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Women of PCA Potomac



Sarah Cameron

I'm excited to provide a Guest Editorial for DV this month on a topic close to my heart. But first, an introduction. I'm Sarah Cameron and you may have met me on Drive and Dines where I am navigator for lead or sweep, or perhaps at the welcome table (get your nametag) at a dinner or picnic alongside my husband, Alan French. I've loved Porsches for a long time and was excited when our Boxster arrived in the garage. For me, PCA events quickly evolved from activities with my husband to activities with a larger group of friends.

I'm told that about 1/3 of the 4,200 Potomacans are women. This doesn't surprise me as despite stereotypes of what a car club may be, I have been impressed by the number of women who plan, organize, volunteer, participate in the many events and fill leadership roles in our club.

The enthusiasm, knowledge, and skill of PCA members – and especially my fellow women, is encouraging me to try new things – I'll see you in October at the Women's HPDC.

I'd also like to encourage you to try something new. We have some great volunteers putting this magazine together each month, but **DER VORGÄNGER** is really your magazine. The core of DV is your articles and pictures reflecting your Porsche passion and perspective of the many events that PCA organizes. I note that contributions from women not in leadership roles seem infrequent. Join me in having your byline / photo credit appear in your club magazine.

The DV team would love to receive stories, photographs, and technical insights from contributors that better represent our entire membership - readership. You

don't have to be a Maya Angelou, or Annie Leibovitz. The team prefers to give writers their voice and photographers their view, rather than edit the heck out of someone's contribution, but can help readers understand your message. Waiting for a formal invitation?... well, here it is:

*The DER VORGÄNGER Team
joyfully invites
The Women of Potomac
to send articles & photos for
sharing with other members
to dveditor@pcapotomac.org*

July was an incredible month in our Potomac region. Multiple autocross and drivers' education events, drive and dine tours, brunches, day drives, charity laps, and an alfresco dinner at PorscheFest. Enjoy the extended DV this month to cover everything that went on. DV

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Everyone Loves a Parade!

When Past President, Mia Walsh, invited me to go “Thelma & Louise” in her 2015 Boxster S to attend the annual Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana, in July, I jumped at the chance. I never wondered what I had gotten myself into. (Well, maybe once.) Our article in this issue of DV details the highs (the people!) and lows (the emu!) of our adventure. Parade originated in Washington, DC, in 1956, with 64 enthusiasts. The 2,000 people who attended the 65th Parade in 2021 reminded me that, although Potomac, the Founders’ Region, is the largest PCA region, there are a wealth of PCA National events available (Werks Reunion, Treffen, the Sportscar Together Day, and more!), and a broad fellowship of Porsche enthusiasts far and wide waiting to greet us.

In addition to featuring events at Parade which Potomac does so well—autocross, banquets, charity

events, concours, driving tours, rally—Parade showcases online resources that PCA has been honing over the last few years. Porsche Sim racing began in 2019 with 50 racers and is now up to 650 and features zone challenges, with national and international challenges to come. Tech Tactics Live DIY videos release several times a month, and several were broadcast directly from Parade.

Boxster owners were delighted to chat with Grant Larson, Director of Special Projects, Style Porsche, during Concours. As designer of the Boxster and Panamera, Grant’s talk on 25 years of the Boxster, the Bergspyder, and 935 was a hit. Radio-controlled car competitions and the PCA Kids’ Camp delighted kids and adults alike. The 5K Walk/Run, Golf Tournament, the Goodie store, and exhibitors, including the Erin Levitas Foundation, added to the mix.

Parade celebrated how PCA has experienced record membership growth in recent months and how the more than 140,000 members are ready to get out and do things in their Porsches. Although Parade was the largest event I’ve been to since the pandemic started, it carefully followed federal, state, and local guidelines, and no PCA events have been a “spreader” event.

So, thank you, Mia. I owe you a detail of your Boxster to clean the mud, Emu pellets, and road snacks. And thank you all, for being part of a vibrant fellowship that extends far beyond our region’s borders. Get ready to party with Potomac in the Poconos for Parade June 12-18, 2022, and at our many other exciting events before then!
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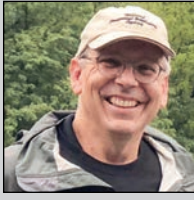
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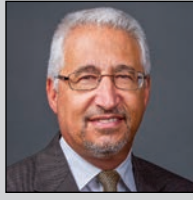
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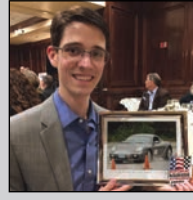
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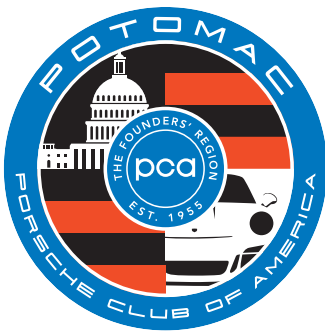
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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The information below is accurate as of date of publication. Check Potomac's website at pcapotomac.org for further information and the most up-to-date information.

SEPTEMBER

4
Autocross #6
Summit Point, WV

17-19
Club Race
Summit Point, WV

Virginia Highlands Tour II
Warm Springs, VA

19
Deutsche Marque Concours
Occoquan Regional Park

25
Autocross #7
Summit Point, WV

Drive to EuroFest
Winchester, VA

Barns & Bridges Photo Rally
Mt. Airy, MD

OCTOBER

2-3
HPDC & Women's HPDC
Summit Point, WV

10
Tire Rack Street Survival
Summit Point, WV

16
Tech for Last DE
Auto Sportsystems Group, Fairfax, VA

17
Open Board Meeting & Fall Picnic
Reston, VA

23-24
HPDE
Summit Point, WV

CLUB Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS

Daniel & Ginny Rowzie on 55 years of membership!

2022 ELECTIONS

In accordance with the PCA Potomac's Bylaws, the 2022 PCA Potomac Elections will take place following the Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 4th, 2021 at a location not yet announced. The 2022 officer candidates, proposed by the club's Nominating Committee, will be presented 60 days prior to the meeting by October 4th, 2021.

As the current Executive Board was adjusted due to the resignation of the voted-in 2021 President in February, the current President, Diane Sullenberger, will automatically continue in her role for the 2022 year. In addition, the Past President, Mia Walsh, will continue in her role as well for 2022.

For the 2022 elections, the membership will be voting for the roles of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

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 Nominating Committee Chair, Mia Walsh (pastpresident@pcapotomac.org), by October 1st, 2021.

The bios of the proposed Nominating Committee slate will be published in the October Der Vorganger magazine, on PCA Potomac's website and linked in our weekly email blast. 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. More information on this will be forthcoming.

POTOMAC MONTHLY LUNCHES & BRUNCHES

Potomac breakfasts and brunches 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.

Virginia

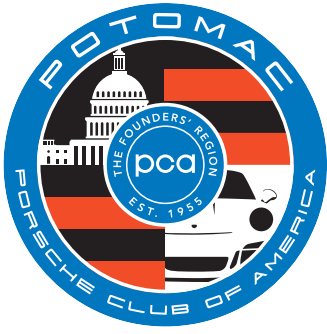
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Maryland

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24
Maryland Fall Drive
Potomac, MD

30
Autocross#8 - Octobercross
Summit Point, WV



Potomac Program Highlights

AUTOCROSS



Above: Father, Marc in his 2020 Carrera (S5 Class)

Below: Daughter, Maria in her 1987 944S secures 3rd place in the S1 Class

Father & Daughter have a blast at their first Autocross

**STORY BY BILL CONLEY, AUTOCROSS CO-CHAIR
PHOTOS BY WALEED EL-MAHALAWY**

Autocross #5 was held during the PorscheFest weekend. It's great to see new faces at our events and enjoy watching family members compete. Marc and daughter, Maria, did well and were excited to drive at their first Autocross event.
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Phong in his 2005 Boxster S (P3 Class)

Autocross #5 Results & Standings July 31st, 2021 Potomac Circuit, Summit Point, WV

Fastest Times of Day

Rank	Class	First Name	Last Initial	Car	Best Time (sec)
1	G	Danny	K	Mazda MX-5	45.506
2	S5	Michael	T	Porsche 718 Cayman S	46.351
3	G	Howard	L	Lotus Exige S240	46.773

Class Winners

Rank	Class	First Name	Last Initial	Car	Best Time (sec)
1	I	Marcus	F	Porsche Cayman RS	48.062
2	I	Steve	B	Porsche Cayman S INSA	50.389
3	I	Mike	F	Porsche 991 turbo	51.509
1	M	John	V	Porsche Cayman S	47.716
2	M	Chris	L	Porsche 928 S4	51.379
1	P1	Matthew	H	Porsche 911SC Targa	58.058
1	P2	Damon	L	Porsche Cayman	48.662
2	P2	Graham	M	Porsche Boxster S	50.084
3	P2	Christopher	P	Porsche 944 Turbo	51.720
1	P3	Jeffrey	B	Porsche Cayman S	48.700
2	P3	Christopher	M	Porsche 997 Carrera	50.047
3	P3	Jeff	G	Porsche Cayman S	51.392
1	P4	Greg	K	Porsche Cayman S	49.235
1	S1	Roland	P	Porsche Panamera GTS	51.982
2	S1	Steve	R	Porsche Cayenne	54.269
3	S1	Maria	A	Porsche 944S	58.745
1	S2	Percy	W	Porsche 944S2 Cabriolet	57.724
1	S3	John	B	Porsche 997 Carrera	48.055
2	S3	John	C	Porsche Cayman	48.736
3	S3	Pam	C	Porsche Cayman	49.928
1	S4	Kevin	K	Porsche Cayman S	47.184
2	S4	Rafael	G	Porsche Boxster S	47.863
3	S4	William	M	Porsche Boxster S	49.552
1	S5	Michael	T	Porsche 718 Cayman S	46.351
2	S5	Tessa	H	Porsche GT4	48.562
3	S5	Scott	B	Porsche GT3 Touring	48.568

Overall Standings

Rank	Class	First Name	Last Initial	Total Points	AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5
1	S5	Michael	T	60	12	12	12	12	12
=2	P3	Jeffrey	B	57	9	12	12	12	12
=2	S3	John	B	57	12	9	12	12	12

Class Standings

Rank	Class	First Name	Last Initial	Total Points	AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5
1	I	Marcus	F	51	9	12	9	9	12
2	I	David	C	36	12		12	12	
3	I	Mike	F	23	1	7	3	5	7
1	M	David	S	24		12	12		
2	M	John	V	12					12
3	M	Chris	L	9					9
1	P1	Steve	V	33		12	12	9	
=2	P1	David	S	12				12	
=2	P1	Matthew	H	12					12
1	P2	Graham	M	42	12	12		9	9
2	P2	Damon	L	24				12	12
3	P2	Mark	H	12			12		
1	P3	Jeffrey	B	57	9	12	12	12	12
2	P3	Jeff	G	33	5	7	5	9	7
3	P3	Christopher	M	27	3	1	7	7	9
=1	P4	Steve	F	12		12			
=1	P4	Greg	K	12					12
1	P5	Conrad	W	30	12		9	9	
=2	P5	Adam	A	12			12		
=2	P5	Jordan	A	12				12	
=1	S1	Kurt	L	12			12		
=1	S1	Roland	P	12					12
=1	S1	Kautliya	N	12	12				
=1	S1	Douglas	T	12		12			
1	S2	Damon	L	24	12	12			
2	S2	Percy	W	12					12
1	S3	John	B	57	12	9	12	12	12
2	S3	John	C	39		12	9	9	9
3	S3	George	E	26	9	7		5	5
1	S4	Kevin	K	52	9	12	7	12	12
2	S4	Rafael	G	42	12		12	9	9
3	S4	Eric	C	25	7	9	9		
1	S5	Michael	T	60	12	12	12	12	12
2	S5	Gary	B	37	9	9	9	5	5
3	S5	Tessa	H	29	7	1	5	7	9

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Summit Point, Main Circuit

Our Mid-Summer DE event was blessed by good weather, great people, and the best cars. We also were able to enjoy our trademark happy hours on Friday and Saturday evenings when the track fun was over for the day. We decided to bring you photos of fun to be had at this most social part of our weekend. **DV**



Michael in Turn 5 in the GT4 Club Sport



Carol and Lauren enjoy the return of Happy Hour



Michael asks Alan to hand over his beer while Stephen sings a cappella to a delighted Henrik and assembled group



Kenny performs his world-famous, vanishing bottle and cigar trick



Anu and Kinjal relaxing after a fun day in the GT4



Edward takes Turn 1 in the GT3

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Virginia Highlands Tour

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My heart's in the Highlands... - Robert Burns

This much loved tour based in Warm Springs, VA, delivered again for 22 immaculate Porsches of members who love meandering along riverside roads, serious zigg'in' n' zaggin' up mountains, and schussing down valleys in this beautiful part of Virginia.

The tour has been running for 14 years and is as popular now as it's ever been. This year, we had many who were new to Potomac membership and a handful who had never been on a Drive & Dine Tour before.

Judging by the visible smiles during the day and raucous laughter in the evenings, a good time was had by all. New friends were made, old friends reacquainted, while the Bluegrass band, Southern Rail Express, played and we ate an excellent gourmet BBQ provided by the Inn at Gristmill Square.

Thanks go to the volunteer team of Ted & Sharon Whitehouse, Larry Mauch & Beth White, and Mike & Jackie Peters for keeping us safe and very, very happy!

Next Virginia Highlands Tour: September 17-19th, 2021. DV



The group assembles for the final photo call at the Ingalls Field Airport after a long day of octane fuelled fun for most, and electron fuelled fun for some



The smiliest table on tour; Max & Rhonda, Maryonna & Jim, & Lou



Lake Moomaw, the site for our picnic lunch



Libby, remarkably composed for someone caught in the wine cellar!



A different kind of Porsche parade, and with Audra's TT



Two Caymans, two reds, oh, and some lovely peeps in the background, all atop of Mt. Shenandoah, WV.

DRIVE AND DINE



Hardy Potomac members brave the midday sun for a photo opportunity at the Inn at Willow Grove, Orange, VA.

Luray Caverns & Museum

July 2021

STORY BY LARRY FINKEL
PHOTOS BY LARRY FINKEL AND GLENN HAVINOVISKI

Everything's cool in Luray

On an early Sunday morning in late July, 45 PCA Potomacans gathered for an inaugural mid-summer Drive and Dine day trip to two quintessential Virginia towns - Orange and Luray. The concept of this new trip was to escape the summer heat, drive on some scenic and lesser known roads, enjoy the mountainous terrain of the Shenandoah, and tour one of the country's most historic sites - Luray Caverns. The caverns are a constant 54 degrees, year round! What better way to escape the sweltering summer heat and see a magnificent and unique geological site?

Twenty three beautiful Porsches with their owners and guests, met bright and early in Manassas, VA. After our usual pre-trip rituals and a review of the Drive and Dine safety rules, we split into two groups. One led by Glenn and Nanci Havinoviski, the other by Larry and Beth Finkel. Holding up the rear and keeping us all together were Leroy and Marilyn Mills, and Charlie and Michelle Mandolia. The first one hour leg of the



Designated parking for Porsches at Luray Caverns



The famous Luray Caverns, Reflecting Pool, where stalactites and stalagmites both hang down and grow up at the same time...

journey took us through quiet country roads passing through tiny towns such as Aden, Morrisville, and Kellys Ford to our first pit-stop at the Walmart in Locust Grove. Back on the road again for a shorter 35 min drive, mostly along the Constitution Highway, we pulled into The Inn at Willow Grove. The Inn is a restored 1770s plantation house with modern luxury. The grounds and setting are tranquil and romantic, framed by old-growth trees, beautiful gardens and magnificent colonial architecture.

We had a private room where we were treated to a gourmet breakfast buffet. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and had a few moments to tour the beautiful property.

Fully fed and ready to go we set out on the 70 minute path to Luray. Lots of twisty roads, especially along route 211, made for an adrenaline filled journey. Our two driving groups got a bit mixed up on the route, with the sweeper car, driven by Leroy in Group One, arriving at Luray ahead of the Group One lead car driven by Larry. I knew 911s are fast, but Leroy pulled some sort of magic to arrive first. A mystery to solve for another day.

Luray arranged for a private parking area where we were able

to line up for a panorama shot.

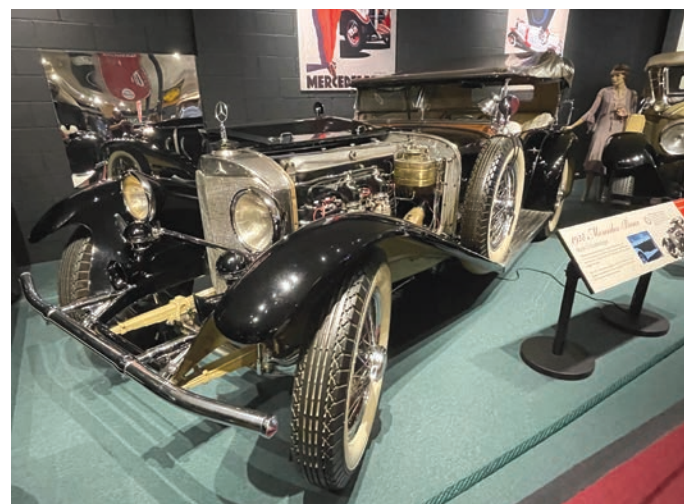
All 45 of us descended into the caves, happily escaping the searing heat of the day. Guided tours were temporarily suspended due to lingering Covid restrictions, but that didn't make the tour any less fascinating. Dory Thomas played an impromptu guide for a few of us. As we reached various viewing areas, she explained the history and details of the amazing sites. I don't know how she knew so much about the Caverns. One of my favorite areas was the reflecting pool, where everything on the bottom half is water mirroring the stalactites above. It was hard to take your eye off of this wonderful display of nature.

After our one hour cavernous tour, we ventured to the adjoining antique car museum. On display were all sorts of historic cars, including a 1928 Mercedes-Benz which was designed by Ferdinand Porsche. The museum also had a 1908 Baker Electric, a 1915 Model T, and the 1925 Rolls-Royce, owned by silent film star, Rudolph Valentino.

We expect to run this trip again in summer 2022. We hope you can join us. DV



Glenn and Nancie lead the fun at the Inn



The 1928 Mercedes-Benz designed by Ferdinand Porsche, no less

PORSCHEFEST



A sight unseen since 2019

Potomac puts the Fest back into PorscheFest

**STORY BY MICHAEL KAUNITZ,
PORSCHEFEST COORDINATOR
PHOTO BY MIA WALSH**

PorscheFest has long been a weekend of celebration for PCA Potomac. Participants from many different programs gather in early August at Summit Point Motorsports Park for a celebration, enjoying the camaraderie and spirit of our cars each in our own unique ways. Charity Laps are held in the afternoon, swiftly followed by the happy hour. In the evening, we host a big Celebration dinner. Drivers' Education, Autocross, and Drive & Dine participate and in years past we have had

Concours attend as well. In 2019, PCA National even held their "PCA Experience" during that same weekend. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our celebration in 2020 and half-way into 2021 it looked unlikely that we would have the event this year.

Happily, in early June that changed when I was asked by the DE Chairs and Exec to step in and "make it happen" as I had in 2019. Initially I was hesitant to start from ground zero but after discussing the plan in more detail with leadership, the initial discussions had already happened with the program chairs and it was now a matter of pulling it all together and managing logistics.

In the end, we had a really great day, over 250 people attended the dinner including program participants and their families and friends. We were also happy to have many of our support personnel from Xator Corp, 2X4 Flagging, and our volunteer EV corps join us. Importantly, we had almost 50 cars enjoy paced charity laps of the Summit Point Circuit. The combination of donations from those laps as well as onsite cash donations meant we raised \$1,600 for Rallye for Vets.

Now the focus will turn to 2022 with the hope of getting even more program participation and making the event even more of a celebration of our love of the cars and the people. DV

A Taste of Autocross

STORY BY BILL CONLEY, AUTOCROSS CHAIR
PHOTOS BY MIA WALSH

It was a beautiful weekend for PorscheFest. Our spirits were warmed with the return of breakfast & coffee. The ability to gather safely, vaccinated, and outside, had the day off to a great start. In addition to the amazingly complex course designed by Jeff Braun, we also enjoyed bringing back our Taste of Autocross program. We've found many new Porsche owners are reluctant to bring their car to an event and immediately step behind the wheel at full throttle. It's one thing to periodically open up the throttle on the highway on-ramp, it's another to drive wide open for nearly a minute. (Obviously a 20 minute Drivers' Education session is another experience entirely).

For new or potential owners, the minimal registration fee and loaner helmets supplied by our sponsor, OG Racing, encouraged many to take this "Taste Of" experience. Our Autocross coaches were able to take enthusiasts through the course, safely, but at full speed. The nerves at the start are always fun to see, as people settle into a car, unsure of what to expect. The chin strap was tightened firmly with excited eyes visible through the visor. This course, like most, had a full throttle acceleration to begin. As the pedal goes down, the acceleration is evident in the small of your back. As the car glides to the right and left through the slalom, you can sense the excitement building. Through a short straight away speed builds up and then the brakes are hit hard for a brief moment to put the weight on the front end of the car and increase the bite of the tires for a circle. Building speed through the exit, the car comes back to a turn the other direction, maintained briefly before building speed and then entering one of the slowest parts of the course: a sweeping right hander entered into the Chicago Box. The course was designed to have a sea of cones to disorient even the most experienced drivers. A quick turn to the left, the right, and then we sailed together past the checkered flags. A full speed stop box was included on the finish of the course.

With typical run times in the high 40 seconds, all our participants got to take a deep breath, feel the seat belt relax over their shoulder and turn to the coach and smile. The words of joy at this moment are some of my favorites when bringing a new Porsche enthusiast into the fold. The wow-factor of being able to fully demonstrate what our cars are capable of is an amazing feeling. We'd start taking off our helmets as we pulled back into our position in the grid lines. Each time, we'd step back out of the car, smiles beaming, our hearts warmed by the sun, the warming temperatures throughout the day, and the warmed tires from the minute spent on course.

Reach out to Jeff & Bill, Autocross co-chairs at autocross@pcapotomac.org if you'd like to participate in a future event. DV



Never pass up the opportunity to get an experienced Instructor to jump in the right seat with you before launching yourself on course



Tessa in her 2016 GT4 (S5 Class) showing a key skill in mastering Autocross - eyes up, looking through the corner



Cornering forces can be greatly enhanced with a little brake application

PORSCHEFEST



Paul kisses the apex in Turn 6 in his '71 RSR Clone

A Tasty Drivers' Education

Sponsored by OG Racing

**STORY BY SUSAN KIMMITT AND BOB MULLIGAN,
PCA POTOMAC DE CHAIRS
PHOTOS BY ETECHPHOTO.COM AND MIA WALSH**

July was a very busy month for Potomac PCA Drivers' Education (DE). We held two 3-day driving events at Summit Point Main Circuit; the Mid-Summer DE on July 9 through 11, and our PorscheFest July 30 through August 1. Both weekends were well attended by our usual suspects, people from other regions, as well as many folks new to this sport. In both events, our time on the track was augmented by skid pad sessions, in-class instruction, and Happy Hours when the track went cold at the end of each day.

Our Social Chair, Graham Mansill and our PorscheFest coordinator Michael Kaunitz, were able to pull out all stops to put on an incredible dinner and happy hour under the tent trackside Saturday evening. We had about 225 drivers, volunteers, and crew from DE, including 37 people from Drive and Dine, 48 from parade laps, and 75 from Autocross as well as many visitors, friends and family join us Saturday with about 250 people staying for dinner and drinks under the stars. DV



A mask mandate in all classrooms and confined spaces helped to keep participants and their guests safer throughout the weekend



Steve returns to the track in his GT4 after a long spell away



Bob had a lot of fun in his daily driver



Bill learned firsthand how awesome fellow drivers are when he needed help to fit new brake pads in the paddock



Jay entertained Porsche fans all weekend in his GT3R



Christina, smooth through Turn 10 in her Carrera 4S

A Tastetastic Dinner after Parade Laps

PHOTOS BY DORY THOMAS AND MIA WALSH



PCA Potomac President, Diane Sullenberger, thanks everyone who volunteered time and energy in making PorscheFest 2021 a success



48 cars line up on the grid for the Parade Laps behind a lead car at highway speeds to raise money for Rallye for Vets



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Hands on the award, left to right; Potomac Past President, Mia Walsh, Potomac President, Diane Sullenberger, President & CEO of PCNA, Dr. Kjell Gruner, Potomac Club Race Chair, Pat Kaunitz and Marissa Jachman of the Erin Levitas Foundation

65TH ANNIVERSARY - PORSCHE PARADE

**STORY BY DIANE SULLENBERGER AND MIA WALSH
PHOTOS BY MIA WALSH AND OTHER PARTY GOERS**

Potomac President, Diane Sullenberger (DS) and Past President, Mia Walsh (MW) attended their FIRST EVER Porsche Parade in July, located at the French Lick and West Baden Resorts in French Lick, Indiana. With over 980 Porsches and 2,000 people in attendance, it was the largest Porsche-brand event either has ever attended. In 2022, Porsche Parade will be held geographically close to our region, in The Poconos, Pennsylvania. We will push hard to have a strong showing of Potomacans at that event to share the fun!

High off the energy of Porsche Parade 2021, both Diane and Mia shared their thoughts with our **DER VORGÄNGER** magazine.

Getting there:

DS: Our trip started in horse country at the stable where I keep Magic Lights, my Quarter Horse. Mia picked me up in her 2015 981 Boxster S. The first 10 hours of the drive flew by as we talked about Potomac and being in leadership roles, as well as our favorite cars and events, along the way. We ended up going through Kentucky's horse country as we neared our destination. Full circle!

MW: I'm usually a light packer, but we had to figure out the puzzle of filling my Boxster's frunk and trunk with two ladies' wardrobes, including 4 nights of cocktail dresses, daytime outfits, 5 pairs of

shoes each, driving gear and cowboy boots, as we had scheduled a horseback trail ride at West Baden. Note: "Cocktail Attire" was interpreted very differently amongst the 146 regions' participants. I wonder if the East Coast version will be the same?

First Impression:

DS: When the Boxster's Michelin Pilot Sport 4S tires rumbled onto the historic brick-paved street of West Baden Resort, we immediately blocked the road, angled the car and took a few pictures under the arched entrance sign.

MW: Yup, I was given the directive of posting on Potomac's Facebook account, so we had our first Porsche Parade post uploaded before we even checked into the hotel.

DS: West Baden was not the primary Parade event location, so although there were 30 Porsches in the lot, it did nothing to prepare us for what awaited us at the French Lick Resort.

MW: When we went to French Link a mile away, we were blown away by the Porsche PCNA Hollywood-like signage, Porsche ArtCars, and the hundreds and hundreds of members' cars in every nook of that location. It made quite an impression. For Parade 2022, we will definitely reserve a room at the host hotel.



Potomac President, Diane Sullenberger, poses under the historic entrance arch of the West Baden resort



This Colorado-based 1958 356A Speedster sports the original dirt, dust and mold from its barn-find status

What about the cars?

MW: We were lucky to run into Manny Alban, Past PCA National President, who walked us through the nighttime frenzy of Concours preparation as judging was being held the next morning. While some owners were still cleaning every last chrome bumper and tire tread, other cars were being driven to the staged area. I watched in awe as a very rare 1958 550A Werks Spyder drove into its place. The 550A model was Porsche factory's entry into LeMans and differed from the 550 by use of a full tube spaceframe, among other things. It is a 135 horsepower car at 7,200 rpm, which is low by today's rocket-ship standards, but managed to come in P3 at LeMans. I also learned the one in front of me was worth about \$5,000,000. Gulp.

DS: As the cars inched their way onto the Concours floor, one car stood out, not for its cleanliness, but its patina. We chatted with the Colorado owner of this barn-find 1958 356A Speedster, who insisted during the engine rebuild to keep every spec of dirt, bird droppings, barn dust, cracked soft top pieces and distressed leather AS IS. Mia's cars would fit right in.

MW: HEY! That's not nice. It's true, but not nice. (laughter)

MW: Porsche Cars North America sent about a dozen cars, which were displayed all over the campus, inside the buildings, in the Porsche Design store and at the banquet receptions. There were



ArtCars were on display throughout the event, brought in by PCNA

a handful of ArtCars (artcarsproject.com) which were brilliantly colored, super fun and creative. I definitely would drive around town in one of them!

DS: A special treat was seeing the CaymanIslands.com and Porsche Motorsport North America (PMNA) partnership cars, built for the Porsche Carrera Cup North America series' inauguration. As my engine succumbed to bore scoring at Watkins Glen in June, I thought I would pick one of these up to take to Summit Point, but I couldn't decide between the GT2RS Clubsport and the GT4 Clubsport, so I came home empty-handed.

MW: GT2RS! (laughter)

Activities:

MW: During advanced registration, we were given a 5-page Excel spreadsheet of daily activities, some which required registration and payment and some which were open for walk-ins. I kept hearing "competitive" a lot throughout the week, so I know the TSD Rally, Autocross, Concours, and Trivia activities are sought-after by participants.

For a PCA group drive, I went on the Buffalo Trace Distillery tour as we were near the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Though I don't drink the "brown stuff", I did manage to bring back a few bottles of Blanton's and Angel's Envy, as well as the PCA Porsche Parade laser-engraved Woodford Reserve bottle.

DS: We worked hard to make room in the Boxster S for all our purchases! Our friends in the DE paddock are going to love us at PorscheFest. If they make it that long unopened!

DS: The number of choices for daily activities is dizzying, and many veteran Parade-goers advised us to not to sign up for more than one event per day. Between the Porsche Parade Seminars, Tech Tactics, photography art show, exhibitor hall, and just admiring the cars around us and chatting with new people, we were busy from the moment our feet hit the floor. We also attended a banquet every night.

MW: We did manage to sneak in horseback riding, a massage and a trip to see Boston Celtic Larry Bird's childhood home. I will let Diane tell you about our drive-through Safari adventure.

Best Moment: (laughter)

MW: Two days before the event, I received a text from a videographer working for Porsche AG who wanted to feature me in a video as a woman driver and first-time Porsche Parade participant. (He was given my name by PCA Executive Director, Vu Nguyen.) Two cameramen followed Diane and me around the Concours as we spoke to owners about their cars and then interviewed me about my experiences with the Porsche brand. In a remote location, they had cars set up with cameras and recorded us driving in the Boxster S with the top down from the front, back and side. A cameraman then jumped into the passenger seat to record me driving from inside the cockpit. Both Diane and I were wearing our PCA Potomac baseball caps, so our region will hopefully get some international recognition when the video is edited and released.

DS: Mia and I share a love for animals and on the last stretch into French Lick, a sign for a drive-through safari caught our eye. When we had a few free hours, we took a drive to check it out. We were surprised that we were the only Porsche buying tickets, until we learned the "drive-through" road was a mile of gravel! A benefit of having a convertible was being able to feed the animals from the comfort of our car seats. Perhaps the best, and most terrifying, moment was coming eye-to-eye with a hungry emu, who promptly cleaned us out of our supply of feed and began eyeing the seats of the Boxster S for more snacks. That may have also been my worst moment.

MW: I have a video of Diane's saying "I'm terrified" and me laughing so hard that my eyes started watering. I'll take monetary bribes to show it to anyone who asks, as I also had some engine issues at Watkins Glen. The Concours folks would have been horrified with the animal feed flying all over my car!

Worst Moment:

DS: See above. (laughter)

MW: I would be lying if I didn't say I was disappointed that Potomac came in second runner up for 2020 Region of the year. I thought our region and its volunteers put an amazing effort adjusting protocol to keep our club vibrant and active during the pandemic year. Like First Place level effort. However, the more I thought about it, I compared it to "winning" my first 3rd place podium as a PCA Club Racer. It was one of the happiest moments of my PCA experiences, along with the Rookie racer award given by PCA National the same race. So, after a few drinks with my Potomac friends at Parade, we proudly carried our (little) trophy around for the rest of the night in celebration and made everyone take pictures with us.

DS: Agreed. Potomac was nominated for several awards, and deserved them all, in our opinion.

What about the people?

MW: We never sat with people we already knew, so we had great conversations with regions as far as Alaska and Hawaii. We got



Not many Porsche Parade drivers made the trip to the rugged roads of Wilstem Wildlife Park, but Mia's Boxster S did!



Diane S. feeds her new friend, a giant, hungry emu

some great ideas for social events, like progressive dinners, and found out that many regions have separate "region-only" parties and tours at Parade to get their own people together as well. I was dumbfounded how many people have attended Parades for 5-10-20-40-60 years in a row. Everyone said that they have met new best friends at Parade and look forward to the one time a year they see these PCA companions.

DS: A highlight was speaking with Dr. Kjell Gruner, the new President and CEO of Porsche Cars North America. We even invited his wife, Eva Maria, to attend our Women's High Performance Driving Clinic in October. Also, as a new member of leadership in Potomac, it was a tremendous opportunity to meet the PCA National Executive Board at the Presidents' Reception and to chat with officers and members from regions across the country. The Exec members expressed their gratitude to our region for all its accomplishments in 2020 and offered support for the future.

Volunteering:

MW: Diane, that's a great segue into volunteering. PCA is #fueledbyvolunteers and Porsche Parade is no exception. When you go to the Poconos Parade, sign up to volunteer a few hours here and there to meet people from across the country. In almost every discussion I had in French Lick, I had offers from our new out-of-region friends to show me some great driving roads in their area on my next visit.

DS: It was helpful that the badges from Parade had people's names, regions and volunteer titles. We met the "Parade Hydration" and "Parade Equipment" lead volunteers, and were greeted by no fewer than 25 volunteers during Parade check-in. Volunteers are needed for every activity; it's just like Potomac programs organized by volunteers, but on a much larger scale.

Families:

MW: I did not fully understand all the activities Porsche Parade has for 0-17 year-olds until I arrived. The Parade Kids and PCA Juniors at Parade programs have their own Concours d'Elegance, Autocross, Remote Control Car Race and Tech Quiz competitions, with some amazing trophies for all age groups. For the parents' night out, Parade Kids Camps for ages 4+ are available during the banquet nights. On the books for the Poconos Parade is a KEF Music Lounge for the older kids at Parade.

DS: One of the most moving moments was a heartfelt tribute to longtime Parade-goer and Golden Gate member, John Toney, who recently passed away. John was a multi-year champion rally navigator for PCA and SCCA, often with his daughter, Jessica, who thanked everyone at the TSD Rally Banquet (sponsored by PorscheDesign) for their support and friendship over the years. She and many others remarked that Parade has been an important part of their annual family gatherings and that she had grown up as a "Parade Kid". Some members had 3 generations of their families at Parade this year.



PCNA President and CEO of Porsche Cars North America, Dr. Kjell Gruner, gives the keynote welcome address



Mia and Diane flank PCA Executive Director, Vu Nguyen, at the Welcome Reception



PCA Parade is a competitive family experience: even the children win festive trophies



Erin Levitas Foundation, a charity partner of PCA Potomac, exhibited at the 2021 Porsche Parade to bring national brand awareness to their non-profit

Sponsors:

DS: I've never been prouder of our Region's efforts in community service than at the Rally Banquet when the emcee spoke to the hundreds of people in attendance about the importance of the work of the Erin Levitas Foundation and the prevention of sexual assault. ELF, founded by Potomac members, Mike and Wende Levitas, had a booth in the Exhibit Hall, which was staffed by Pat Kaunitz, Potomac Club Race Chair and Marissa Jachman, Mike Levitas' niece.

MW: Porsche Cars North America was a lead sponsor, along with Pirelli, Michelin, Reliable Carriers, Inc., Haggerty, Porsche Design and others. Porsche Design gave out a great swag bag at their TSD Rally dinner and Diane and I had a nice late night chat with Porsche Design of America President & CEO, Karsten von Engeln, waiting for the shuttle back to our hotel. It pays to be the last ones at the party. Three nights in a row. (laughter)

What would you do differently for your next Porsche Parade?

MW: Definitely get more of my Potomac peeps to come to the Poconos since it hasn't been this close to our region in 15 years and probably won't again for a long time. I'm also going to read up on the competitive Time, Speed, Distance Rally rules and sign up to compete. Finally, I am going to stay until the end of week for Parade of Porsches, when hundreds of Porsches parade through the town.

DS: I love the Boxster S, but next year I plan to bring my own car and do one of the competitive events, volunteer at one of the stations, and to arrange a Potomac-only event in the Poconos. I am encouraging Potomac members to save the date for Porsche Parade 2022 at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos June 12-18, 2022!

PCA Potomac Members in attendance at the 2021 French Lick Porsche Parade:

Charlotte Chirinos, Charlene Bleckley, Gerard and Patricia Gager, Stephen and Lynn MacKellar, Ronald and Anne Cannizzaro, Christian Calvo, Patrick and Tessa Gordon, Keith and Lisa Gard, and Bob Miller. **DV**

MACKELLARS WIN AT PORSCHE PARADE

BY GLENN COWAN

Steve MacKellar and his wife, Lynn, attended the 2021 Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana. They have entered their 2017 991.2 Turbo in the 'full' concours category (meaning the underside engine, transmission, exhaust, front and rear suspension and wheels and tires are judged along with the exterior, interior, storage compartments, etc.) at three Parades – this year at French Lick, Boca Raton, Florida in 2019, and Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri in 2018. The MacKellar's drove their Turbo to each event – collecting bugs, grime and dirt (and Steve noted that it ALWAYS rains in the summer on the way to these events). The MacKellar's arrive at the host resort about three days in advance of the official Parade start in order to prepare for the concours on Monday morning, which is the first competitive event for Parade week. After that event, the owners have the rest of Parade week to enjoy their cars in tours, rallies, and autocross events.

They bring everything needed to spend a week enjoying the Parade as well as a trunk filled with Concours cleaning supplies along with a floor jack, hand tools, torque wrench, vacuum cleaner/blower, extension cords, floor tarps, lamps, etc. I have watched Steve prepare his entry for a Potomac Concours and even at this level of "friendly" competition, Steve's cars are cleaner than any Porsche I have owned, including the day I took delivery!

So how did Steve and Lynn do at French Lick? Wait for it –

First Place in Concours Preparation II – FULL (class PP12F) – Model year 2013 991 to current year 992. (Steve and Lynn also won this award in the 2018 and 2019 Parade)

Received the Preparation II Group Award – a second round of judging of all 1st place PP II FULL concours finishers to determine one overall Group Award winner. (Steve and Lynn also won this award at the 2018 Parade)

Art Show – 1st Place in its category (recycled, reused metal); the Porsche Family Award of Excellence; and the People's Choice Award.

Fifth place in the Technical and Historical Quiz – Early 911/930/912 to 1977 model year.

Fifth Place in the Gimmick Rally (Two Person Class). The MacKellar's had a 3rd place rally score, but under-guessed the number of popcorn pieces in a jar used as a tie breaker question – Steve guessed '911' and the correct answer was 1903!

Fifth Place in the 5K Run (Male- Age 60-69)

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DV has asked Steve to write something of his passion for these cars and we look forward to a more detailed story soon. **DV**

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HUGH BREIDENFELD

2013 911 Carrera
from Ashburn

CODY BROWN

2002 Boxster
from Reston

REID BROWN

2008 Cayman S
from Vienna

JAMES CIRCO

1984 911 Carrera Targa
from McLean

KESHAUN CLARK

2014 Panamera 4S
from Woodbridge

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2021 Taycan 4S
from Aldie

DAVID DICK

2013 Cayenne GTS
from Clarksburg

REMY GERBAY

1999 911 Carrera
from Bethesda

MARTIN HALFER

2017 718 Boxster S
from Vienna

CHRISTOPHER JAMESON

2006 Boxster
from North Bethesda

STEVEN LEVENTER

2021 911 Targa 4S
from Potomac

GILL LOTT

2005 Boxster
from Lexington Park

MAURICIO MENDOZA

2006 911 Carrera S
from Potomac

RANDOLPH MILLER

2021 Taycan
from Alexandria

GARY MIRE

2007 911 Carrera
from Frederick

AMY MUNOZ

2011 Panamera S
from Manassas

HEATHER OVERTON

2014 Panamera 4S
from Leesburg

TODD PARADISE

1999 911 Carrera
from Towson

JULIAN PARKER

2021 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
from Mount Rainier

ROLAND PINTO

2015 Panamera GTS
from Falls Church

MARKUS PLATZER

1995 911 Carrera Cabriolet
from Bethesda

MICHAEL PRATT

2021 Cayenne E-Hybrid
from McLean

MADHU RAO

2008 911 Carrera S
from New York
transfer from Metro New York

STEVE RUNNELS

1977 911
from Frederick

GRANT SCHERLING

2020 Macan
from Alexandria

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2021 911 Carrera 4S
from Centreville

ESTHER SUN

2020 Macan S
from Arlington

EVAN TONKIN

2014 Cayman
from Tysons Corner

DAMIAN VENEZIANI

2007 911 Carrera
from Dunkirk

TRISTAN WILKERSON

2021 911 Carrera 4S
from Washington

JAMES WIMBROW

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FUEL FOR THOUGHT

BY TOM NEEL

Keeping It Simple

Somewhat recently, I sold our 2020 718 Spyder, thus making the number of Porsches we own equal to the number of cars we own altogether, one. It was said by fellow member, John Truban, after explaining to him why I sold it, that I had fallen into the trap many of us face when we buy such a car. In short, it's too special to use. Not all of us are wired this way. I get it. But for my wife and me, the Spyder was both special enough, along with its non-power top, to make our Macan S a much more user-friendly choice for almost every occasion.

Now to be clear, the Spyder did get used. Around 2,500 miles in the year we owned it. The drives were wonderful, even though speed limits limited the potential of its performance window. Such is the case with the Macan, but one doesn't feel quite as robbed by it. I can remember taking the Spyder for lunch to the idyllic village of Belmont, North Carolina. Coming down main street I found a nice parallel parking spot, but there's always the dance of shoehorning it in without using the curb as a jackhammer to your wheels. Then came the decision of leaving the top down, or going through the manual fire drill of putting the top up. With a Boxster, the choice would have been a 10 second one. Up, done. Not wanting to be anal-retentive, I said, "the heck with it", and left it down. Our return was met with the realization that a breeze had come along and blown tree pollen catkins or tassels from a nearby, but over top, oak tree. The entire interior was covered with them, and if you know these little monsters, to touch them is to watch them disintegrate into 100% pollen dust. Luckily I had towels in the front trunk to lay on the mess for the drive home, where after taking a leaf blower to it, I went into a long vacuum session.

Life for me these days is all about experiences though. I loved the allocation and configuring, then its delivery to the Porsche Experience Center. By the time the Spyder actually made it into my garage, it was merely an extension of what was already a wonderful experience. It went on wonderful mountain drives, to a few PCA meetings and such, and was enjoyed. But my caring about it loomed in a much different way than the Macan S. Oddly, even the 911 I owned seemed more usable, though it too had its finicky times. Like the time we went to a quick lunch out in the country, in Millwood, Virginia. It was a beautiful day, though upon leaving, while going at just 35 mph, a cheap 7/16 wrench lying in the road somehow made its way through the sidewall of the Carrera's left rear, P-Zero. The three hour wait for the tow truck retrieval, plus the time spent and \$1,000 dollar tire bill with having to replace both rears to keep things

equal, sort of put a damper on things.

The Macan S would have been Porsche simplified. It glides over country roads without protest, and without hearing the sandblast from sticky tires throwing pebbles in its wheel wells. From the driver's seat it is completely Porsche in both look and feel. Glide back its interior sun-cover, open its spacious sunroof, and put down the windows, and it may not scream cabriolet, but the outdoors certainly comes in.

Still, I ponder the Spyder's replacement. The 2022 Macan brings even a sportier attitude, with more performance and even the same GT wheels from the Spyder and GT4. Any other Porsche I purchase along those sports car lines will be very specific in its role and offered experience. Have I crossed the line into mainstream Porsche-ness? After all, the Macan S is easily the best selling Porsche and there is good reason for this. It's easy to own without being fussy. But surely I've not lost the taste for a sports car, have I? It has been written that the number one car which replaces a Boxster, is of all things, a Jeep Wrangler. This is not trading cars. Nope, this is simply trading experiences. It gets one thinking.

The Macan S however seems to bridge that gap in flexibility while still delivering an authentic enough Porsche experience. Maybe you DE organizers should have a Macan, or four door Porsche only track-day, which caters more to the Porsche masses. Throw in a few bags of groceries and the family pooch wearing a helmet, just for the flexible fun of it! As with all Fuel For Thought articles, I hope I've left you all thinking. All in good fun though.



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