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EDITORS' NOTE

BY: GREG ARMSTRONG
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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

We were thrilled with the 50th Anniversary newsletter which was a success because of the efforts of Sebastian Gaeta, Kim Harris, and Jeanne Krauser. It was an unusual experience for us because we ended up with more pictures than we could use. This means that we have more pictures from the 50th Anniversary photo displays to share with you in this month's newsletter. Pete Macdonald was kind enough to share some photos and a report from a recent road trip he and his wife took in their Boxster. As you hopefully deduced from the cover photo, we also have images from the Fort Garage Ugly Sweater Party. What we don't have, because no one wants to admit the truth to us, is the name of the winner of ugliest sweater. We have a guess, but we want to know you who think won.

The amount of pictures we've received over the last two months has been staggering. We hope that the influx will continue throughout 2023. Unfortunately this issue is the final one with the full editorial team since one of us is relinquishing his post. We informed the Board of the voluntary reduction in staff at the last meeting and since no one objected to the personnel shuffle, this column will soon change to Editor's Note (for those of you who didn't catch it, we moved the apostrophe to indicate only one editor is involved) unless a more creative title pops up in the next few minutes.

If you are curious as to which one of us is departing, you'll have to tune in next month in order to find out who drew the short straw. The winner of the short straw is the one who will be continuing what is hopefully an ongoing award winning publication. It would be nice if we could model der Rückspiegel on the 911 and only make minor changes over the course of decades, but we're pretty certain that won't work as well on the newsletter as it has for Porsche.

When the new year starts with a revised editorial team of one, your input will be more important than ever. Please be advised though that the Complaint Department had to be permanently closed due to an inability to resolve complaints.

As always, thank you for reading,

Greg Armstrong & Joe Sheamer derruckspiegel@gmail.com

WILLKOMMEN

by Kyle Mahan



Season greetings: I wanted to extend warm wishes to everyone in the club this holiday season and hope everyone has a great holiday. We had some fantastic holiday club events this year, the Fort Garage Extravaganza, and our Annual Holiday party. I was able to attend the Fort Garage Extravaganza and hats off to Jeff and Kim for a terrific event!

Unfortunately, as part of downsizing and moving to Ohio, I found myself without an Ugly Sweater to attend the Fort Garage Extravaganza. Fortunately for me, I was able to locate a Porsche Ugly Sweater with a statement that I agree with "Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is car parts." That statement could not be truer, and Krista says I'm hard to buy for. With an Ugly Sweater secured I was ready to go.



We were having a holiday weekend at home that weekend; well Krista was having a holiday weekend anyway. My wife currently holds the mantle of chief Lefse maker for her family and hosts 3 generations of them each year for weekend Lefse making. They usually make 20-40 lbs. to ensure





every family has enough for holidays and family comes from Florida and Wisconsin for the event. So, with 3 generations of my wife's family (6 kids below 10), I was more than ready to leave the house to head-on down to the Fort Garage Extravaganza.

A short hour drive later I was there proudly wearing my ugly sweater with holiday beer to share for the event. I was completely blown away by the cars on display, the driving simulator, and the amazing food/company. Everyone generously brought a dish or beverage to share, and Miller Meats catered the event. It was a great holiday event filled with joy, Porsches, and great conversation, what more could you ask for?!

A special thank you to Chip Henderson who led our Zone last year, he also had already accepted the offer to join the PCA Club Racing Steward team and we appreciate him stepping up until a suitable person for the role was found. That person was found, and on January 1st, 2023, David Stetson, of the Mid-Ohio Region, will become the new Zone Four Representative.

I hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season and look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.



PCA Roundup

by Lisa Soriano



It's hard to believe that it is already December. Just a quick reminder, with every primary membership, you may add an associate member at no additional charge. Also, make sure that your contact information is up to date to ensure that you are receiving all of the communications from PCA. To add that additional member or update your contact information please call the PCA National Office at (410) 381-0911.

In order to help you stay connected to your car and the club during those winter months, PCA National continues to create an abundance of content to help educate, inform and entertain. Here is the list of Tech Tactics Live episodes, Tech Tips, and PCA Insider Podcasts, available since my last article.

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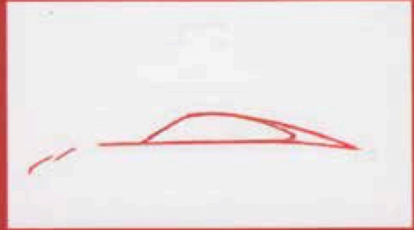
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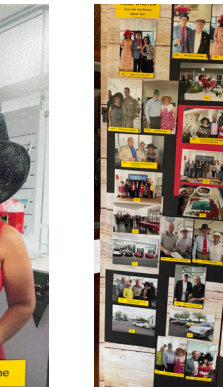
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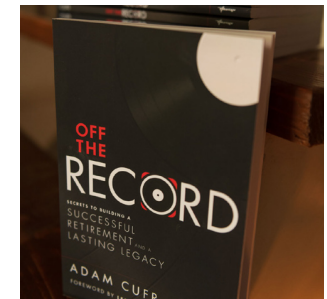
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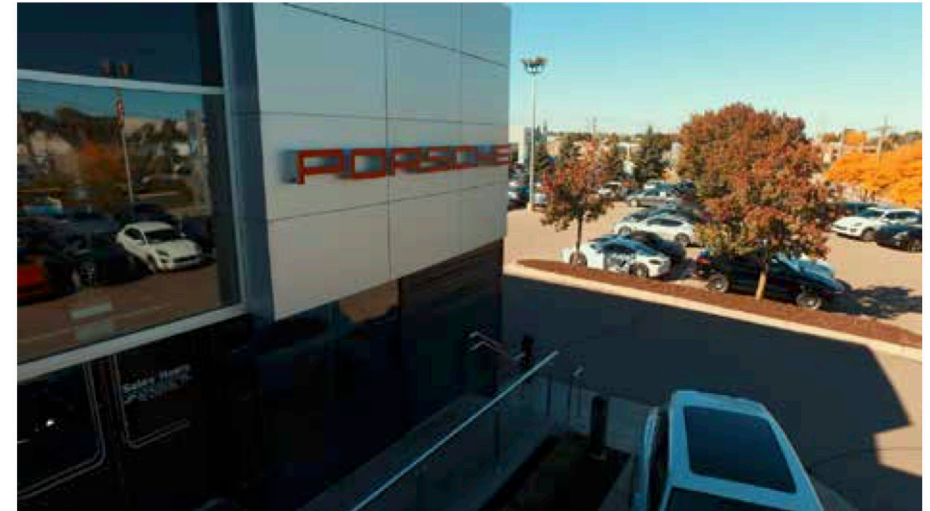
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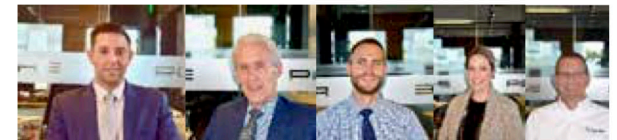
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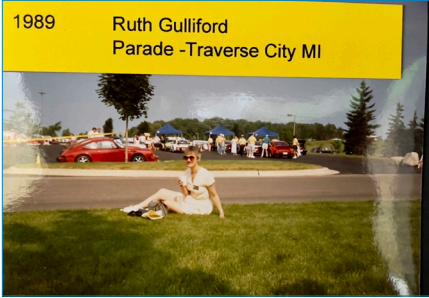


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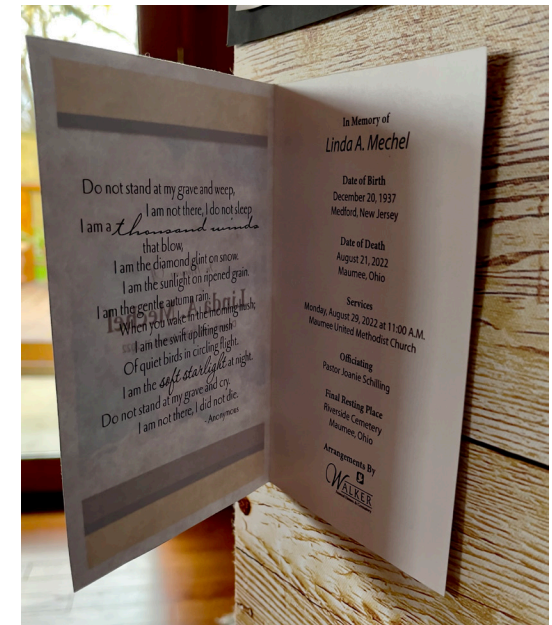
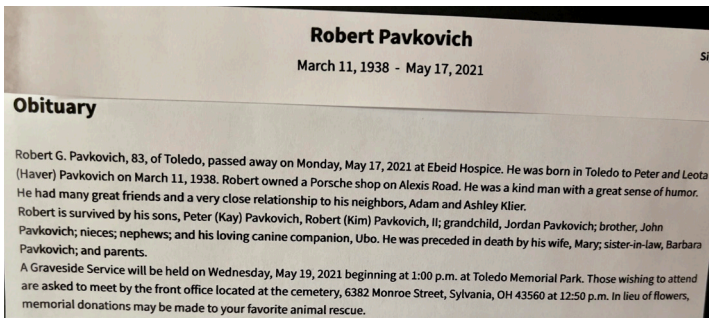
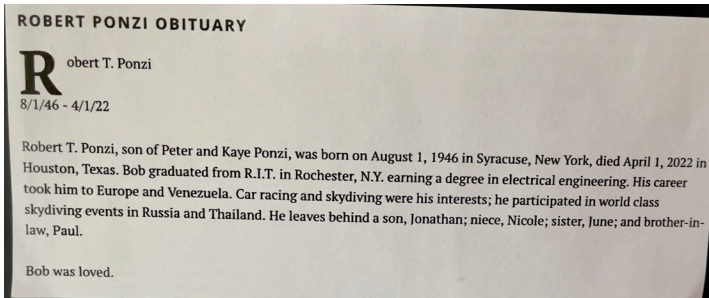
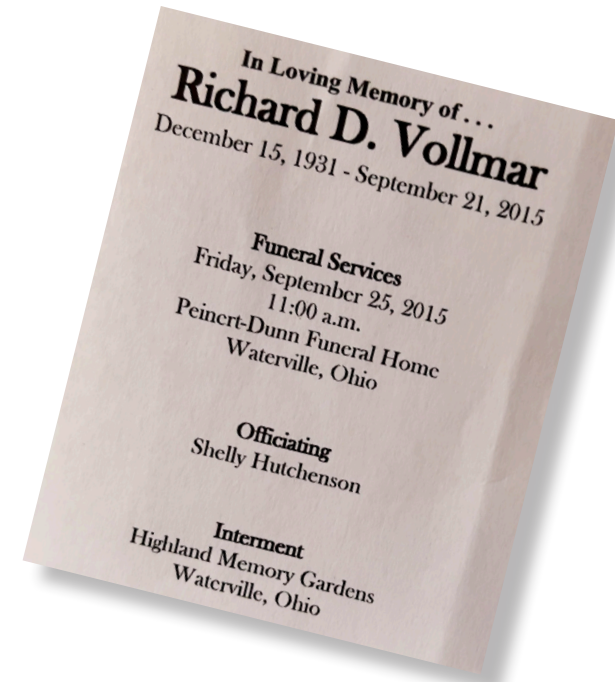
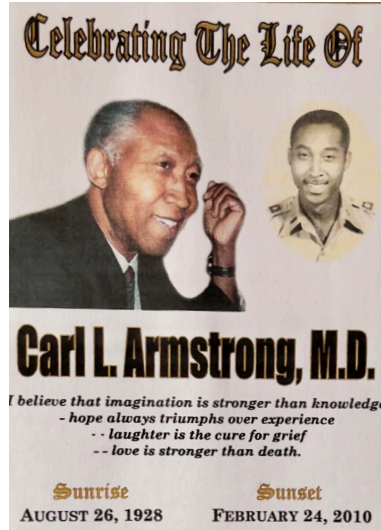
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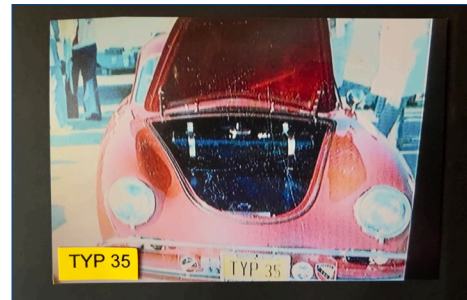
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Replacement Spark Plugs Using OEM Instead of Genuine Porsche Plugs – 2014 Boxster S

Question: I'm about to tackle replacement of the spark plugs on our 2014 base Boxster that we purchased from the original owner a couple of years ago. (Based on the maintenance records, it doesn't appear that they have been replaced yet.). I see that Pelican sells an OEM plug (Spark Plug - Bosch FGR-5-NQE-04, Brand: Bosch 999-170-151-90-M14) that is about \$20 per plug less.

As this is an OEM plug, is there a significant difference that would be noticed in the drivability, performance and/or fuel economy if these were used?

Has anyone else used these without issue in the past? And are there any drawbacks in using these as opposed to the genuine Porsche part?

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla

The difference between an authentic Porsche Part and an OEM part (that may have a Porsche Part Number) is that Porsche has tested and approved its part. When Porsche creates a Purchase Order to a manufacturer, the manufacturer delivers all the parts to Porsche which tests each one. Those that fail get returned back to the manufacturer and they can resell it on the aftermarket.

You may get lucky and get a part that has failed by the minimum, but may also get one that's way out there. For parts where my life could be at risk or my engine, I'd rather purchase the authentic part.

Peace of mind.

Happy Porsche'ing,

Transaxle Whine Went from Whine to Very Loud – 1984 944

Question: Transaxle went from whining like they all do too very loud when winding down until clutch is pushed in and it totally goes away, replaced transaxle fluid 20,000 miles ago with redline 90/140 Limited slip fluid. Should I attempt to change the fluid again or do I have much bigger problems? Such as a tranny

"I Have A 2016 Base Cayman That I Drive on The Street and I Track It Occasionally. Any Recommendations for Coil Overs That Would Improve Track Performance with Out Too Much Sacrifice for The Street Ride?"

rebuild or torque tube issues. Thank you

Answer: Submitted by George Beuselinck

First of all, you should try to better diagnose the problem by dividing the drive train into pieces. To do that, remove the two grey bolts tightening the coupler between the torque tube driveshaft and the input shaft to the transaxle. Then, slide the coupler into the bell housing of the transaxle. With that done, and the clutch pedal depressed, the driveshaft should spin freely. If you do this in a quiet area at a quiet time, you should be able to tell if one or more of the torque tube bearings is noisy.

If that is not the problem, it is likely that you have a worn bearing (most likely the pinion bearing). No amount of oil changing will solve your problem. Time for a rebuild (do it before the transaxle grenades) or a replacement transaxle.

Suspension Upgrade – 2016 Cayman

Question: I Have A 2016 Base Cayman That I Drive on The Street and I Track It Occasionally. Any Recommendations for Coil Overs That Would Improve Track Performance with Out Too Much Sacrifice for The Street Ride?

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla

I've always liked using the OEM manufacturer's upgrades.

The OEM manufacturer is Bilstein, so you can go with a B16 PSS10 setup.

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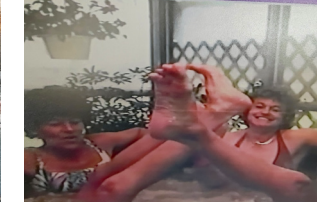
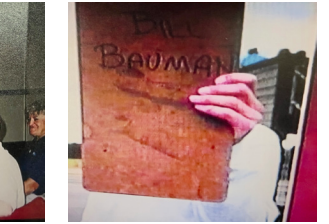
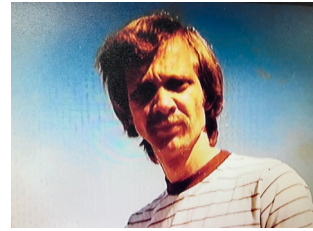
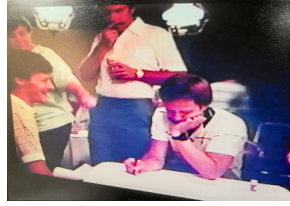
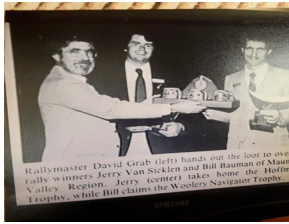
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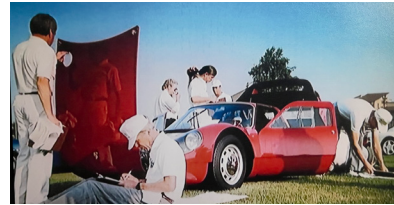
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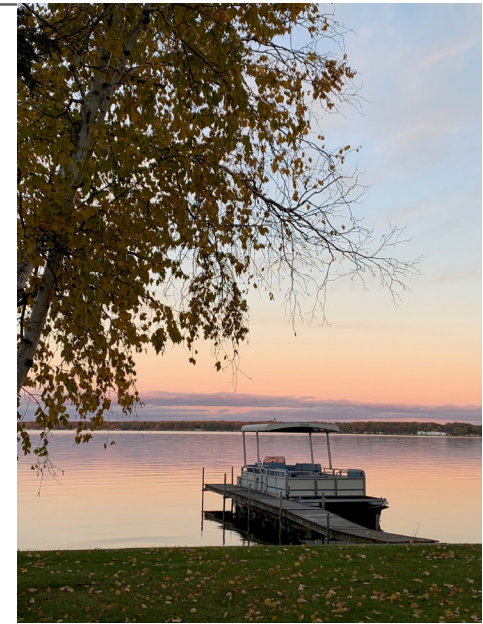
Random thoughts after a Fantastic Weather Weekend:

This past weekend Deb and I took off for Houghton Lake Michigan (about 230 miles north) in the Boxster. The temperature was about 65 heading to the 70's sun shining and clear. So naturally, the top was down and smiles on our faces.

The only trouble with expressway driving with the top down is the noise. It's amazing how loud other cars and trucks seem to be. However, we cranked up the radio, rolled up the windows and cruised down the road. At 75 mph I was the slowest car, and every time I started to move with the traffic, which there was plenty of, Deb would say to me: "You know... if three cars are speeding past a policeman, he's going to ticket the sports car." Knowing that she's right, I would reluctantly slow down.

Traffic in Michigan always amazes me. Everyone and I mean everyone, drives in the left lane! It doesn't matter if there's no other car in the right lane for a mile; they stay in the left lane! What happened to the "olden days" of passing on the left? Sorry, I digress...

About 2 hours north is the Birch Run exit that has "Tony's". If you've never



stopped there, you must try it the next time you head north. Tony's is famous for the amount of food you get. Have you ever had a BLT on homemade thick bread with a pound of bacon on it??? I have. Hunters stop there on the way north to provision up.

Once you get past Bay City and over the Zilwaulkee Bridge, there's less traffic and clean air. The speed limit changes from 70 to 75. As I get closer to 80 mph I hear "remember what I said earlier?" Yes Dear, however...! The Boxster is at the top of her game around 80. Smooth and making just the right exhaust sound. Note: up to this point, no other Porsches have been seen on the road??? Around Westbranch you are now in rolling hills and hardwood trees as far as you can see. Westbranch also has "The Dream" one of my favorite golf courses, but alas, we cruise by.

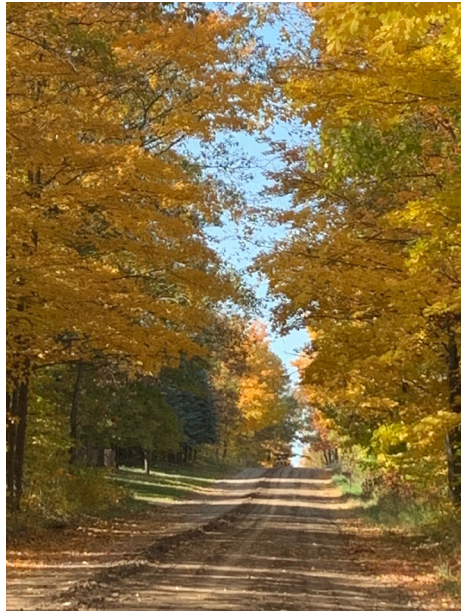
Houghton Lake is the largest lake in Michigan. It's a natural spring fed clear water lake that is a favorite of boaters and people who love to Ice Fish. They have one of the most celebrated Tip-Up-Town's in the USA. However, we're there and it's a perfect 75 degrees and not a cloud in the sky. That evening was spectacular! The sun was setting behind us and the moon was coming up over the trees in front. As the full moon rose over the lake, it created a white sidewalk like reflection all the way across the lake. Fantastic! We sat there mesmerized.

The next morning was cool and clear, about 48 degrees but warming fast. We decide to head down Rt 55 west and stopped at Maple Leaf farm and Creamery mimapleleafaffarm.com Jeanie and her husband are the owners. Very nice people, Jeanie gave us a tour of their farm. Where they raise goats and make cheese, ice cream and many other delicious items. After 2 hours and \$150 worth of purchases, we got back on the road.

The weather by then was fantastic! We spent that day driving around and seeing the sights. About 100 miles north is Petoskey Michigan, gateway to the Boynes, 50 miles west is Traverse City, another great vacation area. This is the best time of the year to drive up north. The end of October the colors are fantastic! We're almost too late but there are hints... Again, no Porsches. The next morning, we get up, clean the cottage and hit the road. We try to be on I-75 before 10am because later, the traffic is awful. Around 11 am Iva's opens in Sterling. Iva's is an Old House restaurant that's been selling chicken dinners since the 50's, and they've got it down! Of course we stop there for an early lunch. Back on the road the traffic picks up, but the weather is still fantastic!

The top goes down, the music goes up. After about an hour or so, traffic is locked into the passing lane again!


As we cruise back to Toledo, we can smell the flowers, grass and morning dew. Soon, clouds, snow and cold air will replace these wonderful scents and the Boxster will be covered up for a long winter nap. However, right now, all is well. We

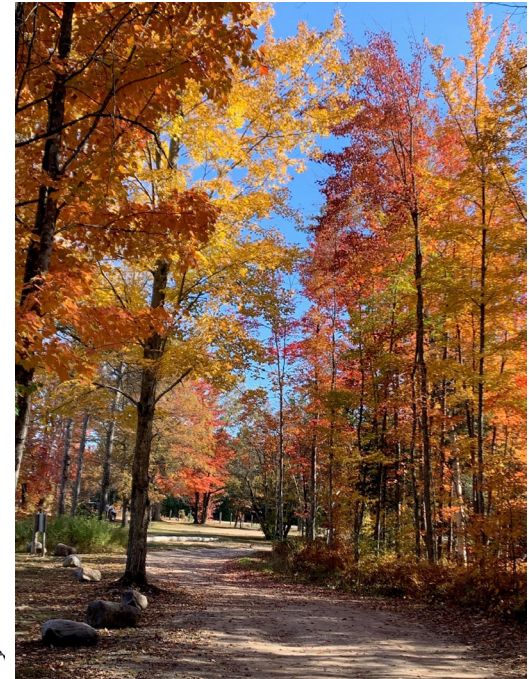


blow past Ann Arbor and roll into the Toledo area. The Boxster did her job well. We averaged 28 miles per gallon at 75-80 miles/hour and it was a pleasure driving or actually being part of the Boxster's trip up North and back.

We finally did see another Porsche around Sylvania. Funny, we traveled about 500 + miles and saw only one other.

We wish for all of you many more pleasurable miles such as ours, in your Porsche. If you can, get it on the road, open it up and enjoy the music it makes.

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