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# PRES SEZ



APPY NEW YEAR!

*It's 2022 and as the saying goes, the more things change, the more they stay the same.*

*Take me for example. Pete Walker here, your new CIR President. I've met many of you before but there more of you still I've yet to shake hands and exchanges pleasantries with. A little about me: I work from home and live in the Carmel area with my beautiful fiancé Tricia. We're planning on getting married this June. So, between wedding planning and our professional obligations, we are looking forward to seeing you this year!*

*And by "we", I of course mean your new CIR Board!*

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*We want to continue the mantra put out by Rob and the previous board, "We'll try anything as long as it sounds like fun." So, let's have some fun!*

*CIR is an ever-growing club, and with that comes activities new and old. From our staples like Saturday morning breakfasts to new events like happy hours in the middle of the week. We continue to host drives, tours, and my personal favorite, DE's. CIR is proof that it really isn't about the cars, it's the people.*

*So don't be afraid to say hi when we are gathered together. Have an idea? Great! Please share it with us! We have some great things planned for 2022, and we can't do it without you.*

*Club meetings will continue to be held on the first Monday of the month, 7:00-9:00. Feel free to join us! Whether we're using Zoom or having an in-person meeting, we welcome one and all!*

*Looking forward to 2022!*

*Pete*

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# EDITOR'S NOTE

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021 is finally behind us. It has been a couple of tough, weird years. German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche said, "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." Guess we are all muscle men and women by now!

I for one am ready to really be looking forward. We have a terrific new and, well, frankly, younger, set of members moving into the Central Indiana Region's top management. Pete Walker takes the reins as president. While something of a track-rat, he cares deeply about the club's future and a blend of social and track activities.

The CIR really has a great group leading us and we are looking for a lot of fun events. In spite of Covid we are so fortunate in that the club is growing nicely. Very few car clubs can say that. As past president Rob Fike was fond of saying, "It's not the cars, it's the people." A huge thank you to Rob, his leadership brought a new life and spirit to our club.

The CIRcular wants to welcome a new partner to our family of supporters, Adam Dearlove and his brand new company, Mint Detail, in Fishers. Look for Adam's ad in this issue on page 15.

Be sure to put May 15th on your calendar. We will be presenting an Evening with Paul Page, the Voice of the 500 at the Westfield Playhouse Theater. CIR member, Tom Beeler, will be doing an interview chat, like the PBS Actor Studio chat format, with Paul on stage.



Paul, a protege of the great Cid Collins, is so much more than a motorsports announcer and reporter. Some of you will remember his helicopter crash in 1977 when he was a traffic reporter for WIBC radio. For ESPN and ABC, he has covered not only motor racing but also the Olympics, air racing, America's Cup, even hotdog eating contests!

The event is sponsored by SONAX USA, will be the day after the Indy GP and will be an awesome happening.



There may even be one or two surprises that night. [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS.](#)

Coming up fast this month on Saturday the 29th, is a late lunch (or early dinner) at Pasto Italiano in Westfield. This is Pam's and my favorite restaurant. It will be a good Winter get together for our club. Details and sign up is at:

<https://cirpca.org/event/late-lunch-at-pasto-italiano-2/>

Last year we held what I am told was one of the best tech sessions ever at SONAX in Westfield. Well, they invited us back! Join us on February the 26th and wait till you see what they have done with the place! They just opened a 73,000 square foot addition on their building. It is huge! They will be moving all of the USA distribution out of this new facility. Plan on joining us for car care demos and a tour of this new operation.

In the 'more than a rumor' department, looks like Porsche Sportscars Together weekend will be back at IMS. The dates we are hearing is Labor Day Weekend. More as soon as we know for sure!

On a final note, at the CIR Holiday Party, Pam and I presented a couple of thank you mementos to two CIR members that really inspired us to develop the CIRcular into a publication we hope you all enjoy. Bob Snider's love for the club is definitely unsurpassed. Bob is the spirit and essence of what the CIR strives to be.

Tom Beeler, a long time CIR member, has been a mentor and inspiration to me, giving me the self-confidence to write, and he truly taught me how to do an interview. Thank you, my friend.

By the way, Tom's five-part series on the History of Porsche at the Indy 500, was picked up by eight PCA regions all over North America. It may well have been the most read articles in PCA history.

So welcome 2022, we are looking forward to seeing you all at our region's events!





**Get INVOLVED! The CIR Website is a fantastic resource for Central Indiana Region, Zone 4, and Porsche Club of America national news.**

The latest news on upcoming local, regional, and national events, Porsche related wire news, members photos, classified ads, site information and more is just a mouse click away!

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

The CIR offers free classified ads online for members to advertising selling or wanted Porsche cars, parts, and miscellaneous Porsche related items. Buyers get the peace of mind of purchasing items owned and maintained by club members. Click **CLASSIFIED ADS**

Peruse current and back issues of the CIRcular newsletters!

It's easy to contact any CIR/PCA Board member. Simply go to the Contact Us page and fill out the form. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate CIR Team 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.

**DEADLINE FOR  
THE APRIL 2022  
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CIRCULAR IS  
MARCH 1, 2022.**

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 to CIRcular Editor, Pam Clarino at <https://cirpca.org/contact-us-2/>. Please add my name to the subject line. The next full issue will not be until April 2022.

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!

A heartfelt thanks to all of the contributors for this issue and past issues. A publication of this quality would not be possible without its members and contributors.

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# Events Calendar

Be sure to check the club website; [cirpca.org](http://cirpca.org) for the latest additions and changes to club events. The monthly club meeting is currently via Zoom due to COVID.

## January

- 3 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Late Lunch at *Pasto Italiano* in Westfield 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

## February

- 7 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 26 *SONAX Tech Session* — 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## March

- 6 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

## April

- 4 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 22-24 *Spring Brake* at Putnam Park Road Course
- 30 *Spring Color Tour Weekend* to Cincinnati starting Saturday April 30th.

## May

- 1 Last Day of Spring Color Tour.
- 2 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 14 *Indy Grand Prix* — 3:30 p.m.
- 15 *An Evening with Paul Page* presented by SONAX



## January 29 Late Lunch at Pasto Italiano

Join us from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Pasto Italiano located at 3150 East State RT-32 in Westfield. We will be taking over the entire place, but seating is limited to 30 people. It is a terrific little place that serves good food, so bring your appetite!



**HAPPY HOUR**

**Don't forget to Check-out  
our Monthly Events!**

We typically have a Breakfast the first Saturday of every month and a Happy Hour the third or fourth Thursday of every month. Check out our calendar at [cirpca.org](http://cirpca.org) to find out times and locations.

# Check Out These Upcoming Events

## An Evening with Paul Page

Presented by SONAX

As Race Month arrives in Indy, join us on May 15, 2022, as CIR-PCA spends "An Evening with Paul Page, Voice of the Indianapolis 500"!

Paul's broadcasting career began in local radio, but it hit the accelerator when he moved to WIBC 1070AM in 1968. There, he met the original host of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Radio Network, the legendary Sid Collins, who recruited Paul to join his venerable radio team for the Memorial Day classic.

Paul was mentored by Collins, who asked him to join the Indy 500 radio network in 1974.

Paul's rock solid reporting earned Collins' respect, making Paul his chosen successor. Paul anchored the Indy 500 radio broadcast from 1977 to 1987.

Based on the quality of his work, Paul was tabbed by ABC Sports to anchor all their Indy car series telecasts starting in late 1987.

It was here Page's indelible mark on Indy 500 history was made. Joined by former Indy car veterans Bobby Unser and Sam Posey, the ABC Indy broadcasts became Emmy Award winners as well as fan favorites.

Beyond Indy car racing, Paul's career has spanned other forms of motorsports including NASCAR, IROC, NHRA, and others. He was a regular fixture on NBC and ESPN over the years, covering everything from the America's Cup to the Fourth of July Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest.

Don't miss this great night of Indy 500 nostalgia and storytelling by this Hoosier broadcasting legend!

"An Evening with Paul Page, Voice of the Indianapolis 500", May 15, 2022, at the Westfield Playhouse, 220 North Union Street, Westfield, IN 46074. "Stay tuned for the greatest spectacle in CIR-PCA events!" [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)



## Spring Color Tour

Spring Color Tour Weekend to Cincinnati:  
April 30 — May 1, 2022.

We will be returning to Cincinnati for the 2022 Spring Color Tour Weekend! Lunch Start at the Kopper Kettle Inn in Morristown, IN. Dinner Finish at the Newport, KY Hofbrauhaus. 15 King Bed Riverview rooms held, including Sunday buffet breakfast, with Porsche Club Group Discount at the Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter in Covington, KY. [Register at www.cirpca.org](http://www.cirpca.org), starting in late January. Save the dates now!  
Bob & Brigitta Snider.



## CIR IndyCar GP Tickets

CIR IndyCar Grand Prix of Indianapolis Race Tickets:  
May 14 at 3:30 PM.

CIR has a block of 42 premium reserved seats high up in Stand H, directly above IMS Road Course Turn 1, where all the hard braking and jockeying for position is done at the Race Start and every Re-Start for the most exciting road race held at the Brickyard! \$62 each Face Value. On sale by the end of January at [www.ClubRegistration.net](http://www.ClubRegistration.net). Save the date!

Bob Snider

## Spring Brake April 22, 23, 24 2022

Our last two (HPDE) at Putnam Park Road Course have been sold out. It is open to drivers of all levels. If you are interested, keep a lookout for registration at [cirpca.org](http://cirpca.org) website. if you are interested to know more contact Mark Westlake at: [markwestlake123@gmail.com](mailto:markwestlake123@gmail.com).





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# Going to the Dogs

Article by David Weaver & Photos by Larry Clarino

On a sunny September 25th, twenty CIR'ers in twelve Porsches, and one Mercedes-Benz, set out for the second annual Going to the Dogs drive to benefit the Speedway Animal Rescue. The day started at the iconic Mayberry Café in Danville, Indiana. The diner is a tribute to the 1960's Andy Griffith Show, a step back to small town North Carolina, from the comfort-food menu to the décor of a simpler time. They even play reruns of the show, continuously, throughout the dining room.



David Weaver, at driver's meeting, with event mascot on his shoulder.

As a side note, the little restaurant and the Danville town square served as a backdrop to the 2021 movie, Mayberry Man, starring Brett Varvel. Here is a link to a trailer of the film with views around Danville:

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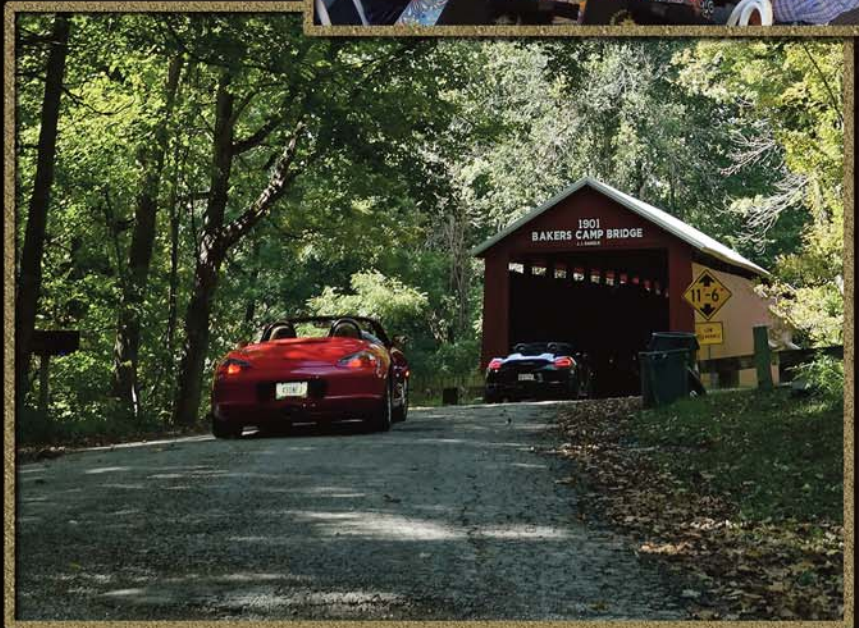
After lunch, Going to the Dogs organizer David Weaver gave the drivers' meeting with help from a mascot on his shoulder while his lovely driving partner and fiancé, Ellen Meagher, handed out doggie cookies to the assembled pack.



Our adventurous group at the Mayberry Cafe.

Beginning in Danville, the group headed west toward Parke County. Leaving the main road, SR-36, it was off to winding county roads, cornfields, and driving between single lane train-trestles. We drove through a number of small towns like Amo, Indiana, with a main street of very charming small-town store fronts and images of local veterans on their streetlamp posts.

Our first stop was at Sahm's Haven restaurant at the Heritage Lake Marina to use the facilities and admire the lake. We headed out again and went through Baker's Camp Covered Bridge, the first of seven covered bridges on the tour. After that we drove thru picturesque Clinton Falls with its wide, rocky creek bed and low waterfall. Interestingly there were two wooden foot bridges over the creek and a steel I-beam foot bridge decorated with a skeleton and skeleton dog for Halloween!



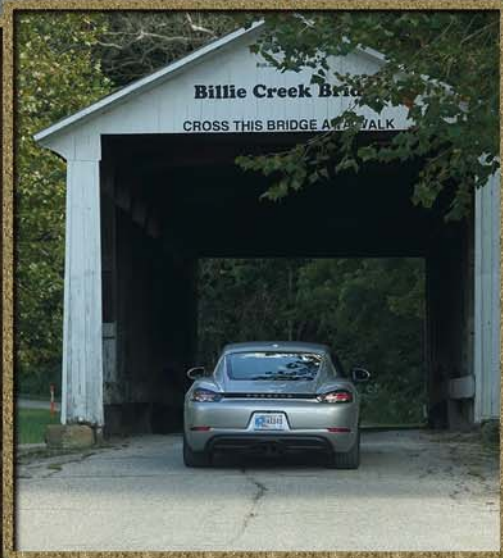
Heading over our first covered bridge, Bakers Camp Bridge.

Next was the Edna Collins covered bridge, which was supposedly





The haunted covered Edna Collins covered bridge. We all honked three times but no ghost appeared.



Going across Billie Creek Bridge.



Group photo in front of General Store.

haunted. We each honked three times to summon the ghost but no luck, though the one Mercedes-Benz with us did backfire a bit...makes one wonder?

Continuing on, we drove thru Billie Creek Covered Bridge in Rockville, Indiana, and then stopped for a walk thru the Beeson Covered Bridge into Billie Creek Village. The village was created by Parke County residents in the 1960's by relocating historic buildings to the site to create a living history village.

Unfortunately, all the buildings were closed, but in a previous drive, the buildings were open, and David wrote a greeting on the schoolhouse chalkboard and Ellen posed at the teacher's desk

We strolled thru the village and got a CIR group photo in front of the general store.

Now it was south to Bridgeton, passing on the way the McCallister and Neet covered bridges before reaching our destination, the fully restored Bridgeton Mill and the double-span Bridgeton covered bridge. Folks got some ice cream at the mill and enjoyed the stunning view of the creek where families were wading in the water.

It was now 4:00 and the tour was officially over, but half the group decided to follow David and Ellen to a great place in Holland, Indiana called The Ranch for drinks and some nosh. NOW the trip was over!

As a finish to this tail of Going to the Dogs, let me paws and add no Porsches were harmed in the driving of this tour. Best of all, the event raised \$1600 for the Speedway Animal Rescue thru tour tickets and additional donations. See the photo below of CIR-PCA president Rob Fike presenting the check to one of the Rescue organizers.



Check presentation by president Rob Fike to SAR organizer.



# New Harmony Kunstfest Weekend Best Ever!

Article by Bob & Brigitta Snider

After several years off we decided to revive the Central Indiana Region's drive to New Harmony, Indiana for Kunstfest. Kunst means "Art" in German, and that is what this German festival is all about, well, that and food!

September 18th saw our CIR contingent set sail for the Wabash River town, near Evansville, in the southwest part of the state. Because of the location we joined forces with several Southern Indiana Region members, as well as some Illinois members from a couple of regions, for a wonderful weekend of art, food and of course, Porsches.

Rolling into New Harmony around lunch time, we had a private parking area provided by the Red Geranium restaurant. They would host our informal car show the next day.

We spent the afternoon strolling Kunstfest, starting with bratwurst at the Posey County Boy Scout food trailer, followed by a concert by the Red Bank Reunion Band. PCA's Zone 13 Rep, Mark Roethemeier, is one of the band's musicians.

We were pleased to see more vendors and artists than ever, lining the streets for blocks in every direction. Kunstfest, held the third weekend of September, is the largest of many New Harmony community events. Music is everywhere, musicians and bands seem to be on each corner, playing every style imaginable.

German food from kuchen to kraut balls to homemade ice cream is all there for the feasting.

The Red Geranium, sort of our home base, hosted dinner Saturday night. I led several of our group on an evening walk visiting a number of local historic sites.

Sunday morning the competition started with our Porsche Informal Car Show featuring locally made pottery trophies from the Bee Tree Studio. Michael Trout and Mary Koloroutis, from Urbana, Ill, took the top spot with their new 25th Anniversary Boxster. Second place was Keith Taylor and Nancy Marren's 2012 911 Cab,



Getting ready for our car show.



Photography by Randy Faunce

New Harmony Kunstfest crowd.



Dinner at the Red Geranium restaurant over looking Swan Lake.



third was David Weaver and Ellen Meagher's 2012 911 Cab in grey, and oldest car was our out-going president Rob and Judy Fike's '99 911, yet another cab.

Finishing up, we headed out along the Ohio River toward Newburgh, Indiana for our private tour of the spectacular Benedictine Monk's St. Meinrad Archabbey, in nearby St. Meinrad, Indiana. Our tour was again led by Brother Michael and his wonderful sense of humor and Benedictine Order's delightful hospitality.

After our tour, Randy Faunce gathered our members, guests and of course our cars for a group photo in front of the Monastery.

Brigitta and I want to thank everyone that participated, making this the wonderful event it was!



*St. Meinrad Archabbey in Meinrad, IN.*



*Brother Micheal led our tour of the Archabbey.*



*A group photo of all our cars parked on the circle in front of the Archabbey.*

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You can also browse for PCA logo items as well as other PCA regions items.

<https://www.pcawebstore.org/regions/CIN>

*Photos from PCA web store.*



*These are just some of the items the store has.*



# The Intercontinental GT Challenge Visits the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Article and photos by Jim Hatfield

Roger Penske's interest in bringing a variety of events to the Speedway brought Stefane Ratel's Intercontinental GT Challenge to IMS for a second visit this past October. Designed as a manufacturer's and driver's endurance racing series for GT3 cars, races were to be held on five different continents this year. While there were to be races at Bathurst, Australia and at Suzuka, Japan, COVID-19 restrictions canceled these events. The Indianapolis 8 Hours, the North American stop, ended up to be the second race of three in the 2021 season. The first event, the 24 hours of Spa, Belgium, was won by Ferrari and the last event will be in December at the Kyalami circuit in South Africa. The series features customer teams for Ferrari, Lamborghini,

Mercedes AMG, McLaren, Audi, Aston Martin and not the least, last year's champion, Porsche. Classes include Pro, Pro/Am, Silver Cup and as a support class, GT4. Drivers include well known professional sports car aces, as well as for this event, four current or former Indy Car pilots.

In a dramatic finish to the Indy 8 Hours, leader Callum Iliot's Ferrari 488 GT3 crashed out towards the end of the race and the Audi R8 LMS GT3 of Christopher Haase, Markus Winkelhock and Patric Niederhauser emerged the victor. Unfortunately, Porsche did not feature well in the overall results, but it did have podiums in Pro/Am and GT4. In Pro/Am, the #34 GMG Racing Porsche 911 GT3 R of James Sofronas, Kyle Washington and Dennis Olsen

finished 2nd, 11th overall. In the GT4 class, the #54 Black Swan Racing Cayman GT4 of Tim Pappas, Sebastian and Jeroen Bleekemolen, finished 3rd, 19th overall. The race was a bit spoiled by numerous yellow flag Safety Car laps as well as penalties which put some top competitors out of contention. However, a full field, good spectator attendance and great weather made this a memorable day.



In the GT4 series, car #54 of Bleekemolen/Pappas Cayman leads a pack out of one on the turns off the straightaway.



GT4 series car of Hart/Travis/Noble in a Porsche Cayman.



2nd place in the Pro/Am series was Sofronas/Washington/Olsen in a Porsche 911.





#20 wrapped up the 2021 Pro/Am Team Champion. The Porsche 911 GT3 was driven by Poordad/Root/Heyen.

Despite Porsche finishing outside the top 10 in the 8 Hours, the marque still had a good weekend. Sunday's race also featured a concurrent 3 hour race within the 8 hours for the domestic GT World Challenge America series. Here the #20 Wright Motorsport Porsche 911 GT3 R of Fred Poordad, Max Root and Jan Heyen wrapped up the 2021 Pro/Am Team Championship to go with the Pro/Am Driver's Championship which was earned previously at Sebring. Charlie Luck also wrapped up SRO GT America season Championship in the Wright Motorsport #45 Porsche 911 GT3 R on Saturday.



GT4, car #66, Porsche Cayman driven by team Deboer/Lally.

For more information on the Intercontinental GT Challenge, visit:  
<https://intercontinentalgtchallenge.com/about/intercontinental-gt-challenge>



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# Instructor School Part of Pumpkin Run

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

After years and years of driving schools and High-Performance Driver Education (HPDE) track days I finally decided to go for my Porsche Club instructor credentials. The Central Indiana Region held a PCA instructor school as part of our Pumpkin Run weekend at Putnam Park Road Course last October.

I have been fortunate in having some incredible driving instructors over the last twenty years. In 2002 I attended several schools at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut, with Skip Barber Racing. That was when Skip himself was still leading the program with Bruce MacInnes, the late Jim Pace, and so many others. I even had some private instruction from Bob Sharp around the Lime Rock circuit.

In BMW M-Schools in South Carolina, Matt Mullins and Donnie Isley gave me pointers, but it was when I started doing Porsche Track Experience (PDX) schools and a hero of mine, Hurley Haywood, with people like Jeff Purner, Cass Whitehead, and CIR member, Pippa Mann, inspired me to see if I could maybe pass what I have learned to others.

I never thought I was a great driver, but I have tried to be a good driver and a great student. With the opportunity to do a CIR/PCA instructor school, I took it seriously. Sitting right-seat to someone who may have never been on a racetrack is, to me, an honor and privilege. They are putting a lot of trust in you to guide them on a whole new adventure. My goal is to make them safe and make it fun.

The PCA National Instructor Training Program started in 2003 to set national standards for PCA driving instruction. Ellen Beck, a self-admitted track addict from Maryland, conducted our instructor candidate class.

This is a first-class program in every way. With the classroom lead by Ellen, each candidate is assigned a mentor to role-play and teach the candidates how to be an instructor. The mentors drive the candidates' cars, roll-playing a D-student, a very beginner. It is a bit scary with your own car in the hands of an acting novice!

My mentor was Tom Riedel from our region, a Carmel resident. I could not have had a better mentor. Tom is in real life a check pilot and simulator instructor for American Airlines, meaning he is a professional teacher, coach, and instructor. His calm demeanor matched with real driving skill gave me the confidence to assume the role of advisor and tutor.

This is a true confidence building experience that makes you think about what you are doing on a track and what, why, and how your car is doing what you or your student is asking it to do. Tom gave me what I feel is high praise,



Ellen Beck, from Maryland, is a Instructor Training Consultants with PCA.



The mentors drive the candidates' cars, this is my 2018, 718 Boxster GTS.



Mentors roll play as beginner, D & C, level, as the candidate give them 'instructions.'

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If you have never had your Porsche on a track, you should think about doing it. Porsche designs the entire line for performance driving. At a HPDE as a beginner you will improve your skills, testing yourself in a safe controlled environment. Plus, it is simply a lot of fun!

Our CIR/PCA events at Putnam, Spring Brake in April and Pumpkin Run in October, are really well-run with top notch instruction in the classroom and on track.

Keep in mind HPDEs are not racing schools. We are teaching car control and the ability to drive near the limits of the car. I look forward to being able to help a newbie or two in the future.





# The Art of the Pass

Article & Photos by Will Anthony

The 2021 Pumpkin Run was my first High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) event. I have been participating in autocross for several years, with a Mini Cooper. I also had one track day at GingerMan Raceway in Michigan, several years ago. I had heard that the driving events put on by Central Indiana Region (CIR) were extremely well run, with top notch instruction. The HPDE events they stage at the Putman Park Road Course draw drivers from several different PCA regions and car clubs.

My novice class was taught by Dr. Chuck Tucker and my driving instructor was our new president, Pete Walker. Pete contacted me a couple of weeks before the event to find out a little bit about me and what I was expecting. We had several email conversations before I met him the first morning of the two-day event.

Pete told me he drove a 718 Cayman. I asked him if he chose me as a student because I had a Cayman R. He said this was partially true because he was already familiar with how the car handled.

During our classroom sessions, Tucker went through how to signal for a pass. As first-time drivers our group was only allowed to pass on the left, and you could not pass until the driver you wanted to pass signaled that it was OK. It sounded simple in the classroom, but I found there was a lot more to in on the track.

I'm used to passing on long stretches of highway. When you pass on the track you end up tailgating the car in front, so they know you are there (Scary #1). Once they signal, you have to figure out if you have enough track to get around them before the next turn (Scary #2).

If the driver did not move right, you have to make sure you have room on the left and figure out if that's going to affect where you start your next turn (Scary #3). Once you start your pass you are committed.





Thankfully my Cayman is a PDK so I did not have to remember to gear down to increase my acceleration. If the driver you are passing speeds up you have to be ready to punch it harder. Yes, it happens (Scary #4). You also have to do all this while your instructor is trying to talk you through it.

My problem was getting close enough to the car to start the pass. Pete was continually saying “Get closer, to him. Make sure he knows you’re there. Stay right on his tail.” I’m driving a car less than two car lengths off their bumper. How can the other driver not know I was there? I’d move to the left to make sure I was in their rearview mirror. What if the driver has short arms and can’t reach far enough out the window? What if their instructor is telling them to keep both hands on the wheel? There goes Pete with, “Stay on his tail!”

My helmet fits very tightly, and my left ear does not work, so Pete’s radio set was jammed between by helmet and my right ear. This caused Pete to sound like Minnie Mouse when he spoke to me. The more excited he got the higher his voice went.

The breakthrough came when I sat down for lunch with Pete. I told him I was really nervous about passing at speed. He told me that even after the other driver signaled, if I was not comfortable, just back off, wait for the next passing zone. He did want me to get used to passing because my car was faster than several others in our group.

I thought about it during our break and decided that passing on the track is an art form. It’s a ballet of distance and speed, in which two cars dance around each other to switch places. The car in the lead moves right and signals with a pointed finger. The second car slides left and pulls around maybe with a parting thank-you wave.

Later in the day I photographed the instructor group doing laps. My position was almost over the track on the flag stand. I had a great view looking down the straightaway into turn one. Watching the drivers pass on both right and left down the track looked like something from a big budget movie. These weren’t stunt drivers, but people just like me. Just better at it than I am now. Just wait folks, I’ll get there.





# CIR Fall Winery Tour

Article and photos by Rob Fike

The October 2021, CIR Fall Winery Tour turned out to be another great time for all in attendance!

The weather was superb, the temperatures perfect, and the drive beautiful.

A bit of background, we had originally planned on going back to our traditional Fall Winery Tour that we had done for many years. Unfortunately, the Huber Winery was less than receptive to having us back.

So, we decided to end the drive at the Patoka Lake Winery, in Birdseye, Indiana, near French Lick, where they were thrilled to have us! <https://www.patokalakewinery.com>.

The day started as in the past, with a great brunch at the Brown County Inn in Nashville. They are back to having the Breakfast/Lunch Buffet after being shut down in 2020. Always a wonderful way to overeat.

After our PCA official driver's meeting, we're off on what was the traditional route, down SR-135 to the Skyline Overlook in the Jackson State Forest. A great surprise this year was all of the roads in Jackson State Forest had just been repaved. Well, nothing like smooth new asphalt under your Porsche.

From there we took an entirely new route going through Salem, and Paoli. Then a winding, climbing, twisty drive, coming out on SR-145 and SR-164 to the winery. Our new "on your phone" navigation worked well for just about everyone. Turn-by-turn directions...just crazy.

Once we arrived at the Patoka Lake Winery, we had plenty of paved parking for our pack of Porsches. We met up with some of our Kentucky Region and Southern Indiana Region friends for the afternoon.

We all enjoyed checking out the new winery, all the cool stuff to buy, and plenty of FREE wine tasting.

I know my wife and navigator, Judy and I brought home a number of bottles! Many other PCA'ers took wine home too.

Of course, several of us enjoyed cheese and crackers by our cars, wonderful afternoon shared with great friends.

Now as for next year...

Patoka Lake Winery is adding a brewery, and distillery. They should both be up and running by our next Fall Winery Tour. They are also adding more hotel rooms. They already have some suites, cabins, and floating cabins. So we will be planning an "overnight" tour for next year; mark your calendars!



A beautiful day to start our tour.



Plenty of parking for our group of Porsches at the winery.



The proverbial group shot.



# FOCUS ON Pete Walker

Article by Larry Clarino



With this issue of the CIRcular, we welcome our new club president, Pete Walker.

Pete is moving from vice-president to our lead position for the next two years. After joining the PCA and the Central Indiana Region in 2016, when he talked his dad into selling him his 2014 Porsche Cayman S, Pete felt it was time to get involved with the club. By the way, Pete now owns a 2019 Porsche 718 Cayman GTS.

"That was the Summer of 2016, my dad was thinking of trading it in. I said we needed to keep this car in the family. I didn't have a job; I had just finished my PhD in music from University of Kansas and moved back to Terre Haute. We went to a Porsche event at Tom Wood, and Bruce Fleshman, then president, and Bob Snider were there and told me about the club. It sounded like fun. I signed up right there, sitting in the parking lot of Tom Wood Porsche."

Pete's dad, Pat, a CIR member, talked him into doing a DE at Putnam. That's when he really got hooked on the club. "Randy Faunce was my first track instructor. With Randy's enthusiasm as my very first instructor, I just loved it!"

Pete and his twin brother, John, were born in Indy but raised in Terre Haute, where his mom, Grace is a family practice physician, and his dad is the controller at the

practice. "I have been talking to doctors since I was born. That is how I got a job teaching doctors how to use file-keeping and virtual meeting computer software. I would love to be teaching music, but just not much work in that field. But I am a teacher so that's how I landed that job," said Walker. He is now working for Topbloc, an international software company, teaching clients to test and adapt program packages. "Teaching is teaching, I really like what I am doing. I get to work from home for a fairly large company, doing things I really like doing"

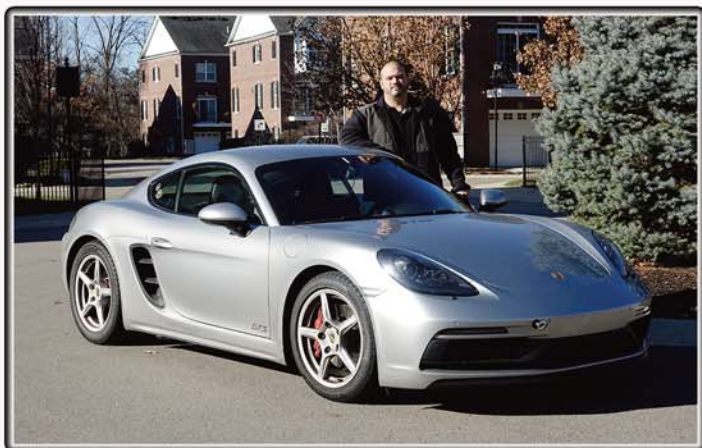
Pete got involved with the CIR club management pretty much from the time of his joining, by attending board meetings and helping the CIR move to Zoom board meetings., something we did well before Covid to help members living a couple of hours distant to participate.

"When Rob (Fike) was running for president, he asked me to run for VP. Being a little younger, I was able to bring a different prospective to the CIR. Our club is growing; we are doing something right." Something many regions cannot say.

Pete is setting goals for the next two years, more and diverse drives and getting the four-doors more involved are the top of his list. "It's their club too, Cayennes, Macans, Panameras and Tycans, they are all part of the marque. We are not just a sports car club. We need to have events aimed at the family. It is time to update the by-laws, add on-line voting. Financially the club is in good shape, but we must be diligent to keep it that way."

Building more participation, more members, in club activities is always a target. Having fun with our cars and fellow club members sums up what the CIR is all about. With leadership like Pete's and fellow new board members our club is in very good hands. We are always looking for members to get more involved; contact any one on the board or drop a note to Pete or to your editor if you are interested.

Indeed, there is a lot to do, and Pete is jumping in with both feet. He is not only busy with work and our club, he and fiancée Tricia Hart are planning a wedding for June! Everyone in the CIR wishes the best for our new President and First Lady!







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## Fix For A 911, 996 COMMON HORN PROBLEM

Article & Photos by Rob Fike

This summer I just started having a strange problem with my 1999, 911 Porsche, a 996. Occasionally under braking, the horn would sort of try to beep. Kind of saying, "Get out of my way."

As time went on, it was progressively getting worse. Very odd indeed.

I decided to do some homework to see how I might fix the issue. With the help of the internet, I discovered was this is a rather common problem on 996's. There is a mounting frame in the steering wheel that holds the airbag assembly.

This frame has four rubber mounts where it attaches to the steering wheel. Over time these thin rubber mounts deteriorate and sag, so especially under braking, the horn-contacts can touch, thus the beep.

There are a couple ways to fix this. The harder, more expensive fix is to replace the entire frame assembly that comes with new mounts, and you know the cost of Porsche parts. To do this though, all of the airbag wiring has to be disconnected. The airbag connector is very easily broken so it is kind of tricky.

The easy and inexpensive fix is to just add an "O" ring to each side of each mount. No wiring needs to be disturbed for this. To make either fix, first disconnect the battery; you do not want to trigger the airbag by mistake, something that could spoil your day for sure! As a precaution, wait 30 to 60 minutes before doing any work on the steering wheel. This way the capacitor for the airbag system will not have any residual charge.

Begin with loosening two bolts from the backside of the steering wheel. These are captured bolts that hold the airbag in place. You will need a Torx T-30 socket. These bolts can be very tight! Be careful not to round them out. You can now just lay the airbag assembly on the top of the wheel center section.

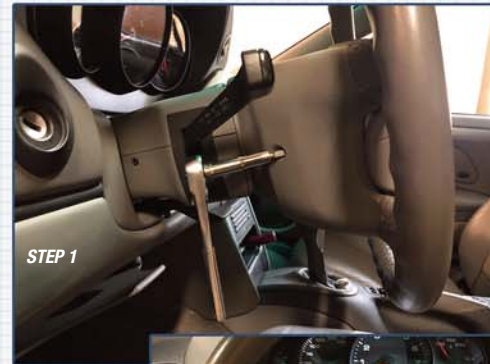
Next you will need a 19mm socket to remove the four bolts that hold the mounting frame in place. These are not very tight. The rubber mounts are just under the bolt heads. You

now have access to the rubber mounts. Place one #31 size, "O" ring on the front and back of each mount. This size "O" ring fits just right and costs about .30 cents each!

Now it's just a matter of reassembly. Remember not to tighten the mount through bolts very tight.

Just make sure you get the two airbag bolts back in place before you put the frame back in place.

Now you have a horn that beeps when you want it to beep, as it did when brand new!.



STEP 1



STEP 2



Close-up of  
Mounted New "O" Rings



STEP 3



Close-up of  
Torx T-30 Socket



#31 "O" rings  
cost around 30¢ Each.



# Annual Holiday/White Elephant Party

Article and photos by Larry Clarino

The 2021 Central Indiana Region (CIR) Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange took place on Saturday December 4, 2021. We want to thank Tom Wood Porsche in Indianapolis for their generous support and hospitality in hosting the gala event in their showroom.

Eighty CIR members and guests joined the fun with dinner supplied by Serendipity Catering with an offering of a delightful Italian themed dinner assortment. Serendipity is known for adding contemporary twists to traditional fair.

The club presented the 2021 Mike Robbins award to Pam Clarino for her efforts in garnering our region's win of the Betty Jo Turner Award for best newsletter in North America in the PCA. The CIRcular is something to be proud of, indeed. The CIRcular staff presented a

couple of appreciation awards to Bob Snider and Tom Beeler for their help in the creation of the CIRcular.

New CIR member Will Anthony set up his portable photo studio, giving our members a shot at immortality and fame with an instant "portrait" in an often-hilarious display of self-depiction.

After the dinner and awards the gathered got down to the real business of the evening...the gifts! As it seems every year, a significant amount of the gifts involved the distiller's art, some brown, some clear, some grape, needless to say a great time was had by all.

A big thank you to Amanda Brown, our events chair for this wonderful party and new 2022 vice-president, for putting together a delightful night for our club.



Long time CIR members David, Randy and Bruce.



2021 activities chair Amanda & 2020 activities chair Cindy



Serendipity Catering provided a variety of Italian dishes.



Eighty CIR/PCA enjoyed delicious dinner.



Everyone was in the holiday spirit.



# White Elephant



## Election Results for 2022 Board of Directors

by Jim Legault, CIRPCA Board Secretary

22 valid ballots were received by me no later than the November 1 deadline. There were 14 individual ballots and 8 ballots with both primary and co-member votes, for a total of 30 votes. Each candidate received 30 yes votes.

In my official capacity as CIRPCA's 2021 Secretary of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to certify that the vote count is true and accurate, and to officially confirm the newly elected members of our 2022 Board of Directors. They are:

- President Pete Walker
- Vice-President Amanda Brown
- Secretary Fred Greulich/appointed
- Membership Chair Greg Brown
- Activities Chair Lisa Krebs

Greg Brown will continue as Treasurer and begin the second year of his two year term in 2022.

## Awards





# Book Review

Article & Photography by Larry Clarino

**S**avage Angel, by Ted Woerner, is really three stories. The biography of an American racer, Swede Savage, the personification of a California hot-rodder, a naturally talented driving virtuoso, racing most anything on wheels, be it go-karts, motorcycles, midgets, Trans-Am or Can-Am sports cars, NASCAR stock-cars, or Indy cars. He was a protege of Dan Gurney, in the opinion of this writer, more naturally gifted and certainly more versatile than Gurney.

It is also, that tragic story of the death of this amazing talent at a way too young, 26-years old, after a horrifying crash at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during the 1973 500 Mile Race. With severe burns and crushing injuries, he survived the impact with the turn-four inner wall, hitting head-on at over 220 mph, in critical condition.

Ironically, the true cause of his passing some thirty-three days later was not the crash injuries, but most likely contaminated plasma given at Indy's Methodist Hospital resulting in hepatitis B. It is believed the drug supplier was at fault, not the hospital. Several people around the country contracted the disease from the same batch of plasma.

The third story is the life of Swede's daughter, Angela, born five months after Swede's crash and his death. She never knew her dad, but after a really tough life growing up in California, and frankly not-so-good friends and family, a life on the street with drugs, alcohol, and everything imaginable that goes with it, she met Savage Angel author, Ted Woerner in 2014.

Ted convinced her to come to Indianapolis, to the Speedway, for the 2014 running of the 500 Mile Race. A chance to get to know who her dad really was. She found people around Indy remember and cared about Swede. It was life-changing, maybe even lifesaving, for Angela. This is that story. Without giving anything away, yes, it has a true, wonderfully happy ending.

Had it not been for an eleven-year-old race fan Ted Woerner growing up, in Chicago, and being totally fascinated by the Indianapolis 500 and Swede Savage, and then meeting her 41 years later, Angela may never have come to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. She now knows who her dad was: Swede Savage the racer. And also, who she is.

That experience let her know who she is. Angela now works with Woerner and his company, MilesAhead producing fundraising and team building experience events around the mid-west.

Savage Angel is available at <https://savage42.net>

Signed copies by both the author Ted Woerner and Angela Savage are available on the website. It is published by Savage 42, LLC.



Angela Savage and author Ted Woerner.

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# Treffen at the America Club

Article and photography by Will Anthony

*Will is a fairly new member to our CIR community. He lives in South Bend but chose to make the CIR his home region.*

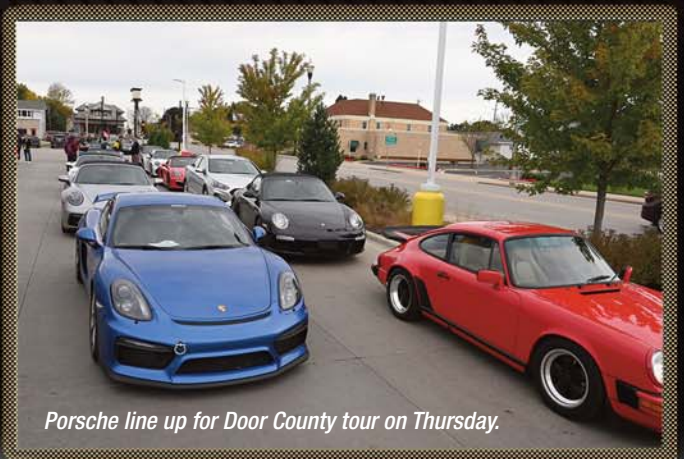
*Will Anthony*  
*"The path of least resistance ends at a cliff"*

Last October I had the opportunity to attend my first Treffen. It was a wonderful experience. I've been a PCA member for about two years. During one of the dinners at the last Parade in French Lick, I met a couple from the Mid Ohio Region who have attended several Treffens. They told me that a Treffen was a much smaller affair than a Parade, and there were no competitive events.

They said that the events were usually all inclusive and were centered around social dinners and driving tours. Since the upcoming Treffen was going to be held in Kohler Wisconsin, about four hours from me, I told them I was interested. They warned me that since a Treffen is limited to a smaller number of people they sell out quickly. They suggested that I login to the registration site a short time before registration opened. As soon as the timer hit zero start hitting the

Register button. This turned out to be good advice. I had already chosen the tours I wanted to attend.

I had never been to Kohler or Door County so driving up on October 13th I wondered what it would be like. The closer I got to Kohler the more Porsches I saw; I knew I'd be in good company. Bob Snider had contacted me a couple weeks earlier to arrange a special dinner that



*Porsche line up for Door County tour on Thursday.*





night for all the people attending from CIR. I knew Rob and Brigita from the Covered Bridge Tour and Randy Faunce from HPDE events. I was really impressed at Parade with how friendly the PCA members are. I've been to other national events for other car clubs and the PCA members just seem to be more welcoming.

Thursday was the Door County tour. This was one of the longest tours. It took us about five hours to get to our lunch spot, the Old Post Office in Ephraim. We drove on beautiful back roads most of the way, many of which run along the lake shore. At the restaurant you had the option of a traditional fish boil or fried chicken. Both included an amazing cherry pie for dessert. The Wisconsin regions did an incredible job organizing the entire event and the drives in particular.

Friday was an opportunity to take parade laps at Road America. Before going to the track, a group of us went to the Throttle Shop. One of the members who had been on the Door County tour the previous day knew the owner so we got a tour of the place. The Throttle Shop is part museum, part restoration center, and part specialty car sales. Walking through the car storage building made me feel like I was inside a Hot Wheels carrying case. Luckily Nathan Merz was with us and could tell us about many of the cars.

Once we arrived at the track we were shown where to park and had a drivers' meeting. After the meeting, no time was wasted getting us on the track for our parade

laps. I waited until most of the other members had taken off. I wanted to be at the end of the group so I could run video of the other cars ahead of me.

After our laps, we had a delicious lunch and then headed back to the America Club to prepare for the social reception that evening, to be held at the Kohler Design Center. As with most of the other dinners, the food choices had a German influence. The building is also the Kohler showroom; I have never seen so many toilets in all my life. I must admit, the first thing I did upon entering the building was ask where the restroom was.

The third and final day was the Cedarburg tour. This drive took us through a couple of nature preserves with beautiful Fall colors. Lunch at the Brandywine restaurant was, in my view, the best lunch of the three days.

The member I sat with was from the Northern Michigan Region and lived near Traverse City. I'm from Michigan so we had much to talk about. That night was the closing dinner. Vu Nguyen was seated at our table. I had met Vu during the Auto Cross at Parade and again during the Sportscars Together event. It was interesting to hear how he had become involved in the PCA.

I have met many new friends at Treffen and have shared the photos and videos I took with them. I'm looking forward to the next Treffen at the Broadmoor. I'm working on getting my wife to go with me this time.



*You can see from these photos the the parking, at Road America, was filled with Porsches ready for the parade lap.*



*The Throttle Shop in Elkhart Lake has everything from cars to motorcycles.*





# *A Review of the 2021 Fall PCA Treffen*

*Article by Bob & Brigitta Snider  
Photography by Bob Snider & Randy Faunce*

*N*ine CIR members in six cars attended the Fall PCA Treffen in Kohler, Wisconsin on October 13-17.

We held a CIR Welcome Dinner Wednesday evening at The Horse & Plow Tavern at The American Club, the host hotel, after the Treffen Reception. We invited Southern Indiana Region (SIR) members Mark & Cheryl Roethemeier to join us, since they were the only attendees from their region. Mark is now PCA Zone 13 Rep covering Kentucky, Illinois, and Wisconsin plus SIR.

As with all Treffens, there are a number of driving tours, most include lunch. We picked the Thursday Wisconsin Art Driving Tour, which included the West Bend Museum of Wisconsin Art and fabulous Milwaukee Art Museum, which was designed by the Spanish architect, Santiago Calatrava.

Milwaukee Art Museum is shaped like a whale or bird and the entire structure, including the very modern parking garage underneath, is all white. Additionally, two huge wings the size of the entire museum open up via suspended cables to create massive white sails, except when the wind is above 23 MPH. Since it on the beautiful Lake Michigan waterfront, 23 MPH is a common occurrence, so sadly, we did not get to see them open.

Friday was Navigator's Day Off, so they get to enjoy the route and views. Bus tours to the Green Bay Packer's Lambeau Field and the Harley-Davidson Milwaukee Factory were offered along with a fun driving tour to the Road America Racecourse in Elkhart Lake that included track-laps and a visit to the nearby Throttlestop Car & Motorcycle Museum, hosted by Porsche racer, Randy Probst.

We chose to take the day and enjoy the very picturesque factory town of Kohler and the host hotel, The American Club Resort, the only AAA five-diamond resort in the US that also has a five-diamond restaurant, The Immigrant Restaurant.

On Saturday, we chose the Door County Driving Tour and an authentic Door County Fish Boil lunch in the very quaint fishing town of Ephraim, after crossing Sturgeon Bay. The Door County Peninsula is Wisconsin's "thumb" jutting

*Wednesday dinner at the  
Horse & Plow Tavern.*



*The Milwaukee Art  
Museum located  
on the shores of  
Lake Michigan.*



*I parked my Macan in the museum garage.*



northeastward into Lake Michigan and is often referred to as the "Cape Cod of the Midwest," long on our scenic bucket list; we were not let down.

A true fish boil is a very theatrical presentation of Scandinavian heritage with locally caught fresh whitefish filets boiled outside in a large black iron kettle over firewood with whole potatoes and onions until they are all done. At the finale, a can of kerosene is thrown on the fire and it erupts in a huge fireball, causing the water to "boil over" and removes the fish oil and any potential for a fishy taste. Ours was held outside The Old Post Office Restaurant in Ephraim and after the boil-over we enjoyed a scrumptious lunch with all the trimmings, including dessert topped off with picturesque view of their harbor. Another truly spectacular meal!

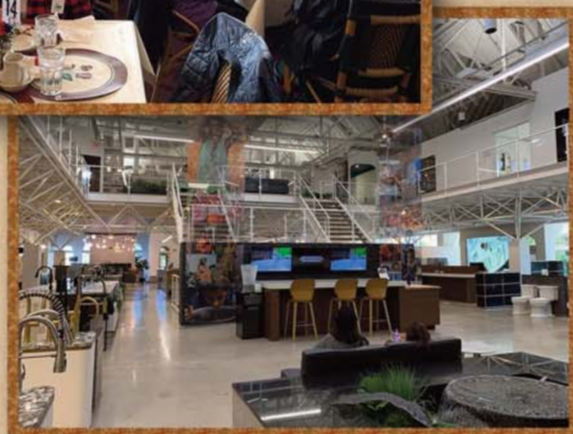
Friday night's PCA Social offered a very unique venue. It was held in the Kohler Design Center. The Design Center is located in a converted two-story, open-air factory building. Imagine all of Kohler's vast range of bathroom and kitchen products all suspended on every wall and from the ceilings; this was certainly a spectacle of design and amazing place for the Social!

Next year's Spring Treffen will be at The Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs on April 27 thru May 1 and the Fall Treffen will be in Bend, Oregon, staying at the Sunriver Resort on September 14 thru the 18. Will we see you there?

*The American Club's Greenhouse Coffee & Ice Cream shop at night.*



*Lunch at the Old Post Office with view of Ephraim Harbor.*



*Kohler Design Center.*



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# Sim Racing

League Update

The cars aren't real, but the racing is.™

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Article by Jim Legault

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PCA Sim Racing continued its upward trajectory in Season 7 of the national competition. A record number of 201 participants across the four racing classes, Pro, Club, Sport, and Challenge, competed in at least one race this season, all driving the spec 911 GT3 R that iRacing introduced shortly before Season 7. PCA Sim Racing also introduced a new entry class league this fall. The entry class league helps those new to sim racing begin their online racing experience with a classroom orientation covering the basics of PCA Sim Racing and iRacing operations and best practices. The classroom sessions are followed by extensive on-track sessions with eDE instructors. Beginning drivers can then advance to the entry league and race with others of similar experience.

Central Indiana Region was well represented in Season 7's Sport Class competition. Tom Doherty and Keith Morgan finished in 3rd and 4th place respectively, in the final season standings. Jim Legault also participated in several Sport Class races this season.

I asked Keith for his thoughts on Season 7 and PCA Sim Racing in general. Keith's season started a bit slowly as he adapted to the new GT3 R, but by mid-season, he began to turn things around. "I had been over-driving it to the extreme. Being smoother on braking, and less aggressive to the apex, flipped the GT3R on like a light switch. From there forward, I found myself qualifying in the front three rows, and chasing Mark Harris and Tom Doherty around the track, finding myself on podiums."

His biggest thrill of Season 7 turned into his biggest disappointment after winning Race 7 (of 8) at Oulton Park. The Marine Corps veteran was handed a post-race penalty for contact with another car on the opening lap that dropped him to 9th place. PCA Sim Racing has a strict "no contact" rule on lap one of all races, even if the contact doesn't affect the outcome of the race.

In spite of the penalty, Keith is very enthusiastic about PCA Sim Racing. "The competition is more fair, more polite, and simply cleaner (than public iRacing races). I don't even run public races anymore. Mistakes happen in PCA iRacing too, but the volume of silly, stupid things done by drivers is so much lower with PCA than any other iRacing I've done. Fierce, competitive, yet respectful racing makes it incredible fun."

When asked what he'd like fellow CIRPCA members to know about why he competes in PCA Sim Racing, Keith said, "Sim racing is actually harder than real-world racing. You do not have a "butt dyno" that informs you with instinctive information about how hard you're braking or how many lateral Gs are on the car at the apex. I've seen people with real world experience make the transition to iRacing, and struggle mightily. That missing "feel" makes you shift an awful lot of your car-control awareness to steering-wheel feedback, hearing your tires, and visual input. Sim racing is harder. Now the good part. To run in a competitive GT series, you don't have to drop a half a million on a customer-racing program, support, spares, equipment and transport. You'll spend somewhere between a thousand, and several thousand on a rig of the quality of your choice. After that, you spend \$15.00 once on a given car, and that includes all your brakes, tires, spare parts, mechanical services and transport. If you put it into the wall at Canada Corner, you push a button and get a brand new car!"

There's a reason the pros in all the series from NASCAR to Formula1 use iRacing and other simulators regularly. I told a fellow HPDE instructor who was headed for Watkins Glen for the first time, "Come to the house and spend four or five sessions in the simulator running the track. Believe me, it'll matter." He pretty much immediately understood on the first day of the DE on the real-world track. "I was up to pace in three laps."

As Keith said, "This stuff is not a video game!"

If you would like more information about PCA Sim Racing and how to get started, contact Jim LeGault at <https://cirpca.org/contact-us-2/>.





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# AROUND THE ZONE



## November

*Hi Zone 4  
Friends and Family,*

My article this month is more 'not around the zone' than around. Due to some personal commitments, I was not able to attend some of the fantastic fall color tours that I read about on your facebook pages and websites.



*David Clardy and Max Willis at F1 COTA.*

One commitment I had was to attend the Formula 1 race in Austin Texas, at the Circuit of the Americas — COTA. Since this was cancelled in 2020, was so great to get back to a sense of normalcy, as we are all enjoying in various aspects of our lives.



*COTA Formula 1!*

We met up with great friends Max and Mary Ann, and some of my former Maverick Region buddies, for our seats in the best grandstand ever — Turn 12. We had seats on the top row, with the rest of the Porsche Club contingent, about 20 of us.

For those of you who haven't gone to a professional race, there are a few handy tips. First — if you can, pre-purchase parking in a designated lot near the track — and then be patient leaving. This makes the trip into the track so much easier and then you can go back and forth to the car if you need to — to drop off swag purchases, etc. Speaking of which, do you shopping on Friday and Saturday, cuz Sunday on race day is a zoo. So many people. This year, the crowd on Friday was amazing. I also recommend walking around the venue to enjoy the track from all angles, specifically at a road course. You'll want to do this during the support race group sessions, which can be equally as exciting as the main event. The COTA race featured Formula W — all women drivers. Great open wheel fun.

A few weeks prior, Daniel Ricciardo who drives for McLaren, won a bet with his boss Zac Brown, McLaren CEO. The bet was that if Daniel got to a podium finish before COTA, he would get to drive a few laps with the Monte Carlo owned by Zac that Dale Earnhardt drove to the 1984 NASCAR championship. Dani-Ric as we call him, spun donuts in 4 corners in his final lap — hilarious.

Enjoy your fall events!

*Dani-Ric doing Donuts in  
Dale Earnhardt's car.*







# CONTINUED

## December

*The Pink Boxster*



Has it really been 4 years since I took over as Zone 4 Representative? YES, it has been a phenomenal time in PCA with our members and events. Each regions' membership grew thanks to the efforts of our membership chairs finding new and exciting ways to reach out to more Porsche owners. Nearly every region hosts a New Member Party each year — or at least we tried! From chili cook-offs to fundraisers for animal shelters, the outreach was fantastic.

And what an interesting time in our history. I don't want to dwell in the pandemic, as this is front and center enough already. They say that adversity brings out the best of human nature, and this was so true for our regions over the past 2 years. Thanks to all of the officers, event chairs, and members for your contributions!

The Zone 4 High Performance Driver Education program grew stronger in the past few years. We always are happy to welcome PCA National Staff, such as John Krecek (far right) to visit our zone DE events, here with Dennis Okin (middle) and myself at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course with the Ohio Valley region in 2018. Despite the limited ability to



coach new students for the better part of a year, we've added both new DE drivers and instructors to our distribution list. Thanks to the DE Committees!

Looking back, we had some great times together, especially at the Porsche Parade in July 2021 when Zone 4 welcomed the rest of PCA to our incredible part of our country, in French Lick. From concours, to rally to autocross and art show, our members were front and center of the competition and volunteer crews.

*Porsche Parade at French Lick*



I am proud to be the most recent in a strong history of Zone 4 reps — we were all together at the Mid Ohio region celebration for Region of the year — Left to right — Jim Perrin, Steve Southard, Michael Soriano, me, and Ron Carr. Soon I will be passing the baton to your new Zone 4 Representative to carry on the leadership for our fabulous 12 regions. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Poconos Parade in June 2022. Take care and happy Porsche driving!



Sincerely, Lori Schutz



# Welcome New Members

September 1 — November 30, 2021

From Bob Snider, Membership Chairman

Ray Abraham/Carmel/'12 911 Carrera  
John Chappo/Zionsville/'14 Panamera GTS  
Heidi & Thomas IV Cortese/Fishers/'77 911S  
Chris & Frank Dourado/Carmel/'22 911 Targa 4S  
Gregg & Lisa Greven/Terre Haute/'18 Macan GTS  
Richard Hite/Bloomington/'14 Boxster S  
Benjamin Houff/Indy/'04 911 Carrera  
Brian & Heather Kemper/Indy/'06 911 Carrera 4S  
John & Kimberly Kenneson/Lebanon/'02 Boxster S  
Brian Lee/Plainfield/'16 Cayman GT4  
Geoffrey & Christopher Lisle/Carmel/'17 Macan  
Paul & Trenton Mabry/Fishers/'11 Cayenne  
Lauren & Brandon Madar/Indy/'18 Cayenne  
George Mador/Bargersville/'79 928  
Pippa Mann/Indy  
Brandon & Alison Mullen/Lebanon/'14 Panamera 4S  
Felice & Deirdra Panarisi/Mooresville/'22 911 Carrera Beige  
Gavin Pierce/Plainfield/'00 911 Carrera  
Jordan Reed/Indy/'10 911 Carrera Cabriolet  
George Roddy III/Indy/'01 Boxster S  
Anthony Schantz/Whiteland/'22 911 Turbo Cabriolet  
Mark & Carrie Snyder/Fort Wayne/'05 911 Turbo S Beige  
Anthony & Annette Sorkin/Westfield/'19 911 Targa 4 GTS  
Jon Suarez-Davis/Indy/'20 911 Carrera 4S  
Chris Szymanczyk/Zionsville/'18 911 GT3

Eric Robe & Jason Tatka/Westfield/'13 Cayenne Turbo  
Steven Townes/Fort Wayne/'11 Panamera S  
James Walters/Seymour/'07 Cayman S  
Heather Murphy/Bloomington/'17 911 Targa 4S  
Kate Mutz/Indy/'18 911 Carrera 4S  
David Pluimer/Zionsville/'03 911 Carrera 4S  
Andrew Rediker/Columbus/'00 Boxster  
Kenneth Schneider/Carmel/'80 911 SC  
Stephen & Stacy Schott/Bloomington/'00 Boxster  
Milus & Alexis Skidmore/'84 928 S  
Thomas & Ann Spotts/Muncie/'65 356 C Cabriolet Green  
Sharon Taylor/Bloomington/'02 Boxster S

## Transfer Members

Karen Anderson/Carmel/from Michiana Region/'20 Cayenne  
James & Megan Stratton/Lafayette/from Lincoln Trail Region/'22 911 Carrera GTS

## Test Drive Participants

Ken & Joan Rabbers/Carmel

**Membership Tip:** Every PCA Membership comes with a free Co-Member that can be your spouse, 18 yr. or older son or daughter, friend or neighbor. They receive a PCA Membership Card and have the same club rights as yourself. The easiest way to add a Co-Member is to call the PCA National Office at 410-381-0911 MF 9-5 or add them when you renew your membership. Make their membership card a surprise gift. They will appreciate it!

## C/R Member Anniversaries

2022 Anniversaries Coming Up in 1st Quarter

### 1977 — 45 Years

Steven & Jennifer Blystone/Columbus/Feb.

### 1987 — 35 Years

J. & Jennifer Weyreter/North Salem/Jan.

### 1992 — 30 Years

Jan Berend Heitink & Nichole Jensen/Ellettsville/Feb.

### 1997 — 25 Years

Stephen & Lila Huse/Indy & Sarasota, FL/Feb.,

Leslie & Linda Anderson/Indy/Feb.,

Clarence & Matt Ebersole/Brownsburg/Mar.

### 2002 — 20 Years

Charles Caroline Bradford/Decatur/Jan.

Thomas & Marsha Brentlinger/Plainfield/Jan.

Brian & Joanna Broderick/Bloomington/Jan.

### 2007 — 15 Years

Gregory Morrison & Melinda Messino/Muncie/Jan.

Steve & Patty Yeagerr/Indy/Jan.

Stephen & Cheryl Watson/Indy/Jan.

K. & Faith Cohen/Indy/Mar.

### 2012 — 10 Years

Douglas & Patricia Parker/Bloomington/Feb.

Bob Boulware & Clara Sangster/Mooresville/Feb.

Joseph & Bryan Bevelhimer/Indy/Mar.

Frank & Phillip Cosmas/Indy/Mar.

David Keller/Mar.