

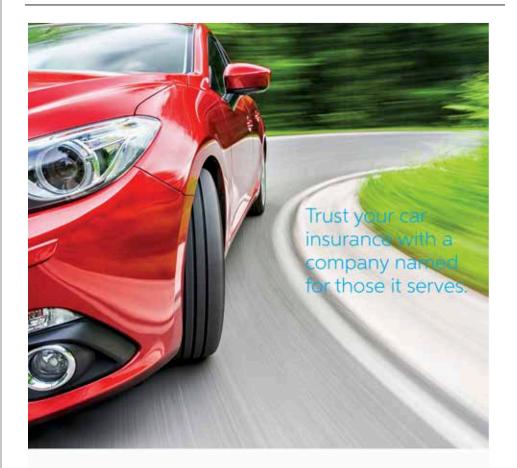
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EDITORS' NOTE BY: GREG ARMSTRONG & JOE SHEAMER

"Since you asked how you can make an impact, the best thing you can do in this situation is to attend (events) in person and then report back for the other members" Dear Readers,

We're feeling a bit uncreative in the editorial HQ this month for some reason, so our note will be much more concise than normal. This may be a rare treat for some of you. Don't get used to it as we will no doubt be back on form to fill your imaginations with fantastical ways to maximize your club membership and Porsche enjoyment soon, perhaps even by the end of this note.

It feels good to be able to mention that events are happening right now even if we aren't able to always cajole attendees into providing coverage. Since you asked how you can make an impact, the best thing you can do in this situation is to attend in person and then report back for the other members. Due to the always looming deadlines, we will have photos and articles from most of the recent events in a future issue, so stay tuned!

We congratulate the Baumans on celebrating 50 years of Porsche Club membership! Think about that for a moment and then consider the stories they could tell about the club over that time period. Maybe our club historian will do just that for us in a future newsletter.

What else? It seems like the season is just getting started and it is almost finished. The microchip shortage can't stop club members from enjoying their Porsches—especially the air-cooled cars.

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As we approach the end of the year, it will soon be time to select the next group of talented individuals to run this organization as our next President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There are also openings for some of the committees. So, I once again ask you to 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.

Michael and I just returned from a long weekend in Indianapolis where we attended 2 fantastic Porsche events. On Friday, we were at Luft 7. In the Porsche vernacular, Luftgekühlt represents all the air-cooled cars in the manufacturer's history from the Pre-A 356 to the 993 model line, which ended in 1998.

The Luftgekühlt brand is the brainchild of two-time LeMans class winner Patrick Long and noted Southern California creative director Howie Idelson. It is an experiential car culture event centered around a tightly curated list of historically significant or interesting cars, both race and street. (from the Luft website)

The first six years, the event was held at various locations in Southern California, with Luft 6 being held in the back lots of Universal Studios. This event was scheduled to be in Durham, North Carolina in 2020, however, due to social gathering restrictions, the event was canceled. Luft 7 was held in the Bottleworks District in Downtown Indy, which is a former Coca-Cola Bottling plant that has been recently converted into an entertainment district. While enjoying the beautiful cars on display, we bumped into Lee and Yvonne Burlingame, who were also in town for the event. There is no word where Luft 8 will be, but it truly is a "not to miss" event.

The remainder of the weekend was spent at the Indianapolis



Air-Cooled cars lining the streets of the Bottleworks District



550 Spyder



Off-Road Experience at the Sportscar Together Festival

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Motor Speedway where we attended the 1st ever Porsche Sportscar Together Festival. There were 3 levels of all Porsche racing: PCA Club Racing, Porsche Sprint Challenge, and the Porsche Carrera Cup. In addition to the races, PCA hosted a Porscheplatz containing a PCA Corral, Sim Racing Experience, PCA Juniors area, a PCA Store as well as refreshments, closed circuit TV, and there were even PCA organized Parade Laps early each morning. On Saturday, we reconnected with Robb Mack an MVR Member from Tiffin who we hadn't seen since Michael was Region President.

In the area around the iconic Pagoda, Porsche had a number of new models displayed that you were permitted to sit in. There was a Porsche Autocross ride along and an Off-Road Experience in the new Cayenne. In addition, there was a Kid Zone and an indoor area dedicated to Porsche Classic, Porsche Design, the Porsche Experience Centers, and Tequipment. There was definitely something for everyone!



Lisa and Michael with Bib at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

PCA National is continuing to produce TechTactics LIVE episodes. Here are the episodes that have aired since my last article, which are currently available on the PCA YouTube Channel.

- Don't Do This To Your Porsche
- Why You Should Buy a 996 GT3

These are the latest PCA Tech Tips, which are articles and videos that can be found at pca. org under the Technical Tab.

- Is it just the battery or something more?
- How preparing your car for concours can help extend the life of your Porsche.
- When it's time to let your Porsche's tires go...

October 17, is Jeff Fort's annual historical driving tour, which will be followed by dinner at The Pits Club in Findlay. Staci and Ruth Gulliford do a fantastic job helping with the dinner, and it is always a great time, so I hope that you will plan to attend. Please make sure that you are receiving Kim's Social Event email notifications and visit our website at mvr.pca.org to view the most up to date Calendar of Events.

I would like to welcome our newest members, Adrian Lewis and Brian Norris.

I look forward to meeting them and seeing you at an event soon!

Thanks,

# **TECHNICAL Q&A**

BY: PCA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TAKEN FROM PCA TECH Q&A EDITED AND COMPILED BY: MIKE VALENTINE

# Insulation Material Bits and Pieces Blowing From A/C Vents – 2000 911 Carrera Cab

**Question:** Small pieces of a felt like material with what seems like an adhesive backing are being blown out of the defroster and side (but not center) vents. A local shop (German Auto Works, Delray Beach, FL) tells me it is evaporator insulation that has deteriorated because of age. He says the entire dashboard has to be removed to replace it, an operation I'm not excited to take on. The A/C itself doesn't seem to be affected at all, putting out cold air w/o any problems. Your thoughts please.

#### Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla

All of the M96 type cars (Carrera and Boxster) have the same HVAC unit. The stuff that comes out is actually the foam from the air diverter dams. When they get old, and with heat/humidity the foam deteriorates and starts to come out of the vents. There are two DIY solutions to repair it, one from the trunk, the other from the dash. If you google it or search on YouTube you'll see them. When people ask me what can they do I usually say: Don't wear white. No problem since Labor Day is a few days away.

# Engine Failures – 1984 944

**Question:** Hello! I believe that the windshield on my '84 944 is leaking, as I regularly get a small amount of water on the floorboards after a rain. The windshield seal near the driver's side A pillar appears to be crumpled up and broken, and there seems to be some clear sealant there that I assume the previous owner applied. (I have repaired the battery tray and have all new door seals so I am now looking at the windshield as the next culprit for the leaks.)

I am reading different things about the seals, or lack of seals, on my early car. Do I need to get certain seals or gaskets before I remove the windshield to reset it properly? (The glass folks told me that it would be difficult to remove "... I doubt that the windshield is the source of your water leak. As a test, try flooding the cowl of your car (without wetting the windshield) and see if water infiltrates the cabin"

the old windshield without breaking it, so I would need a replacement one to do this.) I read that early 944s just have a bead of sealant under the windshield, but I do see something there that looks like a rubber surround under the edges...could I perhaps have a newer windshield? Basically, I want to just get a windshield and all of the seals before I take it in to have it redone...I appreciate any help with this.

#### Answer: Submitted by George Beuselinck

The windshield on the early 944 (82 to 85/1) and the 924 cars uses an adhesive caulk to seal the windshield to the chassis. The part number from Porsche is 477 898 011 A. An experienced and lucky windshield technician may be able to remove your windshield without destroying it. An unlucky technician will crack the windshield. If you remove and reseal the old windshield, you will have a nearly 40-year-old windshield in your 40-year-old car. Of course, it is possible that a previous owner installed the wrong windshield in your car. All that said, I doubt that the windshield is the source of your water leak. As a test, try flooding the cowl of your car (without wetting the windshield) and see if water infiltrates the cabin. If so, the windshield is not your problem. Another test would be to remove the sunroof and pour water down the drains (one at each corner) and look for wetness in the cabin. These problems are much more common on these cars than a badly sealed windshield

# Porsche Sport Exhaust – 2015 Boxster S

**Question:** I Just Purchased A 2015 Boxster S and I Am Thinking of Having a Porsche Sport Exhaust Installed, What Would Be the Average Labor Cost and Time to Install It by A Competent Porsche Mechanic? Excluding the Cost of The Kit Itself (Muffler, Pipes, Electric Cables and Console Exhaust Button) Just Labor and Time.

#### **Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla**

It's not as simple as that.

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the wiring (and vacuum lines) is not going to work unless some reprogramming can be done. This adds time and money to the install and requires specialized equipment which many shops don't have. Most people opt to just install the hardware and leave the bypass valves open. This should be 4 hours for removal/installation - hardware only (if there is no corrosion on the hardware).

# ABS/Brake Light Comes on Intermittently- 2002 Boxster

**Question:** I park my Porsche in a steel bldg. out back. Sometimes the grass is high (5-6 inches) and the first time I drove thru the grass the ABS/Brake light came on. I parked the car, and the next time I started it the light was off. On Sunday, I started the car and drove to the front of the house with no issues. I went in to get my wife for our "Hagerty Moment", and as we were driving away the lights came on again. This time they stayed on though...is it the little wire on the brake pad? I see the insulation isn't covering the whole length of the wire, so maybe tape that up? Car runs and stops fine, so I'm thinking just a sensor? Just want to be sure so any help is appreciated!

#### **Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla**

I have seen a rash of these in the last year or so the connector for the brake pad sensor / wheel speed sensor starts to crumble and come apart. When this happens the wheel speed signal to the ABS gets all distorted and you get the error message. If you see damage to the four (one for each wheel) connectors I would recommend replacing them all. Porsche offers the ABS Wiring Harness Repair Kit. There are four distinct part numbers, one for each wheel.



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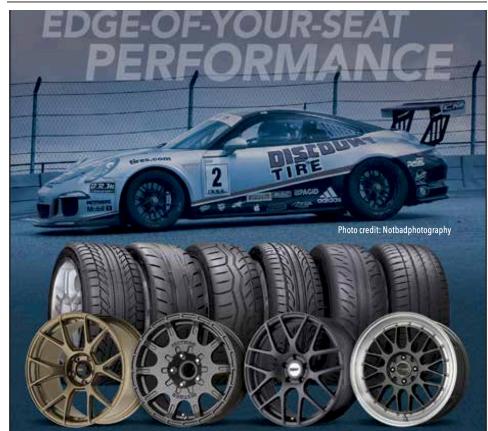
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# Summer **Driving Tour** Story & Photos by Kim Harris "Bob and I were in the middle ofthe procession of 15 cars, so we had a terrific view in both directions"

he group assembled at Fort Meigs on Sunday, August 15 and had a few minutes to chat with others and check out the cars.

Beth handed out treat bags for each car to tide us over until we reached Carrabba's Italian Grill for dinner later in the day.

Barney went over safety rules and welcomed those doing their first driving tour. I bet it will not be their last once they got to experience the thrill of topping a hill on River Road and seeing a line of Porsches ahead or behind them. Bob and I were in the middle of the procession of 15 cars, so we had a terrific view in both directions.

Club members had a beautiful clear day to enjoy the exciting route that Barney planned. As Social Chair, I am so grateful to the Stewarts for hosting such an in demand summer tour!

Do you have an interest in planning a driving tour for the club? Contact me for more information.

Kim Harris



Sweep car: Staci and Jeff Fort

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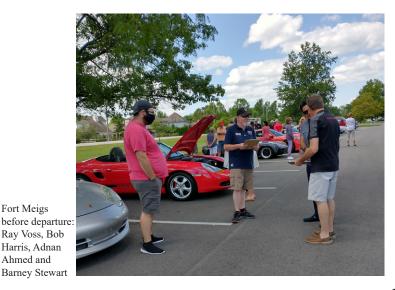
Navigators: Evie Zimmerman, Staci Fort, Janet Dellinger, Kim Harris and Yvonne Burlingame



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## AROUND THE ZONE by Lori Schutz Zone 4 Representative

n August, Mid-Ohio Region hosted our Zone's only PCA Club Race event. This year represented the 26th consecutive running of the annual event. PCA Club Racing is a program managed from the National level of PCA and supports over 30 race events across the

US. Most events are shared with solo Driving Education run groups or invite other amateur race series such as BMW Club Racing and Porsche Owners Club.

Racers have all sorts of fun liveries on their Porsches. Sometimes, I just can't resist taking a photo on grid.

I joined the National PCA Club Racing Staff as a Scrutineer in 2013 and work 3-5 races a year. Definitely a fun way to spend a weekend at the track. There are





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also a slew of volunteers needed to support a Club Race weekend. As a scrutineer, we are a team of 2-5 and we take care of issuing new log books to new entrants or checking in those who already have a log book and are back for more. We walk along the gridded cars, working with the local grid marshal and teams to make sure all doors are closed, window nets up, and hood pins are latched. Then once the sessions begin, we take care of the Black Flag station, to address any bad driving habits or the occasional contact that needs to be evaluated and documented for the race Steward. We sometimes check cars in impound for meeting proper minimum class weight at the scales.

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Have a great rest of the Porsche season!

Cheers,

Lori, your Zone 4 Representative.





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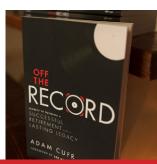
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# MVR PCA Historical Driving Tour and Dinner Sunday October 17, 2021

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Jeff Fort will distribute driving instructions and waiver forms. After safety meeting, we plan to depart by 1:30 pm.

Last stop is for dinner at 3:30 pm Prepared by Ruth Gulliford & Staci Fort Pits Rod & Gun Club 10951 Williams St. Findlay, OH 45840

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# Maumee Valley Region 2021 Calendar of Events

# **OCTOBER**

17 Historical Driving Tour & dinner at The Pitts in Findlay

# **NOVEMBER**

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#### Porsche Collectibles by Sebastian Gaeta

"One of the most popular items was a plate to attach to your front bumper to identify you as a participant, as if driving a Porsche in the vicinity of the Parade was not enough to do so."

'm changing the name of this column from "Porsche Literature" to "Porsche Collectibles" because I realized it may get a little tedious just looking at books and brochures every time. That and I have shelves full of stuff like what we are featuring this month so it gives me a virtually endless supply of material.

From almost the very first Porsche Parade in 1956 to today, the entrants received a goodie bag, as it were, of items to remember the event by. One of the most popular items was a plate to attach to your front bumper to identify you as a participant, as if driving a Porsche in the vicinity of the Parade was not enough to do so. The plates were traditionally attached to straps that would wrap around the front bumper if your car didn't already have provisions for a front plate. Remember, PCA in those days was essentially a 356 club and their front bumpers were well suited for this.



In my collection I have the plates from Parade #5 held in 1960 in Aspen by Rocky Mountain Region, Parade #6 held in 1961 in the Berkshires, MA by Northeast Region and Parade #7 held in 1962 in Monterey, CA by Golden Gate Region. der RÜCKSPIEGEL



Along with the plate for Parade #6 I also have the grill badge and lapel pin to match the plate. They had a pretty neat design where they used "VI" as Roman numerals for six and the "P" in PCA to create a "VIP" logo.

Does anyone reading this also have Parade items similar to this? Even if they are from recent Parades I would love to see pics and will include them in future columns. Send pics of what you might have to me at sebastian@arbormotion.com for inclusion in an upcoming der Rückspiegel.

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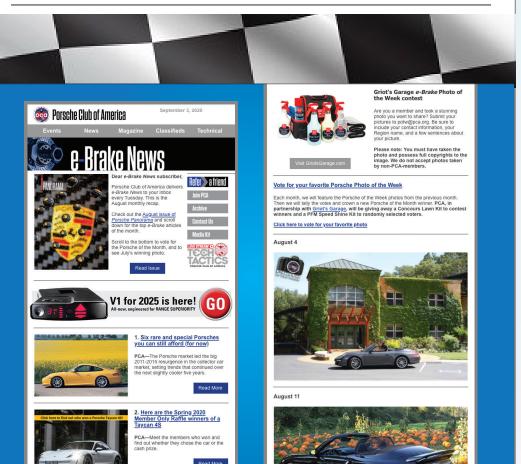
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