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The 2014 edition of CruZionsville attracted a huge crowd of participants and spectators!

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Let Terry, Tim, and Brent put their 62 years of combined Porsche experience to work for you. This month, we'd like to introduce Terry Day. Terry has serviced Porsches throughout his entire 39 year career, the past 7 years devoted exclusively to servicing Porsches. Before that, he spent 15 years in Formula 1 and Indy Car racing with the Brabham, Penske, Patrick, and Menard Teams.

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Brigitta and I just returned from a **Grand Tour of the Northwest**, which included the Monterey Porsche Parade in California. We traveled through 14 states, seven National Parks and two different countries all in a 2000 Boxster S in 25 days, traveling over 8400 miles! Needless to say, we had a great time and saw a lot of our beautiful country and oh what a beautiful country we have!

A special moment happened during this year's **Monterey Porsche Parade** during the Tuesday night Concours Banquet at the Monterey Hyatt Regency Resort Hotel. As some of you former Parade attendees know, a special event takes place during the Concours Banquet at every Parade. It is a tradition that has been going on for decades at Parade. Parade Master of Ceremonies, Mark Shevitz of Saint Louis Region has everyone stand that is attending their very first Parade and a very large percentage of attendees stand. Then he has everyone stand that has attended at least 2 Parades and it starts a sit down procedure that goes into the teens, twenties, thirties and by the forties few members are left standing and they all look around at each other across this large record expanse of 2,400 Parade attendees all housed in the largest white outdoor tent I have ever seen, illuminated by over 20 crystal chandeliers. By the fifties only a handful of attendees are still standing and they all know each other.

Two long-term PCA members hold the record of 56 Porsche Parades and one of them is our very own CIR Region Founder, Mike Robbins (47 of them in the same black 1958 Speedster!) and he was not there for the first time in over 50 years. Bert Propp of Golden Gate Region is the other record holder and he was there and Mike was not. They are now tied and then happened one of those very special things that only happens at Parade – Mark called Mike back in Indianapolis and put him live on the PA system for all of us to hear and Mark interviewed him and we could all hear Mike's clear voice.

As some of you might know, Mike has been suffering some health issues recently and is in an assisted living facility on the north side of Indy recuperating and could not make the California Parade. Mike sounded great and he encouraged everyone in attendance to come to next year's 60th Porsche Parade in French Lick, Indiana (the first ever to be held in Indiana!) and he said he was going to try his best to be there and welcome everyone to Indiana. It was a very special moment for us five CIR members attending and all of Mike's many far flung friends in PCA.



Something else very nice just happened to **Mike on Father's Day** this year. I got an email from CIR member Mike Shaver while en route to California about wanting to take some classic Porsches over to Mike's new temporary resi-

dence on Father's Day. Since I was in transit, I really could not be of much assistance, but put him in touch with former CIR President, Larry Haskett who knows Mike well and the 356 crowd along with our Activities Chairman, Bruce Fleischmann, who I left in charge while I was gone.



Remember, this is only a day after our big CruZionsville Car Show event which Larry is heavily involved with and somehow they were able to talk three 356 owners to take their cars over to Mike's current abode and cheer some of the old timers up on Father's Day with only a few days notice!

Mike even told the story to the Parade audience. There's something very special about PCA and its members to do something like this. Thank you to all who had anything to do with this very nice gesture.

Speaking of nice gestures, Bruce and his wife Valerie invited club members over to their beautiful home on Geist Reservoir for a **4th of July Party and Fireworks** and 26 CIR members showed up for a wonderful evening of great food and camaraderie. Bruce skippered two extensive pontoon boat excursions of Geist Lake, pointing out the many beautiful homes along the shoreline. On a perfect Indiana summer evening, we witnessed the largest fireworks display synchronized to music in Central Indiana shot off from the bridge and we all had lakeside ringside seats. Thank you Bruce and Valerie for a wonderful evening and we all hope you will repeat this next year!

Looking ahead to July 12, Dick Rutkowski and Jimmy Arata of Fort Wayne are organizing a **Second Saturday Breakfast** at Spyro's Restaurant on the SW side of Fort Wayne which starts at 7:15 AM, if you want breakfast, and at 8 AM they will conduct a three hour auto tour of scenic roads up to the famous and extensive **Gilmore Auto Museum** in Hickory Corners, Michigan (near Kalamazoo) for their annual German Auto Show. \$7 museum admission if you drive a German car, \$10 if you don't. Sign up on the CIR website: www.cirpca.org.

Friday, July 25 is our huge new **Indy TUDOR Race** event on the IMS Road Course. This year Porsche Cars North

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America (the importer for all Porsche cars to North America) is sponsoring a Porscheplatz for the first time ever at Indy, rented the same Pavilion Hospitality Suite 1A we have used in the past for our two GRAND-AM events and entry is free by showing either your Porsche car key or PCA Membership Card. Tom Wood Porsche / Indianapolis is also sponsoring the Porsche Lunch in the suite from 11 AM - 1 PM and it is also free!

All you have to do is purchase a \$50 IMS Porsche Car Corral Race Ticket Package for the driver only and \$30 Extra Passenger General Admission Race Tickets for each of your passengers in your car at: <http://info.ims.com/porsche> and you're in! Further details and complete schedule are on the CIR website Calendar July 25 Event Page.

VIPs attending Indy TUDOR Race: Sean Reardon, PCA National Secretary has confirmed that he will be attending our Indy TUDOR Race event and driving his Porsche from Lawrence, Kansas. Michael Morgan, Senior Customer Commitment Specialist with Porsche US Importer Porsche Cars North America in Atlanta, GA will be here representing PCNA, Steve Focazio, Senior Manager Track Marketing & Promotions with IMSA will be coordinating all Porscheplatz events for PCNA and they are sending a 28' trailer with two workers to set up all the Porscheplatz Banners, flag poles, etc. PCA Zone 4 Rep Michael Soriano and his wife Lisa will be here from Toledo, OH and helping work and organize the event.

This will be the biggest Porsche representation at Indy ever and it's going to be a really big show that you don't want to miss! Let's show them CIR knows how to put on big national events!

CIR Indy TUDOR Race Volunteer Workers Needed!

CIR Activities Chairman, Bruce Fleischmann is coordinating the CIR Indy TUDOR Race Event Worker Sign Up. We are going to need at least 20 CIR volunteers to man the Porsche Car Corral and Porscheplatz Hospitality Suite during the day. If you work any 2 hr. shift you will get a free Porscheplatz Worker t-shirt courtesy PCA National! Please send your preferred time slot, venue, t-shirt size and cell phone number to Bruce at 973-903-5858 or bvflei@yahoo.com. Track Gates, Porsche Car Corral and Porscheplatz Hospitality Suite all open at 8 AM and we will need workers at both the Car Corral and Suite from 8 AM until 5 PM. TUDOR Race starts at 5:40 PM and runs until 8:25 PM. There is also a 2 ½ hr. Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Race starting at 2:35 PM. NASCAR Nationwide and Sprint Cup Practice are in the morning and there is an IMSA Fan Fest & Track Walk on the Road Course Back Straight under the Pedestrian Bridge at 11:35 AM. We will again have a Porsche Driver Forum in our suite Friday morning. And thanks for volunteering!

See you at Indy July 25th!

Bob Snider, CIR/PCA President

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The Water Cooler

By Jim & Laura Legault, Co-editors

You might have noticed Jim Hatfield's feature story in the April (2014 #2) issue. Jim Hatfield is an accomplished photographer who has been photographing Porsche race cars for many years and regularly shoots photos at vintage racing events.



In what was the first of what we hope will be regular contributions, Jim wrote and photographed a feature we're calling Vintage Porsche Stories. Last month, Jim spotlighted the Abarth Carrera GTL, introduced in 1960.

This month, I had planned to run the second installment of Vintage Porsche Stories which featured the Porsche 908/3. The piece is ready and waiting to be published. However, Jim pre-empted himself with two brand new submissions, which again, he wrote and photographed.

The first begins on page 12, a series of outstanding captioned photos from the inaugural Brickyard Vintage event held in June,

and features notable Porsche racing cars that competed in this up and coming event.

Laura and I attended two of the three days and we believe that it has the potential to become a truly great event in the world of vintage racing. The atmosphere was relaxed and the action non-stop. Car owners, drivers, and crew members were more than happy to spend a few minutes chatting about the cars and their histories. Next year, you must go!

The second Jim Hatfield feature recounts his experience at this year's Amelia Island Concours. Find his great story and photos on page 16.

Speaking of "must go events", CIR and PCNA have big plans for the July 25 Indy Tudor Brickyard Grand Prix. With a Porsche-platz, exclusive IMS hospitality suite, lunch, guest speakers, and much more, it will be an event to remember! Bob Snider provides all the details on page 8.

CruZionsville was again, a big success this year. A recap and a selection of photos from that great event may be found on page 10.

And last but not least, Rebecca Pinto has provided us with an interesting profile of our newest advertiser, Pete's Service Center, which appears on page 20.

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Indy TUDOR "Brickyard Grand Prix" and PCNA Porscheplatz July 25 at IMS

by Bob Snider



Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) will be hosting a **Porscheplatz** for all Porsche owners, including PCA members, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Friday, July 25th, for the inaugural Indy TUDOR "Brickyard Grand Prix" United SportsCar Championship Races!

Details are being finalized, but the event will be similar to other PCNA Porscheplatz at other race tracks and our CIR/PCA Indy GRAND-AM events of the last two years, with the exception that unlike other Porscheplatz, our Porsche Car Corral will be entirely separate of the Porsche Hospitality venue and about 1/2 mile apart.

PCNA has rented **IMS Pavilion Suites 1A** in the IMS Hospitality Village Plaza, directly behind the Tower Pagoda. This suite is an air-conditioned permanent building with continuous closed-circuit TV broadcast of live racing action throughout the day on six large screen TVs and has adjacent private restrooms.

Last year we hosted a "Porsche Race Driver Forum" Friday morning in our suite with the top five Porsche race drivers, moderated by Fox Sports' Bob Varsha! Steve Focazio of IMSA has promised a similar event this year.

There will be Door Prizes, a Long Distance Award from PCA National, the IMSA Fan Fest and a Track Walk!

Tom Wood Porsche/Indianapolis is sponsoring a free Porsche Lunch in the suite from 11 AM - 1 PM.

Entry to the PCNA Hospitality Pavilion Suite 1A and Porsche Lunch is free to all Porsche owners by showing your Porsche car key or PCA Membership Card. In addition to lunch, PCNA will provide free water, sodas, and snacks.

The PCA hosted **Porsche Car Corral** will be in the north Infield inside the world famous IMS track! Admittance only by Porsches with required IMS Porsche Car Corral Hang Tag. No exceptions!

Order your **\$50 IMS TUDOR General Admission Race Ticket**

Porsche Car Corral Package (w/parking), with the necessary Porsche Car Corral Hang Tag for driver only, directly from IMS at: <http://info.ims.com/porsche>. Passengers only need to purchase \$30 TUDOR Extra Passenger General Admission Race Tickets from IMS.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- ♦ **Volunteer Workers are needed for Porsche Car Corral and Porscheplatz Hospitality Suite!**
- ♦ **Free PCA Porscheplatz Worker t-shirt for all volunteer workers working any 2 hr. shift!**
- ♦ **Porsche Car Corral and Porscheplatz Suite both open at 8 AM and close at 5 PM, prior to TUDOR Race at 5:40 PM, so you can go watch the race.**
- ♦ **Porscheplatz Hospitality Suite will stay open during the TUDOR Race if weather is inclement.**
- ♦ **Please call or send your preferred 2 hr. time slot, venue, t-shirt size and cell phone number to Bruce Fleischmann, CIR TUDOR Race Worker Coordinator, at 973-903-5858 or bvflei@yahoo.com.**
- ♦ **Thanks for volunteering!**

The **TUDOR United SportsCar Championship** combines the old GRAND-AM and American LeMans racing series into an exciting new sports car racing series with race teams and fans from both series.

They will be using the 2 1/2 mile IMS Road Course with two long straights, 13 turns and many Spectator Viewing Mounds. A 2 1/2 hour Continental Tire "Brickyard SportsCar Challenge" race will also be held at 2:35 PM with the 2 hr. 45 min. TUDOR United SportsCar Championship "Brickyard Grand Prix" starting at 5:40 PM. All Practice and Qualifying for these events will be held on Thursday, July 24.

IMS Gates, Porsche Car Corral and Porsche Hospitality Suite open at 8:00 AM. PCA Hospitality Suite will stay open if weather is inclement. All races run rain or shine! IMS track gates close at 9 PM. All times are tentative. Go to: www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com for the latest schedule updates.

The Friday TUDOR "Brickyard Grand Prix" and Continental Tire races are combined with the NASCAR Nationwide Series and Brickyard 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events at the Speedway for the **"SUPER WEEKEND AT THE BRICKYARD"** in 2014! "FOUR RACES. THREE DAYS. ONE TRACK!"

The Nationwide and NASCAR Series will practice on Friday morning, on the 2.5 mile oval, during TUDOR Race Day! Tickets for the NASCAR races are available at: www.imstix.com.

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Indy TUDOR Race Schedule: (Tentative)

Thursday, July 24 (Gates open 8 AM, Close 6 PM)

AM: Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge and TUDOR United SportsCar Championship Practice.

PM: Qualifying.

Friday, July 25 (Gates open 8 AM, Close 9 PM)

8:30 - 9:30 AM: Nationwide Series Practice.

10:30 - 11:30 AM: Nationwide Series Practice.

11:35 AM: IMSA Fan Fest and Track Walk - Road Course Back Straight under Pedestrian Bridge.

11:35 AM: NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Practice.

2:35 PM: Continental Tire "Brickyard SportsCar Challenge" - 2 1/2 hrs.

5:40 PM: TUDOR "Brickyard Grand Prix" - 2 hrs. 45 min.

9:00 PM : Gates Close.

Go to: www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com for the latest schedule updates.

We hope to see you at Indy for this very exciting full race day of sports car racing at its finest! More details to follow - stay tuned!

2014 Indy TUDOR Race Track Map: (Sit in any of the open orange areas)



Cruising on the Bricks in Zionsville Story by Steven Tarr Photos by Jim Legault

Over 110 registrations from Porsche owners made this years CruZionsville event held on June 14, 2014 the biggest ever! Proceeds from the event will be going to the Alzheimer's organization.

Word is getting out about our CIRPCA event because Porsche owners came from 5 States and as far away as Nashville, TN to participate. Crowds gathered along Main Street to get a glimpse of the largest gathering of Porsche cars in the state of Indiana! Our theme was the 50 years of the 911 with marvelous examples of different 911 model years.

New enhancements to this years CruZionsville event included Ducati motorcycles, an expanded Style Show and Kids program, a special Food Competition, Artist in Residence program and new title Sponsors including Tom Wood Porsche and Sweetcars of Ft Wayne along with the CURRENT newspaper publication and The Boone County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

WIBC radio was on site to help promote the event and Celebrity judges included representatives from the community as well as The Indianapolis Star, and Channel 8 TV.

While registrations grew by 13% the crowds attending the event increased significantly and merchants have begun working with us to carry CruZionsville products including our Limited Edition Wine, a new Peanut Butter titled Cruz'in Coconut and a special Porsche blend Popcorn.

All the items generated revenue for the Club and in turn for the Alzheimer's organization! Final numbers on our gift to Alzheimer's was not available at press time but we anticipate it increasing over last years \$13,000 amount.

Plans are being made for 2015 so watch for our announcement. A special thanks to all those Club members, spouses and friends who helped make this years Central Indiana Region Porsche Club CruZionsville event such a great success!





Brickyard Vintage Photos by Jim Hatfield



Gp. 3 George F. Balbach in his 1960 Porsche 356 leads a string of Porsches through turn 8, including Vic Skirmants' 356 and John Higgins' Porsche 718 RSK.



Group 3.4 cars set off for qualifying through the pits. The Porsche 356 of George C. Balbach is in the foreground.



Gp 3 Rod Goodman in his 1962 Porsche 356 leads David Burton in his 1964 Porsche 356C Coupe through turn 8 in front of the Pagoda.



Gp 7 John Higgins in his 1985 Fabcar Porsche GTP. He finished 10th in the Group 7 Feature Race.



Gp. 6 Frank Beck in his 1972 Porsche 914/6 leads a group of cars through turn 7 at the start of the Vintage Classic Enduro. He won this event and finished second in the Group 6.2 Feature Race.



Gp. 4 John Higgins in his unique center seat 1959 Porsche 718 RSK down the Hulman Straight. This car competed in sports car races and as a Formula 2 car back in day.



Gp. 8 Kurt Fazekas in his 1985 Porsche 944 Turbo fights off the 1970 Datsun 240Z of Kirk Blaha at the start of the Group 8 Feature Race. Fazekas won the Feature.



Gp. 8 Terry Wolters in his 1970 Porsche 914/6 lifts a wheel through turn 7 at the end of the Hulman straight. He finished 6th in the Group 8 Feature Race.



Around The Zone

By Michael Soriano
Zone 4 Representative



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

The 3rd Zone Event of the year was held the last weekend in May; the Porscheplatz at Belle Isle. With only 27 days notice, I had to reschedule all of my planned region visits and spent much of the month of May focusing on planning and organizing this event. Each and every region did a fantastic job to help promote this event, which I am pleased to announce was extremely successful. In fact, ticket sales for Saturday surpassed the track's expectations, and we had to request an additional allocation of tickets.

The event was attended by members from at least 10 of the 12 regions within the zone, and it was great to be able to spend some time getting to meet a number of you. The weather was absolutely perfect to enjoy a number of races at scenic Belle Isle including a TUDOR race, a Pirelli World Cup Challenge race, a Super Trucks race, and 2 Indy races.

Over 150 PCA members and Porsche owners enjoyed the exclusive trackside accommodations and were treated to meet and greet with Leh Keen of Alex Job Racing as well as Magnus Racing's Andy Lally and John Potter. There was also a presentation by Roger Hood from Mobil 1 Racing.

Over the course of the weekend a number of raffles took place, and attendees had the opportunity to win a Hot Pit Tour, in which the winners actually visited the pit during the TUDOR race; a Hot Lap Experience where the winners accompanied a professional driver as he drove the track at speed. And after an exciting and fun-filled day, 1 lucky attendee won a new set of Michelin tires.

With this being the first Porscheplatz in the area in a number of years, there was concern about how well it would be received. While acquiring one of these events involves a great deal of persistence and lobbying, keeping high profile national events such as these depends on how well the events are supported and on your participation. I want to thank everyone in Zone 4 for working together and laying the groundwork for the future.

For those of you who enjoy participating in car corrals and watching races, July provides you with a number of opportunities; these include the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, and the 2nd Porscheplatz in our zone at the Indianapolis

Motor Speedway. In addition, don't forget about P2O in Granville and the 36th Annual Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's.

Please continue to read your region's newsletter and check the region websites and e-blasts for the most up to date list of events available to you both in your region and throughout the zone. Consider attending:

- On July 9, **Eastern Buckeye Region** is taking to Portage Lakes for a Pontoon Boat Ride
- **Michiana Region's** Membership Meeting is on July 9 at Colombo's Restaurant in Elkhart
- July 11-12 **Ohio Valley** and **Mid-Ohio Region** members are at the Arthritis Foundation Car Show
- [Join Maumee Valley Region on July 12 for a Rally concluding with a Party at the Macks in Tiffin](#)
- July 12 is **Rally Sport Region's** Lakes Tour and lunch at the Beach Bar
- **Motor-Stadt** hosts the IROC Autocross at Spartan Speedway on July 19
- **Ohio Valley Region's** Diners Drive-Ins and Dives Tour is July 19
- July 19 is **Western Michigan Region's** dinner drive to Smuggler's Cove
- Join **Allegheny Region** at Schenley Park for the PVGP on July 19-20
- **Northern Ohio Region** is hosting an Autocross on July 20 at Lakeland Community College
- **Central Indiana Region** members will be at the Porscheplatz at IMS on July 24-25
- **P2O** is July 25-27 in Granville, OH
- On July 27 participate in the Zone 4 Porsche Car Corral at the 36th Annual Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's.

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you at these upcoming events.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com

Thanks,
Michael

Activities Update - 3rd Quarter by Bruce Fleischmann

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Here's an update on some of the activities we're planning for the coming months.

July 4th Holiday Party & Fireworks: Join us for summer fun at the Fleischmann's lake house on the Geist Reservoir. The club is providing fried chicken, BBQ, and all the trimmings, plus beer, wine, and soft drinks. There's no charge, and all you need to bring is an appetizer or dessert to share. Pool and boat rides are available, and best of all, at 10pm the Geist fireworks show will blast off from the nearby Fall Creek Bridge - and we have a great view! More information and details, including travel directions, are on the CIRPCA Calendar.

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 12931 Water Ridge Dr. McCordsville (Fishers), IN.

Please, please, please register for this party on the CIRPCA website, or call/email Bruce Fleischmann at 973-903-5858 or bvflei@yahoo.com to let us know how many will be in your party.

July 5 1st Saturday Breakfast for July: After a night of partying (see above), how about a relaxing breakfast with friends? Several members have recommended the A2Z Cafe on Indy's Northside. Their menu boasts no less than 40 varieties of omelets! More details may be found on the CIRPCA calendar.

Time: 9:00am on July 5

Location: A2Z Café 4705 E. 96th St. Indianapolis, IN 317-569-9349 Website: www.a2zcafe.com

July 25 TUDOR Race and Porscheplatz at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Thrill at the speeds and sounds of prototype and GT racing machines at this world class event on the road course at IMS. We're expecting a big crowd and fellow Porsche Club members from around the country at this premier event. This is definitely an experience you won't want to miss. More details may be found on the CIRPCA calendar.

August 2 1st Saturday Breakfast for August: How about a nice drive to the northwest on a Saturday morning? Join us in Lafayette, IN at the popular Downtowner Restaurant, in the heart of the city. Urbanspoon reviewers gave a 95% approval rating for this classic American eatery.

Time: 9:00am on August 2

Location: The Downtowner 2200 Elmwood Ave., Ste D15 Lafayette, IN 765-269-7435

August 16 Symphony on the Prairie - The Music of ABBA. Want to score some points with the lady in your life? Join us at the beautiful Conner Prairie in Fishers, IN for a summer evening of music under the stars. We've got table space for 20 members, right down front, to enjoy the tunes of one of the most popular bands of the 80's. Mark your calendar now and register quickly (first-come, first-served). So bring a picnic dinner and your favor-

ite cold beverages and be ready for some fun. Please check the CIRPCA calendar - there is important information you will need for this event.

Time: Gates open at 6:00pm, Concert starts at 8:00pm

Location: Conner Prairie Fishers, IN

Cost: \$8.00 per person + you purchase concert ticket (at gate, or save by buying in advance at Marsh Supermarkets)

September 6 1st Saturday Breakfast for those not participating in the Columbus, IN weekend tour, you can still join the group for breakfast at the beautiful Hotel Indigo in downtown Columbus. The Gallery Bar & Bistro in this architectural gem, has a unique menu that you're sure to enjoy.

Time: 8:30am (so that we can join the CIRPCA tour folks)

Location: Hotel Indigo 400 Brown St. Columbus, IN 812-375-9100 website: www.HotelIndigo.com/Columbus

September 6 & 7 Columbus CIRPCA Weekend. This promises to be a terrific overnight adventure for everyone. Rebecca Pinto has worked hard to set-up a full weekend of activities including an Architectural Tour of this city's unique buildings, along with some fine dining and camaraderie. This is sure to be a hit on the CIRPCA calendar!

September 20 Lunch & Tech Session. We will visit the Fan Force United racing team shop. Fan Force United is currently running a car in the Indy Lights Series. We will get a tour of the shop, and hear a discussion on how the team sets-up the car for a race event. On hand will be one of the team drivers for a Q & A session. The club will provide a sandwich lunch at no charge.

Time: Noon

Location: Fan Force United Race Shop, Carmel, IN

For questions on any of these programs, please call/email Bruce Fleischmann at 973-903-5858 or bvflei@yahoo.com



2014 Amelia Island Concoers d'Elegance

Story and photos by Jim Hatfield

This story is a result of a happy coincidence between a two week vacation stay in early March on St. Simon's Island, Georgia and the coinciding date of the nearby Amelia Island Concoers d'Elegance.

Two weeks away from the winter weather in Indianapolis was nice, but the opportunity to shoot the Concoers event was more than icing on the cake! Further, while the week before the Concoers was disappointingly cool and rainy, on the Sunday of the Concoers it was warm and sunny, an absolutely perfect day.

The Amelia Island Concoers, held at the Golf Club of Amelia Island, is one of the top auto shows in the U.S. Every year in March, rare and valuable automobiles appear out of corporate and personal collections to be shared with fellow enthusiasts and to compete for awards based on beauty, authenticity and historical significance.

This year, Porsche was well represented with cars from both personal collections as well as the Porsche Museum. Jochen Mass, a former Porsche factory driver was the Grand Marshall of the Concoers and several of his cars, including two Porsches, were featured.

The cars that follow are just a few of the more than 20 Porsches entered in the Concoers this year.



Shown above, are of three of Jochen Mass' race cars. In the foreground, his 1985 BFG Porsche 962 which was raced in the IMSA series with owner and co-driver, Jim Busby.

In the background, is the #1 Rothman's 962C which he co-drove with Jackie Ickx in 1985. This was the second 962 built by the factory and achieved three wins in the 1985 World Endurance Championship.

The silver Sauber-Mercedes, also in the background, won the 1989 Le Mans 24 Hour Race with Jochen Mass, Manuel Reuter and Stanley Dickens at the wheel.

Type 910



The Porsche 910, aka Carrera 10, was a development of the 906 model and was raced by the factory only in 1967. It was both lighter and shorter than the 906 and was able to contest for overall wins on shorter circuits. The 8 cylinder version scored 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall in the 1967 Targa Florio while the 6 cylinder model also scored the top three positions at the Nurburgring 1000Km.

American Joe Buzetta, along with Udo Schutz piloted the winning 910 at this event. This particular car won the 2 liter prototype class at Le Mans in 1969.

Type 909 "Berg Spider"



Minimalist 909 interior!



This Porsche 909 Berg Spider from the Porsche Museum appears as almost a miniature. It competed in the 1968 European Hill Climb season with Rolf Stommelen as one of the factory drivers.

The car was a result of an aggressive weight reduction program which included very thin fiberglass body panels and lightweight chassis. Its 2.0 liter flat 8 engine produced 275 hp and the entire car weighed just 849 pounds!

Together with the 910 model, Porsche dominated the hill climb season in Europe that year. While it only raced one year, it was the inspiration for the very successful 908/3 model of 1970 -71.

Type 907K

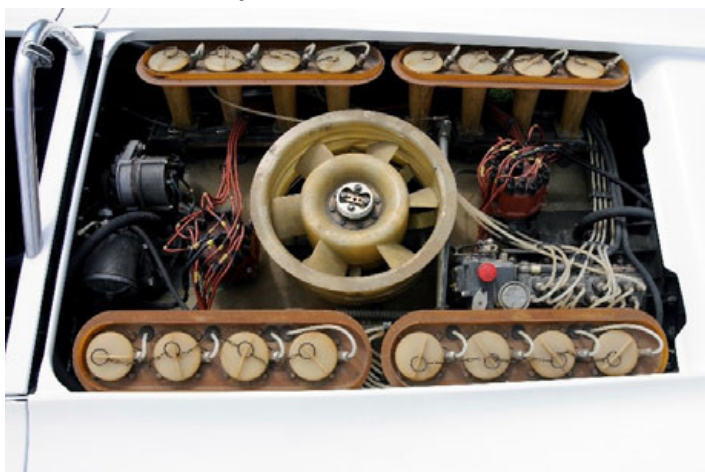


This Joe Buzetta owned Porsche 907K was the 1968 Sebring 12 Hour winner with Hans Herman and Jo Siffert driving. With a flat 8 cylinder engine it represented one of the first Porsches able to contend for overall victory in all of the World Sports Car Championship events.

Type 917 16 cylinder



Count 'em, 16 velocity stacks...



Yikes! That's a 16 cylinder Porsche 917 from the Porsche Museum. By 1970, the factory realized that they needed a car much more powerful than the 12 cylinder 917 spider which had been contesting the Can Am series in North America.

One proposed solution was to add two cylinders to each bank of the 917 engine. However, testing revealed the extended wheel-base required by the longer engine severely compromised the handling of the car. Further, the engine, at 750 hp, was less powerful than was hoped. So this experiment was shelved and their other bright idea was pursued, turbocharging the 12 cylinder engine. The result? Utter domination of the Can Am series in 1972 and 1973 by the Penske entered turbo charged Porsche 917/10 and 917/30.

In all, the day was an amazing overload of hundreds of rare automobiles that you likely won't see in one place again. Suffice it to say, this is a bucket list event! For more information on the Concours, see:

<https://www.ameliaconcours.org/>

CIRPCA Columbus, Indiana Weekend **September 6-7, 2014**

("It's Not Your Grandmother's Columbus!")

You've heard the rumors about an exciting, two-day event in Columbus come Fall. **It's all true, 'bro!** September's the month and the 5th & 6th are the **two** days reserved for your partying and Southern Indiana touring pleasure.

Rebecca Pinto, event coordinator, chose the theme because Columbus has grown up since our grandmothers' day with so much more to offer.

Downtown, you will notice her new look with more concrete 'n glass in the new downtown Cummins office building, the Coles apartment complex downtown, the new Commons, and two new parking garages.

4th Street is now a party destination lined on both sides with restaurants and bars, with permanent blockades to block traffic for downtown events.

June 25th's "Blues and Brews" event brought nearly 6,000 attendees downtown to 4th and Washington Streets to enjoy blues music and pork BBQ.

Whether the draw is the architecture, the on-going party atmosphere, or the comradery of your fellow CIR-PCA members, please come!

Relax, stay over at The Indigo with secured parking, drive your P-car to Story with us...this is definitely a calendar event you do not want to miss.

Here are **three easy ways to register** for your overnight stay (the \$129.00 rate will apply both Friday and Saturday nights):

1. Call Hotel Indigo at (812) 375-9100
1. Call the toll-free number at 1-877-834-3613
3. Visit the website at www.hotelindigo.com/columbus and insert the three-letter booking code PCA.

This information will appear on the CIR-PCA website on the September calendar.

Why not register right now at cirpca.org ? The more advance notice the planning folks can get, the better. In fact, we're setting a deadline for registration a month in advance (**August 6**).

Here's what's planned for "It's Not Your Grandmother's Columbus":

Saturday

8:30 AM Breakfast, Hotel Indigo

9:40-12 PM Architectural Tour leaving from Visitor's Center

12:00-1:30 PM Lunch, Zaharko's Ice Cream Parlor

1:45-2:45 PM Cummins Office Building Tour

3:00-3:30 PM Miller House Tour leaving from VC

3:30-4:00 PM Miller House Tour, Bus 2

4:00-6:00 PM *Free Time

7:00 PM Dinner, Smith's Row

8:30 PM Twilight Tour of Columbus

Sunday

9:30 AM Breakfast, Lincoln Square Restaurant

11:00-1:00 34-mile driving tour to Story, IN

The architectural and Miller House tours will be reserved on a first come/first serve with 25 seats available on the Architectural Tour bus and a total of 26 on the two (2) IMA/Miller House buses.

The Twilight Tour, to be led by long-time CIR-PCA member and Cummins employee **James Scarbrough**, was added so that no one need miss the unique charm of Columbus' downtown, especially at night (so you're not even if the day tours are packed to capacity)!

So please come, do the tour(s), stay over, shop the Washington Street shops, hang with your PCA peeps. Contact me with questions or to volunteer at bandbpinto@sbcglobal.net

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- ♦ July 4 (Friday): July 4 Party & Fireworks, Bruce & Valerie Fleischmann 12931 Water Ridge Dr. McCordsville (Fishers) IN, (973) 903-5858
- ♦ July 5 (Sat.): 1st Saturday Breakfast, a2z Café 4705 E. 96th St. Indianapolis. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- ♦ July 12 (Sat.): 2nd Saturday Breakfast & Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI.
- ♦ July 25 (Friday): Inaugural United States SportsCar Championship TUDOR Brickyard Grand Prix on IMS Road Course w/ Porsche Car Corral and \$35/person PCA Hospitality Suite & Lunch available soon at: www.clubregistration.net. Race Ticket Packages with Porsche Car Corral Pass: www.imstix.com. (Rob Fike & Bob Snider).
- ♦ August 2 (Sat.): 1st Saturday Breakfast, The Downtowner Restaurant, Lafayette, IN. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- ♦ August 6 (Wed.): CIR Monthly Board Meeting
- ♦ August 9 (Sat.): 2nd Saturday Breakfast, SweetCars, Fort Wayne, IN. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- ♦ August 16 (Sat.): Symphony of the Prairie, Music of ABBA & "Mama Mia", 13400 N. Allisonville Rd., Fishers evening. (Bruce Fleischmann).
- ♦ August 23 (Sat.): Carmel Artomobilia Car Show w/ Porsche Car Corral. Carmel Arts & Design District. All day event: www.carmelartomobilia.com. (Larry Haskett).
- ♦ September 3 (Wed.): CIR Monthly Board Meeting
- ♦ September 6 (Sat.): First Saturday Breakfast Gallery Bar & Bistro, Hotel Indigo, Columbus, IN. 8:30 AM
- ♦ September 6 & 7: Columbus, IN PCA Weekend. Sat. Breakfast, Architectural Tour, Zaharakos Soda Fountain Lunch, Cummins Tech Center Tour, Miller House Tour, Dinner at Smith's Row, Hotel Indigo rooms & Sun. Breakfast. (Rebecca Pinto).
- ♦ September 13 (Sat.): Second Saturday Breakfast, Cosmos Restaurant, Fort Wayne, IN. 9:00 AM
- ♦ September 20 (Sat.): Lunch & Tech Session, Fan Force United Racing Team Shop, Carmel, IN.
- ♦ September 25: October quarterly *CIRcular* newsletter deadline. jamesleg@comcast.net.
- ♦ October 1 (Wed.): CIR Monthly Board Meeting
- ♦ October 4 (Sat.): First Saturday Breakfast, Indianapolis Area Location TBD
- ♦ October 11 (Sat.): Second Saturday Breakfast, Fort Wayne Area Location TBD
- ♦ October 18 & 19 (Sat. & Sun.): Combined Putnam Park Driver Education event with Mid-Ohio Region: www.clubregistration.net. Search: "Mid-Ohio... Putnam Park".
- ♦ October 18 (Sat.): Annual Huber Winery Tour. (Larry Haskett).
- ♦ November 1 (Sat.): First Saturday Breakfast, Indianapolis Area Location TBD
- ♦ November 5 (Wed.): CIR Monthly Board Meeting
- ♦ November 8 (Sat.): Second Saturday Breakfast, Fort Wayne Area Location TBD
- ♦ November 15: Annual Dinner Gala & Election at the Skyline Club on the 36th floor of the OneAmerica Building downtown Indy 5 PM. **Special Guest Speaker: Graham Rahal** (Don Shuck & Bob Snider).
- ♦ December 3 (Wed.): CIR Monthly Board Meeting
- ♦ December 6 (Sat.): First Saturday Breakfast, Indianapolis Area Location TBD
- ♦ December 13 (Sat.): Second Saturday Breakfast, Fort Wayne Area Location TBD
- ♦ December 14: Annual Holiday Brunch at the Garrison Restaurant at Fort Harrison State Park, Indy east side 11 AM. (Don Shuck).

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Pete's Service Center: A Neighborhood Garage by Rebecca Pinto

"Shop for the price, but demand the best." Sounds almost impossibly quaint by today's standards, but at Pete's Service Center at Meridian-Kessler in Indianapolis, clients can expect the impossible.



This is due, in large part, to the management and the tradition behind it. Ilya and Angela Grabovsky immigrated from Odessa, Ukraine and, three years later, in 1989, bought Pete

Kylo's northside service center, keeping the name. Eric Grabovsky has now, assumed the manager's role after years of tutelage under his dad, Ilya..

Currently, there's one more Pete's Service Center in Carmel, IN. Pete's is one of the oldest European car service centers in the area, considering that the Grabovsky's continued the Kylo tradition begun in 1955.

I asked Eric what distinguished Pete's from other service providers, besides the long history. "For one thing, European cars are domestic to us!" he quipped. Good point. That, and Pete's is not limited to OEM parts, having relationships with European parts suppliers, too. This applies especially to customers needing the specialized race car service which Pete's provides. The three mechanics at Pete's have over 100 years of combined experience .

Case in point is Craig, one of Pete's IRL certified mechanics. Craig has worked for Indy 500, Indy Car, Indy Lights and F-2000 in his forty-one years of experience, fourteen of those years with Pete's.

"I like to sit down with a customer to determine his needs, and this takes time," he reflects. "This is a neighborhood garage. I keep customers informed through a two-way dialogue, taking pictures to document the work that is being performed, as needed. We pride ourselves in the professional touch, because our clients are not just clients – we take an interest in their projects, they become our friends."

Eric agrees. "There's a lot that goes into determining what service a client needs whether it be race, sport, or comfort." As he talks, I think of the suspension systems in three of the vehicles in our personal car collection: a 1983 Porsche 911 SC (race), a 1999 Porsche 911 Carrera (sport), and our daily driver, a 2013 diesel Jetta (comfort). "Not just suspension determines driveability for the racer and comfort for the luxury

car, but tires, too. Our mechanics monitor the temperature of tires, because it makes a difference. Who knew that measuring the temperature of air *inside* the tires was an important data point? Oh, you did? OK, but it was news to me! Eric offers an adjustable suspension system that uses adjustable springs. "This suspension costs more, but it is worth it for the individual who takes a car from the track to the street."

Not everyone is so well-informed, keeping track of performance indices at every turn. Take the case of a customer who

"A Neighborhood Garage"

Eric. A Mercedes owner, he had come dangerously close to sacrificing an engine – with only 60 thousand miles on the odometer! "If in doubt, treat your car like a boat," Eric advises. "Change the oil once a year, or every 5,000 miles.". He adds that a new car's oil must, as dealers suggest, be changed every 1,000 miles and every 3,000-5,000 miles thereafter.

Eric has come a long way since his aunt and uncle emigrated from Gorbachev's Ukraine. In a 1985 article in the Indiana Business Journal, Ilya Grabovsky says that Jews in the Soviet Union were treated as 'second class citizens.' That's why, in the 50's, when Gorbachev's emigration policy changed, the Grabovsky's emigrated to the U.S.

The U.S. offered new business opportunities to the Grabovsky family. But the legacy of customer service and mutual trust that Ilya brought here? That was a gift to us:

"There," Ilya said, "everything was done on a handshake."



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