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2018 CruZionsville A Big Success!

Raised Over $15,000 for Alzheimer's

By Jim Legault

Nearly 100 Porsches lined Main Street in downtown Zionsville on June 2, drawing a huge crowd who enjoyed food, fun, and gorgeous weather!

This year's event raised over $15,000 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Over $100,000 has been donated to the Alzheimer's Association in the eight year history of the event, CIRPCA's biggest charity.

Congratulations and well done to Event Chair Steve Tarr, all the car owners who brought their Porsches, and especially to all the event volunteers who make this wonderful event happen!

Here are some photos from this year's CruZionsville. Many more photos are at https://www.cruzionsville.com/

ON THE COVER

Photograph by Fred Lawrence
PCA and Region car badges (including CIRPCA) part of "The Porsche Effect" exhibit at the Petersen Museum
Los Angeles, CA

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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!

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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 Us menu has links to the Club's history, CIR By-laws, CIR Philanthropies, and more!

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

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Deadline for the October CIRcular is September 24!

Do you have an article or photographs that might be of interest to CIRPA members?

Please send all articles and photos of past or upcoming events to CIRcular Editor, Jim Legault. The next issue is scheduled for July 1.

Send photos as separate email attachments (highest resolution possible) and please do not embed them in your articles. We welcome your submissions!

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Around the Zone –

By Lori Schutz

Dear Zone 4,

The Porsches are on the road, on the track and enjoying the heat and sunshine in Zone 4 we have new banners to display at our events this year. I ended May with the traditional weekend in Indianapolis for the Indy 500 with my brothers and cousins. Then on into June where the Indycars head up to Belle Isle for the Dual race weekend, joined by the IMSA WeatherTech Series. The Car Corral was a bit hit on Friday, June 1st and even more so on Saturday June 2nd. 29 Porsches arrived via Police escort from The Henry hotel. Was a thrill to see traffic stopped for us as we drove over 100 Corvettes waiting for us to go by. Once on the island we all enjoyed the hospitality tent where Lynn Friedman, our Car Corral queen, was waiting for us with donuts and coffee. Later we enjoyed lots of great racing.

The next weekend I was in Cincinnati for the Ohio Concours weekend. Saturday morning, June 9th – Love your Sportscar Day for Porsche worldwide - I was honored to be on a panel for the seminar at Porsche of the Village called Porsche:A Sporting Life. Moderated by Cam Ingram, I was joined by his father Bob Ingram, the legendary Brian Redman, and my good friend Ray Shafer from the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta. For 90 minutes, we shared our favorite Porsche stories and answered questions from the crowd of over 170.

Ray Shafer, Brian Redman, Cam Ingram and Lori Schutz at the Ohio Concours Seminar

The Schutz Speedster at Ault Park with Lori Schutz and Rick Riley.

The next day was the Concours at Ault Park, where the theme was the Seven Decades of Porsches. The Schutz Speedster joined nearly 100 Porsches on display on the center lawn. Was quite a tribute to the marque. On the following Monday I attended the monthly meeting for Mid-Ohio Region, and on Tuesday for the Ohio Valley Region and shared stories of my father's days at Porsche.

Then following weekend, back in Michigan. Saturday morning, June 17th, I joined Western Michigan Region for a Tech Session hosted at EuroAutowerks. Tim Thatcher, our host, gave a talk on alignment and other warnings of what to look out for to avoid mechanical failures. Then lunch! On Sunday morning, I joined the Rally Sport Region at Grattan Raceway for their drivers meeting. They had fantastic weather for a great DE.

See you soon at a region event, Happy motoring!

Lori

2018 Pumpkin Run Driver Education

Sponsored by TOM WOOD PORSCHE

The Central Indiana Region of the Porsche Club of America is pleased to announce an exciting 2 day track event at the newly repaved Putnam Park Road Course, in Mt. Meridian, IN, on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 & 14, 2018.

Saturday and Sunday will be a traditional Driver Ed program, open to drivers of all levels, driving any make of vehicle, from 1st time track drivers thru advanced drivers.

Putnam Park has always been a great track for both novices and advanced drivers, but 2018 should be especially exciting because Putnam Park has recently undergone a COMPLETE REPAVING OF THE ENTIRE TRACK!

In 2017, participants noticed far less tire wear than the previous surface. In addition, wet weather traction is outstanding!

As always, our Saturday and Sunday DE event features lots of track time, along with classroom training, to ensure everyone goes home a better driver.

It is open to all licensed drivers, 18 and over, driving any make vehicle. Membership in PCA is not a requirement!

Instructors will be provided for all drivers at the beginning or novice levels.

Participating vehicles require the completion of a Technical Inspection form by a qualified mechanic (inspected and signed no early than 30 days prior to the event) before presenting the vehicle at the track for final inspection.

Final on-site tech inspection will be available on Friday Saturday morning at the track. Drivers must bring their completed and signed tech forms to the onsite tech inspection.

Tech forms are available on the registration website and also on the CIRPCA website by clicking on the Driver Ed icon. More details will be posted at a later time.

Student Registration
Registration is via www.clubregistration.net. Search for Putnam Park events, and the dates of October 13 & 14.

If you are new to Club Registration, you will first need to establish an account (no cost), and create a personal profile, which includes your relevant driving experiences.

Instructor Registration
Anyone registering to instruct must be an approved CIRPCA instructor. Questions here can be directed to the registrar.

Other instructor related questions should be directed to our Chief Driving Instructor – Doug DeArmond at douglas_dearmond@yahoo.com.

Registration Fees

- Cost for the Saturday – Sunday event for all students is $425.
- Saturday ONLY may be purchased for $250.
- Sunday ONLY, for advanced students ONLY, is $250. You must be approved and no students requiring instructors will be allowed.
- CIRPCA Approved Instructors may register for Saturday and Sunday for $125.

Helmets:
Only Snell certified helmets, carrying a 2010 or 2015 sticker, will be allowed.

A limited number of rental helmets are available, via the www.clubregistration.net website at $65 for the entire weekend.

Volunteers are needed for Pumpkin Run, in October! There are a many jobs, large and small, and we certainly appreciate your help! If you want to get involved, please contact Mark Westlake at markwestlake123@gmail.com. Whether you are a DE participant, a spectator, or just want to learn more about what we do at a DE, we will accommodate your schedule!

Garage Rental:
A limited number of single bay spaces are available for $150 for the entire weekend. All garages are 1st come, 1st served, and may be reserved via clubreg. Vehicles can be left in the garage for the weekend and there is power & compressed air available.

Host Hotel:
There are a number of options available:

- Super 8, Cloverdale - 765-795-7373
- Best Western, Brazil (about 25 mins from Putnam Park) - 812-420-2299
- Inn at DePauw, Greencastle - 765-658-1000
- Greencastle Inn, Greencastle - 765-653-8424
- Motel 6, Cloverdale - 765-795-3000
- Days' Inn, Cloverdale - 765-795-6400
- Econo Lodge, Cloverdale - 765-795-6900

Tech inspection again will be at the track Saturday and Sunday morning – and not at any particular hotel.

Social and Meal Activities
All drivers are invited to a light dinner and refreshments in the garage on Saturday, beginning at 5:30pm. Beer will also be served, once the track has shut-down. There is no additional charge for dinner or drinks!

For further information or questions, please contact us:

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Spring Break 2018

By Jim Legault

By any measure, Spring Brake 2018 was a great Driver's Ed! The event was a sellout, the weather was fantastic (at 2017's Spring Brake, an Ark was the preferred method of travel!), and we completed a successful PCA National Instructor Training Class on Friday.

Putnam Park DE Chairperson Mark Westlake was very pleased with the weekend. "Spring Brake was a fantastic success. The sold-out weekend continued to build on a strong DE program from previous years. I want to thank Bruce Fleischmann for doing such a great job with the events in the past. As a first year Track Chair, his leadership and guidance was instrumental in helping me coordinate the event. I also want to thank Rob Fike for his many, many years of service as our classroom instructor, as Spring Brake 2018 was his final event in that role for us."

Speaking of the PCA National Instructor Training Class, Chief Driving Instructor Doug DeArmond said, "Thanks to the work of some of our instructors who volunteered their time to be mentors, we had 16 people successfully complete the program to become instructors."

Mark Westlake added, "With what is now a fairly large group of qualified instructors supporting our events, we fully expect to continue to have sold out events starting with our Pumpkin Run this October!"

David Astuto, from St. Louis, was one of the newly certified instructors.

Of the class and the overall instructor training experience, David said, "Going in I really didn't know what to expect or how the PCA instructor program would even work, but I came away impressed with the whole experience. From the class instructor, to the material, to my partners in the class, Boris and Roger, everyone was very knowledgeable and helpful. What the program really gave me was a new found respect for all my past instructors. Man, they were brave! It takes a lot of confidence in someone to get in on the passenger side of another person's car. I don't think I thanked them enough. The class really showed me how to build that strong communication channel needed between me and my student so that both of us feel comfortable on the track."

Doug DeArmond added, "I really want to thank all of our instructors and volunteers. Without them we would not be able to have a program. And to all the participants, both our regulars and first timers, also a big thank you for attending. Just a great group of individuals."

"Many kudos to Mark Westlake for all the work he did including getting the T shirts made. That is something I have been wanting to bring back since I became CDI, so glad Mark Westlake and Rebecca Pinto made that happen"

The diversity of vehicles also deserves a mention. Besides all the Porsche, BMW, and Corvette models we usually see, we also had a Ferrari, a Maserati, an Audi R8, a Factory 5 Cobra Roadster, and a bunch of fast Camaros, Mustangs and Subarus. We even had a 1970 Dodge Challenger with a monster hemi engine that sounded like the National Drags when it was on the front straight, and a 300+ horsepower Rabbit GTI track car. A very diverse field of vehicles, for sure! And we really like that!

It was indeed a memorable DE, with great weather, great people, and great cars. But all of that was in some ways overshadowed by a special person who was participating in his first DE. 94 year old David Bauchat, from Indian River, Michigan, joined us for the weekend and we were greatly honored to have him there.

A father of six, David "Grandpa B" Bauchat is a retired Korean War bomber pilot. He commanded a B-29 in combat, as well as other aircraft. After the war, he worked for Ford Motor Company until he retired. David's grandson, Joel Grant of Bloomington, Indiana says that his Grandpa has always been into machines, cars, and boats, and is a master woodworker.

David is also an organizing member of classic car club in northern Michigan, and still owns a pristine 1980's white Ford Mustang, one of many classic cars he has owned over the years.

So how did a 94 year old war hero from the northern tip of the mitten of Michigan wind up at a CIRPCA Driv-

er's Ed? I already mentioned Joel Grant, his grandson from Bloomington. Joel is a scientist and business owner there and shares his grandpa's passion for cars and speed.

Joel is acquainted with a former DE instructor, Colin Alexander, in Bloomington, who is passionate about his driving, BMW's, and motorsports. About three years ago, they had several conversations about high performance driving. Colin specifically mentioned CIRPCA Driver's Education program and Joel kept that in the back of his mind as a bucket-list interest that he wanted to pursue at some point.

David "Grandpa B" Bauchat and Joel Grant

In September 2016, Joel started building a Factory Five Roadster (Cobra replica) in his work garage. When Grandpa B was traveling around the country to visit family, he would often stop by and check on the car's progress.

By December 2017, the car was street licensed, though in rough form (the body still has its original factory, unpainted finish). Joel has since put over 1,300 miles on it for pleasure. With about 1000 miles on the odometer, he was beginning to feel comfortable enough with the dynamics of the car to take it to the next level, and the Spring Brake DE was a perfect fit.

Knowing his grandpa had both the interest and the aptitude, Joel invited David to participate in Spring Brake with him. David would be driving one of Joel's other cars, a 1996 BMW 318 M-tech coupe.

And Grandpa B had an amazing time! He attended all the classroom sessions, completed three track sessions on Saturday and two on Sunday. He also rode along with his instructor during a track session on Sunday and reported that while the multiple 1-G braking zones took a bit of a toll, he learned a great deal from the experience. All that plus a twelve hour drive from

David and Joel With Their Cars

Indian River made for a pretty intense weekend for David. However, he handled it all with the aplomb you might expect of a combat pilot.

By now, you are probably wondering, who instructed David Bauchat? It was none other than our first time instructor David Astuto!

David Astuto shared this with me, "I will tell you the first conversation I had with Dave when we did our 3-5 min interview.
Me: So, Dave what do you drive normally?
Dave: Oh I don't drive...."

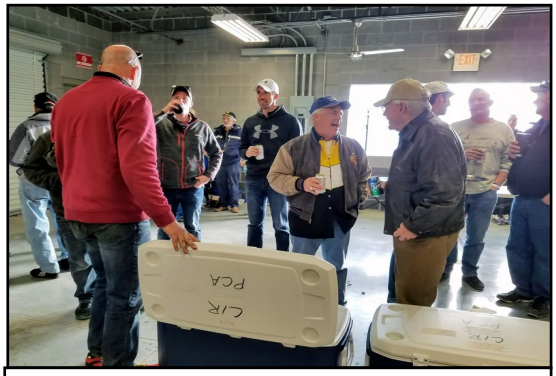
"Needless to say I was a little apprehensive how the weekend was going to go."

Instructor David Astuto and David Bauchat

Spring Brake, con't

But the weekend exceeded all expectation! "To be honest I couldn't have asked for a better first student then David. He was so appreciative of everyone and the experience. He really listened to what I had to say and watching his confidence inside the car grow each session was really the highlight for me."

"At one point when we were on the track about to brake into corner 8 he mentioned to me "I wish I would have done this a lot sooner". I think that is the best compliment he could have said to me about our sport and the events the PCA puts on. I was just glad I could be part of his experience. What an amazing man and truly a model for the "Greatest Generation"."



Rob Fike and David Bauchat Discuss the State of Modern Aviation at the Saturday Reception

Off the track, David Bauchat fit right in, swapping stories with other pilots and veterans and comparing notes with the other students.

A modest, thoughtful man is Mr. Bauchat, but he was the star of the show!

Joel Grant said this about his Spring Brake experience, "The event was highly organized, predictable, and an absolute blast. The pricing was very reasonable for the track time, never mind the high level of instruction, which was a huge bonus. "

"I spent most of Sunday solo, but greatly enjoyed follow-the-instructor sessions and the instructor following me with feedback. ABSOLUTE blast of an event. I have obligations in October and I am very disappointed I cannot attend the fall event at Putnam."

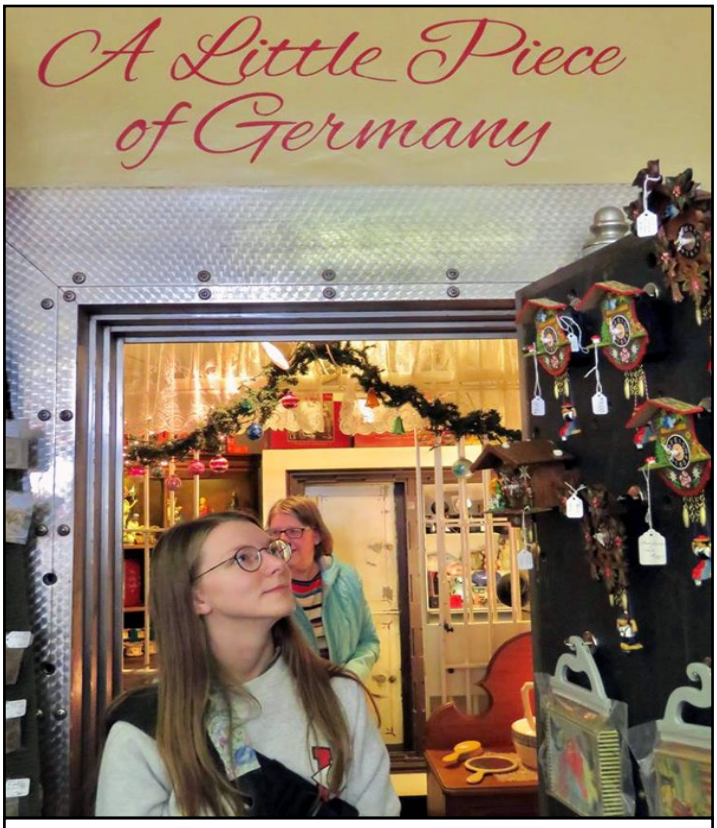
Thanks for joining us Joel, and thanks for bringing Grandpa B. He made it a memorable event for all of us!

Spring Color Tour Wrap Up

By Bob & Brigitta Snider

This year's Spring Color Tour Weekend to Cincinnati had 32 attendees in 17 cars on April 21 & 22. The weekend started off with a Champagne Lunch at the very charming Kopper Kettle Inn in Morristown, southeast of Indianapolis. CIR dual members, Michael Trout & Mary Koloroutis from Urbana, Illinois joined us from the Lincoln Trail Region.

A Lunchtime Toast at the Kopper Kettle



Erica and Cindy Faunce Explore The Vault at Carriage House Antiques in Oldenburg.

After lunch, the 3 ½ hour auto tour wound thru some of the most historic and picturesque small towns in southeastern Indiana, including German Oldenburg and Batesville, Milan (inspiration for the movie "Hoosiers"), the Ohio River towns of Rising Sun, Aurora (home of the famous steamboat architecture Hillforest Mansion) and Lawrenceburg (home of Seagram's Distillery), finally finishing in Covington and Newport, Kentucky.

The auto tour was a little more relaxed this year with another hour before our dinner reservations at the Chart House Restaurant on the Ohio River in Newport.

Nineteen of us checked into the Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter located on the Ohio in Covington, directly across the river from downtown Cincinnati.

Its spectacular skyline including Paul Brown Bengals Stadium, downtown modern skyscrapers, the Historic 1867 John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge (1st one in the US before he designed and built the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City) and the Cincinnati Reds Great American Ballpark.

All 10 of our hotel rooms included river views and a very

Chillin' in the Marriott at RiverCenter Lobby

nice buffet breakfast on Sunday morning.

Dinner at the Chart House was one of the best ever and guests had a choice of four different entrees and included choice of dessert. We had a private room overlooking the Ohio River and Mount Adams with great food and service. Sunday morning after breakfast, we all gathered on the Covington Landing Circle next to the Ohio for our Driver's Meeting and tour of Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum for their annual "History in Bloom" event.

Flowering dogwoods, crabs, redbuds and pear trees were

Hungry Travelers Chow Down at The Chart House!

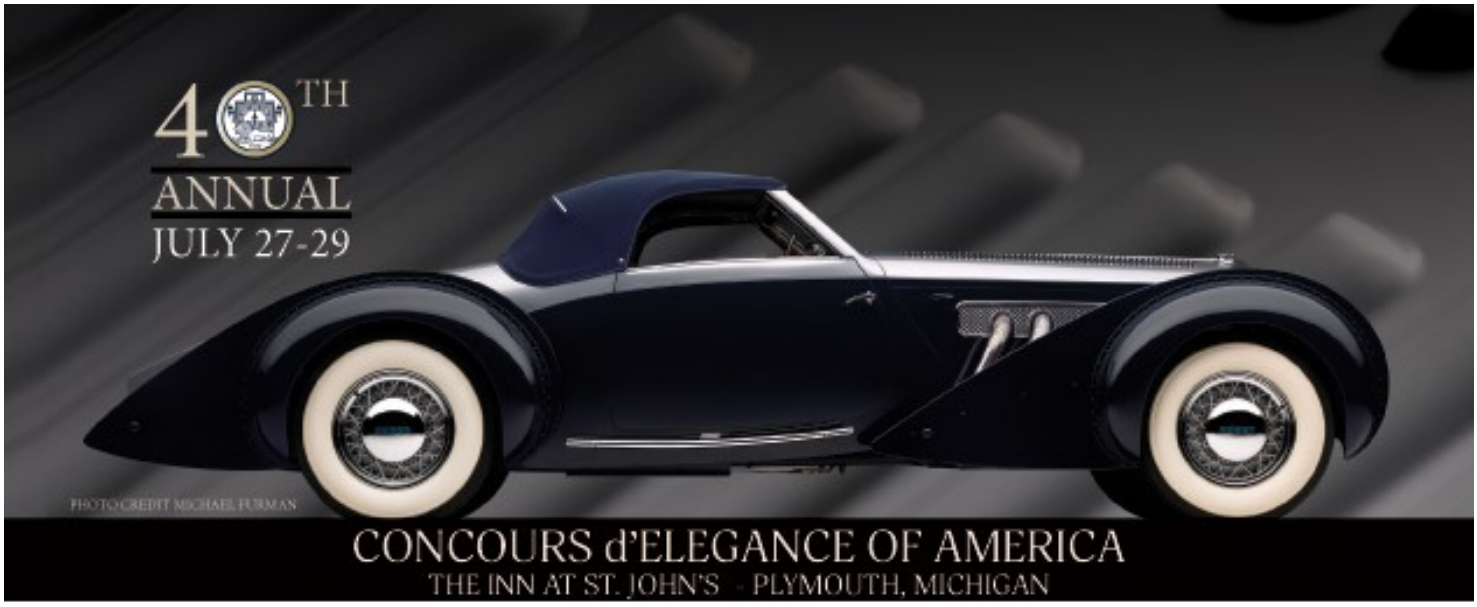
in abundance along the many winding, hilly roads with tulips and other flowers en route.

Horse driven (or mule driven!) carriage rides were available with frequent stops where historical re-enactors portrayed many of the more famous "residents" of this second largest cemetery in the US.

Horsepower vs Mule Power?

Afterwards, seven of us ventured down to the historic German "Over-the-Rhine" district of Cincinnati, where we had a late lunch of tri-tip steak and other temptations in a restored 1850 German Evangelical Church by the name of Taft's Ale House (President Taft was from Ohio and very large portraits of himself and his pretty wife adorn what used to be the altar). They also brew their own very good beer and root beer!

Thanks everyone for coming and see you all next year!



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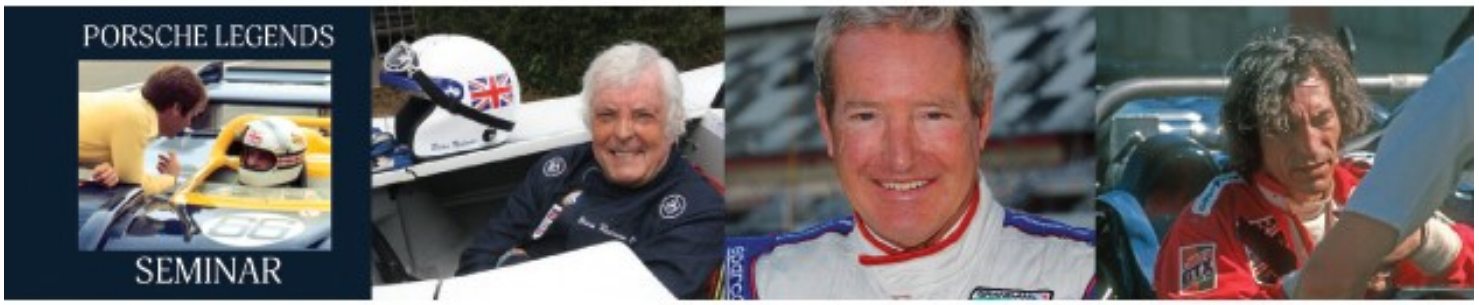

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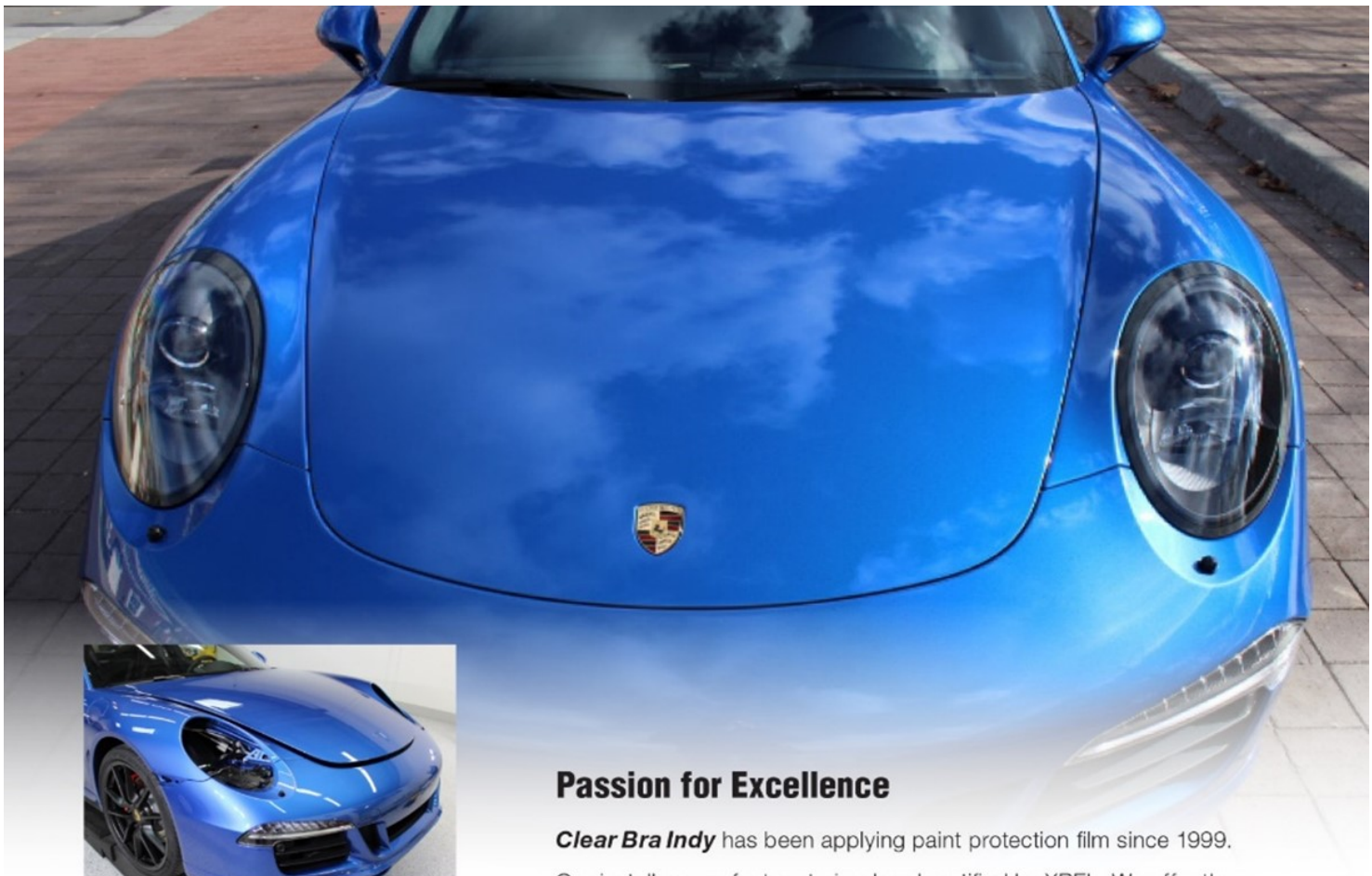

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IndyCar Grand Prix of Indianapolis

By Bob Snider

Saturday, May 12 was the fifth running of the IndyCar Grand Prix of Indianapolis with IndyCars running on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's 2.65 mile, 14 turn Road Course.

Central Indiana Region had a block of 42 reserved seats high up in Stand H, directly above Road Course Turn 1, where all the hard braking and jockeying for position is done.

CIR Members Enjoying A Beautiful Day For A Motorcar Race!

The weather was great for racing action and the two hour race was won by veteran Will Power in a Dallara/Chevrolet for the third time with newcomer Robert Wickens shadowing him most of the race and leading 20 laps in his Dallara/Honda.

Scott Dixon's Dallara/Honda came in second with

Robert Wickens Practices for the IndyCar GP

Sebastian Bourdais Exits Turn 2 During Practice

Wickens making the podium in third place. Power and Dixon also finished first and second last year. Power was fastest all week as he says he loves this road course, leading practice, qualifying, starting on the pole and leading 56 of the 85 laps. Scott Dixon drove an amazing race, starting 18th and finishing second.

Two weeks later Power finally won the Indy 500 for the first double win in the month of May at Indy with another strong showing for the Penske Team and their 17th winning of the 102nd Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. This year we were joined in the stands by our new PCA Zone 4 Rep, Lori Schutz, and she took some of the accompanying photos. Next year we plan to go back to 50 Race Tickets and they will go on sale in late January at www.ClubRegistration.net.

See you at Indy next year!

Bill Ehlhardt , Manny Lozano, and Henry Riley

CIRPCA 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July	18	**Board of Directors Meeting (Rescheduled from July 4)**
	21	**Rolling into Roanoke - Car Show - Porsche Featured** - Jimmy Arata http://rollingintoroanoke.com
	25	**"Meet in the Middle" w/ Michiana PCA -** Jimmy Arata http://www.110craftmeatery.com/
August	1	**Board of Directors Meeting**
	11	**Red Brick Reunion Porsche Car Show -** Oxford, OH www.enjoyoxford.org
	11	**Kirklin Car Show** - Karin Scarbrough - Kirklin, IN
	17-19	**Porsche on the Mac -** http://www.stignace.com/porsche/
	24-26	**Carmel Artomobilia Car Show -** www.carmelartomobilia.com
	25	**Michiana Region Autocross -** http://mic.pca.org
September	5	**Board of Directors Meeting**
	7	**Porsches to Warsaw** - Michiana Region mic.pca.org
	12-15	**PCA Fall Treffen** - Fairmont Banff Springs Resort, Alberta, Canada! treffen.pca.org
	15	**Michiana Region Autocross -** http://mic.pca.org
October	3	**Board of Directors Meeting**
	6	**Huber Winery Tour -** Karin Scarbrough
	6	**Michiana Region Autocross -** http://mic.pca.org
	13-14	**Pumpkin Run Driver Education** - Putnam Park Road Course Greencastle - Mark Westlake - www.ClubRegistration.net
November	7	**Board of Directors Meeting**
	17	**Annual Dinner at the Rathskeller& Election**
December	5	**Board of Directors Meeting**

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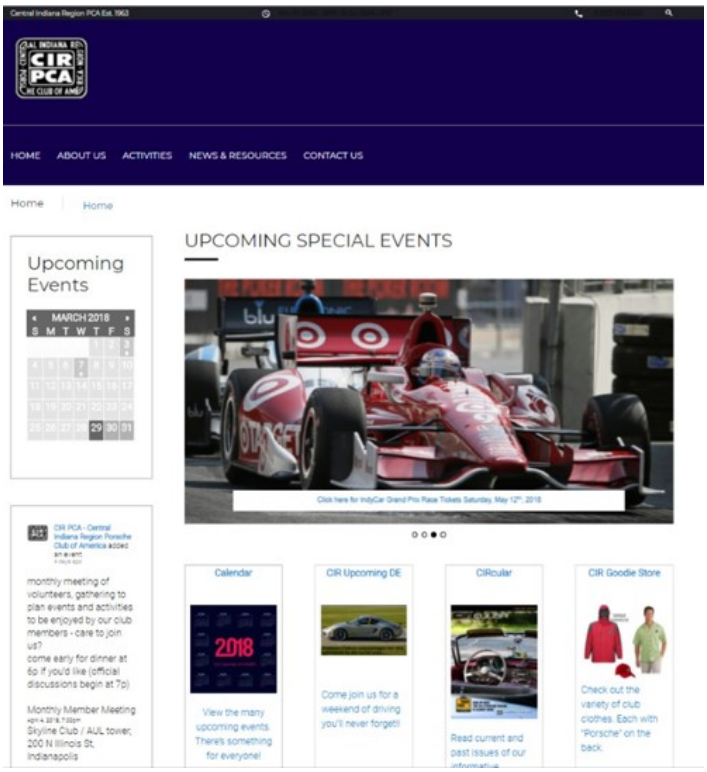
New CIRPCA Web Site!



You have probably noticed that the CIR web site has a new look. The reason for that is that we have migrated to a different web hosting platform. This is our third platform change in ten years. Our previous platform was hosted by the Porsche Club of America. We used their facility for nearly eight years at no cost. This saved the CIR a lot of money at a very financially difficult time in the club's history.

We were recently told that platform was going away but we were given no time frame so there was no rush. However, we wanted to get the site up and functioning before our list of calendars events got too busy. We are very grateful to the PCA for providing that service at a difficult time in the club's history as well as the support they provided for that platform. It allowed the club to grow into a robust site and gain experience using a total functioning site.

It also set expectations and requirements of what the new site should be able to deliver to the CIR membership. Even though the CIR is much more financially stable now, one of the expectations was minimal costs. The entire cost of the new site is a few hundred dollars. Part of this cost is to pay for the site hosting for years into the future. The remainder was for software licensing for a few of the plugins such as the calendar, site maintenance and so on. The on-going cost yearly will be less than $100.

We're excited by the new web site. We think it is cleaner looking, easier to navigate and has more functionality. It is also much more flexible in what it can do and there are many more software packages available, nearly all of them for free.

Of course, nothing is ever completely perfect. We are not able to migrate all of the images from events or members' car images, so we will ask you to send them in again.

Also, we were unable to migrate members' credentials. Those credentials were only used to register for events. The registration process on the new site is different. There is no login on the new site. Each event will ask for registration information. If the event requires fees, these fees will processed via a PayPay portal.

A lot of the contents are the same. We still have the President's Message, the CIRcular newsletters, the Goodie Store, and we could not forget our sponsors who provide so much assistance to the club.

In addition to the CIR events calendar, we have links to all of the regions that border the CIR. We still have the Contact Us page with an email link for each elected board member. We have some new features as well. We display the Facebook posts on the home page and have a Membership page to show how the CIR is growing. And yes, we still have a page where you can order the CIR name tags.

We've come a long way in the ten years that the club has had a working web site. We think you'll like the new site and find the environment easier to use and more enjoyable. Please take a few minutes to browse around the site. As always, if you encounter an error or have questions or suggestions please contact us at Email Contact.

David Weaver

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2018 Canadian F1

By David Weaver

I love Montreal. I was there for the first time for the June Canadian Grand Prix. It's a very clean, easily navigated, walkable city of just over 4 million. It has its own Chinatown, there's many art galleries in Old Montreal and the people are very friendly and helpful.

One of the art galleries had the most interesting sculpture. It was a bronze motorcycle made in a perspective design. The front wheel was large and the motorcycle got smaller toward the rear wheel. It was mounted on a "ribbon" that curved with the ribbon tail in front with a little "divot". On the base of the sculpture was an eye piece that had a little pin in the bottom. The gallery owner allowed me to take the eye piece out of the stand, place it in the ribbon divot with the pin going in a hole just under the rear wheel. When you looked through it, the entire sculpture was now in the correct dimension with the front and back wheels the same size. This took an already interesting sculpture and made it even more so.

Start/finish line at top, turn one at the top left and turn two at the bottom right, pit exist line on far right.

The race took place on Circuit Gilles Villeneuve track on Norte Dame Island. This is the only time each year this track is used for racing. To get to the island I had to take the Metro subway (the Metro subway train wheels are rubber) with one train change and seven stations, less than half an hour. The walk from the last station (Jean-Drapeau) to my seats, however, took just under an hour. This last station is on St Helens Island, so you have to walk from the station to Cosmos Bridge to walk over the St Lawrence River.

This river is moving so fast there are people surfing the waves. Once you've crossed the bridge, you're on the north end of Notre Dame Island, near the F1 track hairpin turn, turn number ten. My seats were on the south end of the track at turn two. You have to walk nearly the entire length of track, past the casino and Notre Dame Lake to get to the southern most seats. More than 76,000 attended the race. Since we all wanted to leave the track at the same time, it took even longer to leave than it did to get to my seats.

The walking was worth it! I had such great seats at the end of turn two: the start/finish line, the front straight away with the Wall of Champions just out of sight and the pit exit feed right into turns one and two! Watching the cars go from over 200 miles per hour down to forty and then trying to navigate these turns with somebody right next to them was very exciting. The pre-race had all the drivers being taken around the track in vintage Austin Healey 3000s. Vettel is in the totally black 3000 on the far right in the middle of turn two.

Vettel in Ferrari red followed by Bottas and then Verstappen

The practice sessions qualification and race all had excellent weather and since the F1 converted to V6s, my ears were not permanently damaged. The intercooler of the American Haas team senior driver, Roman Grosjean, blew on the way out of the pits in Q1. On the opening lap of the race, Sebastian Vettel was on pole after setting a qualifying lap record, had an excellent start and made it through the turns alone. However, Valtteri Bottas, who qualified second was on the outside of turn one with Max Verstappen who qualified third on the inside of turn one, side by side. As they went around turn two they stayed wheel to wheel, Bottas now on the inside and Verstappen was now on the outside. Bottas was able to hold off Verstappen and that's actually how the race ended: Vettal, Bottas and Verstappen. Ferrari's first win in Montreal since 2004. It was a great race with fabulous weather!

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