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EDITOR'S NOTE

BY: MICHAEL SORIANO

Dear der RÜCKSPIEGEL Readers,

I would like to thank all of you for the compliments and positive feedback that we have received regarding **der RÜCKSPIEGEL**.



This is certainly positive affirmation that the newsletter is headed in the right direction. A lot of hard work and effort went on behind the scenes to make this project happen. We even made changes to the timeline and production schedule.

I would personally like to thank Ian and Carrie from Printingraphics for their assistance and patience during this transition period.

All of our full page advertisers are invited to submit an article about their business. This month, please check out the feature article on Rennstatt/ArborMotion.

We've had the opportunity to meet with the new editors and are excited to have them on board. We had a comprehensive meeting, and I'm very pleased that they both share our vision for **der RÜCKSPIEGEL**.

We have done our best to provide them with a fresh and updated new foundation that they can use as a template for the future. After they have achieved a level of comfort, they will have the freedom and flexibility to implement their own ideas. So, once again, I am pleased to announce that the new editors of **der RÜCKSPIEGEL** are Greg Armstrong and Joe Sheamer. I am confident in their abilities, and I look forward to the new perspective they will bring.

Thank you and Happy Reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael".

Michael

Upcoming der RÜCKSPIEGEL Newsletters



WILLKOMMEN

BY: LISA SORIANO



Porsche Club of America's motto is, "It's not just the cars, It's the people!" Having spent time on the Regional, Zone, and National level since joining the club in 2008, I have found that to be unequivocally true. Every primary member is entitled to add a family or associate member 18 years or older at no additional charge. This can be done either during your renewal or anytime by contacting the national office at (419) 381-0911. You will be asked to provide the name, your relationship such as spouse, friend, child, etc., and a valid email address. It is very easy, and wouldn't it be great to share all of the fun that PCA has to offer with a friend or a family member?

I would also like to mention the PCA Juniors program that was launched in the summer of 2017. As an active PCA member, you can register any child under the age of 18 for free. Once registered, the PCA Junior will receive a welcome package that includes an age-appropriate gift and PCA Juniors ID badge. To register your PCA Junior, visit www.pca.org and click on the PCA Juniors icon.

PCA National Membership Marketing Director Jim Hemig has spent the last several months working with Porsche Cars North America to collect some very important data. The data includes the total number of Porsche vehicles per PCA region as well as the PCA market share per PCA region. I am so proud to report that Maumee Valley Region holds a 29% PCA Primary Membership Marketshare and a 39% PCA Factored Vehicle Marketshare, both the highest in Zone 4!

In 2018, our region membership increased by 10%, which was the 2nd highest in the Zone. Let's keep up the good work and continue to make our new members feel welcome. On that note, I would like to personally welcome our newest member William Winegar.

I recently met with Sebastian Gaeta, owner of Rennstatt Racing and ArborMotion in Ann Arbor. He has graciously offered to provide all of our new members with region name tags. The name tags will be handed out at the New Member Family Picnic at Secor Metropark on Sunday, July 14.

We had a good turnout for the dinner in March at the Black Pearl Restaurant, and we have some wonderful events coming up. On Saturday, May 4, is our annual Run for the Roses Charity Party at Porsche of Ann Arbor. It is a truly unique event,

and everyone always has a great time. There are two new events scheduled the first is on Thursday, May 23, Dinner at SamB's Restaurant in Bowling Green, and then on Wednesday, June 12, Dinner at La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant in Maumee. If you haven't been to an event recently, please consider joining us at one soon.

I look forward to meeting you!

Thanks,

Lisa

Lisa

Michael and Lisa in front of the Le Mans winning Pink Pig Race Car



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BY: SARAH MIERZWIAK

March 30, 2019

While we here in Northwest Ohio are courageously bearing the cold spring rains, in hopes of a bloom-filled early summer, it is only dark, heavy tears that are falling in Brazil and Germany these past few weeks.

In mid March, the Grande America – a cargo ship owned and operated by the Italian firm, The Grimaldi Group, was transporting cargo from Hamburg, Germany to Santos, Brazil. Tragedy struck early in its voyage when a fire – a transformative fire—erupted in one of its shipping containers. With valiant, though unrewarded effort the crew could not contain the flames. The ship began to list, ultimately capsizing and sinking just one day later in nearly 15,000 feet of water, 200 miles off the coast of Brest, France.



Why, you ask, would this seemingly small disaster cause heavy tears in two separate countries? The treasure this ship was carrying: 2,000 new Audis, 33 new Porsches, and (sigh!) four new Porsche 911 GT2 RSs. You may

remember, a modified version of this fantastic car set a lap record of 6:40.3 at the Nurburgring last October. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ror87RYTqE>.



Thankfully, the 27 crew were rescued without injury. However, these magnificent cars met a much more diabolical fate, that of one of Shakespeare's most notorious tragedies. The destiny of these four 700-horsepower, turbo charged flat-six engines - indeed masterpieces of engineering and driving devotion - is now to forever inhabit the depths of the unforgiving Atlantic. And like the great Shakespeare, who is a master at adding further insult to already mortal injury, Porsche had formally concluded its GT2 RS production line in February, 2019. After closing the line, there seemed no possibility of opening it back up...

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But, a plot twist is always necessary. Porsche AG, being pre-eminently Porsche, recently issued this statement to The Drive:

“Porsche Brasil confirms that 37 of its new cars, in route from Hamburg, Germany, to Santos, Brazil, were aboard the vessel Grande America that suffered a maritime incident near the coast of Brest, France, on March 12, 2019. Among the fleet were four 911 GT2 RS units. In a special decision and to uphold its commitment to its valued Brazilian customers, Porsche has ensured that those units will be reproduced in the order in which they were originally confirmed.”

Porsche is planning to re-open the GT2 RS line some time in April, with an early summer delivery scheduled. The four Brazilian customers who paid at least \$292,200 each, will not see their beloved cars only at the bottom of a very deep, watery grave. So, we breathe a bit easier and wipe away heavy tears, as this tragic play winds toward a most fortunate conclusion. Shakespeare be damned!

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AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ



Hi Zone 4,

The month of March kicked off with our very successful Driver Instructor Refresher Training sponsored by Northern Ohio Region, run by Lori and Bob Bryant. We had over 65 in the room, and 20 via webcast for the morning of education and fun. The rest of the month I was actually mostly out of Zone 4 for PCA activities.

On March 12th, I drove up to Toronto to present my father's story to the team at Porsche Cars Canada. In the evening I joined the Upper Canada Region for the monthly social at the Porsche Centre North Toronto Dealership.

Then off to Austin, Texas to visit with good friends Ed and Tracey Gross from Hill Country Region PCA, to attend the inaugural IndyCar Classic at Circuit of the Americas. We are in for a fantastic Indycar season, setting records such as the youngest ever winner – congrats to Colton Herta.

I put my National Scrutineering gear on the final weekend in March, and joined good friends for the Zone 8 California Festival of Speed. This is a full weekend of a show featuring the 356 and 914 models, a taste of autocross, swap meeting, vendor fair, time trials and of course my favorite, the PCA Club Race on the Autoclub Speedway Roval in Fontana, CA. One of our Provisional club race endurance co-drivers was Memo Gidley, who drives Prototypes in the IMSA series.

Looking forward to getting set for lots of great spring Zone 4 events including the Mid Ohio Club race May 17-19th, and the Detroit Grand Prix on Belle Isle Porsche Car Corral. Please contact me for more information or region websites. And most of all, getting our Porsches back on the roads and tracks.

See you soon - - - Lori



*DE Instructor Training Refresh led by Lori and Bob Bryant.
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MAUMEE VALLEY REGION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 4 Kentucky Derby Party at
Germain Motors with RSR
- 23 Dinner in Bowling Green**

JUNE

- 12 Dinner at La Fiesta
in Maumee**

JULY

- 14 Family Picnic at Secor Park
- 21-28 PCA Parade
- 26-28 MVR DE at Grattan

AUGUST

- 11 Party at Zimmerman's

SEPTEMBER

- 7 or 8 Golf Tournament at
Bowling Green CC
- 29 Tour to Findlay and Dinner

OCTOBER

- 26 Party at Schoen's
(and Planning Meeting)

NOVEMBER

- 9 Dinner TBD

DECEMBER

- 14 Holiday Party at
Stone Oak Country Club
- TBD M1 Concourse (Pontiac, MI)

NOTE

All business meetings are held at Vin Devers
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New or revised events in **BOLD**

Non-PCA events.

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BY: PCA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

TAKEN FROM PCA TECH Q&A

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Weber Carburetor – 1967 911S

Question: Does turning in (clockwise) the ideal mixture screw make the car run richer or leaner. Cylinder number 3 is running too lean as the spark plug is a light orange color almost light rust color while all the others are a light gray with very little dry soot.

Answer: *Submitted by Edward Mayo.* Turning the mixture screw clockwise threads it further into the passage, thus closing it off and decreasing the fuel air mixture to that cylinder. With the engine running and warmed up you should be able to back out the screw (ccw) and hear the engine speed pick up if indeed that mixture screw was turned in too far. More than likely, if that doesn't work, you have a partial clogged idle jet. Remove the idle jet carrier and remove the jet insert and blow thru it to make sure it is clear. Now with the engine running you should be able to turn the mixture screw slowly cw. shutting off the fuel/air supply, then slowly back out the mixture screw until you hear the engine pick up speed as that cylinder gets the proper fuel/air mixture again.

Rough Idle – 1989 944 S2

Question: Heavily serviced all original 944 S2. I would like to see if there is a way to make the engine run smoother. The car has new timing belts, plugs, rebuilt CPU, O2 sensor, no vacuum leaks, fuel injectors cleaned and checked for flow, fuel pump is strong, etc. I am hearing that this is a native issue to the 3.0 motor configuration and CPU but must believe there is a way to make the car behave a little more modern from an idle perspective.

Answer: *Submitted by George Beuselin.* The 3.0-liter engine in your car is the largest 4 cylinder I am aware of. There are inherent imbalances in the engine which have been mitigated by the balance shafts and the rubber center harmonic balancer as well as the motor mounts. If all the above are in perfect condition (you should check them), the other factor which keeps this engine from being as smooth as a modern 2019 engine is that it was designed over 30 years ago. Nothing you do will make this a 2019 engine.

Enjoy the vagaries of owning a car that is older than most of the drivers around you. It's part of the charm, not a problem.

Tires – 2014 Cayman

Question: I've spent a fair amount of time surfing the web researching tires for my 2014 Cayman, and I haven't yet settled on a tire strategy to keep it drivable year-round. My first thought was a dedicated set of cold weather wheels with different tires (running the summer only Pirellis on S 19in wheels currently), but then figured it'd be simpler to just swap winter rubber onto the wheels I have. That would require Porsche approved tires as I bought 5 years of wheel coverage with the car, which narrows the options considerably. Also, I've yet to find any such tires of the all-season variety even though many current all-season tires have enough traction for all but the most spirited street driving. So, my question is this- what is the ideal tire solution for year-round driving for this car? Thanks in advance for your time- it is much appreciated.

Answer: *Submitted by Pedro Bonilla.* I think your first idea is the one I'd use. It's not practical to mount and unmount tires twice per year on your wheels. Every time you mount, you'll also have to balance as well. I'd purchase an inexpensive set of 17" wheels and install winter tires on them. 17s will also be cheaper than 19s.

Happy Porsche'ing,

Installation of Porsche Replacement Radio – 1988 911 Carrera

Question: I am planning on installing a Porsche replacement sat-nav radio (part no. 91164529100) in my 1988 Carrera. Everything I've read indicates the new unit will fit right into the existing space. The service department of a local Porsche dealership suggested that the radio should be a simple installation, "just plug and play". Since the replacement has features that didn't exist in 1988, I doubt the installation will be as simple as suggested. The car currently has an after-market system installed by the previous owner. Are there other parts that I will need to complete the installation? Is this a job for radio expert? Thanks.

Answer: *Submitted by Chris Powell.* We have installed several of these in our shop and replacing an original radio with this one is indeed simple. Running the antenna wires is the hardest part. However, since there is an aftermarket stereo, many things could have changed, including speaker wire connections, power connections, and the dash mount. You might go ahead and start but have a backup radio installer in case it is too complicated.



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Rennstatt is the performance division of ArborMotion which is a Bosch Certified premier import auto repair center in Ann Arbor, MI. Residing inside ArborMotion, but separate from the main shop, Rennstatt is a 2,500 square foot dedicated shop with 4 hoists and two fully qualified Porsche technicians. Typical jobs for us are IMS bearing upgrades, street and performance alignments, scheduled maintenance, brakes & suspension and engine performance diagnosis & repair. As a fully equipped Porsche repair shop, we use the factory PIWIS software and old school scopes & testers for Porsche vehicles from 356 to current models to diagnose any issues.

Our roots began in 1978 when Tim Pott opened his first shop repairing Porsche vehicles. Fast forward 41 years and ArborMotion and Rennstatt are now owned by 25 year PCA member Sebastian Gaeta who has been in the auto repair industry for nearly 30 years. Rennstatt is managed by Nick Pott (Tim’s son) who literally grew up around Porsche repair and track days, so it’s in our blood to say the least.

Lastly, we fully believe that Porsche ownership should be fun. On the second Saturday of each month from 9am to 11am we host The Gathering, a causal social get-together with other Porsche owners to gaze at the cars being serviced and enjoy coffee and bagels. In good weather the parking lot is full of our favorite cars so people can gather outside to see what everyone drove. If you would like email notifications for each event email me at sebastian@arbormotion.com and I will add you to the list. Getting here from the Toledo area is easy, we are just off I-94 and State Street which is the first exit west of US 23. If you’d like to chat about our services please call us at 734-761-1088 and ask for Nick or Sebastian. We are excited to help our MVR friends in any way we can and look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

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