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President's Column

2015 has started off with some great new leadership, some great continuing leadership and a spirit of adventure. Our new officers, Scott Kee (Vice President) and Ron McCall (Secretary), are great additions that will help our activity level and focus.

We have had many new ideas and thoughts provided to us as we move into 2015 and I think we all understand that the Space Coast Region of PCA must meet the needs of our members and provide the types of events that you all are looking for. Steve Wojcicki will be coordinating many drives this year and will need the help of people to make suggestions and be drive leaders. Scott is the Events Chairman as well as Vice President so he and Wojo will be coordinating what is happening. We also need people to provide articles for EV and Panorama. Some of you do a great job of communications so why not provide a short input for EV and the "Around the Regions" segment of Panorama?

Shay Rowe and Porsche of Melbourne are deeply engaged and have many suggestions for cooperation that will help both of us be the best we can be. You will be hearing more on these ideas as the year progresses. Some things to think about: How would you like to make a trip to the new PCNA headquarters in Atlanta and get some professional hands on at the facility there? What would you think about a group trip to Germany and the Porsche factory led by one of the senior advisors to Porsche? Maybe pick up your new Porsche there and get a chance to drive it before sending it back to the States? There are many exciting things that could come to pass in the next year or two.

Jeff Dorman, a new SPC member, has done a great job of updating our website and keeping it current.

Keep an eye on the calendar on the web because new drives and events are being added all the time.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers and also to our great Escape Velocity advertisers.

Lou Linden

On the Cover: 2105 911 GTS Club Coupe

To help celebrate the 60th anniversary of PCA, Porsche is producing a 911 GTS Club Coupe. She was first unveiled in the Porsche Corral at the 24 Hours of Daytona Race in our backyard! The Club Coupe has a list of unique features and trim that cannot be found on any other Porsche, new or old. Production will be limited to 60 vehicles and all painted the same unique "Club Blau". Only PCA members can go the PCA web site to enter a lottery for the right to purchase one of the 59 Club Coupes that are for sale. The 60th will be given to a lucky PCA member. For more information go to <https://www.pca.org>. Cover photos and artwork by Robin & Steve Hoffman.

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From the Editor

While having a pleasant conversation with Robin Hoffman at the Summer Banquet, she was lamenting over being swamped with work on the next issue of EV. I happily offered her a helping hand. Imagine my surprise at the very next KaffeeKlatsch, I was greeted and congratulated as the "New Editor of EV!" Somehow my good friend Robin had "tricked" me into something. Not sure how to respond to all my good wishes, I just smiled. Now, how to turn this around?

While moaning and groaning while working together with Robin on this issue of EV, I lamented that I didn't think I could ever do this all by myself. Ha! She took pity on me and agreed to be Co-Editor. I guess I tricked her right back, so now y'all have us BOTH.

I can't tell you how great it's been for me having Robin introduce me to so many wonderful people that I hadn't met before, especially those of you who volunteered to take pictures and write articles for the magazine. A whole new world has opened up for me. Please keep those articles and pictures coming. Thanks too to all our regular and new advertisers. We couldn't do this without all of you.

We both hope that you will come out and enjoy what this club has to offer from KaffeeKlatsch's to racing and everything in between. Our club members are friendly and we'd love to see you! I encourage everyone who has a Porsche or information to share to write us an article. Remember to attach some photos of your adventures.

Let's all work together to continue the Space Coast tradition of producing a wonderful magazine celebrating the Porsches we love and the People who drive them!

Sue Kee

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



The 60th Annual Porsche Parade

The Porsche Club of America cordially invites you to attend our 60th Annual Porsche Parade Celebration in French Lick Indiana from June 21-27, 2015. Our 60th Parade coincides with the Club's 60th Anniversary Celebration, and we're planning a series of special events at French Lick that will pay tribute to the cars and people who have made us the greatest single marque sports car club in the world. The 60th Parade will rightfully pay homage to the members and events of our past, but will also celebrate the Club's newest enthusiasts who will shape our future.

Parade Registration will open to PCA entrants on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 12 Noon EDT



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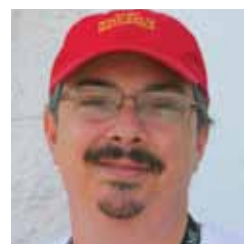
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Membership Corner

by Brian Reinert

Space Coast Region membership 2015 starting line is 552 primary and 308 affiliate members – for a total region membership of 860.

And this just in: we are ranked fifth in region membership growth (for calendar year 2015). For factored growth, we are #1! Yahoo!

One of our many PCA benefits is the ability to participate in the activities of all PCA regions. I know I frequently scan other region websites to view their upcoming events and calendars. Unfortunately there is no consolidated list for Central Florida so I would like to share the website address of our neighboring regions:

Florida Citrus Region (Orlando and areas) : <http://flc.pca.org/>

Florida Crown Region (Northeast Florida and central area north of Orlando): <http://www.pcafc.org/>

Gold Coast Region (eastern south Florida): <http://www.goldcoastregion.org/>

Other nearby regions:

Suncoast Region: <http://suncoastpca.org/>

Everglades Region: <http://egs.pca.org/>

And other Zone 12 regions:

North Florida: <http://nfl.pca.org/>

Puerto Rico: <http://pcapuertorico.com/>

Sonnenschein Region: <http://son.pca.org/>

Hope to see all of you at one of the upcoming Kaffeeklatsch or at the track!

Welcome to our New Members!

December 2014

David Newey, 2006 Boxster

Daniel Murphy, Blue 1988 Carrera Cabriolet

Carlos Mata, White 2014 GT3

Chris Butera, White 2015 Cayenne Diesel

Richard Dalley, Guards Red 1988 911 Turbo

Johnny Vazquez, White 2012 Cayman R

Douglas Diez, Meteor Gray 2012 Boxster

January 2015

David & Gail Morrison, Blue 2009 Carrera S

Brad Smith, 2014 GT3

Gary Jaudorf, 2015 Macan S

Jeffrey Fabick, 2013 911 Carrera

Margaret Carlin, 2015 Macan S

Prodromos Gordon, 2015 911 Carrera

Corrine Ryan-Bean, 2015 Boxster

Barbara Larson, 2015 Panamera

Frederick Marino, 2012 Panamera

James Sanginiti, 2014 Cayenne

Leanne Sebastianelli, 2015 Macan S

Sheila Schmitt, 2015 Macan S

Steven Dimarco, 2007 Cayman

Stuart & Jeanne Vance, 2015 Boxster

Brenda Ellis, 2015 Macan S

Mark Ferrara, 1983 911 SC

Victor Del Prete, Ocean Blue 2000 Carrera Cabriolet

Eric Dodd, Blue 2009 997 Carrera Cabriolet

Roland Gallie II, 1999 911 Carrera

John Williams & Lori Ann Tedasco-Williams, 2014 Cayenne

Francis Hanrahan, 2015 Macan S

Peter & Deborah Anderson, 2015 Macan S

February 2015

Patrick Gattuso, 2014 Boxster

Mario Ochoa, Basalt Black 2007 Cayman S

Jeffrey Young, Guards Red 2009 Boxster

Tyree Harris, Guards Red 2006 Cayman S

Patricia Eubank, 2015 Macan S

Michael & Sophie Abergel, 2014 Cayenne

Diane Harvey-Powers & Richard Powers, 2015 Panamera

Samuel & Gail Murdough, 2014 Cayenne

Keith Sherwell, 2015 Panamera

Charles & Janet Reese, 2014 Cayenne

Dawn Howarth, 2015 Panamera

Scot Reader, 2015 Cayman

Robert Zielsdorf, 2015 911 Carrera

Milton Benjamin, 2015 Cayenne

John Miersma, 2013 911 Carrera

Monique Read, 2015 Cayenne

Tony Cirillo, Red 2006 911 Carrera 4S



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News from National

Article and photo submitted by
Tom Gorsuch, National Vice President

Our EV Editors, Sue Kee and Robin Hoffman have asked if I could write an occasional column for Escape *Velocity*. The objective is to cover happenings within the national PCA organization that would be of interest to Space Coast Region members. Sounds like a good idea and I will be happy to receive your feedback on the column or anything PCA related.

As of January 1st, 2015 I am now the Vice President of PCA. This following four years as Treasurer—my how time flies. The Treasurer position is an extremely demanding volunteer position with nearly daily critical actions to be accomplished, a high level of scrutiny from 111,000 members, and critical strategic input into how the organization proceeds. I can't say I'll miss it but I am proud of what we accomplished in the past four years having returned several million dollars to strategic reserves and to the regional clubs.

Space Coast Region is playing an oversized role in our national organization. As of this year, Steve Hoffman has agreed to take on the role of national Tech Chair. As Tech Chair, Steve will facilitate our staff of technical experts, oversee our national Tech Tactics program, and be responsible for the Porsche geeks' favorite Tech Quiz at Parade. Making quality tech advice available to members is a core PCA value. Anyone who knows Steve will realize he is the perfect person for this role with his accomplished technical management career joined with his propensity to jump into any do-it-yourself Porsche project. His current projects include restoration on several early 911s as well as keeping the daily driver Porsches in top running and PCA competitive order. Highlighting the quality of our technical experts is our own Lou Verdiales who volunteers his time as the PCA expert for Turbo Porsches.

Steve and Lou join David O'Neal as the PCA Escape Chair, Jack and Lois Roberts as Parade Goodie Store Co-Chairs, and Robin Hoffman as Parade Kids Program Chair. And in parallel we have Shay Rowe who serves on the PCNA board of regents, representing all dealerships throughout North America—helping these related business entities see the light of exemplary customer service.

Unique on this year's calendar is the PCA 60th anniversary celebration. There will be an opportunity for every member to participate with regional spotlight events in addition to the national events. Nationally we will have a traveling PCA memorabilia display and special feature media events. The 60th Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana will feature a 60 for 60 Porsche display, an extensive museum, and several notable themed parties. The 60 for 60 will showcase one representative and noteworthy Porsche for each year that the club has existed.



Dave Hemdon, Zone 12 Rep, Tom Gorsuch, PCA Vice President, Chris Heck, PCA Club Coupe Design, Caren Cooper, PCA President, Paul Gregor, PCNA Club Liaison, Steffen Emmerling, Porsche Intern

An exclamation point on our 60th celebration is Porsche's production of 60 unique PCA Club Coupes. This has been a two year long secret project between the PCA Executive Council and Porsche. The Club Coupe was unveiled to members with great fanfare within our own region at the Rolex 24 Hours race in Daytona the third weekend in January. The Club Coupe is based on a 991 GTS with Club Blau paint designed specifically to match the blue in the PCA crest. It is a stunning vehicle that anyone would be proud to have in the stable. There are 59 Club Coupes available only to PCA members who can apply for the opportunity to buy before mid March. Further information is available through the PCA website. The 60th Club Coupe will be given to one lucky member at Rennsport Reunion V in Monterey, CA during the last weekend in September. All you need to be eligible for the 60th drawing is to have your membership current at the yet to be announced future date in 2015.

I guess we've known for some time now that it is our Space Coast Region destiny to give back in this supersized way—to help members throughout North America appreciate the Porsche lifestyle the way we do. I'm happy to do my part and glad to be surrounded by special friends all the way.

Space Coast Christmas Party - 2014

Article by Kate Breittfeller
Photos by Robin Hoffman

Twas the night of the 13th, and all through the night, shiny Porsches glistened under the Yacht Club's warm lights.... The Eau Gallie Yacht Club once again provided a beautiful setting for the Space Coast PCA Annual Meeting and Holiday Party! I know the tree isn't as big as the one in Rockefeller center but IT WAS HUGE for a Florida party!!! Our party started in the parking lot, with my husband, Jason, ogling a new Targa. I think the phrase "I need this car" passed his lips at least 10 times!!! When I was finally able to pull him away inside—these shoes are not for walking—I was happy to see that, as always, it was a wonderful turn out of Space Coast members. We collected our Christmas gift of the Space Coast PCA Charity Calendar and gazed in wonder at all 13 months of Porsches and their happy owners. Our club raised \$6,250 for the Candelighters! Thank you again to photographer Ray Baldino and Lois Roberts for their inspiration. It was great to see the generosity of all of our members arriving with their unwrapped toys to be donated to Toys For Tots. Thank you to Elaine Gorsuch for organizing that! After the requisite stop for drink tickets and the bar goodies we wandered around the main dining room catching up with everyone.

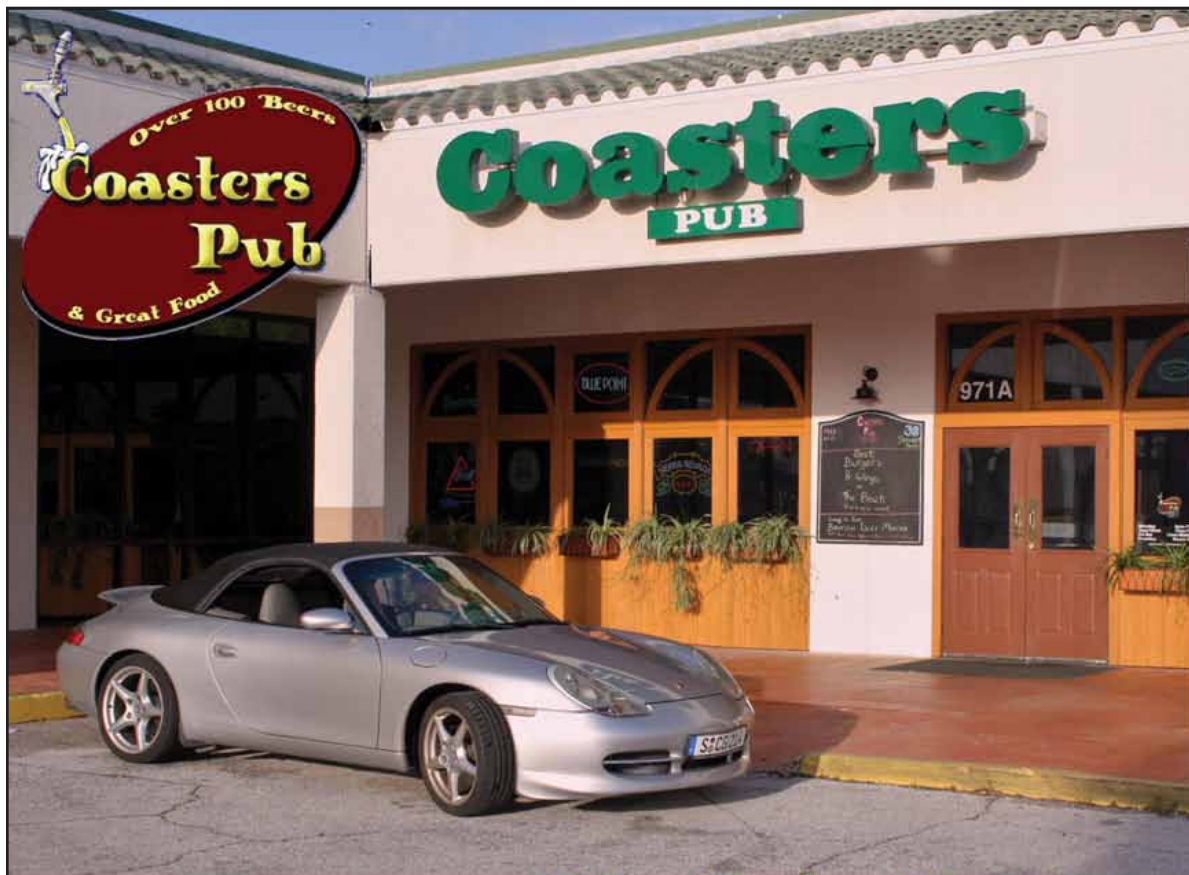
We have quite a few dignitaries in our club now. Many past Space Coast presidents, and a whole slate of National representatives came to our cozy little party. We were honored to have Caren Cooper, President and Tom Gorsuch, Vice President of National as our guests.



Charity Coordinator Elaine Gorsuch with Toys For Tots donations

It was great to hang out with friends, newlyweds Ralph and Carole Fritsche (congratulations!), as well as reconnect with people we hadn't seen in awhile.

Even though the Porsche of Melbourne group couldn't stay—they had to head off to their own party—we had just enough time to maintain our annual tradition and sing a quick round of Happy Birthday to Shay Rowe. Our trusty President Lou Linden led us through a fairly quick annual meeting and made the election slate official for 2015.



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Club Officers for 2015

Lou would continue as president, Scott Kee was voted Vice President and Ron McCall as Secretary. Our own Tom Gorsuch was recognized for his new position as Vice President on the national level. Raffles were called and this year we got to pick our own prizes. This of course led to friendly arguments (at least at our table) over who had gotten to what prizes first. There was a bit of trash talk amongst the men as to who got what, but Carole was my hero for pretty much telling them to shush and not be babies. The most coveted prize by far was the beautiful oversized Porsche Calendar won by "Sir" Ralph Fritsches



Happy party goes

(which Ralph promptly loaned to Jason after he safely tucked away the coveted coin).

Unfortunately, this year I didn't win anything. I do so much better when my kid is the one pulling the numbers! No one left empty handed though, we had our beautiful calendars! After dinner the band got started and the dancing begun. Unfortunately, I was under the weather and didn't get to stay long enough to coerce Jason into dancing with me. It was a fun night and a great finale to our year. Maybe for the 2015 Holiday Party we will have a Space Coast member take ownership of the GTS Club Coupe that Porsche is raffling off to a lucky PCA member! Now THAT would be a party to remember!



The Breitfellers and newlywed Fritsches



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Roar Before the 24

Article by Tom Kirk
Photos by David Kelly

The Tudor United Sports Car Championship starts in January with the world renowned Rolex 24 hour auto race at the Daytona International Speedway. While this endurance race starts race season with a bang, the Roar Before is a truly unique experience.

Two or three weeks before the big race, all the teams and their cars arrive in Daytona to do their final testing and turning. Spectators are allowed entrance to the speedway while this is going on. And since only a fraction of the spectators who will be attending the race are there for The Roar, you are allowed a level of access to the race car drivers, their teams and their cars, not possible on race day.

So a group of us Space Coasters met at Lowes in Rockledge on Saturday morning, for the drive up to Daytona. Ron Menck led the group of 9 beautiful Porsches, which included Turbo Don's brand new, stunning, Agate Grey Metallic, 2015 911 Carrera Turbo S. Sweet! Our ride up I-95 was uneventful even though we had to go through about 30 miles of construction. On an earlier trip Ron

caught a rock in his windshield along the way. So uneventful can be a good thing!

Upon arriving at the speedway, we entered the infield through the tunnel under NASCAR turn 1 and got to park in a specially designated PCA lot. We proceeded directly to the garages where we mingled with drivers and their teams busily working on their cars; from prototypes and factory sponsored teams to famous and not so famous privateer efforts.

A returning local favorite for 2015 is Brumos Racing, now teamed up with famous actor and accomplished driver, Patrick Dempsey. While walking along pit road, Scott, Sue Kee and Genie Whitehead had the opportunity to shake Patrick Dempsey's hand and congratulate him on securing a team and sponsorship for the upcoming season. They all wished him good luck.

Robbie Whitehead and I missed this Dempsey encounter because we had walked into the hot pits through an unguarded entrance (deciding to ask for forgiveness if necessary, rather than for permission). We found ourselves standing right next to the Porsche factory team pit watching them work on their cars as they completed

blistering laps during the afternoon practice session. Now that's up close and personal!

By mid-afternoon the PCA lot was mostly empty and we decided to leave as well. Scott and Sue Kee had never been on Deer Park Road before, so we decided to take a diversion from I-95. It's hard to find curves in Florida, but Deer Park Road has few. Connecting Nova Road with 192, it weaves through the cow pastures between I-95 and St. Cloud. The most fun was experiencing a few G's on this curvy country road.

The Roar was a fabulous kickoff to all the great driving events to come in the 2015 Rolex 24, 12 hours of Sebring, Space Coast Autocross, Drive and Dines, PCA Drivers Education, and more. Be sure to closely watch our Club calendar at <http://spc.pca.org> and mark yours so you are sure to catch all the fun.

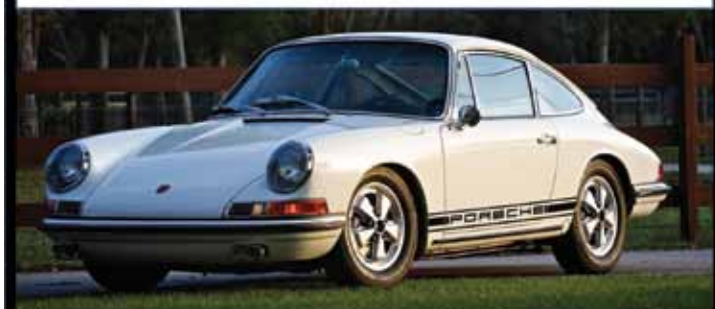


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Porsche to Open Atlanta Experience Center May 2015

Article and photo submitted by Dylan Kotoulis, Porsche of Melbourne Sales Team

Porsche is actively preparing two brand new Porsche Experience Centers for Porsche lovers in North America. Our new headquarters in Atlanta will be home to the first, and is scheduled to be fully operational by May of 2015. A second Experience Center will follow later this year in Los Angeles.

Porsche's plan is to offer a thrilling, behind the wheel experience for everyone. No special requirements needed. Just sign up and you can drive any one of Porsche's great cars or SUV's on a world class track inspired by some of the racing's most challenging courses. Whether you want to hone in your off-roading skills in a Porsche Cayenne or compare handling between mid and rear engine sports cars, Porsche is building a test track to satisfy all of your personal cravings.

Once you arrive, Porsche plans to let you take the lead on how to spend your time. You can spend all your time on the kick plate, where you fight to keep your car from spinning off the track. Work on your low-friction skidpad prowess or handling circuit skills; or just enjoy laps on a track that takes you right through the inside of Porsche Headquarters! Whatever you want to focus on, they are happy to oblige.

These centers are not only a great marketing tool for Porsche, but a way for all of us to have a little more fun with our favorite cars. Porsche is initially focusing on Porsche supplied cars with professional instructors on-board, starting at just \$300 for an 1.5 hour session. Eventually, there will be times and events when Porsche owners can bring their own cars. Sounds too good to be true,

but we suspect they will be selling quite a few more Porsches as a result.

After all the driving, guests will be able to dine at the upscale Restaurant 356, try out the Driving Simulator Center, consult with Porsche Exclusive at their new Fitting Lounge and more. Porsche also plans to showcase some of the best cars from their extensive history in the Porsche Design Atrium for all to see. For everything else Porsche plans to offer, their website is now open at: www.porschedriving.com/centers/Atlanta.

Here at Porsche of Melbourne, we see this as a great opportunity to help guests select the perfect car. We only have so much freedom to explore the potential of our cars in a street drive, but many customers want to know more about the performance of the Porsche they intend to buy. With round trip flights leaving from the Melbourne Airport, we hope we can solidify a customer's expectations about what a Porsche can do for them in an easy to take, a one-day trip.

We also look forward to collaborating with the Space Coast Porsche Club on special events. I am sure many of you will want to take a trip there as soon as it opens, and we do too! Plans are in the works to organize a SPC group trip to Atlanta! Hope to see you soon!



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The Stuttgart Cup Series

Article and photos submitted by Wayne Wilkerson

In 2008 Jack Baldwin, a professional sports car driver who had won the TransAm Racing Series believed there should be a car that could be purchased that was track ready, economical, user friendly, easy and fun to drive without breaking the bank. He believed that PCA level drivers who were mostly successful business professionals, don't have the time or know how to build, rebuild or develop a proper race/track car. Porsche Cup cars were getting more sophisticated and expensive, making them a difficult choice for the average PCA racer/member to even consider.

Among other cars, he tested the 2009 Generation 2 Cayman S with the 3.4 liter direct fuel injected (DFI), and was very impressed. He thought this was the game changer and the concept of reasonable racing was born.



Cayman Cup Series start at Savannah

A Porsche dealership in Chicago started building Cayman race cars and so began the series and cars known as the Cayman Interseries. The Interseries had a very unique twist in that all the cars were sold

with a historic Porsche livery from the past and that gave them the “cool factor” that people loved.

Porsche produced a great mid-engine car and several individuals made the most of the opportunity. The original cars were basically stock with proper safety and moderate suspension enhancements producing a reliable, economical, fun and easy to drive platform. Customers loved the cars and the Cayman Interseries operated within HSR until 2012 when the cars went to PCA, NARA, ITC and other series.

In 2013 Bill Riddell, the Racelink team owner from Jacksonville, Florida and a strong supporter of the Interseries, decided that the series was good enough to take national. Riddell and Racelink launched The Stuttgart Cup Series as a 5 race Winter Series to run with HSR.

Riddell has carried the spirit and vision of racing the Cayman forward by creating a great venue with the The Stuttgart Cup. The weekends are fun and drama-free because the emphasis is on being at the track with your racing buddies, having fun driving your Cayman, or GT3 and leaving with the feeling that you have done your “personal best.”

There are different classes within The Stuttgart Cup like Pro/Am and Am/Am so everyone gets an opportunity to succeed within their level of ability. Competitors have a chance to win some very cool prizes, too. Champions win an all-expense paid trip to Costa Rica, Pirelli tires are rewarded for various racing accomplishments and the trophies are beautiful.

By 2014 The Stuttgart Cup expanded to 7 races formed the America's GT Cup LLC and brought the Mission Foods GT Trophy Cup for Porsche GT3 Cup cars under its banner to run with the Stuttgart Cup. They have hired an administrative and logistical staff as well as a full time series communications and social media agency. In 2015 the group has a program for the Porsche Boxster, Cayman and 911 cup cars featuring both sprint and endurance championships. It has



Race prepped Cayman S



Wayne Wilkerson (center) Jack Baldwin (right)



Bill Riddell, owner of the Stuttgart Series, pilots the 05 Cayman S

an expanded schedule and will run with HSR, SVRA in addition to stand-alone events.

In 2014 I entered a 996 GTC3 Cup Car in my first Stuttgart Series event at Road Atlanta and was fortunate enough to win. Later I entered my second event, an Enduro and this time I drove one of the Cayman S cars prepared by Bill Riddell at RaceLink, co-driven with Jack Baldwin in the Pro-Am Class where we also took 1st place.

For the average weekend PCAer who likes to use their own car for track events, this certainly isn't the answer to economical racing. However, if you are looking for a track car to build or buy, you should look closely at the RaceLink program. Dollar for dollar you will be surprised at the expense when you compare what it cost to own your own car vs. renting a car for the weekend. If you are the "owner" type, Bill Riddell and his excellent staff will fit you into one of their Caymans and send you racing. There are many options available and Bill will customize your needs to you.



Wilkerson driving to victory in the first Stuttgart Cup sprint race at Road Atlanta



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Charity Spotlight Food, Fun and Ecto-1

Article and photos by Elaine Christine, Charity Coordinator

Last year at the Seventh Annual Portraits of Possibilities, I bid on a Day Pass at Parker Brothers Concepts. Wow, imagine spending a day at the shop hangin' with Marc and Shannon Parker, their crew, and amazing one-of-a-kind concept cars. As luck would have it, my auction bid of \$1,000 won and the benefit raised funds for the Children's Home Society.

This year, I traded in my Day Pass so that YOU could have the opportunity to hang out with the Parker Brothers. That's right! Members of the Space Coast and Citrus Region PCA are invited to lunch with Marc and Shannon Parker and to tour their 32,000 foot facility in Port Canaveral. Freakin' awesome!

Join us at the Parker Brothers Concepts for this multi-region social and charity event, "Food, Fun, and Ecto-1" to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center on April 25th, 11AM to 2PM. A mere \$20 per adult (kids are free!) will get you in the door for a light lunch and to tour the facility! ALL proceeds go to support the Children's Advocacy Center! The Parker Brothers design and build



unique cars and motorcycles for television, movies, and private clients. What sets the Parker Brothers apart from other concept companies is that all of their vehicles run and drive, and most are street legal. They're not just for display!



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Ghostbusters, and a replica of the Batmobile from the Batman Begins movie. They have motorcycles like the Pink Machine, a charity build for the Susan G. Koman Foundation, and Green Machine, commissioned by Huff and in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest wheel to appear on a three-wheeled motorcycle.



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Kaffeeklatsch Report

Photos by David Kelly and Pat Willingham

South Region (Jurgen Schwanitz)

I am always looking forward to our Kaffeeklatsch in Vero (at the Panera). What more can you ask for on a Sunday morning, your Porsche, friends, and a good breakfast? We typically have a turnout of about 15-25 PCA members with a great variety of Porsches of all ages. It's almost like a small car show and we sometimes have people stopping by just to see why there are so many beautiful Porsches around. Also it's a great way to learn a lot about your car, get questions answered, and hear some great stories. So if you are in the area, come on by. Thanks to all of you for being part of this great club, and attending as many of our wonderful events as possible. Driving our Porsches is an experience like no other car can deliver.



Kaffee is all about the members and their cars

Mid Region (Sue Kee)

We've had a really good turnout for the last few Kaffeeklatsch's at the Panera on Wickham Road, in Melbourne. Weather has been great, and about 15-20 PCA members were in attendance at each event, including new member, Brenda Ellis who drove her spiffy new Blue Macan. We were happy to see Hans Hoelzlwimmer from Porsche of Melbourne also join our group. Lots of good ideas for 2015 were suggested, especially interests in more Auto Crosses and Dine & Drives. The Mid-Region is looking to spice up our regular Kaffeeklatsch's by returning the emphasis back to the original Car and Coffee theme. Ralph Fritsche and Don Silverzahn plan to select a different theme of focus for each event. "Turbo at 40" will be the focus for the first new focus Kaffeeklatsch on April 18 - location TBD. While the Kaffeeklatsch is of course open to all members and guests, we would especially like anyone fortunate enough to own one of these special automobiles to bring it out, show it off and enjoy



The coffee is good, the conversation even better



It's our people that make the membership great

the coffee and conversation. Please check out the PCA webpage and calendar for all the details. Please join us at our next Kaffeeklatsch, it's an easy way to socialize, tell stories, and glean advice from like-minded Porsche lovers.

North Region (Terry Miller)

December's Kaffeeklatsch at Panera had another great attendance. We officially christened Milt Weisman's new 2015 Targa that he had for only two weeks. It would have been fun if we could have snuck into the Speedway across the street and given her a spin or done some burn outs, but alas, security was on duty.

Thanks to all who came out to the track during the Audi Club Track Days. Once again Lou had the 944 running great and set up perfectly for the high banks and speed. I even felt safe passing others on the high side of the bank. I just didn't look to the right! If you see Martin, ask him about his ride with John Tecce from BGB, who was there for track support. The huge smile on his face may give his answer away.

February 2nd came and the turtle did see his or her shadow, so there will be six more weeks of winter for those of us in the North Region of Space Coast PCA. But as I have said we are a hardy bunch and can take it. Since the last report we have had the pleasure of being so very close to the activities around the Rolex 24. This included the "Roar Before" the race and the race itself. David Wallens set up a tour of several team's garages and it was great to hear and see some of the inside workings. We also celebrated one of our member's, Martin Pourkesali's, new long awaited Guards Red GT-3. It's beautiful and well dressed with a long list of options. We shared his joy by convincing him he needed to take it out for a lunch drive. It started out to be informal as that is the way we "roll" up here most of the time, however, as you can see from the photo a lot of us just found our way there for some unknown reason. "Build and buy it and they will come."

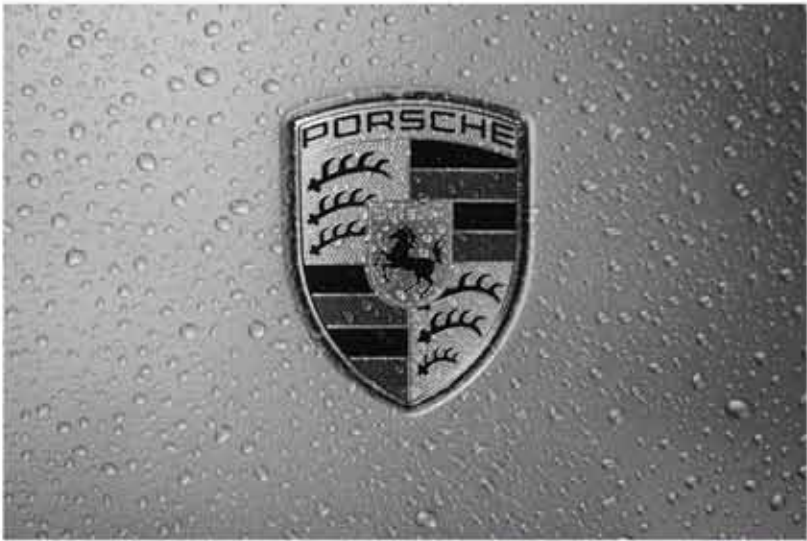


Members turn out to welcome Martin Pourkesali's new GT-3

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Member Spotlight – *Pablo and Susana Costa*

Leda Costa answers EV's questions about her family.

What should we know about the Costa family?

The Costas moved to the United States in 2001 from Uruguay and have been living in the Space Coast on and off since 2006. Pablo and Susana work from home and their two kids, Juan (15) and Leda (20) keep themselves busy with school and work. Leda is a photographer in the area and takes portraits of people and Porsches alike (please see her on opposite page or check her website www.ledacosta.com). Pablo and Susana have been married for 22 years and have a newfound love for all things Porsche after purchasing a Boxster in 2013.

Since Pablo's cars only accommodate two people, this has been a hobby undertaken by him and his wife. While their kids don't attend any Porsche events, they get a kick out of watching GoPro footage of their dad driving his Boxster on the racetrack.

What was your first Porsche? Your favorite Porsche?

Their first Porsche is their yellow 2002 Boxster. This Boxster was Pablo's ultimate project and he spent a lot of his free time fixing it up and upgrading every little detail on it. This was also around the time that he fell in love with decals, putting two racing stripes on the front of the car and a #724 (his daughter's birthday) along the side. He takes it to the racetracks at least once a month to do DE.

Pablo's absolute favorite Porsche is the Porsche Spider 918, mainly because of its aesthetics and power.

Besides Porsches, what activities do you enjoy?

Since the Costas are from South America (Pablo is from Argentina and his wife and kids from Uruguay), you can almost always find them at home on a day off grilling outside and preparing for a big fat fiesta. Vacations include road trips with their huge mutt through Georgia and stays at secluded log cabins. When everyone is together, there is always lots of food to cook and eat and usually a soccer game in the background, usually from one of his favorites team (Boca Juniors or Barcelona).



Do you have any Porsche stories to share?

Pablo recently ordered a 2015 Porsche Targa 4 and expects to receive it sometime in early May. He is actually going to the Porsche factory and to the museum in Stuttgart, Germany this March and is thrilled at the possibility to maybe see his future car getting made. He customized every aspect of the car and can't wait to see it in person.



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Tech Column

Article by Jason Breitfeller
Photos by David Kelly

As we start 2015 off with gusto, Space Coast PCA members, Steve Hoffman, our PCA National Technical Chair and Jason Breitfeller, our Space Coast PCA Technical Chair are here to ensure you have access to as many resources as possible to keep your Porsche in tip top shape. In addition to basic car care related questions; we are also here to help point you in the right direction on any performance related, historical accuracy and all around fun fact type questions. If we don't know the answer, we have a plethora of local individuals, independent shops and our own Premier Porsche Dealership at our disposal to make sure we can help.



For 2015 we have a whole host of events planned to allow our members a glimpse into the depths of what makes our cars the best vehicles on the road and the track. These events will be spread throughout the region with the first group event, our annual Tech Session at Porsche of Melbourne on April 4th and other events planned throughout the year at various independent shops specializing in the repair and improvement of our beloved marquee.

On the national level, Steve is currently planning Tech Tactics East in Easton, PA for February 28 and March 1. They have a 918 coming in for the event and plan on putting it on a lift and taking it apart, to show some of the amazing engineering that goes into this marvelous vehicle. It will be accompanied by Porsche factory experts to share their



knowledge and answer questions. We realize it is too late to join this event, but similar events are planned for Tech Academy at Parade in June and Tech Tactics West in LA in November. Steve is also putting the final touches on the Tech Quiz for Parade and is actively working on improving the Technical section of the PCA website. Watch for these improvements as the year progresses.

We encourage you to follow along with us as we explore some of the more intricate details that lie beneath our engineering marvels. We also request that if you have a specific area of interest, please let us know and we will do our best to either have an article featuring your input or we will devote an entire tech session to exploring your request. Air-cooled, water-cooled, turbocharged, naturally aspirated... all of these variations have a special place in our hearts so everything is fair game. We can't wait to hear from you!

Please contact us with questions, comments and ideas:

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Sebring Historic Sports Car Races -

Article and photos by David Kelly

Every December Historic Sports Car Racing comes to Sebring, and for anyone who loves the race cars of the sixties, seventies and eighties, and modern race cars as well, it's a special treat to see them in action on the historic race track.

The track opened on Thursday for "Test & Tune," and everywhere you looked in the Paddock and on the track there was something to see, and plenty of photo opportunities too! Since it was a race for historic sports cars, there were many period race cars which were not Porsches. Lolas, Chevrons, BMW's, Mustangs, Corvette's, Datsun's, Jag's, MG's, Riley's, Ferrari's, Lotus', and many others, were mixed with Porsches of every year, all competing against each other for four days of racing. They competed in nine different race groups and classes, which included vintage and historic race cars, modern era formula cars, and modern GT/Cup cars as well.



Porsche 906 re-creation

There was a white Porsche 906 re-creation by Vintage Racing Cars sporting a race-prepped 2.7 liter Porsche flat six engine, and driven by Diego Fangio and Eric Filgueiras of Eric Filgueiras Racing. Eric is a Space Coast Region PCA member from Cocoa Beach, FL. who is very active in vintage sports car racing. The 906 is a unique car and it drew a lot of interest from fans and other drivers in the Paddock and on the track. VRC also

builds and offers these special Porsche re-creations for sale.



911 wheel lifting through Turn 17

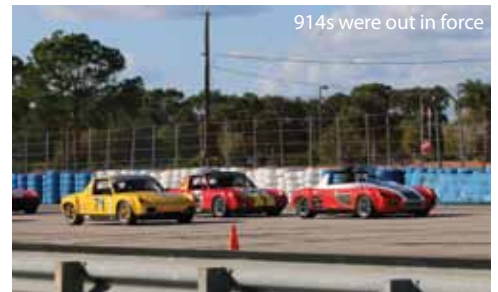
There were Ferrari and Ford GT40 re-creations by Bailey Cars of North America, which brought a Porsche 917 re-creation to the race last year. The Ferrari and the GT40 both competed in their classes for the full weekend of races at Sebring. Bailey builds the cars to spec. for anyone who is interested in racing them or who just wants the fun of owning one.

Surprisingly, all of the cars were fast, no matter what vintage they were. There were no slow ones. You would expect the modern Porsche GT3 Cup cars to be very fast and they were, as were the pure all out formula race cars.

But the Mustangs were fast too! And so were the older 2.0 liter Porsches, and the Lotus' as well. And the older race modified '60's Corvettes and the red E-Jag too. And you can't leave out the Datsun's of Paul Newman fame either. All fast, and loud! You didn't have to concentrate very hard in order to be transported back to the sixties and seventies, because on the track and in the Paddock that's what it felt like, racing in the early

seventies, loud and fast! Even the TELMEX Karmann Ghia was fast.

Hayes Harris' Lotus Team, with his sons Hunter and Hamilton, from WireWheels.com located in Vero Beach, FL. was also fast with Hamilton securing a Podium finish on Saturday in their class, with Hunter not far behind. You could see the supercharged Lotus Exige's in considerable detail in the Paddock, especially Hunter's car which had to be almost completely disassembled to fix a water leak under the supercharger between races. In race trim these cars weigh about 1800 lbs. and generate 330+ HP at the rear wheels.



914s were out in force

You could have your pick of Porsches as well. Everything from a fast black 356 racer, to vintage air-cooled Porsche RSR's, to the Jorg Bergmeister/Wolf Henzler Flying Lizard RSR and the new generation Porsche GT3 Cup Cars was there. A good example of this was seen in the 901 Shop where they supported and raced four very fast 914's (three of them were 914-6's) and the former Flying Lizard RSR at the same time.

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914-6 heading to the grid

You could see the same thing with the Zoltz Racing Team from Orlando. They fielded a full stable of early air-cooled 911's, starting with a 911T through a heavily modified 911 whale-tail, along with three modern Porsche Cup cars. Quite a span of Porsche models



Flying Lizard RSR

and history when you think of it, and they were all competitive.

Porsches took the first four positions in groups 2 & 3, the first five positions in group 10, and the first six positions in the Vintage/GT Enduro race. A great showing! Mustangs, Jaguars, and Mazda also scored victories on the race schedule, with a Corvette on the Podium as well. Porsches and Mustangs were strong contenders in their classes throughout the race schedule.



356 leaving the pits

And one other observation; the #59 Brumos Porsche RSR, which shouldn't be confused with the similar #59 Garrard Porsche, was displayed and listed for sale just inside the

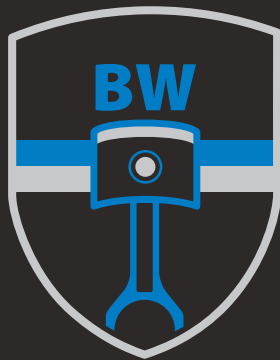
bridge to the Paddock area. It was spectacular and looked authentic in every way, down to the last detail. I had always thought that the original #59 car was part of the Brumos racing museum.

So, four full days of action and historic racing at Sebring, with vintage and modern racing cars of every sort, capped off with seven groups racing in the "Four Hours of Sebring" on Sunday afternoon. Great racing with vintage race cars, and good people having fun on a special weekend at America's oldest road racing track.

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Two Guys and a Porsche Racing

Part Three: The TWO in Two Guys

Article and photos by Terry Miller

When we last left this journey from Part One and Two, there was a new red 2007 Cayman in my garage (a dream come true) and it was really great, but I had reservations with driving and racing it on the track as it was “too new”. My solution was to find an affordable street/track Porsche. My very understanding wife agreed if she got a Boxer puppy (Dexter) and a nice fenced in back yard, this dream of mine could actually come true. Next up began the quest for this Holy Grail which was very successful and resulted in an extremely well built 1986 944 Turbo. My ideal find of a race car was discovered as reported previously, after an exciting, snow filled trip to Ohio, which included chasing a winter storm in a U-haul. Success was at hand, so far so good. The story now continues.



The snow covered beginnings of Two Guys and a Porsche Racing

Thanks to the one year membership that came with the 2007 Cayman, I became a member of PCA and joined the local Space Coast Region. My journey in the club began with meeting the many terrific people in the Space Coast Region at one of the regular Kaffeeklatsches they sponsor. It allowed me to see how unique and varied our Porsche family is and also where I met one of the members in my area, the wonderful Lou Verdiales.

If you have never had the pleasure of meeting Lou you're missing out on knowing a really good guy. When I first met him, he had just pulled over to help a stranded fellow Porsche owner on the side of the road who had broken down. He unselfishly rescued the owner, whom he had never met, and got his Porsche all repaired and back on the road without ever thinking of his time or what work it might take. Lou just did it to help out a fellow member of the Porsche family. His Porsche passion truly must run in his veins and in his DNA. Lou's vast knowledge of Porsches is like Wikipedia itself and he's probably forgotten more than I'll ever know. Later I discovered that Lou is known to many as the “Porsche Whisperer” and he and his wonderful wife Celine, own and run Aero Dynamics, a Porsche performance shop at the Spruce Creek Fly In in Port Orange Florida. His shop, a huge airplane hangar, is filled with “dream machines” the majority being Porsches of all types and years. Lou heals, councils, and restores not only Porsches but also the Porsche owners.

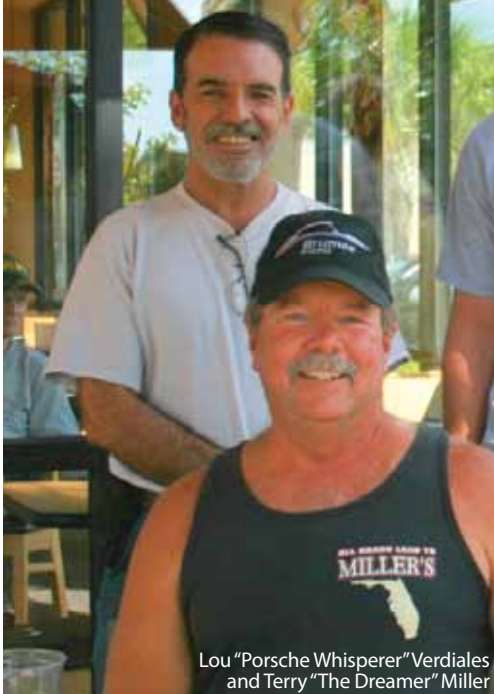
It is within this context that Lou wanted to see and examine the new 944 Turbo “patient” that I had just purchased, which was great, but had me very curious about what I had just bought and dragged down to Florida. Results of the examination soon were in and it became evident that I had apparently “stole” the car and trailer for what I

had paid for it. The 944 was in fact a very well built race car with every goodie known to make the car the best it could be for racing. In Lou's word “they (the builders) knew what they were doing”. Coming from Lou, that was a great compliment to the previous owner.

So now it was track test time to really get to know the car and to become one with it on some of the greatest tracks that we are blessed to have in our area. Sebring was first, as it's a great course for a shake down. Lou and I loaded her up and off to Sebring we went for a weekend DE with smiles on our face like two kids with a new toy. Lou ran in the advanced



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Lou "Porsche Whisperer" Verdiales and Terry "The Dreamer" Miller



The car!

class, while I started out in the green, as this would be the first time I ever drove the car. I wanted a fellow 944 racer to be my coach for the weekend. I'll skip ahead to Sunday afternoon and let's just say Lou and I were smiling extra big happy smiles. It was there and then that we knew that the Red 944 Turbo could be a great race car and just needed a little fine tuning by an expert doctor and master tuner (Lou). I needed to become the person with the time to learn to become one with this great car and its ability on the track. My goal, with Lou as my partner and mentor, is to get this great car out there racing on all the great tracks and competing head to head with others of it's kind.

It was with this joint thought that Lou and I both agreed that we would make a great team as we had the perfect car for a another great adventure in life and of course with Porsches, to explore another aspect of the Porsche family. The question that arose was what will we call this newly formed partnership that is centered around a newly found and wonderful race car? During a Sunday morning Porsche Club Kaffeeklatsche gathering of friends such a question was posed and the end result was simple. Lou and I were just two guys with a Porsche race car so Two Guys and a Porsche Racing was born.

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How long have you loved Porsches? Favorite car?

I have known of Porsche since watching the movie Le Mans when it was first released. But I really became aware of the cars while attending the 1974 US Grand Prix at Watkins Glenn. There was a black 911 parked next to my car that really got me thinking about Porsches. A few years later we bought our first Porsche a 1967 911S. We kept the 911 for a couple of years and then we tried something different, a 1963 356B. We sold the 356 when we moved to Florida in 1980 and remained without a Porsche until we purchased our 2007 Cayman S. My favorite



At home with the Berman fleet – 1988 911, 2007 Cayman S and the newest addition, 1974 914

car? That's easy, my 2007 Cayman S. My favorite car that I don't own; the Porsche 904 in any color. My wife has her own opinion and that would be her 1988 911.

What is your connection to PCA?

We have been members of PCA since purchasing the Cayman S in 2007, and I try to stay active with the club participating in many social events and also doing Auto-X. I truly enjoy the people in the club. We have a good group that meets regularly at Panera across from Daytona Speedway and every few months at Aerodynamics which is the local place to go to have your Porsche cured of any ailments. Recently, our group had Drive-and-Dine and then dessert at our home. It's cool to see the neighbors oohing at all those Porsches parked in our driveway.



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From the Grid

Article by Ken Marshall

Due to a conflict with the Zone 12 Autocross Challenge in Sebring, we chose to postpone our first AutoX of the season. We have rescheduled the AutoX for Saturday, March 14th and have established a de-conflicted future schedule of events. As for the Zone 12 Challenge, several of our members made the trek to Sebring and picked up some hardware for their effort. Victoria Dieterle took 2nd place in her class!

Space Coast members also attended a couple of AutoX events with the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club, a national points event for them, and with our sister club, Florida Citrus Region PCA. Space Coast PCA members Scott Kee, Craig Barrie, Tim Marshall and Ken Marshall attended the Corvette Club AutoX and have reciprocated by inviting them to attend our next PCA event. Sounds like a friendly rivalry may be in the works.

At the Florida Citrus AutoX on January 18, Craig Barrie, Tom Kirk, Scott Kee, Doug Dieruff, and Ken Marshall represented the Space Coast well, all taking podium finishes.



Scott Kee took 3rd place in the S1A class, Craig Barrie, 2nd place in the S1B class, Tom Kirk 3rd place in the S2A class, Doug Dieruff, 1st place in the S2B class, and Ken Marshall 1st place in the S2A class. Nice driving guys. In other Grid news we are excited about the acquisition of our like new AutoX trailer. The 12' trailer will enable us to store all of our AutoX equipment in a single location and the added mobility will make staging and take down a breeze.

Please mark your calendars for March 14th, and come join us for another exciting Space Coast AutoX event. As always lunch will be included. You can sign up now at clubregistration.net. See you there.

Upcoming Driving Events 2015

March 8
Florida Citrus Charity Challenge Rally 2015

March 14
Space Coast AX @ EFSC, Palm Bay

April 5
Florida Citrus AX @ Tavares or OCCC

April 18-19
DE at Sebring (Suncoast Region)

April 25-26
DE at Homestead (Goldcoast Region)

May 9
Space Coast AX @ EFSC, Palm Bay (tentative)

May 16-17
DE at Sebring (Goldcoast Region)

May 17
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A Rising Tide – Porsches at the 2015 Mecum Auction in Kissimmee

Article by photos by Tom Gorsuch

Oh what a difference a year makes. Market watchers say every air cooled Porsche has doubled in price in the last year. The January Mecum auction in Kissimmee seemed like just the place to check this out. There were 49 Porsches crossing the block with two thirds being air cooled models. The table included here covers some of the more noteworthy examples—from entry level Porsche ownership to über Porsches ala Ruf. The price estimates shown are a combination of the Mecum estimate, the Cars of Particular Interest price guide and the Sports Car Market Collector's guide. The 2015 and 2014 estimates are both included to validate the market romp hypothesis.



1997 Ruf Turbo R

The Porsche catalog highlight was a 1997 993 Turbo R, modified in Germany by tuner Alois Ruf as a tribute car to the original Yellowbird. This is a European delivered turbo body 993 with Ruf twin turbo, wheels, aerodynamics, and interior bling. Visually online and in person the Porsche did not disappoint. There was however a strong mildew smell in the interior and some curious corrosion in the engine bay. Without an owner there to answer questions the decision to not join the bidding fray was eased. The car did not sell on Saturday with a high bid of \$250K. It is likely still available in South Florida for anyone interested in bringing some flash to the Space Coast Region.



1978 930 Turbo

A Sienna Brown 930 really caught the attention in the staging area. The 930 market in particular has finally begun to catch up with the "beast's" reputation. This car was all original with only 25K miles since new. It was very clean and unmodified. The engine bay was not accessible for inspection. The exhaust system was Porsche European spec. It included desirable options of limited slip differential and sport seats. This car could be a show winner but was likely a better investment for the previous owner than the

next owner. It sold at \$130K whereas two years ago they were valued in top condition at \$50K.



1994 964 Carrera Cabriolet

The Friday afternoon 1994 964 Carrera Cab in attractive Amethyst over Grey color combination didn't quite capture the imagination of bidders. With only 79K miles and seemingly original all around, it would have been reasonable at the high bid of \$29K. How much more would it have taken—we won't know. But what a nice toy it would have made.

The Saturday afternoon auction of a 1958 356A Reutter Coupe was livelier and sold for a reasonable (in today's market) \$88K. This appeared to be an older restoration which would require some effort and sorting to create a concours winner. But if it is vintage



1958 356A Reutter

Porsche driving pleasure that you seek, this could have been the ticket.

The Mecum auction seemed to be a fair representation of the driver quality Porsche market. In contrast, the collector-Porsche auction frenzy is likely to occur during the Amelia Island weekend, March 12 thru 15. There are three auctions this year—the RM Auction at the Ritz Carlton, The Gooding Auction at the Omni Plantation (anyone looking for a 1974 911RSR and have a spare \$1.5M to burn), and the Hollywood Wheels auction at the Omni Plantation. The Hollywood Wheels (aka Amelia Island Select) auction will have a first ever Porsche only auction on Friday afternoon starting at 2PM. The Porsche consignments online are mouth-watering and the collectors will be attending in droves. Rip tide warnings are in effect.

Car	Color	Condition	Comments	Jan 2014 Estimate	Jan 2015 Estimate	Sale/High Bid (\$K)
1958 356A Coupe	Silver/Red	3-restored	Ruetter coachwork, 30K miles	\$ 35	\$ 54	\$ 88
1960 356B Roadster	Silver/Black	2-restored	Drauz coachwork, 1 of 1529	\$ 83	\$ 150	\$ 145
1970 911T Coupe	Orange/Black	3-restored	will need sorting	\$ 31	\$ 38	\$ 53
1971 911S	Yellow/Black	1-restored	180HP, minor needs	\$ 130	\$ 200	\$ 180
1978 930 Turbo	Sienna Brown/Cork	1-original	25K miles	\$ 45	\$ 125	\$ 130
1980 Weissach 911SC	Brown/Crème	2-original	9K miles, 1 of 408	\$ 26	\$ 40	\$ 56
1983 930 Turbo	Red/Black	2-original	German spec, 33K miles	\$ 46	\$ 70	\$ 65
1987 Ruf 930 Slant	Prussian Blue/Blue	2-original	28K miles, US Ruf 3.4L BTR	\$ 53	\$ 100	\$ 86
1988 944	Black/Crème	3-original	Low cost of entry	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 4
1992 964 C4 Cab	Silver/Silver	3-repaint	Fresh maintenance, paint	\$ 21	\$ 22	\$ 31
1994 964 C2 Cab	Amethyst/Grey	2-original	79K miles	\$ 37	\$ 40	\$ 29
1995 993 Turbo Look	Silver/Grey	2-original	86K miles, mods	\$ 34	\$ 42	\$ 42
1996 993 Turbo	Black/Tan	2-original	40K miles,	\$ 79	\$ 125	\$ 106
1997 993 Turbo R	Yellow/Crème	3-original	Ruf Yellowbird, mildew	\$ 125	\$ 300	\$ 250
1999 Boxster	Silver/Blue	2-original	3 piece wheels, 46K miles	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 14
2000 996 Cab	Black/Black	3-original	Tiptronic	\$ 23	\$ 22	\$ 15
2004 Cayenne	Black/Black	3-original	DVD player, Navigation	\$ 16	\$ 14	\$ 13

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Genie's First Rolex 24

Article by Robbie and Genie Whitehead
Photos by David Kelly, Sue Kee and Robin Hoffman

I started building Genie's interest in sports car racing a couple years ago by talking about Patrick Dempsey racing a Porsche 911, so my Greys Anatomy fan was all in for this year's race! This was Genie's first Rolex 24, but not mine. I believe my first was in 1983, this one was about my twentieth. All the other times, I went with Genie's dad, who thought auto racing was just for the guys. I would drag Genie and the kids to a few stock car races at Daytona over the years, with our boys having a whole lot more fun than their mother.



Robbie and Genie Whitehead

The Rolex 24 is a 24 hour endurance race. At the end of the second day, the cars, crew and drivers are a mess. They hardly get any sleep, are unshaven, dirty and cold. It's not a pretty sight and the cars don't look much better! This is also an endurance event for the fans and the question was "How much racing can Genie and I endure together?" We started out the two day weekend on Saturday, by meeting up with other PCA members and driving to the Daytona Speedway together. It was one of the fastest trips I have taken to the Speedway!!!

One of the cool things about Daytona Speedway is hearing the roar of the race cars as you get closer to the track, and the excitement builds the closer you get. When we went through the under-track tunnel to arrive in the infield, the track noise exploded and put a smile on our faces. One just never gets over that great feeling.

Parking in the Porsche Car Corral on Saturday was a first for me. In the past, one of the highlights of attending all those races was strolling through the Corral and checking out the multitude of beautiful P-cars. Now that I am a Porsche owner and PCA member, this was a special event. Parking in the Porsche Corral makes you feel like a VIP.



Patrick Dempsey

Once there, we found our way to the Porsche Corral tent. After the exciting unveiling of the new 911 GTS Club Coupe, Genie and I took a walk with other Space Coast PCA members checking out food and merchandise booths and dreaming that we might one day be the owner of the 911 GTS Club Coupe. Taking a break in the tent, we met Gil from the Deep South Region (Huntsville, AL). He had driven his new Cayman S to the race by himself, so Gil tagged along with our little Space Coast group on another long walk to a very crowded pit



In the tent

row area. Genie and I hung out by the Brumos car, in hopes of seeing the Patrick Dempsey. It wasn't a bad spot because the Falken Tire 911 GTLM car was beside the Brumos car. Patrick Long is a driver for Team Falken Tire. Genie never got to see Patrick Dempsey at the Rolex, but at the Roar Before the 24, Genie did get to personally meet, shake his hand and congratulate him. That was a thrill for her. We were in a perfect spot for the parade of the Daytona Prototype cars and drivers to the front of the field, and that was pretty cool.





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The PCA Corral tent was a pleasant sight for us race fans looking for a pit stop. Two big flat screen TV's provided race coverage and scoring. The tent protected us from a wind that was getting colder. At this point Genie asked me what plans did I have for the rest of the day? I was thinking is she getting tired and ready to go so soon. I wanted her to have the full experience of watching the race from different views, so we visited the west horseshoe turn grandstands and then wound our way back to the grandstands beside the PCA Car Corral. I especially wanted Genie to see one of my favorite times at the Rolex 24 race which is at sunset. The transition from light to dark, and seeing this race track light up for the night is awesome. After that we were ready for a driver change and some rest.



Thanks Porsche of Melbourne for lunch

Arriving on Sunday morning, Genie and I were ready to race again. We passed the Falken Tire Porsche Team transporter on the way in. Their car was out of the race and they were headed home. Sadly, in the darkness of night, the PCNA cars # 911 and # 912 had crashed

into each other, resulting in # 912 dropping out of the race and # 911 dropping way back, which left the Corvettes and BMWs to compete for the GTLM class win.

On Sunday afternoon, the Porsche Car Corral was full and it was nice seeing more Space Coast PCAer's. A special thanks to Shay Rowe and the Porsche of Melbourne Team for generously providing lunch for everyone. What a great day, blue skies and a comfortable temperature. The weekend had taken its toll on these race fans; with worn tires (legs), a lot of walking was out of the question. We pretty much stayed around the PCA tent and the grandstands next to the Corral. Genie was still running strong and having fun. The Porsche 911 WeatherTech Team came in second in class and the Wright-Dempsey Racing Team ended up 3rd in class. We made the podium and finished the race! We are already looking forward to next year.



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48 Hours of Sebring

Article and photos by Pamela Collins

First we heard and felt the sound, that thumping, melodic deep bass beat that pulses and sings in the Porsche's signature style. Then, into view came a crazy, kaleidoscopic carousel of colors as the cars zoomed and throbbed over the bumps, through the esses, flew over the straights and carved through corners. An onslaught of sights and sounds bombarded our senses and those of all attending the PCA's 2015 48 Hours of Sebring Club Racing Event.

As new club members (and new 2015 Porsche Boxster owners) husband Tim and I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend's activities and newfound camaraderie with others having similar automobile inclinations. The



The calm before the storm



Porsches a plenty

weekend offered excitement and suspense of all sorts. We watched Autocross competitors whip through turns and maneuver a twisty course as they challenged the clock and each other.

On the "big" track (with earplugs in place) we thrilled as Porsches of all types and model years raced in their various classes. The scenic Sebring track offered many vantage points and we enjoyed driving around the facility to "catch the action" at various spots. We perused the vendors, walked around the pits and took note of an especially nice vintage Speedster parked nearby.

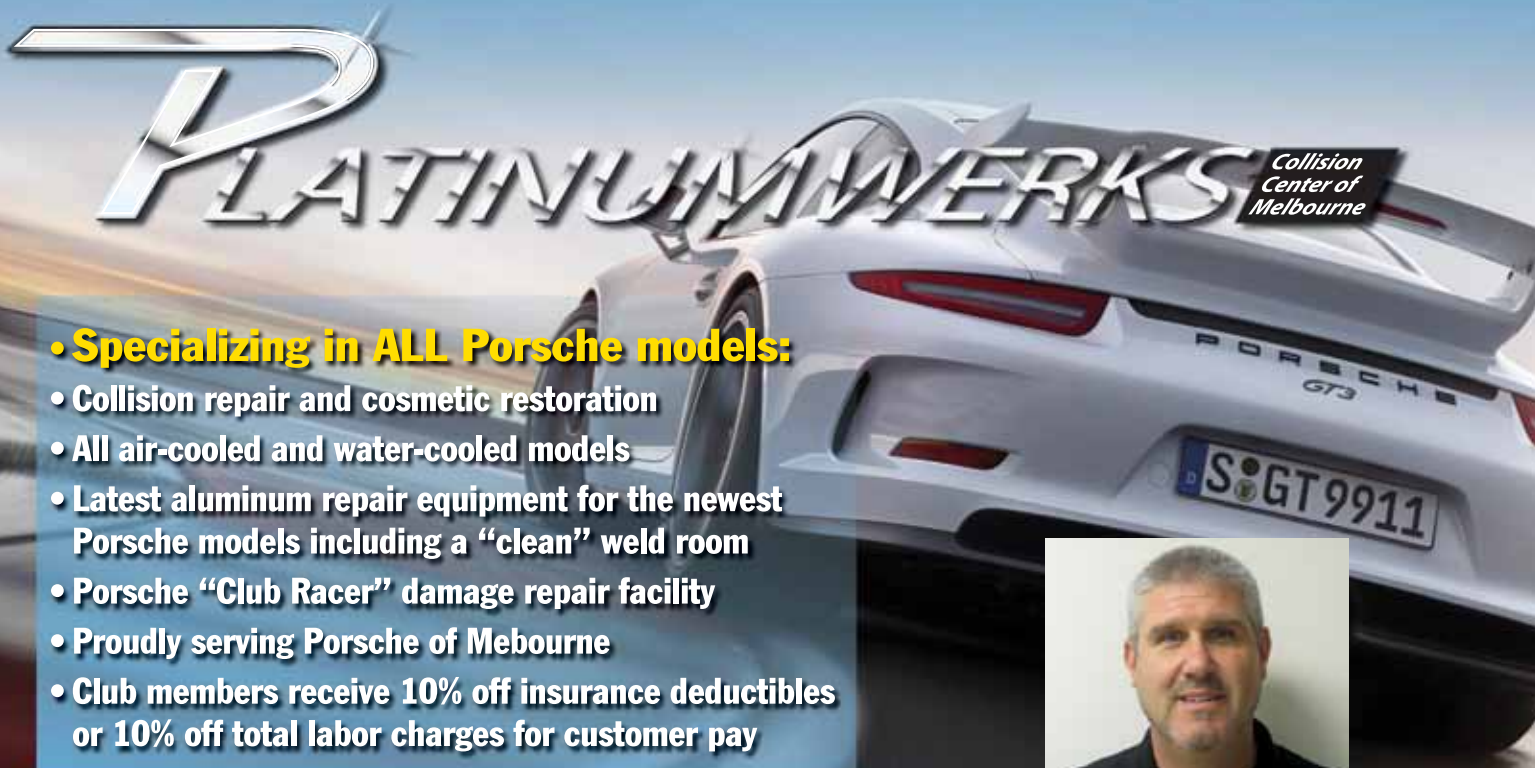
The highlight, no doubt, came from our "pretend" racing experience, when we

actually rode the track ourselves as part of the charity ride. Using our own four-wheels (at much slower speeds!) we learned the curves and corners traveled by the "real" racers, gaining newfound respect for their abilities and prowess.

Whether spectating at the races or enjoying the Friday night racing under the lights and free taco bar, the best part of the PCA 48-hours at Sebring Club Race involved meeting other Porsche aficionados and owners from around the country. Such a friendly and welcoming group of people, and we're already looking forward to our next PCA event.




944s carving up a corner



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Zone 12 Autocross Challenge

Article by Scott Kee

Photos by Scott Kee and Curt Dieterle

On Saturday morning January 31st a group of 5 Porsches, a Cayenne followed by three 911's with a Boxster bringing up the rear, arrived at Sebring International Raceway after an enjoyable drive on a sunny but somewhat cool day.

The Space Coasters participating on the drive were drive leader Steve Hoffman, Don and Susan Silverzahn, James Lesko, Roland Gallie and Scott Kee. James, Roland and Scott competed in the Autocross along with Victoria Dieterle, who drove to the track separately with her husband, Curt.

The Zone 12 Autocross Challenge event was held on the skid pad area of the Sebring International Raceway complex in conjunction with the 48 Hours of Sebring Club Races. It was the sixth consecutive autocross organized during the 48 Hours of Sebring Club Races by Steve and Dottie Kidd from the Gold Coast Region, and sponsored by Bert Smith Porsche.

There was some pre-event excitement when someone turned on the sprinkler on the skid pad, which turned an already slippery surface



Wet track equals more fun

into a proverbial skating rink! Some drivers were excited at the prospect of the challenge while you could see the fear in the eyes of other drivers. The end result was an almost world record 100 meter dash by Steve Kidd to get the water turned off!

New this year was the opportunity to also participate in the "Charity Track Tour" for Ronald McDonald House. James and Scott were lucky enough to be selected to join a large group of club race spectators for the track tour.

Once again the Shields of the North Florida Region were the big winners. Danny Shields had a best time of 43.445, which was both best in S2 class and best overall time. His wife, Sharron, had a best a time of 46.036. Our own Victoria had a best time 48.239, which was

good enough for second in S2L class trophy. Complete autocross results are posted on the Gold Coast Region web site, <http://www.goldcoastregion.org/Events/AutoCross.aspx>

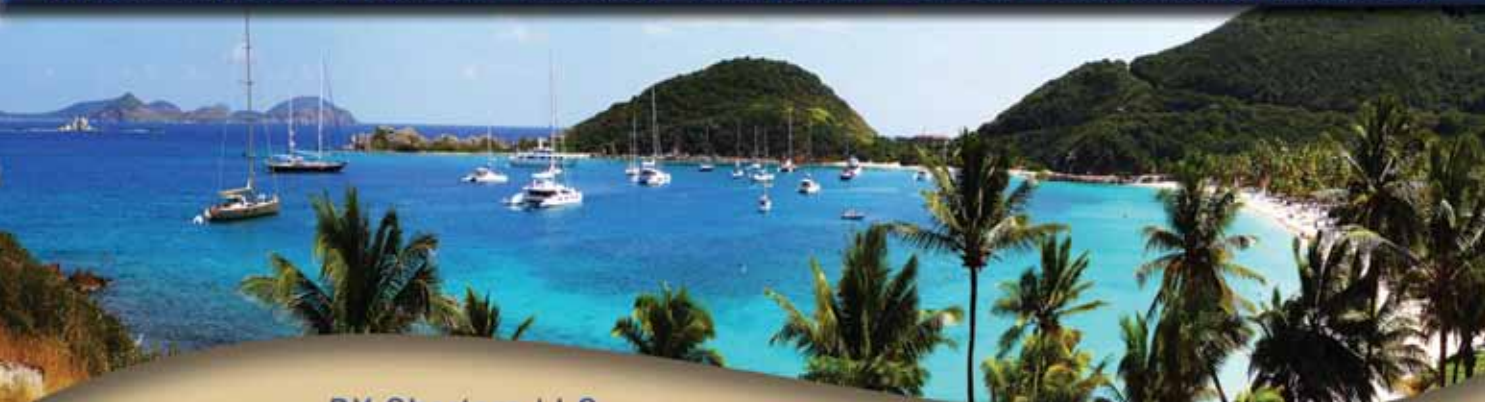


S2L trophy winner Victoria Dieterle



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- Mar 17** Porsche Parade Registration Opens @ Noon
- Mar 20-21** 12 Hours of Sebring
- Mar 21** Drive to Sebring 12 Hours, Sam's Club Melbourne @ 6:30am
- Mar 22** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona and VB Panera, 9am
- Mar 28** Kaffeeklatsch and Quarterly Business Meeting, EGYC, 9am

- Apr 4** Tech Session @ Porsche of Melbourne, 9am
- Apr 11-12** Classics @ the Beach, Elliott Museum
- Apr 12** Drive to Classics @ the Beach, Elliott Museum, Sam's Club Melbourne @ 8am
- Apr 12** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona and VB Panera, 9am
- Apr 18** Turbos at 40, Kaffeeklatsch @ TBD, 9am
- Apr 25** Food, Fun and Ecto-1 @ Parker Brothers, Cape Canaveral, 11am (Charity)

- May 9** Space Coast AX @ EFSC, Palm Bay, 8am (tentative)
- May 16** Kaffeeklatsch @ Wickham Panera, 9am
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- May 17** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona and VB Panera, 9am
- May 22-25** Zonefest 2015, TBD

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