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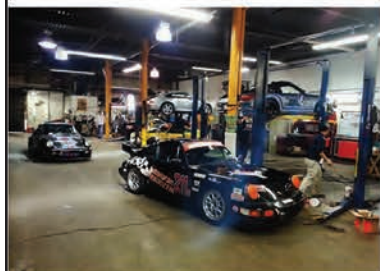
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Real Porsches



Glenn Cowan

What is a real Porsche? My first real Porsche was a 924 Turbo. Then I got a really real Porsche, a 944 Turbo. A little later, when I could better afford it, I got my first real Porsche, an air cooled 993. Later still I got my first real modern Porsche, a Boxster. Now I drive my first really authentic real Porsche, a 992 Cab.

My friend drives a Macan and says his real Porsche saved the company. The guy across the street is ordering a Taycan, in part because he knows that the real Porsche of sometime next week will not be powered by an antediluvian internal combustion anachronism. A woman around the corner in her 356 is scornful of all of us because she knows hers is the only real Porsche.

Porsche racers from Autocross to Le Mans will tell you that real Porsches are track cars and every non-competitive mile is just

surfeit. Concours competitors know that authenticity and cleanliness are next to real Porsche godliness.

Last week I was sitting in a parking lot waiting for a takeout food order, top down, music playing when a passer-by stopped to admire my real Porsche. He was working on an adjacent building under construction. "Nice car—you been able to drive it much?" "No", I replied. "It's got next to no miles on it." He responded, "My real Porsche has over 100k miles" and he proceeded to tell me about the several real Porsches he had owned over the years, each bought pretty used, worked on, towed occasionally but each obviously really loved.

Which got me to thinking about whether or not there are real Porsche people. Is the suburbanite in the Cayenne facing me at the intersection ignoring my "headlamp

greeting" oblivious to our shared heritage? Maybe they were just distracted by life's constant assault? They, just like us, are driving a real Porsche so they belong to our family even if subconsciously.

Every Porsche ever made is and remains a real Porsche, 70% or so of them said to still be on the road. Every Porsche driver is at the wheel of a real Porsche and shares with all of us a certain common ground of reality.

PCAers are the extroverts of real Porsche folk but, unfortunately, there are many more of them other non-participant real Porsche owners than there are of us. Next time you speak with that non-PCA real Porsche owner, invite them to the club so they can be a real Porsche person! DV



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Take Joy in the Future by Remembering the Past

PCA Potomac, the Founders' Region, OUR REGION, is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year and was the first region chartered in the Porsche Club of America. PCA was founded by a few Porsche owners in the Capital area who gathered at the apartment of Bill Sholar on February 8, 1955. The invitation stated "...to exchange information on PORSCHE characteristics, operation, service, parts etc." Later that year in July, a more formal meeting was held to define the formation of a Porsche Club and in September, their first official meeting was held at Blackie's Grill in Georgetown.

Even back then, 65 years ago, Porsche enthusiasts were eager to help one another by sharing skill sets, mechanical training, and of course, the joy of "operation" of driving these vehicles. That camaraderie still exists today, now

with a network of over 130,000 members in 145 regions across the USA and Canada.

At any time, any Potomac Member may reach out to any of our 144 partner regions with questions, guidance, and referrals on all sorts of topics. I often field questions from excited PCA members from "the best coast" who spot an eastern car on-line and want a reliable shop to do a pre-purchase inspection. I, too, purchased my 2015 Boxster S from California and reached out to PCA San Diego before having it shipped back home.

Providing this network, this camaraderie, of fellow Porsche owners who continue to support one another is what makes PCA an organization which continues to thrive. I witness the generosity of our Potomac members almost daily: In the paddock helping swap out

brake pads with someone who is new to the track; Opening garages and lifts to those who live in condos with no place to work; Providing suggestions on places to purchase items—just to name a few.

You, as a Potomac member, should feel welcome to reach out to any leader in our organization (see list on page 6) at any time; no question being too big or too small. We are here for you to help you enjoy your Porsche to the fullest extent possible, even if it is only to find a better solution to hold your Starbucks coffee in your Cayman or 911!

PS: For more information on the history of PCA Potomac, please see our website: pcapotomac.org/about-us/club-history. It's actually pretty interesting!

PPS: I am so happy the words Covid-19 or pandemic didn't make it into my column this month! Oh, dang it, they just did! 2020 #!@!#! DV



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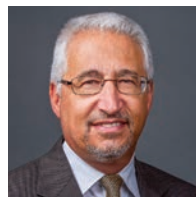
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SEPTEMBER

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Gathering of the Faithful
Concours & Drive & Dine

18 - 20

Club Race at Summit Point

27

Autocross at Summit Point

OCTOBER

4

Drive to Big Cork Winery
Rohresville, MD

18

Autocross at Summit Point

24 - 25

DE at Summit Point

CARS & Coffee

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HUNT VALLEY, MD

SATURDAYS, 8–10AM

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BURTONSVILLE, MD

SUNDAYS, 7:30–10AM

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SATURDAYS, 7–9AM

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DULLES, VA

SUNDAYS, 7–9AM

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SUNDAY, 9AM

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BETHESDA, MD

SATURDAYS, 8 – 10AM

Corner Bakery Cafe
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Westfield Montgomery Shopping Mall

POTOMAC MONTHLY LUNCHES & BRUNCHES

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Potomac Program Highlights

CLUB RACE

An Unexpected Turn

AN ANONYMOUS STORY BY A PCA POTOMAC REGION MEMBER



At 15 years old I was raped by someone I knew. He was 30. I was a virgin. He was an authority figure in the community. He knew I did not have a father at home. I said no, he did not listen. He got away with it.

I remember growing up hearing boys say, “no doesn’t mean no, it means maybe.” Now, when I hear children say things like this, I realize that is how they grew up, they do not know the difference. And I now know, we can change that.

Because of the PCA Potomac Region and the annual Rock the Summit Charity laps, I am not just hoping for change, I am participating in it.

In 2018 I was doing what my partner and I have done for the past 5 years. We were joining the Rock the Summit race weekend. My now husband has been a member of PCA for over 25 years. It’s a staple in his life. I was excited as usual because PCA is not just a club, it is not just racing, it’s family.

During one of the evening dinners, Mike Levitas told an intimate account of how his daughter, Erin, was raped at 19 and how it impacted their lives. Now, this is a man who is a well-respected, amazing driver in the community. That night

he became vulnerable, opened up in front of hundreds of people. I was stunned. But it showed me, I can be strong too.

I sat there and thought about my buried experience. It wasn’t until after I turned 30 that I shared what happened to me with my family. I had blamed myself and felt unnecessary guilt for over a decade.

Waking up in the middle of the night from a memory that haunts you emotionally and physically is something that I would not wish upon anyone.

So, the next day I ran up to Mike and thanked him for sharing his story. For sharing how education is important to prevent experiences like mine and Erin’s. For being vulnerable and being a Dad who believed his daughter. For being a man who said we need to listen when someone shares their story. For standing up with his wife, Wende, and saying, we are going to stop this from happening to others together with early education.

That made sense to me. When low level offenses happen, educate the children early to understand the consequences of their actions. Learn the attitudes and behaviors early that give children a mindset and understanding that keep them

and their peers safe. All before true harm and violence is committed. I now know that fifty percent of middle school students are reporting sexual harassment. Then in high school and after, sexual harassment goes down and that's when rape and sexual assault goes up. So, preventing sexual assault and reacting to sexual harassment before these actions escalate makes sense.

The next day, I reached out to the foundation director and have been involved ever since.

Joining PCA Potomac Region, I could have never predicted it would serve as a source of healing. This was an unexpected turn and life altering experience that turned my pain into power.

I am not sure there is anything quite like a PCA group. The comradery and family atmosphere is unique. In the pit, I see people walking around and helping each other. Even though they are competing they still offer support. It is that kind of environment and it is nice to see. People genuinely like each other, which is more than I can say for many other communities. Even though we are all from different walks of life, we come together with a shared passion and commitment.

Sexual assault is still a taboo subject. I know this from personal experience. People get uncomfortable when it comes up. The partnership between the Erin Levitas Foundation and PCA Potomac Region is a platform to open a dialogue. Together we support prevention and education, and just by being involved we are educating ourselves and bringing light to this conversation. My hope is this becomes something we can talk about without judgement or fear or shame. I believe this community can do that.

We all have nieces, nephews, children, husbands, wives, friends, colleagues, grandchildren, and the list goes on. If you know five women, the reality is, one of them has experienced an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime. And it happens to boys and men too.

I can see the possibility of change going forward. We can be like a giant phone tree. After a race weekend we all go home, do our jobs, be with loved ones, kids go to school, and we share what we have learned. We tell our networks, our families, "prevention is possible". We get others involved. Together, we do not stand for violence. Together, we support each other. Together, like when driving "we look ahead, plan ahead, stay ahead."

After five years of being a cheering spectator, I was like, you know, I want to be out there. I want to drive fast too. I just started Drivers' Ed. PCA has given me strength in ways I never imagined. I'm not sitting on the sidelines in my life or on the track anymore. See you out there!

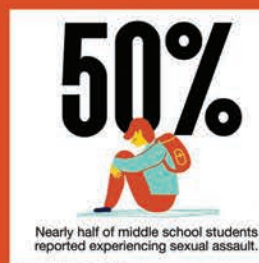
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More about the Work of the Foundation

A first-of-its-kind curriculum has been designed and piloted in a Baltimore City public school with over 60 students. The program aims to go nationwide so more students can get this education free of charge. Prevention with middle school students is imperative as nearly 50% of middle school students report experiencing sexual harassment. Then in high school and beyond, sexual harassment goes down and sexual assault and rape goes up.

Responding to the lower level action before more violent acts are committed is a key to prevention. This fall, supportive materials are being created such as parent and teacher materials. The Erin Levitas Foundation also offers educational webinars for community members and survivors around healing and education. The Erin Levitas Foundation is proud to be the chosen charity of Rock the Summit 2020. Your help supports prevention from the ground up to change how youth is participating in sexual assault prevention.



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No one was more disappointed about the PorscheFest cancellation than PorscheFest Coordinator, Michael Kaunitz. After a stellar PorscheFest 2019, which was simultaneously coupled with PCA National's "PCA Experience", the year of 2020 added another event victim to its list, putting Michael out of a "job", albeit a volunteer job.

PCA National was the first to announce the cancellation of the PCA Experience portion of PorscheFest in April. Around the May timeframe, the Executive Board suggested to Drive and Dine, Rally and Concours that adding more people to an event at Summit Point Motorsports Park was not a good idea during the pandemic, especially since we would not be holding the 300 person PorscheFest BBQ dinner under a tent when we all gathered together. The chairs of those programs readily agreed.

So with contact-less registration, tech, and drivers' meetings, both the Autocross and Drivers' Education programs held their driving events on separate courses, with no intermingling permitted, not even 6 feet apart. Just as the CDC recommends. DV



Summit Point Motorsports Park's Potomac circuit skid pad double-tasks as the paddock area for the Autocross event during PorscheFest



Autocross Chair, Steve Bobbitt, starts the drivers' meeting during PorscheFest.



Aric Moore's GT4 sports the PCA Potomac logo decal. It was one of 5 GT4's running in the autocross event at PorscheFest.



Autocross drivers stay socially distanced and masked during the morning drivers' meeting.



Bill Schwinn and Greg Hartke work in the Autocross timing trailer while a new volunteer find his way to his work station.



Red Group drivers have a special meeting to talk about PCA Club Race check-out rides during their session. Two of our drivers were recommended for their Club Race licenses at this event.



Drivers' Education Track Stewards, Mark Salvador and Stephen Kiraly, listen to the control tower and corner workers to ensure safety on and off the track.



DE Chair, Bob Mulligan, is ready for the track in his #15 2005 Red GT3



Dean Drewyer's #911 1970 red 911 and Stephen Kiraly's #55 2009 black Cayman S battle it out on Turn 10 during the Red Group session.

DRIVE AND DINE



Peter & Martha Bloom climb "Airport Road" in the '86 Targa

STORY BY ALAN M. FRENCH AND PHOTOS BY SARAH CAMERON, ROCKY BORGH AND STEVE GRUMBACH

We billed this event as a Driver's Tour, akin to a rite of passage into a life of color, riches and fulfillment. I suggested that in never doing this tour, you risked a life of wearing beige, half-empty glasses and endless buffering on Netflix. That was in April, before the deeper impacts of the Coronavirus were felt. For those on the tour this year, deprived of inspiration and excitement by lockdown, then warped into multisensory overload within an hour of leaving Manassas, the contrast was seismic.

It's not a tour for everyone: 1,000's of turns, gear changes and braking points on snaking pavement that bites if you're not paying attention. Six hours a day of ziggin' 'n zaggin', with highways, byways and mountainside drops to navigate. For those moments on the road, it's a Driver's Dream, but for the remaining 18 hours each day, we focused on feeding the mind, body and soul of everyone present. Partners, passengers, and fun enablers, we love you x.

Appreciated for keeping us safe and mostly together, were Larry & Beth Finkel, Steve Kaye & Dory Thomas, LeRoy & Marilyn Mills, Jim & Gina Moser and the venerable Ted & Sharon Whitehouse.

A huge part of our hoedown in the Highlands was the guests: fun loving, mask-wearing models of integrity with interesting cars and stories to tell. It was also clear that folks put a lot of care and effort into the detailing of their cars.

There were lots of memorable moments written on tour. However, as much as I try, I struggle to convey the Virginia Highlands Tour experience without resorting to tired platitudes and clichés. Therefore, I'm going to let the pictures do the talking, merely offering a little context where necessary.

Dates for the 2021 Tour will be finalized in the New Year. DV



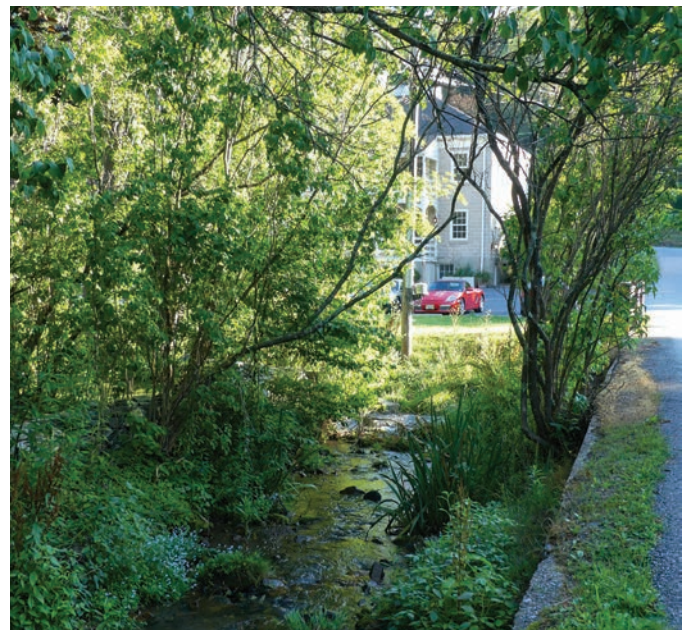
Heading west, crossing Skyline Drive on 211, we stopped at the Rocktown Kitchen, formerly an old Ice House in Harrisonburg, VA. This was a great spot for great food, good service and lots of smiles. Finding restaurants for the group this year was a significant challenge and the primary reason for limiting numbers.



First group reaches the High Knob Trailhead at 3,450 ft, just inside West Virginia. Audis R8 and S5, over 700hp of Shelby Mustang, a Tesla 3 and an elegant string of Porsches. Everyone enjoyed riding the 22 miles of bucking-bull roads from Harrisonburg



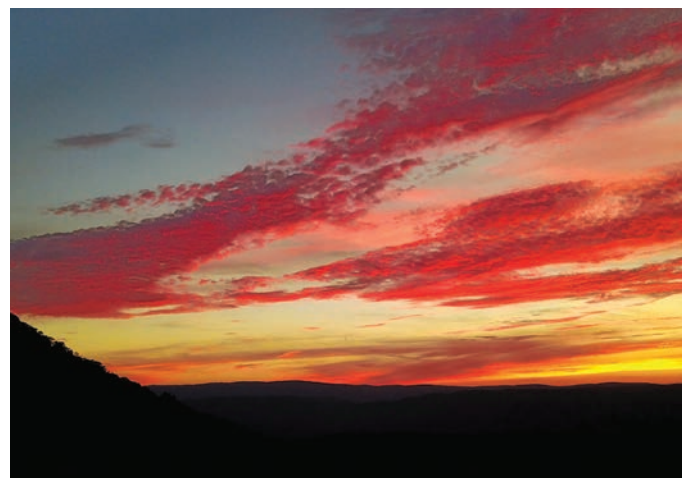
Bill Schomburg's 997 finds the creek at the Inn while Bill finds an adjacent watering hole.



After the crescendo of six, eight and ten cylinder sports cars faded, the babbling brook and song birds took over.



The Inn at Gristmill Square has hosted the majority of guests on the Highlands Tour since 2007. Here we see our PCA Potomac ambush from the air.



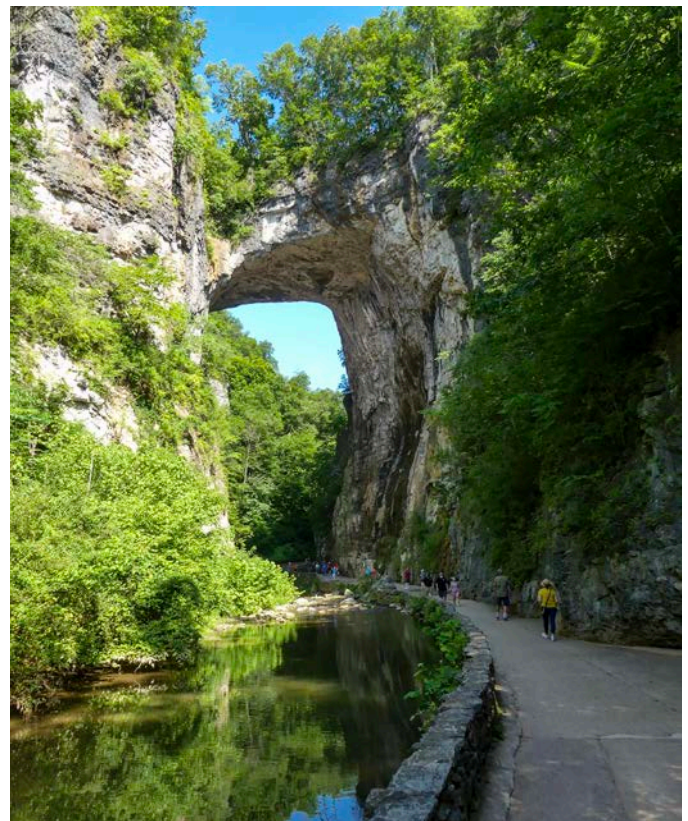
Ahh, those Bath County skies. Red sky at night, Highlanders' delight!



Friday evening was Buffet and Bluegrass in the square. Here we see the early adopters with drink in hand, still six feet apart after more than 200 miles on the road.



Willie Smith and the Southern Rail Express Bluegrass Band played an excellent set in the sunset and the stars for us. The band has become a regular feature on the Highlands Tour with great music, humor and entertainment. Ever heard "Smoke on the Water," formally by Deep Purple, played by a talented Bluegrass band, just 'cos it might be fun? I remember looking upwards, thinking that Ted and Sharon's Night Blue Macan S could well have been a paint-to-sample from this night sky. I had full intentions of getting up early to see if I could spot the rare NEOWISE comet that cruised our skies during the weekend. However, good times and mountain air conspired against me.



Bright and early on Saturday morning, we headed East through the beautiful Goshen Pass to our first stop, Natural Bridge in Rockbridge County. This 215-foot-high natural arch with a span of 90 feet is situated within a gorge carved from the surrounding mountainous limestone terrain by Cedar Creek, a small tributary of the James River. George Washington surveyed the site as a young surveyor in 1750. His initials can be seen carved into the rock 23 ft up to the left as you walk through the arch. U.S. Route 11, Lee Highway, runs across the top of the arch. This is the best photograph of Natural Bridge I have seen. Our thanks to Steve Grumbach who took this, and other perfect photographs on the tour.



Lunch with 'Designated Parking' at the Swinging Bridge Restaurant in Paint Bank, VA.

We never tired of looking at, or listening to, Steve and Lonnie Pera's Cayman GT4. This moment on Virginia's Back-of-the-Dragon road up to the airport captures the moment when friendly locals stopped their Pickup on the apex of a sharp 180° left-hander to see if we needed help. We were just taking photos. Lesson learned.



Porsches perching atop the Ingalls Field Airport plateau at an altitude over 3,800 ft. Ingalls is the highest airport east of the Mississippi, with views over 20 miles on clear days. We were certainly blessed.

WITHOUT A PORSCHE, THERE IS ONLY DARKNESS AND CHAOS.

Neowise Comet Photo

981 CAYMAN S

STORY AND PHOTO BY ED CHANG



Rear Quarter Photo: Shot raw and layered different camera raw exposures to get the different details of the car, like an HDR merge from a single raw image. Each exposure layer has different camera raw settings, blending and masking. The exposure was 1/80 for the car and a separate exposure for the sky of 3.2 seconds with lower iso to separate the stars from the noise.



Side View: Here, where it's dark enough to clearly see the comet, it's too dark to properly light the car. The surrounding trees and high brush blocked most of the ambient light and obscured the view, and without the moon helping out, I used the only light source on-hand: the LED flashlight on my phone. I started a 20-second exposure and walked around my car, painting it with light. I used the tall trees and bushes obstructing my view to frame the comet. Sometimes the most satisfying creations come from turning an obstacle into a solution.

2021 PCA POTOMAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS



FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

10AM

LOCATION TBD

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2021 SLATE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Gary Baker

For Past President: Mia Walsh

ELECTION

For Vice President: Diane Sullenberger

For Treasurer: Stephen Kiraly

For Secretary: Steve Bobbitt

In accordance with the PCA Potomac's Bylaws, the 2021 executive officers will be elected by the membership on Saturday, December 5th, 2020 at the Annual Membership Meeting. As the date gets closer, we will decide if it will be an in person event or a virtual event, depending on the status of the COVID pandemic in December.

The 2021 officer candidates, proposed by the club's Nominating Committee, are presented below. The Past-President and the President are not under election as their roles are automatically advanced per the Bylaws.

If you would like to nominate an additional candidate for Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary pursuant to the Potomac Bylaws, please submit your candidate, along with the endorsement of five active PCA Potomac members, to the 2020 Nominating Committee Chair, David Dean (pastpresident@pcapotomac.org), by October 5th, 2020.

Your vote is important to PCA Potomac. As a result, Potomac is providing two ways to vote this year: (a) electronically via mail-in ballot via email or (b) in person at the annual meeting.



GARY BAKER

PRESIDENT

Gary Baker was born in Stuttgart, Germany, home of Porsche, and spent his first 16 years there. As a child he enjoyed watching Porsches pass through his hometown dreaming that some-day he would own one. That dream came true with his first Porsche 928. He owned it for many decades before selling it to an avid Porsche enthusiast in Florida in 2018. Gary has also owned a 996, a Cayenne and currently owns a 991.

Gary first joined PCA in 2008 as a member of the Potomac, The Founders' Region, and is currently Vice President. Over the past 12 years, he has served as Secretary, Autocross Chair, Club Race Chair, and became a Nationally Certified High Performance Driver Education (DE) Instructor in 2013.

You will find multiple division titles and championships for the PCA Autocross program in Gary's name. His enthusiasm for PCA events makes it easy for him to recruit new PCA members, another thing he loves to do.

Gary developed ways to improve the PCA experience for all members, including playing an instrumental role in the DE Instructor Candidate Program working as both a mentor and mentee. He helped in the design of numerous challenging driving exercises for the High Performance Drivers' Clinics, and loves working with those brand new to high performance driving. In addition, you may have seen Gary's name before as a contributor to our very own *der Vorgänger* magazine on many topics concerning high performance driving, club activities and the Porsche brand in general.

When not at work as a Travel Consultant, traveling or on the autocross course or racetrack, Gary enjoys water skiing, sky diving, go-karting, snowboarding, mountain biking and spending time with his co-driver and fiancé, Tessa Hall.



DIANE SULLENBERGER

VICE PRESIDENT

Diane Sullenberger has been a PCA Potomac Club member since 2009 and has greatly enjoyed getting to know club members, volunteers, and drivers from other regions and clubs and as DE Co-Registrar since 2018. She has volunteered at the PCA Potomac Club Race since 2015 as a flagger and then as pace car communicator, and often can be seen helping out on grid tech at DEs.

She didn't realize she had a passion for motorsports until 2000 when she took her Honda S2000 to Friday at the Track (FATT) at Summit Main. After three events and one agricultural excursion in Turn 3, she was advised by her insurance not to track her car again, so she bought a Ducati motorcycle (2008 848) and soon began tracking it, then racing it with WERA. Owning her first Porsche (2006 C2S, then 2011 GTS) introduced her to a wealth of new opportunities to learn about the Porsche driving and racing history

and to getting to know a diverse group of people at weekend driving events at meet-ups, social events, in the paddock at race tracks, and more. She welcomes the opportunity to serve the club more broadly as Vice President and ensuring that the hard work and collective action of the many-faceted committees and volunteers of PCA Potomac continue to benefit from decisive and effective club leadership.

She has lived in the DC Metro area almost all her life and is executive editor of the research journal of the National Academy of Sciences. Her husband, Scott Antonides, drives his 2004 BMW 330i ZHP with the BMW Club and FATT, and often attends PCA social events. When Diane is not at the track, she competes at National Cutting Horse Association shows on her quarter horse, Magic Lights, and teaches her border collie, Marvel, new tricks.



STEPHEN KIRALY

TREASURER

Stephen Kiraly has been a member of Potomac PCA since 2012, when he purchased his first Porsche, a 2006 997 Cabriolet. Once he discovered PCA, he and his wife, Debra, became involved in the many Potomac events that give our Club such a good name.

Stephen got his start with Porsches after a stint riding high performance motorcycles. After deciding four wheels really are better than two, he began his "search" for the perfect car. If he only knew then what he knows now.

After many months of searching for the car that would meet all his goals, which at that time were limited to color, convertible top and coolness, he found his car at a Lamborghini dealer in Atlanta. Confident is his decision he bought a one-way ticket to Atlanta. When the Dealer pulled up in car at the airport, he knew he wouldn't be buying a return ticket. Three hours later he was on his way home in his 1st Porsche.

Learning of Potomac upon joining PCA, Stephen signed up for the Fall HPDC formally starting his journey down the "slippery slope" of Porsche high performance driving. After an off-track excursion at the very next DE, Debra said he couldn't take that nice car to

track again. Not to be deterred, Stephen purchased an inexpensive, at least in terms of Porsche Bucks, 2002 Boxster S just in time for the next Potomac DE. In fact, he drove his new purchase directly to the track and was "black flagged" for a loose 30-day tag.

In the following years, Stephen has continued his slippery slide purchasing a 2009 Cayman S track car along with an enclosed trailer and a new pickup truck to pull it. Stephen became a DE instructor in 2016 and enjoys giving back in the way that all the great instructors he had gave to him. He also became an official steward for the DE program in 2016. The 2020 Club Race at Summit Point will be his debut to PCA Club Racing.

Stephen and Debra have also enjoyed the social activities that Potomac organizes. He has been to Wintergreen, Homestead and Nemaquin "Drive and Stay" events enjoying the camaraderie of other Porsche enthusiasts, even if one of them drove a Corvette. Because as the say—It's about the people...not just the cars.

Stephen has served two years as Potomac's Treasurer and is committed to making the Club function as smoothly as possible in a sound fiscal manner.



STEVE BOBBITT

SECRETARY

Steve Bobbitt joined PCA in 2014 after purchasing his first Porsche, a 5-speed Meteor Grey Metallic 2008 Cayman, and immediately participated in the Autocross School and High-Performance Driving Clinic. Since then, he has continued to participate in Autocross and DE events, becoming a Nationally Certified HPDE Instructor in 2018 and serving as Autocross Chair in 2019 and 2020. Steve has also volunteered at Potomac's Club Race as the Steward's Assistant since 2017. After participating in over 30 PCA Potomac activities in 2019, he took home the coveted Enthusiast of the Year award at the annual awards banquet in 2020.

Steve's passion for PCA and these amazing vehicles started at an early age when he first laid eyes on his uncle's 911 and heard about the club. Over the years, his cousins, father, and brother all acquired their own Porsches (914-6, 944 S2, 993 C2S, '87 911). After graduating college and starting a career in IT, it was time for Steve to get his own and join the club.

When Steve isn't preparing his 2009 Cayman S for the next DE event or helping fellow club members work on their cars, he enjoys hiking, yoga, and playing board games with his friends.



MIA WALSH

PAST PRESIDENT

Mia Potthast Walsh has been in the Porsche Club since 2008, along with her husband, Brian. During this time, she has served as the Social Chair, the Membership Chair, the Volunteer Coordinator for the Potomac Club Race, Secretary from 2015-2016, Vice President from 2017-2018 and President from 2019-2020. She has enjoyed her leadership role in this amazing organization and looks forward to her additional two years as Past President in 2021-2022, while continuing to provide guidance to the Executive Board, especially during this turbulent time in our world.

Her passion in PCA Potomac is participating in the Drivers' Education and Club Racing events, both as DE driver and a racer in GTB1 class, winning the 2015 Rookie Racer award by PCA National at Potomac's Club Race, as well as three podiums over the years. She has been instructing for High Performance Drivers' Education since 2013 and utilizes her communication and training skills honed as a high school teacher while in the right seat with Potomac's novice drivers. Most of all, she enjoys the "romantic" weekends at the track with her husband and those special moments when he passes her in a flash.

In addition to HPDE, Mia enjoys taking her girlfriends to Rally and Drive & Dine events and was excited to participate (as a spectator) in her first real Concours in 2020; though she did once take home "Porsche with the Most Dead Bugs and Dirt" at the annual picnic's Concours in 2018. She has been banned from Autocross after causing the death toll of orange cones to rise exponentially.

Mia is a frequent contributor to Potomac's *der Vorgänger* magazine as both a writer and a photographer and has accumulated 8 DV covers since 2011, along with countless inside edition photographs. She is still waiting for Vranko and Chris M. to give her a PowerPoint deck so she can learn all the 911 model types by year and body style.

Mia's favorite part of being part of PCA is talking to all the members about their love of driving Porsches. We each have a specific individual reason why we joined Potomac, but we all share the same passion for our fine German cars, however we may choose to drive them!



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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

AMELIA ISLAND WERKS REUNION OR BUST (PART 2)

“Pmmpkin” (sic) rides again!

STORY BY MIKAEL SEVEREID

In Part 1 Mikael Severeid told the harrowing tale of traveling to Amelia Island with his dad in a fifty year old 914/6. This is what they went to see!



Florida: The Werks Reunion was spectacular. Although not counted, there must have been over 500 Porsches in the “Corral” inclusive of a street driven 917! Yes, an iteration of the Le Mans “Hippy Car” was unceremoniously set on one side of the Porsche Parking lot as it did not have a designated model parking area! Yes, why would one set aside a specific area for a car so rare?



The 914 was the featured marque and the wonderful PCA volunteers parked us front and center of the corral



One of two 250GTO's in attendance [39 were built]



The concours candidates were what dreams are made of...Oh, so many special Porsches!



Porsche's highwater mark of racing which was part of 15-20 Penske raced or managed cars over his career. He was the concours' honoree. 917/30 Can Am

With all the people and cars closely packed, it was difficult to take unobstructed photos. Of which your humble photographer and author took over 200 of the Reunion and, the Amelia Island Concours—which was held on Sunday. Trying to edit them to meet this article's space constraints is all but impossible so, I've tried to include some of my favorites of all marques.

And to actually hear the car run was a special treat for me having never heard a Can Am car before. As you can see below being driven back after collecting its Blue Ribbon... As a testament to Mr. Penske, all his cars were operational and driven to collect their justifiable ribbons!

And this could go on but, we had to get back and prep/pack "Pumpkin" for the 11.5-hour return trip.

Thankfully, weather cooperated as well as the car making it home without a single issue or more hiccupping gauges! Although I kept up my paranoiac vigil or assorted trip ending disasters.

And in closing, as it should be—me in the driver's seat and dad naviguessing! Unfortunately, PCA only had a 356 and 911 as photo props...No 914's

My dad and I had a great trip or as my sister says, "Quality bonding time!" If you are considering attending this event in any year, I would strongly recommend it but, you may not want to drive a 50 year old car unless your stomach is strong, nerves hardened and just plain have faith in your trusted steed. Dad was right after all!!!

Have old Porsche Will Travel. **DV**



“THE SPYDER’S WEB”

ORDERING, CONFIGURING AND TAKING DELIVERY OF THE 718 SPYDER

STORY BY TOM NEEL



I could beat around the bush here, but I’m not going to. Configuring and ordering a new Porsche can be a tangled web of options, head scratching, and hand wringing. That said, it is there for anyone who wants more personalization for their new Porsche than the dealer’s lot may offer. In my case, it was a 2020 718 Spyder, but much of the info here is applicable to all models. While the ending of this multi-part story is a happy one, it is also laced with a pandemic twist which didn’t help the process or sociological excitement of taking delivery of an expensive automobile. There were some low points, but the handsome Porsche now sitting in our garage was totally worth the wait.

My wife Linda and I signed up for the Spyder before there was hardly a breath about its existence. Sometimes what you know is benefited by who you know. But what you never know about anything coming by way of Porsche’s GT department is if you will actually get a car. Until you have a commission number, hand wringing is all you can do because dealerships don’t know either until they have allocations. In our case the allocation and commission number both finally came though on January 11th. I think it was helpful having a real build sheet in with Porsche, as they knew I was a real order not just a name on a list.

In ordering any new Porsche I start with the top. Coupe, Cabriolet, Targa, or in this case Spyder, as the Spyder is most identified by its top down aesthetics. Next, exterior or the interior color is essential. I say both because one forces the other. Example; if you really want a yellow exterior, you probably do not want a red interior and visa-versa. The two must be harmonious. I suppose because of the Spyder’s limited production, they also limited the exterior and interior choices. At the time there was also no Paint to Sample (PTS) being offered. It seems for the 2021 cars PTS will now be available for a whopping \$12,830. This, over the Spyder’s base price of \$97,300. That’s without any other options, which are almost impossible to avoid. Things can add up quickly. I first fully configured both a Racing Yellow car, then a Gentian Blue one, but ended up choosing GT Silver for “only” a \$650 bump in price. Colors are personal and therefore I don’t want to delve deeply into my indecisiveness. I will share that my initial thoughts were not bring another silver car into this world. Yet in the end I’m happy I did.

The interior comes next and frankly, this created some real frustration. I helped a friend build a series of British Racing Green 911s, which included the most expensive 2018 GT3 ever produced, a similarly matching GT2RS and Speedster.

I found how far you can go when you are willing to throw enormous amounts of money at your build. You can have almost anything you want, but much of it is without price logic because Porsche doesn't do customization on the production line. Instead your car will leave the factory and head to the nearby Exclusive Manufaktur. There things are removed and replaced by hand. Some things are very simple known as CXX options, but "special wishes", as they are internally known, can be extensive, keeping your car there for months.

We have to remember, Porsche is a production car company and things you might logically think would be simple become a big deal—often illogically so. Here are two completely extreme examples with respect to the Spyder. In truth they remain my only real complaints because they are so illogical they make the price of PTS a bargain by comparison. Here goes. After finally choosing GT Silver I was faced with choosing one of only two standard interiors. The Classic Spyder interior in red leather and black Alcantara (imitation suede), or my choice, black leather with black Alcantara which adds an extra \$2,160, plus the additional charge \$1,500 for deviated stitching, which I wanted. However, there were two joy killers in this, one of which is preposterous, the other just plain ridiculous. Let's start with preposterous. There is a "no cost" option to have your steering wheel and shifter done in black leather instead of Alcantara. That's a deal as I don't think Alcantara wears well, so I chose this option. But get this—if you have chosen to pay for, in my case, red deviated stitching throughout, you also get red stitching on the Alcantara steering wheel and shifter. Makes sense right? But switching to leather, the stitching will only be done in black. Friends, even Mazda would not do this! So I asked Porsche, how much they charge to make the stitching red on these two parts. Ready? \$5,200!!



Okay, now for just plain ridiculous. The two canvas top choices are again red and black. The red is a zero cost option with the red Spyder interior, but not an option at all if you choose black. While my interior would be black, I thought just having a red top might be cool, so I enquired about it. The first off the hip quote was, "I think they will do it, but it will probably be \$40,000." You're kidding? Then it was explained that likely the better way to go about this is to order the red interior with the red top for free and then we can option out the parts you don't want to be red by having the Exclusive Manufaktur do it. Does anyone remember Jack Nicholson asking for a side order of wheat toast in the movie "Five Easy Pieces"? This was that. By the time the smoke cleared we had reduced the cost of having the red top down to around \$25,000. Folks you can't make this stuff up. Needless to say, my top is black and looks great.

There are a lot of optional items to ponder when going through the configurator. If you feel your salesperson is not helping you with all of your questions, Porsche North America has specially trained representatives who will work directly with you to help build the car you want. On more complex builds they are worth their weight in gold. In the case of the Spyder, I will share just a few simple things I decided on and why. Seats are important and in every case Porsche offers at least a few seat choices. The base (2 way) Sport Seats are manual fore/aft with a powered back position button. I've owned them and they work fine for many applications. At the other end of the scale are Full Buckets which are very sporty and have a carbon fiber, leather and alcantara look about them. Some say they are uncomfortable and hard to get out of because you do drop into them. I say don't buy them without trying them first. They raise and lower by power and again the fore/aft function is manual, but the seat back itself does not move. There is no recline. While they do look cool, as a \$5,900 upgrade they are expensive and it should be noted, they are carbon-fiber reinforced "plastic" with only a very small part of the carbon weave being shown.

I instead opted for the Adaptive Sport Seats which at a \$2,640 up-charge and are fully powered (18 way) adjustable. I wanted my wife Linda, who is even shorter than me, to be able to drive and enjoy this car as well. These seats allow her to properly position herself to use its manual transmission. I should mention I also opted for the smoking package. We DO NOT SMOKE! But removing the lighter allows the easiest place to plug in an auxiliary battery charger. You will have time to change your mind on things, but there is a date where no more changes can be made.

Part 2 will cover delivery options other than your local dealer including the Porsche Experience Centers located in Atlanta and LA., or from the factory in Germany which allows you to drive your new Porsche around Europe. I'm glad to say we chose Atlanta (a \$650. up-charge), as the pandemic would have likely made Europe impossible—but more on the delivery at PEC Atlanta coming next month! **DV**



The Art of Porsche

STORY BY POTOMAC MEMBER ABBY PAYNE



When people learn that I grew up in Germany and studied art in high school, they tend to think I have been painting Porsches for a long time. While I had always admired these fascinating sports cars, I was more interested in painting abstracts back then.

Life, like Porsche, brings many curves, leading us on unimagined journeys along new and surprising roads. Porsche enthusiasts, of course, embrace the curves, and I'm glad I did when the opportunity arose. At age 22, one of those unforeseen bends sparked something that propelled my art career in an unexpected direction.

It was not a road test. It was not watching Porsches on a racetrack. It was horses.

While attending my first polo match in The Plains, VA, there was an adjacent affiliated Porsche event occurring. As an artist, I could not help but see a kind of connection between the majestic animals and the cars—the power, the athletic motion, the grace. The combination seemed natural, and I was not surprised to see a horse in the Porsche Crest.

Meeting and talking to Porsche owners, I was inspired by their enthusiasm, and I began to feel a strong draw towards the cars. These were not mere garage trophies to be trotted out for occasional showings, but rather thoroughbred sports machines built to be driven and enjoyed.

Attending more Porsche events confirmed what I experienced at that polo match. I went to Porsche Club meets and participated in a poker run that I truly enjoyed. If you're not familiar, it is a kind of rally where you build a poker hand by drawing cards as you stop at different checkpoints. At all of these events, I met and talked with more owners, discovering that same sense of passion.

Whether the car was new, custom-ordered to someone's exact specifications, or a classic that had been driven hundreds of thousands of miles and cherished for decades, the owners' excitement felt the same. I could sense, too, that Porsche owners considered their cars more like partners in an adventure rather than simply possessions.

The exhilaration of being able to drive a Porsche as an everyday vehicle made them seem even more exciting to me, and I could feel that was the core of the devotion to this brand. The car becomes part of you. I share that feeling, driving my 2019 Cayman.

I found myself falling in love...with a community and a carmaker. This was a new and totally sudden kind of inspiration. I saw the cars as stories waiting to be told, and I felt moved to do that with paint and canvas. **DV**



JULY NEW POTOMAC MEMBERS

PATRICK ALTIERI

2001 911 Carrera Cabriolet
from Woodbridge

MICHAEL BOYD

2004 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
from Springfield

NATHAN BRILL

2013 Boxster S
from Bethesda

DAVID BRUDENALL

1982 928S Coupe
from Palmerston

SOPHIA BRUNER

2006 Cayenne
from McLean

JACOB CALLOWAY

1999 Boxster
from Burtonsville

ALVIN CRESWELL

1997 Boxster
from Upper Marlboro

HENRY CZAUSKI

1988 944S Coupe
from Washington

JOHN EDWARDS

1999 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
from Alexandria

MARC ELLIOTT

2007 911 4S Targa
from Silver Springs

KYLE FREDRIKSON

1989 911 Carrera 4
from North Potomac

JUSTIN GREENE

2006 911 Carrera S
from Gaithersburg

JIAHUI GUO

1971 911T
from Washington

RACHEL HAAR

2020 911 Carrera
from Ashburn

BRENDAN HARB

1972 914
from Arlington
transfer from Mardi Gras

SHARAF LATEEF

2016 Panamera
from Stafford

ROBERT LENTZ

2019 911 4GTS Targa
from Leesburg

ANTHONY MANLAPAZ

1986 944
from Millersville

JAY MIGLIOZZI

2017 Cayenne
from Fairfax

MELVIN MOORE

2005 Boxster
from Bowie
transfer from Metropolitan
New York

UGO ODUKWE

2014 Panamera S
from Springfield

LUIS ORTIZ

2017 911 Carrera 4S
from Ashburn

MIKE ROSE

1969 911T Coupe
from Washington

AUSTIN SAARI

2003 911 Turbo
from Reston
transfer from Carrera

IAN SEIBERT

2011 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet
from Hagerstown

MICHAEL A. SMITH

from Ellicott City

MICHAEL STEBNER

2006 911 Carrera S Cabriolet
from Sterling

REGINALD TATE

2012 911 Carrera
from Fairfax Station

NOAH TEATES

2013 911 Carrera S Coupe
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DER VORGÄNGER

Your favorite Founders' Region monthly magazine
can benefit from your experiences with your Porsche.

We are always in need of articles and
photographs to help tell Porsche stories.

All around us are wonderful stories just
waiting to be told. If you feel you don't have
the time or expertise to tell those stories
yourself, at least pass along your ideas or
photos. Here are some ideas that resonate
with readers:

- Travel stories that involve a Porsche.
An example is Michael Sherman and his
wife's trip to Europe for delivery of his
new 99L.
- Visits to car museums.
- DIY (Do-It-Yourself) articles on some
small or large project that you've done.
Examples abound, from rebuilding an
engine to replacing hood struts.
- Interviews with interesting people who
own interesting Porsches such as the one
on Sal Fanelli, who owns a Porsche tractor.

- My first experience with PCA Potomac,
which could be what your High
Performance Driving Clinic was like,
or your first Drivers Education event
or just an entertaining Drive 'n Dine.
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always welcomed. Please include a
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The Greatest Human Experiment

It was January of this year, while on vacation in Florida with long time friend and fellow PCA Potomac member Paul Breaux (Breaux Vineyard in Western Loudon County), that the editor of Der Vorganger floated the idea of my writing this monthly column. With January being the only month DV isn't published, this idea came as a surprise. A monthly column was honestly the last thing on my mind as I had, ironically, just ended my well over decade long monthly art column for The Middleburg Eccentric newspaper. As a career artist it was basically "Fuel For thought" on art.

Monthly is a commitment of not only time but also in topics and at this point I was pretty much already writing a story a month for DV. I believe this is story number 46 in less than five years and there's only been about a handful more DV altogether published in that time. But hey, one of the PCA's best known mottos is Fueled By Volunteers! Okay, I'll do it!

About two years ago I also began writing for PCA.org and E-Brake News, the weekly email recap of Porsche news that PCA presents each Tuesday via its Digital Editor Damon Lowney. So along with the articles seen in DV, I have also been doing original content for the PCA mothership. To make matters more interesting, just over a year ago my wife and I also moved from our home outside of Middleburg, Virginia to the Lake Norman region of North Carolina. So technically we are not even in the Potomac region anymore, though we "were" still up that way a lot. Upon the news of our planned move, DV Editor—Glenn Cowan said, "Well, I guess we have our first foreign correspondent!"

So I accepted the new column in January and by March I'm off to The Werk's Reunion at Amelia Island with Damon Lowney. I'd never been to a Werk's event (highly recommended) and I was all hands in for the volunteer side of things, which is a Herculean effort on everyone's part I can assure you. Putting on that show is a few days of easily beating the sun out of bed and in this case, beating the rain at its game as well. But the event was amazing. In retrospect, most amazing is that it and the Amelia Concourse d' Elegance were the last events any of us would experience for a long while. The word Pandemic wasn't really on anyone's lips at that point, but Coronavirus was just being muttered. Handshaking was abundant, but admittedly hand sanitizer was too. No one had used the term Covid-19, but we all knew the flu and it was that season too! Little did

FUEL FOR THOUGHT

BY TOM NEEL

we know that the "poo" was about to hit the fan. No sooner than that event was over, so was life as we knew it.

We may have entered the greatest experiment in human history. Sure, there has been war, famine, and pandemics. We as a people and society have endured a lot, but nothing has affected or infected the world as much as this. Nothing has shuttered businesses, created so much unemployment, brought homelessness, created as much loneliness and suicide, fear, anger, political bickering, ended events of all kinds and brought normal lives to such a crawl. This pandemic will be felt and examined forever. But life must go on. Even as events and the things most writers write about are nonexistent. Rise to the occasion! Think of those front line workers pressing on and we celebrate them. I know in my heart many of you are among those who have fought this virus head on and we so thank you!

So, where event articles cannot be written, other content has had to fill the pages. In January I wondered about doing a column with a full year of Porsche happenings on the horizon and knowing nothing of a pandemic. Yet somehow I've double downed on content, felt great doing it, and I'm not alone. I would like to personally thank all of my fellow writers who have provided interesting DIY and personal experience stories which continue to make Der Vorganger a publication we you look forward to receiving. Especially so in getting us all through this stay-in-place time in our lives. Content matters. Stories connect us in this big human experiment. But Porsche stories offer us the greatest human experiences of all time and I'm happy to be sharing mine with you. Be well friends! **DV**



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