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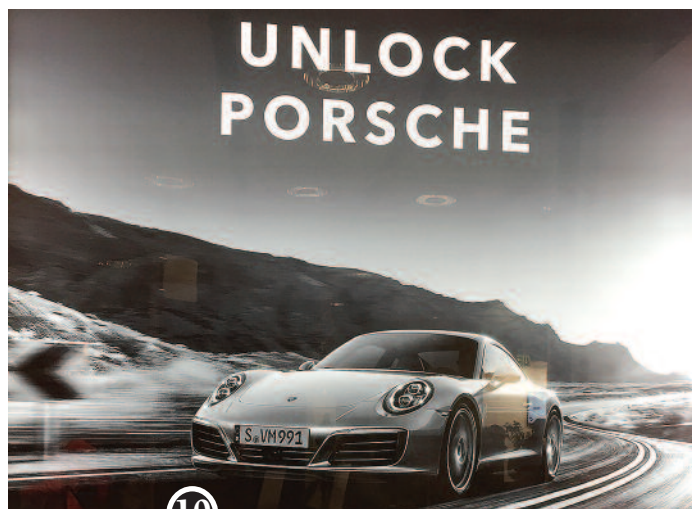
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Porsche as Family Car

When our children left home, I quickly recognized that there were precious few moments when I was alone with any one of them - not doing anything in particular - just being with them. To this point they all live in the area, yet my wife and I have had to plan to see them for meals or activities or vacations - everything organized and generally in a group. Even our traditional family week at the Outer Banks now includes spouses and friends and tends not to be for the whole week. The notion of time alone with any one of our four children is almost gone.

So a recent weekend was special. My 26 year old son Michael and I drove in the 2nd Annual Gary Brindle Memorial Rally. Three hours in a Porsche alone with my son. He drove half and navigated half. We didn't get lost and our score was right in the middle at mediocre. But we had a great time. Even when searching for landmarks and crossroads there is time to talk and catch up. Porsche as time with your kid car.

This got me to thinking about taking my daughter to the airport or picking my son up from Penn State for a Holiday visit. Much of the time I now spend alone with my children turns out to be in my car. Even if based entirely on my experience, I'm



Glenn Cowan



Michael Sherman

going to credit the allure of the Porsche, at least in part. Somehow I don't think we would spend quite as much time in a minivan. You know, "Thanks dad, I'll just take Uber". Porsche as preferable to taxi.

I also spend quite a bit of time in the car with my wife. We do Rallies and Drive and Dines and go to Summit Point to watch DEs. And we get away for a night or a weekend in part to drive our Porsche on fun roads going wherever. We talk in the car - we talk plenty of other places too but it's different when watching TV or reading or even while making dinner. The car requires concentration but permits conversation. Porsche as quality time spouse car.

Porsche used to run an advertisement, the tag line of which was "The more kids you have the more practical it becomes". They didn't know the half of it!

- Glenn



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European Delivery

Over the years, I've been fortunate to vacation in many beautiful and interesting locations. On a recent vacation with my wife Clare, we were discussing the places we've been – some of which we would love to visit again – and others that were nice, but we don't have any desire to return to. One of the vacations that made it on the "visit again" list was the trip to Europe that took advantage of Porsche's European delivery program.

I spent weeks researching my future Boxster S and what options I would like to have. When I discovered that European delivery was available, I offered a family vacation as additional incentive for permission to buy my dream car. Due to scheduling issues, our family vacation ended up with my then 10 year old son Alex and I flying to Stuttgart to pick up the car, and my wife and daughter joining us a week later. Working on the travel itinerary was a challenge. I had my son's directive, which was to visit as many countries as we could in the week we had, and my wife's directive, which was that I couldn't spend all day driving – I had to find activities and sites that would entertain a ten year old.

We spent two of our seven days in Stuttgart. Sunday we spent several hours exploring Stuttgart's Wilhelma Zoo (a perfect activity for a ten year old) and walking around the City Centre. Monday was delivery day! Porsche was very welcoming to both of us. We were introduced to our car, provided lunch, and while we



David Dean

didn't get to participate in the factory tour due to Alex's age, they were kind enough to give us photos they took of him sitting in a 911 GT1 race car that was on display. A visit to the Porsche Museum finished up our day.

The next morning we began our road trip. I won't bore you with all of our stops – only the more memorable ones. Our first destination was Neuschwanstein Castle (inspiration for Disney's castle). We spent that night in Bregenz, Austria on the shores of Lake Constance. The next day was Switzerland and a visit to the Rhine Falls (including the available boat ride), followed by a night at a hotel that I can only remember was way too near the train station. Luxembourg was next, with a visit to the American Cemetery and Memorial. Belgium followed with a tour of the Waterloo battlefield. Alex and I have discussed the impact that our drive through the small villages of Belgium and Luxembourg had on us. Each village had a memorial to the U.S. Serviceman from World War II.

This trip provided a lifetime of memories for me. I'll never forget the time I spent with my son; we got to see and visit some very special places; and I was able to drive my Porsche on Germany's Autobahn. Maybe I can convince Clare to duplicate the trip next year. I would love to do European delivery of a new GT3! I highly recommend the European Delivery experience!

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June

2-4 Eastern Shore / Ocean City Drive and Dine.

3-4 Potomac DE at Shenandoah, Summit Point.

3 Potomac's first Saturday brunch, City Grille, Manassas. 11am – 1pm.

10 Rally #2 – Fall Foliage in June. Merrifield Garden Center, 6895 Wellington Rd, Gainesville VA. 9am.

10 Tech inspection for Watkins Glen DE. 9am – 12:30pm.

16-18 Watkins Glen DE.

17 Potomac's Maryland Brunch at Glen Echo, Irish Inn, 11am – 1pm.

25 Potomac's Autocross #2. 7am – 2:30pm. Baysox Stadium.

July

1 Potomac's first Saturday brunch, City Grille, Manassas. 11am – 1pm.

4 Potomac's Independence Day Wine and Pie Drive, Breaux Vineyards, 9:30am – 3:30pm.

8 Tech Inspection for Summit Main DE, IMA Motorwerke, 9am – 12:30pm.

14-16 Potomac's mid-Summer DE, Summit Main.

15 Potomac's Maryland Brunch at Glen Echo, Irish Inn, 11am – 1pm.

21-23 Potomac's Virginia highlands Drive & Dine, The Inn at Gristmill Square.

29 Tech Inspection for PorscheFest. 9am – 12:30pm.

Cars & Coffee

Hunt Valley, MD

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

Burtonsville, MD

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Great Falls, VA

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Fairfax, VA

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Bethesda, MD

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



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Dream The American-Bavarian Dream

*Story and
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Have I got a story for you! Rest assured it's a Porsche story, well, mostly a Porsche story and definitely about a destination for fans of Porsche and fans of America... and well, fans of Bavaria. Sound strange? It should make sense after a few paragraphs of explanation and back-story. To begin, I stumbled into this with no expectation of finding a car guy on a business trip. My work in the printing business brings me to Germany with varying frequency; some old guy named Gutenberg is to blame.

A few years back (2012), I found myself in the small village of Roding in Bavaria for a machine design review. After another long 12 hour day, I am walking through town looking for a restaurant that is still open. A few blocks from my hotel, I see a fenced-in complex with American flags painted on the building and the driveway painted with a Route 66 emblem. Whaaaaat? Keep in mind that this is a small, old-country Bavarian village. What is this building doing here? The locals are extremely friendly, they do their very best to communicate in English once they realize that my German is restricted to "Ein helles Bitte" (one light beer please), followed by "Wo ist das Bad Bitte" (where is the bathroom please?). No one at

the restaurant that I find has any idea about this building. What is this slice of Americana doing in this traditional Bavarian village?

During lunch break in the factory the next day, I ask around. The OEM project manager starts laughing and asks if I want to meet the guy behind the "Dream Garage." "Yes" is my natural response and he points two tables away, then approaches the guy, they both start laughing, and he gets up and heads my way. Mr. Mühlbauer sits down across from me and asks "Do you like cars? Do you like Porsches?" I respond, "Yes, but how does Porsche tie into a Route 66 American Dream Garage?" He says, "This is an American and Bavarian story, you will see." He invites the people on our team who are interested to meet him after work for a tour. This is the first incarnation of his dream garage, which was formerly a car dealership. He has converted the large showroom into something straight out of American Graffiti: a very cool Art Deco diner with an authentic working jukebox. This diner is positioned in the center of the showroom and it divides the space in half. The front half is filled with all manner of Porsches, including some impeccably restored Porsche tractors. A 356, 912, several variants of 993s,



996s, 997s, 991s a GT2 and a GT3, too many to list. The back half of the dream garage is dedicated to American and British rides with some BMWs including Ms and a Z1, Opel GTs, and a Ferrari thrown in for good measure. Among the Corvettes, Rolls-Royces, and Morgans sits a Willy's Jeep US Army issue and a US Army Harley 42WLA complete with fork mounted holster and M1 Thompson machine gun!

I ask about the military hardware and Mr. Mühlbauer lights up. "This part of the garage is dedicated to the American can-do spirit. Did you know that the first Willy's Jeep was built and driven almost 500 miles to the delivery point, all in less than 50 days?" He continued: "Can you imagine what that would take today? The lawyers and engineers would take six months just to review the contract! I have a lot of respect for that period of innovation, and I want to be able to show people what was created during that time. I have been collecting this great American and Bavarian history for 40 years and will one day be able to share it."

Fast forward to February 2017. I am back in Bavaria and Mr. Mühlbauer has been busy, very busy.

The second iteration of the Dream Garage is about 1.5 miles away at the edge of the small village of Roding. The original is still in place in the center of town and is now all American cars, and the beautiful '50s diner can be reserved for private events (it's open for Mission 1000, but more on that later).

Dream Garage #2 is not yet open but we are treated to a tour by the proud papa. The American flags also adorn this new addition and the building is four stories tall, full of amazing and rare Porsches, Vintage military hardware; primarily US, but there is a German military Porsche 597 Jagdwagen circa 1965 that represents the brand's first foray into 4WD. One floor is dedicated to his vision of preserving and sharing the innovative 1950s. There is a document copy machine that is all mechanical and weighs more than some of the high tech sports cars on the other floors. A few steps away is a movie projector that is almost seven feet tall and goes 1,000 pounds easily. So many examples of incredible craftsmanship by machinists and innovative engineers from an era that many don't consider to be high-tech (including me). I can assure you, if you walk through this floor of the Dream Garage, your mind will be forever changed. What a

humbling education! Mr. Mühlbauer can see that this floor of the garage has taken me by surprise and he explains, "During this period in America, people dreamed big, took chances, and started companies. You can recognize some names that remain in business, but many are gone. What is important is that their contribution to progress lives on. It was in this spirit from across the ocean that this Bavarian machinist took a great chance and I started my own company." [If you own a credit card with an embedded chip or have a new style drivers license, chances are excellent that these were made on some of his ma-

are going to blow right past the old guy in the tired old 911... Well... THEY DON'T!" he laughs. The only hint that this sleeper gives is a beefy oil cooler line that is barely visible from the passenger side; it's a bonafide wolf in sheep's clothing.

As we walked past the GT4, I remind him of a conversation we had a few years ago when I told him that my everyday driver is a 987. He said "You know, Caymans aren't real Porsches" and I responded with the standard Boxster/Cayman smack talk, "When Porsche figures out the correct place for the engine in a 911, then I'll buy one of those." He loves his GT4 and now concedes that Caymans are very much real Porsches.

The walls of this floor are adorned with historic racing posters and a very artsy image of Marilyn Monroe. There are several posters of the legendary Walter Röhrl and I ask if Walter knows about this place. "He was here helping me last week," he says. "WHAT?... YOU HAD WALTER ROHRL IN THE HOUSE??" I ask. This is the guy that was once referred to as a "genius on wheels" by legendary F1 racing mastermind Niki Lauda. "Walter is active with our local Porsche club and a truly great guy. He is around 70 years old and he took me out with him at our local track a few months ago. I am telling you, he is still the best, it's unbelievable," he says as we head toward the next area. His Porsche club comment reminds me that I have brought a few issues of "der Vorgänger" (our founder's region PCA rag) to read on the plane ride over. I pause the tour and retrieve the magazines from my rental car; one of them had my name in the "Welcome New Members" section. I show him this and proudly respond, "this is my local Porsche club" and the idea hits me that this place should be made known to the PCA for two reasons: the Porsche story and the American-Bavarian story. I suggest writing an article and he looks me in the eye and says, "if you bring some PCA over for Mission 1000, I promise you that I will introduce each of them to Walter Röhrl." I say "You have a deal and... What is Mission 1000?" I also think to myself, "you knucklehead, you're not a writer" and if you are still reading this, you have also figured that out!

I learn that Mission 1000 is Mr. Mühlbauer dreaming big again and making it happen. The goal is to bring 1,000 Porsches to this small village for a long weekend of fun. I didn't know of this event and Googled it when I got back to the hotel. Something else came to mind while I was researching this event: a few days prior when I had arrived and was picking up my rental car at the Munich airport, I took a picture of a great Avis poster. A shot of a 911 rolling through a corner, titled "Unlock Porsche." Hey, this Mission 1000 party is feasible!

The next stop in the Dream Garage is the dream diner. This is another beautifully done '50s Art Deco diner, no detail missed. It encompasses two floors and the lower floor has a competition quality hardwood



Above: A few original Porsche tractors lined up.

chines. In addition to the smart card business, he also has machine shops throughout Germany that make parts for two F1 teams among many other things.]

We head into the Tractor wing and again, Mr. M has been busy. He has an example of every model Allgaier and Porsche tractor but four. This translates to 50+ examples, each one impeccably restored, with the exception of an extremely rare Porsche P 312 coffee tractor which is in the condition it was when he found it in South America. Every one of these machines run. In fact, every vehicle in this immense collection runs! They leave the garage at least once a year for some fresh air to participate in a celebration called "Mission 1000."

Ok, now we steer this story toward the fun stuff, the Porsche collection, Walter Röhrl, Mission 1000, rock and roll, boogie-woogie dancing, and great Bavarian hospitality... Oh, and the beer and bratwurst are pretty good too! Let me be clear, you, my fellow PCA brothers and sisters, have a personal invitation to this party, but more on that later.

We head up one more floor and the Porsche collection has grown to include a 911 GT1, a 993 GT2, a GT4, a Carrera GT, a few 930 turbos, and a Plain Jane 964 that brings a smile to Mr. M's face when we get to it. "This one is for the Autobahn guys that think they



Left: An extremely rare Porsche P 312 coffee tractor which is in the condition it was when he found it in South America.

(Hotel Fleishman) and everything in between. There are at least four nice hotels in Roding, and the City Hotel is the epicenter of Mission 1000. As alluded to earlier in this article, Mr. Mühlbauer takes all of the Porsche tractors out and most of the exotic sports cars out for a Porsche meets Porsche drive during Mission 1000. Combine that with getting to hang out with Walter Röhrl, getting to drive a rental 911 on the Autobahn, dance parties at night, and money being raised for charity as well. This has the makings for a trip across the pond... Who's with me?

dance floor. I learn that that is exactly what is planned for this space: American-style rockabilly bands and boogie-woogie dance offs. The first competition was being planned months before the garage is set to open. These Bavarians know how to have fun!

As we are heading for the door, we walk past a Continental radial aircraft engine that is crafted into a glass table and I see the tail of an airplane sticking out from another unfinished room. Mr. Mühlbauer says "we should be adding some more items in the near future. There are also more motorcycles coming, I have a few Harleys and some BMWs that I want to share." One more layer in this American-Bavarian story, of course.

Something else hits me as we head for the exit: with the exception of a few WWII Mercedes trucks, I didn't see a single hot-rod Benz; there's not one AMG in this massive collection? He had BMWs, Opels, and so many other international brands represented in this impressive place, including an extensive Corvette collection at the original Dream Garage location in the town center. I ask about the glaring Mercedes omission. He says, "Many years ago, when I completed the first contract of my new business and was finally paid, I had an old BMW that was well past its time. I now have a little money and head for the Mercedes dealer in the next town. I walk in dressed like this (his standard outfit is blue jeans and a white collared shirt), and the salesman reminds me that the Mercedes Benz S class is an exclusive car and suggests that I check out the C or B class, which may be a better fit for me. I walk out and two hours later drive away from the Porsche dealer in my first 911. I knew they were great sports cars, but I had kids and didn't consider them as practical. The Merc dealer did me a wonderful favor that day!"

Since returning to the US and looking into this Mission 1000 party a little more, I find that hotel choices are plentiful and range from four star (the City Hotel) to quaint and authentic guest houses

Additional Attractions if you have more time to spend in this beautiful part of Germany:

The touristy stuff near Munich (closest airport):

- The romantic era castle Neuschwanstein. This is one of the most photographed places in the world and for good reason, it is breathtaking! It may remind you of the opening of every Disney movie, think Tink and when she buzzes that big pointy building.
<http://www.neuschwanstein.de/englisch/tourist/index.htm>
- The BMW museum, yes, this is a Porsche article but BMW World is much more than a car museum. The architecture alone is well worth the trip.
http://www.bmw-welt.com/en/visitor_information/guided_tours/

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- Did I mention that Oktoberfest starts the same weekend as Mission 1000? It goes until October 2nd, so catch it on the way back to the airport. Yes, a little touristy, but also big fun and on many people's bucket list! (September 16 - October 2) <http://www.oktoberfest.de/en/article/Oktoberfest+2017/About+the+Oktoberfest/Dates+and+General+FAQs/751/>

Off the beaten path stuff very close to Roding:

- The medieval period castle in Falkenstein Village: There is a 1,000+ year old tower that costs two euro to climb and the views are amazing. Warning: the climb to the top of the tower is via a sketchy looking staircase that is not for the faint of heart. On a clear day it is well worth risking life and limb. Also in and around Falkenstein is a great hiking network (I never have had time to do the hike but it's been on my list for years. I've climbed the tower many times): Burg

Falkenstein. <https://www.bayerischer-wald.de/Urlaubsthemen/Wandern/Kultur-Wanderwege/Falkensteiner-Burgen-und-Felsensteig>

- Regensburg: Founded by the Romans in 179 AD and rich with history and culture. An easy drive from Roding; please block at least a day for this adventure, you won't have enough time and you will be saying "Wow" all day. <https://tourismus.regensburg.de/en>

- Drive to Pilsen for a Pils. The Czechs are very friendly and it is a great drive (just over an hour) from Roding. <http://www.pilsen.eu/citizen/>

Ten minutes on the internet and you will easily find many reasons to stay a little longer. I can vouch for all of these. Dream big, come to Bavaria and see a little part of America while you're there!



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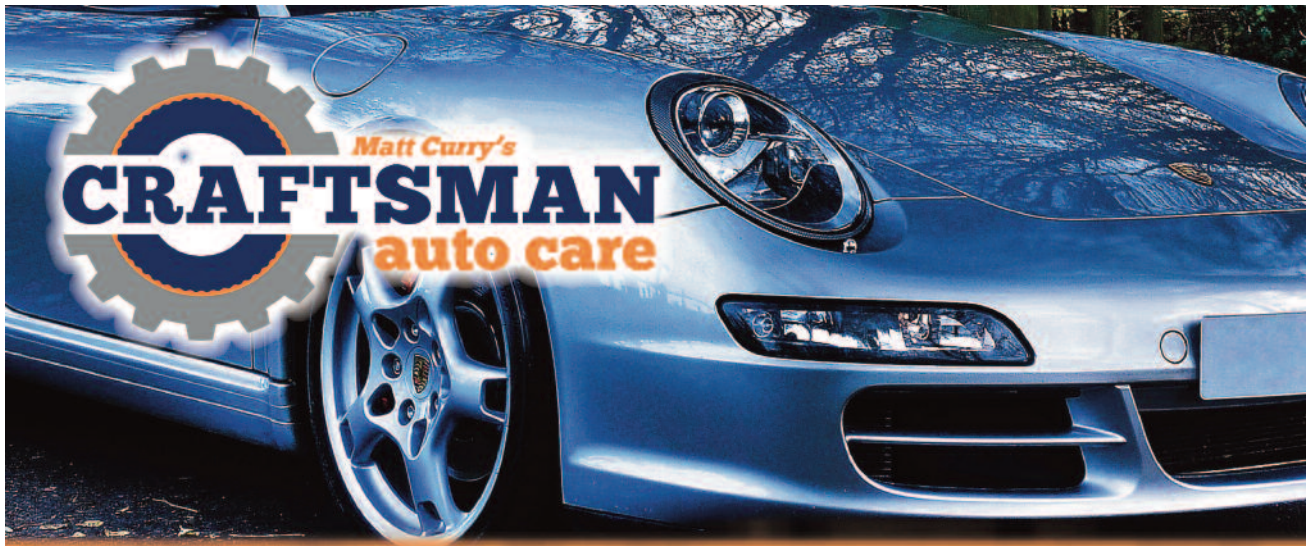
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The 34th Annual Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance

*Story and
photos by John
Truban*

May 7th brought us once again to the annual tradition of the Potomac Porsche Club's most prestigious concours, The 34th Annual Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance. This concours is held in partnership with the BMW and Mercedes Clubs of the DC Region, bringing a large collection of new and older German automobiles together in one place. This year had a number of changes, some new and some forced upon us. The weather became a factor this year with rain prior to the event. The Nottaway Park Field in Vienna, Virginia was too muddy and wet to allow for its use the day of the show. The contingency plan for such a situation is to utilize the sports field's parking lots just up the road and around the corner for Hunter House, which is the location of the Awards Reception. This ended up being loved by many of the participants.

Patrons, participants and sponsors filed into the shady and picturesque area and before you knew it there was a major car show going on with vendors, food trucks and another parking lot full of visitors. We had a number of new sponsors this year, which is a sign of our continued growth. Many of our longtime sponsors like Porsche of Tysons Corner, who

brought seven new models for display, were available to discuss their latest products and services. We had 63 Porsches registered for judging and another 20 on display or as visitors. The show had over 150 German cars for viewers to see this year. Kevin Naughten did a great job serving as the Manager for Registration and Logistics this year at the Porsche Club tent.

Concours Chairman John Truban and Ron Gordon, the Chief Judge, along with fellow Judges Hank Weil, Donna Brandt, Darryl Nichols and Dan Rowzie decided to utilize a new judging system this year that is more similar to the PCA Werks Reunion method as opposed to the Porsche Parade points system. This method allowed for much more interaction with the owners and their Porsches. The judging became just as much focused on the history of the car and its use and continued care under its current ownership than based on simply cleanliness alone, as it would in a Parade Preparation Class. This system awarded cleanliness and care, as well as continual use by the owner and preservation.

Of special note, we had arranged a few months ago for Tom Farnam, a longtime PCA member and 356



The Spirit of the Deutsche Marque Concours Award
Best of Marque Award for Porsche
Chairman's Award
Most Significant Porsche Award
Best Design Award
People's Choice Award

Lothar Schuettler
Stephen MacKellar
Mike Stephens
Al Newby
Wayne Welch
Rob Mairs

1958 BMW 502
1997 993 Carrera S
1972 911E Coupe Survivor
1962 356B Notchback
1988 930 Slantnose
1973 911RSR Recreation

Best of Class Awards

356 All Years
Early Aircooled 911s, 912 & 914 - (1964 to 1976)
Mid Aircooled 911s (1977-89)
Late Aircooled 911s (1990-1998)
Modern 911 (1999 - 2017)
924, 944, 968, 928
Boxster/Cayman
Modern Production (Cayenne, Macan, Panamera)
Outlaw Class

Pete Russell
Edward Gaulrapp
John Esposito
Stephen MacKellar
Dr. John Klish
Bruce Bade
Mike Walker
Jolly Weil
Rob Mairs

1962 356B Coupe
1976 912E
1986 911 Turbo
1997 993 Carrera S
2014 Carrera S Cab
1995 928 GTS
2016 Cayman GT4
2015 Macan S
1973 911RSR

owner to serve as a special judge for one of the major awards. We were saddened to hear that he had succumbed to cancer on May 7, 2017 after a long and courageous battle.

We received great feedback on the event and it appears to have been a great success. We had three new Major Awards and a new top overall award with The Spirit of the Deutsche Marque Concours Award for

the BMW, Mercedes or Porsche that best exemplified the spirit of the Concours d'Elegance.

The BMW, Mercedes and Porsche Club Concours Chairmen want to thank everyone for their participation and especially want to thank the sponsors of the event.





Above: Dr. Klish's winning 2014 Carrera S Cabriolet.



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Detailing Clinic

On a hot cloudy Saturday in April, six PCA Potomac members and their various 911s (immaculate to filthy) as well as three BMW club members gathered at the 2017 Detailing Clinic in support of the Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance. Our host and expert car detailer was Darryl Nichols of Odds and Ends Detailing in Sterling, Virginia.

Darryl has been in the business for decades and is also an official sponsor for the Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance. The clinic kicked off about 9:30 and went well past noon without being interrupted by passing showers. Darryl did a great job covering A-Z in car preparation, cleaning, and paint care for the do-it-yourself proud Porsche and BMW owners. The clinic started off outdoors with basic car wash preparation to include wheels (first), cabriolet tops, and body panels (rear to front). We moved indoors for paint preparation which included hands-on demonstrations of claying, waterless car cleaning, and waxing your German gem.

The hands-on demonstrations were quite revealing (no pun intended) as the before and afters were aston-

ishing as we learned the ways to prepare our Porsche paints for waxing and polishing. The Boxster panels we prepped and polished were gleaming. The take away for the 9 attendees was Preparation and Application are the keys to keeping your Porsche looking it best.

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Naughten



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Rally News

Story by Linda Davidson.
Photos by Daniel Pourkesali.

Not including the Wounded Warrior Rally of 2012, the first rally of 2017 could have been one of the best we've run in eight years as Rally Chairs.

With a full field of 30 cars, drivers set off from Rockville MD on a spirited 85 mile drive that took them through the country roads of Montgomery, Frederick and Howard counties. Along the way teams were required to answer a few obscure questions about things seen along the route. They also had to count the number of various signs they saw, differentiating between such signs as "Scenic Road" and "Scenic Highway". Most teams tackled the questions pretty well, but many had trouble with the counting issue.

The drive, which took about 2-1/2 hours, ended at Branded 72 BBQ in Rockville (yes, a rather round-about way to go the 3 miles from the starting point to the end!). There they were treated to lunch and given time to socialize and meet other ralliers. The field was split between rookies and veterans, but all had the same enjoyable afternoon. Everyone raved about the roads, and moaned about the signs, but all seemed to be in good spirits.

Total score for the day was 36. Two cars came in with 34 points, and the tiebreaker was given to Kirstin Knott who competed without a navigator! While we never recommend showing up alone, Kirstin has been participating in our rallies forever and claims to "know how we think". I guess she does, as she drove, navigated, watched for signs and recorded her answers alone! Eric Long and Tricia Clay were given third place and Kirstin got second. First place was captured by Alan and Amy Taggart who recorded a nearly perfect score of 35.

The next rally will be on Saturday June 10 in Virginia wine country. This rally was planned last year by members Don and Haf Zink, but unfortunately got rained out. The format will be "All About Speed", a favorite of all. Watch the website for more details.



Far left: Linda Davidson, the rally chair.

Middle: Drivers gather at the start of the rally.

Left: The winners of the rally. Kirstin Knott, Amy Taggart, Alan Taggart, Tricia Clay and Eric Long.

Below: Kirstin's note system for navigating the rally alone.

How Did She Do That? *Story by Glenn Cowan, photo by Kirstin Knott*

I really enjoy rallies but my various navigators (wife and sons) and I typically only finish in the middle of the pack. We have the classic conversations: "Was that a Scenic Highways or a Scenic Byways sign?" – "Was I supposed to turn left back there?"

So you can imagine our astonishment (chagrin) when at the just completed 2nd Annual Gary Brindle Memorial Rally it was announced that the 2nd place finisher, Kirstin Knott, completed the rally without a navigator and with a surgical boot on her left foot!

My first question of Kirstin was more like a statement – "So you obviously have a PDK in your Boxster S?" Not so – even with a surgical boot on her left foot she finished second while shifting gears. Presumably she has done this alone before? Not so – she has partnered with a cadre of navigators but not finding a partner for this event, just figured she'd go it alone!

"Okay, Kirstin, how did you this?" Her first trick is that she taped the rally questions to her steering wheel, her experience telling her that following the route would be relatively straight forward and those directions could be near her gear shift lever. For those items she had to identify while driving she used the memory trick of saying them aloud both to verify their validity and to help concentrate her attention. She makes it a habit not to watch other Rally cars as her experience suggests they will lead you astray.

Quite remarkable! But there is one suspicious aspect to this tale of success: Kirstin is a director for FedEx Government Services, having worked for FedEx for nearly 30 years. This might help explain her facility with Rallies given FedEx's "absolutely, positively" on time mantra.



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Hershey Drive-and-Diners Enjoy the Sweet Life

For the second straight year, two dozen Porsche-philies followed a meandering 100-mile path to Hershey, PA bound for the annual Porsche-only Swamp Meet and other entertainment over the April 21-23 weekend.

The drive on Friday April 21 traversed two covered bridges near Thurmont, MD followed by a stop in Emmitsburg, MD where everyone enjoyed lunch at the Carriage House Inn. The next leg of the trip traversed country roads leading into the Gettysburg Battlefield, where the line of Porsches slowed in respect to the fallen commemorated through monuments and recreations of the battlefield. The group stopped for ice cream at Mr. G's in Gettysburg, and then moved on to Hershey.

The drive contained an unparalleled mix of modern water-cooled and classic air-cooled Porsches, and one 1953 Type 356 model keeping a brisk pace near front of the pack. Mike and Kim Copperthite proceeded to enter their car in the Swap Meet's Concours the next day.

Friday night the group enjoyed a wonderful group dinner at Fenicci's, that combined fantastic food and drink with excellent service in a homey atmosphere.

The swap meet on Saturday morning went on despite cool temperatures and drizzle, with attendees buying everything from Porsche clothes and souvenirs

to drive-and-diner Jim Crowley finding an elusive latch for his classic Targa top. As a bonus, Mike and Kim took home both a "Best in Show" and "Best in Class" for their historic 356 at the Swap Meet Concours event!

Many of the group decamped in the afternoon to the Antique Auto Museum of the America, featuring the Hershey Kissmobile parked out front, a permanent exhibit of the famous Tucker Torpedos (three in the museum and one parked out in front next to the highway!) and historic 1890s-1920s vehicles along

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On Saturday night the group met for dinner at The Mill in Hershey, a converted grist mill which hosted us on their top floor, serenaded by a jazz and pop pianist. Once again we enjoyed great food, great surroundings and great service, all for great people.

Many enjoyed post-dinner refreshments back at the hotel and departed at their leisure on Sunday. As good as the first annual Hershey Dine and Drive was, this topped it!



April 2017 new Potomac members

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Lonnie Alsop - 1988 928 S4 -
from Glenn Dale - transfer
from Chesapeake

Faisal Choudhary - 2006 911
Carrera S - from McLean

Josh Cosco - 2003 911 Carrera
- from Nokesville

Jose Costacamps - 2015 Cay-
man - from North Spring-
field

Jonathan Daniels - 2005 911
Carrera - from Alexandria

Michael Duncan - 2017 911
Carrera 4S - from South Rid-
ing

Robert Wayne Frederick - 2008
Cayenne GTS - from
Bethesda

Luis Gavignano - 1999 Boxster
- from Fairfax Station

Theo Harris - 2005 911 Car-
rera - from Towson - trans-
fer from Chesapeake

David Hess - 1985 911 Carrera
- from Potomac Falls

Chris Howley - 2017 Macan -
from Washington

Noel Klores - 1989 911 Carrera
Targa - from Fairfax

Paul Kreuch - 2002 911 Turbo
- from Leesburg - transfer
from Connecticut Valley

Vinh Nguyen - 2014 Cayman S
- from Chantilly

Bradley Nicklin - 2007 911
Carrera 4S Targa - from Ash-
burn

Thomas Olgeirson - 1987 911
Carrera - from Upperville

Roger Peace - 2016 Panamera -
from Washington

Giulio Richard Peri - 2013 911
Carrera S - from Washington

James Pettit - 2009 Cayman -
from Fredericksburg
Justen Pitches - 1995 911 Car-
rera 4 - from Fairfax

Aaron Risdal - 1985 911 Turbo
- from Alexandria

Shelley Rooney - 2014 Cayman
- from Lorton

Michael Sacks - 2008 911 Car-
rera - from Columbia -
transfer from Chesapeake

Jon Sala - 2010 Panamera
Turbo - from Herndon

Mark Shank - 2004 911 GT3 -
from Kensington

Mike Stephens - 1972 911E -
from Ashburn

Jim Wachter - 2014 Boxster S -
from Fredericksburg

Steven Walker - 2012 Panam-
era 4S - from North Po-
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- Visits to car museums.

- DIY (Do-It-Yourself) articles on some small or large project that you've done. Examples abound, from rebuilding an engine to replacing hood struts.

- Interviews with interesting people who own interesting Porsches such as the one

on Sal Fanelli, who owns a Porsche *tractor*.

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

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Right: Putting
the "U" in SUV.
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Michael Sher-
man.

Below: Greg
and Stephanie
Luce and their
2015 GTS at the
DM. Photo by
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Left: Drive and Diners enjoying some ice cream in Hershey.

Below: Gregory Bob and his 1990 Forest Green 911 at the DM. Photo by Charlene Truban.





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