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A beautiful view on a quiet road through autumnal splendor near Snowshoe, WV. Photo by Scott Bowen.

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No trick - just treat: Ted Hovis caught this Halloween scene of his 1995 993 Cabrio in Old Town Alexandria.

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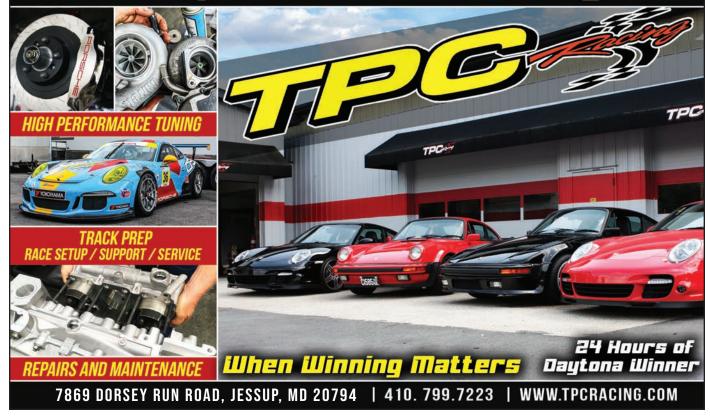
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Steve Grumbach Editor

Come On. Send 'Em In!

We've started something new and with your help, we hope to keep it going in the months ahead. Occasionally, we receive photos from members that are interesting and intriguing but don't quite fit as a full feature. It's not that we didn't like them; we just weren't sure how to use them. Some have made it to the back cover, but most were set aside for "future use." That time is now.

Going forward, we'll dedicate a space on the inside back cover to show clever images from Potomac members, featuring you, your car, or both. We're calling it "Members Foto Corner." Get creative, grab your cell phone camera, and start snapping! This month, for example, we're featuring Gary Sidell's submission of his family Porsches, including his four-anda-half-year-old granddaughter Flori's Guards Red 911, as well as a candid shot of our tireless club Historian George Whitmore at a track event at Summit Point. And John Richter had some Halloween fun decorating his Boxster.

Moreover, we're a geographically diverse group, and, judging by your Facebook posts, many of you love to travel. (Fun fact: 5% of DV's monthly distribution goes to members outside the DMV.) We'd love to see a photo of you and your traveling companions on your adventures. And if you take along a copy of this magazine and include it in the shot, you'll SIGNIFICANTLY increase the chances of seeing it published here! Whether you're in Mt. Airy or Mount Fuji, Damascus or the Dolomites, Staunton or Stuttgart, Paris or Parsippany, the world is your backdrop.

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THE President's Column



Don Mattran President

Our Mutual Aid Society



Challenged by the condition of his brakes, Will Hildebrandt got behind the wheel of his friend Gregory Struba's beautiful 1991 Carrera 2 Targa (964). Photo by Etechphoto.com

One of the great benefits of my position is hearing from members on all sorts of topics. Recently, Ron Flax, our talented and hardworking Webmaster, shared a message from Will Hildebrandt about his experience at our Fall High Performance Driving Clinic (HPDC). To me, this story—featuring longtime member and instructor Gary Baker—epitomizes what our club is all about.

Here is Will's email, slightly modified, as a testament to the ways we often give our time, knowledge, and support to each other: "I just wanted to send a note of thanks to everyone who volunteered at the HPDC on September 28th at Summit Point, particularly Gary Baker. I'm the guy who had brake issues with my 40th Anniversary 996. After a tech inspection, I learned I needed a brake flush, but even after that, I still had problems on the track.

Gary, my instructor, and I took the car out for the morning sessions, putting it through the paces. It performed admirably, but the brakes didn't inspire enough confidence for the afternoon track sessions. Four instructors drove it, and only one gave a semi-OK to proceed. We bled the brakes at the track, hoping that would fix the issue, but it didn't. Fortunately, the afternoon wasn't a total loss. I had convinced two friends to come along as spectators, and they generously offered their cars for me to drive in the afternoon sessions. Who else can say they got to lap both an aircooled 911 Targa and an '07 Turbo? What a day! As Henrik put it, "Well, that sure isn't bad!" No, it wasn't.

Back to the brakes: Gary suggested we meet up the following weekend for a manual flush, and he followed up with me the next day. I took him up on it, and after the flush, the brakes were perfect.

So, a big shout-out to everyone at PCA Potomac for helping me salvage what could have been a disappointing afternoon, and to Matt Curry's Craftsman Auto Care shop for stepping up as well. From bleeding the brakes at the track to Gary's follow-up flush on his own time, I can't say enough about how positive this experience was. As you say, it's not about the cars; it's about the people. Cheers to that.

Looking forward to my next (first) track day in my 40th anniversary 996!"

Thank you, Will, for sharing your experiences at HPDC and reminding us how Potomac members connect people in need with help, resources, and support. **DV**



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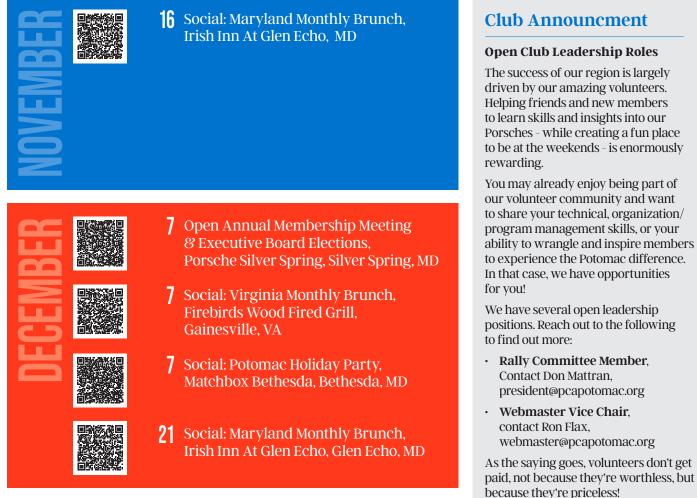
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Correction

In the September '24 issue, Trey Harper's raffle-winning Cayman model was incorrectly identified; it is a 718 Style Edition. While not a GTS, Trey advises it is nonetheless a lot of fun!

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Potomac Program Highlights

DRIVER EDUCATION

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Student Driver Michael 2023 with Instructor of the Year Henrik Ojikutu in a GT3 RS.

Fall HPDC

STORY BY BOB MULLIGAN AND SUSAN KIMMITT, DE CO-CHAIRS PHOTOS BY BOB HARTMAN/ETECHPHOTO.COM

Each year, PCA Potomac's Driver Education (DE) program hosts several single-day events to introduce drivers to the essentials of high-performance driving. Known as High Performance Driving Clinics (HPDC), these events combine classroom sessions with on-track seat time, offering beginners a first taste of advanced driving skills. From car control techniques that improve everyday driving to high-speed maneuvers, participants cover basics like threshold braking, evasive swerves, slalom, and—everyone's favorite—the skid pad.

After morning drills, the afternoon kicks into high gear with lapping sessions on Summit Point's Jefferson Circuit in West Virginia. Here, students drive at speed with an instructor using an intercom for real-time coaching, experiencing DEstyle track driving in a safe, supportive setting.

POTOMAC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Student driver Bob deLeon, with Instructor and DE Registrar David Evans in his 2015 Boxster GTS (981).



Student Driver Yi Sun White with Instructor Jerome Welte in a 2013 911 Carrera (991).



Student Driver Adam Perez in his 1989 944 with Instructor Duyane Norman.



Ryan Shannon in his 2006 997 Carrera 4 Cabriolet with 2017 Potomac Instructor of the Year Charles (Chip) Taylor.



Student Driver Gregory Struba in a 1991 Carrera 2 Targa (964) with long-time instructor Ed Yourkovich managing the "Esses".



Student driver Randy Smith with instructor Ryan Stokes in a 2018 911 GTS.

This year, the Spring HPDC took place on the first weekend in March, and the Fall HPDC on the last weekend in September, where 29 students, 30 instructors, and 10 volunteers joined in. Rain mostly held off, allowing for an end-of-day happy hour— no fact-checking required, and plenty of tales were swapped!

If you're interested in joining next year, keep an eye out for registration announcements. The 2025 season is set to open February 1 at midnight. \mathbb{N}

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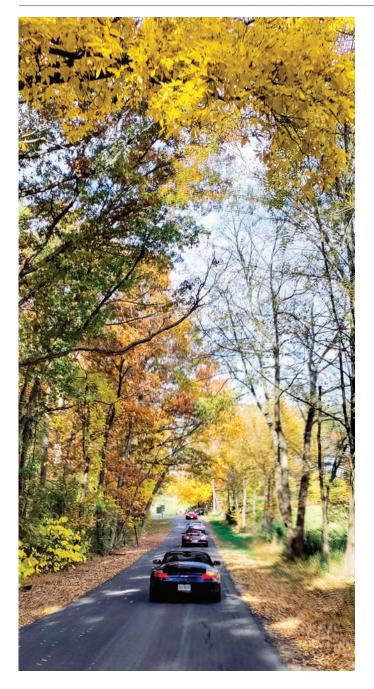
Maryland Fall Dine and Drive: The Bavarian Inn

STORY BY MIKE PETERS, D&D CO-CHAIR Photos by Jackie Peters and glenn havinoviski

As the vibrant foliage transitions to brilliant fall colors, we're reminded that the 2024 driving season is drawing to a close. With perhaps a bit more urgency, enthusiasts are seizing every chance for "road therapy" before winterizing their vehicles for hibernation. This may help explain why the sold-out Maryland Fall Drive to the Bavarian Inn remains so popular.

Starting near the stately mansions of Potomac, Maryland, a group of 30 Porsches and nearly 60 guests gathered to tackle the scenic blue roads of Montgomery and Frederick Counties en route to Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Following a quick briefing from event hosts Steven Kaye and Dory Thomas, three groups of ten cars each hit the road. Blessed with unseasonably warm weather, drivers navigated the tree-lined twisties, staying vigilant amid a wave of cyclists who seemed equally annoyed to share the road.

After a brief stop at Point of Rocks, the group followed the rocky banks of the Potomac River, eventually reaching the mercifully smooth asphalt of West Virginia's roads. Approaching Shepherdstown, we were greeted by a scene straight out of a Norman Rockwell painting. With a fall festival



Always another seat at the table: Luke Popovich, Rebecca Wallace, and Ellen Rierson.



(L/R at the near table): John Combs, Lynn Cook, Steve Cook, James Drake, Kimberly Sholtis, Polyxeni Combs.



Lass uns essen (Let's eat!); Potomacans enter the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, WV.

in full swing, the historic downtown buzzed with costumed revelers who unknowingly entertained the passing Porsche caravans.

Our final destination, the Bavarian Inn Resort & Brewing Company, welcomed us with reserved parking (it's the little things) and hearty German fare. Great food, good company you couldn't ask for a better weekend among friends.

Special thanks to our event hosts for a wonderfully organized Drive and Dine Tour. The Drive & Dine Committee looks forward to seeing everyone again next year! **D**

TEEN DRIVING SCHOOL



TRSS Skid Pad. Photo by Wendy Chetney.

Tire Rack Street Survival Class of 2024

STORY BY DOUG HOUGH – TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL (TRSS) COORDINATOR

It was the last Sunday in August. It was forecast to be sunny and 85 degrees. Twenty-three lucky teenagers got to spend the day driving their own cars on a racetrack: The Washington Circuit at Summit Point Motorsports Park. Some came as far as three hours away.

They came to participate in the Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) program. TRSS is a national program developed by the BMW Car Club of America Foundation that combines classroom sessions with instructed emergency maneuvering/ driving techniques performed in a safe and planned learning space. Young drivers learn vehicle dynamics and experience how to control vehicles during unexpected situations that can occur in real traffic.

This was the fourth year that PCA Potomac has conducted this program, and each year we have helped dozens of teenagers improve their abilities and confidence behind the wheel. One parent wrote: "Throughout the day of instruction, I watched [my son] progress from a timid, indecisive driver of little experience to one more connected with his vehicle and its capabilities. There is no substitute for time behind the wheel in a controlled, supervised environment where he can test the limits of control, and more importantly, recognize and recover should he exceed those limits." We couldn't have said it better.



TRSS Students and Coaches. Photo by Wendy Chetney.

The morning sessions involved classroom instruction and three on-course exercises: skid pad; slalom; and ABS/ emergency lane changes. At lunch, the students (and their parents) saw what happens when airbags deploy, which got the students' attention. In the afternoon, the three on-track exercises were linked so that students could experience them as they might on the Beltway, Route 66, Lee Highway, or their street at home.

Students were guided by 14 of our best DE and AX instructors, termed "In-car Coaches" for TRSS. The Coaches helped the students relax and concentrate on each exercise. Once the students progressed to be more comfortable, In-car Coaches purposely distracted the students by asking irrelevant questions, playing with the radio, and even trying to show the students "amusing" videos on their mobile phones. The point of the distractions was to demonstrate how fast things can change and what can happen when drivers' eyes are not always on the road.

We have a lot of people to thank for their contributions to TRSS. First, the instructors who gave up yet another Sunday; most have participated in TRSS before, and many told us how much they enjoy coaching these students. Second, the PCA volunteers, like Kevin Keaty and the Autocross team, who set up the on-course exercises the day before; Registration Lead Jordan Applebaum, whose team registered students and collected waivers, and Tech Lead Bill Calcagno, whose team inspected students' vehicles. National Instructor Rafael Garces, as always, was invaluable in leading four classroom sessions and assisting with course design. A special thanks to Dirk Dekker, who was both Field Marshal and the brave one who conducted the airbag deployment. Dan Glicoes gets special commendation, as a sponsor of two teenage drivers,



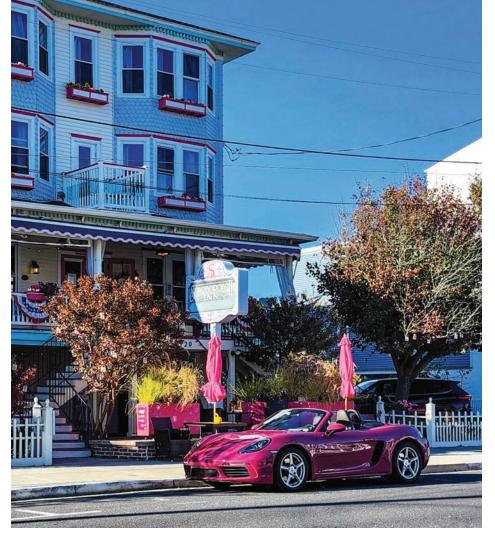
Dirk Dekker demonstrates air bags.

a volunteer, and the last to leave the event, helping us pack up the cones and move the Autocross trailer to its home at Summit.

Thanks to Mia Walsh and Diane Sullenberger, who advocated that our Region participate in the National TRSS program. And, finally, a special thanks to Bill Dooley, who led the program for its first three years; he worked out the kinks and challenges of the program and provided me with needed advice and support.

With this fourth annual event, TRSS has become a permanent fixture on PCA Potomac's roster of events. Why do we do it? The national TRSS program **(streetsurvival.org)** notes that a 16-year-old driver is 20% more likely to be killed in a vehicle crash than an adult. PCA Potomac and our volunteers are here to help reduce that statistic. Please contact me at **streetsurvival@pcapotomac.org** if you are interested in getting more involved with TRSS for the 2025 PCA Potomac season. **DV**





Left page: The historic Ferris wheel at Gillian's Wonderland Pier frames the background as David Osborn and Sue Pankow pilot their Boxster down the Boardwalk. Photo by Paul Mickelson.



Mike and Jackie Peters' Miami Blue GT4 looks

right by the shore! Photo by Mike.

Barb Bilodeau caught this scene of her distinctive 2024 Ruby Star Neo Boxster in front of the Scarborough Inn, Ocean City, NJ. Photo by Barb Bilodeau.

Reflections on the 2024 Boardwalk Reunion

STORY BY MIKE PETERS, DRIVE AND DINE CO-CHAIR

The weekend of October 19th marked the Fifth Annual Boardwalk Reunion in Ocean City, NJ, hosted by Porsche Club of America Zones 1 & 2. This year's event drew nearly 340 Porsches and celebrated the "60th Anniversary of the Iconic 911," showcasing models from 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, 2014, and 2024. Potomac members David Osborn and Sue Pankow's 2014 911 Turbo S and Glenn and Nancy Havinoviski's 2024 911 T were among the standout cars on display.

Festivities kicked off Friday night with a "Porsche Porch Party" at the Scarborough Inn, where attendees enjoyed appetizers, food, and spirited hot apple cider—a crowd favorite.

Saturday morning dawned clear and bright, and a procession of Porsches began staging on the OC Municipal Airport tarmac. As is common at PCA events, volunteers played a key role; Potomac members David, Sue, Glenn, and Nancy packed hundreds of goodie bags with sponsor swag. During staging, an unexpected King Tide flooded part of the parking area,



prompting drivers to relocate. Event photographers turned the reflective tidewater pools into a backdrop for some spectacular photos.



Assembly at Ocean City Municipal Airport before the parade down the Boardwalk. Photo by Kobus Reyneke.



The boardwalk procession. Photo by Barb Bilodeau.





Saturday morning, they're ready to rumble: Rob Mariani, Steve Kaye, and Meghan Mariani at the assembly. As Bruce sang down on the Jersey Shore, "Come on with me, tramps like us, baby, we were born to run!" Photo by John Korossy.



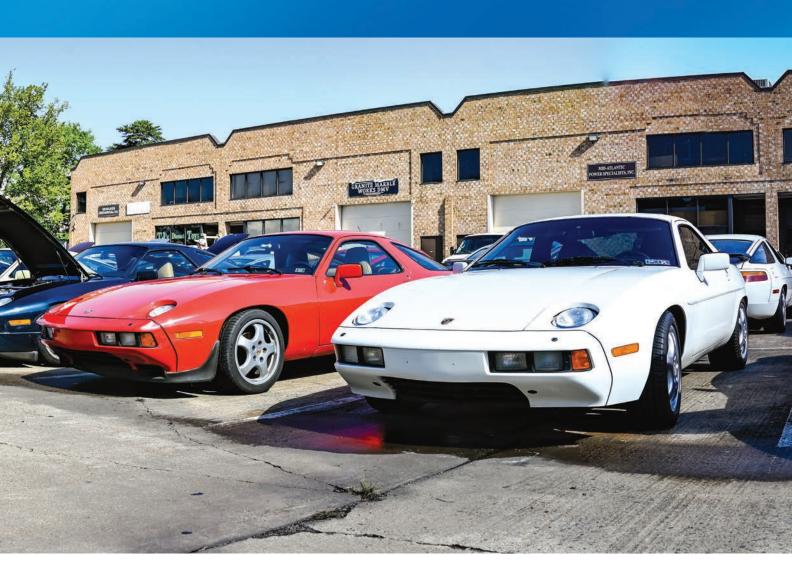
Nancie Havinoviski, Sue Pankow and David Osborn. Photo by Glenn Havinoviski.

After a group safety briefing, the procession left the airport under police escort, heading toward the boardwalk ramp. The Porsches lined up in two parallel rows nearly a mile long, and spectators gathered to watch as the vehicles settled into place. Once parked, members explored the boardwalk shops, sponsor tents, and attended PCA Tech Sessions, with topics including 356/911 rescues, early 911 restorations, and an analysis of the current 911 market.

Per the city contract, all vehicles remained on the boardwalk for five hours, allowing visitors to admire them. After indulging in NJ-style pizza, Johnson's Popcorn, and a wealth of 911 tech knowledge, drivers eventually returned to their cars, exiting the boardwalk in a 30-minute, leisurely departure.

That evening, members gathered at the Historic Flanders Hotel Ballroom for a Saturday night social and dinner. They enjoyed an open bar, a social hour featuring a slideshow of the day's events, and a lively evening of dining, dessert, and dancing.

If you'd like to display your Porsche on one of New Jersey's most iconic boardwalks, save the date for next year's 6th Annual Boardwalk Reunion, scheduled for October 18, 2025. For more information, contact the Drive and Dine Committee. **DV**



Sharks Swarm in Sterling: 928s

STORY BY GREG NICHOLS Photos by steve grumbach

All the numbers lined up: the 28th annual '928 Frenzy' landed fittingly on 9/28, as Porsche 928 enthusiasts gathered in Sterling, Virginia. There were 66 shark-nosed 928 classics from 18 states and two Canadian provinces. Over 90 folks attended, including four from Texas who fly in every year to be part of the event. As he has in the past several years, Darryl Nichols of Odds and Ends Detailing opened his shop and arranged the venue while Frenzy organizer, J.P. Thal-Larsen applied his artistic talent to make a special graphic with a "28" theme that looked great on the back of the commemorative tee shirts.

Why the name "Frenzy"? Well, the smooth profile of the V8 luxury grand touring coupe (1978-95) 928 looks a lot like the body of a shark, to which their owners affectionately refer to them. And what happens when lots of sharks get together to eat voraciously (as they do) at the Holiday Inn banquets on Friday and Saturday evenings? Well, it's a frenzy! The weekend event included reunions among friends, tech sessions throughout the day, and an afternoon "fun run" through the mountains of western Loudoun County.

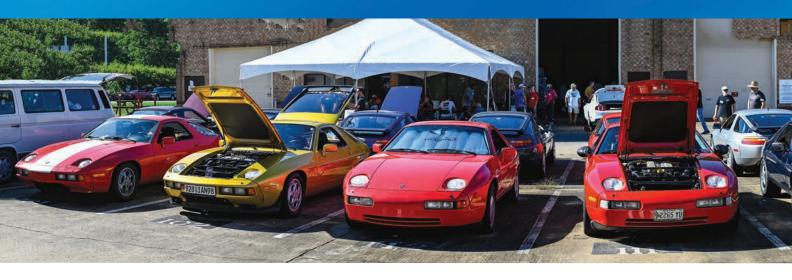
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Gather on Matching Date

And With a Little Help from His Frenzy Friends...

It's 1,100 miles from Miami, Florida to Sterling, Virginia. Determined 928 owner Adam Kravitz rolled out of Miami in his 1978 Porsche 928 heading to the D.C. area on September 26, the day before Hurricane Helene's high winds and storm surge crashed into Florida's west coast. He was happy to leave the storm behind, but that soon turned to concern as he suddenly lost power steering while driving through Georgia. A quick examination showed that his old belt had given up the ghost and was now lying somewhere on the shoulder of I-95. Not having a spare belt with him, but determined to make it to Frenzy, he reached out to the amazing support network of 928 owners to find out if he might get mechanical help once he arrived. Adam contacted Potomacan and Frenzy organizer Greg Nichols while he was on the road who found a new belt for him in stock at the local NAPA store. When Adam rolled into town on the afternoon of September 27, another Potomacan and Frenzy organizer Kevin Lacy was waiting for him with tools in hand ready to tackle the problem. After a bit of grimy wrenching, the new belt was in place and Adam's 928 was back in top shape.







The pilot-in-command's view in the 928 includes a contoured swept console with large analog dials. The floating ball compass is an interesting aid to navigation.



Photo by Bertrand Daoust.



Tech talk: Rich Andrade of Electronik Repair (of Arizona) delivers sound advice to owners with problems common in the now 40+-year-old models. Multiple well-respected 928 gurus attend Frenzy every year, so a wealth of information was available to those with questions about specific issues.

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For some 928 owners, 300 HP is not enough power. This beautiful goldwrapped 928S4 gets a power boost from an aftermarket supercharger.



You'll doubtless recall the famous line from the movie "Risky Business" when the Service Manager asks after examining the 928 Tom Cruise dumped into Lake Michigan, "Who's the U-Boat commander?" Apparently, it's this guy.

This is the spirit of Frenzy. The car stuff is great but the thing that makes 928 Frenzy so special is the "family reunion" atmosphere of the gathering. Everyone is so happy to see each other and get caught up on all the news – both carrelated and personal. This is a very welcoming family, receiving new members every year. If you drive a 928 or not, when you come to 928 Frenzy you will find a lot of kind, gracious people ready to listen to your life experiences and share theirs.

Remember, 928 Frenzy is always held on the last full weekend of September, so mark your calendar now for September 27, 2025. **DV**

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY CINDY CHOI



Cindy Choi's dark blue metallic 911 Turbo, Mandy Warrington's Miami Blue Cayman and Ray McJ's black Cayman S enjoying a stunning view from the summit of Pikes Peak.

For my 50th birthday, I wanted to create an unforgettable experience, so I hit the road with two friends from Potomac PCA. The plan? A cross-country journey along the iconic Mother Road, Route 66, which spans eight states and stretches 2,448 miles from Chicago to Santa Monica—all in my Porsche 911. My traveling companions, Mandy Warrington in her Cayman and Ray McJ in his Cayman S, were also ready for an epic adventure filled with stunning sights, charming small towns, and unforgettable memories.

Route 66: Chicago to Santa Monica

We started in Chicago, the official beginning of Route 66, and made our way through the heart of America. Our first

significant stop was the Gateway Arch National Park in St. Louis. From there, we cruised through Illinois and Missouri, taking in sights like the Route 66 Hall of Fame and The Old Station. In Kansas, we visited "Cars on the Route" in Galena, where a collection of vintage trucks and cars inspired by characters from the movie "Cars". Afterward, we headed to Oklahoma and stopped in Tulsa to see the Golden Driller Statue, an iconic symbol of the International Petroleum Exposition. In Texas, we explored the Cadillac Ranch, where old cars are half-buried in the ground and covered in colorful graffiti. We then reached the Midpoint of Route 66 in Adrian, Texas, marking the halfway point between Chicago and Los Angeles.



The intrepid travelers in Arches National Park: Ray McJ, Cindy Choi, and Mandy Warrington. Photo by Mandy.

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On the route through Monument Valley, Arizona.

A highlight of the trip was celebrating my birthday at Petrified Forest National Park and the Grand Canyon National Park. In the morning, we began at Petrified Forest National Park, renowned for its fossilized trees, colorful badlands, and ancient petroglyphs. Back on the road, we couldn't resist stopping in Winslow, Arizona, to snap a photo at the famous corner from the Eagles' song "Take It Easy." On our way to the Grand Canyon, we made a quick detour to visit the Meteor Crater, a massive hole in the Arizona desert created by a meteorite thousands of years ago. Standing next to it was a surreal experience. Afterward, we explored Grand Canyon National Park, hiking along the rim and taking in the breathtaking views. We ended the day by watching the sunset, which displayed stunning colors across the canyon. Next up was Oatman, an old mining town in Arizona, where wild burros still roam the streets. It quickly became one of my favorite stops. Driving along the narrow, winding Oatman Highway was a thrill in itself. Before heading to Santa Monica, we took on the famous Angeles Crest Highway, a 66-mile scenic route offering breathtaking views of forests and rugged peaks. This highway is well known among car enthusiasts for its twisting passages through the San Gabriel Mountains.

Finally, we reached Santa Monica Pier, the end of Route 66. Standing at the finish line after such a long and memorable drive felt incredible.



Driving through Arches National Park north of Moab, Utah.

Return trip

On our way back, we headed north to Leggett, California, where we drove through the famous Chandelier Tree, a 2,400-year-old giant redwood with a hole cut through its trunk—a true highlight of the trip. We then continued east along Route 50, known as the Loneliest Road in America, with desolate miles of sheer emptiness stretching from Nevada to Utah. Upon arriving in Utah, we stopped at Sevier Lake, a large, shallow saline lake celebrated for its scenic beauty and dry lake bed. Next, we ventured southeast to explore Arches National Park near Moab, Utah, and further south, we passed through Monument Valley's stunning landscapes in the northeast corner of Arizona.

From there, we traveled to Colorado to visit friends in Breckenridge. En route to Pikes Peak, we drove the winding mountain road through Loveland Pass, soaking in the stunning views along the way. After reaching Cascade, Colorado, we ascended to the summit of Pikes Peak, renowned for its impressive 14,115-foot elevation and historic Race to the Clouds Time Attack races—a perfect challenge for our Porsches.

Before heading home, we explored the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, where towering red rock formations rise against the breathtaking backdrop of Pikes Peak. It was the ideal spot to reflect on the incredible journey we had just completed.



A sign on the Santa Monica Pier marks the end of the legendary highway.



Redefining the term "drive-through". Photo by Ray McJ.



Making a new friend in Oatman, AZ. Photo by Ray McJ.



Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, TX.

Looking back...

Driving Route 66 in my 911 with friends in their Porsches was the perfect way to celebrate my 50th birthday. Over 14 days, we covered 8,000 miles, exploring national parks, quirky small towns, historical landmarks, and scenic byways. Each mile was filled with adventure. If I could do the trip differently, I would add more days or split it into two parts: one focused entirely on Route 66 and the other dedicated to exploring the Pacific Coast Highway and the western national parks. To fully enjoy the scenic roads and landscapes, I recommend avoiding night driving by wrapping up each day before sunset. One thing's for sure: the Porsche 911 is the ideal car for road trips—truly the perfect choice for an unforgettable adventure. So, buckle up and hit the open road! I'm already looking forward to my next road trip adventure! DV

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Moab Museum of Film and Western Heritage, located at the Red Cliffs Lodge, outside Moab, UT, documents the countless movies and hundreds of commercials filmed in the area, from John Ford's classic westerns in the 1940s and '50s to Thelma and Louise, City Slickers, and Forrest Gump. It's a nostalgic hidden gem and a must-see.

BATTLE ON THE BRICKS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY KEN MARKS -



Filipe Nasr (No.7 GTP) in the Penske Motorsport Porsche 963, followed by the second Penske Porsche 963 entry (No. 6 GTP).

Back home again in Indiana! Once again, I am at the Speedway. This race, held on September 22, 2024, would be Round 10 of the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. The classes participating would be GTP, LMP2, GTD Pro, and GTD. It would be a six-hour race. The crowd was enthusiastic, and the weather for Friday practice was pleasant. But then it changed dramatically; there were ominous clouds early on race day. Still, we enjoyed a remarkably trouble-free race, especially considering the massive field of 56 cars.

The green flag fell at 11:41 AM. The temperature was 77 degrees, with a track temperature of 84 degrees; the race began on a still damp track following rain earlier in the day. Sebastian Bourdais (#01 GTP, Cadillac V-Series) was the initial pacesetter after the Frenchman had secured his second pole of the season. But as he jumped into the lead, Filipe Nasr (#7 GTP, Penske Porsche 963) flew from seventh on the grid. Soon, Nasr was soon hot on Bourdais' heels. After about only four minutes, before even three laps were in the books, Nasr was in the lead.

Nick Catsburg (#4 GTD Pro, Corvette ZO6 GT3 R) led the GTD Pro field into Turn One. Unfortunately, Laurin Heinrich's pole-winning run (for AO Racing in the #77 GTD Pro Porsche, "Rexy") had been annulled after the car failed to meet the minimum ride height during inspection after qualifying. Consequently, Rexy was forced to start from last place. In GTD, the #32 Mercedes-AMG GT3 of Michael Grenier led into turn 1.

The early laps were somewhat unsettled. For a few moments, Roman Grosjean in the #63 GTP Lamborghini SC63 led the GTP field from Nasr in the #7 Penske Porsche 963. Then Nasr restored the regular order and retook the overall lead from Grosjean. Around the same time, about one hour into the race, Alex Riberas (#23 GTP-Pro, Aston Martin Vantage GT3 EVO) led GTP-Pro followed by Catsburg (#4 Corvette Z06 GT3 R).

Then, there came a heavy downpour. Most of the second hour was run behind the safety car due to huge puddles of standing water on the track.



Jay Heylen (#120 GTD Porsche 911 GT3 R) of Wright Motorsports battles ahead of the Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports Corvette Z06 GT3 R. The #120 Porsche would go on to win the GTD class.

Most cars quickly stopped for wet weather tires. Several yellow flags ensued. At 1:28 PM, the green flag was waved again. Unfortunately, Nasr (#7 GTP Penske Porsche 963) received a drive through penalty for passing under the yellow flag, as did Gianmarie Bruni in a customer Porsche 963 (#5 GTP). Tommy Milner (#4 Corvette) also received an incident responsibility penalty for brushing the #8 LMP2 driven by Charles Eastwood.

Meanwhile, Jay Heylen (#120 GTD Porsche 911 GT3 R) moved into the lead in GTD. Patrick Gallagher (#96 GTD BMW M4 GT3) fell into second in GTD.

By lap 69, shortly after the 2-hour mark, Grosjean was again in the overall lead. This time he was followed by Mathieu Jaminet (#6 GTP Penske Porsche 963). But by lap 78, Connor De Phillippi (#25 GTP BMW M Hybrid V8) had become the overall leader, by 0.019 seconds, from Jaminet in second.

Penske Motorsport Porsche 963, driven by Nick Tandy and Mathieu Jaminet, in GTP Sunday morning.

Around the same time, at lap 75, Michael Christensen (#77 GTD-Pro Porsche 911 GT3 R), driving Rexy, had moved into the lead from Alexander Sims in the #3 GTD-Pro Corvette ZO6 GT3 R.

For the next few hours, Ranger van der Zander (#01 GTP Cadillac V-series R) and Jessee Krohn in the #24 GTP BMW M Hybrid would trade places for the overall lead. Similarly, in GTD-Pro, Christensen and Harry Tincknell (#64 GTD-Pro Ford Mustang GT3) would trade places over and over.

Nonetheless, by lap 159 (after four hours and 33 minutes of racing), Nick Yelloly in the #25 GTP BMW M Hybrid V8 was in the overall lead from Nick Tandy (#6 GTP Porsche 963). Bourdais in the #01 Cadillac was in the pits repairing body damage and the #63 GTP Lamborghini had retired.

At hour five, the #40 GTP Acura ARX-06 (Louis Deletraz and Jordan Taylor) was the overall leader in GTP due to a longstint strategy which gave them a one lap lead over the entire GTP field. Then, there came a heavy downpour. Most of the second hour was run behind the safety car due to huge puddles of standing water on the track.



The Porsche 911 GT3 R (992) "Rexy" of AO Racing. Piloted by Laurin Heinrich and Michael Christensen, it would go on to take the class win in GTD Pro.



AO Racing's team mascot Rexy shares a light moment with a teammate in front of fans and their No. 70 GTD Pro entry 992 GT3 R before the race on Sunday morning.

The final restart from yellow came with 56 minutes remaining in the event. The Acura ARX-06 of Louis Deletraz and Jordan Taylor was in the lead, followed by the pair of BMWs (#24 and #25) and Jaminet's Penske Porsche (#6). After earlier being the first driver to venture onto slick tires as the track dried following the rainstorm, Eng (#24 BMW) soon found a way past teammate De Phillippi (#25 BMW). Eng's teammate, Jesse Krohn, must have been on the edge of his seat, as surely was De Phillippi's teammate, Nick Yelloly.

Eng then swiftly moved onto Deletraz's tail before taking him by surprise with an incisive pass under braking for Turn 13 – most definitely not one of the circuit's primary overtaking places. De Phillippi (#25 BMW) followed him through and, while the gap to the pursuing fourth-place Penske Porsche never stretched to much more than a couple of seconds, the BMW team-mates were able to control the pace and cement an emotional victory. Meanwhile, Deletraz received a penalty for an incident with the #8 GTD-Pro Mercedes AMG GT3 driven by Chaz Mostert. Jaminet moved into 3rd place in the #6 Porsche 963. And that is how they finished: BMW in 1st and 2nd; Porsche in 3rd.

Steven Thomas and Mikkel Jensen joined Hunter McElrea to secure TDS Racing's second successive LMP2 victory, while Porsche 911 GT3 Rs swept the two GT classes. Heinrich and Michael Christensen in the #77 Porsche 911, Rexy, were firmly in the lead in GTD-Pro and would take the win. And from a bumper crop of 22 GTD cars, Adam Adelson/Elliott Skeer/Jan Heylen driving AO Racing's 911 GT3 R (992) Rexy took the GTD.



Efrin Castro (No. 65) of Kellymoss running in $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Pro-Am}}$ in the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Porsche}}$ Carrera Cup.

Proton Competition Mustang Sampling Porsche 963 in Grand Touring Prototype (GTP).

Post Race

But that was not to be the end of the race drama. The #6 Penske Porsche that placed to third, driven by Nick Tandy and Mathieu Jaminet, was disqualified due to a technical infraction. The car's wiring loom was out of compliance with IMSA regulations. Penske Motorsport Jonathan Diugiud stated that the component had no impact on performance but was not in compliance due to a "procedural process" that was not followed for an update to the length of the routing loom. The change was not implemented on the customer 963s, only on the Penske Porsche 963s. Diugiud was fully supportive of IMSA's application of its rules in this case. The other Penske Porsche (#7), driven by Dane Cameron and Felipe Nasr, would take 7th place in class.



Porsche Penske Motorsport 963.



Jordan after finishing 4th and 2nd in Pro Am in Race 1 and 2, respectively. He would go on to finish the series in 5th overall.

Porsche Connections with Jordan Wallace

I had the chance to meet Jordan Wallace, an up-and-coming talent in the Porsche Carrera Cup North America, during the Battle on the Bricks in Indianapolis. Jordan, who hails from Upper Marlboro, Maryland, has strong local ties: his father was a Prince George's County Police officer, and his mother a teacher. He's already made waves, having been featured on WTOP, Good Morning Washington during the Miami Grand Prix, and in the March 2024 edition of Porsche's Christophorus magazine.

Jordan is sponsored by Vision Motorsports, a local organization, and races in collaboration with Kellymoss Racing. His backers include retired NFL player Jordan Reed and Davis Infrastructure, with Reed co-founding Vision Motorsports. Vision Motorsports, an international racing team and driver development program, aims to bring a fresh, inclusive approach to motorsports, engaging a new generation of fans and athletes.

Jordan's career has seen early success, with wins and podium finishes in the Porsche Sprint Challenge North America, as well as achievements in the DTM Trophy and GT4 European Series – stepping stones to his partnership with Kellymoss. His 2024 season in the Pro-Am class has been impressive so far, with second place in Miami's third race, third place in Montreal, and strong finishes in Indianapolis (fourth in Race 1; second in Race 2). He's currently ranked fifth in the Pro-Am class and plans to compete in eight races this season. Jordan is also notable for being the first African American driver in the Porsche Carrera Cup North America, making this season the start of his most exciting journey yet. **D**



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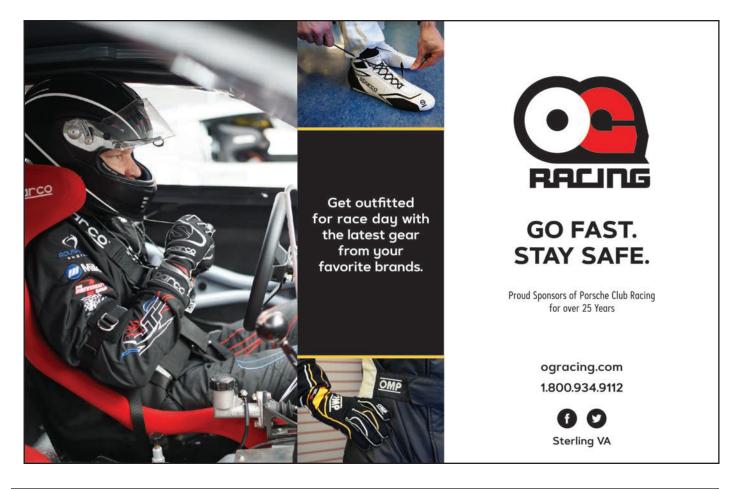
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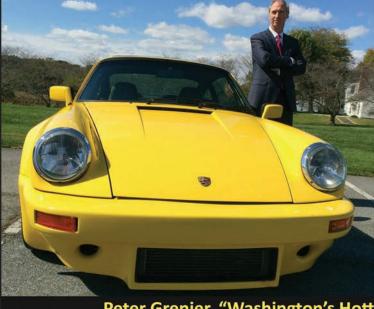


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Club Historian George Whitmore, ordinarily a stand-up guy, applies a level-headed approach to ensure the barriers at DE are properly positioned. Photo by Chip Taylor.



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