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PREZ SEZ

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As an opening to my previous Prez Sez, I said “Welcome to Spring”. Well after a very wet spring, summer came in with a bang for sure. No chance to adjust, just flat out 100 degree heat index. Oh well, we can’t control it so

let’s enjoy any decent driving weather we can get.

Hopefully the weather will stabilize so we can enjoy being outside and participating in some of the club events we have on the CIR calendar. As we have mentioned previously, the number of events is truly amazing. Events are almost every weekend through the summer and fall driving seasons. Please review the calendar on our website, so you can get out and enjoy our vehicles. There is no excuse not to join in CIR events with your club!

Speaking of club activities, the CIR is going a new direction this year with regards to Artomobilia. For a variety of reasons, this will not be an official event for CIR. Of course, CIR members are welcome to participate but no judging will be done by the club.

As discussed last issue, the two-year term for the board of directors elected executive positions will be up at the end of this year. A nominations committee has been appointed and will be recommending candidates for the following executive committee positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Membership Chair
- Activities Chair

Please reach out to Larry Clarino if you are interested in one of these positions. Voting will occur in the fourth quarter of this year for terms starting in January 2026. The Treasurer position is also part of the executive committee but runs off-cycle with the other positions.

Enough ramblings, get out and enjoy the summer driving season with your Porsche.

Until next time.

All the Best



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Times are a changing for Porsche. The sad end to the 718 Boxster/Cayman internal combustion power plants is just around the corner. In a few months the 718 will be all electric. (In full disclosure I do own a 718 Boxster GTS, and I do track it.) Kind of makes you wonder what is going to happen as our favorite brand with the 911 now more of a touring car than a true sports car, what will happen to classic Porsche sports cars? Okay, there are still GT-3's but starting at a quarter of a million bucks, how many of us can afford one?

The 718's are true sports cars and at a starting priced at a still almost reasonable (For a Porsche) \$80K. it will be sad to see them go. Hopefully the EV incarnation will be something we can get excited and proud about and still afford. A concern will be the fact many tracks don't allow EV's due to liability issues. Time to start thinking about our Porsche future.



Courtesy of PCNA.

Pumpkin Run our clubs annual fall High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) event is just around the corner. One of the things our region does well is running HPDEs.



So many people think they are racing events. Nothing could be further from the truth. They are track events, and you do get to push yourself to get a bit more

out of your car than you ever can do on the street. All this is done is a safe manor for both you and your car. For those of you new to performance driving we put a certified PCA instructor in your car with you so you can rest assured you will be getting top notch advice on proper technique. As a bonus this will make you a better and safer street driver too.

Remember to tell your friends about our HPDE's. You do not need to be a PCA member to take part in Pumpkin Run. I am sure we all know people that are members of other car clubs that may be interested in some fast fun and safe driving. Help get the word out as we need more drivers for our HPDE's. Most any car will work, okay maybe not Jeep Wranglers, but most any other would be great. And HPDE chair, Pete Walker told us the weather is going to be very nice that weekend!

With the award-winning CIRcular over the last several years we have been building it into a publication we hope you all read and enjoy. Our goal is to produce an interesting and informative periodical that is also a way to keep up with club activities. We really could use some help with the CIRcular. Do you enjoy writing or photography please come join us. We want to expand our staff. And we sure could use some help. Just shoot us a note at [Contact Us](#).

Jay

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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 OCTOBER 2025 ISSUE OF CIRCULAR IS SEPTEMBER 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 October 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

Drive, Picnic, Hike

July 19 @ 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Let's take a drive, pack your lunch and then TAKE A HIKE. The drive will start on the southside of Indy and end at the Cherry Lake Shelter House in Morgan Monroe State Forest. After the drive of about 1.5 hours we will end at the shelter house and have our packed lunch we brought with us. After lunch for those of us that want to stretch our legs we will venture on a 1.5 mile leisurely hike through the state park. If you are not the Hiking Type you are welcome to hang out at the shelter house or return back.

Don't wait to long to register. 15 Cars Max on the drive. People Count; Open

Meeting point for the Drive: Meijers Parking Lot, 5325 E. Southport Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46327. Time: 9am

If you would like to meet at the Shelter house , the drive will arrive about 11:30 at the shelter house.

Cherry Lake Shelter House, Morgan Monroe State Forest, 6220 Forest Road, Martinsville, IN. 46151

Register or check it out on the website: <https://cirpca.org/event/drivepicnichike/>



Photo courtesy of Morgan State Forest.

Lunch on Geist



Photo courtesy of Wolfies on Geist.

August 2 @ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the view of Geist Reservoir while having lunch at Wolfies on Geist. Great Food, Great Scenery, Great Friends and most of all Great Cars.

Wolfies has given us an area outside just for CIRPCA to enjoy the view ,talk boats and cars.

RSVP at: <https://cirpca.org/event/lunch-on-geist/>

Oliver Winery Drive



Photo courtesy of Oliver Winery.

August 16 @ 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The drive will start with a get together at Upland Pump House Restaurant for lunch (Please No Alcohol). After lunch we will hit the road for a drive to Oliver Winery in Bloomington. Another great drive through south central Indiana. The roads are some of the best in Indiana to drive.

The drive will be limited to 15 cars.

If you would like to skip lunch you can meet the drive at Oliver, the drive should arrive around 2:30pm

RSVP at: <https://cirpca.org/event/oliver-winery-drive/>

Going to the Dogs



**September 13 @
11:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.**

It's been a ruff year, so get out of your bark-a-lounger and join the pack on September 13th for the Going to the Dogs Driving Tour III to benefit the Speedway Animal Rescue. All of the proceeds go to the Speedway Animal Rescue. The money from this tour goes for medical bills, boarding, food and more. Please join us for the worthwhile cause.

We're paw-sitive you'll have a good time.

We'll start our tour at 11:00 a.m. with a hearty meal at the famous Mayberry Cafe, 78 W Main Street in Danville.

For more information check the website:
<https://cirpca.org/event/going-to-the-dogs-drive/>

PUMPKIN RUN



Photo by Larry Clarino.

**Join us at Putnam Park for our Fall Pumpkin Run HPDE!
9/26—9/28**

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<https://clubregistration.net/login.cfm?CFID=10923993&CFTOKEN=ca102e0dedb4dbc0-5638A804-ACBC-1A9E-4B0CD95C50E360B9>

"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 represents.



Photo courtesy of Kunstfest/New Harmony.

Events Calendar

Be sure to check the club website; cirpca.org for the latest additions and changes to club events. The monthly club meeting is now via Zoom.

July

- 7 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 12 *Tire Tech Session by Bridgestone* — 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 19 *Drive, Picnic, Hike* — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 26 *Drive To Graham Rahal Performance* — 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

August

- 2 *Lunch On Geist* — 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 4 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 *Lahody's Steak House/Muncie* — 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 16 *Oliver Winery Drive* — 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 23 *Bloomington to French Lick Drive* — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

September

- 1 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 4 *Oktoberfest* — 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- 5 *Porsche Restoration Challenge* — 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 13 *Going to the Dogs/Drive* — 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 20-21 *New Harmony "Kunstfest" Weekend* — 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 26-28 *Pumpkin Run* — Putnam Park starting 8:00 a.m. on the 26th.

October

- 6 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 11 *Chili Cook Off* — 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Check calendar as we get closer.

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



Lahody's Steakhouse

6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Join your fellow members at Ron Lahody's Steakhouse in Muncie for a dining extravaganza you won't soon forget! Just one hour from either Fort Wayne or Indy and located at 231 South Walnut St. in downtown Muncie, IN with free parking on the street or in parking lots in the rear.

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or no later than August 8th. Seating limited to 40 in our reserved upstairs dining room which overlooks the bar, so don't delay!

Bob & Brigitta Snider, hosts



Washing Your Car

Article & photography by Larry Clarino

Washing your car... what could be simpler? Bet it is something every one of you do now and then, be it in your driveway with a garden hose or a trip to the local carwash tunnel. But the real question is how many of us are doing it right?

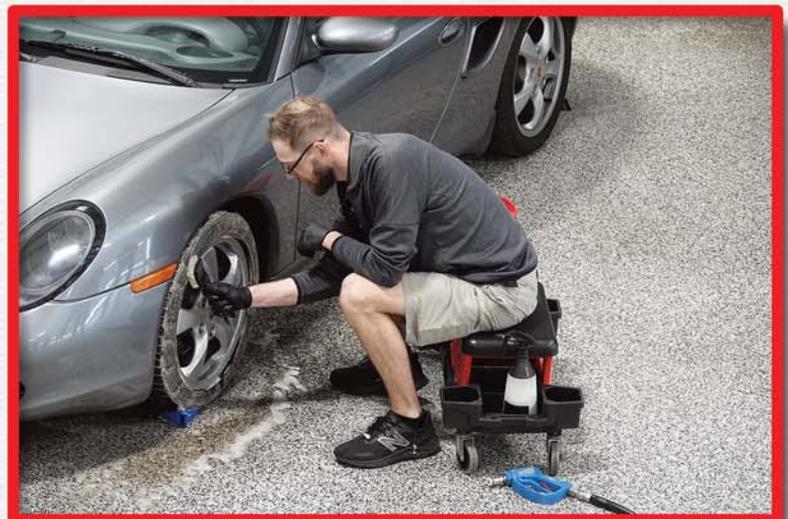
May 3rd CIR supporter and CIRcular sponsor, Mint Detail in Fishers, hosted a Saturday morning Tech Session. Mint's Adam Dearlove and his team, not only demonstrated the proper way to do a car wash but explained some important do's and don'ts to keep our Porsches looking great and in good health. Nearly twenty members bombarded the Mint staff with questions and comments during the two-hour session.

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South Central Indiana Porsche Picnic

Photography & article by Jim Scarbrough

We are a fortunate group of people in the Central Indiana Region PCA!

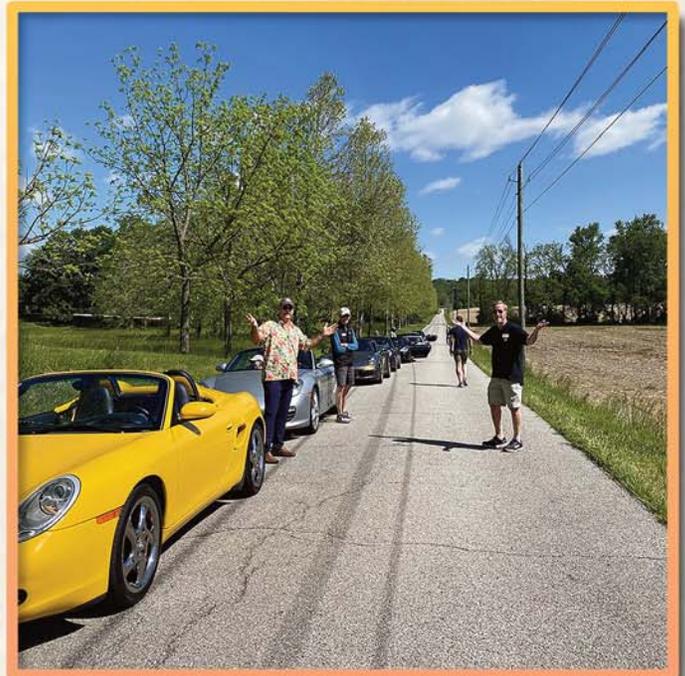
The Porsche Picnic in south central Indiana was held under blue skies with white puffy clouds, mild temperatures and a nice breeze on May 17. Some of us indulged in a little Brown County coffee and Boston Cake Company coffee cake, while socializing ahead of the start of the drive. This scene was quite a contrast to just 14 hours earlier when a tornado passed through the area.

The EF-2 tornado ran some 35 miles across Monroe, Brown and Bartholomew counties packing 148 mph winds the night before. The old tour adage of being prepared but remaining flexible was right-on as the last leg of our planned journey was disrupted by massive storm damage in the Grandview Lake area.

Channeling the type of tour notes produced by Bob Snyder, longtime CIR member and club historian, I tried to bring out interesting bits on the geology, architecture and roadside vehicles disintegrating into the ground. We had twelve cars and seventeen participants both the cars and participants enjoyed the trip!

Indiana geography is dominated by two landforms, the Scottsburg lowlands and the Norman uplands. These landforms cut the state diagonally from Louisville suburbs to Martinsville. The landforms were produced by a combination of glacial activity, in the case of the lowlands, and uplift of resistant rock layers to the west. With the uplift, erosion of the softer surrounding rocks left

series of prominent ridges across the southwestern portion of the state.



Narrow county roads with no shoulders.

The country roads explored in Bartholomew, Jackson, Washington and Brown counties exemplify these distinct landforms best. While not the smoothest roads, the narrow county roads with no shoulders, few lane lines, blind crests, and blind turns demand attention of both the

driver and navigator.

This tour was about traversing the intersection of the lowlands and the uplands traveling south to Brownsburg, Jackson-Washington State Forest, Medora, Leesville, Norman, and Christianburg. My favorite part is heading south, just before Brownsburg, where the vast plains of the lowlands to the east, butt up to the uplands visible to the south and west.

A close second was climbing Skyline Drive North in Jackson-Washington SF to the Slygo Vista. Along the way, we saw a half dozen little white, clapboard churches, a '49 Buick 51 Super Sedanette, the 432-foot Medora covered bridge, took a ton of pictures at the Medora Brick factory ruins, met some large, friendly brick factory dogs, saw a high school built in 1857, enjoyed a relaxing picnic at the Salt Creek Winery, drove past a Ford-Ferguson 9N tractor masquerading as lawn art and a MG Midget/Austin Healy Sprite truly becoming part of the ground and supporting plant life!

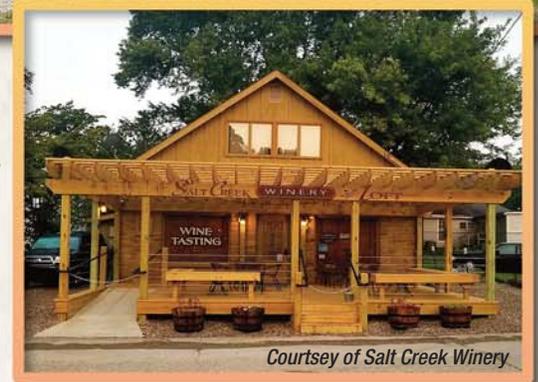
With the storm-triggered detour we missed Grandview Lake and Tony Stewart's home and hunting preserve, a very small consolation on our parts. We got a first-hand look at the storm devastation with our alternate route having just enough room to negotiate the downed trees.

Certainly, gave us perspective; being thankful for still having a roof over our heads, having great friends, enjoying a beautiful day in our gorgeous automobiles.

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Medora Brick factory ruins.



Salt Creek Winery.

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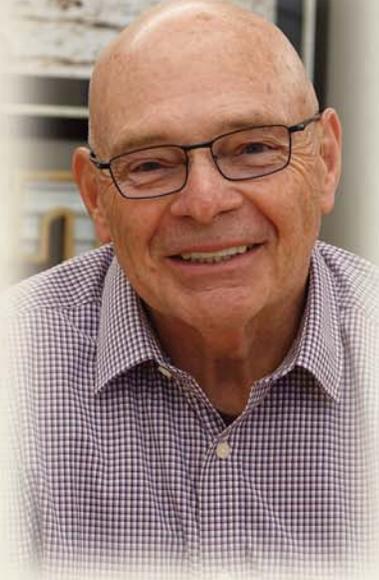
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Meet Your Activities Chairperson Don Perkins

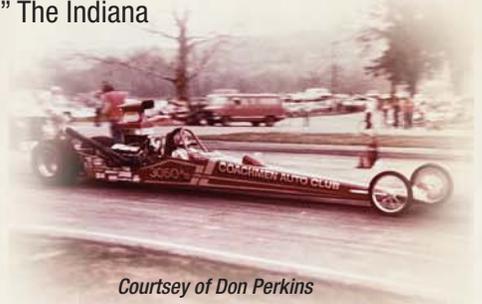
Article & Photos by Larry Clarino



Central Indiana Region's activities chairman, Don Perkins, is a real true "Car Guy." The South Bend native pretty much decided to get into the automotive transportation world while still in high school.

"Right out of high school I started on the crew of one of the first rear-engine dragsters in the country. The Coachmen Auto Club was running a "A/D" gas dragster, that was full dragster, but with essentially a Sportsman class engine running on gasoline," said Perkins. "After Big Daddy Don Garlits' huge crash in 1970, dragster racing changed to rear engines. They were a much safer design." The Indiana based Coachmen Auto Club was building and racing drag cars all over the country.

"I got the job as crew chief running on our first rear-engine car with Rusty Firestone driving. We held the national IHRA record in both top speed and elapsed time for our class." Oddly, it was through the Coachmen Don learned about Porsches. "In '85 or so, a guy brought a green 911 whale-tail turbo with a buckskin plaid interior to the club meet one weekend. It was gorgeous, I got hooked and thought... maybe someday."



Courtesy of Don Perkins

After a really successful time in racing, Don moved into the commercial trucking world starting as a shop technician and working his way through various jobs and firms finally into sales with Stoops Freightliner right here in Indianapolis on the southside. As time went on, Don felt it was time for a change in direction. He bought a local gun shop in the Indy area, 'triggering' a love for the shooting sports.

After selling the shop, he was recruited by the B&B Group, in Noblesville, where Don is now the COO. B&B is a thirty-five-year-old company that does snow and ice management along with irrigation and lighting systems for hundreds of residential and commercial clients throughout the Central Indiana Region.

That brings us to 2021. A friend let Don and his wife, Shelly, take his brand-new Porsche for a drive. That little test drive started a quest for Don's dream, a Boxster convertible. That led to his current 2004 speed-yellow Boxster S, a car that is simply dazzling in the sunshine. That bright yellow says put that top down and let go for a ride.



Don and Shelly joined the PCA in 2022 and showed interest in getting involved with region management. As the CIR's events chair, he now is working very closely with membership chair Will Anthony, revamping the way we organize and present events. Duties in which his organizational skills certainly come to the fore. Just look at the number of CIR events on the calendar and you will know what we mean.



SPRING BRAKE 2025

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

The Central Indiana Region's Spring Brake was another hit as a sell out group of over 110 participants took to the track at Putnam Park Road Course for the April event. The track located in Mt. Meridian, Indiana, near Greencastle, is the perfect High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) venue. Tom Wood Porsche is the primary sponsor of all the CIR/PCA HPDEs. We simply would be very hard pressed to put forward track events like this without Tom Wood Porsche's help.

The CIR's annual Spring Brake event has become a traditional ice breaker as so many of the participants from all over the Midwest use it to shake the rust off after a long winter season. Pete Walker, organizer and head cheerleader for the CIR HPDEs, promised wonderful sunny weather for the weekend. With the exception of rain, wind and cold on Friday, limited to experienced advanced and instructor-level drivers, he got it right. Of note, Pete did say sunny, not warm, as there was a bit of a chill in the wind all weekend. This is Indiana in April!

Production of an HPDE is a big effort. In Pete's words, "They say it takes a village and man is that true! CIR/PCA HPDEs wouldn't be possible without our Chief Driving Instructors, Chuck Tucker, Dan DeSalle, & Mark Westlake, our Registrar, Keith Morgan, our Grid Marshall, Dale



Cool, dry, and sunny made for a fun HPDE at Putnam.

Grove, (With his black flags) and our Classroom Instructors, Chuck Tucker, Larry Clarino, and Steve Pruden.”

“A special thank you to all the drivers who attended our Spring Brake and the Instructors who sat right-seat with them throughout the weekend,” said Walker, “And a huge shout out to my student, Karen Temple. I can’t wait to watch you conquer Putnam Park in your Mazda again!” Karen, after doing her first HPDE at CIR’s Pumpkin Run last Fall, was bitten by the HPDE bug big time. She and her little grey Miata completed Tire Rack’s One Lap of America in 2024!

In spite of Pete’s uncanny (?) ability to forecast the weather, he is appreciated in his role as our HPDE leader by everyone involved. The Central Indiana Board of Directors awarded Pete with a very special recognition plaque for his dedication to the Region and his work to improve the quality our HPDEs. Club president, Mike Kelley was on hand to personally present the accolade to Pete.

Word is Pete has again guaranteed great weather for Pumpkin Run, September 26-28. Registration is now open at <https://clubregistration.net/>. Be sure to sign up and see if our weather prognosticator is right.



One of these is not like the other!



Pete Walker get an award from CIR President, Mike Kelley.

Pete instructing Karen Temple about Dead Bear Corner.



Thank You Tom Wood Porsche!



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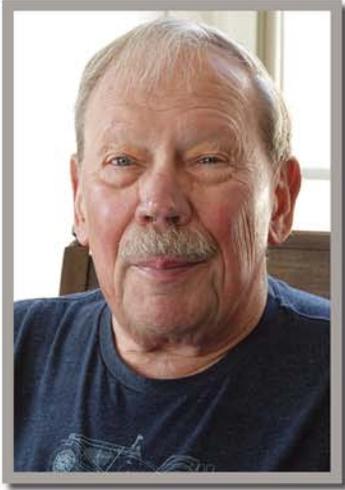
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FOCUS

ON Jon Silverberg

Article & Photography by Larry Clarino

The CIR has its own “Top Gun” guy in the form of one of the most unassuming Region members ever. Jon Silverberg is a true car guy to his soul, but with a touch of an adventure few of us will ever match.

Life in the ‘60s and ‘70s was dominated by Vietnam. As a young high school student Jon was fascinated by the Navy, he even got an appointment to the Naval Academy, but chose to attend the University of Minnesota as a Naval ROTC student, majoring in chemical engineering. About this time while an undergrad at Minnesota, Jon bought a brand new, red MGB-GT, it was the start of a long line of true sports cars in Silverberg’s life.

But Jon said, “I wanted to fly. I received my commission through the ROTC program at Minnesota. After graduation in January of 1968, I was sent to flight training at Pensacola, Florida.” That was the start of both an adventure in the air and an adventure on the road continuing with a long series of mostly British sports cars and really fast jet airplanes.



After graduating at the top of his flight class, getting his Wings of Gold, he had the pick of any assignment, literally, any type of aircraft in the Navy inventory. “Of course I was thinking fighters, F-14 Tomcats,” said Jon, “But a buddy suggested the new LTV A-7 Corsair II. So that’s what I picked. After training I was sent to Naval Air Station Lemoore in California with the VA-122 Replacement Air Group to get my carrier qualifications and await my assignment to a carrier. It was clear I was heading to Vietnam.”

Back on the ground, a long line of British cars became part of Jon’s life. Everything from Austin-Healey 3000’s to E-Type Jaguars along with a bunch of MGs; As, Bs, GTs, even a Lotus. Sports cars became as much of his life as the sky and sea had been.

As an attack aircraft pilot he was sent to the aircraft carrier USS Constellation to join VA-147, the ‘Argonauts’, off the coast of Vietnam for a total of three deployments aboard the “Connie”.

Afterward with the war winding down, Jon was then assigned to Indianapolis, a long way from the ocean and carriers, as a Naval recruitment officer where on a blind date, he met Linda. The couple were married in 1976 and guess what? They bought yet another British sports car, a MGB GT.



Finally, in 2007, they wanted something a little different, so an ‘07 Porsche Cayman came into their lives. “We went to Tom Wood Porsche, and they didn’t have what we wanted, but they found one in Chicago for us. Loved it. So, then in 2011 we ordered a new Cayman to be built for us. Both Caymans were guards red. Then in 2019 we found a 2017 718 Cayman S, at Tom Wood. It was a demo, but very low mileage. It had everything I wanted, but sports-plus, and it was a PDK. I wanted a stick. Well and now I love the PDK.”

Jon and Linda joined the CIR right in 2007, but the highlight of their membership has to be winning Porsche VIP suite passes for this year’s Rolax 24 back in January, compliments of Tom Wood Porsche. Be sure to check out Linda’s story in the last issue of the CIRcular.



Spring Color Tour Weekend Perfect!

Article by Bob & Brigitta Snider

Perfect weather all weekend, champagne twice and the Reds won! How could you ask for more? Thirty-Five members in seventeen cars participated in this year's Spring Color Tour Weekend to Cincinnati. We started in Morristown with lunch at the very charming Kopper Kettle Inn and those that ordered the Saturday Lunch Special Chicken Salad got a glass of champagne to toast with others for a great upcoming weekend. (Don't tell PCA about that champagne.) This year we had a member from the Upper Canada Region attend, now a student at Purdue. That has to be our furthest attendee ever!

The driving tour over some of the best sports car roads in Southeastern Indiana kicked off right at 1:00 p.m. Over the next three and a half hours, we stopped in the very German village of Oldenburg for an optional walking tour of the many historic sites and maybe a German style 'refreshment' at Wagner's Tavern. They offer their James Beard award-winning fried chicken on the lunch menu.

Continuing on backroads through Batesville and Milan, we ended up at Rising Sun on the flood swollen,



Lunch and the driver's meeting at the Kopper Kettle Inn.



Photos by Bob & Brigitta Snider and Tasha Kelley

Ohio River. In the town of Aurora, we were forced to turn around and take our favorite road in Indiana, Rt-262 twice, both downhill and uphill back up to US 50 to Lawrenceburg where we crossed the mighty Ohio River on the I-275 bridge into northern Kentucky. That brought us into Covington from the south where the hills split open for a spectacular view of the Cincinnati Riverfront.

We checked into the Marriott at RiverCenter in Covington, KT where we had nine rooms reserved for our nineteen overnight guests. Dinner Saturday night was in downtown Cincinnati at the spectacular Moerlein Lager House. We timed it so we were in the restaurant while the Reds were playing the Pittsburgh Pirates next door.

The hotel had kindly left a fancy bottle of French champagne in our room as a thank you for Brigitta and I. We decided to bring it down for our Sunday buffet breakfast and share it with our fellow CIR guests that were staying for the afternoon Reds game. The mimosas were very popular, thank you Marriott!

I had arranged for a late checkout for everyone in order to attend the Reds game. It was a great game with lots of between-innings entertainment and on-field action. The

Reds beat the Pirates 4 to 2 to sweep their 3-game series. We had great seats and in the warm sun — just a perfect day for a baseball game. We even had a fly ball land just a few rows below us!

This was one of the best Spring Color Tour Weekends ever. The weather could not have been better, and we even got some sun in the stands at Great American Ball Park. The flowering trees were all awesome on the way down and back. The drive a week later than normal, made a big difference in the weather, both before and after. Time to start planning next year's Spring Color Tour. Thanks everyone for coming!

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Open House & Car Show

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

For eighteen years Reggie's Motorworks and the Noble Mechanic have held an annual open house and car show for charity as a "thank you" to all their loyal clients. Reggie's Motorworks is not only a terrific CIR sponsor, but they are CIR/PCA members and regular participants in our HPDEs.

This year more than 200 people joined in the festivities on June 7 at the Noblesville headquarters of Motorworks. Several CIR members were in attendance allowing Reggie's to donate more than \$4,700 to Noblesville's Fueled for School, helping to provide nutritious meals for kids. Our members were proud to

help along with SONAX, also a CIR sponsor, Noblesville ACE Hardware, Indy Fuel Hockey, and many others in this great cause.

Owner Reggie Stewart is not only a CIR/PCA instructor, he brings several of his staff out to our HPDEs to learn just what a Porsche can do on a track. With a philosophy of giving back to the community, all of his shops are involved with local charities and working with high school apprentice programs.

Be sure to keep Reggie's Motorworks in mind for your European car needs and the Noble Mechanic in both Noblesville and Kokomo, for domestic and Japanese auto/truck service.



The CIR was well represented at Reggie's Open House.



Roughing it, Porsche style.



7-year-old, Reigh, getting advice from Nito on car painting.



Art in Bloom

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

New Central Indiana Region member Dr. Robert LaFrance is the director of the David Owsley Museum of Art on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie. Robert graciously invited the CIR to visit during the annual Art in Bloom festival at Ball State's Fine Arts Building on May 18th. Several members joined on a glorious Sunday afternoon to tour the extensive exhibit halls of one of the Midwest's premier art museums. The tour was special indeed, as Dr. LaFrance personally guided us on a private journey of artwork, from pre-history through modern times. While the museum may be small in size as compared to the great art centers around the globe, the collection is truly world-class in every respect.

The Owsley Museum's Art in Bloom festival is a special annual event celebrating Spring with innovative floral interpretations by six regional artists, each inspired by the museum's art collection. Along with the exhibition of floral arrangements, there were demonstrations of paper flower creation and wearable floral art.

The David Owsley Museum of Art is named in honor of David Owsley, who has furnished the museum with more than 2,300 works of art. Now the museum houses in its permanent collection, more than 11,000 works, encompassing items from African, Asian, Oceanic, as well as European and American art. The museum is open to the

Dr. Robert LaFrance personally guided us on a private journey.



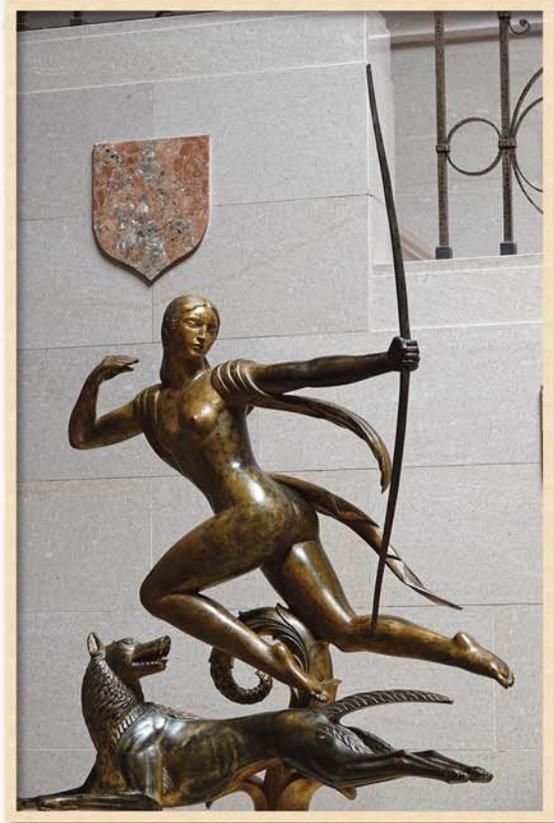
One of the floral creations inspired by works of art in the gallery.

public and is used for studies by not only Ball State students, but art students from all over the world.

David Owsley, is the son of Alvin and Lucy Ball Owsley, and grandson of Frank C. Ball, one of the five Ball brothers that founded the Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company in Muncie in 1886. The Owsley family continues to be involved with the David Owsley Museum of Art, helping to grow and maintain the collection. This is one of the true hidden gems in our area. It certainly is worth a visit to the Ball State campus. We want to thank Dr. Robert LaFrance for being part of the Central Indiana Region and giving our group an exceptional tour.



Just a sample of some of the beautiful works of art on exhibit at the museum.



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Breakfast

Artical by Don Perkins
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*Rainy day and a 356 makes
for great conversations.*



Tt was a wet and wild Spring Day when events chair Don Perkins hosted a Central Indiana Region breakfast at Wild Eggs in Fishers on April 5th. Around twenty-five hardy CIR members ventured out in the rain and wind for a morning of good food and chatting of all things Porsche.

It is always fun to see old and some new friends at these early morning events. The wonderful folks at Wild Eggs had a nice area reserved for our group at this terrific location with several brand-new Porsche owners joining in on the fun.





PORSCHE N-MARKED TIRES

Article and photos by
Jonathan Haggar
CONNECTICUT VALLEY REGION/PCA



Porsche strives for a high level of performance and safety for its road going vehicles and N-marked tires are one example of how this is achieved. Before we get into that, let's take a quick look at some automotive tire basics.

Tires are divided into four high-level categories based on primary driving conditions — summer, all-season, winter and sport. Summer tires provide the highest level of performance in warm weather, with all-season intended for year-round use by providing a good balance between warm and winter weather, typically, with the longest tread life. Winter tires are specifically designed to be most effective in cold conditions and snow, while sport tires are optimized for use on racing circuits such as high-performance driver education events.

While tire type is a somewhat personal preference based on climate and the conditions you intend to drive in, it's important to purchase the correct size for your vehicle. Most vehicles have a tire information sticker in the driver's side door jamb, or you can check your owner's manual. An example size would be 265/35R19, where 265 represents tire width in millimeters, 35 is the aspect ratio which is the ratio of height to width in percent, R indicates radial construction, and 19 is the rim diameter in inches. It's interesting to note the mix of metric and imperial units in the standardized size

designations. Tires are the connection between your car and the road, so they are naturally an important aspect of handling and safety. This is true for both spirited driving and those instances where evasive action is necessary to avoid a collision.

Porsche's dedication to driving performance includes tires that are developed specifically for their vehicles. Made by some of the leading manufacturers including Bridgestone, Continental, Michelin and Pirelli — they carry an N-marking, sometimes called N-specification, to indicate they are tested and approved by Porsche for dynamic and safe driving. Testing criteria includes handling, driving comfort, braking performance, service life, rolling resistance, and high-speed performance — and tires from all four categories are covered – summer, all-season, winter and sport.

Until recently, N-marked tires carried a general approval for Porsche vehicles — meaning they weren't specific to individual models. The first generation of a tire would carry the mark N0, with subsequent iterations using N1,



Photo: Courtesy Porsche

N2 and so on. Now, Porsche approves tires that are specifically tailored to each individual model using an updated 3-digit marking that includes a model designator. Tires for the 911 Carrera have an NA prefix with the first-generation carrying a mark of NA0, and subsequent iterations marked NA1, NA2, etc. NB is used for Cayman/Boxster, NC for Cayenne, ND for Panamera, NE for Macan and NF for the Taycan.

Be aware that tire manufacturers may build tires with the same name, size and speed rating as a N-marked tire, but for non-Porsche applications. Please note that these tires likely don't share the same construction, materials or rubber compound as the N-marked version. While an N-marked tire will cost more than its standard counterpart, it's the only way to ensure the level of performance and

safety margins that Porsche engineers intended for your vehicle.

Also note that tires carry a four digit date code in the form WWYY where WW indicates the week and YY represents the year of manufacture — so 3219 would indicate the 32nd week of 2019.

Most sources recommend that tires should be inspected, if not replaced, at about six years regardless of tread wear. Those who don't put many miles on their car need to be especially aware as tires can easily reach their age limit with plenty of tread depth remaining.

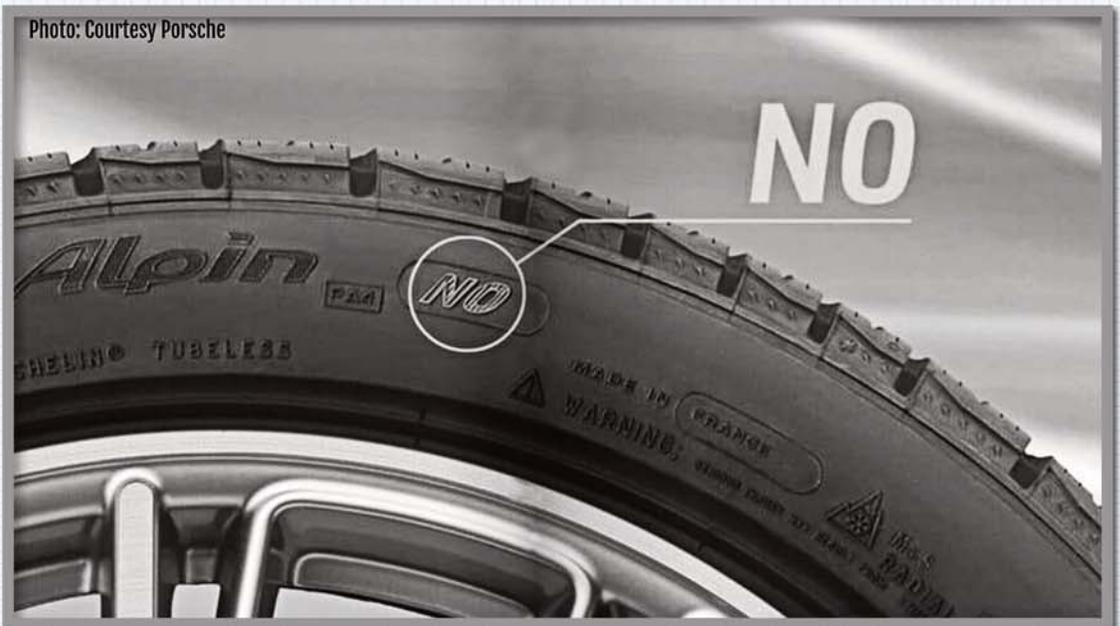
Always consult with a Porsche dealer if you have questions about the age or condition of your tires, or need help choosing appropriate N-marked tires for your model.

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Second-generation Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires marked as N1. Photo was taken in 2017.

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First generation of a tire would carry the mark NO.



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GermanFest

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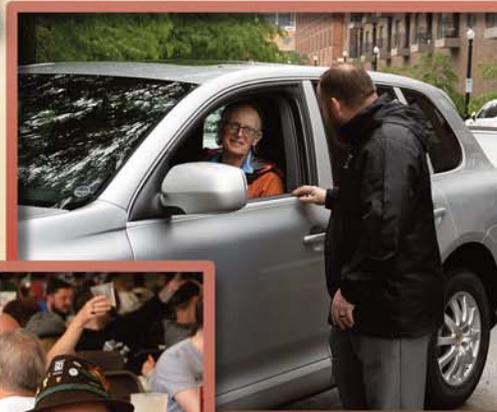
GermanFest is an annual four-day celebration of Fort Wayne's rich German cultural heritage. While not an official CIR event, as Porsche people we are part of that tradition. Taking place this year, June 5-8, at the Headwaters Park, four local German-American clubs produce the event featuring German folk dancers, ladies in dirndls, men in lederhosen. Of course, amazing German food from brautwurst to schnitzel, red cabbage and German potato salad, and kuchen, cherry or apple, are on the menu. And, yes, there is a beer garden with more than nine different beers on tap and a variety of wines!

O'Daniel Porsche of Fort Wayne was the CIR host for a special Thursday night, picking up admission, food and parking for club. The rainy night still saw several CIR members in attendance as the Porsche of Fort Wayne sales team helped guide the reserved club parking in a soggy grass field, having to assist a few sportscars in the mud. Luckily no tows were needed. Just a few push assists. A few Porsche SUV owners just smiled at that.

Sales manager, James Tippmann, along with Randy and David O'Daniel represented the Porsche dealership. They provided special reserved seating and lot of fun for the CIR members.

Club membership chair Will Anthony said, "This was my first GermanFest, but it will not be my last. I was glad the rain held off until most of us were leaving. Thank you to Porsche Fort Wayne for their sponsorship."

Jimmy Aratta was one of the CIR members attending.



Greg and Sharon Smith were all smiles.



German folk dancers.



Book Review

Article by Larry Clarino

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riting is so very hard. Anyone writing a book has my absolute admiration. Writing a book is a massive undertaking, a very hard thing to do. Ray Hartjen's *The Indy 500, A Year-Long Quest to Win the Greatest Spectacle in Racing*, set an interesting challenge for himself. In his own words on the back cover; "The inside story of how teams and drivers prepare for the biggest race of the year." It reads like a diary of the year leading up to the 2024 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, but Hartjen tells us very little.

Hartjen says it is an insider's view of what goes on in preparation for the biggest most important race in the world. While the writing style is easy to read and brings back memories of the (forgettable) 2023 & 2024 seasons, it leaves this reader wanting more. Like a really good appetizer of perfectly prepared calamari setting your taste buds for a great dinner, then getting a main course of overdone dried out calf's liver.

When I read a book, I want to learn things, I did not know before. I did not learn things in this book. I kept looking for "insider" interviews and antidotes with the participants to learn new things I did not know before. As an avid racing fan, and particularly an Indy 500 fan, there is virtually nothing in this book that was new. It frankly reads more like a compendium of press releases put out by the racing teams, INDYCAR, and the Speedway with essentially no new reporting.

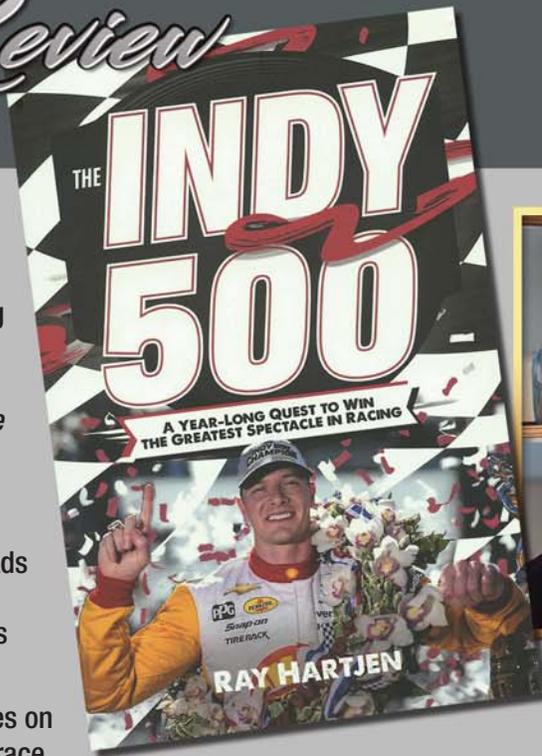
I was not sure who the target audience is for this book. If this book is targeted to the casual fan there is a glaring need for more explanations of terms, perhaps with some photos and illustrations. When the author talks about the limited number of things a team can change on a car, per the rules, you need to illustrate that. Using terms like dampers and sway bars means nothing to someone that does not know what dampers or sway bars are.

If the book is targeted at the hard-core fans, it misses the target by a mile. Like the huge story of the time, maybe the decade, as the Penske empire is jolted to its core with several conflict-of-interest allegations. Hartjen spends little time discussing the biggest issue in all of INDYCAR and none of it from an "insider's" viewpoint. May as well be a Team Penske press release. The book is jammed with statistics but without context.

The author spends a lot of time talking about the driver "silly season," that time of year when deals are done and many drivers change teams be it for a better position, more money, or any driving job at all. It would be nice to hear from a couple of drivers as to how they do this, what are they looking for from a team. Or a chat with team principals as to what are they looking for in a driver. In other words, some "insider" information.

On the flip side it is a little too "inside," in the weeds, for the non-fan. It lacks the romance, intrigue, and magic, we all have for the 500. I am sure Hartjen has a passion for the Speedway, but I was simply not impressed by the lack of storytelling, the lack of information in this book.

The Indy 500, A Year-Long Quest to Win the Greatest Spectacle in Racing, is published by Morgan James Publishing, and is available at Amazon and wherever books are sold.



The author Ray Hartjen



Java Jo's Cars & Coffee

Article & photos by Will Anthony

June 14th, CIR's James Johnson invited everyone to his Lafayette coffee house, Java Jo's for a morning wake up and chat on all things Porsche. Despite the rain and chilly weather, about a dozen CIR members and a few non-members stopped by. You can bet membership chair Will Anthony will be contacting them!

A couple of 944s highlighted the event. A local father and son brought out a 996 Turbo and a 911 G-body, (911 Porsche from mid-'70s to late '80s) a real classic.

"We had a 997.2, a 991.2, and a 992.1 parked side by side. The first thing you notice is the size difference. One thing they all share is the beautiful 991 shape," said CIR board member Anthony.

Porsche conversation.



Courtesy of Java Jo's



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Summer Solstice Drive to Independence Dam

Article & photos by Maureen & Jimmy Arata

The summer solstice seemed like a good enough reason to invite club members to our house for a nice drive. Thirty-six people in nineteen cars answered, “The call”, and why not? Warm summer weather, no rain in the forecast, and a promise of fifty-two miles of back road driving with only one stoplight.

These events happen when people want to share their favorite routes with other enthusiasts. This meant that Maureen and I had to reserve the Clevenger Shelter House at Independence Dam State Park in Defiance, Ohio, and, unfortunately, clean said Clevenger Shelter House, two-days before the event.

Prior to the start, we ran the route to ensure that there were no surprises. On morning of the event, we drove to the park and hung a Central Indiana Region banner and decorated the shelter. With all we had to do to make the drive happen, some might wonder why people go through all the work. Simple answer is, because of the people we get to spend time with. The slogan, “It’s the people, not the cars,” rings true here.

People started arriving at 10:30am, with the drivers’ meeting starting at 11:15, and we were soon on our way. As luck would have it, we drove the whole route without a single car ahead of us, or getting in between the queue. However, there was “that train” that separated the two lead-cars from the pack, it wasn’t my former employer, Norfolk Southern’s train that got in the way!

We arrived at the park with guests already there. Bob and Mary Kovatch, former club members heard what we were doing and drove down to meet us. Thankfully, we had a roof for shade, with seven picnic tables earmarked for our lunch. The weather got a bit on the warm, but the breeze and shade made it quite tolerable. We had several first-timers, as well as

veterans from past drives taking part. A special shout out to Dick Rutkowski, who drove his Boxster, top down, all the way. Hot weather and sunshine are not his favorite conditions (understatement), but I suspect he did it because he likes to drive.

As a final note, special recognition to Randy and Cynthia, Dick and Becky and Jimmy and Maureen, who “did the double” and drove to Yorktown to meet up with other CIR members getting together at Cammack Station for a Meet-in-the-Middle dinner. Why did we do it, because of the “People, of course!”



Welcome New Members

March 1, 2025 — May 31, 2025

From Will Anthony, Membership Chair

Corey Barnett/Westfield/2020 Macan S
Ed Bean/Fort Wayne/2005 911 Turbo S
Jason C. Bertin/Indianapolis/2021 911 Turbo S
John Blankenship/Indianapolis/2011 Cayman
Michael & Joel Brooks/West Lafayette/2002 911 Turbo
Prentiss & Dominique Bryant/Indianapolis/2017 718 Cayman
Edward M. Burns/Fishers/Cayenne E-Hybrid
Jon E. Clodfelter/Fishers/2020 911 Carrera 4S
Matt Heidenreich/Plainfield/2007 911 Carrera S
Nathan Hoff/Columbus/2017 Carrera S911 SC Targa
Bryan Hutchens/Indianapolis/2002 911 Targa
Aymen Kaboub/Carmel/2020 911 Carrera 4S
Mark A. Kryah/Indianapolis/2012 Carrera 4S
Justus D. Lucas/Cambridge City/2002 911 Targa
Mike V. Lupoi/Westfield/2020 911 Carrera 4S
Tim Mattingly/Fishers/2014 911 Carrera S
Evan Miller/Indianapolis/1981 911 SC Targa

Brayton R. Moody/Indianapolis/2024 911 Carrera 4
Lindsey Mossler/Carmel/2023 718 Cayman GT4 RS
Wale Osuntokun/Carmel/2025 911 Carrera
Alexander W. Peters/Indianapolis/2004 911 Turbo
Donald Schilson/Zionsville/2005 911 Carrera S
Danial & Melissa Wegrzen/Westfield/2025 922 Carrera 4 GTS
Bryan J. Wohlfeld/Bloomington/1992 911 Carrera 2
Rahul T. Yarlagadda/Indianapolis/2015 Macan S
Sabastian Zavoian & Adina Ionescu/Carmel/2013 Carrera S

Membership Tip: Every PCA Membership comes with a free Co-Member that can be your spouse, 18 yr. or older son or daughter, friend or neighbor. They receive a PCA Membership Card and have the same club rights as yourself. The easiest way to add a Co-Member is to call the PCA National Office at 410-381-0911 MF 9-5 or add them when you renew your membership. Make their membership card a surprise gift. They will appreciate it!

CIR Member Anniversaries

2025 Anniversaries

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1990 — 35

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Ronald Jones/Carmel/August

2005 — 20 Years

Thomas Beeler/Indianapolis/July

Mark & Carol Chaney/Leo/July

Fred & Jan Laughlin/Fishers/July

2010 — 15 Years

Kenneth Johnson/Greenwood/July

Steven & Lynette Helton/Plainfield/Sept.

2015 — 10 Years

Brian Ach/Fort Wayne/July

Thomas & Kristy Graham/Indianapolis/July

Sean & Michele Trivedi/Westfield/July

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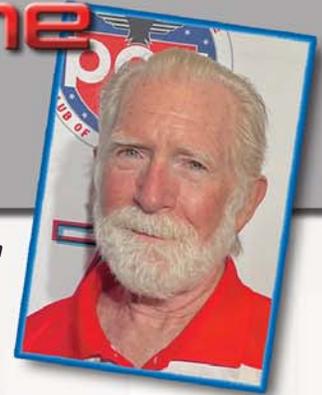
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Dave Stetson

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PCA offers a broad array of ways to enjoy fellow members and their cars. One of the most beneficial opportunities is offered to the teenagers of PCA and their colleagues through our affiliation with Tire Rack Street Survival. The statistics are impressive; some 80% of Street Survival participants are involved in NO driving incidents before their 25th birthday. However, most of us did not have Street Survival available to us. I dare say that many of us could use a heads-up on our driving skills.

Thankfully, we call it High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) and I personally believe everyone who owns a Porsche should participate in HPDE. I understand that you do not want to risk damage to the jewel in the garage and I can try to convince you that there is very little risk in our HPDE program, which is true. Why am I so convinced HPDE is a good thing?

1. You have an opportunity to experience the behavior of your car under conditions that would get you arrested on public streets. Those conditions inform you of the "operating envelope" of your car: braking, acceleration, turning. On city streets, rural roads, or interstates, there will come a time when you must avoid or crash. Knowing that your car handles well enough to avoid and developing some of the instinct to avoid comes from HPDE.
2. Seeing what's coming is important. Looking ahead as far as you possibly can and looking

behind using all your mirrors regularly, keeping track of the other vehicles on the road are critical to keeping a safe distance between you and those other vehicles. Situational awareness, separation, and planning help avoid incidents. We teach those skills in HPDE.

3. As a driver, being predictable for the other drivers on the road helps avoid the awkward moments when coming together can happen. Developing a pattern of assessment, decision, and execution is fundamental to what we do on the HPDE track.
4. As an extension of point 1 above, driving on a wet track provides a safer opportunity to develop your car-handling skills in those inclement conditions that we experience regularly. You learn the feel of the car as its grip on the pavement is lessened and you learn how to respond to keep the car under control.
5. I could go on, of course, but my personal addiction for HPDE is learning more about myself as a driver and about my car.



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