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COVER PHOTO: Amelia Island Werks Reunion 2024 was a rainy event but it still brought out a good crowd to view the cars assembled.

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BACK COVER PHOTO: 356 cars at Amelia Island Werks Reunion 2024

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From the President — Welcome to Spring or not



Well, if March deceived us with some abnormally nice warm weather, the first week in April certainly was the direct opposite. The heavy wet snow took out power for many of us at work, at home or both for some amount of time in the last week. The

forecast ahead looks to be returning to normal spring weather. Hopefully if you were one of those whose home or business was impacted, your life has returned to normal.

Looking ahead, the month of May has the annual spring opener. This is traditionally the first club event of the driving season. It's a chance to get together and join old friends and meet new members of the club for a social outing and catch up. The last few years we have been lucky to have nice weather for the event and we have enjoyed lovely sunsets over the lake while eating dinner. I hope you can join us for this event. I have been asked to remind those attending this event of the rapid decrease in speed coming in to the road to the restaurant, so be mindful of the speed limit change.

Road America starts their season this month with track days and events. The SVRA Vintage event in May is usually the start of the summer events at the track for most spectators and car enthusiasts. There is more on RA events in the event section.

The PCA National Board voted to raise the annual membership last month for the first time in 10 years. Annual dues will be increasing from \$46.00 to \$56.00 on May 1st. Members due for renewal, or those members who want to renew their membership early, can take advantage of the current rates by renewing their membership before May 1st. Late renewals after May 1st will be renewed at the higher rates. You can renew by mail, phone or online.

From the editor's desk

Welcome to the fourth edition of the next chapter in the Whaletales story. As you are all aware, Bev stepped up and for the past few years did an exemplary job building Whaletales into a monthly newsletter everyone in the region could be proud of. Although we know we cannot meet the bar Bev set, we hope to at least keep the membership informed of region news and upcoming events. The position of full-time Whaletales editor is open so if anyone has a desire to become more involved in the club and would like to take on the role, or even just contribute an article or photos, feel free to reach out to Curt or Shaun.

Porsche announced the end of sale of the internal combustion engine Macan early due to European cybersecurity rules required for all vehicles sold in the EU. Porsche has now announced they will stop selling ICE 718 models as well. That means that after July this year, the Boxster and Cayman will no longer be available for sale in the EU. By a weird twist, as a result of Brexit, those in the UK will still be able to purchase both models, as will most of the rest of the world until the EV versions are available. Both the Cayman GT4 and the Boxster Spyder will still be available as they are exempted under the small production exclusion for the cyber security rules.

For those interested, here is a [link](#) to a video of the 2025 983 Boxster EV being winter tested near the Arctic Circle.

Along with the anticipated electrification of the Cayenne, which is already in testing, Porsche plans a large seven seat, performance EV SUV currently referred to as K1. That vehicle has been spotted in testing as well, but still wearing the body camouflage to keep its actual look disguised. The Macan and Cayenne will fill the entry and midrange SUV slots for Porsche with the new SUV becoming the high end SUV. Take a look at the Porsche K1 pictures on page 6. The currently hinted release date for this new SUV is likely 2027 with an estimated price 3X the base Cayenne.

Hopefully spring does not stomp back into April with another snow storm!

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April

April 27th—Central PA Region will be holding their Annual Porsche Swap Meet at Carlisle PA. Follow the [link](#) for more info.



May

May 11th—Coffee and Cars in Suamico at Woodfield Motor Court Condos. * [Link to Facebook](#)

May 14th—Fox Valley Region Spring Opener to Jim and Linda's in Pipe. Cocktails are from 5-6 with dinner seating at 6 PM. RSVP to Dee Stamnes by May 7th. dstamnes@netnet.net W3496 County Rd. W Malone WI [Google Map](#)

May 19th—Central Wisconsin region will start their Autocross series of events. The Event is open to PCA members and is alternately held at two locations. More information is available at this [link](#)

May 17-19th—SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend will be held at Road America in Elkhart Lake WI. *

June

June 8th—Coffee and Cars in Suamico at Woodfield Motor Court Condos. * [Link to Facebook](#)

June 9-15th—2024 Porsche Parade in Birmingham Alabama

June 15th—Red Lewis Cars and Guitars Car Show at the Automobile Gallery in Green Bay 8:00 AM *

June 21-23rd—WeatherTech Chicago Region SCCA June sprints at Road America in Elkhart Lake WI. *

July

July 13th—Coffee and Cars in Suamico at Woodfield Motor Court Condos. * [Link to Facebook](#)

July 11-14th—WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman at Road America in Elkhart Lake WI. *

July 28th to August 4th—PCA Treffen at Sea Cruise to Alaska. Details [here](#)

August

August 1-4th—IMSA Sports Car Weekend held at Road America in Elkhart Lake WI. *

August 9-11th—Porsche Sprint Challenge at Road America in Elkhart WI. *

Aug 10th—Coffee and Cars in Suamico at Woodfield Motor Court Condos. * [Link to Facebook](#)

Aug 11th—Multi Region Grill out at Porsche Park during Porsche Sprint Challenge. Details coming soon.

Aug 16-18th—Fanatec GT World Challenge at Road America in Elkhart Lake WI. *

Aug 16th—Werks Reunion Monterey CA. Registration required for Corral or Judging.

September

Aug 30 to Sept 2nd—PCA Chicago Region The Road America Challenge (TRAC) event at Road America

Sept 2nd—Fox Valley Region Picnic at Road America.

Sept 14th—Coffee and Cars in Suamico at Woodfield Motor Court Condos. * [Link to Facebook](#)

Sept 13-15th—Ariens Art on Wheels Weekend Featuring VSCDA at Road America in Elkhart Lake WI. *

Sept 28th—Autoberfest at the Automobile Gallery in Green Bay 2:00 to 6:00 PM *

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Welcome to our new members

Mike Abhold, Abrams 2019 911 Turbo S

Marc Lemke, Suamico 2006 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet



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Milwaukee Region's Invite to Join their Drivers Education at Road America

A fun, exhilarating day at the track for you and your Porsche

High performance driver education or DE is one of the most popular events that PCA offers its members.

When you hear "driver education" you might think this is what teens go through before they get their driver's license. PCA's DE is only similar in that its purpose is to improve one's driving skills. What you learn on the track can be applied to everyday driving. Many drivers attest to that. A DE event's purpose is not "to see what my car can do" but rather, "to see what skills I need to be a better driver."

While the Fox Valley and Central regions don't host a DE, the Milwaukee region does and all PCA members are welcome to participate.

We are fortunate to have Road America practically in our backyard. And that's where the Aug. 23 DE event will take place.

How does it work?

Participants are placed in run groups based on their track experience. The novice group pairs each driver with an instructor who sits in the passenger seat. The instructor guides the driver through Road America's 14-turn, four-mile course. The driver learns where to brake and accelerate, how to enter and exit turns and more. The other run groups are intermediate and advanced. Each run group has its own session on the track. So, a novice is only on the track with other novices.

The day starts with registration which opens at 6:15 a.m. You can also register the evening before if you like. Registration on Aug. 22 is open from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Some participants stay in the area to avoid having to leave home early in the morning on the day of the event. There are plenty of lodging options in Sheboygan, Plymouth and Elkhart Lake.

Volunteers will welcome you and provide you with the day's schedule and other information. You should turn in your emergency contact form at registration. Download it here. <https://www.porschepark.org/files/cms/0/22-emergency-contact-form-1580505708.pdf>

Your car will go through a brief technical inspection. Your car should be empty of all loose objects that can fly around inside the car.

Prior to the day of the event, you should have a more thorough inspection done at a shop of your choosing. Have the mechanic complete this tech inspection form and bring it with you to the event.

<https://www.porschepark.org/files/cms/0/210-1653488219.pdf>

Next is the mandatory drivers' meeting for all drivers and instructors at 7:30 a.m. This meeting is mandatory for all drivers.

Novices also will attend a classroom session for orientation to the track.

Then it is time for you and your instructor to head out to the starting grid for your first 30-minute session. You will be instructed to drive only at speeds with which you are comfortable. DE is not racing. There is no passing in the novice group.

What should I wear?

All DE drivers must have helmets with the Snell certification of either SA2015 or SA2020. Helmets, along with proper belting, are the most crucial safety equipment for motorsports drivers. Read the fact sheet on helmets: <https://www.porschepark.org/journal.php?id=964>

There may be helmets available to rent on the day of the event. There is an option to do that when you sign up. Driving suit or long-sleeve cotton shirt, long pants, socks, closed-toe shoes. All non-synthetic clothing.

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Invitation Continued

What else should I bring?

Water. Food. There may be a concession stand open for the lunch break at the track but bring snacks. This is a long day, and the track sessions will be tiring due to the concentration needed to drive safely.

When does the day conclude?

We usually wrap up by about 3:30 p.m. You are not required to participate in all of your run group sessions if you don't feel up to it. In fact, a tired driver is prone to make mistakes. Better to skip a session than to suffer a mishap.

Track insurance

Check with your auto insurance provider to see if a track day is covered. Many providers do not include this in their policies. You can Google track insurance to find a policy for the day.

The Milwaukee region's DE page has much more information. Check it out here. <https://www.porschepark.org/page/20>

Ready to sign up? Registration is via Motorsportreg.com. If you don't have an account there, open one and then sign up for the Aug. 23 DE event. The sign-up page provides comprehensive information about this event.

Register here: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/milwaukee-pca-driver-education-de-road-america-450304>

Once you sign up, the Milwaukee region DE committee will be sending you emails leading up to the event to keep you informed and are always available to answer your questions.

Email: MilwaukeeDE@gmail.com

Early registration ends July 26. The cost goes up after that. Registration closes Aug. 9.



Membership anniversaries

MILESTONES

5 Years (2019)

Justin Benz
2003 Boxster

Joseph and Ann Trapp
2008 Cayman S

Dave Schmitz
2005 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

Thomas and Jamie Shoaf
2008 Cayman S

10 Years (2014)

Peter Nystrom
1985 944 Coupe

15 Years (2009)

James and Mary Niemiec
2001 911 Carrera Coupe

25 Years (1999)

Richard and Tammy Edwards
1980 924

35 Years (1989)

Dennis Schreiner and Darcey
Magnuson
1974 914 2.0

Member / Co-Member	Year joined	Porsches
Richard and Carol Helstad	1987	1991 911 Carrera 2
Alfred and Pamela Kuck	1998	2004 911 GT3
Curt and Vicki Maas	2007	1973 914 2.0 2014 Cayman 2018 Macan
Mark and Karen Kienert	2015	1998 Boxster
Michael Cechal	2020	1987 944
Fredric Schreiner	2021	2012 Boxster
Charles Cooke and Kate Hancock-Cooke	2022	2016 911 Carrera GTS
Nick and Brenda Halfman	2022	
Mark Priebusch and Kay Abel	2022	2017 718 Boxster S
Ron and Clare Horn	2022	2002 Boxster
Kathleen Harris and Henry Warzecha	2023	2021 911 Carrera S



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Werks Reunion – Amelia Island Florida

By Randy Hallenbeck, Milwaukee region

After many years of sunny Werks' days, the March 1, 2024, event, at Amelia Island, Fla., was a different story. For me and my good friend Ken Geljack, attending this is an annual ritual. Rain only changed our plans from traveling there in a Porsche to a minivan as heavy rain was forecast.

The occasional rain throughout the day scared away perhaps 10 percent of the car entries and about 30 percent of spectators.

Nevertheless, the huge array of Porsches created their own rainbow of colors. Porsches, along with the parts and merchandise vendors, were displayed on a pristine golf course making the fairways an inviting sight. You might say overwhelming.

On display were examples of just about every Porsche model ever to come out of the factory including 356, a generation 1 Speedster, 550, 911 (including E, S, RS, RSAm, Turbo, Targa, rally set up, Flachbau/Slantnose), 912, 914, 924, 928, 930, 944 (including S2 and turbo), GT2, GT3, Panamera, Taycan, Carrera GT, Cayman, Boxster, Macan, Cayenne, RUF and a 2018 918 which the Naples, Fla., owner uses as his daily driver.

Some of the more unique and rare Porsches including racecars were missing this year but that didn't detract from the spectacular presentation.

Many of the cars at Werks only come out of their custodianship once every couple of years, making this a must-see event.

Beyond the one-day display of amazing Porsches, Werks kicks off a week of high-end sportscar auctions by most of America's premier sportscar auction houses. It's a visual candy store of cool cars.

Just 10 minutes away from the Werks venue, the Ritz Carlton hosts both indoor and outdoor displays of cars to be auctioned. This year that included a 550RSK with racing history, 993 Turbo S, 959, Carrera GT and "Hippie," the '70s psychedelic-inspired 917. The auction also included loads of non-Porsches as well---Ferrari, Lambo, Jag, Pagani, Bugatti, etc.

Winters can be long, and I encourage everyone to plan a winter visit to Florida during this annual event. Amelia Island is located in one of the most beautiful areas of the state, right along the Atlantic coast.





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Formerly Miles Collier's SCCA F-Production
Competition car

Model: Speedster
Year: 1962
Color: Mission Blue
in long beach California

In November 2023 this car was sold to show at the
Porsche-Veteran's Rallye at Stone

Owner: Mike & Lisa Wilson
Stone Beach, CA

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