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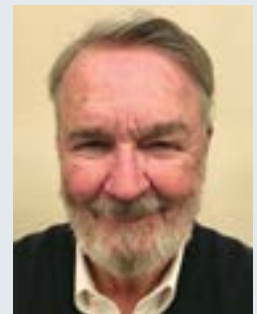
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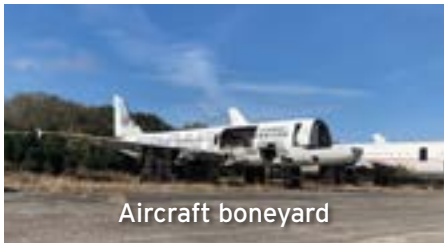
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# We're Off To A Racing Start!

After so many delays and canceled events, we've gotten off to a great start in 2021! Our event organizers hit the ground running. We held our first Driver's Education (DE) event of the year on January 9 & 10 at Sebring, with 138 participants. The weekend was a bit chilly for the Florida folks but everyone had a good time.

Our first social of the year was held on January 23rd at the Cambria Hotel in Madeira Beach. They provided socially distanced seating outdoors. We were able to enjoy wonderful food while finally seeing some of our great PCA members in person! Ed Rossiter did a great job finding this venue. The next day, January 24th, was the first Autocross event of 2021 at Brooksville airport coordinated by Kirsten and Jerry Eggert. Pat and I visited for a few hours to watch the action and were taken out for fun rides. It was beautiful weather and everyone had a great time.



Aircraft boneyard

As a (recently retired) commercial airline pilot, Pat was surprised by the local airplane boneyard.

The following weekend, on January 30th, Jim and Jeanne Hoey put together a fun Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) Rally. It was the first time Pat and I have done a Rally. We learned he is a much better driver than I am a navigator--we would have finished well had I not questioned a turn and sent us in the wrong direction. But we did manage to eventually rejoin the route and completed the Rally. Next time I'll read the directions more carefully!

Then we truly went to the races with the 48 Hours of Sebring--the biggest club race in the country hosted by Suncoast and Gold Coast PCA regions. While we were worried about what impact Covid would have on the event, attendees commented it was one

of the best club races in years! Many thanks to the 48 Hours Committee members, PCA National staff, numerous volunteers, and Sebring International Raceway staff. And a special thank you to the 48 Hours Chairmen, Josh Breckeen (Suncoast) and Dan Smithyman (Gold Coast). They put in hundreds of hours preparing for the event then working during the event, just to turn around and begin thinking about how to make it even better next year. Their leadership makes it all work. During the 48 Hours, Chrystal Smithyman and I volunteered as Steward Assistants, providing whatever support we can to the PCA National Race Stewards. This means we spend anywhere between 10 and 12 hours each day up in Race Control. We have the pleasure of working with amazing Sebring staff: RC Clark, Billy Kingston, Matt Muha, and Michelle Adams in the tower; the corner workers and safety team members who make sure our drivers stay safe and have fun; and track managers, Wayne Estes and Jimmy Anzuetto, who always make

us feel welcome and part of the Sebring family. Then every once in a while we get special visitors. This year, Amy Riches, Suncoast PCA Board member and Chief Track Instructor, brought her grandson, Sebastian Gonzalez, up to the tower to watch the end of a race from the tower. He loved how colorful the cars were and seemed to really enjoy pointing out the 944's! It meant so much to be able to see Amy. As some of you may know, her husband, Gavin Riches, passed away on January 9. Gavin was a long-time member of PCA and contributed significantly to our DE program. He was passionate about motorsports and introduced so many

Porsche owners to the joy of track driving and experiencing what these special cars can do. He was always willing to share his extensive knowledge, answering any and all questions that came his way. He loved life and lived each day to the fullest. He will be missed.

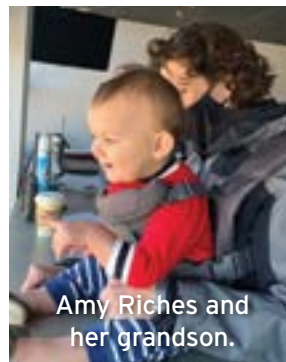
Volunteers needed for our 60th Anniversary Planning Committee! As I mentioned in the last President's message, Suncoast PCA is celebrating our 60th Anniversary this year! We do hope to be able to hold a special celebration this fall. But to do it right, it will take a lot of time and energy to plan. As such, I'm seeking volunteers to join our 60th Anniversary Planning Committee. If you are willing to serve, please send an email to me at [President@SuncoastPCA.org](mailto:President@SuncoastPCA.org) with your full name, phone number, and area(s) of interest.

On a personal note, our son Michael is slowly improving from the devastating effects of COVID. He is now able to use a walker to get around. He is at his home in Dallas, TX, staying there to be close to his team of medical specialists. Pat, Michael, and I are so grateful for your thoughts and prayers; they mean so much to us.

We continue to add events to the Suncoast PCA calendar. As a reminder, all events require each attendee to pre-register at <https://clubregistration.net> and complete any required waivers electronically. I do hope to see you soon at one of the upcoming events! Take care, stay safe! ■



DE Support Team



Amy Riches and her grandson.

Denise

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Register for events at [www.ClubRegistration.net](http://www.ClubRegistration.net)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the Coronavirus, events may be postponed or cancelled with minimal notice. Check the appropriate website for the most up to date information.

### 2021 DATES

- March 23 ..... Dinner at Pier 22, Bradenton. Watch for eNews announcement  
March 28 ..... Autocross, Brooksville Tampa Bay Regional Airport  
April 18 ..... Autocross, Venice Airport Festival Grounds  
May 16 ..... Autocross, Brooksville Tampa Bay Regional Airport  
May 21 ..... Werks Reunion at Amelia Island (Tentative). Registration for Werks is currently set to open on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 12:00 PM (EDT).  
May 20 - 23 ..... Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance and related activities\*  
July 11 - 17 ..... 65th Porsche Parade - French Lick, IN See: <https://www.porscheparade.org>  
Phase II Registration for events and banquets will be Wednesday, April 7 beginning precisely at 12:00 NOON EST.  
September 3 - 6 ..... Zonefest, Zone 12, (That's us.) Melbourne, FL See: <https://zone12.pca.org/zonefest>. Registration will be on ClubReg, and will open sometime in late spring. Stay tuned for updates and keep checking the Zone 12 page.  
September 11 ..... Autocross, at Sebring with Gold Coast (Suncoast points event)  
October 9 ..... BackDoor Tour to Sebring, Gathering Point (Sarasota) and Start Time to be announced in Suncoast enews and ClubReg.  
October 24 ..... Autocross, Brooksville Tampa Bay Regional Airport  
November 7 ..... Autocross, Venice Airport Festival Grounds  
December 12 ..... Autocross, Brooksville Tampa Bay Regional Airport (2021 Awards)

*N.B.: Check our website [SuncoastPCA.org](http://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](http://www.clubregistration.net) (See Denise Remus's article in January 2018 issue on Club Registration). ALSO see page 46 of Sept/Oct issue re. signing waivers.*

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

## Suncoast PCA 2021 DE Events

*All events at Sebring International Raceway.*

*Questions? Contact Denise Remus or Stephen Dodson at [DERegistrar@SuncoastPCA.org](mailto:DERegistrar@SuncoastPCA.org)*

March 5, 6, 7 | May 22 - 23 | June 26 - 27  
September 11 - 12 | October 9 - 10 | November 19, 20, 21

## 2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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

*All will be via Zoom until further notice.*

March 9 | April 13 | May 11 | June 8 | July - no meeting  
August 10 | September 14 | October 12 | November 9 | December 14

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### 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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### 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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### 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Don & Tim Bridges

Patricia Janssen

David P. Vanderbilt

### 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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Reginald & Wanda Gillis

William & Lynda Groom

John & Robert Bolles

Hercules Mihaelaras

### 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

John J. & John Campbell

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Anthony V. Esposito

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### 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Scott & Judy Thye

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Allen Lichter

Jacques Ghebali

Peter Stresen-Reuter & Marilyn Elias

Madison Fletcher

Michael Chauncey

Jade & Michelle Waltz

## STARTING LINE

Larry Mendez, Membership Chair

### MARCH/APRIL Welcome our newest members:

Steve Anderson	Clearwater	2019 911 GT3 RS White
Duncan Conner	Riverview	2006 911 Carrera Atlas Grey
Pete Doriguzzi	Lakeland	
Vanessa Gilyard	Fort Myers	2021 Cayenne Midnight Blue
Robert Kick	Valrico	2021 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
Steve Kromer	Sarasota	2017 718 Boxster Red
Stephen Linck	Tampa	2021 718 Boxster GTS 4.0 Silver
Vincent Lucente	Bradenton	2010 911 Carrera S Brown
Richie Marinucci	Bradenton	2019 718 Cayman S White
Paul Martin	Palm Harbor	2013 Boxster S White
Jonathan Negrini	Treasure Island	2010 Panamera Turbo Black
Chuck Phillips	Wesley Chapel	2009 911 Carrera S Cab Black
Jonathan Schneider	Clearwater	2021 718 Cayman GT4 Blue
Scott Schwind	Valrico	2011 911 Carrera Cab Black
Tory Skyers	Seminole	2017 Cayenne S E-Hybrid White
Stephen Smith	Tampa	1986 911 Carrera Targa
Thomas Stazak	Sarasota	2015 Macan S Silver
Mark Williams	Riverview	2014 Cayenne GTS
Phil Zimmerman	Sarasota	2019 718 Cayman S White
Robert Augustine	Sarasota	2018 GT3 Silver Metallic
Patrick Beaudoin	Venice	2015 Carrera S Cab Agate Grey
Conrad Calara	Palmetto	1999 Boxster Red
Bobby Diaz	Indian Shores	2008 Cayman 718 White
Sandra Dickerson	St Pete Beach	2021 Macan Miami Blue
Andre Doucette	Tampa	2017 911 Carrera White
Brett & Deana Emes	Ruskin	2018 911 GT3
Robyn Gunn	St. Petersburg	2021 911 Carrera S White
Michael Hand	Lakeland	2012 911 Turbo S Red
Patrick Knox	South Pasadena	2001 911 Turbo Gray/Black
Sandeep Kola	Bradenton	2021 Carrera S Cabriolet Aventurine
Robert Lamport	Tampa	2017 911 Carrera 4S GT Silver
Thomas Luzier	Sarasota	2017 911 Carrera Cabriolet Black
Andrew Lyons	Trinity	2021 911 Carrera Miami Blue
Quinton L. Marks & Dr Abeni El-Amin	Tampa	2014 Cayenne Turbo S Black
Larry Matthews	Tampa	1999 Boxster CV Silver
Marlow Miller	Safety Harbor	2017 911 Carrera S Cabriolet Grey
Ken Mosbey	Lakewood Ranch	2008 911 Turbo Cabriolet White
Terry Porter	St Petersburg	2015 Panamera Black
Jared & Christina Salinsky	Trinity	2017 911 Carrera S Blue
Rogério Schiavo	Sunny Isles Beach	2007 911 Turbo Artic Silver
Rafael Silva	Bradenton	2020 911 Carrera 4S Red
Drew Smith	Sarasota	2008 Boxster S Blue
Chris Speake	Fort Myers	2015 911 GT3 991 Blue
Chuck Stephen	Bradenton	1999 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Margaret Taylor	Tampa	2016 911 Carrera White
David Welch	Bradenton	2016 Macan S
Andrew Wit	Tampa	2006 Cayman S

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# Dateline March 2000

The new Board of officers for Suncoast Region were very organized this year. The team got together in December of 1999, set up some plans and goals and asked each officer to plan their events for

the year and have as much done as possible before the first board meeting in 2000, scheduled for January 5th. Everyone did their homework and brought their plans for the year. A preliminary schedule for the

entire year was posted and provided for the first meeting in January and the first Profile of the year. Now that's an "Enthusiastic" board of officers. The schedule they came up with is attached. ■



## 2000 Events Calendar

January 8.....	Membership Meeting at Dave White Motorsports, Swap Meet, 2:00 p.m.
January 22.....	Suncoast Driver's Education at Sebring, new course
February 4.....	Membership Meeting at Bert Smith Porsche, 7:00 p.m.
February 11,12,13.....	48 Hours at Sebring
February 27.....	Suncoast Autocross, at MacDill, See Page 8
March 4.....	Membership Meeting/Rookie Weekend at Reeves Motorsports
April 7.....	Membership Meeting at Dupont Registry Exotic Car Museum, 7:00 p.m.
April 30.....	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See Page 8
May 5.....	Membership Meeting/Wurth Products/Novus Glass at Stadium Lincoln Mercury, 7:00
May 13.....	Suncoast Driver's Education at Sebring, full course
May 26,27,28,29.....	Zonifest
June 2.....	Membership Meeting/Joe Hoppen speaker at Suncoast Porsche Dealership, 7:00 p.m.
June 4.....	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See Page 8
July 2,3,4,5,6,7,8.....	Parade in California
August 5.....	Membership Meeting/Art Stemler's Barbecue, 2:00 p.m.
September 3.....	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See Page 8
September 8.....	Membership Meeting/Grouper Cookout/Wine Tasting, at Curts Gaines Hall Architects , 7:00 p.m.
October 7.....	Suncoast Driver's Education at Sebring, full course
October 8.....	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See Page 8
October 14.....	Membership Meeting TBA
November.....	Membership Meeting/Annual Pig Roast TBA
November 18.....	Instructors Day at Sebring, new course <i>invitation only</i>
November 19.....	Suncoast Driver's Education at Sebring, full course
November 26.....	Suncoast Autocross at MacDill, See Page 8
December 1.....	Membership Meeting/Christmas Party at Mike Kwasin, 7:00 p.m.

### Other 2000 Events/Socials

(dates to be announced)  
 Der Sonnen Stadt Grosser Pries  
 Halloween Party  
 Faith Children's Home Party  
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## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

By George Wienhold, Profile Photo Editor



## The Place To Itself

Having been on lockdown for the past 11–12 months has given most of us some time for ourselves. At times the quietness is both relaxing and creative. Which brings me to this month's Photo of the Month. Here sits a Porsche, a gorgeous one at that, all by itself. Talk about social distancing. Ralph Porzio's 2014 Amaranth Red Carrera has the entire floor to do whatever. This image was taken at the Poe Garage downtown Tampa near the Straz Performing Arts Center, if you are wondering.



What I like about Ralph's photo is the mixed lighting balance. It is very hard to capture that variety of light with any image maker. Sure, our eyes have no problem adjusting to variable highlights and shadows, but to do it with a sensor, it's tough. Whenever you get a lighting situation like Ralph's, squint your eyes, kind of like a Melania gaze. Some of us who used to shoot the old-fashioned film cameras would "stop down" the lens to get a better feeling on the lighting. This photo not only captures

this beautiful Porsche and it is at idle; if you "squint" a bit, you can see that it's really ready to take off! Good job Ralph.

While this COVID-19 is continuing to play havoc with our lives, we do still have our Porsches to make us happy. So go out there, find a nice place, and practice social distancing. It is very easy now that no one is out doing anything—and send me your best shot. If I like it, I'll send you a nice Porsche hat and a little surprise. Thanks to everyone for submitting your beautiful photos. ■

*George*

# Buying A Used Porsche?

So, you want to buy a used Porsche. Good for you!

Porsches are one of the best cars to purchase used for many reasons, among them:

- Porsches make the best mid-life crisis fulfillment...I know, I've had nine... cars, not mid-life crises.
- Porsches are generally well-cared-for cars by their owners.
- Porsches are built to last.
- Porsches look great ...especially the oldies.
- Someone else took the new-car depreciation hit.

This is one of the best times to purchase used because it's a buyer's market, but the experience could get overwhelming if you don't have a plan. (Ed. Note: Due to COVID-19, many Porsches have had little use in the past year. So, you can probably find good low-mileage recent models.)

There are a bunch of questions you need to ask, such as:

- Which car do you want?
- Are you looking for a sporty two-seater (Boxster/Cayman) or do you need the rear seats in the Carrera?
- Maybe you're looking for the comfort of the Panamera or the utility of the

Cayenne or Macan, or the electric Taycan.

- You should have your wish-list of what you want and which are the must-haves (options, engine/HP, transmission, colors, etc.).

### Where do you find it?

There are several places where you can go look, such as: [Cars.com](https://www.cars.com); [AutoTrader.com](https://www.autotrader.com); [Craigslist.com](https://www.craigslist.com); [eBay.com](https://www.ebay.com); and multiple Internet boards such as [PedrosBoard.com](https://www.pedrosboard.com); [Rennlist.com](https://www.rennlist.com); [PCA.org](https://www.pca.org), etc.

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extend the search area. Many buyers have realized that their particular location might be a detriment to their search, so they have started looking in the two heaviest-populated Porsche regions in the world: Southern Florida and Southern California. (Ed. Note: Our first Porsche came from a used-car dealer in Laguna Beach, CA; the 2nd & 3rd from local dealers here in SW Florida.) The other advantage of looking in these two areas is that the winters are very mild, thus there are many cabriolets available and there is no salt/slush on the roads making for a cleaner undercarriage with very little metal corrosion and paint damage.

When buying a pre-owned car, you can buy from the owner/seller or through a dealer.

Whatever you do, make sure that you get a PPI (Pre-Purchase Inspection) from an independent and reputable source. A knowledgeable inspector can save you thousands of dollars and thousands of future headaches for a small investment.

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Good inspectors specialize in air-cooled, water-cooled, mid-engine, SUVs, etc. Every one of these cars has its own nuances and quirks and it takes a real expert to find them and put them in the PPI report so you have the correct information. For instance, an air-cooled specialist may not pick up the fact that a water-cooled car is leaking from the IMS bearing instead of from the rear main seal, and that makes a BIG difference. (Ed. Note: I checked with some of the Orange County Region PCA members for a recommendation. They suggested one in the next town to Laguna Beach. Then a really good friend from L.A. went down to watch while the PPI was done. Only a few minor things were found.)

A proper PPI will also include multiple photos and a written report that explains, among others, the condition of the exterior (OEM, paint-thickness measurement

in every body panel, whether it's been resprayed, if it's had any body work/accident), the condition of the interior, of all of the electronics, the powertrain (engine, transmission, suspension), etc.

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Many people rely on just a CarFax to make their used-car-buying decision. Although a CarFax is a good resource, you need keep in mind that the CarFax will only show the information that has been reported to them, and there's a lot of information that never gets reported.

So, what are you waiting for?

Go to your laptop, tablet or smartphone, and let the searching begin! Good luck hunting.

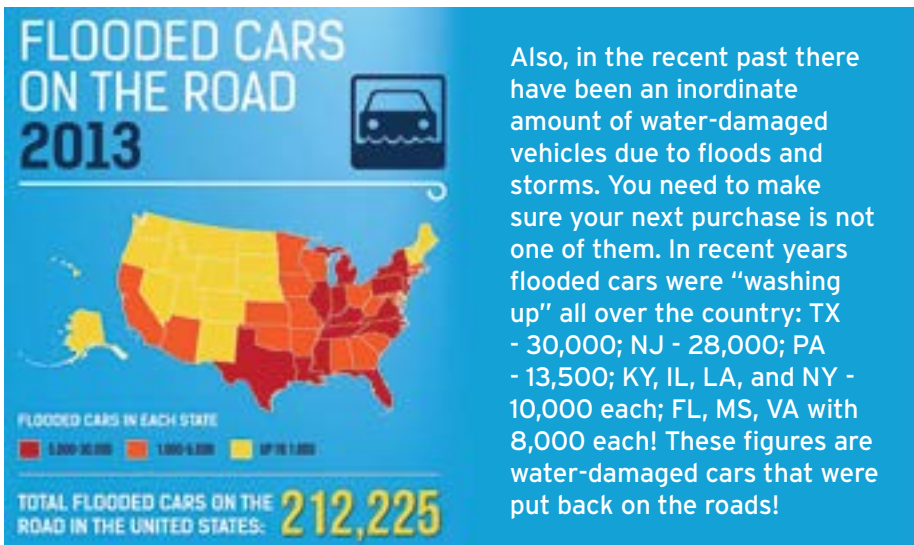
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# TSD Rally Success!

Look at all the smiling faces (under those masks...!) That's a sign of a fun rally day on January 30, 2021. The weather was perfect, the starting and ending county parks were beautiful and uncrowded, the rally school was informative, and the rally started right on time. I should also mention that the coffee was hot and the donuts were delicious!



Gathering of TSD Rally drivers and navigators.



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And let's not forget our volunteers. We could not put on these events without their dedication to making this a fun, safe day for all participants!

There were 14 cars competing for best time and miles. The total route was 58 miles; total time was 1 hr 15 min, with 5 checkpoints. Every car with a navigator safely made it to the finish line. One brave soul tried this without a navigator and was a DNF. We do not recommend running a TSD rally "solo," since there are many route instructions and timing controls to consider.

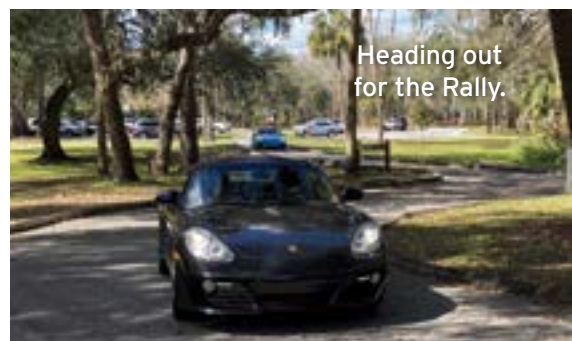
Our next rally will be a Gimmick Rally. At this time it is looking like we could run this in late April or early May. A few scheduling obstacles are in our way. This rally will involve entering buildings, businesses, museums, etc. We may not wish to run this as long as COVID is still inhibiting our daily lives. Some of us are OK with being inside wearing masks, while others are holding back on such indoor activities. Stand by for further information about this rally via the Suncoast eBlasts. ■



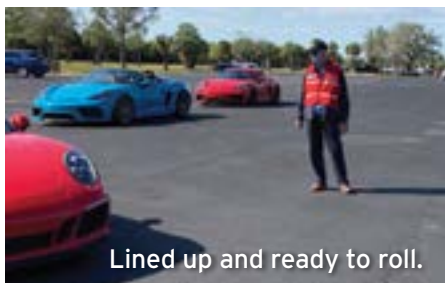
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# Events on the Horizon for 2021

January proved to be a great month for a social event. We were invited by the mayor of Madeira Beach, John Hendricks, and the management of the Cambria Hotel, to host a luncheon there on Saturday, February 23rd. It was a great time. Not only was this a new hotel, which only opened this past November, but it provided our group with fantastic views overlooking the waterway, and the third-floor patio was a large outdoor space accommodating our 44 guests. We were feted to a special menu, which provided a variety of luncheon items and a full bar. We received positive comments from a number of our guests.



have outside, and if it can accommodate a good size group. Please call me and I will talk with them. We also look for places that have parking which will accommodate our Porsches with confidence and security, so our members won't feel uncomfortable bringing their pride and joy out to the venue. Our club may be all about the people, and not the cars, but we still have the cars and we still care about them.

See you at an event soon. Just keep checking on Club Registration. We plan to have at this time one event per month, mixing Saturday breakfasts and luncheons, and midweek dinners. ■

The month of February will see us host a breakfast at the Grove Restaurant and Ballroom in Lakewood Ranch on February 20th. This was suggested by two of our members, and we are looking forward to another great time as well. Since we are having outside-only events, we will be limited to a total of 22. There is support from some of our members to have a future monthly event at this restaurant. Stay tuned.

Our social events so far this year have been suggested to us, by members of our club, from their experience at a restaurant, or other location. We hope to see much more of this. It is impossible for me or my helpers to know all of the good restaurants, and or other venues that would accommodate the size of group we are now having on most occasions. Since we are now only having our events outside, so many of our favorite places are not able to give us the room we need. Also, we must take into account the weather, and as all of us who live in Florida full time, we have to remember this is "Season." It means some places aren't interested in hosting us until late spring after the crowds leave. Several times now, I have been told to wait until after March or even April to plan an event at their place of business. So, I will ask everyone who reads this article to think about your favorite restaurant or other place of interest, see what space they might



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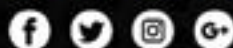
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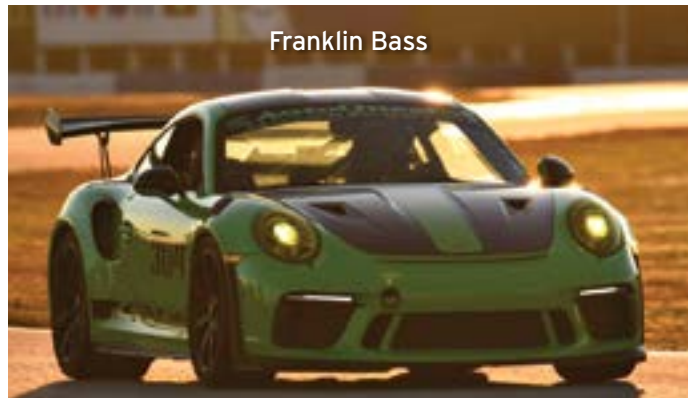
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# Let's Reverse Tour

By Bill Caldwell and Mary Hill-Caldwell

**T**ours: Crewes Lake Wilderness Park? Philippe Park? Familiar Names?

Both parks would be familiar names to you if you, your navigator, and your Porsche had joined other Suncoast Region members on the "Let's Reverse...Tour," Tuesday, December 29, 2020. As a gathering place, Crewes Lake Wilderness Park in east central Pasco County is a nice "pocket park," with open shelters, great hard-surface parking, and very clean indoor loos (toilets). Drivers and navigators for seventeen Porsches (eighteen with our 911) were at the tour start. At the appointed hour, we had a drivers' safety meeting, and announced the six run groups.

In Run Group 2 led by Roland and Kerstin Westerdal, and in the rocking chair (car number two out of three), Pete Heinz and his 2016 white Turbo S are pictured at the Crewes Lake Start.

As the leader of Group 3, Bill Sumansky is found walking the lot incognito with his high-fashion gaiter mask raised. Fortunately, he had an excellent navigator, Tori Lewis (a big win), who managed to guide their 2018 blue Cayman S to the Philippe Park finish without any off-route shunts (another big

win). Definitely, this outing was a win-win event day for this team.

The 47.6-mile Let's Reverse Tour was first outlined and then set up by Mary Hill-Caldwell, my co-tourmeister. The tour route started outside the metro area, and used both arterial boulevards and quasi-country roads to drive into metropolitan Safety Harbor and bayside Philippe Park. Yet the route still managed to retain the feeling that you and your navigator were driving on roads that favor Porsche cars.

At the finish, we had a reserved shelter with a large parking area, both of which allowed tour participants to safely meet and socialize in this time of Covid-19. All in all, the tour allowed many of us to get out and enjoy our Porsches in most favorable weather and enjoyable road conditions, and to either connect as first-event members, or reconnect as long-time Suncoasters. A driving event doesn't get much better with those dynamics!

For those who are interested in touring, below is a full sampling of Tour Run Groups, which as individual sets of three cars are released two to three minutes apart at the start.

**Tour Run Groups by Drivers** (Tuesday, December 29, 2020)

- Briest [blue Carrera]; Bobbitt [white Cayenne]; Krekorian [red Targa 4S].
- Westerdal [sapphire Carrera]; Heinz [white 911 Turbo S] (Single – Rocking Chair); Ernst [white 911 S].
- Sumansky [blue Cayman S]; Pierson [blue 911 C2S](Single – Rocking Chair); Phillips [black 911 C2S].
- Mriscin [red Boxster]; Correnti [Silver 911]; Myers [lava-orange Cayman and photo car of the month in Profile].
- West [blue Cayman S]; Kennedy [gray Carrera S]; Powell [seal-gray 997].
- Sippel [white Macan S], Harris [white 911 Cab]. This is the all-important sweep group; the group leader, Norm Sippel had the responsibility of an Aussie Sheep dog. He and his group got everyone to Philippe Park in Safety Harbor, except for one breakdown that was parked at a service station and was not seen. But, they contacted Bill and Mary, and were recovered by them.

All ended well.

(Ed. Note: Bill & Mary found some great "Porsche" roads as is their forte. One I am told has been used by one of the participants as a fun road for their own Porsches.). ■





Waiting for directions.



Bill Sumansky regalling the troops.



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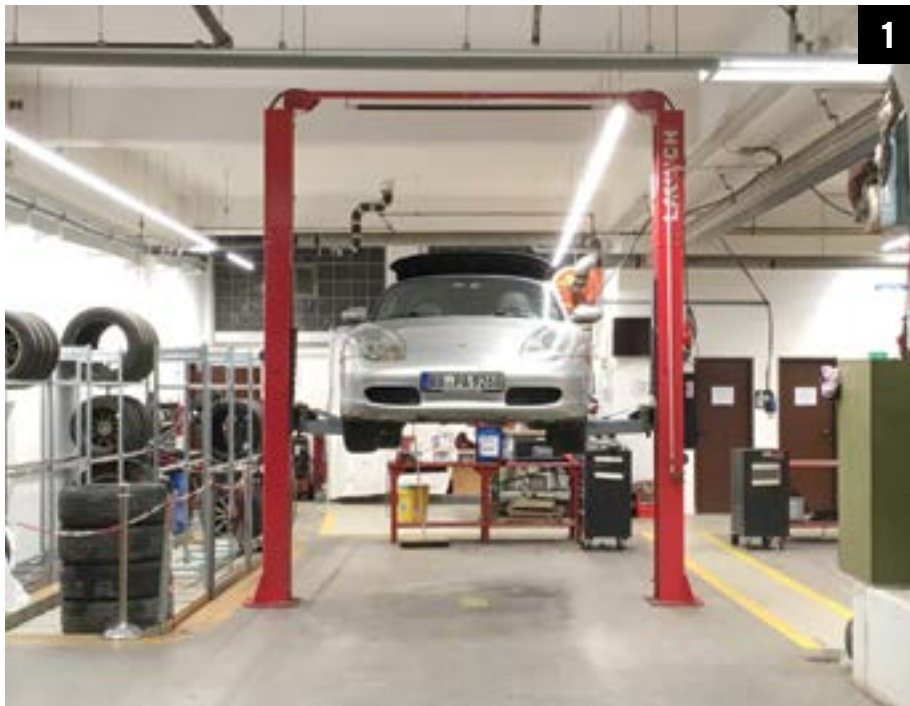
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# DIGGING IN

## Replacing VarioCam Tensioner Ramps in a 2001 Boxster

By Jeremy Swiger, European Correspondent



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The grease under my fingernails is going to take a few weeks to wear off; probably a little longer than the few superficial nicks and cuts on my hands resulting from the myriad brushes with sharp sheet metal and plastic edges in the engine bay of the Boxster. For this past weekend, I undertook the task of replacing the worn-out VarioCam tensioner ramps on each bank of its engine.

From the day we bought the 2001 Boxster six years ago, I have made a point to cut open and examine the folds of the oil filter at each oil replacement. Yes, I am an engineer and I wear my anal retention with pride. Joking aside, my wife and I had educated ourselves of the M96 engine's infamous Achilles heel, the IMS bearing, prior to purchase, so I thought it appropriate due diligence to regularly examine the filter for metal particulate.

I have never found any.

However, with increasing occurrence, each oil filter presents shiny brown slivers, flecks, and the occasional pebble of brown plastic. A little more than a year ago, I started researching the source of the plastic flakes. About the same time, I purchased a Durametric scan tool for more advanced diagnostics than my \$12 eBay special OBDII scanner offered (CAM Deviation Screen Capture). I could have fired the "parts cannon" and ordered new VarioCam tensioner ramps on assumption, since the issue is well documented. Armed with the knowledge of the interwebs, I probably would have been right. But I am a sucker for new tools and really like *continued on p31*



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Holding blocks in place.

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to confirm a diagnosis to the greatest extent possible (for a hopeless shade-tree mechanic) before sinking money into parts that may not be necessary.

So what did the great thinkers of the Internet forums think?

First, the plastic chunks indeed come from the VarioCam tensioners that mechanically adjust the position of the intake camshaft relative to the exhaust camshaft on each cylinder bank. This diagnosis proved true in



Getting set up.

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Arrived in the snow to start work.

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my case. (Pic 13, Pic 14) Next, camshaft angle deviation readings beyond the acceptable limit of  $\pm 6^\circ$  are, according to fearmongers, a warning of impending IMSB doom. However, in one forum post, Jake Raby, owner of Flat Six Innovations and a person synonymous with IMSB replacement in the United States said, "Cam deviations don't indicate an IMSB failure until the bearing reaches Stage III failure. By this point there's already metal laden oil in the engine. (<https://rennlist.com/forums/996-forum/875283-996-camshaft-deviations-and-ims.html>)

In my case, I found virtually no metal particulate in either the oil filter, or on the magnetic drain plug. This further confirmed the diagnosis of worn plastic ramps in my Boxster.

Last spring, with no place to perform the work (our old Auto Skills shop was closed, and at the time, there was no known opening date for the new shop), I started preparing. I ordered the necessary parts to correct the problem, *continued on p33*



Forward engine access.

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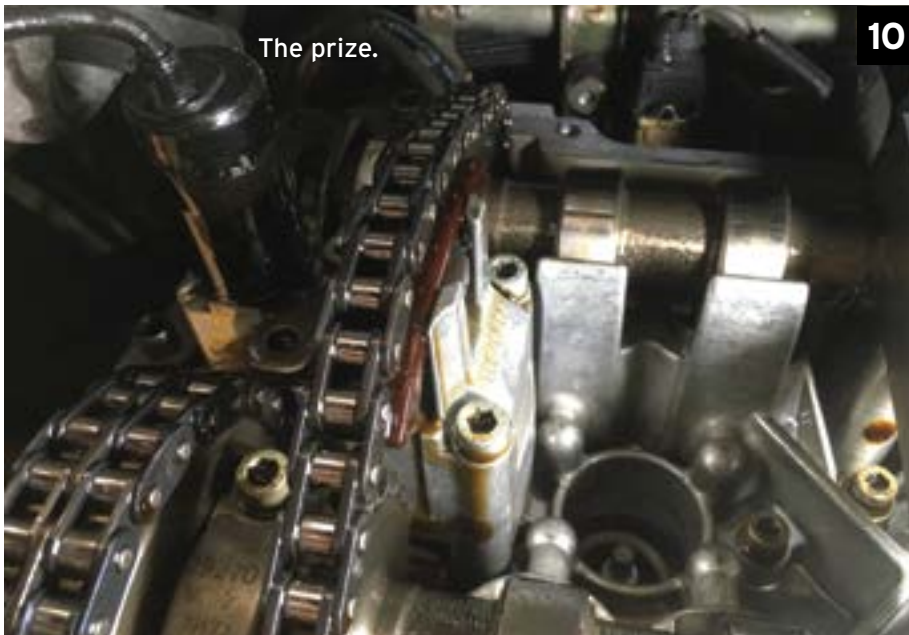




Top engine access.

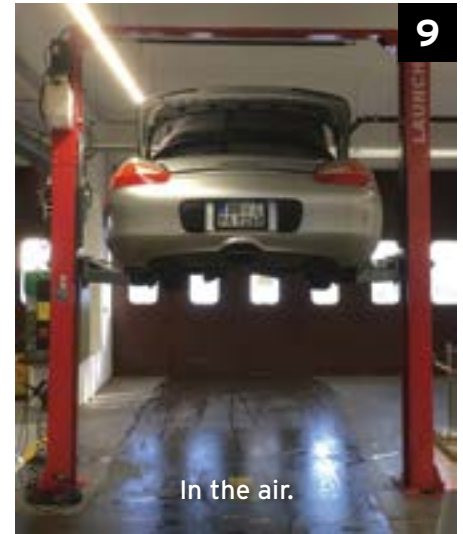


Tight access to the AC compressor bolts.



The prize.

including all the ancillary gasket and seals, which can easily be reached when the camshaft covers are off. I also took the opportunity to replace the three main timing chain tensioners with improved parts from Porsche (Pic 2). Additionally, I read as much as I could about the job. I “poured” over the How-To article on Pelican Parts, making notes not just of the instructions, but also the comments of other readers who found some of the corner-cutting suggestions simply didn’t work (e.g., using a zip-tie to compress the



In the air.

VarioCam tensioner). For comparison, I read the factory shop manual’s instructions and relied most heavily on it. Many of the special tools that Porsche designed for the job are now available on eBay and Amazon for relatively low cost. Buyer beware as the quality of some of these can vary greatly from good to abysmal. Fortunately, the set I purchased seemed to be of decent quality. My only complaint is that it did not come with some of the necessary mounting hardware for the support blocks (Pic 3).

Then, with nowhere to perform the work and nowhere to really drive the car due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I organized everything in our storage room and forgot about it for a while.

When the new Auto Skills shop opened in August, I started using it regularly, both for basic maintenance on our cars and to help friends with their own projects. It gave me a good sense of the new environment, the willingness of the staff to put up with a lingering project which lasts more than a day and the ability for help should I need it. I started making plans to finally perform the work, plans which on more than one occasion got delayed due to my own nerves about the job, my work *continued on p34*



Cam cover ready for cleaning.

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schedule, and by weather (we have received quite a bit of snow in recent weeks) (Pic 4).

Finally, the time came this past weekend. At the time of this writing, we are still under a full lockdown here in Germany and have been since before Christmas. Fortunately, auto repair shops are considered an essential business and our own Auto Skills shop never closed. With nothing else really to do, I loaded the Boxster with all the essential tools and parts and headed to the shop on Friday at noon. I decided long ago to plan three days to do the job. My goal was to complete it in two, but figured a wise man would plan an extra day to account for any hiccups. (Pic 5, Pic 6, Pic 7)



Camshafts lifters and variocam tensioner on the bench.

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I may have underestimated how much work this job takes. At its core, there are three bolts to remove the VarioCam tensioner on each cylinder bank, then the two plastic ramps simply pop off and new ones snap on. (Pic 10) But it took every bit of two and-a-half days to complete the job. This included having help! There are several reasons for this, not the least of which is the lack of access to the various parts that need to be removed to get to the tensioners. It includes removing the chain tensioners between the intermediate shaft and each bank of cylinders. The cylinder banks are rotated 180 degrees from each other, meaning components which are on the flywheel side on one bank are on the pulley side on the other. One chain tensioner is underneath the engine and the other is on top. (Pic 8) To get to the one on top requires removing the AC compressor from its mount and setting it on the center console inside the car. Add replacement of the inevitable broken plastic clips, removing rusted exhaust bolts, and fixing a broken vacuum line near the intermediate shaft-to-cylinder 4-6 bank chain tensioner, and the time quickly slipped away.



Variocam tensioner with old worn ramp.

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But slow and steady wins the race. (Pic 12) Attention to detail, re-reading the steps that had already been read, and having someone double check my work meant the car fired up on Sunday evening, sounded healthy, and allowed me to drive home. (Pic 9)

It would not be fair for me to take all the credit for this job. We have a great community of people here who are willing to lend a hand when needed. A few of my friends deserve honorable mention for stepping in to help when it was most needed. First, to new friends Drew and Russell, who are both fellow Porsche owners (Drew with a 1984 Carrera and a 997.1 and Russell with a daily-driven 993C4S) for showing up and

taking on the unenviable task of cleaning up one of the camshaft covers by removing excess sealant and for sticking around to make sure the lifters didn't fall out while I gathered the camshafts to re-install. (Pic 11)

Next, to Bobby, a fellow DIY mechanic who spent most of the weekend replacing the cylinder head on his own car in the bay next to me. Bobby gave me a ride home on Friday evening and picked me up again on Saturday morning. He also stuck around until the bitter end on Sunday evening, after finishing his own car, to help me get all the ancillary bits back on the Boxster.

To my good friend Steven, who works at the Auto Skills shop and is always on hand when the going gets tough. Steven took on the equally unenviable job of cleaning the other camshaft cover in preparation for re-installation. But more than that, he is a calming presence when things do not go the way they should, when you need an extra set of eyes on something or someone from whom to bounce ideas. He is also a master at finding solutions to the annoying brittle, plastic vacuum lines that always seem to snap at the most inopportune times.



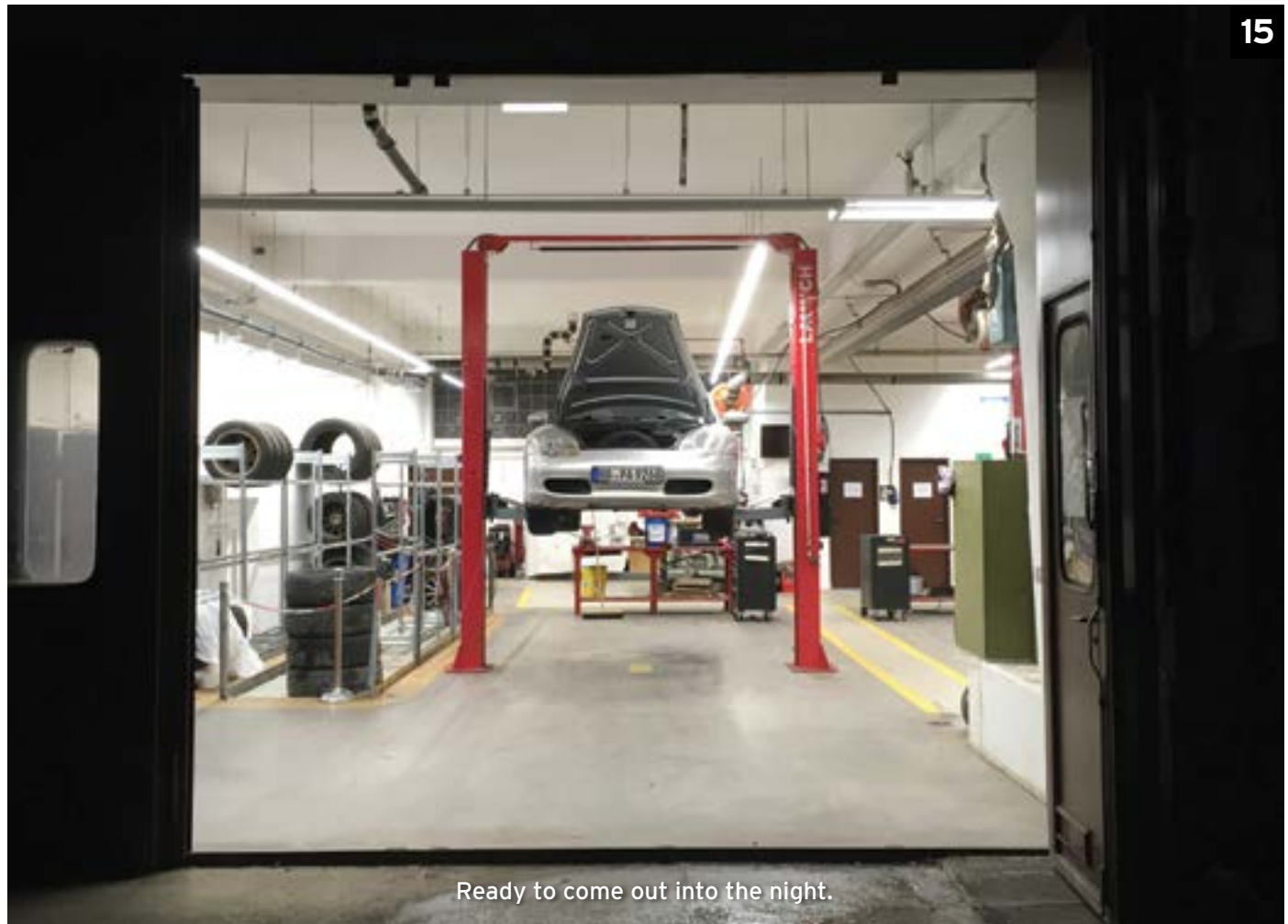
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Finally, I must thank my wife Kate for providing moral support, also lending a hand on the tedious cam covers, and for keeping me fed and making sure I drank enough water during the day! Really, this was a team effort and something that really attracts me to this hobby, in general.

I made it home with the car, just in time

for dinner last night. The persistent chain rattle on start-up seems to be gone and the car sounds, idles and runs great! ... And who knows, now that I have a better handle on how it comes apart underneath, I might be ready to tackle that IMS bearing replacement. (Pic 15)

Happy Motoring! ■



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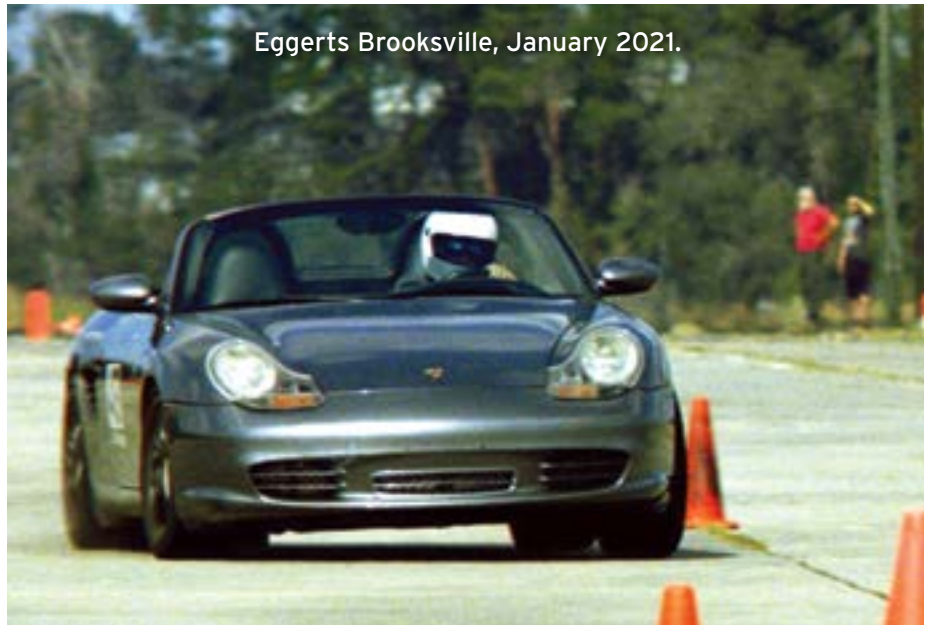
Ready to come out into the night.

By Kirsten Eggert, Suncoast PCA Competition Chair. Photos by Tori Lewis, Mike Kwasin and Andrew Eggert.

# January 24 - Brooksville Regional Airport; February 6 - 48 Hours at Sebring

Autocross #1 of the 2021 Season for the Suncoast PCA Region kicked off the New Year with a super-fast design that gave every class of car a chance to bring home the win! Our FTD was none other than Cory Corona in his Cayman S with a 38.393. Our top ten included a diverse group of cars with only a two-second difference from our illustrious leader. Our Porsche drivers filled in the #4 (Bill Cassidy 39.840); #7 (Danny Shields 39.887); #8 (Phil Borcan 40.100) spots. The Other or “XS” class continues to have a big turnout at our events and managed to achieve respectable times worth shouting out. Kyle Shader, in his '96 Miata, captured the #2 position with a 38.623 and PCA member, Rowen Suarez who brought his VW Golf R, came in 5th with a 39.843.

We were happy to have our very own Suncoast PCA President, Denise Remus stop by to experience our autocross event. I was happy to have been able to take her through the course to show her how much fun we have, safely, during these continued challenging times of the pandemic. Denise also provided t-shirts that she awarded during an impromptu “tech quiz” during our lunch break!



Eggerts Brooksville, January 2021.

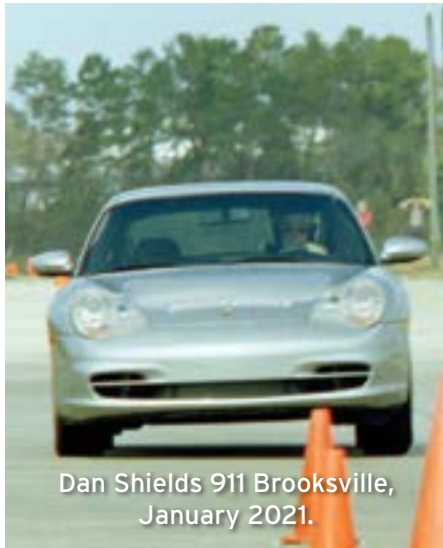


Bill Sumansky Brooksville, January 2021.

Autocross #2 was held on the Saturday of the 48 Hours at Sebring. Hosted by our neighbors from the Gold Coast Region, Steve and Dottie Kidd continued the annual “Suncoast-Gold Coast Autocross Challenge.” We had nice turnout, with half of the drivers being members from Suncoast.

## PCA Autocross - February 2021

Class	#	Last	First	Year	Car	2/6/2021 best time	Overall Place
M02	50	Corona	Cory	2006	Cayman S	41.940	1
P06	139	Revuelta	Ernie	2014	Cayman S	43.900	2
P08	19	Mintz	Howard	2020	GT4	44.250	3
M02	44	Lush	Greg	1993	911 RSA	45.160	4
P05	28	Sumansky	Bill	2004	Boxster S	45.620	5
P06	98	Trainor	Edward	2007	Cayman S	46.090	6
S05	5	Shields	Danny	2002	Boxster S	46.270	7
P06	11	Swope	Russell	2000	996	46.320	8
P04	4	Kidd	Steve	1989	944 S2	46.410	9
I02	49	Eggert	Jerry	2003	BoxsterS	46.770	10
P06	777	Cassidy	Bill	2018	718	47.050	11
P06	30	Alaisa	Rene	2009	Boxster S	47.220	12
P05L	82	Lewis	Tori	2004	Boxster S	48.580	13
P06	449	Cross	Don	2008	Boxster S	49.040	14
S05	21	Tamandli	Bob	2003	Boxster S	49.230	15
P07	115	Royals	Terry	2012	911 Cab	49.510	16
S06	9	Young	Adrian	2007	911 Carrera	49.570	17
I02	48	Eggert	Kirsten	2003	BoxsterS	49.830	18
S06L	301	Ditrichs	Carolynn	2006	Boxster S	50.010	19
S06	47	Petkov	Jay	2014	911 Carrera	50.180	20
P06	911	Sotolongo	Ernesto	2005	911	51.250	21
P02	2	Thomas	Bradley	1988	924 SE	52.110	22
S05	999	Jones	James	2008	987 Boxster	52.130	23
.SN	10	Osterchrist	Keiko	2018	GT3	54.010	24
P01	912	Kwasin	Mike	1969	912 Targa	54.090	25
P01	3	Regenold	Tim	2014	Cayenne Diesel	55.610	26
.SN	76	Jones	Alejandro	2008	987 Boxster	58.090	27



Dan Shields 911 Brooksville, January 2021.

Weather held out in the morning for 27 drivers to complete 5 timed runs each, plus a few “fun runs” to continue sharpening our skills on a challenging course incorporating a double loop on the skid pad. Suncoast won FTD with Cory Corona finishing with a blazing 41.940. Gold Coast had a fast showing, especially in a crowded and competitive P06 Class with Ernie Revuelta taking 1st place in his 2014 Cayman S at a quick 43.900. Suncoast Ed Trainor at 46.090 and Russell Swope at 46.320 took 2nd and 3rd, respectively in P06.

The 2021 “Autocross Challenge” came to an official end around noon and beautiful trophies, Sponsored by Champion Motorsport of Pompano Beach, were awarded to the 1st-place drivers in each class. Many of us then attended the



Gray GT3 Brooksville January 2021.

Sebring Track Tour for Charity, benefiting the Ronald McDonald House. A bit of rain came around lunchtime, but Steve and Dottie spent the time to reverse the course for additional fun runs in the afternoon! Thank you again to Steve and Dottie Kidd for putting together another fun and successful Autocross Challenge!

I look forward to seeing the regulars, and

## PCA Autocross - January 2021

Class	#	Last	First	Year	Car	1/24/2021 best time	Overall Place
M02	50	Corona	Cory	2006	Cayman S	38.393	1
.XS	513	Shader	Kyle	1996	Miata	38.623	2
BMW	22	Sherlock	Andrew	2017	M240i	38.877	3
P06	777	Cassidy	Bill	2018	718	39.840	4
.XS	121	Suarez	Rowen	2016	Golf R	39.843	5
.XS	21	Smith	Andrew	1990	Miata	39.868	6
Expert	5	Shields	Dan	2004	Carrera	39.887	7
S08	4	Borcan	Fulviu	2018	GT3	40.100	8
.XS	25	Byram	Tod	2005	s2000	40.108	9
.XS	125	Mulchi	Dan	2014	CORVETTE	40.253	10
BMW	46	Wright	Donald	2006	Z4 3.0si	40.625	11
S07	84	West	Brian	2018	718 Cayman S	40.887	12
I02	49	Eggert	Jerry	2003	BoxsterS	41.042	13
.XS	999	Hackett	Mark	2020	Subaru Sti	41.213	14
I02	48	Eggert	Kirsten	2003	BoxsterS	41.345	15
.XS	501	Van Glahn	Gene	2020	Mx5 Club	41.459	16
P06	98	Trainor	Edward	2007	Cayman S	41.460	17
P06	10	Swope	Russell	2000	996	41.471	18
P05	28	Sumansky	Bill	2004	Boxster S	41.713	19
.XS	713	Wong	Andrew	2000	Integra	41.732	20
S06	77	Laggan	Russell	2006	Carrera	41.846	21
I02	162	Eggert	Andrew	2003	Boxster S	42.510	22
P06	30	Alaisa	Rene	2009	Boxster S	42.714	23
.XS	161	Juarbe-Diaz	Soraya	2008	Honda Fit Sport	42.842	24
P05	74	Smith	Tracy	2001	Boxster S	43.079	25
.XS	8	Bridges	Tim	2019	WRX	43.454	26
.XS	272	Vance	Joseph	1999	Mazda	43.646	27
S05	31	Tamandli	Bob	2003	Boxster S	43.688	28
S08	32	Wade	Norman	2019	911 GT3RS	43.800	29
S06	251	Janisch	Kurt	2014	Cayman S	44.071	30
.XS	38	Frohnerath	Ricky	1996	Mustang Cobra	44.343	31
.XS	85	Meadows	Josh	2010	Mazda Speed3	44.525	32
.XS	54	Graham	Steve	2001	Miata	44.596	33
.XS	27	Lacorazza	Augie	2021	GR Supra	44.613	34
BMW	169	Herrick	Scott		235i	44.629	35
.XS	88	Sabatini	Cooper	2012	Cooper S	44.688	36
.XS	7	Redmond	Mike	1999	Miata	44.792	37
P06	9	Sabatini	John	2006	Cayman S	45.053	38
P05L	82	Lewis	Tori	2004	Boxster S	45.707	39
S06	99	Wade	Austin	2002	Carrera	45.851	40
.XS	29	Zollo	Gregory	2017	fit lx	45.903	41
.XS	81	Bridges	Don	2019	WRX	46.867	42
.XS	118	VanHoozen	Bruce	2007	CIVIC SI	47.207	43
.XS	731	Baron	Chris	2020	MUSTANG	47.378	44
P06	449	Cross	Don	2008	Boxster S	48.071	45
.XS	12	Seus	Kevin		VW Golf	48.482	46
.XS	91	Bryant	Alec	1991	Miata	49.601	47
.XS	851	Nanfro	Laura	2021	Mazda Speed3	51.603	48
P01	912	Kwasin	Mike	1969	912 Targa	51.884	49
S05	71	Kuhn	Geoffrey	2015	Cayman	52.360	50
.XS	0	Fonnotto	John	2021	Model 3	52.650	51

hoping for some new faces, at upcoming autocross events for 2021. And, I want to see more ladies joining in on the fun!! I'll look into hosting a free “ladies day” in one

of the upcoming events. So, keep checking [Clubregistration.net](http://Clubregistration.net) and [Suncoastpca.org](http://Suncoastpca.org) for the latest events calendar and full autocross event results. ■

# GARAGE ART (AND OFFICE ART)

By Norm Sippel. Photos by Linda Myers and Maury Hamill.

In the last issue I asked for you to submit photos of your “Garage Art.” Well let’s stretch it a bit to include “Office Art” as Maury Hamill did here. You may remember Maury from our March/April 2020 914 issue. The large photo of the red 914 appeared on page 28 in that issue among illustrations in his article, “Our First Porsche.” Surely, many of you have pictures on the walls in your garages and homes of your first Porsche. Please share those walls with us. Email your photos to me for inclusion in this section in future issues.

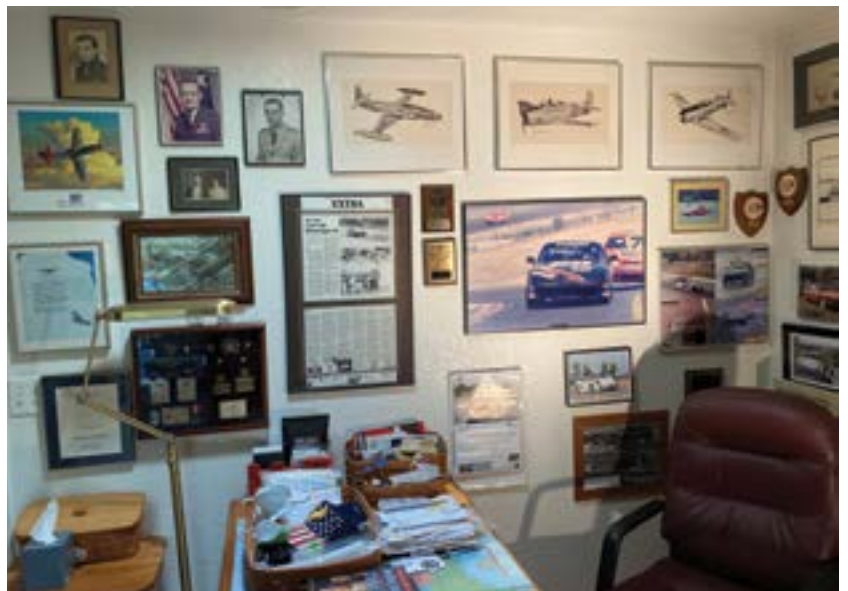
Linda Myers has a Porsche-centric collage in her red-walled garage with her red Cayman. Color coordinated, and celebrating a Concours award at Zonefest 2019.

Speaking of Zonefest, see the Schedule of Events in this issue on page 7. Zonefest is on again. Maybe. ■





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# Concours, Clean, and Other Matters— My New Sidekick

By Mary Hill-Caldwell. Photos by Bill Caldwell.

By November 2020, we had been pandemically confined at home for about eight months. In the period between March 2020 to November 2020, I “somehow” learned about car dryers, and soon developed a need for one. Looking back, I blame ads in the April Panorama on p.10, and in the May Panorama (“Pano”) on p.22, for perking my interest in car dryers, and specifically—MetroVac drying machines. Both the April and May ads featured a quote from Wayne Carini: “It’s a Lean, Mean, Car Drying Machine,” purposeful words that pushed me to go to [MetroVac.com](http://MetroVac.com) to view the company’s offerings.

The MetroVac Blaster Sidekick (heated air dryer) quickly caught my eye. The complete rig, weighing slightly more than 3 pounds, 5 ounces, could be hand held. Note, I weighed it on my kitchen scale, to learn if the ad claim of 3 pounds-plus is correct. As the kids say, Not!

The warmed air put out by the Sidekick is filtered. The air intake is covered with an easy change (“EZ”) foam filter and is located at the bottom of the Sidekick. The other big plus for the all-steel-bodied Sidekick is the air-channeling, 1.5-ounces nozzle is non-marring neoprene and semi-flexible (“nozzle”), which means no unintended paint scratches. (See, Photo #1.) Did I mention that November is my birthday month? So the Sidekick moved up on the suggestion list for gifts recognizing my day?

My mid-November, birthday gift arrived, and I finally got around to trying to fit it into my Porsche-cleaning routines. I decided to



The Sidekick with Nozzle  
- A Water Hunter.

wash the rims on the 997.2 Black Edition and the Macan S. As the short hose with the nozzle appeared to be a useful combination, I tried that combination first to blow the rinse water from the inner drums of the wheels. The short hose/nozzle combination on the Sidekick severely cut back on the forced flow of warm air. While using the hose/nozzle combination, the Sidekick was severely down on blowing power, which meant the forced air wasn’t completely removing the rinse water from the interior wheel. However, many of our car tools find other uses around the house, and I believe the hose/nozzle combination will be handy in other non-vehicle applications, where a lesser amount of forced air will do the job.

After a bit of experimenting on the Porsches,

I found the best approach to blowing water off the paint surfaces and wheels was to use the short flexible neoprene rubber nozzle directly mounted on the Sidekick’s warm-air outlet. This assemblage was the trick in removing the rinse water from around the lug nuts. However, I quickly determined as to positioning, that it was best to hold the Sidekick about 8–10 inches away from a lug nut and its wheel indentation. My first attempts on a number of the lug nuts were too close, and I received several free mini-showers.

I especially liked how the Sidekick dries the inside of the wheels and brake caliper assemblies, and its use definitely speeds those chores. I still used a long-handled microfiber-mop head to do the final touch on the interwheel drum, along with a microfiber cloth to finish the front of the outer rim and spokes. It is hard to break proven drying routines. Next, I am going to use the Sidekick/nozzle combo to dry the “303 Protectant” dressing on the tires, after the 303 initial application has had opportunity to set up to learn if I get a more even product application on tire rubber.

My overall conclusion as to the Sidekick’s utility is “water no longer has a place to hide” on our Porsches. Too, after judicious use of Sidekick’s warm air blasting on panels and wheels, water streaking on paint surfaces is almost a thing of the past. ■



The Sidekick with Hose-  
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# A Home for Your Car(s)

By George Wienhold

Sometime this past January, a friend of mine invited me to a gathering of Porsches. Being a sucker for almost anything Porsche related and having been stuck at home for way too many months, I accepted his invite after reassuring me that masks and social distancing would be observed. When he also mentioned a catered lunch, I was all in.

He mentioned that the event was being held at a condo. No big deal I thought, there's usually plenty of room to keep away from people. What I didn't know was what kind of condo it was. The place is called Wheel Base Premium Garage Condos. That's right, a place all of your own, as you do own it, to store your cars, to work on them, or just hang out with like-minded people.

It is located between Lakewood Ranch and Sarasota in a nondescript hurricane-impacted building in an industrial complex at the end of Sarasota Center Blvd. Being this close to these two places, I'm sure that they are going to need a larger place.

The event brought together a variety of about 50 Porsches and a few Ferraris, an Aston Martin, and a Chevy. Also, Suncoast Porsche had on hand the new Taycan Turbo S and presented an informative talk on the reality of this beast of a car. Trust me, it is FAST.

So, if you are running out of room for your collection of toys, you might want to check out Wheel Base Premium Garage Condos. ■



A unit with mezzanine.



From old to newest.



From where do we know this guy?



Wide view of some of the garage condos.

# Gavin Riches Memoriam

By Amy Riches

Where to begin?

We have all experienced the pain of losing someone we love. The beautiful experience of life and love on this earth has the caveat that death is also a part of our journey. Gavin fearlessly faced a certain untimely death with more courage and strength than I knew was possible. He was truly inspirational. Often he was asked how he was doing or about his prognosis. His response, with a boyish grin, was “Well, we are all going to die. I’m just trying to put it off for a while.” And that he did. He raced to the heavens on January 9th at home with his loved ones by his side. The outpouring of support, kindness, generosity, and overwhelming love our



family has received since his passing from our Suncoast “family” has been a tremendous source of strength and comfort to us. The stories and memories that have been shared with us make it

clear that he touched so many lives. I am so blessed to have you; thank you.

Gavin was well known in the DE sector of our region. Since we live in Fort Myers, it was difficult to participate in many of the club’s social activities. So, many of you may not know much about him. Who was this tall, thin guy with a funny accent that so many in the track group have mentioned, you ask? To me he was everything, he was my world. To so many others, he was the voice of experience, and a vast array of car knowledge. He was the guy who would happily talk your ear off about how to improve your car, and your driving; what car you should buy (from him, of course) or anything else, especially politics. His passion for cars, or anything that had horsepower started at a very young age in New Zealand. He grew up on a very large sheep and beef farm with his loving parents, sister and huge extended family. John Deere tractors were the first to steal his heart. I had to squash that aside a little bit to make room for me in his heart.



At home.



A corkscrew in New Zealand.



He loved John Deere tractors too.

His passion for farming and tractors never went away. That's a whole separate article. Once he was tall enough—note I did not say old enough—to ride a motorbike or drive a car, he was hooked. He started practicing his driving skills on the long, dirt roads on and around his farm. Some of the practice sessions did not always end well. Like the time he and his motorbike ended up in the river when his parents were away and he was not meant to be even riding it.

His skills improved significantly and he went on to do a tremendous amount of rally racing on dirt and tarmac roads in New Zealand. He won many of the races, championships, and hill climbs he competed in over the years. He then moved to the U.S. in his late twenties. His racing career was halted until the mid '90s. He then competed in a series called the Panoz GT Pro series and travelled across the country competing at most of the well-known tracks and accumulated 4 series Championship titles in 5 years. He also spent some time as an instructor at the Porsche Driving Experience and for other organizations. While spending time competing in the U.S., he also found time to go back to New Zealand almost yearly to compete in the Targa New Zealand rallies where he consistently finished at or very near the top of the field.

We got married in New Zealand and jumped straight into testing the marriage. No, this was not a test to see if we got along; it was a test to see if he could listen to me and go where I told him to go. The good news is that he listened very well; the marriage was sure to be solid. Note, that I had NEVER done this before, and he had always used very experienced co-drivers. No pressure right? We passed the test and finished the rally as third in our class despite driving an entire day with a shattered windshield. We won overall best time for 11 special stages, even against 4-wheel-drive cars.

We had a blast together. What a honeymoon! I had the tremendous honor and privilege to compete again in another Targa Rally as his co-driver. Let me assure you, that if there was ever any doubt in his driving skill or his ability to control a car, all you would need to do is sit in the car with him for 5 days straight while he ripped through winding roads that he had never driven before at speeds that are mind blowing. His skills were magical. In our second rally, he set the record for the fastest time ever recorded over a famous



Carrera S delivery in 2019 - 1 of 15 European deliveries.



Not your usual pit car.



Our last car ride together at Sebring.

mountain-pass road. Beyond the rallies, back home in the states, he continued to compete at Sebring in many races, with each one of them resulting in podiums or wins until 2015.

More than racing, Gavin found a much deeper pleasure in teaching others and sharing his knowledge, in order to keep people safe and go faster in their own cars. He was gifted with the ability to speak in front of a crowd and his quirky sense of humor in the morning drivers meetings, usually poking fun at me or something I had done, seemed to spread a contagious grin on the faces throughout the room. He always spent a tremendous amount of time trying to further educate the drivers and strived to help me make the Suncoast Region DE program the best in the nation and a program others looked up to. He initiated the idea and had the contacts to bring in Pro drivers to our events. He spent many years doing our annual track walk, and taught our instructor and solo drivers how to best react when the car starts to “misbehave,” as he would say. I have had so many people say to me that they have improved as a driver, or hear his words often. There is no greater pride than knowing he had that kind of impact. He would be so proud, but not of himself, but of the individuals and the achievement and improvement they found.

Life beyond the track was dedicated to our business that specializes in Porsches, travel, family, and friends. He was fortunate enough to experience our first grandchild Sebastian for a little over a year. If there was ever a life-changing event for Gavin, Sebastian was it. He deeply adored him and the two of them shared a very special bond.

A little over 20 years ago Gavin purchased AutoQuest and transformed a used-car dealership into a successful luxury and sports-car dealer. After the recession, the business began the evolution into what it is today. This was driven by the plethora of customers seeking his expertise in setting up, modifying, and buying Porsches. We are now one of the largest Porsche GT specialty shops in the country and are privileged to have incredible technicians. Going forward, I will continue with AutoQuest and keep his legacy going with all that he has taught us over the years about how to make Porsches safer, faster, better, and more beautiful. If you should call, the main difference is that I am not as likely to hold you as a phone hostage as long as he would have.

Gavin lived life. Once he was diagnosed with cancer in 2015, the battle began. Despite the years of treatments, procedures, surgeries, radiation, etc., Gavin was determined to empty his bucket list and live life to the fullest with a positive attitude. And so he did!



His favorite  
- grandson  
Sebastian.

We spent an enormous amount of time traveling, doing European delivery of cars in Germany, spent time with friends, and, yes you guessed it, LOTS of tractor time. He got to drive the latest and greatest John Deere tractors with a dear friend in Minnesota where he pulled a few all-nighters just to drive the tractors during fall harvest. He drove tractors in Wales, the UK, and New Zealand. His lifelong dream of driving at

Bathurst (track in Australia) was filled when a friend invited us to visit and use the GT3 RS that we had helped build and modify. We were fortunate enough to pack in more memories and experiences in five years than most would do in a lifetime. He kept notes on all that we did. In the end, he had a list of all 92 cars and motorcycles he owned throughout his life. Fifteen of those cars were picked up as European delivery cars. Our last European delivery car was a 992 Carrera S. He was so impressed with the car and the improvements made to it. We traveled from Germany up to Norway with it and got to experience driving it at 182 mph on the Autobahn!!! Wow, what a car!

Gavin always said that the most precious thing in life to have is memories because when a person is gone, that is all you have left of that person. I have so many wonderful memories of the love and times that we shared together. Although my heart is shattered to pieces and tears are often shed, I am filled with the love we shared and cherished and can easily smile because of the years we spent together. He told me that these days would be hard, and he was right. He reassured me I could get through them with the memories and support from our track family. That has been proven beyond a doubt by so many of you.

My memories of Gavin, the strength he gave me, and the inspirational perspective on life he lived by creates a special bridge to span my path until we meet again. He will be 911 percent forever loved and missed.

A private Celebration of Life will be held on March 13th. ■

## Frank Eibell Memoriam

We are sad to report the passing of longtime PCA member and *Profile* advertiser Frank Eibell. Frank owned and operated Eibell Performance in St. Petersburg and serviced many of our member's cars for over four decades. He was taken by COVID-19.

Frank had extensive experience as a racing mechanic, starting as a teenager with Wayne Purdy Racing. After moving to California in the sixties, he became Chief Mechanic with Formula 5000 and Can-Am Series racing teams. He moved back to Florida and opened Eibell Performance in the mid-seventies and operated it until he sold it several years ago and retired. – Dave Huey



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Submit to George at: ogee125@gmail.com with "Profile Photo of the Month" as the Subject of your email. Images should be PDF or JPEG between 2 MB and 5 MB. Include your name, city, contact information and a few sentences about your photo. Photos must have been taken by the Suncoast member.



# Things Are Looking Up!

FINALLY, vaccines are here! After almost a year of chaos and misinformation over COVID-19, we have been enduring the battle of searching for the elusive vaccination appointments. I think there is more stress over trying to schedule an appointment than there was with avoiding catching COVID. I can't vouch for others, but for us it has been extremely frustrating. After so many hours of navigating websites that looked like the designers had no idea about priorities and hierarchies of web design, and add to that the day-by-day changes in hours that they would open. It was brutal. Finally, some semblance of order and logic began to appear. At that point Penny and I were registered in 4 counties and had decided to hold out for something nearby. On various lists, our numbers ranged as high as 66,000. One late afternoon, we received a text from Sarasota that our number came up. The next day we were vaccinated. Amazingly, the efficiency and organization of the vaccine site belied the chaos of everything prior. Now we could register for Porsche Parade. And, we did—yesterday—on Registration Day!

Now comes the planning—what events, what dinners, what tours or drives. It takes time to sign up and once there and in the Registration Hall, as we found out in 2018, there is no guarantee that you can get into events for which you registered.

Recently, we drove to Sebring to catch a bit of the 48 Hours action. The paddock looked as crowded as ever. In the past, I've compared it to the Sebring 12 Hour population of big rigs. I noticed rigs from all over the country. It truly is the biggest Club Race of the year. But, it isn't just a race. It is an autocross competition between Suncoast and Gold Coast and it's great for just catching up with old friends.

As mentioned above, yesterday was Registration Day, Phase One for Porsche Parade. In the past, it was a bit of a crunch. It was the same again. I lost track of how many "This site can't be reached" or "Access Denied" screens I saw in the 30 minutes it took to complete registration and room reservation. But, at least we have a room and PCA National knows we are coming. Next comes decision day for registering for events and dinners on April 7. Despite the distance and miles we will add to one of our Porsches, we'll be rewarded with seeing a lot of old friends and acquaintances and, best of all—meeting new people and making new friends. After all, isn't that what PCA is about? "It isn't just the cars. It's the People."

In that vein, Ed Rossiter our Social Chairman has been busy arranging

breakfasts, lunches, and dinners that are as COVID-responsible as possible. Coming up, we'll be back at Pier 22 in Bradenton; one of our favorite restaurants. Good food and service and a great location on the Manatee River. Date TBD.

Very soon, we'll be heading north to Howie-in-the-Hills for a gathering of 356's. (See Bill Caldwell's article about that in this issue.) Bill also has a recap of the "Reverse Tour" in this issue. We did that tour in our Macan. Bill, why didn't you tell me you were going to take us on some of the roads on which I used to love driving my Targa when we lived in Palm Harbor? They were Porsche sports-car roads. "Yes!" The "Mac" was good, but not as good as my old 993 Targa had been on those roads.

As more people are vaccinated, we will have more opportunities for activities. Watch the Suncoast website Calendar of Events to see the latest. And, check out our Facebook page, too. Meanwhile, I'll get short-notice events out on the Tuesday eBlasts. ■

Until next time,




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