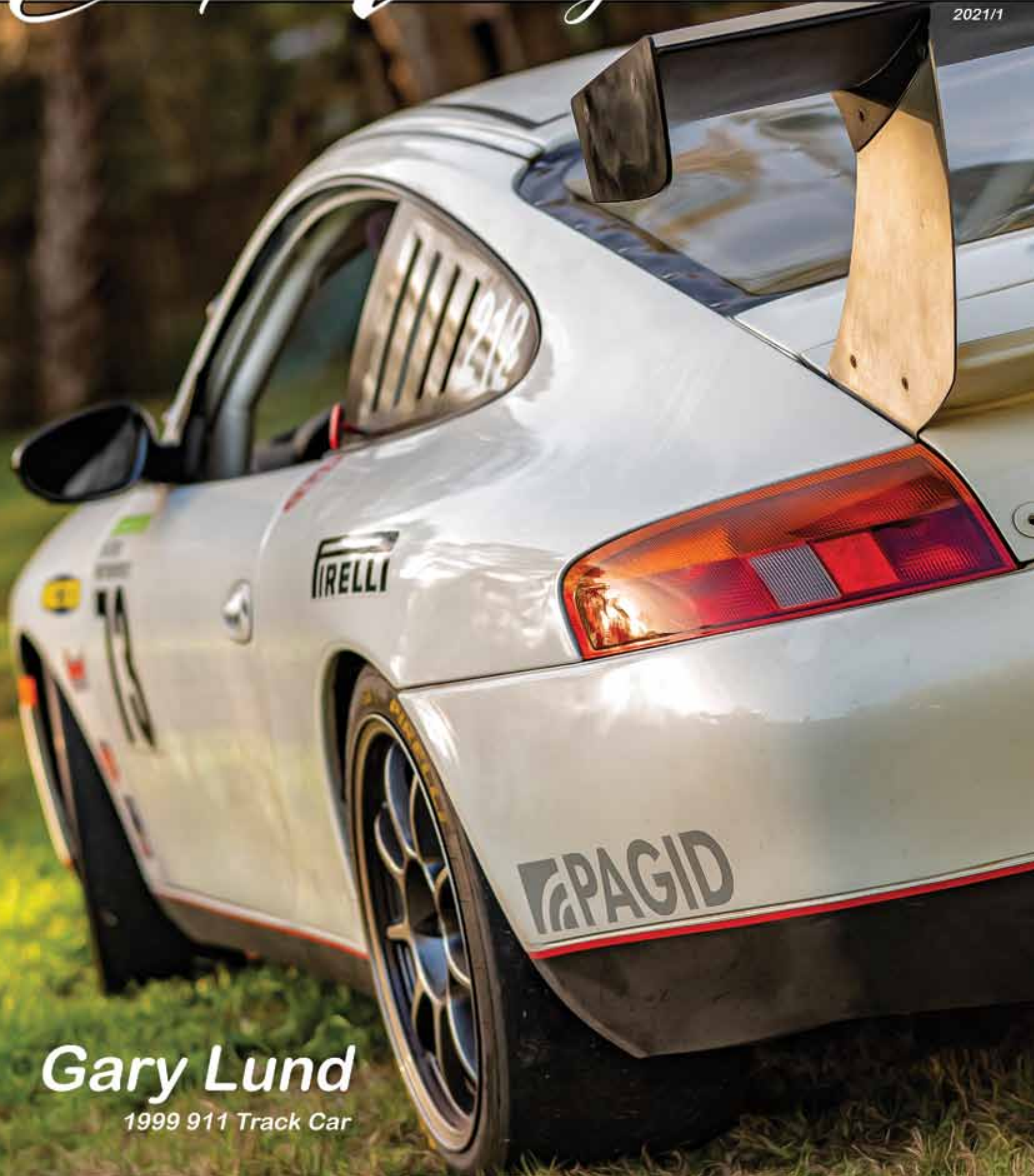


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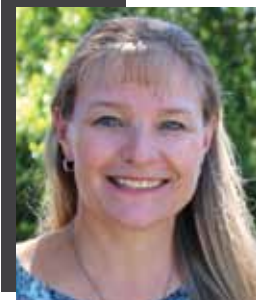


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## President's Column

Welcome Spring!

I hope each of you is staying healthy and driving your Porsches. Members of our region have experienced great sadness in the beginning of 2021. We lost Bruce Hambidge, SPC Board Member and "Badge Man" to complications with COVID-19. Then Dr. Daniel Bird, 50 Year PCA member and active Space Coaster passed in February. Losses like these make one reflect on our own lives. When my husband and I bought our first Porsche together, a red 1986 Carrera Targa, he had a vanity license plate made that read "My Dash" after the poem by Linda Ellis. It was a reminder that the dash between the date you are born and the date you pass is short; be mindful that we're only on this earth a little while. It was a reminder to spend each day with passion and purpose and happiness. I rolled my eyes when he first told me, thinking that a simple car could not benefit our lives much. I was wrong. Porsches themselves are beautiful to look at and exhilarating to drive, they have taken our family across the country to places we never dreamed of going. But our Targa introduced us to the PCA community and the friendships are what really have enriched our lives! People don't stay in clubs for 50 years unless there is something special in them. Currently our region has 6 members who have been with the club for a half-century each! Impressive! Porsches and the PCA help us live our lives to the fullest. I hope you will come out to an event or two and experience it!

In January we hosted our our first full membership Virtual Annual Meeting, it was great to "see" so many members again. Event cancellations/re-scheduling are slowing, and we are hopeful that 2021 will continue to improve! Our region is hosting Zonefest this year and we pushed the date back to Labor Day Weekend to give the best chance for success. Zonefest is a great event jam packed with activities over 3 days! Our Autocross Season has begun again and we've scheduled an Autocross School in September at the American Muscle Car Museum. Take a look at the Coming Attractions listed on page 34 of **EV** or at the website [spc.pca.org](http://spc.pca.org) or FaceBook. We are slowly adding activities like an After Tax Day Rally, Poker Run and our monthly Kaffeeklatsches in three locations will continue.

Thanks to our awesome members and great sponsors, Porsche Melbourne and the American Muscle Car Museum we will continue to have a wonderful 2021!

Fill your dash with joy and happiness! Get out and drive those cars!

*Robin Hoffman*

**On the Cover:** Gary Lund's 1999 911 track car. Photo by Ray Baldino.

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# From the Editor

Here we are welcoming Spring and hoping that things will open up and help us get back to some kind of normalcy. Thankfully things seem to be opening up a bit, we can only hope it continues.

Sadly, we lost a few members this winter. It's always difficult to lose people we've known for years as well as those who became friends right away just for being their wonderful selves. They will be sadly missed.

We have some fun things planned for the Spring and Summer, I hope you'll all will come out and enjoy the planned activities on the Space Coast Schedule. Please check the calendar on our website for updates and additions to Club activities. I know I could really use some input from you for **EV**, so please feel free to send me some fun things you've done at [suekee.ev@gmail.com](mailto:suekee.ev@gmail.com). Special thanks to the AX Team for planning that activity for so many to enjoy. It continues to be one of the few activities that can happen in these trying times. Big Congratulations to the team for winning the Porsche vs Corvette Challenge! Thank you Mark Pieloch for opening up the grounds of the American Muscle Car Museum for that to take place.

We're hoping to have another Space Coast Calendar for 2022 this year. Ray Baldino with the support of Porsche Melbourne has volunteered to re-start this great charitable event. You get to pick your month and Ray will make arrangements to take a beautiful professional picture of you and your Porsche for everyone to enjoy. Contact Rachel Henry, our Charity Chairman for details to get started at [rachelhsch@gmail.com](mailto:rachelhsch@gmail.com).

It was just great that another Space Coast Member won the Porsche drawing for a 2021 Targa 4S this year! Last year it was Jack Ulrich. I guess we're pretty lucky here. Congratulations to Stan and Loretta Bowers for buying that winning ticket. I can't wait to see the car colors and options they pick out.

Thank you to all our Advertisers, we couldn't do this without your support. Special thanks to Shay Rowe and Porsche Melbourne along with Donna Edwards and the Sales and Service teams for always being there for our members and help support the club.

This is your club and **Escape Velocity** is your magazine. Let's get out there and make things happen. Life's too short to drive a boring car. Happy Trails to All.



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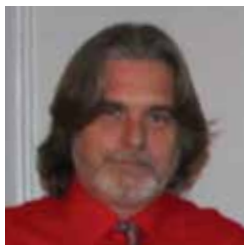
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# Membership Corner

by Vicki Hempel

Welcome to all the new members and transfers. We are 955 primary members and 458 affiliate members for a total membership of 1,413. We have increased by 37 members since last quarter.

A fun way to meet members is to attend one of the Kaffeeklatsches (Cars & Coffee) at 3 locations. Come have coffee and visit on Saturday or Sunday mornings 9 to 11am. You do not have to pre-register, just come out for an enjoyable morning. Vero Beach meets the 2nd

Sunday of the month at Panera Bread, 2001 Indian River Blvd., Vero Beach. Daytona meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at Jason's Corner, 135 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach. Melbourne meets the 1st Saturday of the month at Panera Bread, Wickham Road, Melbourne.

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!

### November 2020

David Goodwin - 2019 718 Boxster S  
Julius Longshore - 2005 911 Carrera Cabriolet  
Gregory Popp - 2011 Cayman  
Don Carter - 2020 Cayenne  
Paul Anderson - 2018 Panamera 4S  
Raul Storey Rojas - 2014 911 Carrera  
David Helft - 2018 911 Carrera  
Alan Killick - 2017 Macan  
Lleana Pratt - 2017 Macan  
Rongyn Tang - 2017 Cayenne  
Armando Martinez - 2020 Macan  
Laura Dowling-Roy - 2019 Cayenne  
Pierre Pilote - 2021 Cayenne GTS  
William Alcock - 2021 Macan S  
Alex Abbott - 2018 718 Cayman  
John Maitland - 2017 Cayman S  
Bobby Fisher - 2020 Cayenne  
Paul Sarsfield - 2002 911 Carrera Cabriolet  
Stephen Maratea - 2014 Cayman S

### December 2020

James Perry - 2019 911 Carrera GTS  
Mark Sheldon - Car Type Not Provided  
Arun Joseph - 2019 911 Carrera GTS  
Timothy O'Leary - 2017 Macan

Michael Higgins - 2021 911 Carrera  
Jayne Cherry - 2020 Cayenne  
Susanne Conlon - 2020 Cayenne  
Flavia Sampaio Machado - 2020 Cayenne  
Jeanette Corbett - 2019 Panamera  
Kaari Taylor - 2020 Macan  
Diane Hunt - 2020 Macan  
Mary Baldwin - 2020 Macan  
Arthur Newhouse - 2020 Macan  
William Frates - 2021 Macan  
Trina Gavitt - 2016 Cayenne  
Edward Byron - 2018 718 Cayman  
Diane Eliassen - 2019 911 Carrera  
Ruben Rodriguez Rijos - 2019 718 Boxster  
William Cordero - 2003 911 Carrera  
Christopher Lee - 2009 911 Carrera S  
Jim Lazazzera - 2005 911 Turbo S Cabriolet  
Lora Theiss - 2018 718 Cayman  
Michael Ferrel - 2020 Cayenne  
David Peacock - 2018 Macan  
Alan Davis - 2021 Macan  
Philip Whitlock - 2020 Cayenne

### January 2021

Chris Wren - 2007 Cayman  
Richard Hellenberg - 2006 Cayman

Sean Beery - 2017 911 Carrera S  
Mike Layton - 2017 911 Carrera Cabriolet  
Rafael Imbert - 2021 Cayman GT4  
Robert Holmes - 2019 718 Boxster  
William Taylor - 2021 911 Carrera  
Mark Bleck - 2019 Macan  
Patsy Shannon - 2017 Macan  
Freda Toepke - 2021 Cayenne Coupe  
Marina Zyrina - 2021 Cayenne Coupe  
Natalie Brede - 2021 911 Carrera  
Darlene Achilli - 2020 Macan  
Carrie Foy - 2021 Cayenne  
Letottia Crittendon - 2018 Macan  
Robert Massie - 2018 Macan  
Jodie Murray - 2020 Macan  
Vera Steinfeld - 2021 Cayenne  
Gregg Watson - 2020 Cayenne  
James Lucas - 2017 911 Carrera S  
Ronald Frederick - 2012 911 Carrera 4 GTS  
Mario LaCute - 1974 914 2.0  
James Stollenwerck - 1997 911 Carrera  
Jon Somes - 2007 Boxster S  
Lynn Kliem - 2014 Panamera  
Bradley Mckeage - 2013 Boxster  
Garrett Oakes - 2021 Cayenne  
Lain Charlton - 2021 Macan  
Calvin Do - 2021 Macan  
Colleen Crafton - 2021 Macan  
Shannon Dean - 2016 Cayman  
Robin Reilly - 2021 Macan  
Joshua Moore - 2021 Macan

### Transfers In:

Charlton Hawkins from Golden Gate - 1975 914 1.8  
John Buckley from Northeast - 2000 Boxster  
Carl Brooks from Lone Star - 1999 911 Carrera  
Joe & Mary Karey from Southeast Michigan - 2016 Cayman S  
Robert & Lily Kantor from Metropolitan New York - 2018 718 Cayman  
Peter & Teresa Dean from Gold Coast - 2001 911 Carrera  
Jody Miller from Niagara - 2012 911 Carrera GTS  
Bill Gran from Maverick - 1987 924S  
Karl & Joyce Manke from Connecticut Valley - 1958 356  
Demetri Skopos from Florida Citrus - 2008 911 Carrera S

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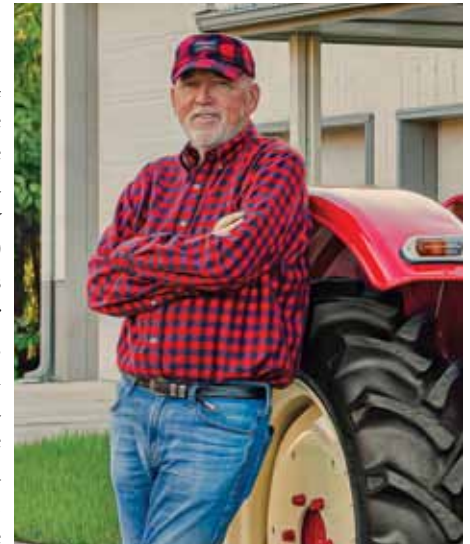
# Anniversaries and Memorials

**Bruce Hambidge**  
1966-2021



All who knew Bruce will remember his love of cars, especially Mustangs and Porsches. He served the Space Coast Porsche Club as the Insurance and Safety Chair, and was known as “the Badge Man,” who created name badges for the membership. Bruce was a wonderful example of living life to the fullest. His wife Cindy drove their Boxster S as he was legally blind but that never stopped him from fully enjoying events. He was even in the co-pilot seat when Carmen DeVito laid down the fastest time of the day in an autocross in 2019! Bruce always had a smile on his face and a friendly comment to everyone. He will be missed.

**Dr. Daniel Bird**  
1943-2021



Dan Bird owned 14 Porsches (and a Porsche tractor!) over a course of 55 years. He was a PCA and 356 Registry member for almost 50 years. In fact, he was proud to be Member #155 in the 356 Registry, the largest 356 Club in the world. Dan had a quick smile and a twinkle in his eye when he would tell his Porsche stories. He was a regular at the

Vero Beach Kaffeeklatsches and 356 events across the USA. During our Space Coast Region's 50th Anniversary year he wrote a series in **EV** called “Half Century Love Affair with Porsches” describing his wonderful adventures. He will be missed.

The following members joined PCA an astounding 50 years ago! Happy Golden Anniversary with PCA!

John Osteen (52 years)

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

### Details – Details – Details

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

[spc.pca.org/calendar](http://spc.pca.org/calendar) – click on the event for more information.

Please refer to the most up to date calendar on our Space Coast Website: [spc.pca.org](http://spc.pca.org).

### 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](http://ClubRegistration.net).

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

May 8 – Porsche AX at AMCM – 7:30 am

April 3 – Ice Cream Social at AMCM – noon to 2 pm

April 17 – Tax Day Rally at Fox Lake Park, Titusville – 8:30 am

May 3 – Poker Run at Policicchio Groves, Merritt Island (Start and Finish) – 9 am

### 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 9 am to 11 am to enjoy breakfast, coffee and our biggest passion – Porsches! Please join us at any or all the KaffeeKlatches.

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

**First Saturday of the month** – Melbourne KK at Pinera Wickham Road

**Second Sunday of the month** – Vero KK at Panera

**Third Sunday of the month** – Daytona KK at Jayson's Corner in New Smyrna

### 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.

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- Wear your face mask in the presence of others
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# Florida Crown Region Cruise-In at the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine

Article and photos by Ed Springer

The Florida Crown Region (FCR) held a cruise-in event at the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine back on Dec 12, 2020. At the request of the some friends from the Jax Air-Cooled Club, we drove up to participate in a special display of 914s. Seeing a 914 on the road is somewhat rare nowadays, so having 10 914s come to the event from as far south as the Space Coast and as far north as South Carolina was especially unique. As with any PCA event, it is always more fun to have friends along for the journey.



Co-pilot Slayton

My son/co-pilot Slayton and I left the Space Coast at 06:30 that Saturday morning and stopped in Daytona to meet up with 4 other Teeners (914s) and my buddy Mag with his stunning GT4. One of the other 914s was having some running issues, so turned back for home. So around 07:30 we departed Daytona for the last leg of the drive. Caravanning up 95 with other Teeners felt like we were in a time warp to an earlier period. It was really neat to see these 1970s cars, affectionately referred to as a NARP (Not a Real Porsche) in some circles, holding pace while cruising up the highway. Then there was Mag in my rearview mirror in his GT4, probably only in 2nd gear, bringing us back to the present.



Just of few ...



At the Classic Car Museum

We rolled up to the event about 08:15 and were promptly ushered to the front of the Classic Car Museum for special 914 parking. Showcase parking for us NARP drivers is somewhat of a foreign concept.



...of the many 914s on display

Teeners were sold in a variety of colors and different engine displacement options. Our 1973 2.0L in Alaska Blue Metallic met its twin, a 1973 2.0L in the identical color. Even more spectacular was the pair of 1974 LE (Limited Edition) Can-Am 914s, which were designed to celebrate Porsche's racing success in the Canadian-American series. These special cars came from the factory with two tone paint schemes, Light Ivory/Phoenix Red (aka Creamsicle) and Black/Sunflower Yellow (aka Bumblebee). About 1,000 of these LEs were sold, and only about a quarter of those are still known to exist. This was a rare occasion to have a Bumblebee and Creamsicle collocated.

Approximately 120 Porsches came out for the event. Examples from the 356 all the way to the new Taycan were represented. Despite the showcased 914s, the real crowd pleaser was a street going 934 tribute car in Jägermeister livery. The unmistakable turbo whistle had everyone watching as it rounded the parking lot.

If the eye candy in the parking lot was not enough, donuts and coffee were provided and there was a raffle for a small Porsche tractor made from a sewing machine. Guests were allowed entry to the museum itself while strictly adhering to social distancing and face covering guidelines. The museum houses an eclectic collection of vehicles, memorabilia and Americana. On display inside were some British and German cars, but mostly American muscle cars. The venue offers a unique experience for any automotive enthusiast. This was the first PCA event hosted at the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine (<https://www.ccmstaug.com>), and based on the success of the event, FCR promises more in the future.



Slayton meets Jägermeister



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# Third Annual Zotz Racing HPDE Event

Article and photos by Sue Kee

A bright and sunny day dawned on the Third Annual Zotz Racing HPDE (High Performance Driving Education) Event on January 16th at Zotz Racing at 6625 Edgewater Drive in Orlando. The event was sponsored by Chin Track Days, Space Coast and Sun Coast PCA's. Around 80 to 90 people were in attendance while observing social distancing and following COVID guidelines. Each year this event seems to get better. Both Ron and Eric Zitzka were available to answer questions.



The vendors that attended this year were RaceKeeper, Motion Control Suspension, Soul Performance, Pagid Brake Pads, Numeric Racing and Discovery Parts. All were available to answer questions and hand out freebies. It was great to have all of them there to help everyone.

Discovery Parts had lots and lots of items with great discounts and were very helpful with helmet fittings and provided lots of sales items. There were lots of door prizes too along with coffee and donuts and burgers for lunch.



Kevin Duffy was present again to help prepare drivers for their DE's and first HPDE experience. Kevin has a wealth of knowledge in teaching the basics and has driven for many years in DE's as well as on the race track. He's the perfect person to talk to if you think you want to try a DE event.

Ron Zitzka was also there teaching driving on many race tracks. Ron is a 40 plus year veteran of racing and has many many wins in all the

A large garage filled with race cars and trophies. A banner at the top reads "This is the day the Lord had made, let us rejoice and be glad! Psalm 9:24" and "6625 Edgewater Drive Unit A Orlando Florida 32810 (407) 294-0024". Several trophies are hanging from the ceiling. The cars are parked in rows, and the garage is well-lit.

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years he's been racing. He can handle the most simple questions about racing and track positions and the most complicated ones. He's driven most tracks all over the United States and has continued to race in HSR & IGT races. I know I personally can spend 10 minutes with Ron if I'm having a driving issue and he can get me straightened out without even getting in the car with me. We have RaceKeeper in our GT4 Club Sport and Ron sat down with me for about 10 minutes, looked at my runs on RaceKeeper and noted some areas I needed to work on. I came back from my run on the track at Sebring, and we reviewed my data and he mentioned I had cut 5 seconds off my run time! Back again after another session and another 5 seconds came off. This was just me and Ron going over my driving on the track and changing some braking and acceleration speeds.

Both Ron and Eric Zitza offer track coaching and I've been coached by both and learned volumes on how to drive that track and be safe, always having a ton of fun. Keep this event on your radar for next year, it's free and well worth the short trip to Orlando. Thank you Zotz Racing for hosting this event and sharing all your expertise with everyone.



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# Kaffeeklatsch Report

Photos by David Kelly, Sue Kee and Robin Hoffman

It's nice to see our Kaffeeklatsches are getting so well attended. People are finally able to get out and about a little more. It's nice when the weather cooperates as well.

We've had some members request that we officially return to Panera on Wickham Road as our Melbourne/Viera location for our Kaffeeklatsches. I think we're ready for a bit more indoor dining. We will still spend most of our time in the parking lot, but there will be plenty of safe spaces to park and bring and brag about our Porches. So please mark your calendars that we'll move to the parking lot at the Wickham Road Panera to do a little socializing and enjoying coffee and breakfast if you like.



# Member Spotlight

## Gary Lund

Gary was born in Utah but raised in California. As a boy his dad would drag race street cars and was always working on old cars – often to his mom’s chagrin as the project car was usually mom’s car to take the kids to school. His dad’s love of cars and driving fast soon became his own. For one brief moment when things were going well Gary’s dad had a 1977 metallic green 924. It was beautiful and exotic and where he first learned to drive a manual. Today he can often be found poking around the internet looking for a clean early 924.



Mauser, the little brown 2014 base Cayman that could at the AX

Gary went to Brigham Young University, earned his undergraduate in Mechanical Engineering and commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force. While at BYU his driving antics earned him the name, “Gario Lundretti” which still lingers today. He took two years off in the middle of college, learned Spanish and served a 2-year mission to Ecuador for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Upon returning to school, he met Leah, married her after a 4-month courtship and had a one-year-old boy named “Tanner” by graduation. Tanner is now 30 and has three beautiful girls.

Gary and Leah spent 20 years in the Air Force serving in the US and Okinawa, Japan. They had three more children, Ashley, Holley, and David. The inspiration for “Holley’s” name came when Gary was adding some Holley Performance parts to his ‘70 Nova. David was named after Gary’s father who unexpectedly passed away just prior to his birth. The last thing Gary and his father did together was attend a short track race.



The family from 2019

While in the Air Force Gary obtained two Master’s degrees, one in Environmental Engineering and Management and another in Military Science. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 20 wonderful years serving around the globe to include a 1-year tour in Iraq. Interestingly he served under Colonel Stephen Wojcicki’s command for a time. Gary now enjoys beating his former boss at the Autocross – something he would not have been allow to do previously!



Gary at the wheel of the Cayman at The Firm in Keystone Heights, FL

After the Air Force Gary began managing space launch infrastructure design and construction for a government agency. With retirement, a new job and the kids moving on he could better feed his love of internal combustion. In addition to doing solo “Iron Butt” cross country rides on his Victory motorcycle each summer (e.g., Cocoa Beach Pier to Santa Monic Pier in 47 hours) Gary bought his first Porsche; a 2014 Base Cayman that he loves sliding around AX events. He also procured a used 996 track only car that helps feed his need for speed. He regularly does DE events at Sebring, Daytona, PBIR, The Firm, and Roebing. At these events he doubles as a driving coach and earns free track time as payment!

Next to driving his Porsches “in anger” Gary loves the people he meets at PCA events because it is not just the cars but the people.



  
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# The Roar Before

Article and photos by Jeff Dorman

With COVID precautions top of mind at Daytona Speedway, 2021 Rolex 24 Hour ticket holders were offered the option of rolling their 2021 purchases over to the 2022 race week or attend the 2021 edition. This year masks are required, the garages and the grid are off-limits to spectators, and the PCA tent will not be offering its traditional benefits (live TV feed, raffles, honored guests). I decided I'd wait for the 2022 Rolex 24 Hour race. But I did give a visit to the Roar Before The 24 weekend on Saturday. The crowd was sparse and the adjustments for COVID were abundant – social distancing in all the right places (every other row of bleachers was marked off, with 6 ft. spacing on the available rows) and restrictions on infield parking locations and infield spectating access (infield road course and turn 1-2 only).



WeatherTech 911 RSR

The new season offers an abundance of excellent machinery and driving talent. I had not heard these cars run since the race last year and it was glorious. The GTLM cars sounded great as usual, particularly the screaming Porsche 911 RSR now in privateer hands with WeatherTech sponsorship. Sadly, there is no Porsche factory

effort in GTLM this year. Former Porsche factory driver Nick Tandy is now driving in the #4 Corvette and he is very fast in it. I would not bet against him in next week's big race, The Rolex.



Forty7 Motorsports LMP3 entry

There is the new LMP3 class added, so the number of prototypes was really outstanding. I took a few pictures of Session 3 of the Michelin Pilot Series from the bleachers, and a ton of pictures of Session 3 of the WeatherTech Series (all classes), at the international horseshoe, and on the Turn 1 banking. I hope you enjoy them. I wish I were going to the race next weekend. If you are, it should be another fantastic event even with the pandemic restrictions.



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# Rolex 24 2021

Article by Ron Menck

There is no event like the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA. It delivers an all-star driving lineup consisting of IMSA regulars plus drivers from other racing disciplines such as NASCAR, IndyCar and Formula 1 and an event experience unlike any other.

You're in for a race that you will never forget. You have 24 hours to take in the sights and sounds of the Rolex 24. Get ready to make memories that will last a lifetime.

This year's Rolex 24 at the Daytona track was like no other experience I've had since I have been attending. Every experience from the ticketing, track entrance, parking and viewing seemed taxingly difficult; all because of the COVID policies the track put in place to keep everyone safe. As for The Roar Before and Rolex 24, they were held within one week of each other, where as in the past they were held three weeks apart; again, a COVID policy to prevent unnecessary race team travel. Even PCA's hospitality tent was eerily empty offering only a goodie bag and water bottles for the members. Yet at the end of the race and days after, all the trouble seemed worth it as none of my party and others I know who attended, had gotten sick.



Something new this year in the race format was 5 classes of cars and not the usual 4. This year featured DPi, LMP2, LMP3, GTLM and GTD with LMP3 being the added class. The race started promptly Saturday at 3:30 under BEAUTIFUL weather conditions after the invocation and National Anthem.

Missing from the GTLM class were the two Porsche factory 911RSR and teams. Porsche ended their entries in the class at the end of 2019 season. This was always a big draw for Porsche owners, PCA members and fans. Luckily, WeatherTech a major sponsor of the race, entered a Porsche 911RSR to campaign against the BMWs, Corvettes, and Ferrari in the GTLM class. Something that made all this more interesting. Yet on the first lap of the race the WeatherTech 911RSR got hit in the rear causing the rear bumper/clip to crack down the middle. Over the course of the next 8 laps the bumper slowly ripped farther open and finally flew completely off at Turn 1 causing a yellow caution. The WeatherTech 911 then headed off to the garage and missed 14 laps while repairs were made.

The second day the weather was again BEAUTIFUL and lot of changes in race leaders had taken place during the night. There were collisions, off road excursions, and the usual racing mishaps. The crowd of viewers was noticeably smaller and even the PCA corral was only about 20% full. Did I mention the weather was BEAUTIFUL!

For a more detailed hour by hour description of the race visit: <https://www.porscheroadandrace.com/2021-daytona-24-hours-a-look-back/>



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# Winning a 2021 911 Targa 4S

## “Well, that \$100 paid off!”

Article by Stan Bowers

When the Fall Raffle opened in October last year I bought 2 tickets, as usual. And promptly forgot about buying them. My wife Loretta got a message from Robin Hoffman on January 19 and they discussed the logistics of pulling off a surprise event. They made sure I had no knowledge of their conversation. Loretta was the one to be in on the plans as her siblings call her “CIA”. True to her moniker, she didn’t spill the beans! Seems as if the plans changed a couple of times in the interim and required intervention from Porsche Melbourne.



Celebrating Stan's win

I received a call early in the week of January 18 from Donna Edwards at Porsche Melbourne asking if I could bring our car down for a demonstration of a new paint protection product they were going

to be using. She said each salesman had an option to nominate one person and Dylan had given her my name. So, on Saturday, January 23rd, Loretta and I took her car for the “supposed” paint treatment. Upon arrival, Dylan met us in the service bay and said he wanted to show us a car that had an unusual color on it. We walked around to the far end of the showroom and Donna was standing by a car. I didn’t pay much attention to the car or what model it was, and as we were looking at it she asked Dylan to show me the new features in the trunk. I opened the trunk and all these balloons came floating out along with voices shouting “Congratulations!”

I’m not sure I remember the exact sequence of what happened next other than club officers and other members came out of a nearby office and were telling me I had won a car. Robin appeared and held up a sign, which had a picture of the Targa being given away and my name printed below the car with WINNER printed on it. Total Surprise for Me!



That's one happy Stan!

Everyone had masks on, so facial expressions were covered somewhat, but I’m sure my surprised eyes were apparent to all. It was certainly an event I never really thought about me being a winner of, but it was certainly quite a huge surprise. This PCA Contest has afforded us the opportunity to own a wonderful new car which we will certainly enjoy as much, if not more, than our previous Porsches. It’ll be even more of a pleasure to actually receive it as it has to be built and shipped over. We’ll be playing the waiting game, but the wait will certainly be worth it! Thank you Space Coast Porsche Club and Porsche Melbourne for making this win a total and wonderful surprise.

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# Space Coast Region Celebrates Second Winner in Two Years in Porsche Raffle

by Dylan Kotoulis, Porsche Melbourne

In the Spring and Fall of each year, Porsche Club of America has a raffle for its members to win a very special brand new Porsche. Many of you have bought tickets, but for those of you who haven't, you might want to reconsider. The odds seem in your favor if you happen to be a member in our region. We have some very lucky members. Just last year Jack Ohlrich won the Spring 2019 Raffle, and took home his new Porsche 911 Carrera S. Each lucky winner not only gets a new Porsche, they get to design it too.



Double winners!

Now, our own Stan and Loretta Bowers had the surprise of lifetime this past January when they learned they won the Fall 2020 raffle. Our club is never known for doing anything in a small way, so we naturally had to have a little fun to let Stan know he won. Sue Kee and Robin Hoffman got together to bring Stan to Porsche Melbourne under the ruse of a "special paint treatment" for his Macan, but when he arrived, a very special Targa 4S was waiting. It was great to see Stan's reaction as everyone popped out to celebrate his win. Even Stan's wife, Loretta, was in on the act. I have to give Loretta credit, she sure can keep a secret. She knew her husband won the car for days and worked with everyone to plan the event, but somehow Stan never had a clue!

Porsche Melbourne's Donna Edwards made sure everyone had a great time, providing a champagne toast to mark the special event and securing a very hard to find new 911 Targa 4S to use as show car. She even had a videographer on hand to capture the special moment. I encourage you to take a look for yourself on Space Coast PCA's Instagram page. To add to the celebration, we all were pleasantly surprised that our PCA National President, Tom Gorsuch and his wife Elaine joined us in the celebration and personally congratulated Stan and Loretta. Thanks Tom!

This raffle's grand prize includes a new 2021 Porsche 911 Targa 4S, and \$25,000 in cash. Although Stan and Loretta could have chosen to take an all cash alternative, I'm sure most of you will agree they made the

right decision. They now are faced with the enviable task of choosing all of the options, colors and wheels they would like for their new car. It sure will be hard not to use all of that cash to make their car even that much more special. In a few months, Porsche Melbourne will be prepping their custom design for them to take home and call their own.



911 Targa 4S interior

The newest member of the 911 family, the new Targa has hardly been out for a month. We were fortunate a very trusting owner of a new Targa 4S was willing to lend us their car to use for the event. That car was a beautiful custom design and will surely be an inspiration to Stan and Loretta. Any of those fortunate to have bought the new Targa will gladly tell you it is the best 911 to get. The great lines of the 911 Coupe, in addition to the open air fun of the Cabriolet combine in the rarest of all 911 styles. Stan and Loretta's new car will be a quick one too, with a blast to 60 mph in about 3 seconds. We are very excited for our winners and can't wait to see what they design and build! If you see them out and about in their new car, be sure to congratulate them.

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# February AX

Article by Carmen DeVito  
Photos by Ed Dedick

The first 2021 Porsche Melbourne sponsored Space Coast Region PCA Autocross was held at the American Muscle Car Museum on February 6 with 25 drivers in attendance. The 60+ second course held some changes for the SPC autocrossers with a new start and reverse rotation behind the maintenance shop. The new start using some of the front parking lot gave drivers a good launch opportunity but also put some very technical turns at the beginning of the course. Ken added a shorter slalom that changed up the normal rhythm and also slowed the course down. At the end of the day, fastest time of day was taken by Ken Marshall in his brand new GT4. Alexis Colgan a new member took first in Ladies class while Gary Lund took stock base Boxster/Cayman class. Jimmy Strater took stock Cayman/Boxster S class while the always fast Bob Layman took the toughly diverse stock 911, Cayman/Boxster GTS class. Brian Kraemer continued to impress us his Panamera taking his class while Glenn Matchett won the Production 991/GTS class. Tim Marshall won the Production Boxster/Cayman S class. Congrats to the class winners!



After many years of support as the Space Coast AX /DE Co-Chair Craig Barrie will be taking a bit of a break for a while, due to lifestyle changes, primarily associated with his wife Lynda's new out of state work opportunity.

Craig has been a key member of the Space Coast AX program and a founding member of the Club's new AX program that began at Brevard Community college about 7-8 years ago. His tireless efforts and dedication to doing it right has been a key factor in the success of our program. It has been a lot of hard work involving countless

hours of support, but Craig has always been there for the club. As a DE instructor he has mentored many of our new members as they dip their toes into high speed driving events and his infectious enthusiasm for helping others grow to become better drivers is universally appreciated.



Craig will continue to do the occasional DE event and will help others transition to his many duties as AX co-chair. Craig will certainly be missed, but fortunately, past president Carmen DeVito, another key member of the AX/DE Team, has volunteered to step up and assume the duties as AX/DE co-chair.

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# Tech Spotlight

## 958 Cayenne Battery Replacement

Article and photos by Rob Van Name

I helped a fellow SPCA member install a fresh battery in his 2015 Cayenne Diesel. He purchased a Die Hard H9 AGM battery locally. Deciding to change my own battery, I bought a Duralast H9 AGM battery. We generally followed the steps below from the Rennlist post by CAVU. If your battery is flat you will need a jump battery connected to the under hood battery posts so you can move the driver's seat fore and aft as needed during this procedure. The size 10 triple square bit might be hard to come by locally so plan ahead to have access to one or friends with one. Fair warning: the battery weighs about 60 pounds so be careful when removing and installing this battery from its under seat location.

### Tools:

- Small flat head screw driver to remove 4 bolt cover trim pieces
- Triple square bit 3/8 drive size 10 (I got a set of these from Amazon) and 3/8 ratchet
- Torx bit size 25 and ratchet
- Sharp utility knife
- 10 mm socket with extension for battery hold down corner and side clamps

1. Be aware of the driver seat's wiring harness underneath the front seat you are about to unbolt. Take care when it is time to tilt the entire seat assembly backwards so you don't hurt the wiring harness.

2. Run the driver's seat full forward and the back rest full forward. You will be glad you did shortly.

3. Using a small bladed screwdriver remove the two rear bolt cover/trim pieces. Press the end in gently and it will release exposing the size 10 triple square headed bolts. Use the T-25 torx bit to remove the screw holding the air duct to the battery cover.

4. Using the size 10 triple square bit, remove the two rear seat bolts. At this time release the rear battery box cover lid hold down clamps with a screwdriver after pulling up the carpet edge.

5. Run the driver's seat full to the rear and do not adjust the back rest which should be full forward. I assume the battery has enough power left to move the seat. If not use a jump battery to move the seat and then disconnect the jump battery to avoid having power on the battery cables. The Cayenne has battery jump terminals under the hood.

6. Using a small bladed screwdriver remove the two front bolt cover/trim pieces. Press the end in gently and it will release exposing the front seat size 10 triple square headed bolts.

7. Using the size 10 triple square bit, remove the two bolts. Take care that you control the tilting of the entire seat to not strain the wiring harness.

8. You will see a large piece of plastic trim that outlines the access to the battery compartment. If this is the first time that the compartment will be accessed, you will find that sections of carpet underneath the plastic have been pre-cut. You will need to release the almost cut through sections by cutting the carpet with the utility knife. Pick the carpet up slightly as there are wires running underneath.

9. With the seat tilted back and the carpet lifted, the battery cover is now visible.

10. Release the spring clamps at the front corners using a screwdriver.

11. To remove the cover, you will need to reach underneath the cover in the back and lift it over the case so that it can slide backwards a bit. Doing so will allow the front of the cover to clear a metal lip.

12. Remove the negative ground cable first, followed by the positive cable.

13. With the cover removed, you can see the front left corner hold down clamp and the main hold down clamp also on the left side. Use 10mm socket to remove both corner clamp and side clamp. The side clamp looks like a rod but is a 10mm bolt.

14. Lift the front of the battery out first and then slide the whole battery out. It is a heavy beast.

15. After installing the new battery, you are good to go to re-install the clamps, the positive cable followed by the negative cable and backwards through the procedures. When putting the battery cables back on the new battery posts expand the clamp with a screw driver rather than pounding on the battery posts. The center battery hold down should be tightened to 17 ft/lb or 204 in/lbs, the corner hold down is tightened to 6 ft/lb or 72 in/lbs. The cable clamps on battery posts are tightened to 4.5 ft/lb or 54 in/lbs.

16. I put some blue loctite on the triple square seat mounting bolts for good luck and torqued them to 37 ft/lbs.

Here is the potential show stopper – size 10 triple square bit needed to remove the seat. Be sure you have it before starting this caper.



The new H9 AGM battery in place.



# Nine Events in Five Weeks

Article and photos by Melissa Diaz

As many of us have cabin fever setting in and not being comfortable traveling by air just yet, my husband and I had the travel bug and wanted to travel. So, after a little research on car events in Florida we came across many things to do and roads traveled that we have never seen. We started with just events closer to home benefiting DreamCars4Kids organization and it grew to attending rallies in Clearwater, Tampa, Sebring, Key Largo, Islamorada, Ft. Myers, Naples, Pembroke Pines, Miami International Polo Club and the Palm Event benefiting the Place of Hope with multiple car and rally groups. At the end we will have 9 events in 5 weeks. Unfortunately, we had a set back of a razor blade to the radiator on one of the rallies but the great shop Driver Choice Motors helped us out as always going above and beyond so we can continue the last weekend of the rallies as they are both Saturday and Sunday events. I was also able to visit my Ft. Lauderdale office while in town. Not only have we enjoyed the roads of Florida and our Porsches but we met a lot of great car enthusiasts along the way, it's truly always not just the cars it's the people!!



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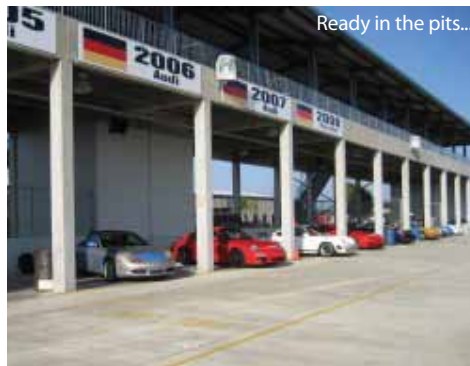
# Back to the Track

Article by Sue Kee  
Photos by Carmen DeVito

Fun times were had at the Suncoast DE at Sebring on the March 3-4-5 weekend. Friday was just the beginning with a full day of solo only runs on the track. The early part of Saturday started out okay, but then afternoon rains came and drivers were able to practice driving on a wet track. You may think you wouldn't want to go out on the track in the pouring rain with cars at differing speeds and tires, but it's an invaluable experience to help you see just how your car reacts and controls with turns and traffic. The slippery conditions caused by the rain, allows you to drive the car at it's limits, but at a slower speed, and emphasizes the need for smooth inputs to your car. This is a Driver's Education Event after all. Happily for all, the weather broke and the sun came out for Sunday.

There were 220 attendees at this DE. Some of the Space Coasters that brought their beautiful Porsches were Carmen DeVito and his 2007, 997 Turbo, Ken Marshall and his 2021 GT-4, Craig Barrie and his 2012, 997.2 Cup Car, John Donlon and his 2008, 911 Carrera, and Brian Reinert and his 2016 GT-4. Other Space Coasters who were working with Zotz Racing to help improve their performance on the track were Tom Kirk, Steve Johnson, driving their GT-4 Club Sports, and Scott Kee was instructing fellow Space Coaster, Greg Lukens.

a long and brave fight with cancer. He will be greatly missed by his fellow PCA friends.



Part of the weekend was spent in honor of Gavin Riches who passed away recently after

This is just the start of a busy schedule of DE Events planned at Sebring this year. Plenty of opportunities to come out and try your beautiful Porsche on this iconic race track and learn how to manage driving under lots of different conditions. I guarantee you won't be disappointed. DE dates can be found on [spc.pca.org](http://spc.pca.org) under "Scheduled Events." For the safety of everyone, COVID precautions are observed at Sebring.

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Ray and Shay showcasing Baldino Studios' works

Ray has an engineering background, and started working at photography as a hobby. He also owned a computer company and networking company for 18 years. Moving to Florida in 2004, he settled in Cocoa Beach, decided to follow his passion and dedicate himself to becoming a professional photographer and established Baldino Studios. Now Ray has the distinction of being a Master Photographer and has won National and International Awards. His work has appeared on more than 250 magazine covers and has had commissions from celebrities, musicians, politicians, corporations, and business leaders. He also has published two books, the first of which was "Brick by Brick."



Ray's studio

This featured many celebrities of Brevard County and was featured in the Brevard Art Museum. Next was "B Pink" which focused on breast cancer patients and survivors along with their inspirational stories. The book was created to be a tool for comfort and community which has been donated to oncology offices, hospitals, women's centers, and other health care offices in Brevard. He's worked diligently with the Space Coast Porsche Club creating an annual calendar which raised funds for many charities. The plan for 2021 is to have Ray create another of his beautiful Space Coast Porsche Club

calendars for 2022 where you can select a month and have him take a beautiful professional picture of your Porsche, with all proceeds going to charity.

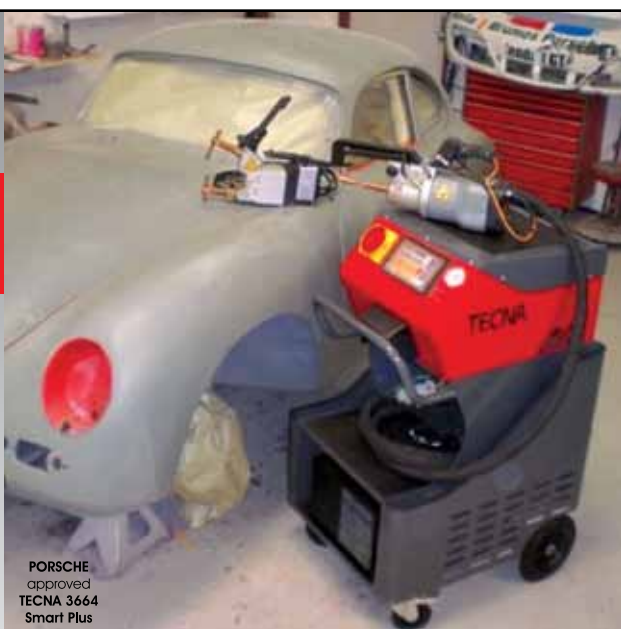
Ray began his love of Porsches while still living in Pennsylvania. He's owned five Porsches, a 1986 930 Turbo, 1988 944 Turbo, a 996 911, a 997 911 along with a Ferrari and a 2015 Carrera 4S which is his favorite right now. His hobbies are travelling and camping in his Airstream Trailer and enjoying his beautiful grandchildren, Tom, who is three and Emmy who is two years old.

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When Ray is not behind the camera or tinkering in his garage, he can be found riding his road bike and riding about 200 miles a week or working out at the gym, making sure he's staying healthy and fit. He's a very talented guy.

# Ride to Prevent Suicide

Article by Dale Coxwell

On February 19th and 20th, Space Coast PCA was invited to attend Survive First's 1st Annual Ride to Prevent Suicide. The two day event was held to raise awareness of mental health in the first responder community. Survive First is a Brevard based nonprofit whose mission is to assist first responders and their families in need of mental health support, from the impact of post traumatic stress, depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. Each year, more first responders die by their own hand than line of duty deaths. No first responder should ever have to suffer from the emotional impact of the job, and Survive First works hard to break the stigma attached to asking for help. I was honored to attend on behalf of our club.

The event kicked off on Friday night at Mainstreet Station in Daytona Beach, where participants enjoyed a meet and greet with NASCAR greats, Geoff Bodine, Ernie Irvin, and Greg Sacks. On Saturday morning, the ride commenced, with a police escort out of Volusia County. Drivers then proceeded to follow the route, down US 1, to Malabar Mo's, where all enjoyed an afternoon of great music, food, and fundraising for the cause.

As a newly appointed Board Director for Survive First, I was excited to connect our club with this incredible organization. Porsche Melbourne assisted with transporting drivers to and from parking for Saturday's main fundraising event. Founders Doug and Karen Monda expressed their gratitude to me, multiple times, for bringing our two organizations together. Karen Monda, Survive First Executive Director, stated "I'm so grateful to have the support of the club, and excited for what next year's ride will bring! It would be exciting to see



a long line of Porsches joining in line with all of the motorcycles to raise awareness. What a way to show how different groups can come together for a great cause!"

As Survive First looks toward planning next year's ride, as well as other great events including their First Responder Gala and Run for Responders 5K, I'm excited about what we, as a club, can do to show our support! As Survive first says...Together we make a difference. Together we save lives.

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# Confessions of a Porsche Wife: New Home for Holly

Article and photo by Trina Gorsuch

We have arrived in Twenty Twenty-ONEderful! I told you, I was going to call it that. I am personally so grateful to have 2020 behind us. Although I feel the hardships we all endured have made us stronger and provided a shining light on the things in life that are most important. We usually end the year like many families do with professional photos to feature on our Christmas card. But like everything in 2020 this year was different. Ryan let me know he had set up a professional photoshoot with Jason Reid Media, not for his lovely family, beautiful wife and two precious children, but for his Porsche. Yup, you heard that right. He did take the kids with him, but you cannot see them behind the tinted windows in their little car seats. Honestly, I shook my head and said, well, there's always next year. The pictures turned out amazing and I would recommend anyone needing a great gift for their Porsche-loving significant other to consider reaching out to him. We ended up not sending out a holiday card at all, and instead said Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, there's a picture of our car posted on social media.

My new year has all been about change. They say the only constant in life is change, and for me that has been true over the last several months. As some might already know from following me on [Facebook.com/Trina.Gorsuch](https://www.facebook.com/Trina.Gorsuch), we built a house in 2020 and closed in February 2021. We even had a surprise on closing day with our PCA friend Sue Kee

showing up to be our closing agent! She made a special day even more memorable. Overall building a home was an amazing experience going from picking out a lot, choosing a house plan, and carefully selecting finishes to then watching its progress week over week and ultimately seeing an idea in your head come to real life. I have to say even though I didn't literally build the house with my hands, I do feel proud of the final outcome and my role in creating it.

When you are a Porsche owner, a garage is kind of a big deal. I don't really get it myself, but during our search of the perfect house Ryan was laser-focused on the garage being must-have asset for any home he plans to live in. He originally wanted a 3-car garage, which unfortunately our neighborhood did not offer and was almost a "deal-breaker" to him. I still can't wrap my head around potentially saying "no" to a brand new build home that meets all our family needs with space and function, but I think Ryan's favorite family member is Holly, our Cayenne. Here is the process Ryan went through when finding a home, very different from mine.


The first step was Ryan making sure he had the right amount of space for Holly – a nice sized garage and driveway. Our choice home plan had a 2-car garage and a beautiful paver driveway. It took him multiple measurements, trips to the spec home, and literally parking Holly in the garage multiple times before



he said okay, it will do. Then he researched security for the garage to make sure he could watch her and keep her (and hopefully us too) safe. That led to a pretty expensive upgrade to install cameras, smart technology, and a phone-operated garage door opener. He has since set up a grid around the garage and now knows with phone alerts if anyone gets in proximity to his beloved Cayenne. Thank you, Bolt Technologies. In addition to space and security, Ryan lastly focused on style. He needed the garage to "feel right" for her. So when he called me with pricing for epoxy floor and gave a well-rehearsed pitch about why now, before we move, would be the best time to get it, I rolled my eyes and said, "Yes, of course. Just do it."

Since style has always been my area of interest, and Ryan thankfully trusts me with design options, he let the color selection be my choice. I met with the epoxy sales guy from The Garage Enhancement Company who brought a lot of samples. I didn't like any of them. I really didn't want our garage floor to look like a high school gymnasium and was looking for more a showroom floor design. He offered another option of doing a custom color, which I agreed would be needed. Yup, Ryan will pay for this... haha. After about 15 trial blends we finally got it right with 50% blue mix and 50% granite. It was beautiful and matched our house just right. I think Holly likes it too.

We are so blessed to have this new home, new neighborhood, and what seems like a new life starting in 2021. Ryan and I celebrated our 10 years of marriage in 2020 and now with our children Summer 2.5 years old and Cody 1.5 years old, we are looking forward to our next 10, 20, 30 years in our new normal, keeping faith, family, and friends as our most important focus. Hold on for another adventure around the sun!




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# 2021 Porsche 356 Florida Owners Group Gathering of the Faithful

Article and photo by Lee Payne

It was a dark and stormy night. No, it wasn't..... It was a clear and sunny day Saturday, February 27th, when the Porsche 356 Florida Owners Group (FOG) assembled for their annual Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) - this year at the Marina del Ray near Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

Amid some reasonable COVID precautions, approximately forty 356s were arranged on a beautiful fairway-quality grassy area on Lake Harris next to the Marina's pavilion, with a backdrop of stately cypress trees and knees at the water's edge. It was warm, in the mid-eighties, as we all positioned, polished and primed our cars in preparation for the People's Choice Concours. At last count there were 74 FOG members registered, with many of our cars on the field for judging or display. More 356s could be seen out in the parking lot that just came to enjoy the event and not be judged.

An added bonus was that Mark Krekovian from Suncoast Region arranged a drive of 911s and assorted other more modern Porsche models, that happily terminated at the Marina del Ray in time for the concours. Some very wonderful cars in that group as well. We welcomed fellow Porsche pushers to enjoy the camaraderie, and see from whence their current rides evolved.

The field ranged from 1953 and 1955 pre-A Coupes - love those bent windshields and round cloth speaker grills from yesteryear - to 1965 356 Cs and timeless Outlaws. Each more beautiful than the next. It was very tough judging for sure, as there were only four classes and the Overall People's Choice Award to receive the Rich Williams Trophy for a year.

Some interesting factoids from the event. I believe three of the 356s had 911 motors of one type or the other - one boasting 250 horsepower! Hope they converted to disc brakes. There were four Speedsters in the field which is not unusual for our events, but there were three Convertible Ds as well. These are the cars that succeeded the last Speedster in 1958, and had the same body, but a taller windshield, more comfortable seats and real glass roll-up windows. It is rare to see three Convertible Ds at an event, since there were only 1331 of them built between 1958 and 1959, all listed as 1959 cars. Two of them on the field were American delivery models with the required overrider bars, and one was a "European" delivery car, with no overriders or bumperettes (mine).

After viewing these exceptional cars in the broiling sun, we enjoyed lunch in the luxuriously air conditioned pavilion. Winning awards were presented in the following classes after registered members voted on ballots provided:

- 356A – Jim Doughton 1953 Pre-A Cabriolet
- 356B – George Bryan 1961 B Knotback Coupe
- 356C – Christopher Nelson 1964 C Cabriolet
- Cabriolet Speedster/Roadsters/Convertible D –  
Terry Cohen 1956 A Speedster
- Overall People's Choice – Gerry Curts 1961 B Sunroof Coupe

Gerry Curts's Sunroof Coupe is a featured article in the current issue of Porsche Panorama. If you want to read an interesting car story, this one is tops.



After the awards presentation, a swap meet erupted as planned on tables outside the pavilion. I understand no one was accepting BITCOINS.

Thanks go out to our Past President of seven years, Alan Winer, as Event Organizer. We are going to miss his acerbic attention to detail. His wife Janis Croft was also honored for her tireless efforts in putting together the Foglight newsletter for the same amount of time. Kudos to new President Paul Raben, as Concours Coordinator, and Mike Davis, as Registrar. 2020 was a tough year for all of us, and these guys really stepped up to pull off a terrific and safe Gathering.

Remember, you do not have to own a 356 to belong to FOG. Most of us own newer Porsches as well. And some of our members are from out of state. Plan on coming to the 356 Gathering next year about this time at some other beautiful spot in Florida.

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# Very Foamy

by Pedro P. Bonilla, GCR PCA

There are two words that don't go well together: "Porsche" and "foam".

As anyone who has had a new (newer) Porsche for 4 or 5 years knows, the air conditioning vents start to spew bits of sticky dark stuff. This stuff comes out of every A/C vent including the windshield defrost and the footwell heating outlets. What is this?

With time, heat and humidity, all of the foam which makes up the air diverter dams in the A/C's air handler system starts to deteriorate and crumble.



As air is forced through, chunks of this foam starts to make its way to the air outlets and eventually make it out into the cabin. There is nothing you can do preventively to avoid it short of not keeping your Porsches longer than 4-5 years. The deterioration of the foam depends on several conditions:

Time: 4-5 years after the manufacture date it starts to deteriorate

Heat: The hotter the environment the quicker it will deteriorate

Humidity: The more humid the environment the quicker it will crumble

Therefore northern Porsches and those garaged and kept away from the sun and the elements will keep their foam a bit longer, but don't get me wrong, even stored under the best conditions, if the car sees real world roads and conditions, that foam will deteriorate at some point.

When it starts to happen you will first notice some very small "dirt-like" particles on your clothing and on the interior (dash, seats,

carpet, etc.). As time goes on in a few more months you will notice the particles getting larger and larger and eventually you can see chunks of foam trapped behind the air vent slats.

What can be done? You can open up the air handler system to remove and rebuild the air dams with new foam or tape (duct tape is used effectively) but this is very time consuming which can get expensive.



Or, you can be patient, remove the foam chunks from the vents and wait. You can use a small pick tool to pull out the pieces of foam through the slats.



You can also help to purge the system quicker by closing all the vents but one, running the A/C fan at it's highest setting and putting a vacuum cleaner nozzle right on the open vent. Once this vent is cleared, close it and move to another one and repeat.




But the best advise I can give you is what I tell my customers: Wear goggles and don't wear white!

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Happy Porsche'ing,  
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# Fourth Annual Porsche vs Corvette Challenge

Article by Ken Marshall  
Photos by Tony Whalen

February 24th saw the return of the annual Porsche vs Corvette AX Challenge event held at the American Muscle Car Museum. The Cape Kennedy Corvette Club (CKCC) was this year's host and they did an excellent job running a fun and flawlessly executed event. The Space Coast Porsche club was 3 for 3 and were anxious for a 4-peat but the team from CKCC wasn't taking it lying down. Each year the host Team provides shirts for all Team members and workers and the Porsche Team was justifiably proud of the 3 "victory" stars decorating our sleeves.



The event format consists of the 12 fastest drivers from each club having 10 runs in which to set their best time. The times of the top 10 drivers are averaged for the team time. The Space Coast Team consisted of, Ken Marshall, Carmen Devito, Tim Marshall, George Krivo, Jimmy Strater Bob Layman, Gary Lund, Bryan Kramer, Tommy

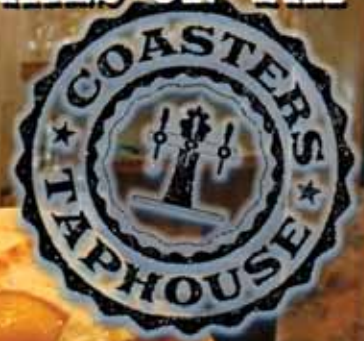


Prusaski, Alexis Colgan, Cindy Hambidge, and Robin Hoffman. This year was a bit of a change as we added 3 women drivers to compete with their 3 counterparts on the Corvette team. If you weren't aware the CKCC is ranked 1st in the state and 5th in the nation in Corvette national competition events and they brought out their big guns in order to seek redemption.

The CKCC designed course was well suited for power and torque and the Space Coast team had their work cut out for them. The run format consisted of 2 sessions that included 2 heats with 5 runs per session. The competition was fierce and close. The CKCC saved their

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best drivers for last as they used the Porsche Team as rabbits in the early heats. Space Coast Porsche held on to FTOD with a 40.441 time until the next to the last run of the day when CKCC edged us out by .036 seconds with a 40.405 run. We rounded out the podium and took 3rd place overall with a 40.532. Things got a little tense late in the day as the times were incredibly close, but we remained poised and finished with a strong team effort.

When the smoke cleared the Space Coast Porsche Team once again came away with a victory and brought home the trophy for a 4th time, winning the event by a scant 2/10ths of a second. The winner trophies will be proudly displayed at the AMCM and Porsche of Melbourne. Next year Space Coast Porsche will be the host. Let's shoot for number 5!



Checking pressures

Porsche Club		Best Time
1	K. Marshall	40.441
2	G. Krivo	40.532
3	J. Strater	42.175
4	T. Marshall	42.283
5	B. Layman	42.292
6	G. Lund	42.600
7	B. Kraemer	42.837
8	C. DeVito	42.883
9	T. Prusaski	43.191
10	A. Colgan	44.567
11	C. Hambidge	45.768
12	R. Hoffman	47.591

Overall			Best Time
1	Corvette	S. Goodbread	40.405
2	Porsche	K. Marshall	40.441
3	Porsche	G. Krivo	40.532
4	Corvette	J. Brzozowski	40.974
5	Corvette	T. Reardon	41.813
6	Corvette	Z. Duys	42.042
7	Porsche	J. Strater	42.175
8	Porsche	T. Marshall	42.283
9	Porsche	B. Layman	42.292
10	Corvette	B. Shearer	42.348
11	Porsche	G. Lund	42.600
12	Corvette	C. Moss	42.735
13	Porsche	B. Kraemer	42.837
14	Porsche	C. DeVito	42.883
15	Corvette	R. Duys	43.141
16	Corvette	T. Prusaski	43.191
17	Corvette	J. Patterson	43.400
18	Corvette	C. Acton	44.119
19	Porsche	A. Colgan	44.567
20	Corvette	T. Tice	44.874
21	Corvette	C. Kostyra	45.518
22	Porsche	C. Hambidge	45.768
23	Corvette	L. Campbell	47.119
24	Porsche	R. Hoffman	47.591

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- Apr 11** Kaffeeklatsch @ Vero Panera, 9 am
- Apr 17** After Tax Day Rallye @ Fox Lake Park, Titusville @ 8:30 am
- Apr 18** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona Panera, 9 am
  
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- May 8** PM Sponsored Autocross @ American Muscle Car Museum, 7 am
- May 9** Kaffeeklatsch @ Vero Panera, 9 am
- May 16** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona Panera, 9 am
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- May 22-23** Suncoast Region PCA DE @ Sebring
  
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- June 20** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona Panera, 9 am
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- July 3** Kaffeeklatsch @ old location, Panera on Wickham Road 9 am
- July 11** Kaffeeklatsch @ Vero Panera, 9 am
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- July 18** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona Panera, 9 am
  
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