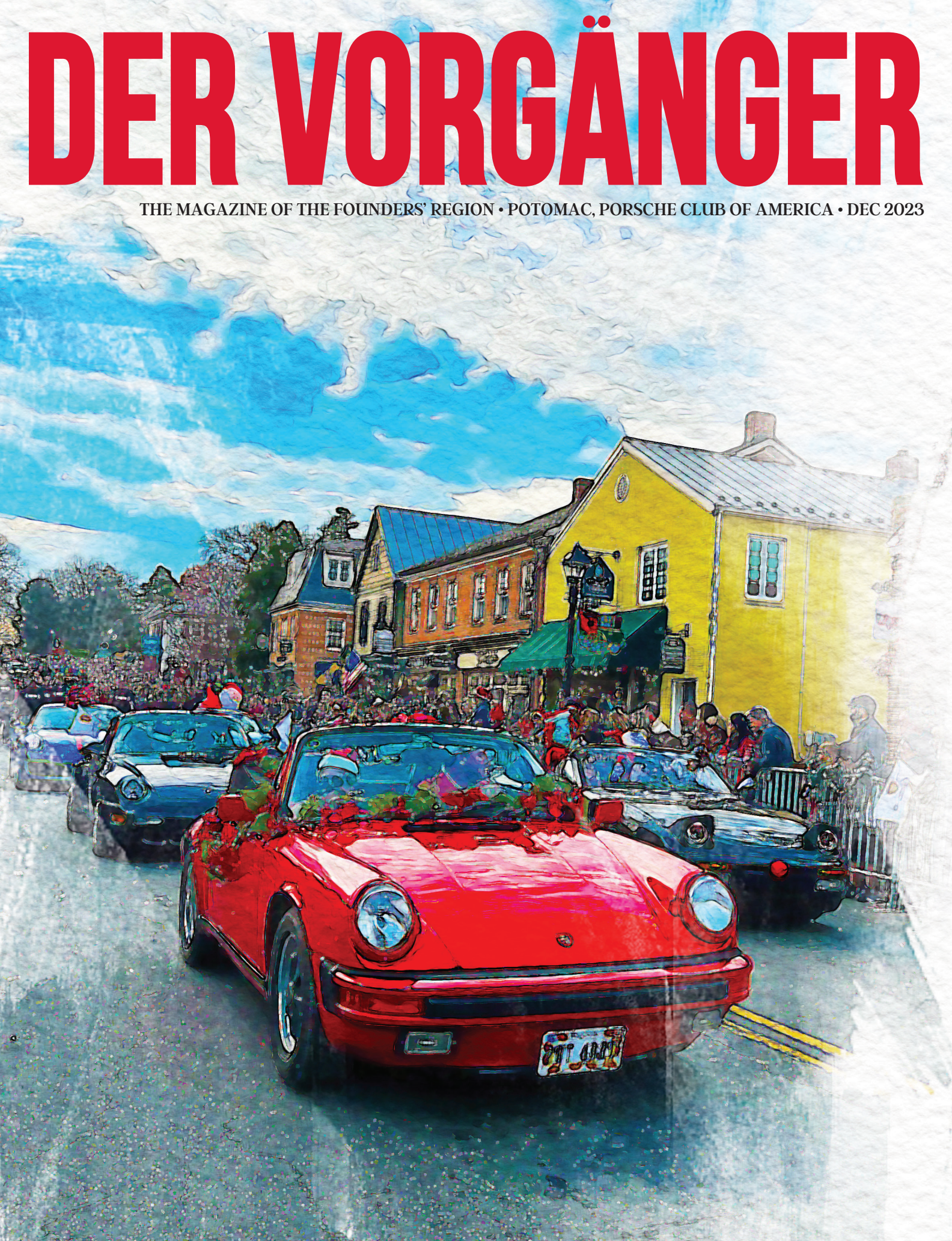


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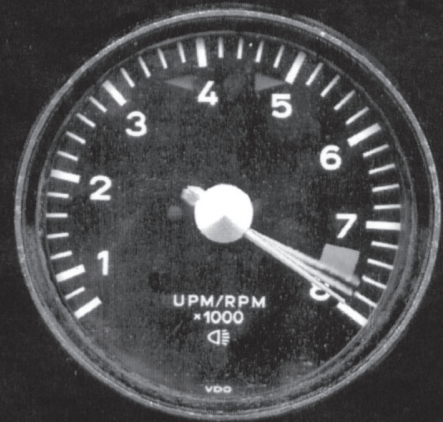


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Downshifting



Glenn Cowan
Co-Editor

Last year I retired from the company I had founded twenty years earlier. Democracy International continues to provide overseas development programs for the US State Department and the US Agency for International Development (USAID). I traveled to Afghanistan 18 times, Indonesia 20 times. I was in and out of Dubai and Singapore like they were second homes. When I retired, I had worked in 35 countries - the firm in 50. My son and daughter still work there. I do not. Retired in my case meant - gone.

I have been helping to produce Der Vorgänger for ten years. This will be my last issue in that role. But I am not leaving Potomac PCA.

Over my several decades of membership, I have been an active (and not bad) Autocrosser,

Rally participant (and sometime winner), been to a few HPDC events and thought about DE but lately Kathy and I are mostly Drive and Diners. Unlike retiring from work, passing the reigns of DV doesn't mean leaving.

It's more like downshifting than braking. I expect to see many of you as before but will no longer need to be cajoling articles from event Chairs and editing grammar and sentence construction without insult! No longer will I have to skip photo captions because I couldn't identify the subjects!

I won't miss having to wonder every month if it will come together and whether anyone is reading!

For the many of you that helped - particularly my first Co-Editor

Michael Sherman and my current Co-Editor Alan French - thank you. I could not have done it without their invaluable help.

I am leaving DV but not going away. See you out there. DV

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Home for the Holidays

About six months ago, I had to put my beloved Cayman S in a temporary location for, at the time, an unknown amount of time. When I dropped him off, I knew he would be safe but something felt off and uncomfortable about not having him close.

Over the past 10 years, I've had two Caymans that have always been close at hand. We've been through a lot; many miles on the road and track, many hours in the garage tinkering away, and many events all over the country. Even though he was a quick 30-minute drive away, I still felt a sense of being incomplete.

My wife and I were fortunate to find our new home and just the other week, I picked my Cayman up and our family is now

complete again! While we use the garage as a staging area for unpacking, Qwk Croc has been sitting outside with his sister Bby Croc. It seems that we've become known as the Porsche family in the neighborhood. With kids walking home from school and cars slowing down to check out our stable, I came to a realization about just how much these cars are ingrained in our lives and our identity. Even while they sit there, patiently waiting for the next oil change or joy ride, they are still extensions of us. Who knew that an artfully constructed machine of aluminum, steel, oil, rubber, carbon fiber, and glass could run in the family, or should I say, drive in the family. They are truly our pride and joy.

Massive thanks to our good friends Bill and Allie for fostering our "kid" for the past few months.

Whatever your family looks like - two legged, four legged, or four wheeled - from mine to yours: I wish you all a happy, healthy, and a Porsche-filled New Year! DV



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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY



13 Porsche Women Drivers Brunch
@ Red Table, Reston, VA



20 Potomac's Maryland Brunch @ Irish Inn, Glen Echo, MD



20 Rally: Mile Marker Madness
Chantilly, VA

FEBRUARY



3 Potomac's Virginia First Saturday Brunch
@ Firebird's Wood-Fired Grill,
Gainesville, VA



17 Rally: Colonial Cruise to the Presidents' Heads Run: Presidents Day Adventure!
Porsche Silver Spring



17 Potomac's Maryland Brunch @ Irish Inn, Glen Echo, MD



24 Rally: Choco Shuffle Showdown
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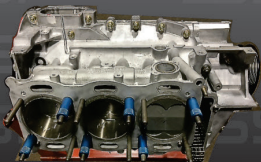
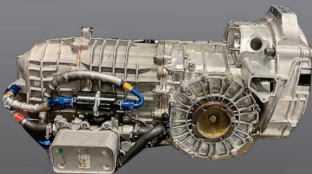
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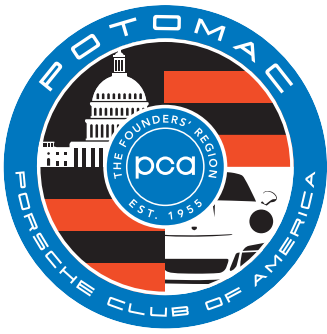
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Potomac Program Highlights

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Community Service Chair, Pat Kaunitz, Daniel Carrero from House to Home Solutions and Community Service Vice Chair, Marcie Calcagno collect donations. Photo by Fred Phelps.

Toys for Tots Annual Campaign

STORY BY MARCIA CALCAGNO, COMMUNITY SERVICE VICE CHAIR

It would not be the holidays without our annual Toys for Tots donation drive. The Toys for Tots program is run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, which distributes toys to local children. This year we had three donation sites, including Home to Home Solutions LLC, the PCAP Open Board Meeting, and of course the PCAP Holiday Party. And

thanks to the generosity of PCA Potomac members, over three donation boxes were filled with fun and exciting toys for all ages from toddlers to teens, along with generous cash donations. PCA Potomac successfully brought holiday joy to some of the neediest children in our community! DV

BOARD MEETING & ELECTIONS



After the Board Meeting, the Annual Membership Meeting was convened to elect the offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. After the in-person and online votes were tallied, **Ed Hahn**, **Alan French**, and **Stephen Kiraly** were declared the winners, and will continue in their current roles into 2024.

Potomac Holds December Open Board and New Membership Meeting

STORY BY ED HAHN, PCA POTOMAC VICE PRESIDENT

PCA Potomac held its 4th quarterly Open Board Meeting in conjunction with the annual Membership Meeting on December 9th at the Courtyard Marriott Rockville. President Steve Bobbitt welcomed 52 members, including ten new members, to the Potomac region's Board of Directors meeting for a recap of the 2023 event season and the various program activities coming in 2024. Several departing long-serving program chairs were recognized during the meeting, along with the volunteers who have stepped up to take their places for many Potomac programs: Club Race, Concours, Drive & Dine, Driver Education, Membership, Rally, and Der Vorgänger.

Past President Diane Sullenberger assisted Steve with the raffling off of several PCA and Potomac logo coffee cups and other items to new and existing members, as well as a copy of the June Board Meeting special guest Chris Lennon's book *The Peak of Racing*. (See <https://peakofracing.com> for more info.)

In reviewing the financial report, Treasurer Stephen Kiraly outlined that the overall health of the club was good despite the increased costs of running events. Despite increases in food costs, track rental for Drivers Education and Autocross, and facilities, each program has been able to continue breaking even with no drop off in event attendance – and most Potomac events continue to sell out easily. The program chairs are mindful of the need to keep the growth in the cost of events to a minimum, and several alternatives for event registration were discussed without identifying a simple solution.

There is not enough room to fully recap the Board Meeting (sorry!), but here are a few of the highlights:

At the top of the list is the recognition of Community Service Chair Pat Kaunitz and Vice Chair Marcie Calcagno for receiving the PCA National Community Service Award for 2022 this past June at the PCA Parade in Palm Springs, California. While this is no surprise to any of us in Potomac, it was outstanding to see their efforts recognized at the national level of PCA.

After a hiatus in our Rally program, our new Rally Chair, Emely Winnert and Vice-Chair Cindy Choi started their new roles in 2023 with a bang, and they outlined a full slate of Rallies, Women Drivers Events, and Fun Runs for the rest of the year into 2024. Thank you for revitalizing our Rally program!

Social Chair Lou Bartolo mentioned the PCA Potomac Holiday Party coming up later in the evening, and also let us know that the Annual Volunteer and Sponsor Awards Banquet will be held on March 9, 2024 at Maggiano's in Tysons Galleria. Planning is also underway for the rescheduled Annual Picnic in the first part of 2024.

Bob Manka and Kerry Scanlon continue to work on our Dealer Liaison Program with the goal of improving our relationship with the local Porsche dealerships and to grow the visibility of PCA and Potomac with new Porsche owners.

Finally, Historians George Whitmore and Fred Phelps hinted at some planning that's underway to recognize the 70th Anniversary of the Potomac Region – stay tuned for more details.

If any of the above piqued your curiosity or you have an idea to help out with activities in the region, please drop a line to any of the program chairs (the list can be found on page 6 of this issue) or to Steve Bobbitt at president@pcapotomac.org. DV

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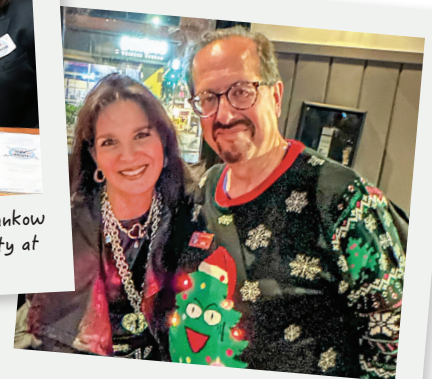
Potomacans Partying at Holiday Celebration in New Venue

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LOU BARTOLO, SOCIAL CHAIR

The Porsche Club of America's Potomac Region held its annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9th with an evening of eating, drinking, and what else - more talk (truth and stretching the truth) of Porsches than at your local dealership. Matchbox, in Bethesda Row, Maryland was the new venue in 2023 for over 200 members and guests that attended. We were served delicious crab cakes, ribeye crostini, shrimp skewers, and many more delectable holiday items to feast on for the duration of the event. Many of the attendees started the celebration early by checking in at the new AC Bethesda Hotel and kicking off the evening at the Corella Lounge. This is one Potomac party that should not be missed. See you in December 2024! DV



Dory Thomas, David Osborn and Sue Pankow greet new arrivals to the Holiday Party at the Matchbox Bethesda Row.



Rebecca Madvay with Glenn "Electro-Festive Sweater" Havinoviski.



Anna Kumar, Sanjay Kumar,
Wing Lam, Lapyang Li



Charles and Suzanne Carrigan
with George Whitmore



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RALLY



Fun Run drivers assemble at Porsche Chantilly. Photo by Cindy Choi.

PCA Potomac Lit Up the Holidays with a Fun Run to the Bull Run Festival of Lights

STORY BY EMELY WINNERT

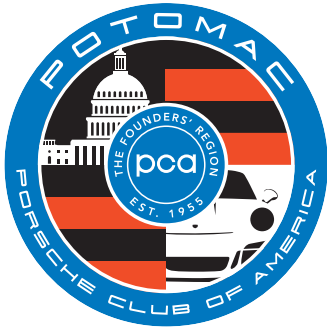
With the holiday season upon us, what better way to celebrate than by joining with others for a Fun Run to the Bull Run Festival of Lights? In the waning sunlight late in the day on Saturday, December 16th, Potomacans gathered at Porsche Chantilly for a magical drive to the annual NOVA Parks Bull Run Festival of Lights in Centreville, VA.

With 21 participants and 11 decked-out cars, the Fun Run promised to light up the roads and hearts alike. The convoy set off on a 75-mile journey, winding across Fairfax and Prince William Counties - creating lasting memories for all involved.

The route at twilight took participants on a pleasant back-country suburban drive through scenic landscapes, providing car enthusiasts the perfect backdrop of holiday cheer. The season's spirit was alive as the convoy navigated winding roads, often within view of seasonally decorated homes. This Fun Run wasn't just a drive - it was a celebration of community and the joy of the holiday season.

Once in darkness, the convoy reached the second rest stop. Participants with tickets continued their adventure into the event: a 2.5-mile-long driveway of enchanting illuminated fairytale vignettes and holiday light displays, ending with a walk-through Christmas Village and Carnival. The line to enter the park was a small price to pay for the mesmerizing experience that awaited. Drivers turned off their headlights, following the captivating glow through the illuminated landscape for a truly magical and immersive holiday experience.

The PCA Potomac Fun Run to the 2023 Bull Run Festival of Lights was more than a drive; it was a shared experience of joy, camaraderie, and the magic of celebrating the holidays with fellow Potomacans. As the convoy dispersed, the twinkle of holiday lights lingered, leaving everyone with memories to cherish throughout the season. DV



Potomac Programs 2023 Year in Review

Each of our program Chairs take a look back at 2023 with a summary that highlights the multitude of diverse Founders Region events - including a prestigious national award from PCA.

AUTOCROSS



Bill Schwinn having fun in the rain at autocross at PCA Chesapeake (where many PCA Potomac members also participate) at Bowie Baysox - Prince George's Stadium, Bowie, MD.

Autocross: The Best Drivers in Variable Conditions

STORY BY BILL CONLEY, AUTOCROSS CO-CHAIR

PHOTO BY BILL SCHWINN

Autocross is also known as Solo as there is only one driver in track. The offseason provides a great chance to look in the rearview mirror and remember our successes from the 2023 season. There are years where you're blessed with great weather for every event... and then there are years like we had for 2023. At our first event back in March, it snowed on Sunday afternoon! While our times on the course were very slow, we all learned about the traction limit of our cars. April brought gusty high winds – was that my fuel system bogging down or just a massive headwind gust?!?! September was our “wetcross” – again we had great fun learning how to keep our cars balanced through all the puddles.

The season once again demonstrated that “you come for the cars and stay for the people.” The comradery through the day is just amazing to see. Over the last few seasons, Autocross has proved a great place for budding romances to mature – and we helped celebrate these special moments during the season as well. Beth, Lexi, and Allie all take on their husbands in respective classes – I'm pretty sure that Larry, Steve, and I know the pressure is on for bragging rights at each event when you'll be hearing about the course in bed that night! I guess we can call it “Cone-killer Talk”, instead of Pillow Talk.

Each year, Autocross remains a highly competitive driving experience – and 2023 proved no exception. We saw drivers outfitting their Porsches with new tires, lighter wheels, and a variety of other upgrades looking for an advantage on course. Autocross provided a great competitive environment all season keeping drivers in the same class grouped together for identical weather conditions. We look forward to recognizing the podium winners in each class at the Awards Banquet this coming March.

Lastly, as we bring the 2023 season to a close, I want to thank the great support from the Autocross Committee who ensure every event runs smoothly and well. John Bendekovic, Paul Brockman, Allie Conley, Greg Hartke, Howard Leikin, Phong Nguen, Duyane Norman, Johan Nye, Bill Schwinn, Bob Simmons, and Vince Vlasho. I want to thank Jeff Gary as the Autocross Co-Chair for a great season. Lastly, I want to thank all of the supportive spouses that ensure pre-dawn alarms get drivers to the course on time and help sort wet/soggy gear at the end of the weekend – we couldn't do what we do without everyone's contribution! DV

CLUB RACE



Vintage Race Group cars on track. Vintage eligible cars are models 356, 911, 912, 914, 930, 964, and 993, offering them a chance to run with similarly prepared and powered cars. Photo by Ken Hills.



Steve Wilson on the Main Circuit at Summit Point – Potomac Club Race in September. Photo by Bob Helton.

Club Race: PCA Potomac “Rocks the Summit” in September

STORY BY DONNA AMICO

Over 125 drivers came to Summit Point Raceway for a weekend of great racing from September 15 to 17. Club Racing is a PCA national activity; in 2023, individual Regions organized races for a 25-race season across the U.S. and Canada. This was the 32nd Annual PCA Potomac Club Race - it's the oldest race on the PCA calendar. About 30% of the racers were from the Potomac Region, and others came from as far away as Texas.

We had four race groups including a special group for air-cooled vintage cars. Multiple classes were included in each group.

The three days of racing action were:

- Friday: Practice sessions, qualifying, and Vintage Sprint #1
- Saturday: Two 30-minute (green flag to checker) races for each of the four race groups
- Sunday: Two groups with 90 minute “enduro” races, with a mandatory five-minute pit stop

Founders Region drivers did well, with nine winning first in their class in results from the combined sprint races: Dean Drewyer in VU, Wade Herren in V4U, Tony Pagonis in VGTX, Omar Hilmi in G, Ryan Magrab in H, Brian Walsh in GTBI, Stuart Fain in GTA2, Mike Levitas in GTA3, and Phillip Martien in GTA4. Others in Potomac who had podium finishes

included Chip Tsantes in GTC4, Dwayne Moses in 911Cup, Antonio Conceicao and Mark Salvador in G, Terrence Judge in H, Stephen Kiraly in H, Patrick James in SPC, Steve Wilson in SP3, Tom Vahle in SP2, Hunt McMahon in SPB, Paul Amico in VO, and Bob Mulligan in VO+.

The Enduro races on Sunday started off in the rain, but a number of Potomacans did brave the weather, with Dwayne Moses (911Cup), Robbie Wilson (SPB), and Sean and Colleen Reiche (GTBI) all finishing first in class; Patrick James (2nd in SPC) and Hunt McMahon (3rd in SPB) also were on the podium.

It takes quite a “village” of volunteers to organize and conduct a club race; we had 94 Region volunteers supporting the event. Volunteers provide the staff for flagging, race control, grid and pit-out, registration, race timing and scoring, pace car, emergency services (towing), tech and scales, social events, welcome staff, paddock management, and “SWAG” swap and sales.

If you like Porsches and you like racing, mark your calendar for the 2024 race: September 13-15, 2024. All are welcome to come watch the action, but VOLUNTEERING is the best way to experience the race. See you in September! DV

COMMUNITY SERVICE



PCA Potomac President Steve Bobbitt and Community Service Co-Chairs Pat Kaunitz and Marcie Calcagno display the PCA National Award for Community Service in June.



Pat Kaunitz outfits a promising young driver at Camp Porsche in July.

Community Service

STORY BY MARCIE CALCAGNO

PHOTOS BY PAT KAUNITZ & MARCIE CALCAGNO, COMMUNITY SERVICE CO-CHAIRS

Oh, what a year! 2023 brought new community service events along with some recurring favorites. The Community Service committee collaborated with the Montgomery College Automotive Technology Program to develop the Tool Scholarship for high achieving graduating students who have demonstrated a commitment to the automotive technology field. Thanks to the generous donations from PCA Potomac members, three deserving students received the scholarship awards. We also partnered with Washington High School in Jefferson County, West Virginia, to provide needed back to school supplies for the students to create a successful start to the new school year. And thanks to the generosity of the PCA Potomac, the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County received needed supplies to help the homeless animals. Potomacans also demonstrated their dedication to the community to support our veterans by taking the lead to collect donations for a VA hospital.

Returning community service activities also reached impressive levels; over \$58,000 was raised for the Erin Levitas Foundation, a record in this event's fundraising efforts. Camp

Porsche brought in 30 excited youth and their summer camp staff from Jefferson County's Park and Recreation program to experience the Summit Point Motorsports Park. Tire Rack's Street Survival program helped young drivers learn the skills needed to be safe on the road. PCA Potomac members also collected donations for the Beaver County Meals on Wheels program. And the year would not be complete without the Toys for Tots donations.

Each year at Porsche Parade, PCA's national awards are presented to deserving members and regions. The award is given to recognize the region that has conducted the most outstanding charity or community service event or events during the year. The winning region demonstrates the highest standards in meeting the objectives and the ideals of PCA in providing service and support to charities and the community. We were proud to receive this award in July on behalf of PCA Potomac in recognition of our combined efforts for 2022!

Thank you PCA Potomac members. Without you, our community service successes would not be possible. DV

CONCOURS



PCA Founders' Region Concours d'Elegance.



Linwood Barnes' Signal Orange 1972 914 at the Concours d'Elegance.

Concours Program

STORY BY GARY SIDELL, CONCOURS CHAIR

PHOTOS BY KEN MARKS

This year saw the Concours program hold three separate events beginning with our major occasion, the inaugural Porsche Club of America, Founders' Region Concours d'Elegance, in early May. This year, 94 people registered their cars for either judging or display, a 20% increase from the prior year. This may have had something to do with our location this year in Tysons Corner, rather than the far more distant location of Occoquan Regional Park, a good 40-minute drive from the Tysons area. The Tysons location accommodated our Maryland based members far more easily than the more distant Occoquan site. For the first time, we provided hot dogs to attendees, along with the impressive glass trophies for class winners. Next year, we plan to branch out to both hot dogs and hamburgers, in addition to the trophies!

Our second event took place in July during PorscheFest at Summit Point. This was a highly curated event limited to class winners from the May event. A unique feature for this event, unlike all the Concours events, included a high-volume and constant soundtrack of high revving engines from the racetrack, a mere 50 yards from our location, which began before 8:00 a.m. and continued until our departure in mid-afternoon. Although we had very few cars, they did attract a spectator crowd approaching 100 by the end of our People's Choice voting.

Our third, and final event was the August Gathering of the Faithful held for the first time in Fulton, Maryland and sponsored by Mike and Mel's Deli. We had exclusive use of their huge parking lot for several hours with about 65 cars displayed. Unfortunately, the weather was less than cooperative; with a constant temperature hovering near 100 degrees for most of the day, we thought it prudent to end the event earlier than we had planned. Absent first aid equipment (or a fire hose), we thought it best to preserve cars and drivers for another day!

Regrettably, our last scheduled event was the September Annual Family picnic which, as you know, was canceled due to weather, and not the kind we experienced at the Gathering of the Faithful! Our Fun Concours trophies were ready to go and our ballots prepared - but Mother Nature had other ideas. We look forward to next Fall's Picnic where we plan to have our Fun Concours with People's Choice voting for all categories and look forward to massive participation by our members at this and our early events in 2024. For spectators, you need not bring your microfiber towels and speed shine as the participants will have more than enough. We look to see you all in 2024! DV

DRIVER EDUCATION

SPONSORED BY OG RACING



Bob Mulligan using three wheels to get around in the PCA Potomac Pitt Race, Wampum, PA in June..



Turn 4 as Summit Point, mid-summer DE.

Driver Education

STORY BY SUSAN KIMMITT AND BOB MULLIGAN, DE CO-CHAIRS

PHOTOS BY BOB MULLIGAN

With the year at a close we can now reflect on what we did this past season and what we plan to do for 2024. We held 14 events in 2023 including three HPDC's (introductory High Performance Driving Clinics), one instructor refresher day, one national instructor certification day, eight Driver Education Events (HPDE's), and one volunteer day. Three of the DE's were away events located out of region, including VIR (Virginia International Raceway), Watkins Glen, and Pitt Race, with the remaining five DE's held at our home track of Summit Point, WV. All three away events and one of our home events were three-day events with the other four home events being two-day events for all groups, plus a third day (Friday) for non-instructed (solo) drivers. Our end of July DE event included our PorscheFest Saturday at Summit Point Main Circuit. This special day included Autocross, Drive & Dine visitors, Concours, Charity Laps, and a large after-track happy hour and dinner.

Our HPDC introductory events are held at Summit Point's Jefferson Circuit with four of the DE events run at Summit Point Main Circuit and the fifth DE at the Shenandoah Circuit.

This year, we had over 1,700 participant drivers of which many were repeat performers, and many, many volunteers, friends, families, (and a few dogs) with hundreds of Porsche cars and other quality marques present. All our events include on-track instruction with instructors in the car as well as in classroom instruction for the instructed groups (our Green and Blue groups). Advanced classroom sessions and targeted coaching is provided for the intermediate (White group) and the advanced run groups (Black and Red groups). This extensive education program requires a dedicated group of volunteers, including instructors to teach, leaders to coordinate, supervise and plan, and many motivated volunteers for grid control, and safety support to make the event go smoothly. This inspired focus and a lot of volunteers has allowed us to achieve the outcome we aim for: full run groups of high-performance cars, driven at speed while maintaining safety, a little education, and FUN.

We have a working schedule for 2024, now posted on the PCAPotomac.org web site; Potomac's DE registration will open for all events at midnight on February 1, 2024. These programs are very popular so you are advised to sign-up early. **DV**

DRIVE & DINE



Tour members returning from a scenic drive approach the Inn at Gristmill Square in July.



All Together Now: The Virginia Highland tour group gathers in front of the signature mill house at the Inn at Gristmill Square, Warm Springs, VA.

Drive & Dine

STORY BY LARRY FINKEL, DRIVE & DINE CHAIR

PHOTOS BY MELINDA FERREIRA AND DORY THOMAS

It has been another successful year for our Drive & Dine program. We've had over 500 participants in more than 35 events throughout the year. Our program is anchored by our monthly brunches in Virginia and Maryland the first and third Saturdays of each month. With no reservations required, everyone enjoys a delicious lunch replete with friendly conversations with fellow PCA members - and of course admiring all of our cars on display in the parking lot outside.

We started the year in early April with our first event at The Dark Horse Irish Pub in Flint Hill, VA. The demand for our first event was so high we sold out in five minutes. Fortunately, we were able to book a second date later the next month, which also sold out. That was followed by a weekend trip to Gettysburg, PA where we had a tour of their historic Military Park followed by attending the PCA Porsche-Only Swap Meet in Carlisle, PA - which unfortunately has lost much of its luster since moving from its former location in Hershey. We rebounded later in spring, when we introduced a new trip to the Black Sheep restaurant at 2 Silos Brewing Co. in Manassas. After an exhilarating drive throughout the Fairfax and Prince William Counties' countryside, led by Mike and Jackie Peters, we enjoyed a delicious brunch at this high energy fun location. We capped off our spring agenda with our annual trip to Hunters Head Tavern in Upperville, VA.

In the summer we kicked off three weekend trips to the Virginia Highlands, Charlottesville, and Pennsylvania. The Virginia Highlands tour is a unique multi-day trip that features drives through the windy and scenic countryside of

Bath County, VA. Later that summer we did our fifth annual trip to Charlottesville, which was redesigned this year to stay at the wonderfully quaint Clifton Inn where we took over the entire establishment for the weekend. Besides the drives and places we visited, our home at the Clifton Inn was highlighted by late afternoon lounging by the infinity pool overlooking the beautiful mountains nearby. Our trip in September to Pennsylvania included a visit to Longwood Gardens, one of the largest public gardens in the country, and finished with a visit to the historic Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in nearby Philadelphia.

In the fall our group went to Field & Main Restaurant in Marshall, VA, where we took over the entire restaurant for a delicious farm-to-table fine-dining treat. And our season was polished off with over 150 attendees to the Morais Vineyards & Winery in Bealeton, VA - which is always the most popular. Our entire driving program would not be possible without the strong support of our large volunteer event leadership committee, which includes Jackie and Mike Peters, Glenn and Nancy Havinoviski, Dory Thomas and Steve Kaye, Max and Rhonda Moser, Jim and Gina Moser, Leroy and Marilyn Mills and Larry and Beth Finkel. Looking ahead to 2024 we are bringing back most of our popular trips and will also be introducing exciting new ones, including a weekend trip to West Virginia that will feature exciting drives and interesting tours, all hosted in a spectacular resort. Stay tuned for more details about our upcoming season in a forthcoming Der Vorgänger story. **DV**

RALLY



Rally line-up at Philip Carter Winery, Hume, VA.



Craig and Linda Davidson clear a Checkpoint on the Fall Rally.

Rally

Reviving the Rally Spirit: A Year of Adventures with PCA Potomac's Dynamic Rally Team

STORY BY EMELY WINNERT

PHOTOS BY CINDY CHOI

In 2023, PCA Potomac experienced a rallying renaissance under the vibrant leadership of the dynamic duo, Emely Winnert and Cindy Choi, who took the helm as Rally Chairs and turned the year into a whirlwind of excitement for Porsche enthusiasts.

The rallying season kicked off in May with an 80-mile Speed Sign Rally, setting the pace for an exhilarating year. Participants fired up their engines at the Stone Bridge Parking Lot in Centerville, VA, and dashed to Harvest Gap Brewery in Hillsboro, VA. The thrill continued in September with an approximately 127-mile Time Speed Distance (TSD) Rally, showcasing the driving prowess of PCA members navigating from the Food Lion in Leesburg, VA to the Backroom Brewery in Middletown, VA.

As the year progressed, the Rally Chairs demonstrated their versatility by organizing a unique Veterans Rally in November. Participants embarked on a journey that crisscrossed American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Affairs (VFW) posts, culminating in a triumphant arrival at the Bavarian Chef in Madison, VA. The challenge? Guess the route without taking the interstate, a true test of navigational skill and strategy.

Not content with just rallying, Cindy Choi recognized an opportunity to foster camaraderie among Women Porsche Drivers. The duo initiated a series of Women Porsche Driver events, originally conceived as monthly brunches but also included a thrilling 45-mile Fun Run from Backroom Brewery in Middletown, VA to Castle Vineyards in Luray, VA.

In addition to the regular rally lineup, Winnert and Choi injected even more adrenaline into PCA Potomac with Tours and Fun Runs. These events, including a scenic Flight 93 Memorial Tour and a charming Fun Run to the Bull Run Festival of Lights, added variety to the calendar, ensuring there was something for every Porsche enthusiast.

The success of this rallying extravaganza wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of PCA Potomac members. The community spirit shone brightly from route testers Raymond McJohnathan, Lynda Pjic, Ken D'Angelo, and Darien Allen to the enthusiastic participants who embraced every challenge.

As the year concludes, PCA Potomac can reflect on an outstanding rallying season, where Emely Winnert and Cindy Choi rekindled the rally flame, and members united for the love of the drive. Here's to another year of thrilling adventures on the open road with PCA Potomac. **DV**

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Left: A 60's-era Pepsi-Cola sign provides the perfect backdrop for Karl Milliren's 1961 356 B in Thomasville, NC. Photo by Steve Grumbach



June: 2019 GT3 RS. Photo by Mia Walsh.



September: Bob Wilcoff at Club Race at Summit Point. Photo by Eric Trexler.



September: Club Race at Summit Point. Photo by Ken Hills.



August: Race fans at VIR return from the food truck after sampling the *El Grande* platter. Photo by Ken Marks.

Favorite Fotos from the Year

As our talented writers have different voices, so too do the contributing photographers of dV see through their camera lens and speak with their images. Here are a variety of scenes they captured that span a range of humor, emotion and action throughout the year that didn't make it into an earlier edition - but each are vibrant and visually remarkable; they endure and remain among our favorites. **DV**



September: A panorama from the Porsche Women Drivers' Fun Run starting at the Backroom Brewery, Middletown, VA. The open road awaits... Photo by Cindy Choi.



"This Porsche is a piece of art, I admire her beautiful lines. This image I captured during a spectacular sunrise getting ready to drive off to Summit Point, WV for FATT.", she said. Photo by Anita Baarns.



A vintage VW Transporter at MotorWorld in Munich. Photo by Steve Grumbach.



October: Still runnin', MARRS SCCA race at Summit Point; William Simkins, 1988 Porsche 911. Photo by Ken Marks.



Walsh Mia and Kenny Kong out for a drive. Photo by Mia Walsh.

“Kodachrome, They give us those nice bright colors, Give us the greens of summers, Makes you think all the world’s a sunny day, oh yeah. I got a Nikon camera; I love to take a photograph, So mama, don’t take my Kodachrome away...”

– Paul Simon, “Kodachrome”



September: Sam Halaby details his car at the Club Race. Hey, the bottle says "Speed Shine"; that must help. Photo by Eric Trexler.



September: Marshall Kenny Kong guides club racers to the grid in sporting fashion. Photo by Ken Hills.



September: #5 Coke 1987 962C-04, #17 1985 Jägermeister 962C-117, #16 1988 Leyton House 962C-CK601, and #6 1988 Blaupunkt 962 descend the Corkscrew toward Turn 9 at Rennsport Reunion 7, Laguna Seca. Photo by Patrick Rhodes.



September: Club Race at Summit Point. Photo by Eric Trexler.



October: MARRS SCCA race at Summit Point; Nicholas Karangelen, 2008 Porsche 9971 Cup car. Photo by Ken Marks.



June: Porsche Experience Center, Le Mans, France. Photo by Ken Marks.



October: A canopy of trees along the route frame Porsches in trail on the Potomac Pumpkin Festival Fun Run. Photo by Emely Winnert.



May: PCA Founders' Region Concours d'Elegance. Photo by Ken Marks.



Anita (right) celebrates with joy and excitement upon purchase of her 2015 Porsche 911 Turbo S; her exuberance is shared with sales agent Tina Grossman at the dealership in Sterling, VA. Said Anita, "It shows the pure joy that Porsche evoked in both of us. Since I am an artist, I look at my Porsche in many other ways." Photo by Anita Baarns.



CHRISTMAS IN MIDDLEBURG



Left: Festive PCA Potomac classics on parade in Middleburg. Photo by Mark Skosich.



The hunt riding through Middleburg. Photo by Jose Santos.



Alicia and Percy White transport the Clauses in their 944. Photo by Bill Schwinn.

Potomacans on Parade in “Christmas in Middleburg” Festivities

STORY BY JERRY TRONE

In mid-November, when I learned that Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) was the main sponsor for the Christmas in Middleburg parade in Middleburg, VA, on December 2, it struck me as a great opportunity for PCA Potomac to show support with a selection of classic cars. PCA Executive Director Vu Nguyen connected me with Potomac Past President Diane Sullenberger. She agreed that it was a good idea, and we moved forward together.

Despite early morning foggy and damp conditions, the weather for the parade turned warm and clear. Potomac showcased 12 festive Porsches, creatively decorated with garlands, wreaths, inflatable Santas, and more. What a great turn out considering that we had less than three weeks to pull it together.

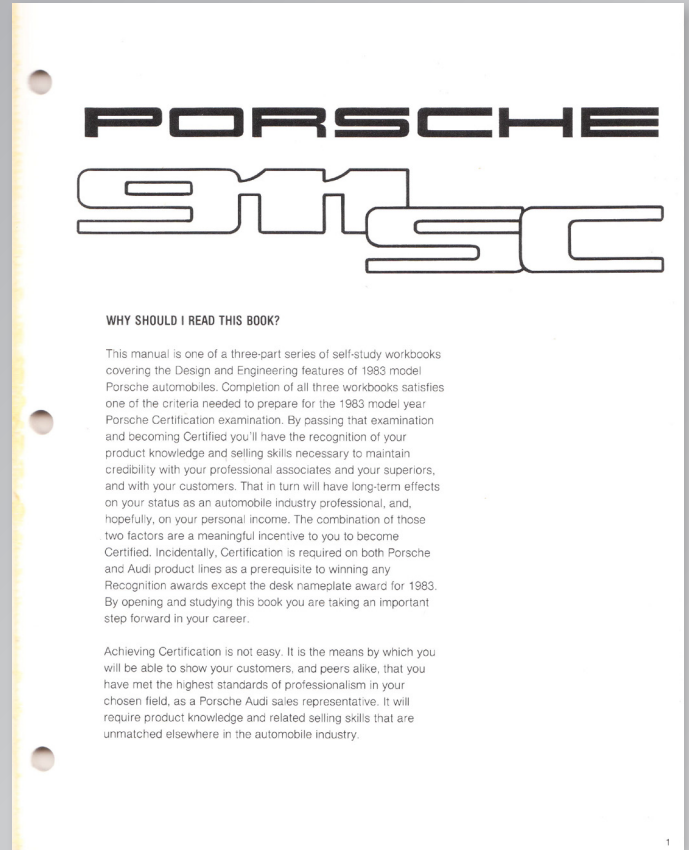
PCNA featured several cars and a horse trailer towed by a Cayenne, handing out Porsche flags early in the parade. By the time Potomac navigated the mile-long parade route, the streets were lined with people waving Porsche flags. The crowds cheered, waved, and children hustled to catch the candy we tossed.

I had the pleasure of riding with Bill Tate in his Ivory 1958 T2 Speedster to lead our pack. Close behind were Dish Harris and

Lucas Leveillee in Jimmy Harris' Ruby Red 1960 356B; George Whitmore in his Light Ivory 1973 911; David Sidell and Alyssa Starman in Gary Sidell's Ancona Blue 1975 914; Troy and Paula Benesch in their Petrol Blue 1979 930; Randy Smith and Shannon Miller in their Black 1984 3.2 Carrera; Mark and Heather Skosich and their show-stealing pup Hendricks, in their Guards Red 1987 911 Carrera Cabriolet; Percy and Alicia White in their Black 1990 944 Cabriolet; Diane Sullenberger and Scott Antonides in their Black 1995 993 Carrera 4; John Denegre and Viviane Warren in his 2012 Cayman R; Bill, Ava, and Kenny Schwinn in their Sapphire Blue 2018 911 GTS; and Mike and Jackie Peters in their 2021 Miami Blue 718 Cayman GT4.

For those who don't know Middleburg, it's a one-of-a-kind village located in southern Loudoun County, steeped in equestrian history. I first visited Middleburg in 1981 to ride in the Middleburg Fall Races. It was and still is a one-traffic-light town. Amazing! If you want to take your Porsche out for a fun drive, go to Middleburg.

What a fun day we had at the parade! Many thanks to those who joined us. Here's hoping we see you in Middleburg for Christmas 2024. DV



1983 911SC Sales Training Booklet

SUBMITTED BY ART ORTON

Responding to our call for Porsche-related automobilia, Art Orton of Burke, VA provided this gem: An instructional booklet for Porsche sales people on the attributes of 1983 911SC models. "I picked it up most likely at a swap meet while I owned a 1983 911 Targa", he said. "I still have the manual, but sold the car many years ago."

Known in the trade as a "why buy", Art remarked, "To me, the most interesting part of the booklet are the three pages about the Porsche Customer and benefits of the car."

This is the introductory section of the Porsche 911SC training manual designed for salespersons. After completion they would have to pass a series of tests that would allow them to become "Certified", enabling them access to factory incentives

and recognition for selling the model. Certification holds significant importance as the factory offers substantial cash rewards and prizes for sales achievements. Moreover, recognition for their efforts holds its own importance.

This section primarily covers understanding the customer and emphasizes selling through the presentation of features, advantages, and benefits. Particularly telling, is this introductory passage very much reflective of the era, *"The Porsche Customer: As you might suspect, the majority of 911SC buyers are male. The Porsche sales prospect is not the ordinary car buyer. He is highly successful in his career. He is affluent. He has usually achieved success in life through a proven capacity to judge carefully and intelligently."*



INTRODUCTION TO THE PORSCHE 911SC

In all the world, there may be no single model of automobile whose heritage is as rich as that of the Porsche 911SC. It is the most successful sports car design in history—as measured by the staggering number of racing victories 911SC-based vehicles have won in the past two decades, as measured by the longevity of the design—18 years refinement of a single concept; and as measured by the opinions of automotive historians and critics. Wherever enthusiasts gather to talk about performance automobiles, the 911SC is the standard by which other sporting vehicles are judged.



The Porsche Customer

As you might suspect, the majority of 911SC buyers are male. The Porsche sales prospect is not the ordinary car buyer. He is highly successful in his career. He is affluent. He has usually achieved success in life through a proven capacity to judge carefully and intelligently. He expects value per dollar—both in the initial purchase price and in trade-ins. He may be an automotive enthusiast, with extensive technical knowledge and an avocational interest in cars that makes him a *Road & Track*, *Motor Trend*, or *Car and Driver* reader. Or he may have been drawn to the 911SC simply by its legendary reputation and undeniable prestige.

The single characteristic that runs through all Porsche owners is the desire for excellence—the need to own the best. And one of the key elements you will therefore need to emphasize in selling the 911SC is its excellence in every area of construction and design.

The complete original booklet comprehensively outlines all the 911's features and elucidates their significance to the customer. It aided the salesperson in positioning sales against competing models. Lastly, it might include a buyer's order to assist the salesperson in selecting the model, trim, options and accessories, facilitating the customer's order process. It has long since been replaced by web-based training. **DV**

“*The Porsche Customer: As you might suspect, the majority of 911SC buyers are male. The Porsche sales prospect is not the ordinary car buyer. He is highly successful in his career. He is affluent. He has usually achieved success in life through a proven capacity to judge carefully and intelligently.*”



PCA Potomac's Women Drivers gather at Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge in Rockville, Maryland in August. (L to R: Donna Brandt, Jamie Huang, Cindy Choi, Emely Winnert, Pam Clay, Beth Ridgely Mauch, Mandy Warrington, Renee Whalen, Barbara Bilodeau). Photo by Emely Winnert.



We stopped for a photo op on the Porsche Women Drivers' Fun Run in September. Photo by Cindy Choi.

Cruising the Countryside: Monthly Gathering of Porsche Women Drivers

STORY BY EMELY WINNERT

In the world of Porsche enthusiasts, the PCA Potomac region stands out for its vibrant community of women drivers who have been revving up their engines and hitting the roads every month. Spearheaded by the passionate Cindy Choi, the monthly gatherings of Porsche Women Drivers have become a staple, bringing together a dynamic group of women to share their love for the iconic brand and the thrill of the road.

The inaugural gathering set the tone with a hearty brunch at Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge in Rockville, MD. Against the picturesque backdrop of gleaming Porsches and the cheerful clinking of brunch glasses, the women began sharing their driving adventures. From thrilling track experiences to scenic dine and drives, socials, and rallies, each story became a thread in the rich fabric of their collective journey.

September's fun run took participants on a picturesque journey from Backroom Brewery in Middletown, VA to the scenic Castle Vineyards in Luray, VA. The route, carefully curated for the ultimate driving experience, traversed through winding roads and showcased the beauty of the countryside. From the start on Reliance Road to the final stretch leading to Castle Vineyards, every turn was an opportunity for these Porsche enthusiasts to embrace the power and precision of their machines.

As the events unfold each month, the PCA Potomac's Women Drivers gatherings persist in their mission to celebrate more than just the iconic Porsche brand—they are a heartfelt tribute to the shared passion that binds these women together. The carefully chosen venues, alternating between Maryland and Virginia, serve as a vibrant canvas

for the community to flourish, fostering an environment where every Porsche woman in the Potomac region feels included and genuinely valued. Beyond the exhilaration of driving, these gatherings embody the PCA family's spirit of community and empowerment. Behind the wheel, these women are not merely navigating roads; they are breaking barriers and exemplifying that the exhilarating joy of the open road transcends gender. Each turn is a testament to their commitment to fostering an inclusive and empowering space within the Porsche community.

The monthly gatherings also serve as a platform for networking and building lasting connections among Porsche Women Drivers. Cindy Choi's vision for the PCA Potomac Women Drivers is to continue expanding the community, showcasing the diversity and passion among women who share a common love for Porsche.

As the year wound down, the group took a brief hiatus in December, allowing everyone to prepare for the much-anticipated Holiday Party at Matchbox; that would be the time to celebrate the year's adventures, share stories, and sneak in some car talk over festive holiday drinks.

The coming year promises an exciting lineup of events, including brunches and fun runs that feature unique destinations. Among the ideas for 2024 are fun runs to a tech session and spectating at an Autocross and Driver Education event. These initiatives aim to familiarize Potomac's Porsche women with the intricacies of tracking, providing them with the knowledge and skills to further enhance their driving experiences. DV

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New Potomacans

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ED AGYEMAN

2011 911 Carrera
from Clarksburg

JAMES BELL

2020 911 Carrera S
from Annandale

SCOTT BOWEN

2013 911 Carrera
from California

STEVE BRADLEY

2010 Cayenne GTS
from Manassas

PAUL COLEMAN

2020 911 Carrera 4
from Herndon

GUCLU DURUSOY

2024 911 Carrera T
from Bethesda

YASEEN EL DADAH

1997 911 Carrera 4S
from Potomac

KIERAN FANNAN

2002 Boxster
from Washington

YEVHEN KRASICHKOV

2018 718 Cayman S
from North Potomac

NICHOLAS LECHNER

2006 718 Cayman S
from Haymarket

LAP-YANG J. LI

2012 911 Carrera S
from Potomac
Transfer from Allegheny

SHERRY LONG

2014 Cayman
from Stephens City

HAMADA MAKARITA

2016 911 Carrera GTS
from Vienna

JUSTIN MALONE

1999 Boxster
from Woodbridge

THOMAS MATELLA

2023 718 Boxster
from Rockville

CHRIS MCGRATH

2006 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
from Vienna

MATTHEW PLASKET

1972 914
from Plain City
Transfer from Intermountain

DAVID SOVELIUS

2008 Cayman
from Mclean

KEITH STAFFORD

2021 911 Carrera S
from Vienna



Photo by Eric Trexler.

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David Gentry
Dan Butler
George & Tristan Loayza
John Hay
Michael Armentrout
David Thomas

10 YEARS

Ricardo Segovia
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- My first experience with PCA Potomac, which could be what your High Performance Driving Clinic was like, or your first Driver Education event or just an entertaining Drive & Dine.
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Dwayne Moses in his orange '82 911SC. Photo by Ken Hills.



Robbie Wilson in his '97 Boxster. Photo by Bob Helton.



Stuart Fain in his '11 GT3R. Photo submitted by Steve Wilson.

Club Racing Regional Champions and National Podium Winners

Here are some of our Potomac Club Racers who, members who, according to Rennpoints, have finished first in the Zone 2 standings and those who podiumed in National points. Congratulations, gentlemen!

Tony Pagonis (#159), winner in VGTX, in his '77 911. Tony is a familiar face, supporting many of our events.

Ryan Magrab (#77), winner in H, in his '08 997 911, complete with Grateful Dead logo. Stuart also placed 1st at the national level.

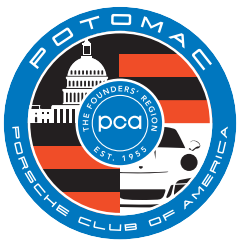
Brian Walsh, winner in GTBI, in '11 911 Carrera. Brian is also a Chief Instructor in our Driver Education program.

Stuart Fain (#990), winner in GTA2, in his '11 GT3R. Stuart placed 3rd nationally.

Mike Levitas, winner in GTA3, in his '18 GT3 991 Cup. Mike's company, TPC Racing, sponsors our club. Mike is also VP of the Erin Levitas Foundation, a non-profit that PCA Potomac supports each year.

Dwayne Moses, winner in 911Cup, in his '82 911SC. Dwayne has been PCA Club racing since 1998, and is one of our most experienced PCA Instructors.

Robbie Wilson, winner in SPB, in his '97 Boxster, never fails to impress at the top of the leaderboard. DV



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