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# Porsche Has Meaning

"Nice jacket!" "Love that tee shirt!" Strangers commenting on my attire is decidedly not a reflection of my taste in clothing. I wear black jeans and a black polo-type shirt to work virtually every day. Occasionally on the weekends I will wear some article of Porsche/PCA logo clothing, typically a tee shirt or a light jacket. Then – and only then – does anyone notice my clothes and I know, without hesitation, that what they are commenting on is the Porsche brand. It happens regularly.

You've had the experience of someone commenting on your clothes and being surprised that they had noticed the cool new sneakers or whatever. I have had strangers say something complimentary about Porsche gear so frequently that I now know immediately what they are looking at. I generally say – "Thanks, it's a great car too" or something equally banal.

I have absolutely no documentary evidence for the assertion that no other brand evinces this uniformly positive response but I believe it anyway. I have never overheard anyone comment on any other automotive brand, or for that matter, any other brand at all. "Nice Corvette jacket" never happen. "Really like your Ferrari racing shoes" maybe in Italy.

Luxury brands often produce mixed emotions somewhere between envy and disgust. Porsche seems to have transcended this. As partial explanation I commend to you Eddie Alterman's Editor's Letter on page 8 in the December 2018 Car and Driver . I can't reproduce it here but it's worth seeking out.

It is an eloquent disposition on what Porsche cars are. He writes about how all of us "... form a fraternity..." that helps explain why 81,000 members showed up for Rennsport. He talks about the "racer's mentality" that informs the continuous improvement of these cars. I won't spoil his ending but you will have a better day for reading the piece and appreciate your Porsche even more.



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Michael Sherman

### The president's column Left Seat Women

This month, I attended a Women in Leadership conference and the keynote speaker opened her speech with, "Don't be driven. DRIVE!". The homonym / homograph was clever ("driven"), but for me specifically, the phrase had an additional significance to my role as President of Porsche Club of America's Potomac Region.

One of my goals as your President this year is to increase the presence of women at our club events, and not just as spectators or guests. I would like to see more women behind the wheel at our Drivers' Education, Autocross, Rally, Drive and Dine and other events. In addition, I would like to see more women in the passenger seat as instructors at those events, where appropriate and when the skill level has been reached through our instructor training program.

We have many wonderful women leaders within our club this year: Pat Kaunitz & Donna Amico (Club Race Chairs), Susan Kimmitt (Drivers' Education Vice-Chair), Linda Davidson (Rally Vice-Chair), Diane Sullenberger (DE Co-Registrar), Lara Peirce (Track Registrar) and Rose Ann Novotnak (Zone 2 Rep). Since 1955, we have even had four\* women Presidents: 1976 Phoebe Harper, 1994 Diana Love, 2002 Betty Church and me. Each of these women experiences the thrill of driving her Porsche, enjoys the comradery of fellow Porsche lovers and is passionate about our Club and its positive role in her life.



Mia Walsh

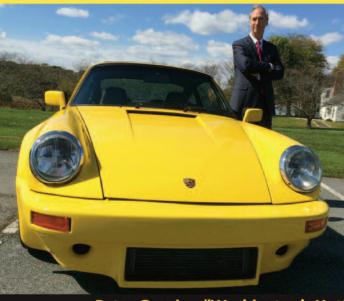
I don't consider myself a feminist at all; I am more of an equalist. And in reality, this column isn't about feminism and equality, it's about the fact that DRIVING IS FUN. It's about the fact that the skills we as drivers (men, women or those with other gender-identities) learn across our platform of programs make us safer, enables us to share our automobile knowledge and technical abilities to those around us and thus, raises the level of the surrounding community. But, most importantly and I repeat, driving is fun, and as you well

know, driving a Porsche is EVEN MORE FUN!

So, those of you reading this column, please spread the fun and encourage a female in your life to find the time to get behind the wheel at one of our events. Encourage her to set up her own MotorsportReg account, encourage her to jump in even though she may be hesitant, and reassure her that she has 4,000 welcoming and nurturing club members to help guide her through the giant leap outside of her comfort zone. I will be at the top of the list supporting her!

\*President's Note: I defer to George Whitmore, our Historian, on those gender ambiguous first names in the early onset of our Club. I don't believe the Presidents Lees, Lynns, and Carrolls were women.

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# Potomac's 2019 calendar

The information below is accurate as of date of publication. However, you're advised to check Potomac's website at *pcapotomac.org* for further information and the most up-to-date information.

### April

6 Potomac's First Saturday Brunch, City Grille, Manassas, 11am – 1pm

- 13 Autocross #1, Summit Point Cone Pad
- 14 Tech Inspection for Pitt Race
- 19-21 Hershey Drive & Dine
- 20 Potomac's Maryland Brunch at Glen Echo, Irish Inn,11 am 1 pm
- 28 Virginia Spring Drive and Dine

#### Cars & Coffee

#### Hunt Valley, MD

Saturdays, 8 – 10am, Hunt Valley Towne Centre at Joe's Crab Shack, 118 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD. Many cars of all types.

#### Burtonsville, MD

Sundays, 7:30 – 10am, "Church of the Holy Donut," Dunkin' Donuts, Route 29 & 198, Burtonsville, MD.

#### Great Falls, VA

Saturdays, 7 – 9am, Katie's Cars & Coffee located at 760 Walker Road, Great Falls, VA. This is perhaps the premier gathering of interesting cars in the D.C. area. Don't look for many cars if the weather is inclement.

#### Dulles, VA

Dunkin' Donuts @ Dulles Landing Shopping Center on Loudoun County Parkway north of US 50. (7-9 am on Sundays).

#### Leesburg, VA

Sunday 9am, Dog Money Restaurant, 50 Catoctin Circle, NE, Leesburg, VA 20176.

#### Winchester, VA

3rd Saturday, 8-11 am, Truban Motor Company located at 60 W. Jubal Early Drive in Winchester, VA. All car types invited. Rain or shine.

#### Bethesda, MD

Saturdays, 8 – 10am, Corner Bakery Cafe, 10327 Westlake Dr., Bethesda, MD, Westfield Montgomery Shopping Mall.



#### Potomac Monthly Brunches

**Potomac breakfasts and brunches** are an excellent way to (a) have a tasty meal, and (b) make new Porsche friends or renew old friendships. Meetings are low-key with no agenda.

**Virginia: first Saturday of each month**, 11am at the City Grille, 10701 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, VA, 20109.

Maryland: third Saturday each month, 11am – 1pm at the Irish Inn, 6119 Tulane Ave., Glen Echo, MD.







# **2018 PCA Awards Banquet**

Story by Mia Walsh The 2018 Sponsor and Volunteer awards ceremony was held on February 23rd , 2019 at Maggiano's in Tysons Corner to another sell-out crowd. PCA Potomac members, sponsors, volunteers and guests joined together for cocktails and a family-style dinner to celebrate the successful 2018 season. A special thanks to Social Chair, Jason Savage and past-Social Chair, Pat Kaunitz, for organizing this amazing event!

Do you know that 494 volunteers were invited to attend this year's event? That is exactly 19.7% of our active primary membership. Having participated in volunteer organizations for 30+ years, it is quite defining that such a high percentage of people give their valuable time back to our club. On behalf of the entire Leadership Team, I thank you all!

In addition, 63 sponsor organizations helped support our club in 2018, through various programs and methods. Whether donating cash to support elements of our events, sponsoring the purchase of tshirts, dinners, and supplies, or even being a regular advertiser in our Der Vorganger magazine, PCA Potomac is humbled to have these organizations choose us as recipients for their sponsorship dollars.

After we graciously thanked our volunteers and sponsors, various program chairs gave recognition to their volunteers and Autocross chairs announced the 2018 winners of their classes. In addition, the Executive Committee gave special recognition to those Potomac members who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to make our Club the top region in the country. Region awards were presented to the following people as follows:

*Enthusiast of the Year* • Lara Peirce

#### President's Awards

- Michael Handelman
- Brian Walsh
- Glenn Cowan
- Ron Flax

Instructor of the Year

John Vrankovich

Special RecognitionHarleigh Ewell

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Above far left: Enthusiast of the Year Lara Peirce.

Above left: Drive and Dine volunteers were thanked by Glenn Havinoviski.

Above: Club Race volunteers.

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Above: Driver's Education Instructor of the year award was presented to John Vrankovich.

Left: Brian Walsh was presented with a President's award.

Below left: Autocross was represented at the awards presentation as volunteers were thanked and winners were announced in the 2018 classes.

Opposite above left: Glenn Cowan was presented with a President's award for his work with the dV magazine.

Opposite above right: Michael Handelman was presented with a President's award..

*Opposite below:* The 2018 sponsors in attendance. See insert for names.

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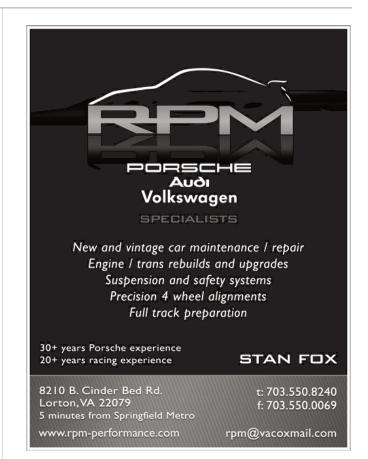
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# 36th Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance

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This year's 36th Annual Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance will soon be upon us. Billed as the Potomac Porsche Club's premier annual concours and hosted along with the DC Region's Mercedes Benz Club and BMW Club for its 36th year, this is a great time to view some of the areas nicest German automobiles. Bring your Porsche out to the show to compete for awards and to display. The all-day event is complete with car displays, food and merchandise vendors and followed by an awards reception. Porsche of Tysons Corner is our new major sponsor this year and we want to thank them for their generosity and the exciting new plans for the show!

Potomac Porsche Club Concours Chairmen John Truban & Gary Sidell have chosen a diverse and highly qualified group of Judges. The Judges will be scoring cars based on a variety of criteria to include cleanliness of the exterior, interior, engine and trunk compartments, as well as the owner's history with the car and overall impact of the vehicle. We do not score the undercarriage of the car. We have designed the car classes to allow for the widest range of Porsche automobiles to compete and be shown. We are continuing with the Modern Production Class for Cayennes, Macans and Panameras, as well as the Outlaw Class for all Porsches that have been noticeably modified from the original specifications. In addition, we divided up the Modern 911 Class into two classes – Modern 911- 1999 to 2011 and Current 911 – 2012 to current.

This year's Deutsche Marque will be awarding Class Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We will also be awarding five Grand Awards, listed below. The Best of

Marque Award will be given to the top scoring Porsche on the show field. This winner will then compete against the Mercedes Benz and BMW recipients for The Spirit of the Marque Award – the top honor.

Pre-registration is highly suggested as space is limited and this speeds up your registration process.

Registration starts April 1, 2019 6:00 PM and is located at *motor-sport.reg* – just search for events in Story by John Truban. Photo by Charlene Truban.

#### our area.

The entry fee for the concours is \$30 per car (\$40 after April 30th and for on-site registration). Registration includes one wine and cheese awards reception ticket. Additional wine and cheese reception tickets are available at \$15 each. In order to allow us to plan appropriately for the number of guests, please register in advance. There is no charge or need to register to attend the concours as a spectator.

The official website for the 36th Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance is: *www.dmconcours.com*.

#### **Event Schedule:**

8:30 AM - Field opens to show participants for placement onto the field.

9:00 AM - General admission begins.

10:00 - AM All cars whose owners wish them to be judged must be registered, and cars placed on the field. If you would like to be judged, PLEASE have your car on the field by 10:00 AM. We do our best to judge everyone consistently and fairly and can do this best if we have sufficient time. Thank you!

10:30 AM - Judging begins.

2:30 - 3:00 PM - After the judging is completed, scores are tallied, and winners determined, we will announce winners at the wine and cheese reception.

3:00 PM - Wine and Cheese Reception - Awards for all clubs will be presented at the Wine and Cheese Reception.

There is a rain date of May 19th should that be needed.

#### Top Trophy

The Spirit of the Deutsche Marque Concours Award – chosen by the Porsche Club, BMW Club and Mercedes Club Chairmen from the three Best of Marque winners. Given to the top German Automobile that best exemplifies the spirit of the Deutsche Marque Concours.

#### Grand Awards

Best of Marque Award Chairman's Award Most Significant Porsche Award Best Design Award People's Choice Award

#### **Class Awards**

1. 356 All Years

2. Early Aircooled 911s, 912 & 914 - (1964 to 1976)

3. Mid Aircooled 911s (1977-89)

4. Late Aircooled 911s (1990-1998)

- 5. Modern 911 (1999 2011)
- 6. Current 911 (2012-Current)
- 7. 924, 944, 968, 928
- 8. Boxster/Cayman

9. Modern Production (Cayenne, Macan, Panamera)

10. Outlaw Class (For all Porsches that have been noticeably modified from original specifications)

#### The Judging Process

The Potomac Porsche Club encourages all members to experience a judged concours. As a result, all participants have their car judged the same way at the Deutsche Marque. In the past we had a wash and shine class for those who simply wanted the outside of the car looked at and not be "fully judged." We also had a judged class that was scored on the cleanliness of the car inside and out. We now combine the two groups to have one judged group of cars on the field. Every car on the field will be eligible for awards, of which some are not based on cleanliness at all, such as the Best Design Award, People's Choice, Chairman's Award and Most Significant Porsche Award.

We recognize that while some feel their car is not prepared to compete amongst other cars that are freshly restored or kept in an air-tight bubble, this competition is designed for all Porsche owners to have fun displaying their car alongside their fellow Porsche Club members and enjoy the Concours experience.

The cost is the same for everyone, so why not get the full experience.

The process for the judging will work as follows:

1. At 10:30 am the judging will begin. There will be more than one judging team so be prepared near your car as the judges come around.

2. The team of judges will arrive at your vehicle and introduce themselves.

3. They will ask you to



briefly tell them about your Porsche. This is your opportunity to tell the judges about the history of your car, what is special about it or any modifications you have made.

4. They will then walk around the vehicle and look at the outside of the vehicle. They will be looking at everything that is visible to the eye. They will not be looking under the car or in wheel wells.

5. They will then ask the owner to open the doors, trunk and engine compartments. They will walk around inspecting each of those areas.

6. If your vehicle is a convertible, you may display it with the top up or down. However, if the

top is down the judges will ask for the top to be raised momentarily during judging so that it may be inspected.

7. The judges will then ask the owner to close all of the compartments and doors.

8. The judges will deliberate to the side away from the car.

9. After scoring the vehicle the judges will thank the owner and move to the next vehicle.

The 36th Annual Deutsche Marque Concours will be an exciting time to bring your Porsche out and meet new friends and learn new things.

#### Judges Announced

#### Concours Chairman – John Truban Jr.

John has been a PCA member for 19 years and is the owner of Truban Motor Company, along with his wife Charlene, which specializes in vintage Porsche sales. They attend many regional and national Concours and have had the privilege of showing and competing at the Porsche Parade, Pinehurst, Hilton Head, Greenwich and the Inn at St. John's. They currently own a variety of Porsches including a 1957 356 A Coupe, 1972 Porsche 911S, 1989 Speedster and a 2018 GT2 RS.

#### Concours Vice-Chair – Gary Sidell

Gary has been an owner of 8 Porsches since 1971. Starting with a bright Tangerine 914, he progressed through another 914, graduated to a 2003 Targa, three 2009 Boxsters and currently has a 2015 Targa and 1975 914. Having retired a few years ago as a full-time attorney with a litigation practice, he is currently the Potomac Region's "legal officer."

#### Chief Judge – Ron Gordon

Ron Gordon has been involved with Porsche Club since 1983. His first Porsche was a 1983 944, which he campaigned nationally. He has been awarded Class Awards at the Porsche Parade, Best of Marques at the Deutsche Marque Concours in the 1980's and 1990's. He also won an Amelia Award at the 2000 Amelia Island Concours. He has previously held the positions of Potomac Concours Chair and Deutsche Marque Concours Chair. He was the National Parade Concours Co-Chair from 2013-2015. He is the current National Parade Chair and Chesapeake Concours Co-Chair. He has held the position of Werks Reunion Head Judge for Monterey in 2015 and 2016.

#### Darryl Nichols

Darryl caught the Porsche bug at an early age. After moving to the Northern Virginia area to attend college for Engineering, he began to "wash and wax" cars for employees of the school during a summer mail room job. After leaving the audio/video engineering field, Odds and Ends Detailing was founded in 2010; an Adam's Polishes dealership since 2011. Today, it's a full time shop that offers full service cleaning and rejuvenation, as well as retail sales. The shop also sponsors many of the local clubs and supports quite a few charity events throughout each year. Darryl is a 10 year PCA member and has owned many Porsches throughout the past 15. Currently, there's a 1999 911 Cabriolet and a 2006 Cayman S.



#### Dan Rowzie

Dan Rowzie has served the Porsche Club in many capacities. He held the position of Potomac President in 1969, Zone Representative, National PR Chairman and National Treasurer of the PCA. He has attended many Porsche Parades and competed in the 69, 70, 71 and 72 Porsche Parades. Dan Rowzie has had the privilege of personally owning and enjoying a 550 Spyder, 1958 356 GT Speedster, 1959 356 GS Coupe, 904, the 1973 911 RSR that won at Sebring and many other special Porsches. Dan participated in the 1975 Cannonball Run.

#### **Barry Deuel**

Barry Deuel has owned numerous Porsches over the last quarter of a century and managed many complete restorations. An owner of four 356 B & C Coupes, a 1960 Roadster and a 1958 Speedster, as well as numerous early 911's, Mr. Deuel has a wide range of experience with Porsche. Barry has assisted the Concours Committee with numerous events such as the European Festival, Gathering of the Faithful and past Deutsche Marque Concours. Another interesting fact is that Mr. Deuel has owned 11 different Volkswagen GTI's since their inception.

#### Lewis Hauser

Mr. Hauser is nationally recognized for the highest quality restorations of 356's and early 911's that have

won prestigious awards at the highest level of competition in the United States. He completed the restoration of the 1951 Porsche 356 Coupe that sold for more than \$1,000,000 at auction, after it having won multiple 1st Place trophies. Lewis is a 30 year PCA member and owner of a 1958 Speedster, a 1955 Porsche 356 that attended the First Porsche Parade, as well as numerous other Porsches.

#### Bruce Bade

A PCA member in Los Angeles in the 1960's, and later rejoining the PCA in 1999 after an absence while living overseas. Mr. Bade has been a Porsche Owner's Group (POG) member since 1999. Bruce and his wife, Ginger, have owned a 356A coupe since 1967 and have accumulated a 1987 928S4 (since 1998), a 1995 928 GTS (since 2009), and a 2007 997 Turbo (since 2013). The 928 GTS was awarded a First in Class at the 2013 Traverse City Parade Concours and a 2nd in Class at the inaugural East Coast Werks Reunion. Bruce Bade has judged numerous shows.

#### Doug Ehmann

Doug has been a member of the PCA-Chesapeake Region for over twenty years. He is currently serving as a co-chair for the Concours Committee, and he is the Sunshine Chairman. He has also been the Tech Chairman. He owns a 1984 Porsche 911 coupe, and he has owned cars a variety of other cars from other



manufacturers including BMW, Mercedes, Ferrari, Chevrolet, and Amphicar. He is in the final stages of restoring and reassembling a Jaguar E-Type/XKE, which was taken apart by the previous owner fortytwo years ago and left in a heap. Doug has an auto appraisal business, MarylandAutoAppraisal.com, valuing cars for insurance, buying, selling, estate, loan, and accident diminished value purposes.

#### Glenn Cowan

Glenn has been the co-editor of the der Vorganger magazine, the Potomac Porsche Club Region's publication, for the past 6 years. As Publisher of the Potomac PCA magazine he is also responsible for budget management and the varied interests and concerns of our many advertisers and editorial supporters. Glenn has been a Porsche owner going back to a 924 Turbo followed by a 944 Turbo, two 993 Cabs, 2 Boxsters and currently a 911 Targa 45. Since joining PCA nearly 30 years ago, he has participated actively in Autocross, HPDC, Rallies and Drive and Dines.

#### Tom Neel

Tom Neel has deep automotive background, notably servicing the Norman Silver collection of Ferraris in the 1970's, while also working as a Top Fuel funny car mechanic. His automotive time also included automotive painting, customization and National Sales Manager of Rancho Suspension in the 1980's. For the last 30 years he has been a very successful fine artist, his paintings in collections from Lockheed Martin to golf legend Jack Nicklaus. Tom has also been an award winning fine scale model builder with his largest collection found at Ferrari of Washington. Tom has has owned a 2015 Carrera, 2016 GT4 and 2017 Macan S with more on the way. He is both a contributing writer for the PCA and PCA Potomac Region's der Vorganger Magazine, with nearly 30 feature articles and now 7 covers to his credit.

#### Hank Weil

Hank first became a PCA member in 1969 with a 1958 356 Normal coupe. Hank has been an active member of the Chicago Region and now the Shenandoah Region. Hank has served as Shenandoah Membership Chairman and is currently the Past President of the Shenandoah Region. Hank's wife, Jolly is a Potomac Region member. Hank served 7 years as the Chicago Region Concours Co-Chairman. He was a presenter in the Chicago Region Concours Judges and Concours Preparation Schools. He has chaired the Heritage & Historic Displays for the Parade's at St. Charles in 2010 and the 60th Parade in 2015 at French Lick. Hank has attended 13 Parades and has been a Concours Judge for three Porsche Parades. Hank and Jolly were the 2013 Chicago Region Concours Overall winners and were the first to have received 1st place in the five Region Concours that year. He took 1st place in the Full Preparation Division at French Lick in 2015, 2nd place Full Preparation Division at Traverse City in 2013 and 2nd place in Full Preparation Division in St. Charles in 2010. He currently owns a 1994 Speedster and a 1985 911 M491 Coupe.

#### Ellen Beck

A 26-year member of PCA in North Country Region and Chesapeake Region, and has served as Region President, VP, Membership Chair, and DE Chief Driving Instructor, in addition to National roles as Drivers Education Committee and Instructor Trainer, Parade Gimmick Rally Chair, Parade Concours Judge, Parade Art Show Chair and former National Historian. Ellen has been a PCA Parade, Zone and Region Concours Judge for over 10 years, and with her husband Bob, has campaigned at various Parades their 1970 914-6, 1979 924 Sebring Edition, 1976 912E and 2004 996 40th Anniversary Edition. Also a member of BMWCCA, Ellen has exhibited her parents' one owner original 1976 2002.

#### Bob Gutjahr

A member of the Porsche Club of America for 40 years and the 356 Registry for 35 years. He has served on the PCA National Staff since 1990 as RegionFocus Editor and since 2011 as National Policy Chair. He was Co-Chair of the 50th Porsche Parade at Hershey in 2005 and Co-Chair with his wife Ellen Beck for the 75th Porsche 356 Registry Holiday in 2018 at Ocean City, New Jersey. Bob has been a PCA Parade Concurs judge for seven years, and has campaigned a 914-6, a 924, a 912E in Preservation Class, and a 996 40th Anniversary Edition in the Street Class at Parade.

#### Donna Brandt

Donna Brandt first joined PCA, Potomac Region in 1969 and at one time held the position of Secretary and was a member of the autocross committee. She currently is a member of Chesapeake Region and a dual of Potomac Region. She has held the position of Secretary and currently holds the position of Concours Co-Chairperson, Social Chairperson and After Holiday Party Chairperson for Chesapeake Region. She has judged Concours both locally for Chesapeake and Potomac Regions as well as nationally at Porsche Parades.

Donna's passion for Porsches started with her purchase of a 1954 pre-A Cabriolet. She followed with the purchase of a 1963 356B Cabriolet, a 1965 356 SC, a 1968 911 Soft window Targa which she still owns, a 1997 Carrera 4S, and a 1998 Carrera 4S which she still owns and competes in autocrosses and Concours.

Her passion for the Porsche marque and what PCA has to offer has led her to DE events at Summit Point, Autocrossing, Rallies, Concours D' Elegance, as well as attendance at multiple PCA Porsche Parades.



# The Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid

Story by Tom Neel

Photos courtesy of Damon Lowney, PCA In the not so distant future, the new eighth generation 911 will be hybridized. To be honest, I'm a bit surprised it will have taken so long. Why? Because the technological achievements of Porsche's 918 are already at least six years old. Its technology also netted the German manufacture outright 24 Hour LeMans wins with its 919 LMP for 2015, 16, 17, and then put the icing on the hybridized cake with the un-haltered 919 EVO, smashing records everywhere it goes.

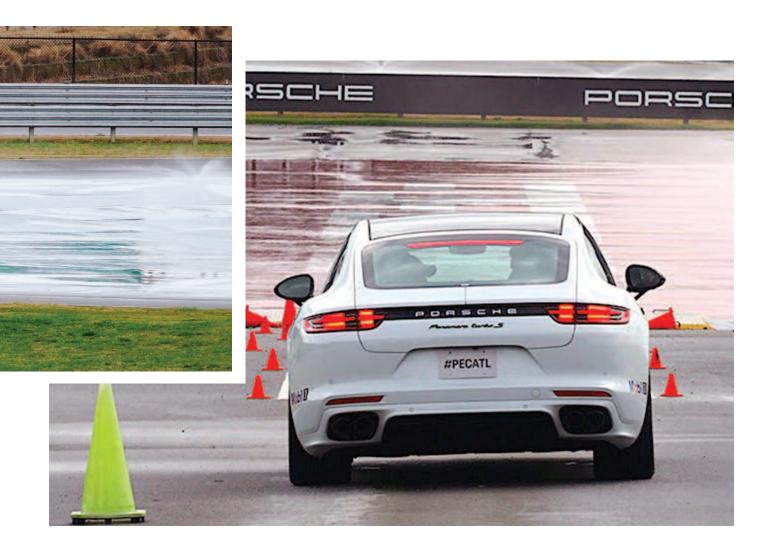
Well, if you think all of this electronic wizardry was wasted, think not. Or if you ponder the 911's hybrid future, look no further than its flagship sedan, the Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid. It should be noted that of all of Porsche's production offerings, only two out gun it and they are the 918 itself (887hp), and the 2018 GT2 RS (700hp). The Panamera's Turbo V8 and electric motors pump out a whopping combined 680hp, though it weighs nearly a ton more than the other two. The lack of lightweight materials, a full back seat with two extra doors, and a hefty battery pack are to blame, but I will promise you, it wears its weight well.

That battery pack sits right smack where the 911 has its engine and thus, this performance sedan can

tend to be 911 4S in feel. Porsche's brilliant four-wheel steering also plays into this. But where a modern 911's wheelbase is basically eight feet (96.5"), the Panamera is a stretchy 20" longer (116.14"), and so you really feel the assistance and pivoting of the rear wheel steering, especially when pitching it towards an apex.

All-wheel drive gives this Panamera predictable sure-footedness, though on a wet track, with a spirited drive going on, finding both under and oversteer is not difficult, but both I felt were predictable and drivable. I frankly think 80% of all Porsche drivers would be faster in this than the GT3 RS I recently drove at the Porsche Experience Center not long ago, and that number jumps to 99% for the S E-Hybrid's intended audience. That is to say, I honestly don't think anyone in the market for this car would be any faster in the best of Porsche's GT products. Where those become a handful, this Panamera is more confidence inspiring. Equipped with all season radials, on a wet track, I did not have to work hard for it to deliver a .86G slalom run. Amazing for a car of this size and weight and it leaves little to the imagination of what proper rubber and a dry surface would net.

On the PEC soaked low friction skid-pad, the



Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid is so at home it would surprise you. I make no claim in being a drift-pro, but I shined more than usual. I then changed seats with my accompanying coach and friend Kyler Graham, who put us into a load of fun, three lap rotation, with the Panamera's body perpendicular to the big circle, exactly like a hand on a clock. Round and round we went. Wait, am I in a 5000 lb sedan here? Yes, I am!

From a launch, the battery power feels more like you are being hit from behind with a heavy jolt, unlike the non-electric motor assisted, rear wheel drive GT cars I've driven. Zero to sixty comes in a brisk 3.2 seconds. That equals the PDK optioned GT3 folks!

How the 8-speed PDK transmission takes the load of this weight and the 626 pound-feet of torque, I'll never know, but it does without a whimper. Which brings me to those batteries on-board. Equipped with six driving modes, E-Power, Hybrid Auto, E-Hold, E-Charge, Sport, and Sport Plus, using the electric source of energy only, (E-Power), this Turbo S E-Hybrid will take you about 30 miles. But interestingly enough, driving in the most sporty mode, (Sport Plus), nets the most regenerative re-charge. The hour and a half I spent behind the wheel at PEC, showed there was almost no loss in E-Power range, though I did deplete some serious petrol.

As with life there is always balance to consider and in this case, one must also balance the price tag, as a base Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid rolls in at \$186,200, and for \$4,000 you can also make a wagon out of it. But with Porsche, there are those endless options to consider. There are something like 13 different wheel possibilities alone. With a quick run around Porsche's configurator, I blew through \$200K like a rocket through a cloud. But I suspect those in the market will have the pocket change to go shopping.

I simply cannot rave enough about Porsche's flagship sedan, the Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid. Expensive-yes, but so worthy of carrying the Porsche crest on its hood. If a 911 Turbo S is your dream car, but you need a bigger back seat, you'll not fall short with this choice. You honestly do not buy it for fuel economy. Your target is roomy performance and this Panamera delivers with abundance! General Service/Repair | Track Prep/Setup | Engine Rebuilds | Tuning | Performance Modifications | In-House Dyno



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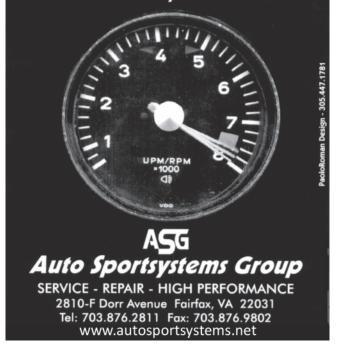


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esque Northern Maryland. We've incorporated some of our favorite "Porsche roads" with some new adventurous ones thrown in too. To start the season off with the simplest format, this will be an "All About Speed" rally. Along the route teams will be required to add and subtract all the speed limit signs (details are explained in the aforementioned drivers meeting). Sounds easy!

When teams arrive back at Worthington Manor, they will be treated to a buffet lunch while waiting for everyone to arrive. Once all the scores are tallied, winners will be announced with the top three teams receiving trophies for their efforts.

The cost for the rally is \$65/PER CAR. This includes breakfast and lunch for both driver and navigator.

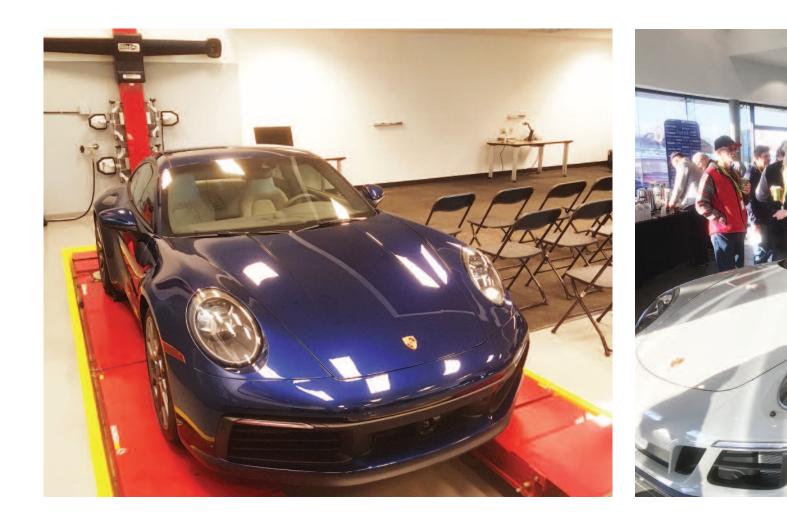
There will be vegetarian options available at lunch.

For more info contact dogzmom@verizon.net or rally@pcapotomac.org.

To register go to www.msreg.com/2019SpringRally. This event is limited to 30 cars and will be held rain or shine.

Story and photos by Linda Davidson.





# Tech Tactics East – 2019

Story and photos by Glenn Cowan

Two years ago I went to Tech Tactics East at the PCNA Training Facility in Easton, PA. I enjoyed the program and learned a good deal about Porsche's marketing strategy as they faced electric and autonomous vehicle imperatives. There were sessions on Porsche restorations and an enlightening discussion of the value curve of restored Porsches. I learned about new tire technology and got a tour of the warehouse that supplies the dealerships in the eastern US. It was interesting and I had an opportunity to meet PCA folks mainly from the middle Atlantic states.

PCA manages this event so when they announced Tech Tactics East 2019 (there is also a Tech Tactics West) a quick review of the program suggested generally the same topics so I decided to give it a pass. Then I saw that there would be a 992 on display. I signed up.

Easton, PA is a good (bad actually) 3 ½ hour drive for me and the forecast called for snow. Also, as the program begins at 0830 on Saturday (or Sunday) you have to stay the night prior in a local Easton lodging. The day is a long one, so on its conclusion at 1800 I was facing a 3 ½ hour drive home, mostly in the dark. Despite all that, I am glad I went and I am not alone in that view. Of the 75 participants, all but a handful had been to a previous program. Many had been to 5, 10, even 15 of them. Registration was filled for the Saturday session within 90 minutes of MotorSport Reg.com going live and the Sunday session sold out as well.

There were entertaining and informative sessions on tire technology, wonderful stories about the extremes that restorers will go to, and an update on the market for used Porsches. For me, simply seeing the 992 was worth the trip. Syd Butler wrote about the new 911 last month so if you missed that piece, it's worth finding the March 2019 dV (its filed neatly right after the February 2019 dV on your bookshelf).

Aside from the excitement of seeing the new 911 (992) presentations from Porsche's Product Manager





Simon Lohre and Exterior Design Manager Ingo Scheinhutte were informative and entertaining. The design of the car (like that of every Porsche) is viewed as the principle determinant of the prospective owner's purchasing decision. Porsche views styling as just one component of design which also takes account of:

- Time to manufacture
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- Production
- Customer demand
- Market forces
- Country specific regulations

The exterior of the 911 had to follow certain aesthetic standards handed down from every 911 - like the relationship between the slope of the roof, the side windows and the center of the rear wheels. Interestingly, the interior of the vehicle is considered considerably more difficult to design due to the complexity of the customer driven variables.

In response to a question, Scheinhutte told us that Porsche race cars are developed without any input from his design shop - other than they got asked about a livery color choice once.

It was a good day and despite my long drive to get there and return, I was making that drive in a Porsche!

# It's Hot Out, But the Revs are Good

Story and photos by Dan Rogers Remember summer? One summer day this is how it went: At 6:30 am I put the targa top in the trunk. I set the hand throttle and fire up the engine. It whirrs to life with that unmistakable air-cooled 911 sound part lion roar, part jet engine, part lawnmower. A cloud of oil smoke rises up and I back out of the garage quick. I ease out of the driveway, going especially slow down the slope to the street—I've drug bottom a couple times. The same pedestrian from last week walks by and I hear her cough as she moves through the smoke. Down the street I pass the Maserati guy's house and I wave as he comes out the front door—car guys are car guys. I would stop for coffee at Buzz Bakery, but I don't have a cup holder.

Caption: The traffic is backed up, but I refuse to stop on the train tracks while waiting for a green light.

I'm in the groove now. The top is down and the engine accelerates all 140 horsepower in a continuous

smooth MFI band of power. There is a little backfiring. Lots of stop lights before getting on the parkway. Now it is clear sailing for 6 miles. As I pass National Airport a passenger jet comes in low over the parkway. For a couple seconds I can't hear the car. What do you know? A jet airplane is louder than a Porsche. Now, more stop and go in a line of traffic—down to first, up to second, then third. Back to second, 4500 RPMs and up to third—no time for fourth. Clutch is strong and driving position is good as I ease into DC. A Cayman is next to me at the light. No nod, no wave, no family recognition-I wave anyhow. I goose it and slip in front of a dump truck. I'm glad I didn't have to speed to do that. Lots of bumpy roads in DC and I wonder what that rattle is? Door pockets? Muffler? I really should figure out how to install those door bungee cords.

I slip the parking pass on the dash and the guard waves me in with a smile and a salute. I find a spot





that should be in the shade before the end of the day. I latch the top in place, but keep the windows down a bit. The door locks don't work anyhow. As I walk away from the car what do I see? It's a small but noticeable chip on the hood! The only one in my new paint. Oh well, what are you going to do? Chips happen. I make my way into the office. I spend the day reading, writing, editing, and going to meetings. At 5 it seems hotter as I head out to the parking lot. I can't help but smile when I see the silver car. Look at those Fuchs!

I decide to leave the top on for shade in the coming stop and go driving. I have wing windows and there is a breeze to keep the air moving. Life is good, engine temperature reads just over 180 degrees. My shirt is sticking to the vinyl and I do wish I had air conditioning. Instead, once I'm on the parkway I bring up the RPMs.

Now, I'm back in the neighborhood. Should I stop for a beer? Nope, I'm driving. Besides, a good friend is waiting for me at home. When I get to the drive way I park in the shade to let the engine cool off and later put the car in the garage next to the 993. My grandson is 3. He comes out and says, "Papa, the race car is going to sleep!" "It sure is. Come on, let's get some detailing spray and you can help clean it up." Today was another great day; in fact, any day you can drive a Porsche is a great day, especially if it is a 1973 911T Targa.

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PS. This story describes events that happened in July, 2017. I'm retired now and spending even more time driving 911s. I drove the 993 via back roads to St. Louis recently, but that's another story. And I bought a Cayman to keep the 911s company. The Cayman is a great car, even if it does have this odd filler cap, apparently for adding water.

P.P.S. Lots of oil smoke is normal at start-up on early 911s. Recently I installed the Rothsport backflow preventer, which keeps the smoke cloud down to a manageable size. My friend Richard alerted me to another innovation. He told me that a role of duct tape placed on the passenger side floor mat makes a great cup holder. He's right, and it is just sticky enough to not slide around! I have fixed the door locks and I got those door pocket bungee cords installed. Now all I need is air conditioning—not going to happen.

#### February 2019 new Potomac members

Fuad Abdullah - 2017 911 Turbo S Coupe - from Fairfax

Akhil Akula - 2012 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet - from Great Falls

Charles Becker - 1970 911E = from Herndon - transfer from San Diego

Anthony Berini - 2015 911 Carrera - from Ashburn

Anu Bhaskar - 2016 Cayman GT4 - from Washington

Alan DiGilio - 2015 Macan Turbo - from Reston

- Erik Erdal 1964 356 from Winchester
- Yves Hart 2013 Cayenne S from Alexandria

Jordan Heffez - 2012 911 Carrera S Coupe - from Washington

Rick Hoagland - 2018 911 Carrera - from Spotsylvania transfer from First Settlers

Ben Huang - 2016 Cayman GT4 - from Clarksburg

Ronald Jolley - 2000 Boxster from Lexington Park

Larry Keith - 2014 911 Carrera 4S - from Waldorf

Pierre Mace - 2004 911 Carrera 4S Coupe - from Washington

Asif Mahmood - 2019 911 GT3 RS - from Alexandria

David Mathias - 2004 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet Cabriolet from Hagerstown

Terrence Moyer - 2009 911 Carrera Coupe - from Ashburn

Anhtu Nguyen - 2015 Macan S - from Manassas

Elizabeth Price-Piskin - 2017 718 Boxster - from Quantico

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• Interviews with interesting people who own interesting Porsches such as the one on Sal Fanelli, who owns a Porsche *tractor*.

• My first experience with PCA Potomac, which could be what your High Performance Driving Clinic was like, or your first Drivers Education event or just an entertaining Drive 'n Dine.

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# Readers and Their Cars



Right: A blast from the past! Glenn and Kathy Cowan with their Porsche 924 Turbo. According to Glenn, this was just a "few" years ago.

Below: Steve Wilson presents John Vrankovich with the Instructor of the Year award. Photo by Jordan Applebaum.





Left: What rain? Autocross at Summit Point. Photo by Glenn Cowan.

Below: Autocross at Summit Point. Photo by Glenn Cowan.





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