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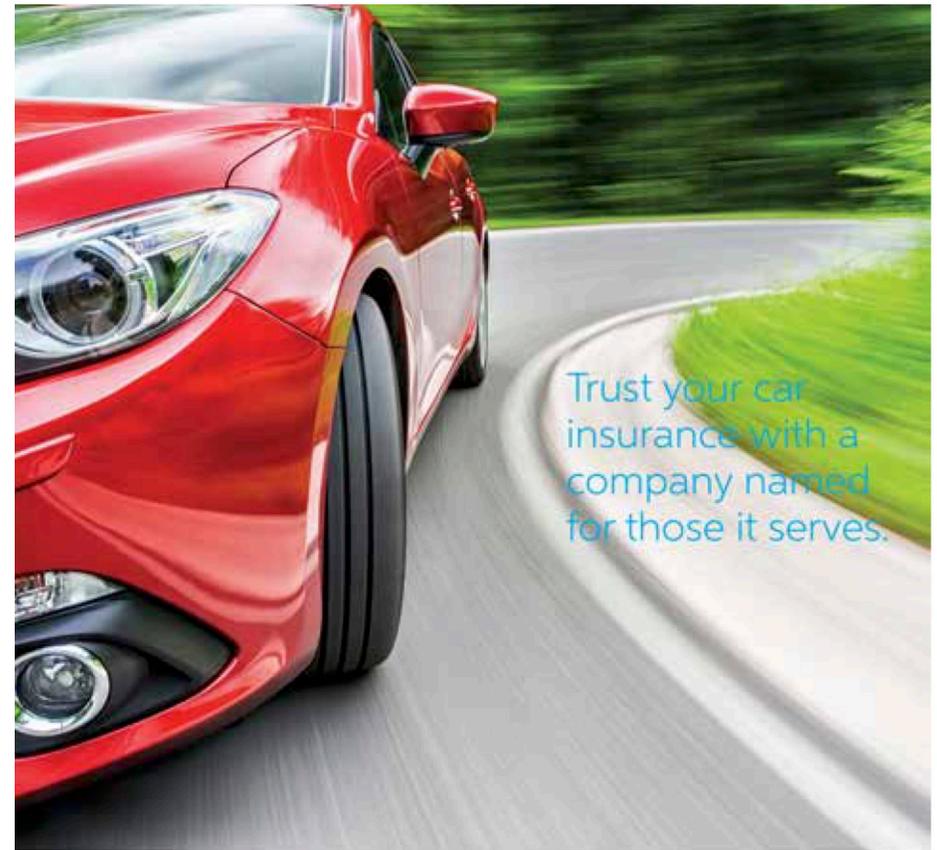



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EDITORS' NOTE

BY: GREG ARMSTRONG & JOE SHEAMER

We want to extend special thanks to Dick & Shirley Gobba's grandson, Spencer Gobba, for representing Porsche at the 58th annual Northwood University Auto Show. Information regarding the event and Spencer's award are elsewhere in this issue.

Also, we are sending a very big thank you to Todd Mierzwik in recognition of his generosity for providing the majority of our November newsletter content and excellent cover photo!

Sometimes you just can't get there from here with a valid explanation of the steps involved. That's probably because of Mission Creep, and we've all been there. We generally avoid it by not having a plan so there is nothing from which to deviate. Shopping for a steering wheel turned into shopping for a new set of wheels and tires and one or two full size spares and then new seats. The catalyst of the sprawling search was a steering wheel, but we don't know why. Before any browsing began the search had switched to wheels and tires. That search never launched either because it rounded the corner and became a look into the latest high-performance seating technology. This was sparked by the Mission R interior highlights video here: [Mission R: interior highlights of the all-electric concept racecar](#)

We thought that if the new seats in the Mission R work as claimed, then some derivative would surely become available for non-concept Porsches. That research resulted in stumbling upon old news that was new to us: [Porsche presents innovative 3D-printing technology for bucket seats](#)

Reading about the concept seats took us down the path to more recent news in the form of the press release regarding the sales launch of custom Porsche 3D-printed bucket seats: [Sales launch for innovative 3D-print bodyform full bucket seat](#)

We encourage you to learn more about these new seats by following the links we provided. Any deviation will most likely result in suffering from a severe bout of mission creep. The only method we are aware of that (100%) guarantees—your mileage may vary—staying on target is to operate without a target at all and just go where your will takes you. We're very pleased to share our pro-tip to combat mission creep. If you happen to find yourself in the dealer showroom of one of our advertisers about to buy a new or pre-owned Porsche when you had only intended a trip to the grocery store, you probably succumbed to mission creep. This means you didn't heed our suggestion, or maybe you did, so congratulations on the new to you vehicle!

Thank you for reading,

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BY LISA SORIANO



Michael and I recently traveled to Pocono Manor, PA, to attend the Fall Planning Meeting and Site Visit for next year's Parade. The location is a relatively close 7½ hours away with great driving roads and beautiful scenery. PCA's premiere event will be held June 12-18, 2022. This is another great opportunity for you to experience all that PCA has to offer, whether you attend for a few days or the whole week. Phase I Registration will be in early February 2022.

I was contacted in September by the Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement for the University of Toledo asking if the region would be able to provide a car for the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 9. Pete MacDonald graciously answered the call and drove the Dean of Health & Human Services College in the parade.

On October 17, Jeff Fort led another one of his wonderful historical driving tours followed by an amazing dinner prepared by Ruth Gulliford and Staci Fort. In addition, Jeff made arrangements for anyone interested to visit Stuttgart Classic Cars in Findlay to see some fabulous Porsches. There was a 50/50 raffle to benefit our



Lisa and Michael in the Poconos

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charity Mobile Meals Kids Weekender Program. Kent Delventhal won and generously donated his winnings back to the charity. The event was well attended and everyone had a fantastic time. Thanks to Jeff, Ruth, and Staci for all of their hard work.

PCA National is continuing to produce TechTactics LIVE episodes as well as Tech Tips videos and articles. Here is the list of new episodes, videos, and articles currently at www.pca.org under the Technical Tab.

- How to Choose Aftermarket Seats
- 2021 Porsche Values
- Remember to Check Your Wheels for Cracks
- Preparing your Porsche for Winter

The Schoens are hosting the Chili and Pie Cook-Off, which will also serve as our New Member event; it will be held on November 6.

The Holiday Party is scheduled for Friday, December 17, at Stone Oak Country Club. If you have not yet received your invitation in the mail, it should be arriving shortly. The best way to stay up to date on region events, is to be sure you are receiving the Social Event email notifications and regularly visiting the region website: www.mvr.pca.org

I would like to welcome our newest member, Daniel Hill from Findlay.

My term as President is coming to an end, and it is time for us to elect the next group of talented individuals to run this organization as our next President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There are also openings on some of the committees. Please consider utilizing your immense talent to help continue building this wonderful organization. Feel free to contact any officer or Board Member to volunteer or nominate an individual to any position.

I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

Thanks,

Nelson Ledges HPDE

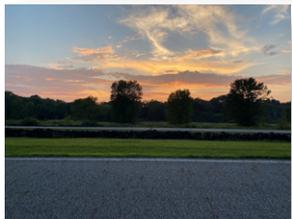
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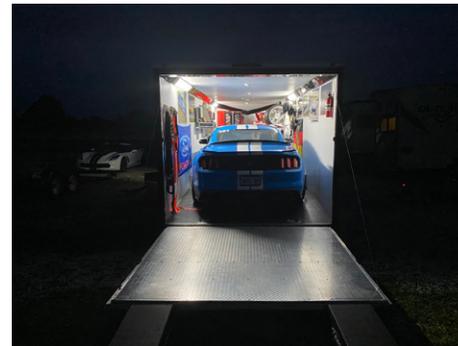
The Maumee Valley Region PCA Club recently teamed up with our Northern friends, the Rally Sport Region PCA Club to put on a joint HPDE 3-day event at Nelson Ledges Race Course.

For those who are not acquainted with the track, it is located over near Cleveland in Garrettsville Ohio. The track has been around since the late 1950's & is affectionately known as the fastest 2-mile road course in the country for a reason. When I arrived on Thursday night at the track & pulled in with my track rig, I was amazed at the amount of tire walls that made up the perimeter. In speaking with one of the track workers, he said they estimate that the race facility has almost 5 million tires. The track was acquired by new owners a couple years ago & they are slowly bringing the track back with updated facility improvements.



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On Friday morning, those arriving were greeted with a heavy dose of fog and once it cleared, everyone attending the weekend event got to experience first hand the high speed track characteristics such as the long sweeping curve at the back of the course with the huge oak tree acting as a marker, the extreme kink leading out onto the back straight and the extreme runoffs throughout the race course. It took some time to slowly get up to speed & feel comfortable with the technical aspects but patience rewarded both the students and instructors as we learned how to navigate the course.



This was our first recent co-region event for an HPDE and working with the folks from Rally Sport was a pleasure. This event brought a lot of familiar faces from both regions back together for a fun filled safe weekend at a new track venue. It's always fun to see the camaraderie that ensues as the weekend unfolds from Tom Green providing "track burgers/brats" to both participants & even the hard-working corner workers, to people lending a helping hand or much needed tool to a fellow driver, to a driver providing another participant an alternate "line" around the track.



On Saturday night, we had a wonderful catered dinner & everyone had a chance to talk about their day's experiences. As Sunday wound down, everyone who attended the school came away with new fun experiences & newfound friendships. We would also like to thank our HPDE sponsor Porsche of Farmington Hills for their generous support of this event.



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MVR Fall Picnic

By Todd Mierzwik

The Maumee Valley PCA Region officially brought in the late Summer/early Fall festivities with a fun filled picnic get together a couple weeks back at Secor Metropark on a Sunday afternoon. Everyone was excited to get together outside to meet up on a beautiful sunny 80-degree day & enjoy everyone's company. Mike & Laura Valentine were gracious enough to provide the brats & burgers to all our delight! Everyone brought a dish with yummy food to share.

After everyone was done with the potluck lunch, we migrated out to watch the kids have a donut eating contest with donuts suspended from strings while their hands were behind their backs. The adults rooted for the kids & grandkids. The donut contest was a hit with both the kids and the adults watching. The kids even got to have a burlap sack contest against each other. Afterwards, the grownups had a cornhole championship pairing spouses/friends together to raise money for the Club's Charity "Mobile Meals for Kids on Weekends". There were definitely some very good players (aka "ringers") with the cornhole tournament. The festivities brought members from both near & far. Jeff & Staci Fort came up from Findlay Ohio, Dick & Shirley Gobba from Deerfield Michigan, and new members Kyle & Krista Mahan (& children) from Delta Ohio.

Make sure to check the Club's webpage for our next get together on Sunday October 17 for a Fall Driving Tour prepared by Jeff Fort culminating in a dinner prepared by Staci Fort & Ruth Gulliford at the Pits Rod & Gun Club. This event is sure to be a hit as usual!

While the Driving Tour already occurred before we could get Todd's recap into the newsletter, we hope you took his suggestion to attend anyway—the Editors

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AROUND THE ZONE

by Lori Schutz
Zone 4 Representative

Dear Zone 4 Members,

What an exciting event we shared in the middle of Zone 4 in the middle of September! On Friday, Sept 10th was both the opening day of Sportscar Together Fest at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and on the Bottleworks District of downtown Indianapolis Luftgekühlt 7 – a collection of air-cooled Porsches through the years. What I found fascinating was the evolution, or de-evolution of the Pegasus logo from the initial insignia on the front bumper of a 911. Then seen on a 356 in the dinosaur skeleton

format. And then finally, as my dad used to say – “When Pigs Fly”, we have the winged pig version.

Sportscar Together Fest was a fun filled racing weekend executed in concert with IMS, PCNA and PCA. Joined by Lynn Friedman, National Porsche Platz Chair, our zone 4 volunteers helped with the Platz and Corral. Volunteers were solicited and coordinated to assist in several areas each of the 3 days – Parade Laps each morning, the Platz itself, Experience Tents, and the Car Corral. Special thanks for the assistance of Mid-Ohio region president Dave Stetson, with the registration for volunteers. The Platz



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featured the Parade Store with event-branded items and PCA swag.

We gave out 1,000 event branded water bottles, over 600 event posters, various PCNA posters, and endless snacks and bottled water for our guests. The SimRacing and PCA Juniors experience pods were full of endless smiles.

The car corral was nearly full on Saturday with over 300 Porsches. Parade Laps in the early morning were sold out on Saturday and Sunday. A highlight of the weekend was a first – an autograph session for the Club Race drivers. 27 of the 46 showed up at the tent over lunch on Saturday and signed event posters for fans for over 45 minutes.

So glad to see so many region events happening, for those outdoor venues it's great to be getting together !

Cheers- Lori



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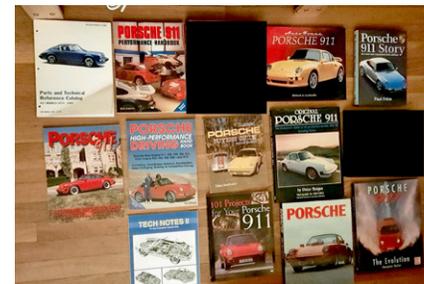
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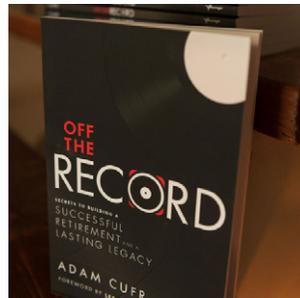
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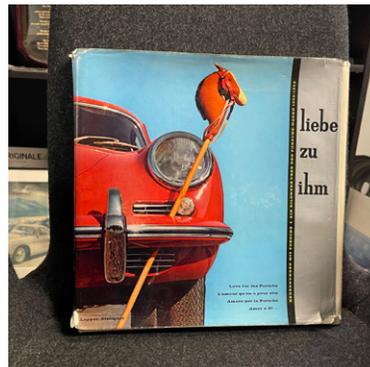
DECEMBER

17 Holiday Party at Stone Oak Country Club

Porsche Collectibles
by Sebastian Gaeta

No auto manufacturer markets themselves better than Porsche. They are, and always have been masters at getting their fans and followers to be doggedly loyal and to form an emotional bond with the brand.

Starting in the early 1950s Porsche advertised to the public the importance of their heritage and that buying their cars was a wise choice. Dealership goodies and giveaways were present from the beginning. This month's column will focus on just a few items I have, but understand that Porsche dealers were constantly handing out little prizes to prospective customers so this is merely the tip of the iceberg. As you can imagine, these items are much sought after today.



Porsche wanted to recognize their owners who had driven certain Km milestones and offered grill badges in 100k Km increments. To the right you can see the 200,000 Km badge. Above that is a copy of Liebe zu Ihm (roughly translated to The Love of It). It is one of 3 or 4 most sought after Porsche books on the planet. They were offered to Porsche's best dealership customers and is a picture book in 4 languages. The images are basically pictures from Christophorus photo shoots but just a few shots down the roll. I was able to eventually identify all of the images by pouring through old Christos and finding the stories!



Lieb zu Ihm and Grill Badge

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On the left are 2 dealership plate frames, one from Chick Iverson's dealership in Newport Beach, CA and one from Chuck Stoddard's dealership in Willoughby, Ohio and are both from the 1960s. These were at one time a "throw away" item but believe it or not are extremely collectible right now. For example, original Vasek Polak frames regularly sell for \$500 or more. That's crazy! On the right is an ashtray given out to customers who purchased a brand new 356C from either 1964 or 1965. The dealership would put their name on it; mine happens to be blank which means it was likely a leftover and never given to a customer. Few of these still exist but I do know of 2 original owners who still have theirs!



Plate Frames and Ashtray

Here we have a Tourist Delivery brochure from the dealership outlining how to take delivery of your new Porsche in Stuttgart and pair it with a trip through Europe. This was nothing new to them, the first tourist delivery by Porsche was in 1952.



Tourist Delivery Brochure

Below are 2 examples of more modern giveaways, a mug commemorating

the introduction of the Boxster and a pewter 997. I was able to get 2 of the mugs when they came out, they were filled with chocolate Boxsters which were delicious. The pewter 997 was issued through the dealerships' parts departments. A good friend of mine in CA was buddies with the parts manager at Pacific Porsche in Torrance and was able to send me one. It is very well done and quite heavy for its size. While

these two items are nice it's no secret I prefer the vintage items. Enjoy!



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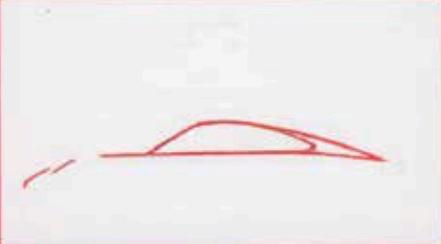
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Hello PCA members!

As captain of Team Porsche for Northwood's 58th international auto show I wanted to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your support in efforts to make this year's show one to remember, and a special thank you to those of you who donated.

The show was an astounding success, and thanks in part to your contributions. We were able to show off our Taycan, provided by Porsche of Grand Rapids and a very special one-of-two 911 GT2, provided by a private alumni donor.

I am very excited to announce our team was awarded for "Best Walkaround" and display presentation! Thank you again to those of you to contributed and thank you all for your support. See you there next fall!

Spencer Gobba

SG Award

Congratulations to our grandson, Spencer Gobba, captain of Team Porsche at the Oct. 1st. & 2nd. 58th annual Northwood University Auto Show.

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TECHNICAL Q&A

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88 944S With Dim Instrument Cluster– 1988 944S

Question: : I have a 1988 944S with only 38K miles. My problem is that my speedometer instrument cluster lights are very dull -- maybe 25% brightness, at best. Do the light bulbs need to be replaced? I was shown the inside of the dashboard speedometer cluster and the tiny lights are all connected by tiny wires and tiny bulbs. Any suggestions to correct this issue so I can drive my car safely at night?

Answer: : Submitted by George Beuselinck

For the oval dash 944 and 968 cars, Porsche used bulbs mounted in the back of the gauge cluster to illuminate the front of the gauges via "light pipes". These light pipes were bits of clear plastic which were covered with a reflective paint. Over the 30 odd years since their manufacture, the paint has deteriorated to the point that the reflection has become almost nonexistent.

The fix for this is to remove the remnants of the paint and to replace it with reflective tape. First, remove the cluster from the dash. There are several YouTube videos on how to do this. Then, use a non-acetone nail polish remover (acetone will damage the plastic) and paper towels to remove the rest of the silver paint on the bottom of the light pipes. Use aluminum foil tape (I recommend 3M Scotch 3311 of Nashua 322) to cover all three pipes at the same time. Finally, use a razor blade or Xacto knife to trim the excess tape away from the pipes and reinstall the cluster.

Your gauges will now be lit in the way that they were when they left the factory.

Alternator – 2001 Boxster

Question: Any Comments on Aftermarket Alternators vs Bosch? They Are a Lot Cheaper!

"... Keep in mind that many times if an alternator goes bad it's most likely the voltage regulator that's bad. The voltage regulator is available as a separate unit which is easily replaceable"

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla

You can get a BOSCH alternator from 3rd party vendors at very affordable prices.

There are also remanufactured BOSCH units available as well. Keep in mind that many times if an alternator goes bad it's most likely the voltage regulator that's bad. The voltage regulator is available as a separate unit which is easily replaceable.

Happy Porsche'ing,

Driver's Window Does Not Stay Dropped When Closing the Door – 2011 911 Carrera S Cab

Question: : Both the outside handle and inside handle will drop the window when pulled but as soon as you let go it goes back up to create a problem with the door seating properly. I've tried resetting the window according to the owner's manual and what I've read but still doesn't close right. The odd thing is this only showed up at the time the dealer had it for airbag and PDK service. It never caused me issues before that. Could something have triggered the failure? Thanks

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Aydt

The auto-drop function of the windows is managed by several micro-switches. The micro-switches for the door handles (inner and outer) command the window motor to drop the window. Once those switches open again (handle released) the micro-switch in the door latch is responsible for keeping the window in the dropped position until the door is once again closed and the door latch switch once again shows the door as "closed." The micro switches in the door latches fail over time which causes the concern you describe. The door latch switch never shows the door as "open" so when the door handle is released the window goes back up to the closed position. Unfortunately, the switch is only available as part of the door latch; replacement of the door latch assembly will be required to remedy your concern.





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