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President's Column

As we start off a busy 2016, I want to take time to thank everyone in Space Coast for making 2015 a very successful and fulfilled year. Lou Linden, his leadership team, all of the many volunteers, sponsors and participants did a great job supporting all of our events and building our region. I've been given a very high bar to make 2016 even better.

We appreciate and don't want to forget to thank all of our sponsors and **EV** advertisers, especially Shay Rowe and Porsche of Melbourne, for their continued support. These sponsors have made many of our events even bigger and better. Be sure to return the support and make our sponsors your first choice when the need arises.

Please help me welcome our 2016 leadership team, Vice President Jurgen Schwanitz, Secretary Sally Jecmen and returning Treasurer Tom Kirk, along with the many new appointees listed on page 4 and 5 of the magazine. These dedicated individuals on the leadership team spend countless hours working for you, from planning events through execution. There is always room for more of you to join our leadership team or volunteer to help them. We do have a current need for someone to fill a public relations, advertising and billing roll, so contact me if you're interested in helping out.

I hesitate calling out individual efforts because it would include everyone, but, communication is key to keeping the members engaged and the region growing. It facilitates the fermentation of ideas that lead to new events, like Turbo Mayhem, or adds variety to existing events, like more destinations for our touring drives and dine and drives. So a special thanks to all of those that make our web site and **EV** great. And it is not just Jeff Dorman, Robin Hoffman and Sue Kee for their heroic efforts, but all of you that contribute the articles and photos that get posted and printed. I challenge ya'll to continue and even improve your efforts.

PCA is fueled by volunteers. Each and everyone one of you can and do make a difference.

See you and those magnificent cars at an event soon.

Scott Kee

On the Cover: Scott and Becke Hansen's beautiful 2012 997 Turbo S in the Porsche Corral nearing sunset at the Rolex 24 race. Photographed by Thomas Harvell.

Please check out our new and revamped website spc.pca.org (do not use the www) and new facebook page at

www.facebook.com/SpaceCoastRegionPCA

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From the Editors

2016 promises to be even better than 2015! We have a new president, Scott Kee and a new Board of Directors. Scott has lots of fun events planned for our Club. Be sure to keep a close eye on the calendar so you don't miss anything. Remember the calendar is kept up to date on our SPC.PCA.org website. Check out the article in this issue on navigating our club website.

The new year is here, and as you will see in this issue, we've been busy with the winter races "in our own backyard." The upcoming schedule is packed with fun events including Zonifest in Sebring on Memorial Day Weekend, Turbo Mahem in April, and Parade in Vermont, in June. Let's not leave out the Autocross and DE Events, monthly KaffeeKlatsches, and Drive & Dines scheduled throughout the year!

There is something for everyone! Come out and enjoy what this club has to offer, from brunches to racing and everything in between. Our members are friendly and we'd love to see you all. We encourage everyone who has a Porsche story or information to share, to write an article. Remember to attach photos of your adventures.

We continue to be thankful for our team of every-growing, dedicated members who contribute to the magazine. We ask you to please support our advertisers who also help make this magazine happen.

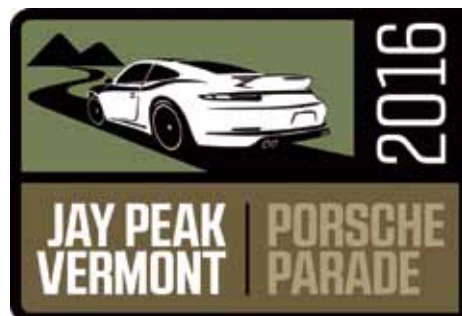
We encourage you to come to this year's planning meetings and get involved and volunteer. Keep your eyes open for announcements. It's great fun. Let's all work together to continue the Space Coast tradition of producing a wonderful magazine celebrating the Porsches we love and the people who drive them.

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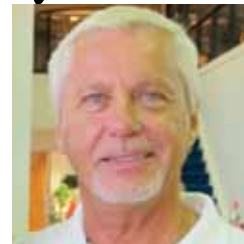
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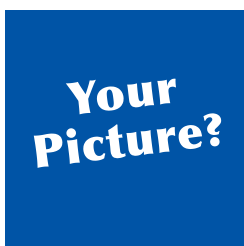
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Membership Corner

by Brian Reinert

Space Coast Region 2016 membership starting line is 643 primary and 345 affiliate members – for a total of 988 members! 2015 starting line was comprised of 552 primary and 308 affiliate members totaling membership at 860. A 13% membership growth during the year is very impressive growth indeed!

Many thanks go to our out-going leadership. Out-going meaning from their 2015 office as several officers have taken on new and/or additional responsibilities. So thank you Lou Linden! Special thanks also to region coordinators Jurgen Schwanitz and Terry Miller. Both

coordinators “shorten” the many long miles of the Space Coast Region. I look forward to seeing you both at Kaffeeklatsch on each end of our region.

Speaking of Kaffeeklatsch’s, I can share it’s very enjoyable to take a drive and visit all 3 of the location Kaffeeklatsch’s in our region. I can promise if you make a drive down to Vero or up to Daytona everyone will make you feel right at home.

So until next time, happy driving those Porsche’s!

Welcome to our New Members!

November 2015

Marty Tse, 2001 Arctic Silver Boxster
Mark Carlson, 2002 Black 911 Carrera 4
Lakshmi Machiraju & Arvind Maddikonda,
2016 Cayenne

Richard Overhuls, 2014 Cayenne
James Monahan, 2016 Macan S
David McKay, 2015 Cayman S
Pamela Jefferies, 2016 Cayenne GTS
Taylor & Mary Smith, 2012 Boxster
William Mills, 2016 Cayenne
Teodoro & Carmencita DelRosario,
2016 Cayenne

Barry Wiksten, 2016 Macan S

Lisa Taylor, 2016 Macan S

Larry Smith, 2013 911 Carrera

Sharon Spence,

2008 Macadamia 911 Carrera Cabriolet

Keith Phillips, 2008 911 Carrera S

John Sorgenfrei, 2002 Silver 911 Carrera

Thomas Bergen, 2005 911 Carrera

Michelina & Alfred Martinelli,

2016 Cayenne

Gary & Sun Hui Stanley, 2016 Cayenne

Malcom Donley, 2013 911 Carrera

December 2015

Greg Antonich, 1999 White 911 Carrera

David Ramshaw, 2015 White Macan S

Bernhard Muehlner & Becky Mishtawy,

2016 White Cayman GT4 Clubsport

January 2016

Jake Johansson, 2014 Cayman S

Michael Roncati, 2008 Silver Cayman

Gerry Appleton, 2012 911 Carrera S

Peggy Strahman, 2009 911 Carrera S

Joe Velez, 1990 911 Carrera 2 Targa

Vito Jimenez,

2010 Macadamia Metallic Cayman

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- Concours d-elegance at Chateau Élan (by Gold Coast Region)
- Fun Gimmick Rally (by Everglades Region)
- Tech Quiz (by Space Coast Region)
- Kids Activities (by Space Coast Region)
- Buffet dinner at the Chateau ballroom
- Autocross on the skid pad (by Suncoast Region)
- Tour of the Renzetti private museum in Lake Placid
- Awards Banquet with trophies and door prizes

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More information will be available as details are worked out.

Registration will be opened on www.clubregistration.net in the future.

This event will be a true "Multi-Region" weekend with all the Zone 12 Regions invited.



Dottie Kidd is the Zonefest Chair so feel free to call at 954-946-3196 or email at dottiekidd@bellsouth.net.



Tips on Navigating our Awesome Web Page

Article and images by Jeff Dorman

In 2015 we revised and enhanced our web page. In addition to a new desktop look and feel it is now super friendly for display and use on mobile devices and tablets. It includes hot links for email addresses and phone numbers and provides multiple entry points to our SPC [Calendar](#), perhaps the lifeline to club involvement.

There are plenty of great reasons to use the website frequently. Besides the Calendar, you can find links to all of our fabulous sponsors (including our Porsche of Melbourne Dealership), and to Zone and National PCA and Porsche sites, and even our Facebook feed.

And, you can count on finding our award winning [Escape Velocity](#) magazine on the web even before your hardcopy arrives in the mail.

Subscribe today! We send out emails on updates to the site if you are a website subscriber. This includes notice and links to the newly added event videos, photos, recaps (including Autocross results) provided by our dedicated volunteers.

To help make your web visit as useful and pleasurable as possible, we have put together some site navigation tips.

On the [Home](#) page ([figure 1](#)) there are a few important things to note:



– The **main menu** includes some key places to visit - [About Us](#), [News](#), [Calendar](#) (the most visited page for obvious reasons), [Activities](#), [Classifieds](#) (add yours today!), and [Sponsors](#). And where you see downward double arrows

next to a menu item there are sub-menu items (e.g. [Escape Velocity](#), [Event Photos](#), [SPC Videos](#), [Autocross](#), etc...).

– The **latest on club events** can be found in two places. In the upper left, look for **Upcoming Events** section. Click a link to go straight to that Google calendar entry. And in the bottom right the **Coming Up!** section is a smaller embedded version of our Calendar with direct links to events.

– You can **subscribe** to receive an email for every news happening update. Just look in the bottom left of the page and provide your email address. In addition to the clubs 'enews' emails, postcards, and Facebook page this is a great way to keep up with the very latest SPC club news. We hold your personal info in strictest confidence and promise not to fill up your inbox with any junk. :)

– **Classifieds** are now easy to find on the main menu. And classifieds are easy to add. Just send the webmaster the details.

– In the **Porsche Destination** section on the upper right side you can find links to the parent PCA page and their Events page, among others.

– On the Home page, and **every page**, you will find **sharing icons**. These colorful circular items enable you to print the page, email the page, and share the page on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc...). In the example here you can see that our Home page has been shared on Facebook 50 times. Very nice! We would love to see large numbers for every social sharing destination by all our members. We are pretty proud of our club and our activities and we would hope that you could help us spread the word by sharing your enthusiasm across your favorite social media platforms.

There are a couple menu items with important sub-menu destinations. The first is the [Activities](#) ([figure 2](#)):



– On the [Activities](#) page we have links to many DE resources, racing organizations, and tracks.

– The nested menus include [Autocross](#), [Autocross Results](#), [Event Photos](#), [SPC Event Videos](#), and [Special Videos](#). Take a quick look at each to familiarize yourself with these important aspects of our club.

Oh, and don't forget to pay a visit to our [Sponsors](#) page. We are fortunate to have a special relationship with [Porsche of Melbourne](#) and our members provide a number of services to both us and the community. Please take a minute to see if there might be one of our sponsors that could help you with anything from financial planning to dentistry and everything in between.

[Figure 3](#) highlights the [Facebook](#) feed and our [News](#) menu. On every page except the Home page we highlight our Facebook feed. Aside from enews emails from our president, Facebook and SPC.PCA.ORG are your source for the most current information from the club.



The News menu provides access to every issue of [Escape Velocity](#) magazine. And also to the SPC [Happenings](#) page which is the home, and history, of all of the sites news items.

We hope these tips help make our site easier to understand and make use of.

And, finally, we hope that **YOU** help us make the web site the best it can be, by offering your feedback, suggestions, content and inputs. Please feel free to contribute photos, videos, descriptions or whatever to help document your participation and SPC's evolution and history. You can contact the webmaster , Jeff Dorman, with any questions or comments.

Space Coast PCA Holiday Party

Article by Kate Breiffeller
Photos by Jason Breiffeller

The white stuff swirling in the air and dusting the Porsches outside the Space Coast PCA Christmas party wasn't snow, but a mix of salt and sand. This year's party, organized by Carole Fritsche, was held December 5, at the Hilton Oceanfront on A1A. It was a festive night with just enough chill in the air to get everyone into the spirit! The theme of the party was "Christmas Tartan". The tables were decorated with classic tartan runners and even the Christmas tree was festooned with cascading ribbons and surrounded by tartan wrapped gifts! Truly one of the prettiest parties the Space Coast PCA has had!



Party goers were invited to wear their favorite tartan apparel and it was wonderful to see that the majority of guests really got in the spirit! There were tartan ties, scarves, pins and hats everywhere!! There were also several creative creations! One member used a table linen to invent a cross body scarf that looked amazingly authentic! Several knees were on display, not from cocktail dresses, but from all of the kilts in the room—way to go guys!! While he wasn't wearing a tartan, Tom Hilt from Porsche of Melbourne, gets an honorable mention for wearing a Christmas suit completely covered in Santas! I love that our club is so FUN!!



Guests were greeted at the reception table with this year's Space Coast PCA charity calendar, with all of our club's pretty Porsches accompanied by their owners. It was particularly nice to see September's montage of Jack and Lois Roberts. After many years

of service to the club they are making the move to Reno, Nevada. We wish them the best! Space Coast PCA members showed their generosity during this Holiday Season by bringing in gift cards for the Women's Center of Melbourne, which were then hung on the Christmas tree.



The first hour of the event was a cocktail hour with passed hors d'ourves as well as cheese and fruit platters. Guests enjoyed the open bar while admiring the colorful M&Ms themed dessert table sponsored by BreitWerks. Jason Breiffeller provided an engine with vases holding German Flag colored M&Ms, where the pistons would normally go. There was also a challenge to guess the number of M&Ms in a large apothecary jar. The closest guess took home a handcrafted travel oil bag while the farthest guess received an M&Ms fleece. Porsche of Melbourne donated several items for the raffle including Porsche shaped ice cube trays and a stunning messenger style bag! Our favorite editors of **EV** also gave out stylish ceramic trays to all of the advertisers and contributors to the magazine in the past year.



Everyone enjoyed the dinner provided by Hilton, particularly the carving station! Members enjoyed catching up with each other and sometimes reminiscing, as a photo would come up of them on the slideshow. Lots of great autocross pictures!! After dinner, Scott Kee

Porsche of Melbourne's Tom Hilt and his very fashion forward Santa suit



What would the party be without gifts?



The Breitfellers in their festive best



More tartan!



called to order the annual business meeting, in order to recognize special members and to announce the new board. Congratulations to Scott Kee and Jurgen Schwanitz on being selected as our new President and Vice President, respectively. Sally Jecman is our new secretary and Tom Kirk will continue as treasurer. The club looks forward to all of the exciting plans I know you have for us!



Did someone mention gifts?



SCPC President Scott Kee, Treasurer Tom Kirk and Vice President Jurgen Schwanitz



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News from National

Article and photos submitted by
Tom Gorsuch, National Vice President

PCA held its winter board of directors meeting in Atlanta on the last weekend of January. We were very fortunate to have several Zone 12 Presidents attend, including our own Scott Kee—exercising their responsibility as PCA Board members. We have just experienced the fastest growth year in the history of PCA with 6.4% growth overall—the addition of 4,370 primary members. Participation is up across the board at national events and regions seem to be thriving in the current environment. Closer to home, Zone 12 is the fastest growing Zone in PCA reaching 11.7% last year helped out by the Space Coast Region which grew by an incredible 16.7%. That means that one in every six members on the Space Coast is enjoying their first year with PCA. Take the time to welcome them when you see them at one of our many events.

The PCA Executive Council board presentation included forward looking projections in a framework of continued growth. These include better understanding of our multi-generational membership and how younger generations are volunteering in new ways. A primary component to our evolution is the rapid growth of social media ala Facebook, YouTube and Twitter with real-time content delivery including streaming event coverage and Porsche videos. PCA is leveraging exclusive insights through our Porsche relationships and unprecedented coverage of the Porsche world through



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Following the Board meeting, the national staff enjoyed the evening at the Porsche Experience Center (PEC) including dinner at the fine Restaurant 356. The evening included a tour of the facility and a few passenger hot laps around the test track in brightly colored 911 GTs. Our President Dr. Caren Cooper presented Klaus Zellmer, PCNA's new CEO, with an honorary membership and invited him to join in the fun. It looks like he has already registered for Parade and we may see him again soon at the April 1st launch of the PCA Cayman GT4 Clubsport Trophy-East inaugural race in Atlanta. While having dinner with Klaus I was able to brag about our successful relationship with Porsche of Melbourne. Klaus, like Shay, is an enthusiast and understands PCA's role as keepers of the flame. We are currently working with the PCNA staff to develop a PEC club visit program which hopefully Space Coast Region will be able to take advantage of in the near future. Visit www.PorscheDriving.com/centers for more information.

Zone 12 has a new Zone Representative, Steve Kidd who is a recent past President of the Gold Coast Region. Steve and his wife Dottie have hit the ground running—organizing the large number of Zone level first quarter activities and the Memorial Day Zone Fest. Steve has already attended one of our autocross events and promises to visit often. When you run into Steve and Dottie at one of our many events, take the time to thank them for their dedication to our cause and lend a helping hand when you can. Nearly every weekend in the Florida spring offers a Porsche passion indulgence so I look forward to greeting you somewhere soon.



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Article by Dylan Kotoulis and the Porsche of Melbourne Sales Team

Porsche of Melbourne is pleased to have partnered with Certified General Contractors to build our brand new, state of the art dealership this year. This winter, our old showroom is just a shell of its former self. It will form the keystone for what will be a much bigger and much better facility. The sights and sounds of heavy construction equipment are a constant reminder of what a massive undertaking this project is. We are working hard to make sure the construction causes as little disruption to everyone as possible and we remain fully open during the renovations. If you are visiting us and looking to see new Porsches today, be sure to stop by to see us in our temporary office in the Mercedes-Benz showroom. We are happy to give updates on our progress and show off our bird's eye view of the progress we are making. We even have a great selection of cars to choose from, but we are keeping them tucked safely away from the construction area.

Many of you will remember that just a year ago we underwent a comprehensive overhaul of our old showroom. We added the new look and feel of Porsche at the time, but the building didn't change much. This time around we are preparing to offer you more than just a cosmetic upgrade. Our owner and General Manager, Shay Rowe, believes this upgrade is a necessary and worthwhile investment to serve the needs of everyone even better. Our facility has always been much more than just a place to buy and service a car, and our iconic brand deserves the best in his opinion. Shay hopes the new facility gives our loyal customers the world class experience they deserve.

Our Porsche Showroom will be doubled in size, totaling 16,000 square feet to showcase the latest in the new cars and technology. We will also be updating our sales floor with more space for guests to relax and feel at home while visiting. A new customer lounge will serve our guests with snacks and refreshments.

Our Service Department will also join the new building, with a new nine vehicle service bay. The Parts Department will also be moving in, with a new fitting area for accessories and the latest Porsche gear. We think a neat touch will be the glass wall between



All new from the ground up

the waiting area and the shop, where you can watch Porsche technicians servicing and maintaining your car.

Over the years, many of our best events required us to relocate to a nearby Audi or Mercedes-Benz showroom because our space was limited. We now will be able to accommodate our biggest new car launch parties and Porsche Club Events with ease and comfort. Our new tech sessions will give everyone the space needed to see what is happening. This is perhaps the greatest benefit to our progress. We are expecting some really amazing cars to be released over the next two years, and hope you will all be able to attend their respective launches at our new dealership. We're doing everything we can to be sure your Porsche experiences are memorable, and hope you agree!

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Roar before the 24

Article by Sally Jecmen
Photos by Mark Soley and Sally Jecmen

The **Roar before the 24** at Daytona Speedway International proved to be yet another fun event for Space Coast PCA members. We met on a Saturday morning at Lowe's and resumed a pleasant drive to the track, picking up Jorge Hoffmann from Titusville along the way on I-95.



PCAers at the Roar

Once we arrived, we were directed to park together in the same area, creating a "mini paddock" to foreshadow the Rolex 24 event to come. Picture this: a few hundred Porsches parked together in one main area. After friendly jibes and conversations ensued, the group of drivers walked toward the Fan Zone. After a quick detour to shop at the logo booth (priorities!), we made it to the Fan Zone. The track facilities were teaming with youth from all over Florida as it was a special day for Boy Scouts to attend.



Action in the pits

Tom Kirk led us on a tour of the pits, which we were able to access with **our Roar before the 24** passes. These were complimentary

if you bought the Rolex 24 pass—good deal! It was so exciting to see the vehicles and drivers coming hot off their practice runs to park in their pits for a rest and tune-up. Many of the drivers were poised and ready to provide photographs

and photo ops. There was a crew there called "Highway to Help" among many of the drivers and curious onlookers. I had to scoot speedy-quick out of the way for one of the pit crew members who was transporting fresh tires—and the crews were jovial and non-flustered by the extra volume of onlookers and appreciative fans. Several vendors and sponsors were handing out posters and freebies amidst all of this, adding to the exciting hustle and bustle.

We found some "prime" viewing areas to get firsthand views of the cars on the track—the rumble and roaring of engines were sweet sounds to the ears. I love to hear the distinctive, high pitch sound of the Porsche engines zooming by—you could hear them before you even saw them coming around the bend.



At speed in the high banks

Later in the afternoon, they hosted a driver Q&A which was really interesting. Even

more interesting were the whoops and cheers from the attendees—you could easily tell what make each person's car was by the friendly poking and banter. After a long and fun day, a few of us headed back to our mini-paddock to get ready to drive home. I was just about to



Ready to roll out

pull out when a group of kids stopped by and asked for my autograph. "Seriously?" I chuckled. "Yes," they said, "we want to get some autographs of people who drive cool cars." Cool indeed. The kids had a blast asking me and some of the other Porsche club members for autographs, and it was fun to see our next generation of car and race fans thoroughly enjoying the event as well.



Porsche groupies looking for autographs

The day was lovely and proved to be an excellent precursor to the Rolex 24. Looking forward to next year's Roar! Like I said when I started, the magnitude of the experience is beyond comprehension. So let me just say that all of these little unforgettable moments made for a truly magical weekend.



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In Our Own Back Yard

Article and photos by Terry Miller

Over the years I have been fortunate enough to have traveled and lived in many parts of the world, which included three years in Europe spending several years as a guest professor in Germany. I have also had the pleasure of driving the back roads of America covering almost every state in the union as well as Canada. But with this said, I have, like many others, forgotten what is in our back yard. We go to the beaches, and other places close by, especially when friends come to town, and we show them the “sites.” We can all tell stories about our travels and have tons of pictures of many places we’ve seen, but what about something so near, it’s literally almost in the same town?



That's some hat

Ok, so what is in our own back yard that reflects most all things Porsche (speed, handling, aero dynamics, completion), that is far too often overlooked, forgotten and taken for granted? Eureka! It's called the Daytona International Speedway!

For those of us in the Northern region of our great club the “speedway” is just there and always has always been for years, but for most of us with Porsches, it is where they race, test, practice and demonstrate all the greatness of the Porsche brand. To be able to see, walk, hear, and feel all things Porsche, and meet the dedicated people involved, is something to be experienced and remembered for a life time.

Each new year starts out with The Roar followed by the Rolex 24 hours and continues through Vintage and Porsche Club Racing and 24 hours of Historic/Vintage Car Racing. All these great events are supplemented with chances to drive the track through DE's and



Sebring action



Rolex 24 high speed fun

auto crosses with many great organizations throughout the year. These opportunities in our own back yard, should be a must for all Porsche owners and if you are not sure of what it truly means, just ask anyone who has had the pleasure of experiencing “the track” in a Porsche, even if it's just parade laps. This last year I had the pleasure of spending about 15 hours playing with my Porsche in “our back yard” with many great people. Even driving on the high banks at speed in the hard rain had me smiling and taking it all in, a memory I'll never forget.

Your back yard can be Daytona, Palm Beach,

Sebring, or Homestead, to name a few. So please, try to make some time to see and experience so many great and interesting things with our Porsches, even as spectators, and explore and experience the joy of all things Porsche at the track in our back yard.



Daytona at sunset

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Charity Spotlight

Article by Donna Linden and Carole Marshall
Photos by Jason Breitfeller

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Elaine Christine for the outstanding job she did coordinating our Club Charity events for the past two years. Lots of money was raised for many very worthy causes. She has left us with large shoes to fill, but we're ready to take on that challenge.

To recap 2015, the last two charity events of the year were our beautiful Porsche Calendar Project and the gift card collection at the Holiday Party. Our annual Calendar Project raised over \$8000 for the Haven for Children,

a local charity benefitting foster children who have been removed from their families due to abuse or neglect. Photographer Ray Baldino, and Shay Rowe of Porsche of Melbourne, were the key supporters for this worthy project. Thanks to the generosity of our members, 39 gift cards were collected (\$895) at our Holiday Party for the teenagers at the Women's Center, to help make their season brighter. In addition, another \$760 from Turbo Mayhem tee-shirt sales was donated to the Women's Center!

We will participate in our first 2016 Charity affair at the "Polo and Porsches" Event on Saturday, February 13th. This popular event will be held at the Windsor Charity Polo Cup in Vero Beach. In association with the polo match, the Space Coast Region PCA will support the event with a people's choice concours display. Porsche of Melbourne will be sponsoring food and drinks.

Proceeds from this event will provide support to individuals and their families who are struggling with an Alzheimer's diagnosis and to help fund research to find a cure. Funds raised will be distributed equally to the national organization, the Alzheimer's



Association and locally to the Alzheimer's and Parkinson Association of Indian River County.

Come out and have a good time, meet new people and contribute to worthy causes all at the same time!



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Sebring Historic Races

Article and photos by David Kelly

The Sebring Historic Sports car Race (HSR series) was held on the first weekend in December and there was a good turn-out despite some spotty weather. There were many vintage and modern Porsche race cars there, along with a white VRC Porsche 906 replica, and a silver Porsche 904 replica. Each of them racing head-to-head with other period race cars such as Mustang GT 350's, Ferrari's, several Corvette big and small-block racers, E-Jag's, BMW's, and Lotus race cars.

chance you should check out the HSR series as they race a couple times a year in our area at both Sebring and Daytona.



Porsche 906 replica

Additionally, there were several Lola's and Chevron's, along with other special race cars, including two of the modern Ford GT race cars, two Gulf-liveried Ford GT40 replicas (Baily Motorcars), and a number of current and historic prototype cars. As always, there was much to see in the Paddock and team garage area, and on the grid and track as well.



Paint schemes from mild to wild



Heading to the track



Rolling off the hauler



Purple sports car eater

Sebring is a special place since everything is up close and accessible, with many things happening at the same time in the same general space. No matter what interest you may have, there is always something to see wherever you look. The history of the place is ever present, from the names of famous drivers on the tower wall to the Sebring Hall of Fame and Gallery of Legends, to just knowing that you're at the same track where Juan Fangio, Phil Hill, Mario Andretti, Dan Gurney, Derek Bell, Brian Redman, Steve McQueen, and many others racers.

The race teams had to contend with light intermittent showers on Friday, but qualifying and racing went ahead as planned. There were full race schedules Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday. If you get a

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Kaffeeklatsch Report

Photos by David Kelly and Sue Kee

South Region - Jurgen Schwanitz

Even though the weather has been a bit cold lately, our Vero Beach Kaffeeklatsch's have still had very good attendance. The first Kaffeeklatsch of the New Year was extra chilly, but again, that doesn't keep a true Porsche fan stuck in the garage. We had a great showing of Porsche models, with newer 911's, Boxster's, a Cayman, and Cayenne's, mixed with classic air-cooled 911's, a Euro 930, an immaculate 944, two well-maintained 928's, and a beautiful classic Rolls Royce convertible just passing through to look at the Porsches on display. But it's not just the cars that are interesting, it's also all the car stories and experiences everybody shares. So if you are in the Vero Beach area, just come to one of our Kaffeeklatsch meetings, it's definitely the thing to do on a Sunday morning for Porsche owners.



A great turnout

Mid Region - Turbo Don Silverzahn

We continue to have our Kaffeeklatsch's at Panera Bread on Wickham Road in Melbourne and they have been very well attended. The weather is perfect, 65 degrees with no wind. There have been a number of "exotic" Porsche's attend including two 991 GT3's, 991 GTS and a Cayman GT4. Our late December Kaffee was Scott Kee's first official event wearing his President's insignia. Our National PCA Vice President Tom Gorsuch also joined in the conversation and tire kicking. Sue Kee brought 2016



Let's kick some tires

Calendars that went on sale for \$10 each. The 2016 Calendar is a winner and well worth the cost supporting our charity, The Haven for Children! We are all looking forward to our monthly Kaffeeklatsch's in 2016.



Panera crowd

North Region - Milt Weisman

On December 13 the Northern Region had a great turnout of about 20 cars. We are having great success with more and more PCA members participating at our KKs. At this KK we had one new member, Marty Tse, attend for the first time. Welcome!



Awesome cars

On December 26 we had a small gathering at Lou Verdiales' garage, Aero Dynamics, to see a very special Porsche. The reason... the unveiling of a Porsche 918 Spyder with the Weissach Package owned by Dennis Kranz. The Porsche 918 Spyder is one of the fastest production cars in the world and cost just under \$1 million dollars. As you can see, it is covered in a special flat black wrap. Dennis also brought his red 911 race car to view.



At Lou's garage



Parking lot fun

We added a Drive & Dine after our Kaffeeklatsch January 2 starting from Paneras in Daytona and ending at Eaton Lake for lunch. Some very nice back roads were driven.

Our KK on January 17 was special as Martin Pourkesali revealed his new Boxster Spyder.



918 Spyder

It's Not Just the Cars, It's the People

Member Spotlight - Carmen and Susan DeVito

What should we know about the DeVito family?

The DeVito family currently lives in their new home in West Melbourne, Carmen, Sue, and 19 year old Gabby. Carmen is semi retired, consulting for Tata Consulting Services, Sue is a retired teacher, RN and non-profit consultant, and Gabby is in her final year of high school at Melbourne High. They have also have two son's Chris and Brian who both live in Delaware.

Carmen and Sue DeVito had only been back in the US for a year, after spending 4 years in Singapore, where it's a balmy 90-100 degrees year round, and realized Florida was a much better place to settle than the cold winters in the northeast where they are originally from.

In 1999, The DeVito's traveled to China for the first time to adopt daughter, Gabby. They went as a family, with sons Chris (15) and Brian (13) and toured China for two weeks, visiting Beijing, Guangzhou, and Lanzhou.

Carmen has a graduate degree in mechanical engineering and British sports cars always gave him the opportunity to use his education to reengineer them for reliability. He's owned a 1961 Triumph, followed by a 1968 427 Corvette, then a 1961 Bugeye Sprite and then a 1974 Lotus Europa. He drove his 1974 Lotus Europa at autocrosses and HPDE as the family moved around the northeast. Carmen has driving experience at Summit Point, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Road Atlanta, and Watkins Glen, and Pocono raceway HPDE events.

What Porsches have you owned?

They've owned quite a few Porsches over the years, but only "one sports car at a time" per Sue's Rule. Their first Porsche was a 1988 Maraschino red 944 Turbo, followed by 1991 Guards Red 964 C4, then a 1989 Guards Red 944 Turbo, a 2003 Midnight Blue 996 GT2 Turbo, a 2012 Aqua Blue 991 Carrera S, then a 2011 Silver on Black Boxster (Sue's), a 2015 Carrera C2S, and currently a 2015 Sapphire Blue GT3.

When did you join PCA?

Carmen and Sue joined PCA with their first Porsche purchase in 1992. The balance of ride, comfort, reliability and high speed stability, sold Carmen immediately. At the time they lived in a small town of 5000 people in rural northeastern PA, and had the only Porsche for miles. People moved over when they saw him coming!

Besides Porsches what activities do you enjoy?

Although semi- retired Carmen still consults and travels often. Sue enjoys painting, photography and helping nonprofits such as Mel-Hi Rowing Association, of which Gabby is captain. They love the area and have been blessed to make many friends through PCA. Gabby is graduating this year and they are preparing for life as empty nesters and looking forward to new adventures with our Porsches! After 2 years of living beach side, they moved to West Melbourne to escape the salt on their Porsches. The things we do for our passion!

While Carmen enjoys the competitive side of the Porsche experience, Susan is an accomplished photographer in her own right, and can be seen on the sidelines snapping away. He is especially impressed with the high caliber of Space Coast autocross competitions and the



many skilled drivers in the region. The autocross organizing team of Ken Marshall and Craig Barrie are a class act. Currently Carmen is spending his time preparing the GT3 for the PCA HPDE season at Sebring starting in Feb. Since he is still new to the track he is the blue run group and is enjoying the excellent instruction and the safe environment. There are plenty of options to experience high speed driving in a Porsche but PCA still offers a safe and excellent value.



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Tech Column

Ethanol... Know the Facts

Article and photos by Jason Breitfeller

It's true. There's this stuff called ethanol and you need to know about it or else it could cost you a lot of money!

A few years back, we started to see these little stickers on our gas pumps saying that the go-juice we were squirting into our fuel tanks was blended with this stuff made from corn. You may not have been aware of it and it might be bad for our Porsche babies!

Okay, so let's get past the sky is falling part and focus on the facts.

Fact: E0, or ethanol free, contains no ethanol blended into your gasoline (getting harder to find in Brevard County). I get mine at Charlie's next to Tortoise Island and from our sponsor Glover Oil on University Avenue in Palm Bay.

Fact: E10 contains 10% ethanol blended into your gasoline (common fuel stations carry this as standard fare. Even the 100+ octane race fuel at Sunoco is listed as E10).

Fact: E15 contains 15% ethanol blended into your gasoline (becoming more common since it was approved by the Government).

Fact: E85 contains 85% ethanol blended into your gasoline (available at some filling stations and actually a desired blend for the high horsepower motors that are built around it's combustion properties). At this point we should be able to identify the level of ethanol at the gas station we pull up to.

Fact: The Owner's Manual for a 2014 Macan states, "**Do not use any fuels containing more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.**"*

I don't have room to pull this fact up for every Porsche vehicle, but I hope that you can follow my logic trail to the conclusion that if a relatively current version of the *newest* model of Porsche wasn't designed to run on anything with more than 10% ethanol, than anything else probably shouldn't be using it either. In other words, don't fill your tank with E15 or E85 unless your Owner's Manual specifically states those are acceptable fuels.

Fact: The U.S. Department of Energy states that E10 and E15 are about 95-96% as efficient as non-ethanol gasoline.**

What does this means to us as go-juice consumers? It's okay to pay more for ethanol free gas! As a matter of fact, based simply on fuel economy, consumers can pay up to 5% more, and still receive the exact same value with ethanol-free fuel, not to mention the possible prevention of the bad things that could happen inside your engine, potentially costing you thousands of dollars at your favorite Porsche repair shop.

Fact: "Ethanol laced fuels have a shelf-life of 90-100 days vs. non-ethanol gasoline having a shelf-life of years."***

I don't know about you, but there are many times when I only need to fill up one of my cars less than once every three months. The average Porsche can go 200-300 miles on a tank of gas. If I put less than 1,000 miles per year on one of my P-car toys, I'm certainly not burning the tank up fast enough to satisfy this limitation. The concern is how the ethanol fuels will absorb water (hygroscopic) vs. non-ethanol fuel being hydrophobic. This water will eventually separate and cause rust in your fuel system.

There has been a lot of discussion on what parts can be ruined by this corn-gas. Whether it's the tank, the lines, the pump or the injectors (or maybe you still have a set of gorgeous carburetors), getting gummed up by this rust and varnish doesn't really matter. What matters is that this will all cost time and money to repair. Currently it costs about \$1,000 to replace a fuel pump with a factory original replacement from Porsche Classic. It can cost even more if you need to replace a fuel tank with a genuine part!

Alright. Fine. Ethanol is an issue. But, what can I do about it?

You, the caretaker of that beautiful Porsche, must assess your particular scenario so you can make an educated decision. If you drive the vehicle infrequently you need to take steps to find an ethanol-free filling station. In addition to that, Sta-Bil has updated their gasoline additive product to provide 24 months of protection to ethanol and non-ethanol fuels. As a driver of a regularly used Porsche, you can make your assessment based on model year and a little research. Vehicles manufactured prior to 1998 are generally described as not prepared to support anything other than ethanol-free gasoline. Post-1998 vehicle owners should check their specific owner's manual for recommendations. However, regardless of the owner's manual recommendation, if you will not burn through a tank of gas in 90 days, you should add a stabilizer product to your fuel tank.

The sky isn't falling. We just need to make sure we know what all those little numbers mean on the fuel pumps. Maybe paying a few cents more per gallon for an ethanol free fuel is worth it. No matter what you do, drive it like the good Dr. designed it to be driven!!!

Questions and comments can be addressed to Jason at Jason@breitwerks.com.

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Space Coast Region at the 2016 Mecum Auction in Kissimmee

Article and photos by Tom Gorsuch

There were 65 Porsches crossing the auction block in Kissimmee during the week of January 24th and Space Coast Region members showed up to kick the tires of every one. Steve Hoffman organized a drive for twelve of us that included some fun stretches of back roads. Finding every Porsche in the field of 1,000+ special interest vehicles was a bit like playing "Where's Waldo?" The auction runs from Saturday the 23rd to Saturday the 30th so we were there in time to stake our claims. Below are a few of the more notable Porsches and how they fared during their minute of fame on the auction block. The price estimates shown are a combination of the Mecum estimate, the Cars of Particular Interest price guide and the Sports Car Market Collector's guide.

The Porsche I most wanted to bid on was a 1996 993 C4S coupe, white with blue interior. The C4S was launched in 1996 while the C2S didn't arrive until 1997. This Porsche had only 46K miles since new and it appeared to have never been driven in the rain. White over blue is what we call yacht club colors and the high contrast was quite attractive. The expected price for this lot was \$90K but with the recent rising tide in the Porsche market we expected it to exceed that estimate. It sold on Thursday for \$83K to which we say, well bought.



1996 993 C4S

There was a 1980 Weissach 911SC which crossed the block while we were there on Saturday. This special edition coupe had unique colors of mocha black over a doric grey interior. The interior is finished with red piping. The color scheme is attractive and the rarity, 1 of 400 helped motivate some bidding. The vehicle was a little tired with external patina and internal wear which placed it in the price guides at an expected \$19K. Well this one was well sold several times over at \$47K which proves the point of auctions, all you need is two determined bidders.



1980 Weissach 911SC

The most surprising Porsche on the lot was a Martini-Rossi 924. This special edition was one of 2000 in 1977 and as an entry level Porsche they were all used up. But someone loved this particular 924 so as to only put 47K miles on it, about 1.5K miles per year. It did show some wear and interior color fading but it may well be the best remaining example on the planet. Still it is only worth a small premium over regular 924s which the price guides estimate at \$7K. The Martini-Rossi 924 did not sell with a high bid of \$8K so it continues to look for that right new owner to carry on the appreciation.



1977 Martini-Rossi 924

An attractive 1958 Reutter Coachwork 356A cabriolet sold on Saturday for \$120K. This was a nicely restored example with attractive green over tan colors. We did not accomplish a thorough inspection as would be required for this vintage of restored collector Porsche but it appeared to be in order. The price guides indicated an expected

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Porsche Sales Highlights from the 2016 Mecum Auction

Car	Color	Condition	Comments	Jan 2016 Estimate (\$K)	Sale/High Bid (\$K)	
1958 356A Cab	Green/Beige	2-restored	Reutter coachwork and colorful	\$ 238	\$ 120	
1977 Martini-Rossi 924	White/Red	2-original	47K miles, 1 of 2000, nearly extinct	\$ 7	\$ 8	not sold
1980 Weissach 911SC	Black/Grey	3-original	1 of 400, Mocha Black/Doric Grey	\$ 18	\$ 47	
1986 911 Carrera, Euro	Blue/Blue	2-original	70K miles, Prussian Blue w/ tail	\$ 37	\$ 42	not sold
1988 Slant Nose Cab	White/Black	3-original	1 of 112, 58K miles, a movie car	\$ 126	\$ 135	
1994 964 Turbo	Silver/Black	2-original	1 of 674, 31K miles, special paint	\$ 159	\$ 138	
1996 993 C4S	White/Blue	1-original	46K miles, never been in the rain	\$ 90	\$ 83	
2001 996 Turbo	Blue/Beige	2-original	9,957 miles, 6 speed	\$ 48	\$ 51	
2003 996 Turbo	Silver/Black	2-original	14k miles, X50 pkg, 444HP, 6 speed	\$ 55	\$ 54	
2004 996 Cab	Silver/Black	2-original	40K mile, IMS bearing done?	\$ 39	\$ 21	



1958 Reutter 356A cabriolet

price of \$238K so this one was well bought, by a lot. Surprising that the reserve was set so low. Maybe there is more story than uncovered in the surface level review.

There were many other opportunities to dive in and some of the more interesting are summarized in the accompanying table. The trend seemed to be Porsches selling a little below market expectation which is a change from recent years. Has the Porsche market peaked?

If you missed the action and want to join in the Porsche hunt fun, the Amelia Island weekend of March the 12th thru the 15th includes four auctions this year. The RM Auction at the Ritz Carlton, Gooding and Company at the Omni Plantation, Hollywood Wheels at the Omni Plantation and Motostalgia somewhere along the Amelia Island Parkway. The Gooding and Company auction includes 18 Porsches from Jerry Seinfeld's top pedigree collection which are sure to set some new records. These include a 2000 Carrera GT prototype, the 1973 Sunoco 917/30 Can-Am Spyder, a 1959 718RSK and more. Why has Jerry chosen this time to sell so many of his top Porsches? I hope my financial advisor is in favor of buying.

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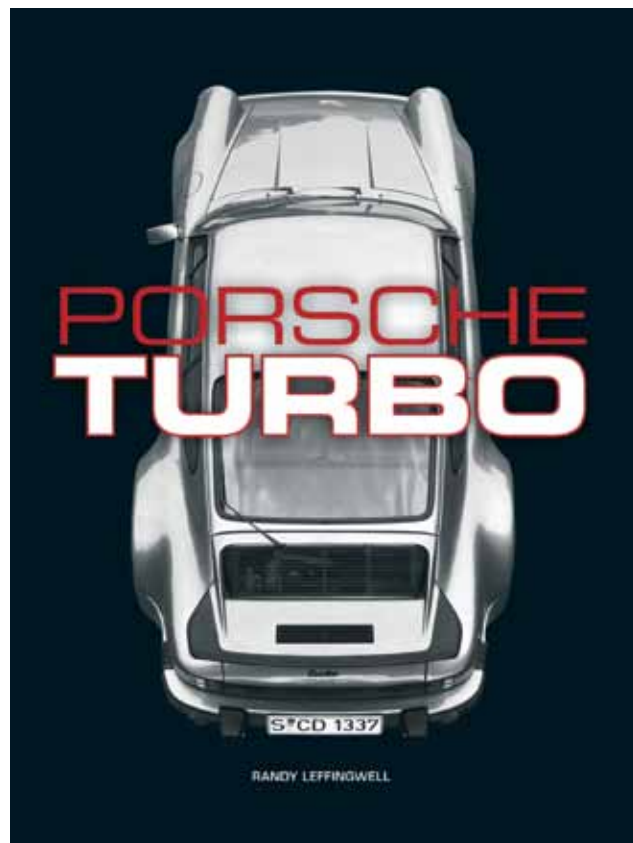
Review compiled by Steve Hoffman

New this year! We are featuring a different book review each issue.

The first book we will review is *Porsche Turbo* by Randy Leffingwell.

The Porsche Turbo: The Inside Story of Stuttgart's Turbocharged Road and Race Cars celebrates Porsche's five decades of turbocharged super car performance, both on the track and on the streets. Porsche made racing history when it brought turbocharging to the racing world in the form of the 917. In its wildest trim, the original 12-cylinder turbocharged Porsche racing engine yielded as much as 1400 HP! Porsche's official philosophy was that racing must have a connection to street cars, so it was preordained that Porsche would eventually produce a turbocharged version of its air-cooled flat-six cylinder engine. The resulting 930 Turbo was nothing less than the rebirth of the high-performance automobile. At a time when the big-block engines in America's so-called "muscle cars" were putting out 180 HP and the engines in exotic super cars weren't much more ambitious, the lightweight Porsche was a genuine rocket!

This book will be on display at Turbo Mayhem in April and if enough members are interested we can do a group purchase and get it for 50% off of the retail price or \$30. Look for the sign-up sheet at the event or email RobinCHoffman@hotmail.com for more information.



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A Drive on the Backroads

Article and photos by Pat Willingham

Twelve folks in shiny P-cars showed up at Panera on a rainy January morning in Daytona Beach to caravan to Eaton's Beach Sandbar and Grill on Lake Weir. Thanks to Mag Bishara's excellent planning we had one of the best back road trips we've ever taken up here in the North End.



The route was all back country with narrow, two-lane roads and lots of curves; not to mention cows, horses, farms, and orange groves! Surprisingly, there were even a few Florida hills.

There was a long line of hungry people waiting when we arrived at the restaurant. "Good thing Mag the Man got us reservations!" We

didn't explore outside due to the weather, but it looked like there were lots of things to do there including boating, swimming, fishing, and skiing. The restaurant had a table set aside for us in a large, wood-paneled dining hall with windows overlooking the lake. Overhead garage doors of glass separated two dining areas and still more glass overhead doors on the outside walls of the enclosed porch provided a good view of the lake in any weather. Of course, there were lots of souvenirs to buy in the little shop. A huge, stuffed gator hung over the reception area.

With so many alternate routes home, the caravan broke up on the return trip. But not before I retrieved the keys from my wife's purse...



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Article and photos by Hans Carrion

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Infected with the D.E Bug!

Article and photos by Rick Dougal

I have always dreamed of driving a racecar on the racetrack. On the weekend of January 15th I found myself heading towards Roebing Speedway for my first ever track event. This took some encouragement from my good friend Terry Miller to venture onto the track for a life changing experience.

The trip began with a delightful but windy drive in the RV, trailing my newly acquired 1985 911 racecar, with my beautiful wife and two Labradors. After a very warm welcome from some fellow drivers Friday night and a glass of wine or two around a nice campfire, I got lots of good advice for a first time track driver. Saturday morning started with a one-hour class room session for all new drivers. Feeling slightly overwhelmed, I found myself climbing into my car with my instructor, John Maddox, who is very experienced. I was paired with John because of his knowledge and understanding of the older air-cooled 911's like mine. Session one was filled with butterflies and anticipation. In sessions two



Shelley with the racecar

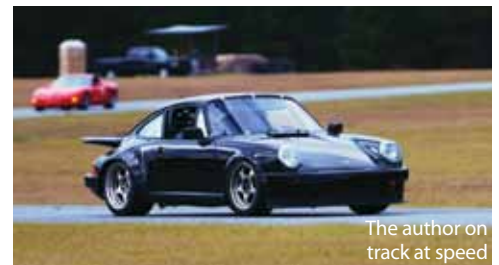
through four, my times decreased and my speed increased; I was having a freaking blast. Now I was beginning to grasp some of the necessary skills. Like a child, I was taken by John's enthusiastic praise. I felt like a kid when my father got excited when I finally did something right.

Sunday morning started out as a cold and rainy day. As the skies cleared and the track dried, I felt like I was sliding back into the cockpit like a seasoned pro. As the day progressed, my confidence was growing and I was improving. Terms like apex and run

out were constant reminders of where I needed to be and what needed to be done. Then came a short lesson on heel toe in reference to downshifting, I definitely need some work on that one. Now, when entering I-95 all I can think is, "not too tight, find your apex, run out, run out, Go Go!"

I will conclude by saying Roebing Speedway is one of the most beautiful, relaxing, quaint little places in this world that everyone needs to experience. I have the bug and I am infected.

"If you don't do it this year, you'll just be one year older when you do." - Warren Miller



The author on track at speed



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Competition Report

Article and photos by Sue Kee

Space Coast is planning to host 6 Autocross Events this year. Dates are being ironed out as we go to press and will be posted very soon. Be sure to watch our calendar closely for upcoming D.E.'s and Auto Cross events. Come on out and give it a try, you'll have a great time!

2016 started out with the Zone 12 Auto Cross, at the 48 Hours of Sebring, run by our Zone 12 Representative Steve Kidd, and his wife Dottie. It was set up next to and included the skid pad at the Sebring Race Track. We had 5 Space Coast Members participate in this year's event. The downside for the event was that we got rained out in the second runs, so only scores from the first run counted. That being said, we still put up very good times and had a decent showing. This is always a very competitive Autocross. With the great showings we get at our local run autocrosses, hopefully next year we can get a lot more members out to this event!

Results from our group were as follows:

1st Place in the S05 Category was Carmen Devito with his 2015 GT3.
2nd Place in the S05 Category was David O'Neal with his 2015 Cayman GTS.

4th Place in the S03 Category was Scott Kee with his 2009 Boxster S.
6th Place in the S03 Category was Steve Wojcicki in his 2014 Cayman S.
4th Place in the S3L Category was Sue Kee in Scott's 2009 Boxster S.

Seemed like a lot of folks were out of town on work, vacation, or other family commitments. Each participant enjoyed 6 runs each on a very challenging 50+ second course. Alex Flores obviously started getting used to his new Boxster and took 1st place in the S1a class followed by Steve Sedaros in 2nd and Scott Key in 3rd. The S1b Cayman class was won by Craig Barrie with Tim Marshall in 2nd place and Russ Karnap in 3rd. Carmen Devito made it 5 for five wins in the S2b 911 class with Jim Herman taking second place. Conley Laing wheeled his 911 to first in the pre-997 911 class. Sally Jecmen took top honors in the SL ladies category.

For our final event in November we had 17 Porsche participants. With a new course and rain threatening in the afternoon we still managed to work in 5 runs on a very fast 50+ second course. Thanks to everyone for helping make for a smooth event. Lots of close competition. Alex Flores took top honors in the s1a class with a blazing 52.274 run followed by Steve Sedaros with a 53.537 in second and Scott Kee with a 54.521 in third. Russ Karnap, 55.353, took 1st overall in the s1b Cayman class with Tim Marshall close behind in 2nd with a 55.398. Steve Wojcicki rounded out the podium in 3rd with a 56.379. In the S2b 91 class Matt Kersting kicked it up a notch ripping off a 53.917, just nipping the ever present Carmen Devito in second with a 54.084 and with Tom Kirk on the podium in 3rd with a 55.736. In the older 911 S3

class Roland Gallie ran a quick 54.616 for 1st place with Conley Laing in 2nd with a 56.952 and newcomer and first time AutoXer Rob Sedaros wheeling his Targa to a 60.024 for 3rd. Sue Kee took top honors in the SL ladies class with a 65.394 and first timer Penny Reynolds shaved an impressive 14 second off her initial run to finish in 2nd with a 71.559.



Sue Kee at the office



David O'Neal carving corners



Steve Wojcicki attacking the course

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The Rolex 24

Article by Sue Kee
Photos by Mark Soley and David Kelly

January 30th dawned and what a day for the 54th Running of the Rolex 24 at the newly renovated Daytona International Speedway. It was sunny, fine temperatures in the 70's and not a raindrop in sight or forecasted. Porsche and the Porsche Club (PCA) were well represented again on the track as well as the infield. Our Zone 12 Chairman, Steve Kidd and wife Dottie set up a huge tent to welcome us Porsche Owners attending the race. The Speedway provided a special Porsche Corral parking area for attendees Porsches if you signed up with them when you purchased your tickets. Unfortunately there were a lot more Porsches than spaces, but it was right next to the track. Steve and Dottie Kidd orchestrated the tent along with Zone 12 Volunteers. Free drinks and snacks throughout the 24 hours of the race were



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provided. They also had raffles for prizes throughout the Race.

A painting was auctioned at the PCA tent for the Austin Hatcher Foundation, a pediatric cancer foundation. 100% of auction proceeds went to the Foundation. Ron Menck had the winning bid of \$800. As an added bonus, the Porsche factory drivers came to the tent at 10AM for a pre-race question and answer session and afterward they all signed the painting. Porsche #911 drivers were Nick Tandy (GRB), Partrick Pilet (FRA) and Kevin Estre (FRA). Porsche #912 drivers were Frederic Makowiecki, Earl Anderson Bamber, and Michael Christensen.



Race painting auctioned off

Paul Gregor, PCA liaison for PCNA, lined up some Porsche Engineers right from the

factory to give us the news on what's coming up with Turbos, 4 cylinder Porsches, and much conversation about GT-4's. Lots of good information right from the proverbial horse's mouth. The Porsche Representatives that spoke to us were: Jens Walther, President & CEO, Owen Hayes, Director, Uwe Brettel, Director Porsche AG Programs, and Hartmut Kristen, all from Porsche Motorsports North America.



In the pits with a Hot Pit Pass

In addition to the race, I was fortunate to win a "Hot Pit Pass" donated by IMSA for Porsche club members. I wasn't sure what it entailed, but what an exciting tour it turned out to be. IMSA representatives Diezel Loder and Tiffany Loder from TL Motorsports Canada, took a small group of us directly into the pits soon after the race started. We were right

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there up close and personal with all the pit crews. They took us to the Porsche Pit, where engineers were looking at data, and the pit crew was standing in readiness for the 911 and 912 Factory cars to refuel, change tires or handle problems. The next driver up was there dressed and ready to go for his stint in the car. You could feel the adrenalin flowing!



Up close to the action

Next was the Continental Tire Scoring Pit, where we could look at the status, lap times, placement, etc. of every car on the track. It was truly the best seat in the house. We were right there at the pit wall, so close to the action that you could smell the rubber burning on the tires. We were lucky enough to see the cars immediately on both sides of us make their pit stop. The automatic lifts on the race cars pumped up, men and women jumped into action, and in seconds, tires



Along the pit wall - best seat ever



Quick pit work all day (and night) long

were changed, fuel was added, the windshield was cleaned and the car was headed back to the track. The speed and concentration of the workers was palpable.

IMSA, with twelve races in their 2016 schedule, has a goal to try to provide more of these experiences in all of the 12 races they sponsor this year. They want the fans to be able to experience the excitement of what goes on in the pits for the drivers and the crew. IMSA's new buzz phrase is "Let's GO" as in sports car racing, etc. On the car corral side, IMSA is aiming to continue to raise the bar on what they deliver to grassroots fans. I'm here to tell you it was truly exciting. One experience I won't forget.



PCNA liaison Paul Gregor and Scott Kee

Porsche made the podium in both GTLM (GT LeMans) and GTD (GT Daytona) Classes. Porsche North America's 912 car

was 3rd in the GTLM Class, with driver's Earl Bamber, Frederic Makowiecki, and Michael Christiansen driving, while Black Swan Racing, Car 540, came in 2nd in the GTD Class, with Tim Pappas, Nicky Catsburg, Patrick Long, and Andy Pilgrim driving. Great Showing Guys!!!



Inside the Porsche Corral tent

All this couldn't take place without the efforts of Steve and Dottie Kidd and the kind volunteers from all 7 Regions in Zone 12 that worked tirelessly for the 4 days of the race experience. Also a special thank you goes out to Porsche of Melbourne and Shay Rowe for providing a delicious lunch for everyone on Sunday. It's all the support people that make the day a great experience for the rest of us to enjoy.



Another amazing Rolex 24

48 Hours of Sebring

Article by David Kelly and Sue Kee
Photos by David Kelly

The action for the “48 Hours of Sebring” was on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 6th, 7th and 8th. There was a very large turn-out of race teams and cars for the event, despite the very chilly temperatures in the mornings. In addition to the regular complement of GT3 Cup cars and other modern 911 variants, there were a great many Cayman’s and Boxster’s racing in the event. There were also more 968’s and 944’s competing than in recent years at Sebring.

Impressively, there was a large contingent of eighties-era 911 race cars in the Paddock and on the track. They practically filled a “Run Group” by themselves and raced head-to-head for some spectacular action on the track. And, they are still fast!

The “48 Hours of Sebring” is an annual PCA event with “Porsches Only” entered in the races. In addition to the races, there was an Advanced Solo Driver’s Education Event for those drivers that qualified. It takes a lot of volunteers to manage this huge contingent of race teams from all over, and Gold & Sun Coast PCAs did a great job of engineering both the DE and the Races. To add to the fun weekend, there were lots of vendor booths selling everything from



Eric Zitza
behind the wheel



Ron Zitza
heading out

flags and tee shirts to full Nomex racing gear. Some Hospitality Suites were open to the public for race viewing and escaping from the rain and chilly winds.

One race in particular, the Black Enduro Race #4 on Sunday morning, had both father Ron Zitza and son Eric Zitza, of Zotz Racing participating in a race for the first time on the same track. What a milestone that had to be for the Zitza family, carrying on the tradition!



Now we race

Gold Coast and Bert Smith sponsored the Saturday Autocross, in the skid pad area of the track, which was run by our Zone 12 representative, Steve Kidd and wife Dottie. There were about 71 participants from all over the state. Space Coast had a small showing of drivers who did the drive to Sebring Saturday morning, including David O’Neal, Scott Kee, Carmen DeVito, Steve Wojcicki, and Sue Kee who all participated in the autocross. New members, Christine Fleming, Greg Lukens and Sherry Cathcart, who also did the drive, generously volunteered to help at the PCA registration area. Unfortunately not everyone got to run in the second autocross session, since we got rained out in the middle of it. Steve Kidd kindly offered anyone who was interested, the chance to participate in some fun runs on Sunday morning, which turned out sunny and not a cloud in the sky. A fun time was had by everyone.



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Article and photos by Jurgen Schwanitz

Part 1 | Dashboard

For me, it was not a good day at all when I drove home from a car show and noticed that my dashboard had little spider cracks on it. I always put up the sunshade when my car is outside, but in Florida, even that wasn't enough. **What to do?** Buying a cheap looking aftermarket dash cover was not an option. A lot of older cars have cracks in the dash from the sun, this happens when the sun dries out the vinyl/plastic/leather and/or the different materials stretch and shrink with temperature changes. I always use Griots' vinyl conditioner on my dash to keep it soft, but that is sometimes not enough.



So what's the fix?

Well, a quick trip to my local hardware store was the first thing on my list. I found some black window silicone that does not shrink for about \$8. But, how do I fill the cracks without making a mess in the interior? A small medical syringe was the answer. The



trick is to leave the silicone tube out in the sun for a while to let it heat up and easier to pull into the syringe. Once I got it filled up I still masked of the area of the dash

that I was working on. Once I started filling the cracks with the small needle the dash started to look better and better. The key is to build up in small layers until the cracks are filled. A small needle helps for that. I thought I would have to cover the caulking with some color matched paint for the dash but there was no need to, it matched perfectly.

Now, I have to admit that the cracks were not that big, actually my wife kind of laughed at me for making it such a big deal, but I

mainly thought about it as preventative maintenance. The silicone is outdoor grade and will keep the cracks from getting bigger. A couple of months later and it still looks like I stopped the cracks in their tracks!

Part 2 | Trunk Vinyl Panel Refresh

The previous owner of my 928 used some very aggressive cleaner and I always noticed streaks on the hatch vinyl headliner. I tried everything to get rid of them with no success. So I took the drastic step and removed all the bad parts from the car, being careful not to destroy any clips. After cleaning all the parts with rubbing alcohol, I got years of dirt and cheap Armor-all off of them. I then ordered interior vinyl spray paint off the internet and slowly spray painted each panel. About 6 coats later and 2 cans I was done. I was able to keep the factory look and patterns intact. The trick is to not spray too much at one time, applying it in thin layers. I waited a whole week to re-install the parts and they look just like new, matching the rest of the interior. Don't rush the drying part.



Part 3 | General Interior Parts

I absolutely cannot stand it when I see an interior of a car that is all shiny. Some people think just going crazy with Armor-all is the secret. I don't think so. I believe that a car interior should look like it did when it left the factory. Even the smell of the interior is important (no air fresheners!). So what do I use on my car's steering wheel, door grabs and parts that get touched and tend to look glossy or greasy after a while? I recommend using a wet magic eraser to very slowly and very carefully remove the shine. You just have to be very careful because those magic erasers are basically sanding blocks. Then rub in a high grade vinyl conditioner like Griots to protect it. That is all I do and it has worked for many years for me.



Also for the new cars smell, you don't have to buy a spray, which does not smell anything like it. Just buy some tennis balls and leave them in the trunk. Tennis balls I learned have some of the same glue and materials in them as most car headliners and noise panels.

I hope my experience can help someone else. Of course with all advice, proceed at your own risk!



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