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**President's Message****Intermediate Shaft Bearing (IMS) Replacement**

Last month Brigitta and I had the Intermediate Shaft Bearing (IMS) replaced proactively in our 2000 Boxster S. Even though our car is not in the critical 2001 - 2005 group with a 10% failure rate of this bearing (all other years have less than a 1% failure rate — according to the Porsche factory), we went ahead and did it for our own peace of mind (and investment!), especially after hearing about CIR members Jimmy and Maureen Arata's disheartening IMS failure. Later in this issue, Jimmy has written a very good article on his experience and recommendations to all PCA members who have these M96 engines, which is used in all Boxsters, Caymans and 911's (except Turbos) from 1998 until 2008, when Porsche finally decided to eliminate this faulty sealed bearing with the 2009 model year.

Quality replacement Porsche engines are getting very hard to find for these years (Porsche no longer makes replacement engines for these cars). Jeremy Rodecap, Porsche Service Manager at Tom Wood Porsche, has a guy in Chicago that can replace or rebuild an IMS failed Porsche engine for around \$15,000. Our IMS bearing replacement cost around \$3,000 to replace on our Tiptronic transmission — engine car. Manual transmissions are around \$500 less, but you should also replace your clutch at the same time, which brings the cost back up to about \$3,000. Main seal with updated housing should also be replaced.

Do the math - \$3,000 or \$15,000 or more — which would you rather pay? Or try selling your beautiful car without an engine and see how much you get for it. Even if you don't have a 2001 - 2005, seriously consider getting this done as we have had several other members lose their engines due to this bearing failing.

Basically what happens is the bearing is a sealed lifetime bearing, packed with grease, inside the engine that holds one end of the critical Intermediate Shaft. Eventually the bearing seal fails and motor oil inside the engine washes out the grease in the bearing and the engine disintegrates in seconds. The bearing is not designed to run in oil. Most knowledgeable people I talk to (including both of our Porsche dealers) recommend the L & N Engineering Ceramic Bearing for replacement and that is what we had installed. They have heard of no problems or failures with this type bearing, which runs about \$900 just for the bearing.

**October events**

On a more positive note, we have several events coming up in October, starting with a First Saturday Breakfast at Flap Jacks in Bargersville on October 3. Our Second Saturday Breakfast will be at Friends Too in Fort Wayne on October 10. Both start at 9 AM.

This year's annual Germanfest at the Historic German Athenaeum in downtown Indy has invited the Porsche Club to show their car(s) (including Cayenne's and Macan's) on the blocked off and secured E. Michigan St. from 2 - 6 PM and the occupants of each Porsche shown will receive free \$10 admission tickets to Germanfest! The event actually runs from noon to 8 PM and you have to move your car by 6 PM when they open the street to traffic. German beer, food, wine, music, dancing and games make this an event not to miss!

Our annual Huber Winery Fall Color Auto Tour this year is on October 17 and starts at 8:30 AM with a Driver's Meeting and Brunch at Nashville's Brown County Inn and tours scenic Ind. 135 South to the amazing Huber Farm, Winery, Produce Market, Ice Cream and Cheese Factory, U-Pick Farm, Petting Zoo, etc., near New Albany. Great roads, scenic views, fall colors, delicious food and wine make this a very popular event, which is our last moving car event of the year. We also invite members of Kentucky Region (Louisville) and Southern Indiana Region (Evansville) to join us on the reserved lawn in front of the pond at Huber.

### Looking ahead to November & December

The Annual Dinner Gala will be held at the beautiful Oceanaire Tea Room (the famous old L. S. Ayres Tea Room) on the eighth floor of the old L. S. Ayres Building at 30 S. Meridian St., downtown Indianapolis. Dinner will be catered by the very famous Oceanaire Seafood Room downstairs (the only Oceanaire Seafood Room in all of Indiana!) with other non-seafood items available on the menu. Entertainment by Angela Kay Music live band and dancing, Silent Auction and Awards will conclude this elegant evening. wSave the date now on your personal calendars. Registration should now be open at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net).

Our very festive and fun Annual Holiday Luncheon & Gift Exchange will take place this year at the Harrison Room of the historic Columbia Club on Monument Circle downtown Indy on Sunday, December 13 from 11 AM till 2 PM. Excellent buffet dining, the best Christmas decorations in Indianapolis, kid's Santa on the 10th floor and the world's largest Christmas tree just outside the door on Monument Circle, so save the date now! Enrollment is now open on the CIR website Calendar!

Details, enrollment and registration for all of these events are available on our CIR website Calendar at [www.cirpca.org](http://www.cirpca.org).

I think Brigitta and I will definitely see you at several of these exciting events!

Bob Snider, President

Central Indiana Region / Porsche Club of America



## Deadline for the December CIRcular November 20

### Do you have an article or photos that might be of interest to our other members?

Please send any articles and photos of past or upcoming events into December to CIRcular Editor, Susan Thomas at [SusanCIRPCA@gmail.com](mailto:SusanCIRPCA@gmail.com). The next full issue will not be until January 2016.

Send photos as separate email attachments (highest resolution possible) and do not imbed them in your articles. We're always looking for good content. You too can be in CIRcular!

Thank you to the cast of contributors to produce CIRcular. A publication of this quality would not be possible without its members and contributors.

### Attention New CIR/PCA Members!

Register on our website [www.cirpca.org](http://www.cirpca.org) to ENROLL FOR EVENTS. Contact Webmaster, David Weaver, at: [cirpca.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:cirpca.webmaster@gmail.com) for your Login and Password.



## Welcome New Members

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The latest news on upcoming local, regional, and national events, Porsche related wire news, member photos, event photos, forum postings, site information and more is just a mouse click away!

Join other members and Like Us on Facebook!



Check out the Club Calendar for detailed information about upcoming events and links to register for events.

Visit the Gallery for all the latest event photos!



View the CIR Member's Car Photos for great Porsche car photos. If your car isn't there yet, contact the CIR Webmaster.

Peruse current and back issues of the CIRcular newsletters!

The CIR FORUMS are one of the most visited pages on the Website...

There are 19 individual forum topics, including General Information, Events, Driver Ed, Items for Sale, Items Wanted, Technical Forums for every Porsche model, Car Care, and more.

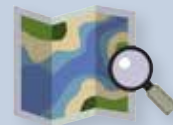
It's easy to contact any CIRPCA Board member. Simply go to the Contact Us page and click on the links to contact any board member!

Interested in learning more about what your Porsche car is capable of?

The CIR Driver Ed Links menu provides links to information about the next DE event, DE FAQs, Putnam Park Info, and DE videos.

Would you like to learn more about the Club itself?

The About CIR menu has links to the our Sponsors, the Club's History, a CIR FAQ, CIR Philanthropies, CIR By-laws, and more!



The PCA/Zone4 menu contains links to all Zone 4 events and all Zone 4 region websites.

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016

As the end of 2015 approaches, the terms of two of our elected officers will expire. We all owe a debt of gratitude to our outgoing President, Bob Snider, who has worked tirelessly to ensure that CIR has continued to be a vibrant, engaging, and FUN organization. Under his leadership, CIR is financially healthy and has frequently been recognized by Zone 4 and PCA National as one of the clubs with the widest variety of activities, appealing to members of many interests. Rick Campodonico's term as Membership Chair is also expiring. His efforts have played a role in seeing CIR's membership swell to an all-time high.

It is now up to the Membership at Large to fill these two key positions. The CIR Board has created a Nominating Committee to oversee this important process. Please carefully consider whether YOU or someone you know, would make a qualified and committed officer for CIR, either in the role of President or Membership Chairperson.

The role of President is critical to our Club's success, as this officer oversees all of CIR's operations. He/she serves as the liaison between Zone 4 and PCA National, attends Zone 4 meetings, leads the CIR Board, and sets the direction for everything the Club does. It requires a significant time commitment and willingness to engage with members on a host of issues. The President is also responsible for financial oversight of our operations.

The Membership Chair role involves communication with members; ranging from welcome letters to new members, updating current members on their renewal status, and interacting with PCA National. Rick Campodonico also managed our outreach communication to the public via our Facebook page.

If you are interested in either of these positions, or if you know someone whom you would recommend for one of these roles, please communicate with one of the members of the Nominating Committee. The three members are Manny Lozano, Rob Fike and Bruce Fleischmann. Their contact information is listed below:

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**Bruce Fleischmann:** 973-903-5858 or bvfleil@yahoo.com

The Nominating Committee will assemble a list of qualified candidates, announce the candidates in October, and present them to the Membership for voting at our Annual Banquet in November.

### In Memory of Pete Simpson

8.27.1971 – 8.27.2015



Former CIR President, Pete Simpson passed away on August 27, 2015 on his birthday in Fishers. Pete was also a former Treasurer and Membership Chairman for our club for a combined total of six years of service to our club.

Pete recently married Stephanie Hastings, who brought three of her children into their marriage. Pete leaves behind a brand new baby daughter named Mia Simpson.

The Central Indiana Region of the Porsche Club of America family sends heartfelt sorrow out to Stephanie and her children and Pete's mother, father and brother over their loss. Pete had many friends in our club and will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial fund has been set up for little Mia Simpson and your club plans to make a donation in care of the following fund.

#### The Mia Simpson Fund

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## FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 3, 9:00 AM



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**The 7th Annual Original & Fabulous GermanFest  
at the Athenaeum – 401 East Michigan Street downtown Indy**

**Saturday, October 10th Noon – 8:00 pm**

2 Free Tickets for registering a P-car (or SUV), 4 free tickets for 2 cars!

for the Porsche Autobahn Corral by September 30 at [cirpca.org](http://cirpca.org)



Cars will be displayed on closed off and secured Michigan Street, right in front of the Athenaeum.

### **Party at the Athenaeum, for the Athenaeum.**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## October

- 3 1st Saturday Breakfast – Flap-Jack’s Pancake House** 2991 Fulmer Drive, Bargersville 9:00 AM
- 10 Second Saturday Breakfast – Friends Too** Fort Wayne 9:00 AM Jimmy Arata
- 10 Athenaeum Germanfest** downtown Indy 2:00 – 8:00 PM Rebecca Pinto  
Free \$10 admission for displaying Porsche 2:00 – 6:00 PM
- 17 Huber Winery Auto Tour – Southern Indiana** Tour starts at Brown County Inn w/ buffet breakfast – Nashville 8:30 AM  
Tour \$10/person Larry Haskett

## November

- 7 1st Saturday Breakfast Ann’s Restaurant** 77 West Monroe, Franklin 9:00 AM
- 14 Second Saturday Breakfast – Cosmos** 9807 Lima Road, Fort Wayne 9:00 AM Jimmy Arata
- 14 Annual Banquet Gala – Oceanaire Tea Room** (old L.S. Ayres Tea Room) Rebecca Pinto & Manny Lozano
- 20 Deadline for December CIRcular newsletter** Noon Susan Thomas

## December

- 5 1st Saturday Breakfast – Patrick’s Kitchen** Zionsville 9:00 AM Rebecca Pinto
- 14 Second Saturday Breakfast – Cosmos** 9807 Lima Road, Fort Wayne 9:00 AM Jimmy Arata
- 13 Holiday Luncheon & Gift Exchange** Columbia Club’s Harrison Room on Monument Circle, Downtown Indy  
Rebecca Pinto & Manny Lozano (see page 14)

**Note:** Details, registration and enrollment available at: [www.cirpca.org](http://www.cirpca.org)

CIR/PCA Board of Director’s Meetings: First Wednesday of every month at the Skyline Club downtown Indianapolis.  
6:00 PM optional dinner, 7:00 PM meeting. Members are welcome, but please enroll online on the CIR website.



## Annual Dinner Gala

Saturday, November 14 🌀 6:00 to 11:00 PM

Oceanaire Tea Room

Plan on attending!

Dinner by famous Oceanaire Seafood Room

Open bar, 3 piece band, dancing,  
silent auction, election & awards!



Please register by logging in to the CIR PCA website.

Registration is now open at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net)

***Press on Regardless***

## Memorial Run to Huber Winery Saturday, October 17

Traditionally, Central Indiana Region's last auto tour of the year and one of our largest attended events. The weather is usually perfect, the scenery of the fall leaves is breathtaking and the roads are some of the best in southern Indiana.

The day begins with an 8:30 AM Driver's Meeting and then a wonderful buffet brunch at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, Indiana. Our tour commences with a leisurely drive down winding and scenic Ind. 135 South to Salem. From there we head on Ind. 60 East to Borden and finish with a hilly climb to the Huber Farm and Winery.

Park in a large, grassy, sloped parking area near Huber Winery's pond. Members of the Kentucky and Southern Indiana Regions are always invited and join us for the day at Huber's.







Let Terry, Tim and Brent put their 62 years of combined Porsche experience to work for you. This month, we would like to introduce Terry Day. Terry has serviced Porsches throughout his 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 Brabham, Penske, Patrick and Menard Teams

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Terry Day

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## Shuck's Tour of the Senses & Hoedown

September, 2015



Shuck's House & Food Tent



Country & Western Dancing



Horse Rides



# Around The Zone

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

As a new season is upon us and the leaves begin to change, a number of regions have planned color tours to take advantage of this beautiful time of year. There are also a few more DEs available for those who want another opportunity to spend some time on the track, and there are always terrific social events to attend.

Hopefully you have been able to participate in a variety of events offered throughout Zone 4 during this year's driving season. In late August I attended a truly notable event. MORPCA hosted an advanced HPDE on the road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This marked the first time a car club was permitted to run an event of this type at IMS. Over 200 PCA members participated in the 3 day event that included a reception in the Hall of Fame Museum and another reception in a pavilion located near the iconic Pagoda. The following week I joined members from the Central Indiana Region who took a scenic drive to dine at Father John's Brewery located in a unique setting offering a very distinctive dining experience. It is a microbrewery and restaurant with a menu that specializes in bison raised at the owner's buffalo preserve. I also travelled to the Michiana Region to attend their annual car show. This year the event was held in beautiful Warsaw, IN, where a nice selection of Porsches showed up. During the evening, several region members and I enjoyed dinner at one of the city's local restaurants.

It is also the time of year when regions are sending out a call for candidates for their upcoming elections of officers and board members. This is a great way to get more involved and help make your region as well as our zone even stronger. There are other ways to become more involved such as chairing a committee, hosting an event, writing an article for the region newsletter, or taking pictures at events for the region's website or Facebook page. At Parade, National introduced a new motto: "Fueled by Volunteers," a statement that can clearly be seen at any number of events. Consider sharing your talents, and know that your assistance is not only needed, but is greatly appreciated as well.

I have met so many wonderful PCA members during my visits to the regions since becoming Zone 4 Representative, and I look forward to meeting many more as I continue to travel throughout the zone.

Please remember to check your in boxes, region's newsletter and website, as well as the Zone 4 website <http://zone4.pca.org> for the most up to date information about events available to you. Also, consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- **Ohio Valley Region's** Rallye Porsche Mariemont is October 3
- October 3 is **Allegheny Region's** Grand Concours at Station Square
- **Mid-Ohio Region's** Ocktoberfest and Member Car Show is October 3
- On October 4 **Western Michigan Region** is hosting a Teen Street Survival School at 5/3 Ballpark
- **Rally Sport Region's** Annual Fall Color Tour is October 12
- October 13 is **Motor-Stadt Region's** People, Porsches, and Pizza at Spagnuolo's in Okemos
- **Michiana Region's** Business Meeting at Colombo's Restaurant is October 14
- Plan to attend **Central Indiana Region's** Annual Huber Winery Tour on October 17
- October 17 is **Northern Ohio Region's** Grape Escape Wine-Tasting Excursion
- **Maumee Valley Region's** Corn Maze and Fall Color Tour are October 17-18
- On October 18, join **Southeast Michigan Region's** Fall Color Tour

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at [MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com](mailto:MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
Michael



July 2015

## Road America's "The Hawk, with Brian Redman"

Story and photos by Jim Hatfield

**Road America has long been seen as one of America's premier road racing circuits.**

Its 4 mile length in the scenic rolling hills of Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine certainly makes it "America's Park of Speed" as the [Autoextremist.com](http://Autoextremist.com) billboard announces at turn 5. In addition to the big professional events (including Indy Car in 2016!), the track also has its share of vintage sports car races. Events are held in May and September, as well as July's big one, "The Hawk with Brian Redman." Here, some truly rare and significant cars appear each year, both Porsche and otherwise. This past July, several significant Porsches raced in their class events. Four are highlighted here.

The #12 ISEKI Porsche 956B of the Trust Racing Team was customer car built by Porsche and raced in the "All Japan Sports Prototype Championship" with Le Mans winner Vern Schuppan. A really impressive car at speed, it was raced at "The Hawk" by Russell Kempnich. Iseki is a Japanese heavy equipment manufacturer, so the car speeding by that Gehl billboard is just a little ironic.

David MacNeil brought the 1981 Interscope Racing Porsche 935K3. Built by Kremer Racing in Germany, some may remember that the "0" and the "00" car driven by Danny Ongias and team patron Ted Field, was highly competitive in the silhouette era of IMSA sports car racing. MacNeil also brought the #31 Essex Porsche RS Spyder. U.S. fans remember the Penske entered team of yellow DHL sponsored Spyders that raced successfully in the American Le Mans Series. However, this Essex sponsored car raced in the European Le Mans Series, winning the LMP2 class in 2009 at the Spa 1000 km as well as the Le Mans 24 hours at the hands of Emmanuel Collard, Caspar Elgaard and Kristian Poulsen.

Finally George Calfo brought his #63 1965 Porsche 911 out for exercise. This car, initially a street car was extensively raced by Wilbur Pickett from 1967 to 1969 and, with Peter Gregg co-driving, won the under 2.0 liter and Trans Am class at the 1969 Sebring 12 Hours.

For more information on "The Hawk with Brian Redman," visit the Road America website: <http://www.roadamerica.com/>



David MacNeil 1981 Porsche 935K3



David MacNeil #31 Essex Porsche RS Spyder



George Calfo #63 1965 Porsche 911



"The Hawk" by Russell Kempnich



Bruce & Valerie Fleischmann's  
4th of July Party at Geist Reservoir  
July, 2015



Oakwood Resort & Porsches to Winona Lake  
July, 2015



Rob & Judy Fike's  
Mystery Drive to  
Delphi Erie Canal Museum  
August, 2015







Shelbyville 18 on the Square  
September, 2015

Tom Wood Porsche Grand Opening  
September, 2015



Sunday, December 13  
11:00 AM  
Columbia Club



### Annual Holiday Gathering & Gift Exchange

Plan on attending the last event of the year for the Central Indiana Region Porsche Club's annual holiday gathering and gift exchange. This year enjoy a luncheon at Indianapolis' exclusive private social club, The Columbia Club. Founded in 1889 by the Harrison Marching Society, the Columbia Club's Grand Foyer and Harrison Room dining area is a beautiful venue for a delicious holiday fare, and exchange fun gifts. After our event, feel free to tour the Club, or venture out for a little holiday shopping on Monument Circle. Register by logging in to the CIR PCA website.





## Join SweetCars for Breakfast – Starts 9AM

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» June 20

» Sept. 12

» Dec. 12

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## TECH TIP OF THE MONTH

### IMS Bearing Failure

by Jimmy Arat

The pictures you see are my (former) beloved 2004 Boxster. My car suffered a failed IMS bearing last Thursday August 20th, while driving through downtown Fort Wayne. This is the very first Porsche car I bought, as a 13,001 mile used car in 2007. Since this purchase, we have acquired another three vehicles, but the Boxster was always my favorite. I knew nothing about IMS failures when I purchased it, but became aware of the potential problem soon afterwards. I would like to share a few thoughts.

Most of us owners of Boxsters, Caymans and 911's, with the M96 engine have conversed with others, read articles, and formed opinions on how their vehicle fits in this "equation." Several of my friends have opted to replace their bearing when it came time for clutch work. Others, like me, have delayed taking action for other reasons, possibly economic or because of reasons formed while sifting through the mountains of data on the subject.

I offer no excuses or look for your sympathy, but want those of us driving these cars to learn from my situation. Our cars are flawed, and will fail quickly with little to no warning. My car was perfectly maintained, with an average of 4,000 miles between oil changes. The body and interior are in perfect shape, the vehicle a great example of the model year. I formed the opinion that my car had passed the danger zone of IMS failure (10 years and 40,000 miles), and was not likely to experience sudden failure. Ironical then, that I arranged an IMS tech session this spring at a local car shop for our PCA members. Even worse, at Parade this year, I spent a long time talking with the representative from L&N Engineering, explaining my confusion over the various products offered, and came to the understanding that their "IMS Solution" was my best way forward, planning to go this route when winter arrived.

Fast forward to August 20th. As I was traveling home from my father's house, I thought I heard lifter noise, but it did not alarm me, merely catching my attention as I drove. Within a few miles, the car absolutely



detonated, possible with the loudest sound I have ever heard. All dash lights came on, then off and then the smoke began. I honestly thought the car was on fire, and turned down a side street. I got out of the car shaking, and expecting a fire, but none came. The past ten days have been most agonizing, with loss of sleep, thoughts on what could have been, what should have been and a feeling of humiliation that this happened to me.

What I hope to share from this experience is this: If you have a 1998 through 2008 Boxster, Cayman or 911 with the M96, your engine is a time bomb. Porsche will not take any responsibility if the car is ten years past the production date. Single row bearings, on some 2000 model year cars, and all 2001 through 2005 cars are most susceptible. Replacing the original bearing with a similar bearing will not solve the problem; it just buys time, but how much? Waiting for a later clutch and IMS change as I did was obviously not the way forward. I think it only fair to steer potential buyers of these cars to another model, or manufacturer lest they risk mechanical/ financial ruin when they least expect it.

I find it to be incredible, in this day of automotive and engineering excellence that I have a car that blows the engine at 43,000 miles, and the maker has no remorse. So forget about how well you have maintained your car, the frequency of oil changes or what the cost will be, and research the "IMS Solution" or a similar product, as you do not want to be going through what I am.

One last irony: in seven days we will be in Stuttgart, at the Porsche factory, and embark on a Treffen, to celebrate my recent retirement,

60th birthday, and our 30th wedding anniversary. This has really dampened my enthusiasm, for the trip and the Porsche product. The early Boxsters are great driving machines; I just wish we had never met.



## TECH TIP OF THE MONTH in case you missed it last month...

### Wheel changing tips by Bob Snider

First find a safe, level and firm area to jack up the car and turn your emergency flashers on. Pull the parking brake on hard and put the transmission in gear or park. Remove the spare, jack and tool kit from the trunk. The jack and toolkit are located behind the spare to save space on earlier Boxsters and Caymans. Porsche, very thoughtfully, provides a large clear plastic bag to put the damaged tire in and a pair of clear plastic gloves in the toolkit to keep you and your trunk clean. You won't believe how black the inside of your wheels are from brake dust! I always keep a pair of brown jersey gloves in the trunk for this purpose. A kneeling pad is a good idea in front of the wheel to be changed. There is also a very handy tool in the toolkit to use during wheel changes – a solid aluminum rod with threads on one end and a hole on the other.

Slightly loosen all wheel bolts while the car is still on the ground. Jack the car up using only one of the four jacking points, two on each side of the car behind the front wheels or ahead of the rear wheels. Remove the top wheel bolt first and screw in the aluminum rod in its place. It helps with removing the wheel, hanging the spare wheel and aligning the wheel bolt holes. Remove the other four wheel bolts and place them in a clean area to prevent grit from getting in the threads. Remove the damaged wheel and place it in the bag, if you want. Hang the spare wheel on the aluminum rod and align the other holes and

install a wheel bolt opposite the aluminum rod to center the wheel. Hand tighten and install the other four wheel bolts diagonally. Then remove the aluminum rod and install the last wheel bolt and hand tighten. Using the lug bolt socket and long level bar in the toolkit, tighten all wheel bolts as tight as you can get them diagonally. Lower the car with the jack and when on the ground, re-tighten all five wheel bolts diagonally.

Our Boxster came with a very compact and light aluminum scissors jack and aluminum cranking bar. Porsche never ceases to amaze me in their constant pursuit of saving weight anywhere they can. The old jacks used to be steel. If you don't have a jack, you can order one along with the cranking bar.

Purchasing an aftermarket Soft Socket will help prevent damaging your painted lug bolts and especially aluminum lug nuts found on 911's.

It's not a bad idea to practice this procedure at home in your driveway before heading out on a trip. It could be pouring down rain when it happens and you don't want to waste any time guessing what to do next. While you're at it, read your Owners Manual cover to cover some evening or weekend. You'll learn things about your car you never knew! This is the first thing I do with every new car and I refresh myself every once in awhile. **Happy motoring!**

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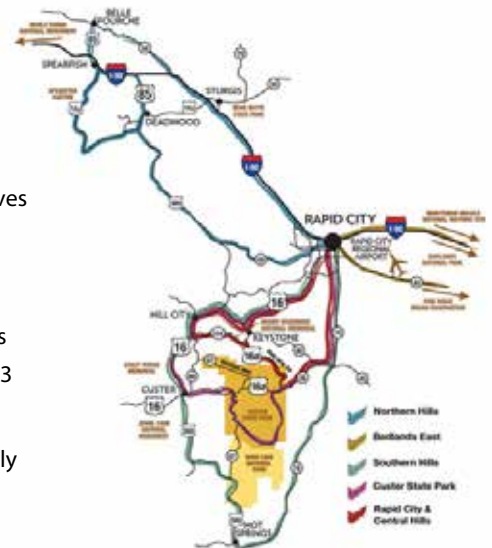
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