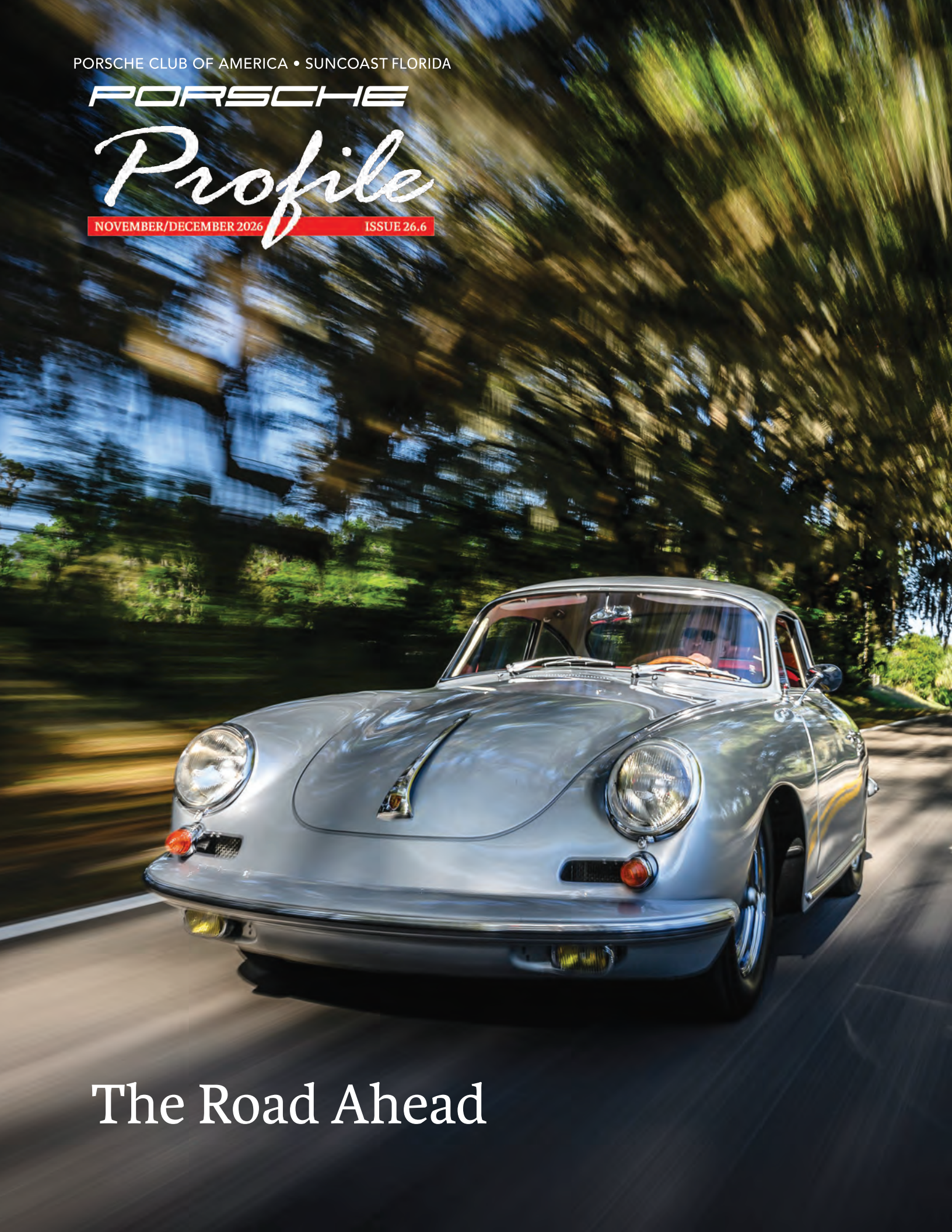
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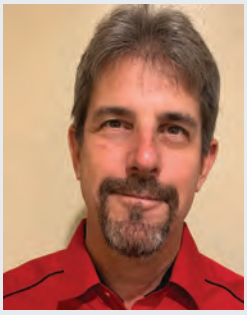
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OCTOBER 2026 Welcome our newest members:

Stephan Athan	Tampa	2013	911 Carrera Cab
Michael Phillippi	Lakeland	1970	911T
Satish Sivasankaran & Advait Nambiar	Tarpon Springs	2026	Cayenne
Michael Alan	Bradenton	2006	911 Carrera Cab
Jonathan Bowman	St Petersburg	2009	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
William Braun	Seminole	2009	911 Carrera S Cab
Christopher Buell	Spring Hill	2014	Cayman S
David & Pamela Charron	Lakewood Ranch	2025	911 Carrera 4 GTS
Jeffrey & Michelle Costa	Sarasota	2026	911 Targa 4 GTS
Gary Crawford	Englewood	2017	718 Boxster
Joseph Dente	Tampa	1988	944
Carlos Diaz	San Antonio	2023	911 Carrera 4S
William Drulias	Palm Harbor	2022	Panamera 4S
Simon & Melissa Griffin	Sarasota	2022	911 Carrera GTS Cab
Kasey Guerra	Nokomis	2024	718 Cayman GT4 RS
Grant Harper	Lakeland	1985	928S
John Hockensmith	St. Petersburg	2017	911 Carrera
Hugh Hunter	Dunedin	2024	911 Carrera S
Tim Jackson	Palmetto	2011	Panamera Turbo
Carla Lima & Josh Like	Land O Lakes	2026	911 Carrera 4S
Bhavishya Kamineni	Wesley Chapel	2023	911 Carrera T
Aaron & Debbie Kennaugh	Lutz	2023	911 GT3
Juan Lehoux	Tampa	2025	911 Carrera 4 GTS
Nathan Lenz	Tampa	2007	911 Carrera 4
Mark Missirlian	Tampa	2018	911 Carrera 4 GTS Cab
Rafael Mora	Land O Lakes	2023	911 Carrera T
Crystal & Ryan Morris	Tampa	2026	911 Spirit 70
James Mulay	Lutz	2025	911 GT3
Jerry Mullins	Clearwater	2024	911 Turbo S Cab
Byron Owen	Port Charlotte	2023	911 Carrera T
Nikolas Pantelis	St Petersburg	2011	Cayman
Yong Park	Tampa	2026	Macan GTS
Kamil Rakowski	Tampa	2021	911 Carrera 4S
Daniel Rasp	Saint Petersburg	1997	Boxster
Merv & Pat Rego	Lakeland	2025	911 Carrera
George & Denise Reynolds	Odessa	2000	911 Carrera Cab
Tom De Weerdt & Sarah Mulhall	St. Petersburg	2026	911 Targa 4 GTS
Srujay Vabilisetty & Sasi Priya Vakada	Wesley Chapel	2024	718 Cayman GTS 4.0
Jack Schramm	New Port Richey	2014	Boxster
James Sheehan	Valrico	2007	Boxster S
Timothy Speicher	Lakeland	2022	718 Cayman GT4
Lisa Stamm	Tampa	2022	718 Spyder
Teodosiy Teodosiev	Lithia	1996	911 Carrera Cab
Michael Thurston	Longboat Key	2021	718 Boxster GTS 4.0
Martha Tirinnanzi	Sarasota	2026	911 Carrera
Richard Vaccaro	Bradenton	2015	Macan S
Leonard & Susan E Vandermast	Apollo Beach	2023	Cayenne GTS
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Host, Renae Fjugstad, renae.fjugstad@gmail.com

3rd SAT — **8:30 AM, Skillet's/Village Shoppes Jacaranda**
US 41-4115 South Tamiami Trail South, Venice
Host, Norm Sippel, nsippel@mindspring.com

3rd SAT — **9:00 AM, ClearSky Club Haus**
36355 East Lake Road, North end of Ridgemoor Shopping Center. Host, Bill Schultz, bschultz@reiengineers.com

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3rd SAT — **8:30 AM, Flight Line Café/Winter Haven**
2073 US 92 West, Winter Haven
Registration at www.clubregistration.net

3rd SAT — **8:30 AM, Tantrums Flightside Cafe/Bartow**
5993 Airport Blvd
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4th SAT — **8:00 AM Fellowship, 8:30 AM Breakfast**
The Hangar Restaurant & Flight Lounge
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LUNCH WITH PORSCHES

3rd WED — **12 Noon, Orange County Choppers Roadhouse**
10575 49th St N, Clearwater, FL
Registration at www.clubregistration.net

3rd THU — **11:30 AM, Gecko's Grill & Pub**
351 North Cattlemens Road, Sarasota
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DINNER WITH PORSCHES

4th WED — **6 PM, Pee-Pa's Garage**
6340 49th Street North, Pinellas Park
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11 DEC — **6 PM, Annual Holiday Gala, Museum of FIne Arts**
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Suncoast PCA DE at Sebring

by Debbie Spee



All at Sebring International Raceway

- **Nov 13, 14, & 15**

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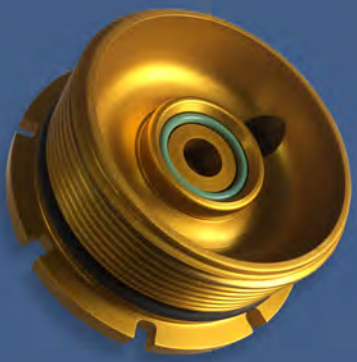
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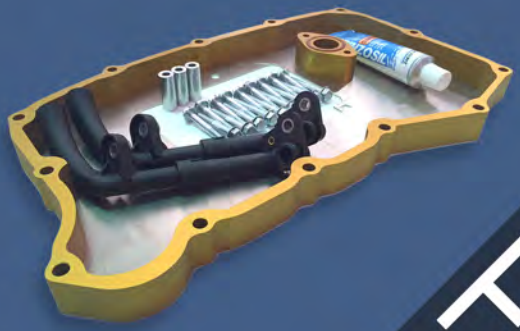
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Porsche unveils Mid-Engine Mission S Concept



Courtesy Porsche AG North America

As part of its strategic realignment, Porsche presented a forward-looking vision model as a first glimpse of the brand's evolved design identity on the same New York pier that the iconic 550 Spyder was first photographed in North America.

"**A Porsche must be recognizable as a Porsche at first glance**," Dr. Michael Leiters, Chairman of the Executive Board of Porsche AG, said. "The Mission S provides a glimpse of the ideas and design features that will shape Porsche in the coming years."

"The Mission S represents a mid-engined super sports car platform positioned above the 911 – not as a one-off hypercar, but as a permanent and versatile addition to our customer offering," Leiters added.

Featuring design cues representative of years of Porsche design heritage (including the exposed radiator element of the monster 917), Mission S has a stripped down, almost analog cockpit. As the car moves from concept to production, specifications on power and performance will be released.







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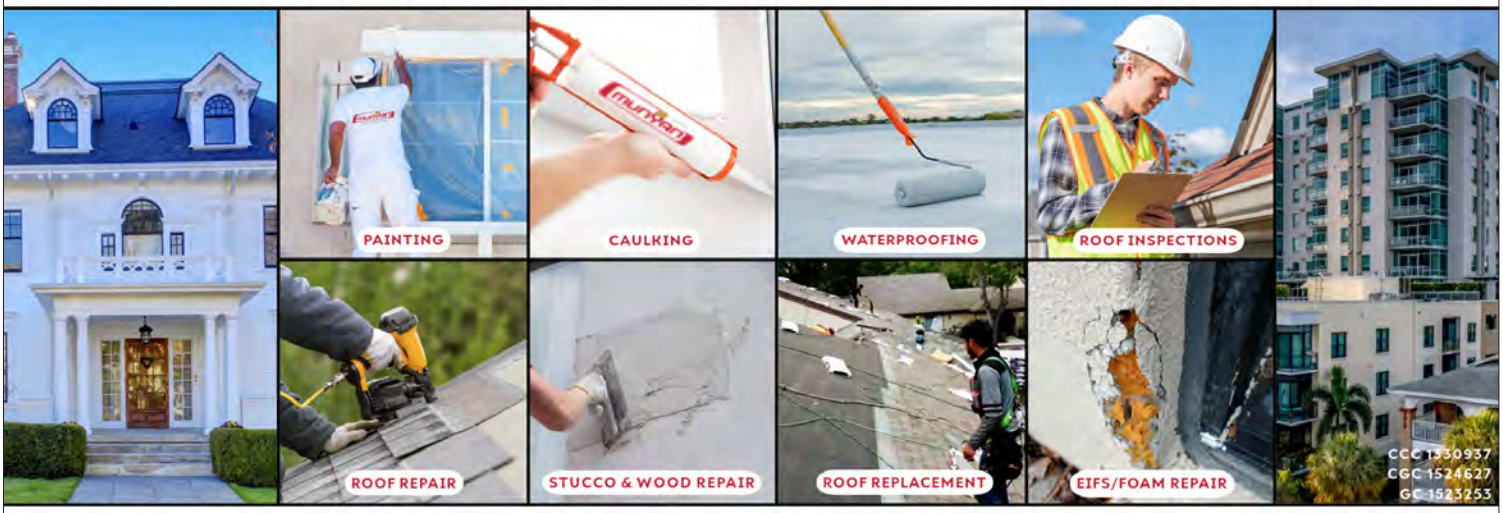
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2026 356 East Coast Holiday, Lexington Kentucky

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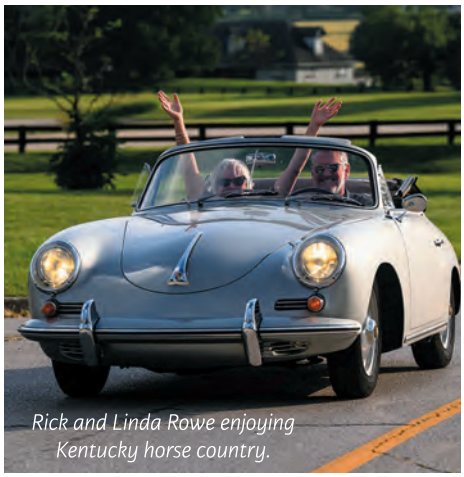
This year's **356 East Coast Holiday** took place in Lexington, Kentucky, a place where timeless elegance and open-road adventure come together naturally. The city and surrounding Bluegrass countryside provided a beautiful backdrop for **140+ vintage Porsche 356s.** There is something especially fitting about seeing these iconic air-cooled machines winding through the rolling hills and quiet country roads, where white fences frame lush pastures and thoroughbred horses graze beneath the Kentucky sky.

Beyond the horse farms, Lexington's identity is deeply connected to bourbon, another Kentucky tradition shaped by craftsmanship and time. **Historic distilleries and bourbon destinations** invited the 356 group to experience the care that goes into producing one of the state's most celebrated spirits. The event provided an opportunity to explore winding roads, admire magnificent horse farms, and enjoy the character of Kentucky bourbon.

This year's East Coast Holiday featured two days of driving, with tours to two different premier breeding **Horse Farms**, venerable **Woodford Reserve** and **Makers Mark Distilleries, Toyota's Kentucky** plant and the **Red River Gorge/Natural Bridge.**

20 or so of the local Suncoast PCA members made the trek to Griffin Gate for the event. Several, including **Chris Sloan and Shirly Kocur in their fabulous 1955 Pre-A Continental,** as well as **Carlos Cendejas in his Togo Brown 1964 C Coupe** made the long drive to Lexington, over several days.

The Concours field was amazing, and Suncoast's own **Joe & Elizabeth Owen** and **Rick & Linda Rowe** came away with well-earned awards. ◻



Rick and Linda Rowe enjoying Kentucky horse country.



The Porsche Carrera GTS (904)

The Carrera GTS was designed in response to Porsche's decision to exit Formula 1 and focus on Sports/C manufactured between 1963 and 1965. FIA homologation regulations at the time for Sports/GT required pure race cars, the car was designed to be street legal as well - although it had little in the way of creatu

The 904 was the first closed top, mid-engine car that Porsche sold to the public. It was also the first Por Liter 4 cam flat 4 engine, pumping out 180 hp. Commonly known as the Fuhrmann engine, it was arguab

The 904 proved to be a durable race car, with podium finishes at Targa Florio, Nürburgring, Le Mans, Sp Championship in 1964 and 1965, as well as the 2 Liter GT Category in the manufacturer world champion



GT racing instead. Also know as the 904, it debuted for the 1964 racing season. The Carrera GTS was
that 100 cars be built, to be eligible to race. Since Porsche believed that it would be difficult to sell 100
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rsche to use a steel ladder chassis and a bonded fiberglass body. Power for the 904 was provided by a 2
bly the most complex 4 cylinder engine built at that time.

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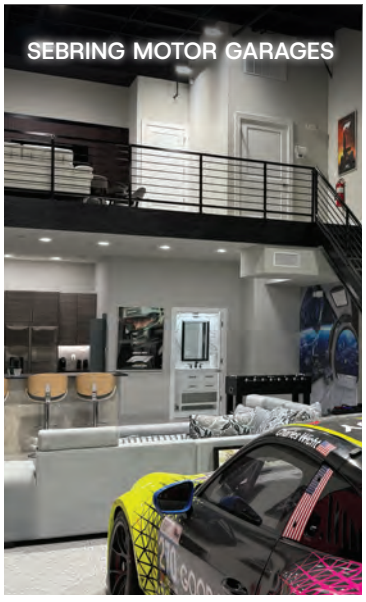
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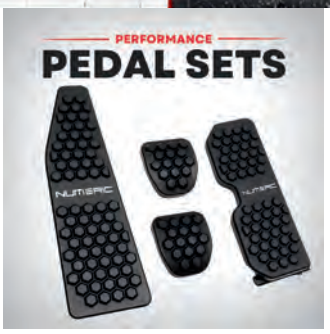
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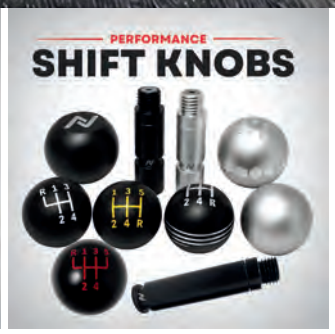
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There are several types of rallies, but PCA focuses on two: **Gimmick Rallies and TSD (Time-Speed-Distance) Rallies.** Both involve following a designated route on public roads, often without relying on street names or highway numbers. Both require a driver and navigator, although additional passengers are welcome with appropriate safety restraints.

TSD Rally: Precision and Teamwork

The goal is to follow a prescribed route while maintaining specified average speeds and arriving at checkpoints at precisely the correct times.

Participants use route instructions, their speedometer, odometer, and sometimes GPS-based timing applications to calculate their progress. Scoring is based on accuracy, with penalties for arriving early or late.

Navigation, time management, and teamwork are essential. Most of our competitors rely on a seat-of-the-pants approach to figuring out how fast to drive to maintain the required average speed!

Gimmick Rally: Observation and Discovery

A Gimmick Rally emphasizes following the prescribed course while finding signs, landmarks, and clues needed to answer questions along the way.

Precise timing isn't important, but careful driving and sharp observation skills certainly are! Some answers are straightforward, while others require a little detective work.

For example, a question might ask, "What cars are serviced at Pedro's Garage?" The sign might read "Porsche Performance Modifications and Customization." Or perhaps, "How much would two synthetic oil changes cost at Jiffy-Lube?" You would need to find the advertised price and multiply by two.

There might even be a scavenger hunt challenge, such as collecting a "Christmas Train" brochure from the Railroad Museum in Parrish.

Gimmick Rallies typically finish at a restaurant or museum, where competitors gather for food, camaraderie, and an awards ceremony.

The key difference? TSD Rallies reward precision, navigation, and maintaining a prescribed pace. Gimmick Rallies reward observation, problem-solving, and discovery.

Introducing the South of Sebring Rallye!

For our **65th Anniversary Celebration weekend at Sebring International Raceway,** we're combining the best of both worlds!

The **South of Sebring (SoS)** Rallye will feature elements of both TSD and Gimmick Rallies, plus a Poker Rally offering a chance to win a portion of the "pot" while supporting a worthwhile charity.

Participants wishing to join the poker competition can ante $50 cash to receive three cards at the start, then collect one additional card at each of two checkpoints they successfully locate.

At the finish, participants may ante another $25 cash for each of up to two opportunities to discard and draw a replacement card.

The best poker hand wins half the pot, with the remaining half donated to the **Judeo Christian Health Clinic in Tampa,** which has served the healthcare needs of the working poor for decades.

How the Rallye Will Work

Leg 1 – Odometer Correction and Gimmick Rally

The opening leg combines an odometer correction section with questions along the route. It ends at the first checkpoint, where a Marshal will deal an additional card to poker participants.

Leg 2 – TSD Rally with a Twist

The second leg emphasizes time-speed-distance driving, with several gimmick questions thrown in! At the second checkpoint, poker participants receive another card.

Leg 3 – The Final Stretch

The last leg is primarily a TSD Rally, with just two easily answered questions before returning to Sebring.

The SoS Rallye will start and finish in the paddock parking area at Sebring International Raceway. More specific gathering, starting, and finishing instructions will be sent to registered participants.

We also plan to hold a couple of virtual "rally school" sessions via Microsoft Teams in the weeks leading up to the event.

It's All About the Experience!

Both types of rallies offer a terrific opportunity to enjoy your Porsche, discover interesting roads, and share the experience with fellow enthusiasts.

Neither requires high-speed driving. Both emphasize safe, courteous driving on public roads and teamwork between driver and navigator.

Whether you enjoy precision, problem-solving, or simply exploring new roads, Rallyesport has something for you! ◻

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Fourth Tour of the Year: Cars, Classics & the Tail of Tampa

by John Punzak









On Saturday, September 26th, 30 cars and 50 PCA members gathered for the fourth official Tour of the year. The day began with an hour-plus Cars & Coffee gathering at **Auto Den** near TPA Airport. The cars were strategically parked to create a photo-op starting grid for the tour.

Many thanks to Auto Den—and their CEO and Suncoast PCA member, Matt Battaglia—for providing the coffee and breakfast and for being our gracious host.

Next, the two tour groups headed north on the Veterans Expressway to Van Dyke Road, then over to Tarpon Springs Road to catch the "Tail of Tampa," aka Patterson Road. Continuing south through Safety Harbor and along Bayshore Boulevard, we made our way to our next stop: the **Tampa Bay Automobile Museum.**

The museum specializes in early European classics, with a collection of more than 80 vehicles. Some of the classics feature a gold star on their placard. We learned that this designation means the car is the last known surviving example of that particular make and model. Not just a "1-of-1" like you might see at an auction, but the actual lone survivor of its species. Amazing!

After our docent-led tour, most of us headed nearby for lunch at the **Orange County Choppers Roadhouse & Museum.** A fitting end to a great tour—having a meal at a biker bar!

All in all, it was another great day of cars, roads, history, and camaraderie with our Suncoast PCA family. ◻



The Road Ahead

2026: A Year of Growth. A Community of Passion. A Future of Possibilities.

Looking Back at 2026. Looking Ahead to 2027.

As we approach the end of 2026, I find myself reflecting on what has been an extraordinary year for the Suncoast Florida Region. A year of growth, new friendships, incredible driving experiences, and, most importantly, the dedication of our volunteers who make it all possible.

When your leadership team began the year, we established three straightforward objectives that would guide our decisions, priorities, and programs:

1. **Grow Our Membership**
2. **Grow the Value We Deliver to Our Members**
3. **Grow Member Engagement in Club Activities**

Simple objectives? Absolutely. But delivering on them takes commitment, teamwork, and a shared passion for everything Porsche.

So, how did we do? **Let's look at 2026 by the numbers!**

Growing Our Membership – One Porsche at a Time!

During 2026, we welcomed **240 new members** to the Suncoast Florida Region! That's 240 more Porsche enthusiasts who now have the opportunity to experience everything our club has to offer.

How did we accomplish this? Sometimes, it's the simplest ideas that make the biggest difference.

One of my favorites is what I call good old-fashioned grassroots marketing. Several of our Directors began placing their Suncoast Florida Region business cards on Porsche windshields with a simple message:

"Nice Porsche! If you aren't a PCA member, please call me or visit SuncoastPCA.org. We have a lot to offer!"

The card includes a QR code to join PCA and the Director's contact information. Now, **that's grassroots marketing if I've ever seen it!**

Our Dealer Ambassadors have also been instrumental in connecting with Porsche owners through our three regional Porsche dealerships. They're helping introduce prospective members to PCA and demonstrating why Suncoast Florida Region is such a special community.

And let's not forget our Membership team, which launched our new **Member Ambassador Program.**

If you've joined recently, you may have received a welcome email or, better yet, a personal phone call from one of our Membership Ambassadors. Their mission is simple: welcome you, help you navigate our website, Profile magazine, eNewsletter, and social media channels, and, most importantly, encourage you to get involved!

Whether it's a social gathering, Driver's Education, Autocross, a scenic Tour, or a Rallye, there's literally **something for everyone!** Because joining PCA is just the beginning. **Getting involved is where the real value begins!**



Growing Member Value – 94 Reasons to Get Together!

When I think about delivering value to our members, one number really jumps off the page.

94 SOCIAL EVENTS!

Yes, you read that correctly. During 2026, our Social team delivered an incredible **94 events, welcoming 713 attendees across 18 different locations!**

WOW!

From casual gatherings and dinners to unique venues and special experiences, these events represent much more than numbers. They're opportunities to meet fellow Porsche enthusiasts, develop friendships, share stories, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes PCA so special.

After all, while our Porsches may bring us together, **it's the people who keep us coming back!** And that's what growing member value is all about. **Growing Member Engagement – Now, These Numbers Tell a Story!**

As I've said many times throughout the year, **"We are a CAR CLUB!"**

And our driving programs certainly delivered on that promise in 2026. Consider what our dedicated driving teams accomplished:

DRIVER'S EDUCATION (DE)

Our DE team delivered **10 events spanning 21 track days,** welcoming 778 drivers, including 77 first-time DE participants, with the support of 281 instructors. Think about that for a moment. Seventy-seven drivers experienced the excitement, education, and camaraderie of Driver's Education for the very first time!

AUTOCROSS (AX)

Our Autocross team delivered **10 events, attracting 359 participants,** including 20 first-time AX drivers.

by Jim Farmer



And here's a number that deserves some attention: **2,800 RUNS COMPLETED!** That's a lot of cones, tires, and smiling drivers!

DRIVING TOURS

Our Tours team organized **6 scenic driving tours,** bringing together 88 participants and 141 members/passengers, covering 516 miles across six destinations. Great roads, beautiful Porsches, and wonderful friendships. What could be better?

RALLYES

Our Rallye team delivered **3 Rallyes, with 34 cars and 68 participants,** including 21 first-timers, exploring 18 different locations.

If you haven't participated in a Rallye, put it on your list for 2027. It's a wonderful combination of driving, navigation, teamwork, and fun!

The Big Picture – 2026 By the Numbers!

When we bring everything together, the accomplishments of our club are impressive.

123 EVENTS!
1,972 PARTICIPANTS!
270 UNIQUE MEMBERS ENGAGED!

That means approximately **7.5% of our membership participated in at least one club event during 2026.** These numbers tell two important stories.

First, our leadership and volunteer teams delivered an extraordinary number of opportunities for members to participate, learn, drive, socialize, and enjoy their Porsches.

Second, **we have a tremendous opportunity ahead of us!**

With more than 3,500 members in our region, imagine what we can accomplish by encouraging even more members to participate in just one event. If you haven't attended a Suncoast event recently, make 2027 the year you reconnect. And if you're a new member, don't wait! Come join us. You'll be glad you did.

Be sure to check out our accompanying infographic, **"2026 By the Numbers," on page 27** in this issue of Profile. It provides an even broader picture of the activities and experiences our teams delivered throughout the year.

The Heart of Suncoast – Our Volunteers!

Before looking ahead to 2027, there's something I want to emphasize.

NONE of this happens without our VOLUNTEERS!

Every Director, Board Member, Ambassador, Instructor, Event Chair, Committee Member, and support team member contributes their time, talents, and energy to making Suncoast Florida Region one of the most active and engaging regions in PCA.

> *"Because ultimately, our success isn't measured simply by how many members we have, **but by how many members are experiencing the value of belonging.***

These individuals aren't employees. They're volunteers who share a passion for Porsche and a commitment to serving our membership.

Behind every successful event are countless hours of planning, coordination, communication, and preparation. Much of that work happens quietly, behind the scenes, without recognition or fanfare.

But it doesn't go unnoticed. To each and every one of you, **THANK YOU!**

Your dedication, commitment, and willingness to serve are truly the heartbeat of our club. You exemplify what our leadership team's guiding philosophy is all about: **#inserviceto**

I am personally grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such a committed group of individuals.



Looking Ahead to 2027 – The Road Ahead Is Bright!

As proud as I am of what we accomplished in 2026, I'm equally excited about what lies ahead. Our three core objectives will remain firmly in place:

Grow Members. Grow Member Value. Grow Member Engagement.

But we won't simply repeat what we've done. We'll continue looking for new ways to improve, expand our reach, and create meaningful experiences for our members.

Here are just a few examples of what's taking shape for 2027.

More Family-Friendly Experiences

Our Social team is exploring a new concept we're calling **"Four-Door Programs."**

Think about our Porsche owners who have car seats in the back, soccer players to transport, or teenagers who might enjoy getting involved.

Why not combine the enjoyment of driving a Porsche with family-friendly destinations and activities? It's another opportunity to connect members, families, and the Porsche lifestyle in new and exciting ways.

.... continued from page 25: The Road Ahead

Stronger Connections with Our Porsche Dealerships

Our Dealer Ambassadors will continue strengthening relationships with Porsche Tampa, Porsche Clearwater, and Suncoast Porsche.

Through programs like *The Porsche Connection*, we'll continue connecting our members with dealership events, activities, and experiences that enhance the value of belonging to PCA.

Driving Programs That Deliver!

Our DE, Autocross, Tours, and Rallye teams will continue doing what they do best: delivering exceptional driving experiences, opportunities to develop skills, and the camaraderie that makes our club unique.

Whether you're a seasoned track driver or someone who has never participated in a driving event, there's a place for you.

Better Communications. Better Connections.

Our Marketing and Communications teams are already working on improvements to our website, social media, Profile magazine, and eNewsletter. The objective is simple: make it easier for members to discover what's happening, find activities that interest them, and receive relevant information through the communication channels they prefer.

Turning New Members into Active Members

Our Membership team will continue expanding its outreach and engagement programs. Welcoming new members is important. Helping them make connections, build friendships, and participate in club activities is even more important.

One More Celebration Before We Close Out 2026!

Before we put 2026 in the rearview mirror, we have one more very special event on the calendar!

Our **2026 Annual Holiday Gal**a is scheduled for **Friday, December 11, at the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg.**

Our Social team has planned what promises to be a premier evening featuring cocktails and wine, a plated dinner, live music, awards, and an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with fellow Suncoast members. Be sure to check out the Gala advertisement on page 6 in this issue of Profile for all the details. **Seating is limited, so don't wait to register!** Visit **ClubRegistration.net** to reserve your place.

The Best Is Yet to Come!

As we close out 2026, I hope every member takes pride in what we've accomplished together. We've grown our membership, expanded the value of belonging, delivered exceptional driving and social experiences, and created new opportunities for Porsche enthusiasts to connect.

But perhaps our greatest accomplishment is something that can't be captured in an infographic: the friendships, relationships, and sense of community that make Suncoast Florida Region so special.



To our members, thank you for being part of this incredible club. To our volunteers, thank you for making it all happen.

And to our leadership team, thank you for embracing our three objectives and turning them into meaningful results.

2026 was an incredible year. Let's make 2027 even better!

Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy, Porsche-filled New Year!

See you on the road!

Jim Farmer
President, Suncoast Florida Region
Porsche Club of America
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2026 BY THE NUMBERS
3,605+ MEMBERS
8 COUNTIES
65 YEARS
ONE REGION. ONE COMMUNITY, ENDLESS ROADS.
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Polk
Manatee
Hardee
Sarasota
OUR 8 COUNTIES ONE COMMUNITY
DRIVING
CARS BRING US TO AMAZING PLACES
DRIVER EDUCATION
10 DE EVENTS
778 TOTAL DRIVERS
77 FIRST-TIME DE DRIVERS
281 INSTRUCTORS
21 TRACK DAYS
AUTOCROSS
10 AUTOX EVENTS
359 PARTICIPANTS
20 FIRST-TIME AX DRIVERS
2,800 RUNS COMPLETED
55 UNIQUE DRIVERS
TOURS
6 DRIVING TOURS
88 PARTICIPATING PORSCHES
141 MEMBERS/ PASSENGERS
516 TOTAL MILES DRIVEN
6 DESTINATIONS
RALLIES
3 RALLYES
34 CARS
68 PARTICIPANTS
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94 EVENTS
713 ATTENDEES
LARGEST EVENTS: 65TH ANNIVERSARY, HOLIDAY GALA
121 NEW-MEMBER ATTENDEES
18 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS
SPECIAL EVENTS
6 EVENTS
275 ATTENDEES
65TH ANNIVERSARY, HOLIDAY GALA, PORSCHE N' POLOS, FOUR-DOOR FAMILY EVENTS
DEALER EVENTS
5 EVENTS
3 DEALERSHIPS
200+ ATTENDEES
GROWING
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GROW MEMBER ENGAGEMENT.
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A Great Day at Win! Derby:
Suncoast's Autocross Season New Venue

by Neil Yuenger, photos by Philip Petrie

On September 20, the Suncoast Florida Region held its first Autocross event at our exciting new venue, Win! Derby in St. Petersburg.

Great weather, a great new site, and—most importantly—great people came together to make it a fun, safe, and successful day!

Using a three-run-group format, we were able to complete seven runs for each driver and still wrap up the event by 3:30 p.m. That gave everyone plenty of time on course while keeping the day moving at a comfortable pace.

Our participants represented the full spectrum of Autocross enthusiasts: women and men, experienced competitors and first-time rookies, along with enthusiastic spectators. Ages ranged from 18 to 80, proving once again that Autocross really is for everyone. And the cars were just as diverse as the drivers. Among the highlights was a beautiful 1968 Lotus Seven!

If you have a driver's license, Autocross is for you.

Our experienced staff will explain everything you need to know at each event during the mandatory Driver's Meeting. The meeting is an important part of the PCA Minimum Standards for Autocross, which establish common, safety-based rules designed to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone—whether you are behind the wheel or watching from the sidelines. The PCA Autocross Minimum Standards are available on the PCA.org website.

And there's plenty more to come. Looking to the road ahead, Suncoast Florida Region plans to offer members eight to ten Autocross events each year. This year, we're expanding our options even further by adding Sebring as a third Autocross location, joining our regular venues in Venice and St. Pete.

So bring your Porsche, bring your enthusiasm, and come experience the excitement of Autocross with us. We'll see you at the next event! ◻

Neil Yuenger, Competitive Activities



1968 Lotus Seven



Starter



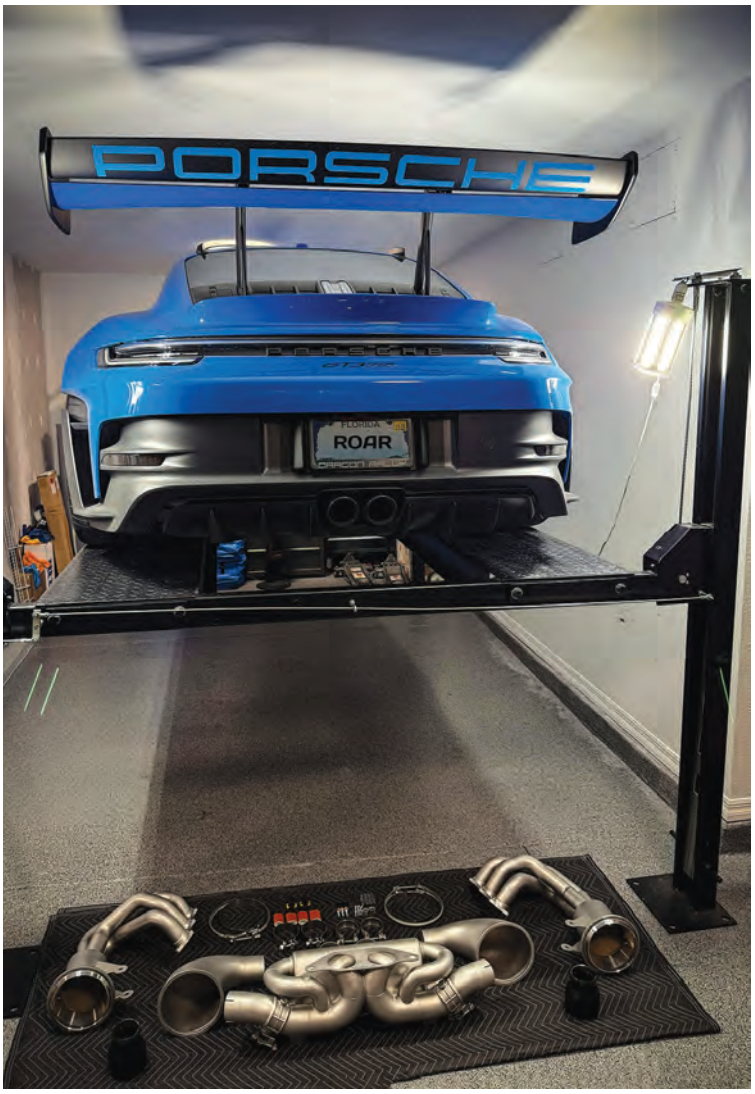
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Photo of the Month

by Ralph Porzio

The Sound of Things to Come



Sometimes the best photographs aren't planned. You just have to be ready when the moment happens.

Most of our Photo of the Month submissions feature a beautiful Porsche sitting in a beautiful setting, polished and ready for its close-up. This month, however, we have something a little different—and, in my opinion, a photograph that captures something very special about being a Porsche enthusiast.

Rich Pusl's beautiful 911 is up on the lift, with an impressive collection of new exhaust components carefully laid out on the floor, waiting to transform the car's soundtrack. But this isn't simply a picture of a Porsche getting a performance upgrade.

Rich is taking on this complex DIY project with the help of fellow PCA member Glenn Palumbo, who has opened his home and shared his time and expertise to help get the job done. It's a great example of something we see throughout the Porsche community: enthusiasts helping enthusiasts.

There is a lot to admire in this photograph—the car, the parts, and the promise of that first start when everything is back together. But perhaps what I like most is what you don't necessarily see at first glance: two Porsche enthusiasts working together, sharing knowledge, tackling a challenging project and, undoubtedly, enjoying the experience along the way.

And there's another lesson here for all of us who enjoy photography: keep that camera ready. The perfect Porsche photograph doesn't always happen on a scenic road or at a car show. Sometimes it happens in a garage, on a lift, surrounded by parts, tools and friends.

You never know when you'll encounter
The Sound of Things to Come. ◻

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.



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.

Bucket List Event: Monterey Car Week 2026

by David Witty



'Bucket List'- a list of things a person aspires to do, places they want to go and/or experiences that they want to have in their lifetime. This article is the first of Bucket List features that will be published in Porsche Profile from time to time.

If there ever was an event that belongs on a Porsche enthusiasts bucket list, it's **Monterey Car Week**. Held in August, at and around legendary **Laguna Seca Raceway**, it offers a veritable cornucopia of Porsche (and other makes) activities. Each day features multiple events spread throughout the **Monterey Peninsula**, culminating with the iconic **Pebble Beach Concours**. There are so many exotic and hyper cars driving around the area, a passing Pagani or Bugatti Veyron barely gets a second look!

The week kicked off at the track with P**re-Reunion** racing Saturday and Sunday. Featuring many of the cars that raced later in the week, it was a great opportunity to see each group of race machines on track twice a day and in the paddock, without the crowds.

While there wasn't any on-track action on Monday or Tuesday, there were many other events to enjoy. The Monterey Porsche dealer held its' annual event Monday evening at their dealership. They closed the road in front of the facility, and the Porsches on display seemed to be lined up for a mile. With dedicated sections for both Air- or Water-cooled vehicles, it was obvious that 'patina' on classic cars is a trend that is here to stay.

On Tuesday, Porsche lovers headed to the **Carmel Concours for a Cause**. Carmel by the Sea closes Ocean Avenue and side streets to display a collection of classic cars, along with international cuisine and local artists. One of the side streets was dedicated to a couple dozen of Stuttgart's finest.

Wednesday and Thursday practice laps and qualifying for each of the historic groups heated up at **Laguna Seca**. On track and in the paddock, Porsches ranged from the earliest racing 356's and Spyders, to more recent endurance and IMSA machines.

While there was plenty of on-track activity on Friday, with first races scheduled for each group, Porsche aficionados headed instead to the **Monterey Pines Golf Course** for the **11th annual Werks Reunion**. Organized by PCA, it featured over 700 Porsches of all types spread across 4 fairways.

Saturday most fans returned to **Laguna Seca** and its famous Corkscrew turn to watch the second and final races for each of the groups. The sun never showed, but motoring enthusiasts could enjoy racing machines ranging from 1910 to 2011. The multiple elevation changes and great viewing areas make the track a fan favorite.

Sunday started early (at least for some), as **Pebble Beach Concours** kicked off with **"Dawn Patrol."** Dawn Patrol draws thousands of spectators to greet the new day and welcome the cars onto the field, beginning at 5:30 am. **Pebble Beach Concours** has a well-deserved reputation for displaying some of rarest and most amazing automobiles in the world. It's difficult to describe the energy that surrounds the event. It's an invitation only event, and getting that invitation to display your automobile on the 18th hole at Pebble Beach is one of the most coveted in all automobile collecting.

While it was other marques' year to be featured, Porsche still was ably represented by a **1958 356A Reutter Coupe** (with original paint!), **a 1963 356B Carrera 2**, a **1964 904 Carrera GTS** (which sold for $ 1.6 million at the auction), and a **1973 911 Carrera RS 2.7L RS.**

If you have not already done so, add the **Monterey Car Week** to your personal **"bucket list"** today! ☐





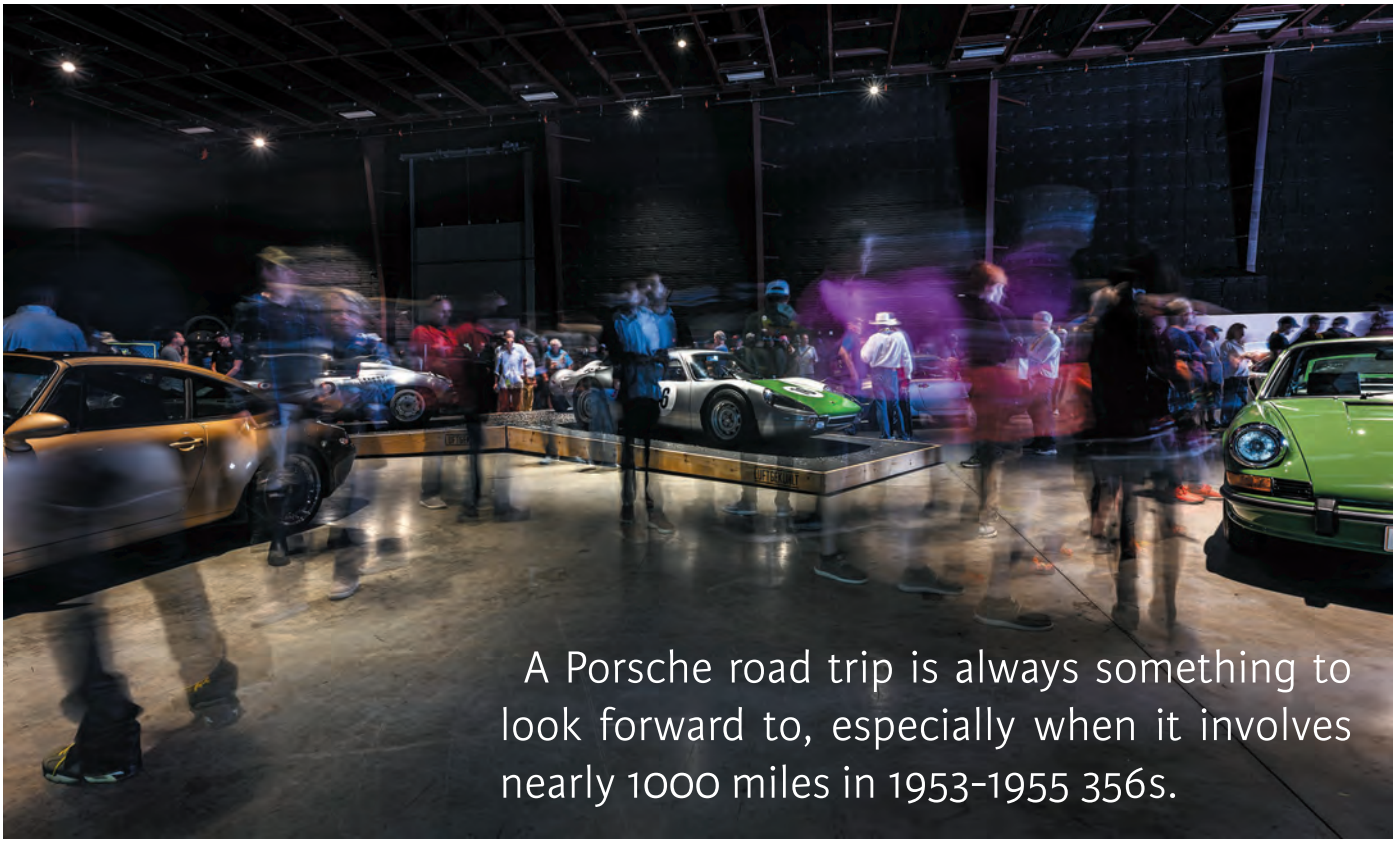
If you have not already done so, add the **Monterey Car Week** to your personal **“bucket list”** today!





Luftgekühlt 12

Article by Frank Hood, Photos by David Witty



A Porsche road trip is always something to look forward to, especially when it involves nearly 1000 miles in 1953-1955 356s.

A Porsche road trip is always something to look forward to, especially when it involves nearly 1000 miles in 1953-1955 356s. Add a questionable weather forecast, a group of like-minded Porsche enthusiasts, and rumors of Jim Cantore heading to the area, and you just know the trip to Luft 12 was going to be an adventure.

The Pre-A Pack which consists of Frank Hood, Todd Williams, Shane Socash and Tom Elkins, a group of four Die-Hard Pre-A Porsche custodians and more importantly drivers from the Tampa Bay Area. With an active text thread going we came to the conclusion that a Porsche event with crappy weather is better than a day at work with crappy weather. So, early Thursday morning, we headed north, our Pre-As ready for the journey and our windshields treated with Rain-X. After safely navigating through some minor storms, we arrived at our VRBO and settled in with pizza, some well earned adult beverages, and keeping an eye on the Weather Channel.

Friday we woke to the same crappy forecast however we remained optimistic. Luft organizers sent out a somewhat promising email to featured car entrants stating the event is "on, rain or shine" and there would be plenty of indoor events to be experienced including 120 years of the Targa Florio - yes, the legendary Sicilian road race which inspired Porsche to name their removable center-top 911 and 912 after. The Luft swag store would also be located inside along with the **50 years of the Porsche 935 display as the centerpiece** in addition to other Porsche race cars spanning the Porsche air-cooled decades. Luft Cinema was another inside option available for those wanting to catch the Mobil 1 premiere of the latest film documenting Jeff Zwart's epic journey of the East African Safari Rally, Type 7's premiere of Street Legal or Hagerty's screening of their Porsche Turbo film and if that wasn't enough you could see **Steve McQueen's legendary film Le Mans** on the big screen and have the opportunity to see the 917K from the movie!

As our 4pm Friday load-in time approached, the Pre-A Pack made the quick 9 minute journey from our VRBO to the **Trilith Shipyard, the site of Luft 12.** The amazing Luft team members had all our Pre-As park in front of the building housing the swag store and 50 years of Porsche 935 display. The display was created using stacked shipping containers, forming a massive indoor space. This backdrop provided the famous Luft photo experience that has been a hallmark of the event from its origins. After a few quick photos it was time to check out the other featured cars. It was so cool to see **356s early 911s, 912s, 914s, 914-6s along with 930s of all colors** load into to the area.

> *Now we wait with anticipation for Luft 13...*

Food trucks were on site and adult beverages were being served under the covered outside area linking the swag/935 area to the **Targa Florio** display building. This was great place to catch up with old friends along with meeting new people. We were also fortunate enough to have the opportunity to **view a trailer of the Jeff Zwart's East African Safari Rally**



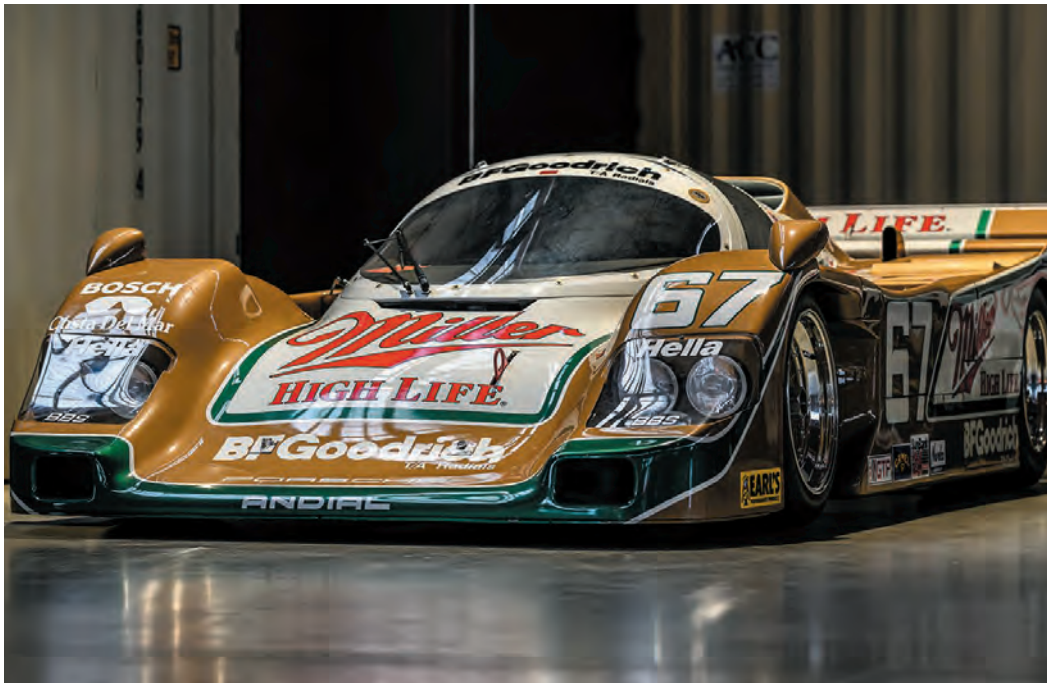
Photo Frank Hood

documentary. After the Friday evening event concluded we left our Pre-As parked for the Saturday main event and strolled to Main Street Trilith for a fabulous meal at Barley Garden.

After taking an Uber back to our VRBO and settling in for the evening a friend texted, CHECK YOUR EMAIL. The email read: "ADVISORY: TAKE YOUR CAR TONIGHT." Due to the expected strong wind and rain overnight... Now we had been watching the weather and yes **the forecast called for 100% chance of rain.** But up until this point there had only been light drizzling now and then but nothing that we felt was cause for alarm. Plus we hadn't witnessed the rumored Jim Cantore. The Pre-A Pack weighed the options and concluded the Luft Shipyard was the safest place for our cars, as the VRBO was surrounded by large trees. Then came the next email: **"DELAYED START - new event hours 1pm - 5pm."** Needless to say we elected to have another drink while we pondered how the next day would unfold.

Saturday - the main event was finally here! As the gates opened at 1pm for Luft 12 the participants and spectators alike marveled at the excitement, cars and history which we had all been waiting for.

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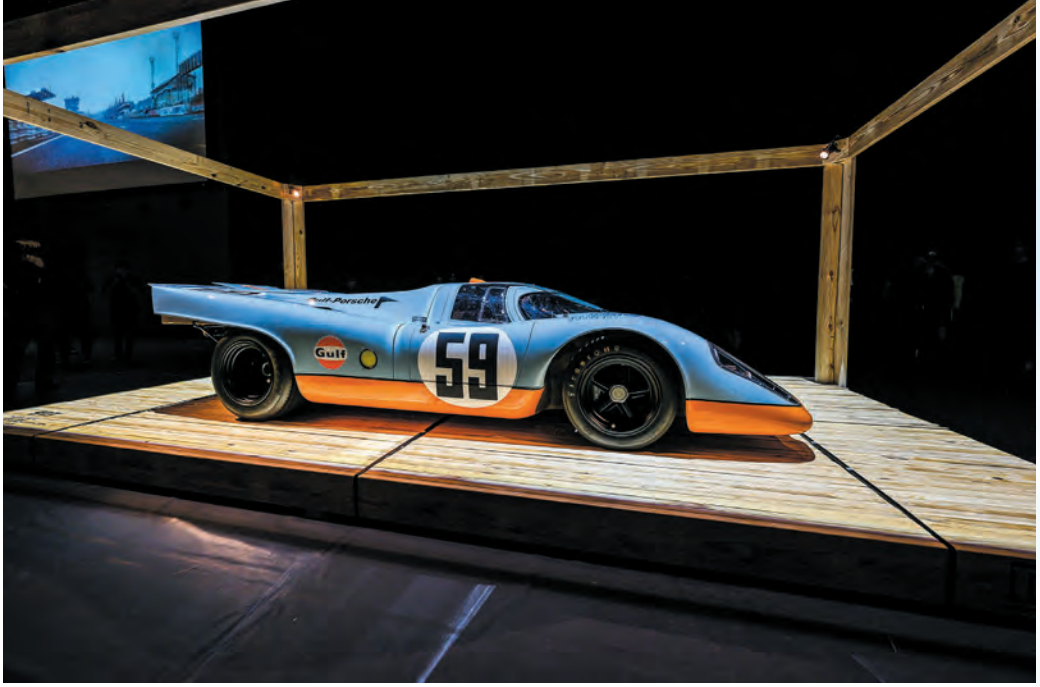
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Inside the Targa Florio display there was the **1964 Targa Florio 1st overall 904**, a **1960 RS Spyder** which finished 1st overall at Targa Florio in 1960, a **1958 718 RSK** which ran the Targa and established the fastest lap and led the race consistently until a last lap suspension failure snatched away victory along with a **1971 908 in Gulf livery** which raced the Targa was also included in the collection. Along with these spectacular race cars were gorgeous 911 Targas ranging from the early Soft-Window to the more modern Glass-Topped Targa.

Over at the swag store and 50 years of the 935 display was an assembly of Brumo cars, a 962 in Miller High Life livery along with perhaps my favorite car a 1951 Pre-A 356 racer wearing its years of battle scars and sorted stories and of course 935s! **Everywhere you looked were incredible Porsches.** To have these cars assembled in one place was truly amazing and a testament to Patrick Long, Jeff Zwart and fellow Luft organizers to the caliber of Porsches that are highlighted at Luft. Despite the weather and the delayed start Luft 12 was a tremendous success!

As for the Pre-A Pack, we all completed the nearly 1000 mile journey to Luft and back safely with the only one mechanical failure: a failed brake light switch which was quickly diagnosed and repaired. **I'd call that a great success for our 71 - 73 year-old Porsches!**

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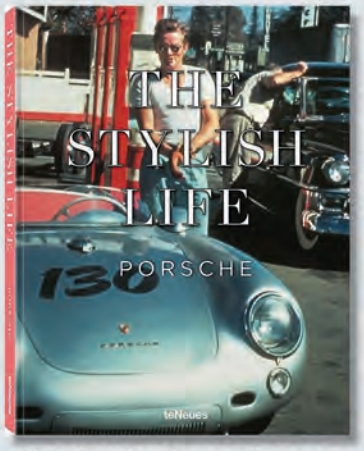
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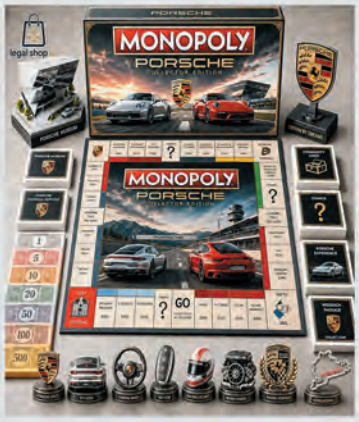
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The heavy rain decided to put our Porsches on lockdown, so we were all officially "PorscheLess" for our Tuesday, November 7th dinner get-together.

Unfortunately, the weather also put the brakes on our planned drive out to the beach to catch the sunset. But as Porsche people have learned, you don't necessarily need a Porsche to have a great time! Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening together, and before we knew it, the rain had done its thing, darkness had arrived, and it was time to call it a night.

A big thank-you to everyone who came out and helped make the evening such a fun one—and, of course, to Taso Italiano in New Port Richey for hosting us and taking such great care of our group.

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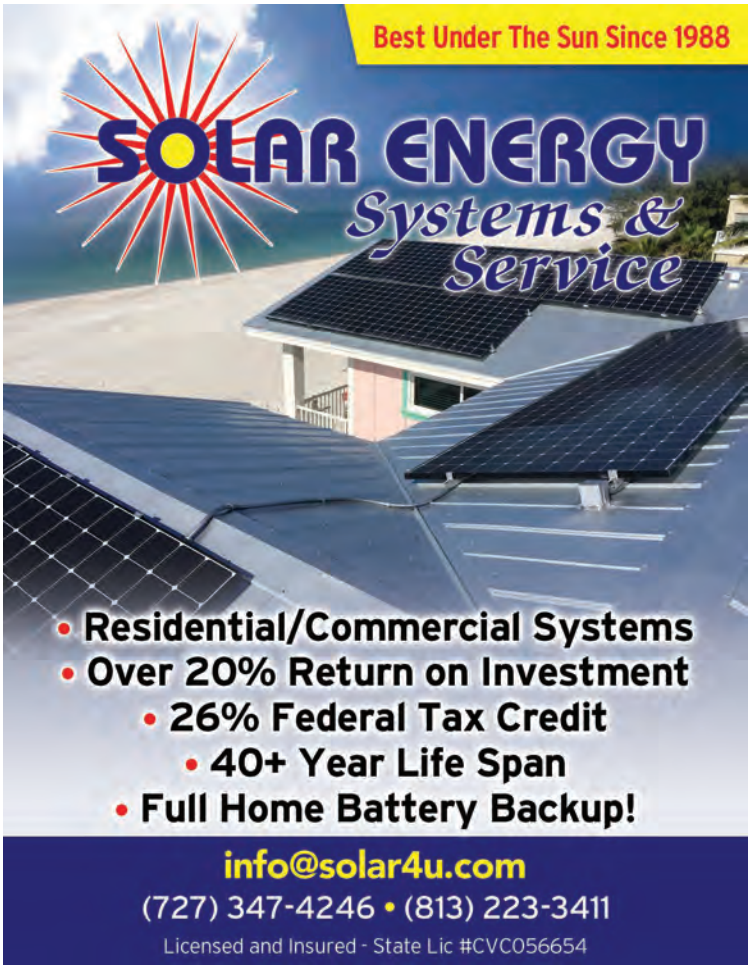
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