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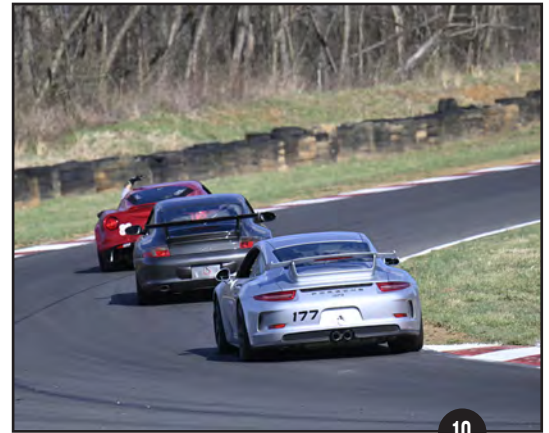
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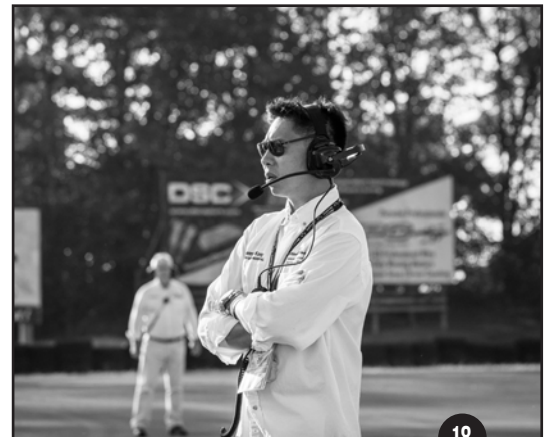
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# No Thanks to Sammy Hagar



Glenn Cowan  
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In late January I drove my daughter to Philadelphia in her car – a several year old Korean SUV. As I have noted before, driving conditions have seemingly deteriorated during the COVID epidemic. By deteriorated I mean gotten dangerous. The posted limit continues to be a joke, not even any longer simply designed to permit ticketing, as there is virtually no highway police presence.

Truck drivers have further regressed to Smokey and the Bandit habits adding the new irritant (and danger) of horns rigged to sound like an approaching locomotive.

Drive the posted limit and you will be all but blown off the road - even if you stay in the right hand lane. Driving "at speed" now means 80 MPH at a minimum. It is not surprising that highway traffic deaths are up 18% nationally during a period when driving has been curtailed.

When driving my Porsche, I have to consciously restrain the impulse to simply run away from the pack even knowing I am adding to the safety problem. In doing so, not only do I increase slightly the chances of a public safety encounter, I also hurt the image of Porsche drivers generally. As it played out, even in my daughter's car I found myself drifting toward 90MPH regularly. Given the "skills" of most American drivers this is not a good approach.

To get a regular driver's license in Germany you have to take a minimum of 14 theory classes and at least 12 driving lessons. Depending on how quickly you learn, it can be done in about three months. How many driving lessons you'll need depends on how quickly you learn; with 12 as the minimum and 50 on the high end, the full licensing course can cost USD \$1,500-\$2,500.

In the US the requirements are: cue laughter track. Not to put too fine a point on it, the skills and knowledge necessary to get a driving license in the US are a joke and don't actually qualify drivers to safely operate a motor vehicle in the real world.

I don't have anything approaching a solution to this menace other than to drive like my life and that of my passengers really are at stake. As weather makes the turn and longer drives become more frequent, I am hoping that traffic conditions will improve as drivers "relearn" how to enjoy the journey and drive to survive. Stay safe out there! DV


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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

You may have heard me say this before, but Porsche Parade is coming! July 12-18, 2022 at the Kalahari Resorts in the Poconos, to be exact. Not only is Potomac the Founders' Region, but we hosted the first two Parades in the summer of 1956 and 1957 in Gaithersburg, MD. In 2022, Parade is back in the Mid-Atlantic area for the first time in several years. Parade is PCA's largest convention, and it moves around the country from year to year. The Poconos of Pennsylvania promise an easy and fun drive for Potomac members, full of scenic byways and quaint historic towns.

PCA has more than 144,000 members and 147 regions spanning the United States and Canada, and Parade is the ultimate Porsche family reunion—for the cars as well as the people. Former Potomac member and Parade Chair, Ron Gordon, has participated in an impressive, 30

Parades, and some members have attended more than 50! Ron, like many, has enjoyed participating in Parade with his children over the years, and now gets to take part with his grandchildren. And kids don't take a back seat—the Porsche Juniors program offers a full range of competitive and noncompetitive activities. Parade provides everyone in your family the opportunity to learn about Porsche cars and make friends, and promises memories to last a lifetime.

Parade offers something for everyone, and competitive activities like Autocross, Concours, Time-Speed-Distance and Gimmick Rallies, Sim Racing, the Technical and Historical Quiz, the Golf Tournament, and the Art Show are complemented by activities like the Historic Display of Porsches, tours (including a tour of the Crayola factory and a limited-edition Club Blau crayon),

banquets, a new teen arcade, seminars, Tech Tactics live at Parade, and an evening music lounge. Rally and safari cars will be featured this year. There are so many activities to choose from, so many Porsche-philosophers to talk to, and so many historic and modern cars to explore, that time flies.

Some 700 volunteers fuel Parade, and opportunities abound to get involved and to be recognized at the Volunteer Party on June 18 with fabulous door prizes. Speaking of door prizes, banquets feature Porsche Design items, sets of tires, and even a trip to Germany or a Porsche Driving Experience for a lucky attendee at the Victory Banquet on June 18.

Take advantage of your PCA membership by packing up your Porsche and planning your route to Parade in the Poconos. Explore the website at [porscheparade.org](http://porscheparade.org). We look forward to welcoming you at Parade! DV



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# 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**MARCH**

-  **6**  
Spring HPDC  
Summit Point Jefferson, WV
-  **12**  
Open Board Meeting &  
New Member Breakfast  
Intersport, Ashburn, VA
-  **19**  
Tech for First HPDE  
IMA Motorwerke, Chantilly, VA
-  **25-27**  
First HPDE  
Summit Point Main, WV

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**APRIL**

-  **2**  
Tech for VIR HPDE  
AutoTherapy, Gaithersburg, MD
-  **9**  
First Drive to Griffin Tavern &  
Rappahannock Cellars, VA
-  **15-17**  
New VIR HPDE  
VIRginia International Raceway,  
Alton, VA
-  **23**  
Autocross School  
Summit Point Washington, WV
-  **24**  
Autocross #1  
Summit Point Washington, WV
-  **29-1**  
Hershey Tour & Swap Meet  
Hershey, PA

# CLUB Announcements

## CONGRATULATIONS

George & Doris Glover on 50 years of membership!  
We thank you for your continued interest and support.

## OPEN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

Our combined New Member Breakfast and Open Board Meetings for the coming year are confirmed as follows:

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022  
Venue: Intersport Performance - Ashburn, VA

Date: Sunday, May 22, 2022  
Venue: TBD

Date: Sunday, October 16, 2022  
Venue: Fall Picnic, Fairfax Hunt Club - Reston, VA

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022  
Venue: TBD

If you have a space which accommodates 50-80 people for the May or December meetings, please contact [exec@pcapotomac.org](mailto:exec@pcapotomac.org).

## NEW DATE FOR VIR HPDE

The DE Team has managed to secure a replacement weekend for our popular, VIR High Performance Drivers' Education event. Traditionally, we have traveled south to Virginia International Raceway at the end of August, but our new weekend this year is:

April 15-17, 2022 - the Easter weekend.

The event is open for registration (as are all 2022 DE events) on [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com). You can now view the details and sign-up on your phone/ tablet using the QR code in the Calendar of Events section on this page.

## POTOMAC MONTHLY BRUNCHES & LUNCHES

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

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# AUTOCROSS

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When Ferry Porsche set out to build the ultimate sports car, it is doubtful that he intended it to be solely used during bumper-to-bumper commuting, although Porsches are quite adept at this. Let's be honest, these cars were made to be driven. Hard. But how does one safely do this in today's era of heavy traffic, speed cameras, and no autobahns?

Autocross is the safest and most affordable way to learn the limits of your car, and it's loads of fun! It's a timed competition, in which each car competes on the same course. Each course is uniquely designed for that day and everyone has the same period of time to learn the course: the major elements and the nuances. Typically, a run takes around a minute as you navigate a hundred cones setup in a large parking lot to create the track du jour.

For those of you who have never driven an autocross, it may seem a little intimidating; yet getting started is actually quite easy. You can learn the ropes by attending our autocross school or simply register for a normal season event. We have experienced driving coaches available free of charge and there are always friendly people around, so don't be shy to ask for help if you're unsure of what to do.

Autocross is straightforward to learn, especially with the help of our experienced driving coaches, and can take a lifetime to master, which is why many of our members participate year after year. Here at PCA Potomac, our events go beyond just the racing. We are a welcoming social group that has

just as much fun off the course as on. We look forward to chatting with you during and after the event to get to know you better.

Registering early on [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com) is always a good idea as events often fill up, and registration is now open for all PCA members! Simply search "PCA Potomac Autocross" and you should find our events with ease, or you can email [autocross@pcapotomac.org](mailto:autocross@pcapotomac.org) if you have any issues and we'll be happy to assist.

New for the 2022 season, as COVID shifts to a more endemic state, we are reinstating our loaner helmet program, in-car instruction, and complimentary breakfast, which we have suspended in 2020 and most of 2021 due to the pandemic. Also, after the tremendous success PCA Potomac had with our Women's HPDC last year, we want to give a special shout out to all our female readers, encouraging you to consider signing up for our Autocross School this year, held on April 23rd. We have some phenomenal female drivers who regularly compete in our events, and our goal for 2022 is to bring more to the sport. Our school is the best way to quickly learn how to be competitive, and it is a ton of fun! The school sells out extremely quickly, so we will be holding a few spots in reserve for any women who register. Registration is open now, so don't wait to visit [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com) and register! **DV**



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PCA Potomac hosts a club race every year; this year's race weekend is September 16th to 18th. The race is at Summit Point Motorsports Park and is part of the PCA National Club Racing Program – a series of 25 races held at racetracks across North America. Individual regions provide the local infrastructure to conduct the race weekend, and the National Club Racing Committee provides the rules, standard operating procedures, and key officials for the race. Our event attracts between 130-150 racers each year, and about 30% of these are from the Potomac Region. Racers must meet the national licensing requirements and prepare a Porsche race car in accordance with the rules; see <https://pcaclubracing.org/rules/> for more information if you are interested in becoming a PCA club racer.

A great way to experience the race weekend is to volunteer to help; it takes over 100 volunteers to handle registration, welcome participants and guests, grid cars, flag at corner stations, set up happy hours and dinners, manage traffic in the paddock, timing & scoring, and help with tech inspection and scales. If you'd like to enjoy the camaraderie of a great group of folks while seeing some incredible cars and great racing, look for volunteer registration to open in July. No experience is needed for many positions and we're always happy to train newcomers.

If you have questions about participating in PCA Potomac's race weekend in September, please address them to [clubrace@pcapotomac.org](mailto:clubrace@pcapotomac.org). **DV**



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PCA Potomac strives to give back through both Community Service activities and Charitable Giving. We work in several ways to benefit those less fortunate. Life for some in the DC metro area is marked by a perpetual need for food, shelter, and clothing. In DC alone, there are approximately 4,000 homeless individuals, which is approximately the same number as our Potomac membership. In the face of this stark reality, we encourage our members to join us to make a difference. This year, we will conduct food drives, warm coat drives, and a toy drive at our annual Holiday Party.

Additionally, we remain committed to our mutually enriching partnership with the Erin Levitas Foundation (ELF) for the prevention of sexual assault. We are already collecting items for the Charity Auction in September, so reach out if you have something to donate!

We also kicked off our 2022 Public Service effort by partnering with the Marshall Legacy Institute. This organization trains and deploys land mine detecting dogs worldwide so that communities in war torn countries can resume a safe existence. Another addition is that participants in the Track Heros program, designed to assist Vets and First Responders manage PTSD, will attend our PorscheFest DE.

Last year, over 5,000 American teenagers died in motor vehicle crashes. To reduce this number, the Tire Rack Street Survival program, a non-profit, national

driver education program was developed to teach teens the skills they need to stay alive behind the wheel. Our Potomac region was honored to host a Tire Rack Street Survival event at Summit Point in 2021, and we will repeat this successful event in 2022.

Get Involved: If you would like to take an active role, the PCAP Community Service program would love to hear from you! We encourage you to join your fellow club members in donating time and/or funds to help all our events succeed. **DV**



# CONCOURS 2022

Chairs: John Klish and Gary Sidell  
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For those unfamiliar with our Region's Concours events, they are exactly like a DE event with a single exception: our cars remain stationary for the duration of the event!

Concours cars are judged on cleanliness of the exterior, passenger and engine compartments, and trunk/frunk. Fortunately, our expert judges are not called upon to inspect wheel wells or the underside, although for most owners, these areas would be nearly as clean as the rest of the car.

The cleanest car, coupled with the most interesting history, wins its respective class. Currently, we have eleven classes from 356's to Taycans and everything in between.

Even if you choose not to have your car judged, it is fun and interesting to attend and see a variety of unique, colorful and immaculate cars that cover more than 65 years of Porsche production. And some of the older cars, pristine as they are, will have you disbelieving they are their stated age.

So plan to show at, or attend, one of our three Concours events, beginning in early May and concluding with the Annual Picnic (only humorous, not cleanliness, categories). You will not be disappointed at what you find! And we are much closer, at Occoquan Regional Park, than Summit, so you will have gas and time to spare. **DV**



# DRIVE & DINE

Chairs: Glenn Havinoviski and Larry Finkel  
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We are excited to launch the 2022 Drive and Dine program. With the new year, we are bringing back old favorites and also launching exciting new trips. We have a series of day trips in the spring, summer, and fall. And for those that want more, we have several weekend long trips planned. All our excursions include driving back country scenic roads in a fun and safe caravan format, seeing wonderful and interesting and historic sights, enjoying delicious cuisine, and partaking in the camaraderie of your fellow Potomacans and neighboring PCA region guests.

Highlights of our weekend trips include the Maryland Lighthouse tour, Virginia Highlands in the serene and beautiful county of Bath Virginia, and our historic Presidents' trip to Charlottesville, VA. We have new day trip journeys planned to the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, WV, and the Flying Ace Farm in Lovettsville VA. To escape the heat of midsummer, come join us at Luray Caverns. And in the Fall we will enjoy fine cuisine at Field & Main in Marshall VA and end the season with our blow out crowd in Morais Vineyard.

Each trip is an opportunity to enjoy the company of familiar friends and to meet new members that haven't been on previous drive and dine adventures in our region. Be on the lookout for announcements for these exciting trips and be sure to register early as our trips are popular and usually sell out early.

We will also continue to have the casual Drive and Dine brunches, the first and

third Saturday of each month. These do not require any advanced registration. The brunches are a great way for new members to get introduced to the club and it's members. **DV**



Photo by Beth White

# DRIVERS' EDUCATION

Chairs: Bob Mulligan and Susan Kimmitt  
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As we are chipping our way into wintery frozen cars and out of icy driveways, we are also making plans for the upcoming season of Drivers' Education events which will start in March of 2022 and extend to the end of October this year, ready or not. This year our schedule is packed with 3 introductory one-day HPDC events (High Performance Driving Clinic). The last of these clinics in October is set aside for women only drivers. The year also includes eight weekend HPDE events (High Performance Driving Education or DE). Three of our DE events are "away" events held at favorite tracks outside of our Potomac region. These destination tracks include 3-day weekend events held at VIR (Virginia International Raceway) in April, Watkins Glen in May, and Pitt Race (Pittsburgh International Raceway) in June.

Those of you who have attended our DE events in past years might notice that our VIR dates have moved from end August to mid-April. This is due to the track bumping us out of our usual August date due to SCCA run-offs extending into this weekend. As a benefit of this move, April in southern Virginia should have gorgeous weather versus 100+ degree days at the end of the summer. If you have never experienced an away DE event, you really do want to consider one or more this year.

This year, we also plan to hold our Porsche Fest weekend at the end of July. This will again include the enjoyable and anticipated trackside dinner on Saturday. The weekend will include Autocross, Drive and Dine, charity laps on Summit Point main track and other fun activities. Event is open to all club members and families who are up for a drive out to Summit Point, West Virginia for an afternoon of viewing track activities and an evening of good food, drink, and people.

For those of you who have never been to a DE and have or might have an interest in high-speed experiences on track, we strongly recommend that you consider enrolling in one of our HPDC's. These give you the basics of car handling, allow entry into the more intensive multiple-day DE's, and give you a chance to see if this is something you might enjoy.

If your interest is tweaked or your need for speed is calling you, follow the link to MSR where you can see your options and sign up for events. For those just starting, the HPDC's fill up quickly as do the instructed beginning groups for our DE's, so sign up early for best chance of entry into the event. Our club requires beginning drivers to have been to a HPDC or a similar program or to have experience with multiple autocrosses to meet the threshold for enrollment into our DE's, so if you are interested, sign up for one of the clinics. If you are a DE regular, you too should sign up early for events.

We look forward to seeing you this season. Remember, our goal is to "be safe, have fun, and learn something".

Registration is open, so don't wait to visit [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com) and register! **DV**

# RALLY

Chair: Roland Pinto

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The Potomac Region welcomes Roland Pinto as the new Rally Chair, taking over from the Davidsons after their long and successful run.

Generally, in the past, we have had two rallies per year. This year, we plan on having four rally events. Our first rally will be in the spring, and will be a very cool, shortest distance rally. Our second event will be a fun, summer photo rally. We will wind up the fall with an AMAZING two-day scavenger hunt rally. This will be the rally of all PCA rallies, and will be a full weekend, overnight stay in a nice hotel, with stiff competition for driver teams involved in this spirited event, along with some great prizes. We will wind up the year with a really fun, winter photo rally. Our winter rally may well be the last driving event of the year.

We are creating rally courses that are going to be challenging and interesting in how driver teams will reach their goals and destinations. In addition to trophies for the winners of our rally events, we will also be giving away prizes like oil changes, and Porsche-related items or services from sponsors that we are in the process of bringing on to help support the rally program. We will announce the rally dates in the next few weeks, with event details.

We hope this year is going to be amazing and fun for our Founders' Region Rally fans, and we hope to see as many members as possible rallying in 2022.

Roland adds "It is an honor to take up this post and to work hard for members to bring you some fun and exciting new rally events in 2022. If anyone has any

questions or ideas, please, get in touch with me. I look forward to meeting you all at a DE, rally, or any of the other exciting events we have lined up this year."

Roland is looking for someone to help him lead the Rally program, and volunteer assistance at events. If you are interested in helping with this year's rally events, please shoot him an email at [rally@pcapotomac.org](mailto:rally@pcapotomac.org) DV



# SOCIAL

Chair: Beth White

Email: [social@pcapotomac.org](mailto:social@pcapotomac.org)

Hello 2022! Did anyone else cringe when you realized 2022 is pronounced 2020 too. While arranging indoor, in-person events can be challenging with the ongoing COVID situation, we do plan to have fun social gatherings for you in 2022. We will be strictly adhering to all social distancing and masking policies in place at the time. PCA Potomac is a social club, so we will maneuver through those Covid obstacles like any good autocrosser, swerving at high speeds through the orange cones! The greatest part of Potomac PCA is the people; we want you to see your Porsche friends and to make new ones too in 2022!

This year we will have the amazing PorscheFest weekend at Summit Point Motorsports Park on July 29-31st. Several of our programs will be holding events at the track that day, including Drivers' Education, Autocross and Drive and Dine. On Saturday we will be hosting a social hour and a catered dinner under our big tent inside the Main Circuit at Summit Point for all members to have a fun evening together.

Sunday, Oct. 16th will have the PCA Potomac Annual Picnic & Open Board Meeting at The Fairfax Hunt Club in Reston. This is a family fun event with kid friendly games, Porsche history & trivia, BBQ picnic luncheon and of course Porsche Concours. Then to round out a memorable 2022, we will have the annual Holiday Party in December.

We hope to fill out the calendar with a few more gatherings. We are still looking to add a few more Porsche friends to the social committee, so please reach out if you would like to help in planning the fun. DV







# COMMUNITY SERVICE 2022

Join us Saturday, March 26th in Summit Point, WV for

# Charity Laps

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**What is a "Charity Lap" event?** Bring your own vehicle, make a donation, and drive a few laps of the race track in a safe, controlled environment. No helmets, all ages, no passing, safely tucked behind a pace car.

**Bringing minors?** Waiver must be signed by parent or guardian.

**Day of Info:** Arrive by 11 am, park your car, walk to grid to check in, sign waivers, and get instructions.

**Questions?** email

[communityservice@pcapotomac.org](mailto:communityservice@pcapotomac.org)



**Other 2022 Lunchtime Charity Laps Dates**

- Saturday, June 25th at PittRace
- Saturday, September 17th at Summit Point
- Saturday, October 22nd at Summit Point



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- Craig S., PCA Member





## AUTOCROSS: AN EXCITING SPORT FOR EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY US GALS!

STORY BY LEXI VLASHO

PHOTO BY WALEED EL-MAHALAWY

Calling all ladies who are looking to break out their inner adventurous spirit! COVID lockdown have you looking to get out and have some FUN? Are you a closet adrenaline junkie who needs a fix? Well, have no fear – I've got your back! Come join us at one of our PCA Potomac Autocross (cool people just write it as AX) events. For information on what autocross is, check out Jeff Braun's article in this issue, which will give you a great AX overview. If Danica Patrick can drive IndyCar with the boys, if Sabine Schmitz can win the grueling 24 Hours of Nurburgring and drive on the Porsche and BMW teams with the boys, then you too can be an Autocross heroine.

I just finished up my 'rookie' season of Autocross and, first and foremost, it was a BLAST for a ton of reasons! I like a good adventure, but I have to confess that at first I may have been just a little bit intimidated. But, when I arrived at my first AX event, I was immediately put at ease because everyone was inviting, friendly and helpful. When I registered, I requested an instructor since I was new to the sport and was fortunate to have Tessa H assigned to me. She was great, coaching me through the basics as well as giving me the 'big picture'. By the way, Tessa is one of the best drivers and is a great speed queen role model. After the first event, I was hooked and went to eight more AX events (including the school), and signed up for an instructor every time. I learned a great deal from each instructor – they all were excellent drivers and I took away something different from each one. With their help, I went from a total novice to a driver who could get around the course pretty respectably.

So, if you are thinking of jumping in, I recommend that you attend the AX school. It is a day jam-packed with fun, is well organized, and is done in a relaxed environment. You will learn AX core skills and fundamentals – such as trail braking,

navigating slaloms, understeer/oversteer, and throttle steering – and have plenty of time on the course behind the wheel to really find your groove. A side benefit that I became exceptionally proficient was running over the cones and becoming a certified 'cone-killer' (admittedly I find that to be half the fun).

After a season of AX, I can tell that I am a much better driver. I have greater confidence behind the wheel, understand the performance limits of my car, and am much more familiar with my car overall (I can finally answer the question 'what does traction control really do?'). All of my new AX skills are fully transferable to my road driving, though thankfully I have not been in a situation where I have had to use them!

AX is especially safe, too. You wear helmets when you are driving, but I am convinced that is really just because the boys think it makes them look cooler. The 'worst' thing that happened to me was doing a 360 degree spin. Spinning your car is just another learning experience, and I learned fairly quickly how to counter-steer and manage the throttle (gas pedal) to avoid doing that (even though it actually is pretty fun).

You can be as competitive as you want to be or just go out and drive and have fun. It is satisfying to watch your times drop throughout your runs so you can see the results of your improved driving skills. After just a few runs, I was already shaving many seconds off my time!

If you are ready to kick it into high gear, sign up for the AX school on April 23rd at Summit Point Motorsports Park, located just across the West Virginia state line about 75 minutes west of Tysons Corner. It is guaranteed to be a 'Fast and Furious', high-octane day of fun and camaraderie. And, you will come home with a wacky, googly-eyed cone 'trophy' that you can display with pride in the background of your Zoom calls. DV



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Kenny on grid at the Summit Point Club Race

# Kenny Kong

## Clinical IT Strategist

**STORY BY ALAN FRENCH**  
**PHOTOS BY KENNY KONG AND ETECHPHOTO**



The 1993 photo by Mike Valente in Car & Driver magazine that started the dream

Attend any Potomac HPDE or Club Race event and you'll observe a multitude of personalities that contribute to an atmosphere of fun, energy and passion for the sport. You'll also see a camaraderie of help and encouragement throughout the paddock. Browse through post-event photos and, at the crossroad of these traits, is a charismatic smiling face that catches your eye: that of Kenny Kong.

Kenny is a relatively new Potomac member, joining PCA in 1 year BC (Before Covid), aka 2019. His current Porsche string includes a 2014 911 Turbo that he tracks, and a Cayenne that cossets his family day-to-day, as well as being a capable towing tool for the 911.

Kenny grew up in Chicago, moving to Potomac, Maryland, in 2004. He married Esther, and they have two young boys, Mason (5) and Jordan (1).

He experienced his first Porsche moment in a library in Chicago at the age of 10. Browsing the car magazines, he was spellbound by a Car and Driver article on the "new" 1994 911 Turbo 3.6. One particular photo captured his imagination, and magically found its way into his pocket from the magazine.

Kenny's motorsport activity and track experiences started in Michigan, not with Detroit muscle, but an Acura Integra Type R, and a Honda S2000. Kenny became a regular at the GingerMan Raceway near South Haven, MI.

As career and fortune flourished, he was able to own various Porsches, including a 911 and two Cayennes. His current 991 911 Turbo is set up for track. An ECU engine tune by TPC



# Chicago

Cornering hard at PittRace

Racing, and the addition of the TPC DSC (Dynamic Suspension Control) unit, feeds his need for speed and handling. It's easy to assume that every 911 Turbo owner worships the straights, but Kenny's favorite part of Summit Point Main is the carousel sequence from turns 6 through 9. The flow, balance and precision required to get this section right, he explains, motivates his every lap.

Executive Kenny works at a software tech company on clinical IT modernization and digital identities. While working mainly from home during Covid, his role as a technology evangelist includes speaking at conferences to promote new technologies.

Kenny always plays at 100%. It doesn't matter if it's work, driving, cooking, or having some fun Dad-time with his boys, his unconditional energy and enthusiasm is infectious. He loves to play golf, smoke cigars from his significant collection, and consume vast quantities of prime rib without putting a micron on his waistline. For many of us, the latter is very annoying.

Kenny's contribution to the club includes volunteering as a Club Race Grid Marshal, manning the Driver Registration desk at track events, and acting as Mr. Motivator in the paddock. The return on his investment in the club, he says, is being part of an awesome community of fun people that share a common passion in great sportscars and driving them as they were intended to be! DV



One from the family album, Kenny, Esther and the boys, Mason and Jordan



Jordan and Mason find a new place to play



Kenny tees off at Pebble Beach

# Vintage Rally Adventure #7

## Veterans vs Rookies

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LINDA DAVIDSON



Fun in a 2019 Morgan V-6

In 2017 Craig and I did our first Vintage Rally, the 25th Anniversary of the “New England 1000”. WE. WERE. HOOKED! Including this most recent one, we have done three in New England, three in Virginia/West Virginia, and one in Texas hill country. They’ve all been different, and all spectacular driving experiences.

Our hosts, Jean and Rich Taylor, have staged over 100 of these rallies around the country. Every one includes grand hotels; all your meals; luggage transportation; and a swag bag with coats, shirts, hats for both driver and navigator,

and rags and cleaners to keep the car looking its best too. They have assistants – “Wranglers” – who help with all the logistics of moving such a large entourage from place to place, including mechanics who hopefully can fix whatever it is you’re driving if it breaks down. If they can’t, there are five Miatas available to drive so you can continue on the rally. Over the years the Taylor’s have donated over \$2 million to various charities, all thanks to these very special events.

Technically, Vintage means 25 years or older. These rallies also allow Exotics, which is where Porsche falls in. Out of 42

cars on this trip, 19 were Porsches. There were Jags, Ferraris, Aston Martins, two McLarens, two Alfas, a couple Corvettes and a 2019 Morgan V-6. Teams came from 20 different states. There was also a father-son team from Puerto Rico; the 17-year old son is currently in The Road to Indy program for aspiring race car drivers. And besides us (Veterans), there were two other teams from PCA Potomac – Veterans John and Carol Evans on their third Vintage Rally, and Tony and Cindy Pagonis on their first (Rookies).

The rally is approximately 1000 miles, driven over four days. Each day's drive is comprised of 4-5 stages, some timed, some used as "transit legs" to get us to a special destination. This could be a museum, a car collection, a track, or even a restoration garage. We've been to deserted towns of the Old West (Texas), motorcycle museums, and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, WV. The timed stages are set up as a modified TSD format. Each team is given an "Out" time, mileage and driving time. The goal is to cross the "In" checkpoint PRECISELY on your due in arrival time. Points are accrued for every SECOND you're either late or early, with a maximum penalty of 500 per stage. So, if you're more than 8 minutes late, no further need to rush. ZERO means you nailed it perfectly. In five of our previous six rallies we aced a perfect score for the week. The only time we did not have a perfect score involved NY State police, but that's a story for another time.

Day One started at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, WV. The morning had two timed stages ending at a collection called Duncan Imports. This turned out to be three massive warehouses filled mostly with JDMS – Japanese Domestic

Market cars. These are micro cars – max 660cc engines, 63 hp, and 134 inch overall length. This location housed roughly 1300 cars of the collection. We did not visit the other location in Christiansburg, VA with another 1400 of these minis. It was incredible. From there we had a short transit leg to the campus of Virginia Tech (Go Hokies!) for lunch, and then another timed leg after lunch to the Glade Springs Resort, our home base for the next two nights. However, an afternoon encounter with local traffic cost us dearly – one minute late to check in! 60 points. Total miles today 233.

Every day we look forward to dinner to hear about everyone else's experiences of the day. A father/son team driving a 1984 Ferrari 308 GTB became the entertainment for the week. On day one they had an "almost" devastating encounter with a logging truck going around a corner on a road that it shouldn't have been on. Fortunately, they saw the truck just in time, and instead of going UNDER the truck they slid off the road! No damage, but enough of a delay to make them miss their check-in time.

Day Two consisted of four stages, two timed in the morning, ending for lunch at a place called Smokey's, which overlooked the spectacular New River Gorge. No collections on this day, but we did pass working coal mines and huge coal chutes. The roads were challenging and the scenery was beautiful. The leaves were just beginning to turn, and the colors only got more vibrant as the week went on. Total miles for the day was a mere 205 in a huge circle.

The Ferrari story of the day was a tale of how they missed a turn and got lost after lunch, and after circling around found themselves back at the restaurant. Trying to figure out what



One gorgeous Ferrari 275 GTB



1987 Red RUF 911, on sale for a mere \$245,000

went wrong, they discovered that the navigator (Father? Son?) was reading the wrong page of directions! Once that was resolved and they got back on track, all was well. But they added an additional 75 miles to their day!

Day Three was a bit more eventful. The first stage was supposed to end at an Arby's parking lot, but they wouldn't let the organizers set up so everyone got a Zero for the leg. From there we had a transit leg to the birthplace of author Pearl Buck. It was closed so teams had to proceed to the next checkpoint. But because the wranglers who were at the checkpoint at Arby's were counting on us being at Pearl Buck's for an hour, they didn't have time to hopscotch over us and get to the next checkpoint first. Since the rally cars got there first, everyone got another Zero!

The afternoon had one more timed stage, driving through the cell phone dead zone, aka the US National Radio Quiet Zone in Green Bank WV, and ending at the General Store in Cass. It's a genuine throwback to simpler times, with an old-fashioned ice cream counter inside and a steam engine locomotive outside. From there we had another 10-mile transit leg to Allegheny Springs, a resort at Snowshoe, WV and our hotel for the night.

One of the important things to do on a Vintage Rally is fill the gas tank before reaching the hotel. The first leg of the day is always timed, and the last leg isn't, so you need to be ready to go after breakfast. After the Cass General Store we figured we'd hit a gas station near the hotel, but there wasn't

one! Once we got to the top of the mountain, we had to head back down to find gas. Closest station was almost 7 miles away! We got there on fumes. Total miles today 270, plus an additional 14 on the gas run. One day to go.

The weather on the top of Snowshoe was pretty gray with showers predicted. A Ferrari had an issue with the driver's window not closing all the way, so to protect the inside they covered the gap with yellow duct tape! Very creative.

Day Four began at the top of the mountain completely fogged in, but we persevered. Two timed stages in the morning, including the longest one yet of 100 miles. We ended at The Dairy Barn for lunch, literally in the loft of the barn. The last timed leg of the week was after lunch, taking us to the general store in Paint Bank, VA, which bills itself as 9 miles from the end of the Earth. There's only one road there, the notorious 311. If you make it there, they say you've "Survived the 311". Indeed. The Ferrari team enjoyed the drive so much when they got to the end of 311 they turned around and went back down the mountain so they could switch drivers and both experience the fun!

The last stop of interest was at Greenbrier Classic Cars. This is a huge collection, including multiple 1960s and 70s Corvettes, Lincoln Town Cars, and Jaguars and even a 1987 Red RUF 911, on sale for a mere \$245,000. Everything was for sale, and a few of the collectors on the rally are in active negotiations for new vehicles. Total miles today 293.



At the awards banquet on the final night we learned of some of the other “amusing” adventures of the week. There was the 1966 Ferrari 330 GTC whose water hose broke 20 feet from the finish line at the last check point. The car filled with smoke, and because we’ve learned that older Ferraris have window problems, he couldn’t clear the air. So the driver jumped out of the car and ran across the finish line to meet his time (yes, he made it!).

Then there was the team in a 1962 Porsche 356B Roadster. The husband needed a cane to walk. His wife needed the cane to help him keep his foot on the clutch...now that’s teamwork! And there was the 1993 Porsche 911 RS America with a broken clutch. The team had to drive a Miata all week and couldn’t rave enough about how much fun it was. We also met a doctor who operated alongside Dr. Frederick Simeone, founder of the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Philadelphia.

So how did all the PCA Potomac teams do? John and Carol Evans got an award for First to the Pole, EVERY DAY! They take pride in being the first car out, but another team wanted that honor one day so they parked their car at the cones marking the Out checkpoint for the next morning. Much to their surprise, when they came out the cones had been moved one car length forward and John and Carol were in front waiting to go! Overall for the week they zeroed every stage except one. A navigator error (since they both drive we don’t know who was responsible) caused a catastrophic leg of maximum 500 points.

In the thirty years that Vintage Rally has been operating, every rally has had at least one car with a perfect score of Zero. This was the first time in their history that this didn’t happen. The winning score was 60, achieved by two teams – us and Tony and Cindy Pagonis! Now they’re hooked too!

It was a great week, and we anxiously await our 8th Vintage Rally next May, the 30th Anniversary of the New England 1000. DV



60s and 70s Corvettes galore at Greenbrier Classic Cars



Everything was on sale Greenbrier Classic Cars



Three massive warehouses at Duncan Imports, filled mostly with 1,300 JDM (Japanese Domestic Market) cars

**THE WEEK BY THE NUMBERS:**

**6 days**

**1593 miles**

**65.3 gallons : \$242.50**

**= 24.4 mpg**

**The drive home from the Greenbrier averaged 30.5/mpg and 68mph.**

**Not bad!**



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**STORY BY ALAN FRENCH**  
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We print and distribute around 3,000 Der Vorgänger magazines each month to a readership of over 4,000. Most are delivered locally, while a few are sent overseas. DV is an important resource for members and we try hard to get a quality product in your hands at the beginning of every month. To that end, we decided during 2021 to move our printing to a more local commercial printer.

To help identify and plan the transition, we turned to Potomac member and DE participant, Michael Brady. Michael suggested Winchester Printers Inc., a family-owned business in Virginia that has been printing since 1892. Chris Hottle of Winchester Printers, Inc. explained, "We may live in a more digital world, but our experience says, print isn't going away anytime soon!"

Having seen what they could do, and the way they wanted to work with us, we decided to print all 2022 magazines at Winchester Printers.

The transition started at the end of November 2021 with test prints and discussion with Debbie Wilson at Winchester Printers (WP) about our 60th Anniversary Edition for January. Two issues later, we can now upload the design files each month, and have confidence that WP will print, bind, crop, label and post our magazines to us all. We are still learning and improving the design through to print process, but are pleased already with the quality of product and support.

You can always browse the current and archived issues of **DER VORGÄNGER** on the Potomac website, but if you don't receive your printed copy by the end of the month, please email the editors on [dveditor@pcapotomac.org](mailto:dveditor@pcapotomac.org). **DV**





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**MARK BOEDICKER**

2019 911 GT3 RS  
from Great Falls

**DARIUS BRAXTON**

2015 Cayenne Turbo  
from Washington

**ALLEN BUTLER**

2006 911 Carrera Cabriolet  
from Fairfax Station

**ROBERT CAMPBELL**

2013 Boxster S  
from Washington

**BRIAN CAMPBELL**

2022 Taycan 4S  
from Oakton

**EMMANUEL CANDANEDO**

2020 911 Carrera S  
from Alexandria

**NURIA CARRILLO**

2014 Cayman S  
from Chevy Chase

**DERRICK CARRINGTON**

1999 911 Carrera  
from Bowie

**GARRISON DACOSTA**

2019 718 Boxster GTS  
from Reston

**CHARLOTTE DEL DUCA**

1991 911 Carrera 2 Targa  
from Middleburg

**JARED GREENHILL**

2018 718 Cayman GTS  
from Annandale

**LAURA KUNKLE**

2022 718 Cayman S  
from Fairfax

**STANLEY LARMEE**

2007 Boxster S  
from Arlington

**JOHN MALMGREN**

2007 911 Carrera S  
from Leesburg  
transfer from Carolinas

**JAMES NOEL**

2018 Panamera 4  
from Manassas

**RICK PRATHER**

2003 Boxster S  
from Upper Marlboro

**WHITBURN SCOTT**

2004 911 Carrera  
from Silver Spring

**TUNDE UKWU**

2010 Panamera Turbo  
from Upper Marlboro

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from Culpeper  
transfer from Shenandoah

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# PORSCHE GT MEETUP

STORY AND PHOTOS BY GARY SIDELL, POTOMAC CONCOURS CHAIR

On Saturday, November 6, 2021, at a parking lot on Route 7 in Vienna, Virginia, in front of a Starbucks store, of course, Loke Babu, the organizer for this GT group, arranged for several of the area's GT Porsches to gather for a few hours to display their amazing cars at their annual affair. While not a concours in the traditional sense, it provided the opportunity for their owners to show up in one place to chat and for others to marvel at this car collection.

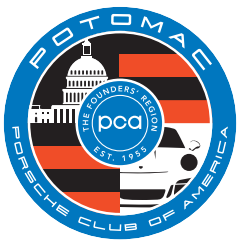
In order to participate, you had to have a GT model of some kind. Some may recall this group from the inaugural Porsche Experience at Summit Point two years ago. About a dozen brightly colored GTs arrived en masse, after most others did, parked around our display circle opposite our curated collection of non-GT cars, spent some time there, then left in their "follow the leader" style with quite a pronounced exhaust tone on their way out.

Saturday boasted a number of variations of GT models. Those that appeared included GT3RSs, twin white GT2RSs

parked next to one another, GT2s, GT3s, even a few GT3 Touring models in under the radar colors and many Cayman GT4s. License plates provided a wide geographic area, at least for car registration, from Florida to New York to Wyoming with several temp tags of non-DMV jurisdictions for recently acquired cars. The owners seemed depressingly young to some of the older folks viewing the collection! The most interesting car was a yellow Carrera GT reportedly owned previously by the creator of Valentine radar detectors. Clearly, the radar detection business must be very good. Of course, Virginia drivers wouldn't know about those devices since they are illegal in the Commonwealth!

Loke informs that this GT event is an annual experience to be held in October unless, of course, we have more storms, fires, hurricanes and the like necessitating a "rain" date. Next year, pay them a visit. You won't be disappointed. If you have a GT of one form or another, and want to participate in next year's event, Loke may be found at [mclarenmaniac1@gmail.com](mailto:mclarenmaniac1@gmail.com). **DV**





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