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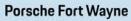
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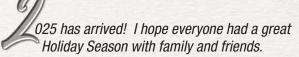
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2024 wrapped up with our Pumpkin Run HPDE, a

few Cars and Coffee, Ice Cream on the Square in Noblesville, and another tour of the Labs at Purdue University. It was a nice end to a busy year of events.

It's hard for me to believe that my first year as President has come to a close. I have enjoyed the experience, the people and the new relationships. As PCA says, "It's the cars and the people."

I also have been surprised at the amount of work that is done by the board and key CIR members to keep everything going with the club. CIR is really a small business, which takes a staff to keep it running.

During 2025 you will see some changes with the website and the process for signing up for events. As I mentioned in my last update, the website is on life support and the board is working hard to identify the scope of the changes that are needed to keep it seamlessly operating over the next few years.

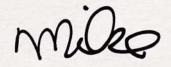
As we go forward into 2025, the keys to club success will be getting new participation with suggesting and leading club activities. If you have somewhere you like to eat or a great road, or maybe an awesome destination, please contact one of the board members and we will get it on the CIR calendar. Don Perkins is our activities lead and is the first point of contact.

This is the time of year to regroup, clean up your Porsche and start planning drives and related activities for 2025. That is exactly what your CIR Board is actively doing for the year, but we sure could use some help.

Keep an eye on the CIR calendar and website, www.cirpca.org, as a Tech Session with SONAX is in the works, along with a surprise or two. And a Late Lunch-Early Dinner at Pasto Italiano! (This one will sell out, so be sure to make your reservations soon.) is planned for the Westfield eatery, on February 22nd during the 1st quarter of the year

I look forward to seeing everyone and to continuing to meet our Central Indiana Region members in 2025.

All the Best





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#### editor's note

ope you all had a wonderful Holiday season. The Porsche Club is truly a family, and we hope our club can bring some fun and adventures to everyone in the upcoming New Year. We have events starting right off with the CIR Annual meeting/dinner this month.

Things really start to hop with our fourth visit to Pasto Italiano for a winter late lunch/early dinner. It is always so nice to get out and see everyone during the icebox season in Indiana. By the way, if you haven't made your reservations do so soon. The February 22nd date is filling really fast. Just click *to RSVP for this fun event*, it is limited to fifty people.

March gets busy with our friends at SONAX USA hosting a CIR visit to Ed Carpenter Racing's (ECR) Indy Car race shop on March 8th. This will be the week after the 2025 Indy Car Series opener at Saint Pete. All the cars should be at the shop, so you will have a firsthand look at what goes into rebuilding and prepping an Indy car for both the upcoming road races and what a team like ECR does for their Indy 500 cars. Hundreds of man-hours go into the fit and finish of the Dallara chassis for the Indy 500.

Our first Happy Hour for the year is set for Patsy's Pub in Westfield on Tuesday night, March 11th. Always a fun time with good drinks and great pub grub! *You can RSVP right here.* 

Bob and Brigitta Snider's CIR Spring Color Driving Tour, a mainstay on the CIR calendar, takes place on April 12 & 13.



This year after driving some really neat sportscar backroads through southeastern Indiana, there will be an option of a Cincinnati Reds game at Great American Stadium

along the Ohio River. Registration is now open, for more info click: <a href="https://cirpca.org/event/color-tour-cincy/">https://cirpca.org/event/color-tour-cincy/</a>.

Of course, April is time for Spring Brake, the CIR's own HPDE. We takeover Putnam Park Sports Car Course for three days of fun and learning by playing on a racetrack on April 25-27. Registration is now open at:

https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/15261.

Be sure to read our story in this issue on the Southern Indiana Region's wonderful Viele Strassen Driving Tour. This is the culprit that made this a most memorable weekend for Pam and me. A tiny hunk of plastic took out a brand-new tire Michelin Pilot Sport 4S, resulting in a crazy day for Pam and I. Despite of that, it was a great, fun weekend.





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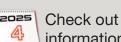


Get INVOLVED! The CIR Website is a fantastic resource for Central Indiana Region, Zone 4,

and Porsche Club of America national news.

The latest news on upcoming local, regional, and national events, Porsche related wire news, members photos, classified ads, site information and more is just a mouse click away!

Join other members and Like Us on Facebook!



Check out the Club Calendar for detailed information about upcoming events and links to register for events.

The CIR offers free classified ads online for members to advertising selling or wanted Porsche cars, parts, and miscellaneous Porsche-related items. Buyers get the peace of mind of purchasing items owned and maintained by club members. Click CLASSIFIED ADS

Peruse current and back issues of the CIRcular newsletters!

It's easy to contact any CIR/PCA Board member. Simply go to the Contact Us page and fill out the form. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate CIR Team member.

Interested in learning more about what your Porsche car is capable of? The CIR Driver Ed links menu provides links to information about the next DE event, DE FAQs, Putnam Park Info, and DE videos.

Would you like to learn more about the Club itself? The About Us menu has links to the Club's history, CIR By-laws, CIR Philanthropies, and more!



The PCA/Zone4 menu contains links to all Zone 4 events and Zone 4 region websites.

#### DeadLine For THE APRIL 2025 ISSUE OF CIRCULAR IS **March 1, 2025**

Do you have an article or photos that might be of interest to our other members? Please send any articles and photos of past or upcoming events to CIRcular Editor, Pam Clarino at https://cirpca.org/contact-us-2/. Please add my name to the subject line. The next full issue will not be until April 2025.

Send photos as separate email attachments (highest resolution possible) and *do not embed them* in your articles. We're always looking for good content. You too can be in CIRcular!

A heartfelt thanks to all of the contributors for this issue and past issues. A publication of this quality would not be possible without its members and contributors.

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## **Check Out These Upcoming Events**

# CIR's Annual Dinner & Election Results

January 11th 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM EST

**WHERE:** Tom Wood Porsche at 3473 E 96th St, Indianapolis, IN

We are gearing up for our annual dinner and election results. This year we are going to come back to club sponsor Tom Wood Porsche showroom. We will have dinner, drinks, the results of the election for your Board of Directors. Our caterer will be Big Hoffa's BBQ. Cost is \$45 per person. Limited to 65 members and guests. So, please plan to join us. It is not to late to sign up. *Purchase tickets and RSVP*.



#### Saturday, February 22

Join your fellow Central Indiana Region members for a late lunch at one of the best Italian restaurants in the area!

Pasto Italiano, located in Westfield, Indiana, is a terrific, From **2:00 pm to around 4:00 pm** we will be taking over the entire place.

Seating will be limited to 50 people so be sure to register below. This is certainly one of our favorite restaurants. Check out Pasto Italiano's website at: pastoitalianowestfield.com, and their menu there.

Located at 3150 East IN-32, also known as East Main Street, in Westfield. It's about a mile or so East of US-31 New owners, Rich and Mike Bartalone continue the goal of having a small friendly, trattoria in Indiana. Boy are they ever succeeding!



The CIR's annual SONAX Car Care Tech Session with be at a real Indy Car Race Shop!

March 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Come for a visit to the Ed Carpenter Racing team headquarters. SONAX will be there doing product demos and answering all your car care questions. Plus, a tour of the ECR shop. This is a week after the Indy Car season opener at St, Pete, so all the cars should be there. The team will also be working on this year's Indy 500 cars.

This is a chance to see what really goes in crafting race cars for the biggest race in the world.

SONAX a great supporter of our club, is the largest car-care detailing product company in the world. They now have hundreds of products under the SONAX brand and their professional brand, PROFILINE. Tony George, of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway family, acquired SONAX USA about ten years ago. They are rapidly gaining market share in North America.

Cost: Free Event *RSVP Here:* Limit 125 Venue:Ed Carpenter Racing ● 7231 Georgetown Rd ● Indianapolis, IN



The Tour begins with an optional lunch at the very charming Kopper Kettle Inn in Morristown, Indiana, then a 3 1/2-hour drive over some of the best sports car roads in Southeastern Indiana, driving through historic German towns along the route and finishing with dinner at the fantastic Moerlein Lager House in downtown Cincinnati, right on the Ohio River and next door to the Reds Stadium!

Optional overnight accommodations will be available at the beautiful Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter in Covington, Kentucky, overlooking the Ohio River with spectacular views of downtown Cincinnati and Sunday Buffet Breakfast included along with a late checkout provided for the 1:40 P.M. Reds vs Pirates game at Great American Ball Park.

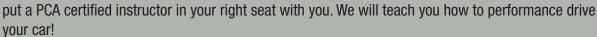
Registration this year will be on Social www.ClubRegistration.net for all the many options for this year's weekend. If you do not already have a ClubReg account, you will have to create one to register. Save the dates now and see you in Cincinnati in April! Bob & Brigitta Snider, Tourmeisters





Registration for Spring Brake 2025 is now open! April 25-27, 2025

Ever get that urge to see what it is like to drive on a real racetrack? Now you can, the CIR-PCA's HPDE at Putnam Park Road Course! Yes, it is safe. If you are new to HPDEs we will



And NO, you don't NEED a Porsche to drive! Of course, we think it is better if you do. Be sure to tell your friends, you don't need to be a PCA member to have fun on a track with us. Register soon at:

https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/15261



#### **Events** Calendar

Be sure to check the club website; **cirpca.org** for the latest additions and changes to club events. The monthly club meeting can be attended virtually via Goggal Teams. **CONTACT US.** 

## January

11 CIR Annual Dinner & Election Results — 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## **February**

3 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

**22** Early Dinner at Pasto Italiano — 2:00 to around 4:00 p.m.

## March

3 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Sonax Tech Session** — 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

11 Happy hour at Patsy's Pub — starting at 5:30 p.m.

## April

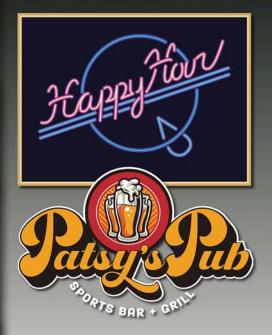
7 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

**12-13** *Spring Color Tour* — starting with lunch at the Kopper Kettle Inn in Morristown, IN.

25-27 Spring Break HPDE — starting Friday morning at Putnam Park on the 25th.

Be sure to keep an eye on the CIR events calendar! It's the best way to stay on top of new CIR events. There are several club activities in the works for the upcoming months. Be sure to bookmark: https://cirpca.org/calendar/

Thanks,
The CIRcular staff



# Tuesday March 11, 2025

#### **CIR Happy Hours are back!**

Patsy's Pub has invited the CIR back for a Happy Hour! Great pub food and drinks. There's room for 30, it is a free event but please RSVP today!

Starts at 5:30 p.m. at 17419 (Suite C) Carey Road Westfield, IN 46074

Patsy's Pub is a friendly and lively gathering place, located in Westfield, IN offering everything you love about a neighborhood bar, feature classic pub food such as wings, sandwiches, and pizza, as well as fresh salads and juicy burgers. Try your favorite beer, wine or cocktail, from their bar, while playing pool, darts, or Golden Tee.

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he International Motor Sport Association (IMSA) returned to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway last September with the featured race, a 6-hour endurance run for the WeatherTech Sports Car Championship. They also had races for the Michelin Pilot Challenge, two rounds of the Porsche Carrera Cup and Lamborghini Super Trofeo. Porsche was well represented in the endurance race with four of their 963 Hybrid Prototypes, a GTDPRO 911 GT3 R and three 911 GT3 Rs in the GTD class. The two-hour Michelin Pilot Challenge featured five Porsche 718 GT4 RS CS cars.

#### **GTP**

Four Porsche 963s were entered, including two from Porsche Penske Motorsport, and one each from Proton

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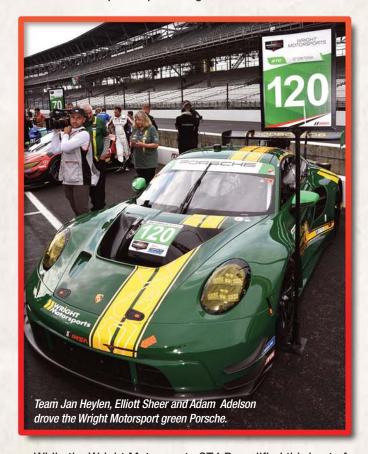
Competition Mustang Sampling and JDC Miller Motorsports. The fastest 963, from Porsche Penske Motorsport, was out qualified by the Sebastian Bourdais/Renger van der Zande Cadillac and the Louis Deletraz/Jordan Taylor Acura ARX-06. The Penske Porsche of Philipe Nasr/Dane Cameron qualified in 7th, the Proton 963 of Alessio Picariello/Bent Viscaal/Alessio Picariello took 9th and the Phil Hanson/Richard Westbrook/Tijmenvander Helm 963 last in GTP in 10th.

Race day dawned cloudy and soon after the start of the race, the rain came which resulted in a lengthy yellow flag parade before the skies cleared and the real racing resumed. In the end, the BMW M Team of RLL Racing, finished first and second, the first 1-2 finish for this team in two seasons of trying. Initially, the #6 Penske Porsche of Jaminet/Tandy finished 3rd but a post-race inspection demoted them to tenth for having a wiring harness that was outside the rules. Together with a similar penalty for the #40 Acura, this moved the JDC-Miller Porsche to 3rd, the Proton Porsche to 5th and the other 963 of Penske to 7th. Not the best outcome for the Porsche GTP teams, but there was a much better result in the GT classes.

#### GTDPRO/GTD

Just one Porsche 911 GT3 R was entered in the GTDPRO class, the AO Racing 911 ("Rexie") of Lauren Heinrich and Michael Christensen. After nearly grabbing pole, their time

was disallowed due to a minimum ground clearance violation. Starting last, in 56th position, they tore through the field, up to 4th in the race's rainy first hour. Then, with the final pit stop, they jumped to first, ahead of the Mustang of Mike Rockenfeller/Harry Tincknell and the Lexus of Ben Barnicoat/Jack Hawksworth. It was an amazing comeback that gave the team a comfortable edge in the season championship heading into Petit LeMans.



While the Wright Motorsports GT4 R qualified third out of the four Porsche GTD entries and in 15th place in GTD overall, the team of Jan Heylen, Elliott Sheer and Adam Adelson managed to race to the class lead by lap 54 and then went on to pretty much lead the rest of the race. While this was the team's first victory of the season in IMSA, their strength was showcased again weeks later by coming within two tenths of a second of winning the Intercontinental GT Challenge at the Indianapolis Speedway's 8 Hour race.

#### Michelin Pilot Challenge

The weekend started brightly for the RS1 Porsche 718 GT4 RS CS Team with a pole. One of five Porsches entered, drivers Trent Hindman/Steve McAleer, led early before a pit lane bobble where the car was let down from its air jacks before a right rear tire was tightened. In the end, the team finished in 9th, one place below the highest finishing Porsche and that of the Matt McCarthy/Riley Dickenson KellyMoss with Riley entry. The remaining three Porsches were out of the top placings.



#### Porsche Carrera Cup

Loek Hartog swept both Cup races with flag-to-flag victories in his KellyMoss GT3. Indy Region's own Dan Clarke finished 3rd in Race 2 on Saturday, while Alex Sedgwick finished 2nd. Hartog's victories brought him closer to the 2025 Pro Championship with four more rounds to go at Petit Le Mans and Circuit of the Americas.



It was a great weekend of racing, with CIR Meet & Greets and tours of the Penske Porsche garage, fan walks through pit lane before the races and nine hours and 20 minutes of some of the best sports car racing in the country.

#### The Rest of the Story...

Season championships were determined three weeks after Indy, at Petit LeMans at Road Atlanta. While the Ganassi Cadillac GTP team won the race, Penske Porsches finished 2nd and 3rd, with the #7 of Matt Campbell, Felipe Nasr/Dane Cameron taking the season

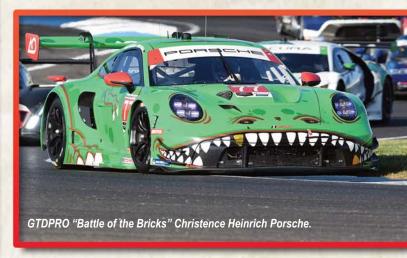
championship. In GTDPRO, AO Racing's Julian Andlauer/ Laurin Henrich/Michael Christensen finished five laps off the lead but had accumulated enough points to win the season championship. In GTD, Indy's Eric Bachelart's Conquest Ferrari won the race but Winward Racing Mercedes won the championship.

Loek Hartog wrapped up the Porsche Carrera Cup title in the Pro class, finishing 2nd in the two races this weekend. The KellyMoss with 718 GT4 RS won the Michelin Pilot Race but the Matt Plumb/Pete Holton Aston Martin took the season championship.





Heylen, Sheer and Adelson are thumbs up with their win.



## CIR/PCA MAGNETIC MEMBER NAME TAGS

We want to know who you are when you come to our events. If you have not bought one or two of our magnetic member name tags, please take advantage of the new savings. There is a whole new way to order official Central Indiana Region name tags. Cost is \$10.00 per tag, plus shipping. Just go to <a href="https://cirpca.org">https://cirpca.org</a>, the club home page and scroll down a bit. Fill out the form and click submit!

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Article and photos by Don Perkins & Will Anthony

he weekend of October 19 & 20, 2024, your region was very busy. Starting with an all Porsche Cars & Coffee, organized by four-year member, James Johnson, in Lafayette at Java Jo'z, followed the next day with a good old fashion ice cream social. For you younger members, that is when you just join friends, eat ice cream and talk to each other in-person. No texting!

Twelve cars and around eighteen members and guests ioined up on Saturday morning for the mini-car show. After hinting to his wife about his love for Porsche by displaying a poster of his dream, a 996 Carrera, for over a year, James finally got his car. Ron & Barb Sterkenburg even brought two out, a red Cayman and a White Targa, on the perfect top-down day.

Cars & Coffees are a great way for members to get help with their cars and work on setting up future events. Membership chair, Will Anthony gave new member Randy Parker advice on a shop to restore the interior of his '73 Targa as well as working on future event plans.

On Sunday the 20th, Alexander's on the Square, in downtown Noblesville, was the site of a CIR Ice Cream Social with their unique selection of 36 flavors of

hand-dipped ice cream. More than twenty of the CIR family gathered for sweet treats and friendly chat on the town square at the Hamilton County seat. Big thank you to Don Perkins, event chair, for putting the delightful affair together.







uftgekühlt, which means air-cooled in German, is a distinctive car show celebrating air-cooled Porsche models, from the early 356 to the iconic 911 and 914 series. Luftgekuhlt; The Porche Car Show, was co-founded by Patrick Long, a former Porsche factory racing driver, and creative professional Howie Idelson in 2014. Luftgekühlt started as an intimate gathering for Porsche enthusiasts and has grown into a

global cultural phenomenon that highlights these unique vehicles in curated, visually stunning settings.

Unlike traditional car shows, Luftgekühlt focused on blending art and design. The first event was held in a lumber yard in Venice, California, and it immediately stood out for its laid-back, artistic vibe and its ability to attract not only car enthusiasts but also art and design fans.

For the inaugural event, Long and Idelson envisioned a gathering that transcended the traditional car show format, blending art, culture, and automotive passion.

Over the years, the event has expanded globally, holding

editions in cities like Indianapolis, San Francisco, Copenhagen, and locations across Europe. Each show emphasizes storytelling, spotlighting both the cars and their owner's personal histories.

Jeff Zwart plays a significant role in Luftgekühlt as a central figure in its creative and cultural development.
Zwart, a renowned photographer, filmmaker, and race car

driver, is deeply embedded in Porsche culture and has a long history with the brand. His work behind the camera, as well as his competitive driving, has made him a legendary figure within the Porsche community.

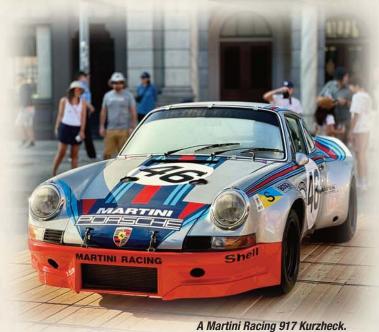
Luftgekühlt draws a diverse audience of Porsche enthusiasts, collectors, designers, photographers, and motorsport fans. The appeal lies in its unique blend of meticulously restored classics, rare racing models, and subtly customized cars, all displayed in artistically

curated environments. Many attendees are long-time

Porsche fans, while others are newcomers captivated by the brand's legacy and the show's aesthetic charm.

The milestone 10th edition, held on October 5, 2024, returned to Universal Studios-Hollywood in Los Angeles. This venue provided cinematic backdrops like New York City streets, historic European alleys, and Western sets enhancing the display's visual impact. Around 400 cars were featured, including a mix of iconic models such as the Vasek Polak Racing 934, a Martini Racing 917 Kurzheck, and a color wheel of rare 964 RS models. The event also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Porsche 911 Turbo (Type 930) with dedicated exhibits.





Displays were intentionally spaced out to create immersive scenes, fostering interaction and conversation among attendees. Highlights included both factory-restored cars and unique owner-modified vehicles, emphasizing Luftgekühlt's commitment to diversity within the air-cooled Porsche community.

What sets Luftgekühlt apart is its artistic structure under



the watchful eye of Creative Director Jeff Zwart. Unlike traditional car shows that focus solely on the vehicles, Luft emphasizes presentation, often integrating the cars into themed environments. This approach has turned the event into a cultural touchstone for the automotive world. Patrick Long describes it as an effort to, "Tell an all-encompassing story of air-cooled cars."



Jeff Zwart & Tom Jacobson

Luftgekühlt 10 marked a celebration of ten years of this innovative approach, blending Porsche heritage with creative vision to leave a lasting impression on all who attended.

Simply a celebration of what many think is the perfect car. A car whose purity of design has never been rivaled. A car whose style and robust mechanicals allow owners to personalize their cars and make each one unique. In fact, no other car brand, and few other brands of any sort, can bring together so many fans to participate as part of the community.



# FOCUS ON Bob & Brigitta Snider

Article & Photography by Larry Clarino

very organization like the Central Indiana Region (CIR) has a coterie of members that are the glue that holds the circle together. In the case of our region, the heart of our group is Bob and Brigitta Snider. And they are definitely a team with Bob now holding the official title of Club Historian.

While not a charter member of the CIR, Bob did join the PCA in 1978, forty-seven years ago when he was a founding member of the new Ramme Region in the Muncie, Indiana area.

"Ramme means pile-driver in German. We named our region that because that is how we drove on the streets around here", said Bob with a smile. "There was a group of us mostly bachelors but a few couples too, that would meet at the old Cork & Cleaver restaurant in Muncie. We all had Porsches and loved to drive them fast. Well, I was traveling in Florida with my new '77, 924 getting an oil change at the Sun Coast Porsche dealership and they told me there was a Porsche club, the PCA. So, when I got back here I contacted PCA national, and they said we should start a new region. We did! We got our official PCA charter in 1979. Then in '86 the Ramme Region finally merged with the CIR."

Bob and Brigitta actually met in junior high school. "I would escort her home on my bicycle." The two went their separate ways after high school as Bob went to Notre Dame and Brigitta went to Ball State. Then in 1998 they got back together. "I made her my PCA co-member," said Bob. Now that was a commitment! The couple got married in 2006, Bob's first, Brigitta's second marriage.

They now have a 2000 Boxster S that Brigitta picked out just for Bob, as they visited the old Ooley & Blackburn Imports showroom in Carmel. "I said to Bob that little maroon convertible is just right for you, and we should buy it." Bob did not argue.

They also have a 2021 sapphire blue metallic, Mecan S that is sort of the traveling car, and the Boxster more of the fun car as they love to travel. One of their passions is organizing road trips for the CIR and attending Porsche events around the nation. Bob has taken part in more than twenty Porsche Parades and several Treffens.

Bob had somewhat of an odd start to his Porsche owner experience. His first was a 1973 914 he picked up in Germany with a plan to tour Europe for a while, but the car was stolen in Rome. Then his second, a '74, 914 2-liter, was totaled in 1977, but he did stick with the brand getting a 1977 924.

Bob has served the CIR as an at-large board member for several terms and has been both president and secretary at different times. "The thing I am most proud of is the years I was membership chairman. They were just fun, maybe because you get good feedback on how you are doing. Every month you see reports about club growth, and you get to talk to so many nice people." Folks like Bob & Brigitta are the heart and soul of our club. Yep, it is the people.





### **Tom Wood Porsche**

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iele Strassen, German for Many Roads.
Our friends in the Southern Indiana Region
(SIR) of the Porsche Club for the last several
years have been hosting a truly magical event
in the month of August called Viele Strassen.
The last couple of years they have invited the
CIR to join them for this amazing weekend.

Eleven couples from our Central Indiana
Region gathered with the SIR gang at the
West Baden Springs Resort for four days of
great dinning, a bit of drinking, and simply a
lot of driving on some awesome roads. The
SIR folks truly do a terrific job of organization,
dividing the cars into groups, with each drive
two different routes each day. Half the
participants drive one tour on Friday, and another
tour on Saturday, with the other half doing the
opposite.

Now, this turned into a bit more of an adventure for Pam and I than we planned. Just about thirty miles into our group's Friday tour, we got a red low tire pressure warning light on our 2018, 718 Boxster GTS's dash. We punctured a brand new Michelin Pilot Sport 4S right-rear tire. You know the big fat wide ones that cost a LOT of money. As luck would have it, a tiny piece of plastic got into one of the grooves and put a hole in the tire. Time for a call to AAA for a flatbed tow truck.

Of course, this was way out in the boonies so when the AAA person asked for the nearest intersection



Cir member Tony Smith preps car before the 1st day of driving.



Starting the first day as the Porsches turn out of the West Baden.

my answer was "We are at the corner of Corn and Beans. I have no idea where I am?" Turns out the GPS locator on your phone works, AAA found us!

Well, after about an hour and a half a truck that looked a lot like "Tow Mater" in the "Cars" movie showed up with Cecil the Driver at the wheel. Yep, made me a little nervous about how our baby would be treated.

After climbing down from the rusty truck cab, Cecil's first comment was, "Now that is one dang Purrr-DEE Porch!" (Good grief...is that banjo music off in the distance?)

Cecil then told Pam and I, he has a '97 Dodge Viper in his garage along with a '59 Chevy. Thank God, Cecil is a 'Car

sixty miles," he said with a toothless grin. After Cecil very carefully loaded the Boxster onto Mater's back, he drove Pam and I to Dubois County Tire in Jasper, Indiana. After a whopping \$27 tire repair bill we were

Guy.' "I got just the place to help y'all. And it's only about

good-to-go! If you ever need a great tire place in Southern Indiana, this is the place. (Boy, was I glad I didn't use that can of goop to try to stop the air leak. That would have cost me the tire and maybe the wheel.) We really can't say enough about Cecil and Dubois County Tire. What terrific folks. Needless to say, we drove back to the West Baden, hoping Saturday's drive would be a bit better.

We were literally the talk of the town at dinner that night as the SIR took over the entire German Café in French Lick. Don't ask me how, but everyone and I do mean everyone, had heard about our tire adventure.

Seriously, this was a wonderful weekend with some super nice people. We highly recommend you consider SIR's Viele Strassen come August. Pam and I are already planning on being there again.

Day two, we followed our fellow porsche drivers on some awesome roads.



Our Friday drive was on the back of a tow truck.





Cir members Joerg & Becky Pfeifer were all smiles at the West Baden dinner.



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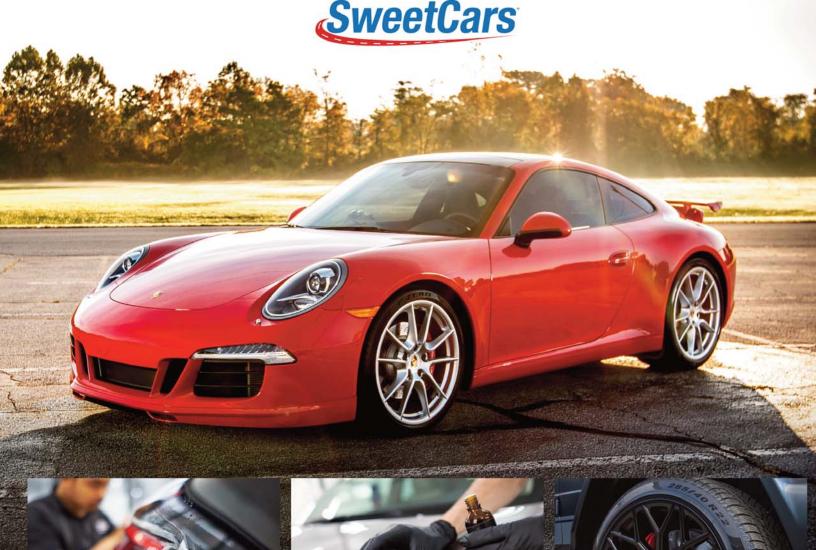
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Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

Humm; turn-7, 2nd or 3rd gear?

he Central Indiana Region owes a big thank you to past president and current High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) chairman, Pete Walker. Once again, our club's Pumpkin Run HPDE, held this year September 27th to 29th was a huge success with over 100 participants.

Under Pete's leadership, he and his team started changing up the schedule of our event at Putnam Park Sports Car Course, making more track time available for all run groups. This also allowed a better required classroom program to emerge for our beginner and intermediate run-groups.

The Pumpkin Run HPDE included for the fourth year in a row, a PCA National training school for future instructors on the first day. Candidates from several PCA regions took part, as our own Chuck Tucker taught nation curriculum. Tucker, literally wrote the book on HPDE classroom training with his recent title, "Teaching Faster", available from Amazon.

The day did turn into a bit of a challenge as the remnants of Hurricane Helene soaked the Central Indiana area. While no track time was lost, the prospective candidates did get a lot of wet-line practice through the day.

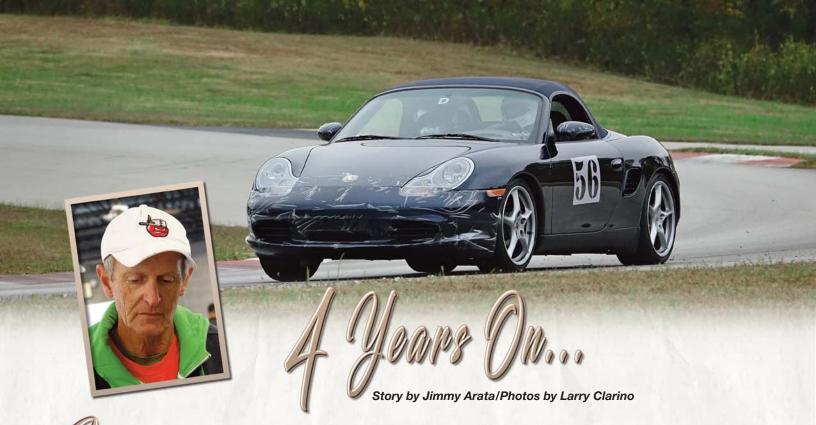
Saturday and Sunday saw several showers pass over Putnam, resulting in variable and changing track conditions, which made for a real learning experience for our participants, with everyone needing to be on their game, lap to lap. While it may sound unpleasant, it made for lots of learning experiences with the track going from tons-of-grip to, well, yahoo!, all in a single lap. Truly a fun time that tested driver's talent with every corner.

With more changes coming for the CIR's Spring Brake HPDE in April 2025, everyone in the club should be justifiably proud of our entire HPDE team. If you have never done one do yourself a favor and come join us. Warning; HPDEs are very addictive.









n October 2020, I attended my first CIR HPDE (track day) and wrote an article about my experience, in the January 2021 Circular. Now four years later, I wanted to share what I've learned with our clubs HPDE events as well as some hosted by other groups.

After a number of HPDEs, I've had the opportunity to work with several instructors. Lisa (poor Lisa!) helped me along my first two HPDEs. She deserves a medal for not giving up on me, but finally, I started to feel as if I belonged on a track.

On a later weekend, I came face to face with another fear, RAIN. My instructor that weekend was Kevin. Kevin was so excited for the rain, while I, on the other hand, was secretly wishing I was anywhere but there. Fear was present, but when our run groups' turn came, out we went. No time for nerves. It was time to listen to my instructor. To my amazement, running in the rain was fun. I ended the day totally pumped, something I never thought I'd say. When the weekend was over, I again realized just how important the instructors are, and how they make things possible, safe and fun.

Then my third year at CIR's Spring Brake, I was lucky enough to have an instructor named Kelly, an experienced racer and instructor, at both the amateur and pro level. He pushed me right from the start. I loved every minute of it. He expected more of me, and I wanted to deliver. Between sessions, he drilled me on car control while sitting in the paddock. Track sessions, intense at times, were exactly what I needed. I learned so much about braking and car control. With his help, I moved up to group C and was allowed to solo. That was my goal.

Stepping outside my comfort zone, I signed up for two

track days with another group. This was a fundraiser for the ACD museum in Auburn. I planned to run a day at Mid-Ohio and a day at Putnam Park. With their own format, it was totally different than what we do with CIR-PCA. One day

events, with an open track all day, no run groups, no instructors. Initially, it sounded scary, but track rules much like we have in our club. No passing without point-bys keeps everyone safe, but being on the track with Ferraris.



Map courtesy of ARPCA

McLarens and other high horsepower cars makes situational awareness an even bigger necessity. For Mid-Ohio, I watched videos and downloaded maps to familiarize myself with the track. However, I really did not feel comfortable with the layout. I did some lead/follow and that was good, but on my own, I was lost.

I knew track etiquette, and didn't get in the way, but I was not having a great time. Heavy thunderstorms blew in and the track was closed early. Hallelujah! I survived the day; happy knowing Putnam Park was our next track.

A month later found me at Putnam, where I was much more comfortable. I was having a good time but met up with friends from a different car club, who were given a free track day from their brand sponsors. These guys had been on a racetrack, and were now in the midst of track veterans, and having a generally lousy time. I told them

to wait until the high-powered cars came to the pits, and then follow me.

Instead of following me, they pulled onto the track ahead of me. They were not hitting the apexs, nor braking properly. On the second lap, one went off into the grass, no harm, but embarrassment for sure. Totally overwhelmed with the whole experience, they decided to leave. I can only imagine what I would have thought had I been in their shoes. Regardless, I stayed until closing and had the best time, realizing the value of the CIR-PCA instructor program that taught me proper performance driving.

This year, 2024, with another different sponsoring group, I decided to try Gingerman Raceway in Southern Michigan. I heard it was a nice track, not too technical but a bit more challenging than Putnam. This organization has run groups,



Map courtesy of SCCA

self-assigned by the drivers. I arrived in 94-degree weather to a track I had never seen. I had a bit of a car issue. It had me unsettled, and in my haste, did not adjust my tire pressures. It was a handful, as my tire pressures were sky high. I had my first spin in a slight downhill turn and realized I needed someone, an instructor to show me the fast and safest. way around. I completed my last session with no drama but left rather humbled.

What I've learned from running with these other groups, is the value of CIR-PCA's program. It really is a great way to give drivers a chance to learn to drive on a track safely and with confidence. Having the instructors can be priceless. I would encourage anyone interested in performance driving to go with a PCA event first, it's the safest and fun way to get indoctrinated to track driving. I have much respect for all the instructors as they give their time to teach newbies like me to be safe and at the same time have a fun experience. The CIR-PCA classroom sessions add much to the day, with the sharing of knowledge and experiences. It really is a complete package.

As I turn 70 in a few months and am having to adjust to the realities of age, I know I can do this. My Porsche 986 Boxster has not suffered at all. My only expense was a new set of tires, now with eight track days on them. A few dollars spent getting the required technical inspections done before PCA events also gives me confidence in the condition of my car as well as the others on the track.

As a lifelong racing fan, the HPDEs have enhanced my appreciation of the skills it takes to drive at speed, as well as greater appreciation of track conditions. And, I've noticed I no longer am inclined to operate my cars at speeds on public roads in search of vehicle limits, having researched these limits in the safe environment we have within the HPDE framework.

Thank you to all the people that make these events possible, and also to my friend Greg Smith, who encouraged me to commit to my first HPDE weekend. I've had a great time and am already looking forward to Spring Brake 2025!





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On November 9, 2024, fourteen CIRs joined up with club member, Eckhard Groll, for our second visit to the Purdue

Engineering labs on the West Lafayette campus. Dr. Groll is the Director of the Office of Professional Programs, Head of Mechanical Engineering, and Reilly Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

Our first stop of the day was with Professor Ajay Malshe at the Manufacturing & Materials Research Lab (MMRL). The purpose of the MMRL is to bring people with different backgrounds together to search for new ways of manufacturing pretty much everything. An example would be an engine block. Instead of taking a billet of say, aluminum and machining out everything that does not look like an engine, you build it out of aluminum powder. Instead of taking away metal, you are adding it. Like 3D printing. This creates much less waste and the ability to make changes faster. We saw examples of parts being made and the machines that do it. A true glimpse into the future.

Next stop was Purdue Motorsports. Here engineering students work with professional race teams on intercollegiate motorsports competitions. Purdue students participate in Go-Karts, Baja SAE, Formula SAE, Electric and Solar Racing, and Autonomous Vehicle Motorsports. Groll has been working with professional race teams to share knowledge with the students and prepare them for a transportation career be it with a racing team or in the automotive industry.

Dr. Groll then led a tour of the new Seng Liang Wang Hall complex that is part of the Hayes Triangle. The new Hall is named after the father of Electrical Engineering and Purdue alumnus Patrick Wang. Hard hats and construction vests were the fashion for the visit making us really stand out! After the tour, we all headed over to Nine Irish Brothers for some Bangers & Mash or Shepherd's Pie for lunch, and of course, good fun.



Items made from aluminum powder.



Purdue Motorsports.



Porsche Palooza

Article & photos by Will Anthony & Don Perkins

orsche Palooza within the Artomobilia Car Show takes place on the streets of downtown Carmel, Indiana every September. The huge event was founded and organized by CIR member John Leonard. Several years ago, John with help from CIR and Tom Wood Porsche created Porsche Palooza, and lodes of Porsches showed up.

This year it was on Saturday, September 7th with the addition of several "Paloozas" including BMW, Lotus, Jaguar, Corvette and so on, along with Porsche. The participants go through registration and are given the parking information for each marque. Club volunteers at each location to help stage parking and organize judging.

More than seventy Porsches took part in the 2024 addition. The parking team headed by Activities Chair Don Perkins, and Head Judge Mike Woo had a lot to do.

Major CIR sponsor Tom Woods Porsche supplied the awards for several categories depending on the type of car and the age.

At just about 7 a.m., the first group to arrive was led by Adam Hoffman with about 20 P-cars in tow. Most were air-cooled. Some were heavily modified including the car that Adam drove, others mostly stock. Parked diagonally, they looked like a rainbow. Adam won the award for Best in Show with his chopped 356.

As more cars arrived, the parking team had their hands full. With the event open to the public, there were lots of Porsches and people, but everyone



was ready to go when the judging started at 9 a.m.

With a lovely sunny and warm day there was quite a crowd of spectators. There were many families with children that had never seen so many beautiful cars in one place. The throng was well-behaved. I saw very few people touching the cars. Several PCA Regions joined the fun, friends from Michiana, Chicago, and Mid-Ohio were all represented.



Porsches of every make were on display.

Judging was based on several things including what kind of shape the car was in and how unique it was. One of the most important criteria was the history and backstory of the current owner and car.

I spoke with the owner of a 2008
Boxster RS60 Spyder. He had purchased the car new from a dealer in 2009. It was a 2008 limited edition. This particular car had been shipped late and didn't arrive until the 2009 models were out. The owner was able to negotiate a pretty sweet deal. I had not met him before, but I first saw his car in 2021. We were both participating in the Sports Cars Together at IMS. I started checking out some of the other cars at the Speedway and saw this stunning silver convertible with a red interior and a red top. I

red interior and a red top. I found out what it was a few weeks later, and decided I had to have one. On Halloween of 2023, I became the owner of a Boxster RS60 Spyder, number 1934 of 1960. Finally meeting the owner of the car that had inspired my search, and learning his story, was the high point of my day.

Artomobilia and Porsche Palooza are truly a car show like none other around here.



Steve Yeager won best Mid-Engine Coupe.



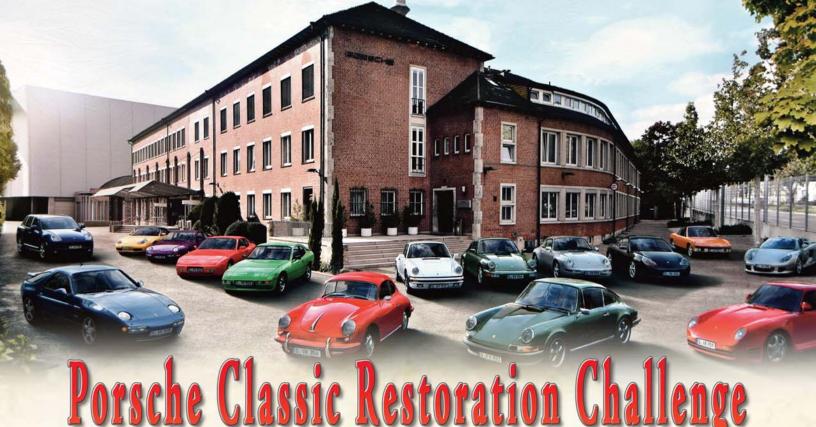
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More than 70 Porsches were Posche Palooza.



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Article & Photos by Jim Hatfield

he Motor District in Westfield hosted the 4th annual South/Central Region Porsche Restoration Challenge this past September 6th. The challenge, sponsored by Porsche Cars North America, is open to Porsche Classic dealers and includes four different categories, Preservation, Restoration, Individualization and People's Choice. The Preservation class keeps original components of the vehicle while enhancing them to improve overall function and appearance. The Restoration class takes a vehicle through a full restoration, turning it into like new condition. The Individualization class is for participants who want to fulfill a special wish using Porsche Genuine Parts in a creative and imaginative way.

At the conclusion of judging, the winners were Knoxville, Tennessee's Harper Porsche in the Preservation class with its 1994 Porsche 928 GTS, Louisville, Kentucky's Blue Grass Porsche in the Restoration class with its 1977 Porsche 930, and Porsche of Charlottesville, Virginia in the Individualization class with its 1996 Porsche 911 C4., Porsche of Minneapolis won the People's Choice Award with their pristine 1956 Porsche Speedster. With three regions, East, South/Central and West, the winners in each region will compete for the overall championships held at the Peterson Museum in Los Angeles.

It was a perfect day to view exquisitely prepared Porsches from eight different dealers. And, as a bonus, a brisket lunch was prepared by Big Hoffa's Smokehouse of Westfield. Finally, Graham Rahal Performance brought two interesting Porsches for display, a 2005 Carrera GT and a 1995 911 Carrera RS.





From the PCA Sim Racing Steering Committee

Article by Jim Legault

It was late in 2018, that Doug Atkinson had talked to a fellow Lone Star Region member about sim racing and how PCA members could enjoy it. He was told that PCA drivers were already using sim racing to learn tracks, especially Circuit of The Americas (CoTA) in Austin.

irst, a look back.

Doug contacted PCA Executive Director Vu Nguyen about the feasibility of a national program for PCA sim racers. Vu assigned recently hired PCA Marketing Director Jim Hemig to "see if it might be worth pursuing". Jim was convinced it could be a good activity for PCA members. Jim provided a surprising bit of information: the Peachstate Region had already started doing sim racing among drivers in their region under the guiding hand of longtime Peachstate member, Andrew Ellsom.

Andrew, Jim, and Doug talked on the phone about some ideas for a national sim racing activity where the concept was fleshed out. Then Mike Nyden and William Yu joined in and the original PCA Sim Racing Steering Committee was formed, which has expanded and continues to this day.

In February 2019, Doug presented the idea at the Winter National Staff Meeting to the Zone Representatives and the PCA Executive Committee (EC). The proposal was accepted and PCA Sim Racing was off and away! A Mission Statement was then drafted which set the stage for the program's culture we all now live by and appreciate...

PCA Sim Racing provides a quality sim racing experience, including opportunities for all levels of driving experience, competitive intensity, and sim racing interests, in a friendly environment for all Porsche Club of America members.

#### The experiment worked!

Though the PCA Executive Committee (EC) agreed to respond to member interest initially by supporting a sim racing program, it was considered a bit of an experiment. We are most pleased to report that the program has now shown its value and the PCA Executive Committee considers it now a regular part of the array of activities it supports for the membership.

However, with our new status comes the need to remove the training wheels concerning our expenses. As PCA members, you're aware that the majority of PCA activities and events you participate in all carry fees. This is because PCA programs are expected to be as self-funding as possible. Having graduated from the incubator, we now have the same expectations for 2025.

#### Providing a great experience yet balancing our budget.

By now you can see where this is going — the time has come for us to begin generating some revenue to assist in balancing our budget and enabling us to provide all the services and features we know you want. We have worked on this for nearly a year now: We have surveyed you the drivers, and surveyed the fees for the various paid leagues that offer broadcasts and live race control on iRacing to make sure that we have a solution that works for all stakeholders.

We are therefore excited to announce our new PCA Sim Racing Grid Pass program! This new program is optional and will have an annual fee of \$48. The Grid Pass entitles the holder to participate in Series 13, Series 14, and the

Team Racing Series, which will have race control and broadcasts of every race! All other PCA Sim Racing activities continue at no cost to participants who do not opt-in for the Grid Pass program.

In terms of getting closer to balancing our budget, there's more to it though. There are two potential sources of revenue to help cover our expenses: our program fees, which is exactly what the new Grid Pass is, and external sponsorships.

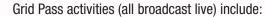
We have periodically had external title sponsorships, but haven't had one for quite a while now. As you can imagine this is not something we can ever count on, but know that we are actively working behind the scenes on external sponsorship as well.

The bottom line is that between our Grid Pass program, external sponsorship from time to time, and PCA covering the rest, the PCA Sim Racing program's growth will be on solid financial footing.

#### The 2025 Plan

PCA Sim Racing registration activities, no Grid Pass required, and all these events remain free to registered PCA Sim Racing drivers:

- Onboarding & Entry League\*
- eDE Trackwalks Chris' Classroom (Mondays)
- eDE Driver Education Sessions (Mondays)
- Arrive & Drive (Tuesdays)
- Arrive & Drive Bot Sundays
- Summer Tour & Zone Group Racing
- \* Important message for Onboarding and Entry Class drivers. You DO NOT need to purchase a Grid Pass until the year after the year you are classed in:
- Pro Class
- Club Class
- Sport Sport
- Challenge Class



- Series 13 (7 races for all classes)
- Series 14 (7 races for all classes)
- Team Racing Series (5 races, 4 classes January to May)

The Grid Pass program will be managed through PCA's secure national database, the same place where you initially registered for PCA Sim Racing, and where your annual PCA membership and dues are managed.

Click on the link below to register for the 2025 Grid Pass. **IMPORTANT!** Make sure you are logged into your PCA.org account first!

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The final of PCA Sim Race series took place at Daytona.





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he new book by Art Garner, A.J. Foyt Survivor
Champion Legend is simply the life story of the greatest
racing driver of all time. That is a whopper of a statement
but after reading this book you will simply understand what
I mean.

Article by Larry Clarino

Garner, a great writer and a consummate researcher, goes into detail of nearly every race Foyt drove. Not just as the first four-time winner of the Indianapolis 500, and his unmatched record of Indy car wins, but his NASCAR and USAC stock car, sports car, midget, and sprint car races all in order by year. The highs and lows of A.J.'s and the entire Foyt family's lives in Texas, including the wins, the losses, the crashes, everything is included.

To anyone that saw him race or even knows of him, and that is pretty much everyone, motorsport fan or not, A.J. is bigger than life. Art Garner found this to be true, as this is only volume-one of the Foyt life story. That covers A.J. growing up in Texas through his fourth Indy 500 win in 1977. Volume-two due in May of 2026, will cover 1978, A.J.'s driving, his retirement from the wheel to his current life as a race team owner, wine lover, entrepreneur, dad and grandpa.

"I did not plan on writing this. I went to Texas to do an interview with Foyt around 2019. We sat down and that short-planned interview just grew into doing this book," said Garner as we spoke on the phone. "I love the research. I looked at thousands of newspaper stories from around the world. I interviewed more than a hundred people, drivers, the Hulman family members, mechanics, car owners. Everyone from Dan Gurney to Tony George for this book."

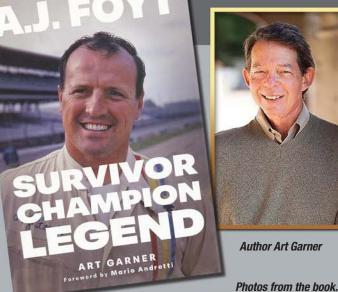
I can guarantee you will learn things about A.J. and racing you did not know by reading this 600-plus page tome that reads like a novel. Foyt's hard-earned reputation as a tough, dukes-up ready to fight, taskmaster, as a driver and owner, is contrasted with the

caring generous, compassionate, kindhearted side of Foyt. This is a side seldom seen in public, but always there.

A.J.Foyt Survivor Champion Legend is also about a time when there was a much darker side to racing. A side we often like to forget when death was right around the next turn. Yes, '50s, '60s, '70s when drivers/mechanics/fans around the world would die nearly every week. I know this is hard to believe for you younger fans but there was a time when racing was truly dangerous. To survive took unqualified skill, bravery, and frankly a lot of luck.

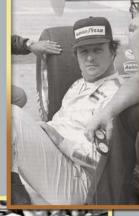
Art Garner's *Black Noon: The Year They Stopped the Indy 500* may have set the standard for stories of racing. *A.J.Foyt Survivor Champion Legend* continues Garner's legacy. This is a must read.

A.J.Foyt Survivor Champion Legend is published by Octane Press and is available from Amazon Books.



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#### Porsche 911 GT2 RS Manthey Performance-Kit

The Porsche 911 GT2 RS Manthey Performance kit comes with a carbon fiber underbody for better airflow to better downforce around corners. Moreover, a larger water tank helps cool the intercooler system, ensuring you get top performance on the track.

#### Porsche 911 GT3 RS Manthey Performance-Kit

The 911 GT3 RS Manthey Performance kit features several carbon fiber enhancements, including a decklid, Gurney flaps, and mounting brackets for the rear wing. A lightweight magnesium wheelset also optimizes track performance and offers some visual flair.



**Visual Flair** 

#### Porsche 911 (911.1) GT3 MR

With the 911 (911.1) GT3 MR, Monterey drivers receive a significant leap in downforce stability. The performance kit features a larger spoiler lip and side flaps at the front of the car. The rear diffuser is extended for better efficiency

and is now made from a carbon fiber polymer. The Gt3 MR performance kit also features a special coil-over suspension that can be adapted for the track.

#### Porsche Cayman GT4 MR

With the Porsche Cayman GT4 MR, you receive a wealth of performance enhancements for a dynamic handling package. Among the improvements include an adjustable race suspension with aluminum shock bodies. Further, the Cayman GT4 MR features a new MR rear wing, racing brake pads, brake lines, and a mesh guard for the side air intakes.



**MR Rear Wing** 

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The Manthey-Racing Measurement System allows you to adjust and customize the step of your upgraded Manthey Porsche vehicle. Using intricate lasers and counterweights, you can adjust ride height, steering, shocker absorbers, and tire pressures to maximize performance and lower your lap time







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wice a year the PCA, in affiliation with a local region, puts on a Treffen. The fall 2024 was held at the Omni Mount Washington Resort in the town of Bretton Woods, New Hampshire September 29 to October 3rd. The gathering was hosted by the PCA North Country Region (NCR) and featured some of the best sports-car roads in the Northeast.

After the Sunday registration, the group gathered for the traditional Sunday social, with a welcome talk from PCA's Treffen Chair, Barry Michaels, and President, Aaron Ambrosino.

Monday, the first order of business was the drivers' meeting. The PCA likes to say it's the people but, hey, it is the driving too! My first tour was Ramble Through the Notches, heading toward Vermont. Our first stop was the Tillotson Center-Community Heritage site in Colebrook NH, then on to Glen House Resort for lunch. All along the way was the magnificent New England foliage at peak color.

Tuesday's tour was the Tri-State Trifecta. Credit to drive leads, Harv and Doreen Ames and Dean and Suzanne Ingram, as we followed the Connecticut River and crossed on the Mt. Orne Covered Bridge into Vt., then to back Lancaster Center, N.H.

At our rest stop, we were briefed by NCR's leader Dean Ingram about, "Hurricane Mountain Road, IT IS A BLAST! It is the asphalt equivalent of a six-mile roller coaster. DO NOT speed, and DO NOT tailgate." Certainly, an apt description. The road runs from Kearsarge, N.H. to Chatham, N.H. Think Tail-of-the-Dragon without the yellow line!

Our drive ended with lunch in Conway, N.H. and an easy drive back to the Omni Mount Washington. This was followed by dinner, maybe the best Treffen dinner I've ever had. A Seafood Fest! The Entree was Maine Lobster, Prince Edward Island Mussels, and Grilled Flank Steak.

Wednesday was Navigators Day Off. NCR's, Pam and Alan Kirby, came up with a route of the waterfalls in the area, or just head off on your own.

The closing dinner is always a sit-down affair. Food is always a big part of Treffens. The awards and the raffle prizes followed dinner. I would highly recommend registering for the Treffen Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia next spring.





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Mathew T. Perkins/Avon/1997 Boxster
Brad Smith/Fishers/2024 911 Carrera S
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#### 2000— 25 Years

William & Susan Ringo/Carmel/Feb.
Jim Suverkrup/Columbus/Feb.
David & Isabel Smith/March

#### 2005— 20 Years

James & Laura Legault/Indianapolis/Jan.

#### 2010— 15 Years

Robert Falk /Madison, Wl./Feb. Stephan Head & Mary McConnell/Carmel/March

#### 2015 — 10 Years

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Greg & Sharon Smith /Leo/Jan.
Mark & Seven Szalaiy/Indianapolis/Jan.
Patrick & Katherine McHugh/Indianapolis/Feb.
Steven Roof/Brownsburg/Feb.
Dennis & Pam Thieme/Fort Wayne/Feb.
Larry & Pam Clarino/Westfield/March
Ryan Humes/Indianapolis/March
Ronald & Joyce Kissell/Shelbyville/March
Lyle & Jane Messenger/Indianapolis/March



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