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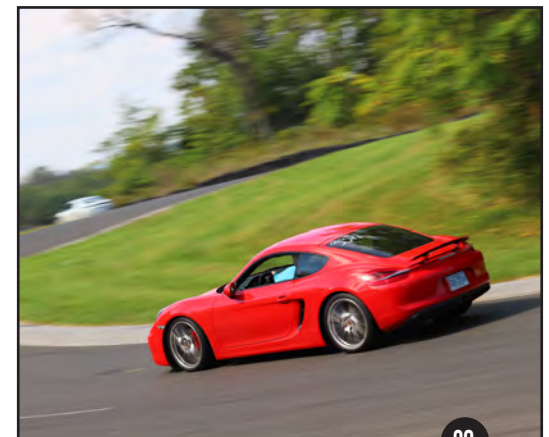
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# Not Left Out in The Right Seat



Kathy Cowan  
Guest Editor

Welcome to the first ever issue of DV dedicated to publishing the views, experiences and important role of women drivers, club members, and leaders. It's exciting to have an issue shine a light on the many amazing opportunities to participate in club events and the women who make the most of the full Porsche experience. Honestly, I am in awe of these women, in part, because I am most definitely not one of them.

Truthfully? I don't care about cars. I've never changed my oil or windshield fluid. I really, really, really, do not like to go fast, particularly on twists and turns. I kind of enjoy watching "Top Gear" but mostly because of the personalities and ridiculous adventures, not the actual gears part.

And yet, none of this keeps me from genuinely enjoying being a member of PCA.

Glenn has been a member for over thirty years, during which time we have owned two 993s,

four Boxsters, a 991.2 Targa and our current 992 Cab (which I like best because the seats are the most comfortable). I am the quintessential passenger, including a little side-seat speed control instruction. Luckily for me, PCA offers lots of experiences that sidekicks like me can enjoy while my driver gets to enjoy the real reasons to love the car.

It was a Rally more than a decade ago that reeled me in. Shout out here to Linda and Craig Davidson, who for many years organized these fun 3-5 hour "car games" driving through the beautiful Maryland and Virginia countryside. I also love the Drive and Dines, which can take a few hours, or a weekend, and meld together driving, scenery, history, good food and drink, and fun and most importantly, interesting people. Another shout out to Glenn and Nancie Havinovski, Alan French and Sarah Cameron, and Larry and Beth Finkel who organize these events. It's been a

delight to get to know many of the event leaders and other regular participants. We have made a circle of friends which, in the end for me, is the best part.

Because Glenn is so involved in the club, I also have the vantage point of seeing how hard PCA's volunteer leaders work to ensure top-notch experiences for both serious drivers and full-time passengers alike. Pulling off a well-oiled event takes a ton of work and time. That's true for a Rally, a Drive and Dine, a Social event like the picnic last month or the holiday party this month, and the more intense driving experiences like autocross and DE.

Women in PCA are as important to this leadership work as men, and many are as knowledgeable and skilled at the gear and driving part, too. In fact, I've met some men who are pretty good sidekicks! It's an easy skill set to master if you enjoy people and having fun. Serious passion for cars is optional. DV



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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

2021 has been an amazing year filled with Drivers' Education events, Autocross, Drive and Dine, Rally, Concours, Swap Meets, Club Race, Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving School, monthly brunches, Open Board Meetings, PorscheFest Dinner and Charity Laps, annual picnic, Fill the Frunk for charity, and more. I'm grateful for the considerable time and effort that our leadership and program chairs, as well as our legion of volunteers, have devoted to the Club. Without you, we wouldn't have had any activities to offer our 4,200 members.

As this issue of Der Vörgänger is about women's voices in our Club, I'm delighted to say that our inaugural Women's High Performance Driving Clinic will go down in history as one of our most fun and rewarding events. Rose Ann Novotnak, our PCA Zone 2 Representative tells us, "Congratulations to the Potomac Region for introducing this new

track event for women only, the High Performance Driving Clinic this year at Summit Point. This event is the first of its kind in all of Zone 2, and as the Zone 2 Representative, it makes me very proud indeed! 'YOU GO GIRLS'.

It wasn't just women who made this effort a success, it was also men who jumped at the idea of sharing with women their excitement of performance driving. I often hear instructors say that they prefer women students because they listen carefully and can be smooth drivers. But they also can be hard on themselves and afraid of failure. So giving women a safe space to try their hand at this sport was a win for all.

According to PCA National Executive Vice President Cindy Jacisin, "One of the reasons PCA is successful and growing is because the Club values the ideas and celebrates the accomplishments of all its members. No organization can be successful if only half its

members have a voice in their future. As I talk with leadership in the US and Canada, they recognize the positive impact females in leadership roles bring to the Club. Ladies – there is no time like the present. Just show up! Try something new, volunteer, propose a new event, get involved. What's the worst that can happen – you make lifelong friends and do something you never pictured yourself doing. Let's go, let's go, let's go!" DV



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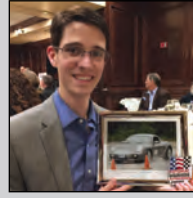
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# 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The information below is accurate as of date of publication. Check Potomac's website at [pcapotomac.org](http://pcapotomac.org) for further information and the most up-to-date information.

## DECEMBER

- 4**  
Annual Membership Meeting  
& Elections  
Bethesda Marriott, MD
- Virginia Monthly Lunch  
City Grille, Manassas, VA
- 11**  
Holiday Party  
Clyde's, Chevy Chase, MD
- 18**  
Maryland Monthly Brunch  
The Irish Inn, Glen Echo, MD

## JANUARY

- 1**  
Virginia Monthly Lunch  
City Grille, Manassas, VA
- 15**  
Maryland Monthly Brunch  
The Irish Inn, Glen Echo, MD

# CLUB Announcements

## CONGRATULATIONS

Patrick Buford & Kathleen Hurney on 50 years of membership!

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to our outgoing Zone 2 Representative, Rose Ann Novotnak, for her 4 years of service.

Pat Kaunitz is the new Community Service chair for 2022, and Don Keppler is the new vice chair for 2022. We thank Bryan Sandler for his service in 2021.

Graham Mansill has stepped down as Social chair for 2021, we thank him for his service in 2021.

## POTOMAC PROGRAM CHAIRS NEEDED

The Executive Committee is actively seeking Rally Chairs, effective immediately. If you would like to volunteer for this role, please contact Diane Sullenberger at [president@pcapotomac.org](mailto:president@pcapotomac.org).

## POTOMAC HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us on Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 6 p.m. at Clyde's of Chevy Chase in the Race Bar (lower level), home to a 1957 Jaguar XKSS, a 1925 3-wheeled Morgan, and a 1937 Hillegas midget race car, and a vast collection of auto and race art and model cars. \$25 - Includes Hors d'Oeuvres. Cash Bar. Sign up [msreg.com/holidayparty2021](http://msreg.com/holidayparty2021).

## U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE, TOYS FOR TOTS

At the upcoming Holiday Party on December 11, we'll collect new, unwrapped toys for the local Toys for Tots campaign, who will distribute the toys as gifts to needy children in the local community. Please help us support this wonderful charity.

## 2022 PORSCHE PARADE IN THE POCONOS

Porsche Parade will take place, June 12-18, 2022, at Kalahari Resorts Poconos, in Pennsylvania. Registration and event information coming soon.

## ALSO IN 2022..

We will be repeating our popular, new Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving School and Women's High Performance Driving Clinic in 2022.

## POTOMAC MONTHLY BRUNCHES & LUNCHES

Potomac brunches and lunches 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, 11:30am  
City Grille, 10701 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, VA, 20109

### Maryland

Third Saturday of each month, 11:00am  
The Irish Inn, 6119 Tulane Ave, Glen Echo, MD, 20812



# Potomac Program Highlights

## AUTOCROSS



Kurt getting to grips with his '21 GT4 on a wet Autocross course

## Oktobercross

Halloween, 2021

Washington Circuit, Summit Point, WV

**STORY BY TESSA HALL**

**PHOTOS BY GARY BAKER AND JORDAN STRAIT**

Can you think of any time you felt uncomfortable in a car? Maybe you hit a puddle deeper than expected and started hydroplaning. Maybe you had a moment you gripped the steering wheel tighter when someone pulled out in front of you. Think of all the times you suddenly sucked in your breath and hoped you came out in one piece and now PCA Potomac has a way to help put you back in control: Autocross.

We ran the first half of our Oktobercross event in wet, misty conditions. For the first heat of drivers, that meant standing

puddles in many parts of the course. Prime conditions to hydroplane. If you had your wheels turned when that happened, you just kept going straight: what's known as "understeer." If you stepped on the gas just a bit too much in some areas, your rear would come right around: what's known as "oversteer."

What you just read might alarm you. You might be terrified of the thought of spinning, even on a closed course like Autocross. Yet on the Autocross course, you can have a coach





Diana and Gary celebrate Diana's first Autocross, while Roland photobombs from behind

with you. Someone who's spun plenty of times in their car, figuring out what makes it spin, and more importantly, what brings it back when you start to spin. The top Autocross drivers drive a very narrow line between keeping all four tires going in the direction they want and the car spinning out. As Mario Andretti once said, "If everything seems under control, you're not going fast enough."

If you're someone on the fence about whether to try Autocross and thinks, "I have no intention of trying to be that competitive," you don't need to. We class all Porsches based on similar power and handling characteristics. That means you can be competitive if you want, but many of our participants come to Autocross to learn more about what their car can do. I promise you it can do leagues more than you may think.

If you just got a new, or new to you Porsche model, and don't know who to ask to learn more about the car, you should come out to an Autocross. It's almost a guarantee someone who's been driving Autocross for years will probably have

driven the model you now own, and can tell you more than you ever thought possible. Even better, most of those folks are also coaches and can give you a more nuanced feel from the passenger seat as you put it through its paces.

PCA has always been about the people. Our Potomac chapter of Autocrossers live up to that promise in spades. We had a bevy of costumes on parade at our Oktobercross, from a James Dean costume (with accompanying "Lil Bastard" decals on the car), to a bumblebee, and some sort of Elvis/70's disco hybrid. Autocross veterans and coaches helped newcomers with their tire pressure (it matters more than you think), we gorged ourselves on catered breakfast and lunch, and even had one of our Autocross chairs, Bill Conley, in the Halloween spirit at Finish with a werewolf mask and a bucket of candy.

A bunch of people living their best lives with their Porsches, costumes, and challenging conditions that helped everyone learn something new about their car...what more could you ask for during an Oktobercross event? DV



Charles loads the front right tire as he turns left on course



Bill smiles after pulling off the perfect powerslide through the apex, keeping off the wet curbing and looking ahead in his wheelchair

AUTOCROSS



Johan made significant time improvements during his session in the Cayman in the S3 Class



Left to right: Graham, Meredith and Gary. No humorous caption required



John broke into the sub-minute group in his well prepared 996 C4S, winning 3rd place in the I Class

## Autocross #8 Results

October 30th, 2021

Washington Circuit, Summit Point, WV



### Fastest Times of Day

Rank	Class	First Name	Last Initial	Car	Best Time (sec)
1	G	David	I	Porsche 993	54.159
2	G	Gary	S5	Porsche GT4	54.177
3	G	Eric	S4	Porsche Cayman S	54.826

### Class Winners

Rank	Class	First Name	Last Initial	Car	Best Time (sec)
1	I	David	C	Porsche 993	54.159
2	I	Marcus	F	Porsche Cayman RS	56.783
3	I	John	C	Porsche 996 C4S	59.579
4	I	Kurt	D	Porsche Cayman GT4	69.306
5	I	Robert	S	Porsche Boxster S	72.684
1	M	Steve	B	Porsche Cayman S	66.175
1	P1	David	S	Porsche 914-6	69.562
1	P2	Graham	M	Porsche Boxster S	70.710
2	P2	Spencer	O	Porsche Boxster	72.447
3	P2	Barbara	B	Porsche Boxster	81.603
1	P3	Meilyng	W	Porsche C4	56.675
2	P3	Duyane	N	Porsche 996	57.175
3	P3	Yaroslav	B	Porsche C4	57.693
4	P3	Thomas	E	Porsche 911	65.728
5	P3	Christopher	M	Porsche 997 Carrera	67.629
1	P5	Jeffrey	C	Porsche GT4	61.254
2	P5	Roland	P	Porsche GT4	64.993
1	S1	Maria	A	Porsche 944S	68.961
1	S3	John	B	Porsche 997 Carrera	57.481
2	S3	George	E	Porsche Cayman	65.546
3	S3	Eric	K	Porsche 981 Cayman	68.436
4	S3	Michael	P	Porsche Boxster	68.608
5	S3	Johan	N	Porsche Cayman	69.863
1	S4	Eric	C	Porsche Cayman S	54.826
2	S4	Rafael	G	Porsche Boxster S	54.920
3	S4	Kevin	K	Porsche Cayman S	55.367
4	S4	Patrick	C	Porsche Boxster S	58.759
5	S4	Bill	D	Porsche Boxster S	59.716
1	S5	Gary	B	Porsche GT4	54.177
2	S5	Trey	H	Porsche 911 GTS	60.552
3	S5	Scott	B	Porsche GT3 Touring	62.069
4	S5	Bill	S	Porsche 911 GTS	62.890
5	S5	Vince	V	Porsche 911 Carrera 4S	63.960

## 2021 PCA Potomac Autocross Standings

### Overall Standings

Rank	Class	First Name	Last Initial	AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5	AX6	AX7	AX8	Total Points w/drops
=1	I	David	C	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	12	72
=1	P3	Jeffrey	B	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	-	72
=1	S3	John	B	12	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	72

### Class Standings

Rank	Class	First Name	Last Initial	AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5	AX6	AX7	AX8	Total Points w/drops
1	I	David	C	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	12	72
2	I	Marcus	F	9	12	9	9	12	7	9	9	60
3	I	Mike	F	1	7	3	5	9	1	3	-	28
4	I	John	C	-	-	-	7	7	-	5	7	26
1	M	Steve	B	-	-	-	-	9	12	12	12	45
1	P1	Steve	V	-	12	12	9	-	9	12	-	54
1	P2	Graham	M	12	12	-	9	9	12	-	12	66
1	P3	Jeffrey	B	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	-	72
2	P3	Christopher	M	3	1	7	7	9	9	9	3	44
3	P3	Jeff	G	5	7	5	9	7	7	3	-	40
4	P3	Phong	N	-	1	1	-	5	5	5	-	17
1	S3	John	B	12	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	72
2	S3	George	E	9	7	-	5	5	9	-	9	44
3	S3	John	C	-	12	9	9	9	-	-	-	39
4	S3	Johan	N	7	1	3	1	3	1	7	3	24
1	S4	Rafael	G	12	-	12	9	9	9	12	9	63
2	S4	Kevin	K	9	12	7	12	12	7	-	7	59
3	S4	Eric	C	7	9	9	-	-	12	9	12	58
4	S4	Patrick	C	-	-	3	5	1	5	5	5	24
5	S4	Jeffrey	C	3	7	5	-	5	-	-	-	20
6	S4	William	C	1	5	1	1	1	-	7	1	16
7	S4	Greg	H	5	-	-	1	3	1	-	1	10
8	S4	Chris	R	-	-	1	7	-	1	-	-	9
9	S4	John	L	-	1	-	1	1	1	3	-	7
=10	S4	Beth	W	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	6
=10	S4	Larry	M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
1	S5	Gary	B	9	9	9	5	5	12	12	12	63
2	S5	Michael	T	12	12	12	12	12	-	-	-	60
3	S5	Tessa	H	7	1	5	7	9	5	9	1	42
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Tela's Taycan looked good on track at the HPDC

# A Busy October at Summit Point Closes a Successful Season of HPDE

**STORY BY SUSAN KIMMITT, PCA POTOMAC DE CO-CHAIR**

**PHOTOS BY ETECHPHOTO AND OTTO BURGESS**

October was a busy month for our DE program and a fantastic completion of our DE events for 2021. Much of the compression of many events into a single month was the result of rescheduled plans from the spring into the fall, due to continued Covid limitations and precautions into early 2021. The month started with two days of our introductory HPDC (High Performance Driving Clinic) held during the first weekend of the month, October 2nd & 3rd, at the Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point Raceway. The first of these events was presented in the same format as our previous HPDCs, and the second, held on Sunday of that weekend, was our first Women's HPDC event, designed and presented to invite participation by more women drivers into our driving program, and was quite the success. Together, these days opened the door and qualified many new prospective DE participants, to sign up and enjoy our DE programs going forward. We hope to see many of these folks come out in 2022.

The next event on the calendar was not actually a DE program, but was a Teen Street Survival course held the following weekend on October 10. This was the first time we hosted this

well-established training course, sponsored by Tire Rack, and involved many of our usual DE volunteers as well as many volunteers and trainers from other clubs and organizations.

Finally, the 4th weekend in October found us holding our last DE of the season at Summit Point Main Circuit. Friday of this weekend was our "Volunteers' Day" which has become a tradition to thank many who have volunteered so much time and effort to our program during the season. This is held on Friday for solo drivers, and for this day, there are no students, so drivers got plenty of track time. Saturday and Sunday followed with a 2-day DE, including our usual five groups of drivers that included two instructed groups, a solo group and two advanced/instructor groups. The weekend weather was beautiful except for the tendency toward brief rain showers to occur only during the blue run group sessions on Sunday. We were happy to greet several recent HPDC graduates from earlier in the month, as well as our usual fully enrolled run groups. It was a great way to end a successful season. We are planning for 2022 and look forward to seeing everyone next year. **DV**



Classroom instruction is an essential element of our HPDE program and we are blessed to have some excellent Instructors in Potomac



The journey from HPDC to Club Race socks is a short one



Instructor and all round superstar, Steve, helps his student, Ben, to get back on course by changing his brake pads for him



Kurt referees the pre-fight face-off between Henrik and Daniel



The Women's HPDC Class of '21 graduated at the Jefferson Circuit, Summit Point Motorsports Park, WV.

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Students smile for a group photo at the Saturday HPDC event. The slope to DE passion is real



Can anyone identify this Grade A student from the Women's HPDC event?



Four volunteers that make our DE events work so well: President Diane, Instructor Collen, Registrar David and Ambassador Michael



Instructor Dirk coaches student, William (the slightly taller one), before the next track session. Dirk claims he was also 6'8" prior to his helo accident



Chief Instructor, Sean, announces the start of Happy Hour with a prop in hand

Thanks for a great year, and wishing you the best for the holidays and New Year.



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DRIVE AND DINE



Ice cream and a reversing camera/ parking sensor test at the Rocky Point Creamery

# The Maryland Fall Drive to Hagerstown

## October 23rd, 2021

**STORY BY SHARON WHITEHOUSE**

**PHOTOS BY WILL CONNORS, MICHAEL COPPERTHITE, AND GLENN HAVINOVSKI**

You might not think of ice cream as a first stop of a drive in the fall season, since summer is past and temperatures have already lowered to the fifties and sixties—but leave it to Porsche Club Drive and Dine to plan unique excursions. This full day trip, which begins in Potomac and ends in Hagerstown at an authentic German restaurant, always seems to be fully booked and this year was no exception.

The club has used the route starting out on Maryland Route 28 West many times, and it never disappoints, although club members have made the trip in different weather conditions. We were lucky this year to have a beautiful sunny day (at least to start out) when the leaves were already changing their colors and the air in western Maryland was fresh and the scenery picture perfect.

Starting from Poolesville High School we first made our way to the Rocky Point Creamery where most of our participants were happy to patronize the dairy and meat farm's ice cream shop, which is indeed worth sampling.

We proceeded from there to the Catoctin Mountain Orchard in Thurmont, MD, which is also not to be missed during the fall season. The chance to stock up on many varieties of apples and many kinds of pies for your Thanksgiving dinner is certainly an attraction. You can also pick up pumpkins and gourds for decorations.

One challenge is to get all that you want to purchase into your car. I must say our Porsche Macan came in handier than the Cayman or 911 in terms of space, since I tend to go overboard with my purchases, this year making up for space limitations in past years. This stop was delightful indoors, even though required to wear masks, but it presented the first weather challenge as rain had set in. As my husband is fond of saying, "there is no bad weather, just bad gear." Have you noticed that some people do not like getting their cars wet? We lost a couple of people at that point—their loss of the delights ahead!

Fortunately, the rain subsided as we traveled, and the next part of the trip is the twistiest and therefore the most fun for those

who love to see what they and their sports cars can handle! After having been on Route 15 to reach Catoctin Mountain, the surprises encountered in the next half hour or so made up for the prior monotony. Once we turned right on Powell Road, it was best to stay with the car in front of you or have a navigator. The turns came quickly, and the scenery changed with each one.

Then came the watershed along the Appalachian Trail. As we saw cars stopped to enjoy the trail, we maneuvered turns and hills on the one-lane road through the watershed, always hoping that a car or truck was not coming in the other direction. This trip proved a pleasure in that respect.

We slowed down a bit as we came onto Mt. Aetna Road, eventually approaching the outskirts of Hagerstown. We traveled directly on this road to the City Park of Hagerstown, where a few of us did a quick, free tour of the nice art gallery there, and enjoyed the ducks on the lake outside while sitting at our reserved pavilion. Young people going out for prom night were taking photographs nearby. Then we resumed a five minute drive to Schmankerl Stube, a Bavarian restaurant in downtown Hagerstown, with servers wearing traditional dirndls. The restaurant reserved a room for us, and club members enjoyed the German beers and Wiener Schnitzel and other authentic cuisine.

It was a wonderful day and a successful journey. Thanks to everyone who came along and we hope you will not miss the ice cream next year! DV



Clark (age 11), asks Dad, Will Connors, for the keys to the Turbo S



Michael and Kim grab an incognito selfie at the store

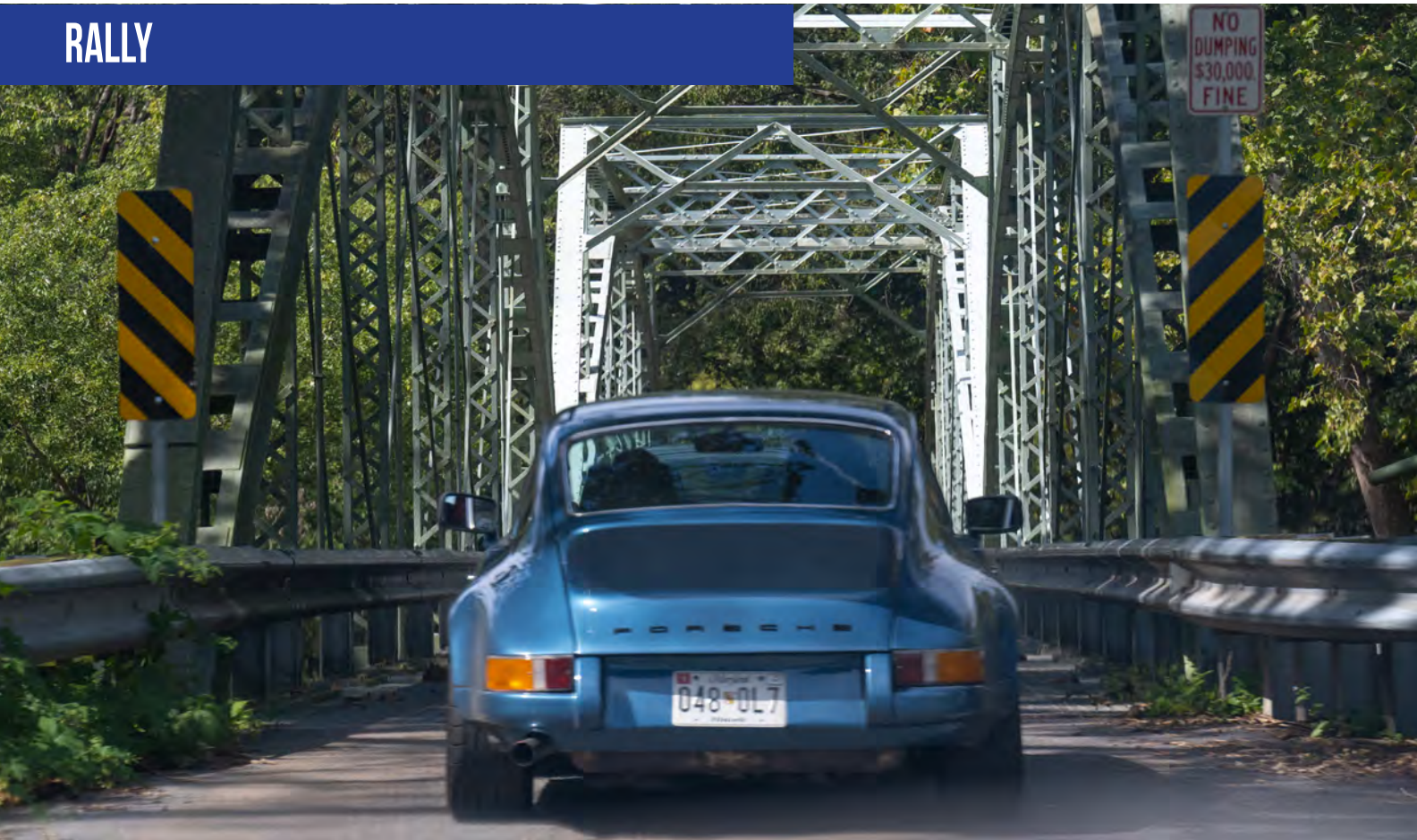


In the foreground, the Copperhite 1953 356, with a 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible Coupe gliding through the background



Some folks were just too cool for ice cream

RALLY



Crossing the Monocacy River on Mumma Ford Road, east of Thurmont. MD

# Barns and Bridges Rally

## The Final Fun Rally From The Davidsons

**STORY BY LINDA DAVIDSON, RALLY CO-CHAIR**

**PHOTOS BY MIA WALSH**

The second and final rally of the 2021 season (and final rally of the Davidson era) was a resounding success. There was a sold-out crowd of 38 cars, including many veteran rally teams who never miss an event, and many first-timers – including President Diane Sullenberger!

Over the years we have used many different formats. One of the all-time favorites is our “Barns and Bridges” rally, where teams are given pictures of a handful of the many barns and bridges throughout the beautiful farmland of Howard and Frederick counties. Once they locate the item pictured, they must note the location within the directions where they saw it. Sounds easy enough. But there are probably 100 barns along the 75 mile route, and they’re all red and white. So just to make things a little more challenging, the pictures were printed in black and white!

The bridges were a different story. There were eight photos, and teams had to drive over each one. The problem arose when we drove the rally route for the last time before the event, and discovered one of the bridges was closed for renovation. We left the photo in the rally instructions just to confuse everyone – and to further separate the veterans who know our tricks, from the rookies who don’t – there were two photos of the same bridge! Some teams caught it, while others cried “No Fair!” But it’s all a game, and the RallyMasters get to make the rules.

The route started in Mt. Airy, wound through the beautiful countryside and ended at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont. Finding a venue that could handle 80 people was a challenge, as both restaurants we had used on previous rallies were no longer in business. But Mountain Gate had a private room set up for us, and we all had access to their buffet



Rally Meister Craig, releases competitors on the 75 mile route

of good old country cooking, including an amazing array of 19 different pies for dessert.

All teams made it to the finish line, in spite of the typo in the directions that instructed cars to turn right when they should have turned left. Fortunately, everyone figured out the mistake quickly and got back on the proper track. After 12 years and approximately 35 rallies, that was a first.



Rally Meisterin Linda, gets a competitor checked in

After all the confusion, the three teams that came out on top were:

Third place: Matt and Hayley DeHart with a score of 15 out of 16 possible points.

Second place: Mikael and Liesel Tavener, also with 15 points but edged out third place through a random throw of the dice.

First place: with a perfect score of 16, Linda Wilkinson and navigator Stephanie Brotherton.

Craig and I have had a lot of fun running the rally program since 2010. We have met a lot of great people and found a lot of awesome roads around the area. We look forward to seeing everyone next season, but as competitors instead of organizers. Thanks for all your support. DV



Is that a bridge or a barn?



'Tis the season



Craig and Linda with the triumphant trophy winners



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The picnic presented a much welcomed opportunity to talk with old friends, without the need for video conferencing

# Family Picnic and New Members’ Social October 17th, 2021

**STORY & PHOTOS BY MIA WALSH, PAST PRESIDENT**

October 17th, 2021 was finally the date! After three separate changes of days for our Annual Family Picnic and New Members’ Social due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were blessed with a gorgeous weather day for this year’s picnic. Like many of our events in 2021, this sold out with 185 registrants and over 90 cars in attendance. The Fairfax Hunt Club was a wonderful venue with indoor and tented outdoor seating, plenty of grass on which to socialize and admire the cars in the Concours and they even supplied yard games for all to enjoy, especially the dozens of children in attendance.

Graham Mansill, Social Chair, organized a wonderful BBQ and open bar, while Gary Sidell and John Klish took charge of a fun Concours and voting for 10 different awards (see winners below). Graham announced Potomac’s new incoming Social Chair, Beth White, who happily took the microphone to announce some of our raffle winners at the event.

For the first time, we held a “Fill a Frunk or Trunk” community service campaign to collect non-perishable food and money for a local women’s shelter in Reston, VA. Five Cayennes were filled to the brim with the donations brought by our picnic attendees! In addition, we raised \$700 for the shelter and an additional \$450 for Meals on Wheels. Thank you to all who donated to these wonderful organizations.

The picnic was preceded by one of our four quarterly Membership Meetings and the first one held in person since the pandemic began. Our program chairs quickly spoke about their programs and presentations were made by our Executive Board as well. We were thrilled to have so many new members in attendance for this event and we hope they come to more events in the future! DV





Activities for everyone



Porsche parking at the Fairfax Hunt Club in Reston, venue for the picnic and social



Five empty Cayennes were soon full to the brim with non-perishable goods brought to the picnic by members



John and Gary, Concours Chairs, announced the winners of the many fun categories in the car show awards



The art of iconic brand design: identifiable, but each different



Key in hand, a cheeky smile, who could say no to a test drive?

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Colleen drives her Cayman race car, named Sparkles, down the chute into Turn 5 at the Summit Point, Club Race Enduro in 2021

## Colleen Reiche

### SCIENTIST

**STORY & PHOTOS BY COLLEEN REICHE**

**ADDITIONAL PHOTOS BY OTTO BURGESS & KENNY KONG**

As long as I can remember, I've loved cars. Growing up, I wanted to be a race car driver, a delivery driver, even a taxi driver, anything to get behind the wheel. The first Porsche I rode in was a friend's dad's 911 when I was about 8. I had no idea at the time that later in life that marque would come to fill so many key components of my life.

Fast forward to 2016 and my husband (Sean) and I had recently moved to Herndon, VA from the Boston area. I had accepted a job at a science consulting firm where I would be leading data analysis research projects in my specialty area of aviation weather. A coworker friend of mine and longtime PCA Potomac member, Ed Hahn, told us about the High Performance Driving Event (HPDE) program and encouraged us to give it a try. Sean and I had been regulars at the quarter-mile drag strip for years, starting in Indiana where we met, but HPDE was a new concept to me.

Our garage had always contained GM vehicles so it was logical that we decided to try our new Corvette Z06 on this HPDE thing. I soon found myself at the Summit Point Jefferson Circuit on a chilly and rainy March morning for a PCA Potomac High Performance Driving Clinic (HPDC). To say I was nervous is an understatement. Sliding around on the skid pad? Driving on track with other cars? Yikes! But by the end of the day, I was hooked. Not just on the exhilaration and challenge of driving, but by the camaraderie and welcome I felt from everyone at the event.

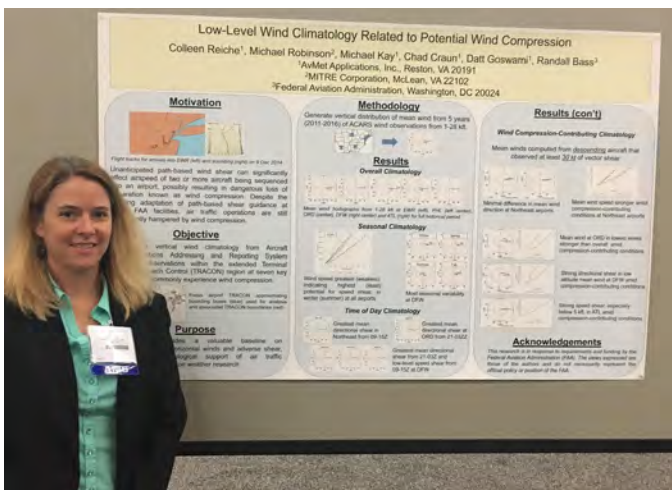


Photo of me by the poster from a past meteorological conference

I now understood the mantra I had heard mentioned in the paddock, that “it’s not just the cars, it’s the people”.

Buoyed by all the fun I had at the HPDC, I signed up for all the remaining HPDE events at Summit Point Raceway Main circuit that year. I was pleasantly surprised to find that I wasn’t the only non-Porsche in the paddock at these events, and even happier that everyone welcomed me even being behind the wheel of a Corvette.



My first Corvette, guarded by our dog, Bosch, who sadly passed last summer after being a regular at the track

I was hooked. I loved the mental challenge and focus, the adrenaline rush, sharing smiles and laughs in the paddock after each day of the event with our friends who quickly became our track family, and diving into data and video from my sessions to identify areas to focus on for improving my driving technique. Sean and I attended just about every HPDE event from that point on and after a couple of years, we found ourselves on the verge of becoming instructors and felt the pull of Porsche ownership.

So in March of 2018, we purchased our first Porsche – a black 2014 (981) Cayman S - and after years of participating in HPDE events, finally became official PCA Potomac members! We brought it to an HPDE event at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) mere days after bringing it

home and fell in love with its nimble mid-engine handling. Finding ourselves without any vinyl (for car numbers) that would work on a black car, our friends Pat and Michael Kaunitz came to our rescue and said they would bring some vinyl for us. Little did we know that vinyl would be disco ball silver, and before we knew it the car had its nickname – “Sparkles”.



At VIR with Sean and Sparkles (street version and disco ball numbers)

Not long after getting Sparkles, we became HPDE instructors. I have always enjoyed teaching (at the time most recently as a teaching assistant in graduate school), so I was very excited to start this new chapter of high performance driving. I quickly realized that HPDE instructing is just as much about connecting with a student’s “learning language” as it is about sharing driving techniques, if not more so.

Following the theme of 2018, 2021 was also an action-packed and incredibly fun year for us and for Sparkles. First off, I was given the incredible opportunity to also become



Sean and me with our instructor hats that we received in April 2018 after officially becoming instructors

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

a classroom instructor. I had some big shoes to fill stepping in as the Green (novice) group classroom instructor after John Vrankovich, but teaching and delivering technical concepts to a broad audience was a familiar and enjoyable activity after years of giving engaging technical briefings to clients and at conferences for work. I dove in and spent hours developing a customized curriculum for each event, focusing on interactive exercises and on-track videos. Watching “light bulbs” go off as the students learned from each other and connected concepts made every minute I spent on preparation 100% worth it.

In parallel to becoming a classroom instructor, Sean and I decided to embark on PCA Club Racing and to turn our street “Sparkles” into a race car. After dropping the car off at SSI Motorsports in late 2020, it returned to us in early 2021 having pretty much only the shifter and headlights in common with its former street self. We planned to only do the Summit Point Club Race in September 2021, where I had volunteered as Grid Marshal for the previous 3 years, but there was so much to prepare! We needed racing suits, a radio for the car, class stickers, and the list seemed to be endless. But after a hectic summer and help from our track family, we had ourselves and Sparkles ready to race.



instructing at the Fall 2021 HPDC classroom.

"I quickly realized that HPDE instructing is just as much about connecting with a student’s “learning language” as it is about sharing driving techniques.. "

The car would be in GTB1 class, though we would have to double stint (or drive the car back-to-back) the Friday of the event for both of us qualify for our rookie licenses (with me running in GTB1-EX, or exhibition, in a different session). After officially becoming rookies at the end of Friday, Sean raced in the Saturday Sprint races and I raced the full enduro (90 minutes) on Sunday. We had an absolute blast and I can’t wait to continue racing in 2022.

The third part of 2021 that was incredibly special to me was helping lead the inaugural Women’s HPDC in October. Bolstering female participation in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) has long been a passion of mine, a passion that quickly extended to high performance driving. The event was a remarkable success, evidenced by a paddock full of smiles and excitement about continuing their driving journeys.

Even though my path to PCA Potomac membership may have started with a Corvette, it was paved by all the amazing friends I gained along the way and continues now behind the wheel of a Porsche. I couldn’t be happier with where this path has led me and looking forward to what’s in store for the future! **DV**



Sean and I next to Sparkles, taken end of Friday of Club Race

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# My Women's HPDC Experience

Jefferson Circuit, Summit Point, WV, October 3, 2021



STORY BY BETH WHITE

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I saw the registration announcement for the Women's High Performance Driving Clinic - Beginners and thought, that's for me! Deciding to take my 2014 Porsche Cayman S out to the track for my first High Performance Drivers' Education (HPDE), I was a little nervous and excited. I thought, "Driving on track is scary". I'm new to this - really new. I've owned my Porsche and been a PCA member for less than a year. So, when I realized that this was to be an all-women's day, it just resonated with me.

Perhaps it's in my comfort zone because I was educated in an all-girls' school, and an all women's college. Learning to drive on the track without the testosterone around was fine by me. If you are a guy reading this, you probably will not understand that last comment. It's not that I was looking for a day of Porsches & mani-pedis, or that I'm a staunch man-hating feminist. Women can be fiercely competitive, but we are a caring tribe that likes to bond and share our knowledge and help each other grow and learn. I've met a few other women members of PCA Potomac, and knew it would be a great event worth attending. It would be a fun day of women drivers enjoying the experience and the thrill of driving on a racetrack, learning high performance driving fundamentals and skills. Plus, a great lunch and lots of new friends!

I didn't really know what HPDE was when I signed up. All I knew was DE was driver education, and DC was a drivers' clinic, so that was good enough for me. I wanted to learn more about how to drive a performance car. My Cayman S

is a beautiful, classic Guards Red, and I wanted more than to have it be a glorified grocery getter, and only taken out for a few Drive & Dines (no offense – I love PCA Potomac Drive & Dines).

So how do I get here? After attending a season of PCA Autocross, I decided it was fun watching, but I didn't want to be on the sidelines anymore. I wanted to be in a car. So, in 2021, with my newly purchased car, I joined PCA. Autocross is also another great PCA event that is essentially driving an agility course with cones, in a parking lot. Then one thing lead to another, and I signed up to do the charity laps on Summit Point, Main Circuit, at PorscheFest this year.

"I'm a Volvo driver, a safe car for raising three kids. The sound of squealing tires is not something I'm used to.. "

The opportunity to take five charity laps on Summit Point Main was quite exciting, and a bit intriguing. I finished Autocross in the early afternoon and decided to stay. Since I was already at the track, why not take advantage of driving on Summit Point Main? It was a wonderful afternoon of cars parading in the charity laps, each of us having contributed a minimum of \$20 to the Rallye for Vets charity. I was chatting with my passenger, who I was just introduced to, as they hopped into my car for a ride-a-



Beth disables Volvo mode and engages Porsche mode before heading out onto the track for morning exercises with instructor, Annabelle Alvi

long. By the time we finished the five laps, she was ready to sign up for the Women's HPDC too! My enthusiasm was boundless. By the end of the day, a second person I spoke with was ready to register too. I'm still laughing at myself, that I had encouraged others to sign up, even though I didn't even know what I was getting into. I was looking forward to learning to drive my Porsche... like it's meant to be driven.



My Cayman admires the sunrise while others line up for Tech inspection

That morning, as I pulled into the paddock area of the Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point, I was greeted by a beautiful sunrise. I breezed through the Tech Inspection line and made my way into the classroom for some socializing over breakfast, before we began. It was nice to see a full turnout. Morning classroom was followed by meeting my coach, and first sessions on the skid pad, slalom and braking exercises on the track. The event was well organized, with good classroom time, and you have an instructor in the car the whole time. If you know me, you can guess by now that my instructor and I are now Facebook friends, and we look forward to catching up at the Holiday Party.

One of my goals for the day was to learn more about my car, and understand how to drive a performance car. Yes, I will repeat that phrase, even if it sounds corny, – Learn to drive a Porsche like it's designed to be driven. The

handling of the Cayman is really on a different level from any other car I've owned. I'm a Volvo driver, a safe car for raising three kids. The sound of squealing tires is not something I'm used to, so I'm working on broadening my comfort zone, or getting out of my comfort zone.



Beth (right) and Kiki compare notes on the morning's fun

The afternoon was time for laps on the Jefferson track! I get to drive my car on a racetrack instead of the street, of course it's about going fast. Right? Well maybe, but there is so much more than speed to learn. Decoding the terminology from the classroom, and applying the techniques covered in class while on the track, was harder than it looked. The day was safe, (it's non-competitive) with no racing, timing, or training for racing. It was learning the limits of my car, and my limits, and how to push them. I just forgot to bring the Dramamine. I was a bit motion sick, so I did hold back and did not push myself as much as I had hoped. It was still a great experience and my comfort level with my car increased.

Overall it was a great day for me and my Cayman. It's worth saying again, this was FUN! I'd say even more fun than I thought it would be. Was it scary? - NO! Not at all. I highly recommend it. I'm proud to say I am a member of PCA Potomac. It's not to brag that I have a Porsche. It is because it really is about the people! I'm proud to say I am a woman who is a member of PCA Potomac; a club that values and includes all its members to make meaningful events for them. I hope the others who attended with me feel the same.

See you next time on the track Ladies! DV



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# New Potomacans

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1998 911 Carrera Cabriolet  
from Alexandria  
transfer from Carolinas

## THEODORE BECHTOL

2005 Boxster  
from Silver Spring

## JEREMY BIRT

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from Alexandria  
transfer from Suncoast Florida

## BRETT BLAKE

2022 911 Carrera  
from Glenn Dale

## JOSHUA BRADLEY

1990 928 S4  
from Waldorf

## ALAN CHENG

2016 911 GT3 RS  
from La Plata

## CLAUDIA CLAUDIA

2020 911 Carrera S Cabriolet  
from Vienna

## RAYMOND DOYLE

2021 718 Cayman T  
from Rockville

## THOMAS EARLE

2009 911 Carrera  
from Fairfax

## DARREN EMBREE

2015 911 Carrera S  
from Warrenton

## ERIC FAFOGLIA

2003 911 Carrera 4S  
from Washington

## BRANDON FERRARA

2016 911 Carrera 4S  
from Arlington

## BART FRASER

2000 911 Carrera  
from Washington

## MICHAEL GOEDDE

2022 Panamera 4S E-Hybrid  
from Damascus

## ANITA GONZALEZ

2013 Panamera 4S  
from Accokeek

## RICHARD HILL

2013 911 Carrera S Cabriolet  
from Alexandria

## ANTHONY HOWARD

2017 Macan GTS  
from Fairfax

## JAMES JASKA

2020 911 Carrera 4S  
from McLean  
transfer from San Gabriel  
Valley

## JEFF KARRELS

2020 911 Carrera 4S  
from Vienna

## ADEEL KHAN

2006 Cayenne S  
from Sterling

## ROBERT KOHN

2018 911 Targa 4S  
from Arlington

## TIM MCMILLAN

2018 911 Targa 4  
from Reston

## JEFF MOHAN

2010 911 Carrera  
from Haymarket

## KEN NEUHAUS

2015 911 Carrera  
from Asburn

## ROBERT PASKOW

2021 718 Boxster  
from Vienna

## JASON RAO

2020 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet  
from Washington

## SHANNON SCOTT

2022 911 Carrera  
from Arlington

## ERIC SELF

1988 944 Turbo S  
from Mclean

## ANDO SHIN

2015 Cayman GTS  
from Fairfax

## ANDRE SIMONPIETRI

1966 912  
from Annapolis

## TONY SMITH

2015 Panamera 4  
from Leesburg

## SAM VASSALLO

2004 Boxster S  
from Boonsboro

## ERIC WEICHEL

2021 911 Carrera S  
from Brookeville

## QUINTUS WILLIAMS

2021 Cayenne E-Hybrid  
from Leesburg

## EMELY WINNERT

2022 718 Boxster  
from Springfield

## JASON WOLFF

2017 Macan  
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# Saying, So Long

Looking back on the first story I submitted for DerVorganger in 2015, I titled it “Newcomer”. I had turned 60 in May of that year, as had the Porsche Club of America. Seemingly out of the blue I had acquired my first Porsche, a new 2016 GT4 no less, and in celebration, was given a PCA membership as a gift from a friend. As life would have it, the GT4 would move on, as would the then friend, but my Porsche enjoyment remains.

I had found a new family in both the PCA and the Potomac Region. I had found a new writing opportunity too. As a fine artist painter, I was already nearly ten years into being an art columnist for my local newspaper. But with a long life and love of cars and motorcycles, DV became a new way to be involved. By the end of 2016 I had contributed seven more stories and one cover photo. As 2017 arrived I felt I had found a home. It was as if I had become somewhat of a DV fixture.

There are many reasons to join a club. Overwhelmingly, most Porsche owners are not PCA members, and I even believe of those who are, most are happy just thumbing through Panorama, or in the case of the Potomac region, DV. But those who do participate, do so in their own special way. They fit themselves in where they feel they fit. Such is the case with me. DV and the Porsche Club of America overall, who I’ve also written for at a national level for some time now, have been a gratifying fit.

Along the way, the PCA has enriched my life and given me not only wonderful experiences like the many visits to the Porsche Experience Center, but meaningful friendships which include the club’s National Director - Vu Nguyen, Panorama’s prized photographer, Michael Alan Ross, DV’s long time editor - Glenn Cowan, John and Charlene Truban, Porsche North America’s past President, Klaus Zellmer, and many others. I’ve also written here that the Potomac Region is simply one of the best regions the PCA has to offer. Trust me, you only have to live somewhere else to truly understand this to be true. The problem is, now I do live somewhere else.

In 2019, after a few years of discussion on the matter, my wife Linda and I moved both into what I’d call semi-retirement, and to the state of North Carolina. I was born in Washington, D.C., raised in Montgomery County, Maryland, and migrated to Virginia. But our ties to Virginia now spanned over 30 years, and there it was time for change. Leaving was both exciting and somewhat sad. There are all kinds of backstory and reasons for trying new things in life, and I had hoped for PCA to help bridge that gap. It hasn’t really happened, but here I am nonetheless, and here is not there.

I think back to 2019, on what I was certainly sure would be my writing departure from DV. I recall my conversation with Glenn Cowan. I told him I was moving to North Carolina, and well, I guess this is goodbye. But he said, “Well, I guess we

## FUEL FOR THOUGHT

BY TOM NEEL

have a first foreign correspondent!” I was thinking, “You still want me to write for DV?” Hum, will that even work? To be honest, it was my original plan to keep visiting Virginia on a regular basis, as we have family and friends there. So, yeah, let’s do this!

Little did Glenn or I know of the pending future. As in January 2020, pre-pandemic, Linda and I were vacationing with friends at their home in Florida, when Glenn shared his idea for me to write a new monthly column titled, “Fuel For Thought”. I remember asking him many questions, as I was already contributing a story just about every month to DV. My first question was, “When do you need the first one?” Basically the answer was, “now.” I pulled it off starting with the February issue. Then in early March I was off to Amelia Island and the Werks Reunion with the national PCA crew. As we all know, no sooner than it was over, the pandemic hit, activities ended, and content grew scarce. But somehow I found things to write about.

Klaus Zellmer arranged for me to be the first person invited back to drive at the Porsche Experience Center. Then Linda and I took delivery of a new 718 Spyder, and we were there for the Fall Treffen Tour. When nothing else was happening, DV still was, and I feel like it helped some get through a lonely lockdown. To be honest, I’m very proud to have served PCA Potomac DV readers through 2020 with 15 DV articles alone, and another 6 for national PCA.

In truth, since my first story published in the December issue of 2015, this is actually my 64th story/article/column for DV, along with a dozen cover photos, and a slew of others too. To put this into perspective, there’s only been 67 total DVs published in that time. But while distance makes the heart grow fonder, I think it creates a relevancy issue. Alas, I feel this is an appropriate time to say so long. In doing so, I want to thank each of you who have read my stories and hopefully found some enjoyment. It is my heartfelt wish for the best of health and the happiest holidays for each of you and hope of seeing you again.

Sincerely, Tom . DV



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