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CIRPCA Proposed New Bylaws - **September 5, 2018**

Dear Members,

Last fall during our Annual Election of Officers, your Board of Directors determined that our current Bylaws (updated in 2008 & 2013) were wholly inadequate and needed to be completely updated, especially as they pertained to our Annual Election of Officers.

A Bylaw Committee was formed early in 2018 and after months of research, consultations and discussions, it was decided to use the new PCA Bylaw Template (for new PCA Regions and Regions wanting to update their existing Bylaws) as a guide to update our own Bylaws, adapting them to our own prior usage.

The thrust of our new Bylaws was to make it possible for all CIR Members to vote in our Annual Elections of Officers, without having to attend the Annual Meeting/Dinner. Our Region has become so large with 1036 total members (including Co-Members) all over the State of Indiana, that it has become impractical to require members to attend the Annual Meeting/Dinner to vote.

They are also intended to make management of your club more transparent and accessible to the average member.

[Click here](#) to view our Proposed New Bylaws as a Word document.

If you do not have Word, they are also available on the CIR website homepage as a PDF at www.cirpca.org. They were emailed to every CIR member that has a current email address on file with PCA National on September 11.

Please review them carefully as you will be asked to approve them on our Mail-in Election Ballot, later in October along with voting for the 2019 Election of Officers.

Owen (Rusty) Pruden will be running for Treasurer for a new two year term, having completed the final year of Ryan Fuhrmann's two year term this year.

We are looking for candidates for Activities Chair and if

you are interested, please contact Nominating Committee Chair, Mike Downs, at mrdowns@comcast.net or any other current board member.

Please note that our current Bylaws are only five pages long (available for comparison at www.cirpca.org under "About Us") and these Proposed New Bylaws are 16 pages. We think we have addressed many deficient areas and added some new Sections that needed to be added.

Please address any comments or suggestions to the Bylaw Committee Chair, Bob Snider, at:
bsniderjr1977@comcast.net

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

CIR/PCA Bylaw Committee

Bob Snider, Chair
Mike Downs
Pete Walker



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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!

It's easy to contact any CIRPCA Board member. Simply go to the Contact Us page and click on the links to 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 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 January
CIRcular is
December 26!**

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

Please send all articles and photos of past or upcoming events to CIRcular Editor, Jim Legault. The next issue is scheduled for January 1, 2019.

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

Hi Zone 4,

As our summer winds down, the driving events just keep on keepin' on. Several of our members participated in the Club Race at Road America, hosted by the PCA Chicago Region over Labor Day, some had picnics and tours. I was in Indy at my nephews wedding – No I didn't pick the date!



Photo 2 Michiana registration with Don Dasmann, Lori Schutz, Murray Bartel, Brad Fishburn, and seated is Pat Heller and Beverly Dasmann.

I traveled south to join the Michiana Region President, Murray Bartel and his wife Penny, for the Friday Drive to Warsaw event on September 7th. We had over a dozen cars, despite the misty weather, and enjoyed local musicians and a wonderful dinner. Several folks drove over from Ft Wayne area Central Indiana Region to join in the festivities.

On the following evening, September 8th, I was back in Michigan. The Southeast Michigan Region celebrated their 60th Anniversary as a region at the Inn at St John's. What a wonderful, elegant evening – thanks mostly to Patti Door and her team. There was a

wonderful display of several Porsches out front, let alone the parking lot full of nearly every Porsche on the road. President Marc Molzon welcomed the crowd of over 150 with kind words for the members and sponsors. Vice President Gretus Hoogestraat welcomed me to the podium to say a few words after our guest

speaker -Kim Wolfkill, Editor of Road & Track Magazine.

The following weekend I stopped in at the Mid Ohio Region DE at - where else – Mid Ohio (see photo above). I was on my way to Eastern Buckeye Region's Poker Run on Saturday followed by a dinner at a Classic Diner. Over 25 Porsches participated in the spectacular drive through the small towns and country roads of eastern Ohio. Cheryl Krum did a fabulous job planning the route, keeping the group together for the complete tour, and incredible door prizes at the dinner. I love when these events draw members from neighboring regions – great to see Northern Ohio members at both of these events.

My next step was Rennsport, more next month on that fun on the left coast with several from Zone 4 and across PCA.

Lori



Photo 1 Lori Schutz with Grid Marshal Bill Stevens, Photo Bomb courtesy of Kevin Hennessy Photo by Chip Henderson



Photo 4 Eastern Buckeye Poker Run Photo by Kelly Bernstein



Photo 3 Gretus Hoogestraat with Lori Schutz

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:

CIRPCA Track Chair & Registrar: Mark Westlake

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Annual Dinner & Election of 2018 Officers

Saturday, November 17, 2018

(Registration open until November 2)

6:00 – 11:00 PM

Athenaeum Rathskeller

415 E. Michigan St.

Indianapolis, IN

Just \$20 Per Person!

Last's year's event at The Rathskeller was so much fun we've decided to hold our "business casual" (no jeans or tennis shoes please) party there again this year.

The Rathskeller is located in the historic 19th century Athenaeum Building downtown Indianapolis.

We've added even more options to the German themed buffet menu, cash bar, and our D.J. is one of our own, David Shuck.

Appetizers: Reuben Dip Canapés, Signature Stuffed Mushrooms, Shrimp & Snow Crab Spread.

Buffet: Tossed Salad w/ Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing, Warm Bavarian Pretzels w/ Cheese Sauce, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Chicken Monterey, Mixed Wurst over Sauerkraut, Jagerschnitzel w/ wild mushroom "Hunter's Sauce"

Rathskeller Variety Dessert Platter.

Reg. & Decaf Coffee self serve.

We will be holding our election of officers, so please try to attend and show your support.

If you are not planning on attending the banquet, you may come to The Rathskeller between 6 and 7 p.m. to vote at our registration table outside the actual banquet room.

All of our officers are volunteers and spend many, many hours trying to provide a club that you can be proud of, and events you'll enjoy.

Advanced reserved/secured parking is at New Point Parking, 401 E. Michigan St., just east of the Athenaeum, or their lot 501 N. Alabama St.

Parking vouchers, which should be displayed on your dashboard, will be emailed to enrollees.

TO ENROLL, register on this website as you normally do for any other event by FIRST entering the number in your party in the little box that says "1" and then selecting Enroll for this Event.

Then click the blue "Purchase" button at the bottom of the page to be given on-screen instructions for paying via credit card using the secure PayPal option.

Don't forget to click "Pay Now" when prompted.

Then look for an on-line confirmation from CIR and PayPal that your payment was received following enrollment.

If you do not want to pay by credit card online, you may bring a check to the gala made out to the Central Indiana Region Porsche Club.

Questions? Contact Jim Scarbrough, Activities Chair

HUBER WINERY TOUR OCTOBER 6 @ 9:00 AM - 2:00

Saturday, October 6th, one of our most popular events will be returning! The scenic drive to Huber Farm, Orchard and Winery in Starlight, Indiana.

We will begin with an 8:30 AM Driver's Meeting at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, IN, followed by a buffet brunch.

The driving tour will begin after brunch. The weather is usually perfect, the fall scenery breathtaking, and the roads are some of the best in Southern Indiana.

The route will commence with a leisurely drive down winding Ind.135 South to Salem then on to Ind. 60 East to Borden and then some winding, hilly back roads to the Huber Farm, Orchard and Winery.

Upon arrival, there will be a large, grassy, sloped area for us to park (leave your car in gear with the parking break on!). Members of the Kentucky and Southern Indiana Regions are always invited and join us for the day at Huber's.

The brunch at Brown County Inn starts at 9:00 AM, so plan to arrive in Nashville by 8:30 AM for the Driver's Meeting. Then plan to arrive at Huber's by 1:00 PM for door prize drawings!

Enroll for this event on CIRPCA website. The cost for the brunch will be \$10.00 plus 18% gratuity per person and will be paid to the Brown County Inn that day.

Jackie Jurrema, Huber Winery Tour Chairman
(812) 343-1401
jackie.jurrema@gmail.com

Brown County Inn
www.browncountyinn.com

Huber Orchard and Winery

FALL HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE OCTOBER 20, 4:00 PM - 11:30 PM

The trees are starting to turn and the days are getting cooler. It's the perfect time to sit around a bonfire with a warm cider and reminisce about car season.

We will offer hayrides through Amish country beginning at 4:00, followed by a chili supper at 6:00, finishing with a bonfire. This will be a family event, so bring your kids or

grandkids. We will supply chili and non-alcoholic beverages and ask that everyone help by contributing with a side dish, desert, or your favorite beverage.

Suggested menu items to bring:

S'mores

Anything apple: pie, apple crisp, caramel apples, etc

Something vegetarian

Anything pumpkin

Please let me know what you'll be bringing when you RSVP or call Maureen at 260-602-4753.

Lawn chairs recommended!

TECH SESSION: GRAHAM RAHAL PERFORMANCE OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 20, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Graham Rahal will be hosting an open house at Graham Rahal Performance (GRP) in Brownsburg, Indiana on Saturday October 20 from 10 am until noon. Breakfast beverages and donuts will be available for a casual morning mingling at the shop.

GRP does product development, fabrication, customization and sells performance parts for automobiles of many types.

<https://www.grahamrahalperformance.com/>

TO ENROLL, register on the website, <https://cirpca.org/event/graham-rahall-performance-open-house/>

INDIANA BUILT AND REBUILT TOUR OCTOBER 27 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Visit 2018 Pebble Beach best in class award winning LaVine Restoration and the Studebaker Museum on Saturday October 27.

- Breakfast in Warsaw IN, venue TBD 8 am to 9:15
- Travel to Nappenee 9:30-10:00
- LaVine Restoration shop tour 10 am to 11 am
- Travel to South Bend 11:45-12:00
- Lunch in South Bend IN, venue TBD 12:00 to 1:30
- Travel to Studebaker Museum 1:40 to 2:00
- Tour Studebaker Museum 2:00 to 3:00

TO ENROLL, register on the website. <https://cirpca.org/event/indiana-built-rebuilt-day-2/>



Interesting Things We Learned In Canada

Bob & Brigitta Snider



Everything is different in Canada. Canadian bacon is called “back bacon” in Canada - go figure! All of Canada is on the metric system - take a calculator. Distances and speeds are in kilometers (a big half mile or .6 mile) or kilometers per hour (110 KPH on freeways is equal to our 66 MPH), a kilometer is 1,000 meters or think of it as a long 1,000 yards. Heights of mountains are in meters (a big yard) and sometimes they don’t give you the equivalent height in feet (take meters times 3 for a rough estimate).

There are a lot of French-speakers and Australians living and working in Western Canada with numerous French place names everywhere (I thought all the French-speaking people were in the Province of Quebec and wanted to separate - they all moved to Western Canada). Western Canada was settled by French explorers before the English arrived and they named a lot of things in their language.

Australia used to be a Colony of the British Empire and remains a Commonwealth of England, like Canada, so their passports are good there and easy for them to immigrate and become citizens as opposed to the US. Australians love the Canadian Rockies and they need thousands of temporary workers out there for the tourist industry. All signs are in English and French, so you can instantly brush up on your French (we’re bilingual now - not!).

Western Canadians are just like us, very friendly and helpful - a lot like Midwesterners. We did, however, find all the French and Australian accents a little startling at first, but it made it all very interesting.

All temperatures in Canada are in Celsius and for that conversion you need a complicated formula. Just remember that 10 degrees Celsius is equal to 50 degrees Fahrenheit and 0 degrees Celsius is freezing and you will be alright as they never tell you the US equivalent. 22 degrees Celsius is equal to our room temperature of 72 degrees Fahrenheit ("Honey, how do I set this room thermostat? It only goes to 30 degrees.").

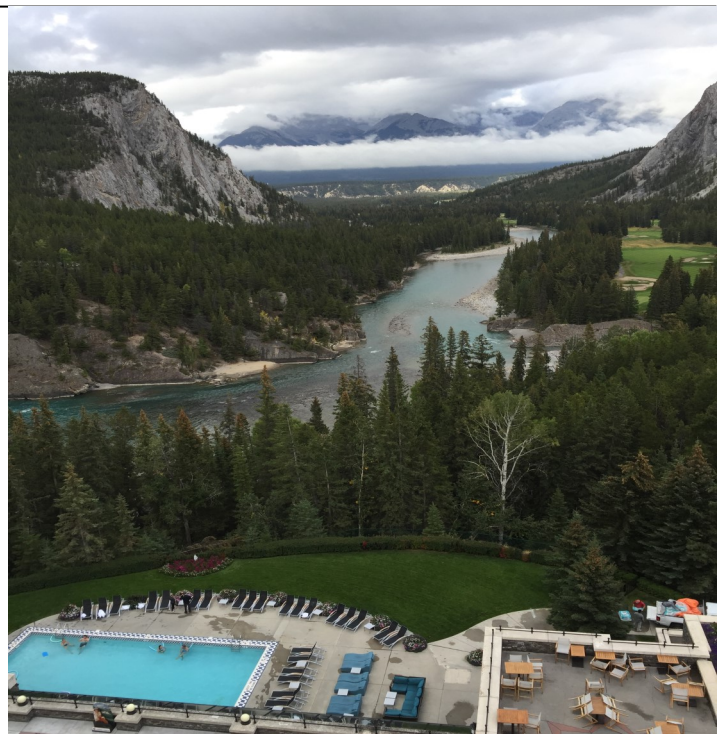
All rental cars in Canada come with both KPH and MPH speedometers and that helps with avoiding speeding tickets. Don't expect to see red-jacketed Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officers hiding behind trees on horses with radar guns - they only wear those uniforms for ceremonies and the horses are only used now in parades.

Everything seems very expensive in Canada - it's because their money doesn't go as far as ours. Currently the Canadian dollar (CAD) is only worth \$.75 USD. So, everything is 25% off! Wow!

Never pay with US dollars - get Canadian Dollars at an exchange or bank. Hotels usually have terrible exchange rates. It is best to pay for everything in Canadian dollars or pay with your credit card and let your bank do the conversion for you at only about a 3% fee (much better than 25%). Some cash registers in Canada will automatically convert USD to CAD, but your change will be in Canadian dollars.

Canada does not have paper \$1 or \$2 bills, only coins. A \$2 Canadian coin is commonly referred to as a "toonie" and the \$1 coin is called a "loonie" (Cute isn't it?). There's a polar bear on the back of a toonie and a loon on the back of the loonie with Queen Elizabeth on the front of both.

Keep your US and Canadian coins and bills in separate pockets or the people waiting, standing in line behind you at checkouts while you slowly sort and count out your money will quickly send you back across the border!



The View of the Canadian Rockies from The Hotel Room

Gasoline is sold by the liter and the advertised price is listed that way. A liter is a large quart and there are about four liters in a big gallon. So, to get the rough equivalent US price in dollars, multiply the CAD price times 4 and then multiply by .75 to compare to US prices. Canada no longer uses Imperial gallons, which were large US gallons. Only the English could come up with a different size gallon.

Banff was the first Canadian National Park and started their Parks Canada movement. Yellowstone was our first, first in the world and preceded Banff by a few years. Some workers building the Canadian Pacific Railroad discovered a hot spring in a cave that was the inspiration for Banff National Park. The spring is now a National Historic Site.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad built a series of large hotels across Canada for railroad travelers to stay in. Some are the Le Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City, Royal York in Toronto, Banff Springs Resort, Chateau Lake Louise, Jasper Resort and The Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia. They are all now part of the Fairmont Hotels chain.

William Cornelius Van Horne was the General Manager hired to build the railroad across Canada and also the impressive hotels. He was born in Illinois and went to work for the railroad industry at a young age,

methodically learning every aspect of building and running railroads. His bronze statue resides in a circle outside the world famous Banff Springs Resort.

Canada's ten Provinces all lie along or near the northern border of the US from coast to coast. Canada has only three Territories: Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut. Territories do not have enough population to become a Province. Yukon only has a population of 40,000. Ninety percent of Canada's population lives within a hundred miles of the US Border.

Calgary is not the capital of Alberta Province, but Edmonton is much further up north. The annual Calgary Stampede in July is the world's largest rodeo with thousands of cowboys and cowgirls, horses, bulls, Conestoga wagons, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, etc. and lasts for ten days. Calgary was the site of the 1988 Winter Olympics. We saw the two ski jumps, bobsled run and Olympic skating venues on a large hillside on the west side of Calgary.

You will probably see more animals up close in Banff National Park than in Alaska (we did). We saw several elk and deer, osprey and bald eagles up close and Randy Faunce's family saw three grizzlies digging. We

Snow is not unusual for Banff in June or September, but the long cold snap we encountered in mid-September was very unusual. Surprisingly, most attendees to the Banff Treffen drove their Porsche's from all over the country (both coasts and the Deep South) even though snow was predicted and highs were only in the high 40's and lows in the mid 30's (Fahrenheit). We saw only a few rental cars on the Driving Tours. Banff and Jasper National Parks straddle the eastern slope of the Continental Divide which separates Alberta and British Columbia.



Come for the scenic views, stay for weather!

Many US residents maintain second homes or vacation homes in Western Canada (even members from Texas!). This surprised us. They like the mountains and they like to ski. The Banff Treffen was PCA's first National snow event and we all loved the grandeur of it all.

The bottom line, Brigitta wants to go back to Banff sometime! Next time in July when it is warmer!



Randy Faunce has Close Encounter with Canadian Wild Life!

saw no grizzlies in Alaska and very few animals total for 16 days verses only 4 days in Banff. Grizzlies are all brown and much bigger than black bears and have four inch claws verses two inch for black bears. Male grizzlies can get up to 800 pounds while male moose can be 1600 lbs.



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Pete's Service Center Branches Out

By Jim Legault



The folks from Pete's Service Center are expanding their services to include automotive restoration and secure storage.

Starting in November, Pete's Classic Restoration & Storage will offer 10,000 square feet of secure, indoor, climate controlled storage for classic and collector cars. This includes secure parking when picking up and dropping off cars. The storage facility will also offer meeting space for car clubs and clients.

Eric Grabovsky, General Manager, says that plans call for the opening of a 4,000 square foot restoration facility, located in the same building, in early 2019. This addition will give Pete's the capability to perform full, frame-off automotive restorations.

Pete's Classic Restoration and Storage is located at 2525 East 56th Street in Indianapolis.

An interesting perk for clients is a phone app which will allow the client to view their vehicle 24/7 in real time via video cameras installed throughout the facility.

Pete's Service Center, located at 4902 North Pennsylvania, will continue to specialize in European and Classic automotive repair.



Artist's rendering of the interior of Pete's Classic Restoration & Storage

PCA Spring Treffen

By Bob Snider

PCA Spring Treffen to Tamaya, New Mexico was headquartered at the beautiful southwestern Pueblo-style Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort on the Santa Ana Pueblo Indian Reservation near Bernalillo, New Mexico, halfway between Albuquerque and Santa Fe in late April.



Roadrunner Region conducted various driving and bus tours of the area's highlights during Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There was a Welcome Reception on Wednesday. Local entertainment was provided at every banquet.

PCA Treffens used to be called Escapes and Treffen means in German "to meet". Treffens are all social-type events with no competitive events and only tours and banquets.

Breakfast and dinner were included for three days in the Registration Fee and all the tours included lunch.





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SAM Car Driver, Sam Schmidt, Drives Again

By Rebecca Pinto

Arrow Technologies supplies high-tech companies world-wide in need of the latest in high-speed digital signal processing (DSP) components.

And, when Arrow throws a party for their client companies, like dPict Imaging in Indianapolis, they do it right. One of those parties is held on Grand Prix race weekend, when major client companies of Arrow's are invited to take part in the race festivities.

Fine dining and participative track experiences are all part of the fun, including a high-speed two-seater experience on the IMS track and, this year, a ride in the SAM car (Semi-Autonomous Motorcar). SAM was developed by Arrow for Sam Schmidt, the race car driver who suffered a severe crash in a 2000 IndyCar event at the Walt Disney World Speedway, a crash which left him with a C3-4 spinal cord injury. Sam vowed that it would not stop him from being a major player in the racing scene – and it has not.

As early as 2001 following his accident, he established Sam Schmidt Motorsports, and in 2013, partnered with Ric Peterson to form Schmidt-Peterson Motorsports. The Schmidt-Peterson team has campaigned

multiple cars in the Indy Lights and IndyCar racing series.

His accident has not kept him from being in a race car himself, either. Though he's confined to a chair (a specialized chair, designed for him by Arrow Technologies and the technology company's partners), racing does not need to be a part of his past.

Within six months of the crash that left him debilitated, Sam Schmidt formed a foundation to help others with high-cervical level injuries like his, which leave the victim paralyzed below the neck or shoulders, regain hope through driving again.

Joe Verrengia, Arrow Technology's global director of corporate social responsibility, found Schmidt's dedication to a greater cause impressive, saying, "Once we met Sam, it instantly became a partnership of ideas and skills. While Arrow had the SAM Car idea prior to meeting Sam, the actual car and technology package were developed with him. This has evolved every year. We don't develop the technology in our own lab and just ask him to drive it. The development process continues to be a joint effort."

Schmidt values being a partner on the team saying that it has expedited the project from simulation to reality. Within four months he was driving in a simulator, and soon after was driving the car on the track. He wants other to benefit from the project that was designed for



him.

This year, Arrow decided to offer its first SAM car driving experience to its invited corporate guests the day prior to the Grand Prix race. The race loop was set up at the Lucas Oil track.

If you've never steered with your head, blown through a tube to accelerate, or puffed through it to brake, (or you think that it sounds easy), it's an experience not to be missed!

The SAM car base is a modified 2016 Corvette Z06 outfitted with control systems operated by the driver. Voice commands are used for operating turn signals, wipers, etc. The SAM vehicle is controlled completely by the driver, not by computer control, unlike some automakers' yet-to-be released to market prototypes that would operate a car *for* the driver.

On race day morning, a bevy of Sam's attendants entered the suite ahead of the former professional race-car driver, where Arrow's race-day guests were waiting. It was a rare experience to meet "the man beyond the limitations", to hear him talk about himself, his disability, and how he now sees his full-time job as being to help others who find themselves in similar circumstances.

Mics had been set up in advance for him to address the gathered crowd. That morning, Sam's voice was steady and polished, his tone warm and engaging, as he spoke of his accident, the trauma of it, and his long journey from depression and feelings of hopelessness to the present. He assured the crowd that he is now fully-prepared for new challenges, whether they be on track or within the charitable efforts he's undertaken through his foundation. He also assures us that, with his new-found purpose, he's found a direction to sustain him through the tough times. He thanked Arrow for developing the technology that has made racing a reality for him again, through their development of the SAM Car.

I was one of the few (and brave) Grand Prix race attendees who not only took part in the 2-seater experience going approximately 130 mph around the Grand Prix race route, but also to put the SAM Car through its paces. Once you got the hang of it, it's surprisingly intuitive. That said, I didn't exactly break

any land-speed records, only getting 'er up to 20 mph.

Sam seemed so approachable sitting up there addressing us in Arrow's suite after breakfast, I decided I'd ask him for some advice. "Sam, I was only able to get the SAM Car up to 20 mph on the track. Do you have any tips on how to improve my speed next year?"

The reply came quickly, delivered with a straight-face, and a slight lean into the microphone: "Blow harder."

The assembled crowd exploded with a burst of appreciative laughter, as any trace of unease or awkwardness at seeing Sam there in his wheelchair up-close melted away.

Sam, no worries, you've convinced us; there's plenty to celebrate now. Like still being squarely in the winner's circle of those who love and appreciate you, and those who are in similar circumstances, turning to you for hope and inspiration.

For more technical aspects of the SAM car-build and how the car is steered around the track, see <https://www.fiveyearsout.com/innovations/sam-project-technology-to-benefit-humanity>

Source article and picture of Sam in the SAM car with the Arrow team is from New Mobility, the magazine for active wheelchair users:

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	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
	20	Graham Rahal Performance Open House - Jim Scarbrough
	20	Fall Hay Ride and Bonfire - Fort Wayne - Maureen Arata
	27	Indiana Build and Rebuild Tour - Karin Scarbrough
November	7	Board of Directors Meeting
	17	Annual Dinner at the Rathskeller& Election
December	5	Board of Directors Meeting

Porsches Compete at Road America in IMSA's GT Classes

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Opposite Page Bottom: GTD Class 911GT3 R Driven by Jorge Bermeister/Patrick Lindsey

This Page Top: GTLM Class 911 RSR Driven by Nick Tandy/Patrick Pillet

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