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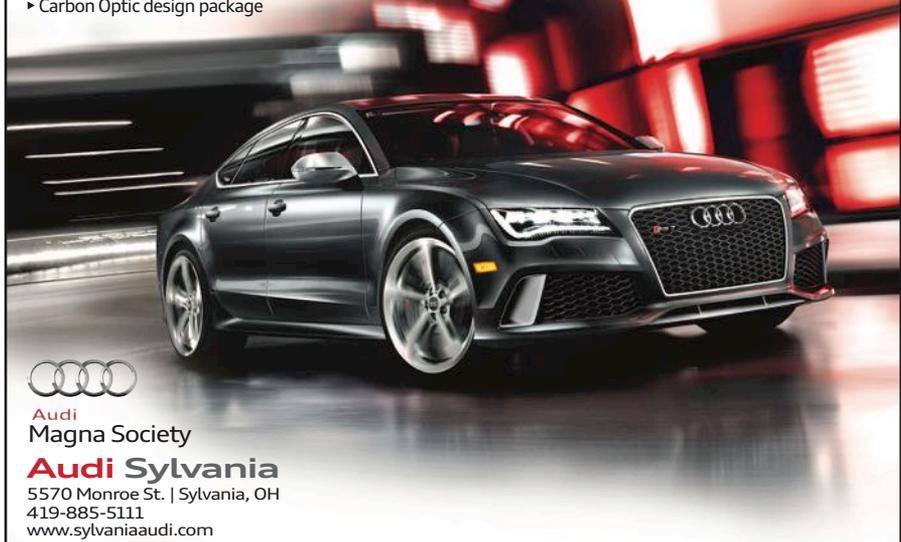
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## The Open Road

You will have noticed that this issue covers two months. This has occurred due to the need to get material and adjust the production date to more align with the month. Do not worry. You will still get all of the great stories that the membership provides.

We have several events coming up in the next few months. In May on the 22nd will be our annual brunch at Mon Ami in Port Clinton. The brunch will be preceded by the usual driving tour. Coming up in June will be a party the home of the Zacharias'. June will also include Parade in Jay Peak, Vermont.

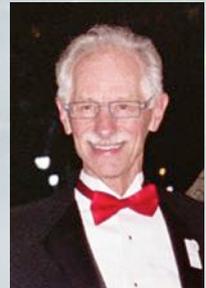
The Laser Tag event was held at Q-Zar and was a lot of fun. We had a good turnout for the event. We did learn that some in our club can be very aggressive. A full report will be included in next months newsletter. After laser tag we met the rest of the region at Shorty's BBQ for some great food and refreshment.

On May 7th at the Derby Party, a good number of members gathered at Germain Porsche to cheer on each of our chosen horses. We supported our chosen charity, the Toledo School for the Arts, by raffling off and auctioning baskets in addition to the Derby activities.

The weather is getting better and the cars have been prepped for driving. There have been some nice days recently. The monthly Cars and Coffee gatherings have started and are listed in the calendar on page 15.

Flash your headlights at a fellow Porsche owner on the road!!  
Keep the kindred spirit alive!!

.....the editor



## From The Podium

By Todd Mierzwik

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Back in March I attended a weekend long Zone 4 President's meeting out at Maumee Bay State Park that brought all of the Zone 4 officers together to discuss many

pressing topics. Some of the items discussed were the Porsche Parade venue out in Jay Peak Vermont, changes to DE safety including new requirements for helmets, HANS devices and harnesses. Another lengthy topic that was discussed was the proxy voting that is done by the Zone 4 representative on behalf of the Region Presidents. Apparently the legal department of PCA has determined that due to the fact that they incorporated in Maryland, proxy votes are not allowed. PCA is looking into incorporating into one of two other states that do allow this or exploring a couple of other options going forward.

Two weekends ago I had an opportunity to go down with Jim Schoen and Lee Burlingame to the Taj Ma Garaj in Dayton Ohio. This event was put on by the MOR/OVR regions. The Taj Ma Garage is a private museum collection of mostly Porsche automobiles with a smattering of other marques. We got carte blanche to walk among the cars in awe. I did see several that would look great in my garage!

This past Saturday we went to Q-Zar laser tag with about 25 MVR members from the club. We had an absolute blast running around a dark room filled with obstacles "shooting" at each other. I swear my laser gun must not have been working because I came in the bottom of the pecking order when we were all done and the scores were tallied. Afterwards, everyone got together at Shorty's for a nice dinner and great conversation.

On Saturday May 7, we have our "Run for the Roses" Derby Party up at Germain Porsche. The proceeds will benefit Toledo School for the Arts. Make sure to RSVP Kim Harris if you will be attending. There will be Mint Juleps and make sure to bring your fanciest hat to cheer on your favorite horse.

We also have several other upcoming fun events in the next month. Make sure to check your emails for listing and check the website for dates/times.

Remember to keep the blink alive !!!

Todd

# PCA Multi-Region Swap Meet, Car Show & Tech Quiz!!! Saturday April 9th, 2016



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## The Last Turn – The Absence of Red

by Leonard Turner

Red sports cars are almost cliché, but I've been told that, when on the cover, they sell more magazines on the newsstand.

They do draw the eye in a way that more muted colors find difficult. Part of the craft of shooting for a publication was to be on good terms with the hosts at a new car introduction in aid of getting dibs on a red example to photograph, or if not that, at least one of the more striking colors that were available.

Yellow, maybe, or one of the brighter blues or even a green sometimes. Silver, not so much, and grey or black, thanks, but no. Nothing personal you understand—I drove a black Carrera for 30 years—this was just business.

That said, there are some things that can be done with shapes and reflections, say of autumn leaves, Christmas lights, or fireworks. In this particular image, from a 2005 press trip to introduce the 997 Cabriolet, we had spent the day in a

blue example, having earlier found some time to do a number of first morning light shots with a gorgeous gold car, visiting it again in the afternoon for some more set shots in a formal location. We even scored a short stint for some overhead views with the desirable red beast that someone else had beaten us to.

The day's shoot, in fact, seemed to hold good promise for a colorful layout in the magazine, but when you are as addicted to the process as has been my fate, it's hard to quit shooting as long as there is usable light. Sometimes even when there isn't. Late in the afternoon, with pretty much everything done, this lonely black car sitting in the courtyard of a vividly painted hotel under a striking Spanish sky almost cried out to have this detail photographed.

It didn't make the magazine; didn't really tell the story of the car. The blue



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car was on the cover, and the yellow and the red were the opening spread. But somehow this is the image that became a personal favorite and a screensaver.

The post *The Last Turn – The Absence of Red* appeared first on @FlatSixes - the blog about Porsche.

**Maumee Valley Region  
June Social Event**  
Dinner at the Zacharias

Saturday, June 11th 2016

4:30 - 9:00pm

Zach & Kathy Zacharias

5644 Golf Creek Road

Toledo, Ohio 43623

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provide all food and drinks.

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**Maumee Valley Region**  
**Annual Tour & Brunch at Mon Ami Winery**  
in Port Clinton, Ohio

**New Member Party**

**Sunday, May 22, 2016**



**Tour**

Meet at Ft. Meigs in Perrysburg  
Drivers meeting: 9:15  
Tour: 9:30

**Brunch at Noon**

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For additional information please contact Michael Soriano at: [MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com](mailto:MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com)

MVR/PCA Membership News

April 2016 - Club Member Anniversaries

Monte Zarick	38 Years
Steve and Carolyn Hill	27 Years
John Hurburt	26 Years
Jeff & Steve Uhlman	25 Years
Christopher and Kimberly Thie	11 Years
Roger Holliday	5 Years
Max Meyer	1 Year

May 2016 - Club Member Anniversaries

Marshall and Judy Bellman	27 Years
Anoar Zacharias	25 Years
Kenneth and Patricia Mauer	23 Years
Robert and Janis Lockman	14 Years
Geoffrey and Martha McIntyre	9 Years
Michael and Lisa Soriano	8 Years
Jason Perry	6 Years
Jeff Lapp	1 Year
William Potter	1 Year



New Members

Jerome Langenderfer of Sylvania  
Driving a Red 2016 Cayman

The new member from last month was listed incorrectly. Here is the correct listing

Evan Ericksen of Toledo  
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Primary Members	145
Affiliate Members	103
Total Members	252

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## Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

Check our web site at [www.mm.pca.org](http://www.mm.pca.org) for the latest event information.

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### APRIL

- 10 #Cars and Coffee
- 14 Business Meeting
- 16 Laser Tag & Dinner

### MAY

- 7 Kentucky Derby Party @  
Germain Porsche
- 7 #Cars and Coffee
- 22 Mon Ami Driving Tour and  
Brunch

### JUNE

- 9 Business Meeting
- 11 Zacharias Home Party
- 12 #Cars and Coffee
- 19-25 Parade at Jay's Peak Resort,  
VT

### JULY

- 9 Lederman Home Party
- 10 #Cars and Coffee
- 29-31 DE at Grattan

### AUGUST

- 11 Business Meeting
- 14 #Cars and Coffee
- 20 Schoen Home Party

### SEPTEMBER

- 10 **Golf Outing, BG Country  
Club**
- 11 #Cars and Coffee

### OCTOBER

- 10 #Cars and Coffee
- 13 Business Meeting
- 22 Findlay Rod & Gun Club

### NOVEMBER

- 12 Stewart Planning Party
- 13 #Cars and Coffee

### DECEMBER

- 2 Holiday Party at Glass  
Pavilion
- 8 Business Meeting

Note: All business meetings are held at  
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New or revised events in **BOLD**  
# Non-PCA events.

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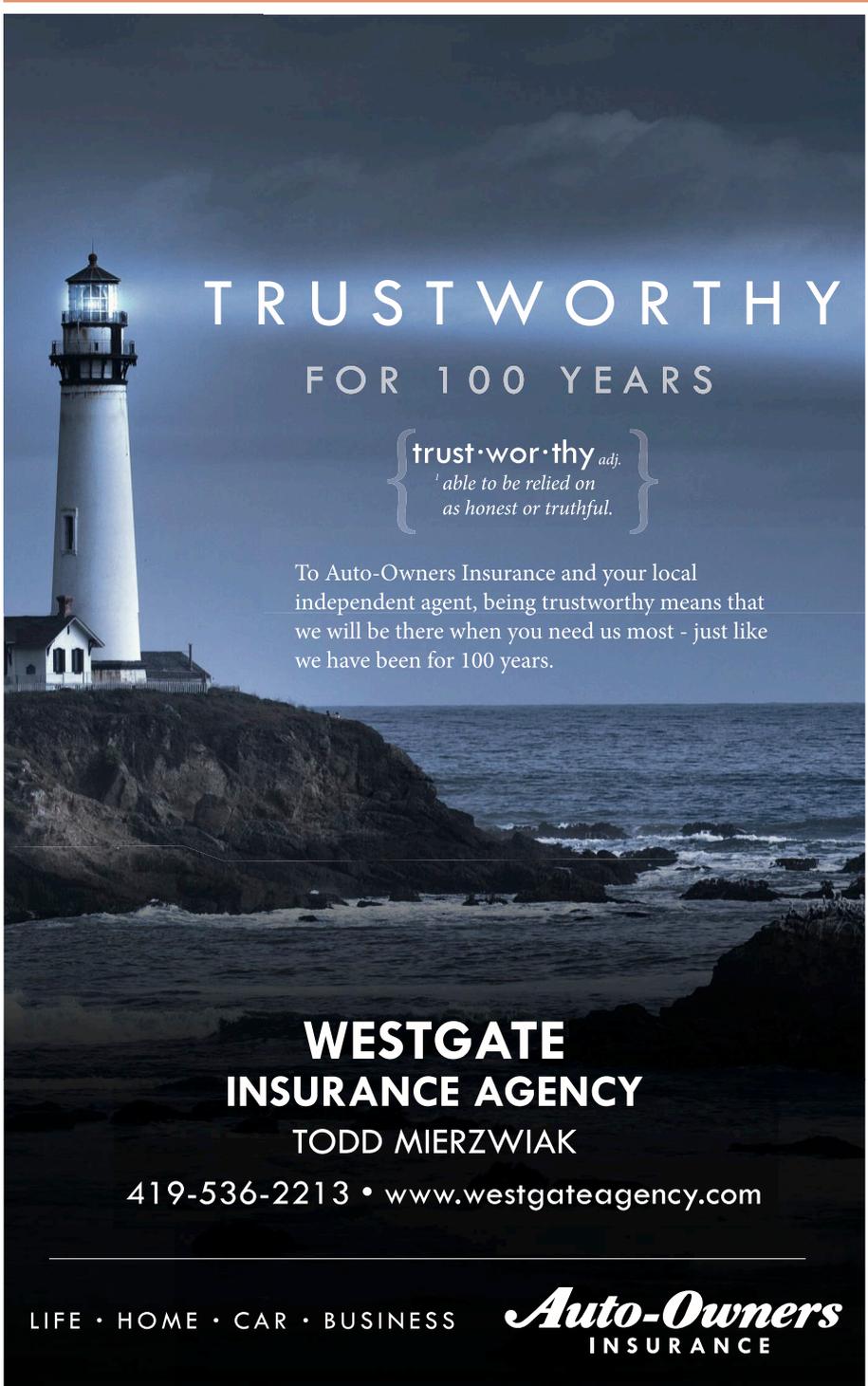
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## Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

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Taken from PCA Tech Q&A  
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### *Difficulty With Shifting*

**Question:** I'm have issues shifting my 1991 944 S2 into certain gears. The car has almost 75,000 miles and it seems almost like the syncro or linkage is skewed. The problem seems to be inconsistent but once warmed up, dissipates a bit but is still present. Could this be related to a worn clutch or loose linkage? The car has a short shift kit but other than that is stock.

**Answer:** Submitted by George Beuselin. The short shift kit may have been installed incorrectly or, if the shifting had been OK after the kit had been installed and is now not OK, something may have come loose or relocated itself. The first thing to check is that all the bolts that connect the shifter knob and shifter lever to the articulating assembly on the transaxle are still tight. This includes the 13mm bolts that mount the shifter lever to the torque tube, the 13mm bolt that secures the shift rod to the articulating assembly, and the 10mm bolt that attaches the articulating assembly to the shift selector rod. If any of these bolts are loose, tighten them and check for your ability to shift. If that doesn't solve the problem, try relocating the base of the shifter lever (which attaches to the torque tube) forward by about 10 mm. This may give you some additional motion to help make the shift to second and fourth. If that doesn't solve the problem, you may have a problem with the clutch not releasing completely, but that is a very low probability scenario.

### *1988 928 S4 Front Defroster Intermittent*

**Question:** When I slide the A/C Control Head lever on my 1988 928 S4 with 64,500 miles all the way to the "right" Defroster position the Defroster sometimes comes on and stays on, sometimes comes on momentarily and quits and sometimes never comes on at all. Coming on and staying on seems to relate, again sometimes, to colder outside temperatures. The blower works fine with all the rotary positions. I have swapped relays but this did not seem to have any effect. Is this an electrical problem, vacuum problem, something else?

**Answer:** Submitted by John Veninger. When the controller lever is placed in defrost mode it energizes the defrost relay. That relay then sends power directly to the blower bypassing the resistor pack and fan knob. I would recheck the defrost relay (Relay I-II in your 1988). There may be an issue inside the HVAC controller not activating the relay consistently.

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### ***Digital Clock on 2003 911 Carrera***

**Question:** I Have A 2003 911 Carrera. The digital clock on the dash has two lights to the left of the digits to designate AM and PM. The question is which is AM and which Is PM?

**Answer:** Submitted by Bill Burris. No such thing as a trite question. You've landed on something the Owner's Manual doesn't address specifically, but here's how it works: On page 79 of your manual under Controls/Instruments, it mentions that the clock can be set to read in 12 or 24 hour configuration. In 24 hour mode, there's no need for the dots, but they appear in 12 hour mode. Presumably the upper dot is for AM and the lower for PM (it cycles between the two) but the decision is yours: If you decide upper is PM and lower is AM, so it is!

### ***Passenger Window Auto-up Function***

**Question:** The passenger window auto-up function on my 2007, 997 requires me to hold the window switch in the up position for about 3-4 seconds otherwise the window will stop going up when I release the switch. Compared to the driver- side switch, a simple quick pull up on the switch and the auto-up feature works without stopping. Is this a factory pre-set to appease the tort lawyers who presumably want to make SURE the driver wants to raise the passenger window in auto-up mode, or is my car possessed by electrical demons?

**Answer:** Submitted by Dustin Aydt. The situation you are describing is a frequent concern among 997 owners and is normal operation. I have been told it is a safety feature but have never received clarification as to why. It is only this way on the Carreras; Boxster, Cayman, Cayenne and Panamera are not like this. Once the window has passed the 1/2 way point, the window will operate in the one-touch functionality.

### ***Cruise Control on 2006 911 Carrera S Cabriolet***

**Question:** The cruise control on my 2006 911 Carrera Cabriolet with 23,000 miles won't turn on. The light lights up at start-up, but when you actually try to turn on it won't light up and you can't set any speed. Please assist me to determine what can be wrong?

**Answer:** Submitted by Dustin Aydt. The cruise control system is a very simple system. The control stalk on the steering column sends signals to the DME and the instrument cluster. The green cruise control light should turn off and on when cycling the switch at the end of the control stalk. This is the enabling switch for the system. If the light is not coming on you either have a faulty switch or there is a fault stored that is not allowing the cruise control system to become operational. Concerns with the cruise control system are not common. Have your local service center check the vehicle for stored fault codes with a diagnostic tool. Depending on the tool used, they may be able to read the input signals from the switch as well.

## Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano  
Zone 4 Representative

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Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

Before all of our regions' driving seasons began, it was time for us to hold our annual Zone 4 Presidents' and DE Meetings. This year we were joined by

National Secretary Cindy Jacisin as well as several other members of the National Staff. The meetings comprised a weekend full of activities, which began on Friday night with a Welcome Reception and Dinner at Zia's located at the Docks at International Park, where we were given the use of their private dining room. The next morning started bright and early with the Presidents' Meeting. Attendees had the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes generously donated by the organizers of the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, Griot's Garage, and the Olive Garden. I am pleased to announce that every region within Zone 4 was represented, with most regions sending a number of members, as we filled the meeting rooms at the Maumee Bay Resort. The afternoon session consisted of several presentations including the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, Parade, and the use of social media to increase both membership and attendance. After an informative and enlightening day of interactive discussions, many of us went out to enjoy an evening of dinner and entertainment in our own private VIP area at the Hollywood Casino for some social playtime. Sunday's meeting was

dedicated to addressing DE questions and concerns led by John Krecek, a member of the National DE Committee. In addition, Zone 4 Safety Chair Chip Henderson discussed the work he has done as part of the National Safety Committee. A great deal was accomplished during these meetings. Most importantly, I wanted this weekend to be a balance of productive discussion and education as well as a chance for us to socialize and bond through fun, light hearted activities thereby promoting my main theme for the weekend, which was to encourage all of us to join forces and come together in order to start working as 1 cohesive Zone thus providing even more opportunities for our members to enjoy the camaraderie that PCA offers.

As I mentioned last month, after a great deal of hard work and lobbying, I am pleased to announce that there will again be a Porscheplatz at the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix the weekend of June 3-5. The Porscheplatz includes an exclusive "Porsches Only" Car Corral, which allows Porsches to park on Belle Isle. You must have a PCA Car Corral ticket and be driving a Porsche vehicle to park on Belle Isle (club membership is not required). In addition, Your single or multi day ticket includes premium Car Corral parking on Belle Isle, a hospitality tent, video feed of the races, complimentary beverages, reserved seating in Grandstand 2 and easy access to the pits and concessions. Another highlight of our Porscheplatz is

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presentations by race teams, drivers, and sponsors such as Michelin and Mobil 1. We'll have some giveaways as well. Tickets are available at [www.detroitgp.com/corrals](http://www.detroitgp.com/corrals).

For those travelling from out of town, we have made arrangements with The Henry Autograph hotel and have set up a room block. For reservations call 888-709-8081 and mention the Porsche Club room block. In addition, I am currently in the process of organizing a Michigan State Police escorted motorcade on Saturday from The Henry Autograph Hotel on to Belle Isle concluding at the Porsche Car Corral. This is a very unique opportunity for us, but will only occur if there is enough interest and participation.

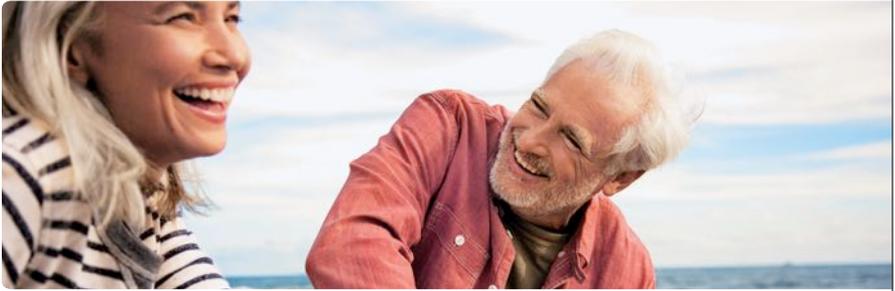
There are a number of wonderful events taking place this year throughout the zone. We are working hard to coordinate all of the region calendars into a master calendar which is posted on the events page of the Zone 4 Website, <http://zone4.pca.org>. Be sure to check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned. Also, consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- May 6 is **Ohio Valley Region's** Annual Charity Wine Tasting and Member Social
- Southeast Michigan Region's** Devil's in the Details event at Munk's Motors is May 7
- May 7 is **Central Indiana Region's** New Member Meet and Greet at Tom Wood Porsche

- Join **Maumee Valley Region** on May 7 for a Kentucky Derby Party at Porsche of Ann Arbor
- Motor-Stadt Region's** Board Meeting at Spagnoulo's in Okemos is May 10
- May 13-15 is **MORPCA's** Club Race and DE at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
- Western Michigan Region's** May Dinner Drive to the Dock at Bayview is May 14
- May 14 attend the Cleveland Indians Game at Progressive Field with the **Northern Ohio Region**
- Michiana Region's** Autocross at Tire Rack is May 15
- May 17 is **Rally Sport Region's** Waterford Hills Track Day
- ARPCA's** All Member Dinner and People's Choice Concours is May 21

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you at events throughout the upcoming year. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at [MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com](mailto:MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
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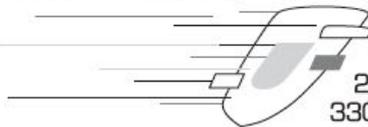
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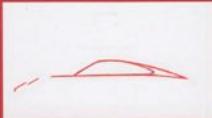
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