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#### **New Inventory**

Stock#	Year	Model	Color	Price
18445A	2018	Macan	White	\$59,362
18372	2018	Macan	Night Blue	\$62,700
18466	2018	Macan	White	\$62,880
18461	2018	Macan	Black	\$65,910
18437	2018	Macan	Grey	\$66,040
18442	2018	Macan	Night Blue	\$66,300
19062	2019	Cayenne	Biscay Blue	\$79,410
18456	2018	718 Boxster	Black	\$80,110
19063	2019	Cayenne	White	\$82.750
19061	2019	Cayenne	Black	\$91,600
18177	2018	Panamera	Night Blue	\$111,190
18370	2018	911 Carrera	Graphite Blue	\$118,470
18248	2018	Panamera	Jet Black	\$127,640
18428	2018	Panamera	Burgundy	\$138,650

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#### **Pre-owned Inventory**

Stock#	Year	Model	Color	Miles	Price
P3529	2007	Boxster	Basalt Black	24,299	\$24,301
P3520	2017	Macan	Black	20,217	\$45,931
18337	2018	Macan	Night Blue	7,302	\$54,441
18339	2018	Macan	Volcano Grey	5,069	\$54,941
18216	2018	Cayenne	Black	4,771	\$61,763
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# What's happening

#### Join fellow region members and friends for these events:

Feb. 5 — New member night at Graystone Ale House, Green Bay. See page 6.

**April 3-6** — PCA Treffen — Santa Barbara. Details: https://treffen.pca.org/index.cfm?event=main.showcontent&page=2

April 13 - Rally for a Reason. Save the date for this charitable event.

**July 12-13, 2019** — **Millers at the Mile (Wisconsin State Fair track. West Allis)** This is not a PCA- or region -sponsored event but may be of interest to members.

**July 28** — **Potluck social at Trout Springs Winery.** Save the date for this summer classic.

# Aug. 15 — Driver education (DE) at Road America.

Online registration details will be published in upcoming newsletters. Hosted by Milwaukee region; open to all PCA members.





Howe Community Resource Center and the Fox Valley Region invite you to attend the fifth annual "Rally for a Reason" on April 13, 2019. This entertaining and popular event begins and ends at Badger State Brewery.

Rally for a Reason is Howe's largest fundraiser and supports programming for at-risk children and families in the Howe neighborhood as well as throughout Brown County.

#### What is a Road Rally?

A road rally is a scavenger hunt, not a race, via car. Teams of 2 or more individuals will receive a list of clues that bring them to various stops around Brown County. At each stop the team will have to perform a task in order to check the location off their list. In true scavenger hunt fashion, the team that completes the most tasks will win a prize at the end! The road rally will end with a relaxing dinner for all participants. Last year's event was a blast, and it is a great way to experience all the neat places Brown County has to offer. More details to follow.

# President's message

Hello to All,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members and their families. I hope that during this time of the year you have had the opportunity to enjoy and reflect on what Christmas and the new year means to you and your family. My family and I have been so very blessed this year. We have been blessed with wonderful friends, good health, the ability to give back to our community, travel opportunities and a successful year with our business. Our son, Justin, has started his college applications with applying to five colleges. He has heard back from three of them and has been accepted to the three. The other two he should find out in mid to late January, so we are very excited on his next journey.

Thanks to all members who participated in the 2018 board elections and for once again giving me the opportunity to continue as your president of our great club. I look forward to all the new adventures that lie ahead, and I hope I can add value to our club in the coming year. If anyone has any suggestions for activities or events, please let me know. Also, please let me know if you have concerns. This is your club and I am here to help in making this a better experience for all.

Thanks to Dee Stamnes for her major role in helping host our wonderful Christmas party. This year we had 65 people in attendance. Again, one of the hottest auction items were Barb Pankratz's famous chocolate chip cookies that raised a total of \$110 for 9 dozen cookies. I would also like to thank all the wonderful items donated by club members. I can't remember when we had so many items. We needed to bring in two additional tables to handle all the donations. Thank you so much and with that we raised a total of \$1,447 for charity with \$500 to support the Howe Community

Resource Center and their Rally for a Reason event being held in April and \$947 will go to Ribbon of Hope.

Thanks to Keith Gilbertson, service manager from Porsche of the Fox Valley, for coming and providing an awesome Porsche 4-piece glassware set for one of our door prizes. Thanks also to the entire team over at Bergstrom for the great partnership over the last few years and to the new year as well.

As we look ahead for 2019, Porsche will be launching additional models of the all-new 992 911 and the new 911 Speedster. From everything I have read the new models sound incredible. I hope Bob Dean will have an opportunity to review one of the new 911s in the coming months, courtesy of Bergstrom Premier.

As a reminder, our new member get-together is on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Graystone Ale House in De Pere. This a special event and an opportunity for our new members to get to know each other as well as other well-seasoned members. This has grown over the years to become a great social event in the cold depths of winter. I encourage everyone to attend and welcome our new members. Be sure to look in this month's newsletter for further details.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who has made 2018 a wonderfully successful year for our club. I hope the new year blesses each one of you and your families.

Todd Benz, President
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# Editor's message

As Todd notes above, the holiday party had a record turnout last month. You can read about it and check out some photos in this issue. Showing members having fun at club activities is a key judging criteria for the PCA newsletter contest.

Another way to score points in the contest is to feature members and their cars. That's why in this newsletter I always invite members to tell me about their passion for Porsche. I decided to randomly select a handful of members each month to tell me about their Porsche and their interest in the brand.

Thanks to Mike and Allyson Wenzlick who responded to my recent email. Read their story in this issue. You can be like them and respond too. Everyone's story is interesting and we never tire of seeing photos of Porsches,

Beverly Jurkowski Email: Beverly.jurkowski@sbcglobal.net 2016 Macan S/2016 Cayenne Diesel

# Social events

### Feb. 5 New Member Meet and Greet night at Graystone Ale House, De Pere

Please join us on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Graystone Ale House in De Pere for a casual dinner and a good time. This is an annual special event. This gives an opportunity for new members and their significant others to get to know other new FVR PCA members, as well as old timers who have been around the club for a while. We were all new members at one point, and understand the importance of a warm welcome – especially during a Wisconsin winter!

We will meet beginning at 5 p.m. for cash bar, after an hour and a half of rubbing elbows, we will order off the Graystone's extensive menu for dinner. Separate bills will be provided by individual/ couple. We have a side room booked.

#### **Graystone Ale House**

<u>www.graystonealehouse.com</u> is just 2 miles south of 172, with easy access by taking the Monroe Road exit south.

Please send your RSVP to Mary and Jim Haen at <a href="mehaen@sbcglobal.net">mehaen@sbcglobal.net</a> by Feb. 1 so we have a general head count for adequate seating. Several of our group have Cayennes and Macans or other winter-road-worthy vehicles, so weather isn't usually an issue. If weather gets in your way after you've RSVP'd, please err on the side of safety, it is Wisconsin winter! We hope to see you there!

## Board news

# **Election results for 2019 Board of Directors**

Members elected the following to serve on the region board for 2019:

- Todd Benz, President
- Shaun Stamnes, Vice President
- Mary Haen, Secretary
- Jim Janes, Treasurer

Two additional annual awards were also annunced at the Holiday Party in December:

Member and Enthusiast of the Year 2018

Member of the Year is voted on by the general membership. For 2018, Bob Dean was voted Member of the Year. As Dealership Liaison, Bob is doing an exceptional job of keeping us in tune with Bergstrom by test driving and reviewing many great cars for the newsletter. Congrats Bob on a muchdeserved award.

Enthusiast of the Year is voted on by the Board of Directors. For 2018, Erik Scharinger took that honor. Erik took over the Facebook page for the club and took care of making changes to get it to National's standards. Congrats Erik, we appreciate you and your enthusiasm for the Fox Valley Region.

**Mary Haen** Secretary FVR-PCA



# Membership news

#### Welcome new members

Rutter Latesha, De Pere 2014 911 Turbo Cabriolet

Members on the move: **Mark and Jeanne Richards** transferred to Gold Coast region (Florida)



#### January membership anniversaries

Congratulations to these members who are observing a PCA membership anniversary in December. This data is pulled from pca.org. Be sure your data, including your email and snail mail addresses are up to date, as well as information about your current Porsche.

Members	Year joined	Location	Year/model
15 years Jim and Cindy Janes	2003	Butte des Morts WI	1999 911 Carrera, 2017 Macan S
10 years Albert Fisher	2008	Oshkosh WI	2008 Boxster
Richard and Evan Elrod William Hewitt David and Evan Johnson John and Linda Paradiso-Kline	2005 2001 1999 2015	Appleton WI Appleton WI Sturgeon Bay WI Houston TX	2013 911 Carrera Coupe 1985 944 1999 911 Carrera 2013 911 Carrera Coupe, 2016 Cayenne
WallaceMacMullen David Maki George and Quinn Payne Harvey and Vickie Poling Matthew and Krystal Safranski Michael and Allyson Wenzlick		Green Bay WI Marquette MI Oshkosh WI Kewaunee WI Neenah WI Green Bay WI	2008 Boxster 2007 911 Carrera 4S Coupe 1982 911 SC Targa 1970 914, 2008 Boxster 2012 911 Carrera 2008 911 Carrera S Cab

#### Think summer!

The lazy, hazy days of summer are a long ways away but it's not too early to start filling your calendar with fun region events.

Steve and Andrea DeBaker want you to save July 28 for the Potluck Social at Trout Springs Winery. This annual event always includes a competitive element just for fun. Trout Springs Winery is located in Greenleaf, Wis., about 20 miles south of Green Bay.



Steve and Andrea DeBaker

# Members and their Porsches

Mike and Allyson Wenzlick of Green Bay have had their 2008 911 Carrera S Cabriolet since February 2016. "It is black with sand interior. It replaced our 1986 928S which we owned and enjoyed for over 17 years. We wanted something newer for road trips and the 911 Cabriolet was irresistible. Not much of a search... we saw it on the lot at Bergstrom when getting our other car serviced. Right place at the right time, I guess," Mike said.

"Thanks to the FVR for making us feel welcome at so many events. Looking forward to many more!"





Mike and Allyson Wenzlick enjoy their 2008 911 Carrera S Cabriolet. It is pictured in Porsche Park at Road America near Turn 1.

# Save the dates for 2019 Parade in Florida

Save the date! Porsche Parade 2019: Boca Raton, Fla., will take place July 21-27, 2019, at the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

Parade activities include concours, autocross, time-speed-distance and gimmick rallies, destination tours, and so much more. Join us as we explore the Florida Coast and at this weeklong gathering of people and Porsches from all over the world.

Additional information including registration dates for housing and activities can be found on: <a href="http://porscheparade.org/">http://porscheparade.org/</a>

Registration will open in early February.



# Going to the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona?



Visit the PCA Car Corral Hospitality tent at the Rolex 24 at Daytona if you are planning to attend the race. You are welcome to the PCA Hospitality tent with your general admission ticket to the races. The PCA

Car Corral Hospitality Tent is located at Turn 5. Remember to bring proof of your PCA membership (membership card) or proof of Porsche ownership, such as your key, for admittance to the tent. The world-renowned 57th Rolex 24 at Daytona is scheduled for Jan. 26-27, 2019, at Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla. PCA welcomes all PCA members and Porsche

owners to the PCA Car Corral Hospitality Tent, located trackside infield at "The Kink" (Turn 5). There will be interviews with Porsche drivers, product demonstrations, programs and updates from Porsche Motorsports North America. Don't miss your chance to win one of the special drawings, such as a guided Hot Pit Tour during the races. (Must be present to win, 18 years of age or older.) You can also relax in the tent and watch the races on large screen television monitors.

If you attend, remember to send some photos to your Whaletales editor for publication.

#### **Rolex 24 ticket sales:**

# Record attendance at Holiday Party 2018

An ugly sweater contest, camaraderie among fellow Porschephiles, an amazing array of silent auction items, good food, mild weather and more all contributed to a successful and fun holiday party on Dec. 15 in Green Bay.

Region president Todd Benz noted that the party attendance of more than 60 people reached a record for the event. In his remarks, Todd noted the region's steady membership numbers and recognized those members who have been with PCA for 30 or more years. He also welcomed those who joined the region in 2018. Two of

those newest members attended the party -- James Tagliapietra, and Andrew Ziegert and his wife Katherine.

Keith Gilbertson, Porsche service manager at Porsche of and his wife, April, were special guests at the party.



the Fox Valley,  $\,$  Keith Gilbertson and April Gilbertson

Todd announced the region's two special award winners for their service to the region in 2018. Bob Dean, who serves as dealer liaison, earned the Member of the Year award. Bob was unable to attend. Erik Scharinger, who serves as social media chair and who arranged the region's participation in the Cars & Guitars car show, won the Enthusiast award.

Todd also announced that the region board distributed the \$1,197 raised by the region's activities in 2017 to two local charities - the Howe Community Resource Center and Exceptional Equestrians, both nonprofit organizations.

Mary Haen, region secretary, announced the results of the recent board election, noting the following would serve in 2019:

- Todd Benz, president
- Shaun Stamnes, vice president
- Jim Janes, treasurer
- Mary Haen, secretary

Todd recognized all board members, which includes various committee chairs, and presented each with a gift from the region — a beer glass with an etched Porsche logo. Two door prizes were awarded. The winners were Lorelei Scharinger and Joel Aberg.

A new element was added this year by event organizer Dee Stamnes - the ugly sweater contest. Attendees were encouraged but not required to wear an ugly sweater. Attendees selected



Dan and Barb Pankratz

their favorite. Dan Pankratz, wearing a sweater found at Goodwill that his wife Barb enhanced with added jewels and baubles, was the top vote getter. Dan noted that he and Barb would return the sweaters to Goodwill. Perhaps those ugly sweaters will win a prize for some new owners. Sergio Heredia captured second place and Todd Benz took third place. Thanks to all who participated in the contest.

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Erik Scharinger, left, accepts the Enthusiast award from Todd Benz, region president.

# Holiday party continued

The silent auction featured several dozen items all donated by region members and friends including a car cover, cordless hand vac, wine and cheese baskets, aged whiskey, fine chocolate, paper weights, car accessories, T shirts, posters and prints, scale models of various Porsches. and of course, a region tradition – Barb Pankratz's baskets of chocolate chip cookies. In all, attendees raised more than \$1,400 for charity through their winning bids.

All attendees took home an insulated beverage holder featuring the region logo as a memento of a wonderful evening. If you missed this event, be sure to plan to attend the 2019 event.





Door prize winner Joel Aberg, center, with Dee Stamnes, left, membership chair, and Todd Benz, region president.

Photo left: Lorelei Scharinger receives a door prize from region president Todd Benz. In the background are Dee Stamnes and Justin Benz.



Attendees received an insulated beverage holder as a gift from the region board.





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# Holiday party continued



Friends re-unite at the Holiday Party. From left: Sue Schmidt, Barb Wilkinson and Mary Haen.



Gordon Skog, left, and Andrew Opicka talk shop at the party.



Festive ugly holiday sweaters added to the fun at the 2018 Holiday Party. From left, Sergio Heredia, second place; Dee Stamnes, Holiday party organizer; Dan Pankratz, first place; and Todd Benz, third place. At far right is Justin Benz.

# Tech tips

## Treffen Santa Barbara



By **Dan Pankratz**, Tech chair

Over the past year, Dan Pankratz has submitted articles focused on various aspects of vehicle maintenance. Have you enjoyed them? Did you read them? Would you like to see

this column continue? If yes, please let Dan know.

Without member input, this column is suspended or as Dan said: "Temporary shutdown, like the government."

Contact Dan at pankydan@gmail.com.

tral Coast April 3 ó6, 2019.

#### It's Treffen time in Santa Barbara, Calif., April 4-6



On behalf of the members of the Santa Barbara Region and the Treffen North America staff, we would like to invite you to attend Treffen Santa Barbara, Touring the American Riviera, on the breathtaking California Cen-

Our host hotel is the serene beachfront retreat and authentic Santa Barbara experience, the Hilton Santa Barbara

Beachfront Resort. Set across eight villa-style buildings along California's Central coastline, the resort has something for everyone ó stunning views from every room, casual dining options, large heated outdoor pool, coastal indoor/outdoor event space, and recreation on land and water.

The resort is a short walk away to the quaint town of Santa Barbara where culture is around every corner. It is a step back in time to early Hollywood or to the very first days of Fiesta. The history of Santa Barbara runs deep. From the basketry and boat -building techniques of the Chumash Indians, to the Spanish Colonial influence, and the first days of filmmaking, Santa Barbara is history is vast and truly unique.

But, of course, the primary reason for touring this coastal oasis is to experience some of North America best driving roads. The hills overlooking Santa Barbara contain some of the best driving roads in all of California with an overabundance of elevation changes, plenty of switchbacks, and very little time to get bored on straight stretches.







#### Enjoy these scenes in Santa Barbara, Calif., April 4-6

Registration opens Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. CST. Details can be found here: <a href="https://treffen.pca.org/index.cfm?event=main.showcontent&page=2">https://treffen.pca.org/index.cfm?event=main.showcontent&page=2</a>

If you attend, be sure to submit your report and photos to the newsletter editor.

# News from Porsche

#### Porsche takes top spot for sales satisfaction in 2018 J.D. Power Study

New car customers rated Porsche as the top brand in J.D. Power's annual Sales Satisfaction Index (SSI) Study released in mid-November.

Porsche improved its overall ranking by three spots in 2018 compared to last year's SSI Study. With an increase of 10 points to a total of 828, Porsche ranked higher than any other brand.

"This achievement is the result of a customer-focused strategy that has been superbly executed by our 190 U.S. dealer partners," said Klaus Zellmer, president and CEO of Atlanta-based Porsche Cars North America, Inc. "First and foremost, this award is for our dedicated dealers, who have invested significant time



in training for their employees and committed \$500 million to improving facilities in just the last five years." The SSI Study provides an analysis of the purchase experience from a customer perspective. It is based on responses from 25,748 people who purchased or

Particular high points for customers who bought or leased a Porsche between April and May 2018 included the deliv-

ery process, dealership facilities, and working out the details of the transaction. Porsche shoppers also expressed satisfaction with salespeople and inventory.

leased new vehicles this year.

Zellmer noted that in the first 10 months of this year, Porsche sales in the U.S. were up 3.2 percent compared to the same period in 2017. "We are glad to see growth going hand-in-hand with continually improving the customer experience," he said.

# 2019 Porsche Macan S launches with new turbocharged V6 engine

More power, optimized chassis, improved comfort

Marking its global debut recently, the 2019 Porsche Macan S is the next model to join the refreshed compact SUV range. The new model features a 3.0-liter turbocharged V6 engine generating 348 horsepower (260kW) and 354 lb-ft (480 Nm) of torque. The new and more pow-

2019 Macan S

erful engine marks an increase in both horsepower and torque over the 3.0-liter twin-turbo V6 Porsche used in preceding versions of the Macan S. As a result, the refreshed model can accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 5.1 seconds or 4.9 seconds with the optional Sport Chrono package. Top track speed also increases slightly to 157 mph.

As with the recently announced 2019 Porsche Macan, the new Macan S benefits from all of the same updates as its four-cylinder sibling. These include a continuous LED light bar at the rear, and the new Porsche Communication Management (PCM) system with a 10.9-inch touchscreen replacing the previous 7

-inch screen PCM used in older models.

New V6 engine with central turbo layout
Starting with the 2019 model year, the Porsche Macan S features a new engine shared with the Panamera,
Cayenne, and Cayenne E-Hybrid models. The new V6 is equipped with a single twin-scroll turbo-

charger located centrally in the inner-V of the engine. This layout shortens the exhaust paths from the combustion chambers to the turbocharger, improving responsiveness as compared to the previous power-train.

Photo credit: Porsche AG

# Letter from Zone 13 rep

It's hard to believe 2018 is coming to an end. The year has flown by and I have no excuse for not providing a "From the Zone' letter sooner! Nonetheless, it has been a fun year. I would like to start by thanking all those that served as Presidents in Zone 13 and by recognizing your dedication and your efforts over the past year. They are as follows: Bluegrass Region - Patrick Meyer Chicago Region - Neil MacDonald Central Wisconsin Region - Charles Holstein Fox Valley Region - Todd Benz Kentucky Region – Jason Miller Lincoln Trail Region - Marcus Lucas Milwaukee Region - Tony Quebbemann Southern Indiana Region - Jeff Jackson and Mark Roethemeier

The next time you see your respective president, please take a moment to express your gratitude for their time and commitment to your region.

During the past year, Southern Indiana Region and Kentucky Region have been in discussion about the region boundaries between these two regions. I am pleased to announce that the following three counties in Kentucky Region have now been transferred to Southern Indiana Region. They are Henderson, Daviess, and Hancock counties. These counties are just south of Evansville, Ind., the center of the Southern Indiana Region. Check out the photo of the plaque the Kentucky Region presented to Southern Indiana Region to commemorate the agreement between the two regions. It can be seen in Facebook at the following link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10212492359291316&set=gm.2145870905648883&type=3&theater&ifg=1">https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10212492359291316&set=gm.2145870905648883&type=3&theater&ifg=1</a>

This is the PCA Zone 13 Group page. While you are there, please take the time to become a member of the group.

There are several new things coming for the new year. The first is the implementation of the new Autocross Minimum Standards. The final version has not been released, but several versions have been distributed to the Regions through the Presidents. If you have interest in seeing them, please drop me an email or contact your Region President.

The second change coming is the new head restraint policy for DE.. The new policy requires the use of an approved head restraint system when using a 5- or 6-

point belt or harness system. It also requires that both driver and passenger have the same equipment. This policy does not affect those using the standard 3 - point seat belt and shoulder harness provided in the car. Once again, this new policy can be found on the national website.

It's a little late in the season, but I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to work this year's Porscheplatz at Road America. There was a tremendous response to my request for help. Hopefully, I communicated with everyone who sent me an email. If I missed you, please allow me to say thanks now for your willingness to volunteer. We had a great event. Thank you to everyone who visited the tent. We set a record attendance with over 400 people visiting. The upcoming year is looking very special with some great events. This year's Parade is being held at the Waldorf Astoria Boca Raton Resort located in Boca Raton, Fla. This will be a spectacular event running from July 21 through July 27. Please check out these websites for Parade details and info about this luxury resort: parade2019.pca.org and https:// waldorfastoria3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/bocaraton-resort-and-club-a-waldorf-astoria-resort-BCTRCWA/index.html. Phase 1 Registration (Housing) opens on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, at 11 a.m. CST to current PCA members.

In addition to Parade, there are also two fabulous Treffens planned for this year. The Spring Treffen is scheduled for April 3-6, 2019, and is being held in Santa Barbara, Calif. Registration opens Jan. 16, 2019, at 2 p.m. (CST).

The Fall Treffen is Sept. 4-7, 2019, and will be in Woodstock, Vt., in the beautiful Green Mountains. This too should be an amazing location. More information on all Treffens can be found at <a href="https://www.treffen.pca.org">www.treffen.pca.org</a>.

May your New Year be filled with great health and happiness. Here's looking forward to 2019.

Happy New Year Jack Stephensen Zone 13 Rep

# 2016 Cayman GT4 review

#### The Common View - by Bob Dean

A few weeks back, our PCA Fox Valley friend Nick Halfman, a Porsche Brand Ambassador at Bergstrom Premier Motorcars, provided me with an opportunity to take



a look at a 2016 Cayman GT4. The sports car was for sale with an upfront price of \$101,000. Having owned three Caymans over the years, I am particularly fond of the model. Therefore, I gladly accepted Nick's offer.

As most of you know, Region President Todd Benz is the proud owner of a GT4. I have had the opportunity to observe it over the past few years, and I have always been impressed with the aesthetics and visceral appeal of the sports car. Todd drove the GT4 to

Parade, which is testament to its drivability on an extended road trip.

The GT4 that was for sale at Bergstrom was a Guards Red example, with a black leather



interior, carbon fiber seats, ceramic brakes (no dust) a 6-speed manual transmission and only 3,300 miles. As has been happening quite frequently with the cars I have reviewed lately, the GT4 is no longer available. This speaks well to the car, the Porsche brand and the team at Bergstrom. I offer my congratulations to what I can only guess is a very happy new owner. For those of us who may be interested in the model, I am certain the knowledgeable team at Bergstrom Premier can assist you with selecting another example.

There are myriad reviews for the GT4, and since the weather did not provide me with the opportunity to drive it, I defer to others who have had the pleasure of driving the GT4 for more details. My goal here is

simply to provide some insight into the car based on my observations, photos, starting the car up, and my prior ownership history with the Cayman.

The GT4 was produced in 2015 and sold as a 2016 model. There was only one year of production for the model. Thus, while the model run was not a limited production, the quantity is obviously fixed to whatever was produced in 2015-2016. Based on my review

of some Porsche -related web-sites, only about 2,500 were made. Of course, Porsche is not keen to officially disclose production numbers as the information is confidential.



Therefore, I am certain production numbers in the press vary, depending on the publication. Regardless, the GT4 originally had a base price of \$85,595; however, most examples that were sold had various options that put the sticker price well north of \$105,000, in most cases. The great thing about the GT4 is that it provided enthusiasts the opportunity to see how a 911 engine would drive in a mid-engine vehicle. (3.8L, 385 hp @ 7,400 rpm and 309 lb-ft of torque at 4,750 rpm) It also provided Cayman enthusiasts with the opportunity to see how the GT department at Porsche would translate GT styling, power and handling into a Cayman. Other interesting statistics for the GT4 are a zero to 60 mph time of just over 4 seconds and a top speed of 183 mph.

The seats in the GT4 are very comfortable. Vision is great, and the manual stick shift is elevated, versus the prior editions of the Cayman where the shift is mid-



way toward the floor. In the GT4 I reviewed, the pri-

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or owner was fastidious to say the least. The plastic covering placed on the far-left foot rest next to the pedals was still there. The interior was immaculate, and the car looked virtually new.

I started up the GT4 with the sport exhaust engaged and enjoyed the exhaust note immensely. The gear shift feels very tight, but the clutch did not appear to be heavy from the very little amount I used it. I wish the weather would have been a bit warmer to try out the GT4 on the summer tires.

The design lines of the Cayman are unmistakable. The curvy lines of the exterior really provide a sense of style and the spoiler on the GT4 reminds you it is a special Cayman. I have owned a Cayman R, which has been one of my favorites over the years. The midengine handling and lightness of the sports car lead to an enjoyable day whenever the weather allows a weekend drive.

As I have mentioned several times over the years, I am still amazed when reviewing various iterations of the Porsche models. The ongoing process of refinement is always evident and impressive. Yet the models remain instantly recognizable as a Porsche. If I have the opportunity to drive a GT4 sometime, I will update this article to discuss and compare it to the Cayman R. Though I am certain both cars are uniquely special and very Porsche. Enjoy the ride!



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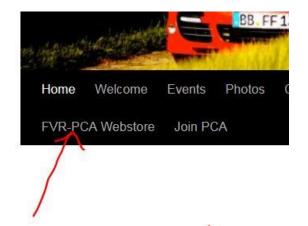
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