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- The PCA/Zone4 menu item has links zone and nation events and information

July 2012 CIRPCA President's Message

The National Stage

We are just coming off the most successful car show this club has had since I've been a member. Stephen Tarr, with all his energy, organizational skills, and a few helpers really raised the bar. If you missed it you really missed a great day on the bricks of beautiful Zionsville. What a first class event!

Now for July. Tom Brentlinger has organized what looks to be another great First Saturday Breakfast at Eva's Pancake House, 8424 South State Road 67, Pendleton, IN 46064. We were there a couple of years ago, and it's a great place.

Then we have our second DE of the year at Putnam Park Road Course that same weekend. So much to do at the same time!

Eat or drive, eat or drive?????

Then that brings me to our big weekend on the national stage. This year for the Brickyard 400 weekend, Grand-Am will be practicing, qualifying, and racing twice on the IMS road course Friday, July 27th. We will be hosting, and staffing the Porsche Parking Corral and the PCA Hospitality Suite for all our Porsche brethren!!!! The Indianapolis



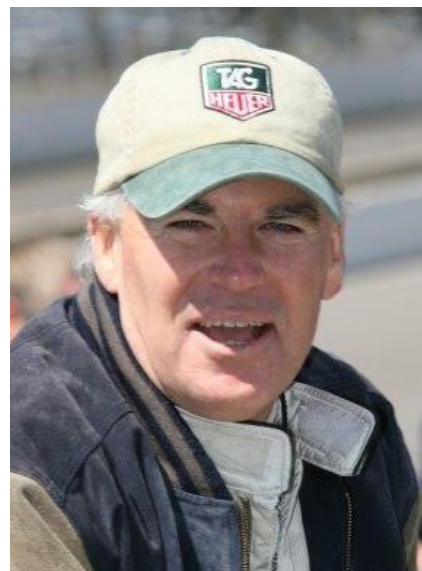
Motor Speedway, and PCA National have put their trust in us to pull off a first-class, over the top event. I have faith that with the great members in our club, we will be able to blow their socks off! They are looking to us guys and gals to make Porsche shine!

Please go to our website to see the sign-up procedure for parking in the corral, getting into the hospitality suite/lunch, or volunteering. WE NEED YOU!!! There are 300 parking places, and 300 hospitality tickets. I hope our club takes a bunch of them. IMS and Corvette have a very close relationship, and if we don't get the cars to turn out we won't get the prime parking area. That would be a real shame for us to get our butts kicked by the Corvettes!

I know we had the chance to shine on the big stage back in the Formula 1 days. When we pull this off like I know we can, we will have the national stage for many years to come. Everyone all over the country will know how well Central Indiana Region goes first class.

Many of us have been working on this behind the scenes for months. Now we need our members to sign-up soon, and come out to help us fill our areas.

IT WILL BE A GREAT DAY!



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In The Zone

By Ron Carr
Zone 4 Representative



July is the time for PCA's biggest annual event, the Porsche Parade. This year it is in Salt Lake City, UT from July 7th through the 14th. Watch for a complete event review in a future issue of *Panorama*. Plan to come next year to the closest Parade to you in 30 years- Traverse City, MI on June 22-29th, 2013. Check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned for your enjoyment, and check the [Zone 4 Website](http://zone4.pca.org/) at <http://zone4.pca.org/> for other regions events, such as:

- A great introduction to driving your Porsche in a fun and competitive manner can be found in **Autocrossing** (AX). Many regions sponsor Autocross events, and they are a great event for novices and experienced drivers alike. Check out the following events:
 - **Maumee Valley Region** hosts **IRAC IV** Sunday, July 1st at Owens Community College in Toledo, OH. See the <http://mm.pca.org/events.htm> website for details.
 - **Motorstadt Region IROC 1** on Saturday, July 14th at 8:00 AM at Spartan Speedway in Mason, MI. See their website or newsletter for details.
 - **Michiana Region** holds an **Autocross** at Tire Rack in South Bend, IN on July 29th starting at 9:00 AM. See their website for details and registration information.
- The **Mid-Ohio Region** will again participate in the 30th annual Arthritis Foundation Classic Car Show and Cruise In at the Dublin Metro Center in Dublin OH on July 6th and 7th. Registration information can be found at <http://www.arthritisautoshow.com/>.
- **Central Indiana and Mid-Ohio Regions** will partner for a **Drivers' Education** event at Putnam Park Road Course in Mt. Meridian, IN on July 7th and 8th. This is a great track to begin in DE - open and user-friendly, but challenging. Join the fun and register at [Club Reg.net](http://ClubReg.net).
- **Southeast Michigan Region** will be hosting a **one-day Drivers Education** at Waterford Hills

Road Racing in Clarkston, MI on July 12th. Registration information is at www.clubregistration.net, go to SEMPCA.ORG for more information.

- Another one-day **Driver's Education** opportunity is being held by the **Eastern Buckeye Region** at the Nelsons Ledges Road Course in Garrettsville, OH on July 13th. Register at MotorsportReg.com and see the EBRPCA.ORG website for details.
- The **Ohio Valley Region** is hosting their annual **Top Gun Challenge Club Race and Drivers Education** event at Putnam Park Road Course in Mt. Meridian, IN July 13th through the 15th. See the OVRPCA.org website for more information.
- Join the **Allegheny Region** for the 30th running of the **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix** in beautiful Schenley Park, PA on July 21st and 22nd. Concourse Car Show, catered lunch, and racing all day. Admission is free to the event, but there is a charge for lunch and parking with the Region (charity fundraiser)- go to <http://www.MotorsportReg.com> for details. Pre-registration ends July 18th.
- **Rally Sport Region** will be hosting a one-day **Drivers Education** at Waterford Hills Road Racing in Clarkston, MI on July 24th. Additional information is at www.clubregistration.net.
- The **Central Indiana Region** is hosting a **PCA Car Corral and Hospitality Suite** at the "Super Weekend at the Brickyard" (Indianapolis Motor Speedway) on July 27th (Grand Am race day). Come and join race fans from across the country for a weekend full of every type of track action you can imagine! Additional event details and lunch tickets are available at the CIR website CIRPCA.ORG.
- Returning this year in a new location, the **P2O™ "Casual Porsche Party"** will be held in Granville, OH on the weekend of July 27th through the 29th, sponsored by the **Mid-Ohio Region**. Additional details and registration information can be found at <http://p2o.morpca.org/>.

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Merritt Webb

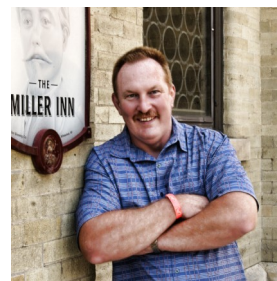
One of the things I invariably do when I am at CIPRCA events is ask people about the newsletter. And as I am sure you know, a few months ago, we conducted a reader poll. I want to make the newsletter interesting and I want to make it useful for club members. So, I thought I would share a little feedback I have received.

- People seem to really like the organization of the Calendar in the CIRcular
- Some people really liked getting the printed edition
- Some people did not go to the website that often
- The “non-specific” comments about the newsletter were that it was “good”.
- Nobody has really complained about anything in the newsletter, except for the number of ads.

One of the other things I do is share our newsletter with our Zone 4 Representative, Ron Carr and the other editors in Zone 4. And some of them likewise share their newsletters with me. I do this for 2 reasons. I want them to know what the CIRPCA is doing. And if they have feedback I would love to hear that too.

Another positive aspect of this is that we have started a little cross promotion of events. You might have noticed the recent articles on the Arthritis Foundation Classic Car Show and Cruise. (In at the Dublin Metro Center in Dublin OH on July 6th

and 7th.) You might also have noticed the Ad for Club Racing at Gingerman Raceway. The idea is to provide our members with more options, and likewise get our events out to other regions as well.



In this vein, several Zone 4 newsletter editors asked for the Super Weekend at the Brickyard article.

One of the other great things about sharing newsletters is that it gives us ideas for events. And I do bring these up at Board meetings. And please don't forget that any member is welcome to suggest and hopefully help organize an event. Two years ago, I organized my first event...it was a rally type event...my directions were not great...even I got lost....but!...the whole point was to spend time driving with other PCA members and we certainly did that, and it was still a lot of fun. So, even if you are unsure of the outcome, and have never done an event, having members suggest and plan events is great. So, I hope the newsletter changes are useful.

I do listen to reader comments and article submissions are great, and we have a couple of great ones in this months edition. So enjoy and Happy Motoring!

CruZionsville Photos (see full story on page 8)

by Anita Perry

Porsches new and old attended the event, and they all looked great!



Discount Tire was a tremendous sponsor, providing various prizes and gift certificates. Their staff at the event was also quite knowledgeable and ready to talk about tires...a subject near to the heart of every Porsche owner!

CruZionsville, a terrific event —

By Steve Tarr/Merritt Webb

CruZionsville was an exciting event for CIRPCA members and friends June 16th. Porsche cars from around the state as well as the four adjoining states participated. A total of over 80 vehicles registered to attend the event and we had 75 cars parked in Zionsville. It was a warm and sunny day.

The event began with a parade into town. The city was truly friendly, and we had excellent help by the Zionsville police in bringing our cars into town and when we left town.

There was plenty of time to really enjoy Zionsville and visit the shops or have a bit to eat as well as enjoy the automotive events.

There were various celebrities attending the event as well as some young ladies from the Miss Indiana Scholarship Pageant. Miss Indiana and Miss Indiana's Outstanding Teen are official state pageants of the Miss America Organization, one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance.

There were a lot of great Porsches there, virtually all models were represented, and many different years. I am sure that the formal judging was very difficult, but I know a diligent job was done as I watched them examine the various cars. Larry Haskett and his team of Judges did an outstanding job and were able to make some tough decisions among all the great cars.

The winners of the prestigious CruZionsville brick were:

- Class 1 – Eric Blom, 1956 356 Speedster
- Class 2 – C. Steven Nelson, 1985 911 Carrera Cabriolet
- Class 3 – Jeffery Buchsbaum, 2002 911 Turbo
- Class 4 – Michael Trout, 2009 Boxster
- Judge's Award – Jim Anderson, 1967 911
- People's Choice Award – Fred Lawrence, 1958 356 Speedster
- Youth Award – Andy Moshos, 1965 356SC

At press time over \$3,700 has been raised for the Alzheimer's organization as a result of our efforts. Check out www.CruZionsville.com and the CIRPCA website for more photo's and the final

count to the charity.

Our Platinum Sponsor Discount Tire went all out by having a large tent display of tires and wheels and provided a \$500 gift certificate to one lucky drawing winner? Yes, our leader Rob Fike won the gift certificate too!

Thanks to Ron Archer, VP for Discount Tire in Ohio and Indiana and their relationship with Falken Tire they were able to secure the 2012 Falken Porsche Race car from Walker racing for everyone to enjoy! It was absolutely stunning in it's green and blue colors!

Discount Tire, also made available from Falken numerous give away items for the silent auction. We appreciated their leadership and support in making the CruZionsville Event a great success!

After the CruZionsville Event, Bob Snider led a wonderful little drive around the west side of Indianapolis, past Eagle Creek Reservoir, some spectacular homes and the Colts training complex. We went by the Indianapolis motor Speedway and on to the Canterbury Hotel. The Canterbury is a classic hotel in Indianapolis and was a great place to stay.

Later that evening we had a cocktail reception, at the Canterbury followed by a sumptuous dinner at St. Elmo's Steak House, a landmark restaurant in Indianapolis where Peyton Manning has a standing reservation in his own private room (which doubles as the wine cellar.) Peyton Manning is also an investor in a sister restaurant, Harry & Izzy's, next door.

And after a warm day, and a great meal what better way to end the evening than with a cocktail at Nicky Blaine's Cocktail Lounge, another Indianapolis landmark, just off the Circle. At Nicky Blaine's we were given VIP treatment in the Martini Racing room which had various pieces of Porsche memorabilia on the wall.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped make this event such a great success for the club!





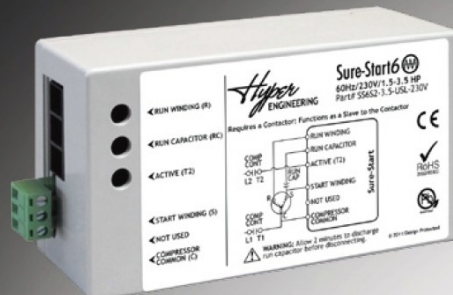
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Upcoming Events!



Event Start	Title	Description (See http://www.cirpca.org/calendar/ for more info)
7/5/2012 18:00	Board Meeting	Monthly Board Meeting. Non-board members are encouraged to attend but please register. Due to time limits and upcoming events, some meetings can be very busy.
7/7/2012 8:00	DE Event	CIR's 2nd Performance Driver Education event of the season, is a tag-team match with Mid Ohio Region (MOR). As this is traditionally MOR's weekend event (and our traditional 2nd date isn't available to us), we're putting our resources together to help ensure a successful weekend. Registration for both instructors and students is NOW OPEN at http://www.clubregistration.net/
7/7/2012 9:00	1st Saturday Breakfasts	Eva's Pancake House (formerly The Top Notch) in Pendleton, IN on the SW corner of the intersection of Ind. 67 & 9 on Pendleton Pike.
7/14/2012 9:00	2nd Saturday Breakfasts	Please join us for our monthly 2nd Saturday breakfast at Sun Rise Café, 10230 Coldwater Rd, Ft. Wayne for great food, great conversation & great cars! If you have any questions or a suggested location for an upcoming breakfast, please contact Debbie Groulik at irie1029@frontier.com or 260-436-9738.
7/19/2012 19:00	Boxster Launch	O'Daniel Porsche 2013 Boxster Launch! Dress is outdoor casual and finger foods and beverages will be served. Please RSVP to Matt Reid at: mreid@odanielauto.com or 260-435-5350 so they know how many to plan for. O'Daniel Porsche, 5611 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804, 888-440-1021 www.odaniel.porschedealer.com
7/27/2012 9:00	Porsche Car Corral	The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is offering a "Friday Only" GRAND-AM Package that includes General Admission Ticket , Car Corral Parking Pass, and other items. The corral will be at the north end of the track Infield. Entrance to the Porsche Car Corral will be from 30th Street, Gate 10.
7/28/2012 16:30	Nationwide Series Race	On Saturday, July 27 is the Inaugural NASCAR Nationwide Series Race on 2 1/2 mile oval IMS track with former IndyCar star Danica Patrick. NASCAR Brickyard 400 Sprint Cup Qualifying also. For race tickets or Car Club Packages including parking in the Porsche Car Corral during all 4 days of the Super Weekend At The Brickyard, go to: www.imstix.com
7/29/2012 13:00	Sprint Cup Series Race	Sunday, July 29 is the annual Brickyard 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup race on the oval track.

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CruZionsville Photos (see full story on page 8)
Thomas Dove



Fashion show models used the cars as backdrops



A beautiful shaded main street filled with Porsches



There were so many great cars, the judges had a difficult time

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For the latest schedule information, please visit the Grand-Am website at www.grand-am.com
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 PCA Car Corral is hosted by PCA, Central Indiana Region and PCA volunteers with the cooperation of the Grand-Am Road Racing.

First Saturday Breakfast

By: Tom Brentlinger

What: CIRPCA First Saturday Breakfast
Where: Eva's Pancake House
8424 South State Road 67
Pendleton, IN 46064
When: July 7, 2012
Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 am

Feel free to contact Tom Brentlinger at tbrentlinger@att.net if you have any questions.

Last month's First Saturday Breakfast was a door-busting success with 28 members and friends joining us at a really fresh new restaurant on Indy's South Side. It was great to see a First Saturday Breakfast with so many Porsche enthusiasts and I've been charged/challenged with the task of duplicating it.

Eh, no problemo

On July 7th we will be congregating at Eva's Pancake House just a few minutes Northeast of Indy on Pendleton Pike (State Road 67).

We've been at this location several times before when it was called The Top Notch and it was great! Great food and a great reason to get out and enjoy your Porsche and Porsche People too! Join us won't you?

Please enroll at www.cirpca.org, so we'll be able to let Eva's know how to plan. You can sign up for yourself and as many friends as you like in one simple process.

See you there!



First Saturday Breakfast June 2nd at Thyme To Eat Cafe

CruZionsville Photos (see full story on page 8) by Merritt Webb



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Rachael Bazzell Miss Three Rivers Festival 2012, Ashley Zeiner Miss Duneland's Outstanding Teen 2012, Steve Tarr and Megan Thwaites Miss Metropolitan 2012. (L to R) Rachael is quite a car fan and has driven in Autocross with the Fort Wayne Region SCCA

Tom Wood Porsche sponsoring GRAND-AM PCA Lunch July 27!

by Bob Snider

PCA Lunch

Central Indiana Region will be hosting a **PCA Lunch** during the Friday, July 27th Indy Rolex GRAND-AM and Continental Tire Races in the PCA Suite located in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Plaza Hospitality Village, directly behind the new Tower Pagoda from 11am until 1pm in **Pavilion Suite 1A**.

PCA National has paid for the Suite for the use of PCA members and prospective new members and Tom Wood Porsche in Indianapolis is sponsoring the PCA Lunch. Due to the sponsorship of Tom Wood Porsche, the cost of the lunch is only **\$10/person** and includes a buffet of Crispy Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Fried Biscuits with Apple Butter along with Iced Tea and Lemonade. All this in a beautiful air-conditioned suite with 6 closed-circuit TV's, broadcasting live coverage of all the race action – and private restrooms! Registration for the lunch will be available shortly on our website:

www.cirpca.org. Look for it on the homepage and the Calendar July 27 date.

With the purchase of the \$10 PCA Lunch from our CIR website, you will be mailed an **IMS Plaza Village Wrist Band**, which must be worn to gain entrance to the Plaza Hospitality Village. No exceptions! Track Security will not let you in without the wrist band. The wrist band will be your lunch ticket. The wrist bands will be mailed to the credit card address you use to purchase your PCA Lunches. You can buy as many as you want and bring guests that might be interested in joining the Porsche Club. We have capacity for 300 guests in the Suite!

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GRAND-AM Day Schedule

The IMS track will open at 6am with race cars from both series on the track for Practice and Qualifying at 8am. Practice and Qualifying for both series end at 11:50am. At noon until 12:45pm, there will be a **GRAND-AM Fan Pit Walk & Fan Fest** for the public. The Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Race starts at 1pm and runs until 3:30pm. The GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series Race starts at 4:10pm and ends at 7:10pm. Thirty minutes after the GRAND-AM race ends, a band will play on the Plaza Village Stage until about 9pm. The track will close around 9:30pm.

The latest Indy Rolex GRAND-AM schedule is available at:

www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/brickyard400.

PCA Volunteers

PCA Volunteers are needed, starting at 6am to work as **PCA Greeters** in the Porsche Car Corral and 8am in the PCA Suite for 2 hr. shifts. Signup will be available shortly on the CIR website: www.cirpca.org. Former CIR President, Tom Brentlinger is coordinating volunteer signups and be sure and list a first and second choice time slot. Please sign up and volunteer to make this an event we can all be proud of and extend our Hoosier Hospitality red carpet to all the Porsche owners who attend this inaugural GRAND-AM Race on the Indy Formula One Road Course. There is also the inaugural Nationwide Series Race (with Danica Patrick) on Saturday and the Brickyard 400 on Sunday (both on the oval track) and there are Car Club Packages available that include all 4 races.

Questions about any of the PCA GRAND-AM events can be sent to CIR Pres., Rob Fike at: CIRP-CA.President@gmail.com or 317-244-1166.



CruZionsville Photos (see full story on page 8)

Thomas Dove



At the Porsche Parade in Savannah last year, Michael Bartsch, COO of PCNA spontaneously announced that three pairs of "old timers" would be given all expense paid trips to the factory.

Included were myself, Burt and Joan Propp from Oakland CA and Jack and Ginnie Case from San Diego. Judy bowed out due to an air sickness problem. Weeks went by with no further word about the trips. Finally, in December, we received a message that the factory was planning an event to honor all Porsche clubs and specifically the 60th anniversary of the formation of the first Porsche Club. They wanted us to be there at that time.

I had been to the factory in 1959 as part of a group of PCAers attending the fifth Porsche Treffen but was sure it would be much different now. I got a new passport, tried remembering a few key German words and otherwise marked time for the next few months.

Finally May 22 arrived and I flew to Atlanta to meet Jamie Dillon who works for PCNA and Mark Shevitz of St. Louis who is best known for being MC at the Porsche Parade dinners. Mark's report on the whole trip will be in a future issue of Panorama. In a couple of hours we were on a Lufthansa Air Bus for an overnight flight to Frankfurt. PCNA was serious when they said we would have first class travel. The couples from CA flew directly from Los Angeles to Frankfurt.

The three of us were met in Frankfurt by a Porsche intern driving a turbo Cayenne. For most of the open stretches of the autobahn he was doing 250-260 km/hr. I'll let you do the math.

We were taken to Ludwigsburg, a few miles north of Stuttgart, to the Nestor Hotel, which was to be our base of operations for the remainder of our stay in Germany. There we were joined by Manny Alban, President of PCA and his wife and the couple who won the restored '73 911 at the Savannah Parade. And before long, we were also joined by the two couples that had departed from Los Angeles. We were given the afternoon off to catch up on the sleep we missed on the overnight flight but later we convened for dinner in the hotel.

The next day we were assigned to a small fleet of Panamera sedans with drivers. The three guests and driver in each car remained the same for the rest of the trip. This day (Thursday) we went to the museum for a couple of hours and then had lunch.

After that we went across the street for a tour of the factory. We watched at one station on the line that was building 911s and Boxsters. The body would come down the line and a conveyor system behind the worker delivered the dashboard that he assembled into the body. An interesting point was that they did models alternatively....a 911 then a Boxster then another 911, etc. When questioned, the guide said they found that the workers made fewer mistakes alternating models than if they did batches of the same model. I wonder what happens when sales drop off or shoot up on one of the models....throwing off the ratio. We then went to the engine assembly line where again, robots were used in many aspects.

The next morning our little group of Panameras made their way to Frieberg to the restoration shops....properly titled "Porsche Classic". In this shop they do restoration of cars, repair of accident damage and routine maintenance. There were 12 959s sitting around awaiting their turn at the craftsmen's hands. It was explained that 959s rapidly deteriorate in some areas unless driven frequently. As an example, there was mention of an Arab Sheik who owned six of them but would drive



Porsche Factory and Museum in Stuttgart



Porsche Factory Assembly Line

any one of them about every six months. Apparently, hydraulic seals dry out and electrical connections corrode.

From there we went to the factory buildings in Zuffenhausen for lunch in the workers cafeteria.....except that we were in an alcove off the main dining area and were served our lunch. Following lunch we went to the Archives Dept. Here are the treasured Kardex records that owners of early Porsches want copies of. It was explained that these cannot be copied and given to others because in most cases they contain the identity of the original owner. In Germany it is considered an invasion of privacy to reveal that information. This is just another version of the problems encountered by those researchers of their car's history. In addition to the Kardex files were books and magazines, drawings reaching back to the old Professor's drawings for the electric motor hub drive and other early projects.

A group of typists was busy transcribing hand written records for digital storage. The entire area was temperature and humidity controlled and special contact pages separating record sheets. Later we went to the edge of Stuttgart for dinner. This, as all of the other dinners, except the museum banquet, was in an unusual restaurant in an old stone walled building. The proprietor/chef came out and explained that he was the 4th generation to operate the establishment. He was quite proud of the family tradition.

Saturday was the beginning of the factory celebration of the 60th anniversary of the formation of the first Porsche club. It began with many, many Porsches parked in circles in the market square in Ludwigsburg. There was a lot of mixing as we examined particular cars, etc. Later all cars, including our Panameras left Ludwigsburg for the trip to Zuffenhausen. Another mixing session as we encountered old and made new acquaintances. A group photo was taken in front of the museum. Then a lot of old friends meeting and an otherwise informal get together.

Among friends from the past that I encountered were Ilse Nadele who was in charge of Porsche Club Coordination and attended several Parades back in the day. Also I spent quite a bit of time with Lars Schmidt who I first met at the 5th Porsche Treffen in 1959. He later worked for Porsche of America in NYC and I occasionally dropped in when in NYC on business. I made a *faux pas* along the way by addressing who I thought was Hans Herman regarding his winning the 1960 Sebring race. It turned out that I was talking to Hans Mezger, the well known engine designer. After all of the mixing we proceeded to the banquet room on the top floor of the museum.

Imagine my surprise when I found my place card next to that of Peter Porsche. Mark Shevitz was at my other side and some banter between the three of us became quite funny when Peter and Mark decided to form a traveling singing duo and I was to be their manager. As many have learned when he attends Porsche Parades, Peter has quite a sense of humor. Those of us not speaking German were given earphones and small receiver boxes to listen to the speeches as translated to English. I felt a little like being at a UN session.

Sunday our little fleet of Panameras took a tour through the countryside outside Ludwigsburg and through a few villages with structures that appeared to be hundreds of years old. We ended at a park where a continuation of the factory's "honor the Porsche Clubs" extravaganza was in progress. After a couple of hours of mixing and drinking we hopped back into our Panameras for the trip back to Ludwigsburg.....only this time by autobahn instead of quaint rural lanes.

Monday morning we broke into groups for the trip to Frankfurt and the flights back home. The CA people had to leave the hotel at 6:00 AM while those of us going to Atlanta didn't have to leave until nearly noon. A real break for this one who likes his sleep.

To summarize, we were told this would be an all expense paid trip.....and it was. The only money I spent was for souvenirs and currency exchange. And everything was "first class".....from air plane seating to meals. Getting to see old friends and making new friends was great. Many thanks to Michael Bartsch of PCNA for coming up with the idea and to Paul Gregor of Porsche AG for tending us during the visit.



Engineer Hans Mezger looking over the TAG-Porsche turbocharged engine in one of the McLaren-TAG Formula One racecars at the Italian Grand Prix, September 1984.

Specifications for 2013 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Race Car to Remain the Same — by Wendy Shoffit

Fresh from the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup's GT podium sweep at the Rolex 24 at Daytona, Porsche Motorsport North America, Inc. (PMNA) has announced that the 2013 version of the Cup race car will be virtually unchanged from the current model.



On the week that the new, seventh generation Porsche 911 (type 991) is arriving at Porsche dealerships nationwide, PMNA President Jens Walther has told Porsche racing customers that the 2013 Cup cars will continue virtually unchanged from this year's model.

"As with previous models of the 911 GT3 Cup cars, it takes some two years for the race car design to be completed based on a new street car, so we anticipate the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup (type 997) to be the racing platform through at least the 2013 racing season. Meanwhile, we have a limited number of 2012 Cup cars and will have a limited number of 2013 Cup cars that have no specification changes," said Walther, who pointed out that the Cup car has remained essentially the same since 2010.

The Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car is the defending Rolex Grand-Am GT champion, as well as the defending SCCA Pirelli World Champion title-holder and the SCCA GT2 Club Racing National Champion, and the spec car for the American Le Mans Series GT Challenge, the International Motor Sports Association GT3 Challenge by Yokohama, and the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge Canada. Cup cars are also popular in Porsche Owners Club and Porsche Club of America racing series.

"The whole Porsche family is excited about the new Porsche 911 (type 991) street car, but there is so much more to be accomplished in 2012 and 2013 with the current 911 GT3 Cup (type 997),"

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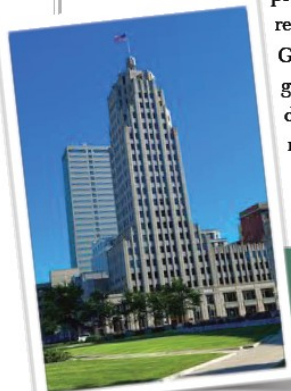


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