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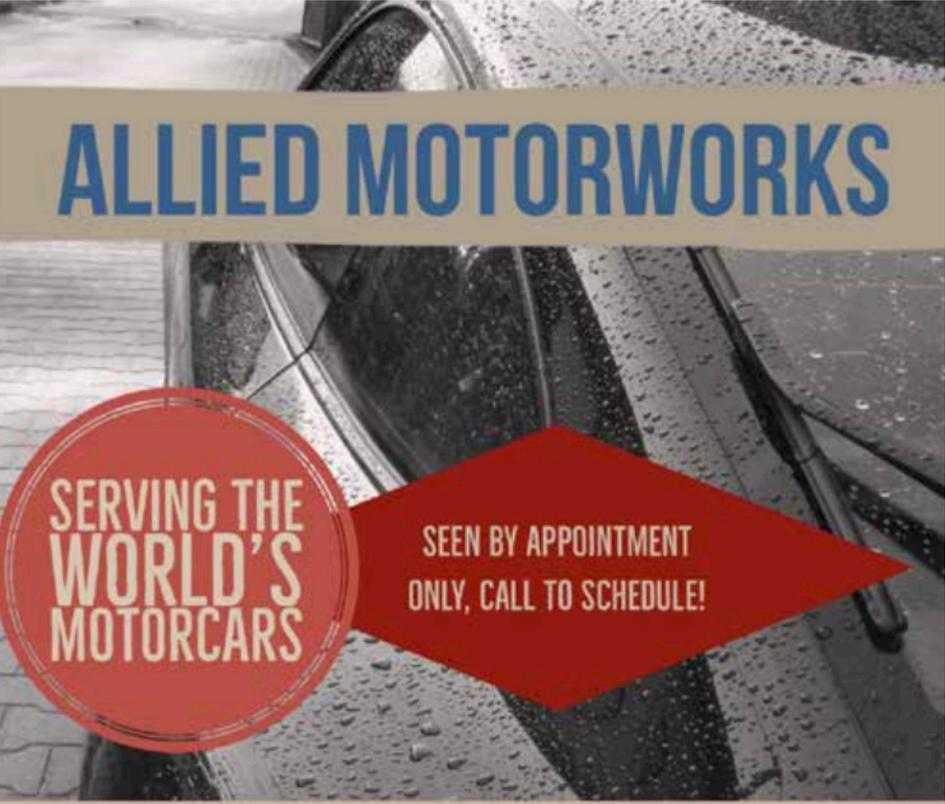



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## EDITORS' NOTE

BY: GREG ARMSTRONG & JOE SHEAMER

Dear der RÜCKSPIEGEL Readers,

Greetings Fellow Members,

Thank you to everyone who has helped us this past year to keep the newsletter going. We are also grateful for Sebastian Gaeta's assistance with the production of the newsletter and for providing us with an excellent article. We hope to get more articles from our regular contributors, Sebastian, and any other non-regularly contributing member as we move into 2021.

We are also hopeful that this year will prove to be a more normal year for most of us and that the resumption of Club activities can occur on a consistent basis without the threat of death by virus looming over our heads. By the time this reaches your inboxes, a statistically significant amount of us who made New Years' resolutions will have either already broken them or have put them into the darkest recesses of their minds to allow them to slowly dissolve into oblivion. We don't make New Year's resolutions, so we never have to think about breaking them or starting the year off by immediately failing. The failing usually comes later.

Instead of waiting for 2022 to resurrect any discarded 2021 resolutions, we can start one right now in which every interested member can participate. If the question of the most popular resolutions came up while we were on Family Feud, we would choose "weight loss" as one of our answers. While we know this is a popular New Year's promise to oneself, we are not talking about human body weight reduction. We have an entirely different type of project in mind.

The cars built today are more powerful and fuel efficient (at least in some cases) than cars from ten years ago. The 991 GT2 RS has the distinction of being the most powerful 911 ever sold. One thing that superb vehicle isn't thought is particularly lightweight. If the car had 500 less pounds to carry, it would be the fastest 911 ever sold without also needing to be the most powerful. Weight reduction helps in every aspect of a car's performance because it is always there. Manufacturers keep making cars heavier with the claim that customers are demanding more and more equipment and features and that is what drives up the weight. This may be true, but it is also cheaper to make power than it is to lose vehicle weight. This is a dilemma we are keen to solve. Maybe not by the end of this Editors' Note, but surely in time to have a different sustainable resolution for 2022.

***"If you think you can handle a real weight loss challenge this year, sign up for this and let's see how much lighter your Porsches can get... and still drive! "***

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This desire has motivated us to come up with something that just might achieve Board approval and not get us into any trouble with the authorities. This is an extreme weight loss challenge that will seek to find out what lies beyond the ordinary. The idea is to reduce the weight of your vehicle to obtain the largest percentage gain in its weight/power ratio. The winner will be the member(s) who achieves that in addition to keeping the vehicle drivable AND holding the desire to drive it. It must also maintain whatever level of compliance it had with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards before the challenge began. It is OK if your Porsche is for off-road use only, but this must be stated on your competition form before the challenge begins.



If you think you can handle a real weight loss challenge this year, sign up for this and let's see how much lighter your Porsches can get...and still drive! We suppose we will allow other marques to be used for the challenge, but the final scores will be worth more for those who went to work on their Porsches. The winner will receive a hearty virtual pat on the back from the editorial team, and our eternal gratitude for also agreeing to contribute a six-part article chronicling the weight loss journey.

Alternatively, it might be easier to just stick with whatever resolutions you made about a week or so ago.

Thank you for reading,

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BY LISA SORIANO

Happy New Year! It is a time full of hope, excitement, and new beginnings.

In November, the Board met via zoom to discuss our plans for the upcoming year, and I am pleased to inform you that our newsletter is once again being upgraded. This new digital version will be more interactive with embedded links to connect you with even more information on advertisers, venues, or referenced items in an article. If your co-member is not currently receiving der RÜCKSPIEGEL or Kim's Social Event notifications, please send their email addresses to [derruckspiegel@gmail.com](mailto:derruckspiegel@gmail.com) and [2kimberlydharris@gmail.com](mailto:2kimberlydharris@gmail.com).

Beginning in spring, we are looking forward to returning to activities with many of the previously postponed events back on the calendar: the tour to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, our charity Kentucky Derby Party at Porsche of Ann Arbor, and the tour to the Gilmore Car Museum, just to name a few. In addition, there will also be 2 High Performance Driver's Education opportunities. And, don't forget, Porsche Parade, which is PCA's weeklong celebration, is very nearby in French Lick, IN, July 11-17, 2021. There is also Porsches to the Mac II, the first weekend in August, and the Fall Treffen is not too far away in Kohler, WI in October.



If you have not yet visited PCA's YouTube Channel, (<https://www.youtube.com/PorscheClubofAmerica>), here is a great opportunity over the next few months. There you will find past TechTactics LIVE episodes, sim racing events, as well as other informative videos.

A few years ago, PCA adopted a new



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motto, "Fueled by Volunteers!" It is time for us to begin looking for the next group of talented individuals to run this organization as our next President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Please consider utilizing your immense talent to help continue building this wonderful organization. Feel free to contact me, an officer, or any of the Board Members to volunteer or nominate an individual to any position.

Let's make 2021 an outstanding year!

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year!

Thanks,

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## TECHNICAL Q&A

BY: PCA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
 TAKEN FROM PCA TECH Q&A  
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### Boxster 987 Engine Longevity – 2005 Boxster

**Question:** I have a 2005 Boxster Base with 149,000 miles. I maintain all our cars meticulously, the Boxster oil/filter has been changed twice a year regardless of miles, brake fluid every two years, spark plugs every 50K miles, tire pressure checked weekly, use best gasoline, fuel system cleaner every 3 months, all fluids checked at every fill up, etc. The Boxster engine and gear box run strong and the car is a joy to drive. I use the car as Porsche intended but never abuse it. On a cold start I let it idle for a minute and shift at 2,500 to 3,000 RPM till everything is up to temperature then gradually push to higher RPMs. There are no leaks, no smoke, no rust, never overheats at near 150K miles.

For how long can I expect the engine to perform flawlessly given the relative high miles? What other preventative maintenance items do you recommend to keep it going for as long as possible? Any other advice to help with longevity is much appreciated.

**Answer:** Submitted by Pedro Bonilla  
 I keep the same type of maintenance on my car as well. I can't tell you how long your engine will last but I can tell you that mine is now at 299,000 miles and feels as smooth and strong as ever.

Happy Porsche'ing,

### Is There A Turbo Package And/Or Exhaust Upgrade Available? – 2008 Cayman

**Question:** Is there an aftermarket turbo kit available for a 2008 Cayman? Is there an aftermarket exhaust upgrade for the same car?

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**Answer:** Submitted by Pedro Bonilla

987 Caymans have a high compression ratio (11.1:1). High compression ratio engines are not conducive to turbocharging. There are several aftermarket kits available, but Porsche recommends against it.

There are multiple aftermarket exhaust systems available for the car but keep in mind that if you are looking for more power, the only way to make more HP with an internal combustion engine is to pass more air through it. An exhaust system won't do that on its own. You'd need to modify the intake (throttle body) accordingly.

Happy Porsche'ing,

### Why Is It Important To Change Oil Every Year Despite The Mileage – 2013 Boxster S

**Question:** My car has low miles with only about 2K miles per year and both the owner's manual and dealer recommend annual oil change yearly but not sure why?

**Answer:** Submitted by Pedro Bonilla  
 Oil is the life-preserver of the engine. It has multiple functions, such as lubrication, cooling and cleaning. When we warm up the oil by running the engine and then let it cool down, some water condenses from the atmosphere and gets mixed in with the oil. As the moisture builds up, two things happen: it leaves sludge throughout the engine which prevents proper lubrication and it promotes corrosion by not allowing the oil to coat some surfaces and exposing them to oxygen (O2).

Changing the oil once per year at the minimum makes sure that all the water content is gone and new, clean oil can do its job again.

Driving short stints of less than 30 minutes doesn't allow the oil to get hot enough to boil water out of it. That's why we recommend that cars that don't get driven much, when they are driven, it should be for 30 minutes or longer when the oil will rise above 212F and water can be eliminated.

Happy Porsche'ing,

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**How Often Do You Recommend To Check The Oil Level? I Have Never Owned An Air Cooled Before – 1995 911 Carrera 4**

**Question:** I recently purchased my first air cooled. A 95 C4. Did a PPI and an oil change. I have driven about 1k miles. How do I know if the oil level is ok? How often should I worry about the oil? Thank you so very much,

**Answer:** Submitted by Anthony Callas  
Thank you for your tech question to the PCA. First off, GREAT Porsche to own, very iconic, congratulations! This is a very good question for the club to hear. For years, we all were told that the early 911 engine oil level gauges were not trustworthy. I for one love the engine oil level gauge in all my 911s because they truly give me an idea of where the engine oil level is in my 911 engine. The oil level gauge is located on the far left side inside the Kombi-gauge with the fuel gauge.

As Porsche says, check your engine oil level when:

- 1) ON flat level ground
- 2) WHILE the engine is at operating temperature (at the 8-10 o'clock mark on the gauge)
- 3) AT IDLE (meaning running)

This is when you should be checking the engine oil level in your air cooled 911, YES, with the engine running. Since it can be pretty dangerous to put your hands inside a running engine compartment, I prefer that clients utilize their engine oil level gauge.

The ONLY time you should be paying attention to the engine oil level gauge is under these same conditions also:

- 1) ON flat level ground
- 2) WHILE the engine is at operating temperature (at the 8-10 o'clock mark on the gauge)
- 3) AT IDLE (meaning running)

I would check your engine oil at least every 300 miles or every time you refill the fuel tank.

I hope this helps!



**What is your Favorite Picture of your Porsche?**

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## HELP WANTED!

Spontaneous disassembly is a classified phenomenon that effects every manufacturer usually on the debut of a new model with an upgraded engine. We think this is a form of technical wizardry from the marketing department to justify existing and to dazzle potential customers. The detail oriented among you may have noticed that this particular engine is missing a turbocharger. We honestly don't know how that turbo ended up in our editorial headquarters, but if you did notice it was missing before you read this then you are just the type of person we're interested in drafting into service.

You can put down your work gloves and tools because the job isn't to put the spontaneously disassembling engine back together. We think it is far too late for that to happen. You wouldn't be able to complete it anyway because we'll NEVER relinquish the other turbo we "found".

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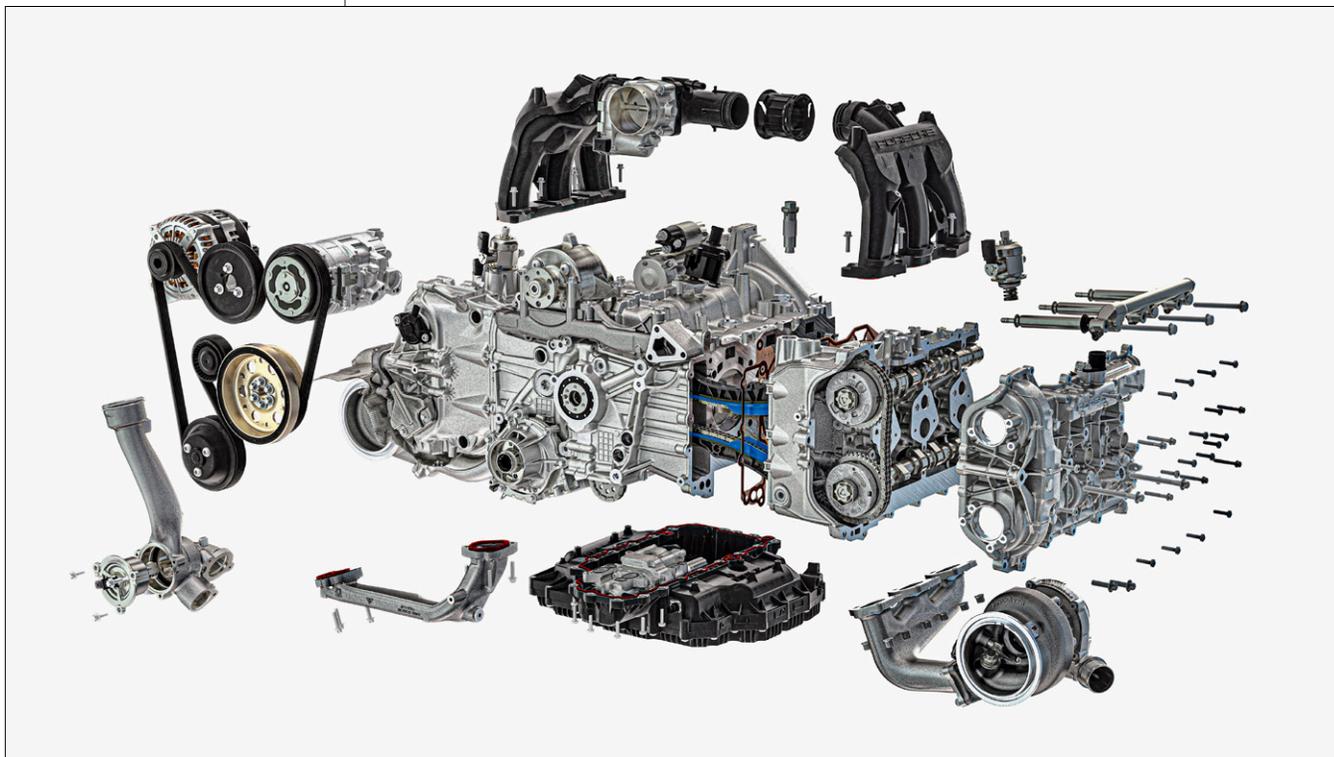
be thinking, how can I, just one person, possibly make a difference? It's easy! Contribute one article, or 11 easy installments and you will have done your part to provide more than a year's worth of enjoyment for der Rückspiegel readers.

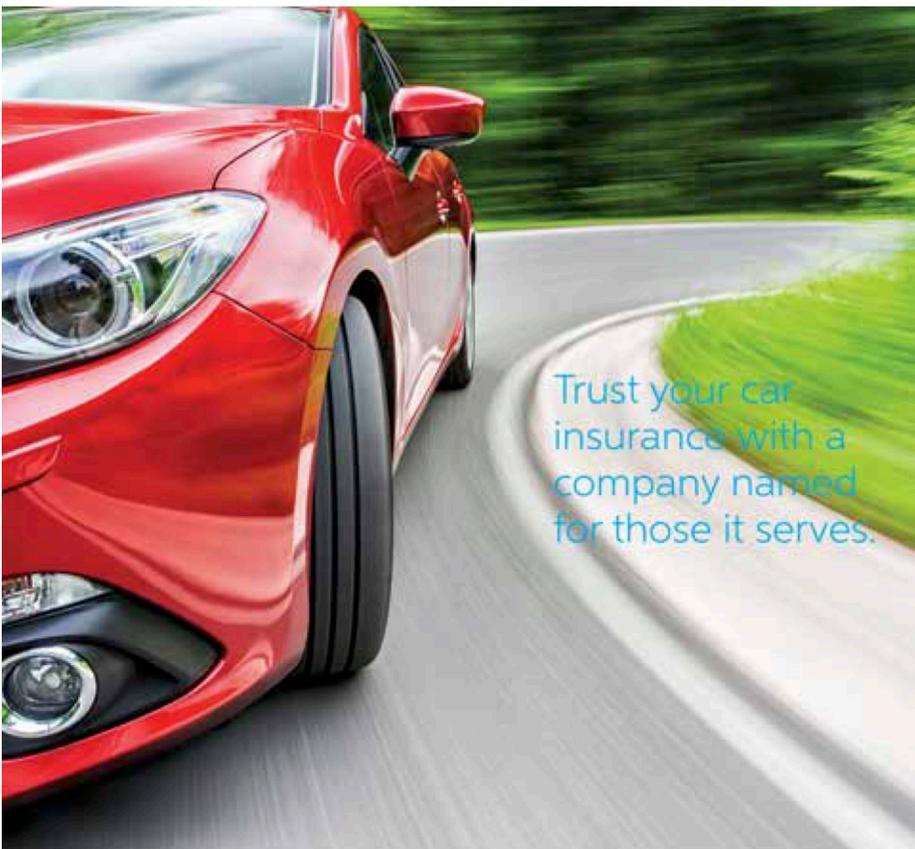
Hurry because time continues to pass and there are only eleven more opportunities for you to contribute for 2021. Available slots are filling fast!

Thank you in advance for considering our request for assistance,

The Editors

EDIT: Upon closer examination we determined that the engine pictured above is not missing its turbo. We regret possibly causing any readers to pull out hair while trying to locate the turbo that wasn't actually missing. Our office turbo is of unknown origin. Thank you for reading this far, that means you made it to the end.





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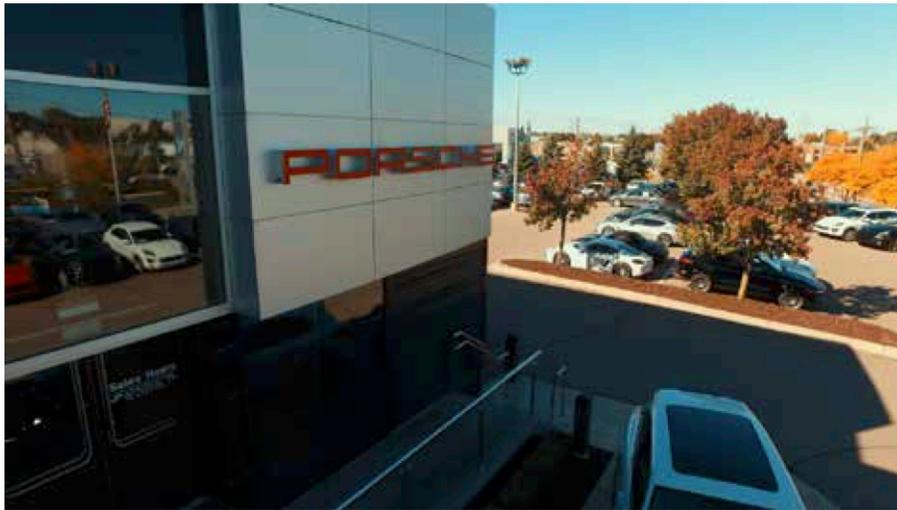
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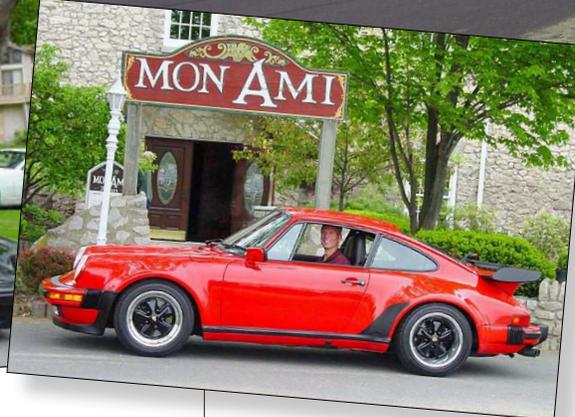
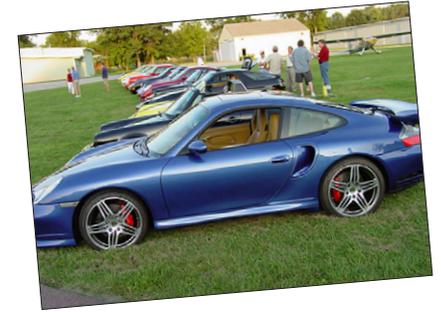
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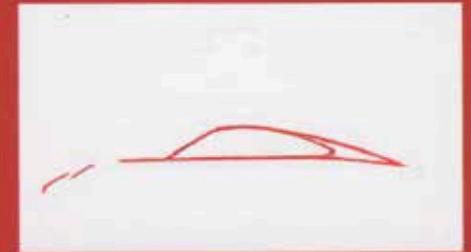
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**Around the Zone**  
by Lori Schutz



Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year everyone. This is a special time of year when we normally would look forward to getting together to spread goodwill and cheer. This year, we are all feeling a bit sad in that we aren't able to gather in our traditional ways. The COVID virus seems to enjoy our getting together as much as we do, and yet that is exactly what keeps us apart. So, I certainly respect and agree with postponing events until we can be safe again.

Our regional Social Media sites such as the region Facebook pages are extremely active with postings of tours and other activities that we can do individually, and then share. How about your favorite Porsche holiday decoration or culinary specialty? Join in!

Have you checked out the Sim Racing online? The zone challenge is underway! <https://pcasimracing.com/zones-group-2-4/> Still many races before the end of the year.

The Region presidents, president elects and vice presidents will be having a conference call to discuss next year. If you have any ideas, please let them know—we are always looking for new event chairs and ideas.

I wish everyone a happy winter holiday season and best wishes for a great start to 2021. Thank you to all of our members who are the heroes among us in the medical profession, and of course our military veterans and those currently serving our great country.

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