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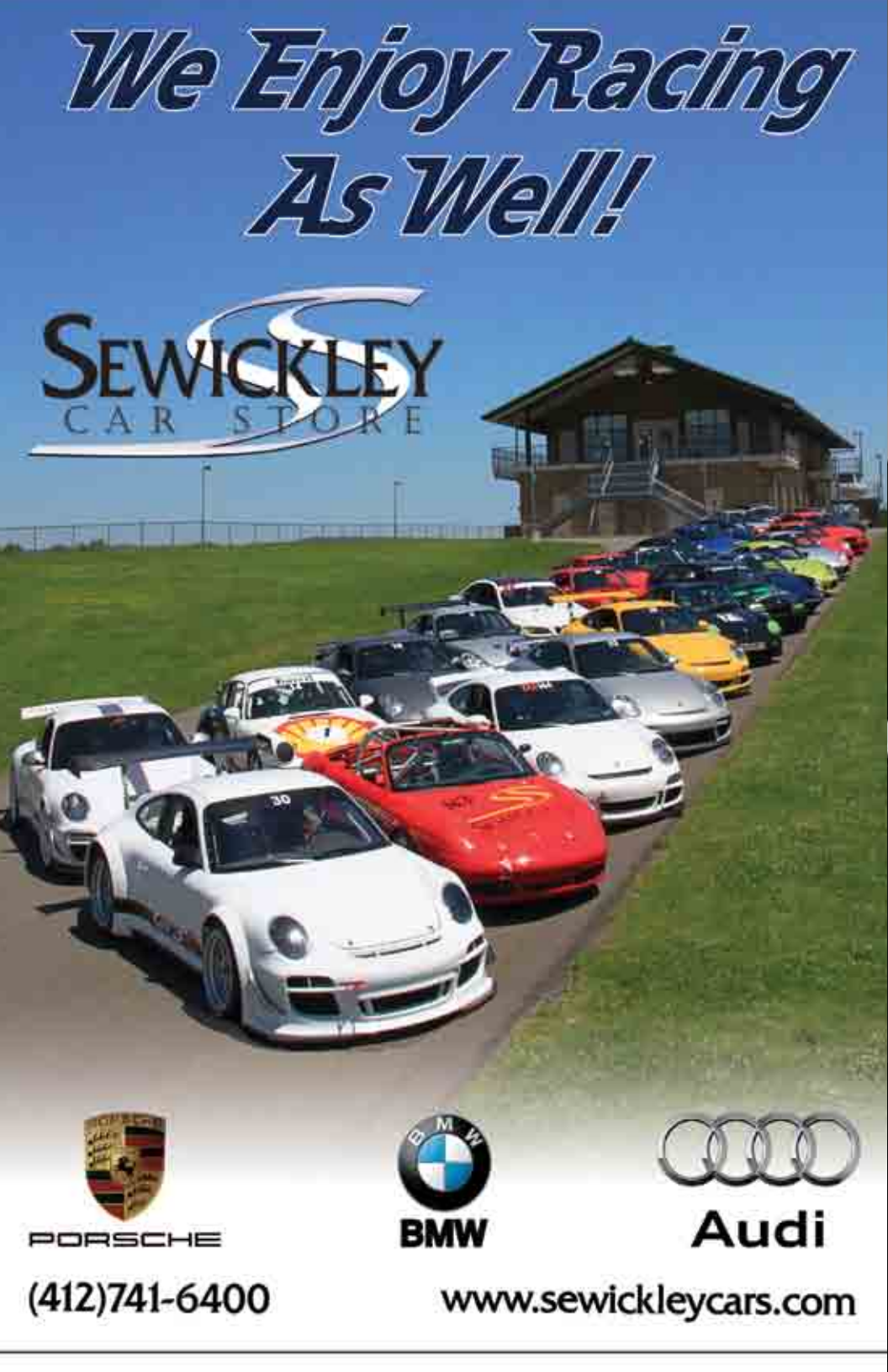

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Gute Fahrt

by George Patterson, *ARPCA President*

Porsche People - the biggest month in our calendar year is here! July is a monster of a month with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. If you've never attended an ARPCA event, this is the one to hit! It's a ten-day festival of cars, car people and car stuff. But that's not all that's happening. See below…

June was a busy month. We held our second Driver's Education at Pitt Race – thanks to the Sewickley Car Store for your sponsorship. Our home track played host to many of the usual suspects but also to several new drivers. You could point out the latter group easily as they had HUGE smiles on their faces. We have another Pitt Race event on August 8 - 9 on the new expanded full-course track. (By the way, we're the first club to get the full track!) Sign up NOW or plan to come up to watch. We are incredibly fortunate to have this track in our back yard.

Our National Parade took place in French Lick, Indiana, June 21 – 27. Look for some members' stories about their trips and adventures.

We held our Car Control Clinic (CCC) on June 27 at Pitt Race. Dr. John Schrenker has been running this event for eleven years, making better drivers out of all participants. As an aside, I was working the braking/avoidance exercise at the CCC on Saturday. Then on Sunday, coming home from a Sam's Club run with a car full of stuff and two passengers, a lady who was in a big old hurry cut in front of me at an intersection. Had I not had the confidence to stand on my brakes as we'd been taught on Saturday, there would have been bent metal. We came away with a bit of a scare and an assortment of large-sized food items strewn

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about the car. The point being that the CCC is a great tune up of your driving skills, whether you're a newly licensed driver or one with 20 years of performance driving experience.

We were at Pitt Race again the next day, June 28, for the year's first autocross. Thank you to Auto Palace for your sponsorship. And thanks, as always, to our track team for putting on excellent events.

On July 9, I'm opening up my home to our business meeting at 311 Myrtle Lane, Sewickley, PA 15143. Please come by for refreshments and a peek at how we run things. And YOUR OPINION MATTERS, so please voice it!!! All ideas are welcome.

So the much-hyped Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is July 10 - July 19. Visit www.pvgp.org for the list of daily events and registration details. Most folks sign up for the race weekend at Schenley Park, taking place this year July 18 and 19. Don't forget the welcome party at the Mars Double Wide Grill on Friday July 17. Porsche-only parking will be available, and many of our Porsche friends from outside of our region will be there to kick off the weekend. Come say hello! The cherry on top of our 2015 PVGP dessert is the Janis Joplin Porsche 356 in hippie-art livery. PVGP Commander Ed Rice fought many battles to get this car for our compound, and he deserves ALL the credit. This year's event will likely be the most memorable to date.

August won't disappoint either. As mentioned, we're hosting our second Driver's Education at Pitt Race on August 8 and 9. Also on the 8th, when the track goes cold for the day, the ARPCA will throw an impromptu German Cars, Brats and Beer event in the paddock! Even if you don't drive in the event, you should drive up and see what's happening. We will also hold our Autocross #2 on August 8th, which is a GREAT way to run your car without fear of hurting it. And our business meeting will be held on August 13 at 7:30 pm; see the website for the location.

On a personal note, my family had a challenging June as we buried both my oldest

brother and my father. The outpouring of calls, cards, visits, etc., was simply humbling. You are dear friends whom we value a great deal. Seeing five ARPCA members at my father's funeral which was four hours away was demonstrative of the kind of community we have in this club. Thanks to everyone again.

Please take a moment to sketch out your 2015 Porsche schedule, both driving and social. The club is growing and new people are participating at every event. You'll never find a better group of people than in this club. Come to a monthly business meeting. It's productive, casual fun and you can see how all of these events are planned and executed – and join in if you'd like! If you have any questions on ANYTHING, please contact me. The cars bring us together, but the people are what keep us coming back.

Hope to see you at the next event. P-Car Season is ON!!!

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Sixtieth Anniversary Porsche Parade: One to Remember

by Rob Kaminski

West Baden Dome

As a first timer at the Porsche Parade, I didn't know what to expect. But from the time I arrived in French Lick, Indiana, until the day of my departure, the Parade was filled with exciting and unique once-in-a-lifetime experiences! After surviving the very challenging registration process, I was happy to find that the Parade events were organized and on time, especially considering that the week-long celebration involved more than 1,000 Porsches, more than 2,000 attendees and over 300 events.

The French Lick Resort, a national historic landmark, consists of two hotels, a casino, three renowned golf courses, a spa, restaurants, and much more, making it a fun-filled venue for this year's Parade. The most amazing feature was the domed atrium at the Resort's West Baden Springs Hotel, which was once called the Eighth Wonder of the World.

The many events and amenities included

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ARPCA DE Event #1 Watkins Glen

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Watkins Glen Drivers Meeting

In the early spring as the social side was at the Shadd Murphy Benefit at Zerrer's Antiques, almost 200 ARPCA track members made the pilgrimage to Watkins Glen for a weekend of Drivers Education.

The ARPCA's DE program is modeled by other regions throughout the nation and is regarded as one of the standard programs within the PCA. Many of us don't realize or just aren't aware of the efforts of our track team.

Our Track Team and Car Control Clinic includes some hardworking, behind-the-scenes action from Drake Core, Tim Hronek, Paul Pigman, and John Schrenker. They deserve recognition and applause. Thank you to ALL those hardworking individuals, both Track and Social, who make the club activities possible.

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the convenient welcome tents, a well-stocked Goodie Store, a Concours d'Elegance, autocross, a golf tournament, banquets, kids' events, art shows, wine and beer tastings, bus tours, rally tours, presentations of national awards, the Michelin Drive & Experience, the Indianapolis 500 on-track experience, and much, much more. We enjoyed six days of making memories and meeting new club members from across the nation and Canada. The PCA adopted the new slogan "Fueled by Volunteers," because with over 3,000 events each year, including the Parade, it simply can't be done without volunteers!

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

At the Concours Banquet, two of our Allegheny Region Porsches received awards. Mark and Bonnie Kridler's 1993 RS America took fourth in the Preservation Class for Full 911 964/993 Model Years 1989 – 1998. Taking third in the Preparation Class for Street Boxsters/Caymans Model Years 2013+ was Chris Tooker with his 2014 Cayman GT. Other members attending the week's events were myself and my wife, Jan Kaminski, Stephen and Margarete Kranz, Alan and Jodi Klein, Wade and Jane Anna Miller, Mike and Dave Montgomery,

Jan Kaminski, Dr. Porsche and his Son

Mat Kridler and Adrienne McBride, and Flemming Bjoernslev.

The Concours and the Indianapolis Race experience were very special events that made a big impression. At the Concours Banquet, Dr. Wolfgang Porsche presented the 2015 Cayman GT4 – the first one on U.S. soil! At the Indianapolis Raceway, Jan Kaminski was happy to score a photo with Dr. Porsche and his son, Felix Porsche.

A few of us first-timers are already planning to attend the 2016 Porsche Parade at Jay's Peak, Vermont. We hope to see you there!

Is My Boxster a Performance Car or a State of Mind?

by Lloyd Corder

The member dinner at Willow got me thinking about why so many people love their Porsches. Before Terri randomly stopped me in front of a chiropractor's office last year, I didn't even know there was such a thing as the Porsche Club of America, much less that the Pittsburgh area has around 1,000 members. The dinner was my first exposure to the club and certainly an indoctrination into "The Porsche Culture."

I heard a lot of stories from nice folks about how they grew up with the brand, fussed over their vehicles, raced them on tracks and kept them nice and warm in their garage over the winter.

As I was listening, I thought, "That's not what I've been doing!"

I bought my first Boxster a couple years ago. I always knew about the car, but not that much.

After my University of Pittsburgh friend, mentor and doctoral director, Don Egolf, passed away, I was honored when asked to give one of his eulogies at Heinz Chapel. Thinking back about class one day 30 years ago, he asked us to write three of our goals. I took out a piece of scrap paper and scribbled, "Big house, black Lab, black Porsche" and slapped it in front of him. He rolled his eyes, I think because of how fast I gave it back to him and that he thought Cadillacs were the best cars made.

All those years later, I already had the big house and black Lab, but I didn't know why I never bought the Porsche. It was fall, so I found a Boxster from a private seller in immaculate condition. His fiancée was sick of the Porsche shrine, parking in the driveway and the car sitting around all the time (he drove it less than a 1,000 miles a year). He spent most of the time telling me how to jump start the car when the battery died. Weird, I thought.

I didn't know anything about these cars, so I took it to my local mechanic. On the rack he said, "This car still has all of its factory parts. It's hardly broken in." That sold me right then and there.

I read online that Boxsters are good in the snow. So, I immediately put snow tires on it and drove it all winter. I didn't see many other Boxsters in those months. I only got stuck twice, so I guess it really does go pretty good in the snow.

I also figured out that the Boxster is a good work car. As this picture proves, the front trunk has plenty of room for bundles of wood from Home Depot. Yes, I also had the top down to haul 2x4s.

After that member dinner, I started thinking I'd like to see how fast this car really goes on a race track. I think that will help me decide if I actually bought a performance car, state of mind or both.

Porsche Adventure of a Lifetime

by Jack and Margot Minor

How do you combine sightseeing in Germany with the adventure of a lifetime? Take a Porsche Travel Club trip! In early June we participated in the Porsche Driving Experience Porsche Tour Backstage. It had all the elements a "Porschie" could want: museum and factory tours, test track, driving on Porsche-worthy roads through the Alps as well as on no-speed-limit Autobahn highways, UNESCO world-heritage sites, luscious meals, and five-star hotels. Our group gathered early one morning in Stuttgart at the breath-taking Porsche Museum with its bold, dynamic architecture, just as 11 shiny new Porsches were being unloaded from a car carrier.

After a personal guided tour of the museum, which displayed the complete history of Porsche, and a private tour of the Stuttgart factory, where Boxsters, 911 Carreras, and Caymans are made (sorry, no cameras, cell phones or pictures were allowed), we were treated to lunch at Christophorus, the gourmet restaurant in the museum. A little shopping in the museum store was necessary, then it was out to meet our cars for the next few days.

All were 911s – some were the 4 GTS model and others GTS; there were Targas, cabriolets,

and sun-roofed coupes in a variety of sporty colors. All are owned by Porsche and had the new PDK paddle shift. No one was disappointed! We met our driving leaders and received a few instructions, then took off for the open road. Rush-hour traffic proved to be our first test, but finally we were in Bavaria, on the way to our Schloss Steinburg Rezidenz Palace in Wurzburg for dinner and overnight.

The next morning all the women were determined to drive, and they wanted speed! After some hairpin turns down cliffs, we came to the Autobahn. When our leader announced over the walkie-talkie, "No speed limit!" the girls took off. Margot was driving at 220km/h (137mph); one woman made it to 240! The wide, smooth roads and wonderful Porsche engines made it almost effortless – but a little scary. The women refused to relinquish the wheels until our lunch destination.

Over the next days, we drove through Germany's scenic Odenwald and Thuringian Forest on breathtaking alpine roads and through dark mountain valleys on meandering roads forming loops around the Saale River, as well as on stretches of the Autobahn. (Jack hit a top

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9 Thu	Biz Meeting 7:30PM	8 Sat	German Cars, Beer & Brats Social - PIRC
11-12 Sat-Sun	PVGP @ PIRC Big Bore Races	13 Thu	Biz Meeting 7:30PM
17 Fri - 2:00PM	Pre-PVGP Road Rally - Glacier Tour	20 Thu	Couples Cooking Class - Don's Appliances - Robinson Twp.
17 Fri - 5:00PM	Porsche PVGP Welcome Party - Double Wide Mars, PA		
18-19 Sat-Sun	PVGP Schenley Park		

Legend	Business Meeting	Social	Track DE/AX & CCC	PVGP

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2015 Calendar of Events

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7 Mon	Labor Day	8 Thu	Biz Meeting 7:30PM
11-13 Fri-Sun	DE - Mid-O	TBD	Rally #2
17 Thu	Biz Meeting 7:30PM	TBD	Grand Concourse - Grand Concours
25-27 Fri-Sun	RennSport Reunion V - Laguna Seca	TBD	AX#3 - TBD

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7 Sat	ARPCA Pgh Symphony Night	10 Thu	Biz Meeting 7:30PM
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speed of 162 mph/240 km/h.) We stopped for lunches at Wartburg Castle, Kaiserburg Castle, and Bayreuth, all UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Everyone traded cars many times.

Eventually we made our way to Leipzig, an East German city completely restored since the devastation of World War II. Leipzig is the home of the modern Porsche factory producing Panameras, Cayennes, and the new Macans. We toured the state-of-the-art facility and experienced the on-road circuit that every new vehicle is put

through before leaving the factory. This track is modeled on eleven famous sections of racetracks around the world, such as Sunset Bend from Sebring, Karussell from the Nurburgring, and Loews inclined turn from Monte Carlo. You can even collect your new, custom-ordered Porsche here.

Sadly, our last day dawned, and we realized we had to return to Stuttgart and say goodbye to our cars. Even with gas stops, sightseeing, and another fabulous lunch, we knew the 500-plus kilometers would be covered in no time with our Porsches.

The Porsche Tour Backstage exceeded expectation. New friends, great hotels and restaurants, Porsche mementoes, slow scenic roads and super-fast Autobahn, and above all, wonderful cars made this adventure the trip of a lifetime.

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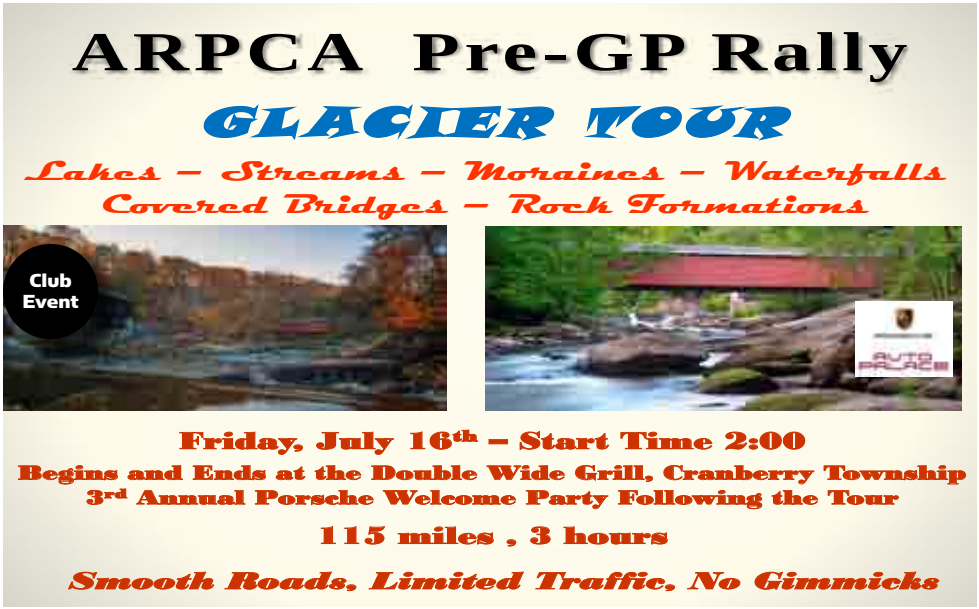
2015 PVGP Concours d'Elegance – July 18, 2015 by Brian R. Strohmeier, ARPCA Concours Chair

One of the highlights of the annual ARPCA Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) celebration is the Concours d'Elegance event that is held on the golf course overlooking the Schenley Park racetrack on the Saturday of race weekend. If you are not familiar with the term, a Concours d'Elegance, or "Concours" for short, is an exhibition or contest of classic motor vehicles in which prizes are awarded to those cars in the best original condition as decided by a team of judges with a critical eye for every last detail.

At past ARPCA Concours events, virtually any year and model Porsche ever produced would fall into one of six Concours classes, such as 356/914, 924/944/968/928, early 911, late 911, and so on. And at previous PVGP Concours events, typically 35-40 Porsches entered the competition and trophies were awarded to the top three vote-getters in each class. Only those Porsche owners who chose to enter the competition were allowed to vote for their favorite cars in each class.

Last year, we tried a different format that was highly popular and successful. Every registered Porsche at the PVGP was eligible for the new Top 10 People's Choice Award. In the new format, to be continued in 2015, each registered car was able to submit a ballot for their favorite ten Porsches at the Saturday car show, regardless of year, model, color, and state of preparation. (No more than one vote per car, per voter, though.) By including every car and having open voting, this year's ARPCA Concours event will again truly be a People's Choice competition with trophies presented to the top ten vote-getters of all registered Porsches.

Last year's Best in Show winner, chosen from over 140 entries, was a 1963 Porsche 356. The other Top 10 trophy winners included a few more 356s, several 911s, a 912, a GT3 and a Boxster S. So no matter what type of Porsche you drive, you have a chance to win a trophy! I look forward to seeing you and your Porsche at the PVGP. You better start polishing and waxing now!



We Bought a Car

by Greg Farrell

"Life moves by pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." ~F. Bueller, 1986.

We bought a car. A 911. A new 911.

I'm not entirely sure how it happened, but the Celebration of Life honoring Sewickley Car Store founder Bob Nikel was a great reminder we weren't born simply to work, pay bills, and pass away. Life is for living and as the great philosopher F. Bueller noted, it does move pretty fast.

Up until that day, I had never considered a modern fun car. I'm not sure I ever considered that a modern car could be fun! Our fun cars have all been somebody else's first. I still have the '85 Mustang GT Convertible I found hundreds of miles away (pre-internet!) in 1994. We bought our '83 911SC Cabriolet at the Hershey swap meet 14 years ago when it was little more than a used car. A few years ago we scored a 1966 Mercury Cyclone GT convertible by following up on an eBay listing that led to the dusty, arthritic muscle car in Rankin, PA, of all places.

The old cars are fun and we love them. But when our oldest son, Daniel, age 10 last summer, and I went to the Car Store that day last August, we realized that the BMW store was simultaneously hosting a Ride & Drive. Hmm… BMW 435 cabriolet and an Audi convertible, too? Don't mind if we do! So before I enjoyed any of the available liquid libations, we went for a spin in two cars that I didn't think would interest me.

They were both automatics, and my beloved and I both prefer three-pedal fun. And yet, the other modern accoutrements in both cars made them even more enjoyable. The icy cool air-conditioning was extra refreshing, something our 911SC has never quite mastered! Integrated navigation systems led us on our predetermined route, and fantastic sound systems reminded me that while the music isn't as good as it used to be, the sound is much better. The inherent dependability of components aged less than three decades was also appealing.

I heard my voice telling Daniel, "These are fun, but how could we spend all this money when our family of five wouldn't even fit in these four seats?", but I realized that voice was trying to convince my own brain before it was too late.

Alas, the fuse was lit.

We mingled with friends at the Celebration of Life and looked in wonderment at faded photographs of the man who had surrounded himself with family, good friends, and Porsches for many years. What a life well lived. The fuse began to grow brighter. We stepped outside to enjoy the impromptu car show and spied a delicate chrome-bumpered 911 parked curbside, and I wondered how cool would it have been to buy that car new. Walking around the Porsche service entrance, I spied a new Targa. Hmmm… first one of those I've seen in real life.

I had never really dreamed about a new 911 because a lovely coupe just wouldn't do it, and with three exciting convertibles that already tangle my wife's curls, adding a fourth just didn't make sense. That Targa looks good up close.

Our drive home in the old 911 served to remind me how much I savor the experience of driving a 911. Yet my mind wandered to that mysterious cool breeze that flowed from the

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new cars' dashboards and the attractiveness of that Targa.

The fuse kept burning, and by mid-September I confessed to my wife, Christy, that I had this crazy dream of getting a newish 911. I explained that the new (old) Targa design seemed like a great combination, and low and behold, she thought it was a great idea! Through the first 15 years of marriage we've always enjoyed pointing out any 911, in any color or configuration, to each other. It always seemed the people driving those Porsches were sneaking in just a little more fun than everybody else. In the fall of 2014 we thought maybe we could find a gently used one in the spring of 2016. Some would be two years old by then…

Of course, 2016 seemed like an eternity, but it was much closer than "no" or "never." As the fuse burned brighter and our dream grew clearer, we realized the odds of finding our dream car available for sale in somebody else's driveway were slim to none. Reading scores of listings for late-model 911s, I continually tripped over the letters "PDK," and we knew we both wanted three pedals. Also, while it seemed we always saw "PDK," we could never find "Targa."

Rennlist 991 discussion boards regularly suggested, "Don't buy somebody else's dream. If you're going to get one, get exactly what you want and you'll never regret it." Rumors also swirled of the potential demise of three-pedal 911s entirely. PDK-only Turbos and GT3s validated the concern.

What if this was our chance to get exactly what we wanted…and we passed on it? If there is a celebration of my life someday, would we have blank pages in the photo album where there should be a Targa? Opportunities are precious but often not permanent. I still have my first car, a 1978 Mercury Marquis of all things, and I remember the night my mom and dad drove it home from the showroom. Dad passed away before I was old enough to drive, but the memory of bringing that car home is one I'll cherish forever.

And so, after much rehearsing with Porsche's online configurator, Christy and I found ourselves in the showroom adjacent to Ohio River Boulevard looking at paint samples of Sapphire Blue, touching leather samples of Cognac and Espresso, and marveling at how cool a Porsche crest embossed on a headrest looked while gazing at a giant flat screen on the dealership's wall. Porsche Sport Exhaust, Sport Design steering wheel, air-conditioned seats, painted center crests and of course 400 horsepower. We certainly didn't get it all, but we got exactly what we wanted. By 11:00 that morning, we were expecting! Delivery was anticipated to be early in June, but Brad Bergmann and Scott Ryan both thought we might get it sooner.

Weeks passed slowly, but I noted Auto Palace had a Targa S in inventory. I had to see it. Their hospitality was remarkable…especially since I walked in unannounced and told the salesman that approached me that I wanted to see the Targa, but we'd already purchased one elsewhere. I think they might have let me sit inside that car until they closed, but that black PDK was somebody else's dream, so I left shortly before they closed. Pittsburgh is lucky to have both dealerships feeding our dreams.

Fellow Rennlist addicts taught me how to get progress updates and track cargo vessels. Our car was built early and our excitement grew as I tracked the ship to its port in Rhode Island. I visited one of Sewickley's back lots (stalked is such a harsh word!) and spied the car just hours after it was backed off the truck.

I didn't cry, but my eyes watered as they focused on this very happy chapter in our life story. Protective films, plastics, and papers covered most everything, but the Sapphire Blue paint, Targa top, and simple "911" script

that we chose over the standard "911 Targa 4S" nomenclature scored perfectly when compared to our dream. I clicked pictures. I giggled. I sent them to Christy. I clicked more. But I was late for a business commitment, so my stalking, err, visit had to end quickly.

(I'm going to leave the part out about visiting it inside the detail shop a few days later. That may have been trespassing. But I sat in it, and unlike our former President, I inhaled…and it smelled delicious!)

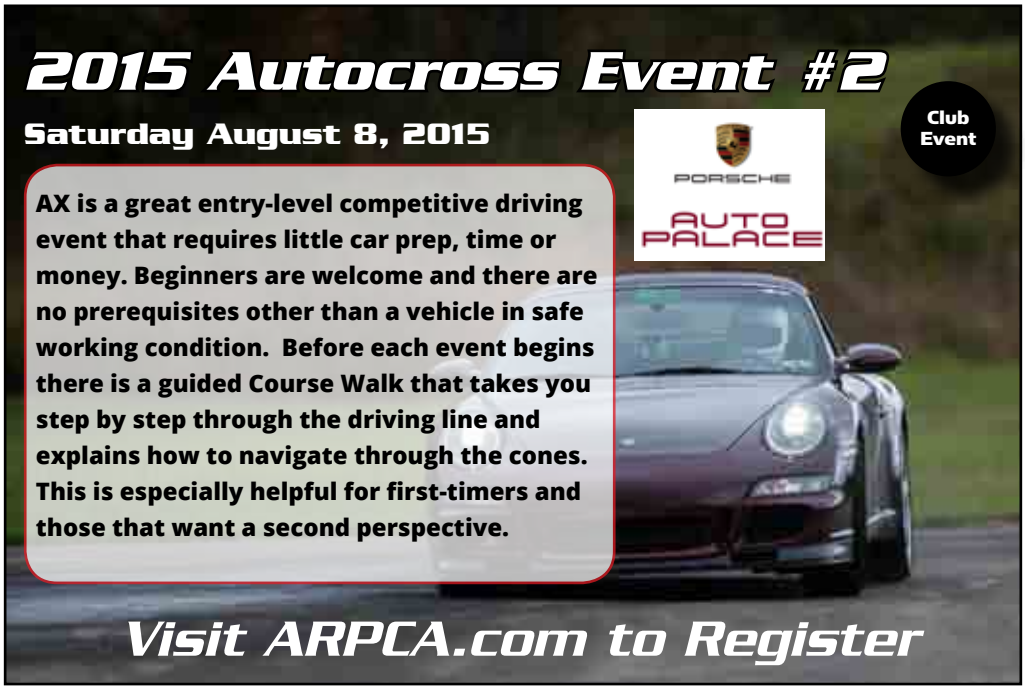
So from February 2 to May 18, our three boys (now ages 11, 9 and 6) knew nothing about the pending arrival of our newest family member. (Ironically though, when the older two wandered off during the Mid-Winter Party/ Grand Reopening, we found them sitting in a Sapphire Blue 911 coupe. Good taste, guys!)

Late in the afternoon on May 18, they thought we were dropping off our 5-series wagon (three pedals, of course) for service and weren't really sure why we were in the Porsche showroom. Even as Christy steered the younger two into the Targa's back seat, they weren't the least bit suspicious. She climbed behind the wheel and coaxed our oldest into the passenger seat, and they were just passing time.

When she twisted our flat six to life for the first time, she got their attention. When she fastened her seatbelt, and they noticed I was opening the big glass doors, they all went crazy! "Mom! Mom! What are you doing???" The rasp of the engine echoed in the dealership, but three giggly-squirmy Farrell boys made far more noise. We're so thankful we have those 43 seconds on video, but my hunch is the kids will never forget the moment. We have some photographs, too, but I hope we don't need them for a long, long time.

With mere inches to spare, Christy coaxed the car outside, and the happiness has yet to subside.

If you have the means, I highly recommend picking one up. ~ F. Bueller, 1986



Around The Zone

by Michael Soriano Zone 4 Representative

PCA strongly encourages the regions to give back to their communities. I am proud to say that in Zone 4 many regions hold high profile events that raise a great deal of money for worthy causes. A number of these events are car shows that are appealing to members from any region and fun for the entire family. In June, CIR hosted CruZionsville benefitting the Alzheimer's Association and Zone 4 sponsored the Red Brick Reunion in Oxford, OH, which supports the American Cancer Society. This month is ARPCA's PVGP (Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix) in Schenley Park which assists the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Valley School. Also this month is P2O (Porsches to Ohio) in Granville, which supports a number of Mid-Ohio region's local charities. In October, Ohio Valley Region will host Rallye Porsche Mariemont benefitting local charities.

In addition to all of the large car shows, there are other ways that Zone 4 regions can make significant contributions. Many regions give back by collecting money and goods for local food banks and meal programs. Southeast Michigan region supports the Jo Brighton Special Olympics program and is making a substantial difference. And Michiana region is one of the sponsors of School Supply Give Away of Gary that assists over 1300 students annually.

Along with fundraising, PCA members also donate their time and effort in order to help make a difference in the community. Nationally, PCA has partnered with Tire Rack Street Survival, a program that teaches car control skills to teens to provide them with the tools to become safer and smarter drivers. I have always been a strong advocate of the Tire Rack Street Survival program and have been promoting it at the Presidents' Meetings. I am very pleased to see a positive response from the regions over the past few years. The initiative has been quite successful as this year our Zone is scheduled to hold five Street Survival Schools, the most within PCA.

People that take the time to give of themselves and volunteer for these worthy causes are just a few more ways that I find the PCA motto to be true. It's Not Just the Cars, It's the People.

Be sure to check your local region's website and newsletter, as well as the Zone 4 website http://zone4.pca.org for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned. Also, consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- Ohio Valley and Central Indiana Regions' Club Race and DE at Putnam Park is July 10-12
- On July 11, join Michiana Region members at the Duetsche Marques Car Show at the Gilmore Car Museum
- Southeast Michigan Region's Progressive Dinner is July 11
- July 14 is Motor-Stadt Region's People, Porsches, and Pizza at Spagnuolo's in Okemos
- Attend the PVGP in Schenley Park with Allegheny Region July 18-19
- July 19 is Northern Ohio Region's Autocross at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland
- July 21 is Rally Sport Region's DE at Waterford Hills
- Autobahn Night at the Concours d'Elegance of America –St. John's is July 24
- Mid-Ohio Region's P2O "Casual Car Show" in Granville, OH is July 24-26
- On August 1, Join Western Michigan Region at the Gilmore Car Museum for the Red Barn Spectacular
- Maumee Valley Region's DE at Grattan Raceway is August 1-2

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you as I visit each region throughout the year. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com

Rain, Rain, Go Away

by Rob Hoffman, ARPCA Autocross Chair

Let me preface this article by saying I really don't like to get wet. To me being wet means I'm in the shower. I'm not one for waterparks or swimming. Being stuck in soaking wet clothing or swimsuits is the equivalent of having to listen to an audio version of *War and Peace* narrated by Fran Drescher. As usual... I digress.

The 2015 Autocross season sponsored by Auto Palace kicked off on a very wet Sunday morning. After loading a 944 with two kids, equipment, changes of clothes, snacks, water, Barbies, and activities for the kids – we made the journey from Murrysville to PittRace.

When we arrived both kids were out cold in the back seat and awoke to the ratcheting sound of McQueen's E-brake click click click.

Frank and Kristi Gaus, dressed in full rain gear, were hard at work setting the course and arranging the Steel Cities Region SCCA trailer for our event. It's great being able to partner with other car clubs. Their help is much needed and has also allowed us to create a much better program with their help and the help of Trevor Hill as our Tech/Safety Director.

The first set of morning runs was a bit slick. Many of us, including yours truly, had a lovely 360 degree view of the course due to the wet conditions. Times were OK, but they were wet times. After lunch and a change of clothes, the course dried a bit and we were able to watch times drop.

Overall the days top times were Frank Gaus, Kristi Gaus and Trevor Hill with a 36.862, 37.920 and 38.698, respectively. Other noteable ARPCA members include Ryan Kirchner from Auto Palace driving the Auto Palace 911 coming in at the 6 spot with 40.773 and S'Mores right behind him with a 40.832. As usual I ended up in the middle with a 45.447.

Even with the rain, the day went on without incident and everyone enjoyed the day. We will post some videos to the club's YouTube channel in the upcoming weeks. If you haven't expereinced autocross check out a few of the videos and see how you can have a ton of fun and learn about you and your car in a controlled enviroment.

Our next event is Saturday August 8 at PittRace, and I did check the box for better weather that day... come out and join us.

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Membership

by Terri Mattock, ARPCA Membership Chair

Happy Anniversary!

These Allegheny Region members are celebrating membership anniversaries this month

Richard A. Sundra	53	Robert T. Warden	16	Kevin Kochera	9
David Sebastian	41	Richard J. Gubanich	16	John Gresh	9
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Gordon D. Fisher	26	Martin Smith	13	David A. Redding	7
Chris Kaufmann	25	Stuart Smith	13	Robert M. Johns	7
Daniel M. Bursick	22	Michael D. Michalojko	12	William J. Schnippert	6
F. Richard Bishop	21	Dorothee Foltz	10	Lawrence E. Sachs	6
Herman M. Edwards	21	James B. Warsinskey	10	Rob Hoffman	6
Eric D. Fullerton	16	Adam Brufsky	10	Alvin J. Williams	5
				Members with less than 5 years:	22

Welcome New Members!

Jim Frye	1983	944
Thomas Ifft	2007	Boxster S
Paul Lecker	2009	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Keith Prins	2004	911 Turbo
Greg Sinnamond	2001	911 Carrera Cabriolet
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Porsche Touring Crew Rows South, Then Keeps Rowing!

by Rob Kaminski

Twelve crew members rowed south for the June 30 luncheon at Mitchell's Fish Market in the Mt. Lebanon Galleria. The crew dined on freshly caught delights in the Captain's Room at Mitchell's while getting updates on the recently attended Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana, and on the German Porsche Tour of the Autobahn and the German countryside.

Upcoming luncheons and road tours include:

- Wednesday July 29 – rowing WEST to Joe's Crab Shack in Robinson Township at 11:30 am.
- Saturday August 29 – rowing EAST to Out of the Fire Cafe in Donegal at 11:30 am, followed by a short drive through the Laurel Highlands.

The crew discussed scheduling an Oktoberfest event at the Pittsburgh North Side German Club in late September or in October. Watch arpca.com for updates.

As always, all ARPCA members are invited to join us!

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2003 996C4S. Black on Black. All service up to date. 6speed. 65k miles. $31995 or b/o. Email me at msmitty64@aol.com

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