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Steve Grumbach
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Car Tunes

Mark Miller's recent articles in DV about suggested improvements to audio systems in your Porsche got me thinking: We love driving our Porsches — and nothing is better than exploring the open roads north and west of the congested DMV on a clear sunny day. Whether shared with a cohort, or not, my favorite companion is music.

There is a short list of DJ car-themed songs we regularly hear blaring at car shows: Sammy Hagar's "I Can't Drive 55;" The Beatles, "Drive My Car;" Wilson Pickett's "Mustang Sally;" The Beach Boys, "Little Duce Coupe," Bruce Springsteen's "Thunder Road;" and "Little Red Corvette," by Prince. Just listing them doubtless makes you start to hum the melodies. (Unabashedly, call 'em "Dad Music" staples of our generation.) But having heard them so often doesn't necessarily enhance the drive.

I've got a pretty big music library (at last count over 14,000 songs in 2,220 albums — that's 79 GBs). Having gone through the evolution from vinyl to cassette to CD's I've taken a big portion of them and loaded the MP3 files on a USB in all the cars I drive. (And no, I've drawn the line at downloading the White Album a third time.) But unless something comes to mind, I usually set the PCM to "shuffle" and let them run randomly. I'm not a big "playlist" guy. Nor am I content to let Pandora or another streaming service do the picking — I'd rather play jukebox DJ.

This is not to say a flat-six at full chat doesn't provide enough inspiration when you are on the open road, but that's what the "mute" button is for.

With that said, some of my less-common acceleration-altering favorites are:

Aretha Franklin, "Freeway of Love." Clarence Clemons' sax provides the backbone as Aretha cruuuuuz-ez on into its better-than-ever street. Rock the pedal and go!

Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band, "Roll Me Away." More about two wheels than four, Seger perfectly captures enjoying the ride as he explores the highway with destination unknown.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, "Runnin' Down a Dream."

Steve Miller Band, "Living in the U.S.A." It starts with a burnout and ends with a cheeseburger; enough said.

Little Feat, "Let It Roll." A rollicking ride, "...Rollin' down Highway 95, sailin' through her hometown countryside... Might be doin' more than fifty-five when I sit my baby right down by my side..." We can all relate.

Mark Knopfler & Emmylou Harris, "Speedway at Nazareth" (live). Knopfler's opening melancholy lament of the challenges and setbacks of CART professional racing as he crisscrosses from track to track picks up in tempo and ferocity as it goes.

Joe Bonamassa, "Tiger in Your Tank" from Muddy Wolf at Red Rocks (live). Joe's punched-up juke-joint cover of Muddy Waters' 1960 classic. Allegorical references to things automotive are non-coincidental.

Roy Orbison, "I Drove All Night." There are countless more contemporary covers of this, including recently a Jeep commercial, but none come close to the original by Roy.

Van Halen, "Panama." Fast car, fast women, big hair; a statement '80s song. You can't help chiming in when David Lee Roth screams the title in three syllables.

The Who, "Going Mobile." Another Keith Moon drumming masterpiece; "beep-beep" air-conditioned gypsies indeed.

I'll readily acknowledge this list reflects the era in which I grew up — although having crested 70, it is speculative that I have done so. And there's nothing particularly German or Porsche-themed on my list. (And please, if you suggest Kraftwerk's, "Autobahn" you risk revocation of your PCA membership — just sayin'.) But I'd be remiss not to mention Janis Joplin's, "Mercedes Benz"; ironic, because she famously piloted her psychedelic 1964 356C cab through the Malibu mountains. Of course, she included the line, "...all my friends drive Porsches," which says it all.

Postscript: RIP to the legendary jazz/R&B saxophonist David Sanborn who passed May 12th at age 78. His cover of Al Green's "Love & Happiness" live on *Straight to the Heart* was never done better. DV

By Any Measure, the Club Race Was Huge



President Don Mattran on track in his tricolor 1989 944 Turbo. Photo by Victor Newman.

I am always happy to report that we continue to have many popular and well-attended events. I have recently returned from participating in our annual Club Race at Summit Point in West Virginia. We had 120 racers, making our race one of the best attended in the country. Of course, the race would not have been possible without the 100+ VOLUNTEERS and 20+ SPONSORS! Allie Conley and Steve Wilson were our (more than) awesome Chairs, handling the millions of details and knowing what is important to hold a successful race event. While I would love to acknowledge all our volunteers and sponsors, I feel it worthy to single out those who went above and beyond the call of duty.

The Club Race Committee (led by Allie and Steve) spent countless hours making sure all of us racers could do what we love:

- Donna Amico – Registrar

- Steve Lebowitz and Bob Simmons – Sponsor Team
- Ed Strawderman – Volunteer Coordinator
- Len Derus – Flag Marshall
- Debra Kiraly – Hospitality Coordinator
- Glenn Wolhuis – Paddock Management
- Pat Kaunitz – Charity Team
- Michael Brady – Timing & Scoring
- Paul Amico – Social Media
- Bill Conley – Welcome Coordinator

We had 20+ sponsors, and without them giving generously, entry fees could have been onerous, to the extent that we wouldn't have the number of racers needed to hold a race. Around the country, it has been quite challenging for other Regions/Zones to hold viable races, so our sponsors are critical. I just have to single out our top sponsors:

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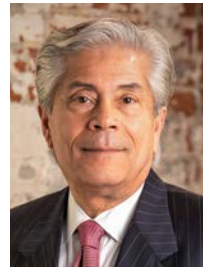
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- Craftsman Auto Care – Matt and Judy Curry
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- Fitzwater & Dean CPA's – David Dean (also a racer and impetus behind live streaming of the race which may be replicated at other PCA Club Races)
- Radial Tire – Paul Moorcones

It was a fantastic weekend all around, even though some of us, including yours truly, encountered some minor (sort of) mishaps on the track. Other than myself, I will refrain from listing their names! I will tell you that every one of these folks are excellent racers and I have no doubt they will be back on track in no time. Our Potomac Club Racers are a very resilient bunch of guys and gals!

I will continue to encourage folks across our entire club to come out to this amazingly fun event, even if you are not a racer. There is much camaraderie between the racers, volunteers, track support workers, and spectators. Of course, there are some really cool cars, too! DV



Don Mattran
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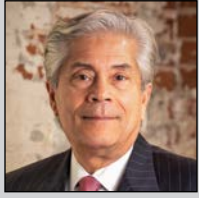
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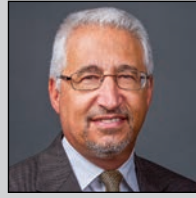
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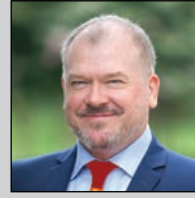
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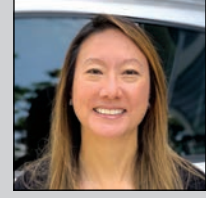
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10 Drive & Dine: Morais Vineyards
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16 Social: Maryland Monthly Brunch,
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You may already enjoy being part of our volunteer community and want to share your technical, organization/program management skills, or your ability to wrangle and inspire members to experience the Potomac difference. In that case, we have opportunities for you!

We have several open leadership positions. Reach out to the following to find out more:

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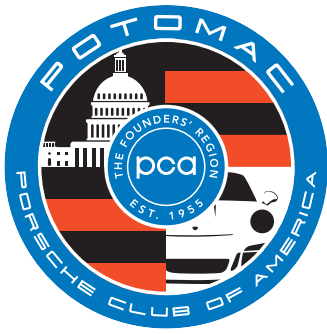
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CLUB RACE





Red Sprint class cars in Race #1 early Saturday afternoon. Photo by Ken Hills.

Rock the Summit 2024 PCA Potomac's Club Race



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In mid-September, the PCA Potomac Club Race Chair, Allie Conley and Co-Chair, Steve Wilson, brought together our racing community for an amazing event – Rock the Summit 2024. PCA Club Racing is the wheel-to-wheel, fully competitive road course racing event that allows those specially licensed drivers to compete head-to-head for points

and trophies. The season spans legendary tracks beginning February at Sebring in Florida, Wisconsin's iconic Road America and then, two weeks later racers are in our own backyard, Summit Point Motorsports Park, West Virginia. It's an exciting weekend of racing, competition, camaraderie, and the thrilling joy of pushing their cars to the limit.

Left: Mark Rougeux signals the finish of the Orange group Enduro race Sunday morning. Photo by Victor Newman.

Griff Asplundh's 2016 981 GT4 CS is reflected in the goggles of a Kellymoss team crew member while staging before the Enro race Sunday afternoon. Photo by Victor Newman.



Colin Dougherty's 2008 997 Cup running in GTC4. Photo by Don Campbell.



PCA Potomac was the first region to organize a Club Race and this year's race was the 33rd annual event. We had 113 racers participate with 1967 911 in the Vintage Group competing as the oldest car at the track. And at the other end of the spectrum were the newest 992 Club Cars. The level of support from our all-volunteer club was amazing again this year with 106 registered volunteers. Club Racing is great for spectators as well – we had hundreds of spectators, pit crew, and even kids coming out to see the action. All told it's amazing to bring together roughly 600 Porsche enthusiasts for a weekend-long event. We also raised nearly \$75,000 for this year's charity partner, the Erin Levitas Foundation.

The Race

The Paddock began to fill up on Wednesday – while not everyone arrives with a full-size semi, several of the teams truly have the big rigs.

After getting settled into the paddock, the drivers and crew get reacquainted with the track. Thursday and Friday morning are for practice but on Friday afternoon, the action really starts to heat up with qualifying sessions for all four of the run groups. Some drivers looked for speed early in qualifying like Frank Vitiello who put down a blistering 1:11.358 in his third lap. Others waited to find their hot lap later in the session like our PCA Potomac President Don Mattran who turned in his fastest time on lap.



Mark Rougeux signals the start of the Endro race on Sunday morning. Photo by Victor Newman.

The first sprint race started late Friday with the Vintage Group taking the track in the afternoon. The Vintage Group is comprised of a variety of classic Porsches with the older 911s and 914s make up the majority of the field. The Green Group is mostly comprised of different SPEC class cars, ranging from the 944s in either SP2 or SP3 to the popular Spec Boxster class, SPB. Cars that were built from the mid-1980s through the late 1990s, and whose availability, affordability, and reliability make for great racing! The Blue Group cars are higher horsepower and typically newer – this run group starts to see the technical innovation brought into road cars from Porsche's racing program. DFI and the PDK transmissions show up in the Blue Group for example in 987/981 Caymans, Boxsters, and 997 Carreras. Lastly, the

Red Group encompasses the modified race cars – including substantial aerodynamic modifications for increased downforce. The wings are tuned for each track to maximize downforce while minimizing drag on the 2,900-foot main straight connecting Turn 10 to Turn 1.

Following brief warm-up sessions on Saturday morning, each group took to the track for a pair of 30-minute Sprint Races. The action is wheel-to-wheel, especially coming down the main straight. To quote a new volunteer flagger working Turn 1, "I didn't know you could go three-wide through that turn – but you can if all three cars are almost touching!"



Franklin Pray's 2010 997 gets a splash during the Enduro race Sunday morning. Photo by Ken Hills.



Colleen Reiche on the grid team staging for vintage series cars Saturday morning. Photo by Victor Newman.



Mark Calzaretta's 2017 991.2 Cup running in class GTC7 in the paddock Friday. Photo by Don Campbell.

The action and competitiveness were evident throughout the day and into Sunday's Endurance Races, better known as Enduros. These 90-minute sessions include a mandatory pit stop allowing drivers to hydrate and tweak their setup. Fuel-hungry cars require refueling and tire changes to enable drivers to reenter the track with fresh grip. The strategy again plays out with some drivers choosing an early pit while others stay out to open up a multi-lap lead. Timing the pit stop also allows drivers to move away from traffic depending on their relative position on course.

PCA National supports the event with official Timekeeping and Stewards. This great team ensures fair events throughout the season and handles any on-track issues that may arise.



Enduro race Sunday morning. Photo by Victor Newman.



Paul Amico in a 1971 911 heads a vintage pack in practice Friday morning. Photo by Ken Hills.



Wendy Chetney working the grid Saturday morning. Photo by Victor Newman.





Announcers Gregg Ginsberg and Brian Donati keep viewers informed during the livestream. Photo by Jason Aldag.



Livestream viewing with a fire pit in the paddock. Photo by Victor Newman.



Rock the Summit Volunteers. Photo by Avery Peetchatka.

The Spectator Experience

This year, PCA Potomac navigated logistical issues to be the first PCA Club Race to live stream all the races to YouTube with announcer commentary.

The improvements in internet connectivity from Summit Point now enable remote camera operation, multiple camera feeds, and live announcing. During the race, family members, and even some viewers internationally, were able to enjoy the action. This is a huge improvement over hearing about the action after the fact. The commentary and announcer's knowledge of the drivers, the cars, and the racetrack made for a great event.

Thank you Sponsors and Volunteers

Rock the Summit is a huge undertaking – financially it's the largest event PCA Potomac does each year. We were thrilled to have 42 sponsors this year supporting the action. This great group ranges from National motorsport companies to local shops and businesses that love to show their support for local PCA Club Racing. We couldn't do what we do without the sponsors and encourage everyone to support them whenever you can.

There were 106 volunteers who came out to make this event great. Flaggers worked at each corner to keep the drivers safe; Registration ensured everyone was checked in; Grid kept all the cars safe and in position for the start and finish of each race; and Hospitality kept everyone fed and hydrated.



Saturday BBQ dinner. Photo by Victor Newman.

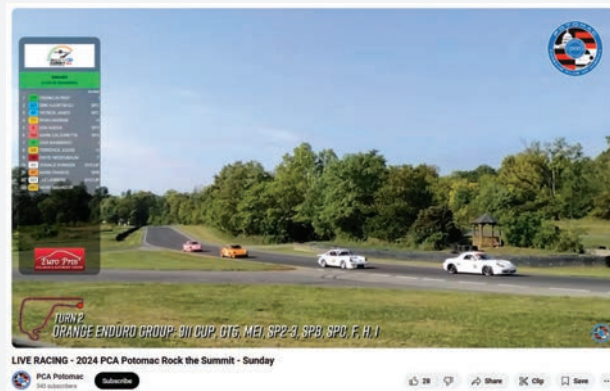


The Carolyn Eyerly Band, an award-winning bluegrass band, performing at Saturday's BBQ Dinner. Photo by Victor Newman.

Speaking of hospitality, the post-race social events were outstanding. There was dinner on Friday and the big bash on Saturday night that brought together the drivers, crew, spectators, guests, sponsors, and volunteers. Live music was provided by the award-winning Bluegrass artist, The Carolyn Eyerly Band; dancing, happy hour and amazing bar-be-cue.

Between set breaks there was the trophy ceremony and a speech from the event Chair. There is little better than watching the stars come out in West Virginia, listening to live Bluegrass, and seeing racers, crews, and families and friends lit by the glow of their screens watching (or rewatching as the case may be) the race!

We welcome everyone to come enjoy the action next year: as a driver, volunteer, or spectator! September 12-14, 2025! DV



Potomac Makes History with First-Ever Live Streaming of Club Race

In an exciting first for the PCA Potomac, this year's "Rock the Summit" Club Race marked the debut of live streaming for all races on YouTube, complete with announcer commentary. Sponsored by Fitzwater and Dean, PLC, the live stream was a monumental leap in PCA's race coverage, allowing family members, friends, and even international viewers to tune in and catch all the action in real-time.

Thanks to the improvements in internet connectivity at Summit Point, remote camera operation and live feeds from the track now run seamlessly. Announcers Gregg Ginsberg, Brian Donati, and producer Spencer Gaynor provided an engaging commentary, blending their racing experience and track knowledge with live updates on the drivers, their cars, and every thrilling moment on the course.

A total of nine cameras, strategically placed at key turns, gave viewers a dynamic feel for the entire track. This year's broadcast highlighted all drivers, not just the leaders, ensuring that every participant received well-deserved recognition, much to the delight of their families and friends watching at home.

In addition to real-time commentary, the stream featured a unique "spotters' guide," allowing announcers to identify drivers and share personal stories about their cars and racing backgrounds. The live stream, now available for replay on PCA Potomac's YouTube channel, has been hailed as a resounding success, with plans already in place for even more improvements for next year's event, including in-car footage, enhanced driver interviews, and expanded race coverage.

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE LIVE ACTION, RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PCA POTOMAC YOUTUBE CHANNEL. SCAN THIS QR CODE TO VIEW:



COMMUNITY SERVICE



(L/R) Marissa Jachman with Tracy Lobuts and to the right of the Michael Levitas cardboard, Pat Kaunitz and Amber Collison. Photo by Ken Hills.

The Erin Levitas Foundation Auction Potomacans Rock...Again!

STORY BY PAT KAUNITZ

Racers dutifully line up to register for the PCA Potomac Rock the Summit Club Race. Welcomed at the tent, once they check in they're handed a paint pen - what for? They are signing a 997 Red Bull hood. They find a spot and sign their name and racing number. Why? This hood has been donated by EuroPros and Ray Williams for the annual Erin Levitas Foundation charity auction and fundraiser that we do each year... One of the most sought-after items, the hood will be auctioned off Saturday night to benefit sexual violence prevention education, a cause PCA Potomac has partnered with for six years.

This relationship began when Michael Levitas, a longtime PCA member, lost his daughter to cancer just after her senior year at Wake Forest. The PCA community was there by his side and there again when his family started a non-profit to support the life's work his daughter had envisioned, sexual violence prevention, creating the Erin Levitas Foundation in her name.

Marissa Jachman, Executive Director of the Foundation had this to say: "This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and it's volunteer-led, not by us, but by the community. It's impressive. The PCA Community has been part of the foundation of support that has helped us grow as an organization."

And we get to watch them grow in their work to provide early education in the hopes (with data and research to back up those hopes) of preventing sexual assault. This year they expanded their portfolio with the addition of the "Parent Talk": an educational program designed for parents and other caregivers. (we see you, grandparents!) The goal of Parent Talk is to teach parents and caregivers about protective practices and risk factors related to sexual harassment, assault perpetration, and victimization and give them strategies for having conversations with children that will help keep them safe.



Check-out time at the auction booth. Photo by Victor Newman.



Community Service Chair Pat Kaunitz. Photo by Victor Newman.



Amber Collison from the Erin Levitas Foundation with the hood signed by all racers. Photo by Ken Hills.



The Erin Levitas Foundation auction team (L/R): Marissa Jachman (ELF ED), Pat Kaunitz (PCAP Community Service Chair), Tracy Lobuts (PCAP Member), Yasmeen Fallouh (ELF Intern), Debi Howard (ELF Staff), Wende Levitas (ELF Founder). Photo by Victor Newman.

These conversations don't have to be intense and scary, rather the training focuses on the many small moments that present themselves in a normal day. And for you guys out there - research shows that your participation in these moments is essential. See erinlevitas.org for more information.

Back to the money... our fundraising effort has become a well-oiled machine. This year we added Tracy Lobuts to the team - a new-ish PCA Potomac member. She has jumped in and become a valued member, anticipating needs and acting as the local contact now that I am splitting my time between Cleveland and West Virginia.

We added a fun pre-fundraiser event this year: an Auction Item Drop-Off Open House was held at TPC Racing. About 40 people attended, but we need to have MORE next year as Wende Levitas brought enough food to feed 100! This was a fun morning with lots of laughs, some serious car-ogling and some thoughtful questions from dads and moms about how to support their young children.

Then race weekend came. We never really know what is going to be the "hot item". Last year it was signed art. This year people loved the vintage Porsche printed sales brochures and the model cars. Next year - who knows!??? Through the auction portion alone we raised \$27K!

In pure donations... We raised an additional \$42K through contributions ranging from \$10 to \$12,000. Michael Levitas also issued a challenge this year - looking to see how many folks would match his \$5K contribution - and four people did!

Our grand total increased from \$57K in 2023 to \$69,298!

So what does this mean for the Foundation and to the family that founded it? "I am completely overwhelmed with the outpouring of giving. People open their hearts and wallets. If one soul, one family, is spared the anguish that the aftermath of sexual assault brings, then it is worth the effort." Michael Levitas said in a phone conversation about a week after the race. We believe, with our support, that more than one soul, one family will be affected. We are shooting for a generational shift. DV

AUTOCROSS



Line-up of participants for Autocross #6 under menacing skies in early September.

Autocross #6

STORY BY BILL CONLEY, AUTOCROSS CO-CHAIR
PHOTOS BY NICHOLAS LECHNER

If a cat can get nine lives, an autocrosser should get nine runs. That's exactly what happened at Autocross #6 on September 7th. Howard Leikin made great use of the Potomac Pad at Summit Point with a fun, fast, and challenging course. For those who haven't driven with us before, Potomac Pad is a massive expanse of asphalt – it's a blank canvas. Some designers have perfected what to do with that canvas – and Howard's masterpiece did not disappoint.

The driving conditions varied throughout the day. The morning began dry and cool but then began to drizzle. The skies opened up in the afternoon giving way to near-perfect conditions. Visually, the course had a few cones that would vanish behind the passenger side A-pillar, but then reemerge at the perfect time for a minor correction to the line. The top of the course contained the longest turn while trail braking that the author can remember. Carrying speed through the turn-in and letting the natural turn scrub the speed off was essential for an optimal run.

As the season builds, PCA Potomac prides itself on finding ways to ensure all the different elements of autocrossing are used at some point during the season. At this point in the season,

the points standings are heating up and a podium finish on the October 12th event will govern the trophies for the year. Only a few points separate the top drivers in the S3 and S5 Stock classes. The same is true in the highly competitive Improved class. While we're proud of all our drivers, we're highlighting the points competition for these three classes to show how exciting and competitive autocross is throughout the season. You can learn more about our point system and what it takes to be a ranked driver on our webpage (<https://pcapotomac.org/activities/autocross>) – but know that we keep the driving competitive, safe, and fun all season long!

If you're considering Autocross, feel free to come out as a spectator for the October 12th event at Washington Circuit at Summit Point. We do a \$1 registration for a Taste of Autocross program that allows you to ride with any of our coaches throughout the day. While we haven't set the schedule for next season, we plan to open next year with our full-day Autocross school – this is our gateway to bring in new drivers. We've found many people, having done the Taste of Autocross once are excited to try out the school with other new drivers next year. **DV**



Paul B. in his 1986 Carrera Cab.



Robert S. navigates the wet in his 2012 Porsche Cayman R.



Scott B. in his 2018 Porsche GT3 Touring.



Joe B. fully loads the suspension on his 2016 Porsche Boxster S.

Season Standings

Drivers	Total Points	# Events
I Class		
Niels Johnson	50	6
Pinto Soin	49	6
Duyane Norman	41	3
John Cho	40	6
S3 Class		
John Clay	47	5
Michael Press	45	4
John Bendekovic	44	5
S5 Class		
Howard Leikin	54	5
Scott Bordon	51	6



Drivers line up in the registration queue.

CONCOURS



356's in silver, grey, and red shades dominated the displays. Pete Russell's 1962 356B Notchback is on left.

Gathering of the Faithful

STORY BY GARY SIDELL, CONCOURS CHAIR
PHOTOS BY MIKE COPPERTHITE

On Sunday, August 25, in Fulton, Maryland, about 30 cars joined us for the annual Potomac Gathering of the Faithful Concours show in a massive asphalt parking lot provided by our sponsors, Mikey & Mel's Famous Deli. Among those cars were ten 356s of various years, in silver or shades of red – with one white version owned by Jay Silverberg and Mike Copperthite's grey gem that keeps on appreciating! The other Porsches included, among others, three older 911 Targas, four Boxsters from the initial model to two more current versions (981s), Jason Aldrige's shark blue 2022 GT4, a European version 911 RS in bright red, two 991s, and the Gutjahr/Beck family cars: Bob's bold 1980 911, and Ellen's white 911 Speedster.

The weather was warm but not as oppressive as last year (which was 100 degrees), with the single greatest collection of 356s in several years at a Concours event. Another car show was taking place a few miles away, so some of our expected collection of close to 100 cars may have found their way to that event rather than ours. Our sponsors provided excellent breakfast fare (bagels with lox and cream cheese or French toast on Challah, all very low calorie) for our participants who elected to patronize the Deli to repay their generous permission for us to use their parking lot.



As if someone turned back the clock to 1962, 356's line up curbside at the deli. Behind Michael Copperthite's 356 (left) is Bill Tate's white Speedster.



A G-body Targa stopped by the deli and joined the party!



The red convertible at center belongs to Sandy Kemper, President of 356 Registry Potomac Owners Group. The red and white convertible at far right belongs to Jay Silberberg.



Bob Gutjahr's copper 911 and Ellen Beck's white 911 speedster. They go everywhere together!

No prizes, trophies, or framed pictures were awarded to this group of cars; this event was purely an opportunity for all to gather, show, share, and admire the cars, particularly the collection of 356s. It's hard to imagine that those cars, without exception, are at least 60 years old; they appear to be just a few years from the production line. From their passenger compartments to their engine bays, these cars are simply sparkling, with paint jobs that, if not original (there were a few), have just as high a quality repaint as when they left Germany. In short, each of these cars is a sight to behold and it is quite understandable why they command six-figure sales

proceeds when they infrequently change hands. While we had far fewer cars this year than last, all attendees had a great time and stayed for several hours enjoying talking with other owners or simply inspecting the collection at hand.

This year's Concours events wrapped with the GOTF. We thank all those who participated in our events this year and hope they enjoyed themselves – whether they took home awards or just the psychic income from a few days of gorgeous (no rain) weather, admiring some of our region's cleanest and classiest cars. And we'll do it all again next year! **DV**

DRIVE & DINE



Ample parking at the winery for the large group at the end of their drive. Photo by Rebecca Madvay Wallace.

A Beautiful Day for a Drive

STORY BY STEVE AND ANN STURNER

A touch of fall greeted the 35 Potomacans gathered in Chantilly, Virginia on Sunday, September 8th for the start of a drive to Creek's Edge Winery. Under beautiful blue skies and with a nip in the air, Glenn Havinovski, Steve, and Ann Sturner briefed the drivers about the rules and route before they headed off on the 65-mile journey towards Lovettsville. The three drive groups, led by Steve, Glenn and Jim Moser and swept by Brian Berry, Percy White and Max Moser, started in suburbia but quickly made their way to the scenic back country roads across Loudoun County.

After passing through a neighborhood of beautiful houses, the cars kicked it up a notch on a rolling straightaway before the roads became narrower and more twisty – just what we were

looking for. As the veteran Dine & Drivers know, it wouldn't be a Dine & Drive without passing near Middleburg, so we made sure to get that into the route. But for a change of pace, the group headed north into new territory towards Purcellville and further north to their destination.

The drivers and their passengers enjoyed views of the mountains, beautiful horse farms, rolling hills, and more twists and turns. After passing through the small town of Waterford at 20 mph, the cars stretched their legs once more before entering the winery. The first group of cars claimed the prize parking spots in front of the grass to show off a bit while the other groups filed in to fill out the picture.



Group patio seating on a glorious afternoon blessed with sunshine. Photo by Rebecca Madvay Wallace.



The Creek's Edge Winery, adjacent to Catoctin Creek, offers scenic views across 4.5 acres. Photo by Rebecca Madvay Wallace.

Creek's Edge Winery welcomed the group to their beautiful pavilion, with the vineyard on one side and beautiful views all around. We made a beeline to the sunny area to soak up the warmth and discuss the enjoyable drive. Soon the group was enjoying a breakfast buffet including pastries, meats, cheeses, fruits, and waffles (don't forget the waffles!). Wine was sampled by those who had pre-ordered red and white flights while others opted for a glass of wine or simply some lemonade and iced tea.

After one last trip to the buffet to see if there was one last waffle, the drivers set off for home. The group couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for a drive! DV



Lew Azzinaro (right) gives a welcoming wave to the camera surrounded on the patio with Nancie Havinovitski's little Jack Russell Terrier Silk. Nancie is hidden beside Rebecca Medvay, and Barbara Azzinaro is seen wearing her customary wide-brimmed Black St. Barts hat. Photo by Ann Sturner.



Creek's Edge Winery in Lovettsville, VA. Photo by Rebecca Madvay Wallace.



Wright Motorsports #120 Porsche 911 GT3 R (992) would finish ninth in GTD.

2024 VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

GT RACING AT ITS FINEST

STORY AND PHOTOS BY KEN MARKS

The August 23-25 Virginia International Raceway (VIR) weekend was glorious. Temperatures were in the mid-80s. No rain was in the forecast. The schedule included the HSR NASCAR Classic, Mazda MX-5 races, VP Challenge races, the Michelin Challenge, and WeatherTech Championship (GTD Pro and GTD).

VIR is a popular venue for both pro and amateur-level race series because it retains the lost spirit of pure road racing – a spirit arguably lost with the advancement in safety regulations, oftentimes requiring acres of mandatory asphalt run-off area and the general flattening of the road surface. There's nothing flat at VIR, and what is more, every mistake is penalized harshly with a trip through the grass that's guaranteed to fill the car's splitter and radiator screens with the green stuff.

This year, the VIR round was rocked by two unexpected announcements from Porsche-running customer GTD teams, the # 22 Alex Job Racing/WeatherTech Porsche and the # 73 Park Place Motorsport cars. Both announced they were leaving the series immediately, citing Balance of Performance (BOP) inequities. This dropped the GTD car count to only 12. (The Alex Job Racing Porsche # 23 remained in the field.)

Saturday dawned bright and clear, and, like Friday, practice and qualifying sessions were scheduled. The WeatherTech series first practice in the GTD Pro class was headed by Madison Snow in the # 1 BMW M4 GT3, followed by Laurin Heinrich in the # 77 Porsche 911 GT3 R (also known as Roxy) and Alexander Sims in the # 3 Corvette Z06GT3R. Frederick Schandorff headed GTD in the Inception Racing # 70 Ferrari 296 GT3, followed by Philip Ellis in the # 57 Mercedes-AMG GT3. Practice 2 saw the # 120 Porsche 911 GT3 R of Elliot Skeer fastest in the GTD class.



The MDK Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R (992) running in GTD on Saturday.

In Saturday qualifying for the GTP Pro class, Madison Snow qualified fastest, followed by Antonio Garcia in the # 3 Corvette, and Harry Tincknell in the # 64 Mustang GT3 led the GTD Pro class. The highest qualifying Porsche in GTD Pro was Klaus Bachler in the # 77 Roxy in 8th place. The highest qualifying Porsche in GTD was driven by Elliott Skeer in third place in the # 120 GTD Porsche 911 GT3 R.

The green flag fell at 12:11 pm on Sunday with a temperature of 82 degrees. Snow in the # 1 BMW led into turn 1. The # 3 Corvette chased with the # 64 Mustang in third. That trio was followed by the # 4 Corvette and the other factory # 65 Mustang. In GTD the # 32 Mercedes inherited the lead from the # 55 Mustang, who dropped to third by lap one, behind Skeer's # 120 Porsche. The # 120 didn't stay in this position for long as Elliott Skeer went off track in Oak Tree corner and

lost multiple positions. In the meantime, Jack Hawksworth in the # 14 Lexus was moving through the GTD field to reach the rear of GTD Pro field.

The race entered a quiet period with almost no overtakes. That was until Leonato in the # 55 Mustang made the same mistake at Oak Tree corner as Skeer had a few laps earlier, losing second place in GTD and falling to 5th position. In other GTD action, the # 27 Aston Martin of Zacharie Robichon continued in second with the # 120 Porsche in 3rd. Finally, in GTP Pro, the # 65 Mustang of Joey Hand overtook # 4 Corvette for 4th position on the back straight. Multiple GTD Pro cars pitted with 2 hours to go, the first one of them being # 77 Porsche "Roxy." He was joined by the # 23 Aston Martin and the # 14 Lexus. Laurin Heinrich in the # 77 passed the # 23 driven by Ross Gunn on the pit exit.



The distinctive pink AO Racing #77 Porsche 911 GT3 R (992) "Roxy" in pit lane.

The first GTD pit stops were started by the # 32 Mercedes with most cars switching from their amateur drivers to pros. The # 32 with Kenton Koch held the lead with the # 27 Aston Martin, the # 55 Mustang, the # 120 Porsche and the # 96 BMW closely behind.

The later GTD Pro pit stops allowed the # 23 Aston Martin to emerge at the head of the field (thanks to its early pit stop), ahead of the # 1 BMW, both Mustangs, the # 14 Lexus, the # 9 McLaren and the Corvettes close behind. Following its stop, the # 3 Corvette lost drive, but continued after an electronics reset, while the # 65 Mustang had to serve a drive-through penalty for a short refueling time. The Corvette's problems resulted in a trip behind the wall for repairs. The running order in GTD Pro with one hour to go was the # 23 Aston Martin, the # 1 BMW, the # 64 Mustang, the # 14 Lexus, the # 4 Corvette and the # 9 McLaren. The # 3 Corvette rejoined after repairs 15 laps behind the leader.

With one hour remaining, the leaders in GTD Pro pitted. The # 4 Corvette lost time after failing to re-start when the mechanics finished working on the car. The # 1 BMW managed to overcut the # 23 Aston Martin and emerged in the lead of the race after all pit stops were completed. The # 23 Aston Martin received a drive through penalty for a short

refueling time, losing its second place. The order after pit stops was this: the # 1 BMW, the # 64 Mustang, the # 23 Aston Martin, the # 77 Porsche Roxy, the # 65 Mustang and the # 9 McLaren.

GTD pit stops followed resulting in the # 32 Mercedes in the lead in front of the # 27 Aston Martin, the # 55 Mustang, the # 96 BMW and the # 70 McLaren. Soon after, the # 70 slowed trailing white smoke from the back of the car. Frederik Schandorff managed to stop the # 70 car in the pit lane on the back straight with smoke billowing. Emergency crews attended to the car immediately. A full course yellow was called as soon as the smoke from the car was visible, and all the field closed up. At this point, the overall standings in GTD PRO were as follows: the # 1 BMW, the # 64 Mustang, the # 23 Aston Martin, the # 65 Mustang.

At the restart Madison Snow in the # 1 BMW drove off with the # 64 Mustang behind. Behind them, the # 65 Mustang unsuccessfully challenged the # 23 Aston Martin into turn 1, settling into fourth instead. Other notable battles included the # 77 battling the # 14 for 6th place in GTD Pro. In GTD, Corey Lewis drove off track in the Oak Tree corner in the # 55 Mustang while battling the # 27 Aston Martin for second place, but lost only one position.



The Porsche 718 GT4 RS CS of Baby Bull Racing in the "Virginia Is For Racing Lovers Grand Prix", on Saturday, August 24th at VIR.



The Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R in the paddock.

At the finish, the # 1 BMW dominated the weekend and won their first race since VIR in 2023. They were followed by a very promising outing for the # 64 Mustang (first podium for Mustang GT3), the # 23 Aston Martin and the # 65 Mustang. Fifth overall and first in GTD was the # 32 Mercedes-AMG ahead of the # 27 Aston Martin and a hard-charging # 78 Lamborghini.

While this had not been a spectacular race for Porsche cars, at the end of the weekend AO Racing's Roxy (# 77 Porsche 911 GT3R) driven by Laurin Heinrich and Klaus Bachler maintained their points lead in GTD Pro. Wright Motorsports was the top-finishing Porsche in the GTD class with drivers Adam Adelson (Los Angeles, California) and Elliott Skeer (San Diego, California) driving the # 120 to a ninth-place finish.

IMSA Michelin Challenge

For the third consecutive race, a Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS Clubsport took top honors in IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge. However, unlike the two most recent rounds for the series (Canadian Tire Motorsport Park and Road America), it was the # 38 BGB Motorsports Porsche and not the # 28 RSI Cayman that won the GT4-spec race at VIR on Saturday. The first race win of the 2024 season for the longtime Porsche entry



Roxy in a line of GTD Pro on Sunday.

of Thomas Collingwood (Canada) and Spencer Pumpelly (Atlanta, Georgia) came after two hours of racing in the "Virginia Is For Racing Lovers Grand Prix." The #38 BGB car finished just 0.373 seconds ahead of the # 28 RSI car of Trent Hindman (Ocean Township, New Jersey) and Stevan McAleer (Scotland) in second place. While the # 59 Mustang finished in third, the # 91 KellyMoss with Riley Porsche of Riley Dickinson (New Braunfels, Texas) and Michael McCarthy (Clearwater, Florida) finished in fourth place, less than 1.5 seconds out of victory lane.

The Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS Clubsport, closely based on the road-going Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS, now has four GS class race wins in eight rounds of the 2024 season. (Included are the two victories by the # 28 RSI, this weekend's VIR win by the # 38 BGB, and the season-opening four-hour race at Daytona International Speedway by the # 91 KellyMoss with Riley car.) Hindman/McAleer in the # 28 holds second place in the Drivers' standing only 50 points behind Matt Plumb in the # 46 Aston Martin. Consequently, Porsche is a mere 30 points from the lead in the Manufacturer standings.

Overall, it was another exciting weekend of racing at VIR. There was no rain and everyone enjoyed a fine race weekend. DV



A Dream Come True: Winning the Porsche 718 GTS

STORY BY JASON ALDAG
PHOTOS BY STEVE GRUMBACH

When the news broke that he had won a Porsche 718 GTS raffle, disbelief was Trey Harper's first reaction. Opening the door to see fellow PCA Potomac members Steve Bobbitt and Ed Hahn, holding a "Winner" sign and filming the moment, he initially thought it was a prank. (See our story in the February 2024 issue of DV.) But as the reality set in, he was overwhelmed with excitement and gratitude, a feeling that still lingers. Buying the two raffle tickets had been more about the dream of winning than the expectation, but now that dream was alive, and he was the proud owner of a 718 GTS.

A member of the PCA Potomac since 2012, Trey joined the club shortly after purchasing his first Porsche, a 1993 911 C4, a car he still reminisces about. Over the years, his passion for the brand grew, especially as he became more involved in the club's DE and Autocross events, where he witnessed

the potential of the Cayman platform firsthand. While he hadn't always been a Cayman fan, buying a 981 Cayman GTS for track use changed his perspective, and this made winning the 718 GTS even more special - turning what began as an admiration into a deep connection with Porsche's mid-engine lineup.

Customization was a thrilling part of the experience. With \$25,000 to spend on options, he chose to equip the 718 GTS with a manual gearbox, relishing the joy of shifting gears himself. Other key upgrades included the Sport Chrono Package, Porsche Sport Vector, and PASM, which he felt were essential for enhancing the car's performance. For the exterior, he opted for the sleek Arctic Gray paint, clear taillights, and black decals. Inside, he upgraded to full black leather with chalk stitching and sport seats, making the car perfect for both daily driving and occasional Autocross events.



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Winning the 718 GTS only deepened his bond with the PCA Potomac Region. Since joining, he has become an active member of the DE community and even volunteered for the AX committee. He also participated in events like the Potomac Concours, where his 993 Targa earned third place in its class. The support from his fellow club members after winning the raffle has been overwhelming, with many excited that someone from their local group had won. For him, the Potomac Region represents more than just a car club – it's a community of friends who share a passion for Porsche.

Since ordering the Cayman, anticipation grew over the summer months while Trey eagerly tracked the car's progress with every update of the car's production and shipping shared by Porsche. Finally – delivery in mid-August.

Driving the new 718 GTS is a constant reminder of the joy that Porsche brings. Whether navigating daily traffic or planning for the next club event, the 718 has enhanced his driving experience and strengthened his ties to the PCA Potomac community. Looking ahead, he plans to attend more Autocross events and share this incredible car with others. But more than anything, the win serves as a reminder that being part of the PCA Potomac is about more than cars – it's about the people who make the journey unforgettable. **DV**



Maryland Brunch bunch at The Irish Inn in September. Photo by Glenn Havinovski.

Let's face it: our enthusiasm for all things Porsche may not be universally shared in our regular social and family circles. More likely, it's a one-way conversation. (We've all experienced it.) So maybe, try changing the venue and give one of the monthly Potomac Brunches a try. You'll find it's a lively and welcoming group of like-minded enthusiasts whose favorite topics usually center around our favorite brand.

It's an occasion to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Whether the topic is something you've done, some past adventure or a recent event, a service problem to solve or anything else related to the joys (and occasional challenges) of ownership, newbies and veteran members alike find the casual gathering enlightening, entertaining, and informative. And there's certainly something on the menu to match your taste.

Wherever you live in the DMV, you'll find a location not too far away. So come on out and join us for a chat and a munch with the brunch bunch! **DV**

Potomac's Monthly Brunches

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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2019 718 Cayman
from Rockville

ARJUN PATEL
2024 911 Carrera 4S
from Washington

JONATHAN PINGLE
1969 911E Targa
from Kensington

BRYAN SCHUTT
2024 911 Carrera T
from Leesburg

RAYMOND SHANLEY
2021 Cayenne S
from Vienna

DANIEL SMIGELSKI
2009 911 Carrera 4S
from Hagerstown

CHRIS STERNBERG
2021 718 Boxster
from Hamilton

JAMES TAYLOR
2020 Taycan Turbo
from Martinsburg

JOHN TEGELER
2024 Macan S
from Washington

DALAYNA TILLMAN
2024 Taycan GTS
from Alexandria

MICHAEL VONAL
2007 Cayman S
from Leesburg

JAMES WILSON
2017 Macan
from Arlington

BRIAN WITT
1986 944 Turbo
from Broadlands

DAREN YANG
2024 911 Carrera 4
from Rockville

JONATHAN ZMUDA
2024 718 Boxster GTS 4.0
from Frederick

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TRANSFER FROM MILWAUKEE

JEFF HAGEN
2010 911 Turbo
from Frederick

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2011 Cayenne S
from Washington DC

TRANSFER FROM NORTHEAST

MILES C. HAMMILL
2000 911 Carrera
from Washington DC

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from Washington DC

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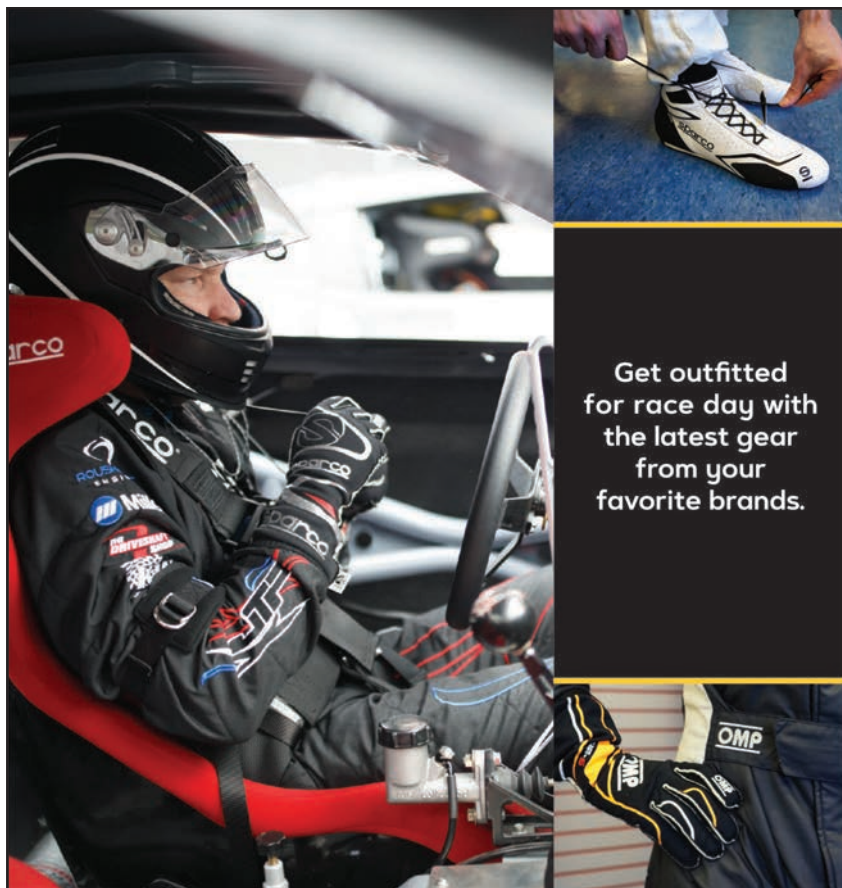
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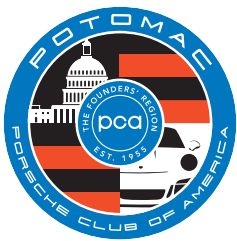
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