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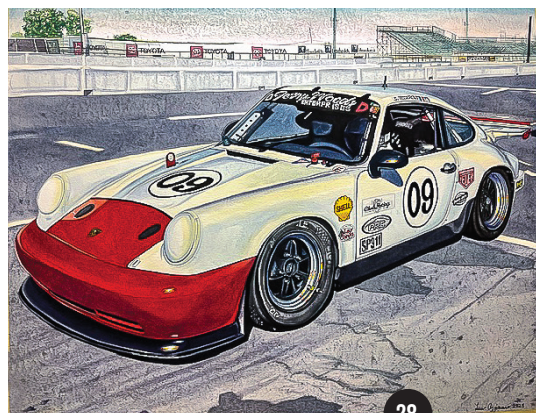
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Trees in bloom promise a
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Driving Season Is Finally Here!



Jason Aldag
Co-Editor

After what felt like an especially long, cold winter, driving season is officially upon us—and there's no better time to reconnect with your car, the PCA Potomac community, and the pure joy of getting behind the wheel of a Porsche and hitting the open road.

Every time I climb behind the wheel of my Seal Grey 996 Carrera, it's the sound, the feel of the road in my hands, and the way the car comes alive with just a tap of the throttle that puts a big ol' flat-six-fueled grin on my face. It's something every enthusiast understands instantly. There's nothing quite like it—and for me, and I suspect many of us, spring is when that excitement starts to build again.

If you're looking to shake off the cobwebs and explore what your car can really do, autocross is a fantastic place to start. It's low-pressure, high-fun, and a great way to push the limits in a safe, controlled environment. Check the calendar for upcoming dates—several events are just

around the corner that welcome both newcomers and seasoned drivers alike.

Feeling ready for the next step? Driver's Education (DE) might be calling your name. It's an incredible opportunity to hone your skills and build confidence behind the wheel. Our region's DE program is already in full swing this year, with a packed schedule and special events like the upcoming Women's DE—one of the most exciting and welcoming weekends on the calendar.

Of course, not every Porsche adventure has to involve a track. Our Drive & Dine events are back in full force this spring, with drives coming up in April and May. These events are among the best ways to enjoy your car, meet fellow members, and discover some beautiful back roads—and delicious destinations—along the way.

And speaking of the driving season, it's impossible not to mention the energy of the racing season. PCA Club Racing is well underway, having started in

January with events across the country—and with our own Summit Point race weekend coming up on September 12–14. Whether you're tightening the harness, cheering from the sidelines, or making a pilgrimage to a race weekend, it's a great time to be a Porsche fan.

Speaking of energy—how about Lew Azzinaro's Porsche-inspired artwork featured in this month's issue? Few people channel their enthusiasm for the brand quite like Lew. His vibrant, personality-packed watercolor portraits of member cars remind us exactly why we love this community. His passion is contagious—and if that doesn't make you want to get behind the wheel, I don't know what will.

Here's to a great driving season ahead. I hope to see you out there—on a back road, a track, or maybe just at brunch, swapping stories and admiring the Porsches.

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This month, I'd like to talk about my (our!) goal of increasing "cross-pollination" between our many programs—DE, Drive & Dine, and others. We are all one big family, but our interactions across programs aren't where I believe they should be, if I may say so. It's a bit like a family with different branches spread across various states, who rarely interact.

I want to highlight a great example of cross-pollination we've recently experienced—and recognize the outstanding work of two of our volunteer leaders, Mike and Jackie Peters. They've done a fantastic job leading our Drive & Dine program. Their events are extremely well-organized and popular with many of our members. I'd venture to say that few of us fully appreciate just how much work and commitment go into creating such a high-quality Drive & Dine

experience. Please thank them whenever you get the chance, and consider offering to help. Even a small task taken off their plates could make a big difference. They already have a strong committee supporting them, but as always, more help is welcome!

Now, back to cross-pollination. At our first DE event of the year at Summit Point Motorsports Park in late March, we had a brand-new "First Timer" on track—Mike Peters himself! He showed up driving a gorgeous Miami Blue GT4, much to the surprise (and slight dismay) of Kimberly Jordanmiller, who also owns a Miami Blue GT4—and liked having a car you don't see too often!

I don't want to speak for Mike, but I suspect participating in a DE took him out of his comfort zone. I say that because when I first started doing DEs, it certainly took me out of mine! When I saw

him in the paddock, though, Mike had a broad grin—and was already considering signing up for the Watkins Glen DE in May. I'll also confess to looking up his evaluation by his instructor, Dave Hagopian (one of my favorite members and a dedicated flagger at our Club Race), who gave Mike high marks. It looks like the Peters family may have truly caught the bug—Jackie is also signed up for our Women's High-Performance Drivers Education (HPDE) event in September.

I bring this up because if more of us attended events outside our usual routine, I think many would also "catch the bug" and discover new parts of our club to enjoy. Let's see if some of our DE drivers make it to a Drive & Dine—or if some Drive & Diners give a Concours event a try. After all, we really are one big family! DV



Don Mattran
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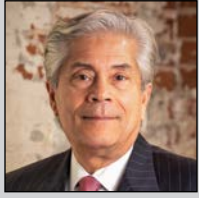


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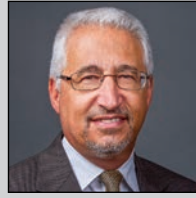
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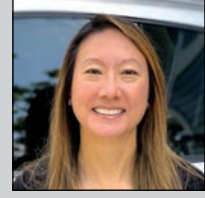
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We have several open leadership positions. Reach out to the following to find out more:

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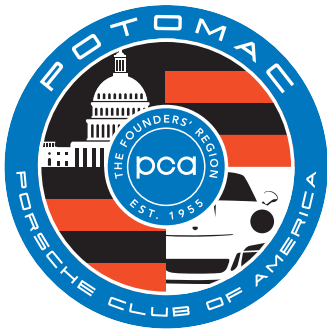
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AUTOCROSS



POTOMAC REGION LAUNCHES 2025 AUTOCROSS SEASON WITH BACK-TO-BACK EVENTS AT SUMMIT POINT

STORY BY **MIKE TRUSTY**

PHOTOS BY **JORDAN STRAIT**

The Potomac Region kicked off the 2025 Autocross season in style with a weekend doubleheader at Summit Point on March 15–16. The action began with an autocross school on Saturday, followed by the season's first official competition on Sunday.

Saturday's school drew 33 enthusiastic students, guided by 12 experienced coaches and supported by eight dedicated volunteers. The day opened with focused driving exercises—throttle steering, trail braking, and slalom drills—designed to teach essential car control techniques. In the afternoon, students combined those skills on a full autocross course,

putting their knowledge to the test across seven timed runs. Sunshine and ideal weather made for a perfect day to sharpen reflexes and build confidence behind the wheel.

Sunday brought more challenging conditions. Sixty-six drivers lined up to compete in the season opener, braving intermittent rain and slick pavement. The first two heats contended with the wet surface, but a dry spell during Heat 3 brought lap times down dramatically as the wind cleared moisture from the course. Drivers in the S5 class took full advantage, claiming five of the top six overall positions and establishing themselves as the group to watch this season.



Mike T. fighting understeer in Heat 1.



Patrick G. aboard his Cayman in Heat 3 chasing the best time of the day.



A Macan is the perfect Autocross vehicle!

As always, the paddock showcased the depth of Porsche passion in the region, with entries ranging from classic air-cooled 911s to current-generation Caymans and 911s. A few Macans also proved their mettle. The Guest class added more variety, with around 20 non-Porsche participants reminding everyone that autocross is an equal-opportunity obsession.

Despite Sunday's showers, spirits stayed high. For many, the weekend wasn't just the start of the autocross season—it was a welcome return to the rhythm of tire squeal, deceptive cones, and endless debates over tire pressures.

Thanks to everyone who came out and made it a fantastic start to the season. Here's to a fast, fun, and safe 2025! DV



Wrapping up a successful weekend!

The action began with an autocross school on Saturday, followed by the season's first official competition on Sunday.



Multiple generations and models of Porsches starting Heat 2.



Greg H. is getting close to the cones in his Cayman.



Barb B. in her distinctive Ruby Star Boxster with Instructor Howard Leitkin. She later said of the experience, "I loved the autocross school! Great time, and I finally really felt and understood terms I'd heard before, like throttle steering. Woot!"



Joe B. enjoys a brief dry spell during Heat 1.



This is how to navigate a gate.



Bill C. using extra downforce to manage the conditions in Heat 2.



On his first PCA event, new member Jeff R. in his 997S Cab exclaimed, "That was a sh**load of fun!"



Attacking the slalom.



John Sullivan #80 Leads Melanie Sullivan #08 in matching 2021 GT3 Cup cars, into Turn 1 at Summit Point Main Circuit. They are followed closely by Dean Hollister #331 in his 2010 GT3 - all three are Red Run Group Instructors.

2025 POTOMAC DRIVER EDUCATION

MORE MARCH EVENTS AT SUMMIT POINT

STORY BY **BOB MULLIGAN AND DAVID DEAN, DRIVER EDUCATION CO-CHAIRS**

PHOTOS BY **BOB HARTMAN, ETCHPHOTO.COM**

The PCA Potomac's Drivers' Education season's excellent start continued into the end of March.

Potomac's High Performance Drivers Clinic (HPDC) event for beginners took place the first week of March to set the stage for two High Performance Driving Events (HPDE) with participants at all driving levels on March 21st—23rd. See the previous edition of DV for details on the HPDC.

We will pick up some details on the HPDE events here.

The weekend venue was Summit Point Motorsport Park in West Virginia. All weekend sessions took place at our favorite track, the challenging two-mile-long Summit Point Main Circuit.

The Friday National Instructor Training and Solo Day was dedicated to current Potomac Instructors, Instructor Mentors, Instructor Candidates, and advanced solo drivers. No students participated on Friday, so the instructors could have plenty of time to focus on their skills training.

The Potomac Instructor Development team (headed by Ron Tilton and Henrik Ojikutu) delivered a challenging and interactive program with guidance, personnel, and documentation support from PCA National DE Program. The team included many Potomac trainers, such as mentors, curriculum instructors, and presenters. The comprehensive National Instructor Training Program aimed at the Instructor Candidates included both on-track and classroom learning modules with evaluations.



John Carson #51 in his 2013 Boxter S shows Stephen Lucky's #17 2012 Cayman S the way around in White Group Saturday afternoon.



Chief Instructor Mark Salvador #667 in his 2005 Spec Boxter S leads a Conga line into the corner.

This very successful day provided Potomac with five fully National Certified Instructors and about a dozen newer candidates with a timeline and path to certification.

Also, on Friday, we held a Solo Day, allowing advanced drivers, instructors, and non-instructors to have many run sessions in a very low-key driving format, focusing on improving and developing driving skills and safety.

Let us move on to the Saturday and Sunday events of the weekend, Potomac's First DE of 2025.

The DE provided our familiar Drivers Education format with 5 Run Groups supporting beginners to experts. The groups included Beginners with an instructor (Green), Novices with an instructor (Blue), Intermediates with no required

instructor (White), Advanced students and instructors (Black), and Most Advanced students and instructors (Red).

The Weekend included 98 smiling drivers, instructors, and new instructors on Friday and 166 on Saturday and Sunday, including many happy students.

Happy Hours on Friday and Saturday after the last car off the track, provided snacks, beverages, and many unverified stories! DV

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Ed Strawderman #11 in his 2004 996 GT3 goes past Alan French #46 in his 2006 Boxter S in Black Group.

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Mike Smalley, Red Run Group Instructor and entertainer, poses with Past Potomac President Diane Sullenberger and George Drewyer, also Red Run Group Instructors.



Brian Berry #14 in his 2025 guards Red Cayman GTS leads Steve Fromyer in #25, a 2005 997 Carrera S, and Andrew Murphy #47 in a 2007 Cayman S in the White Run Group.

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Lester Chang #4 maneuvers his 2020 Cayman GT4 Clubsport ahead of Ken Comerford's #59 a 2011 987.2 Cayman.



Anu Bhaskar Black Run Group Instructor in #54, a 2018 GT3 setting the pace into Turn 1.



Red Group Instructor Paul Heilig and his wife Cathy Heilig (White Run Group) take a break with their doggie (who is in the fastest run group!)



Group gathering at Happy Hour.

DRIVE & DINE



Some participants found the best parking on arrival.

DRIVE AND DINE TO THE MIMSLYN INN

STORY BY **JIM MOSER**

PHOTOS BY **BILL SCHWINN, SCOTT CRAWFORD, AND BETH MAUCH**

When travelling to unfamiliar places and considering where to dine, one faces a dilemma: Choose a restaurant you are familiar with, or try something different for a change of pace? We've traditionally traveled to Flint Hill, VA, to enjoy a meal at the Dark Horse Irish Pub (previously known as the "Griffin Tavern"). Although this event venue was always well-received by past Drive and Diners, we were looking for a change of pace.

Opting for a new experience, we decided the season opening event would include a rural backroad drive to the historic Mimslyn Inn in Luray, VA. Since 1931, they have consistently delivered high-quality meals, hosted events, and provided lodging accommodations.

Approximately 44 Porsches and 80 guests registered for the 5 April event, including the following first-time Drive and Diners: Juan Carlos Caballero, Peter Dillener, Javier Jordan, Dominik Knafelj, Adriana Macontre, Scott and Heather Litvinoff, Christina and Michael Talley, David Wall, James and Sandy Wehr, Donald and Janice Wilt, Theodore and Ramona Zwicker, and Jason and Dylan Torrey. It's refreshing to see so many new members in attendance, and we look forward to seeing them again at a future event.

With nice weather on our side, the group rallied in Haymarket, Virginia, for a drive safety briefing, announcements, and drive group alignments. Before departure, Potomac Vice President Alan French welcomed and addressed the group, providing the official send-off for the 2025 PCA Potomac Drive & Dine Season.



Glenn & Nancie Havinoviski leading group four.

The first four drive groups departed shortly before 10 a.m., heading Southwest on a 66-mile drive. We navigated the wooded country roads through the Counties of Prince William, Fauquier, and Rappahannock, highlighted by crossing the Rappahannock River over a single-lane, wooden-decked bridge. Back on the highway, the groups traveled the ever-popular State Route 211 up the twisty roads through the Blue Ridge Mountains, passing the Skyline Drive at Thornton Gap, traveling down into the Shenandoah Valley towards Luray.

Ample parking was available at the Mimslyn Inn, and a handful of fortunate early arrivals jockeyed for the coveted and photo-friendly parking spaces directly in front of the Inn. The luncheon meal was served in the beautifully

appointed Blue Ridge Room. Courses consisted of a green salad with vinaigrette dressing, a choice of three entrees (beef tenderloin, salmon, and ravioli), and dessert (a selection of chocolate torte or cheesecake). A cash bar was also available throughout the event for those wishing to enjoy an adult beverage.

Everyone seemed to be pleased with the entire Mimslyn Inn experience. Those who had participated in previous years' drives to The Dark Horse Irish Pub were happy with the new venue and driving route. Jim Moser was the event host and principal organizer, supported by Drive and Dine Chairs Mike and Jackie Peters. Special thanks go out to all the drive group leads and sweep volunteers who safely navigated participants to the venue. **DV**



Assembled parking at the Inn. Let's eat!



Barbara Bilodeau and her beautiful Ruby Star Boxster. And to think just two weeks prior she was chirping tires at autocross.



Mike and Jackie Peters are ready to lead group 2.



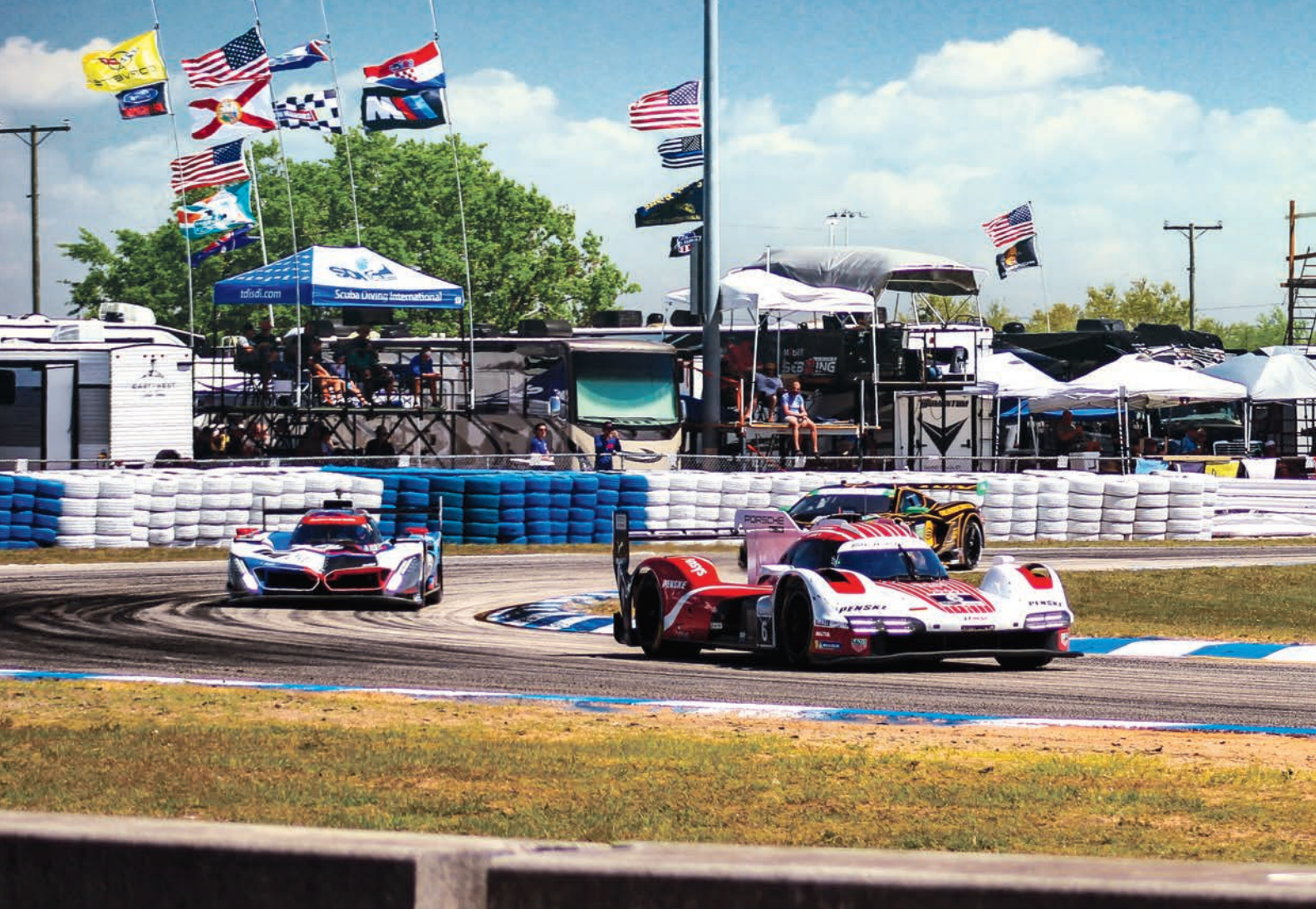
The group along the back roads of Fauquier County.



[L/R] Linda Makrides, Jann Crawford, Linda Allen, Joseph Allen, Ryan Beckles, Felicia Beckles, Lisa Daniel, Nick Daniel, Nicholas Makrides. By Scott Crawford.



Participants enjoying a gourmet lunch.



Left page, from top: **Photo 1** Mathieu Jaminet leads Dries Vanthoor through turn 5. **Photo 2** Brumos Collection: 918 Spyder Hybrid, 1973 917-10 CanAm, 2009 Riley MKXI, GrandAm 997 GT3 Cup, 2019 Sebring GTLM Class Winner 911 RSR, #21 908-3 Spyder, 917KH Test Car and classic Mercedes transporter.

TWELVE HOURS OF SEBRING 2025

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **HANK ALLEN**

PORSCHE PENSKE MOTORSPORT GOES 1-2 IN GTP WHILE AO RACING'S PORSCHE 911 GT3R WINS GTD PRO!

After relatively little winter driving of our 2024 992.1 GTS, the 12-15 March Sebring, Florida, race weekend was a perfect road trip. The weather was perfect for the long Jacksonville drive in heavy traffic on I-95. The driver aids technology adapted from motorsport was quite useful; the Porsche Inno Drive and its supporting systems, such as the 3D Surround View, revealed potential hazards. The Front Axle Lift System proved essential at every “pit stop”.

The following day, I visited the Brumos Collection in Jacksonville, a must-visit for any Porsche enthusiast. The museum features a brass car section, including early Peter Gregg and Hurley Haywood 914s and 911s, as well as various 908s, 911s, 917s, 962s, Riley DPis, a couple of Porsche transporters, and the Brumos homage 2019 Sebring Grand Touring Le Mans (GTLM RSR) class winner. A large shop in

the back of the museum houses the Collection's restorations and maintenance facility. After that wonderful morning of history, it was on to Sebring.

It was great to switch to Sport Mode on the back roads around the track. We arrived in time for the first Porsche Carrera Cup support race, the International Motorsports Association (IMSA) Michelin Pilot Challenge (MPC) qualifying, and the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (WSC) day and night practices. I checked in at the. As always, Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) representatives and the dedicated Porsche Club of America (PCA) volunteers were busy preparing the PorschePlatz located at the exit of Sunset Bend. After night practice, the Porsche Night Vision Assist was welcome for my foggy drive back to the hotel.



Proton Competition GTD Pro Porsche 911 GT3R, driven by Matteo Cressoni, leads GTD Pro competitors around Turn 5.

Friday morning started at 10:20 with a 45-minute Mustang Challenge race, followed by twenty-five-minute qualifying sessions for each of the four WSC classes. The Michelin Pilot Challenge 120 Race, the 250th race of the Grand Sport (GS) class, began at 14:15, with an Aston Martin and the Jeff Westphal / Sean McAlister #39 CarBahn with Peregrine Racing BMW M4 GT4 EVO on the front row, and the #28 RS1 Porsche 718 GT4 RS CS driven by Luca Mars and Jan Heylen in third position. The race was tight between the Porsche, the CarBahn BMW and Daniel Morad's #57 Winward Racing Mercedes-AMG GT GT4. With 47 minutes remaining, they made their final pit stops, with Westfall's BMW exiting with a narrow lead over Halen's Cayman. Once in front, Westphal was able to build a gap over Heylen, who had the Winward Mercedes on his tail. However, in the final 10 minutes, the Mercedes suffered a puncture in its right front tire, dropping it from contention. Westphal achieved a commanding 16-second victory over the #28 Porsche. Dillon Machavern and Francis Selldorff took third place in the #95 Turner Motorsport BMW.

At the PorschePlatz, Volker Holzmeyer, President and CEO of Porsche Motorsports North America, explained how motorsport directly improves the entire Porsche product line. A driver question-and-answer session followed. Artist Steve Petrosky's latest print commemorates Nick Tandy's record-breaking four 24-hour wins and the #7's victory at the 2025 Daytona 24 Hours. Nick was humble in his remarks and effusive in his praise for his teammates, and was kind enough to autograph my print. Later, at the driver autograph session at the team garage, his driver teammates also signed. In the evening, I made my pilgrimage to the Inn On the Lake for supper, and later stopped by at Chicanes Restaurant and Bar. The walls are covered with wonderful art and sepia photographs of the previous winners and racing since 1952. Drivers and racing personalities also frequent it.

Saturday's activities started before dawn in some paddock garages—others had never slept—and many spectator Porsches made their way to the track for parade laps. I arrived at PorschePlatz early for Cars and Coffee. PCA volunteers lined us up by car category, and we received our parade safety briefing from IMSA's Diezel Lodder. Those of you who have raced here know you have to "Love the Bumps." At 08:00 sharp, we headed onto the track for three laps to imagine what the sensation must be at three times our speed!



Laurin Heinrich's GTD Pro Porsche 911 GT3R "Rexy", leads Max Hesse's BMW M4 GT3 EVO around Turn 5.



JDC Miller Porsche 963, driven by Gimmi Bruni, rounds Turn 5 heading toward Big Bend.



Tristan Vautier's Proton Competition Porsche 963 at speed at Fangio, approaching Turn 10.



Proton Competition GTD Pro Porsche 911 GT3R, piloted by Richard Lietz, exits Sunset Bend.

After the usual PCA raffles and quizzes, I headed for the grid walk before the race. The weather was magnificent. At the massive Porsche Penske pit stall, I wished Felipe Nasr a good race. After the pit lane was cleared and the field completed warm-up laps, the 73rd annual 12 Hours started at 10:10. The grid had Dries Vanthoor in a BMW on pole with Tom Blomqvist in an Acura completing. Felipe Nasr and Mathieu Jaminet in Penske Porsche 963s were next, with Neal Jani's Proton 963 and Renger Van der Zande's Acura on the third row. After watching a few laps, I walked the track starting at turn 6, but unfortunately, my ID Card did not give me access to the newly renovated Hendricks Field "Officers' Club" hospitality venue.

Dries Vanthoor took an immediate lead but was penalized for switching lanes before the start line. A fight then developed between the Cadillacs and Porsches, with #7 in third and #6 in fourth after eight hours. The Aston Martin Valkyrie V12 non-hybrid made an impressive debut with a sound unlike any other. The LMP2 (Pro-Am teams) were, as usual, highly competitive. In GTD Pro, the top teams were the Ferraris, BMW, and the AO Porsche. The goal was to be patient, stay clean and on the lead lap during the first ten hot hours, and save some "sticker slicks" for the final pit stop and the cool of the evening.

From the Officers' Club, I headed clockwise to the Hairpin (7), then Fangio (8, 9), "Infamous" Turn 10, Collier (11,12), Tower (13), Flying Fortress Straight and Bishop (14) to observe Le Mans (15). I then crossed over to Big Bend (5, 6) before going to Turn 1. I went back out to view Ullman Straight from the new grandstands outside of Sunset Bend (17) and watched the sun sink. The drivers who "love the bumps" while taking care of their cars, win. There was fantastic action, with just a 12-second difference between the fastest laps of the Grand Touring Prototype (GTP) winner and the Grand Touring Daytona winner, Philip Ellis's #57 Mercedes-AMG GT3, and only nine full-course cautions and green for the final one hour and 13 minutes.



Felipe Nasr's Porsche 963 chasing down Robin Frijns BMW M Hybrid V8 in Turn 7.



Wright Motorsports GTD Porsche 911 GT3R enters the front straight.



Hank Allen's Porsche 992.1 GTS at Sebring PorschePlatz.

The results were clear in each class after the final pit stops. The cooler night conditions agreed with the Porsche 963s after a duel-filled race with #31 Whelen Cadillac V-Series.R. The #7 Porsche of Nasr / Tandy / Laurent Vanthoor beat the sister #6 Porsche of Jaminet / Campbell / Estre by 2.239 seconds, with the #93 Meyer Shank Acura ARX-06 in third. In Le Mans Prototype 2 (LMP2), Tom Dillmann, Bijoy Garg and Jeremy Clarke won in the #43 Inter Europol Competition ORECA LMP2 07. In GTD PRO, AO Racing's #77 Porsche 911 GT3 R (992), better known as "Rexy," was piloted to victory by Laurin Heinrich, Klaus Bachler, and Alessio Picariello, followed by two BMWs.

Porsche Penske Motorsport capped its decisive victory in the Rolex 24 at Daytona. Nick Tandy added this win at Sebring to his Tandy Slam record-breaking collection of four global 24-hour wins at Daytona, Le Mans, Spa and the Nürburgring, plus Petit Le Mans—putting him in very rare company with the likes of Foyt, Herrmann, Oliver, Holbert, Haywood, Baldi, Wallace, Werner and Bernhard.

Porsche Penske Motorsport aims to win every race, but this year, the priority is to secure Roger's first Le Mans victory, and Porsche's 20th. Porsche is also preparing its customer teams, Proton Competition and JDC Miller, to take over the IMSA and World Endurance Championship (WEC) efforts. Both teams are making steady progress, as demonstrated by their 6th and 8th place GTP finishes at Sebring. The next IMSA challenge for the team will be a very different "sprint race" on the streets of Long Beach on 12 April. In WEC, next is the 6 Hours of Imola on 20 April.

On Sunday, we headed north for a lovely visit with friends in Myrtle Beach. At the Florida-South Carolina line, we were met with a torrential downpour; the 911 system, in "Wet Mode," handled it superbly. From there, I took some local roads to rejoin I-95 North. It was a great road trip, complete with plenty of Porsches, car talk, racing, and catching up with friends. The next race for us will be the Sahlen's Six Hours at the Glen in June.

Viel Glück und Gute Reise! DV



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Left page, from top: **Photo 1** This watercolor painting was done for Todd Pagonis, the winning bidder for Lew's car art paintings in the annual charity auction for The Erin Levitas Foundation. This wonderful organization helps raise awareness for victims of sexual abuse and generates charitable donations through Potomac's yearly auctions. Lew is always honored to participate in these fundraising efforts over several years; Todd has been the winning bidder on multiple occasions. **Photo 2** This watercolor was of a gorgeous 911 Carrera S, for a client in Laguna Beach, CA.

Lew Azzinaro on a visit to the "Museum of the Bizarre" in Wilmington, NC. Lew admits he felt VERY comfortable there!

LEW AZZINARO

LIFE IN FULL COLOR

STORY BY **JASON ALDAG**

If you're one of the more socially active members of the Potomac Porsche Club, chances are you've already met one of our most outgoing and gregarious members: Lew Azzinaro. As his wife Barbara often says, "Lew isn't just an extrovert—he's a pathological extrovert!"

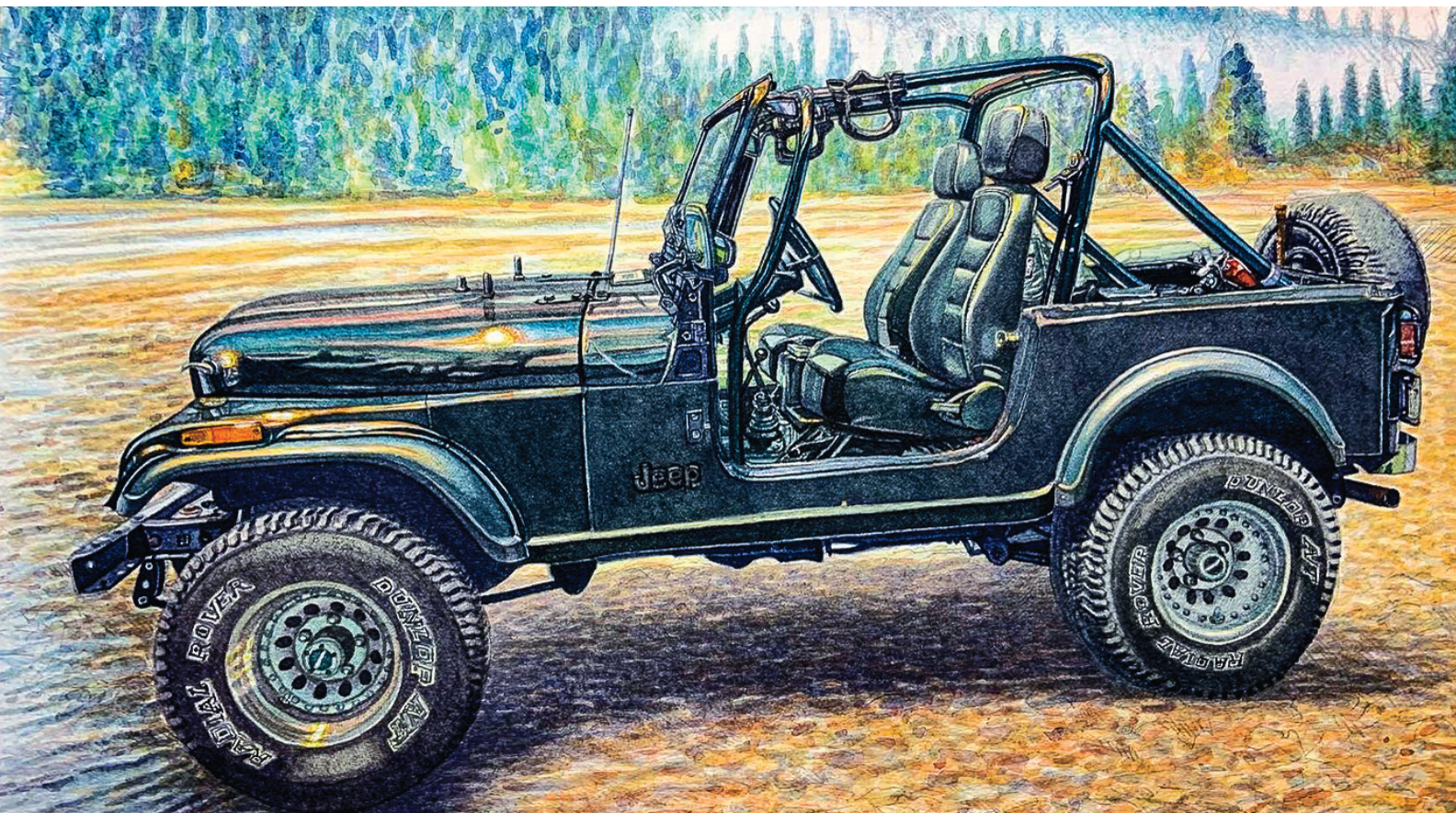
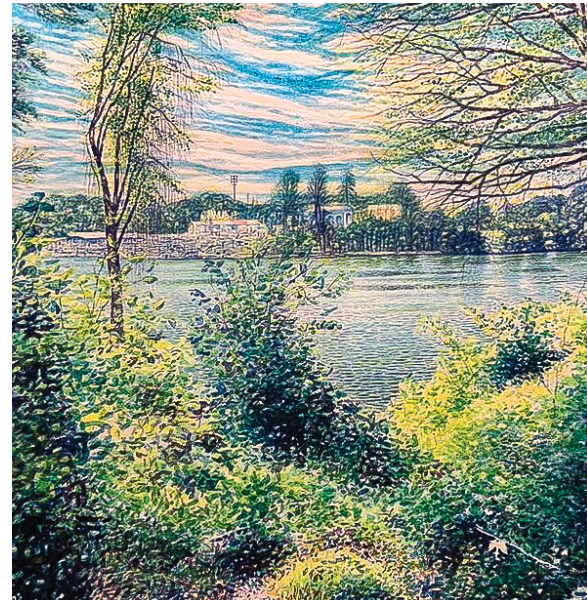
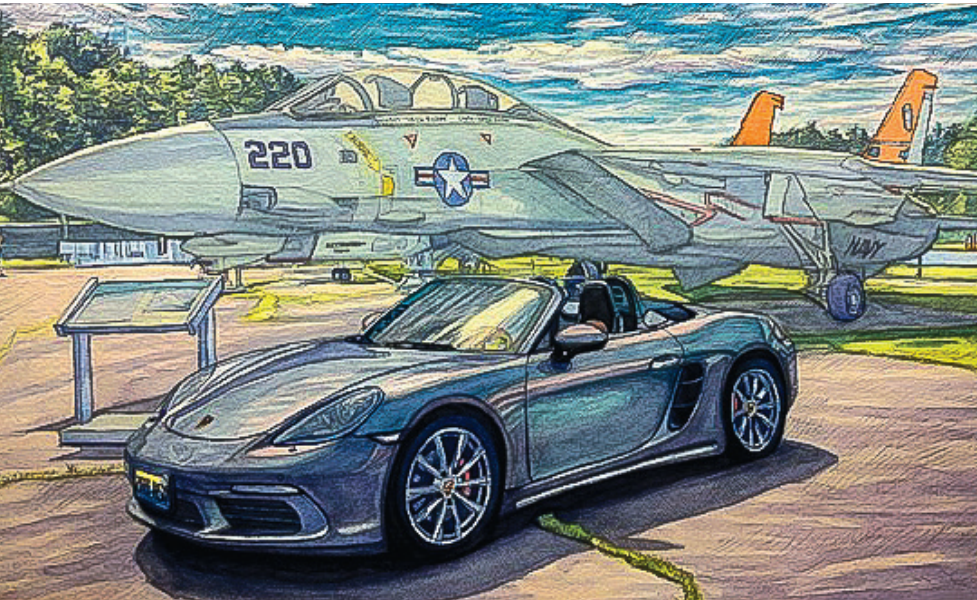
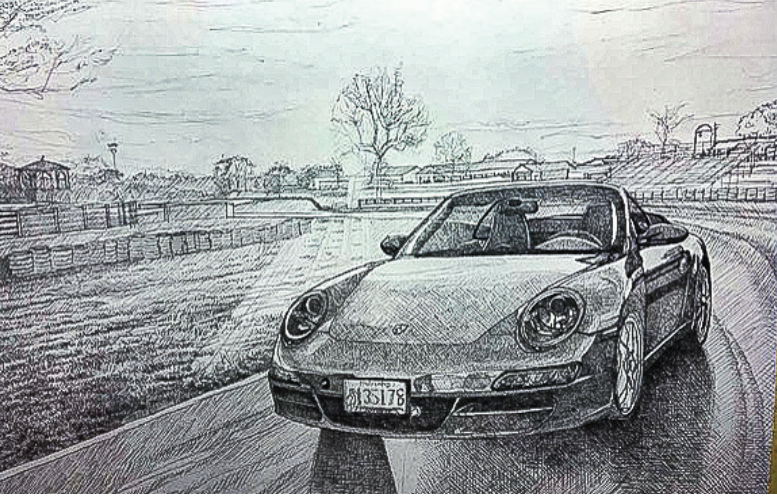
Lew and Barbara joined the club in 2005 and became more active in social events around 2007. Their Porsche journey began in 1999 with a used 911 Carrera Cabriolet—manual, of course. Today, they own two of Stuttgart's finest: a manual 2015 911 Carrera S coupe and a 2019 Cayenne Turbo.

Social butterflies by nature (especially Lew), they've been enthusiastic participants in nearly every club event—Drive & Dines, concours gatherings, monthly brunches, and more. Lew, in particular, shines when welcoming new members. With his laid-back, hippie charm and boundless energy, he's the guy chatting up everyone in the room—and somehow still talking about Porsches every now and then.

A lifelong artist, Lew discovered his talent early. At just six years old, the nuns at his Catholic school noted on a report card: "Lew is always disruptive, very distracted, and causes trouble—but he does seem to have an above-average ability in art. We just wish he'd apply some of that talent to other subjects." That lukewarm praise sparked a lifelong creative journey.

Despite struggling academically, Lew's artistic abilities carried him forward. With help from his high school art teacher, Carroll Ayotte, he was accepted to St. Mary's College of Maryland—something Lew still considers life-changing. He went on to earn a BFA in Illustration from the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in 1978. But the real highlight of college, Lew says, was meeting Barbara. They married in 1981 and raised two daughters, Rachel and Sarah, in Reston, Virginia.

After graduating, Lew launched a successful career in illustration. He spent three years in advertising and graphic design before going freelance for 25 years. His client list included Mobil Oil, The Washington Post, The New York Times, National Geographic, Disney, Marriott, the Baltimore Orioles, United Airlines, and many more. At one point, Lew had art agents nationwide helping him land work from coast to coast.





Left page, clockwise from top: **Photo 1** This shows the detailed pencil rendering stage that all of Lew's artwork undergoes before adding the watercolor washes that create the luminous effects in his watercolor car artwork. This commission was created for Potomac members Mary and Michael Handelman, showcasing their beautiful 997-generation cabriolet, set against the backdrop of the sunset at Summit Point Race Track in West Virginia. **Photo 2** This painting was one of Lew's first Cat Art paintings for some very dear friends and fellow Porschephiles, Mary and Michael Handelman, back in 2019. This painting was a gift from Lew to thank Michael for taking the time many years ago to convince Lew to join PCA Potomac. The car is pictured at Summit Point Racetrack in West Virginia, where Michael spent many happy days with his fellow track rats from the Potomac chapter. The photo he sends shows their gorgeous car lit by the descending light at sunset. The painting was framed magnificently, and resides now with the Handelmans in their home in Montana. **Photo 3** Not always cars – one of Lew's favorites is this watercolor landscape from Occoquan Regional Park that captures the dramatic sky and glistening water scene of the popular park near Woodbridge, VA. **Photo 4** A rendering of a vintage Jeep depicted forging a stream in the Pacific Northwest. This painting was created for the winning bidder in the annual American Heart Association's Heart Ball Auction, which raises funds to help prevent heart disease. Lew and Barb are deeply involved in this charity, as they lost an infant son to a heart defect in 1995. Lew donates a piece of his "Lew Azzinaro Car Art" every year to help raise funds for this remarkable charity and to honor the memory of his son, David Benjamin Azzinaro. **Photo 5** This watercolor painting of the Havinoviski's Porsche Boxster, depicted at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum in Maryland in front of an F-14, was completed in 2020 as a gift from Nancie to Glenn.

Left: A large 24x30-inch poster created in 1986 from Lew's freelance illustration career. It is one of a series of major metropolitan areas, mimicking a famous New Yorker cartoon by the esteemed cartoonist Saul Steinberg, in which every metropolitan area thinks that it is the center of the universe.

He retired in 2005, shifting gears to work part-time with Barbara, who built a thriving career as a manufacturer's rep in the contract design industry. She represents some of the country's top furnishings lines, serving major hotels, hospitality companies, and design studios across the Mid-Atlantic.

So, where did Lew's Porsche obsession begin? Naturally, it traces back to a poster of Janis Joplin draped across the hood of her wildly painted Porsche 356. It hung on his teenage bedroom wall, and he fell in love—with both Janis and that iconic car.

In retirement, Lew began painting friends' cars, starting with a watercolor of Michael and Mary Handelman's 997 Carrera Cabriolet. That thoughtful gift sparked a new creative outlet: Lew Azzinaro Car Art, founded in 2019. Since then, Lew has painted dozens of Porsches (and other marques), all in his signature watercolor-over-pencil style. Most pieces are around 11x14 inches and meticulously detailed.

Lew generously donates artwork to benefit causes dear to him and Barbara. He regularly contributes to the Erin Levitas

Foundation's annual auction, offering custom car portraits for winning bidders. They're also deeply involved with the American Heart Association in memory of their son David Benjamin Azzinaro, who passed away at three months old due to a congenital heart defect. Since 2020, Lew has donated one of his car portraits each year to raise funds for heart disease research.

Ask anyone who knows him, and they'll tell you—Lew brings warmth, humor, and soul to everything he does. That includes his art. One of his former art directors once summed him up perfectly: "Lew's kind of a scallywag and a scoundrel—but he's also one of the most talented illustrators we've ever worked with. And he never misses a deadline."

Lew takes great pride in that backhanded compliment.

To see his work or commission a piece, you can reach Lew at 703-507-8673 or find him online by searching "Lew Azzinaro Car Art". He's active on Instagram and Facebook, where he showcases many of his custom Porsche portraits and occasionally talks your ear off. **DV**



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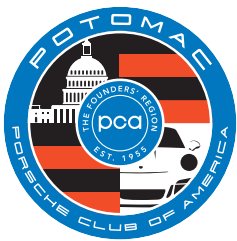
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