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President's Column

Happy New Year Space Coasters!

I hope each of you is staying healthy and enjoyed the holiday season as much as possible with all the restrictions that were in place. I think we all would agree that 2020 has been a trying year and we are ready to start fresh in 2021! I would like to thank each and every one of you for being members of our Space Coast PCA. Despite the crippling effects of COVID-19 limiting our physical activities and events together, our membership numbers happily grew for the year. We currently have 939 primary members and many of you have a designated affiliate member who, at no additional cost, also gets all the benefits of membership. If you haven't made someone your affiliate member, please do so – the more the merrier! It is easy to add someone; just log in to your National PCA account and click on "Edit". You can also check that we have your correct home address and email addresses so you don't miss out on any activities or news! We are also growing our own PCA members. Space Coast has 37 registered PCA Juniors; come and meet some of them on pages 26 and 27!

As we look forward to activities in the New Year I am thankful for our committed volunteers organizing and running events. I sincerely thank the board members and committee chair people who work hard to make memorable events. Please welcome Milt Weisman as our new North Region Coordinator and thank Terry Miller who is stepping down after years of service! Most of our Officers are staying on another year although their titles may have changed. We were all frustrated with event cancellations this year, but we are hopeful that 2021 will improve! This coming year we are planning to host Zonefest again on Memorial Day Weekend. It is a great event jam packed with activities over 3 days! Happily, our Autocross Season opens in January at the American Muscle Car Museum and our monthly Kaffeeklatsches in 3 locations will continue.

Thanks to our awesome members and great sponsors, Porsche Melbourne and the American Muscle Car Museum we are in a great position for a wonderful 2021! Please join us at 7PM on Thursday January 7th as we try our first full membership Virtual Annual Meeting. Come hear our plans for the new year and bring your ideas and suggestions!

Get out and drive those cars!

Robin Hoffman

On the Cover: Bill Bashwinger's Porsche GT3. Photo by Ray Baldino.

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From the Editor

Out with the old 2020 and in with the new 2021 or as Trina Gorsuch refers to it: Twenty Twenty ONEderful! A great way to be positive in this awful pandemic that has disrupted so many lives.

A big thanks to all of our Leadership Officials for stepping up to try and manage to make a few things happen, especially our President, Robin Hoffman. The AX Crew sure had it's hands full to try and arrange and pull off those popular events safely. Thank you team, you provided one of the few club activities were able to have and enjoy. It's so great to see the young ones getting involved in PCA Juniors. How fun is it to see the kids get so excited.

If you came out to any of our local tracks, Daytona International Speedway or Sebring International Raceway, you might have seen some of our Space Coasters participating in Suncoast DE's (Drivers Education) or Chin Track Day (High Performance Driver's Education). There were a few HSR (Historic Sportscar Racing) races at both venues as well. Even with social distancing and wearing masks, we had a great time driving our cars fast on some celebrated race tracks.

So happy we were able to have the Parade of Presents again this year again. Such a great charitable event for the kids for Christmas. Thanks to all those who donated and made the drive. We were all saddened that we couldn't celebrate the holidays together this year with our Holiday Banquet, but fingers crossed 2021 will turn things around.

Thank you to Porsche Melbourne for all your continued support to our Space Coast Porsche Club. With so many businesses going under, please remember to support our advertisers if you can. It takes a village to keep things going for so many businesses.

I hope you enjoy the stories in this issue, the last one of 2020. Thank you to all who contributed to this issue, be it a story or sharing some pictures and activities. Thank you Harry Allen for your great work laying out **EV** each issue. We can all enjoy your efforts! Thanks!

A very happy and prosperous New Year to all.

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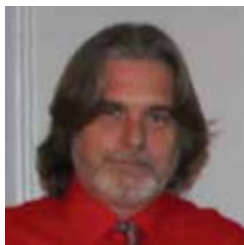
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Membership Corner

by Vicki Hempel

Welcome to all the new members and transfers. We are 933 primary members and 443 affiliate members for a total membership of 1,376.

Unfortunately to keep the spread of Covid 19 to a minimum a few events had to be canceled – The Tech Session at Porsche Melbourne, Oktoberfest Concours/BBQ/Swap at F. Burton Smith Park and the Holiday Party/Annual Meeting at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club.

The Kaffeeklatsches (Cars & Coffee) are still continuing at the three locations. Come have coffee and visit on Saturday or Sunday mornings 9 to 11am. Most of the time is spent outside in the parking lot where

you can safely social distance and enjoy the cars. You do not have to pre-register – just come out for an enjoyable morning. **Melbourne** – Bold Cup Coffee, 2271 Town Center Avenue #117, Melbourne on the 1st Saturday of the month. **Vero Beach** – Panera Bread, 2001 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach on the 2nd Sunday of the month. **Daytona** – Jason's Corner, 135 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach on the 3rd Sunday of the Month.

For more information and a complete list of events go to our website calendar <https://spc.org/calendar/> and Facebook events Space Coast PCA.

Welcome to our New Members!

August 2020

Fitzgerald Lawrence - 2007 Cayman
Brian Bock - 2017 Macan S
Tod Mehling - 2005 911 Carrera S

September 2020

Patrick Gordon - 1999 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Carolina Kripinski - 2020 911 Carrera
Randolph Read - 2020 718 Cayman
Robert Patterson - 2009 Cayenne S
Dave Johnson - 2017 911 Carrera S Cabriolet GT
John Gallo - 2017 Cayenne
Kathryn Valderrama - 2020 Cayenne
Hasanain Alkhalidi - 2020 Cayenne
Susan Tobar - 2019 Cayenne
Christine Dean - 2020 Cayenne
Kenneth Burney - 2020 Cayenne
Edil Agosto - 2020 Panamera
Eddie Deleuil - 2020 Panamera 4 E-Hybrid
Regina Caccamo - 2019 Macan
Nicholas Papadopoulos - 2020 Macan
Mercedes Girard - 2020 Macan
William Driscoll, Jr. - 2020 Cayenne
Lindsey Bruce - 2020 Macan
Larry Delone - 2017 Cayenne S E-Hybrid
Donald Dishong - 2020 718 Boxster
David Curri - 2020 911 Carrera
Michael Maier - 2018 Macan
Michael Callahan - 2020 Macan
Matt Nicholson - 2001 Boxster

October 2020

Keith Johnson - 2014 911 Carrera S
Chris Lee - 2019 Macan
Eduardo Ribeiro - 2018 718 Cayman
Joe Sharp - 1971 914-6
Glen Carver - 1987 944
Matthew LaChance - 2007 S
Richard Wiglesworth - 2020 Cayenne S
Reynold Sbrilli - 2020 Cayenne
Stuart Kinsella - 2020 Cayenne
Michael Nichols - 2020 Taycan 4S

Terry Martinez - 2020 911 Carrera S
Linda Murphy - 2020 911 Carrera S
Wayne Smith - 2020 Macan
Michael Schinzer - 2020 Macan
Eric Bissonnette - 2010 911 Carrera

Transfers In:

Rafael Allende from Florida Citrus -1989 928 S4
Gregory & Lori Clark from Ohio Valley - 2013 Boxster S
Paul Anderson from Florida Citrus - 2009 Cayenne GTS
Kenneth Kroslowitz from Florida Crown -
2006 Cayman S and 1985 944
Steve Rooks from Northeast - 2015 Boxster GTS

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If you are a PCA member and have a Porsche race car, come race with us. For information on how to get started, head over to <https://pcaclubracing.org/licensing>

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Details – Details – Details

The most up to date information about each event can be found on our Space Coast PCA Website and Space Coast Facebook. spc.pca.org/calendar – click on the event for more information.

Space Coast Events

Please note all dates are subject to change.

Autocross Events for 2021

Our Autocrosses at the American Muscle Car Museum facilities are fantastic! The site is amazing! Expect our usual fun and challenging course with approximately 60 second run times. Sponsored by Porsche Melbourne. Register on ClubRegistration.net.

February 6 – Porsche AX @ AMCM – 7:30 am

April 10 – Porsche AX @ AMCM – 7:30 am

April 24 – Autocross School @ AMCM – 7:30 am

May 8 – Porsche AX @ AMCM – 7:30 am

September 18 – Porsche AX @ AMCM – 7:30 am

October 2 – Porsche AX @ AMCM – 7:30 am

November 13 – Porsche AX @ AMCM – 7:30 am

February 27 – Corvette Challenge, hosted by CKCC

Tech Event at Zotz Racing

January 16 – 9 am to noon

Zotz Racing & Autowerks is having their 3rd Annual HPDE Tech Event. This year they're partnering with Space Coast and Sun Coast PCA for this special event. Come one come all, there will be vendors, raffles, food, demonstrations, classes for beginners and advanced drivers, and expert advice. If you've always wondered and never tried or participated in a DE (Driver's Education) or just want to improve your driving skills, this event is for You! Please register at www.ClubRegistration.net. There is no charge. You don't want to miss this special experience. There will be an organized drive for Space Coasters for this event from Sam's Club at 520 & I-95.

Name Badges

If you are interested in having your own Space Coast PCA name badge, contact Bruce Hambidge and he'll order one for you and your co-member. You must attend an event to order the badge and another event to pick it up! Bruce's email is hambidgeb@bellsouth.net or phone him at 321.505.7107.

PCA Juniors

**It's not just the cars...
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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. Join here at <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors>.

KaffeeKlatch (Cars and Coffee)

We continue to have 3 informal get-togethers each month 9am to 11am 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.

KK Melbourne at The Avenues of Viera Bold Cup, first Saturday of the month

KK Vero at Panera, second Sunday of the month

KK Daytona at Jayson's Corner in New Smyrna, third Sunday of the month

PCA Event Participant COVID-19 Guidelines

In all things PCA does, first and foremost is the health and safety of our members, sponsors and communities. Take steps to protect yourself and others.

- Stay home if you are sick (refunds will be given)
- Stay home if you have been in contact with someone in the last two weeks who has been sick
- Bring your own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, hand sanitizer
- Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Wear your face mask in the presence of others
- Physical contact is discouraged; please refrain from shaking hands, fist bumps and hugs
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Porsche Adrenaline in the North Carolina Mountains

Article by Cindy Hambidge
Photos by Bruce Hambidge

A beautiful blue sky spotted with white cotton clouds stretched over the rolling landscape and the cool North Carolina mountain air was such a refreshing change from the Florida heat. We were finally there. The anticipation had been building for weeks and the day could not have been more perfect for a spirited drive in three of the most iconic sports cars imaginable.



Appalachian Driving Experience

We arrived at The Appalachian Driving Experience in Murphy, North Carolina at 8:45 am and met our Space Coast Porsche Club friend Tom Kirk at the door. Many of you may know Tom and that he drove his Porsche to win two Historic Sportscar Racing championships. Tom

has a summer home about 30 minutes from ADE and is now part of their team working as a lead driver on many tours. What a wonderful way to spend a Summer!

As we entered the facility, the first thing I saw was a gorgeous Lizard Green Porsche 911 GT3 RS. Sitting opposite was a beautiful Cayman GT4, not a bad start to the day. We met Kelly Williamson, one of the brilliant entrepreneurs who founded ADE, and we all sat down for the "driver's meeting" to determine which route to take on our adventure. We had the option of an 80-mile scenic drive along swaying mountain roads or 80 miles of twists and turns and pure adrenaline. We chose the adrenaline, of course!

We then inspected the lineup of our chosen Porsches for the drive. The 718 Cayman S, the 992 Carrera S Cabriolet and the 911 GT3, oh yeah! After a quick orientation we were ready to take off. With Kelly leading the way, my husband Bruce riding shotgun and Tom bringing up the rear, I buckled in for the drive of my life.

We started in the Cayman S because it is most like my own Boxster S. It seemed a good vehicle to start with while becoming acclimated to the winding roads. Although my Boxster has a manual transmission, I very quickly got used to the Cayman's PDK, which is a thing of magical elegance and precision.

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Great roads, huge smiles

Once we left downtown Murphy we immediately encountered the curvy roads that we Floridians only dream of. The roads were some of the most challenging I have ever driven, other than the Tail of the Dragon. Very narrow with sharp twists and turns everywhere. Kelly knew the roads like the back of his hand and confidently lead us speeding up the mountain. The Cayman performed beautifully and gave me confidence with its familiar feel.

After about 25 miles in the Cayman we stopped for our first car swap. Next up, the 911 GT3! This was my first real driving experience in a 911 and it was so exciting to begin with such a powerful performance icon. Kelly told me to trust the car and that it would stick anywhere I drove it. I took those words to heart and boy did I drive it. The raw power was simply stunning. It stuck like glue in every corner and accelerated like a rocket. The sound of the exhaust in Sport Plus mode was ecstasy! We were in sports car heaven! We sped through the zig zag route with white knuckle intensity, loving every twitch of the G-force meter.

After many more miles of delightful driving we stopped at a picturesque spot overlooking a lake with beautiful mountains in the background and took the picture you see here with Bruce on the left and Tom Kirk on the right of me in the GT3. Later we changed cars again and finished our drive in the 992 Carrera S Cabriolet with the top down. We could not have asked for a more beautiful day, or more beautiful cars. The 992 was a dream to drive and the crisp wind in our



I don't think we're in Florida anymore

faces only added to the exhilaration. It had substantial power in Sport Plus mode and the resonance of the exhaust as I accelerated out of each corner was like a symphony's crescendo in an epic movie scene.

Bruce was enamored with all the little buttons on the center consoles of the 911s and cycled through sport, sport plus, exhaust and spoiler settings as we drove. I was so hyper-focused on the road that I didn't have time to explore any of the options. There was no way I was taking one hand off the wheel or my eyes off the road.

Unfortunately, the 992 didn't stick in the corners quite as well as the GT3. It only took one incident of the tail end sliding out to give me a healthy respect for the road and the importance of the right tires. Fortunately, we quickly recovered from that glitch and motored on at a spirited pace. The drive came to an end all too soon. There are not enough adjectives to describe the experience!

At each stop Tom and Kelly were a font of interesting information about the cars and the area. It truly is a performance driving paradise. Thank you, Kelly and Tom, for a fabulous experience of a lifetime. We hope to make it an experience we repeat every time we are in the area. Next time we might try the GT3 RS or the brand new Taycan 4S that ADE was taking delivery of that afternoon. I believe the possibilities for adrenaline filled adventure will draw us back again and again!

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Stay Driven Porsche Driving Tour 2020

Article by Donna Edwards

Photos by Peter Sanford, PCNA

The Porsche Driving Tour 2020 run by Porsche Cars of North America (PCNA), invites drivers across 12 cities to enjoy the power and performance of Porsche in an intimate experience. The tour offered the opportunity for those who are contemplating buying a Porsche to get behind the wheel of a variety of new Porsche models and explore the surrounding areas, followed by a private dining come first served basis. With safety in mind, the group size was extremely limited for each session with strict guidelines in place that comply with current government and CDC regulations for COVID-19 preparedness.

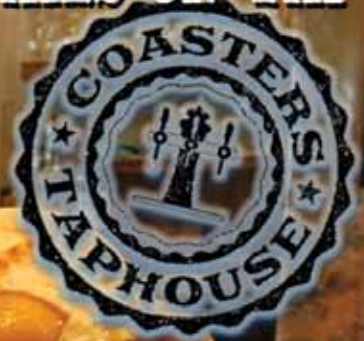
Porsche Melbourne hosted the 80 participants on Friday October 16th and Saturday October 17th at the American Muscle Car Museum. Thanks to Mark Pieloch for opening his beautiful museum for everyone to tour and enjoy his car collection. This event was planned for participants to experience the open road behind the wheel of a Porsche. Representatives from Porsche Cars North America were there to answer any questions the guests might have.



Both Friday and Saturday mornings began at the American Muscle Car Museum with a session viewing all the cars that were participating and talking about what was in store for everyone. Car assignments

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were handed out. There were approximately 10 brand new Porsches selected for the drive which included Panameras, Cayenne Coupes, Macans, Taycans, and even a Taycan Turbo S. Quite the eclectic assortment!

Lunchtime had everyone installed in their selected Porsche and off each went, two to a car, on a ride to the Yellow Dog Café where a delicious lunch was provided for all. While lunching, Porsche Melbourne sanitized each and every car and when lunch was over, everyone got to experience a different Porsche for the return trip. The route back to the American Muscle Car Museum took the drivers on a different route covering lots of bends and curves to really try out the beautiful machine they were driving. Participants all received an exclusive gift bag to commemorate the event.

A great time was had by all, and also reiterated the slogan for the event: "Let's take to the open road together. Stay Driven."



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Treffen at The Greenbriar

Article by David and Ginny O'Neal
Photos by Vu Nguyen and Ginny O'Neal

Tref-fen (n), to travel

PCA's Treffen is a semi-annual gathering of Porsches that features non-competitive driving and exquisite dining at some of North America's top resorts. Treffen was developed to offer an upscale national event for a limited group of participants and replaced the region-led Escape. After two years of planning and reprogramming, the inaugural Treffen Lake Tahoe was held at the Resort at Squaw Creek in September 2016. Subsequent Treffens have been hosted in Texas, North Carolina, New Mexico, Alberta, California and Vermont.



Fall 2020's iteration was held at the historic Greenbrier Hotel and Resort in the mountains of West Virginia, and drew the maximum crowd of 500 attendees from across the Eastern seaboard. Treffen at The Greenbrier was the first major PCA event held in 2020 after COVID-19; thankfully, due to adherence to protocols, none of the participants or sponsors tested positive for the virus.

The formula for a Treffen is simple: attract 500 avid Porsche owners, place in a 4-star resort, have local regions identify and plan day-trips



to local attractions using scenic roadways, add copious amounts of fine food and allow time for social interactions. Eat, drive, tour, eat, drive, eat, and gather to tell where you went, how you got there and what you ate - repeat! Happily, the formula that was developed by Ginny and me has not changed - why mess with success? Treffen's current caretakers - Harry and Dolores Season from Albuquerque, with support from Registrar-par-excellence Leslie Sikorski from Orlando - have tweaked and improved the product over the years. Enough for the history lesson.



Our Treffen experience - the first one that we have attended as guests - began with a ride to the Northeast on the Amtrak Auto Train. This convenience runs non-stop routes back and forth between Sanford, Florida and a suburb of Washington, DC. The trains depart at 4pm and arrive the next morning at about 9am - allowing its passengers and their vehicle to traverse approximately 1,000 miles while lounging and sleeping. Our itinerary was delayed by a day when we found that a loaded Cayman GTS had too little ground clearance to board the train - so we returned the next day in the Macan GTS.

Another 3-plus hours was needed to get to West Virginia, far less taxing than the 13-hours needed to drive from Cocoa. Once there, we were charmed by the colonial elegance of The Greenbrier and its grounds. Our single day of touring included a drive to the nearby Homestead - another colonial-era resort with a long and distinguished history. The circuitous route allowed us to experience some of the great mountain roads in the area and proved that the Macan GTS in sport-plus mode was a perfect tool for navigating the foggy and twisty roads. As always, several drive options were available per day, and as always, were sold out along with the entire event in less than 30 minutes.

Registration for Treffen Scottsdale opens Wednesday, February 24th at 3:00 pm. Don't be a minute late or you will miss out on this truly wonderful PCA event!

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Petit le Mans 2020

Article and photos by Ronald Maillette

I attended the Petit le Mans again this year, making it the 11th time in the past 12 years that I have done so. And, just like every other year, I was joined by my good friend Stan. We arrived on Tuesday the 13th and took up residence in our usual reserved spot – #643 in the Skidpad at Turn 6. While we quickly fell into our usual routine of setting up the big RV, one thing was noticeably different, the impact that COVID-19 was expected to have on attendance. It was announced ahead of time that the crowd would be limited to 50% of that which is usually allowed. Interestingly enough, the incredibly large attendance every year is one of the things that we truly enjoy. There is a certain energy that it brings to the whole experience. By late Wednesday afternoon, that energy was back.....we were joined by the many folks we have come to know in our immediate area and at several other of the reserved and 'first come' spots around the track. We were also impressed with how Road Atlanta and IMSA took steps to bring the excitement by doing everything that they could to engage the attendees.



One of these efforts was particularly special. They arranged a Track Walk over a 2 hour period that was led by Johnny O'Connell of Corvette Racing fame. What a special event. He was personable, engaging, and full of information about driving every one of the corners during a race.

Oh, and the weather? It was by far the best we have seen in the many years we have been attending. Bright sun, low humidity and moderate temperatures were enjoyed each and every day.

The racing, itself, at all levels was some of the best that we have seen in many, many years with the 10 hour on Saturday hotly contested. What was particularly great was the fact that, this year, this was NOT the last race of the season and no manufacturer or drivers' championships could be decided. This meant that every class, every driver was pushing the limit. It was some of the most exciting racing that we have experienced. It did not hurt one bit that Porsche was in strong contention in GTLM throughout much of the race.

As we drove back home on Sunday morning, I found myself reflecting back on not just the week but my experiences at this track over the years. We used to live in the Atlanta area and had attended many Petits long before our current run of 11. It also brought back great memories of being with Team Rafanelli's Olive Garden and Coca-Cola sponsored 550 Maranello in the early 2000's when I was the Coca-Cola liaison to the team. We traveled to tracks all over the U.S. and Canada and Road Atlanta was then and probably still is one of, if not the most, favorite track amongst them.

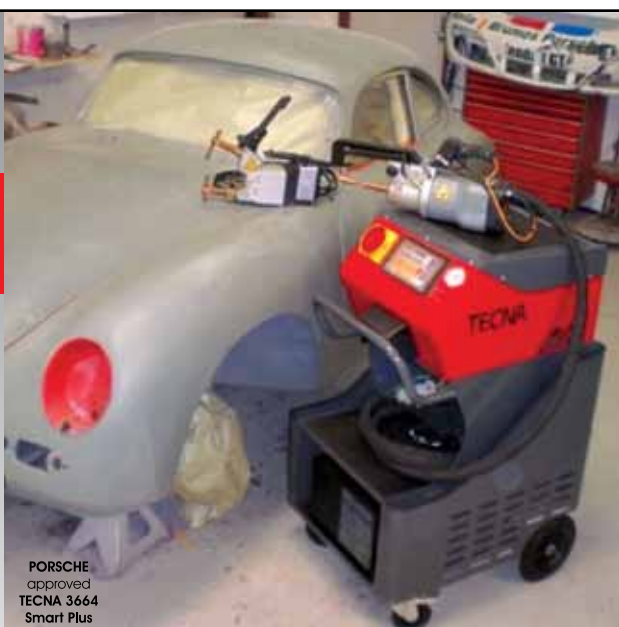


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Kaffeeklatsch Report

Photos by David Kelly, Sue Kee and Robin Hoffman

We had some beautiful days at our three Kaffee Klatches in Vero, Melbourne and Daytona. It sure was great to see people and commiserate about the lack of fun we wish we were having this year. Still, connecting with others is always great! Remember it's not just the cars, it's the PEOPLE!



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My First Drive at Circuit of the Americas - COTA

Article and photos by Tom Kirk

On my third attempt I finally made it to my first driving experience at Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in Austin, Texas with my 2016 Porsche GT4 Club Sport. COTA is the only Formula 1 racetrack in America, containing a complex and challenging, 3.426-mile, twenty-turn, road course. My previous attempts to get there had been thwarted by mechanical or biological (COVID cancellation) obstacles. The way was made clear for the Chin Track Days event there on September 26-27. So, we went, and I am glad we did!

In addition to being the only F1 track in the county, and maybe because of it, COTA has some features and attributes I had never experience in my over 10 years of driving at more than half-dozen other racetracks around the country and in Canada: the sheer number of turns, the complexity of certain sections of the racetrack and the caliber of the facility.

COTA has twenty turns. Each turn has at least four unique features: brake point, turn in, apex and track out. That is eighty reference points you must understand and execute on each lap. Each of these features has its own nuances: how hard to brake; how fast to turn the steering wheel; how much throttle and when to give it at track out, etc. To put this into perspective: Daytona International Speedway has six turns in the infield and a bus stop on the back straight. Roebling Road Raceway has nine turns. Our beloved Sebring International racetrack has seventeen turns. Remember the first time you drove at Sebring? Add significant elevation changes and three more turns and you will get a feeling for how much there is to learn and digest when driving at COTA for the first time.

This challenge is increased by the complexity of the racetrack, especially the section called the esses. Several tracks I have driven contain an esses section: Road Atlanta, VIR, Watkins Glen. These usually consist of three consecutive left-right-left or right-left-right turns in rapid succession, each with a similar radius. Not COTA. The esses at COTA consist of SEVEN alternating left then right turns, of varying radiuses (more rounded turns followed by sharper ones, then more rounded, then sharper again), all while ascending and descending over elevation changes that affect the your grip level and your ability to even see the next turn over the crest of the next rise. Done well, this was one of the most satisfying and rewarding parts of the track. Done poorly and you must slow way down to get back on



Cresting the hill

the proper line or risk going off the track. Fortunately, I never had to use the significant runoff areas in this section that are available for such circumstances.

The caliber of the COTA facilities set a new high bar for me. Barber Motorsport Park in Birmingham, Alabama is a beautiful facility with its manicured grounds, artwork in various places and clean paddock and garages. Opening in October of 2012, COTA is still very new. The garages sealed and polished floors are spotless. The bathrooms are plentiful and clean. Grandstands that can accommodate 120,000 fans surround the track. I can only imagine the experience had by spectators there. Sebring and Daytona have their charm and history, but COTA has what it takes to be a modern Formula 1 facility.



Clean car, cleaner floor



Drivers meeting in facemasks and fog

COTA is a challenge. It is a challenge to get there and a challenge to drive. But the satisfaction and accomplishment I feel now, after having done so, is hard to describe. I am so grateful to be able to enjoy this hobby and to have successfully driven on this F1 racetrack. Thanks to Zotz Racing for preparing my car for this event. Thanks to Ron Zitza and Jonathan Caban for transporting my car to Austin, Ron's coaching, and Jonathan's track side support. Thanks to Chin Track Days for running such a fabulous event. I will never watch a COTA race on TV the same way ever again.

Tech Spotlight

Front and Rear Tie Downs on 981

Article and photos by Rob Van Name

This article discusses the installation of front and rear tie downs for a 981. Tie downs allow your car to be firmly attached to a trailer or to be retrieved from an off track excursion without using straps that may scratch your wheels. I'll also describe a rear jack point that you can install to easily raise the back of a 981.

I used front and rear tie downs from FabSpeed as shown in these links:

<http://www.fabspeed.com/porsche-981-boxster-cayman-front-tie-downs/>



<http://www.fabspeed.com/porsche-981-boxster-cayman-rear-tie-downs/>



The rear jack point is shown here:

<http://www.fabspeed.com/porsche-981-boxster-cayman-rear-jack-point/>



Here are the front tie downs installed on my car:



To perform the install you will need to safely raise the car and remove the front under tray. There are two bolts on each side that tie the front suspension frame to the body that have to be removed to install the front tie downs. These bolts are one time use bolts so you'll have to buy four new "combination screws" as Porsche calls them. The part number is N-911-489-01. When you install the front tie downs with the new bolts torque them to 67 ft/lbs and then tighten an additional 90 degrees. With the front tie downs installed the front under tray must be trimmed. I put the under tray in place and pushed up into the front tie downs to make marks on the under tray. Then using the utility knife make openings in the under tray for the tie downs to pass through. The under tray material is foam based and cuts easily.

The rear tie downs and the jacking point are shown here:



You will have to remove two bolts on each side of the rear aluminum plate to install the rear tie downs. When installing the rear tie downs the bolts require a torque of 48 ft/lbs.

In a similar fashion remove the two bolts at the rear of the aluminum plate to install the jack point. When installing the jack point torque the bolts to 48 ft/lbs.

Safely lower the car and you are done. Hopefully having the tie downs installed will prevent any rides on a flat bed. The rear jack point makes it very easy to raise the rear of your 981.



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September AX

Article by Carmen DeVito
Photos by Sue Kee

The return of the Porsche Melbourne sponsored 2020 autocross series happened on September 19 at American Muscle Car Museum. A short roster of 27 seasoned drivers, no students came out, to test the new COVID-19 procedures for registration, track working and BYO Food! Masks were worn when not alone in your car. Online registration for payment and waiver signing allowed us to provide each participant a small sealed bag that contained all they needed to run and work including sanitized walkie talkies. All feedback indicated the new process was safe, smooth and fast, so the autocross team will keep it! It doesn't seem any of our drivers were rusty from 9 months of looking at their cars parked in the garage. Times were on par with past events and very few cones were killed during the day.



Ladies class was a mid engine battle with three entries. Cindy Hambidge took top honors in her blue Boxster over Robin Hoffman in her Carmine Red Boxster S and Sarah Morrison in her Red Cayman S. Gary Lund took the stock base mid engine class in his brown Cayman. Jimmy Strater took the stock mid engine S class of six entries in a black Cayman S edging out Rick Rousseau in his black Boxster S. Russ Carnap took first over two good drivers Bob Layman and Juan Diaz in the mid engine GTS, R, Spyder class. This is always a tight fight in well driven cars. Brian Kraemer took a decided first in the Panamera class against dad, Bruce in the same car. Brian continually shows us how to drive a big car through a tight course quickly. George Krivo won the GT3 class in his black 991 GT3 over



David Swartz and came in second overall! Well driven George! Fastest time of day was taken by Ken Marshall in his new Carmine Red 991.2 Turbo S edging out George Krivo by 36/100 of a second!



A highlight of the event was, at AMCM owner Mark Pieloch's request, a courtesy ride for Jennifer Cleveland, a friend of the museum. Jennifer, an avid muscle car aficionado, became visually impaired several years ago after complications from celiac disease. Unable to drive now, Jennifer wanted to once again experience the sound and feel of a performance car, and what better way to do so than in a Porsche! Ken Marshall volunteered to assist with his powerful new 2019 Turbo S. Jennifer's beautiful ear to ear smile as she was piloted around the course spoke volumes of her enjoyment of the ride. It made her day and it was a pleasure to experience the thrill of getting back in the saddle with Jennifer as the entire group of Space Coast Porsche attendees shared in the fun!

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October AX

Article by Carmen DeVito
Photos by Ed Dedick

Results from the October 3, 2020 Autocross show we ran the first run group for 5 runs and the second run group got 2 and a half before the rains came! With a smaller COVID level attendance we were moving through the line quickly but by 10:30 the rain started and came down hard. It affected the faster Production classes who usually run second so some of these fast drivers were not given the time to get their fastest runs. Results review and assessment should take that into consideration. Thanks to all the drivers who came out and stayed to help clean up in the downpour.



Ladies class saw the return of Sally Jecmen to SPC autocross. Welcome back Sally in

her black Boxster! The fastest lady was once again Cindy Hambidge in her blue Boxster S. Rick Rousseau was on fire in his 986 Boxster taking his class and placing high in overall standings. Jimmy Strater continue his dominance of the mid engine 987/981 S class cars almost breaking the 59 sec mark with a 59.011! Juan Diaz took his white Cayenne S to first in SUV class while Brian Kraemer hustled the Panamera S to a very fast 59.856 in his class. New comer, Andy Colgan took the 991 S Production class for cars slightly modified from pure stock. A great first appearance!



Tim Marshall is back in fine form taking the mid engine S Production class and fourth

overall with a 57.346. This class was impacted by the rain as in second place, the always fast Bob Layman only got two runs before the rains came. It still put him 5th overall with 57.740 behind Tim. Just as the rains came down George Krivo took fastest time of day in his 2018 Darth Vader black GT3 just edging out Ken Marshall in his Turbo S!



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November AX

Article by Carmen DeVito
Photos by Ed Dedick

Space Coast PCA series #5 Results - Sponsored by Porsche Melbourne. 30 Space Coast PCA autocrossers and 2 BMWCCA friends hit the concrete at American Muscle Car Museum for the 5th and final event of the year. The rain went to the north of us this month and we had great weather for all runs.



Special thanks go to Marv DeBeque and Rick Rousseau who volunteered to work the event even though their cars were in the shop. These guys are a great example of the PCA slogan, "It's not about the cars, it's about the people."



Congratulations to the class winners who have extended their points leads or created an upset in their respective classes. The average course time was 63 seconds, with the top 10 drivers all below 60.6

seconds. Ken Marshall returned to the top podium with a blistering 55.91 over the other top four drivers George Krivo, Jimmy Strater and Carmen DeVito. However, the most discussion was about the BIG Panamera piloted by Brian Kraemer to a 59.56 and fifth place overall! That car is definitely a Porsche.




We welcomed five novice drivers attending their first or second autocross; all of them showing marked improvement with every lap. Well done! That's it for 2020. Here's hoping for a better and COVID free 2021 season.



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Space Coast's Junior PCA Members

Article by Robin Hoffman

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

PCA Juniors is a program for Porsche enthusiasts under age 18. 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.

Any child under age 18 who is registered by a current PCA member can participate in the program. Participants must be registered by an active PCA member, and there is no cost to join! Sign up your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews! Sign up the neighbor kid who ogles your Porsche. Each child receives a name badge and age appropriate Porsche swag.

Also, Porsche released the Porsche 4 Kids website which has a variety of activities, games, crafts and pictures to keep kids busy (<https://www.porsche4kids.com/>). Check it out for your junior.

Payse and Slayton are quite the Porsche fanatics. They collect Matchbox and other die-cast Porsches. Whenever we drive past a Porsche on the road, they can't help but scream "Porsche!" And, of course, they are thrilled to attend PCA events as PCA Juniors.



Payse and Slayton...



...color specialists

Back in April/May 2020 they participated in the PCA Juniors coloring contest through collaboration with the virtual California Festival of Speed. Both Payse and Slayton love art and thoroughly enjoyed coloring the various Porsche pictures available on the PCA website (<https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors-activities>). They received certificates and an awesome gift package for participating in the California Festival of Speed event. This was back when quarantine was in full effect, so it was especially appreciated and enjoyed. When I asked Payse and Slayton about their favorite part about the PCA Juniors program, they both said the coloring contest. I'm sure that will change once I take them to more events. – *Ed Springer (Dad)*

Amelia's car events started at a young age of only a few months old at a Porsche Space Coast Auto Cross and carried on to other Porsche events where she was just learning how to walk. She took a trip to California with us for the Anniversary of the Porsche Experience. She's been on adventures of buying cars with Pop Pop and even going with us to have them serviced. She loves Pop Pops 2011 Porsche Spyder and says "Pop Pop's car is FAST!" She has attended Rally's and dinners and loves looking at all the beautiful colors and honestly, we started teaching her colors by looking at Porsche cars. She already has an eye for detail and as she grows so does her love for Porsche's. – *Melissa and Juan Diaz (Mimi & Pop Pop)*



Amelia

Harper is six years old and has been around Porsches from birth, even came home in a Porsche from the hospital! She loves all the whee corners around town :) She loves to watch her Dad, Geoff Lowdermilk, race and play the race simulator they have!



Harper

Seventeen year old twins, Camille and Hannah Mueller have come to Space Coast PCA events with their parents for years. This past fall they drove in their first PCA autocross with the Florida Citrus Region. Their instructors raved about how exceptionally well they did! They drove their stock Hyundai Accent and their times were very respectable – just think how much faster they'll be in Dad's Porsche!



The Mueller twins

Tori was the 19th PCA Junior to sign up when the program started in 2017. She has been active in the Space Coast PCA since she was 7 years old, travelling across the country to Porsche Parades with the rest of the Hoffman family and participating in SPC activities year round. She learned to drive a stick shift in her Mom's Boxster and loved competing in the Autocross! She has now aged out of PCA Jr's but says she has fond memories of her time spent with the Porsche Club. She is still hoping for a 911 Turbo for her 21st birthday!



Tori



Chloe

Baby Chloe Abreu's first Porsche on her first birthday! Lucky she is the grand daughter of David and Ginny O'Neal.



Cody

Cody Gorsuch's bib says it all: Even with this on I still can't eat in the car!



Declan

Six year old Declan loves Porsches. Here he is showing off his 918 Model in front of the traffic circle at the Porsche museum in Stuggart Germany with grandparents Nancy Tupper and Ron Menck.



Maci

Maci Cook, 9 years old, sports the PCA Junior's swag – sunglasses and her name badge. Grand daughter of Steve and Robin Hoffman.



Ava and Luke

Since Grandpa (Tom Gorsuch) is the National President of PCA Luke and Ava have got to enjoy Porsche events with him!



Mirabelle

Mirabelle, 6 years old (and 6 minutes older than twin Declan) visited the 917 Pink Pig in the Porsche Museum in Stuggart Germany with grandparents Nancy Tupper and Ron Menck.



Summer

Summer knows how to pronounce Porsche correctly as a two year old! She loves her toddler Porsche a LOT. She spends time driving it inside and outside and washes it too. Porsche is now one of the 100-200 words that's she knows. That's the way we think it should be. – Trina Gorsuch (Mom)

Have you signed up for PCA Juniors?

It's not just the cars. And it's not just the grown-ups. PCA is about the kids too!

The PCA Juniors program is here for kids to enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and continue the passion that runs throughout the Porsche Club of America. As a PCA member, you may sign up your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew under the age of 18. It's free to join! Your PCA Junior will receive a welcome box with an ID name badge in the mail. Many region events include activities for children and teens geared to grow enthusiasm for Porsche and PCA for generations to come.

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Confessions of a Porsche Wife: 2020 Reflection - Surviving or Thriving?

Article by Trina Gorsuch

Photos by Ryan and Trina Gorsuch

Unbelievable how fast this year has flown by. Maybe it was the many monotonous days staying at home that made it all run together, or maybe I just blocked out most of it from my memory. In all seriousness I hope everyone is doing well, staying safe, and overall “surviving” 2020. Surprisingly, we have done pretty well this year as a family—not a lot to complain about. We’ve had some high moments – working from home, enjoying lower interest rates on our mortgage, discounts offered for healthcare workers that allowed me to purchase my dream mom minivan, and we even decided to build a new house located just walking distance to the kid’s future elementary school, a fantastic park, and the new home of our church, Grace Church Melbourne! We can’t wait to start our new adventure there in February 2021. But there were low moments too. Not just the chaos and uncertainty of the U.S. and the world, but personal ones including an unexpected 6-day stay at the hospital for me. Ugh. I said I wasn’t going to stay at the hospital this year after two years back to back pregnancies, but I guess 2020 had something different in mind. One thing is for sure, this year is one we all will never forget.



I’m happy to report we have made it out of the house for a few fun family days and one most recently to an autocross hosted by the American Muscle Car Museum. We really should be singing praises to the

Space Coast PCA Leadership Team for all their hard work and thoughtful planning to make these events happen again and safer for all. I have personally sat through the leadership meetings and it is amazing how much time and effort goes into discussion over signage, sign-in sheet protocols, waivers and legal considerations, masks/no-masks, spectators/no-spectators, food/no-food, etc. They absolutely deserve a special trophy for navigating our Club through 2020! It was an adventure they had no idea they had signed up for back in 2019. So happy to see our PCA events starting to pick up again.



My husband Ryan was super excited for the first autocross after the months of no Club events. He unfortunately had to work that day and couldn’t register to drive, but decided to leave early so he could swing by and take a few pictures for the SPC-PCA Instagram page. He drove over there and was greeted by a friendly face, Scott Kee. He was running the check-in at the gate and Ryan said hello and that he was only planning to stay for 10-15 minutes. BUT, to Ryan’s shock and dismay Scott said “Sorry. No entry without RSVP.” You know, in order to have these events again, PCA was coming down hard making sure rules were followed, and Scott was just doing his due diligence and enforcing the rules with no exceptions. Ryan understood, know his dad would be proud of the rule following, but was sad to have missed an opportunity to capture the other autocross drivers and post about it. Funny thing is that when Scott reported back to Sue and Robin Hoffman that he proudly turned

Ryan away because he wasn’t on the list, they did not have the reaction Scott expected. “How could you turn away Ryan! Really? He was going to take pictures for us? And he is the National President’s son!” Haha. Scott felt bad after that and of course reached out to Ryan with apologies on the confusion. But we all laugh about it now. When I heard what happened from Ryan I honestly said, “wow, Scott must have really straightened up during the pandemic year.” Ryan asked “what do you mean?” I replied, “Wasn’t it just a summer ago when we, along with Scott, were all stuck in the mud after the PCA Parade SUV “off-roading” experience went a little wild?!” LOL (I mean... no that never happened. wink,wink).



Don’t be too sad for Ryan though. He was able to drive in the next autocross and I along with Summer (2 years old) and Cody (1 year old) were there to cheer him on. I was one of the only maybe 2 women there and definitely the only one with a double stroller filled with 2 bouncy toddlers, but we had a lot of fun. The weather was perfect and everyone was social distanced and staying safe. I enjoyed talking to another member and getting to know him while watching from the sidelines. I always have a little anxiety about showing up to a car club with babies and in a minivan, none the less. Nothing says “you don’t belong here” like the moment when you find yourself changing dirty diapers on a picnic bench next to the autocross course. Yup that happens when you’re a Mom. But I am always pleasantly surprised with how everyone greets me, says hello with a smile (through a mask), and treats me so nice and respectful. It really is true what they say, “it’s not just the cars, it’s the people.”

So now what? Well I am looking forward to 2021. I’m already calling it Twenty Twenty-ONEderful. Say it. Believe it. Make it so! See you at the next event!

Member Spotlight

Ryan and Gabby Hoffman

I've always loved fast cars and my Dad loved Porsches, so growing up I was introduced to the brand early. Dad always talked about taking us all to the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart Germany, but it hasn't happened yet!

My family became active in PCA after I had left home but I got re-introduced to Porsches when I began working for 356 Unlimited in 2019. I have a new appreciation for the early Porsches and learn something new about them every day. It's really fun to bring an old Porsche back to it's former glory. My favorite 356 that I have worked on so far is Gerry Curt's 1962 356B S-90 Sunroof Coupe. It is a beautiful car and I am proud to have been part of bringing it back to it's original splendor!



Gabby and I both graduated from Rockledge High and we started dating in October of 2016. We got married a year ago in October. We bought a house in West Cocoa this past summer and are expecting our first baby in May. My dream Porsche has always been the 1989 911 Turbo, but now I think a Cayenne may be what we are looking



for! Gabby just earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business this fall. I'm very proud of her for that because she was working full time and had awful morning sickness for her last semester.



We bought our 1999 Boxster last year and have had a lot of fun running around in it. We have had fun getting to know the members of the Porsche Club and driving our Boxster. Some of our favorite events have been to include Porches and Planes at the Tico Museum in Titusville and we had fun at Porsche Parade in Boca Raton last year. Gabby's favorite event was the Christmas party we went to at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club last year. She says the people were so friendly and I loved looking at the Porsches in the parking lot!



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At the Track

Article by Sue Kee

Photos by Sue Kee and Lyndon Fox

The last few months have been filled with lots of racing activities for some of the club members. The fall just flew by with weekends at Sebring International Raceway and Daytona International Speedway. Tom Kirk and Steve Johnson were able to make the trek to Texas and drive COTA (Circuit Of The Americas) for a weekend with Chin Track Days. I was actually thrilled to make my second trip to Daytona International Speedway on an HPDE (High Performance Driver's Education) weekend along with fellow Space Coasters Scott Kee, John Donlon and Steve Sedaros. Lucky me had Ron Zitza from Zotz Racing as my coach. I can't tell you how much fun that experience was and how great I felt when Ron gave me a big High Five after successfully mastering the "Bus Stop," my favorite turn on the Daytona road course. I was very fortunate to have Ron as a coach for the entire weekend. Learning most definitely took place on my part.



The 351 in the rain

Having races scheduled around the clock in all kinds of weather conditions was an incredibly exciting and learning experience for Scott. For example, the rain stopped just before the third race started and crew chief, Eric Zitza, decided he should start on slicks on the wet, but potentially drying track. Because the other cars were on rain tires, they initially pulled away but as the track began to dry Scott was able to catch and pass most of them before the pit stop.

November also was the PCA Instructor's weekend sponsored by Suncoast Region at Sebring. Ten candidates with considerable prior experience on the racetrack, were put through their paces to become PCA Instructors. Nine candidates graduated and were congratulated with much applause by all for their accomplishment. It is not an easy task to undertake this skilled training endeavor. In parallel with this excellent 2-day instructor training program, Suncoast also offer solo drivers significant track time along with the opportunity for continuing education that includes a detailed track walk, advanced topic classes and on-track coaching. Space Coast had another good showing, but unfortunately no instructor candidates this year. Hopefully the 2021 instructor candidates will include some Space Coasters.

The first week of December were the HSR Classic 12-Hour and Historic Races at Sebring. It was a beautiful weekend, and lots of beautiful and fast cars. Winners in the Classic 12-Hour Race were my good friends Chris Ruppel and Eric Zitza. Several Sprint Races were also dominated by Chris, in his fast Cup Car. He and Brad Blum



Racers all

Rookie Racer Scott Kee and co-driver Ron Zitza drove to a second-place finish in Group G in the HSR (Historic Sportscar Racing) Classic 24-Hour Race at Daytona in November despite lots of issues including mechanicals and drenching rains. There were smiles on those two faces with silver medals around their necks. Not a first time for Ron, but a milestone for Scott to be sure.

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Chris Ruppel and Eric Zitza



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both had great showings in the races. Brad partnered in the Enduro with Ron Zitza for a Third Place finish. Not the first time Father and Son were in competition with each other. Unfortunately, Scott Kee's weekend was over by Friday with mechanical issues.

For a few of the hard core Space Coast track junkies the year finished the second weekend in December at another Chin Track Days event at Sebring. In spite of COVID-19, we still managed to get lots of fun track time



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in at several race tracks while being vigilant with following CDC Guidelines of wearing masks and keeping distance from others.



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Go drive in the rain!

by Pedro P. Bonilla, GCR PCA

“I want more HP to be faster!”

That’s what you generally hear from new students that have done a few DE events. They are under the impression that more horsepower will help them go around the track faster. While in some cases this might be true, such as with very experienced drivers with underpowered cars, generally gobs of horsepower will make them go slower because high power-to-weight ratio cars are much more difficult to drive.

The general advice for becoming a better and faster track driver is the same as when someone asks “How do I get to Carnegie Hall?”

The answer in both cases is PRACTICE!

Practice certainly makes perfect, and at the track it will make for a smoother, safer and faster driver. Once a student masters the art of braking, apexing, heel/toeing and accelerating with delicacy he/she will be more consistent and faster.

When we are new at DEs, we tend to be very aggressive with the way we turn the steering wheel, the way we press the brake pedal and the accelerator, thinking that this will make us faster. In fact, until we can tone down our urge to be violent with the car’s controls, we won’t be as fast as we could be.

Probably the best platform to help you be a smoother driver is by doing it in the rain, or better yet, on ice!

The best DE sessions I’ve ever had, when I’ve learned the most, are under pouring rain. When it’s slick you HAVE to be smooth in the

way you drive, or your tires (especially track tires) will be sliding all over the track and the car will not be on it for long.



My very first session after I qualified as a solo driver was under rain, at Homestead-Miami. I remember I felt very anxious at first, but as I did some laps it became fun, until I forgot to be smooth with my right foot and... I lost it at turn 13! Fortunately I was able to maintain the car on the track and there weren’t any other cars immediately behind, so I was fine. After that incident I’ve learned to be much smoother and my speed has gradually increased even though I haven’t increased my horsepower (too much).

I try to picture myself while I’m tracking my car that I’m on wet pavement and that helps me be a lot smoother ... and faster.




In one of the best books I’ve read, *The Art of Racing in The Rain* by Garth Stein, Enzo, the narrator of the book says it perfectly:

“I know this much about racing in the rain. I know it is about balance. It is about anticipation and patience. I know all of the driving skills that are necessary for one to be successful in the rain. But racing in the rain is also about the mind! It is about owning one’s own body. About believing that one’s car is merely an extension of one’s body. About believing that the track is an extension of the car, and the rain is an extension of the track, and the sky is an extension of the rain. It is about believing that you are not you; you are everything. And everything is you.”

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Parade of Presents 2020

Article and photos by Robin Hoffman

Space Coast PCA joined the other regions of Zone 12 to deliver presents to those in need on the Dec 5th. Porsches were out in force delivering toys all across our region. The Everglades Region raised \$200K and had 150 cars in their police escorted Parade to their local Children's Hospital. While our Toy Run was not on such a grand scale, we did gather a huge pile of toys during our Melbourne Kaffeeklatsch to deliver to His Place Ministries in Melbourne.

We had approximately 20 Porsches join our parade to deliver carloads of toys and presents to the beautiful church in Melbourne. We had a lovely drive. His Place Ministries is the oldest landmark in Central Brevard and has run a Toy Drive and toy giveaway for the past 14 years. The parents come to "shop" for presents to give to their children on Christmas morning.

Pastor Terry and his volunteers were busy decorating the church when we arrived. They were very organized and appreciative of our gifts. This year has been especially difficult with COVID-19 slowing toy donations. We filled a room full of gifts including 3 full sized bikes to give away! Who says Porsches aren't roomy? Many children's Christmas mornings will be brighter because of the generosity of this club's members. Thank you! What an awesome way to start celebrating the season!

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| Jan 7-17 | Mecum Auto Auction @ Kissimmee |
| Jan 9 | PM Sponsored Autocross @ American Muscle Car Museum CANCELLED |
| Jan 9-10 | Suncoast DE @ Sebring |
| Jan 10 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Vero Panera, 9 am |
| Jan 16 | Drive to Zotz Racing @ Cocoa Sam's Club, I-95 & 520, 7:30 am |
| Jan 16 | DE Tech Session for beginner & Advanced @ Zotz Racing, Orlando, FL, 9 am |
| Jan 17 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Jason's Corner, New Smyrna Beach, 9 am |
| Jan 22-24 | Roar Before the Rolex 24 Testing @ Daytona International Speedway |
| Jan 23 | Drive to the Roar Before, Lowes, 9 am CANCELLED |
| Jan 30-31 | 59th Rolex 24 at Daytona @ Daytona International Speedway |
| Jan 30 | Drive to the 59th Rolex 24 IMSA race, Lowes, 9 am CANCELLED |
| Feb 4-7 | 48 Hours at Sebring PCA Club Races & DE @ Sebring International Raceway |
| Feb 6 | PM Sponsored Autocross @ American Muscle Car Museum, 7 am |
| Feb 7 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Avenues of Viera Bold Cup, 9am - Changed from Feb 6 |
| Feb 14 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Vero Panera, 9 am |
| Feb 20-21 | Targa 66 @ PBIR |
| Feb 21 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Jason's Corner, New Smyrna Beach, 9 am |
| Feb 28 | 356 Gathering of the Faithful @ The Mission Inn, Howey-in-the-Hills, 10 am |
| Mar 5 | Werks Reunion 2021 @ Amelia Island - To be delayed to later in 2021 |
| Mar 5-7 | Amelia Island Concours - To be delayed to later in 2021 |
| Mar 6 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Avenues of Viera Bold Cup, 9 am |
| Mar 5 | Suncoast Instructor and Solo only DE @ Sebring |
| Mar 6-7 | Suncoast DE @ Sebring |
| Mar 14 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Vero Panera, 9 am |
| Mar 21 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Jason's Corner, New Smyrna Beach, 9 am |
| Mar 19 | 3rd running of the WEC 1,000 Miles of Sebring |
| Mar 20 | 69th running of the 12 Hours of Sebring |
| Apr 3 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Avenues of Viera Bold Cup, 9 am |
| Apr 10 | PM Sponsored Autocross @ American Muscle Car Museum, 7 am |
| Apr 10 | Wheels & Keels @ Moorings Yacht Club, Vero Beach |
| Apr 11 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Vero Panera, 9 am |
| Apr 18 | Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona Panera, 9 am |
| Apr 24 | Autocross School Sponsored by PM @ American Muscle Car Museum, 7 am |

Save the Date:

May 28-31 2021 Zone12 Zonefest hosted by Space Coast Region and sponsored by Porsche Melbourne and American Muscle Car Museum

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