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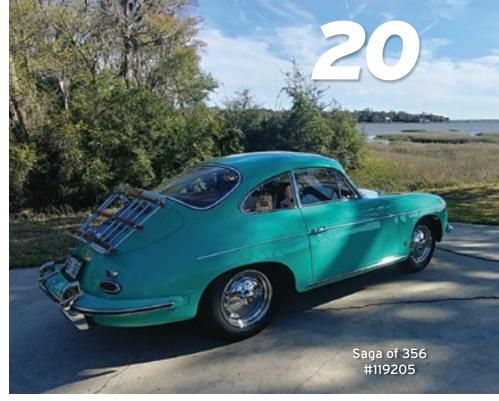




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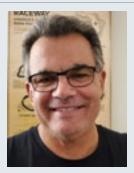
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By Denise Remus

This Too Shall Pass...

 $\sqrt{\lambda}$ hat a change a few months can make. My last column talked about our Rally program, the 48 Hours of Sebring, the member Gala, and our March DE. Now PCA events are canceled and the focus is social distancing and isolation in compliance with "Safer-at-Home" orders trying to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We are appreciating the simpler things in life and doing all we can to stay healthy. We've learned to make masks out of bandanas and kitchen towels, how to do Zoom calls to stay in touch, and worked our way through the irritating "honey-do" lists. We're learning to cook creatively with interesting items discovered in our own pantries and ordering home delivery from our local restaurants. We've caught up on Netflix and Hulu, learning more than we ever wanted to know about crazy owners of big cats and pondered over what really happened to Carole's husband. We've realized the things we put off doing because we didn't have enough time, were really delayed because we just didn't want to do them since, for many of us, time is no longer an excuse. We're connecting with family and friends in new and creative ways. While large races were canceled or postponed, including the St. Petersburg Grand Prix and the 12 Hours of Sebring, we're still enjoying races thanks

to iRacing teams, sim racing, or watching replays of historic races. We are learning who and what is essential and what is not. Healthcare workers and employees of grocery stores, Amazon, FedEx, UPS, USPS, and other essential workers are the real heroes.

We anticipate it will be several months before things are even close to what they

were before the virus, but the likelihood is we'll be settling into a "new normal." As we await what the future holds, your Board of Directors remains busy. Social events are being planned—for when restaurants reopen. Rallies and Tours are ready to go-for when we can gather again. While Autocross competitions Driver's Education at Sebring may

be delayed until the fall, it's giving our drivers lots of time to work on their cars-adding those track mods and enhancements they hope will result in a few seconds off their time.

However, for many of our friends and neighbors, the shut-down has been devastating. Unemployment, income, loss of social support, illness and, tragically for some, the loss of loved ones has occurred. Your Board of Directors has responded to known needs through donations

to two charities, Ready for Life and Ronald McDonald House, organizations struggling to fulfill their missions at a time when the need for their services is at its greatest. We've also set up a GoFundMe campaign for the corner workers and other support staff from Sebring International Raceway who are now unable to work (www.gofundme.com, look for Support

> Sebring Workers, Our Track Family). Thanks to the generosity of you, our members, we can help make a difference. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

> On a personal note, all is well with my family. My husband Pat, an international pilot with Delta whose routes are typically to China, South Korea or Japan, has been home for several months.

He's definitely busy around the house. He's finished putting down a new floor in the garage and a lift for our track cars. Our son drove in from Dallas on March 22 to stay with us during the quarantine. We haven't had the opportunity for this much time together for 20 years. I'm able to do my healthcare consulting work remotely. Feeling blessed.

Yet I'm wondering how each of you are doing? How are you managing during these difficult times? Is there something you need that we could help with? If so, please let us know. Feel free to reach out to any Board member, our contact information is published on page 4 in this magazine and also on our website (www.SuncoastPCA. org). Are you finding purpose through helping others? Learning new skills during social isolation? Are you experiencing special moments with your family-or with your Porsche? Share your stories with us on our Suncoast PCA Facebook page or send them to us for posting on our website—pictures are great! And you can remain anonymous if desired, just let us know.

We will see each other again—not exactly sure when or where it will be, but until then, stay safe.









Keeping Our Socials at a Distance

reetings. I had hoped to be able this month to elaborate on some plans for great breakfasts, lunches, and dinners, but since we are not able to do so, let's talk about our latest breakfast and what we are putting together for the near future.

On February 29, a day which only comes every four years, we hosted a breakfast at the Burgundy Square Café in Venice. It was well attended with approximately 30 club members and guests. The food was good and priced reasonably. Parking was great for a downtown venue. We are planning a breakfast there several times later this year. Stay tuned. Pictures from the breakfast are elsewhere in this issue

Over the past few years, we have had great success with Saturday morning breakfasts, and will at the earliest time have one at the First Watch in Lakewood Ranch. Paul Auger suggested this venue and will help by hosting the event. Look forward to it on Club Registration.

Speaking of breakfasts, we would like to get input from those reading this article regarding a monthly Saturday morning breakfast, either moving around to different locations, or at the same location, or even multiple sites

concurrently. Please email me at social@ suncoastpca.org, and let me know what you think and what you would attend and

support. We are always interested in finding the social venues that meet the interests and needs of our members.

Before we were paused from having social events, our committee was busy searching for venues that could handle a group our size, and also have a place for parking our cars safely. We had found that many restaurants did

not want to entertain us with groups of up to 30 during the months of February and March. These restaurants will be ready to seat us when our pause is past, and the winter people leave. So, expect us to schedule a lot of opportunities to get together and enjoy the menus of our fine local restaurants and bars.

We will be rescheduling the dinner at the Bradenton Country Club. This very nice dinner venue was arranged by our past president John Vita, and is a great opportunity for us to look over the club, and possibly decide to join. If not, it will prove to be a great dinner to share with other members.

Additional upcoming events to look for:

We have coordinated with two other restaurants at this time, to be ready to set

> up as soon as our shutdown is lifted. They will span the north and south ends of our club area. Both will provide us with ample parking as well as a diversified menu. More on that in the next issue of the Profile.

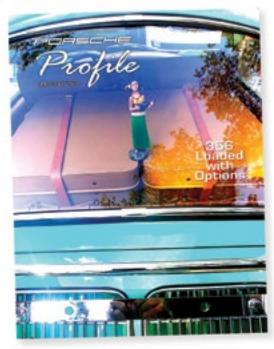
> John Sabatini has made all the arrangements for the now annual Crystal River Invasion. Due to the current situation this event was

postponed. It is expected to be rescheduled for the summer.

Denise Remus has also arranged with Carrabbas in St. Petersburg to host a wine pairing dinner, which will be rescheduled as soon as we are able to plan these events. This is a follow up to the successful and well attended dinner held in February.

A lot to look forward to, and a lot of opportunities to get together, even if we might have to keep our social distance.





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May 17 Autocross at Venice Airport - CANCELLED
May 22 - 25 Zonefest, Crown Plaza Hotel, Indian River Beach - CANCELLED
June 6 A Down South BBQ Tour to Palm Harbor
June 14 Autocross, Brooksville (possibly)
June 21 - 27 Porsche Parade, LaQuinta Resort, Palm Springs, CA - CANCELLED
July 9 Stumpknockers - Points North Tour and Lunch
September 13 Autocross at Venice Municipal Airport
October 4 Autocross , Location TBA
November 1 Luftgekühlt 7, Durham, NC * Postponed from May 30
https://luftgekuhlt.com/I7-event-info
November 6 Run to the Hills Tour, with a Foodie Side Trip to Dade City
November 11 - 14 Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring including Porscheplatz
December 13 Suncoast Member Gala

N.B.: Check our website SuncoastPCA.org for the most up to date schedule of events and sign-up information for all events. All of the Suncoast PCA events above require that you register at: www.clubregistration.net (See Denise Remus's article in January 2018 issue on Club Registration).

*Non-PCA event. PCA insurance does not apply.

Suncoast PCA 2020 DE Events

All events at Sebring International Raceway. Questions? Contact Denise Remus or Stephen Dodson, at DERegistrar@SuncoastPCA.org

Sept 12-13..... Regular DE Nov 20-22 Instructor Weekend, Regular DE on Sunday, Nov 22 Oct 10-11..... Regular DE

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Members are welcome to attend. If you would like to be part of a conference call, please contact one of the officers for instructions. First Tuesday of each month, except January and July as noted below. Locations to be determined.

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June 2	.In-person	October 6	.In-person - Ready for Life
July	. No meeting	November 3	. Conference call
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MAY/JUNE

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Travis Chambers	Pinellas Park	1999 Boxster White
Jonathan Dayton	Lakewood Ranch	2018 Macan S Dark Grey
William Fennell	Lutz	1989 911 Turbo Cabriolet white
Tim Flaherty	Sarasota	1986 911 Carrera
Paul Hudale	Sarasota	2014 911 Carrera
Brian Londeree	Bradenton	2010 911 GT3
Jason Phaneuf	Tampa	2007 Cayman S Arctic Silver
Daniel Powers	Tampa	1988 911 Carrera Cab Expresso Brown
Anthony Purazzo	New Port Richey	2020 911 Carrera Adventure Green
Ronald Schalter	Tierra Verde	2018 Panamera 4 E-Hybrid Blue
David Schechter	Belleair	2008 911 Carrera S Blue
David Smith	Venice	2016 Boxster Spyder Blue
Erick Stohr	Clearwater	2003 911 GT2
Earl & Stevie Ward	Oldsmar	2005 Cayenne
Robert Cipriano	WeekiWachee	2008 911 Carrera S Black
David Clough	North Port	1985 911 Carrera Targa Guards Red
Greg Duff	St. Petersburg	2017 Macan
Angel Flores	Tampa	2017 911 Carrera
David Heath	Riverview	2012 911 Carrera S
Gabriel Hill	Tampa	2010 Panamera Turbo
William McGuire	Osprey	2013 911 Turbo S Cabriolet Black
Eugene Melendez	Tampa	2015 911 Carrera
Mark Muellers	Odessa	
George Philippidis	Tampa	
Debby Plaszcz	Dunedin	2002 Boxster S
Peter Redfern	Tarpon Springs	2017 718 Cayman Graphite Blue
James Robertson	Palmetto	2008 911 Carrera S Basalt Black
Jose Romero	Wesley Chapel	2007 Boxster S Gray
Sharon Rothlein	Hernando	1960 356
Owain Stevens	WeekiWachee	2015 911 Carrera Blue
William Stevenson	St Petersburg	1984 911 Carrera Targa Black
Lyle &DaneelTapinos	Tampa	2019 Macan
KyleTraeger	Pinellas Park	2011 CaymanGuards Red
AndrewTsunis	St. Pete Beach	1997 911 Targa 911 4 Red
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By Tom Briest

Dateline 1989

The December 1989 issue $oldsymbol{\perp}$ of the *Profile* included an advertisement from our longest continuous supporting dealership, Reeves Import Motorcars. Now I don't know when the last time was you took your car in for service, but I am willing to bet the oil change didn't cost you \$36.50, oil, filter and labor. How about a fourwheel alignment for a total of



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visit, you could replace that Blaupunkt AM-FM Stereo radio with a Cassette player for the unbelievable cost of just \$195.00. If I had known I would have bought four of them and put them away. Times have certainly changed, prices have definitely increased, but one thing has stayed constant over all these years, Reeves is still there and supporting the club. Thank you. ■









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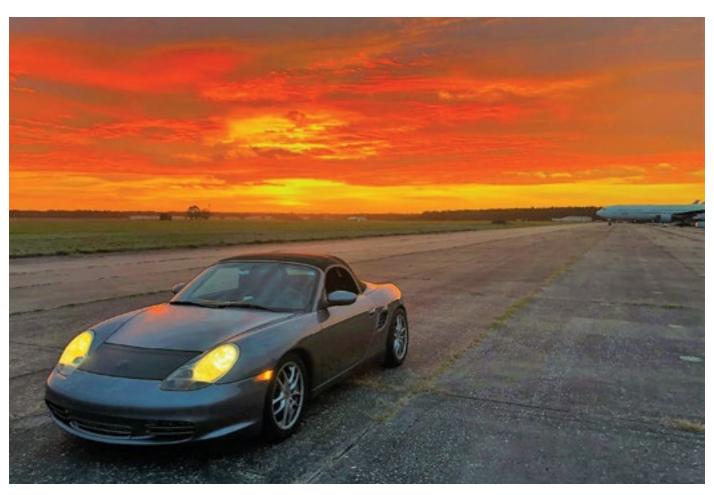
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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

By George Wienhold, Profile Photo Editor



Sunrise Competition

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produced the first Porsche car with his name on it, the Type 64 in 1939, owners have been racing them. After opening his first plant in Stuttgart in 1948, Porsche has claimed victories in over 30,000 event victories of all types. There have been 108 class wins and 17 overall victories at Le Mans, 11 Targa Florio victories, 2 Dakar Rally wins, and an impressive 18 first-place podium finishes at Sebring Raceway, as one can see Porsches are defiantly built to race.

All of which brings this month's Photo of the Month selection in keeping the Porsche race heritage alive.

Jerry and Kirsten Eggert arrived way way way early at the Brooksville Tampa Bay Airport for some competition on the Autocross course. When I say competition, from their email submission, they are a true competitive couple. They purchased this beautiful '03 Boxster S in 2006, joined PCA in '07, and started

autocrossing the following year, finishing as class champions. At last year's Porsche Parade, Kirsten finished 12th and Jerry completed

his run in 14th position. As a couple, they are Co-Suncoast PCA Competition Chair for 2020.

The difficult part of snapping an image at that time of day is that our cameras or photo-imaging machines try to interpret just what is going on with the lighting while shooting in JPG mode. Each device has an interpretation of what looks best. The cameras do that

by reading the info from the photo sensor to achieve what looks best. By doing so, it keeps the shooter out of the equation. When shooting in JPG mode, the output only uses a fraction of the colors, highlights, and shadows to achieve the final image. The problem is that, in doing so, much information is left on the table. Try shooting in RAW format, and you will have the

full capability of just what the sensor sees. Sure the files are much larger, but you will have so much more to work with in post-production.

> Most cameras have a RAW setting and even the newer phones that we use also have a RAW setting. Give RAW format a try and let me know how you like it.

> As I sign-off every month for this column, I do want to thank all of you for your excellent submissions. Please keep in mind that I will send the winner of each month's Photo of the Month

winner a very nice Porsche hat.

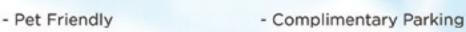
Back to the competitive issues with Jerry and Kirsten: Kirsten took the photo. They are also ogling the new 718 GTS but from what I was told, it will be a while. ■





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Storing Your Porsche

Ed. Note: While few of us anticipated laying up our cars for so many weeks due to isolating from the Coronavirus, it is a reminder that, had we been given some warning, we could have followed Pedro's advice below.

Use a product

such as P21-S for

cleaning the wheels.

 $\sqrt{\lambda}$ \sqrt{J} e are blessed here in Florida that **V** we don't have to store our cars for winter and we get to drive them all year. But, for many of our members, Florida is their second home. That means that they probably have to

store their Porsche for an extended period of time either here or at their primary place of residency.

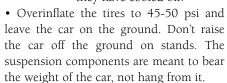
So, here is the procedure for storing:

- Find a suitable storage facility. A garage is fine but you need to make sure that it will be dry, free from pests (mice), and preferably humidity-controlled, clean and secure.
- Thoroughly wash the exterior and finish with a nice coat of wax. Do this the day before storage so that the car has a chance to dry completely.
- Clean the interior by vacuuming carpets and seats and clean & treat the leather. Clean all glass inside and out.
- · Really clean the wheels. Brake dust is corrosive. The best way is to remove each wheel and clean the inside as well. Use a product such as P21-S. Waxing the wheels afterwards is a great idea.
- · Condition all the rubber including tires and all rubber gaskets. Use a good conditioner such as Gummi Pflege. Stay away from silicone-based "protectants."
- Flush the brake/clutch fluid. This fluid is very hygroscopic, meaning that it absorbs water and must be replaced every 2 years or sooner.
- · Change the oil and oil filter. Old oil can have corrosive characteristics (acid). Top off all other fluids as well (coolant/ antifreeze, windshield washer, power steering fluid, etc.).

• Fill the tank half way with gasoline. Add a good fuel stabilizer, such as StaBil and finish filling completely. By driving the car

> from the gas station to your storage facility the newly stabilized gas will start to run through the system, especially the injectors.

- Fully extract and lubricate the radio antenna mast (if present) then retract.
 - Close all openings such windows, doors, and A/C vents. You may want to put some cedar chips or moth balls in the cabin and around the outside to repel mice and other vermin. If storing in non-humiditycontrolled conditions, place a couple of desiccant bags in the cabin. Put plastic bags secured with rubber bands over the exhaust tips when they have cooled off.



· Leave the car in gear (or in Park for an automatic). Do not set the parking brake.



- For convertible tops leave them relaxed, by opening the main latch. This won't keep the fabric stretched over an extended time. Same for Targa tops.
- Prop up the windshield wipers off the glass with a small block of wood or similar.
- · Make sure you have any radio or alarm codes noted, then disconnect and remove the battery. On newer Porsches that have electrically operated trunks, make sure that the trunk cannot be closed completely by using a block of wood or similar to keep it propped open.
- The removed battery should be connected with a smart charger such as a TechnoCharger from CTEK or similar. Also, top off battery fluid with distilled water. It should be kept in a cool, dry place and not on a cement floor.
- · Cover the vehicle with a good quality car
- Give her a goodbye kiss.

I'm of the school that thinks that not starting the car during storage is best. I say this because most engine wear happens





during the first few seconds after startup, while the oil builds up pressure and starts lubricating the engine internals.

When you're ready to take her out again, there's very little that needs to be done, because most was done before:

A fuel stablizer is always a good idea.

- Remove the cover
- Remove the plastic bags over the exhaust tips
- Remove desiccant bags and vermin repellant from the cabin
- Remove windshield-wiper props
- Secure the convertible or Targa top
- Replace and connect the battery
- Drop tire pressures to recommended psi
- Start the engine and let it warm up a bit
- Go for a drive!

If you're really concerned about that initial startup wear, the following is the procedure that the Porsche museum uses for their cars on display:

- Remove the sparkplugs
- Spray WD-40 into each cylinder through the spark-plug hole
- Spray WD-40 into the air intakes
- Turn over the engine by hand a couple of turns with a wrench on the main pulley

• Every 3 months repeat above (leave spark-plugs out of the engine)

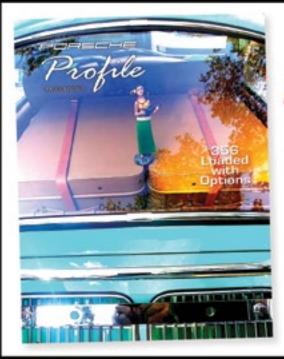
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By Jim Hoey

Getting Anxious?

re you getting anxious to get out and Adrive your Porsche? We sure are. The occasional short trip to the grocery store is simply not satisfying the need! So, in the absence of true driving time, I thought I would share some notes on how I create a Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) Rally.

The first step is deciding on in what location the rally will take place. There are not a lot of "back roads" in our part of Florida. The challenge is to study maps, county by county, looking for hidden, seldom used country roads with lots of turns. You know the term; you say it when coming upon one of those squiggly "S" yellow caution signs: "This is a Porsche Road." When I come upon a likely choice and map it into my iPhone, we take the drive and see if it is for real. You wouldn't believe how many great looking roads on a map do not actually qualify for rally purposes. Remember, a rally road cannot be any of the following: dirt, private, dead end, crushed stone/shells, etc. And some roads, even on today's on-line maps, are not finished yet!

After verifying some good roads, we go back to the map and start calculating mileage along the route. For our region, a

good TSD rally is about 60 miles from start to finish (note: Porsche Parade rallies are about 100 miles). We break our route down into several legs, with checkpoints along the way. Locating checkpoints is a combination of limiting the miles in a leg and finding

a suitable area to host it. We choose public parking areas where available. In some cases we get an owner's permission to use private land or parking lots. Local retailers usually agree to this, but large chain businesses usually reject it for liability concerns (even though we show them that PCA has liability insurance for all driving events). I believe local retailers feel that they will get a little business out of our use of their property; and they are correct.

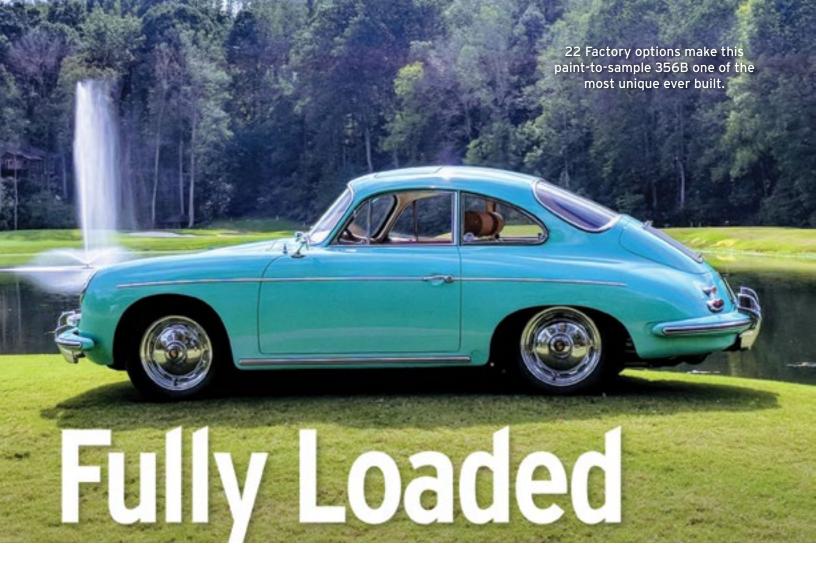
Once the route is plotted, we start calculating the Time to drive it. The time to complete each leg is based on the calculated map miles and the speeds set for driving it in the rally instructions. In striving to match the time for

> each leg one must compensate for unforeseen delays. The rally master does not calculate any delay time based on traffic lights, RR crossings, road construction, etc. The end result of this is that it is difficult to match exactly the calculated time to complete a leg. Therefore mileage is a more

accurate indication of how well you followed the route instructions.

We notify the local authorities (police, sheriffs, etc.) a few days prior to the rally date. They are told of the route area, and that it is not a "race." The reactions vary, but most raise an eyebrow and say "not a race?" with some surprise. This notification shows how the Porsche Club is supportive of our community protectors. So when you are out there on a rally be aware of possible police presence along the route. And wave at them if you wish! ■





THE STORY
OF OUR
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SUPER 90
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COUPE
VIN 119205

By Gerry Curts

or most of my life I have been a car guy, having owned two Lotuses, a 300 SL Roadster, several Alfas, Mini Coopers, a Sunbeam Alpine, and a couple of hot-rod VWs. I was active in the Mid-South SCCA Region enjoying serious rallying, autocross, and sedan racing. I had some success rallying a Ford Cortina in the U.S. and an Alfa Giulia Super in Europe. While on active duty in the Army in Germany, I was invited by Triumph

Motorcars to drive in the 1969 Monte Carlo Rally in one of their custom-made 4-wheel drive Rover V-8-powered Spitfires.

Triumph then invited me to a test day at the Silverstone track in England. I passed their driving test. Soon thereafter, my commanding officer refused to let me take time off to run the actual

rally. "Lieutenant, the U.S. Army doesn't pay you to drive race cars; you are dismissed," he told me, thus ending my professional-driver debut. In the end, it didn't matter since all three Spitfires entered had failed to make it through the first day, due to mechanical failures.

I didn't really discover Porsches until I was about 35 years old. After discharge from active duty and moving to Florida, I got back into the local sports car scene. Damn, those Porsche pushers sure seemed to have a lot of fun and appeared to be a well-organized group. I gave in to the urge, sold my precious Lotus Elan, bought a used 1978 911SC, and joined the local PCA region. Attending my first Parade in Asheville, NC, in 1981, I was

completely hooked. Porsche Nirvana! I have been active in the Suncoast Region and National PCA ever since.

These last 40-plus years have given me many lifelong friends because of the PCA. The Nirvana is still there. With the encouragement of our 356 friends, my wife Beth and I joined the 356 Registry in



Red rear fog light.

2013. I had never owned a 356, always having been a diehard 911 guy. However, our first impression of these 356 folks was just how much fun they seemed to be having. It reminded me of the "good ole' days" in the PCA before Driver's Ed (DE) dominated the club.

Attending Registry events without a car was a real bummer regardless of how much fun we were having, so Beth and I started the quest to find a nice and fun "driver car." After several "not-the-right-car" miscues, in 2014 I heard about a promising 1964 SC coupe, Heron Grey with red leather to be auctioned by Barrett Jackson in Miami later that month. Friends Jerry Remillard and Pete Bartelli agreed to tag along as my purchase advisors. A few days before leaving, while waiting in line at a local convenience store, I happened to see an ad for a 1962 T-6 "B" Coupe in AutoTrader. On a whim, I convinced Pete Bartelli to drive to Gainesville with me to see this car.

The Auto Trader 356 was sporting a 20+-year-old restoration, painted Guards Red with an odd brown leather interior and had an overbore kit with Weber carbs. This was not a Concours car by any means, but it looked decent and drove surprisingly well. The panel fit was outstanding, paint was holding up nicely for a Florida car, and there was no readily apparent rust or excessive body filler. Everything seemed to work properly and the price was fair.

I made an offer which was accepted and then canceled the trip to Barrett Jackson in Miami. Driving the car back to Tampa was a pleasure. It easily exceeded the generous Florida interstate speed limits and did so without protest. This car was exactly what Beth and I were looking for, a nice driver to have some fun and not take ourselves too seriously. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, this plan didn't work out quite as we hoped.

The car came with a bucket load of records, most of which seemed to be receipts for repairs and parts. It was several weeks before I seriously dug into the paperwork package. Buried in those papers was a brief handwritten history of the car along with a copy of the factory Kardex and the original PCNA Certificate of Authenticity (CoA). The original owners were Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Wille, a dentist in Waianae, Hawaii. The CoA confirmed the Willes took delivery under the Porsche Tourist Delivery Program at the Sonauto Porsche dealership in Paris, France, on March 28, 1962.

They toured France for a few weeks and then shipped the car back through the U.S. Port of Entry in Charleston, South Carolina. The information on the CoA didn't exactly agree with the Kardex, mostly due to improper translations from the original German (sound familiar?). The Kardex showed that the car was actually delivered at Sonauto in





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It was only the verification of the Kardex, showing so many options, that convinced Gerry and Beth to embark on a restoration of this truly unusual 356.

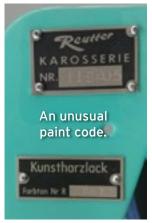


Paris on March 23rd, 1962--five days earlier than shown on the CoA. Also, the Kardex Sonderausführung/Sonderausstattung (Special Features/Optional Equipment) section listed an impressive twenty-two factory options. These options are further documented in the PCNA Certificate of Authenticity. Translated from the German, the options included: Electric Sunroof, "Chrome" Side Moldings, Left and Right Headrests, Left and Right Armrests, Limited Slip Differential, Fiamm Road Master Fanfare Air Horn, Chrome Deluxe Horn Ring, Left and Right Seat Belts, Coco Mats, Chrome Wheels, Fog Lights, Electric Hand-lamp, Travel Kit, Chrome Luggage Rack, Luggage Rack Leather Straps, Interior Luggage Straps, Fire Extinguisher, Becker Grand Prix Radio, 2 Loudspeakers, Radio Antenna, and 3 1/2 kilos of extra paint.

And then there was this curious old paint chip taped to the CoA. It was about the size and color of a faded English pea--but more about that chip later.

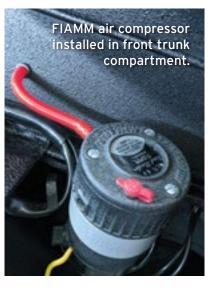
Of course, by 2014, every option that could be removed had long since disappeared. The sunroof, limited slip, and side moldings were still there and the luggage rack, radio, and chrome wheels had been replaced with cheap aftermarket reproductions. Everything else was gone. This was not a big deal at the time as this car was intended to be a nice driver for my wife and me-right? As the word got out about the car—which aside from the options was a numbers-matching 356—a few of my Porsche friends encouraged me to consider restoring 119205. Some 356 "experts" even suggested this car might be the most optioned car sold to the U.S. market during the era. As the restoration insanity movement grew,











"YOU MUST RESTORE 119205" became the chant among a few friendly faithful.

I was not new to the restoration process or to the Concours arena. I restored a beautiful 1973 911S. a 1967 Lotus Elan SE, a 1961 Alfa Romeo Giulietta coupe, and a spectacular 1957 Mercedes 220S Cabriolet. Of course, I don't own any of these wonderful cars now; stupid me. I also have had some success showing Porsches in National Concours events. There are still a couple of Parade Preparation Group overall winning cars taking up space in my garage and the last thing Beth and I wanted was another garage queen. All that apart, the good news for us was 119205 appeared to be an easy restoration. The body seemed sound, relatively rust free and amazingly straight. The motor top end would have to be replaced with the correct S90 items. The hard part was going to be finding the rest of those missing twenty-two option items. This ended up being much more difficult than I ever imagined!

Decision made, the restoration of 119205 began:

After a few "false starts" I took the car to Steve Hoffman's shop in Melbourne, Florida, 356 Unlimited, LLC. They were chosen do the hard stuff like disassembly and then reassembly, the metal and paint work, etc. Fernando Lopez's shop in Sarasota, Build Werks, rebuilt the motor with correct Super 90 pistons, cylinders, carbs, and air filters. The transmission and differential did not require rebuilding. I planned to do much of the easy stuff myself, like research, finding parts, and small-part restoration, etc.

The first step was to disassemble and chemically strip the body shell down to bare metal. Everyone seemed impressed with the condition of the car. There was evidence of some damage on the left front corner, but the panel fit and gaps were truly remarkable. My "magnet" test found no excessive body filler. We all agreed that the restoration of the body should likely be relatively easy and quick. Boy, were we wrong!

As soon as the car was disassembled, I collected many of the removed parts and brought them back to Tampa for my own restoration work. A correctly dated set of wheels was found and sent to California for re-chroming. The instrument set was also sent to the West Coast to be restored. The complete interior was sent to Autos International to do their magic, although it did take us a few tries to get the leather color right. Pete found a near-perfect toolkit and

travelkit for me. Finding many of the missing options items proved to be a daunting task.

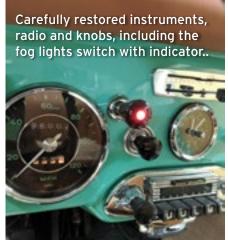
While modern reproductions were available for some items, a quest for original authentic parts was undertaken. ALL were eventually found, many in Europe, and all were painstakingly restored. I found and restored literally hundreds of items from correct hardware pieces to shock absorbers, electrical items, trim pieces, and manuals. Things like door latches and window lift hardware were cleaned and bead blasted, then zinc plated or painted as appropriate. Fortunately, I had a fairly complete set of tools including an air compressor, drill press, bead blasting cabinet, buffing wheel, painting equipment, etc.

From my point of view the restoration process, the easy stuff, was a labor of love. We found a complete NOS engine top end including pistons and beautiful unique black cylinder heads and cylinders for a 1962 Super 90 motor along with a pair of NOS Solex P-11-4 carbs with air cleaners and manifolds! We ordered a new full wiring harness with correct bullet connectors. The transmission and suspension all seemed to only need cleaning/painting and new hardware. The windshield had started to delaminate, so a new one was ordered. All chrome items were sent out to be stripped, polished, and re-chromed. That paint chip taped to the CoA proved to be a telling clue to this car's history.

The original "one off" aqua green color is unique and noteworthy. As the story of 119205 came together, we learned that the dentist's wife was especially fond of the color of the water in Pokai-T Bay near their Hawaiian home. She had the paint specially formulated in Hawaii to match the color of the water in the Bay. The paint was sent to Porsche in Stuttgart and then hand-delivered across the street to the coach builder, Reutter. There surely must have been plenty of paint sent by the Willes; the Kardex shows 3.5 kilos of unused paint was delivered with the new car at Sonauto.

We found many places on the car where that original paint was still intact, like the top of the dash panel where the old paint was cleaned and polished. Using a paint spectrophotometer, the color was matched perfectly. Contrary to the CoA, however, it was not metallic. The paint code shown on the Kardex, the PCNA Certificate of Authenticity and the original "Build Data Paperwork" I received from Ruetter all show a five-digit paint code of 60873. I have not confirmed









why five digits; however, Jim Perrin, a respected 356 authority, believes the code was assigned by Reutter. The 356B models paint codes were only four digits and special paint is coded either as 9401, the accessory code for listed special paint colors, or 9402, the code for an unlisted special paint color.

Everything was going great until the body was chemically stripped, which revealed there was thick "bondo" everywhere. Whoever had done the previous body work

used metal filings mixed in the bondo to successfully foil my magnet test and disguise incompetent metal work. At some time the car had been hit hard in the rear. The firewall was badly rusted and both door bottoms were gone, as was the floor pan. When the car came out of the chemical stripping, we had a serious decision to make. Beth and I discussed our options.

Perhaps the smart choice would be to sell off the already restored parts and junk







the body shell. The parts market should be strong because the vast majority of the restored parts were now in excellent condition and would be 100% Concours correct. I seriously considered this option; the financial impact would be minimal and then Beth and I would be in the position to find a nice 356 driver that started this whole story. Or, we might also find another decent body shell and try to clone 119205 using all the good stuff from the real 119205. This option was not a viable or honest choice in my opinion.

The last option would be to continue the restoration of this T-6 Super 90 Sunroof Coupe; VIN 119205 is so very unique and is literally one of one. The original color would be spectacular. Love it or hate it, it would definitely stand out. At this point, I had verified and confirmed this numbers' matching car was, in fact, delivered with at least twenty-two factory installed options. Although I had heard about two other cars with more options, neither was verifiable. Continuing the restoration would definitely considerably more restoration investment, and Beth and I decided to do so. Our determination was stronger than ever to do this car right and to return 119205 to the condition and completeness as originally delivered to Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Wille at Sonauto Porsche in Paris in 1962.

TEARING DOWN, BUILDING UP

The metal work was done by Steve Hoffman's metal and painting expert, Dennis Brown. Both front and rear floor pans were replaced. The driver's side door received a new door skin and the passenger door bottom was replaced, as was most of the firewall, inside fender wells and rear pan. We managed to source both front and rear NOS body clips from Germany. The car received new headlight buckets and battery tray. It made me sick to see parts and pieces being cut off the body, but as new metal went back on, 119205 started to look pretty good again. The skill and effort of Dennis Brown was amazing.

One of the most challenging original option items to source turned out to be the radio, a Becker "Grand Prix" AM, FM, short wave, signal seeker. It was somewhat common in Mercedes and BMWs, but not so in Porsches. That radio was the second most expensive option on the car at \$253. The sliding electric sunroof was listed at \$312, and the full leather interior for coupes was only \$222 at the time. I learned that Becker

Options shown on the Kardex as delivered on 3/28/62, at SONAUTO, Paris.

NO.	OPTION #	DESCRIPTION
1	60873	Special paint, not in color chart
2	6572	Limited slip differential
3	9103	Chrome plated wheels
4	9121	Fog lights with yellow glass
5	9180	Electric hand lamp
6	9191	Coco mats, brown, 2 pieces
7	9200/ 9201	Safety (seat) belts, left/right
8	9212	Horn ring, chrome
9	9216	Fire extinguisher, not mounted
10	9232	Travel kit for S-90
11	9245	Luggage straps for rear parcel shelf, brown
12	9301	Radio antenna, manual
13	9309	Two loud speakers
14	9336	Becker "Grand Prix radio, US banded
15	9405	Full leather interior light brown, color code "C"
16	9430/ 9431	Arm (rests) supports, leather, left/right
17	9434/ 9435	Head rests, leather, left/right
18	9471	Electric sunroof, "Golde"
19	9490	Side moldings (trim)
20	9495	Roadmaster (Fiamm) air horns
21	9510	Luggage rack, chrome, with ski straps
22	9511	Luggage straps for luggage rack, brow
N/A	9108	Dunlop SP tires
N/A		Rear fog light in lieu of back-up ligh







radios came with two different shafts for the control knobs. Porsche radio knobs use a fat shaft, while Mercedes and BMW knobs require a skinny shaft. Finding one of these period-correct Becker radios is rare for a Mercedes, nearly impossible for a Porsche. I found a non-working unit in Italy for \$4500, which I passed on and finally found one in Belgium. It had one fat shaft and one skinny shaft and was a European version. I bought it anyway then had it restored to working condition by Becker USA in Newark, NJ. I happily did the cosmetic rework myself.

GAS TANK SURPRISES

When we first bought the car, I was pleasantly surprised that the gas tank looked to be in great shape, almost new. It was painted gray, incorrect, since early T-6's all had bottom sender tanks painted black. I really didn't like the bottom sender configuration because they are historically a problem. Many have been replaced with later-version top sender tanks. When the tank was removed, the truth was revealed. The top was perfect; the bottom was a mess. It was a collage of fiberglass and metal patches with lots of silicone frosting. This was an omen that I didn't realize at the

time. Finding a bottom sender tank in decent condition was almost as impossible as the radio. I did ultimately find one, in fairly good condition. However, it had a nice dent in the front and was missing all fittings.

EVERY HOLE TELLS A STORY

During the research, we discovered a possible Option #23. Why is there a strange extra hole in the dash? In fact, this car had what seemed to be several extra holes in the dash. There was a hole to the right of the glove box for the accessory socket. Most 356 people know this socket is normally located in the lower lip of the dash next to the steering column (more on this later). There was also an extra hole to the upper left of the glove box that looked like it had been made with a chisel, definitely not factory correct. This was where a previous owner had installed a switch for an electric fuel pump. That hole was filled in.

However, there was clearly a factorypunched hole above the cigarette lighter. I could find no use for this hole in any factory literature. Eventually, my fading memory allowed me to recall having to install a rear fog light on my Alfa Romeo while stationed

in Europe during the mid-late 1960s. I think it may have been required by German and French law at the time. Coincidently, I found an early photo of 119205 with a red rear fog light in place of the normal back-up light. Although 119205 was a U.S. spec car, it was delivered in France with a red rear fog light. More inquiry led to finding a few unmolested Euro models with the same red rear fog light and a red illuminated switch on the dash above the cigarette lighter --exactly the same location of the mysterious factory hole. Finally, a light went off (pun intended): That hole is for the rear fog light switch. Bingo!

So, why would the accessory plug be in the dash to the right of the glove box instead of its normal location on the dash bottom lip? Well, it's really all about horns and the electric sunroof. The electric sunroof switch is normally located in the lower dash lip to the immediate right of the steering column. On this car, the sunroof switch was on the left side of the steering column. Also on the left of the steering column is another factory hole that is too small for the accessory socket. This car came with the Roadmaster Horns option, Italian Fiamm dual trumpet air horns. When I bought this car, it had a badly deteriorated set of regular Porsche electric horns. I tossed them out because I mistakenly assumed they would be replaced with the air horns. After much searching, we found two original cars with the Fiamm horns option. I wanted to be sure I had the mounting correct for both the horn trumpets (in the left front fender well) and the compressor (on the front trunk sidewall). Then, much to my surprise, it appeared that both cars also had the normal



Porsche electric horns installed. They had a horn selector switch located on the lower dash lip. Bingo again! Mystery solved.

DOOR PANELS

Early T-6 "B" cars used a chrome door pull and had a solid armrest mounted on the door panels. This was soon changed to an armrest with a "hand-hold" opening that also served as the pull, and the chrome pulls were deleted. Try as I might, I could not find a set of the solid armrest wood blocks. So I borrowed an original set to use as a guide and reproduced my own. They were made from linden wood. I only know this because I rented my apartment in Oberammergau, Germany, from a famous woodcarver named Kuno Bierling. He used linden wood for all of his carvings. In the U.S., we call it basswood. I was able to accurately reproduce the door

armrests, and made an extra set for my new friends at Autos International.

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While researching door panels for things like how many panel sections are in the lower pockets, armrest configuration/location, and fastening screw locations, I noticed older original unmolested door panels had what appeared to be "weep" holes in the bottom of the pockets. More research confirmed that there were, indeed, typically two weep holes in each door pocket, a 6-mm chromed grommet punched in two panels. I ended up finding the proper grommets and fabricating special tools to install them.

The 2020 Werks Reunion at Amelia Island was the first showing of 119205. I could not be happier or more proud with this car; it looks and drives great. I even got one marriage proposal and one "can I come and live with you" invitation. The 356 Nirvana is alive and flourishing. The car will be at our Zone 12 ZoneFest on Memorial Day in Melbourne, so our Florida friends can look it over. Our plan is to also show 119205 at the Natchez, Mississippi, show on April 2-5 (Ed. Note: Still cancelled as of April 9), where Porsche 356 is the honored marque. And it is also entered in the Kiawah Island event on April 18th (Ed. Note: Now November 7, 2020) where again Porsche 356 is the honored marque. Beth and I wish to thank our many friends who have played significant roles in helping us complete this journey. I would like to make special mention of Pete Bartelli. A lifelong friend, Pete and I have ridden our motorcycles across the United States and around the European Alps on several wonderful trips. Pete's Porsche 356 expertise and experience has been invaluable in the restoration of 119205.



Breakfast with Porsches in Venice

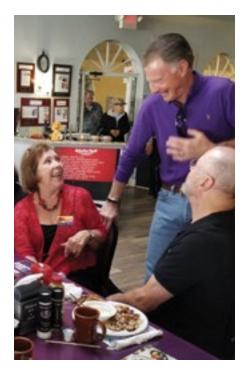
By Norm Sippel. Photos by Kathy Rossiter.

s Ed Rossiter said, the date for our $oldsymbol{\Lambda}$ breakfast was a once in 4-years event. And, we had it just in time before the Shelter at Home decree.

About 30 members and guests came to Burgundy Square Café and created a minicar show of Porsches on Miami Avenue in Venice. Our servers took good care of us and as far as I could tell, everyone had a great time. Evidence was that no one seemed in a hurry to leave and most people were there well before starting time.

I think that just like Gold Coast Region, we need to have more of these breakfasts and have them on a regular basis. Gold Coast has them on the first Saturday of the month in 9 different locations up and down the east coast of Florida, from Stuart to South Miami. With so many locations, no one has very far to drive, yet they can socialize with fellow Porschephiles on a regular basis. We could do the same since our Suncoast Region is even larger in geographic size with more miles between northern and southern cities/towns than Gold Coast, and our eastwest distance is greater as well. What do you think? Let Ed know of restaurants in your area that can handle about 30 people and have good parking. That means spaces wide enough for our cars as at Burgundy Square Cafe.

Meanwhile, enjoy the photos of our February 29th breakfast.













By John Sabatini

February 2020 TRSS Report

Suncoast PCA began hosting TRSS on the skid pad area outside of Turn 17 at Sebring around 2013, with an average attendance of approximately 35 students. Our most recent TRSS, February 2020, had 34 students who enjoyed a full day of driving activities, classroom sessions, and demonstrations. The students also got to drive their car on a parade lap around the 3.7-mile Sebring racetrack during lunch.

The typical TRSS day is a mixture of classroom and in-car exercises. The students spend a total of about two hours in two different classroom sessions. The rest of the time is spent doing in-car exercises in their car with a hands-on driving coach. The purpose of the in-car exercises is to teach the teens to control their car in unpredictable situations while learning the handling limits of their car. The in-car exercises are based on real world scenarios while driving their own car. We strive to have the teens master the application of driving physics using their car. They learn

to make good driving decisions and react more quickly. They work on skid control on a wet skid pad; go through lane-change/accident-avoidance maneuvers; perform threshold breaking/ABS exercises; and drive a slalom course to learn about weight transfer. The teens learn to become more aware and learn how to begin anticipating the actions of other drivers.

One of the most eye-opening demonstrations is the semi-truck demonstration. Bealls department store parks an 18-wheel semi-truck on site with cars parked around it to simulate highway driving. The driver gives an excellent discussion on the dangers and limited visibility for the semi-trucks. Each student and their parents get into the cab and close the door to demonstrate how little the driver can see and how many of the cars are not visible to the driver.

We are planning our next TRSS which will be in the fall, probably in October, at Sebring. As soon as we have more details, we will post it through the various channels. The TRSS schools are open to all licensed drivers age 16 to 21, using whatever car they normally drive so they will understand the handling characteristics of the car they drive, on a daily basis. For more information about the program, and to sign up for future schools, check out the Tire Rack Street Survival website at www.streetSurvival.org.

Thank you to Sebring International Raceway for their continued support of our TRSS program; thank you to past president and past TRSS chairman John Vita, and Morgan Stanley for providing lunch to the students, parents, and coaches; and thank you to all the TRSS coaches and volunteers who make our program one of the best in the country.

If you have any further questions about the program, or if any of our many experienced autocross and HPDE drivers would like to help out and coach at a future TRSS, please contact me at john.a.sabatini@gmail.com.







FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE COMMENTS FROM THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

Some student comments:

- Really liked the instructor's ability to make driving safety fun!
- I enjoyed the entire day and really liked my car coach Kyle; he made everything fun!
- The class was definitely worth the time. Would like more skid pad time and actual (hot) laps around the track.
- My in-car coach was great, and the classroom instructor provided easy to understand explanations.
- Really liked how hands-on and serious (but fun) everything was.
- My in-car coach was a great instructor, very kind and knowledgeable.
- The classroom instructor was very clear, experienced, and a great instructor.
- The day was not as scary as I thought it would be.

Some parent comments:

- Really liked how the student could drive and learn in situations that cannot be done on the streets.
- Liked the knowledgeable, committed instructors and the safe environment for learning.
- The texting video in the classroom was very powerful.
- Coach Andre was such a huge help and very patient.
- The instructors were great, and best learning by hands-on exercises.
- Overall assessment was Fabulous. The classroom instruction was Better than the Best, Excellent!
- There was so much passion in the teaching!

The First "Drops in the Bucket"

Ready for Life: A Story About Our Charity Support in the Time of Covid-19

By Bill Caldwell. Photos by Ready for Life staff.

s members of Suncoast Region, we Amost often think of ourselves as Porsche owners and enthusiasts, with a common interest of all things Porsche. At this juncture with Covid-19 and its horrendous impacts, we need to recognize that we have other shared member interests, one of most significant of which is giving member support to charities within our communities.

SUNCOAST REGION'S CHARITABLE **EFFORTS**

Ready for Life (or "RFL") is one local charity that we have a history, with a yearly regional event, and contributions and donations made at the time. To refresh memories, think of the yearly November wine tasting and dinner at Mike Kwasin's bay-front home. That event is designed to specially support RFL with its service mission through our members by event entry fees for wine and dinner, the monies collected through silent auction item-winning bids, and some very generous member-direct donations made to RFL at the event.

Yet unanswered at this point in this story is to learn what are RFL's primary undertakings as a local charitable organization? A setting is needed to outline its services.

THE SIN OF BEING EIGHTEEN

Local media from time to time looks at the plight of foster kids, children under the age of eighteen, caught in a local-state foster care safety net, and the system problems that faces these kids and their wards. However, there is a huge, largely un-discussed gaping



hole for these same kids/youths. That hole comes into existence when foster youths are no longer eligible for care, housing, and help under the foster care system because of their age—eighteen.

Many of these foster system-emancipated young adults are limited in needed life proficiencies and work skills. They may still be in high school, completely without individual strategies for obtaining food and necessaries, housing, or employment, yet the societal anticipation is that they are expected to be independent; because they are eighteen.

RFL SERVICE MISSION

Ready for Life (www.ReadyforLifePinellas. org) is clear about its service mission toward and for these kids/young adults:

"Ready for Life provides support, resources and guidance [that] former foster care youth need to successfully transition to adulthood...."

Behind RFL's mission statement for young adults coming out of our foster care system, what are its actual activities to support these youths in gaining life skills? Those activities are channeled to individuals by RFL offering a directed support network. Through an RFL office work team, RFL sets up individual staff/volunteer support networks for the young adults in its program. The individual's RFL network offers guidance and counseling as to job training, employment, housing, along with some donated food supplies and limited financial aid.

The limited food and financial aid normally offered by RFL are there only to help bridge any short-term breakdowns in an individual's progression to be self-sufficient. Also, and physically on-site at the RFL facilities, there is a small kitchen to teach basic know-how in home cooking, and showers for any individuals in the RFL program who may currently be on the street and homeless.

NOW TO THE PRESENT

As a direct effect of the Covid-19 pandemic, RFL is seeing a number of youths in its program experience job loss at their entry levels of employment, coupled with emergency needs by other individuals for basic necessities. Often those basic necessities are not available from other sources, as the governmental Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), the successor program to food stamps.



RFL, in response to the current crises within the youth population it serves, set up a Ready for Tomorrow Crisis Relief Program ("Crisis Relief Programs"), supported initially by foundations and organizations that offer matching donations. The now in-place Crisis Relief Programs supported by the current RFL donation campaign are:

- "Keep in Touch," which provides eligible youths with the lifeline of a phone for ninety days, making sure that he/she stays connected with RFL and its service programs.
- · "Emergency Utilities Recovery," which provides \$100 to help a household with one month of utility costs (individual youths in RFL service programs often live together).
- "Emergency Needs," which provides individuals with prepaid grocery cards issued by Walmart, Publix, Costco, and Sam's (\$20 each) for emergency basic needs; and gas cards for essential travel (\$10 each).

SUNCOAST REGION RESPONSE

Learning of RFI's Crisis Relief Program and to make offered matching donations to RFL a certainty, Suncoast, your region, through its



Executive Committee, and subsequent Board action on April 7, addressed RFI's urgent needs for its young adults by directing Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) be donated from our treasury to RFL. That check for \$5,000 has been cut and sent!

Hopefully, Suncoast's contribution is but one of the first drops in the RFL donations bucket, which in turn will enable RFL to

meet the current emergency service needs brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. Therein lays the story of our region's early response to a compelling charitable need within one of our communities. That being said: Suncoasters, the real and spot-on story narrative-it is about the RFL kids, the young adults, who we will help at this time of crisis!

POST SCRIPT, RFL'S RECOGNITION OF SUNCOAST'S CONTRIBUTION

We received an enthusiastic "THANK YOU...and the Suncoast Porsche Club so much for your amazing support and investment. Please know how much we all appreciate our partnership with the Porsche Club ...! ...during this time of crisis your donation will have a huge impact on the lives of so many. Please let the entire organization know how grateful we are."

Save the Date, We Are Not Done Here. Mike Kwasin confirmed that he would again open his home for the Wine, Wheels & Wishes Dinner for RFI's benefit on Saturday, November 7. See you there! ■





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Suncoast "Last Gasp" Tour to Linger Lodge

By Norm Sippel

n a beautiful Saturday in mid-March, a group of more than twenty Porsches set out from Wimauma for a tour of the farmlands east of I-75. Little did we know at the time that our world as we knew it would come to a screeching halt, just days later. What began in December 2019 on the other side of the world as an unknown virus, was now almost on top of us. And, as a result, this would be the last Suncoast PCA activity for a long time.

However, that's enough of the doom and gloom. The tour was great! Bill and Mary Caldwell found some great roads for us. This wasn't the first time Penny and I followed a route they discovered and plotted out. I don't know how they do it. But, we had more twists and turns than any drive since the Smoky Mountain tours. The only thing missing was the mountains of the Smokies, granted that many of the turns were 90-degree turns designed to go around farm properties. But, with little traffic on the roads other than Porsches, we did get to stress our passenger's seat-gripping skills. And, the scenes of horses, cows and crops weren't bad.

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The Caldwells had a couple of tricky route instructions that required close concentration. Nevertheless, I think we all caught them. At least we all ended up at Linger Lodge in Bradenton for a late lunch. While we dined on their back porch out in the fresh air, we didn't have much "social separation," and were surrounded by regular customers. Despite the potential danger, everyone had a good time and returned home safe.

No prizes were awarded for this tour. Remember, it wasn't a rally, just a nice drive through the low-traffic back roads of that part of Florida in our favorite cars

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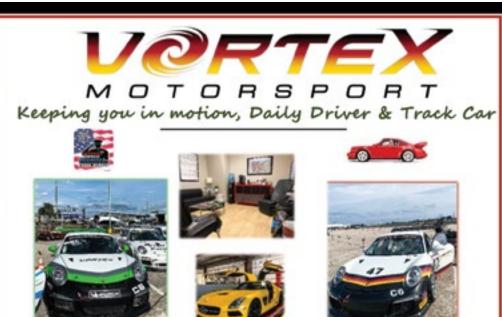
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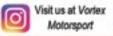
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that led to a nice social gathering with good food and camaraderie.

Bill and Mary have more tours planned for whenever we get over this Covid-19 situation. So, keep looking at our Event Schedule here in Profile and on the Suncoast website. Until then, enjoy the photos and videos on these pages. BTW, to see the videos, click on the "Video Extras" images in our digital edition. Don't forget that the digital edition appears on www.suncoastpca.org two to three weeks before you get the print edition in your mailbox.

Until the next tour, be well. ■





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Taycan Introduction at Reeves Import Motorcars By Norm Sippel

n February 29th after starting the day with" Breakfast with Porsches" (see coverage elsewhere in this issue), we had a second dose of Porsches-the gala Introduction of the new Taycan at Reeves Import Motorcars, a.k.a. Porsche of Tampa. It was the usual superb event produced by Kim (Reeves) Rogers and included the whole family—Kelly and Chris Rogers and, of course, the always wonderful Mrs. Vivian Reeves.

The Reeves family has always had a unique ability to make their customers feel like valued old friends. While Penny and I have only purchased two vehicles from them over our years in Florida, they treat us as though we bought a new car from them every year. That same attitude is what moved them to help Suncoast Region PCA begin doing Driver's Education at Sebring. They paid the club's Sebring fees.

The Taycan introduction was an evening filled with great food and beverages, entertainment and electric robots, as seen in the photos. It culminated with the silent arrival of a white Taycan Turbo S into the midst of the gathered crowd. While most of us in attendance had seen many photos during the past year, and some of us saw the Mission-E in person, seeing a production version up close and personal

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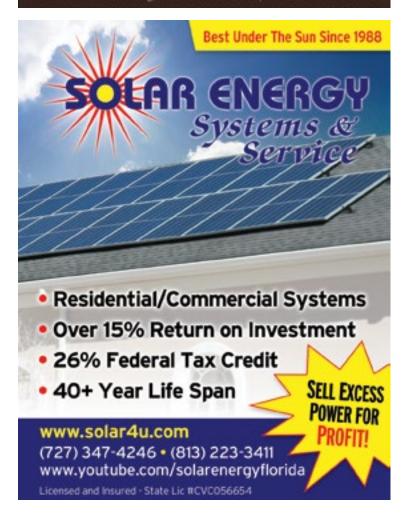
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Kim, Denise, Michelle, Mary, Penny and a Robot. No. They didn't drink all of those drinks.



was impressive. We wish them great success in selling them. If you can't handle the asdelivered cost that ranges upward from \$103,800, consider buying some raffle tickets, as a Taycan 4S is the Grand Prize in the Spring PCA Raffle. (See www.pca.org for details.)

For we who used to live much closer to Reeves, it was like old Home Week. We saw many of our old Suncoast and Maserati friends, as well as our friends from the dealership. Among them was Bill Eichman who was the Porsche Sales Manager for many years and is now retired. But, my first stop once in the store was the Parts Department to see Collins Thomas, Parts Manager. Just can't stay away from parts departments. Must be a reflection of what I did during my Junior year in college—I worked days as Parts Manager at my local Chevrolet dealer.

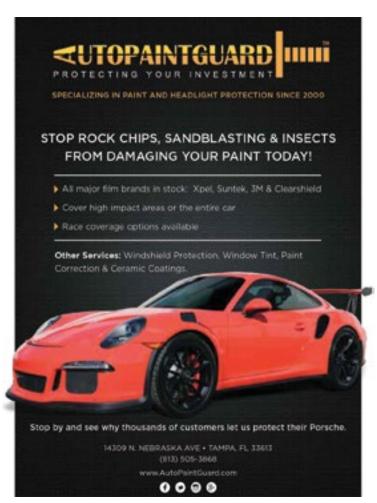
The Taycan Introduction party lasted until late in the evening. Our great thanks to Mrs. Reeves, Kim, and the others for inviting so many Suncoasters. We all had a terrific time.

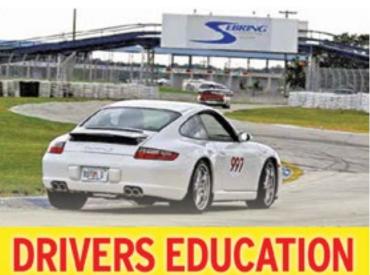












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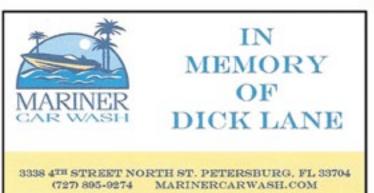
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What A Mess!

7ho would have thought that springtime would find us marooned? Our governor doesn't want us driving around and, with so many infectious people everywhere, who wants to be out and about anyway? So, it has to be time to work in our garages or catch up on our reading, or working on the next issue of Profile. Speaking of which, have you read the last issue of Profile yet? Have you read it online? Did you notice that you can go directly from a display ad to the advertiser's website? Have you viewed the videos linked to photos in the magazine? These hotlinks are just the beginning. We'll have more to come.

Now more than ever, we are depending on our digital devices to communicate. So, are you ready to move away from a printed Profile? PCA members in Connecticut did that in 2018. People say they like to hold the printed version in their hands. Well, how about reading Profile on a hand-held tablet? A standard-size iPad is only fractionally smaller than the printed version of Profile. The difference is that you get the digital benefits already noted, and you can enlarge the images for closer examination. Going forward we will strive to bring more and more advancements to the digital version. In that regard, if you have seen other digital publications that have features you would like to see in *Profile*, please let me know.

One of the last events we had in our region was a tour organized by Bill and Mary Caldwell. It took us over many farm/ country roads east of I-75 and was a nice break from the traffic of I-75 and west. (See article, photos and videos in this issue.) Having gone on drives with Bill and Mary over the years since we met them at a BMW Club event about 15 years ago, we can attest that once we are again able to drive freely and congregate at restaurants, Penny and I will be on as many of their tours as we can

manage. I remember one drive that we took heading to Amelia Island that took us through one of the Florida State Forests on a road that was walled-in by forests and, while straight, was as wavy as a stormy ocean. It was like riding a Roller Coaster. But, our two cars were the only ones on the road, most of the time. Wow, did we ever have lots of fun!

Based on educated forecasts, it may well be into mid-summer before we have a reasonable opportunity to have safe gatherings again. When we do, I'm ready for a looonnngg ride. Maybe to the Appalachian Mountains? (Ike, are you listening?) But, for regional tours, Bill and I were discussing that just today and he has some great plans and ideas to keep us safely distanced. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, take advantage of this time of isolation and do those long-delayed jobs on your car so it is fully ready when we are given the "green light." Once I finish this issue of Profile, I have a major task ahead on Penny's car. Its front bumper cover is just low enough to grab those "deadmen" in parking lots. Too many times one of us has gone over

one and despite backing gingerly, we have pulled the bottom forward too many times. Removal and flange bending is in the cards. The previous owner of my 991 also had at least one encounter with a "deadman" and that repair may not require bumper cover removal. Although, I may take advantage of the time to install a pair of radiator grille

> screens. With the bumper cover off (for Rennline grilles), I'll do a really good job of repairing the minor chips and scratches.

> Speaking of family, my two grandsons in Connecticut are now licensed drivers and I wish our TRSS coincided with their vacation time. Yes. Tire Rack does sponsor a TRSS in Connecticut. It used to be in conjunction with

the Connecticut Valley PCA, now it is with my old Connecticut Valley BMW CCA. Yes, I had a few Bimmers (Not Beemers—Beemers have 2 wheels.) over the recent years, although the one BMW CCA Oktoberfest I went to I ran my Alfa Romeo Milano Verde in the autocross and came in 2nd to BMW Guru Ray Korman in his twin-turbo 5-series. I used that same Milano in a PCA or BMW DE at Lime Rock once, too-a fun car for a company car. Yes, it was my company car.

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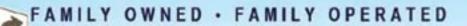
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