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PRES SEZ

Photo by Larry Clarino

Welcome to Spring. As I write this on the first of March, the temperature is 32 degrees and headed downward...again!

I am a little skeptical that Spring has arrived, however, Pothole Season certainly is here. As always,

that causes me to have the pucker-up and hold-my-breath factor when I drive some of the wonderful central Indiana highways and local streets around Indy.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Central Indiana Region annual meeting in January at Tom Wood Porsche. We had almost eighty members of the club and dealership staff attend the event. The food, drink and door prizes were truly amazing. Great job by everyone who planned and executed the activity especially, Will Anthony and Don Perkins, for their hard work. Also, a special thank you to our club sponsors who donated all the fabulous door prizes that were passed out that evening and of course a big thank you to Tom Wood Porsche for use of the facility.

Club leadership is looking to expand the Board of Directors. The board would like to grow the number of at-large directorships a bit to help with club activities and event planning. Please reach out to members of the board if you are interested in getting involved. It is not hard and really is fun.

Also, the two-year cycle for the board of directors elected executive positions will be up at the end of this year. Please think about getting more involved in club leadership. I will talk more about this in the next newsletter. Voting will occur in the fourth quarter of this year for terms starting in January '26.

As mentioned last month, the website is on life support as work continues on improving our online experience and migrating to a new service provider. Changes should be made and implemented by the time of my next letter in the July CIRcular.

Buckle up as it is time for sports car driving season to begin in earnest for 2025. The number of activities scheduled by the club is truly amazing. Too many activities to mention here on an individual basis, so be sure to check out the club calendar webpage for the schedule. Starting in April there are events almost every weekend throughout the Central Indiana Region and with neighboring PCA regions. There is no excuse not join in CIR events with your club!

Enough ramblings, get out and enjoy the upcoming driving season. Until next time.

All the Best,

MIKE KELLEY • CIRPCA, PRESIDENT



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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 JULY 2025 ISSUE OF CIRCULAR IS JUNE 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 July 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

Spring Color Tour



Spring Color Tour Weekend to Cincinnati April 12-13 to include Reds vs Pirates tickets!

This year's Spring Color Auto Tour Weekend to Cincinnati will include the option to go to the Reds vs Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game on Sunday afternoon!



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

CIR Spring Brake



**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 put a PCA certified instructor in your right seat with you. We will teach you how to performance drive your car!

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 at:

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



Porsche Picnic & Drive

Saturday, May 17th

Columbus Indiana is a great place to start and end a drive and picnic through southern/central Indiana. During this drive, you will enjoy the back roads and a stop at Jackson-Washington state park to enjoy the picnic you packed. (Please NO Alcoholic Beverages). Next point of interest Medora Brick Factory Ruins, and then the last leg into Columbus. This drive will encompass about 105 miles. *Check our calendar.*

15 car limit on this drive

Starting Point: Jay C Food Store, 4920 West Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus IN, 47201

Intermediate Point 1: Jackson-Washington State Forest, 1278 IN-250, Brownstown, IN 47220

Intermediate Point 2: Medora Brick Plant Ruins, Indiana 425 S, Carr Township, IN 47260

End Point: Menards, 2315 Merchant Mile, Columbus IN 47201



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June 7th

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"Kunstfest" Weekend Auto Tour

September 20 – 21

Registration Open Now at:

<https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/15683>

New Harmony, Indiana is a special place and our CIR New Harmony "Kunstfest" Weekend is a very special event, and we only do it about every five years.

CIR's New Harmony "Kunstfest" Weekend Auto Tour will be brought back this year on September 20 – 21, 2025 after a four-year hiatus. Kunstfest is New Harmony's annual German arts, crafts, food and music festival and their largest and most popular festival of the year. "Kunst" means art in German.

New Harmony is an Indiana State Museum Historic Site and supported by the Lilly Foundation, Ball Foundation, Baffler Trust and the University of Southern Indiana. New Harmony was the location in 1814 where Harmonists from Harmony, Pennsylvania tried to establish a Utopian Society. They created many permanent structures that have all been restored and preserved. The entire town is kind of a dichotomy. If you have never been here before, we strongly recommend you take the Guided Group Historical Tour at 1 PM to fully understand New Harmony and all it represent



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.**

April

- 5** *Breakfast At Wild Eggs* — 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Mint Detail Open House* — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 7** Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 12** *Spring Color Tour Weekend*
- 19** *Bloomington to French Lick Drive* — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 11** *Spring Break HPDE* — at Putnam Road Course

May

- 3** *Mint Detail tech Session* — 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 5** Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 10** *2025 Indy Grand Prix Event* — 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 17** *Dry Ice Cleaning Demonstration* — 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Porsche Picnic & Drive* — 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 18** *Art In Bloom Tour* — 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

June

- 2** Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 7** *Reggie's Motorworks Open House/Car Show* — 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 14** *Cars & Coffee at Java Jo's* — 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Trap Shooting At Camp Atterbury* — 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 21** *Summer Solstice Drive* — 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Cammack Station Dinner* — 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 28** *Porsches & Brisket* — 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

July

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

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



Cammack Station

Saturday

June 21, 2025

6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Join us on Saturday, June 21, at 6 PM for a "Meet in the Middle" Destination Dinner on the west side of Muncie at the very car-club-friendly Cammack Station old-style drive-in restaurant. An eclectic menu of drive-in comfort food offerings awaits you along with 24 flavors of Indy-made Sundae's small batch Premium Ice Cream! It is located just west of Muncie in the little town of Cammack off Ind. 332 E. and Delaware County Road 600 West. Take I-69 Exit 241 and then Ind. 332 E.

cirpca.org/event/carmack-station



Annual Meeting And Dinner

Article & Photos by Will Anthony

As per our by-laws, the Central Indiana must have an annual meeting of the membership. And being who we are, that gives us a great excuse to have a party!

The 2024 official annual meeting (and party!) was held at Tom Wood Porsche in Indianapolis on January 11, 2025. More than eighty CIR members, guests and Tom Wood Porsche staff joined the fun. This year CIR's own Adam Hoffman, owner of Big Hoffa's BBQ in Westfield catered the affair for a little different, less formal format for the evening.

Charcuterie boards along with a beverage or two kicked off the proceedings. The team from Big Hoffa's pirate-themed barbecue restaurant did a wonderful job. The hardy-matey Caribbean style pulled pork and chicken was the main highlight. The night's dinner fare was supported by several side platters and cookies. Quick thinking by Kathy Anthony supplied the attendees with to-go containers as food was abundant.

Keeping with the pirate theme, Central Indiana Region's, "Captain" Mike Kelley, or as we know him, the club president, welcomed everyone, calling out the newest members of the CIR crew as well as the veteran PCA anniversary members in attendance. Every year the club thanks our wonderful sponsors for the support they show our organization. Without our sponsors this would be a much less fun consortium of car enthusiasts.

Then it was onto the booty for the evening; activates chair, "bosun-mate" Don Perkins, even without a pirate map, scrounged up a treasure chest full of prize pickings to be raffled off to those in attendance. Several sponsors stepped up with a bounty of rewards, led by SONAX and then the truly astonishing grand prize, courtesy of Tom Wood Porsche, two Porsche VIP Racehaus tickets to the 2025 IMSA Rolex Daytona 24-Hour Race weekend worth more than \$3,000. The stipulation was the winner must be prepared for a trip to Florida for the January 26th running of the event. Linda Silverberg won the drawing and said to the group, "We are going to Daytona", just two weeks away! Be sure to read the story in CIRcular of the Silverberg's Great Adventure.



We had a good turn out for the annual meeting.



Tom Wood presented Linda Silverberg with the Grand Prize.



Charcuterie board lines and a beverage or two kicked off the evening.



CIR pres, Mike Kelley, gave everyone a big welcome.



The Silverberg's Great Adventure!

Photography & article by Linda Silverberg

When we attended the annual Porsche dinner and meeting at Tom Wood Porsche, we had no idea how the evening would end. Jon and I both got tickets for the drawing for the VIP Hospitality Ticket Package. When my number was called, I didn't move until Jon made me realize that I had the Winning Ticket!

We had just two weeks to prepare for our sudden great adventure; hotel reservations to make, kennel reservations for the puppies, and, oh yes, packing! We watched the Weather Channel to plan the best route, because of the recent blizzard that had closed some highways down south. That changed our minds from driving the Cayman S to driving the Mini Clubman S for its front-wheel drive, in case of snow.

On the morning of Thursday, January 23rd, after taking the dogs to the kennel and packing the Mini we were off, heading south on I-65 to spend the night just past Birmingham. The next morning, we scraped frost from the windshield and headed for sunny Daytona Beach, Florida. There was

still snow in the grass along I-10 with even a snowman under a palm tree at a rest stop in the Sunshine State. We stayed at the beautiful Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanview Resort.

Daytona Beach



On Saturday morning with the start of The Rolex 24 set for 1:40pm, we drove the short distance to the track and spent the next hour-and-a-half being misdirected around the huge Daytona Speedway grounds before stumbling upon one person who gave us accurate directions to the correct reserved parking lot near the Porsche suites. Upon checking in at the VIP Porsche Racehaus, we were warmly welcomed, given Porsche backpacks, and were treated royally.



A snowman in the Sunshine State.



Backpack

The real fun had truly begun! The suite at the very top of the main grandstands had a view of the entire racetrack and it was spectacular. We could watch from chairs and tables on the deck, from the seats just down from the deck, or from the huge windows facing the track in air-conditioned

comfort. There were three rooms of the Racehaus; all of which had TV monitors so we would not miss any of the action. In one, breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and dinner were served buffet-style, with a barista making a variety of special coffees. Another room had a wall-size TV with couches and other chairs and tables. A third room had a wine bar, more seating, and Porsche memorabilia on display. Drinks were available both inside and outside. The starting line was in front of the pits and in full view from the Racehaus.

Weather at the start was sunny. After the first 4 hours, two Porsches were leading. We watched until about 9:30 p.m., when a crash occurred between Porsches #5 and #6. By that time we needed sleep, so back to the Hilton. On Sunday, after a much easier drive to the track and more fine dining, we got to watch Porsches #7 and #6 come in first and third. They had been racing so hard against each other that it seemed like they might eliminate each other. Fortunately, #60, an Acura, passed #6 and separated them. There was celebrating in the Racehaus with a Porsche win!

We returned to the hotel a little tired, but we took a walk along Daytona Beach, where the water was quite chilly. Mostly retracing our route, we drove back home on Monday and Tuesday, arriving in time to get our two happy dogs from the kennel.

Tom Wood Porsche gave us the most spectacular experience at the Rolex 24 at Daytona. All the staff in the Porsche Racehaus were so gracious and helpful. We can't thank Tom Wood Porsche and the CIR enough. It was the best Winning Ticket ever!

This room had big TVs and a pool table.



Outside the Porsche suites.

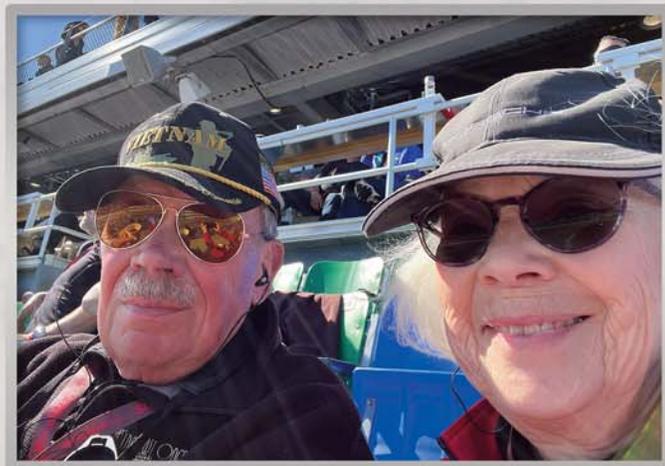
Linda all checked in at Porsche Racehaus.



This room had a cute bar with Porsche memorabilia and red lamps.



Jon and Linda ready for the race to start.



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Meet Your President Mike Kelley

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino



Current Central Indiana Region (CIR) president, Mike Kelley, has a vision for the club. The CIR is an anomaly in the car club world. We are growing! Other clubs, not just car clubs, but special interest groups in general are down in membership. Under Kelley's leadership, the CIR is really moving in a positive direction.

But where did this all start? "My enthusiasm with Porsche started in high school, but my first Porsche was a new, off the lot, 944 S2. And that was several years after high school," said Kelley.

Mike was working for Alcoa Aluminum in Evansville, and kept spotting a brand new 1989 944 S2 on the lot of the D-Patrick Porsche dealership. "The car was new and just seemed to be sitting there. I finally stopped in and made an offer on it that was in 1990. That's how this passion for Porsche all started." The Purdue grad had the car for three years as a daily driver, but with two kids, Jenney and Andy, the 944 was not the family car he needed at the time. However, the Porsche bug had bitten like a virus without a vaccine.

Fast forward to 1997, back in Indy, Mike now working at General Motors in advanced vehicles met Tasha, a fellow Purdue Engineering grad. The couple were soon married. Mike, now Porsche-less, served on the board of Artomobilia in Carmel for a couple of years and was a judge at the CIR's Cruz Zionsville for a few years.

Just as COVID hit in 2019 the couple had moved to Springfield, MO, where Mike took a job as president of the electrical division of Springfield ReManufacturing Corporation. Mike and Tasha decided it was time for the second Kelley Family Porsche.

They found a 2014 Cayman at Porsche Springfield calling to them. "That was with the Ozark Region. I had a joint membership with CIR and Ozark. With the Cayman we did autocross and some HPDEs. Ozark was small but a fun active group. They asked me about being president even. I said I would think about it."

"Then, I got a call from the local Porsche dealer, they offered me a build allocation spot for a 911, so we took delivery of a 992, 911S in October of 2022 in Atlanta at the Porsche Experience Center!"

Early in 2022 the family moved back to Indy, now with a couple more kids, a son Matt, now an engineer at Boeing and daughter, Katie, in high school. Tasha, both an engineer and an attorney, joined Rolls-Royce in the Federal Regulatory Department and Mike as director of transmission remanufacturing at Allison Transmissions. Mike got involved with the CIR management team and took the president seat in 2024.

Kelley brings some goals to the region, to improve both board and member communication and participation in CIR activities. "We are bringing the CIR into the 21st Century. We recently added Microsoft Teams as the main communication and archiving tool for the board. We will now have all the club documents one safe location. Better continuity. We already have totally revamped our accounting practices and are actively recruiting members to move into club management. Financially we are in great shape, now functioning as we should."

Under Mike's leadership, just take a look at the CIR calendar, more and more events are being added. All great things for our Central Indiana Region!

Mike and his wife Tasha in their Porsche-filled garage.





Alexander Rossi's Indy 500 car.

Sonax Tech Session *at Ed Carpenter Racing*

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

ECR's first race winning Dallara from 2012.

Every year since 2020, CIR sponsor SONAX USA had held a very special day for the club. The U.S. importer and distributor of the world's leading brand of car care products has hosted tech sessions at their 73,000-square-foot facility in Westfield, Indiana. This year they changed things up a wee bit.

SONAX is a marketing partner in the Ed Carpenter Racing (ECR) IndyCar team headquartered in Indianapolis, so this year the membership of the club was invited to a visit of the team race shop. More than 100 members and guests participated in a real behind-the-scenes visit for a chance to get an up-close look at a top-level race facility.

SONAX provided a demonstration of some of the newest car-care products and answered questions about car care during the race shop tour. SONAX USA provides a discount to the CIR members. Send a note for details to info@sonaxusa.com.



Indy Garage Signs .

ECR opened the entire shop from the front display featuring Ed Carpenter's first winning Indy car from the 2003 Delphi 300 at Texas Speedway, to the three new Dallara racers being meticulously prepped for the upcoming Indy 500. This year, 2016 Indy 500 winner Alexander Rossi and 500 sophomore, Christan Rasmussen, will join Ed Carpenter, starting his 21st Indianapolis 500, as the team's drivers. SONAX will be joined by Java House and Splenda as primary sponsors.

We truly want to thank managing director Tim Broyles, owner/driver Ed Carpenter at ECR and SONAX's Rob McCrary for making this truly unprecedented access available to the club. When you are watching this year's 500, keep an eye out for the ECR-SONAX team, cars 33, 20 & 21. We would really love to see Ed get his own 500 win!



Some of the ECR trophies.

Sonax's Rob McCrary welcomes CIR.



CIR's Jimmy Arata gets just the right angle.

Rob's granddaughter Andi, picks door prize winners.



A serious lug wrench!



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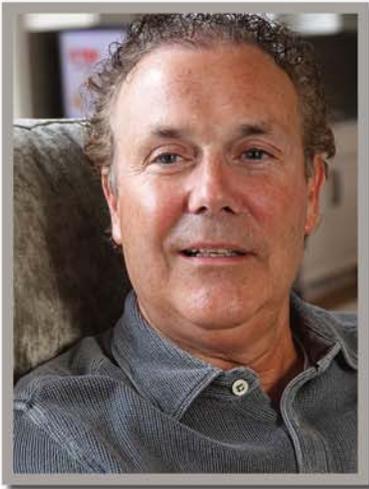
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FOCUS ON B.J. Nichols

Article & Photography by Larry Clarino

Who would ever think Indianapolis is the home of one of the twenty top jewelers in America? Reis-Nichols Jewelers with shops in Indianapolis and Greenwood, is just that. So, what does this have to do with the Central Indiana Region of the Porsche Club, you may ask? Well, William P. (B.J.) Nichols, Jr., president

and owner of Reis-Nichols Jewelers, loves very fine jewelry, great time pieces, and Porsche cars with a passion. In his words, "Europeans, especially the Germans, understand making the best and making it special, be it watches like Rolex or automobiles like Porsche."

With that said, back in 2015 B.J. Nichols dove into the really deep end of the car-guy swimming hole. His very first Porsche was a brand new 2015 911 GT3. "I was not really into cars. I was a pilot. A car was something I used to get to work," said Nichols. "But I decided I wanted a sports car, so a friend sent me to Gator Motorsports where they sold me a used Lotus Exige. I did some track days at Putnam. I got hooked, but I was getting swamped by much faster 911s, and my wife, Lori, who was watching, said 'You need to get a Porsche!' I said that was great idea! Turned out Tom Wood happened to have an allocation open for a 911GT3, so I ordered one, without ever having even driven any Porsche."

That was October of 2014, and in March 2015 B.J. took delivery of his first Porsche. Yes a GT3. At that point he also joined the PCA, The Club at Putnam Park, and hired CIR member and professional racer, Dan Clarke as his private driving coach. All that certainly qualifies him as a true hardcore car guy. "After doing HPDE's at several tracks, I was running a lot. Dan (Clarke) said I was beating up the GT3 badly and needed a proper race car. I am sort of competitive." That led to B.J. going PCA-Club racing with a Cayman GT4 from 2016 to 2023.

With racing now becoming a part of his life B.J. founded Reis-Nichols Racing. The team took on the challenge of the IMSA Porsche Carrera Cup Pro Series in 911GT3 Cup cars with Dan Clarke driving for the Reis-Nichols Racing team. The team in 2023 took a second at Indy, and third at three other Carrera Cup events. This was followed by a third at Indy in the 2024 running.

For 2025, B.J. and Reis-Nichols Racing is now partnering in CSM Racing. "I had fun driving and still do, but at my age it is time to give back and help others. I want to have influence and some impact in the racing sport."

B.J. purchased Reis-Nichols Jewelers in 1986 while still a student at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, (Class of '87) with the dream of making it the most amazing, cool, jewelry store in the Midwest. In 1957, William Sr., B.J.'s dad, started the business with B.J. buying the family-owned business from dad when William retired. A trademark of the stores is a layout allowing customers to watch jewelers and watchmakers at work behind glass walls. It is kind of an insider's look at the art and craftsmanship being done right before their eyes.

While diamonds and fine jewelry are main thrust of the business, watches comprise a large part of the Reis-Nichols trade. They are a major Rolex Jeweler and the largest TAG Heuer dealer in the country. By the way, TAG Heuer in now the official timekeeper of F1, Indy 500 and NTT IndyCar series.

Lori and B.J. have two children and live in Zionsville. The CIR is an amazing organization. Yes, it is the people not just the cars!





The CSM 718 GT4 RS Porsches.

CIR's Stephen Simpson Goes Racing!

Article & photos by Larry Clarino

Racing is an integral part of the Central Indiana Region's spirit and nature. No matter what our friends in North Carolina say, we are the World's Center of Motorsports. A new and fast-growing part of that is a long-time CIR-PCA member, Stephen Simpson. Along with co-owner Matthias Czabok, they formed CSM Racing, based in Brownsburg, Indiana.

If Stephen's name sounds familiar, it is because Simpson has a win in LMPC class at the 2016 Daytona 24 Hour race, along with over 70 wins in both open wheel and sportscar classes from around the world. That includes a year in the Indy Pro Series, now known as Indy NXT, and seven years with JDC-Miller in several international classes.

The native of Cape Town, South Africa, won the local Formula Ford championship at age 16, moved to England at 17, and sign a professional race deal with the Benetton Junior Team at 18.

Right after his Daytona 24 win, yes, he got a Rolex Daytona time piece, and he needed the band sized. So, he stopped into Reis-Nichols Jewelers, one of the world's largest Rolex dealers. "The woman at the counter said, our owner B.J. is into car racing, and she called him out," said Stephen, "That was just at the time B.J. was doing DEs. That led to a lasting friendship. B.J. is now a partner with us (In CSM Racing). He helped source the cars and definitely helps me



B.J. Nichols & Stephen Simpson



Reis-Nichols is a CMS partner.

on the business side of things. B.J.'s title is senior advisor, but he is a mentor to us also."

"I always loved Porsche, so we made the decision to run both the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge and VP Sports Car Challenge. We run Cayman GT4RS Clubsport cars in both series. Rules are almost the same and Porsche Motorsports has been a great partner with us. We have four guys in Pilot series, Gordon Scully, Morgan Burkhard, Robert Megennis and Nikita Lastochkin with Jackson Lee (Son of Fox TV's IndyCar pit reporter, Kevin Lee.) driving in the VP Racing series. All five are young Americans with some very impressive credentials."

Co-owner, Matthias Czabok brings a background with over thirty years of experience within the motorsport industry as team owner, driver, and manager with IMSA, WEC, IndyCar and CART teams concentrating more on the sponsor/business side. Simpson runs the day-to-day operation. The team currently has a small race shop in Brownsburg, with three GT4RS Clubsport cars. While the cars look almost exactly like a Cayman GT4 production car and do have some production components, they are true and proper hand-built race cars. Porsche will not say exactly how many were or are being built, but they are available if you have the funds and can prove a real commitment to race them.

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Porsche Motorsport does provide strong support to the teams including on-site services at all the events.

Stephen pointed out, "One of the great things about all this is that parts and support from Porsche Motorsports in Atlanta is great and even some of the parts we get through Tom Wood's parts department. The dash, steering parts, even the A/C is right out of the production cars."

CSM Racing was formed in May of 2023, but the young team has big ambitions. First in sports cars with near-term plans to move into a bigger facility to support more cars in more classes moving up the IMSA ladder. First in the IMSA endurance racing and then perhaps into American open wheel racing. That could include Formula Regional Americas, the FIA series in North America, F-2000 Pro, and someday Indy NXT. As Simpson put it, "We plan to be around in twenty years and much bigger than we are now. We want to be the next Ganassi Racing!"



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Pasto Italiano

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

On February 22nd for the fourth time in as many years, the Central Indiana Region got together for our annual late lunch at Westfield's Pasto Italiano. More than 50 members and guests enjoyed the afternoon get together for some great conversation and wonderful Italian food at one of the premier bistro-style restaurants in Hamilton County. The CIR enjoys this affair as sort of an ice breaker after a winter's hibernation in the Midwest.

President Mike Kelley kicked off the festivities with a welcome and presented The CIR's prestigious Mike Robbins Enthusiasts of the Year Award to Fred & Maureen Greulich for their on-going commitment to organizing club activities. They have not only arranged several drives and dinners, but have been instrumental in various club activities. At one time Fred served on the CIR board as secretary.

Pasto Italiano is now owned by the father and son team of Rich & Mike Bartalone, having taken over from Kent and Patsy McNall, founders of Pasto. Rich & Mike are dedicated to continuing the legacy of fine traditional Italian cuisine the location is noted for.

The warm atmosphere and aroma of Italian classic dishes along with seeing our Porsche car friends as the year begins gives hints of the driving months to come. It has become an outstanding way to make a new Porsche year begin.



CIR members Robert LaFrance & Dick Gordon.

Award winners Fred & Maureen Greulich with CIR President Mike Kelley.

CIR members Betsy & Brian Davidson.





My Porsche Story

Story by Eric Hayes

My splurge, a personal plate.

It all started when I got my first real job at 19 years old as a stock boy at the local pharmacy in Miller Beach, IN. As a teenager, I wanted a car that would be different from the ones all the other parents were buying for their kids. Since I had to buy mine on my own, I scoured the Bargain Finder weekly, searching from front to back.

At the time, I was studying electrical engineering at Purdue, so I wasn't afraid of a reasonable fixer-upper and some sweat equity. My match appeared when I found a 1972 Porsche 914 listed for \$1,200. It ran fairly well and was free of rust but desperately needed a thorough detailing inside and out, along with some electrical work. The headlights did a "stadium-wave; left first then the right" as they came up when needed, and the Monza exhaust was an unexpected bonus — perfect! I spent weeks fixing it up, detailing every inch, and installing a Radio Shack stereo to enjoy my cassette tapes. I remember my girlfriend joking that she was jealous of the car because of the amount of time I spent working on it.

I drove back and forth to Lafayette, winding between cornfields with my girlfriend by my side. The Sun Yellow paint was perfect for the hour-long trips to Purdue,

especially with the targa top off. I even splurged on a personalized license plate.

After college, marriage, and kids, I needed more seats, so I had to let the Porsche go. I moved on to a BMW M3, and as my family grew, an M5. But no matter where life took me, my desire for a Porsche never faded. Over the years, I came to realize that Porsches aren't just cars — they're lifestyle experiences. I spent time at the Porsche Experience Centers in Atlanta and California, attended Porsche Sports Car Together at the Indianapolis 500



Porsche, more than just a car.



track, visited The Porsche Effect exhibit at the Petersen Museum, and enjoyed many Porsche Motorsport races.

Indianapolis is a great city for motorheads, with the Indy 500, Graham Rahal, Carmel Automobilia, and Motor District garage events, to name a few. So, as soon as my daughters finished college and medical school, the search began again.

It was amazing how quickly the feeling came rushing back when my wife — the once-girlfriend —

test-drove the Boxster with me. We both smiled, feeling 30 years younger. There's something special about the mid-engine configuration and how it handles in the corners.

Now, as empty nesters, we have more time to play and reconnect with the kids we once were—not so long ago. My Boxster has its own custom exhaust and, of course, another splurged-on license plate.

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Book Review

Article by Larry Clarino

Phil Hill *A Driving Life* is a book that sparks memories for my generation, lots of memories indeed. First, it is an in depth look at one of the world's greatest drivers, Phil Hill, (1927-2008) the first and only American-born F1 champion. (Mario Andretti was not born in the USA.) It is not a biography of Hill's life, but a compendium of his thoughts on driving, on competitors, on tracks and the story of cars and driving them.

Second, it is the memory of one of the world greatest automobile photographers, John Lamm (1944-2020) He was known as the man that defined Road & Track (R&T) magazine. R&T was started 1947 and is still published today. It was the bible of all things automotive in the second half of the last century. Lamm's 37-year stint with R&T as a writer and photographer set the standard for automobile feature reporting and photography for all time. He was a storyteller with both a typewriter and camera.

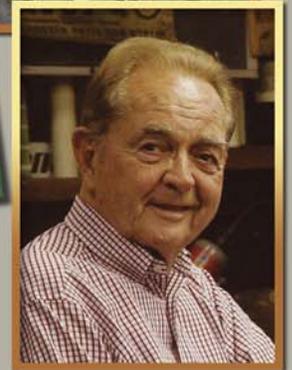
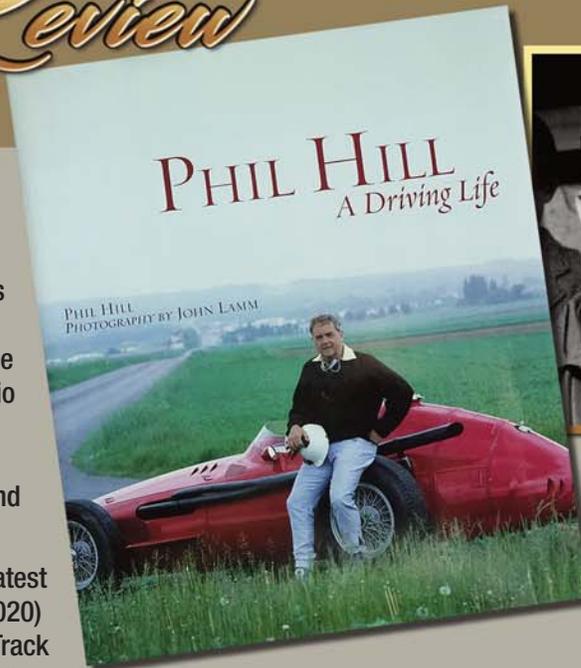
Phil Hill A Driving Life is a collection of feature articles from R&T, all authored by Hill as he tested vehicles from a 1886 Benz three-wheeled horseless carriage replica, to Dale Earnhart's 2000 NASCAR Monte Carlo, the 'Black #3'. All article are printed just as they were in the magazine over the years. Lamm and Hill often worked together and most of the photos in *Phil Hill A Driving Life* are Lamm's. Each chapter having a heading, an observation, from Lamm about the circumstances leading up to that chapter.

Phil Hill, a University of California grad, was a thoughtful, gentle man, known for his unmatched precision at the wheel. He won his F1 championship driving for Enzo Ferrari in 1961 and was a legend at LeMans with three overall wins, all in Ferraris. A superlative writer, he often wrote in the first person. Reading his work is like sitting with a friend near a fireplace with a glass of 15-year-old bourbon, just chatting together.

Seeing John Lamm's photography illustrating Hill's words, brings that conversation alive with a vibrance few artists have mastered. He understood drivers, cars, racing , and communicating.

A signature feature was the Road & Track road and tack tests of every conceivable form of transportation. In reality *Phil Hill A Driving Life* and Road & Track offer a lesson in history.

Phil Hill A Driving Life is published by David Bull Publishing <https://www.bullpublishing.com> and is still available from Amazon and others.



Phil Hill (top) & John Lamm



Photos from the book.





CAR WASHES: SIMPLE, RIGHT?

Article by Adam Dearlove - Owner Mint Detail

Photos courtesy Mint Detail

Washing the car seems so simple. Wash the car with soap and water, dry it off and voila! Clean. Unfortunately, it is not that simple. The truth is there are many variables which could actually hinder your vehicles appearance from the simple wash process. There are four common wash practices. Tunnel, touchless, rinseless and of course, hand wash. I wanted to break down some of the pros and cons of these wash methods to educate and promote safe washing!

Tunnel Washes

A tunnel wash is typically a place where cars move along a conveyor belt through a series of rotating brushes. These services are fast, efficient, and cheap. If convenience is your main concern, there is no better bang for the buck. These services often come with a towel dry at the end and can even offer interior services

as well. Unfortunately, the brushes are created as a “one- size-fits-all-car-shapes” solution, which can be very harmful to your vehicle. I have heard of emblems, wipers, and even body components being ripped off in the tunnel. Plus, the dirt and debris from the cars ahead is drug across your paint as the brushes are not cleaned between cars. The abrasiveness of these systems will quickly add swirl marks, haze, and potentially deep scratching to the surface of your vehicle. It will not take



Tunnel Wash

long before vehicle appearance is negatively impacted, which hurts your resale value. These systems will also impact paint protection film and ceramic coatings and will violate warranties with your local detailer.

Touchless Washes

Touchless car washes avoid direct contact with the



Touchless Wash

vehicle's surface, using high-pressure water jets and chemical detergents instead. This method has the advantage of reducing the risk of scratches that can occur. However, it also has its drawbacks. The high-pressure jets can sometimes be too forceful, potentially damaging delicate parts of your car, such as the trim or antennas. The strong chemicals used in touchless washes can strip away protective coatings and may not completely remove stubborn dirt and grime. These washes are a better alternative to tunnel washes but still leave much to be desired.

Hand Washing Your Car

A two-bucket hand wash is the preferred method for its thoroughness and gentleness. One of the main advantages is that it allows for meticulous cleaning, as you can control the pressure and type of cleaning products used. By using one bucket for soapy water and another

for rinsing, you minimize the risk of dirt and debris being reintroduced to the car's surface reducing the chances of scratches and swirl marks. This method will maximize the life of your ceramic coating and paint protection film too. However, it is time-consuming and requires more effort compared to automated washes. It also demands a good understanding of proper washing techniques to avoid causing damage to the paintwork. Luckily, Mint Detail will be hosting the CIR on May 3rd to teach the proper wash methodology so you can wash at home with confidence!

In conclusion, while tunnel and touchless washes offer convenience, they come with risks. Hand washing, though more time-consuming, ensures a more meticulous and gentle cleaning, preserving your car's appearance and value. Hand washing will help maintain the longevity and beauty of your vehicle's exterior.



Hand Wash

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PCA Sim Racing News — April 2025

From the PCA Sim Racing Steering Committee

Article by Jim Legault



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After 4 of 7 events, Series 13 has produced some excellent races in each of the 4 driver classes. Participation remains strong with over 120 registered drivers across the 4 classes.

Participation by Central Indiana Region members, though, remains uninspiring! So far this season, Nathan Abouhalkah in Sport Class, is our only CIR representative! Nathan is representing CIR quite well, though, tied for a very competitive fourth place overall after 3 races. As of this writing, the official results for Race 4 have not been posted.

Your humble reporter was assigned to Challenge Class for Series 13, but suffered a serious right leg injury several months ago that has prevented me from driving in real life, as well as in sim life! I should be medically cleared to drive "anything!!" within the next week or two and am hoping to compete in the last few races of Series 13.

If you happen to be a fan of endurance racing, and what Porsche fanatic isn't, PCA Sim Racing's 2025 Team Racing Series is in full swing. All 5 contests are 4-hour races featuring Porsche 963 and GT3R machines, Pro and AM driver classes, driver changes, differing strategies, and high drama! By the time you read this, 3 races will be complete. The remaining 2 are Portimao on April 13 and Spa on May 18.

All Series 13 and Team Racing Series events are broadcast by RACESPOT TV, live on YouTube. Subscribe to PCA Sim

Racing's YouTube channel and never miss one of these exciting live events! Check out past events, too!

PCA Sim Racing supports another endurance racing event, the 2025 Operation Motorsport benefit.

Established in 2017, Operation Motorsport is a non-profit foundation serving American and Canadian Service Members and Veterans. Its Diversionary Therapy and Motorsport Immersion programs are built on three core values: Team, Identity, and Purpose.

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To learn more about Operation Motorsport's important work, and how you might support their efforts, visit the U.S. Operation Motorsport website.

Questions about PCA Sim Racing or sim racing in general? I'm here to help! You can contact me through the [CIRPCA Contact Us](#) web page.





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Lindsey Hennig

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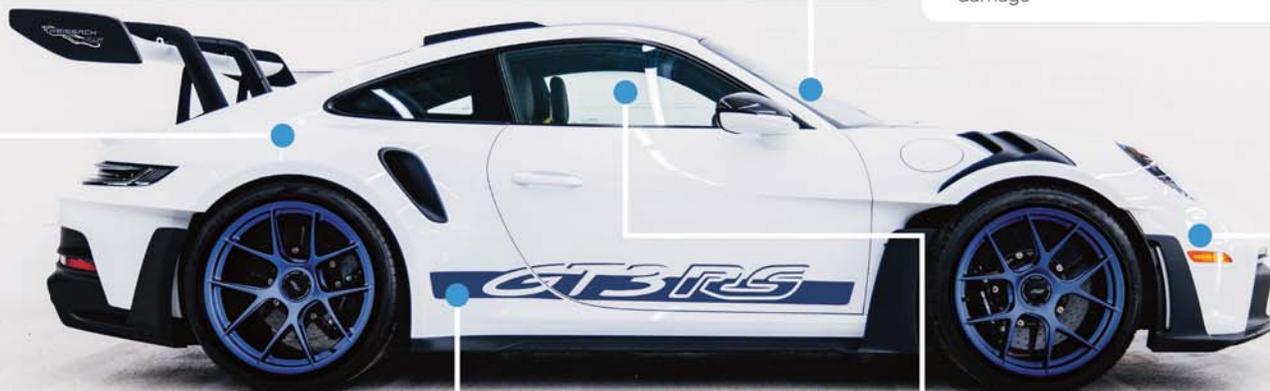
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Fort Wayne Breakfasts

Article & photo by Will Anthony



In January 18th, twenty members of both the Central Indiana Region and the Michiana Regions got together at The Breakfast Club II in Fort Wayne to share stories, thoughts, and breakfast. The staff at the Breakfast Club II took great care of us. This included adding extra chairs twice. My original RSVP was sixteen. I was very happy to see some of our friends from the Michiana Region, and also, two other board members. Russ and Claudia Bell joined us, and Don Perkins drove up from Indianapolis.

Courtesy of Breakfast Club II



CIR members at the long table.

I know that the Fort Wayne members used to get together for breakfasts years ago, but then the practice stopped. I had been planning on restarting it since I became Membership Chair. In my first month on the board, I had sent a survey to all the Fort Wayne area members to see what type of events they were interested in. Breakfast meetings were high on the list. Don Perkins, our Activities Chair, and I had also sent similar surveys to Indianapolis, Columbus, Bloomington, and Lafayette.

Our breakfast went so well, we had another one on February 22nd. This time we met at Cosmos on Lima, at 8 a.m. Seventeen members were in attendance. The staff at Cosmos had set up a long table at the back of the main room to accommodate us. I was very happy Randy Faunce drove up from New Palestine to attend. I am currently looking at dates and locations for March and April. We may have the next one in Columbia City!



Courtesy of Cosmos

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The food was good and the conversation even better.

Happy Hours, like later sunsets are back. Tuesday evening, March 11th twenty-one CIR members and guests dropped into Patsy's Pub in Westfield for some great pub grub, some conversation and perhaps a bit of libation. This was the first car club event at Patsy's since new owners took over the place. We want to thank the entire team there for a wonderful, fun night.

We even had a P-Car owner, who saw a whole bunch of Porsches lined up in the parking lot, stop in to see what all was going on. He said, as he departed after a drink or two, his PCA membership application would be going in the next day!

If you have a favorite local pub, be it a wine bar, tap house, or watering hole, and would like to host a CIR Happy Hour just contact any board member and get it on the schedule. The members and your local tavern will thank you!



Porsche line-up.

Noble AUTO Spa Open House

Article by Don Perkins/Photo by Randy Faunce

Just before Christmas on December 14th, one of our newest CIRcular sponsors held its grand reopening of the newly remodeled location at their Noblesville location. CIR board members Don Perkins and Randy Faunce represented our club.

The CIR was given a private preview of new facility before the public open house that included prizes and gifts for all. The food was scrumptious and there was plenty of it. They did a wonderful job of remodeling the location on 10th street in Noblesville.

NobleAuto Commercial provides fleet maintenance services while NobleAuto Spa provides window tinting, paint protection film, undercoating, and bed liners for any vehicle, not just Porsches!



Randy and Don sampling the tasty food.

Welcome New Members

December 1, 2024 — February 28, 2025

From Will Anthony, Membership Chair

Todd Burklow/Lafayette/2015 911 Carrera S
Robert T. Burns/Indianapolis/2025 718 Cayman GTS
Kent Gordon/Brownsburg/2005 Boxster S
Will Ifeachor/Bargersville/2019 Cayenne
Aaron Kuroiwa/Westfield/2014 911 Carrera
Robert LaFrance/Muncie/2011 Boxster
Eric R. Martin/Noblesville/2021 Carrera S Cab
Jeff Matchett/Fort Wayne/2024 Cayenne Coupe
Alex Mitchell/Indianapolis/2020 Macan Turbo
Ryan Moravec/Columbus/1982 911 SC Targa

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Timothy Plotkowski/Carmel/2009 Boxster
Zach Rixmann/Indianapolis/2020 718 Cayman GT4

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CR Member Anniversaries

2025 Anniversaries

Coming Up in the 2nd Quarter

1985— 35

Doug & Kiley Broad/Columbus/April

1995— 30 Years

Steven Jenkins/Indianapolis/April
William & Elizabeth Otter/Fort Wayne/April

2000— 25 Years

Ross Aiken/Lafayette/April
Peter Haralovich/Bloomington/April
John Tarwater /Indianapolis/April

2005— 20 Years

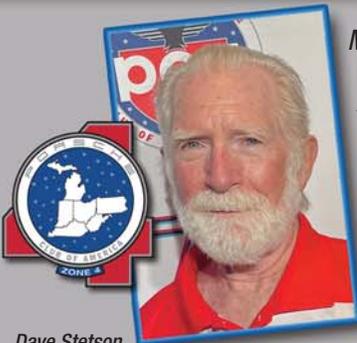
Jack & Sonja Farr/Bargersville/April
Bruce & Ronda Williams/Zionsville/June

2010— 15 Years

Mark Conklin/Brownsburg/April
Jon Gilliatt/Noblesville/April
Robert Gessling/Greenwood/May
David Ross/Indianapolis/May

2015 — 10 Years

Dana Bausback/Indianapolis/April
John Lane/Columbus/May
Brad Sexauer/Carmel/May
Reg Vorderman/Fort Wayne/May
Mark Byler/Mark Byler/June
David David/Bloomington/June
Glen & Sharon Kotnik/Zionsville/June
David Migliorini/North Manchester/June



Dave Stetson

My friends and Porscephiles of Zone-4, another season of fun and gathering is upon us and the weather is growing a bit milder.

The PCA Regions across the country are bringing new energy and new ideas to their activities, rekindling the relationships that were on hiatus for some time. This certainly applies to the 12 regions in Zone-4.

I have been able to get out to of several of the region's' celebrations. I strongly encourage all of us to make the effort to get to more of these great events put on by the regions' volunteers.

Given that this is the 70th year of PCA, there will be celebrations across the country, particularly at Parade. I urge you to consider attending Parade and I suggest you also look to the calendars of your neighboring regions for other opportunities to exercise your feet on pedals in your Porsche. Let's get together as much as possible in this 70th year. Stephanie and I look forward to traveling to your events in 2025.



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