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# PRES SEZ

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*H*appy 65th Anniversary of our Club! The CIR has been recognized by the Porsche Club of America for completing 65 years of operation. The club was founded as a region of PCA in February of 1961. Congratulations to the

region founders, past and current members for getting the club off the ground, and growing it to over 1,286 total members.

As you are reading this, we have transitioned into the heat and humidity of the summer season, putting the cold and wet months of spring behind us. The good news is that we can drive our Porsches almost daily now. I do often refrain for bad thunderstorms and of course, hail, but otherwise mine are not garage queens in any way. It's time to get our lovely vehicles out of the garage and enjoy the sunshine!



The 2026 events and activities continue to be strong. The recently added Coffee and Donuts at Tom Wood Porsche on the last Saturday of each month have been a huge hit with 30 to 50 members attending each month. Spring Brake, the first HPDE Event at Putnam Park on April 17 to 19, near Greencastle was a huge success with well over 120 participants. Everyone survived the weekend's rain and cool weather to have a great time. Registration is already open for Pumpkin Run, the next CIR-HPDE event in late September. Spots are filling quickly, so register early especially if you are in the novice groups. It's a great way to learn High Performance Driving in a safe environment with some of the best PCA instructors anywhere.

Be sure to check out the CIR calendar of events. We have several drives coming up, including a very special visit to the Grissom Air Museum with an exclusive tour of the home of the 434th Air Refueling Wing on the base. It's all arranged by our CIR secretary, Art Lukowski.

I want to share a "Lesson Learned" moment for us all that occurred during the Spring Break HPDE event. I was one of the HPDE instructors that was participating during the weekend where I had the pleasure of instructing my daughter in her very first HPDE. During one session, I rode with one of the advanced drivers that asked for some help. Be sure to read "From the Can't Make This Up Department" in our Spring Brake story on page 18 for the "awesome" details!

Please continue to utilize the CIR website, [www.cirpca.org](http://www.cirpca.org), for upcoming activities and read the regular emails from e-News that keep you informed of our upcoming CIR events. Also, be sure to keep your email addresses up to date on the PCA website, [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org), so you don't miss a thing.

Until next time,



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

It has been a crazy few weeks in the Clarino household. Not only were we busy getting this issue of the CIRcular ready for publication, but we also stumbled on a new car! I had been thinking about selling our Boxster, at our age it was getting a wee bit harder to get in and out and the manual was becoming an issue in traffic jams. Old legs and such.

At one of the Tom Wood Porsche Coffee & Doughnuts we met a fellow CIR member that was selling his very low mileage 2025 911 Carrera. (See page 20 for the story.) Pam and I looked at it and bought it on the spot. Now I had to sell the 2018, 718 Boxster GTS.

A benefit of being a PCA member that is often overlooked is the [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org) website section called The Mart. With the need to now sell our Boxster; fast, we checked into using The PCA Mart On-Line service. As many of you know the 718 Boxster is a real beauty in sapphire blue metallic. Placing the ad was super easy. Just click the Place Ad button on the website and a form pops up that walks you through the entire process.



The entire procedure took less than ten-minutes. They even tell you how to photograph your car for the best response.

To be honest I was skeptical, since the entire operation is free to PCA members! With in two hours, we had five serious inquires from all over the country, all PCA members and no scam emails like you get with Autotrader and other on-line pay services. The PCA does a great job of keeping the bad guys away from the site.



We made a deal to sell the car to a PCA Test Drive participant from the Cincinnati area. This was Tim's first Porsche and to say he was excited would be a huge understatement.

We want to say a big thank you to Porsche Fort Wayne and the Porsche Club of America for helping make this all happen in just four days.

*Jay*



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Larry,

*Great event today at CSM Racing! Steven (Simpson, team owner) could not have been more gracious and welcoming. Speaking with Morgan Burkhard and Steven was a cool look behind the curtain of what Porsche Cup racing is all about. My son, his buddy, even my wife (!) really enjoyed the morning. Thank you for organizing!*

*Evan*

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

If you have any questions about your Porsche there is probably someone in the CIR that has the answer. Be it a 356 or a GT-3 just send a note to the club through the website and we will do our best to help you out. Click [cirpca.org/contact](https://cirpca.org/contact)

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 can do? The CIR HPDE tab provides links to information about the next HPDE event, HPDE FAQs, Putnam Park Info, and HPDE videos.



Would you like to learn more about the Club itself? The Club Info tab 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 2026 ISSUE OF THE CIRcular IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

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 2026.

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 To Grissom Air Force Museum



**August 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for a drive starting at Tom Wood Porsche and concluding at the Grissom Air Force Museum. It's a fantastic way to spend your Saturday morning, enjoying both a drive and a stroll through Indiana's Air Force museum. Experience the thrill of fast cars and airplanes.

### **DETAILS OF VISIT AND TOUR:**

\$10 Admission Fee to the museum. Parking is FREE

CIR will be shuttled to and from the museum.

Also, CIR will have a tour of a KC-135 aircraft.

[Click Here for all the details](#)



## Pumpkin Run

**September 25-27**

**Registration  
is Open!**



Drive your car on a real racetrack with a Porsche Club trained instructor. The Central Indiana Region (CIR) of the Porsche Club of America (PCA) presents Pumpkin Run 2026 at Putnam Park Road Course, 40 miles west of Indy. Sept 25-27, 2026

This is not racing but it is high-performance driving. Safe, Fun, and you will learn a lot about your car and how to master it. Lots of seat time and lots of laps on the ten-turn, 1.78-mile road course. And no, there are no speed limits!

You do not need a Porsche and you do not need to be a PCA member. We love all cars and drivers!

[Click Here](#) if you are interested.



## Going to the Dogs

**September 19  
from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

It's been a ruff year, so get out of your bark-a-lounger and join the pack on September 19th for the Fifth Going to the "Dogs Driving Tour" to benefit the Speedway Animal Rescue! We're paw-sitive you'll have a good time.

We'll depart 11:00am Saturday, September 19th, from the Dollar General parking lot, 1313 W Main Street (US-36), Danville, IN 46122. Our first stop will be lunch lakeside at Sahm's Haven on beautiful Heritage Lake. We will then meander backroads to Bridgeton Covered Bridge for ice cream on the Big Raccoon Creek around 4:30pm. \$30/Car, all for charity. There is a limit of 20 cars. [Click Here to RSVP.](#)

## SECOND ANNUAL CIR Chili Cook-Off

**Saturday,  
October 24, 2026  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Costumes are encouraged  
but not required!**



Betsy and Brian Davidson are opening their Carmel home for this BYOB festival of good eating and spooky fun!

You can enter your chili for a chance at a big prize! Or you can come as a taster-judge of this ancient dish. Everyone will vote for their favorite and the best will triumph!

We are looking for at least six to ten entries. To find out more about this wonderful fun afternoon of epicurean gormandizing/ [Click Here](#)

# Events Calendar

Be sure to check the club website; [cirpca.org](http://cirpca.org) for the latest additions and changes to club events. The monthly club meeting is now via Zoom.

## July

- 6** Club Board Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 11** *Westfield Drive* — starting at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 18** *Porsches & Brisket at Half Moon Brewery* — starting at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 25** *Tom Wood Coffee & Doughnuts* — starting at 9:00 a.m.

## August

- 1** *Special Technical Session/Tom Wood Collision Center* — 9:00 a.m.
- 3** Club Board Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 8** *Drive To Grissom Air Force Museum* — 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 15** *Cruise-In & Dinner at Historic Cammack Station* — 6:00 p.m.. - 8:00 p.m. p.m.
- 29** *Tom Wood Coffee & Doughnuts* — starting at 9:00 a.m.

## September

- 7** Club Board Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 12** *Tom Wood Special Coffee & Doughnuts* — starting at 9:00 a.m.
- 19** *"Going to the Dogs"* — Charity Driving Tour/11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 25-27** *Pumpkin Run (HPDE) at Putnam Park Road Course*

## October

- 5** Club Board Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 17** *Dinner at Ron Lahody's Steakhouse* — 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 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/>

The CIRcular staff



## Lahody's Steakhouse

**Saturday  
October 17  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00p.m.**

Over the last several years the CIR has made an annual visit to Ron Lahody's Steakhouse in Muncie. This year's annual visit will be to their Anderson location. Same great food and massive whiskey bar, but a different location, with lots of parking.

### To RSVP:

[www.cirpca.org/event-details/dinner-at-ron-lahodys-steakhouse-anderson-in](http://www.cirpca.org/event-details/dinner-at-ron-lahodys-steakhouse-anderson-in)



# CSM Racing Tour

Article & photos by Larry Clarino

**A**pril 4th, the club paid a visit to CSM Racing in Brownsburg. Czabok Simpson Motorsport (CSM) races Porsche Cayman GT4RS Clubsport cars in IMSA's Michelin Pilot Challenge & VP Racing Sportscar Challenge. They also run new Porsche 911 Cup (992.2) cars in the Porsche Carrera Cup North America series. They are a premier team in all three divisions with drivers from four different countries. This is a serious professional race team.

Stephen Simpson, owner and managing partner, and a long-time member of the CIR/PCA, opened the full race shop to more than eighty CIR members and guests to get a real behind the scenes look at a top professional racing organization.

A partner in CSM is another CIR member, BJ Nichols of Reis-Nichols Jewelers, one of the largest family-owned jewelers in the country. With BJ's help, the team's goal is to continue to grow into other categories of racing.



*A very special visit to CSM Racing.*

*A 911 Cup (992.2) car on a racing setup pad.*

Members got to chat with both drivers and engineers, including a close look at the team's data acquisition systems.

Being a locally based team with close ties to our Region, they will be working with us on several future projects. They will be making full blown track set-up services available to our club's Porsche GT car owners and drivers. This would include chassis and suspension setup geometry and tuning well beyond what most Porsche shops or dealers can do. 🌟



CIR members get a close look at CSM's GT4RS's and 911 Carrera Cup cars.



Stephen Simpson, CSM principal, awarded several door prizes.



BJ Nichols of Reis-Nichols Jewelry, CSM sponsor, was in attendance.





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# A Wild Sonsio Grand Prix at IMS

Article & photos by Rodney Schroeder

Saturday, May 9, 2026, gave twenty CIR members exactly what you'd hope for at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to kick off the best month of the year. Beautiful spring weather, great seats, good friends, and a race that grabbed everyone's attention from the drop of the green.

As in the past, our club was seated in the top rows of the IMS Road Course Turn One, in Stand H, the best seats in the house for the classic road racing circuit. As the field charged four and five wide into the opening corner, the race immediately erupted into chaos with a multi-car incident triggered by an overenthusiastic Felix Rosenqvist, hammering Scott Dixon right in front of us. It was one of those moments where everyone in the stands stood up, leaned forward, and realized, "Well, this is going to be a crazy race!" We were not disappointed.

The Sonsio Grand Prix delivered plenty of strategy, restarts, passing, and drama before Danish driver Christian Lundgaard drove his Arrow McLaren to victory, holding off young Chicagoan, David Malukas, new this year with Team Penske. Zionsville-based RLL Racing's Graham Rahal finished third on the podium.

For a club full of Porsche people who appreciate driving



The Grand Prix kicks off May at IMS.

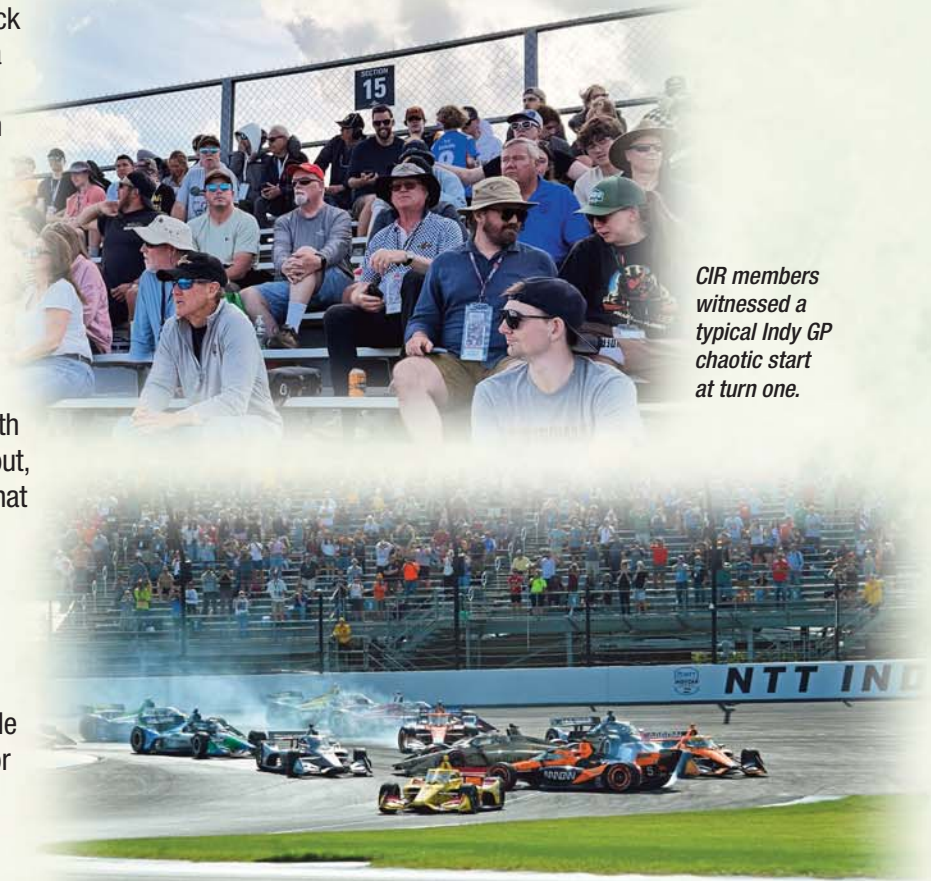


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skill, speed, and race craft, watching Indy cars attack the IMS road course was a perfect way to spend a Saturday in May as a warmup to the Greatest Spectacle in Racing. Is there a better place on earth than Indy in May?

But the best part was still being part of the CIR family experience at the famed racecourse. CIR member Nathan Abouhalkah shared that he has been coming to the Grand Prix for several years with his dad and loves the tradition. Rick Kastle said he simply enjoys being in the environment, taking in the entertainment, and spending time with friends from the club. That is what the CIR is all about, "It's not the cars, it's the people," is certainly true. That is what made the day special: racing, friendship, tradition, and a little May magic at IMS.

A special thank you goes to CIR membership chairman, Wilson Hopkins, for putting the event together and helping coordinate the parking connections that made the day smooth and enjoyable for everyone. Wilson is already working on plans for the 2027 Indy GP. 🌸



CIR members witnessed a typical Indy GP chaotic start at turn one.

Photo courtesy of IMS



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# Spring Brake 2026



Article by Danny Henderson &  
photos by Larry Clarino



Spring Brake 2026 (April 17-19) broke the ice (almost literally on a wet, frigid Saturday) on the end of another Hoosier Hibernation winter period. Let's start by thanking all of our sponsors (most notably Tom Wood Porsche), instructors, track workers, organizers, classroom teachers, service techs (thanks McGinity) and most of all our participants! We couldn't do this without you!

Spring Brake is one of the two HPDE events CIR hosts at the Putnam Park Road Course. The other being the fall Pumpkin Run (sign up now, slots are limited). For those new to the sport or new to Porsche, HPDE is High Performance Driver Education. Under the supervision and tutoring of instructors, you can run your personal car on the track at speed. This is NOT racing. This is HPDE. Drivers are assigned to run groups by experience and skill levels, while passing is controlled by the driver being overtaken. We're all out here in our personal cars, in many cases daily drivers, so we don't want to have them banged up and absolutely don't want to have anyone hurt. The primary rules are be safe and have fun.



The 2026 version of Spring Brake was a sell-out! We had about 125 cars, some sharing drivers (two drivers, each in a different run group). And even though the weather was not great initially, it got better as the weekend went on.

For new drivers with limited or no motorsports experience (as I was when I started), this is very unfamiliar territory and can be a little intimidating. And your first few times on the track are definitely exciting while simultaneously being data-overload sessions. Eyes up, check the corner worker flags, check the mirrors, downshift/upshift, hit the apex (what's an apex again?), track out, keep maintenance throttle, something about trail braking, AAAAHHHHH!! Okay....calm down. The data overload is something a good instructor (and most are very good) will recognize. This gets better with each outing. It's amazing what the human brain can adapt to. What was barely comprehensible on Saturday morning turns into a rhythm by the middle of Sunday.

I've been blessed with good instructors, a fact for which I am very grateful. They recognize when you're getting overloaded. They may ask you to pull into the hot pit to just talk through the lap for a few minutes before heading back out. What began feeling like a maelstrom starts to feel more ordered after working more and more with your instructor. My favorite instructors are race drivers. They process the track data very quickly and they understand concise, timely instructions. In other words, they give you plenty of advance notice about what's coming up and they only



*T-hybrid was first introduced in the 911 GTS models in 2024.*



give you the needed data so you can process it quickly. We could not do any of this without our instructors.

Track time is balanced and enhanced by class time. Class time might seem like it's just taking away from track time, but it definitely goes hand-in-hand with it. As you get more sessions of each under your belt, you'll see where they work together. You can make a mental note of something on the track and come back to the classroom with specific questions for the instructor. Then you can apply that to your next track session. Alternately, a classroom topic or discussion can spur something new for you to try on track. Then you experiment with that during your next track session and bring your thoughts or questions back to the class. As you get more experience, you appreciate the classroom learning more. Even as an experienced driver, you can take things from the classroom. There is always more to learn!



And now to my favorite part of a track weekend: you get to make new friends and reconnect with old ones! I've met many new folks at track weekends. Everyone is here to have fun (safely) and to continue growing their driving skillset. Very few folks at HPDE events are currently, or will ever be, professional race car drivers. So, we're all in similar boats. There're a lot of commonalities. Between class and track sessions, your time is limited, but it's the perfect time to introduce yourself to others and just talk car stuff. After all, if you're spending the time and money to do a track weekend, the odds are pretty high that you're a car person. And so is the person parked next to you.

See you at Pumpkin Run! 🌻



## *From the Can't Make This Up Department*

*Mike Kelley, CIR president, and a PCA instructor, went out with a C (Solo) Group driver that was having a hard time with his new Z-06 Corvette, wicked fast for a C-Group car. It was modified with a great big wing and lots of extra go-fast stuff on it. He was driving very choppy, not looking far-enough ahead, just needed some help. Well, Mike put his iPhone in his right pants pocket as he jumped into the Vette's right seat.*

*After a few laps, going into Putnam's turn one, a fast right-hander, the iPhone decided it had enough of this and decided it had been in a crash. First, the iPhone called Mike to see if he was okay, but of course he could not answer as he was heading for turns three & four by this time. So, the iPhone calls 911, the Putnam County Sheriff, the Putnam County Fire department, and all of Mike's emergency contacts, Mike's wife, four kids all over the country, his boss at Allison Transmission Company, and a few others. It says Mike was in a high-speed crash, just west of turn one at the Putnam Park Road Course and not able to answer his phone.*

*At the time, one of Mike's daughters that got the emergency call was a student, sitting in our CIR's D-Group classroom. She runs out of class without a word, thinking her dad had been in a big crash off turn one out on the track.*

*Now, back in the pits, Mike's phone blows up with all these people calling to check on him. Mike's wife is frantically calling both him and his daughter, thinking they were both in a high-speed crash and maybe hurt. And yes, of course, the County Sheriff comes out looking for a major crash.*

*The moral of all this? Be sure your iPhone's Auto-Emergency 911 Feature is turned off when you are on the racetrack! 🌻*



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# Driving Heaven: La Dolce Vita in Sicily

Article & photography by Eddy Cabello

Get to know each other reception.

**D**riving a Porsche is always a special experience. PCA members know the feeling. But imagine spending a week driving new Porsche 911 GT3 models through the mountainous roads of Sicily. That's exactly how my wife, Kathy, and I recently celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary: enjoying the Porsche Travel Experience in Sicily.

Coincidentally, Porsche is celebrating 30 years of hosting Travel Experiences in scenic locations around the world. These programs combine incredible driving routes, luxury accommodations, and exceptional dining. In other words, they spoil you for seven days while allowing you to drive some of the most challenging and rewarding roads imaginable. "Exhilarating" only begins to describe the experience.

Our group included 16 Porsche enthusiasts from Canada, Germany, Bulgaria, and the United States. Not only was our company diverse in nationality and language, but also in driving backgrounds. Some participants were highly experienced performance drivers. One new Bulgarian friend had raced on Formula 3 circuits while another from Michigan, who owns a 911 Turbo, was simply lightning fast. To keep things organized and safe, we were divided into two driving teams of five cars. Our talented lead driver from Stuttgart, made everything appear effortless as he guided us through the routes, alerting us to oncoming traffic



Kathy and Eddy enjoying a welcome drink.

over the radio. In reality, it was anything but easy.

To be honest, I wasn't entirely sure what I had signed us up for. I considered myself a solid driver, but certainly not an expert. Yet by driving with such a skilled cohort each day, I found myself learning constantly. Every hairpin turn became a micro lesson in braking, timing, and acceleration. You watch, you learn, you execute, and suddenly you realize you're improving with every kilometer.

Kathy served as my indispensable co-pilot. She alerted me about upcoming turns, chicanes, and hairpins, and occasionally translated radio instructions when reception faded in the mountains. Our setup was straightforward: our lead driver was "Car Zero," followed by Cars One through Four, all maintaining safe spacing while accelerating and braking aggressively through the twisting roads. Often, we couldn't see one another on the narrow roads.

My goal was simple: keep the faster drivers in sight and study their timing through corners. Driving in SportsPlus mode was essential. The car feels sharper, more responsive, and unbelievably capable. Still, our professional drivers constantly reminded us that the cars were "much

*The start of our trip in Palermo.*



*In Collesano we visited the Museo Targa Florio museum.*



*Narrow village streets.*

better than we are." Modern Porsche engineering allows drivers to perform at levels they might never otherwise reach.

The Porsche fleet included twelve new 2026 911 992.2 GTS models in various configurations: Carrera 4 GTS Coupés, Cabriolets, and Targa 4 GTS variants in a range of colors and specifications. The cars, both visually and mechanically stunning, were rotated between the groups.

From our start in Palermo to our final destination in Taormina, we covered approximately 1,420 kilometers, roughly 882 miles. That may not sound like an extraordinarily long distance, but these were not ordinary roads. Sicily offered constant elevation changes, twisting mountain canyons, narrow village streets of cobblestone, slow-moving local traffic, and occasional stretches of open coastal highway where the cars could truly breathe (wink).

One of the biggest reasons we chose this experience was the bucket-list opportunity to drive sections of the legendary Targa Florio, the historic endurance race held from 1906 to 1977 and namesake of the Porsche 911 Targa. The course was every bit as demanding as its reputation suggests. Midway through the route, we stopped in Collesano for lunch and visited the Museo Targa Florio museum.

While driving was the centerpiece of the trip, the cultural experiences added another dimension. We visited Corleone — yes, that Corleone — and toured the beautiful Abbazia Santa Maria Del Bosco monastery, where we enjoyed lunch in a stunning remote setting. We also visited the Temple of Concordia in Agrigento, one of the world's

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*Piazza Square*

bit as thrilling. The narrow mountain roads required complete concentration as we shared them with local drivers, hikers, cyclists, and farm traffic. Overtaking slower vehicles required patience and caution, and our lead drivers constantly reminded us that overtaking decisions were entirely our responsibility. The guiding principle throughout the week was to enjoy the drive but do so safely.

Our final driving day delivered an unforgettable highlight: a panoramic helicopter ride over Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. Back on terra firma, we drove through winding forest roads, upwards towards the volcano's base. As we climbed higher, temperatures dropped, and the landscape became dark and misty as



*Historic church in Piazza.*



*Mount Etna in the distance.*

we drove through the clouds. Suddenly, the skies opened above the tree line, revealing a stunning view of Etna itself. There, a volcanologist guided us on a short hike, walking us through the volcano's history and unique characteristics.

The Porsche Experience concluded with a farewell dinner at the Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo in Taormina. Over dinner, we shared stories and said farewell to new friends from around the world while discussing future adventures together.

Kathy and I truly had the time of our lives: seven days driving incredible 911s through Sicily, viewing amazing scenery, enjoying wonderful food, and making new friends. In the end, that's what life is about. We cannot say enough about the professionalism and friendliness of the Porsche Team, who made our experience truly remarkable. We eagerly anticipate our next adventure on four wheels. 🌸

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# FOCUS

## ON Dan Brundage

Article & photography by TJ Tyrone



To Central Indiana Region members, Dan and Katherine Brundage, the Porsche hallmark is more than just a car brand, it is family history. The Carmel, Indiana couple joined the CIR/PCA just last June, but they bring a unique saga of Porsche and Porsche Motorsports experiences. A truly historic background.

For Dan, Porsche history was also family history. His uncle, Hubert Brundage, founded Brundage Motors in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1953. In the era of telex communication, the company name was shortened into Brumos — BRUndage MOtorS — a name that would become inseparable from Porsche racing in America. After Hubert's death in 1964, Peter Gregg purchased Brumos in 1965 and carried the name into its most famous 1970s chapter. With Peter Gregg and partner Hurley Haywood, and the white, red, and blue Brumos Porsches, the team became a central figure in American sports car racing, winning the 1973 24 Hours of Daytona in a Porsche Carrera RSR and adding more major victories through the decade. By the end of 1979, Brumos had grown from a family dealership (Now know as Porsche of Jacksonville.) into one of the great American Porsche racing teams. For Dan, that legacy is not just something to admire from a distance. It is part of the same Porsche DNA that shaped his love for the marque and ultimately led him to the Peru Red, 1974 911 he owns today.

Strictly speaking, Dan's car is not a Carrera, as it began life as a base 911. But the car has been thoughtfully modified in ways that bring it closer in spirit, performance, and feel to the Carrera and RS-inspired cars that first captured his attention. "I ultimately wanted a Carrera," Dan explained, "but I wanted to get a car that was in good condition. I didn't want to restore the car myself."

After a couple of years of looking, he found this car in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, owned by Daniel Becker, a Porsche builder and racer with deep knowledge of the cars. Buying the car was more than a transaction. Dan spent the weekend at Becker's shop, learning all about this '74 Porsche 911 while also seeing other Porsche projects in different stages of completion. Only then came the reward; a wonderful drive home to Indianapolis in the car he had long been searching for.

What makes Dan's 911 special is not that it has been modified but how it has been modified. The car still looks like a proper mid-1970s 911. It has not been pushed so far that the original character is lost. Instead, it sits in that appealing space between preservation and thoughtful improvement.

Although Porsche had been part of his life since childhood, owning this car gave him a direct way to understand how these machines work. It became a hands-on connection to the engineering, the history, and the family influences that first drew him toward cars.

"It connected me with some of my earlier family members that had great experiences with Porsche and racing," Dan said. "Learning, in a small way, what they did and their experience, and being able to finally share that later in my life."

Dan's 1974 911 is not a museum piece, and it is not a race car stripped of its road-going soul. It is a carefully preserved, thoughtfully modified air-cooled 911 with a documented past, a strong mechanical personality, and an owner who understands that a car's history does not stop when it leaves the factory.

It continues with every mile. 🌸



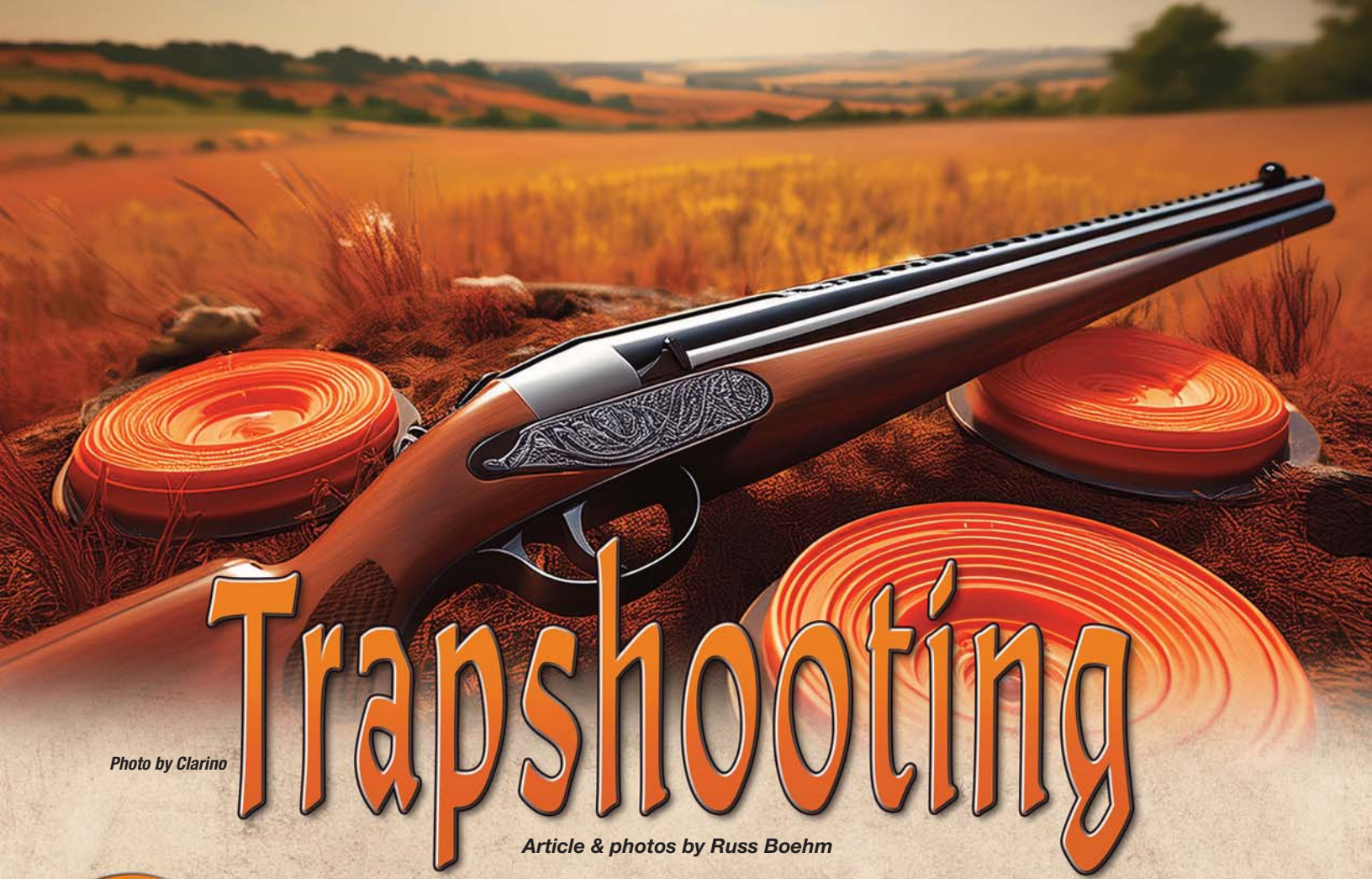


Photo by Clarino

# Trapshooting

Article & photos by Russ Boehm

The CIR did something a little different on May 2nd. Eleven club members gathered at the Atterbury Shooting Complex for a day of Trapshooting. The spring weather proved to be perfect for shooting at the range located in Edinburg, Indiana.

John, the range manager and safety officer, greeted our group and gave us all a safety briefing. As with all firing ranges, safety is always paramount. Each round of trap shooting consists of twenty-five clay “birds”, with five shots from each of five shooting positions. This is all done with shotguns.

Most of us were a bit rusty, so it took a few shots before our aim was dialed in. Once we had it all figured out, there were plenty of hits, and it was easy to tell these shooters have done this before. Many thanks to the participants who came out to support this new club event.

The Atterbury Shooting Complex is a wonderful facility located about thirty miles south of Indianapolis, just west of US 31 in the town of Edinburg. Pistol, rifle, trap and skeet ranges are offered in a very nice modern facility. The trap and skeet fields are coin-operated and can even be used by voice-activated transmitters. The pistol and rifle ranges are always staffed by a safety officer at this very well-run outdoor range. It is a perfect place to sight in your hunting rifle or just to practice your marksmanship. 🌻



Our 11 members and their clean Porsches.

# Get to Know Our Sponsors

## Euro Motorworks

Article & photos by Larry Clarino

**E**uro Motorworks at 7314 East 90th Street in Indianapolis has been one of the CIR's longest running supporters. Euro Motorworks is unquestionably one of the true premier European auto service repair facilities in the Central Indiana area. Started in August of 1993, Gloria and Terry Heath have built a reputation for excellence in the family-run firm. And it truly is an extended family sort of company with most of the staff being employed there for more than twenty years, and two of the couple's grown children part of the business.

To say partners, Terry and Gloria Heath have a unique business relationship would be an understatement. Having met at Giganti Porsche, Audi, Volkswagen, where Terry was the shop foreman and Gloria at 18, probably the youngest car salesperson in the area, they decided to open Euro when Giganti sold all three franchises to the Tom Wood organization. "I was thinking about starting my own shop around that time. In '93 when Russ Giganti retired, I knew it was the right time," said Terry.

Euro Motorworks was created in a 2,000 square-foot space at 89th and Hague Road and quickly outgrew the small, rented shop. In 1997, they built a new 10,000-square-foot facility that has been the company home ever since. Unlike a lot of shops, they don't try to be all things to all drivers. They specialize in European brands, Porsche, Audi, BMW, Land Rover, Mercedes, Volvo, Mini and VW.

They recently added Lexus as the first non-European brand they work with. As Terry said, "We noticed a lot of our regular clients had Lexus cars as well, that kind of just fit in so we added them to our roster. It works as it is a luxurious brand."

Education is a large part of Euro's ethos. Each of the techs have ASE certification and are constantly attending classes to stay on the cutting edge of the latest requirements to be leaders in the auto service industry.

The Central Indiana Region is fortunate to have support from folks like the wonderful team at Euro Motorworks. 🌻



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Tom Wood Porsche delivers a PCA 70th Anniversary 911 Carrera.

# Tom Wood Coffee & Doughnuts

Article & photography by Larry Clarino

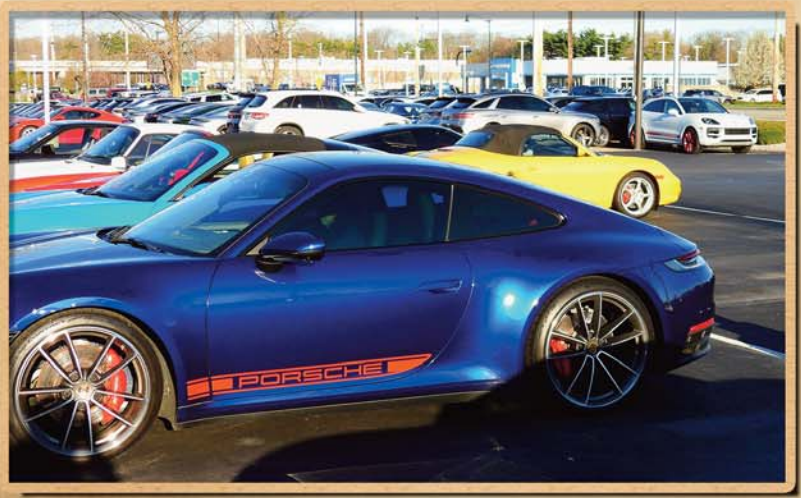
Tom Wood Porsche kicked off a new monthly program for the Central Indiana Region on February 28, 2026. They have established a monthly Coffee & Doughnuts exclusively for the CIR membership, taking place on the last Saturday of the month at 9 a.m.

As the only Porsche Dealership in Central Indiana, they reached out to the club to strengthen an already strong relationship with our organization. Sales Manager George Wright wants to build a bond with the club to enhance involvement and interact more with our group.

The club responded in spades as more than seventy CIR members brought out their Porsches, turning the Tom Wood facility into a cavalcade of German automobiles. The “new tradition” has become a highlight of the growing CIR calendar of events.

The March Coffee & Doughnuts saw the unveiling of a special 911 PCA Club Coupe in honor of the PCA's 70th Anniversary. The car, one of only 70, was delivered by Tom Wood to a PCA member in south-central Indiana. The April event saw the presentation of availability of a custom PCA 70th Anniversary chronograph watch from Porsche Designed. Priced at a mere \$11,995, it can be yours; just swing by the dealership.

Seriously, we hope the Tom Wood Porsche Coffee & Doughnuts continues to be a high point of each month. See you there at 9 a.m., on the last Saturday of the month. 🌸





# Reggie's Motorworks Open House & Car Show

Article & photos by Larry Clarino

**C**IR member and sponsor, Reggie Stewart, owner of Reggie's Motorworks and the Noble Mechanic, held their 19th Open House and Car Show for Charity on Saturday June 6th. Several hundred car owners and local spectators joined Reggie's team for the fun, as nearly 100 cars of all shapes and sizes converged on the Noblesville facility.

But the highlight of the annual event was raising more than \$12,000 for Fueled for School, a local Noblesville group with the goal of ensuring all students have sufficient access to nutritious food. "I am so proud of my whole team and thankful to everyone for making our event the success it is. Thank you all so much," said Reggie Stewart. 🌟



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# Book Review

Article by Larry Clarino

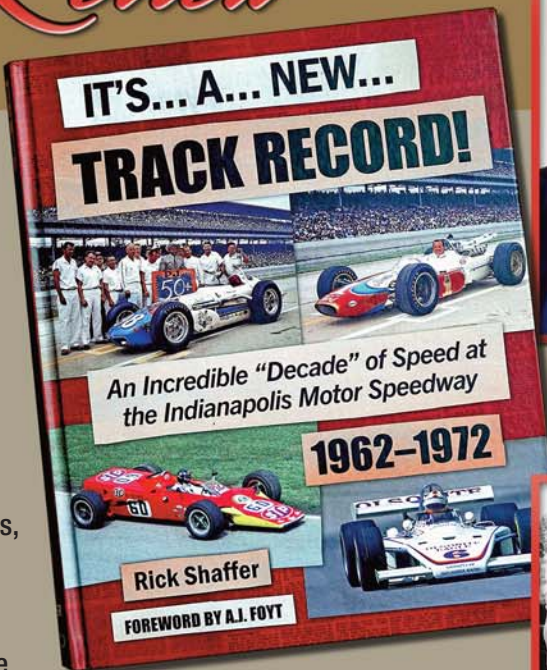
**"IT'S... A... NEW... TRACK RECORD!"** by Rick Shaffer is a comprehensive chronicle of the Indianapolis 500's amazing and magical decade, actually eleven races, from 1962 to 1972. Shaffer highlights the surge in qualifying speeds of nearly fifty miles-per-hour and incredible technological innovations. Rick meticulously details the shift from front-engine roadsters to rear-engine chassis, the introduction of aerodynamic wings, and the rise of turbocharged engines, all contributing to over 1,000 horsepower thoroughbred cars. Cars we will never see race again.

With a foreword by A.J. Foyt, Shaffer's authoritative narrative is a must-have for any racing enthusiasts' and historians' library. The book offers year-by-year insights into pivotal moments, such as Parnelli Jones breaking the 150-mph barrier in 1962 and Bobby Unser's near 200-mph lap in 1972.

Rick Shaffer is a meticulous researcher with an astounding memory. He admits the idea for the book came from a photographer, the late Steve Snoddy, a 500 historian in his own right. This is a true deep dive into what is arguably the most interesting and imaginative decade in the 110-year history of Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. A decade that started when cars could still be built out back in the family garage and ended with major factory participation, changing the entire direction and cost of the sport.

Rick, an Indy native, was born and raised on the southside of town. "My first visit to the Speedway was with my dad for practice in 1963, then he took me to my first race in 1964. I will always remember that one of course. As I grew up, I was friends with Robin Miller. He got me a job as a stringer on the Indy Star newspaper helping cover the 500. That's where I started." After leaving the Star, Shaffer did PR for a couple of race teams and worked with CART, finally then ended up as a stage manager with TV racing coverage, working in the booth with the on-air talent.

Published by EVRO Publishing, the book is beautifully designed with wonderful reproductions of so many Indianapolis Motor Speedway photographs. EVRO is a high-class publisher, and it shows in *"IT'S... A... New Track Record!"* This is a book that will get studied, a must for anyone interested in the history of the World's Greatest Motor Race. It is available from EVRO Publishing and all good book stores. 🌸



Photos from the book.



Author Rick Shaffer





## THE \$500 QUESTION: WHY EVERY PORSCHE NEEDS A PPI

Article & photos by TJ Tryon

Ask a Porsche owner how many Porsches they should own, and the answer is always one more. Now, with summer here, it's the peak time for purchasing a pre-owned Porsche. The goal is to always find the best car for the best price, a price you can afford.

Long-term Porsche owners know the areas of concern to look for when shopping. After searching internet forums, they usually feel confident that they can assess the car and verify maintenance records. A trouble-free test drive seals the deal, giving the purchaser confidence they are getting a good car. It's that familiarity and experience, and the knowledge they feel they have, which can cause Porsche purchases to go bad.

We have all heard the stories: someone finds a nice car with original paint, clean condition, a clear title, a good Carfax, and a stack of maintenance documentation. The engine purrs, and the test drive raises no concerns. The buyer feels confident there is no reason to spend \$350–\$500 on a Pre-Purchase Inspection (PPI), as they are confident the car checks out. The buyer even negotiates the price down by \$2,000, feeling like they've won.

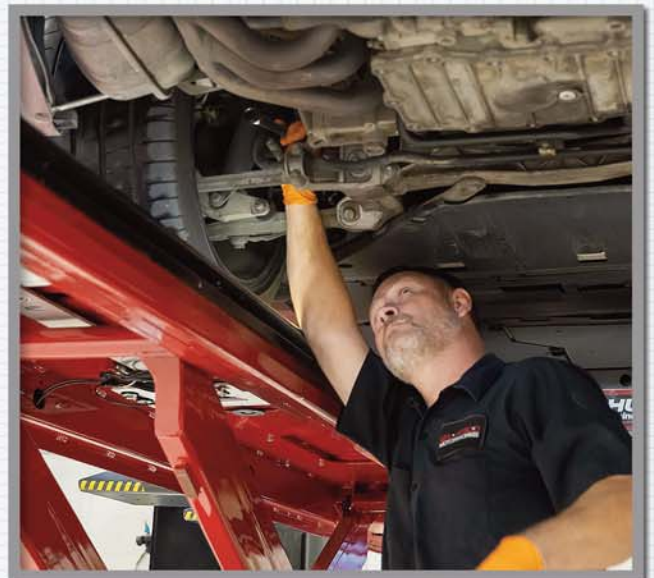
Within a few months, the troubles begin. The engine starts making concerning noises, or maybe a dash warning light or a new oil spot in the garage. These warning signs weren't visible during the test drive. Unfortunately, they now necessitate a trip to the Porsche Specialist and a five-figure repair estimate. You are now reconsidering every decision leading to the purchase of this car.

Water-cooled Porsches are good at hiding problems.

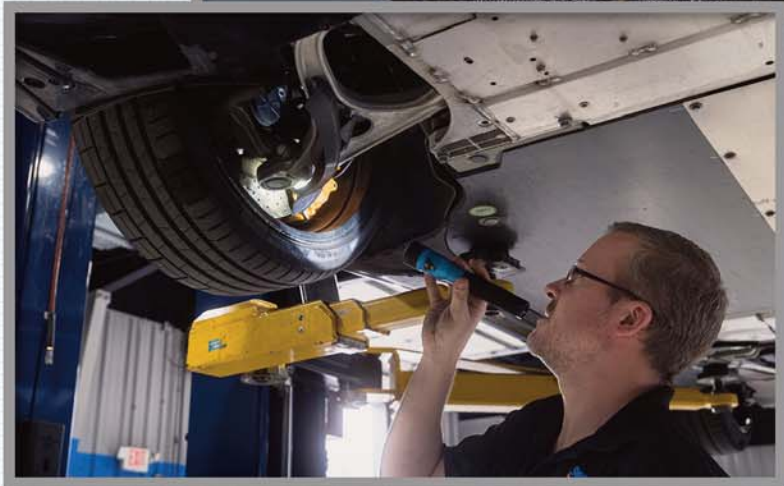


Some of the 996 and 997 models can feel smooth and strong, right up to the point something fails. Bore scoring and IMS bearing failure can develop quickly, often without warning. Twenty-year-old plastic air-oil separators degrade and become brittle, ending up in your oil pan — or worse, your valve train. A thorough PPI can identify early warning signs of these issues that can't be found on a test drive.

Air-cooled cars bring their own challenges, as great original paint jobs can mask issues. Rubber components and suspension components can be decades past their prime. Old oil leaks may have been fixed with questionable methods or materials. These issues are not always obvious, but they are always expensive.



The point is simple: no matter how many Porsches you have owned, or how much experience and knowledge you have, a proper PPI performed by a qualified professional, specifically a Porsche Specialist, remains the best first step to owning a pre-owned Porsche. For Central Indiana Region members, this means working with a trusted Porsche specialist such as CIR sponsors, Reggie's Motorworks, Sweet Cars, Euro Motorworks, Mcginity European Automotive, and, of course, Tom Wood Porsche and Porsche of Fort Wayne. All have experience with both air-cooled and water-cooled models, making them a valuable resource for pre-purchase inspections and long-term ownership. It's not about avoiding all problems, it is about ensuring your next Porsche brings enjoyment, rather than regret. Your future self — the one not writing a check for a new engine — will thank you. 🌟



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# Porsches, Breakfast & Coffee

Article & photos by Will Anthony

Wale Osuntokun's '25 911.

The Central Indiana Region covers a lot of miles, Fort Wayne on the north to Bloomington and beyond on the south. That's a lot of miles to have fun on. Several of our members up north have been producing club events with the idea of having a little fun without having to head way south toward Indy.

Things kicked off at Joanna's in Fort Wayne. Eleven members met on March 22nd for breakfast. The group was split between the CIR and Michiana. We swapped stories and discussed future events over a wonderful breakfast.

On April 11th, twenty-six members of CIR and Michiana met at Cosmos on Lima Road in Fort Wayne. The staff did an excellent job with such a large group. Since my wife joined me, we were happy to see other couples we had not talked to in a while like Greg & Sharron Smith, and Claudia & Russ Bell. Cosmos is a wonderful location because there is a large parking lot right next door to keep the Porsches together.

For the third year in a row, we met for Cars and Coffee at Java Jo'z on Creasy Lane in Lafayette. James Johnson owns the shop and is an excellent host. James drives a 996 Turbo. We had the parking lot to ourselves on a Saturday.

There were twelve in attendance. Wale Osuntokun from Indy brought his beautiful grey '25 911. This was Wale's second event as a member. I was happy to see Ross Aiken there with his 2013 Mohogany 991.1. Ross has been to most of the Lafayette events. Jeff Watson brought his favorite daughter to introduce her to the Porsche world. Eckhard and Tamara Groll were there. Eckhard agreed to start putting together our next Purdue tour. It was a chilly day, but the hot coffee and tea kept us warm. ☀



Members were all smiles in anticipation of breakfast at Joanna's.





# Drive & Hike to Yellowwood State Forest

Article by Russ Boehm  
/photos by Larry Clarino

**O**n June 13th, greeted with perfect weather, a small but enthusiastic group gathered at the Southport Meijer for a scenic drive across central/southern Indiana to Yellowwood State Forest. Our caravan headed south on I-65 and left the big city for the more appropriate Porsche driving country roads.

Once through Franklin twistys were open and inviting. We continued south and into Hoosier back country, down through the tree tunnels of Peoga and past the Sweetwater Lake district. Good roads, light traffic, and outstanding scenery. Being in the lead car I couldn't help but keep one eye in my rear-view mirror to admire the conga line of beautiful Porsches behind me.

Heading West towards Nashville, we made our next stop at a grocery for lunch items. Our next stop was a shelter at Yellowwood State Forest. The weather was so nice we decided to grab some outside picnic tables to set up our feast. After lunch, part of our group decided to brave the bugs and hike a short trail. The rest made their way to the Nashville Bird Sanctuary where injured birds of prey are rehabilitated and returned to the wild. We got to see owls, hawks and eagles up close and even got to walk the grounds and participate in their afternoon feeding.

The whole region is a car enthusiast's and nature lover's playground. Miles of twisty backroads with plenty of pull offs, historic sites and scenic overlooks. Lake Lemon is a hidden gem with a public beach and lovely marina, even a little outdoor café. All this within an hour's drive south of Indy. Don't let summer pass by without gassing up the Porsche and spending a day exploring the area. 🌿



Great weather, roads, wildlife and food on this drive.



Photo by Russ Boehm.



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Drew Davis/Springville/2019 911 GT3 RS  
Zach Dean/Indianapolis/1979 911 SC Targa  
Ike Eichelberger/Greenwood/2026 911 Carrera S  
Sachin Gupta/Carmel/2019 911 GT3  
Robert Hill/Martinsville/2023 718 Cayman GTS 4.0  
Steven Holland/Carmel/2025 718 Boxster GTS 4.0  
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Faheem Malik/Bloomington/2023 Macan S  
Robert Mallory/Indianapolis/2024 Cayenne S Coupe  
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Michael Paredes/Indianapolis/1995 911 Carrera  
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#### 1996 — 30 years

Douglas & Karla Neeld/Fort Wayne/Sept.

#### 2001 — 25 Years

Robert & Ilknur Ralston/Bloomington/Aug.

Michael & Diane Bagnoli/Lafayette/Sept.

#### 2006 — 20 Years

Matthew Chambers/Inverness/July

Shannon Chambers/Ridgewood/July

Bert & Leon Davis/Pendleton/Aug.

#### 2011 — 15 years

William & Jo Shipman/Pittsboro/July

Thomas Koehler/Indianapolis/Aug.

Margaret Koehler/Fairport/Aug.

Ron Couch/Noblesville/Sept.

#### 2016 — 10 Years

Adam Fletcher/Brownsburg/July

Kevin Pugh/Carmel/July

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Brad Pursley/Fort Wayne/July

Frank & Libby Souder/Fort Wayne/July

Jay & Jan Brill/Carmel/Aug.

Rob Chinn/Lapel/Aug.

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Rodney Gabriel/Fishers/July

Kate Mutz/Indianapolis/July

Linda Rusie/Zionsville/July

Jon & Carol Canida/Indianapolis/Aug.

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Jerry Krider/Carmel/Aug.

John Mueller/Carmel/Aug.

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