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President's Column

Happy 55th Anniversary to our Space Coast PCA!

It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating our Golden Anniversary together, and now another 5 years have come and gone. Milestones like this help us remember to spend each day with passion and purpose and in the pursuit of happiness. My husband Steve and I have been in the PCA community for well over a decade and the friendships we have made have really enriched our lives! Our region is thriving; we have maintained over 1000 Primary Members for over a year. Currently our region has 3 couples who have been members of PCA for a half-century each and another 30+ members who joined in the 1980's or before! People don't stay in clubs for 50 years unless there is something special about them.

Plus, we are probably the luckiest region around with another 2 of our members winning the Members Only PCA Raffle in December! Congratulations to Emily LaBode and Bob Greenwood for winning their 2023 911 Carrera Cabriolets. Hope to see you out at even more events now!

We have been off to a busy start of the year so far with our three monthly Kaffeeklatsches bringing out people and cars in huge numbers. We continue to have 3 separate gatherings to make it easy to attend no matter where you live on the Space Coast. Our speed junkies have been treated to races and/or DE's most every weekend between Sebring and Daytona tracks. We have had fun with drives, lunches together, tours and even a spectacular Valentine's Day Party already. Our Autocross program at the American Muscle Car Museum is going strong with a whooping 8 events planned for the year, including a Grand Prix event April 1st. This spring and summer we are looking forward to dining Under the Space Shuttle Atlantis, driving to the Brumos Collection and rally-ing from Sunrise to Sunset in our 11th S2S Rally for the Sunchaser Award. I hope you will join in the fun! Take a look at the Upcoming Events listed at the back of **EV** or online, on the calendar on our spacecoastpca.org website or facebook.

Robin Hoffman

President Space Coast PCA

On the Cover: Robert Strauss's 911 Carrera GTS. Photo by Ray Baldino.

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From the Editor

Well, here we go starting another year with our Space Coast Porsche Club and documenting our fun with **Escape Velocity!** Membership is up and attendance is up so, I'm sure hoping members are enjoying themselves. Lots of exciting events planned for this year for everyone to enjoy. New members and new Officials mean new fresh ideas too for Club activities. Our new Webmasters, Alex and Jennifer Harber are working very hard to get our webpage up and running with all the info available to check out the Club activities and keep us up to date on what's going on.

A big thanks to our Leadership Officials for stepping up to make things happen and all the **EV** Contributors who answered my calls for help. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. It's so nice to welcome our new Volunteer Officials to the team, they're only making our Club better! (By the way, be sure to tell your fellow Space Coasters how much fun it is to write an article for **EV**!)

We're so lucky to enjoy the two amazing close by racetracks of Sebring and Daytona with events going on all year long. If you haven't tried attending a Driver's Education (DE) at either track, you don't know what you're missing. It's only going to help you enjoy driving your Porsche more safely. I tried my first DE about 7 years ago and can't get enough of coming back frequently to drive my Porsche on the track. Closer to home is our Autocross Events held at the American Muscle Car Museum, with Carmen DeVito, Ken Marshall and Craig Barrie running that experience. Hands down, it's the best and easiest way to get to know your car and how it handles. If you're not sure, go and be a spectator and see how much fun everyone is having.

Just going to our regular KaffeeKlatches and activities and events, you'll be meeting new people who will become your friends. We all have one thing in common and that's enjoying driving our beautiful Porsches. It's so great to see the little ones, PCA Juniors, coming along with their parents, and lately we've entertained some special Porsche Dogs at our monthly KK's who came along for the ride.

We are very grateful to our Sponsors, Shay Rowe of Porsche Melbourne and Mark Pieloch of the American Muscle Car Museum and their staff as well as the support of our Advertisers who make our Space Coast Club even more special.

Lots of events and activities planned this year, come on out and see what's going on and enjoy! I look forward to meeting you all.

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www.spacecoastpca.org

and new facebook page at

www.facebook.com/SpaceCoast.pca/

Don't Just Attend Porsche Parade... ...Be a Part of It!



The objective of a PCA Rally is to follow a course from point to point, usually on public roads, to the precise detail specified in the rules - it can be competitive or for fun. Competitive Time Speed Distance (TSD) Rallies dictate a certain time schedule for the checkpoints along the way. Points are deducted by arriving at the checkpoint either early or late. Gimmick Rallies, also competitive rallies, may include a Gimmick (Poker Rally, regional interest). Part of the challenge with a Gimmick Rally is to discover the intended route, which may require other skills such as solving a puzzle. PCA Parade TSD Rallies use the Richta app for scoring and no expensive rally equipment is necessary ... all you need is a mobile phone. New to Rallying? Parade is a great time to give it a try!



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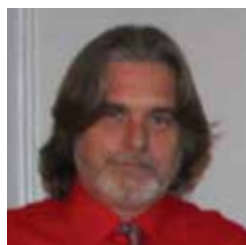
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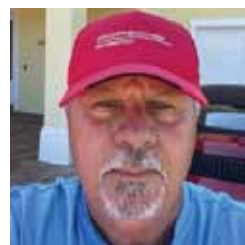
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Membership Corner

by Vicki Hempel

Welcome all new members and transfers!! We have 1065 primary members and 499 affiliate members for a total membership of 1,564.

A fun way to meet members is to attend one of the kaffeeeklatsches (Cars & Coffee) at 3 locations monthly. **Central Area** – First Saturday of the month from 9 am to 11 am. Panera Bread, [4100 N Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL](#). **South Area** – Second Sunday of the month from 9 am to 11 am. Panera Bread, [2001 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, FL](#). **North Area** – Third Sunday of the month from 9 am to 11 am. Jason's

Corner, [135 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach, FL](#). No need to RSVP – just come on out and bring your Porsche! We spend most of our time in the parking lot visiting where there is lots of room to social distance and a Panera if you want to have some breakfast or coffee.

For more information regarding the kaffeeeklatsches and a complete list of events go to our website calendar <https://spacecoastpca.org/calender> and Facebook events [Space Coast PCA](#). We hope to see you at one of the events!!

Welcome to our New Members!

December 2022

Mike Hollingsworth - 2000 Boxster S
Brian Heckler - 2007 911 Carrera S
Stefanie and Sean Hoffman - 1973 911T
James Hefelfinger - 1980 911 SC
Robert Guirlinger - 2016 Cayman GTS
Kevin Duffy - 1988 924S
Rhett Wilson - 2021 Macan
Robert Guirlinger - 2016 Cayman GTS
Joseph Walsh - 2000 Boxster
Ricky Parrish - 2022 Macan
Maureen O'Brien - 2020 Macan
Scott Muttall - 2022 911 Carrera
Krishna Nathan - 2022 Taycan
Deborah MacDonald - 2022 Macan
Carla Jandzio - 2023 Macan GTS
Alyssa Goltzman - 2023 Cayenne
Karen Feretti - 2020 Cayenne
Dale Dutile - 2023 Macan
Emma Dunbar - 2023 Macan
Carl Delprete - 2023 911 Carrera
Arthur Cassidy - 2022 Cayenne
Mayelin Candelaria - 2023 Panamera
Richard Brennan - 2023 Cayenne
Dima Seoud - 2023 Cayenne
Carolyn Smith - 2023 Cayenne
Brian Stewart - 1987 924S
David Jacobs - 2004 911 40th Anniversary
Dene and Patricia Walters -
2017 911 Carrera 4S
Kei Bartolome - 2002 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Melony and Matthew Thomas - 2003 Boxster
Jeffrey Beck - 2014 Boxster

Transfers In:

William Haviland - 2016 Cayman S,
transferred from High Desert

January 2023

Scot Lawson - 2008 911 Targa 4S
Christopher Marion - 1982 911 SC
Obad Badillo Moreno - 2013 Boxster S
Blake Coln - 2009 911 Carrera S
Penelope Chambers - 1999 Boxster
Lamar Schlemmer -
2018 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

Tyler Dean - 2019 911 GT3 RS
Ronald Mathias and Shauna Martin -
2005 Boxster
James Morris - 1960 356
Carlos Lira - 2019 911 GTS RS
Amanda Lira - 2018 911 GT2 RS
Justin Dibella - 2000 Boxster

Transfers In:

Patrick and Brian Daugherty - 2003 911
Carrera Cabriolet, transferred from
Florida Citrus
G and Paula Potter - 2021 Macan S,
transferred from St. Louis
Josh Acevedo - 1997 911 Carrera Cabriolet,
transferred from Rocky Mountain
Brad Hille - 2002 911 Carrera Cabriolet,
transferred from Eastern Buckeye
Paul and Barbara Billeci - 1997 Boxster,
transferred from Gold Coast

February 2023

Chuck Kreitner - 1998 Boxster
Michael Stokley - 2007 911 Carrera 4S
Cabriolet
Donville Tomlinson - 2019 Macan
David Glick - 2021 Macan
Deborah Ottoson - 2016 911 Carrera
Chayakorn Podduang - 2020 911 Carrera
Chase Gomez - 2023 Cayenne GTS Coupe
Samuel Valeni - 2022 911 Carrera
Herve Rabeaux - 2023 911 Carrera
Dale Sorensen - 2023 Cayenne
Patricia Kells - 2023 Macan
Jerry Radford - 2023 Panamera 4S
Joni Mazzola - 2018 Macan
Robert Boeschen - 2022 Macan
Armin Kharazi - 2023 Taycan
Frederic Powers - 2023 Cayenne
Dennis Kass - 2023 Cayenne
Alison Prater Pirrottina - 2021 Macan
Gerladine Hillpot - 2023 Cayenne
Armond Sinclair - 2022 Taycan
Quincy Carvel - 2023 911 Carrera
Inez Dalton - 2023 Macan

Martha Holm -
2023 Panamera 4S E-Hybrid Executive
Frank Randolfi - 2023 Macan
Dmitry Rakita - 2023 Cayenne E-Hybrid
Nettie Wiener - 2023 Macan S
Trent Brister - 2021 Cayenne Coupe
Ronald Gilory - 2023 Cayenne E-Hybrid
Kimberly Brackett - 2023 Cayenne Coupe
Gigi Webster - 2023 Macan
Bonnie Knier -
2023 Cayenne Turbo S E-Hybrid
Richard Vogel - 2023 Macan
Harvey Lynch - 2017 718 Boxster
Tyler Jandreau - 2023 911 Carrera
Stephen Chinn - 2022 Macan
Jennifer Sweeney - 2017 911 Carrera
Elijah Munoz and Gabriel - 1984 944
Dan Ferretti - 2020 Cayenne
Melissa and Andy Romine - 2022 Panamera
John McCallum - 2006 Cayman S
Mehrddad Moallem - 2023 911 Carrera
Martha Fortier - 2023 Macan S
Allan Dragone - 2022 911 Carrera
William Vinson - 2021 718 Cayman
David Pike - 2023 Macan
Eduardo Pines - 2022 911 Carrera
Lisa Aderson - 2021 Macan
Jerome Trupiano - 2020 911 Carrera
William Bell - 2021 Cayenne Coupe
David Stauffer - 2014 Boxster
Ignacio Lizama - 2009 911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Robert Sumwalt - 2016 Boxster
Mark Caulfield - 2021 Cayenne
Kurt Wilson - 2020 718 Cayman GT4
Jeffrey and Jennifer - 2018 718 Boxster
Alison and Robert King - 2022 Taycan 4S
Glenn Erickson - 2015 Boxster S

Transfers In:

Mike Dirksen - 2014 911 Carrera 4,
transferred from Lone Star
Richard Strelick - 2012 911 Carrera,
transferred from North Florida

Keeping the Pedal to the Metal

A Snapshot of What's Happening in the Space Coast Region PCA

Details – Details – Details

Complete information about each event can be found on our Space Coast PCA Website and Space Coast Facebook.

<https://spacecoastpca.org/calender> – click on the event for more information.

Please refer to the most up to date calendar on our Space Coast Website <https://spacecoastpca.org>.

KaffeeKlatch (Cars and Coffee)

We continue to have 3 informal get-togethers each month 9 am to 11 am to enjoy breakfast, coffee and our biggest passion – Porsches! Please join us at any or all the Kaffeeklatches.



One in Daytona, Melbourne and Vero Beach
Come out to one or all – it's always a good time!
No pre-registration needed, just show up.

First Saturday of the month – Mid-Region KK at Panera, 4100 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, 9 am

Second Sunday of the month – South KK at Panera, 2001 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, 9 am

Third Sunday of the month – North KK at Jason's Corner, 135 Canal St, New Smyrna, 9 am

Space Coast Autocross Dates At the American Muscle Car Museum 7 am

April 1 – Grand Prix Autocross

April 29

May 13

September 16

October 28

December 2

Thanks to AX sponsor Porsche Melbourne



PCA Juniors

It's not just the cars... and now it's not just the grown-ups!

With our new PCA Juniors program, PCA is about the kids too! The PCA Juniors program has been created so kids can enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches and build the enthusiasm that runs through all of the Porsche Club of America.

PCA Juniors is a program for Porsche enthusiasts under age 18. Participants must be registered by an active PCA member. If you have grandchildren or nieces or nephews you can sign them up at no cost. They will receive a PCA Juniors ID Badge.

Join here at <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors>.

Be Sure To Save These Dates

April 22 – Dinner Under Space Shuttle Atlantis

May 6 – Tech Session at Porsche Melbourne

June 3 – Brumos Museum Tour - Drive - Lunch



June 8 – Transformers Movie Night

August 12 – Summer Banquet at The Tides, Patrick AFB



Zonefest at Sea 2022

Proof positive it's not just the cars...it's the people

Article by Scott Hansen

Photos by Scott Hansen and Robin Hoffman

My wife Becke and I have just returned from the first ever Zonefest at Sea, and we're happy to report that the event exceeded every expectation we had of the PCA, Zonefest events and cruises in general. We loved every single minute of it thanks to the great work by the organizers and the officers and crew of the Regal Princess.

And on that note, in the event you grow weary of reading my article, I'm going to thank a few people right up front. First of all, Leslie Sikorski, Zone 12 Representative, David Bankston, incoming President of Everglades Region, and Vu Nguyen, PCA Executive Director, who worked closely with the Princess Team, together creating this first ever Zonefest at Sea. Special thanks to Tom Gorsuch, President of the PCA, and all the other national leaders and team members for supporting this fantastic event. And of course, I can't say enough good things about Regal Princess Captain Paolo Arrigo and his friendly and attentive officers and crew. It's not just the cars...it's the people.

Becke and I have been on several cruises before. And, the whole embarkation process can be a bit daunting, with opportunities for delays and problems at every turn. But not with the PCA Zonefest at Sea and the Regal Princess. Our December 10th embarkation process was flawless, with helpful PCA signage at every turn, an incredibly efficient dedicated PCA check-in process and team, and a private pre-boarding lounge just for us. And right on schedule, the great times began for 600 PCA members when we all boarded the Regal Princess and were greeted by the ship's officers. Ahoy Mateys!

On the afternoon of December 10th, the Regal Princess horn, playing the theme from the Love Boat, announced our departure from Fort Lauderdale with 2 days at sea ahead of us enroute to St. Maarten. Let the excitement and camaraderie begin!

Our week full of special PCA activities got rolling with a welcome reception and Concourse at Sea check-in. In the end, PCA members entered 118 incredible 1:18 scale models for judging. The Regal Princess crew provided us with prominent display space for everyone aboard the ship to enjoy throughout the week...not just PCA members. I had many non-PCA passengers comment on the "beautiful cars" ... with many of them, and hundreds of PCA members, cheering for the winners during the festive presentation of the judging results on Sunday afternoon. Immediate Past President Steve Hoffman took home 2nd place in the very competitive Vintage category for his immaculate 1964 901. Jay Hall took home the "Best in Show" award and a free cruise with his classic 718 Spyder RSK model with ties to his personal 718 Boxster. Go Space Coast!



Best in Show winner Jay Hall receives his free cruise prize. Nice pants Tom!

Our first two days at sea gave everyone a great introduction and preview of the special PCA events that had been planned for the week, including Meet the Expert sessions, Culinary Demos, After Hours Dance and Music extravaganzas, Formal Dinners, Singers, Dancers, Comedians, Movies and Parties on the Lido Deck. PCA members were everywhere. These events afforded all of us an opportunity to renew many old friendships, while making many new friends along the way.

Once in St. Maarten, members enjoyed browsing through the shops (trinkets to diamonds), sitting on the beach chairs made available by industrious locals, and of course eating and drinking. It was fun bumping into PCA members on every corner of the island. The locals were very friendly and our membership did the Porsche brand proud while visiting the island. Later that afternoon, we set sail for St. Kitts!



Scott and Becke Hansen aboard the wobblest train in St. Kitts

St. Kitts is another beautiful Caribbean Island that hosted some very exciting excursions...from Jeep tours to the St. Kitts Scenic Railway. Becke and I opted for the 18-mile rail tour through the interior of the island and along the coast. We saw old sugar plantations and countless waving locals along the way, with several high railroad trestles we had to cross...adding a certain unexpected thrill element to the journey by virtue of the aging narrow-gauge rails and the wobblest train ride you could ever imagine. Once back on board, we set sail for San Juan, Puerto Rico, waving goodbye to the friendly people of St. Kitts.



Space Coasters in Puerto Rico

Sailing into San Juan Puerto Rico early on the morning of December 15th was beautiful, passing old forts and new high rises as we entered the harbor. San Juan looks more like a metropolis than a quiet Caribbean Island, but features the same friendly local hospitality. Speaking of locals, thanks to the Puerto Rico region for arranging the “Wheels & Espresso” event right at the port for everyone to enjoy. It was nice to meet our Puerto Rican fellow-members and see some of their beautiful Porsches. Shortly after departure on our way to Grand Turk, our second formal Porsche dinner was held as we sailed into the sunset.

We arrived in Grand Turk around lunch time, with PCA members ready to experience our last on-shore experience. Our travel companions, Kathy and Brian Lewis, went on the snorkeling excursion, reporting that it was one of the best experiences they had ever had. The dedicated Porsche Zone, near the end of the dock, afforded our members one last opportunity to take in the local hospitality, rum, sand and sun before returning to the ship for our day at sea and eventual return to Fort Lauderdale.

Our final day at sea was very relaxing, and our last night aboard featured an awesome Porsche wrap-up reception on the Lido Deck, featuring a recap of the week’s activities on the jumbotron, a huge group photo (I can’t wait to see it!), and an opportunity for everyone to sign the Porsche Club flag.

And, while I think every member was looking forward to getting home, I think most were also feeling a bit melancholy about the Zonefest at Sea event coming to an end. It was a week of wonderful memories that will last a lifetime, shared with old friends and new...with locals and the crew.

As we met for dinner one last time, I thought about the Porsche Club of America slogan, “It’s not just the cars...it’s the people”. We’re all accustomed to attending kaffeeklatsches, driving events, Zonefests, Treffens and Porsche Parades. At these events, it’s pretty common



for the cars to be the main focus, with the members driving them, or standing beside them, being a bit overshadowed by these incredible machines. We typically closely examine every detail of the car, but don’t usually get to know as much about the person behind the car.

But at the inaugural Zonefest at Sea, we left our cars behind on the shore (well, our full-size cars at least). For this event, they were not the main focal point of all of our interaction. We didn’t have them to attract the attention of others. It was just us. On our own. Member to member for 8 days. Learning about each other. Where we live. Our families. Our professions. What we do in retirement. And yes, eventually we’d learn about each other’s cars. But the time we spent together as friends and members of this awesome club was the real focus for this amazing week.

I can’t wait for the next Zonefest at Sea. It’s not just the cars...it’s the people. How true.

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Great Luck on the Space Coast! Congratulations to our two PCA Raffle Winners

Article by Robin Hoffman
Photos by Brandon Norton

Our region is VERY lucky! Emmy LaBode and Bob Greenwood each won a 911 Carrera Cabriolet in the National PCA Member's Only Raffle. There were 6 winners nationwide in total in the Fall Raffle and TWO were from our region!

Emmy and her husband Robert LaBode are well known at Porsche Melbourne. Both the sales and service staff told me they were "the nicest couple" when I asked if they knew our first winner. Dylan Kotoulis, their salesman; Brandon Norton, photographer; and I surprised the Labode's at their home in Vero Beach in mid January. Emmy told us that she and her husband have each bought tickets in the PCA Member's Only Raffle for years. They had a rough 2022, so this is a great way to start their new year!

Bob Greenwood and his wife Pat are fairly active in the Space Coast PCA. The ruse was to come over to their house to inspect the convertible top of his 1983 911 SC. Unfortunately, the couple was in Vermont, but Bob was willing to contact his neighbor to let us in his house. Such a good guy! We had to notify the winners before January 31st so he was told over the phone. We could still hear the disbelief, excitement and happiness through the phone! Bob and Pat drove back from Vermont to accept their congratulations at Porsche Melbourne on Feb 2nd at our All-Member's Meeting. We toasted our winners with champagne thanks to the generosity of Porsche Melbourne. Both winners get to "build" their new Porsches as they are ordered directly from the factory and each receives \$25,000 cash to help pay for the taxes.



Happy winners
Emily and Robert
LaBode...



...and Bob and
Pat Greenwood

Incredibly, our region has had 4 winners since 2019! Our National PCA runs the "Members Only Raffle" in the spring and fall every year. The tickets are \$50 each and the profits are used to give the regions a quarterly check to help fund activities for members locally.

Even though you may not have won the car, you can still come out and join in the enjoyment of your Porsche and your friends in the PCA! More information available about upcoming events on our website calendar <https://www.spacecoastpca.org/calender>.

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Tennis and Porsches

Article by Steve Tarr

Photos by Joshua Kodis and Donna Edwards

Vero Beach International Women's Tennis Tournament held at the Grand Harbor Golf and Beach Club the third week of January with Porsche Melbourne as a major sponsor. Our Porsche Club was invited on January 21st to display member's cars and in exchange, these lucky members received a complimentary All Access Pass to the Tournament for the day and, of course, special parking.



This was the 3rd Edition of the Vero Beach International Tennis Open, and organizers were particularly excited about it, after having increased the Prize Money to \$60,000. It's way more than just a Tournament, it's about Lifestyle. On top of the Tennis Event, the week featured an Art Show, featuring well renowned artists as well as a Wine Tasting as to provide our members with a truly Living Grand Experience. We appreciate the efforts of Space Coast Member and Grand Harbor Director of Tennis, Marco Osorio, for setting this up. Participants really enjoyed themselves!



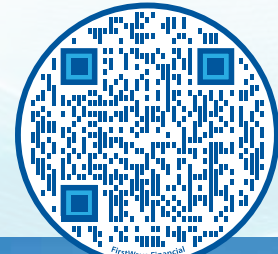
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48 Hours at Sebring Autocross

Article and photos by Rick Rousseau

I haven't autocrossed at Sebring in over 15 years. So when I saw on the PCA Zone 12 calendar that Gold Coast and Sun Coast PCA were hosting two autocross events and an autocross school as part of their 48 Hours at Sebring event the first weekend of February, I registered for all of them. Big thanks to Steve and Dottie Kidd of for leading a great event. Additionally, thanks to the instructors and others who helped make the weekend so much fun.



Friday afternoon was the autocross school. Now, some of you who know me may be thinking, Rick's not a novice, why would he be going to an autocross school? Why? Because, if you want to get faster, there's no substitute for seat time. And even better than seat time, is seat time with an instructor. There were only five drivers registered so I figured there would be plenty of good seat time. Little did I know that one of the instructors would be SCCA Nationals trophy winner, Kit Gauthier. When I realized who he was, I called "dib's" on him for my first few instructor rides.

The autocross school and the autocross events were held on the skid pad area just to the west of turn one of the racetrack. Because there were race cars and drivers education events happening on the Sebring



track, it was important to use the breaks between heats to teach the "classroom" portion of the school and be heard over the roaring engines. Fortunately, that part of the school was short and before long we were on our feet and on to the course walk. The way the school was structured, it flowed from walking the course, to working the course, to running the course. All the basics a novice could need were covered.

After the thorough course walk explaining how to approach each element of the course, it was time to get in our cars. First we all did a parade lap to see the course from in the car. Then we had instructors ride along as we began multiple course runs, getting progressively faster. These were run without timing to get a feel of the course and take pointers from our instructors. After several runs, the timing system was turned on and we got to see how we were doing for time. Unfortunately, there was a glitch and the timing system went down, but we kept running for quite a while. Finally, we had all had our fill and called it a day for the school. I would be back in the morning for the first of two autocross events.



The weather was cool on Saturday morning as I arrived for the morning autocross. There were only 26 registered, but that was okay as the event had to finish before noon. The next event started at 1:30. The course walk revealed a layout with tight technical sections connected with long areas for acceleration and braking. Additionally, there was a large spiral on the low traction skid pad portion of the pavement that proved quite challenging. There was also an element Steve Kidd called a "Key West Box" consisting of four cones forming the corners of a box with a cone in the middle. Which way you went around the cone in the middle, left or right, was optional. The way it was set up, left was slower, but right was very tight and you ran a higher chance of hitting a cone. I went right every time and yes, I hit cones on more than one run. We got six runs and I managed to get some clean runs. I finished well and was happy with my results.

In between the two autocross events, we were offered the chance to do a few parade laps of the Sebring track for a \$20 charity donation. I've never driven on the track at Sebring. Now my appetite has been wetted and I'm looking to sign up for a DE!

The afternoon autocross also had 26 entrants. The course was almost the same, but a few of the gates had been adjusted just enough to change things up. But that Key West Box was still there and I still managed to hit cones in it, and a few other places. I finally got some clean runs and finished with an acceptable time. Now to clean all those cone marks off my car!

PCA - 48 Hours at Sebring

Article and photos by David Kelly

Porsches, Porsches, Porsches! That's what the 30th annual running of the "48 Hours at Sebring" on Sunday, Feb 5, 2023, PCA Race was all about, and many track-ready Porsches were on hand for the action on the track or waiting their turn in the Paddock. As the largest PCA race, this event draws cars and drivers from all over the country. This year was no exception with two hundred and fifty entrants listed for the full event program. Saturday's race schedule was comprised of Sprint Races (twenty-five minutes each in duration) made up of four Run Groups, Silver (Advanced Solo), Yellow, Green, and Red, in that order. Enduro Races (ninety minutes each) were scheduled for Sunday to run through noon, followed by an "open track" for the Advanced Solo (Silver) Group until track closing at 4:00PM.

Spec Boxsters, 914's, 944's, 968's, air-cooled 911's, Cayman's, GT4's, and Club Sports were plentiful in the Paddock and in the Yellow and Green Run Groups, complimented by a huge number of GT3 Cup Cars on the Grid for the Red Run Group.

Lots of action and lots of excitement were the order of the day! Well known Racing Teams with large car haulers, fielding multiple cars and drivers, were often matched against single car entries and drivers all striving for a class win. You could even buy your own race car while you were there, picking from a large selection of race ready cars that were on display! Vendors and suppliers of race equipment were on hand as well, ready to outfit your car and provide the latest driver needs for your safety and comfort. If you like the sound of race cars in action and seeing the race teams at work in the Paddock, Sebring Raceway on Saturday was the place to be! You can see much of it in the photos at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/JM6YdLWTffiALezM9>.



Drive to the Roar Before

Article by Scott Kee
Photos by Sue Kee

Eight cars met up at Sam's Club at I-95 and Rt 520 in Cocoa to make the drive up I-95 to the Daytona International Speedway for the "Roar Before" on January 21, 2023, together to enjoy the weekend activities there.

The Roar Before the Rolex 24, which kicks off the IMSA racing season at DAYTONA, starts on Friday and continues through Sunday as

the three-day test serves as the final dress rehearsal before the Rolex 24 at DAYTONA. It's the perfect opportunity to check out the cars, both in the garage and on the track. Because it is a test weekend the atmosphere is more laid back then the actual Rolex 24 race resulting in a greater viewing opportunity.

Some of the world's top drivers take to the track and is also the first chance to see the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship up close plus witness the new GTP Class. One of the main events at the Roar was the new Porsche 963 Prototype making its debut for the first time. There were 2 Porsche 963 cars, numbered 6 and 7, and people were crowded around the garages just to get a look at them. Additionally, the Porsche entry in both GT Pro and GTD this year is the new 911 GT3 R based on the 992 platform.



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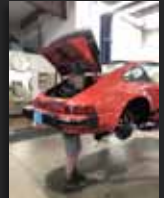
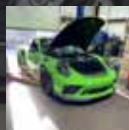
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"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"
Psalm 118:24

Watching the Rolex 24 from the Other Side

Article and photos by Sue Kee

This year my husband Scott surprised me and said we were going to watch the Rolex from the Main Stands. What? Neither of us had ever even been to the grandstands on the one side of the racetrack. Since we've joined PCA, we've watched from the infield and enjoyed the view and meeting up with our fellow Space Coast members. Now, at Daytona, you really can't see the whole track but the view from the infield stands is great, not to mention the special PCA parking if you are lucky enough to get parking passes. This was the Rolex we knew.

This year we arrived at the Rolex and were parked in the front of the Speedway, in a special reserved parking lot. PCA reps are there to greet us and steer us to the escalators that will take us up to the PCA Suite. We arrive at the PCA Suite, are welcomed with a Mimosa and given a goodie bag with all kinds of cool Porsche stuff. OK, I'm all on board with this! We are shown into several large rooms with large screen TV's and comfy sofas. There's a vending machine that uses the card in our goodie bag and we can choose from a large selection of beautiful free Porsche gifts. Nice!



Porsche Suite

Next, we were shown to the outside area with tables and chairs with the best view of Pit Out and Turn 1. It was quite a perfect spot to watch the Race. Then we were ushered into a dining area where breakfast was being served. Delicious! That was only the start of the 3-day weekend. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and snacks were served, an open bar and inside and outside seating for the Rolex. It was an amazing experience. And that was just the start of the weekend.

Next was watching the pre-race activities complete with the actual Porsche drivers of the two new 963 Proto-Type Porsches coming to the Suite for a meet and greet



Porsche drivers Q&A

to sign autographs and answer lots of fun questions. One of the best parts of watching the Rolex was the view. You could see almost the entire track except for the Bus Stop, (now known as The Le Mans Chicane), and the entire race could also be watched live on the many large screen TV's all over the suite. You could watch from the private stands, the patio/porch seating or inside on the Live feed on TV. Not a bad view anywhere. During the race we noticed some special former Porsche drivers, like Patrick Long and Hurley Haywood come to hang out in the suite as well. PCA provided private rides to the infield in Cayennes, Macans and Panameras if you wanted to visit the Fan Zone and Garages and check out all the track and race activities. They chauffeured you wherever you wanted to be dropped off and returned you to the Suite when you were ready to go back. If you needed something, all you had to do was ask.

This Rolex was the most highly attended ever but sadly, both the New #6 and #7 963

Porsches were knocked out of the race and didn't place or finish.

This was a once in a lifetime experience for both of us, or..... maybe not. There's always next year's Rolex!



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January 2023 Autocross

Report by Carmen DeVito
Photos by Robin Hoffman

We had 34 brave souls come out before the sun in 30 degree weather and 15-30 mph winds to start off our 2023 Autocross season. Eleven drivers were new to autocross and Space Coast region. Welcome to all the new members! There were quite a few spectators who filmed or cheered on their favorite driver. The track proved slippery and everyone was fighting for grip as the temperatures made sticky rubber tires feel like hard plastic. Our driving skills prevailed as the event ran smoothly and everyone had a fun time.

Our next event is February 25. Come on out and drive or spectate.



Space Coast PCA - #1 - January 2023 Autocross 1 - Sat 01-14-2023										
Final Results										
Total Registered: 38, with Times: 34										
FUN - FUN*										
Total Entries: 4	FUN		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1Tm	56	Ken Marshall	2022 992 GTS	Silver	56.741	54.869	53.942+1	53.019+1	53.033	53.033
2Tm	89	Carmen DeVito	2022 Spyder	Gentian Blue	59.664+1	57.893+1	55.026	54.479	54.83	54.479
3	87	Esteban Valentin	M2 Competition	Hockenheim Silver	60.325	57.986	57.392	56.256	56.260+2	56.256
4	125	Kevin Mikelsen	2020 MX-5 RF	Blue	67.339	62.487	65.471+DNF	62.474	63.426	62.474
LADIES - LADIES*										
Total Entries: 5	LADIES		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1Tm	115	Alexis Colgan	718 GT4	Silver	59.637+DNF	54.040+DNF	61.506	63.025	61.113	61.113
2Tm	95	Julie Wilson	2022 992 Carrera S	Guards Red	71.04	69.354+1	66.024	63.931+1	63.298	63.298
3	1115	Tyler Colgan	2021 GT4	silver	96.706	86.439	76.664	68.36	67.057	67.057
4	128	Lynn Klem	Panamera	Red	86.092	78.227	74.137+1	70.48	70.049+1	70.48
5	23	Mary Yurko	2019 Cayman S	Grey	108.891	98.114	79.977+DNF	84.334	84.651	84.334
S02 - S02*										
Total Entries: 1	S02		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1T	8	Jacob Martin	993	SILVER	80.310+DNF	71.433	71.367	71.147	70.134	70.134
S04 - S04*										
Total Entries: 1	S04		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1T	138	Kirk Johnson	2009 997 CAS Cab	White	71.367	68.233	65.523+1	64.002	62.274	62.274
S05 - S05*										
Total Entries: 2	S05		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1T	85	Jay Hall	2017 Cayman	Graphite Blue	65.870+1	65.179	62.378	61.218+1	62.679+1	62.378
2	117	Douglas Schrank	2016 Cayman GTS	Red						DNS
S06 - S06*										
Total Entries: 4	S06		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1T	926	Mitch Greenberg	2021 718 Boxster G	Guards Red	59.977	57.440+2	59.096	56.594	59.645+1	56.594
2T	133	Jonathan Krauser	2018 991 C2	White	69.05	65.098	61.83	60.156	58.363	58.363
3	4	Paul Tebbe	718 Boxster S	Black	60.681	59.146	58.595	59.041+1	58.018+DNF	58.595
4	123	Mark Gurney	2019 718 Cayman S	Grey	79.223	73.907	72.248	71.779	69.287+1	71.287
S07 - S07*										
Total Entries: 4	S07		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1T	21	Richard Rousseau	2022 Boxster 25th A	White	58.301+DNF	55.231	53.608	54.038+2	53.481+1	53.608
2T	991	David Swartz	2022 Spyder	Blue	60.427	58.171+1	56.213	56.881	55.725	55.725
3	188	Chris DeVito	2022 Spyder	Gentian Blue	68.317	61.556	63.889	61.664	64.649+1	61.556
4	114	Richard O Hallaron	2015 991 Turbo S	Agate Grey	76.195	67.865+1	63.290+1	62.108	62.385	62.108
S09 - S09*										
Total Entries: 1	S09		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1T	127	George Krivo	2022 GT3	Blue	58.987	57.04	55.632+1	55.904	53.94	53.94
P02 - P02*										
Total Entries: 1	P02		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1T	771	Greg Clifford	1977 911s	Silver	63.857	64.889	63.282	62.964	62.378	62.378
P03 - P03*										
Total Entries: 3	P03		Car Color	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.	Run 5.	Total	
1T	136	Alex Flores	2006 Boxster	Grey	62.176	59.247	59.298+1	58.115+1	57.195	57.195
2	149	Bert Castrejon	2006 Cayman S	Black	64.848+1	62.569+2	59.782+1	60.243	58.49	58.49
3	5	Tom Prusaski	2006 Cayman S	red						DNS



February 2023 Autocross

Report by Ken Marshall

Our second AX of the 2023 season, held on February 25, saw 35 drivers trying to set their best times on a challenging course that averaged over 67 seconds in duration. The course featured a quick start that fed into a double S entry, opening into a double loop on the skid pad that flowed into a challenging, some would say frustratingly tight maze in the middle of the 1/8 mile that thankfully exited into a speedy run to the finish.



The ladies class featured an initial close battle between Alexis Colgan and Julie Wilson that culminated with Alexis, on her fourth run, knocking off a 66.076 time to Julie's 66.932. Filling out the podium and third in class, in only her second AX event, was Alexis's daughter Tyler Colgan with a 73.739.

In S04, Ken Grudens took top honors with a 68.96. Jay Hall ran his Cayman to victory

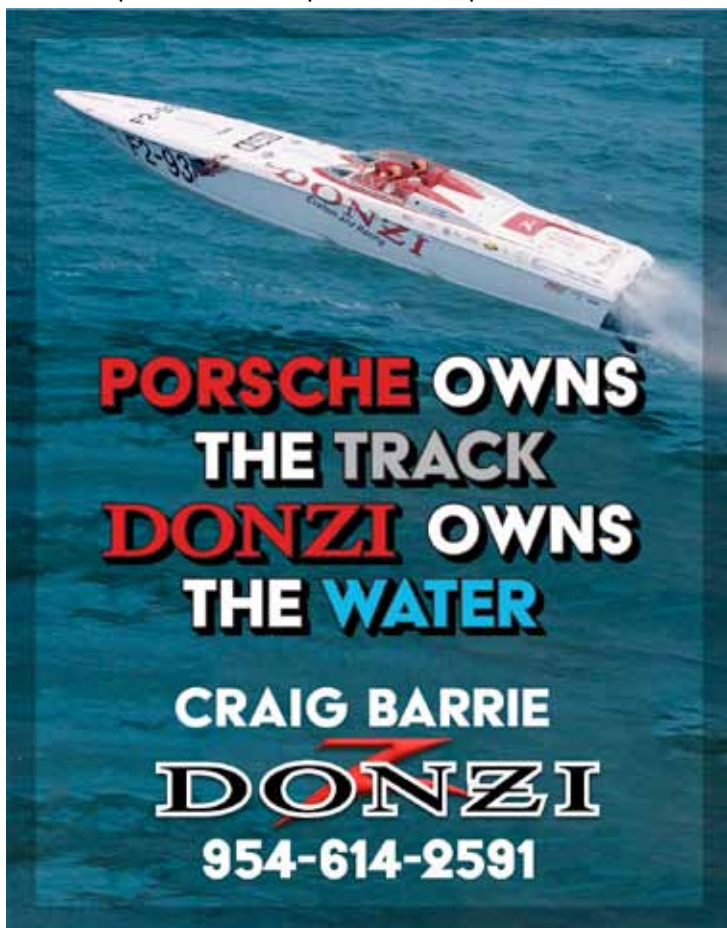
in the S05 class with a 74.968. S06 saw David Sierra take top time in class with 63.572, good for top 10 overall! Tom Kirk brought his beautiful new 2023 GT4RS out for the first time and took top honors in the S07 class with a 64.108. For many it was the first time they had seen the new GT4RS in the flesh. Stunning car, Tom! George Krivo, in his beautiful new, blue GT3 was alone in the S09 class and knocked off a super quick 59.404 that was good for 3rd place overall.

Bert Castrejon piloted his Cayman S to victory in the P03 class with a 68.152. Tim Marshall won the P04 class with a quick 61.089, good for 5th overall and Tommy Prusaski, with a nice 63.171 run, was good for second in P04 and 9th place overall. Trent Kisonek blistered the field, taking the top spot in P05 with a blazing 57.601 that was also good for fastest time of the day. Nice driving, Trent. Robert Layman, 61.164, and Andy Colgan, 62.531, 2nd and 3rd place respectively in the very fast P05 class finished 6th and 7th place overall.

The "Fun" group saw Carmen Devito take first place in class, second overall with a fast 57.601, followed by Ken Marshall, second in class, 4th overall with a

60.795. Rounding out the top ten was Artem Rakhov, in M03, with a quick 62.967 run.

If you haven't yet tried AutoX come out and join us. It's a great place to exercise your Porsche in a safe environment and you'll be amazed at just how capable and fun a Porsche can be. Special thanks to American Muscle Car Museum owner, Mark Pieloch, for letting us use his amazing AMCM facility, and to Shay Rowe and Porsche Melbourne for their continued sponsorship!



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McKee Gardens Motor Car Exhibition

Article and photos by David Kelly

The McKee Gardens Motor Car Exhibition was held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at McKee Gardens in Vero Beach. The Porsche Marque was represented well by Ned Scudder's Aqua Blue 2010 Cayman S at the invitation only event. A large number of automobiles were on display, including Classic American and European imports, along with current exotic cars, muscle cars and hot rods. The setting in McKee Gardens was perfect for the event with the backdrop of nature, exotic plants, and water features along the trails throughout the gardens. There was also a display of beautifully restored and modified British, Japanese, American, and Italian motorcycles in front of the "Hall of Giants." The large crowd of spectators not only enjoyed seeing the cars and motorcycles on display, but also the unique surroundings and interesting history of "McKee Jungle Gardens." <https://photos.app.goo.gl/5oxHru3tR7GoLgXY9>.



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Kaffeeklatsch Report

Photos by David Kelly and Robin Hoffman

Our KaffeeKlatsches are growing and growing at all our Monthly locations. It's great to see so many people are getting out and about to get to know each other and show off your cars. The members that made it with their beautiful Porsches run the gamut of so many years, colors and models. It's not unusual to see a brand new Panamera, a Vintage 356 or shiny new to them GT-3, as well as new Taycans Caymans and Boxsters. Not a bad car in the bunch.

Lots of talk about some of our events that were so popular, especially the Valentine's party, Werks Reunion and the Roar Before and the Rolex.

Happy to have both new members and old members share an experience and tips discovered on their Porsches.

Great people and great cars. Come on out and meet and greet and share the experience.



The Rolling Art Collection- Vero Beach Museum of Art

Article and photos by Steve Tarr

What a trip to see a fabulous collection of specialty cars at the Vero Beach Museum of Art in Vero Beach. It was Sunday morning and there was a cool breeze with light rain when we pulled out of the parking lot heading South along A1A from Melbourne. The weather didn't stop our group of 20 plus Porsches heading south from Melbourne. Our first stop was the American Icon Brewery in Vero Beach for a chance to join up with other Space Coast Porsche Club members and have lunch together. We were greeted outside the museum by the head docent Ruth Lentini with a Welcome Space Coast Porsche Club sign and were directed inside to meet the other 3 docents for our private tour. There were 68 people in all, and it was the opening weekend for the exhibit. The museum was busy. Thanks to the docents, what we saw and learned was extraordinary!

There were 20 automobiles and 2 motorcycles specifically chosen by Ken Goss, Guest Curator, that took up most of the space in the art museum galleries. These historic automobiles were there to demonstrate how automotive designers could create an aerodynamic look as though the cars were moving even though they were not.



1930 Henderson KJ Streamline, designed by O. Ray Courtney and built as a pure concept vehicle



1934 Voisin Type C27 Aerosport, a 2 passenger Sport Coupe with a retractable roof and developed 105 hp with a top speed configured for 90 mph

Details of the cars are from the Rolling Sculpture book written by Ken Gross and David Rand 2023 for the Vero Art Museum Exhibit.

There were many many more beauties to see. The Rolling Sculpture Exhibit is a "must see" before these stunning motor cars return to their owners across the country on April 30, 2023!



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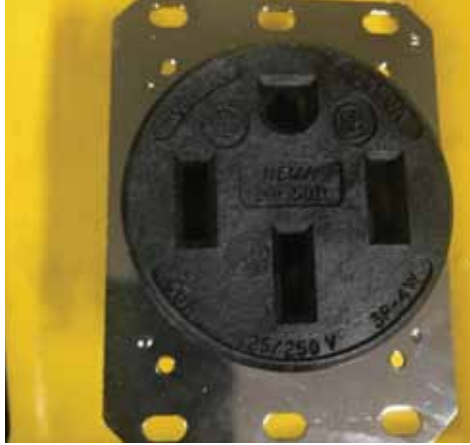
Porsche Recommended EV Receptacle

Article and photos by Rob Van Name

Porsche recommends using a Hubbell brand receptacle HBL9450A. This is a commercial grade receptacle that can handle a continuous charging current of 40 Amps. There have been instances where cheaper receptacles have overheated and caught fire. I bought mine off of Amazon but they are available from electrical supply houses, NOT Lowe's. You will also need to buy a new cover since this receptacle is slightly larger in diameter than the cheaper receptacles. I bought a Pass & Seymour SS701 stainless metal cover from City Electric Supply. Here's the box:



Here is the front view of the receptacle:



Here is the rear view of the receptacle:



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Member Spotlight

Robert Strauss

Interview by Ray Baldino

Ray: Our special guest today is Robert Strauss and we are photographing his beautiful 2017 Porsche Carrera GTS with a special color that I want Robert to talk to you about.

Robert: This is paint to sample, ultraviolet. Paint to sample program is basically a custom color program that Porsche has that is a limited edition. Usually reserved for the RS cars, the GT3 RS. I want to say it was introduced in 2016 on the GT3 RS, and it ran through 2019. This configuration is on this GTS, which is unique, it would have been a rare type of order, maybe one of one, one of two types of a spec throughout a US delivery. I did a lot of due diligence trying to find the car I wanted. I came across one that had rear seat delete and the roll cage, but having kids I needed all four seats. So, I continued to look and had an opportunity to get the car that I thought I really wanted, which would have been a GT3 RS but more practical. So, in the process I just came across this one right around my birthday and made the decision to go ahead and buy it.

Ray: Did you buy this brand-new?

Robert: This was bought as a pre-owned. I think the car started off in Long Island and then it made its way to Boston. So, I bought it with about 5800 miles on the odometer.

Ray: You were recently featured in the 2023 Porsche calendar, with this car and a matching shirt, which I thought was really unique.

Robert: It's just a color I wanted to have. I have a lot of purple. Usually when I'm traveling just working in healthcare I wear different colors, it's important to me.

Ray: Tell me about the car you just ordered for your wife Natasha.

Robert: I ordered the car back around the time of her birthday in November. I was somewhat thinking about different types of cars to replace her current vehicle, which is a BMW. I decided to order her the Cayenne GTS. Looking to try to get a similar Driving Experience but also, we need more space for our kids.

Ray: How many Porsches have you owned in your time?

Robert: This is my first one. My father bought a Porsche for my sister, it was her first car, it was a Porsche 924, and I think he paid \$500 for it. I like to think that that was more his



weekend enjoyment car and what my sister got to learn with. I always had memories as a kid always wanting a Porsche.

Ray: Would you sell this car?

Robert: No, I don't think I'll ever get rid of it. This will always be something in my collection personally. I always wanted a 1985 Porsche Turbo, that would be an important one for me. That's a European version, I'm always looking.

Ray: Are you married? Kids?

Robert: Yeah, my wife Natasha, she's an interior designer. She's done a lot of projects with Aviation and Aerospace. We have three daughters, Stella, Sydney and Sophie, so this is really my one excuse to get out and enjoy the weekend with them.

Ray: It was a pleasure, photographing your car today, and I really enjoyed talking with you and good luck with all of your Endeavors, thank you very much.



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Will You Be My Valentine? Experiences of a Party Planner

Article by Jay McGrath
Photos by Robin Hoffman

Our first Valentine's Event was a big success and enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Jay and his crew for making this happen. It's all being part of our great Space Coast Porsche Club! You know the saying, "It's not just the cars, it's the people!" – Editor's note

My "volunteering" for the position of Social Chair began when I commented to our President, Robin Hoffman that I was not impressed with our past Holiday Party. She asked me if I could help with the next social party we have. I said of course I can. I did not know that was interpreted as I am now the Social Chair and part of the Executive Committee of our club. Subsequent to the Christmas Party at our Cars and Coffee in Melbourne, I was introduced as the new "Social Chair." I looked up and should have remembered that old Navy acronym "Never Again Volunteer Yourself – NAVY." OK, too late to change anything now, it's out in the open.

Robin asked me to plan a Summer Bash for all the members, someplace nice. Well, being an "ole Navy guy" I jumped in with both feet. About two weeks later, near Christmas, Steve Tarr suggested planning a Valentine's Day party. Whooooo wait a minute, I was just doing the Summer Bash. A Valentine's Day party was never in the mix. Again being the "ole Navy guy" I said "Aye Aye" and marched on smartly. Hey this is December and Valentine's Day is two months away and it is on a Tuesday – Yikes.

Well, I started immediately checking around and found a Saturday after Valentine's Day. I thought that was great since it is still in the same week. I wrote an email to both Robin and Steve about the venue and the estimated costs. Steve was adamant that it should be on Valentines Day. I could not find any venue in a 50 mile radius that had Valentines Day open. As luck would have it, I got a call from the Tides Club that the people that had Valentine's Day booked had canceled, so I immediately booked it.

Now the fun starts, how much will this cost, what do I need, what do I need to make this special? I mean this is a monumental task. I guess the light was shining on me this day as I was out with Paul and Lisa Bennice for lunch and I was telling them my woes about this party.



Edible Porsches, yum!

Right out of the box, both Paul and Lisa said that they would help me! It takes a team working together to do this. We visited the venue, got measurements of the tables, what linens would be supplied by the venue, what party favors we need, what/how do we get centerpieces, etc., etc. you get the picture. There were lots of things to do and not a lot of time to do it. We "hit the decks running" the great thing is I was no longer alone in this endeavor as I had the most talented duo Paul and Lisa my right hand behind the scenes.

Lisa came up with great ideas for the table, party favors, the runner, the charger, and, of course, those beautiful table centerpieces. Paul came up with the photography background, an arch to take the photos, that unbelievable Porsche cake with the photos of the Porsches on top. That alone was another story in itself. All this had to come together by Valentine's Day.

Robin and I got moving on the advertising and Robin was a huge help in this area. She made the great design for the advertisement and we kept putting the word out through mail, flyers, and reminders at all the Cars and Coffee we had left. Not a small undertaking.

Lastly, whoo entertainment, how do you find a great DJ? Well, I relied on the Tides Club catering manager to give me some names. I had to personally check all four out and came to the conclusion right away I



The Tides Club ready for Valentine's Day festivities

wanted one in particular and that was Michael Van Ness as he shined "head and shoulders above the rest." I booked him!

Well, the numbers were better than expected. We hoped for 100 attendees and got 120. Unbeknownst to me, we had a party of 12 "party crashers" from Vero Beach that came because they wanted to go out for Valentine's Day together. I was happy to entertain a paying party who wanted to join us. Unfortunately, we had to turn away in the end which I am sorry for. Sign up early next year! I just never expected this great attendance on a Tuesday in February.

I am out of breath right now, the party in my opinion was the best I have attended, the food, the entertainment, the raffles, the DJ, etc. None of this could have happened without my great friends in the club and Paul and Lisa Bennice.

I don't have enough paper to say all the things that went into making this party a success. Trust me, now I know what wedding planners do. However, I would gladly do it again.



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2023 Gathering of the Faithful

Article by Steve Hoffman

Photos by Robin Hoffman

The 2023 edition of the Gathering of the Faithful with the 356 Florida Owner's Group (FOG) was hosted in our Space Coast Region over four days in the beginning of February. Sixty-five 356's gathered together from across the state to enjoy the best of what our area has to offer. We had a perfect weekend with moderate temperatures and only a few sprinkles of rain!

Friday began bright and early with a driving tour of the Spacecoast backroads to the the Warbird Museum. The 356's were parked strategically in front of the hangers and on the aprons for a great 360 panorama of the cars. The museum is chock full of fascinating planes and exhibits and the group loved it. After a pizza lunch everybody eventually departed and made their way back to the Hilton to rest and/or participate in the swap meet.

That evening was the reception sponsored by and at Porsche Melbourne courtesy of Shay Rowe. Also provided by Porsche Melbourne were very nicely embroidered event golf shirts with our 2023 logo on them. Everyone has a good time examining the newer iterations of the Porsche theme and everyone left the evening satisfied with sufficient Porsche and culinary stimulation.

The Concours was staged on Saturday morning at Mark Pieloch's American Muscle Car Museum and all the members of our region were invited to come and enjoy the beautiful 356's. The Concours saw great representation of all classes of 356s.



In the afternoon, the owner of the American Muscle Car Museum, Mark Pieloch personally narrated a VIP tour (for charity) of the full museum for those who opted for it. His collection has about 400 cars, but the name is deceptive. Mark also loves Porsches since he became infatuated with them as a teenager living in Germany. He has about 50 of them and they are all unique and represent premier examples of each genre. During this tour he unveiled the Crown Jewel of his collection, his recently acquired 1959 718 RSK racecar. In fact it is the most successful Porsche 718 RSK racecar based on its performances over the years, including class wins at Sebring and the Nurburgring.

After everyone toured the museum, Mark treated us to an Ice Cream Social. Mark makes his facility available to organizations and only requests that a charitable donation be made. We raised \$5,000 for the Pielock Pet Adoption Center, a very worthy cause.

Saturday evening was our final Banquet and Awards Presentation. The People's Choice ballots were counted and cool gas pump trophies awarded to the class winners. We also awarded those who participated in the "Drive Those Cars Contest" – a way to encourage people to DRIVE their 356's. Mark Pribanic took top honors after driving his 1958 356A coupe an impressive 11,154 miles over the past year!

Sunday morning started early with our annual Members Meeting. After this people headed over to my shop 356 Unlimited for breakfast and look at our 356 restorations in various stages of completion.

In summary, the weekend was just about perfect. I think everyone went home very happy to have experienced our Space Coast hospitality!



Amelia Island - Werks Reunion

Article and photos by Andrew Mackey

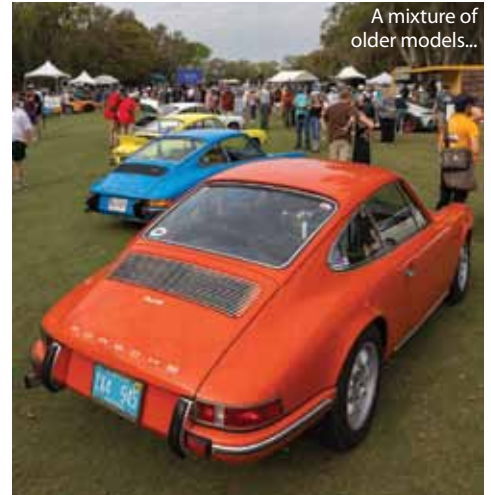
Each year, the Porsche Club of America (PCA) welcomes all Porsche clubs, owners, and enthusiasts to the annual Werks Reunion Amelia Island. This year, also the 7th year, occurred on March 3, 2023, the Friday preceding the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. People come to the Amelia River Club to see a breathtaking array of Porsches, from rare to current models, and everything in between.

You were not required to be a PCA member to participate in this celebration of Porsche automobiles; however, you had to register your car to be judged in model-specific Porsche Corrals, or you could enter the Porsche Judged Field and compete to win in more than 20 prize categories.

Werks Reunion was created by the Porsche Club of America as an event to celebrate both the Porsche marque as well as the camaraderie of being an enthusiast. This is not a contest of who has removed dust from the deepest crevices in their Porsche but rather a judged show that rewards a Porsche that has been lovingly maintained and presents itself well

on the field. Our judges do not use Porsche Parade Concours score sheets but rather rank the cars according to certain attributes discussed prior to judging. For those who do not wish to have their cars judged, you may display in the model specific corrals or if the organizers see fit, on the judged field itself. There are no score sheets returned or protest committees. This is a casual gathering of Porsche enthusiasts focused on having fun rather than solely competition.

This is a special event each year and just walking around looking at all the beautiful Porsches is a sight to behold for sure if you're a car enthusiast, and not to be missed.



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Drive and Dine to Rib City

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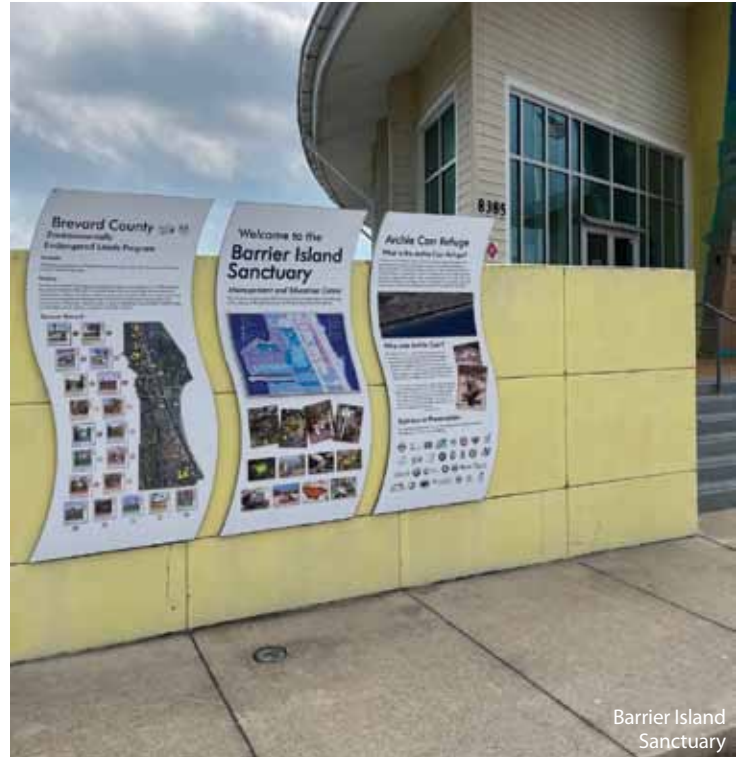
Our first Drive and Dine for 2023 took place on March 11. It has been three years since we've had a Drive and Dine due to complications from Covid. Now that we're back to "normal", it was good to finally get back out on the road. We had some good weather as skies cleared and the sun began to shine throughout the morning. There was an excellent turnout: 19 cars and 36 people. And it's always good to see some first timers join the seasoned D&D veterans.



Meeting up at
FirstWave Financial

We met at the FirstWave Financial parking lot in Satellite Beach at 9:00 a.m. Many thanks to Tom Kirk and Ryan Gorsuch for hosting us; they provided coffee, donuts, water and most importantly, restrooms prior to our departure. After a quick drivers' meeting, we departed at 9:30 a.m. and headed south on Highway A1A. We made our way to the Barrier Island Sanctuary Management and Information Center. We stopped for 30 minutes to explore the habitats for sea turtles

(loggerheads, green turtles and leatherbacks) that regularly nest here. Upon completion of this short tour, we headed back to our Porsches and continued south on A1A. It was more of a scenic drive that did not lend itself to any "spirited driving". I always like driving over the Sebastian Inlet with beautiful views on both sides of the road. We crossed over the Indian River on the Wabasso Bridge then headed north on US1 straight to Rib City.



Barrier Island
Sanctuary

Upon arrival at Rib City, we mingled for a few minutes in the parking lot and eventually made our way upstairs to our dining room. It's an interesting venue since this restaurant used to be a railroad station for the small town of Grant. It's now a great little restaurant that serves smoked ribs, pork, chicken, turkey, beef, and brisket. They provided great service and I'm pretty sure no one left hungry.

Overall, it was a great way to spend a day driving our Porsches and making new friends.



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2023 12 Hours of Sebring - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Article and photos by Tom Kirk

First held in 1952, March 18th of 2023 marked the 71st running of the 12 Hours of Sebring. This was the second race of the 2023 International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) season. Steve Tarr and I left Melbourne in our P-cars in the pre-dawn hours to arrive at the Sebring racetrack in time for the fan walk at 9:00 am, where we mingled with racing royalty (race team owners and drivers) and their cars on pit lane. The fan walk is always one of my favorite things to do when attending a professional race!



Fan walk

The good. Rain was forecasted for the weekend, but the weather turned out perfect. This contributed to what appeared to be a record crowd. There was also a very large starting grid of 53 cars across the five classes racing that day. Porsche was well represented with two Penske 963 prototypes in the new GTP class, one 911 GT3.R in the GTD Pro class, and five 911 GT3.R cars in the GTD class. Hopes were high that the Porsche prototypes would do better than they did at Rolex 24 at Daytona in January and that the 911's would make a good showing in their classes. Then the race began.



Porsche 963

The bad. The race was a crash-fest from start to finish. A spin in turn 1 of lap 1 stranded a prototype mid-track as the GTD classes were rounding this turn for the start of their race. It was a miracle they missed hitting him. A crash near the end of the race determined the winner of the GTP class. In total there were twelve full-course cautions following wrecks, resulting in a race that ran almost four hours (3 hours, 51 minutes) of its twelve hours under caution.

The ugly. The two Porsche 963 prototypes were doing very well and in contention for podium finishes in the GTP class, maybe even winning overall, until a wreck in the last 20 minutes of the race destroyed them both at the same time! The Whelen Cadillac (itself damaged in a wreck earlier in the race) went from fourth place to first and eventually won the race. Very disappointing to say the least.



Roger Penske

I know auto racing requires aggressive driving behavior and wrecks are going to happen, but this seemed excessive. When I was racing with Historic Sportscar Racing (HSR) in 2018 there was a rule called 13/13. If you caused damage to another car you were placed on 13 month probation. If in those 13 months you did so again, you lost your racing license for 13 months, effectively killing two seasons for points accumulation. We were all amateurs. But we did not wreck as often, or in as many avoidable ways, as I saw at Sebring. I won the championships that year because I accumulated the most points, not because my competition crashed-out.

Maybe IMSA needs to hand out driver penalties for causing crashes. Maybe they need to limit the size of the field where only more highly skilled drivers are allowed. I watch professional races to see the best drivers compete and win because of their driving skills and capabilities of their cars, not because of them just being the last one standing. The Pfaff Motorsport Porsche finished first in the GTD Pro class at Sebring based on driver skills and car capabilities.

I'll be watching the next IMSA race on April 14-15 from Long Beach and hope to see the Porsche 963 on the podium there.



Pfaff Motorsport Porsche

coming attractions

- Apr 1** Autocross @ American Muscle Car Museum, 7 am (Sponsored by Porsche Melbourne)
- Apr 1** Kaffeeklatsch @ American Muscle Car Museum, 8:30 am
- Apr 3** New Member Social @ Porsche Melbourne, 6 pm
- Apr 9** Kaffeeklatsch South @ Panera Bread, 2001 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, 9 am
- Apr 14-15** Wheels & Keels @ Moorings Yacht Club, Vero Beach
- Apr 15-16** Suncoast DE @ Sebring
- Apr 16** Kaffeeklatsch North @ Jason's Corner, 135 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach 9 am
- Apr 22** Dinner under the Space Shuttle with the Classic Car Club
- Apr 29** Autocross @ American Muscle Car Museum, 7 am (Sponsored by Porsche Melbourne)
- May 6** Tech Session & Kaffeeklatsch at Porsche Melbourne – 9 am
- May 13** Autocross @ American Muscle Car Museum, 7 am (Sponsored by Porsche Melbourne)
- May 12-14** Suncoast DE @ Sebring
- May 14** Kaffeeklatsch South @ Panera Bread, 2001 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, 9 am
- May 21** Kaffeeklatsch North @ Jason's Corner, 135 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach 9 am
- June 3** Kaffeeklatsch Mid-Region @ Panera Bread, 4100 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, 9 am
- June 3** Brumos Collection Tour – with Drive & Lunch
- June 8** Transformers Movie Night, 6:30pm (Sponsored by Porsche Melbourne)
- June 10** Porsche Celebrates 75 Years in America
- June 11** Kaffeeklatsch South @ Panera Bread, 2001 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, 9 am
- June 18** Kaffeeklatsch North @ Jason's Corner, 135 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach 9 am
- June 17-18** Suncoast Region PCA DE @ Sebring
- June 18-24** Porsche Parade – Palm Springs, CA
- July 1** Kaffeeklatsch Mid-Region @ Panera Bread, 4100 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, 9 am
- July 9** Kaffeeklatsch South @ Panera Bread, 2001 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, 9 am
- July 16** Kaffeeklatsch North @ Jason's Corner, 135 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach 9 am
- July 24-Aug 2** Driving & Tour though Germany
- Aug 1** Kaffeeklatsch Mid-Region @ Panera Bread, 4100 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, 9 am
- Aug 5-6** Suncoast Region PCA DE @ Sebring
- Aug 12** Hawaiian Summer Banquet at the Tides AFB , 6 pm
- Aug 13** Kaffeeklatsch South @ Panera Bread, 2001 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, 9 am
- Aug 20** Kaffeeklatsch North @ Jason's Corner, 135 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach 9 am
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- Oct 21** Space Coast Annual Oktoberfest, Concours & BBQ @ F. Burton Smith, 9 am
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