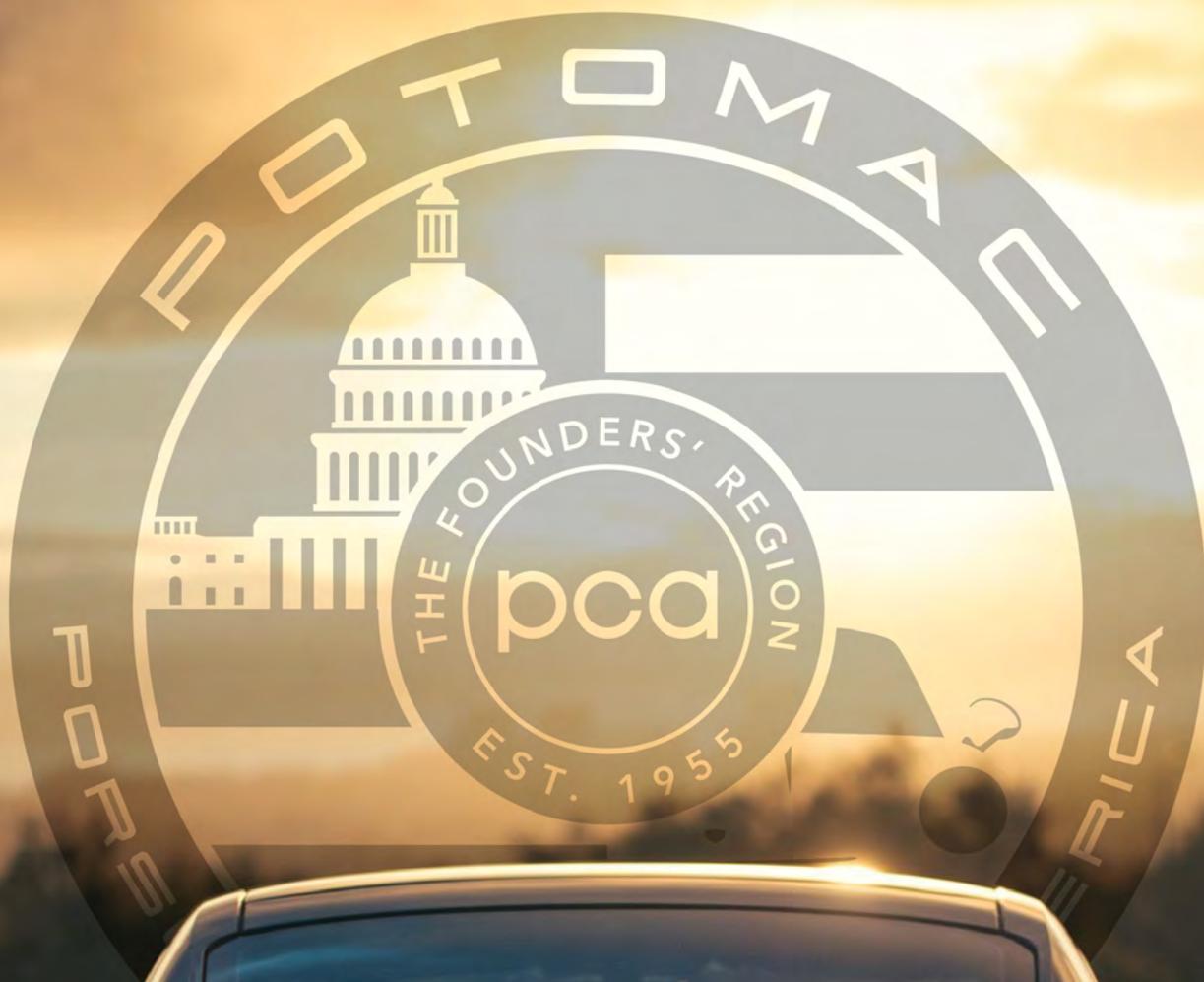


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Out for a Drive



Glenn Cowan
Co-Editor

Kathy and I live in Montgomery County. There was a time when, if on a Saturday afternoon, I got to feeling that a drive in my car for an hour or two would be fun, I could just start driving. After twenty minutes or so, with a modicum of planning, I would be on a sort-of-rural road and enjoy the ride until time to return. I did this about once a week.

I took advantage of every opportunity to drive. When a friend living in Northern Virginia wanted to have lunch, I would invariably suggest I meet them there, which would afford me the opportunity for a drive.

A family member had a plane to catch - I'll take you! When Potomac had a one-day drive starting in Manassas - great - more driving time. That was 20 years ago.

Lately, given deteriorating road conditions, increased congestion, continuously fading skills of the driving public, etc., I find that such drives are boring at best and frequently, simply tedious. It has taken me a long time to reach this conclusion because having done so, I fear that the joy of owning my Porsche will diminish. Fortunately, there is a solution: more Potomac or other Porsche events.

While waiting and hoping for the long-delayed infrastructure improvements, Kathy and I will continue to be thankful that Potomac does provide us fun driving opportunities that break us out of the truly dreadful congestion of the DMV's main roads. Getting to Drive and Dines may not always be thrilling but the routes designed by the organizers are invariably interesting! We attend every

Potomac event we can, even if not participating - just for the drive and the opportunity to spend time with other Porsche folk. I go to Autocross at Summit Point, not as a participant but for the drive and to see folks. Similarly, HPDE events.

One activity we greatly miss are Potomac Rallies. Kathy and I very much enjoyed the wonderful routes designed by Craig and Linda Davidson, and never missed one. Lately we have become acquainted with, and participate in, multi-day rallies managed by other non-Porsche organizations, but we miss Potomac's program and very much hope that the Rally program will find new life.

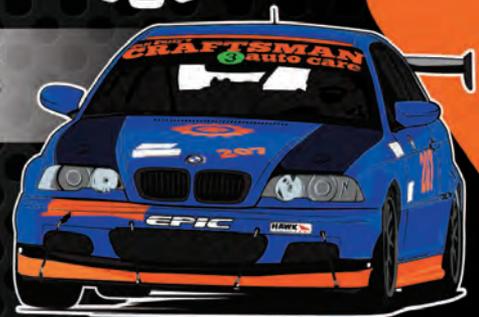
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Greetings From Our New President

Greetings, Porsche friends! I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the new year with your beautiful cars tucked away or enjoying the cold weather on snow tires. I've been in the club for eight years and have had the pleasure of meeting many of you, and for those whom I have not yet met, it has been said that Porsche motor oil runs through my veins.

At the ripe young age of 8, I found myself in the engine bay of my uncle's '70 911T race car. I didn't know it at the time, but that moment would leave a lasting impression on me. In my college years, my brother got his '89 911 and my dad got his '98 911. Envious of the classic look, beautiful lines, and the visceral driving feel, I made it a goal of mine to purchase my



own Porsche. An '08 Cayman soon joined the family, and I immediately fell in love with the car and this wonderful club.

Through all of the exhilarating moments enjoying club events and a few trials and tribulations along the way, I find myself appreciating just how much I have here at PCA: a family, a pit crew, and a great bunch of folks. During my tenure as president, I hope to be a steward for the club and our region. Thank you all so much for making this club what it is, and I look forward to a great year of activities with the PCA family. DV



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Ritz Tysons, VA

5 Skidpad
Summit Point, WV

18 Volunteer Awards & Sponsor Dinner
Maggiano's Tysons, VA

19 Skidpad
Summit Point, WV

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MARCH

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Summit Point, WV

11 Autocross School
Summit Point, WV

12 Autocross #1
Summit Point, WV

18 Tech Inspection
Autobahn, Fairfax, VA

24-26 HPDE
Summit Point, WV

CLUB Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS

This combined period of Jan/ Feb, we have a number of long supporting members to congratulate.

For an amazing 45 years of continuous membership in our club, please put your hands together for Leo & Leo T. Dilling, and William & Julia Selah.

For a wonderful 40 years of continued support, encouragement and passion, please shout congratulations to Mike & Teri Lee Maurer.

OPEN BOARD MEETING APRIL 1, 2023

We are working to get final confirmation of arrangements for the Open Board Meeting (OBM) at which all members are invited to attend. Program Chairs will share their updates, and give members an opportunity to ask questions of the Executive Committee and region's program leadership, as shown on the opposite page.

In addition, we will have a guest speaker, CJ Lennon, sharing his experiences of competing in the Pikes Peak Hillclimbs, among other race events.

Details on how to register will be shared in the upcoming Friday eBlasts.

POTOMAC MONTHLY BRUNCHES & LUNCHESES

Potomac brunches and lunches are an excellent way to (a) have a tasty meal, and (b) make new Porsche friends or renew old friendships. Meetings are low-key with no agenda.

New 1st Saturday Virginia Brunch Location!

We have a new venue for our first Saturday of each month, beginning Oct 1, 2022, at Firebird's Wood-Fired Grille in Gainesville, VA. It's 5 minutes west of our former venue in Manassas, with substantial parking off Linton Hall Road. Restaurant opens at 11 am, but arrive early to park and meet other members. **New members welcome!**

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Potomac Program Highlights

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Pat Kaunitz and Meibol Gallanti guard the Toys for Tots

Supporting the Next Generation of Automotive Technicians

PCA Potomac has formed a new partnership with the Montgomery College Automotive Technology Program, supporting the next generation of automotive technicians. The Automotive Technology Program, located on the Rockville Campus in the Homer S. Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education, offers an Associates of Applied Science degree and also certificates of completion in specialty areas.

The Community Service chairs met with the Program's Director, Michael Carretta, to learn about the various academic offerings available and to explore ways PCA Potomac could provide help to their students. Recalling the investment that many of us amateurs have made in our tools, we realized this was an area of need for future automotive specialists as they enter the industry, especially because automotive technicians typically are required to bring their own tools to the job. The Montgomery College program currently has a partnership with Snap-On that allows for a 50% discount for their students, so the dollars we collect will have twice the impact! (pun intended).

Students earning an Associate's degree will be eligible for a "PCA Potomac Chapter Tool Scholarship," funded by generous donations from club members, to help the selected graduates launch into their careers as Automotive Technicians with the tools needed for their trade. See next page for details on how to donate.

Additionally, we will host a Tour and Lunch with the director and students on Saturday, February 25th. Please consider joining us as we learn more and help inspire the next generation. Register at <http://msreg.com/MC-auto-tour>. DV

Wrapping Up a Generous Year of Giving: A Time for Toys

STORY & PHOTOS: MARCIE CALCAGNO
COMMUNITY SERVICE VICE CHAIR

The generosity of the PCA Potomac Chapter was overflowing again this holiday season. The Chapter partnered with House to Home Solutions in Rockville, Maryland, to receive donations for the Marine Toys for Tots program. Donations were received at the House to Home Solutions Design Center as well as the PCA Potomac Holiday Party at Clyde's. The donated toys overflowed the donation boxes. Toys for all ages were donated, from toddlers to teens and included toys from Star Wars' Grogu, Barbie, Legos, R/C Cars and more.

The Marine Toys for Tots collects new, unwrapped toys each holiday season for distribution to children in need in the local area. The donated toys are then sorted in conjunction with the Holiday Giving Project of Montgomery County.

So how many toys were donated? The PCA Potomac Chapter filed 4 donation boxes TWICE, ensuring children in need would feel special this holiday season with over 250 toys donated. Thank you everyone for your generosity!



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Noon until 2 PM**

The Automotive Technology Program at Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland is a hands-on, practical program where students learn the automotive mechanic trade. PCA Potomac is committed to supporting the students in this program through donations from our membership.

Additionally, on February 25th, program director Michael Carretta will give us a tour of the Automotive Lab where we will see class in action. Following the tour we will have the chance to meet with students and show them a few of our cars.



**Donate and/or Register:
msreg.com/MC-auto-tour**

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SOCIAL



Diane and Ken try to guess Luigi's secret identity

The Potomac Holiday Party aka The Battle of the Sweaters

WORDS BY LOU BARTOLO, SOCIAL CHAIR
PHOTOS BY MIA WALSH AND MARCIE CALCAGNO

Porscheophiles from across the DMV descended upon the Race Bar at Clyde's Chevy Chase on December 10, 2022, for the annual PCA Potomac Holiday Party. The holiday party is always a favorite for our members, and over 200 sparkling party goers dressed festively for the holidays. The revelry continued throughout the night, with food and libations mixed with the passion for fun and cars. PCA Potomac partnered with Toys for Tots, and our members donated toys to the organization. DV



Shoes maketh the man. And Leprechaun!



Historian George Whitmore shares with Mia, one of Potomac Region's many historic trophies. Thank you George and Fred for sharing this, and other artifacts from the Potomac basement with members at our events





2023

THE YEAR AHEAD



We hope our 2023 program of events will excite and attract Potomac members to attend, and perhaps pitch in as a volunteer.

Be aware that many of these events sell out fast. Plan in advance by looking through the online Potomac calendar, making sure you have a MotorSportReg login and profile, watching for notifications of when the event registration will open (the Friday enews email is a must), and getting registered as soon as the window opens!

If the event is listed in our calendar of events here in **DER VORGÄNGER**, use your smartphone camera to view the QR code link to take you straight to the event details.

Some of the events mentioned below are tentative. They will be confirmed in due course. The Friday enews is the usual go-to for the latest information, but you can always reach out to the program chairs for more information.

We wish you a wonderful year participating in our events, driving your Porsche(s), meeting like-minded members, learning something, and having fun.

Photo submission by Scott Santos

AUTOCROSS



Program Chairs: Bill Conley and Jeff Gary

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just dipping your toe into competitive motorsports, PCA Autocross is an excellent program for you. Autocross is a competitive, low-speed (up to 60 mph or so) driving event focused on vehicle handling, driver skill, and precision maneuvering. Each month, drivers navigate a unique course in a time trial to demonstrate their driving ability and try to snag the coveted Fastest Time of Day (FTD) honor.

Though each course is unique, drivers will see familiar elements across events: slaloms, traction circles, and hard-braking turns are frequent challenges in many courses. Throughout the Autocross season, returning drivers have

the opportunity to develop their skills on these—and other—elements, training themselves to drive more effectively on street and track alike.

The Autocross program is returning off a successful 2022 season, which saw nearly 70 drivers at each of its monthly events, including an increase in diverse drivers from a range of backgrounds. The Autocross committee hopes to build on this success in 2023, bringing even more new and experienced drivers to the pavement to drive, learn, and meet new and exciting people!

Autocross participation is \$55 a day for PCA members and \$70 for non-members. For new or new-to-Autocross drivers, the committee hosts an educational school at the beginning of the season. We hope to see you there!

CLUB RACE



Program Chairs: Donna Amico and Henrik Ojikutu

PCA Potomac hosts a club race every year at Summit Point Motorsports Park, and this year's race weekend is September 15-17, 2023. The race is one event out of a series of 25+ races held annually by the PCA National Club Racing Program at racetracks across North America.

Our event attracts 120-150 racers each year, about 30% of these from the Potomac Region. Racers must meet the national licensing requirements and prepare a Porsche car in accordance with the rules; see <https://pcaclubracing.org/rules/> for more information if you are interested in becoming a PCA club racer. You can get up close to the action during the race weekend by volunteering to help. It takes over 100 volunteers to handle registration, welcome participants and

guests, grid cars, flag at corner stations, set up happy hours and dinners, manage traffic in the paddock, assist timing & scoring, and help with tech inspection and scales. We promise you'll have fun and see great cars and great racing. Volunteer registration opens in July, and the link to register will be announced in the weekly eBlast and in der Vorgänger. No experience is needed for many positions, and we're always happy to train newcomers.

If you are interested but don't want to jump right into the volunteer pool just yet, mark your calendar and come on out and watch the racing. Friday is mostly a practice day. Each race group gets two 30-minute sprint races on Saturday. Sunday has a third sprint race for vintage cars, and a 90 minute "enduro" for the other racers.

If you have questions about our race weekend in September, please address them to clubrace@pcapotomac.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Program Chairs: Pat Kaunitz and Marcie Calcagno

PCA Potomac strives to help those in our community thrive. We support a diverse program of community service outreach each year to help those in need, so all can succeed.

The 2023 Community Service programs start with a new partnership with Montgomery College's Automotive Technology Program, funding a Tool Scholarship for an outstanding graduate(s) to help launch their new automotive career. With over half of all college students struggling financially, this partnership will help ease the financial burdens of launching a new career in the automotive industry.

Camp Porsche will again be held this summer. Local youth will again enjoy a day at the track, safely exposing them to the car enthusiast world and providing them with a fun summer day

filled with track activities to explore.

The community thrive focus continues with donations for local food banks, warm coat drives, and pet food drives for local animal shelters. Helping our veterans continues to be a focus too. Participants in our PorscheFest DE will participate in the Track Heroes program to facilitate their recovery from PTSD and other trauma-related challenges. And it would not be the holidays without the Toys for Tots campaign.

Finally, we continue our commitment to a mutually enriching partnership with the Erin Levitas Foundation (ELF) for the prevention of sexual assault. ELF has gained local and national attention for its educational outreach success.

These community outreach programs would not succeed without the generosity of PCA Potomac. Financial donations and volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Thank you for your support.

CONCOURS



Program Chairs: Gary Sidell and John Klish

The Inaugural PCA Founder's Region Concours d'Elegance is expected to be scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2023, and to take place at Tysons II in McLean, Va. We expect to offer sandwiches from Maggiano's as part of the registration fee rather than wine/cheese from past Concours. We anticipate there will be approximately 100 judges, cars including many in a new GT category joining the prior categories from 356s to present-day Taycans, SUVs and sedans. Moreover, we anticipate sponsors and giveaways for the first time in several years. This location is an improvement over Occoquan, especially for our Maryland members, and is expected to draw a number of spectators from the mall who would not otherwise attend at a remote location.

PorscheFest will again present the opportunity for a curated

group of cars to be judged as People's Choice selections by those spectators attending. We estimate 100 voters to participate in selecting first, second and third place winners from this group of cars.

Augustoberfest in Boonsboro, Maryland is expected to be our third event, but this will not be a judged Concours, rather simply a show and tell. Cars will be parked in a Porsche-only location where all those attending will walk past them to access the event activities. Lots of beer will be available!

Our last event of the year will occur at the Annual Picnic location with a "Fun Concours." Voting will be by all those attending, in a variety of humorous categories, where winners will receive framed art work as their "trophies."

Though our initial event location is not yet finalized, we anticipate that it will be shortly, in a central, and populated, location for the first time while providing the opportunity for shopping and food alternatives to those attending.

DRIVE & DINE



Program Chairs: Glenn Havinovski and Larry Finkel

We are excited for the 2023 season of Drive and Dine. Participation continues to grow as the diversity of our overnight and day trips embraces new locations, led by an expanding list of volunteer event leads. In 2023, we will have two Spring day trips, two summer drives, and two more in the fall, plus our annual trip to Morais Vineyard to close out the season in November. Our day trips typically consist of scenic drives in the Virginia or Maryland countryside,

delicious lunches at locally owned establishments, and often an afternoon visit to a local winery or brewery. We will be running our annual overnight trips to Charlottesville and Virginia Highlands in July, each with exciting updates for 2023. And we are continuing our newly added overnight trip to Pennsylvania featuring Longwood Gardens and the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum. Lastly, you can always join us for our ever popular brunches held monthly on the first and third Saturdays at Firebirds in Gainesville, Virginia, and Irish Inn in Glen Echo, Maryland, respectively. No registration is necessary and there is ample parking for all.

DRIVER EDUCATION



Program Chairs: Bob Mulligan and Susan Kimmitt

March brings many good things each year: an ending to winter (hopefully), Saint Patty's Day, and the beginning of PCA Potomac's DE season. This year, our schedule follows last year's fairly closely, with High Performance Driving Clinics for beginners, High Performance Driver Education events (HPDEs), and Instructor Training days. Our entire calendar of driving events is open for registration on MotorSportReg.com (MSR). Remember, the Blue and especially the Green run groups fill up very quickly.

This year the DE Team's goal is to make improvements, without reducing the flow and efficiencies in the program. Our Chief Instructors have been working on an improved curriculum for classrooms, and giving more attention to the White and advanced driver groups. More people will work with these groups too. We plan bigger and better happy hours, and expect to welcome other PCA groups to our events, especially the out-of-town events, so our social activities at the track will be better than ever. Friends and Family are always welcome now that we have

evolved beyond Covid restrictions. Please remember to have everyone sign-in at the track with our registration volunteers to get an armband. We will continue to have professional photos available for purchase at most of our events, with a gallery of images displayed each day.

Another important part of our program is to sponsor charitable activities and they will be announced for each event. We have an efficient and very popular Volunteer Ambassador Program to help welcome and answer questions from new drivers in DE, and those who are new to us from out-of-region localities. We welcome volunteers to help assist in the daily running of our events, especially our beginning HPDC and instructor refresher events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@pcapotomac.org with cc to our registrars (deregistrar@pcapotomac.org). We would like to remind everyone that our club is volunteer only. This includes people dealing with administration, registration, billing, track coordination, and instructing in the classrooms and on the track. No one in our club receives any payment for our work. This is a labor of love. So please realize that costs increase, due to track rental and support personnel costs escalating. Hope to see many of you at the track.

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Program Chair: Lou Bartolo

The social calendar is going to be filled with fun in 2023! PCA Potomac definitely loves cars and racetracks, however the people make our club your extended family, warm and friendly.

February was off to a great start with PCA Potomac's 1st High Tea at the Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner. The high tea was so popular we plan to hold another one in the fall. As the final snow falls, we will be starting spring by having a social at the Guinness Brewery in Halethorpe.

PorscheFest weekend at Summit Point Motorsports Park will be held in July, closing out the summer socials. PCA Potomac will hold events at the track that day, including Drivers' Education and Autocross, with the Drive and Dine group

joining in the festivities that afternoon. PorscheFest includes a social hour and a marvelous catered dinner under our big tent inside the Main Circuit at Summit Point for all members to have a fun evening together.

The Fall means only one thing for a social event, and that would be the family-friendly PCA Potomac Annual Picnic & Open Board Meeting held in September. This is a family fun event with kid-friendly games, BBQ picnic and of course Porsche Concours. Then to round out a memorable 2023, we will have the annual Holiday Party in December.

We hope to fill out the calendar with a few more gatherings such as requested happy hours, bowling, and more tea. We are still looking to add a few more Porsche friends to the social committee, so please reach out if you would like to help in planning the fun. Ideas are always welcomed; just email the Social Chair.

TECH INSPECTION



Chairs: David DiQuollo, Daniel Salisbury, & John Vrankovich

The Tech Inspection program supports the Drivers Education program, but it is also a great resource for those wishing to learn more about their cars. For DE events, each car requires two types of safety-related inspections - a Pre-Event Inspection at a shop (aka Shop Tech), and a Grid Tech inspection early each morning at the track. The Shop Tech inspection must be performed no more than 30 days prior to a DE event. The inspection includes a review of the safety gear in the passenger compartment, the suspension and drivetrain components, and the braking system. The car is also checked for fluid leaks, or poor hose connections that

could fail on the track. The Shop Tech inspection can be performed by a dealership or independent repair shop, but PCA Potomac holds a Shop Tech prior to each DE that is free for the DE participants and other Potomac members. These events are hosted by dealerships and shops in Northern Virginia and Maryland, and staffed by Volunteers from the Club. During the inspections we encourage the car owner to accompany the inspectors so they can get a firsthand look at the underside of their car. The Shop Tech schedule for 2023 is posted on the PCA Potomac website. Five of the eight events are currently confirmed. **DV**

At a Glance..

 	Individual Events
 	Events in Planning

Our Preliminary PCA Potomac Program of Events

2023	Autocross	Skidpad	Club Race	Community Service	Concours	Drive & Dine	Driver Education	Social	Tech Inspection	Open Board Meetings
January		 				 				
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November		 				  				
December		 				 				

But wait! - There's more.. PCA National has organized some great events across the nation. Check out the events listing on pca.org



Big Boys Bavarian Breakout

A Father-Son Tour of Notable Bavarian Car Museums

STORY AND PHOTOS BY STEVE GRUMBACH

917 LH (1970) and 917/20 "Pink Pig" LeMans racer (1971) lead the parade of legendary Porsche race cars

With my retirement several years ago, my youngest son Bryant and I had planned a trip to Germany to take in the major automotive car museums. But, as you might have guessed, those plans got shelved due to the pandemic. With a return to normalcy this fall we decided the time was right to take our much-anticipated trip. So, in mid-October, off we went for a nine-day auto-themed adventure across Bavaria. Fitful sleep on the late-evening Lufthansa flight from Dulles to Munich eased the inevitable jet lag adjustment.

Stuttgart

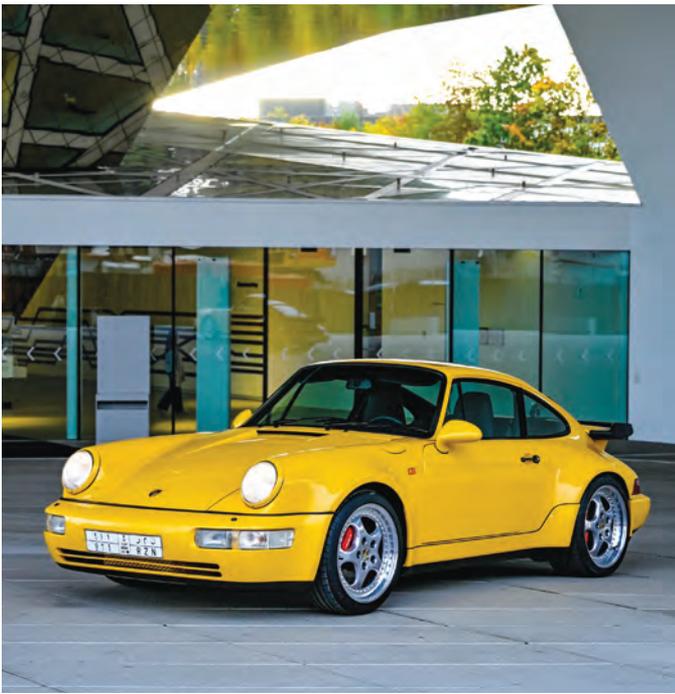
Porsche: All of the major automotive museums we toured shared a similar design feature: visitors ascend several levels to begin their view of early efforts, and then descend through time with themed exhibits of the marque's most noteworthy models. As you would expect, Porsche starts with "Nr. 1", Ferdinand's prototype 356 Gmünd roadster from 1948. The museum hosts an ever-changing display of 80 notable cars from their collection including sports cars, legendary race cars and prototype design studies that influenced future production models,

along with displays of noteworthy engineering items and innovative designs. Also of note: The vehicles displayed do not have barriers and can be closely inspected.

Mercedes-Benz: We were most impressed with the size and breadth of the nine-level Mercedes Museum, understandable given their long history and diversity of transport types, each given its due. To add perspective, the outside walls contain pictures and narrative of historical relevance to the corresponding era of vehicle displays.



Appropriately, your tour starts here with "Nr. 1", the 1948 356 Prototype. Rejoice Boxster fans, the roadster is mid-engined!



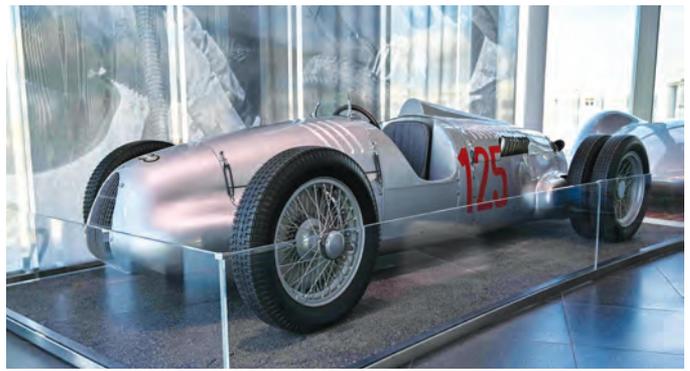
At the Porsche Museum customers are allowed (encouraged?) to photograph their cars in front of the plaza entrance. This 911 beauty was surrounded by photographers when we arrived

Mercedes' walk through time starts with a horse and a 1886 quote from German Kaiser Wilhelm II: "I do believe in the horse. The automobile is no more than a transitory phenomenon." (Nostradamus he was not.) This immediately transitions into a presentation of the first gasoline-engined automobile: a three-wheeled, single-cylinder Benz patent motor car. The expansive 178,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space is divided into the "legend rooms" and the "collections," generally themed by era and type.

Ingolstadt

Audi: On our mid-week visit to the Audi museum, it was not crowded. Fortunately, we struck up a conversation with an Audi Museum guide and had a long and insightful chat as we walked through the museum; he identified the finer points and historical significance of the many displays. In general, Audi's presentation spans the history of the brand started in 1910 with displays of the early brands that formed Auto Union in 1932 (Horch, DKW, Audi and Wanderer, and later NSU), the Silver Arrows, and the more recent decades of models of GT and Quattro rally cars.

We also took the factory tour and walked the production line from the start where blank sheets of metal are stamped to form the body panels, leading ultimately to a completed vehicle drive-off at the end of the line. Interestingly, all A3s, regardless of configuration, are made on the same line, including right-hand drive models. Our guide told us Audi sells right-hand drive vehicles in more than 50 countries! While we were there, A4 production was suspended due to lingering supply-chain issues, in part because of a shortage of wiring harnesses from Ukraine.



Ferdinand Porsche's radical supercharged V12 cylinder, 485 hp engine powers the 1938-39 Auto-Union Type D Rennwagen Grand Prix racer (205 mph). Few of the Silver Arrow models survived the war; Auto Union was headquartered in what became the Eastern zone, and this one was spirited away from the Soviet Union. Several more of the exceedingly rare Silver Arrows are also on display



The 1904 Mercedes-Simplex is the centerpiece in a gallery of art



A stunning 1935 540 K Spezial-Roadster dominates the pre-war classics



The futuristic concept Audi RSQ from the movie I, Robot is displayed in front of Audi HQ in Ingolstadt. And yes, it moved under its own power



Munich

BMW Museum and Welt

BMW is currently celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their M-designated vehicles, so through the end of this year the museum is prominently displaying many of the rarely seen cars under the M brand. Regular collections spanning the history of the company remain, including motorcycles. As with the other German car museums, visitors start with the earliest offerings and descend through levels surrounded by themed exhibitions by era and type.

Deutsches Museum

Munich's Deutsches Museum offers two sites of interest for vehicle fans. Most specifically, the Verkehrszentrum ("transport museum") is focused on the history of all manner of transportation spread across three buildings with 250 separate exhibits: bicycles, motorcycles, cars, buses, trucks and trains. The primary Deutsches Museum, located near Munich city center, ranges generally through science and technology, with prominent displays of commercial, military and general aviation.

The OTHER Der Vorgänger: a 1966 BMW 1600 was the first of the "Neue Klasse" models that leads a row of the popular sports coupe 3-Series cars



At the Verkehrszentrum Deutsches Museum a life-size diorama: a trolley has gone off the tracks, but a truck with crane and hoist has come to put things right! The exhibits often focus on not just the "what," but also on how things work



An Opel GT (1972) and Ford Capri 2600 RS (1973) in the Verkehrszentrum Deutsches Museum



At the Deutsches Museum another diorama: A pilot ejects from a Luftwaffe F-104 Starfighter

General Walkabout München

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention what a wonderful city Munich proved to be – lively, vibrant, and diverse. The timing of our visit also seemed to be beneficial, falling after Oktoberfest and before the Christmas festivities, although much could be said in favor of either. Exploring by foot throughout the city center plazas, marketplace shops, sidewalk restaurants, cafes and good old-fashioned biergartens was a genuine delight. And, of course, there's a Beer and Oktoberfest Museum in Munich, but you'll have to look that one up yourself. **DV**



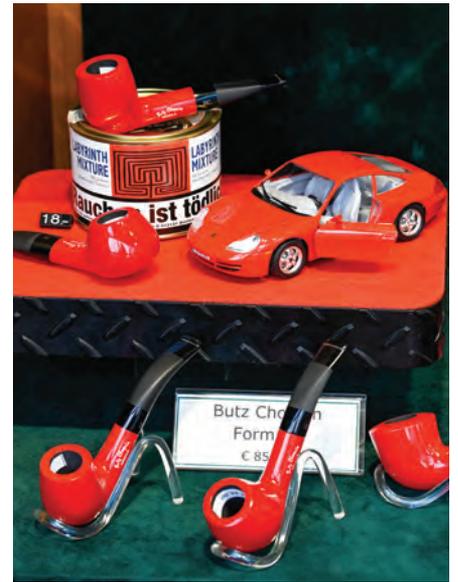
A vegan nightmare – a sausage shop in Munich. If Wegmans looked like this I'd go more often



Marienplatz - where the glockenspiel chimes from the Neues Rathaus town hall



Lunch at an outdoor café in Munich. The menu said, "Snack Plate". Sure. Well, a variety of cheeses and meats with bread needed to go with that "alkoholfrei bier". (Sort of like swallowing a loaf of bread. Another, bitte...) Note to self: Let's skip the cholesterol check this quarter



In a Munich shop window. Not ordinarily what you think of when some says they have a Porsche with smoking pipes

If You Go...

Apps to plan your journey: Your smartphone is an indispensable tool and tour guide. We used Google Maps, which were accurate and reliable, especially to track local train time tables and routes. (And by "we" I mean my technically proficient son.) It was especially helpful when on the go and our plans changed to accommodate our flexible schedule. You can also scan and translate text, particularly helpful if your restaurant doesn't have menus in English.

Plan Ahead: All the car museums are closed on Mondays but are otherwise open year-round. We worked around that by selecting other sites and city adventures on Monday. But as many manufacturers also offer factory tours in close proximity to their museums, you can combine your visit by taking in both. While admission to the museums is easy, tours need a reservation. It's best to check each company's website and purchase your tickets in advance. And Porsche and BMW discount admission tickets to club members, so bring your membership card.

Cars – we love 'em. But for travel through large Bavarian urban areas they are a hindrance. We traveled exclusively by intercity trains, the U-Bahn (subway), and taxi. We found that most efficient for everywhere we went, including a day trip to Salzburg and an overnight to Stuttgart. A car about town is unnecessary and frankly a burden. Or as a Hertz counter clerk in Stuttgart once told me when explaining their courtesy buses weren't running, "You must go zer by your feets."

Do be mindful of the "rules of the road" as you stroll about. Pedestrians and bicycles share separate portions of the same sidewalk – really something quite different than what we're used to at home. And those new e-bikes are quick and stealthy, especially as everyone seems to be dressed in black.

And do take a break and have a sit-down at a café near any intersection and witness a non-stop extemporaneous parade of German cars we just don't see here in the States. It's a rolling German car show!



Winter berry colors look great on the 964

ANNUAL GT GATHERING

STORY AND PHOTOS BY GARY SIDELL

On a brisk but sunny Saturday, October 22, 2022, more than 40 Porsche GT's of one form or another gathered for their annual meeting in the DC metro area, allowing others to stop by and look at these unusual specimens. There were GT 3s, GT 4s, GT 3 RSs, and a few "regular" 911 turbo Ss, all in a range of colors and from a number of disparate jurisdictions, displayed in a strip mall parking lot on Route 7 in Tysons Corner, Virginia. In addition, there was a substantial collection of serious photographers getting pictures not only of the cars once parked, but of cars entering the parking lot as well. As they aimed their cameras and extremely long lenses, it almost looked like the radar cops were out.

This is the annual gathering of GT cars, of whatever individual version, which only lasts a few hours. A short time to examine all the cars that arrived including ones from New York and Ohio, just for this brief display. There seems to be something truly special about GT owners that almost makes the rest of us look like we consider our Porsches the equivalent of Studebakers! Indeed, you could easily tell when one of the GTs left the parking lot because it sounded very much like Summit Point in mid-race.



If you missed this year's edition, stay tuned for next year's version with information on date and location in the weekly eBlasts next Fall. It's well worth a few hours of your time. **DV**



There are plenty of GT cars to view, from vintage to modern day, in a variety of colors. All you have to do now, is imagine the sound in this parking lot

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2020 911 Carrera 4S
from Washington
Transfer from Las Vegas

ELLA BISHOP

1988 924S
from Reston

JOSHUA BONNIE

2017 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
from Chevy Chase

JOHN CARL

1978 911 Turbo
from Arlington

SAUL COELHO

2012 911 Targa 4S
from Falls Church

CHRISTOPHER COLLEGE

2014 Cayman S
from Hampstead
Transfer from Chesapeake

KEN FINN

2016 Cayenne
from Manassas
Transfer from Schattenbaum

PHIL FLEWALLEN

2007 911 Carrera 4S
from Alexandria

ELLIS FREEMAN

1999 911 Carrera Cabriolet
from Dulles

CHARLES GABRIELSON

2006 Boxster
from Dumfries

KENNETH GORDON

2009 911 Carrera Cabriolet
from Port Tobacco

STACY HADEKA

2023 Macan
from Washington

HENRY HARRIES

2008 Boxster
from Alexandria

OMAR JAVERY

2007 911 Carrera
from Arlington

JOHN KLEIN

2007 911 Targa 4S
from Arlington

PETER KRAMER

2022 718 Boxster
from Arlington

DMAZANA LUMUKANDA

2014 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
from Upper Marlboro

DANIEL MAHDAVIAN

2022 Macan
from Washington

RICHARD MARIANOS

2008 Cayman S
from Gainesville

LUKE MIANI

2009 Cayman
from Washington

MARTIN MIKHAIL

2023 911 Carrera 4S
from Vienna

JOHN MILLER

2007 911 Carrera
from Arlington

MARSHALL PARSONS

2006 Cayman S
from Gaithersburg

KEVIN RIAHI

2021 718 Cayman GT4
from Fairfax

ANDREW SCHAEFER

2015 911 Carrera S
from Hume

ADAM SMITH

2022 911 Targa 4S
from Bethesda

ADITH SUBRAMANIAN

2010 Boxster S
from Alexandria

JORGE VALDES

1973 914 1.7
from Bethesda

JASON WITS

2011 911 Carrera S
from Haymarket

DECEMBER

ALI ALTAHIR

2022 911 Carrera S Cabriolet
from Great Falls

SHERRY AMAGOH

2022 Cayenne
from Alexandria

IAN BRADY

1983 944
from Alexandria

ARIEL BROWN

2023 Macan
from Ashburn

AMY BURGESS

2010 Cayman S
from Haymarket

RAJIV CHADHA

2021 911 Targa 4S
from Springfield

JOASH CHUNG

2013 911 Carrera S
from Alexandria

CHUK ENG

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from Bethesda

KHOI HA

2014 Cayman S
from Frederick

KASEY HYMAN

1978 911 SC
from Winchester

COREY MARKOVITS

2011 911 Turbo S
from Martinsburg

WILLIAM MCHENRY

1993 911 RS America
from Great Falls

KEVIN MCLAUGHLIN

1999 911 Carrera Cabriolet
from Chantilly

GEORGE OPIE

1999 Boxster
from Alexandria

GEOFF SHARPE

2022 911 Carrera GTS
from Bethesda

JAMES SUSSMANN

2015 Panamera GTS
from Alexandria

PRESTON TACKETT

2002 Boxster S
from Haymarket

SHISHIR TANDALE

2002 Boxster S
from Chantilly

ALLAN YANKOSKY

2009 911 Carrera
from Alexandria

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- Visits to car museums.
- DIY (Do-It-Yourself) articles on some small or large project that you've done. Examples abound, from rebuilding an engine to replacing hood struts.
- Interviews with interesting people who own interesting Porsches such as the one on Sal Fanelli, who owns a Porsche tractor.

- My first experience with PCA Potomac, which could be what your High Performance Driving Clinic was like, or your first Driver Education event or just an entertaining Drive & Dine.
- Why I Love My Porsche articles are always welcomed. Please include a photo of you with the car.
- Photographs of yourself or fellow Porsche owners enjoying their cars. No low-resolution photos, please; we simply can't use them. Send original sizes.

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Magic Lights

“Thanks for the Wave!”

NEW PAST PRESIDENT, DIANE SULLENBERGER

Motorcyclists wave to each other, often with two fingers pointed down (which means “ride safe” and symbolizes keeping both wheels on the road). It shows respect and lets fellow riders know that you’re looking out for them. I usually don’t wave at Porsche drivers—many cars including my own have window tinting and seats that make it hard to see the driver. But I’m rethinking that.

One Sunday in November, I agreed to meet David Valeri on my way to Summit Point but didn’t know what he looked like. As I pulled into the Panera parking lot, there he was, waving. On the way to the Shenandoah Skid Pad, I waved at Sandy Van Leen as he raced through the carousel at Summit Main during the Turkey Bowl (but I doubt he saw me).

At Advanced Skid Pad led by Tessa Hall and Gary Baker, after 42 minutes of skid pad time with great coaches, I was almost too exhausted to wave goodbye. I swung by Summit Main

and spied Kenny Kong, who was putting down hot laps, unwavering by a cold track. PCA Potomac was IN DA HOUSE!

Driving home, I waved farewell to Bill McIntosh in his GT4 and waved hello to a driver in a 981 Cayman GTS. That night I received an email from Jim Hauhart titled “Thanks for the Wave!”: It had to be you that passed me and waved today.... I saw your track car recently on a Tech Tactics program. As a 50+ year member of PCA it brought back some great memories.

I ordered my first Porsche from the factory, a 1964 Champagne Yellow C coupe, that I picked up at the Port of Los Angeles. In those early days once you got out of the LA area there were not too many Porsches on the roads. On several occasions on meeting another Porsche we flashed lights as we passed and then looked for brake lights in the rear-view mirror. On a number of occasions, both of us stopped and...spent 10 or 15

minutes discussing our cars, service availability and how great to meet another believer.

With the number of Porsches on the road today I do not expect a return to the mid 1960s excitement on seeing another Porsche. However, I just wanted you to know that I appreciated your recognition.

Jim, thanks for the reminder that Porschephiles look out for each other. It’s what Potomac is all about. As I wave goodbye to my term as president, I wave hello to sharing the roads ahead with you all. **DV**



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