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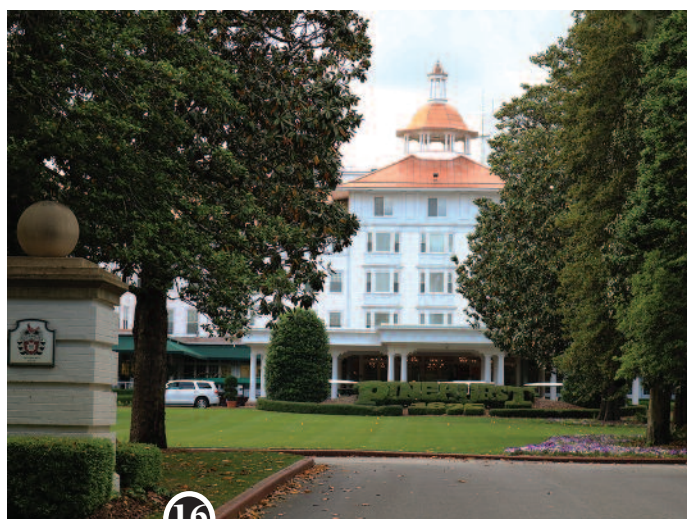
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I have been a resident of the town in which I live for 25 years and served two terms on the elected town council but never don town name tee shirts or ball caps. Where I live is not who I am either, even though I care a lot about the community. My family vacations at The Outer Banks, NC every year – no OBX decals or sweat shirts. My company has logo items but the only one I use is on my business card.

Aside from my family and the occasional Steelers or Penn State item there are only two things in my life that I declare publicly - when I dress formally I wear a Viet-



Glenn Cowan



Michael Sherman

nam Service Ribbon lapel pin – and when not dressed formally, I wear a wide variety of Porsche branded merchandise.

I am proud of my military service even if most don't know what the ribbon signifies. Wearing the Porsche apparel might seem like nothing more than bragging but I never feel like it is braggadocio but rather more like a public statement of a set of values. To me it doesn't say "I can afford this" but says instead that I appreciate this. The design and build quality, the commitment to excellence, the motor sports tradition, the love of driving are all embodied in that emblem and logo-type. Since becoming active in PCA over 20 years ago, it also stands for being part of a community of owners and drivers who share this same appreciation.

I get a lot of comments from strangers, "I like your tee shirt- do you really drive one?", "great car, which one do you drive?" I have never encountered any animus whatever. It seems that people respect the Porsche brand and don't resent those who are fortunate enough to own one. I am proud that this car is part of what I am.

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# Porsche History

I had the pleasure to sit down with Potomac members Carina Heinen and Pierce Troy over lunch to discuss their experience with PCA and to learn about an early biography of Ferdinand Porsche. Here is a summary of my interview with Carina.

**What is your relationship to the founding father of Porsche?** Ferdinand Porsche is a first cousin of my great great grandfather, Karl Ehrlich. Here is a picture with Ferdinand Porsche's father in the middle of the group, Anton Porsche, who had a carpentry shop; he is surrounded by his employees and apprentices. Karl is pictured in the front left, and his cousin Ferdinand is pictured in the front right.



**How long have you been affiliated with Porsche?** My earliest memories go back to when I was just 5 or 6 years old, and one of our relatives who lived down south, near Stuttgart, came to visit in their brown 911. I went for a ride in the back seat and remember vividly feeling the strong engine underneath me and thinking "Wow! This is fun." It was quite different from riding in my Dad's rumbling Benz with its diesel motor.

**I understand that you have a biography about Ferdinand Porsche. What is the name and background of the book?** The book entitled "Der junge Porsche" (The young Porsche) is being translated by Carina. It is a biography of Ferdinand Porsche which talks about his youth and his coming from humble begin-

nings and his developing an interest in electricity. Early on, he was he was fascinated with the electric spark, especially since his first ride with Carl Benz in his Benzinkutsche (Benzmobile) in the late 1880s, when Ferdinand Porsche was just a teenager. The book was published in 1968 and was written by Herbert Sinz. He was born in the town of Dortmund, the same town in which I was born.

**How did you initially get involved with PCA?** My other half, Pierce, rekindled my love of Porsche cars when he bought our current 911. In the process of making the purchase, we found out about PCA and about DC being the founders' region. It was a natural fit for us to join and to meet Porsche enthusiasts in the area. When I drive our 911, I am transported back to the streets of Germany where a Porsche is considered a reliable, every day car that was made to get you where you want to go with power and ease of use. No matter what event we have participated in over the years, we have always been welcomed with open arms and have been amazed at the diverse group of people with an eclectic collection of models who love to polish their Porsche and take her out for a spin.

**Would you recommend PCA membership to other women who own Porsche?** Yes. It is a fun way for females to get together and enjoy the cars alongside our fellow male Porsche enthusiasts.

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## June

- 4-5 Potomac DE at Summit Point Shenandoah, 6:30am – 5:30pm.
- 4 Virginia Brunch at City Grille in Manassas on Saturday, 11am – 1pm.
- 11 Potomac's Rally #2, location TBD.
- 11 Second Saturday Virginia Breakfast, Silver Diner, Merrifield, Virginia, 8am – 10am.
- 11 Tech inspection for Watkin's Glen, 9am – 1:30pm.
- 17-19 Potomac's DE at Watkin's Glen, 6:30am – 5pm each day.
- 18 Potomac's Maryland Brunch at Glen Echo, Irish Inn, 11am – 1pm.
- 25 Potomac's Open Board Meeting, 10am – 12pm.
- 26 Autocross event #2, RFK Stadium, 7am – 2:30pm.




## Potomac Monthly Brunches

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

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

**Virginia: second Saturday of each month**, 8am. Silver Diner, Rt 50 in Merrifield, VA.

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### Bethesda, MD

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





Story and photos by Tom Neel

*Above: Tom and Linda pose with their new purchase before embarking on a journey home.*

My wife Linda and I are now just two thirds of a year into Porsche ownership and our PCA membership, most of which has been winter months graced by a big old snow storm. Featured in the December 2015 issue of this publication, we started our first Porsche lovin' escapade with a spankin' new GT4, a proverbial track tool whose street prowess out here in the country could be as unforgiving as riding a bicycle over rail road tracks. All black, it was like driving Darth Vader's stealthy ride and the force was definitely with us. Though ownership was blissful, I found myself bitten by the Porsche bug in general and exploring choices. To this I ask, what is life without a little adventure and why not make Porsche ownership part of the journey?

As my articles have been kindly published in each der Vorgänger since that first one in December, readers can easily tell I'm enjoying myself. But one should continually re-assess their passion in hopes of copious amounts of entertainment and that is what I recently did.

The GT4 is without a doubt a great car. But I felt unless I was pretty much only driving it to and from the track, that a Cayman GTS would be a much better choice. Even an S or a simple Cayman can easily bring a smile to most faces and if this isn't about smiling, I ask, what is?

In any event, I decided to and was able to sell the GT4 with a full financial recovery, even including taxes, thus avoiding the need for a defibrillator to restore my pulse. Now Porsche-less, for what was only a couple of weeks, what do I buy and where do I buy it? I looked at the PCA classifieds and at all local dealer websites, but found myself gravitating to Porsche North America's Pre Owned website tool. This tool allows you to filter your search, and while not perfect, it allowed me to more freely shop and compare available choices. It allowed me to see Porsche Certified Pre-Owned cars, important to me, and which, by the way, I found that some dealers don't always do in trying to keep the price down, even on cars that will pass. Go figure.



# A Carrera Adventure



Now you might think I knew exactly what I wanted down to the color and options. Heck, at first I thought I did too. I thought I was at least 80% there anyway. But I was wrong and I looked at both new and pre-owned vehicles. I inquired on, spoke to, or emailed at least five dealers, including one in this area. But ended up joyously buying something unexpected. A Sapphire Blue, 2015 Carrera, a corporate Porsche demo with a Sport Design Package no less. It was a color that wasn't even on my radar screen and ordered and optioned by someone who really knew what they wanted. When I found it, apparently I wanted it too!

The adventurous plot then thickens as this our first 911, was waiting for us at Jim Ellis Porsche Atlanta Perimeter, a Premier dealer in north Atlanta. Now in the name of adventure we then asked, why on earth transport the car home when we can make it like European delivery without the 7 hour flight? Our sales professional Zach McClure is passionate about Porsche and customer service which made this long distance purchase a absolute pleasure. Linda was on board, Zach assured us we were in great hands and that was

that. Money wired, paperwork Fed Ex'ed, boarding passes from Dulles to Atlanta now embedded in our phones, and the good people at Porsche Atlanta were sending a town car to pick us up. Classy.

Now I want to take a moment here and share that it is my guess that all Porsche dealers, including those in our area, have out of state customers and sales. Especially Premier dealers, which of course not all are. But it's quite obvious Porsche NA, with their pre-owned website, has given its customers a tool to find the car of their liking wherever it may be and I'm sure it works in everyone's favor. As furthermore, the car we purchased in Atlanta, will be serviced in our area.

So, Linda and I set off for not only our long distance retrieval, but what would become our sporty adventure home. Our 7:20pm Delta flight left late, but arrived 30 minutes early. Knowing we would be in a hotel room for just a dozen hours before being pick up, we chose a Quality Inn near the airport. I would just like to thank Quality Inn for making a mockery of the word quality. Nuff said, and the worst was behind us.









Unfortunately the Porsche headquarters and driving experience center located right next to the airport is closed Sunday and Monday, but it should be known, you must make a reservation to visit. It is not open to the public, even the Porsche public without one. So that will be yet another adventure... on to Porsche Perimeter.

Porsche is a brand and with that brand comes a look, and with that look comes dealer aesthetics and the want for a uniform philosophy. All dealers must look the same, but they also have sizes, klein, mittel, groß und extra-groß. Porsche Perimeter was extra-groß. Its two story showroom very easily supported their special delivery bay where we would first see our new baby. What are the chances then that our baby would be sitting next to its GT3 configured twin brother! Amazing and quite fun!

It soon would be time to take our new bundle of joy home, but first dad had requested to test drive the new 911, a loaded to the hilt, non naturally aspirated 2017 Carrera S with its new Dyson vacuum cleaner induction system. Let me just remove my foot from my mouth now folks because if anyone is thinking this new 911 doesn't live up to the evolutionary task at hand, you are mistaken. Gobs of instant torque, I detected no lag, and in sport exhaust mode a wonderful note of redemption. Standing outside of the car next to the pipes while toggling the exhaust button opened and closed,

the trap door closed does hint more of its turbo-ism. But this product will sell, you can bank on that.

It was time to collect Linda who was enjoying her mango smoothie provided at the Perimeter's customer enjoyment bar, next to the shopping for goodies area. We were given a thorough briefing on all missile and guidance systems and we were off. Our noon departure had us heading north on I-85 on our way to a two night stay in Charlotte, with a lunch stop in Greenville, SC. along the way, which including a beautiful and recommended walk around the city's Reedy River Park. Talk about revitalization. Two thumbs up! We arrived in Charlotte by 5:30, my left calf muscle already enlarging from the in town clutch compressions. Drive in the city a lot? I have this word for you .. Pee-dee-kay.

Charlotte is a southern metropolis. A populated banking town, apparently second only to the big apple and of course what would life be without NASCAR there good buddy! It's a vibrant city with towering modern touches, yet we would be romantically tucked into what is known as Myers Park, south of downtown. Think old money, no two houses the same or small, the tallest oaks you ever seen with little inch worms unfortunately repelling from them on lines of silk, and loads of beautiful azaleas, laurel and flowers galore. Linda's happy, Tom is happy.

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of the late James Buchanan Duke, whose legacies like Duke University you know of, is a 1915 wonder in white. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, this lovely B&B is centered on four acres of gardens. The timing of our spring visit impeccably in bloom and since driving a Porsche is first about high energy, it's appropriate that Duke himself believed in this aspiration by founding Duke Energy and making a fortune in the process.

Being artists and gallery owners, Linda and I tend to search for the art scene and we found it. It's always inspirational to mingle with creativity and that we did. But for the most part we became pedestrians, even walking over a mile to one of the two delicious dinners we had and included dining with our now grown god-daughter. The neighborhood had a calming effect and the Duke Mansion in no way played second fiddle to any step of the way. It comes highly recommended and we may see you there, as return visits for us are a must.

Our last day on the road would be a busy one. Leaving the city, both the front desk clerk and our navigation system kindly re-routed us from a jam that would have surely brought on a serious case of calf burn from the clutch calisthenics. Our first stop though would be to that of Stewart Haas Racing. The daughter of a close friend and fellow Porsche owner, is engaged to Nascar Champion Kurt Busch who drives for the team. Kurt is a great guy and while we unfortunately just missed each other this trip, we still very much enjoyed dropping by.

Leaving the Charlotte area has three pathways home. For us the shortest was I-77 north to I-81. Yuck. The longest is I-85 to I-95. Double yuck. The sweet spot

then was to split the two right up the middle by taking I-85 north to Greensboro and heading north on Rt. 29. This would not only be scenic, it would bring back old car loving memories. Ones like when a compadre and I brought that very same 275 Nart Spyder seen in the original Thomas Crown Affair, down Rt. 29 in the late 70's to its then owner Norman Silver in High Point North Carolina. Once raced at Sebring by Denise McCluggage and "Pinky" Rollo in yellow, the car at this time was painted a nice maroon color and sung its 12 cylinder way down the road. Oh the fortune it would become.

Up 29 past VIR territory, through Lynchburg, Charlottesville and beyond, a two birds with one stone stop in Culpeper Virginia netted both a new VA. title [and a bucket load of sales tax], and a smile on Linda's face with lunch at her favorite turkey wrap supplier, "It's About Thyme". The way back towards Marshall from there would not be mundane, rather, quite spirited. The gas calculator said I had 70 miles of fuel left and the roads from here to home were ones that as a motorcyclist I know well, very, very well. Time to giddy up!

The next 45 minutes was like ending our trip with the test ride we originally deserved. Endless sweepers, topographical undulations and scenic bliss was tasty, twisty fun and the 15 gallon fill up at home showed the whole trip was done was just a tank and a half of petrol. Not bad. In 1968 AT&T establish the emergency phone number 911. On September 11th 2001, that number became our countries worst historic day. So it's nice to know as I look at what is now sitting in the garage, that the original 911 came along in 1963 and is still the greatest and most adventurous sports car of all time. Thank you Porsche.



# 2016 Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance

*“Honoring our Troops”*

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Never before have I witnessed an automotive event that is more meaningful and woven into the fabric of a community than The Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance. While only wrapping up its fourth year, the event already has a strong following and unique fingerprint that separates it from the rest of the pack. All concours of this caliber have excellent examples of the finest automobiles ever produced. Many have fabulous galas with flowing champagne, scenic road tours through picturesque settings and panel discussions on the importance of the 1956 Le Mans race. Pinehurst has sought out a different path. Yes, they have champagne and the venue is very much picturesque being one of the most important golf shrines in the world. However, at Pinehurst there are deeper and more worthy goals than to simply satisfy the appetite of the ultra-collector's ego. The Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance's goal directly involves the men and women of the United States Military and whose proceeds benefit the USO.

Arriving in Pinehurst, North Carolina you immediately recognize you are in golf heaven. Even if you are not a member of that faith you can appreciate the well-manicured setting, historical buildings and wonderful village shops and restaurants under the canopy of shady magnolia trees. In and around Pinehurst there are accommodations for every budget and all conveniently located near the event. None of that, “I have to stay 20 miles away at the Super 8 for \$400 per night,” which you may experience at other high-end concours. We stayed on Pinehurst property for a very reasonable price.

A few months ago, my wife Charlene and I were notified that our Viper Green 1972 Porsche 911S Coupe Executive Car was chosen to compete in the Porsche class at Pinehurst. We worked hard to prepare the car for competition and had the vehicle shipped down for the show. We arrived in Pinehurst and first made our way to the historical Fair Barn where Ticket Sales and Entrant Registration for the event were located. We were greeted by exposed beams, rustic ambiance and smiling faces. The paddock for car carriers was next door to the facility and heavily manned with volunteers and security. We received our packet of information, an event poster, en-



trant credentials and two very welcomed portable chairs with the Pinehurst logo emblazoned on the back for use during the show.

Our first official event was the Iron Mike Rally, named after the famous “Iron Mike” statue at Ft. Bragg, home of the 82nd Airborne. The statue was erected to honor the Airborne Trooper. The Iron Mike Rally is a drive from Pinehurst to the Polo Field at Ft. Bragg- a roughly 30 mile trip each way. We met at the Fair Barn for the driver's meeting at 8 am. We were instructed by the police department on the rules and etiquette. You soon realized this is no rally put on by





your local PCA chapter. The rally resembles more of a presidential motorcade than any rally most of us have ever witnessed. The Pinehurst Police Department followed by the Southern Pines Police Department and then followed by the Ft. Bragg Police all coordinate together to shut down every single road for roughly 30 miles! Why? Because of the special people that would be riding with us in our automobiles. Ten soldiers from Special Forces and the 82nd Airborne. These ten soldiers averaged 4 to 5 tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. All of these men having earned awards such as the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Star and much more than I can list on one page. Their chiseled

faces tell the story of a generation. Many of these men are married with children and bearing the seen and unseen scars of combat. One soldier that stood out was a man who had the youthful face of person in his mid-30's, but with gray hair after TEN tours of duty in parts of the world the rest of us would never wish to visit. He was the recipient of the Silver Star and much of our applause.

Soon after, the automobiles lined up and gathered for an hour on the Carolina Vista outside the Carolina Hotel for all of the community to see. People crowded around snapping photos, talking to drivers, looking





inside to see each unique interior. Reminiscent of a Cars & Coffee, but with a place to go. The Mayor of Pinehurst eventually called everyone to attention and drivers were instructed to start their engines. It is at that moment when those who have a vintage car grip the key in their shaking hand and pray to the automotive gods that the car start and/or not catch on fire and blow up in front of everyone watching. Luckily, the gods were on our side this time and you began to hear 100 years of automotive technology firing up. One could hear the “tick-tick-tick” of a 1929 Ford as the engine began to putter up. In front of that you could see the futuristic lights and hear the sounds of a Pagan Huayra hum to life. Everything from a Mercedes 300 SL Gullwing to a Singer Porsche, a Cadillac Fleetwood to a Maserati Zagato could be seen driving down the streets of Pinehurst. For a second you see what the world would look like if car lovers ran the show. A world where Pontiac Azteks and Geo Metros never made it out of the brain storming session.

One feels like a celebrity as people line the streets for miles snapping photos and shooting video of your car while speeding through stop signs and lights. The matter is summed up best by a true story a good friend of mine told me the next day. He was arriving at Pinehurst that evening and stopped in a clothing store fifteen miles away. While talking to the clerk, the reason for my friend's trip was discussed and he stated, “I have a friend showing a green Porsche tomorrow in the show.”

The clerk promptly held up his phone and with a few touches of the buttons said, “You mean this one?”

There on the screen of his phone was my wife and I driving our green 1972 Porsche through the streets of Pinehurst. Word travels fast these days.

Once we left the streets of Pinehurst and Southern Pines you soon sped past an unassuming gated fence. The texture of the road surface changed slightly letting everyone know, you are in a different land. There is no other traffic and the road is lined with pine forests. Everyone is brought to attention in their seat when they begin to pass signs that say “Normandy Drop Zone” and then another labeled “Italy Drop Zone.” These people are not here to bake cookies. Soon there are vehicles going in the other direction that could single handily squash our entire line of cars with one tire. All I have to say is, “I am glad these guys are on our side.”

We passed the Iron Mike Statue standing guard in a round-a-bout. We arrived at the Polo Field and parked in organized lines to display our cars for soldiers and families. The Ft. Bragg community put on a lunch with entertainment from various groups. The highlight was watching the USA Special Operations Command Black Daggers and U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Teams jump and land in ornate fashion with extreme accuracy only feet away from where we stood. A selected group of soldiers in uniform walked around and judged the cars with the purpose of selecting the Soldiers Choice Award to be handed out on Saturday at the concours. Spoiler Alert - This resulted in a silver 1994 Jaguar XJ220 being awarded the prestigious trophy.

After much fanfare and comradery, we said our “good-byes” and “thank yous” and started up the engines for the return trip. Bob Ingram, the Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance Chairman, gave a touching re-





count at a later event of a soldier thanking him for letting him ride in the car that day. Mr. Ingram stopped the soldier and said, "We should all be thanking you." And thank them we did.

That evening, entrants, judges, sponsors and honored guests gathered at the Fair Barn for the Welcome Reception. It was quite a treat to see all of the past winners of the Best of Show Trophy on display inside. The barn filled to capacity and conversations of everyone's latest automotive exploits were at a fever pitch. Jay Howard, Pinehurst Concours President, welcomed everyone followed by patriotic entertainment from the USO. Following the merry making, you could hear a pin drop in the room while a young veteran told his testimony of losing both legs in the war and how the USO helped him recover to the point of just completing his third Boston Marathon. "The USO is more than just entertainment. It is helping the men and women of the military every day," he said.

Those wondering how three hundred cars get onto a golf course and parked in perfect order before 8:00 am now must be told that this only happens with great organization and getting up extremely early in the morning. By 6:30 am cars of all shapes and sizes were migrating from the paddock area to the golf course across the street. Each car was escorted to its place by a golf cart. "Class 11 spot 5," is barked to the man driving the golf cart. Off we went through the multi layers of security and gates to the pristine manicured grass of the golf club grounds. Each spot marked off precisely with orange flags to ensure ornate patterns of parking perfection. Once parked, we set



up chairs, gathered our bags and made final preparations to the Porsche.

Our 1972 Porsche 911S was parked between a beautiful 1958 Black Speedster and a 1988 Venetian Blue Turbo Coupe. Everyone was equally honored to be chosen for the event and wanting to present their best. The Concours Committee did a great job with a very tough task – choosing cars that represent Air-Cooled Porsches up to 1988. Chosen were two 356 Coupes, one Speedster, one Early 911, one 914, one Turbo Cabriolet and one Turbo Coupe. Each car had its' own unique nature, color, history and owner.

The cars on display were very impressive. "This is the real deal," one visitor was overheard saying. An entire class of Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Coupes and Roadsters, Studebakers in seductive color combinations, shiny Corvettes until 1972, a wide assortment of Ferraris until 1986, BMW Motorcycles until 1976, Racing Cars and 6 classes of Pre and Post War American and European cars.

There were special displays from Porsche Cars of North America, Acura with the new NSX, a Singer Porsche display and much more. There was also a section called the Fairway Club where car clubs displayed their vehicles. Porsche, BMW, Ferrari, Mercedes, Corvettes, Jaguars and more were seen organized in neat rows. Many of these cars are as impressive as anything in the show: 4-Cam Speedsters, 67 911S Soft-Window Targa, GT3 RS's, and 993 RS Clubsports.

*Above: John and Charlene Truban next to their 1972 911S.*







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The crowd levels reached well into the multi-thousands with patrons snapping photos with their personal favorites and others telling of their past experience with a similar car. "What color is that called," "How long have you owned it," were popular questions. The judging was professional and thorough. First an introduction, then a walk around the car, next the owner was asked to open everything, then a look inside, followed by the car being started and lights checked for operation and the test ending

Oil City, PA. The Porsche Class win went to the 1960 Porsche 356B Super 90 of Tom Pike of Durham, NC.

It was 3:00 pm in the afternoon and the crowds were still coming in the gate. Why you ask? Because Pinehurst offers what no other Concours offers – a concert with the same ticket you bought for the concours. This year at 5:00pm, The Commodores took the stage and performed their many hits. Last year Three Dog Night was the headliner. Next year it could be The Rolling Stones! Or not, due to a scheduling

conflict. The bottom line is that you need to come to the Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance prepared for an all day event.

Driving back home, we were already thinking of next year. We loved the Iron Mike Rally and meeting soldiers at Ft. Bragg, the patriotic sentiment surrounding all of the events and the quality of automobiles participating in the concours. I will say in my humble opinion that this Concours d'Elegance is the most pleasant overall that I have attended. It is the Goldilocks of concours – the right venue, the right mood, the right cars and the right details. The show means something and stands for something greater than just automobiles.

Next year will be the 5th Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance. Go to the website, check it out and plan on going. When you are driving your Porsche



with a sound of the horn. After the exam the judges asked us to tell about our car and the presentation was left up to us. The judging at Pinehurst also includes a special program for high school youth to learn about judging and places one with each team to be mentored through the process.

The overcast day had all of the black car owners pumping their fists in private. We saw many familiar faces from Ft. Bragg, no longer in uniform and with their families. Performances were playing on the presentation stage and great food was all around. By the afternoon the class winners began to be notified and were driven to the front of the stage and presented to cheering spectators. This year's Best in Show was awarded to the 1928 Isotta Fraschini of Peter Boyle, of

on a sunny day through the country side enjoying that perfect blue sky – look up and remember. Somewhere on the other side of the world in a cold dark sky there is plane carrying soldiers who are going to jump out of it and fight so that we can continue to have our freedom. I can think of very few more worthy of our attention than the men and women of our military. The Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance is one of many ways we can show that appreciation.







# Rally Season Off to a Roaring Start

Story by Linda Davidson.  
Photos by Robert Wilkoff.

*Above: Cars and drivers gather to start the rally.*

*Above opposite: The winners collect their trophies.*

A beautiful spring day in April brought out 16 teams to compete in PCA's First Gary Brindle Memorial Rally. We gathered in Rockville before setting out on a 75 mile drive through rural Montgomery and Frederick Counties. Along the route teams were required to answer twenty questions by something seen along the route. There were also series of repetitive signs that they had to count. And just to make it a little more like something Gary would have done, we threw in 6 photographs of mailboxes they had to locate.

In order to truly honor Gary, we employed some of the tricks he loved to use -- multiple answers very near each other with long stretches of nothing in between. He also loved to have the answer to a question on the right side of the road at the same time the navigator was telling the driver to turn left. Lots of people either missed the answer or missed the turn!

The rally ended at il Porto, a local Italian restaurant that set up a buffet on their patio which we all enjoyed while waiting for all the cars to return. Everyone came

in shaking their heads. "We couldn't find everything" was the most common refrain. Imagine how surprised they were when I told them that they couldn't have found everything because 2 of the mailboxes were red herrings -- photos taken from previous rallies! Another of Gary's little tricks...

After all was said and done, 3rd place went to past president John Eberhardt and his new bride Rosie, 2nd place to Eric Long and Tricia Clay, and the winners were Linda Wilkinson And Lesa Scott. Congratulations to you all!

Our next rally will be on Saturday June 11. We will again be starting and ending in Rockville. The format will be our favorite "All About Speed". Look to the website for more info as the date approaches.





*To all our faithful ralliers:*

*As you know, this is the 7th year that Craig and I are Rallymasters. I think over this time we have hit every road in rural Montgomery County, both backwards and forwards. We are always looking for something new to challenge you, and I'm afraid we're starting to run low on ideas. Gary Brindle was always willing to plan one or two each summer in Virginia, but unfortunately that era is over.*

*We're asking for someone to step up and volunteer to plan a rally someplace other than Montgomery or Frederick Counties. We will gladly hold your hand through the process and assist with the advertising and registration. We just think that the program needs fresh eyes.*

*If no one volunteers, we may be cutting the program back to only 2 or 3 rallies per summer, and I know the faithful don't want that! Just like all of you, we have other commitments (2 beautiful grandchildren!) that require our time and attention. We really enjoy the challenge, and I'm sure some of you would also.*

*Please give it some serious consideration.*

*Thanks,  
Linda*





# Drive and Dine Heads to Hershey

*Story and photos by Glenn Havinoviski.*

Drive and Dine organized a recent trip up to the Hershey Swap meet, but of course made the trip an entire weekend event! The trip was April 15-17, and included a drive through Maryland's covered bridge country, lunch at the Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg, MD, and ice cream at Mr G's in Gettysburg.

Everyone stayed Friday and Saturday nights at the Hershey Lodge. Friday night was dinner at Fenicci's, an old Italian restaurant where 22 of the participants gathered around an extremely long table (as you can see in the photos). The food was outstanding and the waitress was amazing.

Saturday we went to the Porsche-Only Swap Meet held adjoining the Giant Center and I have provided a

few interesting photos of the tchotchkes (and cars) for sale plus some of the more interesting peoples' choice concours. Saturday night we ate at The Mill, an old converted Grist Mill that is now a fine restaurant and bar. Sunday, much of the group went to the AACA Museum, a surprising find. No Porsches there (at least this time), but there are three Tucker Torpedos and an exhibit about the Tucker. First time I've seen one up close, let alone three. Also many other fun cars. Informally, a few of us headed to Tröegs Brewing Company for lunch and of course the premises-made beer, before later heading home.

The weather was excellent all weekend and a fun time was had by all.



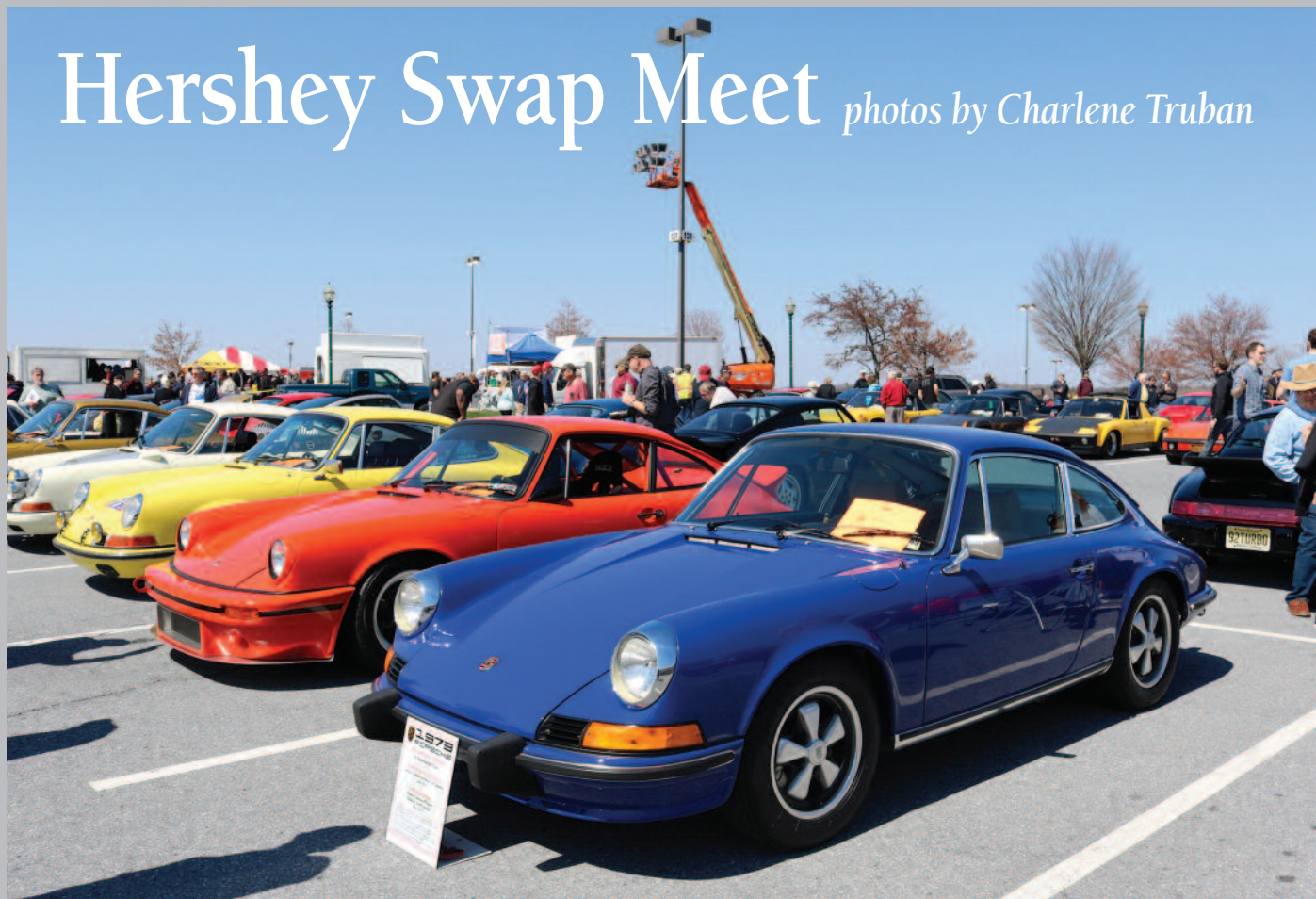


The Central PA Region of the Porsche Club of America once again hosted its Porsche-Only Swap Meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, April 16th, 2016. The event is the largest event of its kind – bringing nearly 650 vendors, around 1,000 Porsches, and over 6,000 visitors from all over the world together in Hershey every year.



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# Hershey Swap Meet *photos by Charlene Truban*





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*Right: Linda and Craig Davidson enjoy a meal after the rally.*

*Below: Tom Neel's beautiful blue 911 against a sunset. Photo by Tom Neel.*







Left: The Sherman family managed to get all their cars in one place for a photo. Yes that's even a power-wheels 911. Photo by Ramona Krem-pasky.

Below: Sabina Malhotra takes a selfie as she participates in DE with her 911.







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