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Scott Bowen's Agate Grey
2013 Carrera 2 outside of
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Photo by Scott.

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Reflections of Fourth of July
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Steve Grumbach
Editor

Each month, when you retrieve your copy of *DV* from the mailbox, it is our ardent hope that the visual delight of the cover strikes you enough to entice you to read about the adventures our members have recently had with their Porsches. Indeed, each issue should stand apart from the countless mailings from home repair services and roofers before those flyers get dispatched to the recycling bin.

Among the challenges we face each month in assembling an edition of *DV* is selecting a front cover image. I say "challenge" only because often the choice among the many fine submissions from our regular, highly talented photographers can be difficult. I frequently select an image that reflects the topical content of each issue or is representative of the season, preferably at a location in our region. No better example of that than the front and rear covers of this issue. Potomac **Scott Bowen**, whose work has appeared in *DV* on regular occasions, went to considerable lengths to position his 911 outside of Arlington National Cemetery to capture the spectacular Fourth of July fireworks display. What a lovely, dramatic image that captures the spirit of the holiday celebration while also showcasing the car we all love. And Potomac **Ted Hovis** had a different take on the same theme when he captured the reflections of Fourth of July fireworks on his Targa, which appears on this month's rear cover.

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have," as mentioned by Thomas Jefferson.

"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success." -Alexander Graham Bell

Scott's magnificent fireworks image on this month's cover took considerable forethought and planning. He explained:

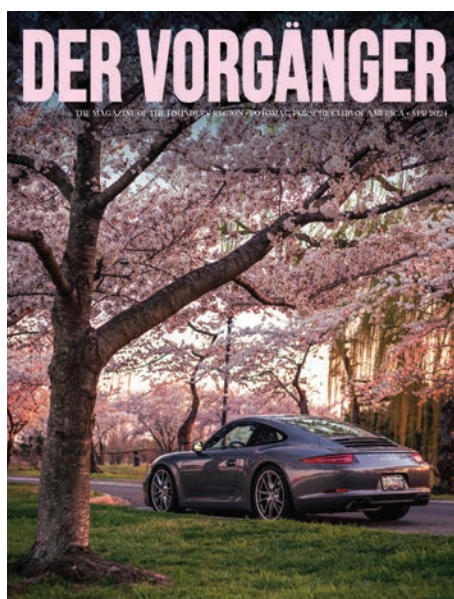
"The shot took a surprising amount of planning. I researched for several weeks to find a location that would allow me to position the car such that at least one major monument was in view and the fireworks could feature prominently. Not many angles fit that bill around DC, especially when all the roads are completely closed in and around the city. I planned on shooting on Memorial Ave just inside Arlington Cemetery, but I was able to speak with the on-location police who allowed me to move the car closer to Arlington Memorial Bridge, within the barricaded zone. That helped me get closer to the monument and avoid fighting traffic for a better shot (though there were far more people than I anticipated)."

I'm thrilled to tell you the work of these talented photographers was recognized by PCA, resulting in our first-place award in the

2025 Newsletter Contest for "Best Cover." The award was announced in early July at PCA Parade. The contest is an annual judged competition among all regional entries. Submissions are considered for either the newsletter or just the cover. I entered the April 2024 issue, which featured Scott's beautiful image of the cherry blossoms and his Porsche positioned at the Tidal Basin.

I'd be remiss if I didn't also mention the work of other regular contributors whose work often appears on these pages: **Alfie Moore, Ken Marks, Bill Schwinn, Evan Andrews, Anita Baarns, Mia Walsh, and Tom Zdanowicz** have also provided stunning and memorable images that have appeared in *DV* and on our cover this year and last. Great work, folks!

Each of these images contains the key elements of a great photo: composition, light, subject, and background. I assure you there's more in the works that will amaze and delight, and we'll bring it to you in the coming months. *DV*



PorscheFest 2025: A Look Back and a Look Forward!

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

PorscheFest and the beginning of our 70th anniversary celebration are in the books! I think I speak for all who attended that it was a fantastic event, despite the less-than-cooperative weather. A more detailed rundown of the event can be found elsewhere in this issue, but I'd like to make a couple of comments about our family reunion, which encompasses all our various programs. I believe we had close to 300 attendees, and one of the highlights was welcoming thirteen of our Past Presidents to recognize and thank them for their leadership on this occasion, our 70th Anniversary. Please see the photo on page XX to see all the names and dates of service for these great folks. Their dates of service range from Dan Rowzie (1969) to Diane Sullenberger (2021-2022).

Towards the end of the day on Sunday, at the Drivers Education, we did have a bit of a mishap in Turn 10, resulting in one of our newest members, Greg Hadley, making an unscheduled visit to the ambulance. I am pleased to report that Greg is doing quite well, especially his attitude. Many of us were in touch with him (and

his good friend Brian Berry) to check on him and offer moral support. While I didn't want to bother Greg as he was resting and recovering, on Monday, I thought I would give it a shot and send him a text to see how he was doing. As I mentioned to many of you, I haven't laughed so hard in quite a while when I read his response to my text, which I think you will all find quite interesting:

"Thank you! I'm sure I'll be back to normal in no time! Let me know if anyone got the license plate of the busload of nuns holding children and puppies that was inexplicably parked at the exit of turn 10. I want to make sure they are all okay. I'm glad I was deftly able to avoid them. Hitting the wall was just the right thing to do as a good Samaritan."

- I am able to share this with you as Greg is doing quite well, and he is confident he will have his car fixed in no time. He also gave me permission to share his story, which I believe exemplifies two things:
- The resilience of people in our club and the ability to recover from situations with strength and humor.

Greg mentioned to me how overwhelmed he was with all the messages and calls he received and how truly concerned they were about him and with offers to help in any way needed. As we have all said many times: this is a family, and for those of you in the Instructors Meeting on Friday morning, Brian Walsh said it more eloquently than I ever could.

Lastly, I'd like to put in a quick plug for us all to think about attending PCA Parade next summer, which will be in our backyard in Lake Placid, NY (June 14-20, 2026). It will perfectly overlap with our Club Race at Watkins Glen. May I challenge our family to have a strong turnout of at least 50 of us?!

See you at an event soon and have a fun and safe summer. **DV**



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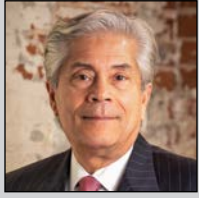
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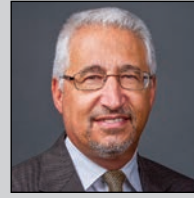
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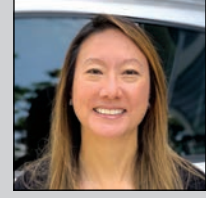
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AUGUST



16 Social: Maryland Monthly Brunch,
Irish Inn, Glen Echo, MD



23 Autocross: Potomac Autocross #6,
Summit Point – Washington Circuit,
Summit Point, WV

SEPTEMBER



14 DE and Community Service:
Rock the Summit Club Race and
Charity Auction, Summit Point, WV



21 Concours: Gathering of the Faithful,
Silo Falls, 19501 Georgia Ave,
Brookeville, MD



26-28 Drive & Dine: 928 Frenzy, Odds and
Ends Detailing, Sterling, Virginia



27 DE: Fall High Performance Driving
Clinic (Beginners), Summit Point, WV



27 Autocross: Potomac Autocross #6,
Summit Point – Washington Circuit,
Summit Point, WV



28 DE: Women's Fall High Performance
Driving Clinic, Summit Point, WV

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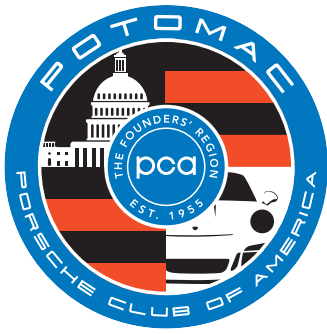
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POTOMAC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

DRIVE & DINE



A stop along the tour at the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park in Cass, WV. Photo by Dory Thomas.

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS TOUR

DOWNPOURS AND BEAR CUBS AND FOG, OH MY!

STORY BY **DORY THOMAS**

This year's Virginia Highlands Tour, a two-day, 400-mile jaunt through southwestern Virginia and eastern West Virginia, encountered a few challenges, but none too great for the drivers and passengers on the 16th year of this Drive & Dine event. Friday morning began in typical fashion with safety briefings before hitting the road for the 200 or so miles to Warm Springs, VA, and the Grist Mill Inn. Our annual lunch at the Rocktown Kitchen in Harrisonburg was delicious as always, and the staff there look forward to hosting us every year. Throughout the afternoon, the skies were clear, although the weather report warned us of the possibility of heavy rain. We arrived at The Grist Mill Inn in Warm Springs,

where we found that the staff had relocated our traditional courtyard dinner and entertainment indoors due to the impending storm. This proved to be a wise decision, as the skies opened and the rain was so heavy that visibility was nearly zero outside, while we ate inside. Unfortunately, the bluegrass band didn't get the word and set up on one of the porches in the courtyard and played through the storm! All was not lost for them, as we made our way to other porches after dinner and listened to the music despite the weather.

Saturday dawned to overcast skies and thick fog (how often do Drive & Diners need to turn on their fog lights?) as we wound our way over Virginia and West Virginia Scenic



Undeterred by the challenging weather, the group sets off on the tour on Saturday morning. Photo by Melinda Ferreira.



Group dinner at the Grist Mill Inn. Photo by Dory Thomas.

Byways to the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park, where we had our lunch under a picnic pavilion. Some of our first-timers were surprised to see that the train was operational and still emitted black coal smoke from its engine as it moved along the track! At one point on our Saturday drive, Marilyn Mills, the lead navigator of Group 1, shouted “Bear, bear, bear!!” as a black bear cub darted out into the road, saw our line of growling Porsches, and thankfully ran back into the woods! By the time we neared the end of our Saturday destination and the end of the drive, the skies opened once more, and we made our way up the last climb in heavy rain. Group 2, who reached the base of the last mountain as the rain was at

its worst, opted not to take that last leg and found shelter in a brewery in Hot Springs. Hmmm. All in all, despite the rain, fog, and bear, our groups agreed it was a fun time with lots of great driving and dining – just what we were hoping for!

A huge thank you goes out to LeRoy and Marilyn Mills for organizing this two-day event again this year, and for leading and sweeping along with Steve and Dory Thomas, Jim and Gina Moser, Andrew and Christine Talmadge, Ric and MaryAnn Segovia, Harry Horne, and Charles and Michelle Lore. **DV**

PORSCHEFEST: SOCIAL



PORSCHEFEST 2025

Donna Amico's 1992 964 Cup looking fantastic on the track. Photo by Bob Hartman, etchphoto.com.

ASSEMBLING THE AVENGERS!

POTOMAC'S ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION AT SUMMIT POINT MOTORSPORTS PARK.

STORY BY **KENNY "MR. PORSCHEFEST" KONG**

Over 350 members and enthusiasts descended upon Summit Point Motorsports Park to celebrate our people, programs and Porsche's.

PorscheFest kicked off with Camp Porsche, led by Marcie Calcagno and Randi Dutch, shepherding the next generation of Porsche owners throughout the paddock. At the same time, HPDE Chairs Bob Mulligan and David Dean rallied over 220 participants gridding up for their turn to go apex-hunting. The kids even got a chance to ride in some race cars around the track!

Members experienced a "Taste of Autocross," where they tested their vision and car control through the labyrinth of

cones laid out by Mike Trusty and Paul Brockman. Jackie Peters and the team showed up with nearly 50 Drive and Diners' in tow!

Paul Vessels and Percy White Jr. brought some of Potomac's "best dressed" Porsche's to showcase the region's cleanest cars in the paddock and historian George Whitmore's impressive display highlighted the storied past of the Founder's region. Did I mention it was PCA's 70th Anniversary?

As the track went cold Saturday evening, our Social Chair "Diamond Lou" Bartolo queued up the DJ to kick off Happy Hour and dinner with Monk's serving up some of the



Attendees gather for a social hour before dinner on Saturday. Photo by Bob Hartman, etechphoto.com



BBQ Banquet at the end of the day on Saturday. Photos by Bill Schwinn.



Thirteen of our Past Presidents were invited to help celebrate the 70th Anniversary. (From left to right) Don Mattran, Fred Phelps (1993), John Eberhardt (2013-2014), Dan Dazzo (1996), Paul Amico (1999), Caren Gladle (2001), Diane Sullenberger (2021-2022), Gary Baker (2021), Mia Walsh (2019-2020), David Dean (2017-2018), Scott Hunt (1997), Paul Weston (1986), Alan Friedman (1979), Dan Rowzie (1969). They all received a plaque thanking them for their leadership on this occasion of PCA's 70th anniversary, and a gorgeous grill badge. Photo by Bill Schwinn.

region's best 'que. Potomac Vice President Alan French and President Don Mattran honored decades of Past Presidents (13 of them) who received a standing ovation from the family they've helped create!

Two special guests also greeted the group and congratulated us on our 70th Anniversary: Vu Nguyen (PCA National Executive Director) and Ron Gordon (PCA National Vice President). We had to be nice to Ron since there is a rumor he is in line to become National President in the very near future!

We were also treated to a quick presentation by Alan Friedman, the father of PCA Club Racing. He talked about some of the history of PCA Potomac (fun fact - he was celebrating on this day the 50th anniversary of his very

first DE, driving the same car today that he had driven 50 years ago in 1975!). It was also noted that Dan Dazzo (Past President of PCA Potomac and current National Safety Chair) was very instrumental in working with Alan to give birth to our Club Racing program.

It takes a village to put on a smorgasbord of activities like this and I would be remiss to not tip my hat to Carol Palitti, Lauren Tilton, Davis Eastman, Lou Bartolo and the entire PorscheFest team for their leadership. Personally, the FOMO was real and I get goosebumps thinking about the laughter and stories shared, and magic that was made.

It was a not-so subtle reminder that it's not just the cars, it's the people. DV

PORSCHEFEST: TASTE OF AUTOCROSS



Amanda A in her 2017 718 Cayman S.

AUTOCROSS #5 AT PORSCHEFEST 2025

STORY BY **PAUL BROCKMAN**

PHOTOS BY **JORDAN STRAIT**

The last Saturday in July brought PCA Potomac Autocross back to Summit Point for Autocross #5 at PorscheFest. The event featured over 50 drivers competing on the course, as well as several participants in the “Taste of Autocross” event.

The course was designed to be fast, with a couple key areas where the drivers had to decide how much speed to carry into turns. The driver could either carry more speed by delaying braking, or brake earlier and get back on the throttle ASAP. With only 56 drivers, we were able to get eight runs in; so, people were able to figure out the course. As the times kept dropping, and speeds kept creeping up, it made it interesting to navigate the course at ever-increasing speeds.

Autocross5 featured cars from five decades, starting with a 1953 Porsche 356 driven by Michael C. and ending with a 2025 Porsche Cayman GTS driven by Leonard R. It was said that the 356 was the more challenging car to drive. Michael posted a “grainy”, black-and-white video that looks like it would have come out of the archives! Look for it on Facebook under “PCA Potomac Autocross”. At PCA Autocross events the cars are divided into classes, so “like” cars compete against each other. That being said, the 356 was in a class of its own.



John R in his 2007 Boxster.



Mike T in his 2013 Boxster.

PorscheFest was also going on all over Summit Point! After the AX was over, many of us went to check out events and cars at Summit Point Main. The stunning Concours cars were still on display, DE drivers were tuning their cars (and battenning things down from a sudden thunderstorm), and friendly people were everywhere.

There are three more events this year, Aug 23rd, Sep 27th, and Oct 25th. Registration can be found at motorsportreg.com. Come on out and test your car's capabilities. We provide in-car coaching, and loaner helmets. With breakfast and lunch included for well under \$100, what's stopping you? **DV**



Michael C's 1953 Porsche 356 was quite literally in a class of its own.

PORSCHEFEST: COMMUNITY SERVICE



Campers feeling like winners! Photo by Kevin Roldan.

CAMP PORSCHE AT PORSCHEFEST 2025

STORY BY **MARCIE CALCAGNO**

On Friday July 25, 2025, volunteers stood in excitement ready to receive approximately 50 school-aged campers from the Jefferson County, WV, Parks and Recreation Services for the Fourth annual Camp Porsche. The campers participated in fun-filled activities, including a scavenger hunt in the paddock (where many toy cars were yet to be found), bingo, pin the tail on the donkey, bean bag toss, coloring, and an exploration of Nando's car. A camper said in amazement how Nando's car must be worth "two minivans"! The touring laps in the PCA instructors' cars were a huge thrill, with one camper saying, "This is the best

day of my life". The day concluded with building race cars made from reused water bottles, and camper Levi winning the event.

It took a (PCA) village, specifically 23 volunteers and generous donations from the PCA Potomac community, to make this event a success. The weather was extremely hot, over 100 degrees, but the dedicated volunteers ensured that the day was memorable and fun for all. And a special thank you Pat Kaunitz for her vision and leadership of this impactful community event. DV



Camper with Mia Walsh, getting ready for touring laps. Photo by Marcie Calcagno.



Nando explaining all about track cars. Photo by Kevin Roldan.



Happy Campers get a great view of the expansive PorscheFest activities.



David Dean helps one of the Camp Porsche participants get their harness on before touring laps.



Campers were thrilled to see Nando's car. Photo by Andrew Blair.



Campers decorating the bottle race cars, prepping for the big race. Photo by Marcie Calcagno.



Bottle car race. Photo by Bill Calcagno.

UPCOMING: CONCOURS



2025 GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL

A CELEBRATION OF AIR-COOLED
PORSCHE HERITAGE ON SEPTEMBER 21

STORY BY **PAUL VESSELS**

SOME HISTORY

Although, as I've sought to confirm, some of my details may still be a bit sketchy. However, GOF's origins date back to around 1992-ish, where the Potomac 356 Owners Group originally organized it. A laid-back, loosely organized group of individuals that included guys such as Dan Rowzie, Ron Ohlerich, Tim Berardelli, Ron Davis, Carl Cordell, Doug Fowler, Lewy Houser, Bob Gutjahr, Doug Dutton, Sandy Kemper, and Heinz Peters as I remember... although I'm sure I'm missing a few. These individuals were PCA and 356 Registry members, some were even Porsche business owners, but all were 356 enthusiasts who got together as POG, and started this event as an annual gathering bringing together owners and enthusiasts of the Porsche 356 series cars.

The first gathering was hosted at Sky Meadows State Park, in Delaplane, VA, with beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It was later hosted at several different venues through the years, most notable being the Pavilion at the Reston Town Center, and the lawn of the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown W.VA. As word spread, the event grew, and the earlier series of the 911 was also invited to be celebrated during this gathering. As enthusiasm for both the 356 and these older 911 models continued to grow, so did the size of the event, which had to be relocated yet again in an attempt to accommodate its growing popularity. Also, through the years, its multiple moves, and growing popularity, the GOF became incorporated into the PCA Potomac schedule of events. Location and planning issues caused us to miss



The Gathering Of the Faithful will return this year with both a new date – Sunday, September 21, and a new venue: The Manor at Silo Falls, a picturesque location in beautiful Brookville/Olney, MD.

a few events over time, but it was always on the minds of enthusiast like myself and others. Attempts to keep it alive have remained as it was hosted in 2023 at 2 Silo's Brewing in Manassas, and last year (2024) at Mikey and Mel's Deli in Fulton, MD.

WHERE WE ARE

The history of this event, as told above, is also to embrace the spirit of the Marque's origins, and to foster camaraderie between, and awareness of, the Air-Cooled enthusiasts who've kept these vintage Porsches alive and on the road. With that in mind, we reflect on a time when the early 911 cars, and 914s were also invited to this annual gathering, while the later air-cooled models from Porsche remained on the fringe given how "modern" they were.

Now however, all of the Air-Cooled Porsches have become classics. And as such, for the 70th Anniversary of PCA, we want to expand this event – while simultaneously turning it back to its roots of featuring the 356 while celebrating its younger siblings from 1965 – 1998 with this all Air-Cooled Event!

As many of are aware, the Air-Cooled configuration is the engine design that defined Porsche from the Pre-A 356 of the early 50's all the way through 1998 and the 993. Roughly 5 decades

As compelling as the cars are, the stories, and the individuality behind each of them and their ownership are even more so. So be sure to participate in this event. DV

THE DETAILS

This event is not a traditional concours -please feel free to bring your driver, your work-in progress, or your race car for display – air-cooled only admitted on field.

- This is a unique display only event (no judges) no stress..
- The cost to participants is \$15 per car (includes dash plaque)
- Awards will be given in each class based on people's choice balloting
- All registered cars will be eligible for the people's choice voting
- Coffee, pastries, drinks etc. will be offered for a nominal charge by Silo Falls - Lunch is also available during this event. There is a cigar lounge, and beautiful views from the deck areas
- All Porsches and owners are invited to attend and there is no cost as a spectator for this event

AIR-COOLED MODELS WILL DISPLAY ON THE FIELD IN THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

356: 1953-1965

Early 911/912: 1965-1973

914: 1970-1976

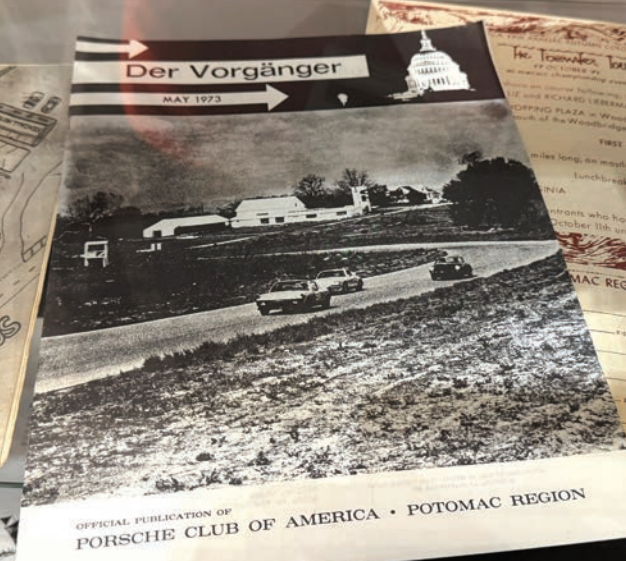
G-Body 911: 1974-1989

964: 1989-1994

993: 1995-1998

REGISTER FOR THE 2025 GATHERING OF HTE FAIFUL AT MSREG.COM BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.







Left page, clockwise from top left: **Photo 1** Potomac's influence was and continues to be an integral part of PCA's history. Which do you prefer? **Photo 2** Speedster... **Photo 3** ...or RS Roadster? **Photo 4** Potomac Region presents the First Annual National Porsche Parade as part of the 70th anniversary museum display. **Photo 5** PCA National Historian, Linda Goodman, curated an extensive display of PCA National and Region history, spanning the 70 years.

Left: Chesapeake Region member, Bob Rassa (right), has attended 59 Porsche Parades. Shown here with Hans-Peter Porsche (left).

Below: PCA's Digital Media Coordinator, Damon Lowney, captures video and still images of this 1966 Porsche 906 owned by David Garrett from the Maverick Region.



69TH ANNUAL PORSCHE PARADE

WHY NOT THE 70TH?

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **MIA WALSH**

Unlike Porsche Parade 2022 in the Poconos, where there were over 100 Potomacans in attendance, the 69th Annual 2025 Porsche Parade in Oklahoma City had a total of four from our region (plus our PCA National staff in the Potomac Region). Was it the 20+ hour drive? Perhaps. Was it because it started the Fourth of July weekend? Maybe. Was it because, well, Oklahoma City? Who knows?

We were a small (very small), but mighty group who participated and volunteered in many activities and ultimately brought home an award for our Potomac family – the Newsletter “Best Cover” photograph! A giant congratulations to Der Vorgänger Editor, Steve Grumbach, and the photographer of this special cover, Scott Bowen. Many thanks to Ron and Libby McCall for letting me join their table every night at dinner and for accepting the award on Potomac's behalf.

The Omni Oklahoma City Hotel was a lovely host for the numerous banquets, exhibitions, meeting facilities, and social gatherings. Downtown Oklahoma City has undergone a significant upgrade over the last five years, becoming a vibrant, clean city with exceptional parks and botanical gardens, as well as a lively nightlife along its Bricktown River Walk, a former warehouse district. All the attendees were pleasantly surprised by the city, its walkability, public transportation, and the varied celebrations of the NBA Champions, the Thunder. I would return!

This year's Parade was hosted in the War Bonnet Region, whose members did an excellent job assisting the PCA National Staff in planning and organizing our annual meet-up. The great state of Texas had the largest number of participants, primarily from the Lone Star and Maverick Regions, about half of the total participants overall.

PORSCHE

70



PCA's reveal of the limited 70th Anniversary PCA Club Coupe, a total of 70 to be produced.

NOW, ON TO THE CARS!

The favorite activity for most Parade-goers is two-fold: attending the setup and preparation for the Concours event on Sunday and watching the judging of the event on Monday. This is a hint for the many Potomacans who will be joining the 70th Parade in Lake Placid (June 14-20, 2026) – get there Saturday night so you can watch the Concours folks on Sunday if you aren't showing a car.

Many of the Concours participants were first timers, and as the judges said, "They signed up for the Super Bowl without playing in any regular season games." It reminded me of my one-and-only Parade Concours when I did the same thing – even signing up in the entirely wrong category; and my track-friend, Dan Salisbury, whose first Concours was at the Parade in the Poconos. Lesson learned. We'll stay in our places at the racetrack moving forward.

New this year, PCA Club Racing had a booth in the hospitality section of the Parade, and I spent the day talking to participants about using HPDE as a platform to transition into PCA Club Racing. Dave Rodenroth, Connor Henderson, and Van Svenson were the brains behind this exhibit, and I felt like that's where I belonged; that, and the SIM racing room, where I also volunteered my time. Concours is a very scary place for people like me; I'm much more relaxed doing a buck-fifty down the straight.

As you know, PCA is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, and PCA Historian Linda Goodman, along with her

volunteers, has assembled a professional display of PCA artifacts in one place. Viewers spent hours reading the placards, hand-written letters, photograph captions, and leafing through booklets and programs from decades past. PCA Potomac historians, George Whitmore and Fred Phelps, sent some of our own curated objects d'art to the display, some of which are shown in the photos.

A highlight for me and all of the Parade-goers was a special visit from Hans-Peter Porsche, one of Porsche-founder Ferry Porsche's four sons. Hans-Peter has a delightful sense of humor and had us all laughing during his presentation at the Porsche Concours d'Elegance Banquet. He was energized by his new museum, Traumwerk, the largest toy museum in Europe – a train collector's actual nirvana. His enthusiasm sealed my visit the next time life takes me to the Austrian-German border.

For all our many Potomac members who have never been to a Parade, please mark your calendars for Lake Placid. There are driving tours, rallies, autocross, Tech Tactics, seminars, art shows, radio-controlled car races, winery visits, 5K runs, movie screenings, PCA Juniors' activities for children and teens, golf tournament, dancing, and lip synch nightlife, and more! The roads in Lake Placid for the driving tours will be unforgettable, so let's make Potomac's presence known once again (though they are still recovering from our participation in the Poconos).

See you in Lake Placid! DV



Why not the 70th Parade? *COVID canceled our 2020 event!*



PCA's 70th anniversary celebration logo was prominent throughout Parade, starting with the entrance to the Concours event.

The PCA Baby

In the first-ever issue of *Porsche Panorama* (December, 1955) PCA founder and first national president Bill Sholar, who was a commercial artist, drew an illustration for his introductory article and titled it "It's Your Baby!"

Bill told readers that the bulletin (as he called it) was "conceived and designed to reflect YOUR interests, YOUR problems, and YOUR activities."

This particular PCA baby, drawn by Bill, appeared in *Panorama* issue #2 in January, 1956. Issue #1 had received such positive feedback that his article, featuring this PCA baby was titled "Panorama Preening."

In honor of PCA's 70th anniversary, we've added the 1955 sash. Bill's original artwork is in the PCA Archives.

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

PCA
IT'S YOUR BABY

Porsche Panorama
Volume 1, Number 1
December 1955
Digital Archive

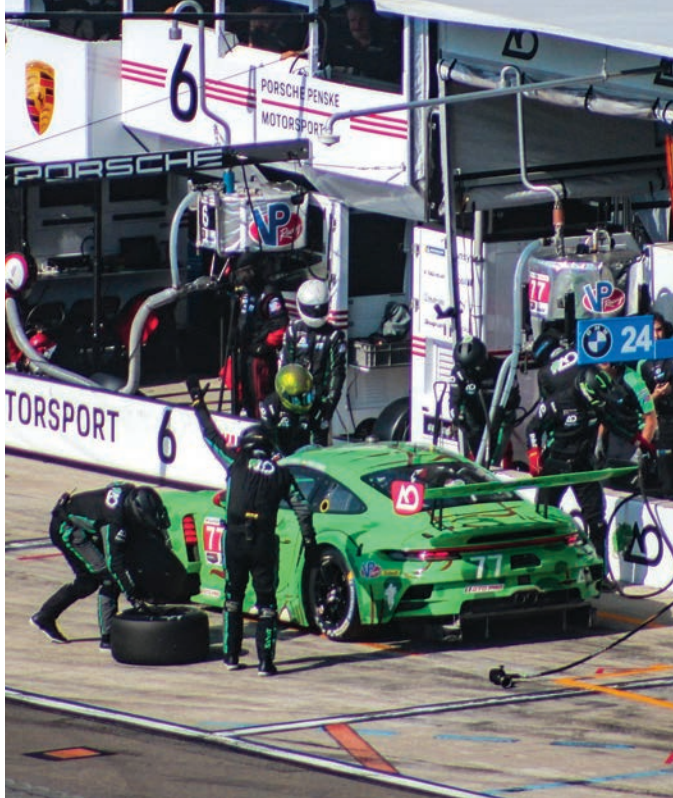


The gathering of the rare Porsche color, Moonstone, originated in the 924 model. It appears almost white in direct sunlight and lavender in the shade. Filmmaker, Kevin McCauley, premiered his documentary "Moonstone Second Phase" at Parade.

PCA founder, Bill Sholar's, "It's Your Baby" illustration.

A high-angle photograph of a race track at The Glen. In the upper left, a green and white endurance race car is driving on the asphalt. In the lower right, a red and white endurance race car is navigating a turn, with a large, colorful (yellow, red, blue) painted curb visible. The track is bordered by green grass and a blue metal safety fence. The text "IMSA RACE WEEKEND AT THE GLEN" is overlaid in the center-right.

IMSA RACE WEEKEND AT THE GLEN



Left page: Porsche Penske Motorsport #6 leads Automobili Lamborghini Squadra Corse SC63 into Turn 1.

Left: AO Racing conducts a late race, out of cycle, pit stop.

Below: "Chip Hart Racing" Porsche 911 GT3 R leads the AWA Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3 R in drying conditions.



PORSCHE HAS MIXED RESULTS BUT MAINTAINS LEAD IN BOTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **HANK ALLEN**

Spoiler alert: At Watkins Glen in June, Porsche had mixed results, winning the Pilot Challenge, while finishing fourth in the IMSA WeatherTech Six Hours.

On Thursday, June 19th, we checked into the Harbor Hotel. The following morning, we arrived at the track to see the Porsche Carrera Cup North America race and the qualifying sessions for Grand Sport (GS) and Touring Car (TCR) classes. Luca Mars qualified the #28 RS1 Porsche 718 GT4 RS CS fourth fastest.

On Saturday, June 21st, the Porsche Platz located at Turn 11 opened, and we registered there. Carrera Cup Pro Class winner Zachary Vanier and Pro-Am winner JP Martinez visited the Platz to discuss their progression through the Porsche Carrera Cup Program. Vanier is a Porsche Junior while Martinez is a business owner and serious part-time driver. They both started in karting, but due to his success, Vanier entered the Porsche Selected Driver Program, where he receives a wide variety of support, including mentoring

by Pat Long. Vanier is in his second year of Carrera Cup with possible accession to the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, which ultimately could lead to becoming a Porsche Factory Driver. Martinez built a successful business that allowed him to return to Sprint Challenge racing and eventually to the Pro-Am Class. The Porsche 963 GTP Team and the AO Racing 911 GT3 R drivers also came to the Porsche Platz for an autograph session.

At 11:45, the two-hour Pilot Challenge race started. Mars gained one place at the start. After fifty minutes, he handed over to Jan Heylen. A caution allowed most cars to take their final pit stops. This placed the lead contenders on a tight fuel-saving strategy. Heylen passed Jeff Westphal's #39 BMW M4 GT4 to take the lead. He held off Westphal and Jenson Altzman's #13 Ford Mustang GT4 until a late full-course caution ended the race behind the safety car. As a result of this race, Heylen/Mars held a 340-point GS class lead.



Left page, clockwise from top left: **Photo 1** JKlaus Bachler floats down the Laces of the Boot in the first thirty minutes of the race. **Photo 2** Bachler's AO Racing REXY leads a group of Grand Touring Pro competitors around Turn 6 on a drying track. **Photo 3** Nick Tandy's #7 eases Ricky Taylor's #40 Cadillac V-Series R into the marbles at Turn 8. **Photo 4** Jaminet's #6 leads #85 JDC Miller's Tijmen Van der Helm and Mustang Sampling's #5 driven by Nico Varrone. **Photo 5** Felipe Nasr, in Porsche #7, fights his way from tenth on the starting grid to first place in less than four laps!



Porsche #6 piloted by Mathieu Jaminet skates around the Boot.



Nico Varrone eases his #5 Porsche 963 down the Chute in the early race monsoon.

During the race, we toured the Porsche Penske garage in its full preparation for qualifying. Porsche teams have not been pleased with the pace of their 963s since the previous race in Detroit. Porsche may have received a "success penalty" after its first three race victories. The team does not mention the Balance of Performance adjustments, but Mathieu Jaminet in the #6 car qualified eighth, Felipe Nasr in the #7 tenth, Neel Jani in the #5 Proton Porsche twelfth, and Jimmy Bruni in the #85 JDC Miller Porsche thirteenth.

Once the track cleared, we headed out for Parade Laps. This brought back memories of HPDE, ten years ago. The PCA Potomac instructors' guidance resonated as we headed up the Climbing Esses, the Bus Stop, down the Chute, into the Boot and left at tricky Turn 9. As you know, one should "mind the blue bushes" even at slower speeds.

Sunday started with Cars and Coffee, technical briefings, and a visit by Michael Christensen, the Penske reserve driver. The affable Dane answered questions about his career and Le Mans. Next, Wright Motorsport owner/driver Adam Adleson spoke about his "Chip Hart Racing" blue two-tone livery featured in *FI: The Movie*.

The Six Hours started on a very damp surface as Nasr charged from tenth to first in four laps. He held that position through the deluge but was passed by Cadillac and Acura as the track dried. Both makes had more straight-line speed and were a second faster per lap; Porsche needed a great strategy

to overcome that deficit. The monsoon-plagued first two hours resulted in six full-course cautions. Teams switched from slicks to wets and back again as the track quickly dried and the rain resumed. At half-race, thanks to short fueling, Matt Campbell in #6 led, giving it Endurance Cup points. At the 3:28 mark, the #5 963 was hip-checked into the railing with both cars ending up in the Turn 8 gravel trap. The #77 "Rexy" AO Porsche led the GTD Pro Class several times, but as the track temperature rose the 911's pace slowed. Nick Tandy was pushing hard in the #7 963 with 1:20 remaining, when he took too much curb on the outside of Turn 1. The rear of the car spun around and shot him across the track into the opposite tire wall and back again. Fortunately, he walked away from the crash. The remainder of the race saw Cadillacs and Acuras moving in and out of the first four places. It came down to the last two minutes when a full-course caution denied Bamber's #31 Cadillac the ability to pit. That allowed the #60 Acura to win with 1% energy, followed by the #40 and #10 Cadillacs.

AO Racing's REXY faded to ninth. They are now 62 points behind the #3 Corvette in the season standings. In LMP2, United Autosports held off AO Racing's #99 "Spike the Dragon" to win by under a second. All four Porsche 963s struggled for pace in the 90-degree heat. Jaminet came in fourth, giving his team a 12-point lead in the Championship ahead of their sister car, and 262-points ahead of the third place #93 Acura. **DV**



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Left page: The timeless art of the 996.2. A couple of modern interpretations stand beside it, and an Italian something-or-other squats behind it mercifully hidden from full view.

Left: A 2004 40th Anniversary 911 always elicits smiles.

Below: Yes, you can fit the whole family in a 911.



A FATHER'S PORSCHE EXPERIENCE

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **WILL HILDEBRANDT**

It was that smell of the Porsche leather that first brought me back.

When I flew down to Ft. Lauderdale on a one-way ticket and sat in it for the first time, I was seated in the passenger seat, just like I was in the late '80s, riding around with my Granddad in his 911. The current owner turned the key, and that rumble in neutral was the next reminder. The leather around the shift knob shook back and forth just like it did then. And so I was transported back in time 35 years, to the age of eight, sitting shotgun in a 911.

It was 2023, the Winter Solstice, and the 911 was now mine. I headed north, to home. "Whatever you do, do not miss Christmas," my wife implored.

Of course, I wouldn't dream of it. The car was a Christmas gift to me as much as it was to the rest of the family, especially my son. A Porsche he too could experience at the same age I had all those years ago.

I arrived the next day after stopping in my hometown in North Carolina to see some friends and show it off. The much-maligned 996, but there was something about those

headlights that I loved. After years of toying with the idea, I found (through a neighbor who owned one) that the 40th Anniversary 911 checked all the boxes for me. Finally, my search had come to an end and so did my long drive north up I-95 during the holiday rush.

But as I pulled into the driveway, it was all worth it. There were my wife, son, and daughter, all beaming. But especially my son. What a look of pure joy, one that could only be matched by the thrill of Christmas morning or a new Porsche. Or in this case, both.

We set out to explore the surrounding roads nearly every day for over a year. We'd take it to his karate lessons, his basketball games—even (gasp) to the grocery store. We'd just go for a westbound drive on MacArthur Blvd and continue north of Potomac. Or we'd cross the river and go towards Great Falls. Just to drive. And he never tired of it.

Well, that's not true. Sometimes, the deep hum of the flat-six paired with the Fabspeed Supercup exhaust would tire him to the point of slumber.



Lulled to sleep by a dreamy flat six.

And soon he would begin pointing out others: "There's a Porsche! There's another one."

At the end of June, we drove the car down to North Carolina for the Duke University basketball camp. As we sat in southbound traffic on I-95, I took the opportunity to ask Axel what he liked about the Porsche vs. our other cars. Without hesitation, he mentioned the perfect fit of the back seat and the "armrest" in the middle.

"The seat back here is perfect. This bump is the perfect height for my arm."

At eight years old, he can still fit comfortably back there. He spoke about how nice it is to have the speaker next to his ear so he could listen to music, and that behind the seat, "if you wanted, you could put stuff back there."

Maybe that would have been a better place for our luggage, since both suitcases couldn't be secured in the "frunk."

When we arrived in North Carolina and exited the highway, I stopped for gas.

"Go ahead and clean the windshield and then you can hop up front."

He looked at me, stunned.

"Really?!"

"Sure. So long as we're not on the interstate I'm fine if you ride up front."

That changed everything for him.

"This is so cool! ...though, I miss the armrest because you're taking this one."



Buy a 911, it's not boring.

On the way home, after the end of camp, he slept in the back. I included a picture of how he squished himself into position. I'll cherish it. He won't be able to do that much longer.

And I'll also cherish that I pulled the trigger when I did so that I could share these experiences with him while he was this age.

As we made our way up 85 towards Petersburg, VA, my mind began to wander. I wondered what he will remember about the 911 when he's my age. What will the 911 become? It's changed so much over the course of its lifetime, in some ways for the better, and in some ways for the worse.

But even though I'm driving a water-cooled 911, I still feel the history of this amazing machine in my hands and under my foot. It's unmistakably a Porsche. And it's a connection, with both my son and my Granddad, whose love of Porsches began by competing in uphill in Germany, that has been cemented.

There are many things that can evoke memories and the emotions associated with them. As members of an amazing community of Porsche enthusiasts, we know first-hand how a car is one of them.

The look, the sound... the smell.

We ended the week with my son's first morning making our way around the parking lot at Katie's Cars & Coffee. The rain hadn't stopped when we left the house at 6 a.m., so I had assumed the turnout would be light. I had assumed wrong.

Before my son inevitably said, "Papa, I'm bored," he found his senses overwhelmed by the incredible display of horsepower and beauty. And after he finished pointing out each and every Porsche in the lot, he became enamored with a single-seater Messerschmitt bubble-car, asking me no less than 15 times if we could buy one.

Even if we were able to buy one, I'm not sure where we'd put it. But it's obvious from his infatuation with all things Porsche that he's already started his lifelong love affair with cars.

I just hope it will carry on long enough to be passed on to his kids (and grandkids) when he takes them for a drive in his 911, just like my Granddad did all those years ago. **DV**



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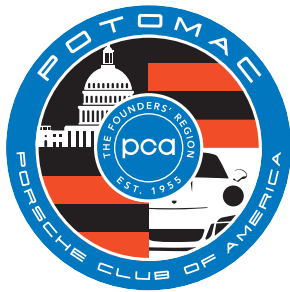
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NEW POTOMAC NOMINATING COMMITTEE IN LAUNCH MODE

Did you know that we have a committee that identifies and recommends potential leaders to join our Executive Committee?

For decades, nominations were handled by an informal group of esteemed Potomac members and past presidents who proposed a slate for member voting each year. Under our updated Potomac region bylaws, and in line with national requirements, the Nominating Committee is now a standing committee with voting rights rather than an ad hoc committee without them. The committee's composition has also changed.

The demands on our Executive Officers have evolved in the last decade as legislation, our bylaws, membership numbers, and activities and programs have grown and evolved. Even new vehicle technologies—such as EVs and in-car safety systems—have impacted our club's decision-making.

Our Executive Committee is 100% volunteer. Nobody receives a salary. Finding passionate, capable members who have some time to commit to the club and who see the opportunity for fun and fulfillment in serving our 4,500 local members isn't something that can be done in an ivory tower.

We are thrilled to announce the formation of a new PCA Potomac Nominating Committee, chaired by Henrik Ojikutu, with committee members Lauren Tilton and Bill Schwinn.



HENRIK OJIKUTU

Henrik has been a member since 2013 and is a key member of the Driver Education community. He is a former Registrar and Instructor of the Year and currently serves as the joint head of the Instructor Development Program.

Henrik was also the Club Race Co-Chair and Chair from 2022 to 2024. Henrik brings a valuable understanding of leading, managing, and developing people throughout his career. He and his partner, Gretchen, live in Bethesda, MD.



LAUREN TILTON

Lauren has been one of our community MVPs since joining the club in 2021. She quickly progressed through our Driver Education program and regularly drove her Cayman on track at weekends as her daily driver. Lauren and her husband,

Ron, live in Frederick, MD. She has organized, supported, and participated in countless social and community service events. As our current volunteer coordinator, her network in the club is second to none. Wherever volunteers are needed and require help and support, Lauren is often the first on the scene.



BILL SCHWINN

Many will recognize Bill as our social media chair. He manages and curates content on our social media platforms, skillfully photographs our Porsche hardware, and captures the joy on members' faces to garner likes, shares, and comments.

Bill is a passionate autocrosser, a sport he began with Potomac after joining in 2014. He has been a key member of the Autocross Committee for many years and enjoys Drive and Dine events with his wife, Eden. Bill is also well-connected with members throughout the club. Bill and family live in South Riding, VA.

We wish Bill, Lauren, and Henrik every success in this important role.

We sincerely thank David Evans for his years of impartial input and support to our previous Nominating Committees, and Immediate Past President Diane Sullenberger for helping us transition to the new committee structure.

Your Call to Action. What Can You Do?

1. Let the Nominating Committee know if you are interested in a leadership role in the club.
2. Encourage other volunteers to contact the committee about opportunities to shape and develop our region.

Emails can be sent to nomcomm@pcapotomac.org

**JUNE
2025**



NEW POTOMACANS

JUNE 2025

ANDREAS ALEXANDROU

2000 Boxster
from Bethesda

WAYNE ALTER

2024 911 Turbo S Cabriolet
from Hagerstown

TODD ALTER

2015 911 Turbo Cabriolet
from Martinsburg

PAUL BASLER

2002 911 Carrera
from Bristow

MATTHEW BEARDALL

2006 911 Carrera S Cabriolet
from Potomac

ACHAYA BHANDARI

2016 911 Carrera S
from Burtonsville

BRANDON BODNOVICH

2014 Cayman
from Herndon

THOMAS DAVIS

2021 718 Boxster GTS 4.0
from Rockville

VIC GOEL

2023 911 GT3 Touring
from Vienna

ADAM HOLT

2025 911 Carrera T
from Arlington

ALEXANDER KASTANIOTIS

2022 911 Turbo S
from Huntingtown

MATTHEW KNEPPER

2015 911 Targa 4S
from Alexandria

JOHN KRATZ

2025 Taycan 4S
from Stafford

S. LEWIS

2022 Taycan
from Washington

THOMAS MYERS

2017 911 Carrera S
from Monrovia

JASON RAPPAPORT

2008 911 Turbo Cabriolet
from Hagerstown

JASON ROBERTSON

2014 Cayman S
from Falls Church

KIYARASH ROOHOLFADA

2016 Cayenne Diesel
from Silver Spring

GAUTAM SAWHNEY

2016 Boxster Spyder
from Arlington

KEITH SEGERSON

1989 911 Carrera Cabriolet
from Chantilly

JENNIFER SHAAH

2021 718 Boxster
from Arlington

SCOTT STEPHENSON

2015 911 Carrera S
from Broadlands

SHAWN TEJIRAM

2024 Cayenne E-Hybrid Coupe
from Kensington

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2013 911 Carrera
from Fairfax

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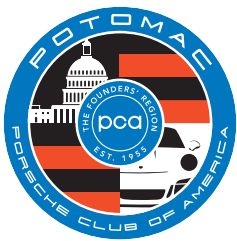
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