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President's Message: From the Desk of the President Driven: Women Who Live the Porsche Life

by Jim Farmer

From the Passenger Seat to the Driver's Seat!

There is something truly inspiring about watching someone discover a new passion, challenge themselves, and realize they are capable of far more than they ever imagined. Throughout the Suncoast Florida Region, we are fortunate to witness that journey every year as more women embrace every aspect of the Porsche lifestyle.

This issue of The Profile celebrates the women who drive, lead, learn, volunteer, race, tour, and strengthen our club community. While every story is unique, they all share something in common—a genuine passion for Porsche and the desire to continue growing as enthusiasts.

Some women joined our club because they loved the cars. Others came because of the friendships. Many arrived simply looking for a fun weekend drive. Yet for so many, that first event became the beginning of something much bigger.

One of the most rewarding transformations to witness is seeing members move from the passenger seat to the driver's seat.

Whether it's participating in Drivers Education, Auto Cross, Rally's, or our scenic driving Tours, women throughout our region continue to demonstrate that enthusiasm, determination, and a willingness to learn are far more important than previous experience. They are becoming skilled drivers, confident competitors, respected

instructors, dedicated volunteers, and leaders who inspire others to take that same first step.

Time and again, I hear the same comment after someone completes their first driving event:

"I wish I had done this years ago."

It's a sentiment that speaks volumes.

The supportive environment within our club allows members to learn at their own pace while building confidence behind the wheel in a safe, encouraging setting. No matter your experience level, there is always another opportunity to develop new skills, meet incredible people, and experience your Porsche in the way its engineers intended.

Our Drivers Education, Auto Cross, Rally, and Tour programs are designed to be welcoming, educational, and fun. They aren't reserved for experts—they are built for enthusiasts who simply want to enjoy their Porsche while continuing to learn.

Beyond the driving experiences, our women members also contribute countless hours volunteering, organizing events, mentoring new members, serving on committees, and helping create the welcoming atmosphere that makes the Suncoast Florida Region so special. Their passion, leadership, and generosity help define who we are as a club.

As President, I couldn't be prouder of the women who continue to inspire our membership through their enthusiasm, courage, and commitment to our community.

If you've ever thought about trying Drivers Education, Auto Cross, a Rally, or joining one of our driving Tours, consider this your invitation.

Take that first step.

Ask questions.

Bring a friend.

Challenge yourself.

You may discover a new passion, gain confidence you never expected, and create friendships that last a lifetime.

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LUNCH WITH PORSCHE

3rd Wednesday of the month (NEW VENUE) at Orange County Choppers Roadhouse, 10575 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 33762. We meet at noon on Wednesday, come early to have social time. www.clubregistration.net

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 PORSCHE

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

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

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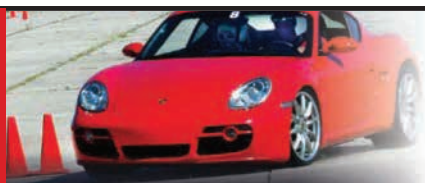
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Looking Ahead: Celebrating 65 Years of Suncoast Florida Region PCA

As we celebrate the incredible women who help shape our club today, we're also preparing to celebrate another remarkable milestone in our history. On **October 24, 2026**, the Suncoast Florida Region will commemorate its **65th Anniversary**—a testament to six and a half decades of friendship, volunteerism, and an enduring passion for Porsche.

Your leadership team, **Danielle Walls and David Herndon**, has been hard at work creating a celebration that truly offers something for everyone. Throughout the day, multiple Rally's and scenic Tours will depart from different geographic locations across our region, all converging at the legendary **Sebring International Raceway** for an unforgettable gathering.

For those looking for even more excitement, we'll be hosting our **Tire Rack Street Survival® (TRSS)** program for teen drivers on the Sebring skid pad that Saturday, October 24th, and an **Auto Cross on that Sunday, October 25th**, and our ever-popular **Drivers Education** weekend running Friday through Sunday.

And when the engines cool down, the celebration continues! Our Social Events Director, **Carla Arthur**, is planning a spectacular Saturday evening party at the track that promises to be a memorable evening of camaraderie, celebration, and fun.

This is one event you won't want to miss. Watch your email, our website, and social media channels for registration information, event schedules, and additional details in the coming weeks.

Save the Date!

Before the year comes to a close, please mark your calendar for our **Annual Holiday Gala** on **Friday, December 11, 2026**, at the beautiful **Museum of Fine Arts** in St. Petersburg.

It's always one of the highlights of our club calendar—a wonderful evening to celebrate another outstanding year with friends, recognize our volunteers and award recipients, and enjoy the holiday season together.

Additional details, registration information, and event highlights will be coming soon.

I look forward to seeing you on the road, at the track, and at these exciting events as we continue building an even stronger Suncoast Florida Region. ■



Jim Farmer
President, Suncoast Florida Region
Porsche Club of America
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New Committee Chair:

Michael Ramalho,
Media Relations Chair



Please welcome Michael Ramalho, our new Media Relations Chair.

Michael Ramalho's passion for cars began as a child with Matchbox cars and homemade go-karts and eventually grew into tracking his Volkswagen GTI at legendary circuits including Lime Rock Park and Watkins Glen. In the late 1990s, he also had the opportunity to work with March Racing as the company launched its first Indy Racing League car, collaborating with Robin Herd and driver Stefan Johansson.

Marketing and building business opportunities have been lifelong passions for Michael. His career has spanned advertising agencies, corporate marketing leadership, building his own firm, and consulting with organizations including Harley-Davidson.

Now retired, Michael lives in Sarasota after moving from New Jersey with his family five years ago. His 18-year-old twins will begin college this fall, with Michael Jr. attending Clemson University to study automotive engineering and Annabelle attending the University of Central Florida to pursue a career in teaching.

A longtime automotive enthusiast with a particular passion for Porsche, Michael is excited to join the Porsche Club of America Suncoast Region and help strengthen its advertising and sponsorship programs while making a meaningful contribution to the club and its members. ■

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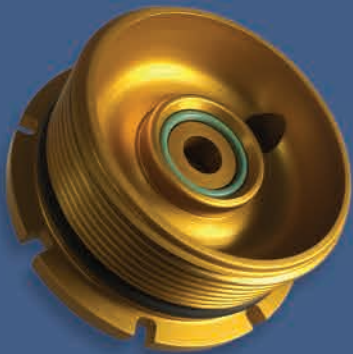


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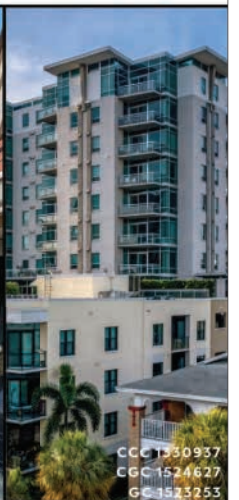
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Starting Line

By Bill Sumansky, Membership Chair

AUGUST 2026 Welcome our newest members:

Joe	Allen	Lithia	2008	Boxster
Joel	Anderson	Clearwater	2013	911 Turbo S
David	Andre	Oldsmar	2026	911 Carrera T
Shaun & Nadine	Benger	Tampa	2022	911 Carrera 4S Cab
Stephen	Brenes	Tampa	2014	911 Carrera S
Jorge & Amber	Brizi	St Petersburg	2026	911 Carrera GTS
Andrea	Caceres	Carranza	Tampa	2023 Macan
Stephanie	Carson	Oldsmar	2022	Macan
Sreekanth & Vandana	ChandrupatlaHernando		2025	718 Spyder RS
Richard & Regina	Chapman	Zephyrhills	2023	Taycan Turbo S
James	Cook	Indian Rocks Beach	2020	911 Carrera S
Richard & Kevin	Cordaro	Safety Harbor	2023	Macan
James	Couillard	North Port	2022	911 Targa 4S
Christopher & Melissa	De Maria	Lutz	1990	911 Carrera 2
Gerald	Degroot	Dade City	2024	718 Boxster S
Gene	Dorn	Venice	2026	911 Carrera GTS
Jonathan	Echavarria	Tampa	2025	718 Spyder RS
Jeffrey & Olivia	Girard	Sarasota	2024	911 Turbo S
Christopher	Guella	Saint Petersburg	2018	911 Carrera S
Kenda	Gusme	Tampa	2023	Panamera 4 Plat
Patrick Haentjens & Rose	Lemahieu	Seminole	2017	911 Carrera
Sean & Theresa	Huffines	Bradenton	2023	718 Cayman GT4
Hemal	Joshi	Nokomis	2023	911 Carrera GTS
Daniel & Angela	Kelley	Parrish	2021	Panamera 4S
Robert	Kocur	Bradenton	2023	911 Carrera S
Gabe	Kozel	Tampa	2023	718 Cayman GT4 RS
James Ledenbach & Michele	Musser	Tampa	2026	Macan GTS
Adam	Mazan	Osprey	2024	911 Targa 4 GTS
Brendan	Mcdowell	Bradenton	2026	Panamera
Anthony	Metty	Oldsmar	2013	911 Carrera
Scott	Millsaps	St Petersburg	2024	911 Carrera T
Gary	Moskovitz	Tampa	2021	Cayenne GTS
Adit	Muthanna	Belleair Beach	2023	Cayenne
Christopher	Nicholson	Tampa	1984	911 Carrera Cab
Dean & Melissa	Osmolski	Sarasota	1996	911 Carrera
Martin & Matteo	Palmeri	Tampa	2025	911 Carrera T
Shailesh	Patel	Tampa	2016	Cayenne
Robert	Peterson	Tampa	2020	Macan
Edwin & Julie	Pogue	Sarasota	2020	718 Spyder
Lawrence & Breann	Portnoy	Parrish	2026	911 GT3 Touring
Frederick	Reigle	Sarasota	2026	911 Carrera GTS
Brian	Riach	St Petersburg	2023	Macan
Jack	Roseberry	Castle Rock	2008	Boxster
Sravya	Samineni	Riverview	2024	Cayenne
Robert & Ann	Seyerlein	Siesta Key	1996	911 Carrera
Andrew	Sheridan	Holmes Beach	2025	Macan
Matthew	Sibley	St. Petersburg	2023	911 Targa 4 GTS
Dirk	Staimer	Bielefeld	1967	912
Ryan & Michael	Stallings	Odessa	2008	911 Carrera S
Kevin Stoneham & Karen	Pasawicz	Tampa	2022	911 Carrera S Cab
Dean & Tacy	Telego	Cortez	1987	911 Carrera
Reagan	Thomas	Saint Petersburg	1999	911 Carrera
Dave & Paula	Torgerson	New Port Richey	2014	911 Turbo S
Rachel & Tony	Torres	Lithia	2022	911 Carrera
Gilbert	Vanhelden	Wesley Chapel	1987	928 S4
Wojciech	Wagner	Clearwater	2003	911 Carrera
Chris	Wright	Odessa	2015	911 Carrera S
Kenn	Yoshizato	Lutz	2018	718 Cayman
Christine	Ziebell	Crystal Beach	2025	Taycan 4

Primary Members: 2,335 • Affiliate Members: 1,264 • Total Members: 3,599 • PCA Juniors: 137



The new 911 GT4 R

Porsche Motorsport just unveiled the new 911 GT4 R for global customer motorsport. This is the first time a Porsche designed for Global GT4 racing is based on the 911 Platform.

This racing only machine is designed to run in the extremely competitive SRO Pirelli GT4 America and IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge Championships.

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DRIVEN: Women in Porsche – Diana Rosen's Story

by Danielle Walls



Some Porsche stories begin with a purchase.

Diana Rosen's began with a promise.

At 16 years old, she watched a Porsche 911 accelerate across a bridge in Fort Lauderdale and told herself, One day, I'll have one of those. Years later, just before turning 40, she fulfilled that promise with her first 911 Carrera. Since then, she has owned approximately 11 Porsches, each representing a different chapter of her life. Among them, her first 911 Turbo S remains especially meaningful—a dream realized after decades of determination.

But Diana's story is about much more than cars.

It's about refusing to let fear, circumstance, or time stand in the way of the life you want to live.

Following a few life experiences, Diana found herself reassessing what truly mattered. After years of building a successful career and breaking barriers professionally, she decided to focus on something many women postpone for far too long: herself.

"I have a window of time now," she says. "I want to accomplish, enjoy, and live."

That mindset led her deeper into the Porsche lifestyle and ultimately to Porsche Club of America. What began as a passion for the brand quickly became something more meaningful—a community of people

who shared her enthusiasm for driving, adventure, and personal growth.

As a member of both the Suncoast and Everglades Regions, Diana embraced PCA life through social events, Cars & Coffee gatherings, driving tours, and club activities across the state. Yet one experience stood above the rest: Driver Education at Sebring.

Like many women, Diana initially viewed the track with a mixture of excitement and intimidation. She had always dreamed of experiencing her Porsche the way it was designed to be driven, but taking that first step required courage.

Instead of letting fear stop her, she used it as motivation.

"Use any fear as fuel and make it happen," she says.

The experience transformed her understanding of both her Porsche and herself. With the support of experienced instructors and fellow PCA members, she discovered new confidence behind the wheel and a deeper appreciation for the capabilities of her 911 Turbo S. More importantly, she learned that growth often begins just beyond the edge of comfort.

Today, she encourages other women to do the same.

One of the messages Diana hopes women hear most clearly is that they do not need to wait for the "right" circumstances to get involved. Many of her own PCA experiences

began by simply showing up on her own.

"You can do it alone," she says. "Everyone supports you and gives you encouragement."

That welcoming environment is one of the reasons she believes PCA is so special. Whether attending a social gathering, joining a driving tour, or participating in Driver Education, she found a community eager to help members feel included and confident.

Long before she discovered the track, Diana was breaking barriers in the workplace. The resilience, determination, and confidence that helped her succeed professionally continue to shape her approach to life today.

Some of her favorite Porsche moments take place far from the racetrack.

At her property in the North Georgia mountains, she spends crisp autumn mornings exploring winding roads framed by brilliant shades of red, gold, and orange. With the windows down, the sunroof open, and cool mountain air filling the cabin, she listens to the unmistakable sound of her Porsche echo through the hills. The roads twist through the mountains as fallen leaves scatter beneath the tires, creating the kind of experience that reminds drivers why they fell in love with driving in the first place.

For Diana, those drives represent freedom, gratitude, and the importance of being present in the moment.

When asked what it means to be driven, her answer comes without hesitation:

"Refusing to settle. Owning who I am."

It's a philosophy that defines every part of her journey—from the boardroom, to the mountains, to the track.

In fact, it's summed up perfectly by the license plate on her Turbo S:

YOLO.

For Diana Rosen, being driven means choosing happiness, embracing new experiences, and never letting fear prevent you from taking the road ahead. ■

DRIVEN: Women in Porsche – Judith Bryant's Story

by David Witty



Late-Breaking News!

Meet Our New Membership Ambassador

Diana has graciously agreed to serve as Membership Ambassador for PCA Suncoast Florida!

Working alongside Bill Sumansky, she will welcome new members and introduce them to the many activities, friendships and benefits our club offers.

Diana's knowledge, enthusiasm and passion for the Porsche community are contagious, making her a wonderful ambassador for our region. Please join us in welcoming her to this new role!



My passion for automobiles began long before I was old enough to drive. In sixth grade, I wrote a school project about Henry Ford and his revolutionary moving assembly line, and that fascination with cars has never faded. At sixteen, I bought my first car—a red 1972 Mustang convertible with a white top—and discovered a lifelong love for American muscle cars.

Over the years, I owned and restored an impressive collection of classics, including a 1934 Packard, a 1956 Thunderbird, numerous Mustangs, and a custom 1950 Mercury that I rebuilt with a chopped top, narrowed rear end, and rebuilt engine. During the 1980s, I served as President of the Mustang Club and Treasurer of the Pre-49 Club, traveling to nearly twenty car shows each year before a demanding career in 1996 temporarily put my automotive hobby on hold.

That passion was reignited in 2018 when I purchased my Carmine Red Porsche Macan GTS. I had actually visited the dealership intending to buy a Panamera, but one look at the Macan—built with nearly every available option for the Festivals of Speed display—made the decision easy. Since then, Porsche has become much more than a car; it has become a lifestyle. From my first Suncoast PCA autocross and the Test Drive Sebring program to volunteering in Timing & Scoring at the 48 Hours of Sebring for five consecutive years, I have embraced every opportunity to learn, drive, and give back.

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Porsche has become much more than a car; it has become a lifestyle.

Driving the legendary Tail of the Dragon in the Macan only deepened my appreciation for Porsche's remarkable balance, precision, and confidence through every curve.

In 2025, I added a second Porsche to the garage—a Shark Blue 2022 Porsche 911 Carrera 4 GTS that I purchased from a close friend after admiring it on countless drives and club tours throughout Florida. Today, the Macan and the 911 each offer a unique driving experience, but both deliver the unmistakable connection that makes Porsche so special. Beyond the cars themselves, it is the friendships, rallies, tours, dinners, charitable events, and shared enthusiasm within the Porsche community that have become equally meaningful. For me, owning these two Porsches represents not just the fulfillment of a lifelong automotive passion, but membership in a family that I simply can't imagine life without. ■



DRIVEN: Women in Porsche – An interview with Amy Riches

by Jim Farmer



“Driven” celebrates the women who have shaped our Porsche community through their passion, leadership, and willingness to inspire others. From the racetrack to the repair shop, Amy Riches has spent decades proving that passion, perseverance, and kindness can leave as lasting an impression as any checkered flag. A racer, instructor, mentor, business owner, and longtime Porsche enthusiast, Amy has inspired countless drivers while helping shape the Porsche community through her leadership and generosity. Her story reminds us that being “Driven” isn’t just about the cars we love—it’s about the people we encourage along the way

JIM: Where did your passion for cars begin?

AMY: It probably started back in high school. A friend of mine had a brand-new Guards Red 944 Turbo, and at the time I knew virtually nothing about Porsche. The first time I saw that car, I was completely captivated. It wasn’t just beautiful—it had a personality. That moment really lit the spark.

Like most people, life, careers, and responsibilities came first, so owning a Porsche wasn’t immediately in the cards. Years later, my first Porsche was actually a Cayenne, followed by a 996 Carrera, then a Boxster, and eventually many others. Looking back now, that first glimpse of a 944 Turbo was the beginning of a lifelong passion that has shaped so much of my life.

JIM: What was it about Porsche that captured your heart?

AMY: Initially, it was the look and the sound. Back in the late ‘80s, the 944 stood apart from everything else on the road. It had timeless styling, unmistakable lines,

and a sound that instantly caught your attention.

What I’ve grown to appreciate even more is how Porsche has stayed true to its identity. Whether it’s a classic air-cooled car or a modern GT model, there’s a consistency in the design philosophy and driving experience that makes every Porsche instantly recognizable. It’s a brand that evolves without ever losing its soul.

JIM: You’ve worn many hats... looking back, which role has been the most rewarding and why?

AMY: That’s actually a difficult question because I don’t think I can separate one role from another. Every experience—driver, racer, instructor, Chief Track Instructor, coach, and business owner—has built upon the last.

Each role has taught me something different, and together they’ve created an incredibly rewarding journey. Racing made me a better instructor. Teaching made me a better driver. Running a business made me a better leader. It’s really the combination of all those experiences that has been the greatest reward.

JIM: Motorsports has traditionally been male-dominated. Did you ever encounter obstacles or assumptions because you were a woman, and how did you navigate them?

AMY: There have certainly been moments where people made assumptions, and honestly, they still do today.

I’ll answer the phone at the shop and someone will ask to speak with a mechanic about their Porsche. As we continue talking, I’ll answer every technical question they have, and you can almost hear the surprise

in their voice when they realize they’re already talking to the person who knows the answer. I usually joke, “I’m just the coffee girl around here,” and we both laugh.

I’ve never viewed those moments as obstacles. I’ve always believed the best response is simply to demonstrate your knowledge, your professionalism, and your passion. Once people see that, the stereotypes tend to disappear pretty quickly.

JIM: As a driving coach and former Chief Track Instructor, you’ve helped countless drivers improve their skills and confidence. What has teaching others meant to you, and what qualities make someone a truly great driver?

AMY: I’ll answer this one backwards.

A “great driver” means different things to different people. For some, it’s standing on the Formula One podium. For others, it’s simply becoming a confident, capable driver who enjoys every lap at a Driver Education event. Both are equally meaningful because success is personal.

Teaching has probably taught me as much as I’ve taught my students. Whenever you’re helping someone develop a new skill—whether it’s driving, golf, cycling, or anything else—you begin to see things through fresh eyes. You recognize strengths in your students, and at the same time, you continue refining your own abilities.

Watching someone build confidence, improve their skills, and leave with a bigger smile than when they arrived is incredibly rewarding. Their success becomes your success.

JIM: Racing teaches lessons that extend far beyond the track. What has motorsports taught you about life, leadership, or overcoming adversity?

AMY: Perseverance.

Racing also taught me to let go of perfectionism. We often think success means being perfect, but motorsports reminds you that progress matters more than perfection.

Not everyone needs to become a professional race car driver. For some people, success is standing on a podium. For others, it’s simply having the confidence to push themselves a little farther than they did yesterday. The lesson is to keep learning, keep improving, and enjoy the journey along the way.

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JIM: Owning a Porsche repair shop requires technical expertise, business leadership, and earning customers' trust. What has that journey been like, and what are you most proud of?

AMY: I'm probably most proud of the fact that when I first walked through the door, I was handed a set of keys and a piece of paper with a few passwords on it. That was essentially my training for running the business.

Fast forward to today—I know exactly what those keys open, I've changed every password, and I understand the business inside and out.

That certainly wasn't a journey I took alone. My late husband, who founded the business, was an incredible mentor. Our staff has taught me countless lessons over the years, and together we've built something based on trust, honesty, and taking care of people. That's what I'm most proud of.

JIM: Every Porsche owner has a favorite memory. Is there one drive, race, event, or moment that perfectly captures why you're passionate about this community?

AMY: I honestly can't narrow it down to one moment because it's really the people who make the memories.

Whether it's a PCA Club Race, a Driver Education weekend, or even a rally I participated in while living in New Zealand, I've always been amazed by how supportive the Porsche community is. You may be competing fiercely against someone one minute, but if your car needs help, they'll be the first person beside you with a wrench.

That spirit of competition mixed with genuine friendship is something I've never experienced anywhere else, and it's one of the biggest reasons I'm so passionate about this community.

JIM: Over the years, how have you seen women become more involved in Porsche Club activities and motorsports, and what changes have encouraged that growth?

AMY: We've absolutely seen more women becoming involved, and I think that's a wonderful thing.

Many of the barriers that once made motorsports feel intimidating have gradually disappeared. Women today are far more likely to see themselves participating because they see other women already doing it—as drivers, instructors, racers, volunteers, and leaders.



The Porsche community has become much more welcoming and inclusive, and that's encouraged more women to discover that these cars and these experiences truly are for everyone.

JIM: What advice would you give to women who may be hesitant to attend their first PCA event, autocross, Driver Education event, or tour because they don't feel experienced enough?

AMY: Trust your passion and don't fear the unknown.

Everyone attends their first event at some point, and you'll quickly discover that the Porsche community wants you to succeed. Ask questions, introduce yourself, and simply show up. You don't need experience—you just need enthusiasm. The confidence comes after that first event, and before long you'll wonder why you waited so long.

JIM: When people think about your contributions to the Porsche community years from now, what do you hope they remember most?

AMY: Kindness and integrity.

I'd like people to remember that I treated others the way I'd want to be treated—with respect, honesty, and a willingness to help. If I've inspired even a few people to become more confident behind the wheel or more involved in this wonderful community, then I'll consider that a life well spent.

JIM: Lastly... finish this sentence: "Being Driven means..."

AMY: Being Driven means discovering something that truly inspires you and having the courage, determination, and resilience to pursue it. It's about enjoying the journey every bit as much as the destination.

JIM: Closing Thought...If you could take one drive with anyone—past or present—in any Porsche, where would you go, who would be beside you, and why?

AMY: It would be easy to say I'd love to share a drive with one of the great racing legends, and of course that would be incredible.

But if I'm being honest, I'd rather spend that drive with the person I care about most. Give me any Porsche, a winding mountain road, beautiful scenery, and someone special in the passenger seat. No traffic, no distractions—just the joy of driving together.

At the end of the day, that's what Porsche has always been about for me. The cars are extraordinary, but it's the experiences and the people you share them with that make them unforgettable. ■

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- **First Porsche?**
2004 Cayenne S.
- **Current Porsche?**
2016 GT4 Club Sport
- **Favorite Porsche model of all time?**
997.2 GT3RS
- **Favorite road to drive?**
Mountains in Switzerland
- **Favorite racetrack?**
Sebring International Raceway
- **Manual or PDK?**
Today, PDK!
- **Coffee before the drive or after?**
Definitely Before!
- **Biggest automotive influence?**
Porsche Motorsports
- **Dream Porsche you don't yet own?**
The new 911 GT4R
- **One word that describes the Porsche community.**
Passionate



If you want an early Saturday morning drive worth getting up for, as a close PCA friend says, head to Palmetto, FL, O Dark Thirty.

Every first Saturday, Skyway Motorspace transforms into a haven for car lovers with its Exotics & Espresso Car Show and Open House. This is no ordinary Cars & Coffee—it's an experience all its own.

August 1st was a milestone—Skyway Motorspace celebrated a full year of their signature car lovers' gathering. Whether this was a typical turnout or not, the crowd

arrived early, just like the clouds. Even a brief rain couldn't wash away the energy as wave after wave of stunning cars rolled in. Early birds scored the best spots before parking spilled into the street.

What sets this event apart is Skyway Motorspace's open invitation to explore their treasure trove of stored cars—some true gems, including a few pint-sized surprises. The facility itself is massive, spanning 45,000 square feet!

Skyway Motorspace partners with Suncoast PCA Profile and stands out as

a premier car storage destination. After chatting with General Manager Will Bean, I discovered they're fluent in all things automotive. Beyond secure storage, they offer top-notch detailing, transportation, a thrilling race car simulator, and even a golf simulator for perfecting your swing. And of course, their unforgettable Exotics & Espresso Car Show.

A quick reminder: calendars fill up fast, so be sure to mark the first Saturday for Skyway Motorspace's car show before your weekends disappear. ■



DRIVEN: Women in Porsche – Shirley Kocur's Story

by David Witty



When Chris and I got married, I knew very little about Porsches, and even less about old ones. I had no clue what a 356 was. We restored his 1955 Continental, and I learned a little more about both the car and the culture.

However, it wasn't until we retired in 2000, that we were able to begin to drive the car more than several times a year. I have not only learned much more about the car since then, but I have also really enjoyed meeting other Porsche Enthusiasts. We have been driving the car to events all over the southeast, and have met people of all ages, occupations and interests, which has provided me with new friends and enjoyable, fun adventures.

Driving a non-airconditioned car, that barely holds any luggage due to the quantity of spare parts and tools we need to bring along, has been quite an experience. We will be making the drive to the upcoming Lexington, Kentucky 365 East Coast Holiday in September, which will take 3 days each way. I look forward to future trips, meeting new friends, hanging out with old friends and praying the car makes the drives! ■

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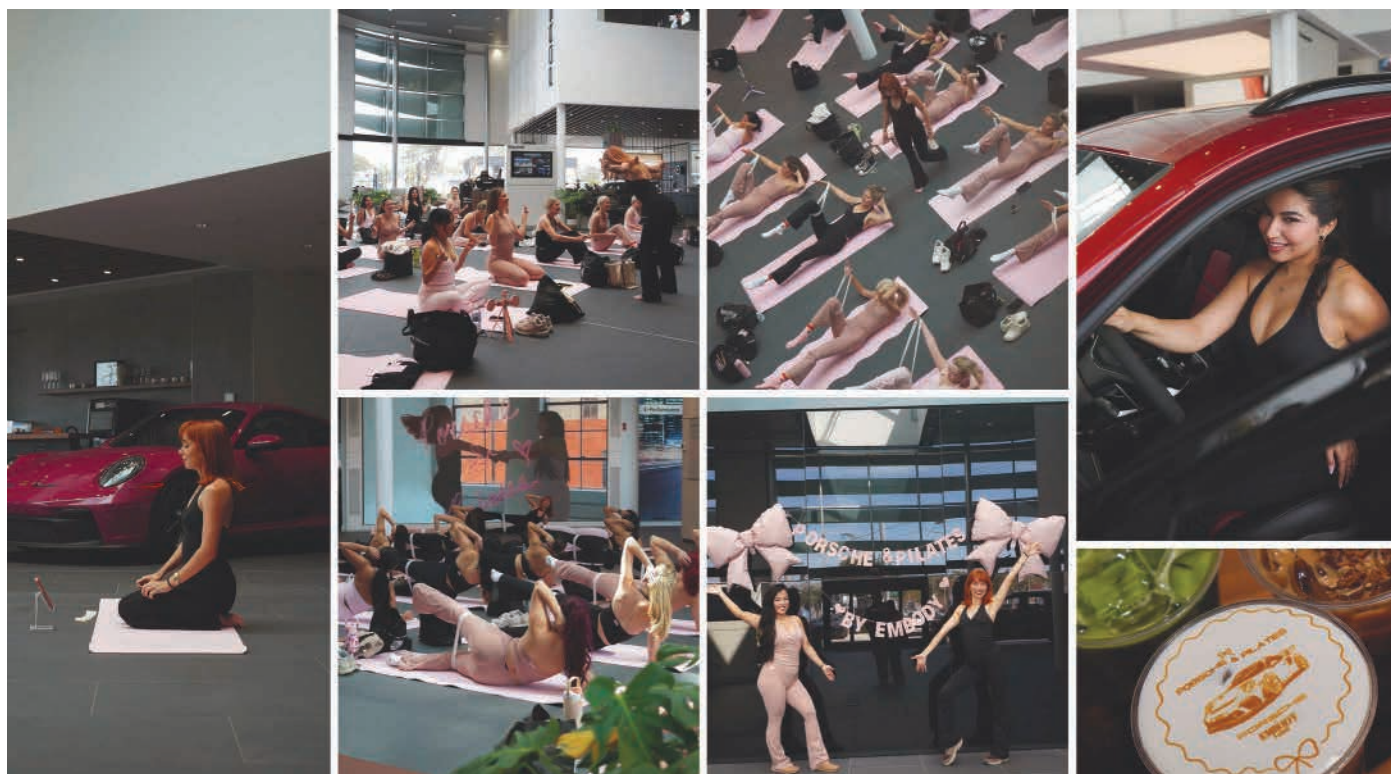
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DRIVEN: Women in Porsche – How Porsche and Pilates Are Inspiring More Women to Experience the Brand



At our Porsche dealership here in Tampa, Florida, we believe the Porsche experience extends far beyond the driver's seat. It's about creating meaningful connections, fostering community, and introducing new audiences to the passion and lifestyle that define the brand. That's why we're proud to host our Porsche x Pilates events. It's an exciting initiative designed to bring women together in a welcoming, inspiring environment.

These exclusive events combine wellness and luxury, inviting guests to enjoy an energizing Pilates session surrounded by the iconic design and performance of Porsche vehicles. Whether attendees are longtime Porsche enthusiasts or experiencing the brand for the first time, the events create an approachable way to engage with Porsche in a setting that celebrates health, confidence, and connection. Following each class, guests have the opportunity to mingle, tour the latest Porsche models, and learn more about the engineering, innovation, and craftsmanship that make Porsche one of the world's most respected automotive brands. More importantly, they leave having built new relationships with like-minded women who share an appreciation for exceptional experiences.

For many guests, Porsche x Pilates serves as an introduction to the dealership in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. Instead of a traditional showroom visit, participants experience our space as a place where community comes first. By creating opportunities for genuine conversation, we hope to make every guest feel welcome; whether they're exploring the brand for the first time, considering a future purchase, or simply enjoying a unique local event.

These gatherings also reflect the evolving Porsche community. Today's Porsche owners and enthusiasts come from a wide range of backgrounds, professions, and interests, and women continue to play an increasingly important role in shaping the future of the brand. Through experiences like Porsche x Pilates, we're proud to celebrate that evolution by offering events that align with our guests' lifestyles while creating meaningful opportunities to connect.

The response from our community has been overwhelmingly positive. Guests often tell us they appreciate the opportunity to experience the dealership in a different way. It feels approachable, engaging, and centered on shared

interests rather than simply showcasing vehicles. It's a reminder that the Porsche lifestyle is about more than extraordinary performance; it's also about the people who make the community so special.

As the Porsche community continues to grow, we're committed to creating experiences that reflect the diverse interests of our customers while maintaining the excellence the brand is known for. Porsche x Pilates is just one example of how we're expanding what it means to engage with Porsche, blending wellness, community, and automotive excellence into memorable experiences that inspire more women to discover everything the brand has to offer, both on and off the road.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to developing events that bring people together, spark new relationships, and celebrate the passion that unites the Porsche community. Because at the heart of every Porsche is more than exceptional engineering, it's the people who drive it forward. ■

DRIVEN: Women in Porsche – Girl Power

by Debbie Spee

It's not just the cars, it's the women! Suncoast PCA HPDE is proud to have many talented and enthusiastic female participants. Most are passionate drivers, some have tried it and found it's not their thing, some prefer only the lunchtime parade laps, and others come out with their driving spouses to volunteer or visit with their track family. Whatever the reason, the women in our group come out because of their love for cars and because of the welcoming atmosphere of the Suncoast PCA HPDE program.

Our women have various levels of driving experience – from first time novice students through to advanced solo drivers, PCA instructors, PCA club racers, and accomplished racers outside of the PCA circuit. Some come out to drive once or twice a year, others come out at every event (9 times a year). Some drive only at Sebring with Suncoast PCA; others can't get enough and drive other tracks with other groups in addition to Suncoast PCA.

You will see us drive a wide range of cars – from older 944's to brand new Clubsports; from Macans to Minis to Miatas; daily drivers to fully race prepped cars; manual transmissions and PDKs. Our skills range from no car knowledge to basic maintenance to being capable of changing our own tires and brakes and more. Some of our women drivers have held, or do hold, Suncoast PCA board or chair positions, and HPDE Chief Track Instructor positions. We are mothers, grandmothers, doctors, dentists, engineers, artists, teachers, business owners, retirees, and recent college grads.

Whatever our talents, skills, experiences, personalities, and backgrounds are, we all share a common love of cars and a passion for the track. We are the women of the HPDE.



Jenna Pedersen – Girl Power

In November 2024 the DE team created the “Clarice Lee Memorial Scholarship”. Clarice Lee was an HPDE driver, PCA instructor and winning PCA Club Racer. Sadly, she passed in 2024. Her husband Gregg felt that a scholarship program for women would be a wonderful memorial to honor Clarice.

The scholarship program is funded by donations collected during our lunchtime parade laps held each Saturday and Sunday of our DE event weekends, as well as by drivers donations dropped off at our registration table during the events. When we have collected sufficient funding, we award a DE day to a registered female student during a DE event; encouraging them to participate again at another HPDE event. To date we have been able to award DE days to seven women.

We would love nothing more than for our number of women in motorsports to increase; come on out and give it a try. Email me if you are interested or would like additional information. 

Debbie Spee – HPDE driver, PCA instructor, ChampCar crew member, HPDE Registrar DERegistrar@SuncoastPCA.org



Amy Riches, driver, instructor, former CTI



Amy Riches, Barbara Bakus, Tracey Bepler



Jenna Pedersen – You just got passed by a girl



Barbara Bakus



The Porsche Connection: Bringing Our Porsche Community Closer Together

by Jim Farmer

Connecting our members with the Porsche dealerships, events, and experiences that add even more value to being part of the Suncoast Florida Region.

During my first several months as President of the Suncoast Florida Region, one question has surfaced repeatedly in conversations with both new and longtime members:

“What events are our Porsche dealerships doing—and how do I find out about them?”

It’s a great question, and it presented us with an opportunity.

As we began this year, I challenged our leadership team to focus on three core

goals: **Grow Our Member Base. Grow the Value We Deliver to Our Members. Increase Member Engagement in Club Activities.** Everything we do should, in some way, support those goals.

With more than **3,500 members** across the Suncoast Florida Region, we also have an opportunity to strengthen the connection between our members and the three Porsche dealerships serving our region.

Over the past several months, I’ve engaged with each of those dealerships with a simple objective: **How can Suncoast Florida Region – PCA better support their events and programs while creating additional experiences and value for our members?**

That conversation led to two new initiatives.

First, we established a **Dealer Ambassador** for each Porsche dealership in our region. Our Dealer Ambassadors will serve as an important connection between the dealerships and our club, helping us stay informed about dealership activities, events, and opportunities that may be of interest to our members.

Second, we created **The Porsche Connection**—a new section of *The Profile* and an expanding part of our overall communications program.

Through *The Porsche Connection*, our Dealer Ambassadors will help bring dealership events, programs, and experiences directly to you. Whether it’s a new model introduction, Cars & Coffee, technical session, special event, driving experience, or another opportunity to enjoy the Porsche community, our goal is simple: **make it easier for our members to know what’s happening and get involved.**

And that’s really what *The Porsche Connection* is all about—**connection.**

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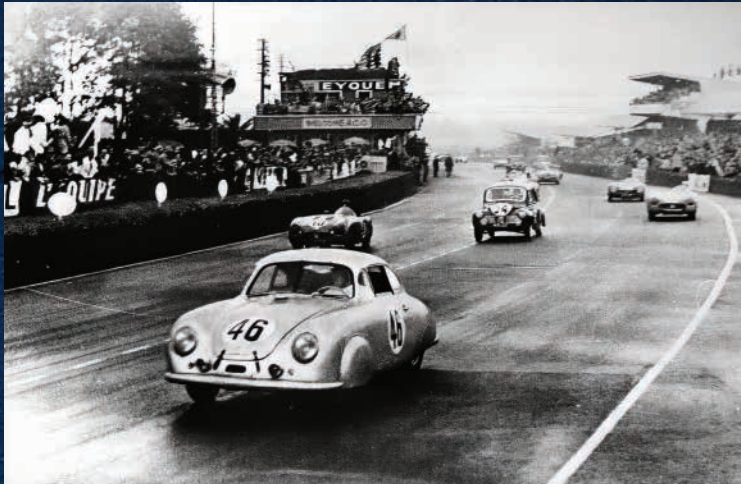
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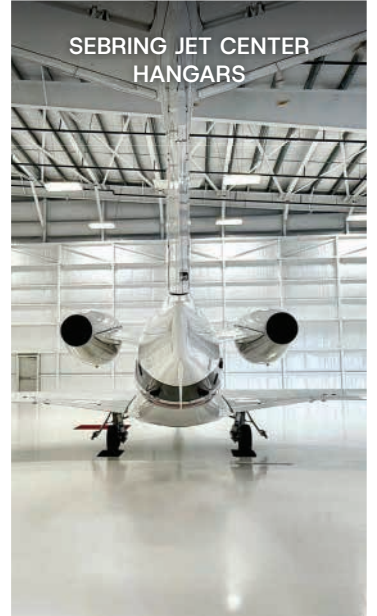
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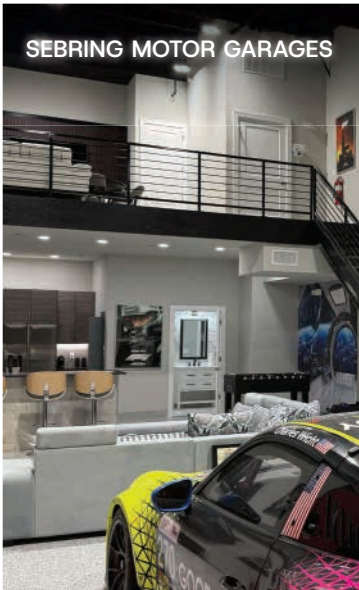
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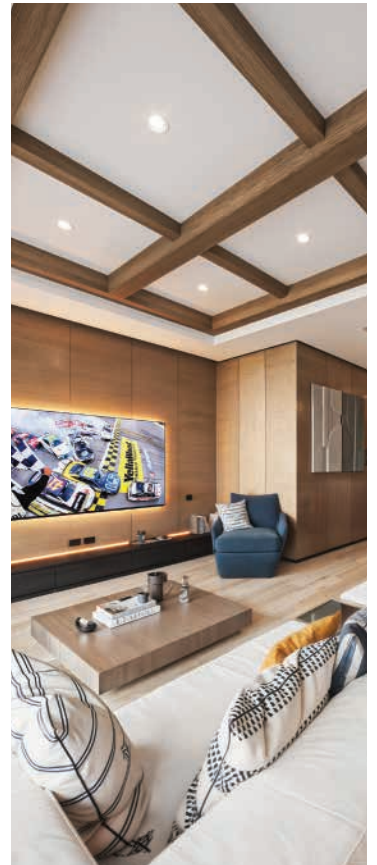
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Porsche Parade 2026 took place in Lake Placid, NY. It was a change of pace after having the past three years of Parades in hotter climates. The weather was generally between the mid-50s and low 70s, but mostly on the cooler side of that range with lots of rain throughout the week. For the most part, the rain was spread out and not an obstacle to the events, although there was a tornado watch & rain deluge that interfered with some track events.

Even with the longer drive, the location attracted quite a few people from our region, and many others from the Sunshine State. It's no wonder. Lake Placid was an excellent location for a Porsche Parade. In addition to nice nearby roads and beautiful scenery, Porsches were integrated into the fabric of town. Parked curbside, driving down the street, at local businesses and hotels, out on the nearby curvy roads, or being photographed at the Lake Placid Olympic Center.

The Olympic Center itself was a hub of many of the events, with banquets taking place on the ice of the Herb Brooks Arena - the 1980 Winter Olympics hockey rink. A great location, but sitting atop the ice for a couple of hours will definitely make you question your wardrobe choices.



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The Suncoast Region brought our heat to the event, with several members receiving an award.

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1st Place: Sharron Shields - 48.942 seconds
2004 911 Carrera

Autocross, class P3 - 3rd Place:
David Herndon - 52.523 seconds
2000 Boxster

Legends of Autocross -
Fastest Time: Danny Shields

TSD Rally, class R04 - Unequipped 2001-2015 - 8th Place, Score: 130:
Thomas Briest (Driver), Cindy Briest (Navigator)

TSD Rally, class R03 - Unequipped 2016-Current - 9th Place, Score: 109:
Tim McGaughey (Driver), Mia McGaughey (Navigator)

5k Walk/Run, Junior Women class -
1st Place: Mia McGaughey

PCA Juniors Tech Quiz - 3rd Place:
Lily McGaughey

PCA Juniors Anycross, 13+ - 3rd Place:
Mia McGaughey

Looking forward to next year's parade in Boise! 

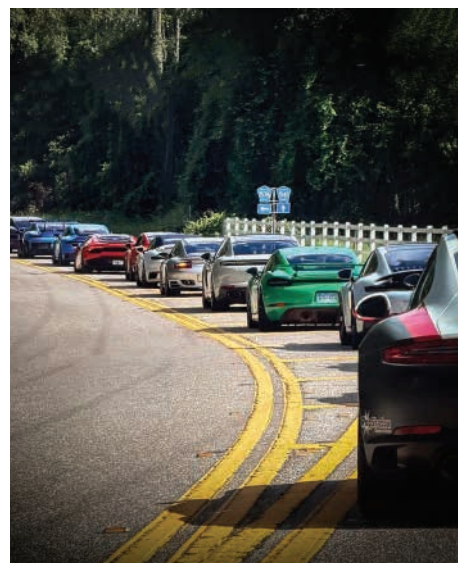
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DRIVEN: Women in Porsche – Patty Rogers: It All Started with a Simple Invitation

by Ralph Porzio



Four years ago, I had no idea that sending out a simple invitation for a Porsche drive would become one of the most surprising experiences of my retirement. What started with a handful of friends and a shared love of these remarkable cars has grown into a welcoming community that gathers to enjoy some of Florida's best back roads, memorable restaurants, and the unmistakable sound of Porsche flat-six engines.

Looking back, there wasn't a grand plan or a carefully crafted formula for success. I simply believed there were other Porsche owners who enjoyed driving their cars as much as I did. It turns out there were quite a few.

One person who has been part of this adventure from the very beginning is my partner, Patty Rogers. While I may be the one sending out the invitations, she's been beside me every step of the way—encouraging new ideas, helping scout routes, researching

restaurants, and making sure the little details never get overlooked.

As our group grew, so did our ideas. What began as an occasional lunch drive evolved into breakfast gatherings, scenic lunch runs, dinner outings, and one of our members' favorite events, our Couples Drives. Patty takes the wheel on those occasions, giving me the rare opportunity to enjoy the scenery and navigate from the passenger seat while watching a long line of Porsches wind through some of Florida's most beautiful rods.

From the beginning, our goal has been simple: keep every event welcoming, well organized, and relaxed. Whether someone arrives in a classic air-cooled 911, a brand-new GT3, a Cayenne, a Macan, or anything in between, everyone is there for the same reason—to enjoy great roads, good food, and even better company.

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and even better company.*

so successful. I don't think it's just the routes or the destinations, although both certainly matter. We've learned that people may come for the cars, but they return for the friendships. Porsche ownership gives us something in common, but it's the camaraderie, laughter, and shared experiences that keep everyone looking forward to the next invitation.

As we begin our fifth year, Patty and I remain just as excited as we were on that very first drive. We hope to keep creating opportunities for friends—old and new—to enjoy their Porsches the way they were meant to be enjoyed: together. ■





Photo of the Month

by Ralph Porzio

Every Porsche Has a Story



Some just happen to span three generations, Andrea Hern tells us hers.

My favorite pair is a 1966 Porsche 912 and my 2022 Macan. The 912 has been in our family since my grandfather bought it new. It was his third Porsche, and after he passed away in 1977, my father became its caretaker before eventually passing it on to me. Today, it's one of my most treasured possessions. Like many vintage cars, the 912 has been a labor of love. Every repair and restoration has helped preserve not only the car, but the memories that come with it. We drive it every chance we get, especially to Suncoast PCA breakfasts whenever Mother Nature cooperates.

When it came time to replace my daily driver, I searched until I found another white Porsche with a red interior—a 2022 Macan that perfectly complements the 912. Parked side by side, they tell a fun “then and now” story spanning nearly six decades of Porsche history.

The inspiration for this photo was simply a beautiful Florida afternoon. I had just picked up the 912 from my mechanic after some suspension work and other long-overdue maintenance, and realized I'd never taken an updated picture of the two cars together. We headed to the beach, parked them with the Gulf as a backdrop, and let the late afternoon sun do the rest. Afterward, we enjoyed a glass of wine while admiring two Porsches that represent nearly 60 years of our family's history.

The photos weren't taken with an expensive camera—just my Samsung phone and one of Florida's spectacular sunsets. Sometimes that's all you need when the cars already have a story worth telling.

Congratulations Andrea on being chosen to be Profile Magazine's “Photo Of The Month” ■

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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.



Submit to Ralph at rporzio@verizon.net 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.



The second Rallye of the 2026 season was held July 18, despite a Friday weather forecast that promised plenty of rain. Instead, participants enjoyed a beautiful day, with the rain holding off until after everyone left Bushnell Motorsports Park. The forecast may have discouraged a few teams from bringing their Porsches onto potentially wet roads; of the 13 registered teams, nine arrived ready to Rallye.

Exploring the Region

The event was designed in response to club leadership's goal of involving members throughout the outer reaches of our region while offering driving activities beyond the racetrack.

Although a Macan or Cayenne can provide a spirited experience on the track, each is equally well suited for a Cruise or Rallye. Likewise, a classic 356—with its rich racing history—can be a joy to drive through the Florida countryside.

The route was designed around its destination: Bushnell Motorsports Park and its excellent go-kart track. From there, the search began for interesting—and preferably twisty—back roads. Lake Lindsay Road fit the bill perfectly and became the centerpiece of the Rallye.

Because some participants would be traveling a considerable distance to reach the starting point, we needed a comfortable location where everyone could gather over an extended period. Keke's Breakfast Cafe in Brooksville provided the ideal setting.

The nine two-person teams and the on-site members of the Rallye Committee made for a lively breakfast crowd. **Carla Arthur and Michael Brown** served as Start/Finish Marshals. Carla checked everyone in at the start and made sure they were fed at the finish, while Michael launched the teams and checked them back in upon their return.

Bruce Jones served as Monitor Marshal, following the Rallye by computer from the air-conditioned comfort of his home. Bruce and I completed much of the work involved in verifying the route, establishing the control points and setting the checkpoint restarts.

My son, Bear, also lent a helping hand, as he has for several previous rallies. His computer skills were invaluable in fine-tuning the locations and functions of the control points within the Richta Rally Master and Competitor apps. He also helped train Bruce for his monitoring responsibilities.

Ready, Set—Rallye!

The Driver/Navigator meeting was scheduled for 30 minutes, including time to get everyone into their cars and lined up for the start. Because many teams are still climbing the learning curve of Time-Speed-Distance Rallyes, several questions led to a slightly delayed departure.

The first control point malfunctioned, requiring a competitor to restart. Fortunately, because the opening leg was an untimed odometer-correction segment, no adjustment was needed. A few additional

control-point glitches required scoring corrections for two teams.

Several teams completed the course without missing a navigation control point. One team also identified an inaccurate route instruction. The affected portion of the course was removed from the scoring, although the adjustment did not change the team's finishing position.

Start/Finish Marshal Michael Brown lined up the teams and launched them at timed intervals.

From his home computer, Bruce watched the car icons make their way along the route. He reported having a great time monitoring their progress—and occasionally calling competitors who had missed a turn and wandered off course. Fortunately, everyone recovered and completed the Rallye.

BBQ and the Winners' Circle

After finishing the route, the teams reconvened at Bushnell Motorsports Park for lunch provided by Sonny's BBQ while Bruce and I finalized the scores. An awards ceremony followed, complete with trophies and a few surprises.





Tim and Nicole McGaughey captured first place after successfully reaching all 28 control points. Their winning score was only two minutes and 10 seconds away from a perfect time.



Dave Krewin and Margi Floss finished second—just 28 seconds behind Tim and Nicole.



Perennial Rallye competitors **Steve and Cheryl Forehand** claimed third place, adding another trophy to their growing collection of PCA Rallye awards.



The fourth-place team received the coveted Lake Lindsay Mall and Deli T-shirt. Because the shirt is a size large, Tom Briest will most likely wear it—although **Cindy Briest** is petite enough to use it as a nightshirt.

Lynn and Dave Goris originally registered with Dave as the driver, but the two switched places before the event. Lynn drove the team to a prize-winning finish and the choice between red or white wine. They selected a \$40 bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon blend—which your Rallyemaster managed to acquire for \$25. Shhh!

Curt and Corinne Greene took home a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc from France's Loire Valley, produced by Patrice Grasset. This was only their second Rallye, and they have gone home with a door prize both times.

Following the official group photo, most participants headed to the parking area while others remained in the meeting room to continue visiting. The camaraderie lasted well beyond the competition.



Dave Krewin also took advantage of Bushnell Motorsports Park's 20-percent discount on a go-kart race. His effort earned him another honor: the trophy provided by the park for the fastest lap by a PCA member. **Congratulations, Dave!**

The Next Challenge

The date of our next Rallye is still being determined, but we are considering one of the first two Saturdays in October. It will be a charity-themed Gimmick Rallye featuring questions, mileage efficiency and, of course, the "gimmick."

Our Rallye participants almost universally comment on how much fun it is to tackle the challenge of finding their way through the Florida countryside. Watch for an announcement in late August that ClubRegistration.net is open for entries.

We would love to see you at our next Rallye!

Author's note: "Rallye" is the German spelling of "rally." Because German nouns are always capitalized, Rallye is capitalized throughout this article. ▣



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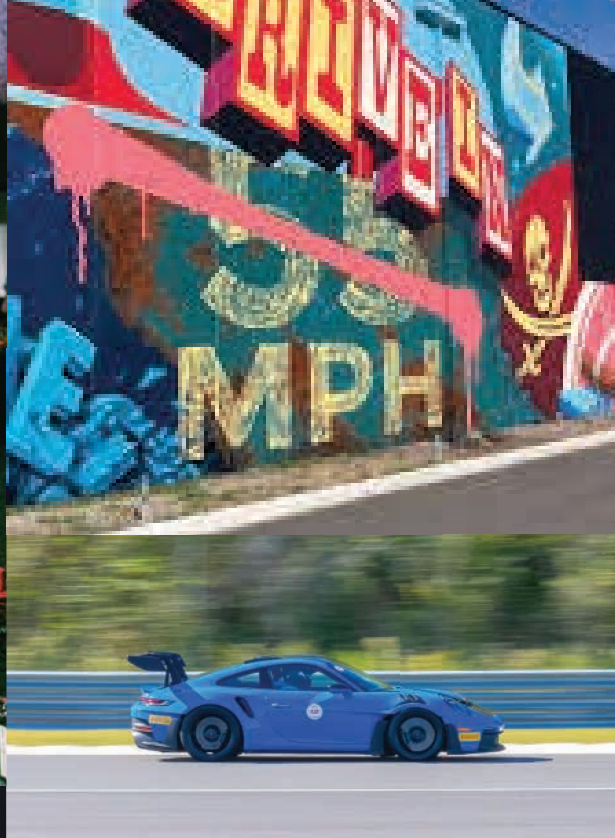
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What could be better than breakfast on a Sunday morning? How about getting there with 30 friends and more than 25 beautiful Porsches?

At 7:00 a.m. on July 19, our group gathered at the RaceTrac in San Antonio, eager to kick off another Porsche adventure. After a quick drivers' meeting, we headed out on a carefully planned 45-minute route through some of our favorite back roads toward Dade City and the Roost Café.

With little traffic to interrupt the fun, we enjoyed a wonderful mix of straightaways and sweeping curves as our line of Porsches made its way north before looping back south. Seeing more than 25 Porsche 911s

traveling together is a sight that never gets old, and judging by the smiles, everyone was enjoying every mile.

The staff at the Roost Café were ready for us, even gathering outside to watch our arrival and help direct everyone into parking spaces. Before heading inside, one of the staff members captured a group photo that perfectly tells the story of the morning. Thirty smiling Porsche enthusiasts, great cars, and another memorable day on the road.

Breakfast certainly didn't disappoint. The service was excellent, the menu offered something for everyone, and, as always, the conversations flowed as easily as the coffee.

After breakfast, many of us lingered outside, admiring each other's cars, catching up with old friends, and welcoming a few new ones to the group.

People often ask what makes these drives so enjoyable. Sure, the roads are fun, and finding a great local restaurant is always a bonus. But the real reason is much simpler. It's the friendships, the laughter, and the opportunity to spend a few hours with people who share a passion for driving their Porsches.

It was a perfect way to spend a summer Sunday morning—and we're already looking forward to the next drive.. ■

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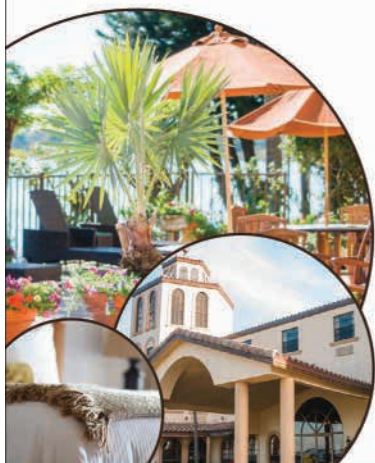
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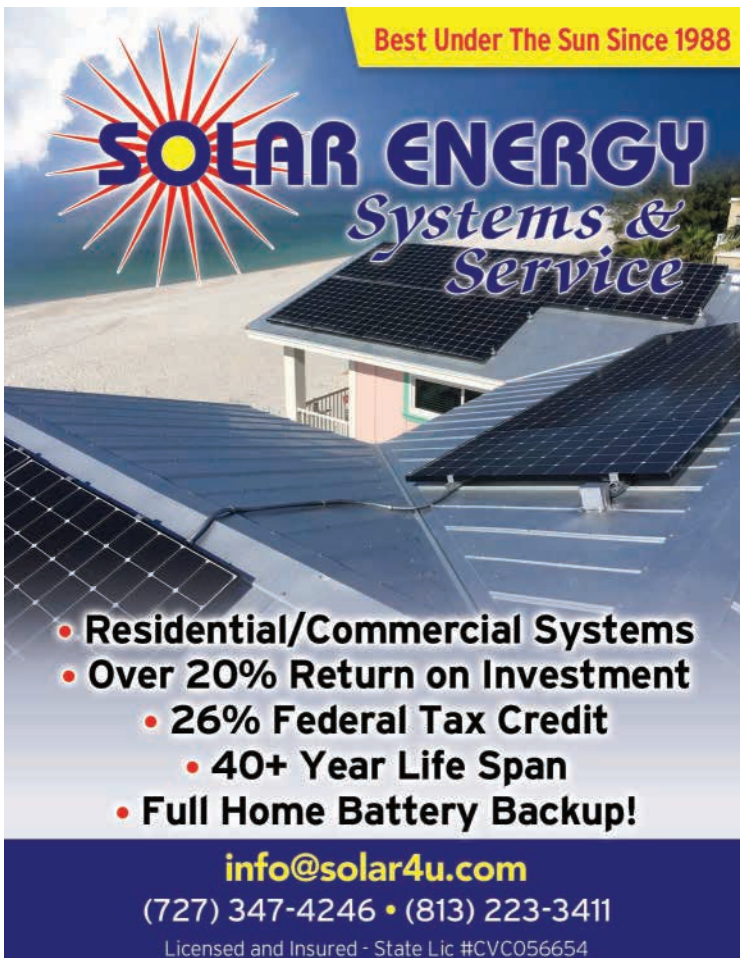


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