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On the cover: This 992 911 in Aventurine Green looked right at home on the lawn at Schenley Park. Photo by Justin Flagg.

Correction: The following caption was inadvertently omitted from the photo at the top right of page 7 in the August issue. Bailey, lusting after a ride in neighbor Tom and Darlene Bartos' sparkling, just washed 2004 996. Tom Bartos photo.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gus Vasilakis, ARPCA President

Gus Vasilakis
ARPCA President

Winning: Checkered Flags and Raffles

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WRITING THIS ARTICLE MAKES ME SMILE. This is one of them. Please give me a few moments of your time and you will smile too!

How many of us have won a national raffle? How many of us have won a national competitive event in multiple years back-to-back? ARPCA can now claim both.

Before I tell you about ARPCA's winners, let me start with a huge thank you to the PVGP committee. What an event – a world class experience with food, drinks, shelter, raffles, give aways, and one of the best vantage points to watch our members race with pride. This was the first year in almost a decade that I was a spectator at Schenley, but ARPCA was proudly represented in several race classes. Our club's drivers in the Over 2-Liter group driving 914s have taken the checkered flag since 2019. Scott Ryan has won 3 of these trophy flags in the last 4 years, and KC Kowalyk of the Sewickley Car Store earned a flag during the 2022 PVGP Porsche Marque Year. In the Under 2.0-Liter Group AJ Ferragonio of C&G Performance was the winner. This is the first time AJ has won a PVGP category in Schenley Park. Congratulations guys – you make us all proud in front of thousands of sports car fans every year.

The week after the PVGP event at Schenley Park, ARPCA returned to Pitt Race for our HPDE and all member barbeque cookout. John Rattenni, our track chairman, along with Michael Laffey, our chief driving instructor, Greg Swartz, our safety chair, and Scott Ishler, track co-chair, plus 5-7 others created and executed a spectacular driving event for novice to expert drivers. Erin Rattenni did a fantastic job organizing and executing the barbeque and unveiling the PCA raffle winner. The inclement weather didn't stop the learning or the friendships which developed over the weekend. A huge Thank You to all the HPDE weekend organizers, instructors, and attendees.

The under 2.0 L podium with (l – r) Charles Dolan, AJ Ferragonio, and Brian Dolan. Photo by Bill Stoler.

President Gus Vasilakis interviews PCA Raffle winner Matt Wimer and his wife Jean in front of his new Cayman GTS 4.0. Tom Mueller photo.

So, who won the National Raffle? PCA gave me and our officers the honor of announcing that the 2nd place winner of the 2023 PCA National Raffle was our own Matthew (Matt) Wimer, who won the Cayman GTS of his dreams. Ironically, earlier that afternoon Matt was talking with a few friends in the pits and said that he was thinking about his dream car, the new Cayman GTS, and that it would be just great to win the prize this year. Everyone wondered all afternoon who the winner was until Matt's name and face appeared on the cookies that Erin had made. It was hard to keep a secret like this for a week, but we did it.

Humor set in as well. Erin was thanking her committee, the women of ARPCA who helped set up, and our branding sponsor Sewickley Car Store when the bottle of champagne that I was holding to pop when we announced Matt decided to pop a bit early. The sun, my movements, and the heat of the day released the cork, but hey, Matt and his wife, Jean, still enjoyed the Martini & Rossi. Congratulations Matt – we are all so very happy for you.

Looking forward to our next social events and our Mid-Ohio HPDE program, I wish you all a pleasant read of this month's edition with a smile.

–Gus

914s ready to practice on Saturday. Left to right: Brad Harrison, Duane Smith, KC Kowalyk, Scott Ryan. Jon Nicheleach photo.

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> **Next to the window hung a brass bell. You would ring the bell and a gloved hand would appear with a glass of Champagne!**

Drake Core
ARPCA Vice President

PVGP Recap

I AM WRITING THIS COLUMN A DAY AFTER I attended the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix in Schenley Park. There were so many amazing events to choose from this year. I attended the Historics at Pittsburgh International Race Complex. The weather was extremely hot but thankfully it did not rain! New for this year was the Sewickley Stampede & Roundup. A special thank you goes out to Sewickley Porsche for inviting me to participate in the parade with my 964 race car. My wife rode in the car with me in a parade of about 30 cars which started at the Sewickley Valley War Memorial Park. A police escort led us on a winding route through downtown Sewickley through streets packed with enthusiasts! The event attracted a couple hundred people and an amazing showing of fans. It was so cool experiencing the overwhelming support from the town. We ultimately parked herringbone style in front of the Sewickley Hotel and Rosa's Cantina on Beaver Street. The party started at 6:00 PM and continued to 9:00 PM.

The next event we attended was the Thursday night Passport to Elegance at Butler County Airport. If you haven't attended this event, I highly recommend going next year. It's just an unbelievable experience, from the super rare Ferraris on display to the World War Two and Vietnam era airplanes. We watched a Chance Vought F4U Corsair airplane arrive and display its unique ability to fold its wings. The attendees were thoroughly amused by a little hut covered in green boxwood with a very small window opening in the wall covered with a curtain. Next to the window hung a brass bell. You would ring the bell and a gloved hand would appear with a glass of Champagne! It was a unique and entertaining touch. Needless to say, the Champagne was quickly depleted.

On to Friday night. I attended the ARPCA Welcome Party at Willow Restaurant. We had a special guest at the event, our Zone 4 Representative Dave Stetson, who got to meet many of our members. Next up for me was the main event of the Schenley Park Car Show and Races. I had my ARPCA admittance ticket to park on the lawn and I drove my 1993 RS America to the event. The weather for once was perfect! It was not too hot this year, which for many of us driving cars without air conditioning was a really nice change. The ARPCA organizers put on an amazing event and we thank them for all of their hard work! Our club is very fortunate to have such a great group of committed volunteers. I always look forward to the middle of July for all the PVGP events. It is a hectic week, but winter will be coming before you know it and we will be wishing we could attend events like the PVGP. I personally hate Pittsburgh winters and dread the day the cars get stored away waiting for the next year's warm weather to return. If you have not attended any of the PVGP events, I recommend that you get out there next year and participate and/or consider volunteering. It is what summer is all about. As they say in Game of Thrones, "Winter is coming"!

Yours truly inspecting the Corsair. Photo by Beth Core.

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PTC Fall Summary

by Tom Mueller & Mark Frumkin, PTC Co-Chairs

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Nevillewood wrap-up

"And a good time was had by all" would be the wrap up of the Porsche Touring Crew's luncheon at The Club at Nevillewood, a bit outside of Bridgeville. Seventeen Porsche aficionados sat to enjoy a delicious lunch served by the crew at Nevillewood in a quick and friendly atmosphere of like-minded conversation. I must say the lobster bisque was perfect and my wedge salad with chicken hit the spot on a 90-degree day. Our shaded outdoor venue was perfect. Early on the club set up golf carts so our group parking was assured. They also left a spare cart for Ellyn and me to use for a transport.

This is actually a lovely PTC venue which may reappear in the future.

August at Atria's Restaurant.

August found the touring Crew at Atria's Restaurant in Peters Township.

The original Atria's in Mt. Lebanon was opened by Joe Atria in 1930. Beginning as a grocery store it later expanded into a barber shop and dry cleaner's. When prohibition ended in 1933 Atria's began to sell beer, and then food for the hungry masses during the depression. In 1998, Pittsburgh natives Pat and Nancy McDonald transformed the historic Mt. Lebanon Landmark into an upscale casual restaurant that serves up American Classics.

September at the "Creek" September 26th

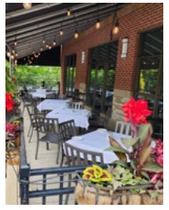
We are excited to announce that the Touring Crew will be at Dutch's at Silver Tree restaurant on Deep Creek Lake. Late September is such a beautiful time for a ride. The air has cooled and the trees are just beginning to show fall colors.

This is not only a beautiful spot but the food is delicious. Crab Cake sandwich or platter, maybe a caprese salad with crab or how about a burger? Dessert? Can't miss!! I've been coming here for 40 years and I'll put my personal guarantee on it. I checked MSR today and Dutch's is already filling up!

Franco's Trattoria, October 24th

Franco's, a hometown favorite in McMurray, is a family owned and operated restaurant which takes pride in its fine Italian cuisine, having been in the food business for over twenty-five years, and uniting people at the dining table for more than twenty.

The Touring Crew will be the first patrons to have lunch here in many years and we give Joe and Gina Damico a big thank you for that. We will be arriving an hour later than usual for a 1 o'clock lunch at the convenience of the restaurant. Hope to see all our Porsche minded friends at this most special luncheon!



The beautiful Franco's Trattoria in McMurray, PA.
Photos by Mark Frumkin.

PTC Deep Creek

by Mark Frumkin, PTC Co-Chair

An early fall trip has always been de rigueur in our home. I love a place where the leaves are beginning to change and mountain scenery abounds. Deep Creek, MD, about 2 hours from Pittsburgh, is my favorite. I also like a restaurant which follows through on the views and even more importantly the food! One of my favorite spots at the Creek is Dutch's at Silver Tree. Having been around for probably 50 years or more this place is like fine wine.

Here we will find a complete menu to choose from including my favorite, the crab cake sandwiches. There is a large salad menu, burgers to steaks and a complete bar. Many of our seats will have a view of Deep Creek Lake and parking in the upper lot is plentiful. Hope to see all at "The Creek" in September. www.Dutchsatsilvertree.com.

Photos by Mark Frumkin.

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Terri Mattock
ARPCA Membership Chair

Happy Anniversary to our Allegheny Region Members.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

Joseph R. Poponick	43	Joseph M. Halfhill	12
David L. Landis	33	Stephen H. Kranz	12
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John M. Watrobsky	2008 Cayman S
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Randy Shaffer	2023 911 Carrera
Edward Konyen	2021 718 Spyder
David J. Dietrich	2004 911 Turbo Cabriolet
Jim Polachek	2011 Cayman S
Maurice Scally	1987 944
Todd R. Avellar	2023 Macan S
John J. Klimchak	2000 Boxster S *From Central PA (CPA)*
Test Drive Participants:	8
PCA Juniors:	62

JULY STATS

PRIMARY MEMBERS	AFFILIATE MEMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERS
907	524	1,431

Be Part of the Legend

by Stuart Wirtz, Pittsburgh based Potomac Founders Region Member

Margie Smith–Haas speaking with versatile Belgian race car driver Christine Beckers–Schmitz in front of the Iron Dames Porsche 911 RSR–19 at this year's Le Mans 24. Stuart Wirtz photo.

Like the chicken-or-the-egg conundrum, I can't seem to figure out which came first, my fascination with Porsches or motor racing. It doesn't matter really, I doubt there will ever be one without the other.

And no motor race in the World is more synonymous with Porsche than the 24 Hours of Le Mans. I hurried home from the Porsche 75th Anniversary party at my dealer's in Mechanicsburg - where I caught the start - to spend the rest of the day watching the race on TV while simultaneously studying live timing and scoring on the laptop.

I'm captivated by the mystique of Le Mans. Porsche has been competing there every year since 1951, when on its first try, a Gmünd 356 amazingly won its class. Not bad for a car built in a sawmill. Since then, the marque has amassed 19 overall victories and 110 class wins, both records. Porsche didn't make it 20 this year, but I know my racing history, and Roger Penske (who runs the Works effort) doesn't stay denied for very long. I'm making every effort to be at Circuit de la Sarthe next June, hopefully to witness the next Porsche milestone. Whether my wife shares my grand plan to be at a race track in France next summer has yet to be determined - and not likely by me. Either way, I'll be watching and enjoying the competition on track.

I'm a member of the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO), the organizing body of the 24 Hours since its inception in 1923, and co-promoter of the World Endurance Championship with the FIA. I joined before I attended my first Le Mans in 2010. You may think of the ACO as the French version of the AAA. Yes, but recall the Indy 500 was organized by the AAA from 1911 until 1955 when USAC took over. I'm not too concerned about roadside assistance or free maps, this automobile club is all about racing! Membership has its advantages. For what I consider a bargain at 98 euros a year, you get a discount on entrance tickets, grandstand seats, parking passes and merchandise in the official store. You also have the ability to purchase seats in two Grandstands reserved for ACO members and a designated parking area. The most useful benefit, however, is access to a cordoned-off spectator area directly adjacent to the Dunlop bridge complete with a hospitality lounge where you can buy food and drink and watch the race and official timing and scoring on TV. As an area to escape inclement weather and a place for my wife to relax in a comfortable chair instead of sitting on a grass hillside, it's worth it.

Being a US ACO member is particularly rewarding. If you can make it to France for the race, fellow US members are available to make your visit a smooth one. Before you go, you can attend Zoom calls with experienced race-goers detailing everything: how best to get to Le Mans, how best to get to the track once you're there, and where best to watch the race around the 8.4-mile circuit. Questions about travel, lodging, and other tourist sites in this beautiful part of France will also be answered. There are meet-ups during the race weekend too so you can share your experiences and watch the race with fellow US fans if you choose.

If you can't make it to France, ACO membership brings the Le Mans experience to you. If you don't get Motor Trend TV (the network that has broadcast the 24 Hours the last several years), US ACO members can live-stream the race.

And benefits don't just last one race weekend a year. Members enjoy meet-ups at select IMSA races too, like the Rolex 24 and Petit. Throughout the year, US members enjoy regular videos with drivers and other famous Le Mans personalities. So far this season, US ACO members have had the wonderful opportunity to hear from and speak with Rick Knoop (1978 Le Mans class winner in a Kremer 935), Jim Busby (Knoop's winning co-driver in '78 and successful team owner fielding 962s), Margie Smith-Haas (the first US women to compete at Le Mans, 1984 and 1985) and Ben Keating (this year's LMGTE Am winner in a Corvette)! Members also enjoy a dynamic member-only Facebook page, a regular newsletter complete with Le Mans, IMSA and endurance racing news, and a USA Le Mans Travel Guide.

Most of all, as a member of the Automobile Club de l'Ouest in the U.S., you will be part of a community of fans that share the passion for and excitement of the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the endurance racing world. Interested? Go to LE MANS.ORG or scan the QR code. Join us and share Spirit of Le Mans!

PVGP Road Rallye

by Linda Scanlon, Women of ARPCA Co-Chair

A beautiful afternoon brought out Porsche models of all kinds for the drive. Photo by Justin Flagg.

After spending a significant portion of time participating in various PVGP activities, I stopped and spent some time reflecting. Of all the PVGP/ARPCA events I have attended over the years, which ones would I do again, which ones probably not? Rather than dwell on what I would not do, I will share what I will definitely do again – the Friday Road Rallye!

First, this is the only PVGP/ARPCA event where instead of driving your car somewhere to park it, you drive your car somewhere to DRIVE it! The event is DRIVING your car. What could be better!

This year, thanks to Kevin Rhule, we had a navigation system, Scenic, that was amazing. The app was easy to download (although I did mess that up, my fault), and worked no matter where we were on the route (no lost signals). Kevin, along with Bill Ulmer, drove the route numerous times, fine tuning it up until the last minute, documenting ice cream stops, gas and pit stops, hazards and bumps.

In addition to the ease of use and accuracy of the app, the route itself was stunning. We drove on rolling hills through farm country, passed magnificent estates surrounded by white picket fences, slowed down through a couple of cute little towns, and encountered very little traffic.

Taking note of comments from previous rallies, Kevin asked how we wanted to "drive" the route. After consulting with my trusted co-pilot, Erin Rattenni, we elected to be part of the Touring crew, specifically, to be led by John Vecchi, but only as long as his lovely wife Karen ("the governor") was riding shotgun. A shout out to Justin Flagg, who arranged for the lunch and parking accommodations at Over The Bar Bicycle Cafe, led a driving group, and I'm sure took some amazing pictures. Thank you to Tom Galey and Rob Windsor, who also stepped up to lead groups. And lastly, to Bill Giglio, who bravely stood in the road and stopped traffic so we could get out of the parking lot as a group.

So, to recap, I spent the day traveling on some beautiful Western Pennsylvania back roads, in a car I so enjoy driving, with a woman I am blessed to call friend and ended the day dining with other P-car enthusiasts. Why would I not do it again?

Surprise, Surprise!

by Matt Wimer,

Early–July:

PCA National advised Gus Vasilakis that I had won either the 718 Boxster or Cayman GTS 4.0 in the Spring Raffle and that the announcement had to be made before July 31. Gus replied that we had a DE scheduled for the last weekend of the month, that I would be driving and that I had signed up for the BBQ dinner. Plans were made to have PCA cover both the DE and the presentation at the dinner.

July 29th:

0830: After the instructor's meeting, I attended the driver's meeting. John Rattenni announced that a car would be awarded at the BBQ that night and all should plan to be there. After the meeting I told him that my wife Jean and I wouldn't be there because we had a surprise 50th anniversary party to attend so he could use our tickets for someone else. I also told him that if I won a car, he could tell me the next morning. John said that we would be missing a great party and should reconsider.

0900: John called Erin in a panic.

1000: Erin called Jean. Hi, this is Erin Rattenni from the track. Jean asks, is he dead? No. Seriously injured? No. Is the car drivable? Yes. Is he spewing gibberish? Just the usual. Erin then informed Jean about the raffle prize and that I needed to be at the BBQ. Jean noted that the anniversary party had a 70's theme and that she was looking forward to wearing her go-go boots. Wives began scheming.

1030: Jean called the friend's daughter who was hosting the party, and told her that we could not come. What story could they concoct?

1045: Daughter sent an email to both Jean and me saying that the party was canceled because mom was ill. It would be rescheduled soon. Then came a series of emails asking about mom's health and wishing mom a speedy recovery.

1100: I told John that the party was canceled, and Jean and I would be at the BBQ.

Mid–afternoon: A car parked in the paddock next to my turbo. The driver was wearing a press credential badge on a lanyard. I briefly talked to him. Nice man with a foreign accent. He then decided to move his car. I told him there was room for him, but he said he really needed to move it. I think he saw the name on my shirt and didn't want to engage. For the rest of the day he shot photos of the DE, which wasn't unusual.

The proud winners of a new Cayman GTS, Jean and Matt Wimer. Top photo by Tom Mueller. Bottom photo by Linda Scanlon.

1700: BBQ opens. Food was good. Couldn't have any alcohol until 1730 when the track closed. I was the PCA observer for the DE and I had to make sure no one imbibed early. During the dinner, the usual announcements were made thanking all who put in incredible hours to make the entire event, both driving and social, a success. Then came the big announcement. All who had purchased raffle tickets stood in a group. Each received a cookie in a bag that we were prohibited from opening until given permission. The cookie had the photo of the winner on it. We opened the bags and it was a photo of me from my website (back when I had a little hair).

What a surprise! Lots of interviews with Gus, recorded by the PCA representative. Congrats from everyone on the win.

We got to the anniversary party before it ended.

Comments: *I learned later that about 25 people knew I had won the car. Drake Core can't keep a secret, but he only told people who could. The planning for the entire DE and dinner took a zillion hours and was perfect. It shows how much this club cares for its members. Thanks to all!*

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Pittsburgh, PA 15213
Contact: president@arpca.com

September 15 – 17 | All Day
High Performance Driver's Education
Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
7721 Steam Corners Rd.
Lexington, OH 44904
Contact: track@arpca.com

September 20 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm
Whiskey Walking Tour
Convention Center Pittsburgh,
1049 Penn Avenue
Contact: women@arpca.com

September 26 | 11:00 am
Porsche Touring Crew
Dutch's at Silver Tree, Deep Creek, MD, 567
Glendale Rd, Oakland, MD 21550
Contact: Tom Mueller, emtcm@verizon.net

October 11 | 5:00 – 7:30 pm
Women of ARPCA - Treasure House Fashions
Treasure House Fashions,
7607 McKnight Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Contact: women@arpca.com

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

October 21 | TBD
Fall ARPCA Rallye Tour
Pittsburgh – Mountains of West Virgina
Contact: Kevin Rhule, krkrhule@gmail.com

October 24 | 1:00 pm
Porsche Touring Crew
Franco's Trattoria
4120 Washington Road McMurray, PA 15137
Contact: Tom Mueller, emtcm@verizon.net

November 8 | 5:00 – 7:30 pm
Women of ARPCA - Diamonds Direct
Diamonds Direct Pittsburgh
5004 McKnight Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Contact: women@arpca.com

November 9 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Monthly Club Meeting
Pete's European Techniques
711 Bairdford Rd., Gibsonia, PA 15044
Contact: president@arpca.com

December 5 | 11:00 am
Porsche Touring Crew
Kaufman Tavern, 105 S Main St.
Zelienople, PA 16063
Contact: Tom Mueller, emtcm@verizon.net

December 14 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Monthly Club Meeting
Sewickley Porsche
526 Ohio River Blvd., Sewickley, PA 15143
Contact: president@arpca.com

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Around the Zone

by Dave Stetson, Zone 4 Representative

Time flies when you're having fun! I expect that is true for you; it is for me. The driving season is rolling along and we PCA members are getting out to enjoy our friends and our cars. I want to thank my hosts for some of adventures we have experienced. Lori and Bob Bryant gave me something to do early in May at NOR's HPDE. MOR and Northern New Jersey PCA kept me entertained at their Club Race/HPDE combo later in May, after Stephanie and I attended EBR's New Member Social/Anniversary Celebration at McCann Racing. Thanks to Scott McSherry and fellow EBRPCAers. In June, Stephanie and I trekked to Frankenmuth, MI to join Motor Stadt Region members, with Steve Lee and Joe Lavender, as they celebrated their 50th anniversary. In July, we attended Rally Sport Region's Porsches in the Park and Allegheny Region's activities at Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. It this been a pleasure to get to know the officers and members of these other regions.

We continue to fill out our dance card for the rest of the year. I had mentioned that IMSA is coming to Indianapolis Motor Speedway in September. That is still true, but Porsche Cars North America has decided that there will not be a PorschePlatz at that event. We no longer have the responsibility of staffing the tent with volunteers this year. Next year there are plans to make the Indy event a feature endurance event, so we will likely be called on to help. Stay tuned. At this point, I know that Steph and I will be doing PCA events every weekend in September, even without Indy IMSA. We will stay aware of your calendars and try to join you for some of your activities.

If you have any sort of feedback, requests, or ideas that you'd like to pass on to me, don't hesitate to email me at zone4rep@national.pca.org or call me at (614) 286-5988 (Please leave a message if I don't answer. I will call you back).

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TRACK REPORT

THE DETAILS:

July 28 – 30, 2023

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John Rattenni,
Track Chair

It really is amazing how our mind processes time. When we are looking forward to an event in the future, it always seems so far away, "it will never get here." Then when it arrives and you look back, it seems like the time passed in the blink of an eye. Such has been the last 8 months. When I accepted the position of Track Chair, our July Track event seemed far off with plenty of time to prepare for it. Then, all of a sudden, it was Show Time.

Please consider that although I have been an instructor and driver at ARPCA track events for a long time, my role was very limited. I would show up, jump in a student's car, and do my thing. Then I would get in my car, mash on the pedals, and go around the track. I would repeat this process over and over throughout the weekend. Outside of that, I had never so much as placed a wristband on anyone. Imagine how overwhelming it felt to take on the role of Track Chair. I knew that the first thing I needed was a wing man. I convinced Scott Ishler to help me out. Truth be told, without him, I doubt I could have pulled this off. His commitment to the program and relentless effort made all of this possible.

We then set out to organize a team to make this happen.

Our adventure began by developing a plan to address the financial sustainability of offering Track events. We also needed to change the feeling by many non-track members that the Track folks were a Club in and of themselves. We launched a 2-prong approach to the program. I am proud to say that the 2023 Track Program exceeded all our established goals. We sold out in 3 months and generated revenue 140% over budget. We also worked to introduce the Club to track. Articles from Track regularly appeared in *Rundschau*, telling silly stories and trying to enlighten folks to the experience of being a Track person.

Track weekend begins with Friday Lapping Day. It is a day where we invite our instructors to a track day dedicated to them. They can drive and not have to attend to students' needs but rather just enjoy the day. We wished for sunny skies and, as the saying goes, "be careful what you wish for." It was 100 + degrees on the track surface and it felt like we were driving on the sun. Simply put, it was just stupid hot.

We assumed some liberties on Friday and decided to take advantage of having instructors at the track. We are launching a new Driver/Instructor evaluation program and wanted to have a training session for the instructors. Given that no respectable track driver can refuse a free lunch, Erin (our event coordinator and my wife) arranged for lunch to be available. Well, they swarmed the place like locusts and we locked the doors so they couldn't leave. They proved to be great as usual and we had a productive meeting, plus the food was amazing.

Saturday was the big day. There were 20 brand new drivers who had no track experience. We had 75 drivers from out of our region and 30 women drivers, with a total of over 200 drivers, resulting in new records across the board. After the blistering heat of Friday, we had hoped for cooler weather. As I said, be careful what you wish for. Yes, it was cooler - 30 degrees cooler, AND pouring rain. Registration was challenging as it required placing number decals on wet cars. The Safety Team rallied together, got the cars under cover, and began drying them off like a high school glee club car wash fundraiser. Clearer skies soon followed and the day was progressing very well, until the next crisis hit.

In preparation for the weekend, Erin had arranged for us to host a huge catered picnic Saturday night for track drivers as well as guests and non-track club members. As she was putting the final touches on the event, we were hit with yet another surprise. In the week leading up to the event, we were told that a member of our Club had won the PCA National Car Raffle. Upon learning it was Matt Wimer, a member of our track family and a wonderful guy, Erin decided to make the day special for him. In addition to our hosting a picnic for 300 guests, she arranged for a reveal ceremony to announce him as the winner. Since he was unaware he had won and had registered to attend the picnic with his wife, Erin decided we should make it a special surprise. We entered the weekend with a plan in place and ready to go, until around noon on Saturday when I ran into Matt and told him I was looking forward to seeing his wife at the picnic. He proceeded to tell me he couldn't make it and to let him know tomorrow if he won. In a panic, I called Erin who, as usual, did her magic. Erin called Matt's wife and told her about Matt winning the car and that we had made a big deal of it which included a photographer from PCA National to record the event for the PCA National Social Media accounts. Matt's wife shared that Matt lives for track and although his other commitment was important, this was much more important. They devised a plan to have the host of the party they had planned to attend tell Matt that the guest of honor was sick and the party was postponed. Minutes later Matt found me and with great excitement told me his plans had changed and he could make the picnic after all.

The Women of ARPCA showed up as usual and scrambled between wind and rain to put together tables, chairs, and decorations for the event. I watched as Becky Stark struggled to blow up balloons only to have them blow away. There was lots of fun and laughter even before the party started. As is the Women's trademark, there was plenty of wine. In addition, there was beer sponsored by Sam Adams, and amazing food catered by Two Brothers. As for the Raffle reveal, Erin handed out a bags with a portrait cookie in it. There was a countdown, then everyone opened their bags to see Matt Wimer's face. The Track family loves Matt and all were very excited that he won this car.

Of course, no track event is complete without late night gatherings in the "Genovese Tent City." John G. always has beer, booze and great wine. Hard core trackers gather and get stupid…like, real stupid. At one point someone asked me if I preferred Ginger to Mary Ann…….what?? My day started at 5:30 a.m. and I finally rolled into our driveway at midnight. Ouch.

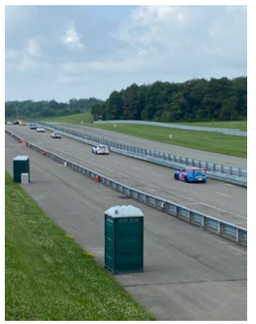
Sunday proved to be less eventful. It was a beautiful day and the drivers cycled on and off track with precision. In spite of a huge number of cars and in some cases very wet conditions, we are proud to report there was not a single incident all weekend … well, a gust of wind did blow a pop-up tent into a GT4, putting a small scuff on it, but that doesn't really count as a track incident.

Special thanks to AJ, Pete Delmer and Tom Daniels for working tech inspections all day Friday in the sweltering heat, as well as the rest of the Safety Team that inspected cars on Saturday in the pouring rain without missing a beat. Thank you too, Tim Gustafson, our Secretary, for showing up all three days and working the Grid. He was there at 7:00 a.m. and still there when the track went cold. As Erin put it, "he rocks." Also, thank you Matt Winner (not a misspell, it's his new name) and Tom Mueller for helping with registration, as well as Michael Facchiano for allowing us to stage his brand new 2023 Cayman GTS for our Raffle display.

Thanks to my paisano, Jay Malobicky, who in addition to being a faithful Track Wife for Lisa, was his typical work horse self, being available at every turn. Jay is always there, willing to do whatever it takes to make ARPCA events successful.

Finally, a huge thank you to those who attended our track event and picnic and all those that chipped in to help, too many to name. Being Italian, family is everything to me, and our track drivers are my family.

My team and I are honored to have had the opportunity to provide you with the track experience you deserve. Now, on to Mid-Ohio.



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It's About the People

by **Erin Rattenni,** Women of ARPCA Co-Chair

The definition of club is "an association or organization dedicated to a particular interest or activity." That said, it is the mutual love of Porsches that brings us together, and although we may use our cars differently, we share this same passion. Some club members choose to use their cars for Sunday drives for ice cream or running out for groceries. Others prefer to attend car shows or meets to display their cars and share stories with like-minded enthusiasts. And then there are those more adventurous members who choose to drive them on the track.

When my family became involved in the club, specifically with track, we felt it was important to turn the ARPCA Track DE into an event for all members regardless of how they use their cars. From this goal the lunchtime charity parade laps were re-introduced and the track cookout was born. Throughout the three-day event we hoped to provide something for everyone.

During the parade laps we were able to introduce some new folks to the Pitt Race racecourse that we are so lucky to call our home track. For a nominal donation in memory of a dear track friend, participants were welcome to drive any vehicle at a spirited parade pace and get a sense of what the track drivers experience at high speeds. As the cars pulled off course after the checkered flag there were smiles all around and interest grew about how to get more involved. As some learned, you do not have to drive to be part of the experience. There are plenty of places to get close to the cars from grid to tech, and new faces are always welcome.

Incorporating a large social event into the HPDE weekend was a lofty goal that many saw as impossible. As the registrations grew we knew this was going to be one huge party. Friends and family were able to join the drivers at the close of the day for food, cheer and some wonderful music. There may have even been some dancing (with photographic evidence). There were a lot of rain delays and a whole comedy of errors as the Women of ARPCA attempted to set up and decorate, but when the crowds began to build everyone was ready. Through laughter and camaraderie, we were able to show our numerous out of town participants how much fun and welcoming the Allegheny Region is. As if that wasn't enough we were also able to celebrate a beloved club member winning the national raffle in the surprise of a lifetime! The beers and the celebration flowed long after the track was cold.

The weekend showed that although our common interest is the love of the cars, when it comes to the heart of it, it is truly about the people. No matter how you use your car there is a place for everyone at every event.

Above photo by Lisa Malobicky. Right photo by Bogdan Roberson.

THE MART

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The Little Things

by Jay & Lisa Malobicky

Just in case you were wondering, the term, “Grand Prix” is derived from the Grand Prix de Paris, an international horse race established 1863. For the etymology mavens in the crowd, “grand” comes from the Latin word, “grandis” meaning the “highest rank … of great importance” and the French word, “prix” from “pretium,” Latin for “a price or reward.” Why bore you with such dialectic locution? We often focus our gaze at the final results – the podium finish and pageantry showered upon the winner’s circle- spewing bottles of French champagne in a cascade of fermented grape juice. Conversely, we often neglect to note the little things, those insignificant details muted in the background of our awareness which culminate to form one’s indelible experience. Keeping with the inebriant analogy, the glass selection, temperature, food pairing, and dining company harmoniously integrate when savoring a fine glass of wine. I posit that these “little things” are what define grandis pretium.

Throughout the Schenley Park weekend, I trained my eye to note the ubiquitous “little things” which define the ARPCA Grand Prix experience. It’s no surprise that our club is consistently recognized by the PVGP Executive Committee as hosting the premier club event at Schenley Park. Club member Wayne Desbrow articulates this sentiment, stating,

Everyone I spoke to at the event, (almost all regular attendees), commented on how our club’s approach is consistently well-designed and executed. [The volunteers] deserve a lot of credit for building and maintaining that standard. By the way – most of my friends are somewhat “analytical,” and almost always find something to nit-pick or comment on, e.g., “Well, yes, it was a great event, but if I were doing this or that I would have done it slightly differently.” But no one I talked to had any of those “qualifiers”! And that is REALLY saying something!

Das Board! Photo by Justin Flagg.

Rather than writing my observations of the “little things” club volunteers do to enhance the experience of ARPCA attendees in paragraph form, I believe a bullet point list is most effective.

- Board at the entrance of Gate E – Keeps your Porsche from bottoming out on the curb.
- Mulch in low spots and groundhog holes – Protects your car and personnel from injury.
- Parking grid with 6 feet of clearance between cars – No door dings!
- Short lunch line – Service hours lengthened to accommodate larger crowds.
- Under the tent seating with cooling fans – Seating for all ARPCA attendees to enjoy lunch.
- Live background music during lunchtime – Modulated to avoid interfering with conversations.
- Linen tablecloths and flower centerpieces – Add to the ambiance of the club’s dining tents.
- Garbage Cans – Numerous full-sized receptacles with routine service to avoid overflow.
- Shaded oak canopy – By far the BEST location in Schenley Park!
- Square Devices – Volunteers are able to process credit cards on site for raffle and merchandise.
- Coffee and donuts – Available at the ARPCA Registration Tent.
- QR Code – Streamlined check-in and verification that parking is reserved for paying members.

I’m certain there are other aspects of the ARPCA Grand Prix experience that I’m not considering. It takes some effort to appreciate these under appreciated “little things” which underpin each day at the Grand Prix. However, most crucial to the ARPCA experience is the cadre of volunteers who toil in the background to make it a success. This is where “grandis” – the highest rank … of great importance finds true meaning.

Volunteers are the engine that accelerates our club forward to power great ideas across the finish line. For those who attended the Grand Prix, we owe special thanks to our club members who exemplify the phrase “Fueled By Volunteers”: Craig and Dave Spink worked tirelessly to develop and hone the electronic QR code “e-ticket” system which streamlined registration and vastly improved accountability of vehicles entering the lawn; Chis Steimer, Terry Koziara, Craig Spink, Bill Ulmer, Tim Gustafson, and Dave Spink toiled in Friday afternoon’s heat to set flags for the “Porsche Field” parking grid, stockpile beverages, organize tables, chairs, generators, fans, and position all signage prior to Saturday morning’s onslaught of cars; the steadfast legion of parking attendants commanded by Chris Steimer, Bill Ulmer, John Rattenni, and Mike Lorenz; the cadre of ARPCA “ambassadors” Rob and Beth Windsor, Donna Bell, Linda Scanlon, Ellen Ulmer, Linda (Lava Girl) Lorenz, and Mary Koziara who graciously assisted guests during the check-in process, set up dining tables, sold club merchandise, and assisted with raffle ticket sales; the unsung taskmaster of Logistics, Tim Gustafson, whose platoon of Alyssa Malobicky, John Rattenni, and Bill Giglio tirelessly ensured that the trash was emptied, the generators filled with fuel, and that there was a mountain of ice to keep the beverages cold; Angelina Beas who procured trophies for the People’s Choice Awards and Mary Koziara who painstakingly counted ballots to derive the top five winners; club newsletter editor and photographer Larry Sachs who captured images with his hawk-like camera eye; Andy Shor whose customized framing added an sophisticated flair to the raffle offerings; newcomers Katie and Shawn Stack who worked like mules to assist with tear-down and loading the ARPCA trailer; and lest we forget, the Friday Driving Tour directed and planned by Kevin Rhule. Thirty-six cars participated in the 119-mile, 3-1/2 hour driving tour through the hinterlands of Western Pennsylvania.

If you enjoyed the weekend at the Grand Prix, please remember acknowledge the efforts of these unsung ARPCA volunteers who made it happen, who added to the “little things” that put the “grandis” in Grand Prix. In turn, we thank you, the patron whose contribution supports the ARPCA and PVGP charities to make our efforts worthwhile.

John Malobicky
ARPCA PVGP Chair

Lisa Malobicky
ARPCA Social Chair

Top Left: Michael Clay and his 2020 Cayman GT4. Top Right: Terry & Mary Koziara. Bottom Left: Rob & Beth Windsor. Bottom Middle: Nathan & Amy Silveri with their 2007 911 Turbo. Bottom right: Tim Gustafson. Photos by Larry Sachs.

Saturday People’s Choice Winners

1	Norman Childs	1962 356 B Cabriolet
2	Shawn Handerhan	1972 911 T
3	Wayne Desbro	1972 911 S Targa
4	Michael Clay	2020 Cayman GT4
5	Steve Flowers	1984 911 Carerra

Sunday People’s Choice Winners

1	Nathan Silveri	2007 911 Turbo
2	Peter Bauer	1973 911 RSR Tribute
3	Tim Gustafson	2017 911 Turbo S
4	Terry Koziara	2014 911 50th Anniversary
5	Rob Windsor	2014 911 50th Anniversary

2023 PVGP Raffle Prizes

SATURDAY

Prize	Donor	Value	Winner
Ice Cube Tray	Sewickley Porsche	$60	Liz Bond
Ice Cube Tray	ARPCA	$60	Dave Spink
Le Mans DVD	ARPCA	$20	Christine Erdman
Porsche Mug	ARPCA	$45	Janet Volkman
75th Anniv. Hat	Sewickley Porsche	$60	Will Ruthrauff
Gift Card	To the Limit Motorsportz	$50	Gail Beicke
Porsche Stopper	ARPCA	$80	MaryJo Dockman
Metal Sign #1	Sewickley Porsche	$80	Wes Posvar
Metal Sign #2	Sewickley Porsche	$80	Tom Nickovich
Metal Sign #3	Sewickley Porsche	$80	Justin Webb
Metal Sign #4	Sewickley Porsche	$80	Zachery Rizzo
Mullet's Card	Mullets' Cocktail Bar	$100	Donna Bell
Porsche Bowls	ARPCA	$150	Terry Koziara
Picnic Bundle	Beer Warehouse	$150	Bill Ulmer
Porsche Carpet	ARPCA	$210	Wes Posvar
Car Care Bundle	To the Limit Motorsportz	$250	Dan Crytzer
Barnicott Art	Andy Schor	$450	Ralph Gilbert
Social Package	ARPCA	$500	Gail Beicke
Track - DE	ARPCA	$600	Madison Owles
Mountain Vacation	Janet and David Volkman	$1,800	Dan Crytzer

Another great turn out for our Friday Kick-off Party at Willow. Photo by Justin Flagg.

An extra thank you to all of our volunteers! Photo by Larry Sachs.

SUNDAY

Prize	Donor	Value	Winner
Porsche Mug	ARPCA	$45	Jeff Perrotta
Gift Card	To the Limit Motorsportz	$50	Linda Scanlon
Ice Cube Tray	Sewickley Porsche	$60	Craig Spink
Ice Cube Tray	ARPCA	$60	Wes Posvar
75th Anniversary Hat	Sewickley Porsche	$60	Brandon Cornell
Porsche Opener	ARPCA	$80	Josh Beas
Metal Garage Sign #1	Sewickley Porsche	$80	Wes Posvar
Metal Garage Sign #2	Sewickley Porsche	$80	Bill Giglio
Metal Garage Sign #3	Sewickley Porsche	$80	David Volkman
Mullet's Gift Card	Mullet's Cocktail Bar	$100	Janet Volkman
Espresso Set	ARPCA	$120	Donna Sitler
Porsche Carpet	ARPCA	$210	Janine Cooley
PVGP Print	Andy Schor	$450	Dana Mikos
Track – DE	ARPCA	$600	Parker Ross

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