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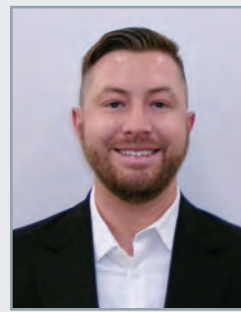
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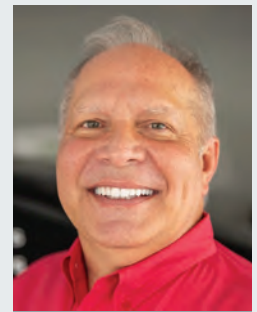
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President's Message: From the Desk of the President Colors, Curves & Community

by Jim Farmer

Celebrating the cars we love and the friendships that make Suncoast Florida Region extraordinary.

Fellow Suncoast Florida Region Members,

As Porsche enthusiasts, we are naturally drawn to great design, engineering excellence, and the unmistakable presence of a Porsche on the road. Whether it's Guards Red, Racing Yellow, Shark Blue, Gentian Blue Metallic, or one of Porsche's countless Paint-to-Sample creations, there is something special about seeing a Porsche that reflects the personality, creativity, and pride of its owner.

Our members take tremendous pride in their cars, and rightly so. Every Porsche tells a story. Some are meticulously preserved classics, others are daily drivers that have accumulated thousands of memorable miles, while many are purpose-built machines designed to excel on the track. Each one represents an owner's passion and commitment to the marque we all love.

Yet while the cars may be what initially bring us together, it is the people behind them who make our club truly exceptional. We are fortunate to live in a part of the country that allows us to enjoy our Porsches nearly year-round. Here on Florida's Suncoast, we have an abundance of sunshine, beautiful beaches, scenic backroads, and countless opportunities to get behind the wheel and simply enjoy the drive. It is a lifestyle many enthusiasts across the country envy.

Even more fortunate is the vibrant Porsche community we have built together. Suncoast Florida Region offers something for every member, regardless of how they choose to enjoy their Porsche. From Driver's Education and AutoCross for those who enjoy exploring the capabilities of their cars, to Tours and Rallies that showcase some of Florida's best driving roads, there are opportunities for every skill level and interest. Add in our growing calendar of social events, meet-ups, dinners, and even a little friendly competition at the bowling lanes, and you'll quickly discover that our club is about far more than cars.

As we move into one of the best driving seasons of the year, I encourage every member—and especially our newest members—to take advantage of these opportunities. Bring your Porsche out, show it off, and most importantly, get to know your fellow enthusiasts. Attend a Driver's Education event, try an Auto Cross, join a Tour or Rally, or simply come to a social gathering. The friendships formed through these shared experiences often become just as rewarding as the cars themselves.

As your President, I remain focused on three primary goals for our Region:

- 1. Grow the Member Base**
- 2. Grow the Value to Our Members**
- 3. Increase Member Engagement in Club Activities**

These goals guide the work of your Board of Directors as we continue to develop new programs, strengthen existing events, and create more opportunities for members to connect and participate. Your volunteer leadership team is working hard behind the scenes to ensure that Suncoast Florida Region continues to be one of the premier PCA regions in the country.

Most importantly, these goals reflect our shared commitment to the Suncoast Florida Region community. Together, and always **#inserviceto** our members, we will strengthen this club, enhance the Porsche experience, and build a vibrant future for generations of enthusiasts.

So, whether your Porsche is a brilliantly colored showpiece, a well-driven touring companion, or a track-focused machine, this is the perfect time to get out and enjoy it. More importantly, it is the perfect time to meet fellow members, build new friendships, and become part of the community that makes our Region so special.

I look forward to seeing you—and your Porsche—at an upcoming event.

Jim Farmer
President, Suncoast Florida Region
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US 41 – 4115 South Tamiami Trail South, Venice. We meet at 8:30am. Host, Norm Sippel, nsippel@mindspring.com

Bradenton – 1st Saturday of each month at, Skillet's on Rt. 64 east of I-75, 9722 FL 64. We meet at 8:30am. Host, Renae Fjugstad, renae.fjugstad@gmail.com

Palm Harbor—Meets on the third Saturday at ClearSky Club Haus, 36355 East Lake Road, north end of Ridgemoor Shopping Center. We meet at 9 AM. Have friends with Porsche who are not PCA members? Bring them along. Host, Bill Schultz bschultz@reiengineers.com

St. Petersburg - 4th Saturday of the Month (NEW VENUE) at The Hanger Restaurant & Flight Lounge. 8:00AM Fellowship, 8:30AM Breakfast. Registration at www.clubregistration.net

Winter Haven - 3rd Saturday of the Month Flight Line Café – Winter Haven 2073 US 92 West, Winter Haven – 8:30AM Breakfast www.clubregistration.net

LUNCH WITH PORSCHES

3rd Wednesday of the month at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th St. N, Clearwater, FL 33762. We meet at noon on Wednesday (pre-registration is not required.)

4th Wednesday of the month (NEW VENUE) at Ford's Garage 295 North Cattlemens Road, Unit 1, Sarasota. We meet at 11:30AM. Registration at www.clubregistration.net

4th Wednesday of the Month (NEW VENUE) – Gecko's Grill & Pub – 351 North Cattlemens Road, Sarasota – 11:30AM www.clubregistration.net

DINNER WITH PORSCHES

4th Wednesday of the Month (NEW VENUE) at Pee-Pa's Garage 6PM – 6340 49th Street North, Pinellas Park, FL. Registration at www.clubregistration.net



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Suncoast PCA DE at Sebring

by Debbie Spee



All at Sebring International Raceway

- July 25 & 26
- Sept 12 & 13
- Oct 23, 24 & 25
(with TRSS on Saturday)
- Nov 13, 14, & 15

Questions? Contact Debbie at
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We look forward to seeing you at Sebring in 2026!

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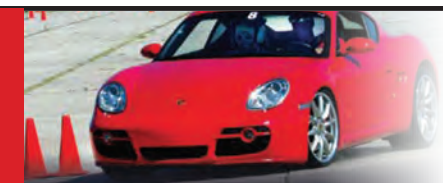
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N.B.: Check our website [Suncoast PCA.org](http://SuncoastPCA.org) for the most up-to-date schedule of events and sign-up information for all events. All of the Suncoast PCA events above require that you register at: www.clubregistration.net unless otherwise noted.



Suncoast PCA AutoX Events

- September 20 – Win! Derby
- October 18 – Venice Airport Festival Grounds
- November 8 – Win! Derby
- December 6 – Venice Airport Festival Grounds



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A collection of six Porsche vehicles is parked in a paved lot in front of a dark, modern building. The cars include a light blue convertible, an orange sports car, a silver SUV, a red SUV, a green sports car, and a grey sports car in the foreground. In the background, a tall glass skyscraper is visible against a blue sky with scattered clouds.

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Board Member Spotlight: David Witty, Profile Editor

Please welcome David Witty, our new Profile Magazine Editor.

Dave has been photographing a variety of subjects since his father gave him a camera at college graduation. Since retiring from the boating industry 3 years ago, he has been able to increase his photography focus substantially. Specializing in motorsports and aviation, Dave travels extensively to capture compelling images at tracks and events across the country. He has covered the iconic 24 hrs. of Le Mans, Goodwood Revival, almost 70 NASCAR races, Monterey Historic Week/Pebble Beach, The Amelia, as well as races and motoring events at venues here and abroad.

Having bought his first Porsche while still in college (as a result of a successful summer selling boats), he concentrates very heavily on the brand. He is very involved with the various 356 owners' groups, shooting and writing for 356 Registry Magazine and PCA, among others. Based in St. Pete, and a member of Suncoast PCA, he is excited to get more involved supporting Porsche Profile. ■



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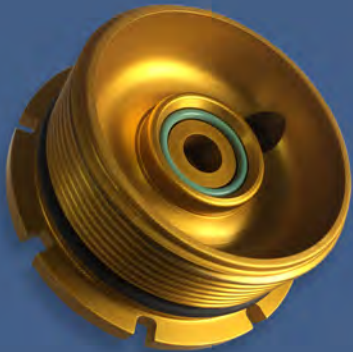


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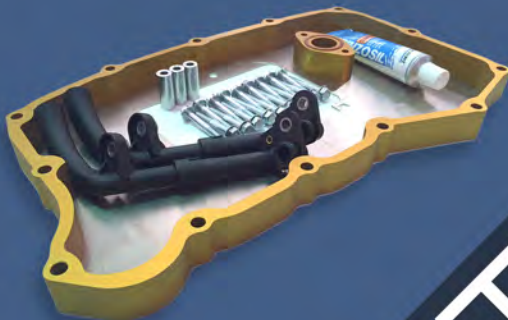
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By Bill Sumansky, Membership Chair

JUNE 2026 Welcome our newest members:

Mirza Agha & Sita	Sarna	Sarasota	2026	Cayenne
Renato Aves & Gretchen	Maclare	Tampa	2026	911 GT3 Touring
Marylou & James	Bailey	Tampa	2025	Panamera 4
Ann & Roy	Banerjee	St Pete Beach	2024	911 Carrera S Cab
Kevin & Kelly	Barnum	Tampa	2026	Cayenne GTS
Tricia Beecherl-Gryczon & Rob	Gryczon	Bradenton	2024	911 Carrera S
Brian	Berry	Bradenton	2025	Taycan Turbo S
Joseph Boldiga & Christine	Marine	Oldsmar	2024	911 Turbo S
Patrick	Camille	Tampa	2026	911 Carrera GTS Cab
Linda & Alberto	Cassola	St Petersburg	2022	Cayenne
Christopher & Karen	Cesarski	Lakewood Ranch	2025	718 Cayman S
Chris	Chang	Port St. Lucie	1986	911 Carrera
Benjamin	Crumley	Saint Petersburg	2023	Macan
John	Dangelo	Sarasota	2026	911 Carrera GTS
Jacques	Denis	Tampa	2021	Taycan
Charles	Drewry	Englewood	2024	Cayenne
William	Dudley	St Petersburg	1962	356
Norman	Dufresne	Parrish	2026	911 Carrera S
Jeremy	Dunn	Land O' Lakes	2011	911 Turbo Cab
Charles	Elzer	Bradenton	2020	911 Carrera
Montgomery	Erfourth	Lakeland	2011	Cayman
Christopher	Fadigan	Tampa	2016	911 Turbo S
James	Florence	Bradenton	2008	911 Carrera
Raymond	Fragoso	Davenport	2015	Macan S
Eric	Garnighian	San Antonio	2025	911 Carrera T
Bruce	Gessler	Clearwater	2000	Boxster
Robert	Green	Seminole	1989	911 Carrera Cab
James	Gresbach	Palmetto	2011	Panamera S
Eric	Hartmann	Sarasota	2025	Macan S
David	Hasselbach	Tampa	2008	911 Carrera S
John	Herring	Seminole	2005	911 Carrera
James	Ingle	Bradenton	2003	911 Carrera
Stuart	Jackson	Spring Hill	2009	911 Carrera S Cab
John & Joanna	Kariofilis	Palm Harbor	2008	911 Turbo Cab
Steve	Kennedy	Longboat Key	2025	Cayenne Coupe
Carmen & Alexander Shaw	Lucena	Bradenton	2004	911 Carrera 4S Cab
Stephen	Maki	New Port Richey	2017	911 Carrera
Damian	Mccarthy	Tampa	2020	Taycan Turbo S
Robert & Susan	Moorhead	Clearwater	2022	911 Targa 4 GTS
Ken	Munkittrick	Clearwater	2001	911 Carrera Cab
Andres & Carolina	Orozco	Lutz	2018	718 Cayman S
Lorenzo & Amanda	Pena	Odessa	1981	911 Turbo
David & Karin	Peterson	Sarasota	2014	Cayenne Diesel
Will	Powers	Sarasota	2026	Macan S
Farhana	Rahman	Wesley Chapel	2026	911 Carrera
Craig	Ratcliff	Dade City	2016	Cayman
Artem & Alena	Revunov	Oldsmar	2013	Boxster S
Bruce	Riddell	Lakeland	2004	911 Carrera 4S Cab
Rob	Roy	Tampa	2000	911 Carrera
Aiman	Salem	Sarasota	2022	911 Carrera S
Jack & Susan	Schneider	St Pete Beach	2018	Macan
Walter	Sowa	Palmetto	2008	Cayman S
Brian & Aimee	Taylor	Holmes Beach	2022	Cayenne Turbo S
Ignacio	Valdoquin	Plant City	2008	Cayman S
Randall	Walker	Bradenton	2013	911 Carrera 4S
Robert	Webster	Belleair Shore	2026	911 GT3 Touring
John	Whittenhall	Clearwater	2020	911 Carrera 4S
Richard & Monica	Wohaska	Sarasota	2021	Macan GTS
Larry	Wood	St. Petersburg	2023	Panamera 4 Platinum
Mitchell	Yadven	Bradenton	2017	911 Carrera Cab

Primary Members: 2,303 • Affiliate Members: 1,258 • Total Members: 3,561 • PCA Juniors: 135

THE COLOR STORY

PORSCHE'S CULTURE OF COLOR

Articles and photos by PCA Members

Porsche has cultivated one of the most distinctive color cultures in the automotive world. While many manufacturers rely on safe shades of black, white, gray, and silver, Porsche has long treated paint as an extension of a car's personality and a reflection of its motorsport heritage.

The Evolution of Porsche Colors

Family Roots (1950s–1960s)

Porsche's fascination with unique colors began with Ferry Porsche, who favored earthy green tones such as Oak Green Metallic and Brewster Green for his personal vehicles. This tradition continues today, with Irish Green selected for the historic one-millionth 911.

The Neon Era (1970s–1990s)

As buyers sought greater individuality, Porsche introduced some of its boldest colors. Memorable shades from this period include Rubystar Red, Mint Green, Maritime Blue, and Speed Yellow—colors that remain highly sought after by collectors.

Modern Classics

Even Porsche's understated colors have become icons. Chalk, known as Crayon in some markets, gained worldwide popularity for its smooth, porcelain-like appearance despite containing no metallic flakes.

Personalization at Its Finest

Porsche's commitment to color is showcased through Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur and Sonderwunsch.

Paint to Sample (PTS) allows customers to choose from more than 160 historic and specialty colors, including favorites such as Riviera Blue and Amethyst Metallic.

Paint to Sample Plus (PTS Plus) takes customization even further, enabling Porsche to create a unique paint formula based on virtually any physical sample provided by the customer.

A Collector's Passion

From classic greens to modern custom creations, Porsche's culture of color remains one of the brand's most enduring and distinctive traditions. ■



A true one-of-one, this **Paint to Sample Nogaro Blue Metallic Porsche 911 GT3 RS Weissach** blends Porsche and Audi motorsport heritage through Porsche's Sonderwunsch (Special Wishes) program. Commissioned by Tara and Nish Pillai and delivered through Porsche Clearwater, the car pays tribute to the iconic Audi color first seen on the Porsche-built 1994 RS2 Avant. The couple celebrated delivery with Porsche's European Delivery program, covering 1,400 miles across Europe in their uniquely personal GT3 RS. ~ Nish Pillai

Porsche's culture of color remains one of the brand's most enduring and distinctive traditions.



Purchased in 2010, this **Cassis Red Metallic 1987 Porsche 911 Carrera** caught my attention long before I knew anything about its history. The rare color—shifting between rose, plum, bronze, and burgundy depending on the light—remains a conversation starter wherever it goes. Over the past fifteen years, “The Beast” has been a faithful companion on rallies, mountain drives, road trips, car shows, and photography adventures. While its desirable G50 drivetrain adds to its appeal, what makes this 911 truly special are the memories created behind the wheel. It's still a car I look back at every time I park it. ~ George Weinhold



2003 Porsche 911 Carrera (996.2) • Speed Yellow After 41 years in the sign and graphics industry, color remains my passion. For me, **Speed Yellow** is the perfect expression of the 996.2—bold, energetic, and impossible to ignore. Acquiring this rare, manual-transmission Carrera as I approach my 69th birthday marks an exciting new chapter in Florida. More than a sports car, it reflects a lifetime devoted to design, craftsmanship, and the joy of driving. ~ Paul Ingle



After our first Porsche Parade in 2019, we knew more road trips were ahead—but a family of four and a week's luggage wouldn't fit in our 968. The Macan quickly became the perfect solution. Wanting something brighter than our black 968 and Cayman S, we chose **Miami Blue**, a color inspired by Porsche's bold 1990s palette. Shipped from California in 2021, it still turns heads and draws compliments wherever we go. ~ Tim McCaughey and Family



The **1997 Porsche 993 Carrera 2 Vesuvio Metallic Edition** is exceptionally rare. Finished in distinctive purple-gray **Vesuvio Metallic** with silver accents, only 60 were built worldwide, including just 24 for the U.S. This wide-body example is believed to be the only factory-equipped car with the Aerokit, Rootwood interior trim, and a Porsche telephone. Originally sold in Sarasota, it later spent time in Georgia before joining a Scottsdale collection. Now back in Sarasota with its third owners, it has just 33,500 original miles and an extraordinary story to match. ~ Steve Steele



It all started when I was a teenager and saw a poster of a Porsche 911 in a store. I instantly fell in love. More than 30 years later, just before my 50th birthday, I found this **1978 911 SC** on Craigslist. Buying it wasn't easy—the owner sometimes took over 10 days to reply, and I was short on cash. He agreed to take my father's Rolex Submariner 5513 as part of the deal. After talking it over, my dad, a fellow car enthusiast, simply said, "Go for it." My neighbor John and I drove to Fort Lauderdale to bring her home. Today, "**Perla**" is still a joy to own, even if my wife, Maritza, thinks I'm a little crazy for naming a car. Porsche people understand.

~ Gabriel Prieto



2003 Lapis Blue 996 Turbo - 6 speed grey interior
I like Blue Porsches - my first Porsche was a 1990 Baltic Blue Targa, my second was a 1987 Diamond Blue Cabriolet followed by a 1974 Turbo look Arrow Blue IROC recreation. This car was originally listed as cobalt blue - which would have made it exceptionally rare for a turbo - but ended up being **Lapis** - which is a fantastic Porsche color. It looks dark blue on a cloudy day but pops with hints of purple in full sun. ~ Jeremy Dixon

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Polk County Gimmick Rally Delivers Challenge, Camaraderie, and Perfect Scores

by Russ "Doc" Hostetler



May 2nd provided ideal rally weather as **Suncoast Florida Region PCA** members gathered at the Florida Air Museum in Lakeland for the first Gimmick Rally of the 2026 season. With cloud cover keeping temperatures comfortable and only a distant threat of rain, 12 teams set off on a scenic 60-mile route through Polk County's countryside and historic mining region.

The field showcased a diverse mix of vehicles, from Chris Ludwiczak and navigator Dan Konkol's 1975 air-cooled 911 Targa to Diego and Maria Pasotti's new Taycan, accompanied by their children, Emma and Lucas.

The rally, the longest in Suncoast Region history, challenged participants with 33 questions based on landmarks and signs along the route. An extra-credit checkpoint question added a bit of humor to the competition and kept teams on their toes.

Despite the course length and challenging questions, two teams achieved perfect scores. **Steve and Cheryl Forehand** captured first place, edging out **Keith and Melody Pringle** on a mileage tiebreaker. **Chris Ludwiczak and Dan Konkol** earned third place, missing only two questions while posting an impressively accurate route mileage.

Newcomers **Aaron and Katie Floyd** piloted a black Audi R8 to a strong sixth-place finish, proving that enthusiasm and teamwork are just as important as experience.

One of the goals of hosting the rally in Polk County was to make PCA activities more accessible to members in that part of the region. Judging by the positive feedback received throughout the day, that objective was clearly achieved. Participants consistently praised both the route and the welcoming atmosphere, with many commenting on the camaraderie that has become a hallmark of Suncoast Region events.

The rally's success was made possible by a dedicated team of volunteers. Special thanks go to **John Punzak, who served as Safety and Scoring Marshal; Rene Alaisa, our Checkpoint Marshal; and Tim and Nicole McGaughey**, whose course reviews and creative question ideas helped shape the event. Their efforts, combined with the enthusiasm of the 12 participating teams, created a memorable day on the road.

As always, it was the people as much as the Porsches that made the event special. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next rally. ■



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1. Steve and Cheryl Forehand
2. Keith and Melody Pringle
3. Chris Ludwiczak and Dan Konkol
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THE COLOR STORY ...continued



2014 911 4S Silver Metallic. Loaded car with Fabspeed Exhausts, PDK Sport + PDCC PPF 20" Sport Techno Wheels Bose and much more. I just wanted to "pimp" it up a little with the graphics. I know some purists probably don't approve.
~ Richard Brahs



Growing up with my dad, Rich, I was surrounded by rare, unique, and sometimes downright unusual Porsche color combinations. From vibrant yellows, blues, and greens to even orange, his passion for Porsche colors clearly rubbed off on me. Today, we share ownership of what we believe is a one-of-one **Paint to Sample Ferrari Yellow 1999 996 Coupe**, complete with color-matched hardback sport seats. While I never quite embraced Dad's **PTS Orange 996** with its **Nephrite Green** interior—ouch!—his love of yellow certainly became my own. Porsche's incredible palette continues today, and I hope that passion for color will live on through my daughter, Grandpa's granddaughter. ~ Jeff Tillotson



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For more than 30 years, I dreamed of owning a **2004 Porsche 911 Carrera 4S**. Seven months after my sister passed away, I decided it was finally time. Life is short, and sometimes you have to pursue the dreams you've been putting off. The car happened to be finished in rare **Paint to Sample Wimbledon Green**—my sister's favorite color—which made it feel meant to be. There was another meaningful coincidence: Roger Federer won The Championships, Wimbledon in 2004, and my sister's name was Freda. In her honor, I named the car "Federer."

My 2004 Porsche 911 Carrera 4S in Paint to Sample Wimbledon Green is more than my dream car—it's a tribute to my sister and a reminder to make the most of every day.

~ C. Lucena



Here is my **2012.5 911 Carrera S**. I was in the market for a 911 and saw this one parked in the showroom @ Bert Smith Porsche. It was the color (**Racing Yellow**) that really caught my eye. I am a sucker for yellow cars and bought it. ~

Steve Parrish



This is my **2002 Porche Boxster in Orient Red**. I had never been particularly interested in Porsches but this changed. I was driving a VW Cabriolet in 2009 and happened to drive past a used car dealership. I glanced over and saw a red Porsche. Wow, I said to my wife, did you see that color. Anyway, I did a U-turn to the dealership, traded my VW and drove out with the Porsche! I think it still looks like new, gets quite a few positive comments, and I've been an enthusiastic member of the Porsche community ever since all because of a random glance to the left!

~ Roger Harrison



I'm proud to share my **1991 Porsche 928 S4**, finished in the exceptionally rare **Amazon Green**. Just 14 were produced for the U.S. market that year, and mine is believed to be a true 1-of-1, combining a light grey interior, black seat piping, and the only automatic transmission with that specification. While not a Paint to Sample color, **Amazon Green** is an uncommon factory shade that comes alive in the sunlight with remarkable depth and richness. The car is currently undergoing a full glass-out respray using Glasurit paint—the same brand used in Stuttgart—and I'm looking forward to having it back by the end of June. The attached photo was taken when I purchased the car, along with one showing its current restoration.

~ Manny Guixens



This is my **1997 Porsche 911 Carrera S**, finished in the rare **Vesuvio Metallic**. Offered only on the 1997–1998 Carrera S, the exact number imported to the U.S. remains debated, with estimates ranging from 24 to 60 cars. I purchased mine while living in Japan and later imported it, making it a Rest of World (ROW) specification car.

Vesuvio Edition models feature distinctive Steel Grey accents on the split grille, mirrors, door handles, Cup 2 wheels, and rear script, but the paint itself is the real star. Depending on the light, **Vesuvio Metallic** shifts dramatically from deep gray to rich purple, making it one of Porsche's most captivating and memorable colors. ~ Tony Sozanski ■



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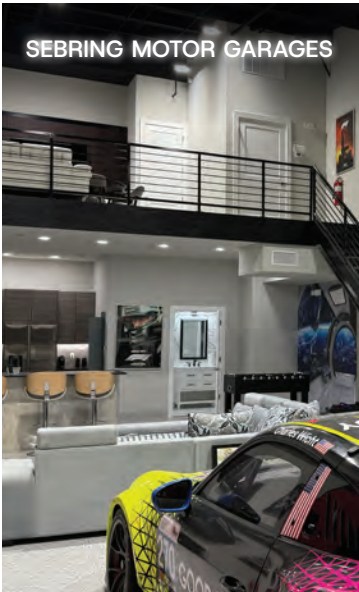
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The background of the entire image is a photograph of a race track. In the foreground on the right, the rear three-quarter view of a silver sports car is visible. In the background on the left, an orange race car with a roll-over protection structure is driving away. A multi-story pit building with a Cadillac logo and various sponsor banners (including years 1999 and 2000) lines the right side of the track.

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Sebring International Raceway welcomed SRO Motorsports in mid-May for four action-packed days featuring five different racing series. SRO is a worldwide organization specializing in GT racing across multiple continents, with particular interest for Porsche enthusiasts in GT World Challenge, GT America, and Pirelli GT4 America.

Both GT World Challenge and GT America showcased the incredible Porsche 992 GT3 R. These purpose-built machines handled Sebring's famous bumps with confidence, even as they occasionally launched over the corner curbs. In Pirelli GT4 America, Porsche was well represented by several 718 Cayman GT4 entries.

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For race fans, Sebring's greatest appeal remains its access. Few circuits today offer the same combination of sightlines, vantage points, and proximity to the action as this historic former airfield. Unlike the iconic 12 Hours of Sebring, the SRO weekend delivers outstanding racing without the heavy crowds—making it one of the best opportunities to experience professional GT racing up close. ■

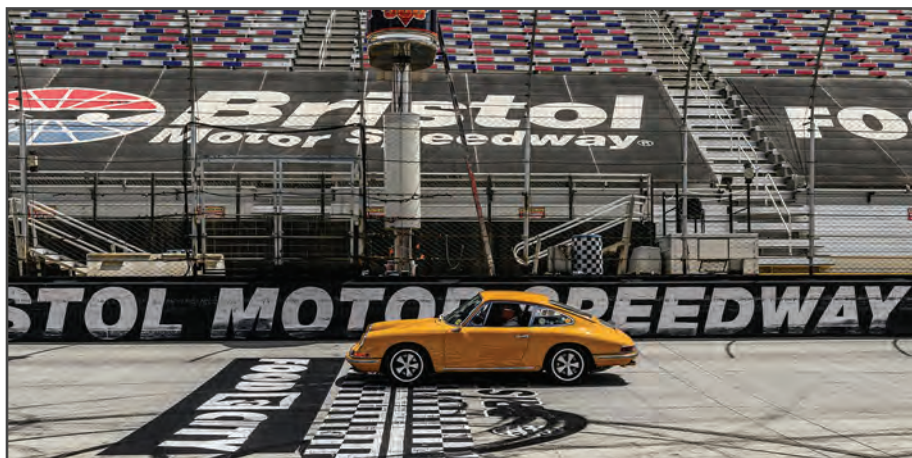


The 2026 356/912 Rendezvous brought 58 classic Porsches to Blowing Rock for scenic drives, Bristol Motor Speedway laps, and a concours among historic Porsche treasures.

The incredible turns and elevation changes on the roads of North Carolina beckon driving enthusiasts from across the country this time of year. 58 vintage 356 and 912 Porsches gathered in Blowing Rock for the 2026 356/912 Rendezvous, splitting their time between Don Trexler's car barn/mancave and downtown Blowing Rock.

The group, which included several of our local Suncoast Region Members, enjoyed spirited drives over several days, that included a 54-mile drive on the famous Blue Ridge Parkway with lunch at the Bluffs Restaurant. A once-in-a-lifetime highlight for many of the driver's was the opportunity to run laps on the banks of the Bristol Motor Speedway.

After the drives and a tech session led by Tim Beradrelli, the owners gathered at Chip Perry's barn for concours and dinner. The barn (if you could call it that), houses a large and very significant collection of historic Porsches. ■



240 Drivers, Five Events, and a Season Still Building Speed

Hello Autocrossers! Having completed five SAFE and FUN Autocross events, with a total of approximately 240 participants, we have reached the mid-point of the 2026 Autocross season. Ask anyone who participated in the May 31st event at Venice Airport Festival Grounds and they will tell you why Suncoast Florida Region takes a Summer break from Autocross. It was HOT!

This first half of 2026 provided a number of weather related “experiences”. Strong winds damaged two of our canopy tents. Chilly (some would say frigid) 45 degree temps, and some tropical heat all frame our fond memories of the first 5 Autocross events.

While the weather was a topic of conversation, I cannot recall a single complaint about the challenging conditions, and we thank the many participants for their contributions toward making each event a success. It’s not just the Cars. It’s the People!

On 3/13/26 (which fell between our Autocross #3 and Autocross #4) the Parade Competition Rules were updated. This update had some (minimal) effect on the Car Classification for Autocross. For purposes of 2026 consistency, we will continue using the previous 2024 Parade Rules Classification chart until the end of the 2026 season. In January next year we will use the new 2026 Classification chart. You can find the 2026 Parade Competition Rules on the PCA.org website.

What to expect for the rest of the season: September–December 2026:

During the 3 month summer break, we will be getting prepared for the 2nd half of the season. This includes re-stocking supplies, and designing new courses for the final 4 Events.

- **Autocross #6**, on 9/20/26 at our new site Win! Derby in St Petersburg
- **Autocross #7**, on 10/18/26 at Venice Airport Festival Grounds
- **Autocross #8**, on 11/08 at Win! Derby
- **Autocross #9** on 12/06 at Venice Airport Festival Grounds (+ end of season awards)

Meanwhile, after scrubbing your car of the orange cone marks, the summer break is a good time to review all the resources available to you as members on the SuncoastPCA.org website.

If you are looking for more information or want to increase your knowledge of Autocross check out www.pca.org/autox

Did you know?

Helmets are required for Autocross. But not all helmets are approved for use. PCA requires that helmets meet the current Snell SA certification, or the two most recent Snell SA certifications. Snell SA is Snell Automotive. The most current Snell SA certification is SA2025. Snell certification runs on a 5 year cycle. So SA2020 and SA2015 helmets are allowed for use in Autocross. In addition, any helmet approved for PCA Club racing is permitted.

Here are the currently scheduled Autocross Events for the rest of 2026:

September 20 – Win! Derby

October 18 – Venice Airport Festival Grounds

November 8 – Win! Derby

December 6 – Venice Airport Festival Grounds

Check ClubRegistration.net for updates and registration details.



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As PCA Members, we hope you will consider giving Autocross a try! Register, and come out to share in the fun at one of our events! We have loaner helmets for you!

See you at the track! 

~ Neil & Jansen Yuenger

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Register, and come out to share in the fun at one of our events!





Photo of the Month

by Ralph Porzio

A Porsche That's Lived a Good Life



Sammy Cottrell sent a photo taken at sunset on a horse farm in the heart of Kentucky's beautiful Bluegrass country, beneath the glow of the Harvest Moon.

The car is a 2001 Porsche 911 Carrera wearing the factory GT3 aero kit in classic Guards Red over Savanna Beige leather. He tells us that while many cars like this spend their lives tucked away under covers, this one has done exactly what it was built to do — drive.

With more than 104,000 miles and counting, it's been well loved, well appreciated, and still turns heads everywhere it goes. Against the rolling fences, grazing horses, and golden evening light of Lexington, it felt less like a car photo and more like a moment frozen in time.

Well done Sammy on being chosen the "Photo Of The Month". ■

Enter your photos for "Photo of the Month"

Submit your photos to be judged by our Photo Editor, Ralph Porzio. He'll select one to be featured in Profile each issue. The photographer must be a Suncoast PCA member. The photo must be Porsche-oriented, but can be a glamor shot, action, artistic, whatever you want. Be creative. It can be of cars, people or places.



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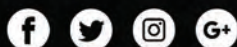
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by Norm Sipple

May 16 - Another beautiful morning with a friendly group of Porsche owners gathered at Skillet's for our 5th year at this restaurant. Our thanks to Skillet's Manager Debbie Kinney and her staff for working with us all of these years.

Today brought out our usual long-time neighbors and six new breakfast attendees. Among the group were 5 couples from the community where we live. Yes, there are a lot of Porsches here including 6 just on the our street.

Among the conversations was one on planning a drive to Sebring to watch our fellow Suncoasters at a DE. As you know there are a scarcity of "twisties" in Southern Florida. But, there are a few concentrated near the "Highlands Ridge" just west of Sebring. We used them a few years ago, and will again.

Come on out and join us at Skillet's in Venice every month on the **3rd Saturday**. Please register at: www.clubregistration.net. 





At **Suncoast Florida Region PCA**, we offer a variety of driving events, and our upcoming Rallye (the German spelling of rally) combines two of them. On **Saturday, July 18, 2026**, participants will enjoy a scenic morning Rallye followed by an optional afternoon of track time—in go-karts!

The **Brooksville to Bushnell Rallye** begins in Brooksville and winds through Pasco, Hernando, and Sumter Counties before finishing in Bushnell. If you haven't driven this area, you're in for a treat. The route features beautiful scenery and plenty of enjoyable, winding roads.

This is a **TSD Rallye—Time, Speed, Distance**. The objective is to maintain a designated average speed over specific distances between navigation controls. For example, you may be instructed to travel 4.1 miles at an average of 40 mph before making a left turn. Since you can't instantly reach or maintain exactly 40 mph, you'll use your judgment to achieve the correct average speed. No specialized rally computer is needed—just your driver instincts.

The **Richta Rally Competitor App** tracks whether you're early or late at each control, allowing you to adjust your pace along the route. The app also includes time allowances for delays such as traffic lights or railroad crossings. To help everyone prepare, we'll host two Rallye School sessions via Zoom during the two weeks leading up to the event.

We'll gather between **8:00 and 9:00 a.m. at Keke's Breakfast Restaurant, 13168 Cortez Blvd.**, Brooksville, giving everyone time to enjoy breakfast, catch up with friends, and ensure the Richta app is installed and ready. A Drivers/Navigators Meeting begins at **9:00 a.m.** to review the rules, route instructions, abbreviations, and the Rallye's unique finish.

That finish is at **Bushnell Motorsports Park**, where a buffet lunch and awards ceremony await participants. Lunch is included with Rallye registration through ClubRegistration; karting is optional and available at an exclusive **20% discount** for PCA members. Anyone age 16 or older with a valid driver's license may participate, and we'll organize races among Rallye participants—so you might leave with two trophies!

Visit bushnellmotorsportspark.com to explore the facility and karting options. Full-face helmets, head socks, and closed-toe shoes are required. Helmets are available on-site, and head socks may be purchased for \$6 if needed.

Make a day of it! Enjoy the Rallye in the morning, lunch and awards at noon, then race—or simply spectate—in the afternoon. Each Rallye entry requires both a driver and navigator, but family and friends are welcome to join the karting fun. If you're planning to attend only for the karting, please text **813-362-2247** with your name and the number of drivers. ■

**We'll see you on
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The Long Way to Dinner

by Ralph Porzio

Yes, it took just over an hour - but every mile was worth it. Our "Couples Drive" participants wore smiles the entire way as we cruised the scenic backroads of Pasco, Jessamine, Hayman, and Powell up to Brooksville.

When we arrived at Prime 88, the staff had our table ready, overlooking the tranquil pond and beautiful sculpture garden. The dinner itself was exceptional - thoughtfully prepared and full of flavor, and generous enough that nearly everyone took leftovers with them.

What made the evening truly special, though, was the lingering afterwards: the easy conversations, shared stories, and laughter that stretched long after the plates were cleared. There's something magical about slowing down, taking the long way, and ending the night surrounded by good company and great memories.

Here's to more adventures, more scenic routes, and many more dinners worth the drive. ■



Lakewood Ranch June Breakfast

Saturday morning brought together an impressive lineup of 16 vehicles, great friends, and plenty of automotive stories before everyone headed into Skillet's for a delicious breakfast. Two vehicles especially captured the crowd's attention.

The first was a unique 2014 Porsche 911 from Garage One, transformed into a rolling work of art. Hand-painted by a talented 21-year-old artist, the car featured splashes of paint across the body, creating a true one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

The second was Geir and Renae Fjugstad's beautifully restored 1960 Volkswagen 23-Window Bus. After an incredible three-year restoration, the iconic VW made its debut looking stunning and quickly became one of the stars of the morning.

Many enthusiasts know Volkswagen and Porsche share a fascinating history. Ferdinand Porsche, founder of Porsche, also played a key role in designing the original Volkswagen Beetle. Over the decades, the brands have remained connected through engineering, design philosophy, and shared projects such as the Porsche 914. Seeing a classic VW Bus parked alongside generations of Porsches was a perfect reminder of that special relationship.

As always, the best part of the morning was the people—admiring cars, sharing stories, talking shop, and enjoying the camaraderie that makes these gatherings so special.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. We look forward to seeing you—and your cars—at our next Lakewood Ranch breakfast! ■

by Renae Fjugstad

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Interview with Fred Lay, Founder & CEO of Construction Services, Inc. of Tampa

by Danny Ruiz

Danny: Let's start at the beginning—what sparked your passion for cars?

Fred: Hot Wheels had a very particular appeal because they weren't just toys — they represented mechanics, momentum, suspension, engines, aerodynamics, tracks, loops, crashes, friction... all of it. Even as a kid, I was drawn to the feeling of how machines worked long before I understood the physics behind them.

Danny: Do you remember the first car that truly hooked you?

Fred: Pretty much anything with a motor. I've always gravitated toward things that move fast and create excitement.

Danny: How would you describe your taste in cars today?

Fred: Eclectic. I have everything from a 1949 Buick to a Ferrari 488. I genuinely appreciate all cars and the stories, engineering, and personalities behind them.

Danny: What defines a "special" car in your collection?

Fred: My 1999 Dodge Viper ACR. It was the first non-daily-driver car I could truly afford, and at the time I thought I'd never own another car like it. It's a pure raw driving car, aggressive, and completely unique. It's just 'hot', the pedals are off-center, and it constantly demands your attention — but that's exactly what makes it one of the coolest cars ever built.

Danny: Are you more inclined to drive your cars or preserve them?

Fred: Honestly, a little of both. I love driving them, but with 24 cars there's always maintenance and upkeep involved. I probably don't make enough time to enjoy them as much as I should.

Danny: At what point did your passion for cars begin to influence your professional work?

Fred: Cars naturally became a conversation point in business, and the more I shared that passion, the more I realized how many fellow enthusiasts were part of our community.

Danny: When the opportunity came to build The Motor Enclave, what stood out to you?

Fred: My intention from the beginning was to help bring The Motor Enclave to

Tampa because this community deserved a world-class facility. I already knew a lot of car enthusiasts, but the idea of creating an entire community centered around automotive passion was incredible. Being both a General Contractor and a car enthusiast made it a natural fit.

Danny: Did being a car enthusiast yourself change how you approached the project?

Fred: Absolutely. I believe it opened doors to greater opportunities in a rapidly growing industry. People prefer doing business with people they genuinely connect with, and shared passions often create lasting relationships and friendships.

Danny: Were there details that only an enthusiast would prioritize?

Fred: Being both a car guy and a General Contractor gave me a unique perspective that I believe added value to the design and development of several automotive facilities we've built and consulted on.

Danny: What were some of the biggest challenges in bringing The Motor Enclave to life?

Fred: Government regulations, material lead times during COVID, and escalating construction costs were definitely some of the biggest hurdles.

Danny: What are you most proud of when you look at the finished product?

Fred: Watching the CSI team come together to essentially build a city. From the year of pre-planning to two-and-a-half years of execution, the results were nothing short of extraordinary.

Danny: How do you see The Motor Enclave impacting the automotive community in this region?

Fred: It has brought many private collections into the spotlight, but more importantly, it has created friendships and connections throughout the community.

Danny: Speaking of community, how important is that aspect of car culture to you?

Fred: Very important. I've built lifelong friendships through cars, and the business relationships that come from that are simply a by-product of genuine connections.

Danny: What role do enthusiast groups like the Porsche Club play in spaces like this?

Fred: They help create a local venue where enthusiasts can come together, enjoy their cars, and share experiences both on and off the track.

Danny: What excites you most when you see owners out on track?

Fred: The camaraderie. Seeing people come together through a shared passion is always rewarding.

Danny: Do you see parallels between building a company and building a car collection?

Fred: Absolutely. Both require time, discipline, financial commitment, and attention to detail to make smart long-term decisions.

Danny: If you could describe a perfect day at The Motor Enclave, what would it look like?

Fred: Sitting on my balcony and watching fellow enthusiasts enjoy a first-class facility built around a shared passion for cars. ■





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