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# President's Column

Spring and summer have come and fall will be upon us quickly. When the temperature outside starts to drop, the activity on the Space Coast starts to heat up. We have had a great year so far, but you might want to tighten those belts, because the pace will really start to pick up as the year progresses.

Porsche Parade was a big success for those who attended and for our Region. Space Coast earned runner-up honors as Region of the Year and for the National Public Service Award. In addition, the Hoffman family was selected as the PCA Family of the Year! These are fantastic awards and well deserved. The next time you see the Hoffmans, please congratulate them. Congratulations to all of you! It takes the entire region to earn this kind of recognition. We have many leaders in the Space Coast who have guided us to where we are today. Having said that, it is our membership who truly make this region successful and will lead us forward.

John Vasconi has taken on the massive job of updating the SPC bylaws along with Jorge Hoffmann. Please join me in thanking them. SPC has gone back to having quarterly Business Meetings open to all members. Your input is important to help us make the Space Coast Region even better and exceed the expectations of our members. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Lastly, it is time to register for Escape to Magical Orlando. As you know it will be held at the Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World from November 6 - 9, 2014. It will be a fun family event for the kid in all of us, who love to drive and love to socialize with other Porsche people. Take a look at the web site and see the great drives that take place during Escape. Some are almost full, so don't delay! We have a tacky tourist party planned for the opening night, multiple drives every day, a people's choice car show and a closing banquet that will provide plenty of time for meeting and eating. The web site to view all of the activities is [Escape2014.pca.org](http://Escape2014.pca.org) and register on [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net).

Thanks again to all of you who come out and enjoy our activities and a special thanks to those who volunteer their time and energy to make the Space Coast Region exceptional!

*Lou Linden*

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# From the Editor

I hope you will enjoy our fall issue of Escape Velocity. Hopefully, everyone has registered for our biggest event our Region (Along with Citrus Region) has ever hosted. Escape to Magical Orlando promises to be an unforgettable Porsche experience! If you haven't already registered, there is still time!

In this issue, you will see a lot of pages on the 59th Porsche Parade held in Monterey CA this year. As always, it was an amazing event! Well worth the 7500 miles our family drove to attend. Space Coast was awarded some very prestigious awards, including 2nd Runner up for Region of the Year and Honorable Mention for National Public Service. Incredibly, our Hoffman Family was nominated and awarded Family of the Year and we have been overwhelmed by the entire process. We feel very honored to be included with such an exclusive group. Credit needs to be shared with the members of the Space Coast Region for their leadership and support through the years. We have, and will always look up to Tom Gorsuch, the O'Neal's and the Roberts as our mentors in this great organization. Thank you for this great honor, we hope to continue to represent SPC for years to come!

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

I continue to be thankful for the team of ever growing dedicated members who contribute to the magazine through articles, photos and advertising! Please support our advertisers!

I am pleased to announce that I am taking on an apprentice for next issue in hopes of passing her the Editorial torch in 2015. Please welcome Sue Kee as "Editor in Training". We plan to work together to continue the Space Coast tradition of producing a wonderful magazine celebrating the Porsches we love and the People who drive them!

*Robin Hoffman*

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# Membership Corner

by Brian Reinert

Currently, "our" Space Coast Region membership is comprised of 556 primary members! In addition we also have 312 supplementary members for a total membership standing of 868.

For this issue of EV I would like to touch on the most frequently ask member question: "How much is my Porsche worth?" The premise behind this question is obtaining a proper level of insurance coverage for an older Porsche that might otherwise be considered nearly valueless by an insurer. To help with this challenge, PCA has researched and compiled a list of organizations that offer Porsche valuations. The top 3 are listed below (the full list can be found on [www.pca.org/porsche-values](http://www.pca.org/porsche-values)):

1. Buy Classic Cars ([www.buyclassiccars.com](http://www.buyclassiccars.com))
2. Hagerty insurance ([www.hagerty.com](http://www.hagerty.com))
3. Kelly Blue Book ([www.kbb.com](http://www.kbb.com))

PCA tenders insurance endorsements for Leland West and Lockton Affinity. I have personal experience with Lockton as they provide track insurance for HPDE events – and they offer a discount for PCA members. Be sure to log into [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org) and navigate to Membership and then Insurance Quotes. I hope you find this membership benefit helpful.

Welcome to the starting line for our newest members:

## Welcome New Members!

### May 2014

James Hether, 2009 Boxster  
Syed FH Zaidi, 1949 356

Ricardo Layun, 2008 Boxster S  
Eric Filgueiras, 1987 944

### June 2014

Jeffrey Panusuk, 2014 Boxster  
Henry Smith, 2014 Cayenne  
Anthony Dimambro, 2014 Cayenne  
Michael Perry, 2006 Cayman S  
John McEachern, 1978 930 Turbo

### August 2014

Ryan Hall, 2005 Cayenne Turbo  
Bernie Steer, 2007 Cayman  
Robert Patt, 2006 Cayman S  
Stanley Bell, 1989 944 Turbo  
Hayley Kerr & Jesse Lim, 2014 Cayman  
Reid Olson, 2013 Cayenne  
Ronald Joaquin & Patricia Kellett,  
2013 911 Carrera  
Joseph & Toya Hauf, 2013 Cayenne  
Louise Bates, 2015 Macan S  
Trudie and Donald Rainone,  
2014 Boxster  
Mark Allen Webb, 2014 Cayenne  
Mary Keating, 2014 911 Carrera

### July 2014

Keith Stanley, 2001 911 Carrera  
Thomas Craigie, 2014 Cayenne  
Maurice Allen, 2011 Boxster  
Micheal Connelly, 2004 911 Turbo  
Terrence Was, 2000 911 Carrera  
Denise Foley, 2014 Cayman  
William Stanganelli, 2005 911 Carrera

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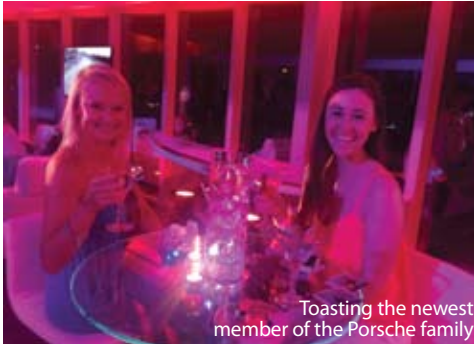
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# The Macan Launch

Article by Kate and Jason Breitfeller  
Photos by Sheryl Swist

She said, "Oh no, not another Porsche event... do I really have to go?" He said, "Nope, you can stay home and watch TV. But I hear they are doing something special. And, maybe, you can find a replacement for the family truckster (a Cayenne)." Her retort, "Fine, but I'm not staying long." Four hours later he says, "Can we please go home now?"



Toasting the newest member of the Porsche family

What in the world could have been the cause of this complete change of heart??? Well, have you ever been to a Miami-style nightclub in Melbourne, Florida? Shay and the folks at Porsche of Melbourne had completely transformed the Porsche dealership into a nightclub! Music, specialty drinks, lights and screens showing classic Porsche moments transported us a spectacular night club. Oh, did we mention that there was an unveiling of a new Porsche model, the Macan. Pronounce it how you prefer, but, however you say it, you will love it!



These guys flipped over the new Macan

Upon arrival at the dealership we immediately noticed that there was a mocked up hidden room and a big lump under a sheet. Hmm... He had already seen one of these up close at the Amelia event but the doors were locked. She, on the other hand, had only heard about it second-hand from his description.

Not only did they both get to see the awesome, new Macan... they got to drive



So what's lurking under that sheet?

a Macan S!!! What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas, but let's just say that the Macan handled almost as well as a Boxster. We were especially lucky to have our test drive with Ralph Fritsche who is a wealth of knowledge on the newest member of the Porsche family. Our test drive vehicle was a black Macan S. The styling, the performance and the smaller frame impressed her. She also appreciated the almost full-size cargo capacity and comfort of the crossover SUV. He enjoyed the classic Porsche cues, was impressed by the handling and braking, but thought it might have been a touch more powerful in its' off-the-line acceleration. The "truck" itself was very well



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Wonders behind the wheel

Following our spirited test drive, we were treated to a continued spectacular event with drinks and munchies that all of the guests in attendance seemed to enjoy. If you missed it, maybe the next time Porsche has a grand unveiling, you should think twice! That should be only a few years from now. Porsche has seriously rounded out the stable by adding this crossover to an already full dance card. Perhaps the next vehicle our friends in Stuttgart unleash will be a flying car! The nimble, yet powerful and awesome handling Macan certainly keeps with the plan that Porsche has taught us to expect over and over again. Many thanks to Porsche of Melbourne for putting together such a memorable event for the newest family member (and giving us a reason to save our pennies)!

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# Shay Rowe: The Man Behind the Dealership

Photo by Ray Baldino

## When did you first get associated with Porsche?

I have always been interested in the brand. Growing up as a young boy in England, watching sports car racing featuring Porsches. I joined Porsche of Melbourne Dealership July 2006.

## How did your generous sponsorship of the Space Coast PCA begin?

My relationship with the Space Coast PCA began almost immediately. Tom Gorsuch was the incoming president. We met a few times, and put a few programs together such as the Parts discount and Referral fee program. Both of which are still in place today. We did some events together and the relationship blossomed from there.

## Favorite Porsche? Favorite Porsche activities?

My favorite Porsche to drive is by far the 911 Turbo. I feel it is the best car in the world. I enjoy driving one every chance I get, especially the new 991. While I enjoy all the Porsche activities, I would have to say that Sunrise/Sunset is my personal favorite and is always a major hit.



## Interesting Porsche stories?

I think the most interesting Porsche story for me would have to be the one about the dealership, and how far it has come in eight years. We have achieved Premier Dealer award seven years in a row. No other dealership in Florida has accomplished that. We went from selling thirty Porsches per year, when we first bought the store, to this year selling over three hundred Porsches. I was elected to the Porsche Board of Regents in 2013 which has been very interesting for me. As a board member, I was given the opportunity to attend the 24 hours of LeMans and in November of this year, I will travel to Weissach Germany, where I will have the pleasure of meeting with Porsche engineers and give input for future product development.

## Anything else you want to share with our membership?

It has been a great journey with the Space Coast PCA these last eight years. We greatly appreciate our members and all the business they give us. We look forward to many more memorable experiences over the coming years.



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# 24 Hours of LeMans 2014

## Race Start - Breakfast at Porsche of Melbourne

Article by Ralph Fritsche  
 Photos by Sheryl Swist and  
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Saturday June 14 marked the start of the 82nd running of the 24 Hours of Lemans, the most prestigious sports car race in the world. As has been the tradition over the past several years, Porsche of Melbourne graciously sponsored a Lemans breakfast at the dealership for all the local Porsche faithful.

The staff of Porsche of Melbourne had a great breakfast spread waiting for all of us who got up early to watch the pre-race festivities and the start of the event. This year was a special year for Porsche as the manufacturer returned to the highest level of the sport with Porsche's entry of two 919 prototypes in the P1 category for Lemans prototypes.



And they're off!

The last time Porsche entered the race to directly contend for overall victory was in 1998. Porsche won Lemans for the 16th time that year and this year was appropriately marketed as "Mission 2014. Our return". The race itself showcased the quality of the competition with Toyota, Porsche and Audi all having strong programs. The completion of qualifying saw the number 7 Toyota on the poll sharing the front row with the number 14 Porsche. The number 20 Porsche qualified 4th.

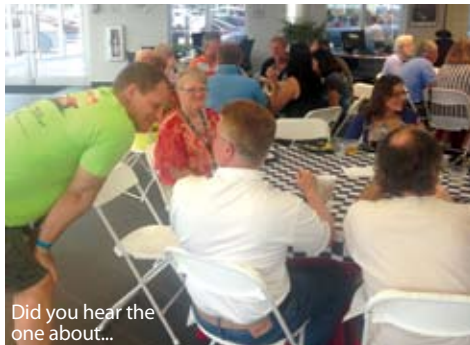


The race itself was marked by both highs and lows for the Stuttgart machines. Attrition was a factor for all the teams as the fortunes of each of the big three manufacturers ebbed and flowed throughout the race. Twenty one hours into the event the number 20



Great breakfast, thanks POM

Porsche took the lead ahead of the number 1 Audi which was forced to pit for its second turbocharger replacement of the race. For about an hour it almost seemed as if the dream would become a reality but then the 20 car was seen to slow on track and limped to the garage where it was retired from the race with a combination of brake problems and a broken anti-roll bar. The number 14 car followed about 30 minutes later with mechanical problems of its' own but the Porsche engineers did manage to get the car



Did you hear the one about...

back out for the last lap and as a result it was credited with eleventh place.

Things did not fare so well either in the GTE Pro and Am categories where the factory backed 911 RSR's of team Manthay and Proton could only each manage third place in their respective classes.

Of course on Saturday morning none of this had yet to play out and the club members who gathered at the dealership for the breakfast showed nothing but smiles and optimism. Something about a Saturday morning in June sitting around a bunch of new Porsches always brings a smile to my face too and while this year there was no fairy tale finish for Porsche, the team from Stuttgart did show that it was back in the game and will be a force to reckon with next year.



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# ZoneFest 2014

Article by Scott Kee  
Photos by Scott Kee and Robin Hoffman

On the afternoon of Friday, May 23, Porsches began assembling at the historic Lakeside Inn in the heart of Mt Dora for the PCA Zone 12 ZoneFest 2014. The cozy but spacious hotel was built in 1883 and is the oldest continuously operating hotel in the State of Florida. The ZoneFest was hosted by the Florida Citrus Region and event coordinator Lyn Perez with lots of help from Porsche members from that region. The Citrus Region was celebrating their club's 40th Anniversary. Congratulations to Citrus! Several dignitaries were in attendance including Manny Albans, PCA National President and Tom Gorsuch, PCA National Treasurer.



PCA dignitaries Tom Gorsuch and Manny Albans with The Hoffmans and Lou Linden

Upon arrival, the registration ran smoothly (thank you Lisa Lewis and Mom!). It was followed by a cordial welcome reception on the Lakeside Inn front verandah overlooking Lake Dora. Thank you Nort Northham, our primary sponsor! The evening was warm and just a warning of the hot weekend to come.

Bright and early Saturday morning the cars began to take position for the People's Choice Award Car Show on the Lakeside Inn front lawn. Space Coast Region was well represented. Ginny and David O'Neal made a family sweep by taking first place in two different categories with Ginny's new 2014 Macan and David's 991, the newest model 911. Dan and Neila Bird's beautiful 356 won the Overall Favorite award as it is always stunning.

A Saturday afternoon drive around the scenic Mt Dora countryside followed the concours. Some of the roads were recognizable as we drove them during the Sunrise to Sunset Rally held earlier in April. After the drive, the pool provided a cool oasis from the heat for many of the attendees. Did we mention how HOT this weekend was?



Autocross assault

Saturday evening provided plenty of free time to give everyone the chance to explore Mt Dora on foot. There was a wide variety of dining and eclectic shopping choices a short walk from the Inn to keep everyone entertained.

The Sunday Morning autocross was held at the Lake County Sheriff's Training Facility in Tavares. This parking lot is spacious and accommodating, and is used by Florida Citrus Region for many of their autocross events. There were some new participants this year, and surprisingly, all of the ladies were in one car class (SL) independent of the car they were driving.

The culmination of ZoneFest was the awards banquet on Sunday evening in the Inn's Beauclaire Dining Room. There were so many participants at ZoneFest that the seating spilled into the adjoining dining area. The dinner was very nice with many awards and stories keeping us entertained. It was great to see how well represented all the Zones were, both in attendance and awards.



Awards banquet

The Citrus Zone hosted a memorable and totally enjoyable trip to Mount Dora with plenty of fun and Porsche stuff to do in spite of the record breaking heat. If you haven't participated in a ZoneFest, before, you don't know what you're missing. Make sure it's on the top of your list next year!



Lakeside Inn front lawn filled with Porsches



People's Choice Awards		
Car Class	Winner	
356	Alan Winer	
1965-73 911/912	Melvyn Blore	
1974-89 911	Rick Appelquist	
1990-98 911	John Ross	
996/997	Steve Kidd	
991	David O'Neal (Space Coast)	
914	Kiet Truong	
924/944/968	Greg Barrows	
Boxster	Kyle Rathbun	
Cayman	Stephen Wojcicki (Space Coast)	
Cayenne/Macan/Panamera	Ginny O'Neal (Space Coast)	
Overall Favorite	Daniel & Neila Bird (Space Coast)	

Autocross Results		
Car Class	Winner	Car
SL	Sharron Shields	Boxster S 2002 Blue
S1	Ruben Rodriguez	Boxster 2000 Black
S2	David O'Neal	911 2013 Arena Red (Space Coast)
S3	Steve Hoffman	Cayenne S 2004 Sand White (Space Coast)
P1	Stephen Rodi	911 1969 White
P2	Gary Merideth	944S2 1989 White
P5	Dan Shields	Boxster S 2002 Blue
P6	Brian West	911 C4S 2002 Blue
Fastest Overall	Ruben Rodriguez	Boxster 2000 Black

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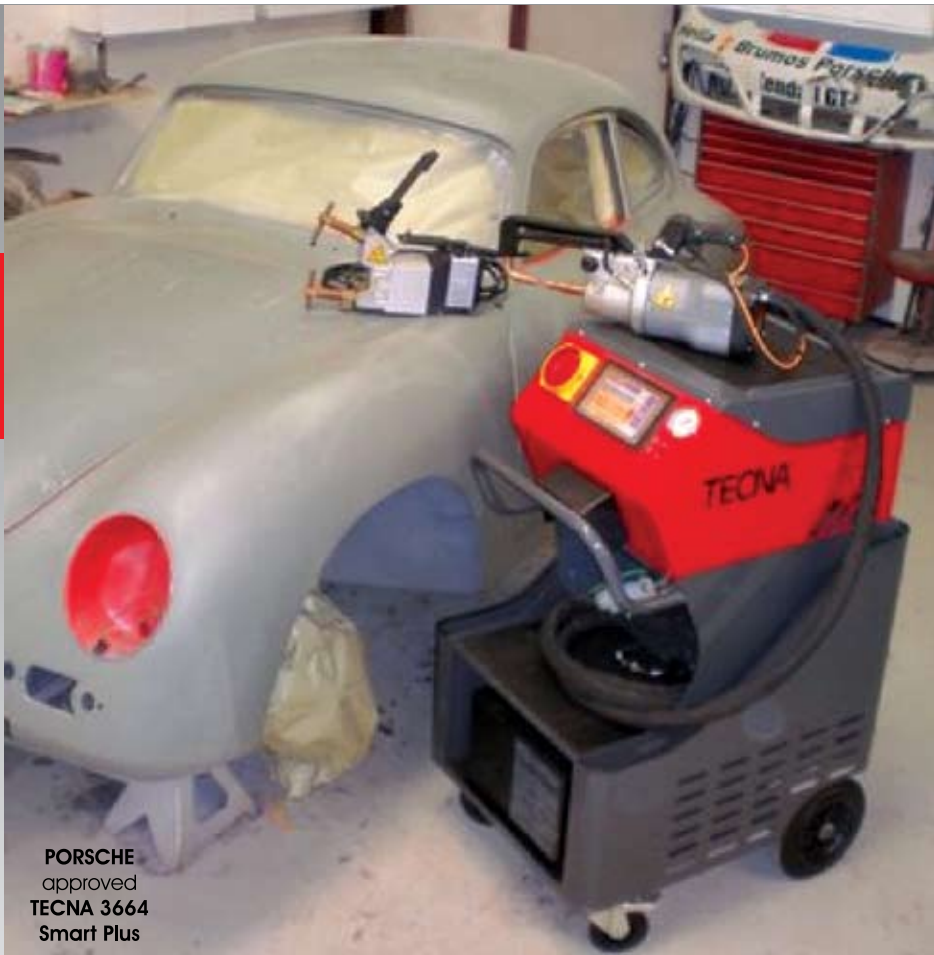
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# Charity Spotlight

By Elaine Christine, Charity Coordinator  
Photos by Tom Gorsuch

Congratulations! Space Coast Region was recognized nationally at the 59th PCA Porsche Parade in Monterey with an honorable mention for Public Service. "Thank you!" to all of our members who made this award possible. Go Space Coast, go Space Coast . . .



Public Service award announced at Parade 2014

Local charity continues with the 2015 Calendar project. I recently met with Natasha Duran, the Executive Director of Candlelighters of Brevard to deliver \$5,250 from Space Coast Region PCA members who will be featured in the 2015 Calendar. They will be photographed with their Porsche by award-winning photographer Ray Baldino. Special thanks to Shay Rowe, Dealer Principal at Porsche of Melbourne and Lois Roberts for

their support and dedication to the 2014 and 2015 Calendars! Please contact Jack Roberts to order extra calendars.



Silent Auction to benefit CACB

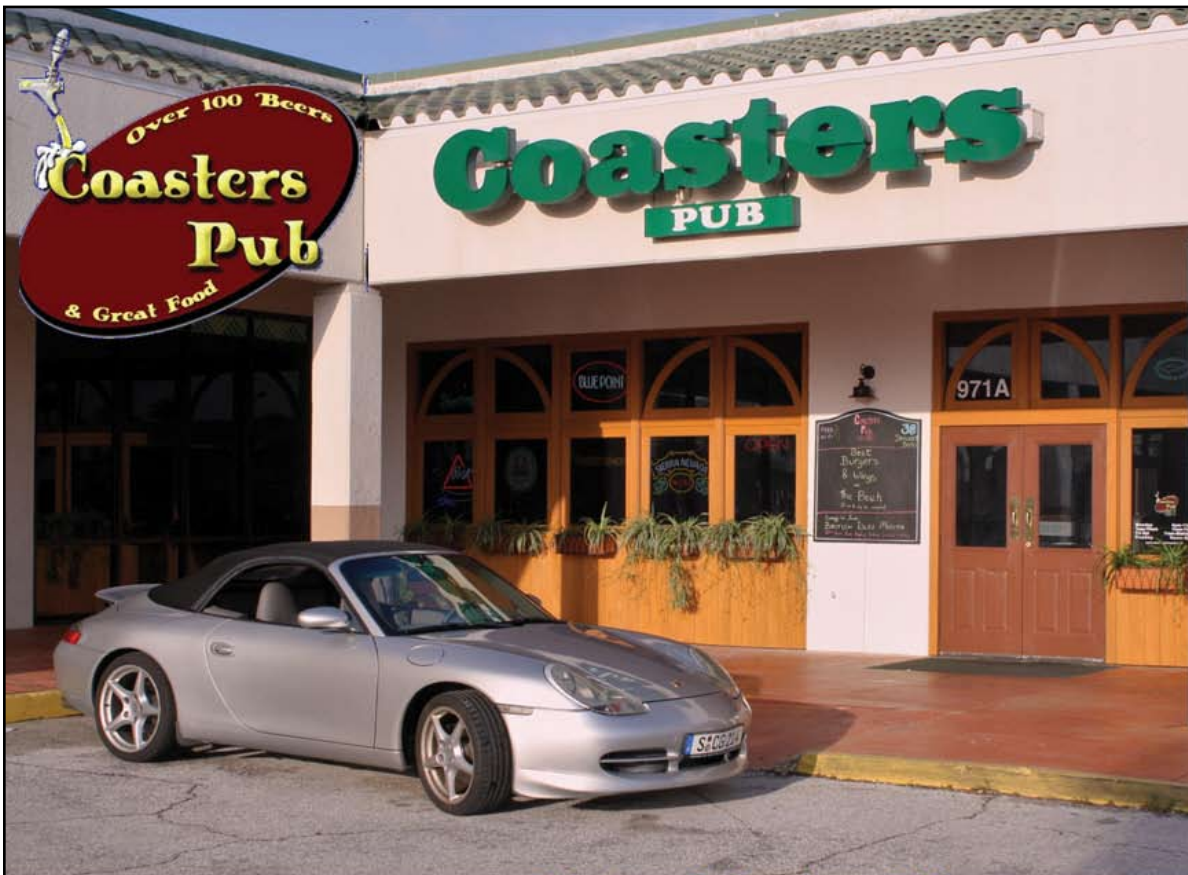
Next, our Charity Spotlight will shine on the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB). I met with Executive Director Chuck Biehl for a site visit at the Suntree Office Tower and learned how they handle cases of child abuse in our community. On behalf of the Space Coast Region, I offered to help with a Silent Art Auction on August 23rd during our Summer Banquet. Friends of the CACB Board members asked for donations such as unique pieces of art, paintings, sculptures, and jewelry. From La Galerie in Historic Downtown Melbourne, Artist June Miller donated an exquisite necklace and

bracelet with a matching Pashmina scarf. Art collector Dawn Schnuck shared an authentic work created by the Cuban artist Paneca that she had purchased in Havana. To accompany the etching titled "M. Illuminada" and its Certificate of Provenance, Executive Cigar Shop & Lounge Owner Tony Nardone donated a box of cigars. Shelby Goode, Master Painter, created an amazing painting of a 995 Porsche which fetched \$700 in a live auction. Thank you to all of our sponsors and buyers.

We had a memorable evening and raised over \$3000 for the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.



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# Kaffeeklatsch Report

Photos by David Kelly and Terry Miller

## South Region (Jurgen Schwanitz)

Vero Beach's Kaffeeklatsch at Panera's keeps expanding every month. We have had several new local PCA members join us. Welcome! Everyone seems to like the low key "car show" friendly atmosphere and great breakfast. We meet at 9am and typically spend 45 minutes or so eating breakfast sandwiches and pastries with lots of "car talk", then we all eagerly head out into the parking lot to see the main attraction.... our Porsches. It's quite a sight when we line them all up.

Sadly, sometimes we do get a mini-van in the midst :) The selection of cars we have had at our recent Kaffeeklatsch is tremendous and includes many different types of Porsches: air-cooled, water cooled, front, mid



Pretty faces all in a row



Carrera GT draws a crowd

and rear engine. We even have supercars attending like the amazing Carrera GT and highly customized 356's. Our latest attendance was 21 PCA members and their cars. What a great turn-out!

Also, a great mix of cars with Robie Weary's White Turbo S, a new Silver Cayman, Dan Bird's Wimbledon Green 964 Roadster, the white eighties Carrera, Peter Tyson's White 911SC, and Ed Gadziala's Black Euro 930 Turbo; book-ended by a beautiful Slate Blue 928S and David's India Red 928S4.

Thanks to all of you for being part of this great club, and attending as many of these wonderful events as possible. Driving our Porsches is an experience like no other car can deliver. Thanks also to David Kelly for always taking amazing photos and getting all of us to look good in a group photo!

## Mid-Region (Jack Roberts)

It's not just the cars—it's the people

And that's what our coffees are all about. Once a month or so, we gather for some conversation, coffee and breakfast. Members meet in the north and south at Panera Bread locations and in the middle at Panera Wickham or the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. You're welcome to attend any or all of these, regardless of where you wake up that morning. It's a great way to get to know your fellow club members and get the latest scoop on coming events.

Although even our coffee activities slow down in the dog days of summer, WE'RE BACK with a full-slate of these activities this fall:

Aug 1	Panera Bread	Daytona Beach & Vero
Aug 16	Panera Bread	Wickham
Sep 7	Panera Bread	Daytona Beach & Vero
Sep 14	Eau Gallie YC	Indian Harbour Beach
Oct 12	Eau Gallie YC	Indian Harbour Beach
Nov 2	Panera Bread	Daytona Beach & Vero
Nov 22	Panera Bread	Wickham
Dec 14	Panera Bread	Daytona Beach & Vero

You should remember that although Panera baked goods allow you to potentially exceed the caloric intake possible at the yacht club, the EGYC coffees do include a full-buffet brunch. Either location may hinder your ability to fit in that piece of German engineering in your garage.

## North Region (Terry Miller)

No matter what you may have heard, the North End of our region is alive and still kicking (just in case you were wondering). For this last Kaffeeklatsch we had about 20 great cars and folks milling about for several hours. It was our best turnout yet and we even had two 914's in attendance.

To celebrate the LeMans Race this year we in the North End decided that we would create our own event as we have no great dealer to host the party. About 16 of us braved the rain and took off for a drive and dine to a great little place along the river in Ormond Beach. Along the way we stopped by BGB Motorsports and John showed us some of the latest and greatest stuff that he is doing with Caymans as well as on other Porsches.

A great time was had by all, as it should be.



Ormond Beach dining

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## Porsche of Melbourne

# Memories of the 2014 Parade in



Beautiful Monterey scenery

Porsche Parade is a yearly week long event in which PCA members from all over the country come to enjoy their Porsches and engage in some friendly competition with concour, autocross, rally and social events. Of the over 1200 people who came to California, 16 of these were Space Coasters. These are their highlights.

## S'mores

By David O'Neal

For the seven National and Parade officials that hail from Space Coast Region, the first weekend of Parade was packed with meetings and preparations for the full week of activities that followed. Tom Gorsuch and David O'Neal were sequestered in daylong meetings on Friday through Sunday afternoon. Ginny O'Neal and Jack and Lois Roberts were locked in their respective offices sorting clothing, setting merchandise displays and inventorying trophies. Steve and Robin Hoffman created the Parade Kids "rumpus room" where a week's worth of undertakings would begin for those from two to teens.

After this initial blur of nonstop activities, Tom and I were able to "enjoy" Parade while our friends, spouses and colleagues continued with their duties throughout the week. The outdoor receptions were hugely attended and the weather a bit cold for Floridians; the summertime highs never topped 70-degrees during the week.



At the banquet

A stroll through the massive concour is a respite from reality, gazing longingly at Porsches that were famous, new, old and rare while the competitors fretted over each mite of dust that gathered on their pristine vehicles. But my favorite part of this Parade revolved around a circular fire-pit that warmed the hands and conversations with people from across the country. S'mores were assembled nightly with oozing marshmallows, slapped between graham crackers lined with Hershey's chocolate. I admit that these were my first S'mores; the company present did not believe it.

Around the fire pit, the answers were revealed to the Parade Kids Rally – a gimmick rally completed on foot throughout the Hyatt Resort. I assisted Rally Master Miss Robin in



David O'Neal making s'mores with Parade kids

this endeavor as her evil apprentice – but not too evil. With great satisfaction, we listened as the kids shouted out the answers to the questions as they were revealed – a new crop of rally enthusiasts was born (for us to abuse in the future).

## Monterey Parade — from the other side of the cash register

By Jack Roberts

With just a 6-day run, the Parade Goodie Store shares business models with your neighborhood Christmas tree lot. Sales are extremely heavy the first day or two and then begin to taper off as Parade week progresses relentlessly towards the Victory Banquet finalé, by which time EVERYTHING MUST GO!

It all starts months before the store opens, however. For the Monterey Parade, we ordered just shy of TEN THOUSAND items from 48 DIFFERENT suppliers to stock the Goodie Store, and also meet the diverse needs of Registration (sticky notes, decals, patches, grill badges, lapel pins, tote bags, cooler totes, luggage tags), and Awards (medals, acrylic awards, ribbon rosettes, VIP gifts), as well as distinctive apparel for Parade staff and volunteers. Once all those boxes arrive (on pallets, moved by forklift), each and every item must be removed from the shipping containers, inventoried, priced and displayed for sale or delivered to the appropriate people.



Goodies in the Goodie Store

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But it doesn't end on closing day, either. Reports of sales must be generated, sales tax forms completed, and the point-of-sale system must be carefully packed away until next year and then shipped (along with several boxes of display items and necessary supplies) to national HQ. All this work doesn't get done in a day, so we come early and stay late.

Fortunately, we enjoyed the help of more than 100 volunteers, including Space Coaster Elaine Gorsuch, our daughter Suzy and her husband Scott and son Scotty.

In the end, we sold all but 105 items and the store enjoyed record sales and we've been invited back. With Parade French Lick within easy driving distance, we're hoping to see many of you in the Goodie Store next year—as volunteers and customers—we need both.

## Porsche-less Parade

By Ron and Libby McCall

This was our fourth Parade since we became Porschephiles in 2008, and it was certainly

the farthest from our New Smyrna Beach location. Due to the distance, we flew to Parade and had to get a non-Porsche rental car to get around Monterey. Fortunately for us, we had our Space Coast friends, Alan and Laura Krenzer, to chauffeur us around in their Panamera Turbo, which is not a bad way to travel! Also, we registered as soon as it opened and got a low registration number (81), which being Porscheless wasn't as significant as being able to get a room in the Parade hotel. This was especially important this year given the record number of participants and the tight parking situation at the Parade hotel.



Notwithstanding being Porscheless and cooler weather than what we are accustomed to at Parade, it was an exciting and enjoyable



week on the West Coast. The drives were particularly interesting with breath taking views and scenery. The dinners and banquets were well-attended, and while the buffet lines were long, they moved quickly and gave you a great opportunity to chat with other attendees. As you might expect, the one banquet where we left before the end is the one where we reportedly would have won a door prize. I am not sure what the prize was, but I have been told it was either a Porsche Design purse or a Bose stereo. Libby and I could have made good use of either one.

In any event, we are already planning to attend next year's Parade in French Lick, Indiana, and this time we will be able to drive. If you are going, register early, volunteer, stay to the end of each event and, most importantly, have fun.

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# Involved and Committed Parade 2014

Article by David O'Neal  
Photos from PCA Parade 2014 website

*"In a ham and eggs breakfast, the chicken is involved, but the pig is committed."* – Mark Twain

On the far Left Coast, Space Coast Region (SPC) members made quite an impact at the 59th Porsche Parade recently held in Monterey, California. Thirty-four entrants from Zone 12 made the cross-country trek to Parade, 18 of which were from Space Coast. Most arrived by air, but the four members of the Hoffman clan drove cross-country in their annual circumnavigation of the continent. SPC's delegation included such dignitaries as National Treasurer Tom Gorsuch, National Awards Chair Ginny O'Neal, PCA Goodie Store Co-Chairs Jack & Lois Roberts, Parade Kids Chair Robin Hoffman and Zone 12 Representative David O'Neal.



The Hoffmans win PCA Family of the Year

Porsche Parades are about recognition, competition and award banquets; here again SPC dominated the presentation stage. At Tuesday's Concours Banquet, five major national awards are presented for Family of the Year, Region of the Year, Enthusiast of the Year, the Zone Representative Award, and the Bill Scholar Memorial Trophy. Lightning struck early and often for SPC as Hans Peter Porsche presented the Hoffman family with the most impressive award of the Parade as PCA Family of the Year. Their "calendar" picture, posted on the "big screen", delighted the 850 members present.



SPC wins Runner-up, Region of the Year

While Mr. Porsche was describing the pictures of the Porsche family displayed on the huge plaque to Steve and Robin, SPC was announced as Runner-up for the Ferry Porsche Trophy as Region of the Year - the competition was very close. As members of SPC wove their way through the sea of 85 banquet tables in the huge pavilion,

Hans Peter presented the award on behalf of the Porsche family. Later in the week SPC scored again with Honorable Mention for the Public Service Award for SPC's calendar project. Certainly a good week for Space Coast!

Our members also collected a number of competitive awards during the week including the following:

- 1st Place Autocross – Cayenne Class Steve Hoffman
- 2nd Place Gimmick Rally – more than 2 people  
Steve and Robin Hoffman & Tanner Rogers
- 2nd Place Tech Quiz – Cayenne Class Men's Steve Hoffman
- 2nd Place Tech Quiz – Cayenne Class Ladies Robin Hoffman
- 3rd Place Tech Quiz – Mid 911/930 Class Tom Gorsuch
- 1st Place AnyCross (Parade Kid's Autocross) Tyler Hoffman
- 1st Place RC Cars (Ages 15-17) Tyler Hoffman
- 3rd Place RC Cars (Ages 15-17) Tanner Rogers



RC Cars winners

Honorable Mention Art Show (for SPC Calendar) Jack Roberts  
Beyond the accolades, seven SPC members were *committed* to the production of Porsche Parade as an event. Tom Gorsuch worked throughout the week on coordinating the needs of the members with the PCA Executive Council (EC). Ginny O'Neal reviewed and organized the numerous national award submittals for the EC and distributed trophies throughout the week. Robin Hoffman led the Parade Kids programming with the help of her tireless assistant Steve. Jack and Lois worked torturous hours in the PCA Goodie Store; setting new records for merchandise sales. David O'Neal assisted where needed and stepped in as the Parade Kids' not-very-evil Rally Master. Involvement and commitment – SPC members serve PCA very well.



A good week for Space Coast Region

# It's About the Journey - Take 3 7500 Miles Cross Country in a Cayenne

Article and photos by Steve and Robin Hoffman

If the title didn't give it away and/or you have followed along, it has become a Hoffman Family tradition to drive to Parade every year. Since this year's Parade was in Monterey, Steve started plotting our course, pretty much as soon as we returned from Traverse City last summer. We decided to take a full week to make the trek. We upgraded our old reliable Cayenne S for a newer version just before take-off. Several Space Coasters were shaking their heads for driving a new and unknown car across country. Happily, the Lapis Blue Cayenne was just as good as the workhorse she replaced, who had 165K miles on her, 100K of those earned with us!

We left June 6th just as Florida was heating up. We were shocked to have loads of extra space in the back of the Cayenne. We attributed it to taking Tyler's best friend, Tanner Rogers with us, in lieu of Tori. Not that Tori takes up that much space...but our experience has shown that girls do pack a bit more than boys. We should have filled that extra space with warm clothes, as Monterey was downright COLD when we arrived!

Since Tanner was with us and had never been far outside of Florida, we wanted to show him all the fun sights along the way. We travelled up I-75 and then headed west along I-10, leaving Florida and clipping off Alabama and Mississippi. Every new state bringing a brand new experience for Tanner. Next up Louisiana and we watched both 15 year olds eyes pop when we took them to Bourbon Street in New Orleans. Steve convinced me they were old enough to handle it, since it was only about 9 pm and he assured me it would be tame. He was right about them, but it wasn't as tame as I would have liked. They can return when they are 21, on their own!



Tombstone, Arizona

We headed off toward Houston and San Antonio. We met up with Steve's brothers' family there and thoroughly enjoyed the Riverwalk and Alamo. We continued west and even stopped to ride a Stagecoach in Tombstone AZ, but the boys' hearts ached for California! So we raced on and arrived in



Celebrity watch, in Porsche style

San Diego, a short 4 days after leaving home. The boys decided San Diego was their favorite city. Great weather, great beaches, great parks and numerous pretty girls may have had something to do with it. We spent a couple of glorious days driving the Pacific Coast Highway from the very first mile all the way to Monterey. We stopped and took in a few sights like Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, the Griffith Observatory, the Santa Monica Pier, Mulholland Drive, Malibu, and Big Sur. As we closed in on Monterey, Steve surprised me by taking us to the Wild Horse Winery, our favorite wine, where the adults enjoyed a tasting, while the boys played in the courtyard. The roads between LA and Monterey are fantastic driving roads where around every curve lies cliffs to the right and ocean views to the left. It truly is spectacular!



Who's passing who?

We got to Monterey a day early, so it gave us time to explore the area and soak up Carmel, the 17 mile drive, Pebble Beach, and the surrounding area, which is a spectacle all to itself. Little did we know that the Parade Gimmick Rally would take us back to many of these same roads. This year's Parade was an unforgettable experience and very special for our family. You can read all about it in the accompanying article. But like all good things, the week came to an end, so we said our goodbyes and pointed home, well sort of.

Since we brought Tanner with us this year, we had sent Tori to Canada with her best friend for the three weeks. I decided to fly from San Francisco to join them in Canada, spend a few days with them and fly with them back home. So we spent a great day in San Fran, before I headed to the airport. The streets of

San Francisco are incredible as are the Golden Gate Bridge, Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf. Steve dropped me off at the airport the following morning and he and the two boys headed towards home. Vegas baby! (Unsupervised!)



San Francisco's Chinatown

They repeated a lot of our 2012 trip to Salt Lake, since Tanner had never experienced any of these sights. The Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon, the Meteor Crater, the Painted Desert, the Petrified Forest, Cadillac Ranch, Memphis, Nashville, the Jack Daniels Distillery, Rock City, and the Tail of the Dragon were all visited, before pointing south and arriving back on the Space Coast, three weeks and 7500 miles later!



Space Coasters enjoying the Left Coast

In case it wasn't obvious, we absolutely love our Cayenne and plan to make many more trips in her - Parade is in French Lick, Indiana next year. That is less than 1000 miles away. Steve is already plotting a course. Want to join us? I promise you will enjoy the journey!



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# From the Grid

Article by Ken Marshall  
Photos by Ken Marshall and Curt Dieterle

Our second Space Coast AutoX event of the season was held on June 14th, 2014 at the Eastern Florida State College (EFSC) South campus. We had a great turnout, over 50 cars, including in addition to our beloved Porsches, Corvettes, Mazdas, Mustangs, BMWs, Subaru WRXs and Mitsubishi EVOs, and even a Caldwell D13 open wheel racer. No rain this time although it looked threatening. In fact, we were so concerned about the rain that we limited the event to 3 runs per session to ensure that everyone would have a chance to run on a dry track. By the way, we heard you. In response to your suggestions, our next event on September 6th will include a minimum of 4 runs per session. We will just hope that the second group can get in under the weather, if it threatens.



Ready to run

This AutoX went off without a hitch and competitors enjoyed another 60 plus second course that provided plenty of challenging twists and turns. In order to make the course more “readable” for novice drivers, and in addition to the green cones we used at the previous event, we incorporated a chalk line down the center of the course that was well received and served to reduce DNF’s significantly.

And now to the races. Reis Barrie commandeered his Dad’s beautiful lime gold 981 Cayman S to win the S1B class with a smoking time of 61.842, 5th overall, followed by Tim Marshall’s 66.733 in his 987 Cayman S. Tim came in 18th overall. Not bad for a “novice” driver. In the S1A, Boxster division, Scott Kee laid down a quick 65.635 to win that class and 13th overall, and new member

Adam Wiener ripped off an impressive 63.965 in his Porsche Turbo to win the S3 class and 11th overall. David Swartz won the S2A group in his 911S with a 66.364, 14th overall. Ken Marshall won the S2 class and took top time of the day with a 60.554 followed by Tom Kirk, 9th overall in his beautiful new red 991S with a 63.555. Sally Jecman topped the Porsche ladies group with a 74.433.



First turn left ...

We were a bit out numbered by non-Porsche, “Fun” group cars. We need to work on that, although admittedly, the event did conflict with the Lemans breakfast and Porsche Parade. Leading the non-Porsche “Fun” class was the radical little open wheel Caldwell D13 racer of Mr. Fickes with a blazing 60.803. We had some new friends from the local Mustang group join us as well Jeremy Hilton and Matt Jerozal from Porsche of Melbourne. Jeremy brought his Boxster to the event and Matt brought his hi-powered Mitsubishi EVO. Nice to see our friends from Porsche of Melbourne join in the fun.



... then left again

Special thanks to Tommy Prusaski of Pro-Transmasters who sponsored the event. Tommy has become our resident Chief Tech and brought lots of nice Transmasters giveaways that were raffled off following the competition. Thanks also to Tim Marshall and his wife Jacque, who worked hard to barbeque and hand pull some absolutely delicious pork for our lunch, and Carole Marshall for her homemade “health” cookies. We also have to thank the Barrie family, Craig, Lynda, and Reis. Craig supplies his race trailer and ATV Rhino, and manages event flow, while Lynda handles registration and Reis sets up and mans the timing equipment. A tip of the hat to Scott Kee as well. Scott is our Swiss army knife of AutoX, who does a lot of everything. It takes a team, so please feel free to volunteer.



Pulled pork and cookies, yum!

Our next event is scheduled for September 6 at the same EFSC location. We have planned another challenging 60 second course. The event will be sponsored by Tom Kirk’s First Wave Financial group. See you there!

Let’s not forget the DE front either. Now that the heat of summer is over there are lots of DE events on the horizon, starting with the Suncoast/Gold Coast DE at Sebring on 9/27-28 and the Florida Citrus DE at Roebbling Road on 10/18-19.



So many turns, so little parking lot

Clocking in a fast time

# Tech Column

## Pre-Purchase Inspection

Article by Lou Verdiales  
Photos by Steve Hoffman

The chase is almost over, after searching through many classified ads you have found a Porsche that appears to be the ideal candidate. The right model with your favorite colors and options, now you ask yourself, what secrets does this car hold? A Pre-Purchase Inspection can climate almost all of the risk involved in the purchase of a used car as it relates to mechanical condition and hidden damage. Many prospective buyers elect to perform this inspection themselves; some choose a repair shop or dealer. Either way it is important to understand which aspects of the vehicle should receive the "critical eye".

The purpose of this article is to share my experience performing these inspections and outline how the relevant areas can be verified. The first step is to analyze the car's "pedigree". Using a vehicle history report can show where it was sold, the trail of ownership, possible damage, mileage history and any liens that may be levied. It is important to note that occasionally there may be errors and/or omissions in these reports and later during this process these may become apparent. Ask for any service records that are available and how closely the manufacturer's service schedule has been followed. Last, check the paper, MSB's and recalls should be verified for compliance by calling a dealer and supplying them with the VIN number.

process. Inside, after inspecting the condition of the trim and the upholstery turn on the ignition and verify that all warning lights are operational and that they, of course, go out after the self test and engine starts. Often, I find missing lights for ABS, airbag and the famous "check engine light". Any missing warning lights or those that are illuminated after start are cause for trouble shooting and estimating necessary repairs to these systems.



Second, do thorough walks around the vehicle looking at the exterior, paint condition, panel fit, trim and glass, all should be consistent with the car's age. Take photographs as they may help later in the decision making

After verifying the operation of electrical accessories and the A/C and heat, inspect the feel and operation of foot controls, shifter and hand brake. Now I recommend a brief test drive, as this can help focus the mechanical inspection to any required areas. Look for normal indicators for temperature and pressure, overall engine feel, power, smoothness and no abnormal noises, clutch feel and shift quality. If purchasing a Porsche with a tiptronic or PDK transmission

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familiarize yourself with the operating procedures and check for any issues. Brakes should have proper feel and not induce any pull or vibrations when applied, handling and stability should round out the test drive make note of any pull or instability as they could be the result of damage and will require a closer look at the relevant areas.

During the mechanical inspection I recommend placing the vehicle on a lift, then carefully inspect the body structure, look for damage, corrosion from northern roads in the winter and check for fluid leaks. On rear/mid engine water cooled cars the coolant pipes and radiators in the front can be a problem area so look carefully, also inspect the coolant for evidence of oil contamination. Visually check brake rotors and brake pads for wear, if PCCB be especially careful as replacement parts can be very expensive.

Inspect the drive belts, exhaust system and overall condition of the power train. Now remove the oil filters and look for particles,

(metallic or unusual debris that can point to other problems in the engine On air cooled 911 engines remove the valve covers and check for broken head studs, depending on any symptoms noted earlier I may elect to perform a leak down test and bore scope inspection, on later models use a Durametric or PIWIS to verify the operating hours and ignition events. Ignition events (classified from 1-6) can show any over-rev episodes and can be used to establish how the car has been driven. Also, on applicable models using live data can be used to check for camshaft deviation and other parameters that can verify engine condition.

Finally, unless the car being considered is a rare model, I recommend not purchasing if any serious damage or mechanical issues are uncovered. It is always less expensive in the long run to buy the best candidate that you can afford. Use all information available, (enthusiast forums, specialist websites) make a list of questions for the seller and a check

list that you will use in the inspection and if in doubt, call your dealer or repair shop and clarify any questions you may have. My hope is that this can help make your purchase an enjoyable one.

Happy motoring, Lou



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## Mitt Weisman & Melissa Carns



### What do you drive?

The 2013 Panamera Platinum Edition is my first Porsche. I have always liked sport-oriented cars. The new Targa has now generated some interest in me getting a sportier car. The problem is, I like my Panamera!

### Space Coast PCA activities?

A friend enrolled me in the PCA as a “car warming” gift. What a great gift it turned out to be! I started my PCA activities cautiously by attending a Kaffeeklatsch in Daytona. I was happy to find everyone was very friendly and welcoming. I now attend every Kaffeeklatsch I can and can't wait for the next one. My thanks to Terry Miller who organizes this Space Coast North meeting and for making me feel very welcome.

After attending a few Kaffeeklatsch's and liking the people, I then thought I'd attend the Christmas Party with Melissa. I was hoping some of the Daytona members would be there. Unfortunately, nobody I knew attended. Not to worry, everyone I met was very friendly and welcoming... again. We had a good time. It was here that I inquired about attending a DE course. Craig Barrie and Ken Marshall were very convincing and I decided to try it. It was incredible!

Melissa and I also participated in the Sunrise to Sunset Rally in April. As usual, it was great meeting new PCA members who were friendly and welcoming. We had a blast going from the East coast in the morning to the West coast in the evening. Seeing all those Porsches (about 80 I think) with their

headlights on was a sight to behold. Our “novice” questions were always challenging and fun. I was confident we would do well because Melissa is a great navigator, co-pilot, detective, and partner. The driver has the easy task, the navigator does most of the work. The Rally is not a speed contest though. In fact, you have to drive slow to find the answers. That sometimes is a point of contention between the driver of a Porsche and a navigator who has to read signs along the road. We traveled over 200 miles to parts of Florida we never would have seen. It took us from about 8:30 am to about 4:30 pm. Our main goal was to have fun, and we certainly did.



My confidence in Melissa proved to be correct, we came in Second Place in the Novice Group! We can't wait for the next Rally. We hope to help keep that Sun Chaser trophy here in the Space Coast. A special thanks needs to be given to Brian Reinert & Bill Davis for putting this Rally together. It had to be a lot of work.

Both Melissa and I have had wonderful experiences with this club and want to encourage other new members to come out to an event or two. You won't regret it!

### Tell us about yourselves.

We are both from Pennsylvania. I am originally from Pittsburgh and Melissa from Clearfield, PA. After my wife passed away in 2012, I retired and planned to move into my condo in New Smyrna Beach. I met Melissa at a funeral home (yes, really) and we hit it off splendidly. I convinced her to come with me to New Smyrna Beach. Melissa is an Operating Room nurse at Halifax Hospital in Daytona and works 3-12 hour shifts a week allowing us 4 days a week to be together, which we thoroughly enjoy. Melissa loves to cook and when she isn't making a delicious meal, we both love going out to eat.

Living on the beach encourages us to take long walks on the beach and ride bikes around town. We also enjoy blues and R & B music. We have two cats (Wilbur and Orville) who are brothers. We are going to see some big cats this August as we are going to Tanzania, Africa for a 14 day safari.



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# Panamera: 4-Door Sports Sedan or Track Car?

Article and photos by Milt Weisman

I am new to the Porsche family, moving to Florida from Pennsylvania in December 2012. Once in sunny Florida, I wanted to trade my 2009 Infiniti G37xS sedan in for a 2-seat sports car. But I guess I am too practical, so I switched to a sports sedan so I can carry four people if needed. In May 2013 I selected a new 2013 Panamera Platinum Edition (3.6 liter V6, 300 hp). The car's name is Gustav, but he's called Gus.

I always wanted to attend a performance driving school to improve my driving skills (they needed improving). I was a little concerned that my "4-door Porsche" would not be totally accepted by the hardcore Porscheheads. I was wrong!

I decided to try it after I was encouraged by Craig Barrie and Ken Marshall during some of the other Space Coast PCA events that I had attended.

I registered for my first DE in April at Sebring. Terry Miller also attended this DE with his 944 Race Car. He took me under his wing and showed me around and introduced me to PCA members. There I met Denise "Pokie" O'Brien, owner of a new Cayman. We were both in the Green Group and challenged each other while on the track. The friendly faces of Craig Barrie and Tom Kirk were also there. After my first run on the track, both Craig and Tom made a special effort to come by and see how I was doing. I felt very welcomed.

Let's talk about my "4-door Porsche sports sedan". Is it a true sports sedan? I was a little apprehensive seeing all the 911s, Caymans, Boxsters, 944s, etc. at the track. Gus was the sole Panamera and only 4-door Porsche there. I thought I would be trounced by these smaller, lighter, agile sports cars. Again, I was wrong!! At first, I had to get to know my car's capabilities and my driving skills at the track. I had a great instructor (thanks, Deacon Nelson). I quickly gained confidence in me and especially my Panamera. I knew my car was manufactured by Porsche, but did it have Porsche blood lines? Let me tell you, this car is a SPORTS sedan. It may have 4 doors and weigh just under



Carving up the corners

4000 pounds, but it knows how to take corners. I have never driven a car so hard, but Gus loved it and charged through the track. In the beginning I was passed and had to give more than a few point-bys. But I quickly learned my car and what it can do. By the second day, I was passing some 911s, Caymans, Boxsters, 944s, etc. They gave me the point-bys. All in a 4-door sedan with 300 hp. I now know that I own and drive a Porsche first, a 4-door sports sedan second.

I had so much fun, I went down to Sebring again in May with Terry. After a full day of driving, my new instructor (Mike C.) promoted me from the Green Group to the Blue Group. I am now hooked on DEs and registered for the September DE at Roebing Road.

Is there a downside to these DE's? Well, I can think of one. You wear out your brakes and tires much faster. I'll have to replace my front brake pads, brake fluid, and rear tires soon. But, that's what brakes and tires are made for in a Porsche, aren't they?

I just renewed my membership in the PCA and hope to be participating for many more years. Melissa is my Associate Member and I have her registered for the Roebing DE in her BMW 128i with the M Sport Package. Maybe I'll have to give her a point-by. Then again, maybe not.



A wolf in 4-Door sheep's clothing



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# Silver and Gold - Our Summer Banquet

Article by Donna Linden  
 Photos by Tom Gorsuch and Scott Kee

Saturday night, the 23rd of August, 2014 was a great night to not miss. The Space Coast Region of the Porsche Club of America held their summer banquet at the Rockledge Country Club. It was an evening full of good food, good friends and lots of laughter. Over 70 people came out for the dinner, silent auction and an open auction of a fantastic painting of a racing Porsche 935 by our own Shelby Goode to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard.



Good food, good cheer

Tom Gorsuch (National PCA Treasurer and nominee for the position of Vice-President of PCA) gave an update on happenings at PCA national. He then presented our club Porsche Parade awards. Space Coast won second Runner Up for Region of the Year, an honor we received in 2009. Thanks to Lois Roberts and our Calendar project we won Honorable Mention Public Service Award. Plus, we won an award for the actual calendar in the Art Show!



Honorable Mention Public Service Award

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the PCA Family of the Year award to Steve and Robin Hoffman and their family. There are about 67,000 families in

PCA and the Hoffmans were selected because of their unfailing support to PCA nationally and to the marquee. Robin has led the Parade Children's program for the past couple of years and Steve has held just about every position in Space Coast Region, including



PCA Family of the Year

President. They have attended several Porsche Parades and have traversed the nation a couple of times in their Cayenne. The next time you see Steve or Robin please congratulate them on the great award and thank them for their service.

The evening concluded with door prizes donated by Porsche of Melbourne. They came through with wonderful gifts as they always do. Thank them when you get a chance. Gifts were also donated by Jack and Lois Roberts. Thank you.



Smiling faces, friendly conversation

The committee for the banquet was led by Ron Menck and Elaine Christine and their many volunteers supporters. Thanks to those who donated items for the silent auction: Shelby Goode - Dawn Schnuck - Tony Nardone - June Miller - Ron Menck - Elaine Christine - Delores Spearman - Doug Simpson - Bonnie Simpson - Paula Holsinger - Peta Adovasio - Carole Marshall - Tom Gorsuch - Ken Marshall - Space Coast Region of PCA



Shelby Goode with his 935 painting



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# Two Guys and a Porsche Race Team

## Part One: A Man Can Dream

Article and Photos by Terry Miller

Maybe it's a "male" thing, but many of us guys have daydreamed about owning our own bar, restaurant, hotel, boat, shiny red Porsche or even a "raceteam". Robin has been kind enough (or desperate for articles) to grant me the ability of self-analysis as to how TGP (Two Guys and a Porsche) Racing has come about, where it is now, and where we hope it goes. This is the first article in the series about our journey. We even have a website: [tgpracing.com](http://tgpracing.com) thanks to my wonderful and supportive wife, Andrea.

My dream or goal of having a red Porsche in the garage sparked when I was young and saw the beauty in its design and heard that wonderful exhaust note as it drove by. Then it blazed when I watched the beauties zip by me on the Auto Bonn when I lived in Germany and Europe for several years. In 2007 I ordered a beautiful Guards Red 2008 Cayman.

Next came Brumos University (their own driving school) and Hurley Haywood as my instructor for the day. I learned that the Porsche could do a lot more than what my brain thought and it was great. Next came the membership in PCA and a chance to meet all the wonderful people involved with it as well as experiencing the different events that the Space Coast region offers. The diversity, knowledge, and the kindness of everyone was just such a wonderful experience. It was here that the ability to drive and learn through some great instruction on what the Porsche could do on some of the greatest race tracks just sealed the deal for my desire to drive even better and faster. While I had raced in the past with Corvette clubs in autocross and even some



It can happen to anyone

vintage racing this new Porsche experience had me wanting more of everything.

While I have nothing but admiration and respect for all those that take their "pride and joy or dream cars" out on to the tracks at D.E.'s and auto crosses, I was concerned driving my new dream Porsche on the track at high speeds. I did at first, but held back more than what the car or I wanted. This really hit home at a Daytona D.E. when a beautiful and fast GT3 blew a right rear tire coming out of turn four and the GT3 (the car was his dream street car) was altered in ways

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that any car lover hates to see. Thankfully, he was ok but afterwards, he was very concerned about what he was going to tell his wife about “their” (his) car. I walked away quickly but was left wondering what I would say to my wife of one year as well as the bank and insurance company.

Now, not wanting to get rid of my wife or give up learning how to drive Porsches on some of the great tracks at high speeds left me with a simple solution in that I would just have to buy a second Porsche. This would be made into a track car. It would have to be affordable (paid for) and then be built slowly over time into a better track car.

Yes, that would be the ticket and now I just needed to find this great car and explain to my wife why this all would be a good thing for the family. She went for it! Yet to come: The search, the find, snow, the trip home, Lou as a great partner, and some track time.



Dreams do come true

Side note to story: It's all about balance. Ken Marshall did it the best when we were at the PCA Club Races at Daytona. After breaking in his new 2014 Cayman S running flat out during the expert class runs he said that he had to leave the track early as he needed to get the Cayman home, put back on the street tires and take his wife to dinner in the car. That, of course explained the still stock passenger seat and seat belts while a full race seat and harness was on the driver's side. Good job Ken and all that do the same.

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# Quarterly Members Business Meeting

By Lou Linden

SPC has gone back to having quarterly Members Business Meetings which are open to all members. The first of these was held in July at Porsche of Melbourne. Thanks to Shay Rowe, Sheryl Swist and their team for providing us with a great venue, light snacks and soft drinks. We had about 30 members attend and hope to have at least twice that many attend next time around. Check out the calendar and make plans to be there. Your input is important to help us make the Space Coast Region even better and exceed the expectations of our members.

What We Discussed:

**Treasures Report** (Tom Kirk): SPC is financially healthy.

**Autocross Report** (Ken Marshall): We have hosted two events and making enough money to recoup costs of equipment in half the time we expected – see page 21 for all the details.

**National Awards at Porsche Parade** – See page 16 for all the details.

## **National Positions**

We have many members volunteering at the national level: Tom Gorsuch has been nominated for the position of Vice President of PCA (he is currently the National Treasurer), Ginny O’Neal is the National Awards Chairperson, David O’Neal is the Zone 12 Representative, Jack and Lois Roberts run the Porsche Parade and Escape Goody Stores, and Robin Hoffman runs the Parade Kids Program. They represent us well nationally.

## **Space Coast By-Laws**

John Vasconi discussed changes that will be made to our newest Charter. See By-Laws Update on this page.

## **Summer Banquet**

Our Summer Banquet will be at Rockledge Country Club Aug 23, 2014 – Tickets are \$40/pp and a Silent Auction will be included to support the Children’s Advocacy Center.

## **Escape to Magical Orlando**

It is time to register for Escape to Magical Orlando from November 6 to 9, 2014. The website to view all of the activities is [Escape2014.pca.org](http://Escape2014.pca.org) and register on [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net).

# By-Laws Update

By John Vasconi

The existing by-laws for the Space Coast Porsche Club were written, I believe, in the late 1960’s. With this in mind, our president, Lou Linden, asked me to review these by-laws and see what needed to be updated. Tom Gorsuch was able to get me copies of 3 other club by-laws to review. The big challenge was deciding to just correct the many sections or start anew?

I had a rough draft in hand when Lou got the 2014 Region Procedures Manual (RPM) from our National PCA. This required me to return to the draft for additional corrections. As soon as I had completed this, National sent out the proposed National Bylaws to all members. Yes, back to draft number 2 for more revisions to be in line with the new National bylaws.

It was obvious that the Bylaws needed attention when we read that our Space Coast Region was still listed as the Cape Canaveral Region (a detail we changed back in 1983!) and the Treasurer could not write a check for more than \$10.00!

The following issues were discussed at the Members Business Meeting held on July 29th, 2014. The following proposals were agreed upon:

Annual dues shall be due at the end of the month in which the member joined (not January of each year).

Elected officers: The elected officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There is no term limits for these officers. No person may hold more than one office at one time. No officer may continue in office if the officer moves residence outside the State of Florida.

Officials of the Club shall be elected by a simple majority of the membership present at the annual general meeting of the Club in December.

Election of officers and updates to the bylaws shall be by paper ballot or by electronic means or any combination thereof.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to spend a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00. Any check over this shall be approved by the president.

We approved the 13 standing committees.

The bylaws will “NOT” spell out the responsibilities and duties.

Instead, the new bylaws will state that the Committee chairman’s responsibilities and duties are found in the most recent published RPM - Region Procedures Manual of the National Porsche Club of America. This Manual also has all the updated forms and documents that are to be used.

I will continue to correct and redo the bylaws and the revised bylaw will be sent electronically to our members and will also be published our website.

After you review these bylaws please let any board member know your comments.

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**Victoria**, born and raised in New York with Italian and Puerto Rican background, after a successful career as a professional pool player and travel consultant for sports marketing she became an owner of a Northern Italian and Swiss restaurant in her home town of New York. She has a 100 ton Master Mariner Coast Guard Captain's license and puts it to good use when on charter with Curt in the Caribbean. About 6 years ago, she started a parallel career as a Digital Designer. Curt and Victoria have been married for more the 13 years and have 4 girls between them with 3 grandchildren.

**Interesting Porsche stories?**

Our Boxster is our only car and therefore has to do all the work. Besides leisurely

strolls along A1A on the weekends, track days on PBIR and Roebling, too many autocrosses to count, she

is also Victoria's daily driver to work, had to carry home all the gardening supplies, like mulch, plants, shovels and trellises (with top down) and got us to Texas in a comfortable way. So, yes, a Porsche can be your "everyday car."

**What is your connection to PCA?**

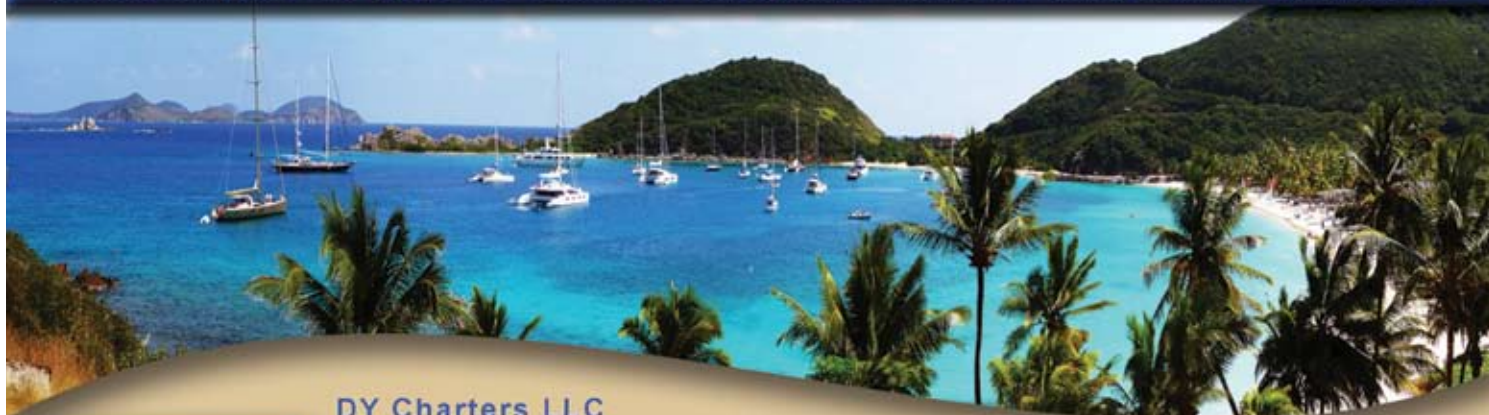
Victoria is the sitting Vice President of the PCA Space Coast Region as well as designed our region's website <http://spc.pca.org> and the website for this year's Escape 2014 to Magical Orlando [www.escape2014.pca.org](http://www.escape2014.pca.org). As a passionate photographer, Curt captures lasting memories from many SPC events throughout the year.

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# *Sinkhole Flashback: Now this is a bad day!*

Article by Steve Hoffman with excerpts taken from Daniel Strohl of *Hemmings Motor News*  
Photos by Otto Fritsche

A lot of you are very familiar with our Past-President Ralph Fritsche and his passion for the Porsche breed. He is meticulous, passionate, intense, and his attention to detail in maintaining his cars is unparalleled. OK, I will say it, he has OCD. Any of us who experienced this event would be a little traumatized, now you have to magnify it quite a bit for Ralph. To set the stage, Ralph and his friends had just returned home from a day at Disney's River Country, a little sunburned, a little tired, and turned on the evening news. Ralph had heard that a sinkhole opened up earlier in the day near the repair shop where his Porsche 911 was in for service, and he wanted to see if the news had picked up on the story. One of the guys tuned on the TV in the family room and as soon as the television came on, everyone saw the back of the repair shop crumble, revealing a Mexico Blue 911, and then seconds later watched as the 911 plunged into the widening hole. "Well, that's what happened to your car!" one of his friends said, and turned the television off.

Ralph had owned his 1974 Porsche 911 Targa for about a year and a half when the 320-foot wide and 90-foot deep Winter Park sinkhole opened up on May 8, 1981. He and his parents had moved to Florida

about five or six years earlier, so they didn't really know much about sinkholes. And in those days, he did not know too many places to get a tune up, until his father met Karl Schoepflin, owner of German Car Service on Fairbanks Avenue in Winter Park. Schoepflin had immigrated to Florida from Germany, where he had worked for Mercedes and Porsche. It seemed like a good fit.

The sinkhole started forming late that Friday evening and rapidly spread the next day, captivating the nation. It eventually became the largest natural sinkhole that people saw form, and gobbled up at least one residence, part of the town's pool, parts of two streets, a Datsun pickup, and at least four other Porsches besides Ralph's.

Ralph never personally went down to see the sinkhole as he was way too distraught! If it was today, he would have asked me to deal with it! He was even told at one point that crews wouldn't be able to remove his or any other car from the hole. His father, Otto, however, worked with some of the other vehicles' owners to first set up a multimillion dollar insurance policy for the retrieval efforts and then figured out how to get the cars out. They first explored the idea



Winter Park sinkhole, May 8, 1981

*Four Porsches including Ralph's were lifted out by crane.*

*Two other Porsches remained in the hole.*



Caught in the debris field



Can we reach it in time?

of lifting them out by helicopter, but then arranged for a crane to lift out four of the vehicles including Ralph's. Two of the Porsches had to remain in the hole.

According to Ralph, more damage was done to the 911 from the retrieval effort than from the fall. The only damage it suffered from falling in were a couple of oil lines pulled loose. The slings they used to lift the car bent in the bodywork on both sides, so they had to have the body straightened and the car repainted. Ralph didn't have comprehensive insurance at the time and German Car Services' insurance didn't cover sinkhole damages, so he had to pay the repair bill himself.

Schoepflin bounced back from the incident. He was back up and running in a new shop in nearby Altamonte Springs within a month. The city of Winter Park eventually filled in the bottom of the sinkhole with dirt and concrete and let it turn into a pond, known nowadays as Rose Lake.

Ralph kept his 911 for about another year, eventually trading it in at a dealership in New Jersey and losing track of it. The car has become quite famous popping up in photos in National Geographic; still today the footage of the sinkhole almost always shows his car; and a friend of his even spotted the car in a geophysics textbook.

We all know that this incident didn't turn Ralph away from Porsches. He is the main reason I became a Porsche addict. He has had several other Porsche's since then and rose to President of our region in 2010-2011. I am not sure what the moral of the story is. When you think you have had a bad day, remember the sinkhole story? Be careful where you leave your baby, or at least make sure they have a valid geophysical survey? Or always have your servicing done on the Space Coast, as sinkholes are less likely here? I like that one. What I do know is that this event happened about 2 years before I met Ralph. I just wish I could have been there when he first got the car back, so I could have teased him about how filthy his car looked!



Pulled from the hole by crane

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**28** Ponte Vedra Auto Show – 9 am
- Oct 5** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona Beach & Vero Beach Panera – 9 am  
**12** Kaffeeklatsch @ Eau Gallie Yacht Club – 9 am  
**18** Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival Concours d' Elegance  
**18-19** FLC DE - Roebing Road Raceway ([www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net))  
**18** SPC AX - EFSC Palm Bay Campus – 7:30 am ([www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net))  
**24-26** Savannah Speed Classic  
**28** Leadership Meeting - Time / Place TBD
- Nov 2** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona Beach & Vero Beach Panera – 9 am  
**5-9** Escape to Orlando – [escape2014.pca.org](http://escape2014.pca.org)  
**12-16** HSR at Daytona  
**14-16** Winter Park Concours  
**15** SPC AX - EFSC Palm Bay Campus – 7:30 am ([www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net))  
**22** Kaffeeklatsch @ Panera Wickham – 9 am
- Dec 4-7** HSR at Sebring  
**5-7** Festivals of Speed - Orlando  
**7** SPC-FLC Challenge/Ladies Day AX ([www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net))  
**13** SPC AX - EFSC Palm Bay Campus – 7:30 am ([www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net))  
**13** Holiday Party – Eau Gallie Yacht Club – 7 pm ([www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net))  
**14** Kaffeeklatsch @ Daytona Beach & Vero Beach Panera – 9 am  
**20** Kaffeeklatsch @ Panera Wickham – 9 am

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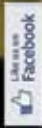
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