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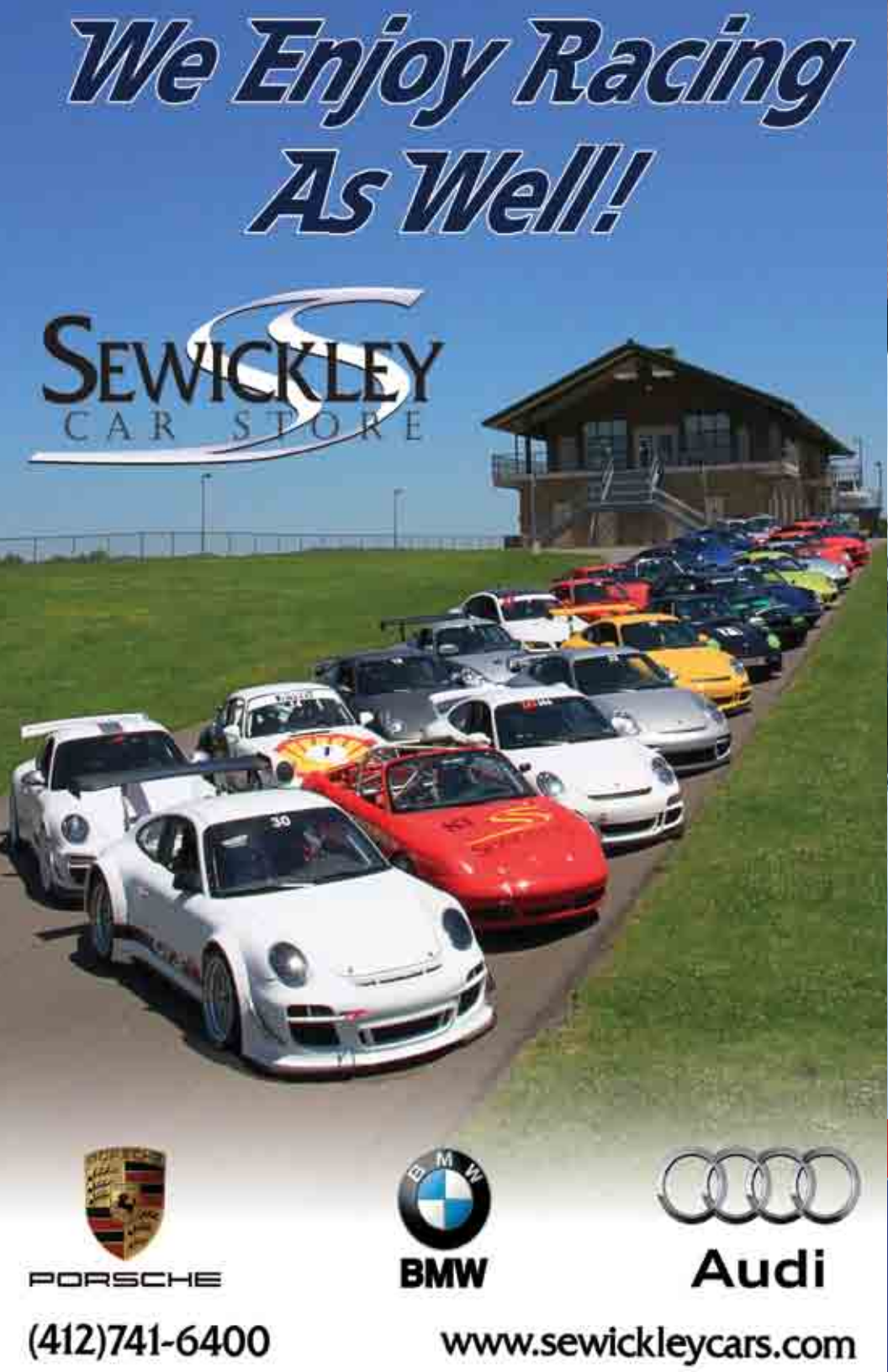

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Gute Fahrt

by George Patterson, *ARPCA President*

"Leave this world a little better than you found it."

Happy Holidays, P-Car People! Hopefully your Thanksgiving turkey-hangover has long passed and you're ready to say "aloha" to 2015 and jump into 2016. This is my final column as your President. The past three years have gone quickly and have generated memories of friends, events and cars that will stay with me forever. I've said it many, many times, but it remains true – we have a great club with exceptional people, and you have the opportunity to make it as big a part of your life as you'd like.

The quote above from Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the world scouting movement, is the goal I had when I started as your President. Looking back, I see that this goal has been reached through the effort, dedication and passion of our club members, both those who have organized and those who have attended our club's events. There are too many people to mention everyone who's made a contribution during my three-year tenure, but they know who they are. They are the ones who have dedicated their time and expertise to ensure that our club continues to grow, evolve and give us each the flavor of car-fix that we need.

Our club has never had a more diverse array of events (social, driving, track, safety, charity) than we have today. Our club has never been more financially secure than it is today. Our club has never had broader participation than we have today. Our club has never had more active female members. (A woman's perspective

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is a highly valuable commodity!) Our club has never had greater support and participation from our two Porsche dealerships. Our club has never given more to charities. And as I look at the club now, we have much more that we can do. There are talks of drive-away excursions, a European tour and a club race. There are options for many different social events. Again, much has been accomplished while I've been at the wheel, yet there is much more that our club can accomplish. The reason? You! While a bit trite, the PCA motto is no less true: It's not the cars, it's the people. And it's the exceptional people from this club who made it happen during my tenure.

One of my first club memories is of a dinner at the Pittsburgh Steak Company. Nancy and I were relatively new members and knew very few people there beyond Nancy's parents. There was great food, lots of chatter and free Porsche stuff as door prizes. As we were leaving, a woman came up to us and said she hoped to see us at the next event. That single occasion of a kind invitation to newbies was the spark that started our long membership in the ARPCA (now into its third decade). Always remember to reach out to new people – the more the merrier!

Another solid club memory is when Mark Hanson, your incoming President, came over to my garage to help me work on my RS America. Mark is that kind of guy. You tell him you want to do something to your car, be it maintenance or an upgrade, and he'll be there with an exceptional set of tools as well as an encyclopedic knowledge of all things Porsche. I forget exactly what we did that first day, but it was truly the first time I'd worked on my own Porsche – and it was exhilarating. I tell you with 100% confidence that you are in highly capable hands with Mark at the helm. I look forward to the new places he'll take us. It'll be a new beginning for our club.

This December had some singular events that made the end of 2015 something to remember. On the 3rd we were at Sewickley Car Store for

our monthly club meeting. Then on the 5th we were at Jergel's for our Holiday Party, featuring our clean-out-your-closet Porsche auction with proceeds going to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, followed by a concert with Donny Iris. Then on the 10th, we were at Goosebumps to watch the Sotheby's auction of Janice Joplin's 356, the same one we had at the PVGP this past summer.

Beyond that, good people, please see your calendar in the centerfold of the Rundschau (easy to tear out and hang up!) and online at www.arpca.com. I thank you all for your Porsche passion, your friendship and your patience. By the way, I'm not going anywhere. I'm going to be as active in the club as I've ever been, just in different capacities! Thanks again, and ROCK ON, Mr. Hanson!!!

I hope to see you at the next event!

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Spritztour Versicherung Mann

by Tony Sciullo, *ARPCA Vice President*

Ok, so last month I chatted you all up about driving our Porsches in the winter. Of course, we all drive our Porsche SUVs, but this was more about our sports P-cars. I trust I convinced few of you, but if not, let me wax a little more esoteric. I've been threatening to write more about Porsche history, so let's explore an early evolutionary Porsche dead end, so to speak. Did you know that Dr. Porsche produced a heavy tank design in 1942, the VK 4501 (also known as the Tiger P), and in 1943 the Panzerjäger Tiger P, a tank hunter/killer? This tank was the most efficient tank-killer of the war, with a 10:1 kill ratio. It's just amazing what one can do with an 88 mm flak cannon.

So what brought this Porsche-Tiger talk to the front of my mind? A friend of mine's unrequited search for one. While attending my Pittsburgh Sportsmen's Luncheon Club (founded in 1936) recently, John, a good friend of mine, was the presenter of that week's program. More specifically, the focus was his love of and search for a Panzer tank, which began as a teenager. He needed/wanted/

lusted for a Panzer tank, arguably the best tank of World War II. The Germans were able to produce only about 1,350 Panzers versus our over 50,000 Shermans – and we obviously won the war. Apparently there was only one Tiger left in total running order, and it was not for sale. So John had to be content with a 500 horsepower M4A3E8, more commonly known as the Easy 8. He has it running and gunning – really! It's not too bad, as his family's steel mill made some of the parts for the Shermans during their production run.

That said, John is slightly wistful about not having a Panzer Tiger (Porsche). While I can empathize, it's like being content with a Corvette while that really special 911 Porsche is just out of reach. Me, I'm cool, as a recent informal poll of our club membership voted John and I as having the coolest toys in the club (and we're not talking about sports cars here). Oh yes, I also have a Z06 and a 911 Turbo Cab, but the Corvette is my "daily beater." Ask the man that has a Porsche, as an old advertisement used to refrain.

Around the Zone

by Michael Soriano, Zone 4 Representative

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

On a beautiful and unseasonably warm Sunday, I joined nearly 60 members from the Motor-Stadt region on their Fall Color Tour that concluded at the Sandhill Crane Vineyards in Jackson, MI. The event, which was hosted by Okemos Auto Collection, included lunch, a tour of the winery, and a tasting. In addition, one lucky participant won an afternoon at the Porsche Experience Center located at the new headquarters for Porsche Cars North America in Atlanta. A few weeks later, I traveled to Cleveland to attend Northern Ohio Region's Wine Train Excursion aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway, an event so popular it sold out. We were treated to a selection of chef-inspired appetizers as we tasted a variety of wines. During the evening, I presented several items to the region as we celebrated their 55th Anniversary. It was a pleasure to be able to help the region commemorate such an important milestone.

I want to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. We've had a lot of progress and accomplishments over the past two years, and I want to thank those Region Officers and members who have worked with me to help make Zone 4 a success. I was honored to be invited to and welcomed at so many wonderful events throughout the zone. It has been an important goal of mine to continue

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2016 Touring and Rally Events

by Rob Kaminski, Touring Chair

Touring and rally events can be competitive endeavors or just fun drives. The objective is to follow a course on public roads for 60 to 70 miles to precise detail as specified in the event rules. There is generally about a 1 – 2 1/2 hour drive time, including pit stops, which finishes at a restaurant where all the participants can enjoy a meal. Competitive rally drives follow a predetermined schedule of checkpoints along the way. Points are deducted for arriving at the checkpoint either early or late.

Fun touring drives may include gimmicks, like a poker rally, or travel to a regional point of interest. Part of the challenge with a touring drive is correctly determining the route, which may require skills like solving a puzzle or looking for obscure reference points. The objective of touring drives is to follow a precise course on public roads while enjoying the countryside, with a leader car and a sweeper car (the last car) finishing at the final destination, usually a restaurant.

All drives run on paved roads at the LEGAL SPEED LIMIT, with the average speed being 30 mph. The drives do not cause excessive wear on the vehicles or place drivers or navigators at risk. The drives can even be family events, making the Sunday drive more interesting by following a set of rules to get from the starting point to the final destination.

Club drives are playful and fun; any car can compete on equal footing. Unlike autocross and track events, teams have less than $50 invested in their equipment package, which includes a digital watch with stopwatch function, a clipboard, a pencil with an eraser, a map of the local area and a good cooler. This basic equipment is what is permitted in the unequipped class. It is your basic "seat-of-the-pants" rally equipment. The navigational class rallies also require calculators. Most club drives will be a single class and unequipped.

2016 Luncheon Schedule

All luncheons will take place on the last Wednesday of the month, locations to be determined. Check www.arpca.com or follow Porsche Touring Crew on Facebook for updates.

May 25	*August 31*
June 29	*September 28*
July 27	*October 26*

2016 Rally Schedule

Fee: $10 per car. Registration required via www.arpca.com.

- *Saturday, May 14*
  Break-out Tour Drive and Rally
- *Friday, July 15*
  PVGP Kick-Off Rally
- *Saturday, October 8*
  Fall Leaves Road Rally

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2016 Calendar of Events

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Thursday	Jan 14	7:30 pm	Business Meeting
Saturday	Jan 16	7:00 am - 9:00 am	*PCA/PCNA Breakfast at the Detroit Auto Show
Saturday-Sunday	Jan 30-31		24 Hours of Daytona
Thursday	Feb 11	5:30 pm	*Pittsburgh Int'l Auto Show Red CARpet Charity Premier
			Benefitting Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Charities
			David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA
Thursday	Feb 18	7:30 pm	Business Meeting
Thursday	Mar 10	7:30 pm	Business Meeting
Saturday	Mar 5		*Mid-Winter Party
Saturday	Apr 9		*New Member Dinner
Thursday	Apr 14	7:30 pm	Business Meeting
Saturday	Apr 16		Highway Clean-up
			Intersection of I-79 and 376
Saturday	Apr 16		Hershey Swap Meet
			Hershey, PA
Saturday	Apr 23		*Detailing Session
Saturday	Apr 30		*Pirates Game vs. Reds
			PNC Park, Pittsburgh, PA
Friday-Sunday	May 6-8		*Driver's Education
			Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, NY
Thursday	May 12	7:30 pm	Business Meeting
Saturday	May 14		*Break-Out Tour Drive and Rallye
Wednesday	May 25	11:30 am	Porsche Touring Crew Luncheon
Saturday	May 28		*Car Control Clinic
			Pitt Race, Wampum, PA

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	Sunday	May 29		Monaco F1 2016
	Friday-Sunday	Jun 3-5		*Driver's Education #1
				Pitt Race, Wampum, PA
	Thursday	Jun 9	7:30 pm	Business Meeting
	Sunday-Sunday	Jun 19-26		*Porsche Parade 2016
				Jay Peak, VT
	Saturday-Sunday	Jun 18-19		24 Hours of Le Mans
	Wednesday	Jun 29	11:30 am	Porsche Touring Crew Luncheon
	Friday	Jul 8	7:00 pm	*Black Tie & Tailpipes Gala
	Friday-Sunday	Jul 8-10		PVGP Historics at Pitt Race
				Pitt Race, Wampum, PA
	Wednesday	Jul 13	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Tune-Up Party at Atria's
				Federal St. and Sixth St., Pittsburgh, PA
	Thursday	Jul 14	7:30 pm	Business Meeting
	Friday	Jul 15		*Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) Kick-Off Rallye
				Ending at Double Wide Grille, Mars, PA
	Saturday-Sunday	Jul 16-17		*Schenley Park Car Show & Vintage Races (PVGP)
				Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA
	Wednesday	Jul 27	11:30 am	Porsche Touring Crew Luncheon
	Friday-Sunday	Jul 29-31		*Driver's Education #2
				Pitt Race, Wampum, PA
	Saturday	Jul 30		*Autocross #2
				Pitt Race, Wampum, PA
	Thursday	Aug 11	7:30 pm	Business Meeting
	Saturday	Aug 13 or 20		*Grand Concours and People's Choice Top 10
	Wednesday	Aug 31	11:30 am	Porsche Touring Crew Luncheon

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to have our Zone work as one cohesive unit. Since each region is unique, a real effort has been and will continue to be made to promote each region's signature events throughout the zone, thus providing a greater variety of activities to every Zone 4 member helping to enhance their PCA experience.

During this past year, we have continued to improve the Zone 4 website. We also organized the first National Concours Judges' School ever to be held in Zone 4, and as a result have nationally trained judges in nearly every region in the zone. We have expanded the Club Racing program and are looking to add even more races in the coming years. We have also greatly increased the number of Street Survival programs; in fact, Zone 4 hosts the most schools in all of PCA, a fact I am very proud of since this is such a beneficial program.

Just because we've put our cars away for the winter, it does not mean that we can't experience the same camaraderie and friendship enjoyed during the driving season. Many regions will be hosting holiday parties this month, and what a great way to kick off the holidays by celebrating with your PCA friends.

Looking ahead to 2016, plans are being made for the PCA preview at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Information will be sent out and/or posted as soon as details become available. Please remember to check your inboxes, region's newsletter and website, as well as the Zone 4 website http://zone4.pca.org for the most up-to-date information about events available to you. Also, consider attending other regions' events.

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Pretty Ladies Arrive

by Kay Swanson

Alice Huyler Ramsey kissed her husband goodbye on a rainy New York City morning June 9, 1909. She crank-started her new green Maxwell and was off to San Francisco. Her three passengers were her two conservative sisters-in-law, both in their forties, and a 16-year-old girl who was a family friend and liked adventure. Alice was 22 years old and the only one on the trip who could drive.

The year before, John Ramsey had bought Alice a car to protect her after her horse had been frightened by a "mechanized monster." She quickly became a skilled driver and began to participate in competitive endurance runs. She was noticed by a representative of the Maxwell-Briscoe Company who offered her an all-expense-paid trip across America and a new Maxwell; of course, she would have to drive the shiny new Maxwell to San Francisco. The automaker believed such a trip would prove that their car was so good that even a woman could drive it across the country. Although there had been attempts, no woman had ever driven across America. Alice said, "Yes."

Alice Huyler Ramsey

In 1909, no maps existed that showed a route across the country. In many rural areas, the "road" was a dirt, rutted wagon track. Creeks had to be forded. If the water was high, they had to wait for it to recede. *The Blue Book*, an

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automotive guide, gave directions by landmarks – the red barn, a yellow house, a rail fence – which may not be there later, as the route usually changed faster than the book. A farmer who disliked motorcars deliberately painted his barn a different color. There was no *Blue Book* for land west of the Mississippi. The women followed telephone lines and asked directions from farmers and cowboys.

When they traveled through cities, the women could stay in hotels and eat in restaurants. The farther west they drove, the fewer the towns. They were on their own; they slept outside and found food at general stores.

The car had breakdowns, and the tread-less tires were ineffective in mud. Alice changed numerous flat tires. Sometimes they had to be towed by horses, but they persevered. The support of the people along their route was enthusiastic. They would line the roadsides just to see the women in the motorcar.

After 59 days and 3,800 miles, Alice Huyler Ramsey and her three intrepid passengers rolled into San Francisco. The journey "demanded a sturdy crew and no invalids were invited," she said. The headline in the *San Francisco Chronicle* read, "PRETTY WOMEN MOTORISTS ARRIVE AFTER TRIP ACROSS THE CONTINENT," not women who were ACCOMPLISHED, BRAVE, INTELLIGENT, RESOURCEFUL, SKILLED and DETERMINED. No, just "pretty women" who somehow magically did what had never been done before. The Maxwell-Briscoe Company proudly proclaimed it "the car for a lady to drive."

Alice Ramsey went home to New Jersey on a train. She raised her two children and continued to make transcontinental trips (she lost count after 30). She was named "The First Lady of Automotive Travel" by the Automobile Manufacturers Association in 1960. Her plan to drive all six passes in the Swiss Alps was limited to only five by her physician because of her pacemaker. She died in 1983 at the age of 97. Alice Ramsey was posthumously inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 2000.

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DIY Mechanic: From Ford to Porsche

by Scott Burgauer

The author evaluating his work. Foreground: The next project for the Turbo.

I started out working on cars right about the time I got interested in girls, around 14 years old. Growing up in the Midwest, my first experiences involved questionable modifications and I-think-this-will-work repairs to good 'ol American Fords and Chevys, most notably a 1986 Ford Bronco with a paint job by yours truly. Breaking bolts, using claw hammers, never needing a metric socket, and avoiding useless instruction manuals was the standard in those formative years of my automotive experience.

Off at engineering school in Chicago, I was introduced to more modern American vehicles with fuel injection, to a smattering of foreign cars, and to circle-track racing through my involvement in the Society of Automotive Engineers. The club had an automotive shop which was active at all hours of the day and night with students disassembling, reassembling, cursing at, or just plain exploring various cars, ATVs, and race chassis in the comfort of a 1950s-era service station with occasional heat and a random collection of tools. I was introduced to many different types of engines, transmissions, and suspensions, and gained respect for the complexities of foreign vehicles. I left school for the U.S. Air Force and for the next ten years my attention turned to flying and serving our country.

I could say I didn't always lust after fast cars and dream of racing on the world's most famous tracks… but that would be a bald-faced lie. Out of the military, married to a wonderful woman, and having moved to Pittsburgh, I found myself dreaming about cars and racing just as I had a dozen years earlier. I'll leave out the specifics since my wife covered that in the last issue, but one afternoon I came home with a 2002 Boxster S. Seriously, I have no idea how it happened; same goes for the following year when a 2001 911 Turbo was dropped off at the house.

When I got the Boxster, I feared it was too delicate and complicated to be subjected to a ham-fisted backyard mechanic like myself. I had nightmares about broken bolts, expensive exotic tools, unnaturally contorted human body parts, and use of copious amounts of colorful language, followed by huge bills from the dealership to correct my mistakes. Never one to run from a challenge, though, I convinced myself that my used Boxster was a better guinea pig than a brand new 911 – man-logic at its best. So I began acquiring the necessary metric tools (no really, honey; we

need these), a lift, and other "necessities" for my adventure with Porsches.

The first small projects went surprisingly well: sway bars, strut bars, and a Bluetooth/navigation system. But with the cat-back exhaust system came broken bolts: the dreaded, sheered exhaust fasteners on the output flange from the factory catalytic converters on the exhaust manifolds. Out came the drill, and a half-dozen broken drill bits later, the exhaust bolted up nicely and sealed tight. Reality check: Porsches are cars like any other, and after a dozen years the exhaust bolts are rusted and will break. Nothing new or different to fear here.

Subsequent projects on the Boxster and our newly arrived Turbo went off without particular incident, but a big project was looming: coil-over shock installation on the Turbo. The car had been modified by a previous owner with lowering springs on the stock shocks. That modification made the ride atrocious, and the lowered ride height was vastly too low for Pennsylvania's terrain and road quality. So I decided I would attempt the seemingly insane and do the installation myself. I questioned my mental state when deciding that I, an untrained tinkerer, could possibly make drastic modifications to a near supercar suspension in my home garage.* But…

Five nuts, no exotic tools, and two hours later, I was looking with relief and pride at the result pictured above. It was really that easy! I couldn't believe it until I was looking at the completed product, but I realized something profound about Porsches: they're designed to be worked on relatively easily because of their racing heritage. My past experience with other makes of street cars had led me to believe all vehicles were difficult to disassemble and reassemble, but that isn't the case with Porsches. The entire suspension is easy to access, and parts can be removed independently of each other, which is great for the DIY mechanic.

So to all the would-be Porsche home mechanics who are deterred by fears of broken bits, failed projects, and costly fixes for those failures: fear not! They are cars like any other, and because of the Porsche focus on motorsports, many components are easier to work on than their street-car counterparts. Service manuals are easy to find, and plenty of forums exist to answer tough questions when they arise. For many of us, the allure of performance cars lies in indulging our desire to modify a machine, and I have come to find that this desire can and should be satisfied on the Porsches in my garage without any trepidation.

Keep the wrenches spinning!

**Editor's note: These doubts were not shared with the vehicle owner.*

Membership

by Terri Mattock, ARPCA Membership Chair

Happy Anniversary!

These Allegheny Region members are celebrating membership anniversaries last month

Tomas H. Urbano	39	Peter C. Acker	14	Brandon J. Rae	7
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Welcome New Members!

Anil Gupta	2013	911 Carrera 4S
Robert Stein	1987	911 Carrera
John Connors	2014	Boxster S Convertible
Raymond Ruyak	1985	944

Primary Members 649
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Total Members 1,091

Die Menschen Sprechen

Die Menschen Sprechen, meaning "the people speak," will be a regular feature that shares club members' responses, musings, witty anecdotes or pictures submitted in response to the question put forth in the prior issue. So for the next issue... share the most memorable thing a stranger has ever said about your Porsche - good, bad, or ugly. Send your answers to editor@arpca.com along with your name and town, and check a future issue to see what outrageous insults, lavish praise and hilarious questions have been directed at the club's P-cars.

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Porsche OE Sport Classic Wheels Front: 8J x 18 - Offset 50 Rear: 10J x 18 - Offset 65. BBS Excellent condition, no curb rash, dings or scratches. Tires are 225 40 18 and 265 35 18, and are original (off) off my 2001 996. Wheels were on the car for less than 5000 miles. (No center caps). Asking $1500 (Negotiable). Tom Kasper 412 999 5574 Mobile

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1996 911 (993) C4 (AWD). 6-sp manual with 115k miles. Aventurine green exterior & light grey leather interior. Sunroof, cruise control, heated seats, and onboard computer. Two owner car. All service records since new. Stock except for Bilstein HD suspension and Fabspeed exhaust. Well-maintained and always garaged. 120k mile service and complete engine reseal just done plus new clutch and new front and rear rotors and brake pads. Two sets of wheels available (original 993 Cup and/or 996 Turbo Twist) - both sets professionally refinished with new tires. $45,000 obo. Please call Brian at 412-877-4951 or email at concours@arpca.com.

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