearings are under constant tension from the belt drive system. This is why manufacturers have year intervals for many components; many other factors come into play for the service life besides kilometres accumulated.



Water pump impeller failure example

Summary

Cooling systems are essential for peak vehicle performance. If you have a preferred technician who looks after your maintenance, ensure they include cooling system checks and perform scheduled maintenance when required. A cooling system in top running condition rarely gives problems, but if ignored, it's just a matter of time before inevitable failure.

If you have any ideas for technical articles or specific topics you would like covered, please reach out to me at technical@pca-cwr.org.



Barcelona hosts Porsche Carrera World Cup

An event for Porsche motorsport fans worldwide.

Photos by Porsche

The Porsche Carrera World Cup returns in March 2026, 15 years after the first event with 911 GT3 Cup cars. It debuted in 2011 at Nürburgring Nordschleife and now moves to Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya for the highly anticipated return.

The Carrera World Cup showcases Porsche's global racing ecosystem, uniting teams, drivers, and fans from five continents for a unique motorsport festival. Eligible to compete are drivers from the international Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup as well as nearly 40 national and regional Carrera Cups and Porsche Sports Cups, all driving the 375kW (510PS) 911 GT3 Cup, model generation 992.1.

In 2011, 98 drivers from 25 nations competed at Nürburgring Nordschleife in their 911 race cars during the 24-hour event, creating a unique spectacle. Porsche aims to match that level of participation during the March 5-8, 2026, Spanish Grand Prix at the circuit. There is no shortage of eligible

cars: since production began at the end of 2020, Porsche Motorsport has built a total of 1,130 units of the current 911 GT3 Cup (992.1). In Barcelona, the cars will compete with race ABS and traction control. From the next season onwards, its extensively revised successor will take over. The 382kW (520 PS) strong 911 Cup, based on the 992.2 generation, will make its debut in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup and selected Carrera Cups.

The Carrera World Cup showcases the huge power and passion of the global Porsche motorsport community.

The 911 GT3 Cup, one of the most produced race cars since the early 1990s, will be celebrated before the newest generation takes over. In Barcelona, up to 100 competitors will vie for a unique trophy last awarded in 2011, when almost 100 Cup 911 cars raced on the Nürburgring Nordschleife.

Compared with the Eifel circuit, the 4,657-kilometre Formula 1 layout

in Barcelona is too short to allow all one-make series cars to start simultaneously. For this reason, Porsche Motorsport is implementing an unusual format, inspired by sim racing competitions in which the Porsche Coanda Esports factory team participates. The entry list will be divided into four groups of up to 30 cars each, with drivers competing in three distinct classes. In the Pro category, primarily young, up-and-coming talents with FIA Gold or Silver ratings pit themselves against each other on their path to a professional career. The Pro-Am class is reserved for Bronze-rated drivers over 30, while the "Michelin Class" is open to Bronze drivers over 45 years of age.

Each group will contest three 30-minute sprint races plus one lap, including qualifying. Drivers will score points within their classes, and the top 50 percent in each group will advance to one of two semifinal races. The process is then repeated, ultimately deciding the 30 drivers who will compete in the final.

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