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On the cover: John Kirk's brand new 992 Porsche 911 Turbo S was one of the many beautiful cars which put in an appearance at Sewickley Porsche's Sports Car Together Fest on October 15th on a perfect fall afternoon. The Python Green paint looked stunning under the colorful trees. Larry Sachs photo.

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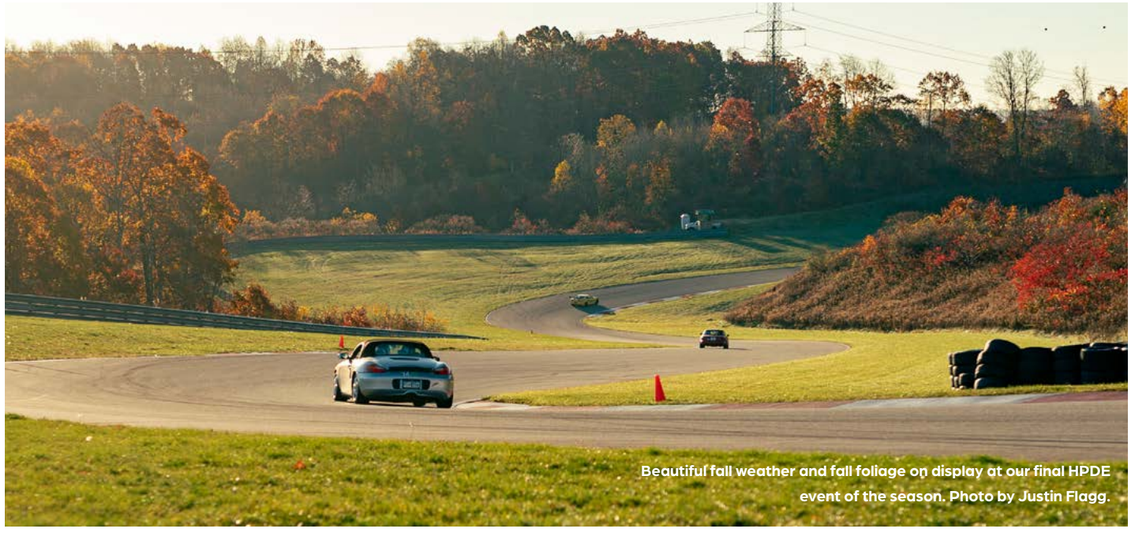
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gus Vasilakis, ARPCA President



Beautiful fall weather and fall foliage on display at our final HPDE event of the season. Photo by Justin Flagg.

Gus Vasilakis
ARPCA President

Closing Out Our Marque Year With Thanks

One of the pleasures of being the president of our club at this time of the year is to say **Job Well Done** to all of our committee chairpersons, enthusiastic members, and dedicated officers. It is an honor to serve this organization, and I'm looking for forward to the second year of my term and the adventures that we have planned.

I must confess that I started this article sitting in my office on a late fall Sunday afternoon, looked outside, saw the beautiful fall colors, knew it was 64 degrees and sunny, and said – yep – everyone would prefer that I go for a top-down cruise before I finish this column, so that I have a story to tell versus story telling. You all know the feeling of squeezing in the last remnants of nice weather before the snow starts to fly.

Our club leadership focused on engagement in 2022, and I'm thrilled to report that we accomplished that goal and are committed to continuing this positive trend. So many gatherings this year included new faces, not only new members at the Willow New Member Party, but at each event. The rewarding feeling the committee chairs and officers experience cannot be described when a new face appears at an event and says, "I have been a member for years and decided to attend for the first time." I ran out of fingers to count how many times I personally heard this in 2022.

To wrap up our involvement in the 10-day festival of speed, on November 30th ARPCA presented a check to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) for $30,000, which brought our all-inclusive 2022 donation to the PVGP Charities to more than $117,000. This is an outstanding level of participation and philanthropy for our club. During the 10-day event, nine of our own members raced vintage Porsches with me, over 380 detailed and showed cars at the PHAT and Schenley Park events, and too many individuals to name here organized ARPCA participation at the Top Golf kick-off event, Gala, Passport to Elegance, Walnut Street, Wood Street, Waterfront Car Show, Tune Up at Southside, and ARPCA Friday Rally, not to mention our first Gmund Level Sponsor package, and our feature Marque Race sponsored by Sewickley Porsche – **Thank You!** All of your creativity, participation, and personal and corporate contributions made this an extremely rewarding experience for all who attended, which made this huge donation possible.

Let me take a moment to highlight the continued growth and diversity of our ARPCA club this year. On average, we have grown by 10 new members per month since January, pushing our primary membership to just over 900 for the year and bringing our total membership to over 1400. The mix of new Porsches registered with PCA in our region continues to evolve and expand as our brand offers more four-door, hybrid, and all-electric vehicles. We have also seen a steady increase in members buying classic air-cooled (oil-cooled as many say) engine and early 2000 model 911s and Boxsters, in addition to newer varieties of turbocharged and normally aspirated sports cars.

All new members receive an ARPCA welcome letter and promo code for our merchandise, in addition to the PCA national welcome package. If you have a store credit code, please visit the Goodie Store on our website and select your gift. In this publication you will find a few featured items for that "hard to buy for" someone on your holiday list, including track certificates, Women's Group swag, ARPCA custom clothing, and a limited number of commemorative ARPCA logo watches. Again, it was great to see so many new members and first-time existing members attending our events, including Saturday morning Cars and Caffeine breakfasts, the Top Golf family event, and the variety of PVGP events mentioned earlier. Hopefully everyone made a few new friends in 2022 and enjoyed sharing stories about your autos because that's what the club is all about. I look forward to seeing more of you joining us in 2023 at any of our many social and driving events.

High Performance driving education is another of the notable successes of our club. As an ARPCA member, you have over 100 hours of professionally instructed racecourse track time available to you each year through our various event offerings. Our PCA Driver Education program offers a combination of classroom instruction and guidance with one of our experienced instructors in the passenger seat of your car, providing a safe and controlled track environment in which to learn to drive your car or SUV to its intended performance level. Be sure to check our website after January 1 for the 2023 HPDE schedule and sign up early so that you have time to plan and secure your spot.

So, as a sign off for the year, do you want to know my fall Sunday afternoon short drive story? It is pretty simple actually, no big cliff hangers (although maybe in 2023 I should start to tell a story, then make you all wait until the next article to learn the conclusion? Just kidding – maybe). Well, it was storybook good. The colors of the leaves and warmth of fall sunshine on a clear sky day were the perfect backdrop for playing a few favorite driving tunes on the audio system while listening to the engine-exhaust note as I shifted through the gears, which is just incredible in and of itself. I do hope you all were able to experience this in your Porsches, able to hear the symphony of fine automobile engineering while feeling the driving excitement throughout your body. I may or may not have gone a bit over the posted limits for a few seconds when there was no one around, accelerated through the curves – you know to flatten them out, and let the engine wail a bit in 2nd and 3rd gear – just because there was no one else on the road. It brings to mind the saying "If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?" Well, unless there was a photo violation vehicle hiding on the back roads, I will never admit to any part of this story recapping that afternoon.

Wishing everyone a blessed holiday season and very Happy New Year!

–Gus

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Drake Core
ARPCA Vice President

Life Coaches

THE POWER OF the Porsche brand never ceases to amaze me. One night on the way home from Pitt Race a group of friends and I stopped at a restaurant in Wexford for a late dinner. There were twelve of us, several of whom were wearing t-shirts sporting the Porsche logo and name. Because our party was so large, we asked a young couple if they would mind sliding down a little bit to make room for our group. Although we put several tables together, two still of us had to sit at the ends of this large table. I was on the end next to the young couple. We ordered food and had lively conversation. Those of us at my end of the table felt very badly that we interrupted what had probably been a quiet evening out for the couple.

When they had finished their meal, the young man leaned over to me and said, "I noticed that several of you have "Porsche" on the back of your shirts. Can I ask what all of you are doing here together?" I explained that we drive on the track together, and that most of us own Porsches and belong to the Porsche Club of America. He said that he's a computer programmer and plans to buy a Porsche someday. He also told us his boss has a Taycan GTS which he let him drive a few days ago. He was amazed at how fast and how well the Taycan drove. As you can imagine this sparked a wonderful conversation with these strangers, all based on his desire to own a Porsche some time in the future.

The couple went on to explain how both of them had graduated from college, recently gotten married, and bought a house. They were in their early 20's and felt that owning a Porsche would never happen. Their question to us was, "What do all of you do to be able to drive Porsches on a race track?"

As you can imagine this sparked a wonderful conversation with these strangers, all based on a desire to own a Porsche some time in the future.

We were all very encouraging, explaining how by setting goals, making good choices in life, sticking to your plans and having some good luck, you can ultimately reach those goals. The conversation continued with several of us at that end of the table giving life advice to the couple.

Simply wearing the T-shirts with "Porsche" written on them may have actually influenced the young couple as they start their life together. As the saying in our club goes, the cars may bring us together but ultimately it is the people that make the club so great.

The track crew enjoying dinner after a day at the track. Photo by Drake Core.

Advertiser Spotlight: Rob Pecori Pecori and Pecori

by Tom Uehling, *Treasurer*

One of the benefits of being part of the Porsche Club is that we have members who are experts in many areas. Rob Pecori is a perfect example. Rob's expertise is in elder law, estate planning and probate. Estate planning includes planning for your legacy and uses documents such as Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorneys, and living wills. Probate is the process of administration of your estate when you are gone. Elder law is a specialty area of law dealing with the issues specific to the elderly and those with disabilities. That can mean saving assets from the high cost of long-term care or preserving benefits and protecting inheritance for those with special needs.

The Pecori and Pecori law firm was started by Rob's grandfather Emil Pecori in 1940. Rob represents the third generation of the firm which celebrates its 82nd year this year. Rob still practices with his father, Emil, Jr., who does plaintiff's personal injury work.

Rob is a 32-year member of the Allegheny Region Porsche Club and a past Vice President. He has a long history of racing with PCA as well as instructing at DEs. His current Porsche is a track prepared Cayman and his track experience includes: Pitt Race, Mid-Ohio, Nelson's Ledges, Watkin's Glen, Mosport, Limerock, VIR, Summit Point, Roebling Road, Daytona and Sebring.

Rob: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Porsche Club. While I am mostly a track person, I also enjoy many of the social activities that the club sponsors. The best thing about the club though is simply the people: I have met so many great people and call many of them good friends."

Below: The aforementioned Cayman. Photo by Rob Pecori.

Rundschau Cover Photo Contest

by Larry Sachs, *Rundschau* Editor

The Photo Contest is open to every ARPCA member or associate member. Please submit your entries to editor@arpca.com. Winning photographs will appear as the cover of *Rundschau*. To be considered the subject matter should relate to ARPCA members, events or Porsche automobiles; be at least 2 megapixels in size; in focus; reasonably well exposed with sufficient area around the main subject for cropping to 8.5" x 8.5". Along with the photo submit a short description of what your entry depicts, including the date, time, location and the names of people who appear. Please identify any cars by year, model (and color name if possible). If recognizable children appear in the photo permission from a parent must accompany the submission. Selection of a winner is at the sole discretion of yours truly.

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WOMEN of ARPCA

Year In Review

by Linda Scanlon, ARPCA Women Co-Chair

I write this article on a beautiful October day, knowing that it will be read in mid-November, by which time we will be racing towards the finish line of 2022. A good time, I think, to look in the rear view mirror at all the Women's Group accomplished this year.

There were seven events, starting in January and ending in October. They varied among learning custom mixology (Quantum Spirits), showcasing your artistic talent (Board & Brush), enjoying Pittsburgh culture (Duquesne Club), and a wine tasting (Narcisi). We hosted our first "Meet & Greet" potluck gathering. A great success, that will now be an annual event. To add a fun, end-of-day activity to the July HPDE, we planned, along with Social, a BBQ picnic. And finally, to recognize the support and enjoy the company of the male membership, we organized an All-Member Porsche, Pizzas, and Culinary Exposition. A super turnout, many new faces, good food and good times.

We designed and marketed a Women's Group T-shirt and wine glass, fun items to show our support for the club and each other.

In addition to the above, we promoted and encouraged women to participate in Club events. Come to breakfast at The Lot, volunteer at PVGP, check out HPDE via Taste of the Track. Hopefully, all who made the effort felt welcomed and included and will come again.

Looking ahead to 2023, we are open to suggestions for future gatherings. Ideally, we look to mingle, chat, have fun. We will continue to support and participate in the Club Social and Track events. And as this is the Women's Group of the ARPCA, having to drive is not an issue; we are open to ideas north, south, east, and west.

In closing, I must thank Erin Rattenni, Marylee Ishler, Nancy Miller, and Lisa Malobicky for joining with me to bring this year's activities to reality. They (and their husbands) were the gas that powered this group forward.

To all women reading this article, it matters not if you are the driver of a P-car or enjoy the passenger side, you are welcomed.

Above: The women of ARPCA made a huge contribution to the club this year. Let's keep it going in 2023! Photos by Justin Flagg.

Porsches, Pizza, Culinary Exposition

by Linda Scanlon, ARPCA Women Co-Chair

We were not sure what the response would be, would anyone come? It was the Women's Group's first time organizing an All Member event, at an appliance store no less, what would the membership think? Would they come?

I am learning from past event registrations, it is slow to start, but picks up quickly at the end (with always a few after the "end"). We had a total of 64 in attendance, quite a few new faces, a great turn out!

Chef Anthony Marino put out an amazing buffet of food while demonstrating some of the latest in kitchen appliances. The showroom was open for browsing, and it sounds like quite a few saw items they would like in their own kitchens.

New friends, old friends, good food, a drink or two, an interesting venue, all in all, it was a great night!

A great turn leads to a great photo! Photo by Terri Mattock

Great food, friends and even a little tailgating on a beautiful night. Photos by Linda Scanlon.

Narcisi Winery

by Linda Scanlon, ARPCA Women Co-Chair

We gathered in September at Narcisi Winery. Narcisi draws us in with its beautiful outdoor picnic venue, then we add good food, friends to enjoy, and of course the wine; how can we not have a good night? Our wine master was very patient as he took us through five different wines; he faced a challenge getting 22 women enjoying wine to pay attention. From the tasting, most settled on a wine to enjoy with dinner, the buffet opened, and the volume went up a few more decibels.

One of the best parts of any of our gatherings are the new women who come. We hope you enjoyed the evening and come again. And a huge thank you to all the men who drove their ladies out, your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Wooden Angel Roundup

by Wayne Desbrow, PTC Co-Chair

That's On September 27th twenty-seven members and two guests of the ARPCA Porsche Touring Crew descended on The Wooden Angel Restaurant in Beaver. At 11:00 in the morning members started to arrive to display their Porsches and to spend time talking cars. We had cars ranging from an 80s 944 to a Diesel Cayenne to a new 2022 GT3. After the initial car talk around the cars, we headed into the restaurant for a delicious lunch at this historic landmark restaurant in the wine cellar dining room. It was easy to tell that all were having a great time judging by the volume of conversations heard around the room.

If you have not already done so, put our December 6th holiday lunch at Zelienople's Log Cabin Inn on your calendar. Don't miss our last event of the year.

Above and lower left: The PTC crew poses outside and inside of The Wooden Angel Restaurant. Lower right: Don and Carolyn Berry posing next to their 944. Photos by Larry Sachs.

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PTC Celebrates Holidays, Friendship with Festive Holiday Trek to Zelienople

by Wayne Desbrow PTC Co-Chair

If the Porsche Touring Crew had to pick a quotation that described the flavor of their monthly luncheons, it might very well be: "I always felt that the great high privilege, relief, and comfort of friendship was that one had to explain nothing." *

The Touring Crew has developed a reputation as a catalyst for developing solid, open friendships among P-Car aficionados, in part by welcoming new friends into the group's events. So -- with the spirit of this quote in mind, and the still-fresh memory of last December's gathering, PTC has decided to return to the intimate holiday environment of the Log Cabin Inn in Zelienople on December 6th, the first Tuesday of the month, to close out a full year of PTC luncheons.

Located just a few miles north of the Zelie's quaint shopping thoroughfare, the Log Cabin is always decked out for the holidays, complementing its already warm, rustic environment. The Cabin's kitchen has added a juicy pork shank to its top sirloin, filet and hand cut ribeye Angus Beef menu, but also features a Burrito of the Day and a Havana Hero for less serious appetites. In addition, the venue offers a wide variety of calorie and heart-conscious salads and lunch combinations. Of course, a full-service bar, which includes the Cabin's signature hot spiced cider, rounds out the food and drink offerings.

The Crew will convene in the Log Cabin's newly-expanded parking lot between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. to meet old (and new) friends (and explain nothing [!]) – then move into our private room.

The Porsche Touring Crew is a casual group within ARPCA. All PCA members and their guests are more than welcome to join in PTC events. Registration on MotorSportReg.com, required for all attendees, includes a $5.00 fee. For more information, contact Tom Mueller (ermtcm@verizon.net), or Wayne Desbrow (wdesbrow@zoominternet.net).

*This quotation comes to us from Katherine Mansfield, a New Zealander, and one of the most highly recognized short story writers of the 20th Century. Mansfield is best known for her three collections -- In a German Pension (1911), Bliss and Other Stories (1920) and The Garden Party and Other Stories (1922).

MEMBERSHIP

Happy anniversary to our Allegheny Region members.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

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Mark Rosendale	13	David Curley	5
Michael Poprik	13	David Glover	5
Punch Murphy	13	Members with	
William E. Dipner	13	less than 5 years:	25

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Craig Taylor	2013 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
Andrew Moore	2004 Boxster
Andrew J. Tantanella	2002 911 Carrera
Ray Francis	2014 911 GT3
Matthew Gocinski	2007 Cayman
Erik W. Miller	2000 Boxster S
Terry Budd	2004 911 Carrera 4S
Anthony J. Scuderi	2022 911 GT3
Sterling D. Fuentes	1975 914 1.8
Deborah A. Giancola	2021 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
John Sieckowski	2023 Cayenne Platinum Edition
James Lee Goldsmith	2017 911 Carrera
William Ruthrauff	2000 911 Carrera
Jeff Welnick	2016 Cayman GT4
Test Drive Participants:	8
PCA Juniors:	57

Terri Mattock
ARPCA
Membership Chair

PRIMARY MEMBERS	AFFILIATE MEMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERS
910	531	1,441

A Great Day for Racing!

by Joe Houda, Jenn Houda photos.

Perfect weather made way for a great day of go-kart racing at Pitt Race in Wampum, PA. We enjoyed a beautiful sunny sky and a perfect temperature of 65° F with a breeze. The visors of the helmets still got steamy though, as the competition was friendly but intense among the 12 participants who enjoyed the wonderful raffle prize I won in one of ARPCA's 2022 PVGP fundraising activities. We were all very happy that it wasn't July, 100° F and humid! The racing provided a healthy workout, demonstrated by the participants' sore arms, legs and hands (from the death grip on the wheel) at the end of the day.

The event consisted of 3 sessions; a ten-minute practice session, a ten-minute qualifying session, and a 20-minute race. The best qualifying lap determined position on the grid for the final race, which began with a rolling start. The karts and the racing surface provided a really fun challenge! The participants who found themselves consistently at the top of the leaderboard for the practice and qualifying sessions included Alex Alayli, Michael Bjalobok, Mike Ivey, TJ Christensen, and Joe Houda. For the final race, which was quite exciting, including a first turn spin at the front of the field, it was Alex Alayli with the win, Michael Bjalobok in second, and Joe Houda in third. The package also included a short awards ceremony with medals!

We would all like to thank ARPCA for allowing us the opportunity to participate in this great activity. It is another example of the many benefits of being an active member of the PCA.

Top: Joe Houda (#10) waves to the camera during the rolling start of the final race.

Bottom left: Lukas Houda, Ghassan Alayli, Joe Houda, Michael Bjalobek, Alex Alayli, T.J. Christensen, Matt Wyse, Mike Ivey, Ryan Bradford, and John Radinsky line up at the finish line at the end of the day.

Bottom right: Lukas Houda edges ahead of his old man, but not for long.

Remembering A Fellow Club Member and Mentor

by Ed Rice, *Immediate Past President*

As you've probably all heard the news by now, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice David Max Baer passed away unexpectedly on September 30, 2022. Much has been written and spoken about him in the various news outlets concerning his judicial and professional excellence, but beyond that, he was also something else - besides one of the most dedicated and influential Pennsylvania leaders in recent memory, he was one of us - a longstanding member of the ARPCA. He was one other thing that was very important to me personally as well – he was one of my first mentors when I entered into the legal profession many moons ago, in 1986.

Chief Justice Max Baer. Photo courtesy of Jen Barker Worley Photography LLC.

As a Club member, Max enjoyed his 993. While he did not attend many functions, he did enjoy bringing his beloved 911 out to the PVGP on many occasions over the years, and walking the lawn with his brother Mark (you've seen Mark on TV, in the Budd Baer auto dealership commercials). One of the reasons Max shied away from attending many social functions is that he was always acutely aware of his position on the court – first as Judge then as Administrative Judge in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, Family Division, then as a Justice and finally Chief Justice on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Max never wanted to be put into position of being influenced or of even appearing to be influenced in connection with his court functions. Max was always of the highest integrity.

I also remember him from when I started my practice right out of law school at the small Pittsburgh law firm of Campbell, Sherrard & Burke. Max was one of the partners there, and I was the only young associate. In my role, I was given assignments from a number of the partners, and I did a few choice projects for Max. He was very deliberative, and exceptionally smart and insightful. He was patient and coached me on research techniques and issue spotting. Integrity and intellectual honesty and competence were the most important attributes that he showed me.

Max was also one of the few partners back in those days that wasn't always buttoned up tight. Instead, he would have a loose tie and walk around the office in his socks, leaving his shoes at his desk! Casual and brilliant is how I remember him. He coached me a few years later too, after he ascended to the bench, when I was helping on another local political campaign. Max would not get directly involved in that activity, as, again, even the appearance of bias or impropriety was anathema to him, but he gave me sage, general advice, which helped me help my candidate friend in his campaign.

Rest in Peace Max – you made a difference.

Max with his wife Beth enjoying a sunny day in his Guards Red '95 911 Carrera Cabriolet.

An Endurance Classic

By E. Paul Dickinson

"Yes... yes!" He awoke and attempted to shake the zombies from his head.

"Yes... I'll be ready," he replied to a bodiless voice. The nap in his workshop had been too brief.

Unfurling a fur coat collar he stepped outside, staring beyond dark-glasses through deep azure eyes younger than his many years. Above, clouds gathered, increasingly hiding the sun. The wind in this part of the country was known to suddenly turn; northerly gusts could be chilling to the bone.

"Ok... Ok, I'm motivated," he replied to the small specter that had awakened him. Scanning the valley in front of him, a ribbon of a course undulated with the terrain and faded from his sight. Winding across glacial contours in a schizophrenic circle, it returned at his back some distance later.

A visual search was unsuccessful so he closed his eyes; he knew they would appear presently, by sound more than anticipation. The brisk northerly wind carrying the aroma from the surrounding land eased the pounding in the back of his skull, the reward for a long night filled with anxiety and uneasy sleep. He thanked Sadsack, a nickname earned for his unceremonious job, for waking him.

"Aaaah...," the sigh came as he tipped his head back to catch the warmth of the morning sun as Sadsack disappeared to his real job. An absolute wizard with electronics, Sadsack had been an investment banker with his sister before something went wrong. Dressed in jeans and flannel shirts and old sweaters and oversized khakis; Sadsack wanted nothing from his previous life.

It had been a short walk from his workshop office to the paddock. Awaiting his Team, he thought to himself as he strode toward the track: "Tomorrow, as usual, will be the most demanding of the year, as well, the most taxing for the Team. It is always so this time of year."

The past few weeks of non-stop days left little to gather everyone for practice time. Everyone was well accustomed with their jobs. But, practice refreshes the memory. A few laps today would have to suffice for everyone. Reaching the paddock area his Team was already in place, properly turned-out and ready-to-go.

He was still trying to overcome a condition that kept him in motion but suspended him in an edgy state of perpetual fatigue -- the "zombies." Standing behind a maze of transceivers and computers, his zigzag mind recalled chalkboards and hand signals used at the beginning of his career. Today, it is satellite up-links and onboard telemetry systems like the one he was walking around that provide real-time data on most everything.

Stepping past the bundle of equipment, he studied the electronic detective's screens. "With less than twenty-four-hours to go, this is far from over," he commented to Whodunit, the elfin telemetry technician who looked up acknowledging his presence as he passed

There were, as always, a few dozen small and lively onlookers from the shop. He gazed at the spectators watching as the ritual began, knowing that to them this took on the appearance of a Chinese fire drill. He hopped the protective barrier and passed Sadsack, who was busy with his real job looking after the Team and physically watching for signs of serial murder before his sister, Whodunit, found them electronically.

Asked many times by those who were outwardly involved, he could never quite get them to understand; what seemed only a matter of seconds to a bystander took an eternity. He would often tell them: "As concentration becomes more focused, time continually slows down." They never fully understood. How could they?

He slid into the seat. It was no longer necessary to fight for control of his mind as the well choreographed ballet began. The onlookers marveled at the twenty-second metamorphosis; to him it seemed an eternity.

Actuality overwhelmed the zombie tranquility as he checked the turned up collar and adjusted the headgear and eye protection. Snugging the chinstrap, tears welled between eyelids and light alarmed his head. The truth of unrest, tension and noise broke his zombie state; reality took him prisoner.

A voice inside his headgear said: "ACKNOWLEDGE." Gunfighter eyes met his Paddock chief, Jinx, through the windscreen. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head was all that was necessary to acknowledge Jinx. Two dark streaks indicating the direction in which the first turn lay was all that remained.

Getting up to speed exiting was not a problem, but blending onto a proper trajectory was necessary at the speeds traveled. Within short order of the exit the necessary velocity was achieved. A move out of the pit, far right to far left, set-up the appropriate position to enter the turn immediately in front of him. This arcing maneuver through turns was well practiced.

His focus coupled with anticipation defended against distractions around him. Motion-memory took care of the basic business at hand: achieve target entry speed, hesitate to establish vehicle balance prior to turning in, turn-in – artificially increase the turn's radius all the while gradually modulating speed toward full acceleration. As the path in front of him visually opened in the direction he wanted to go he coaxed all speed available.

A mentor had passed this seamless transition and the explosive exit acceleration the technique produced. His mentor had been meticulous with his education; in times like these he always wished the opportunity to acknowledge him still existed. He was not even aware he audibly said, "Thank-You." After years of working together, Jinx understood, no response was necessary.

The exhilaration this maneuver provided had never waned. He did not need anyone or any damnable computer telemetry to tell him when he got it right; he knew! There was no need for verbal communication; knowing their telepathic relationship, he thought: "Let's rock-n-roll." The lead member of the Team acknowledged in the same speechless manner.

Between turns One and Two a last errant thought sped through his head. A twenty-four hour golf match. A scratch golfer, he thought this test-course akin to the most challenging links he had played. Dodging some debris and slowing for turn two all thought of the golf match was quickly lost. Slowing smoothly, so efficiently the weight of a feather on his boot would disrupt this process that slowed him from higher to lower velocity.

Instinctively he repeated the cornering recipe: slow-down, hesitate, modulate, and accelerate. Every telepathic command, each move telegraphed through the Team leader is flawlessly anticipated. Exiting the turn, acceleration was already to the floorboard... back in the Paddock a YELLOW light, indicating a velocity close to takeoff, illuminated on the telemetry panel.

Everyone watching sat up! The YELLOW pane glowed brighter as speed increased, and then began to flash. Only a bit more would light the RED one. All tensed, as Sadsack looked over Whodunit's shoulder. The shift to higher velocity was made before it even flickered. It always amazed everyone how it could be done!

Telemetry now showed acceleration at operational velocity – outside trees and fence lines visually fused. Inside, time slowed as He and the Team became One. It was the only way they got it all done in one night.

After four laps it was time to end the practice session. His favorite cup would be waiting to would ward off the chill. Not too hot. Extra chocolate. Shaken, not stirred. He slowed and they stopped precisely in the spot from which they had departed. These precision stops, rehearsed routinely, mimicked on-the-job performance. It had been a satisfying last minute tune-up prior to tomorrow night's big show.

Climbing out he gave a reassuring whistle. Dressed mostly in fur, from his head to his foot, his clothes not yet tarnished from ashes or soot. No bundle of toys in the back had yet to be loaded. Wow -- how his eyes twinkled, with expectancy exploded! Cheeks from the wind the color of berry, a nose aflame the color cherry. Still the broad face, but the Mrs.' diet had aced a plan to belay the round belly. It no longer shook when he laughed, like a bowl filled with jelly.

A parting comment before the upcoming epic to the Team's leader was said: "Rudolph, don't forget to delay the apexes!" Walking away, with cup in hand, he was heard to exclaim. **"Happy Holiday to all, and to all, Good Racing."**

They err who think Santa Claus enters through the chimney. He enters through the heart.
– CHARLES W. HOWARD

DIY Center Cap Removal Tool

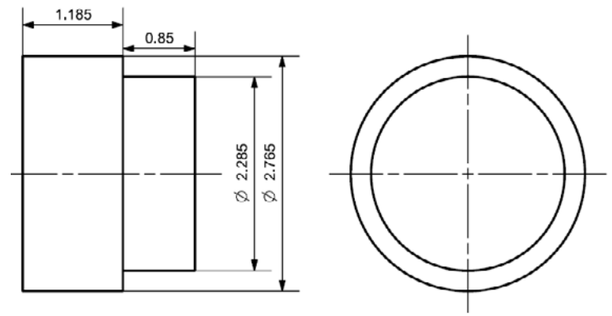
by Tazio Nuvolari

The inspiration for this tool came from my tire balancing and rotation experiences with my cars. Current wheel center caps are totally plastic and serve their purpose at a cost of $50.00 each or $200.00 for a set. The earlier style center caps with cloisonné medallions are twice that cost or $100.00 apiece. Not removing the caps in gentle manner can be costly!

Ergo the tool. The cap prongs release when pressure is applied by tapping the tool with the heel of your hand, instead of excessive impact by any other means that could well cause very expensive damage. I turned the tool on an engine lathe using an ordinary block of wood.

Although I acquired my first 911 in 1972 (a close friend still has it), I've only been a PCA member since 2015. Feel free to call for advice and/or info. Tazio 412-819-5642.

The finished product. Photo by Tazio Nuvolari.



(Editor's note: New member Sterling Fuentes, a mechanical engineer, graciously agreed to create the CAD drawings of the Center Cap Removal Tool based on the hand drawing provided to me by Tazio.)

ARPCA Porsche Experience Raffle

by John Rattenni

One of the fundraising efforts initiated by the ARPCA for the PVGP was a Porsche Experience Raffle, which offered an opportunity to win a visit to the Porsche Experience Center (PEC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Tickets were sold at all ARPCA events during the summer and the final drawing was held at the member car show at the Grand Concourse in Station Square.

The Grand Prize included travel expenses to Porsche Experience Center, a tour of the facility, access to the Heritage Museum and an opportunity to drive a Cayman, Carrera S, 911 Turbo and a GT3 on the track. Also included was a gift card to dine at the 356 Club and buy some swag at gift shop. Tom and Darlene Bartos won the Grand Prize and are planning to schedule their visit next spring.

Second Prize included travel expenses to PEC, a tour of the facility, access to the Heritage Museum and an opportunity to drive a mid-engine Cayman and a rear engine Carrera on track, allowing you to experience the differences in the chassis setups. This prize was won by Scott Schober who is a seasoned track guy and PCA instructor.

Joe Houda took home the Third Prize, after his daughter pulled daddy's ticket, which consisted of a basket of Pitt Race swag and a Karting Grand Prix event. This allowed the winner to take 10 drivers to the Pitt Race karting track for a race event including a practice session, a qualifying run and a race. Joe collected the prize in October and, as you can see from the article and photos on page 12, had a great time.

In total, this raffle raised over $3000 towards the club's PVGP donation. Thank you to all the members who bought tickets and all the volunteers who helped with ticket sales.

Gus Vasilakis congratulates Tom and Darlene Bartos on winning the grand prize. Photo by John Rattenni.

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Saturday, November 19, 2022
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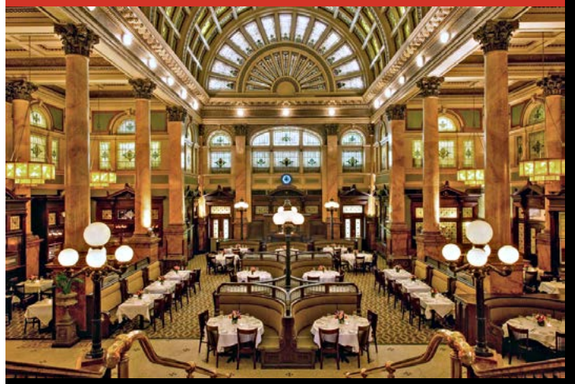

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November 19 | 6:30 – 10:30 pm
Holiday Party
Grand Concourse
Station Square, 100 W. Station Square Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Contact: social@arpca.com

December 6
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Porsche Touring Crew
Log Cabin Inn
430 Perry Hwy., Harmony, PA 16037
Contact: Tom Mueller, ermtcm@verizon.net

December 8 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Monthly Club Meeting
Sewickley Porsche
526 Ohio River Blvd.
Sewickley, PA 15143
Contact: president@arpca.com

January 12 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Monthly Club Meeting
Deutsche Rennsport
1301 Washington Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Contact: president@arpca.com

February 4 | 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Mid-Winter Party
Blackout Tinting
4361 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044
Contact: Lisa Malobicky, social@arpca.com

February 11 | 9:00 – 11:30 am
Motor Oil Tech Session
Deutsche Rennsport
1301 Washington Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Contact: Mike Ferraro, mikeferraro@att.net

March 22 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Women of ARPCA - 2nd Annual Meet & Greet
Treesdale Cider House
1 Treesdale Commons, Gibsonia, PA 15044
Contact: women@arpca.com

March 25 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm
All Member Dinner
Westmoreland Country Club
7100 Mellon Rd, Export, PA 15632
Contact: Lisa Malobicky at social@arpca.com

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