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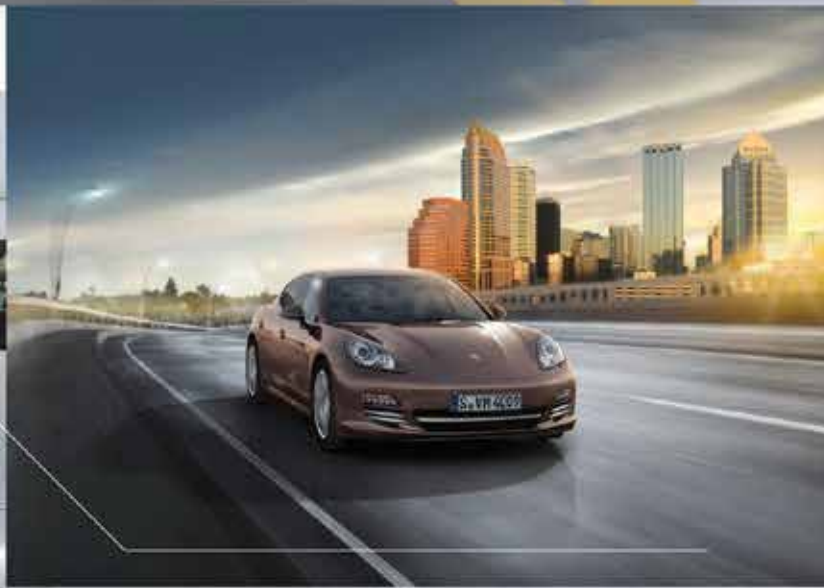
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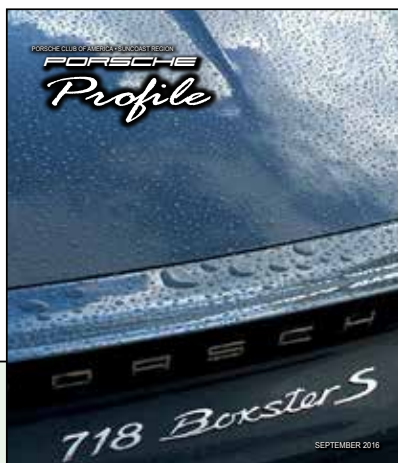
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President's Message



Perfect Porsche weather

The long, hot summer is finally over and we have fall and perfect Porsche weather to look forward to! This month is really the start of the busiest part of the year for Suncoast, beginning with a Driver's Education event at Sebring, combined with the Teen Survival School on September 17 and autocross on September 18. The annual Bert Smith dinner social is on September 17, and is by reservation only. Go to clubregistration.net to sign up for all of these events, but all of them usually sell out, so register early!

For many of the old-timers in Suncoast, we recently got very sad news about a Gold Coast member who has been a great friend to Suncoast: Anita Canfield. Anita passed away on July 28 at her home. Anita was a former Zone Rep, very active instructor in our DE program, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. She had great friends in PCA all over the country, and she will be missed by all of us.

As we move into fall, in October we have an autocross at Tampa Bay Downs on the 9th, the annual Fall Tour through parts of Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee from the 16th through the 20th, and Zone 12 has Octoberfest PCA Club Race at Daytona on October 21 through 23. There will be more information regarding the Daytona Club Race online, so keep your eye on Suncoastpca.org.

I want to remind everyone that all members are invited to our monthly board meetings. I only ask that you let us know that you are coming, and if you have a particular matter you wish to discuss with the board, let Pamela Richard and me know so that it may be placed on the agenda. The board meeting in September will be at Woodwright Brewing Co. in Dunedin, and the board meeting will start at 6:30. You are welcome to come and enjoy the beer (cash bar), but please allow us to conduct the board meeting in relative quiet! The brewmaster at the brewery is Eunice Painter, and all owners are PCA members!

Speaking of breweries, Dunedin Brewery has hosted the Porsches & Pints event at their brewery for many years. Unfortunately, construction is starting across the street from their brewery and there simply isn't room for a car show. So, Porsches & Pints will take this year off, but Michael and Kandi Bryant (owners of Dunedin Brewery) fully intend to bring it back in 2017, bigger and better!

I hope to see you at an upcoming event! If you come to an event and don't know anyone, come find me and introduce yourself! This club is about a lot more than cars, which you will only find out if you participate!

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IN THE CORNERS

By MISSY TEASLEY

September brings us a welcome change of weather. Not quite so hot and not so many afternoon showers. September 22 is the official start of autumn. Soon, we will see the colored leaves falling from the trees: a beautiful sight for us to enjoy as we take the curves around the northern windy roads in our Porsches.

For those of you that missed our July Date your Porsche night at Salt Rock Grille, be glad you did. The evening did not go as planned and was a disappointment for sure, especially to those club members who were never served their meals. I apologize for the chaos. It was just not supposed to be that way. I guess all in all our success record is very good. It is what it is and that was what it was!

September Date your Porsche night is on September 21st and the place is the NEW Island Grille and Raw Bar in Tierra Verde. We will meet starting about 6:00 p.m. as some like to arrive for happy hour. Come casual and ready for fresh-opened oysters anyway you choose to have them. RSVP clubregistration.net starts August 15th and will close on September 18th. For more information check the website

suncoastpca.org. I urge you to check the website from time to time to see what has been added, closed, or changed. It is a good way to stay ahead of the calendar and be aware of changes.

Going ahead to October: "OCTOBER FEST OPEN HOUSE"--October 22 at 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Located at Renn Haus Expert German Auto Care, located at 6244 Clark Center Avenue, Unit #1, Sarasota, Florida 34238. An open house with lots of fun things planned for your morning. Lunch and prizes and auto display to top off this special happening. Registration starts September 15th at clubregistration.net and will close October 20th. For more information check with suncoastpca.org

Check the schedule of events on the right side of the page "In the Corners." The schedules are posted for driving events and other fun things to do to. Get active with your car and have a great time. And remember, All Progress TAKES PLACE outside the comfort zone. Give that some thought and have a great fall season.

~Missy

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2016

- **Sept. 17:** TRSS Teen Driving School, Sebring Skid Pad
- **Sept. 17-18:** Driver's Education, Sebring – See more info in this issue
- **Sept. 18:** AX, Sebring
- **Sept. 21:** Date Your Porsche Night, NEW Island Grille & Raw Bar, Tierra Verde
- **Oct. 9:** AX, Tampa Bay Downs Ladies Day
- **Oct. 16-20:** The Fall Tour, GA, NC, TN*
- **Oct. 22:** Oktoberfest OPEN HOUSE at RENN HAUS Expert German Auto Care, Sarasota
- **Nov. 7:** Wine Tasting and Dinner to benefit Ready for Life at Mike Kwasin's, Tampa
- **Nov. 13:** Brooksville Porsche BMW Challenge event #1, put on by BMW FSC
- **Nov. 18-20:** Driver's Education, Sebring
- **Dec. 4:** Annual Suncoast PCA Gala, Sarasota Yacht Club
- **Dec. 1-4:** The Classic 12 Hours of Sebring, Pistons and Props*
- **Dec. 10:** Porsches in the Park, St. Armand's Circle, Sarasota
- **Dec. 11:** Brooksville Airport Porsche BMW Challenge event #2

Check our website for sign-up info for all events. Some require you register at: www.clubregistration.net

*Non-PCA Events; PCA insurance does not apply
Stay tuned! The Suncoast Region calendar is updated monthly with new events and changes as they occur.
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The Membership Starting Line

By LARRY MENDEZ
Membership Chair

If you forgot to register for an event or were too late to sign up, you missed two great opportunities to meet some new friends and attend a couple great functions. Once again we thank Mike Kwasin for opening his home up for our end-of-summer barbecue. All who attended had some great food, drink, and fun. Our other thanks have to go out to Bert Smith Porsche for their summer social; as usual they went above and beyond. Keep your eyes on our

schedule of upcoming events and don't miss the next function or driving event.

If you want to attend a driving event, September 17 and 18, we have our High Performance Driver Education at Sebring and also on September 18th we hold our autocross. If you are unsure about attending HPDE, come out to watch and speak to some of the drivers. Amy Riches, our chief track instructor, should have more information and details in her article.



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Brad Griffin	Tampa	2017 911 Turbo S Cabriolet
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Paul Metcalfe	St. Petersburg	2008 Cayman S
Peter Miller	Tampa	2000 911 Carrera
Debra & John Santoro	Seffner	2017 Macan S
Cory Weitzner	Sarasota	2014 911 Turbo Cabriolet
Erik Zigmunt	St. Petersburg	2016 Cayman



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The cam sensor fault

By CARLOS DeBONIS, DE Tech

I want to address a specific failure in the M96 engines that I've seen mis-diagnosed by independent shops—the mis-diagnosis of the cam sensor fault.

I have two cars in my shop right now. One has had a catastrophic failure because the car was driven after getting a cam sensor fault reading and replacing the cam sensor. Ordinarily, cam sensors rarely fail in Porsche cars. Cam sensor faults in generic scan tools are vague and misleading. Experience and the actual Porsche system tester paint a different picture. What happened to this car was that the cam chain broke and the valves and piston met catastrophically. Since the Cam was no longer turning, using the Porsche tester, the fault recorded by the DME (Digital Motor Electronics) was “Phase Sensor 1 Camshaft Hall-effect sensor 1 exceeds limit value.” It also records when the event happens (engine hours) and how often the fault occurred and at what RPM, coolant temp, speed, and when the last fault occurred. The scan tool only reads, “cam sensor fault.”

On the early engines, there is a press fit “Reluctor ring”

on the cams to trip the sensor as the cam turns. I've seen these get loose and confuse the DME (engine computer) but not cause any damage, just loss of performance. The later engines had the “Reluctor” cast as part of the cam, solving that issue.

With this fault reading, the chain tensioner may actually be the problem and/or the timing chains can stretch beyond the tensioner's range. If this is the case, then the chain may fail and cause the valves to get too intimate with the pistons. This never ends well! Cam timing has to be checked if a cam's sensor fault has occurred. Generic scan tools can't do this, so the cam timing should be done manually—time consuming, but better than the alternative!

Basic scan tools only give information required by government regulations... not much better than using a “Divining Rod” to find water. Porsche testers have many more functions that go beyond just emissions-related failures. Most factory testers whether they are GM, Ford, BMW, etc. go further in depth than the Federally Mandated information available in the generic scan tools.

Questions for Carlos? Email carlosdebonis@gmail.com.

Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving School

Our Club will be hosting our annual Teen Driving School at Sebring International Speedway on September 17th. This is in conjunction with our September DE and Autocross events. The event is open to Teens age 16 and above with a valid Florida Driver's License. During the event we will run the students through vigorous hands-on driving experiences such as accident avoidance, skid control and braking techniques. More information and registration materials can be found at www.streetsurvival.org. The cost is \$75 and includes all materials and lunch. (Ed.: This course is the best experience you can buy for your teenager's driving safety.)

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FROM THE C TI More DE Track Time!



By AMY RICHES, Chief Track Instructor

There is good news in Florida when the summer is finally drawing to a close. No, it's not that cooler weather is ahead, it's the fact that now we get to have more TRACK TIME!

Our fall will kick off with the September 17th and 18th event at Sebring International Raceway. If you are a new PCA member, or new to our region, we hope you can join us for the event. I may be a little biased in saying this; but in my opinion, there's no better way to welcome you and your car to our region than spending it at the track learning new skills and meeting a fantastic group of fellow Porsche enthusiasts.

If you are a veteran member, we are also looking forward to seeing you back at the track and hearing about your summer adventures.

If you are a returning driver but did not attend our May event, you will see some of the changes we have implemented in an effort to improve efficiency and increase track time. We have also made some changes to the run group designations. The instructed levels (green and blue) are unchanged and the solo and instructor levels are now divided into 3 separate run groups. This will be explained in detail at the morning driver's meeting. These changes have lessened the disparity of speed on track and in turn created much less-congested run groups.

We have also changed our grid procedure that allows us to have more green flag on track time. Cars are now released up near pit out for their warm-up lap while the cars from the previous session are coming off track from their cool-down lap.

The feedback from running the event this way was very positive after the May event. So come on out and see for yourself. If you don't have the opportunity to join us in September, our next event will be November 18, 19, and 20. This is our annual Instructor-training weekend. Friday and Saturday will be open to all solo- and instructor-level drivers. Sunday will be open to all drivers from novice to instructor. We will have a dinner at the track on Saturday night, so if you plan on attending Sunday only, please make plans to also join us for dinner at the track Saturday night. To all of you green and blue drivers, part of the enjoyment of our club is the camaraderie and we would love to see you all there for dinner. Watch the website and upcoming *Profile* for more information as the date approaches.

If you are a solo driver and are interested in being considered for the instructor training, send me an email to find out more about the process: amy@autoquestcars.com

One last thing—there has been some confusion about helmets. PCA has now extended the deadline for the new helmet mandates. Any helmet with an SA2005 rating that remains in good condition will still be allowed until January 2017. The Snell Foundation recommends that helmets be replaced every five years. Suncoast PCA will allow the use of an SA2005 helmet along with SA2010 and SA2015 for the remainder of this year. In January 2017 we will only allow SA2010 and SA2015 helmets. We do not accept M-rated helmets for the DE events.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about any of the events. Until then, "Drive safe"!

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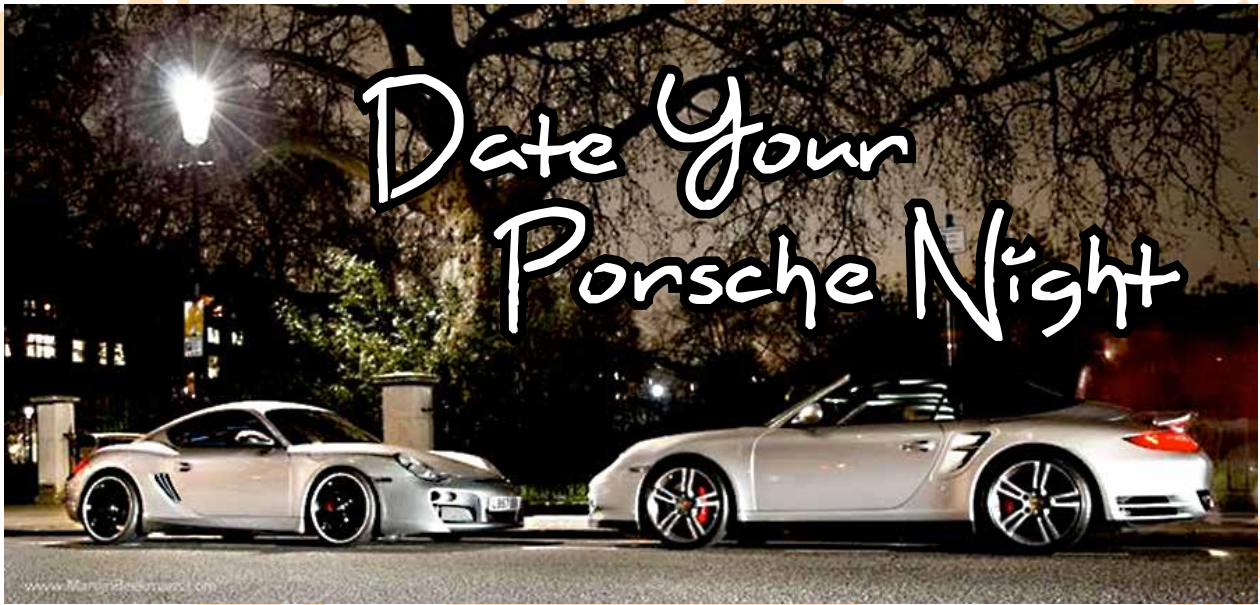
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Mike O’Donnell, Sales Manager, came to Bert Smith to manage the Porsche parts department in 2004, was moved into sales in 2009 and to sales manager in 2014. Mike has driven every Porsche available but wants to own a 50th anniversary 991 edition.

Rhett Graham, Sales, has been with Bert Smith Porsche since 1996, from Hickory NC, and still has the accent. Rhett has owned a 1976 911, a 1978 928, and drives a 2014 911 and a 2016 Cayenne E-Hybrid.

Greg Sullivan, Sales, a former Marine, spent ten years with BMW and two with Lambo before discovering that Porsche was “the” brand and Bert Smith was “the” dealer. Greg has been with Bert Smith for five years.

Tom Heinz, Sales, had seven years with Aston Martin as sales manager, then to Porsche in 2009 to the present. Tom grew up in race cars with his Dad racing. He has been very active in our DE program with his white 944 prepared race car.

Jessica Brooks, Sales, is a transplant from a Porsche dealership in Greenville, SC. Jessica owns a 2016 Cayman Black Edition after a long love affair with Porsche cars. Roll Tide!

Herb Schimkus, Service Manager, supervising the service department, has been with Porsche for 42 years, and is a Master Tech, the highest position attainable. He has owned six Porsches from a 914 to a 911.

Bill Smith, Service Advisor, Bill was a five-year tech and then moved to service for the last five years. Bill’s passion is fishing, so he drives a Cayenne to tow his boat.

Meghan Garrison, Service Advisor, has almost four years of Porsche experience and will write your service order with a smile.

John Oppihle, Service, is the super nice guy who will pick up and deliver your car back to you after service. With fifteen years of Porsche service John is into detailing and drives a perfectly clean black 911, his 6th Porsche.

As you can read, most Bert Smith key employees have a love for and a great working knowledge of the Porsche car. Most will go to Atlanta several times a year for training.

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By HANS-JOACHIM KRENZ

Many Suncoast PCAers are familiar with ZunSport, an English manufacturer of stainless steel intake screens for European cars. Only too many Porsche owners have discovered that their front radiator intakes have, by design, been left wide open, leaving expensive radiators prone to stone damage and debris fouling. ZunSport intake screens were the first after-market accessories I mounted on my 987 Boxster after I found that driving around in the rainy Pacific Northwest resulted in an accumulation of a nasty, wet, brown paste comprised of cigarette butts, rotting leaves, and other highway detritus along the lower edge of the radiators. The ZunSport screens were very effective and gave the Boxster a smooth, rounded face reminiscent of the appearance of older, air-cooled Porsches.

So, after we decided in 2015 to add another Boxster to the family motor pool, I set out to locate some intake screens to protect our 981's radiators. I was very disappointed to find that neither Rennline, the maker of my Carrera's intake screens, nor ZunSport had anything on the market for the 981-series of Porsches. And then I burst into my happy dance...

On one of our recent rainy afternoons, while suffering from a serious bout of cabin fever, I found myself searching

"Boxster 981 accessories" on, of all places, Amazon.com. I was very surprised to find, not only that Amazon now sells ZunSport intake screens as one of their North American distributors, but that ZunSport have finally brought their screens for the 981 series of cars to market. I immediately placed an order for the black, powder-coated front intake screens for our Boxster. Imagine my surprise when FedEx delivered my package within 48 hours of my "submit order" mouse-click. That's from England!-- 48 hours!

Installation, per ZunSport's excellent photo-illustrated instructions, took less than 15 minutes. The screens look as if they had been designed for the car by the geniuses in Zuffenhausen and blend perfectly into the front face of the Boxster.

I was so pleased with the quality and fit of these intake screens that I ordered their set of screens for the rear side air intakes for the Boxster, placing this order directly with ZunSport on their website www.zunsport.com. Same story: The order arrived two days later, and fit, finish, and ease of installation were excellent.

I am especially impressed with these products because not only are they easily and quickly installed without drilling or other bodywork modifications, but they can also easily be removed and reinstalled for easy clean-out of material that may have passed through the screens into the radiator area.

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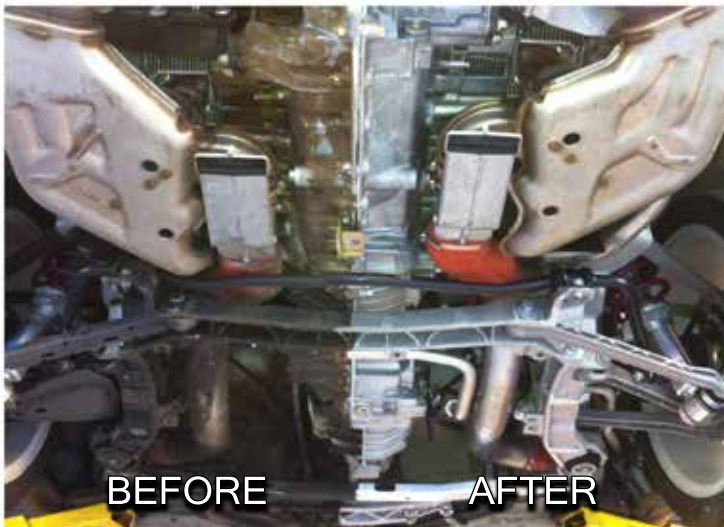


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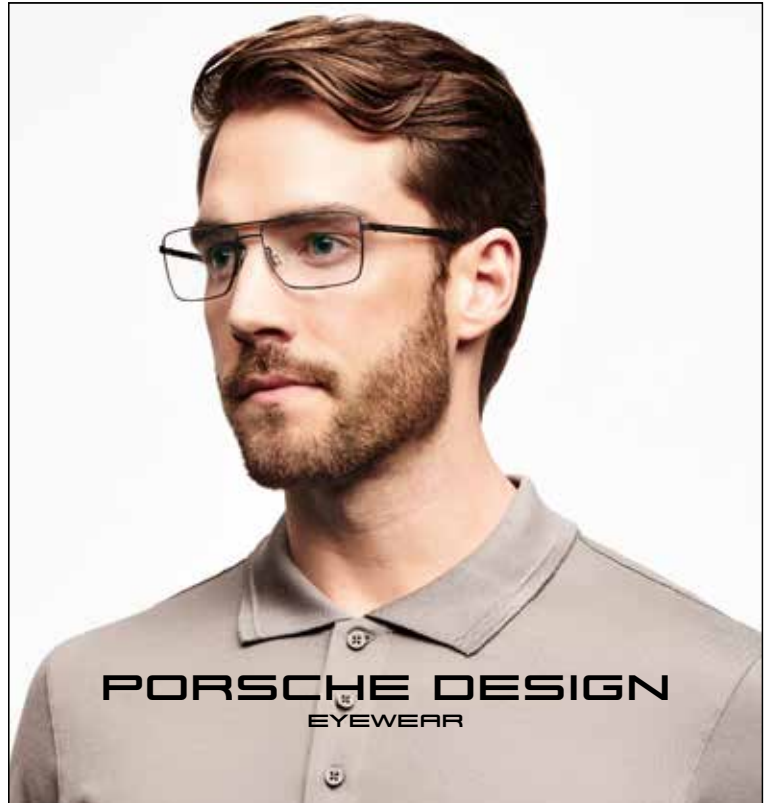
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By Norm Sippel

The last year was a blur. It was like riding as a passenger with Hurley Heywood in a 996 Turbo at Watkins Glen—as I did in 2006. It was fast and furious with highs like the 154 mph Hurley achieved on the back straight, and lows like when I found a toddling Buick in front of me in a no-passing zone on the Ride and Drive that same day.

Between working on *Vintage Motorsport* and *Porsche Profile* and shopping for a new home, there was never a dull moment. In the midst of this, was the clean-out of the garage. Whether selling on eBay or giving things away, there was always something else that turned up. Not unlike Suncoast PCA—one “must do” event after another. Or, should I say, one great event after another that we didn’t want to miss. Our thanks go to all who work tirelessly to plan and run our great events, especially Missy Teasley.

During the year, we heard from people on the fringes of our Region complaining that we don’t do enough in their area. That may be true. However, Porsches are meant to drive. (Yes, I know. I don’t drive the Targa enough. Nor did the previous owners.) So take advantage of a distant event to “exercise” your Porsche. Or, organize an event in your area. If you do, you’ll be surprised at how many Suncoast PCA people will come to it. When I find a nice 944 S2 coupe, I’ll get back to long drives again. At least, drives as long as my eyes can tolerate. The Targa will spend most of its time resting. It turned

26,000 miles on the AX course at Zonefest. Yipes! That’s almost 110 miles per month since original delivery date—October 9, 1996, at McKenna Porsche, Norwalk, CA. Although, my average per-month in the three years I’ve owned it has been more than double that.

Watch Missy’s “In the Corners” for upcoming events. And, be sure to check our website: www.suncoastpca.org on a regular basis. Not only does it have the latest Event Calendar, it is also where you can read *Porsche Profile* 2 to 3 weeks before it arrives at your home. The reason for the delay in arrival is that it takes about 1-1/2 weeks from the time C&D Printing receives a final file until they mail it. Then you have to deal with the time the USPS takes to deliver it. Personally, as much as I love a printed copy in my hand, I prefer the timeliness of the digital copy that I can access from anywhere when I have a WiFi or data signal. As an example, Paul Bienick posted the July/August *Profile* on July 20. When did you get your hardcopy? Mine arrived August 3.

Speaking of the *Profile*, we need articles. We had a lot for the last issue, but nothing much for September as of July 30. Please share your experiences with your Porsche. Write about whatever you like. Tell your fellow PCA members about your drives, your experiences or just send in photos.

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