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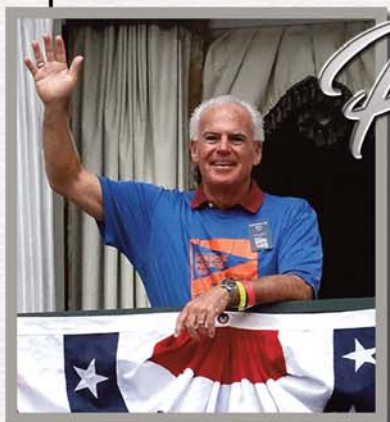
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CURT SWEARINGIN, 17, LEADS JOSEPH LOMBARDO, 92, THROUGH TURN TWO IN SATURDAY'S CARRERA CUP RACE AT IMS. PHOTO BY LARRY CLARINO





# Dress Set

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appy October Everyone...

Okay, now we're full into the pumpkin spice and apple cider season!

About the time you read this a bunch of us will, are, or did, have a great time at Putnam Park Road Course at our fall Pumpkin Run High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE) on October 1st through the 3rd.

If you can, come on out and hang out with us, even if you don't want to drive on track. If not for this one, we plan on being back here in April for our Spring Brake HPDE. It's always a great time being together at the track and seeing Porsches in their natural habitat.

Later this month, Judy and I are once again hosting the Winery Tour Drive, Saturday, October 16th. Just to get you all up to date, we were hoping to get back to our "classic" form for the tour. Starting at the Brown County Inn for brunch and driver's meeting, then enjoying a great drive to the Huber Winery. But this year the Huber Winery was horrible at returning calls and communicating. The last straw was when they told me that there would be no parking attendants, and we would have to park with the general public. So, this year we will still start at the Brown County Inn as usual, then have a great drive to the Patoka Lake Winery.

For Judy and me the 2021 Porsche Parade at French Lick was an absolute blast! This was our third Parade, the first being at French Lick six years ago, and then The Ozark's the following year. This was the first time we've attended as Region President and First Lady. Let me tell you, if you ever want to feel appreciated, just go to Parade as a Region President!

I had elected to not have Region President listed on my badge, planning on remaining incognito. I was amazed that everyone from National knew who I was. They must have had a class on memorizing all of us.

At every Parade, the National Board members, and staff hold a President's Reception for all leaders in attendance. All the National people are there, and after they welcome all of us, they serve us the entire evening! I'm not sure how many regions were represented, but there was a great crowd. Our table included the President and Vice President from Alaska. They shared their amazing story on how they made it to French Lick. Can't wait for the Poconos next year, and hope Pete will get to go and experience this for himself.

Oh, and I can't forget a big congratulations to Pam Clarino for winning the best newsletter in the country from the PCA. We are really proud of the CIRcular!

Hope you all have a fantastic and safe October!

Rob

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## 2022/23 CIR Officer/Board Position Voting

This year the Nominating Committee has put forth the members below as the nominees and positions for the two-year term to begin in January of 2022.

Please vote and return your ballot as soon as possible.

Rob Fike: CIR; President Chair of the 2022 Nominating Committee.



### Central Indiana Region Porsche Club of America

**Ballot for Election of 2022 Officers and 2022 Election Notice** (Vote for only one candidate for each position)

**President:** *Pete Walker*

- Active or Associate Member's Vote (Primary Member): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Family-Active, Family-Associate or Affiliate Member's Vote: *(Co-Member)* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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- Active or Associate Member's Vote (Primary Member): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Family-Active, Family-Associate or Affiliate Member's Vote: *(Co-Member)* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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- Active or Associate Member's Vote (Primary Member): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Family-Active, Family-Associate or Affiliate Member's Vote: *(Co-Member)* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership:** *Greg Smith*

- Active or Associate Member's Vote (Primary Member): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Family-Active, Family-Associate or Affiliate Member's Vote: *(Co-Member)* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities Chair:** *Lisa Krebs*

- Active or Associate Member's Vote (Primary Member): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Family-Active, Family-Associate or Affiliate Member's Vote: *(Co-Member)* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Greg Brown is continuing in his second year as our Treasure. All terms 2 years.

*(Primary Member)*

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(on PCA Membership Card)

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- Family-Active, Family Associate or Affiliate Member's Name (Co-Member):

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Family-Active, Family Associate or Affiliate Member's Signature:

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Please mail filled-out Election Ballot so as to be delivered by November 1, 2021 to: James Legault  
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*Thank you for voting!*





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Around the Zone: Lori Schutz





# EDITOR'S NOTE

Before we get started with this issue's rambling thoughts of your's truly, a bit of bragging! We had an extraordinary surprise at Porsche Parade, this year at French Lick. Your CIRcular editor, and my wife, Pam Clarino, won the PCA's Betty Jo Turner Award for the best newsletter in North America.

Pam's background as a graphic artist and art director, includes thirty-five years with the Danbury Mint in Norwalk, Connecticut. How many of you have a few Danbury Mint die-cast car models, leather bound books, or Postal Commemorative Society stamps, in your collection? Well, Pam did the advertising for most of them.

The Betty Jo Turner Award for Newsletter Excellence was created in 2012 to recognize retiring Panorama editor,

Betty Jo Turner, and is awarded to the region newsletter judged to be the most outstanding for the year, as part of the PCA National Competition. This was truly a surprise and an honor for our entire region.

We have tried to bring a new, almost magazine look to the CIRcular. We will do our best to continue to make it a publication worthy of your time to actually read.

By the way, if you would like to get involved with the CIRcular, maybe write a story or two, suggest a topic or subject of a member Spotlight, or just have a question or comment, let us

know at [cirpca.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cirpca.newsletter@gmail.com).

It has been an extraordinary few mouths for our region. Starting with Porsche Parade right here in Indiana, our dinners, drives, the amazing Porsche-Plaozoa car show with over a hundred Porsches, the Porsche Sportscars Together and LUFTGEKÜHLT 7, right here in Indy, to our annual Pumpkin Run HPDE, we have to be one of the busiest regions in the nation. That is truly because we



have a great active membership and an outstanding board of directors.

Speaking of Porsche-Plaozoa — With nearly 100 Porsches

showcasing the tree-lined streets of Carmel, here are the Porsche-Plaozoa winners:

- *Best in Show* — Adam Hoffman, 1968 Porsche 912
- *Best in Class: Rear: Air* — John Krug, 1971 Porsche 911T
- *Best in Class: Rear: Water* — Renee Black, 2017 Porsche Targa 4S
- *Best in Class: GT* — Larry Polk, 2015 Porsche GT3
- *Best in Class: Mid: Coupe* — Jon Silverberg, 2017 Porsche Cayman S
- *Best in Class: Mid: Conv* — Gary Hoke, Porsche Boxster
- *Best in Class: Front* — Jay Miller, 1993 Porsche 968
- *Best in Class: 4 Doors* — Robert Snider, 2021 Porsche Macan S

Thanks to the team at TOM WOOD PORSCHE for hosting this incredible collection of Porsches.

We also want to thank president Rob Fike and the whole management team for the amazing job they have done over the last couple of years. Please remember to vote for our new officers, it is important to the club to carry on the work of the team. Be sure to fill out and mail your ballot on page three of this issue. The CIR is really your club, without each of you we would not be here.

While we are at it we also want to thank Lori Schutz, our Zone Four representative to PCA. Lori announced she will be stepping down at the end of the year. She has been a leader to us all in the mid-west.

Incidentally, our region membership has grown significantly, even with the challenge of Covid-19. We are now over 1100 members, as some chapters have all but shutdown, but not us. Please be sure to take care of yourselves and each other. This Delta variant is nothing to sneeze at, pardon-the-pun.

# CIRPCA.ORG



**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.

Visit the Gallery for all the latest event photos!



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

Peruse current and back issues of the CIRcular newsletters!

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Interested in learning more about what your Porsche car is capable of? The CIR Driver Ed links menu provides links to information about the next DE event, DE FAQs, Putnam Park Info, and DE videos.



Would you like to learn more about the Club itself? The About Us menu has links to the Club's history, CIR By-laws, CIR Philanthropies, and more!



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

**DEADLINE FOR  
THE JANUARY  
2022 ISSUE OF  
CIRCULAR IS  
DEC. 6, 2021.**

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 [circpa.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:circpa.newsletter@gmail.com). The next full issue will not be until January 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.

## October

- 2** Saturday Breakfast at Cabana Pancake House in Mooresville at 9 a.m.
- 4** Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 13-17** PCA Treffen in Kohler, WI
- 16** Wine Tour — See page 8 for information.
- 21** Happy Hour at Big Hoffa's Smoke House in Westfield — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

## November

- 1** Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 6** Breakfast at Flap-Jacks Pancake house in Bargerville at 9 a.m.
- 18** Happy Hour at Jailbird in Indianapolis — 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## December

- 4** Annual Dinner, 2022 Election and Gift Exchange — See page 8 for information.
- 6** Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

## January

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

To RSVP the events on the bar at the right visit the November Calendar at [cirpca.org](http://cirpca.org)

## Check Out these November Events



### Flap-Jacks Pancake House

Join us for Breakfast the 1st Saturday of November at Flap-Jacks. It is located at 2991 Fulmer Drive in Bargersville, IN. You will want to RSVP for an accurate headcount. Bring your appetite!



### NOVEMBER 18

6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. EST

It is located at 4022 Shelby Street, Indianapolis. A neighborhood bar that's inclusive and fun near the University of Indianapolis. You will want to RSVP for an accurate headcount.



# Check Out These Upcoming Events

## Our Annual Winery Tour is Back

Saturday, October 16th 2021, one of our most popular events will be returning, only with a new ending point. The scenic drive through Southern Indiana will also be a new route. We will begin with an 8:30 AM Driver's Meeting at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, IN, followed by a breakfast buffet.

The driving tour will begin after breakfast. The weather is usually perfect, the fall scenery breathtaking, and the roads are some of the best in Southern Indiana. Our ending point is different this year — Patoka Lake Winery!

Upon arrival at the Patoka Lake Winery, we will have plenty of parking as we join our Kentucky and Southern Indiana Region brothers and sisters.

The breakfast at Brown County Inn starts at 9:00 AM, so plan to arrive in Nashville before 8:30 AM for the Driver's Meeting. We will plan to arrive at Patoka Lake by 2:00 PM for door prize drawings! Cost of the event is \$10.00 per person.

The cost for the breakfast is separate, and will be \$12.00 plus 18% gratuity per person and will be paid to the Brown County Inn that day. Separate checks.

Patoka Lake Winery have Cabins available for overnight stay. Contact the Winery directly and ask for Barbi if interested.  
[www.patokalakewinery.com](http://www.patokalakewinery.com)



## Annual Dinner/Election and Holiday Gift Exchange

**DECEMBER 4 @ 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM EST**

CIR/PCA Members Annual Dinner/Election  
and Holiday Gift Exchange

**WHERE:** Tom Wood Porsche at  
3473 E 96th St, Indianapolis, IN



It's that time of year again. We are gearing up for our annual dinner and holiday gift exchange. This year we are going to come back to Tom Wood Porsche showroom. We will have dinner, drinks, the results of the election for your 2022-2024 board and the ever exciting holiday gift exchange (limited at \$25/gift). You will have a wonderful time with your CIR friends so please plan to join us.

We are still working on the logistics of this event and hope to give more details soon. You will notice you cannot RSVP just yet, please, but keep checking it You will be able to soon, so SAVE THE DATE.

### Save the Date



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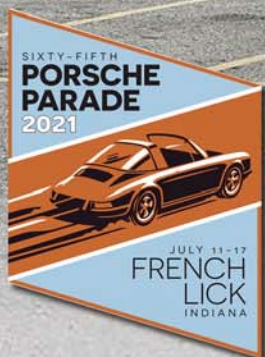
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## Porsche Parade 2021

*For our CIRcular coverage of Porsche Parade, we are doing something a little different, since we could not be everywhere at once. We asked several members to write in their own words about the various events they participated in at Parade.*

Article by Larry Clarino

Photos by Larry Clarino

The 2021 Porsche Parade at French Lick was a huge success with 1,092 Porsches vehicles registered for the weeklong celebration of all things Porsche. Nearly 2000 Porsche Club members, from all over the continent, made the journey to the tiny resort town in south-central Indiana.

Our Central Indiana Region (CIR) had, as would be expected, the largest number of registrations with 81 cars in attendance. Greg and Christine Hendricks took the prize for being the first CIR members to register at number 129, just seconds after registration opened up.

This was the second time since 2015 the convention was held at the sprawling French Lick West Baden Resort. Of course, we do love the West Baden Springs Hotel a true five star resort.

This was Pam and my first Parade. The highlight for us was the CIRcular winning the Betty Jo Turner Award for 2021 Best Overall Newsletter. We were only able to attend from Wednesday thru Saturday, but the dinners were wonderful especially, the buffet at the awards dinner on Wednesday night.

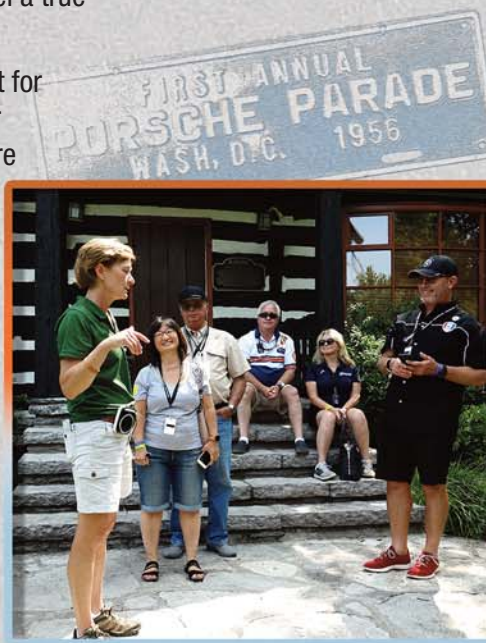
A funny thing happened to us on our tour-drive to Buffalo Trace distillery in Frankfort, Kentucky, as there seemed to be a bit of confusion with the planned route and the directions our lead car had. He didn't get the printed directions from PCA, so he used his phone's Google Maps,



The actual parade on Saturday.



West Baden Resort rotunda.



Far right photo is the Buffalo Trace buffalo. Photo on the left is our group and knowledgeable tour guide.





that sent him a different way from the rest of us that had the printed directions! About 5 minutes after we got on highway IN-145, we discovered we had no leader. Oh well, we all got there anyway and had a great time.

On another day after visiting a local safari park with friends, we hopped aboard the French Lick Scenic Railway for a bourbon tasting. Bourbon is the big business in this part of the country, and we did our part to help the local economy.

It really is an amazing sight to see Porsches; of every description, everywhere you look, that's Porsche Parade.



**Bourbon Tour train.**



**Safari park petting wolves and feeding a Giraffe.**



*Photos by Larry Clarino*



## *My First Concours* by Jimmy Arata

*It was the first time we had a car in the shop for major metal repair and a repaint, and with Porsche Parade at French Lick, Indiana, it seemed like a perfect time to add a concours competition to our list of events and activities experienced with the Porsche club.*

*Having done numerous breakfasts, lunches, tours, auto crosses and tracks days; this would be a chance to try yet another activity.*

*We drove the newly restored 912 down to French Lick on the Saturday before registration, so we could attend the concours 101 class at the French Lick Resort. We learned a lot, and realized there were a lot of newbies like us, as well as some pretty grizzled regulars.*

*There are a number of classes at these events, so we registered for street class, which had no engine or underbody judging. Pretty much a beginners class, and a great way to "dip your toes" into the concours world. This class entailed exterior and interior judging, and though I like a clean car, this takes things to another level. Example; it was mentioned that people have lost points for dirt behind their gas pedal, gee, I never thought about cleaning there, what other surprises would there be?*

*After class, we took the Greenbean (our 912) to the parking garage for a thorough washing, and parked it for the night. Next afternoon, we washed the car again and parked it for Mondays judging. I am sure we have never washed a clean car so many times.*

*Monday, judging day, went well. When the judges came they were very professional, and combed the car over, as was expected. We lost points for scratches on a trim piece, and horror of horrors, a smudge found elsewhere.*

*During the event, Maureen was asked if we would participate in the Hagerty Youth Judging. We said yes, so after formal judging, two separate groups of kids, teenagers and younger children, were taken around to view select cars and owners. The owners explained what made their cars unique, showed the interiors and engines, and answered questions posed from the kids.*

*In the end, we did not win anything in the concours, but won the Hagerty Kids Judging. It was very satisfying, as Maureen was able to share with the youngsters what owning these cars is like, personal touches she added, decals and other things that make these cars special to us. The kids got to see the personalities of the owners, and were encouraged to ask questions.*

*Concours is another way to enjoy your car, certainly not for everyone, but another way to show your Porsche. It is a competition, so be prepared. I can't say whether we will enter another concours or not, but it is great to see the lengths people do to prepare their cars, and I do enjoy viewing the entries.*



**Maureen Arata with the award winning Greenbean.**

## *TSD Rally* by Larry Haskett

**Fun and Adventure in a 356 on the back roads of Southern Indiana.**

*The last time Louise and I entered a Parade TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) Rally we managed to garner a first in class. At that time, we declared that all future rallies would only be for fun with no self-imposed competitive pressure.*

*For this year's rally I thought it would be interesting to drive our 1964 Porsche 356 convertible. I entered it in the unequipped class, which*





according to the rulebook is a group for those Porsches without navigational/GPS systems. It is also the class first time entrants usually select, even though most of the modern cars have a built in nav system. But believe me, a 356 without a working trip odometer and a speedometer that jumps around is probably the true definition of an unequipped Porsche.

Armed with a clipboard, highlighters, stopwatch, a handful of time allowance slips we depart at 9:00 (which does become critical later) for a fun day in the hinterland. We breezed through the odometer check because with a non-operating trip odometer, it's meaningless. As we proceed through the opening stage, it is a nice day, the car is running great and we seem to be staying the course. A checkpoint arrives, we get our elapsed time and compare it to the rally master's correct time. That's when it happens. We are only ten seconds off.

The fun begins to ebb, and those dreaded competitive juices begin to flow. We could actually have a reasonable finish if we keep at this pace. Now the driving becomes more focused, and each gyration of the speedometer throws a bit more doubt into what is my true average speed during the stage.

Next checkpoint shows we, more than likely me, have stumbled. Not bad, but now the question is to either drop back to the fun plan or re-double efforts. By the time we arrived at the lunch stop, our approach is still unclear. As we discuss our options, I began to notice that the other teams that were in the restaurant have now departed, and I get the distinct impression have been gone for some time. A quick scurry back to the car and we check the first post-break instruction. We had plenty of time to get to the start of the leg if it would have been two miles from the break, but it is not. Not even close. There is only so much speed you can coax out of 90HP motor, so we will have to take a time allowance and hope the calculation is correct.

For those of you still reading, here is where the 9:00 start time impacts our day. While we were at lunch, I noticed some rather ominous clouds and upon checking the radar found there was a severe storm warning for the French Lick area. As we found out later, the earlier departing rallyists were caught in a torrential downpour. I have no idea how it impacted their scores, but by the time we arrived at the same stretches of the route, the pavement was dry. If the 356 had been caught in it, I'm not sure if we would have been able to finish.

Louise did the final tallying and turned in our score sheet. Though I was skeptical, she thought we posted a respectable score for a truly unequipped car. And as more often than not, she was correct. Second-place in class.

Will we enter at the next Parade? Of course. Just for fun.



TSD Rally checkpoint.



Photos by PCA/Parade

## Churchill Downs Tour by Barb Hicks

My name is Barb Hicks and being engaged to a real car guy, long time CIR member Tom Beeler, he has like, 18 cars, this was my first Porsche Parade and not too far from home! So, in our 2014, 50th Anniversary Edition; 911 we headed off to French Lick, Indiana.

We signed up for one of the many tours offered by the Parade team, the driving trip to Churchill Downs, home of the legendary Kentucky Derby. The drive leaders did a wonderful job leading our cars through the winding and picturesque hills of southern Indiana, into the Blue Grass State where we boarded a bus for the final leg of our journey to the historic horse racing track.

After a lovely lunch which included a southern staple, the famous Hot Brown, sometimes known as a Louisville Hot Brown or Kentucky Hot Brown, an American hot-sandwich originally created at the Brown Hotel in Louisville. It's an open-faced sandwich of turkey breast, ham and bacon, covered in creamy Mornay sauce and baked or broiled until the bread is crisp and the sauce begins to brown. And well, wow!

After lunch the Churchill Downs guides took us on a behind-the-scenes tour of the stables, grandstand and track and shared stories, anecdotes and their most cherished memories of being part of America's greatest race. However, some of our drive's Indianapolis based participants had something to say about that moniker. We do have another race in Indiana, of some note, with way more horsepower!

Some of the things I now know; Secretariat's heart was over twice the size of most racehorses, that Chateaugay won the race the year I was born (It's a tradition to learn this while you are touring the grounds.) and that the Run for the Roses is considered the most exciting two minutes in sports. Well at least by horse race fans.

We all thoroughly enjoyed touring and learning about this iconic race and facility and thinking about the days when horsepower meant something a little different, than it does now, at least to a Porsche owner. Next time, I'll remember to bring my Derby hat and copper cup to have a mint julep

Just a few miles up Rt-150 from our Parade hotel, The West Baden Springs Resort, is an amazing animal park, the Wilstem Wildlife Park. Although not part of the Porsche Parade tours, Tom and I along with fellow CIR'ers, Pam and Larry Clarino, spent a morning playing with baby wolves, feeding giraffes and camels and hugging kangaroos. Wish the Parade team would have made this a part of the Porsche Parade program. The 1,100-acre Wilstem Ranch includes a variety of animal encounters, including a drive through safari adventure. A must for any animal lover, like me!



Porsches at Churchill.



Entrance with Barbaro statue.



Inside the famous Churchill Downs.

Photos by Barb Hicks



## Art Show Participation by a CIR PhotoShop Hobbyist/Randy Faunce

This year was only our second Parade (the last one six years ago, also at French Lick). As my first experience here was heavily involved with the hosting of a Street Survival Teen Emergency Car Control Clinic, I was hoping to spend this convention experiencing everything Parade has to offer — trains and tours and kids activities and tastings and receptions and artworks. Oh, hey, looking on the Parade website, PCA actually hosts an Art Show all week long, with displays categorized into medium: sculptures and paintings and photography and a kid's category and, hmmm, Computer Generated Art as a category. Well, I could take a couple of my file car photos and wash them through some creative layering in PhotoShop (been using that application since it was version 3, delivering on a stack of 19 floppies for installation).

I had already started many moons ago when I took an image of my Shark (the '88 928 S4 5-speed) that I recall George Barker snapped while I was on track at Putnam Park many years ago — I had taken that image, used PhotoShop to draw shark fins, tail, teeth and gills and printed it on a blue T-shirt. I could take that same 'shark' and drop it in the ocean (royalty free background), with a fellow Great White (also public domain), and hand/mouse draw shark shaped shadows on the ocean floor! So I did!

Oh! and I've a great picture of the GT4 in front of a HUGE radio telescope that I captured when Cindi and I were attending the Treffen in Asheville, NC — I'll take that image, remove the background trees, blue sky, buildings, etc. and replace it with a (NASA public domain) moonscape. So I did!

I've always wanted to see a mockup of a magazine cover that would feature our family's many PCA treks and track adventures, so I did a double-sized version of that, too. Order prints of the uploaded final images, frame them and hand deliver to the Art Show venue on Parade's check-in Sunday. Awesome!

I thought that would be pretty much the end of the story, perhaps occasionally bumping into another CIR member having seen my prints on display as the week went by. Ok, there is a reception to feature the Art Show on Monday afternoon, between a couple of the other Monday calendar events. I walk in to see just how the volunteer staff managed to get all submissions arranged and nicely displayed, when I notice my 928/shark picture has a big 3rd place ribbon on it! WOW! I wasn't aware this was a judged event! WAIT! My other two prints also had placement ribbons on them, a 1st on the GT4-on-the-moon image, and a 2nd on the fictitious magazine cover! Well, that's cool!

After some browsing and mingling with other reception attendees, a voice over a microphone begins announcing the top three places in each of the show categories, and presenting each with one of those gorgeous Michael Soriano designed West Baden Parade trophies! Oh, this is just too much! Each of my ribbons is getting the accompanying trophy! Well, knowing that our recent Zone 4 Rep and now National Awards chair Mikey designed these for EVERYONE, I just HAD to have him autograph mine, so sharpie in hand. (Footnote: how did my entries sweep the category? I was the only 'artist' to submit in that category — all the judges had to do was decide which of my three prints they liked best.)

## Gimmick Rally and Movie Trivia by Randy Faunce

A pleasant day driving along several scenic and twisting Hoosier roadways, and we wound our way back to the French Lick Hotel staging area for our 'run' in the Gimmick Rally. Cindi and I had done this event together the last time PCA Parade was here, and had such a good time with it, we signed up for this one, too!

There was a decided 'theme' to this rally, as the hunt was for cemeteries the provided route would take us past (or near, or almost in sight of). We simply had to mark each encountered graveyard in the order found to earn points on our tally sheet. We only missed one of the ten (even with the sample photos on the route directions).

Cindi noted the directions were bereft of the descriptive commentary Bob Snider has spoiled us with over the years — no historical notes or other points of interest along the route — basically turn-by-turn and mile-marker directions.

The town of Orleans was well prepared for our arrival at the end of the driving route (though a short trip down the road a short while later would finish the night) — food and refreshment trucks lined the town square, as did some special local vehicles like 'Mater' and 'Red' as inspired by Cars (the Pixar movie), and area residents came out to experience the parade of Porsches into town.

Save for the lone graveyard location Cindi and I missed, and as the conclusion of the rally would be at a drive-in movie theater (feature showing McQueen in LeMans), there were twenty some 'tie-breaker' trivia questions about Porsches in various movies — some questions were about the 356 in Top Gun (maybe a couple lucky guesses on other questions). The rally winners scored a total of 24 points — Cindi and I earned 12, two places above the last place score of 8. All in all, a wonderful day with the PCA!



Randy with his photos and awards. Beautiful trophies.



Photos by Randy Faunce



One of the cemeteries on our route.



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# CIR Porsche Parade Welcome Dinner at Hagen's a rousing success!

Article by Bob Snider/Photos by Larry Clarino

Thirty-one members and guests attended the Central Indiana Region Porsche Parade Welcome Dinner, at Hagen's Clubhouse in French Lick, Indiana on July 15. All the food was over the top, in the newly enclosed, and air conditioned, patio, perfect for the group. Hagen's opened just for us, being normally open for dinner on only on weekends, since the pandemic.

PCA Zone 4 Rep, Lori Schutz, was in attendance, she talked about the upcoming Porsche Sportscar Together Fest at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Luftgekhühlket-7 at downtown Indy's new Bottle Works District.

President, Rob Fike, surprised everyone by presenting the 2020 Mike Robbins Enthusiast of the Year Award to past CIR President Rebecca Pinto for all the work she and her husband Brian did in organizing the 2019 Porsche Palooza Car Show at Carmel's Artomobilia. She and Brian were responsible for getting over 100 Porsches to the event, earning over \$4500 for the Alzheimer's Association.

Originally, Rebecca's award was to be presented at the 2020 Holiday Party, cancelled due to Covid.

To cap off the evening, it was announced that our own CIRcular newsletter, Editor Pam Clarino, was awarded Best Overall Newsletter at Parade for 2020! Beating out huge Regions like Golden Gate, Metro New York, and Northern New Jersey. Pam and Larry displayed the crystal trophy to roaring applause! Way to go Pam & Larry! This is the best our region's newsletter has ever done in the national competition.



Time for a drink and pre-dinner chat on the enclosed patio.



PCA Zone 4 Rep, Lori Schutz, talks about the upcoming Porsche Sportscar Together Fest and Luft events coming to Indy in September.



President, Rob Fike presents Rebecca Pinto the 2020 Enthusiast of the Year Award.



# Porsche Sportscar Together Fest

Article & photos by Larry Clarino

*B*y all accounts the first ever Porsche Sportscar Together Fest weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) has to be considered a tremendous success. The event, centered around the Porsche Carrera Cup racing series, was set to be a festival of Porsche Motorsports in North America and a unique celebration of the Porsche spirit.

The September 10th thru 12th weekend, was something IMS owner Roger Penske and the folks at Porsche Cars North America (PCNA) have been talking about since before Penske bought the world-famous racing facility. This year, with very little promotion, was a sort of an experiment of the fan interest and experience. Indeed, it was a hit, but also a harbinger of what could come in the future.

The Porsche Club of America (PCA) coming off of Porsche Parade, jumped in with a Porsche Corral and a spectacular display loaded with vintage cars, and massive hospitality tent with guest speakers and refreshments. Each morning they hosted a parade-lap session for members to view IMS from the driver's seat of your own car at a very 'liberal' highway speed perspective.

PCNA, built an off-road course, complete with a mini-mountain and lake to demonstrate the capabilities of the Porsche SUV lineup. An autocross was setup with demo-rides provided by the instructors from Porsche Track Experience at Birmingham, Alabama.

For those of you familiar with IMS, the area behind the Pagoda was transformed into a Fan Zone with displays and events for both adults and kids. Thank you so much to PCA and PCNA for this well organized and wonderful experience.

The on-track side featured the Carrera Cup series, with rounds 9, 10, and 11, supported by the new United States Auto Club; Porsche Sprint Challenge series and PCA clubsport racing series. Racing cars were on track constantly all three days.

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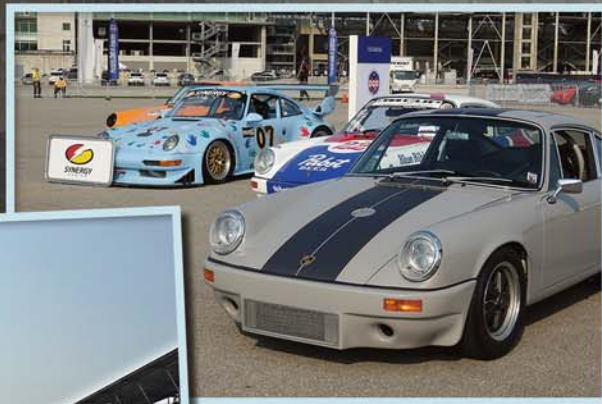


*Porsche Corral*



*The Iconic Pagoda*

*PCA Vintage Display*



*The Featured Carrera Cup North America Presented by the Cayman Islands play.*

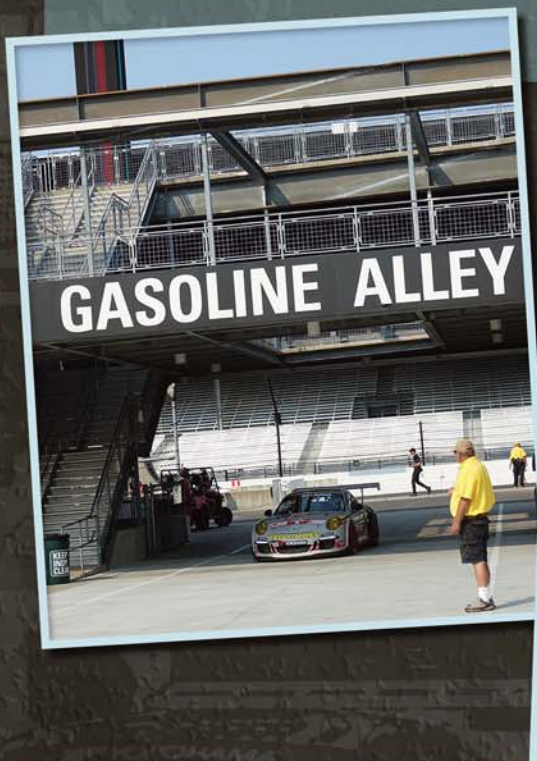


The Porsche Sportscar Together Fest at IMS was a perfect backdrop to Porsche Carrera Cup North America. This is a one marque series using Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars, using type 992's with Pro, and Pro-Am, and 991 classes. The legendary racetrack hosted the iconic brand, treating fans to an exciting and action-packed weekend both on and off the track.

Brian Blocker, Series Manager, Porsche Carrera Cup North America Presented by the Cayman Islands said, "We knew that racing at Indianapolis would be special to our drivers and teams. We simply didn't anticipate it would be this unique. To be the headline series of the Porsche Sportscar Together Fest is an honor that we did not take lightly."

Porsche Motorsports' PR guru, Tom Moore, an Indy native, said, "The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is hallowed ground. Whether racing an Indy car at the Indianapolis 500 on Memorial Day, a NASCAR stock car during the summer or a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup race car on 9/11, the Speedway racetrack draws deep emotion from drivers from around the globe in a uniquely American way."

We sincerely hope Porsche Sportscar Together Fest is the start of a new annual event at the World's Greatest Raceway. This weekend was just simply fun!



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# Exclusive CIRcular Interview

## with IMS President Doug Boles

by Larry Clarino



CIRcular in an exclusive interview with Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) President, Doug Boles, discussed how the Porsche Sportscar Together Fest came to be and what the future for this unique event could become. We sat down with Boles in his office at IMS within a stone's throw from the famous, oval turn one.

"It all started with Porsche reaching out to the Speedway prior to Roger (Penske) buying the Speedway. Porsche racing wanted to do something here. Then after Roger bought IMS, his contacts said to him, we are really interested in doing this, that elevated it to a new level. So, it sort of came at two different angles. It was immediately an event that Roger was interested in. He has a long history with Porsche going back to his driving days. (Roger

Penske at nineteen-years-old, owned and raced a 1958 Porsche RS.) This was before it was announced Roger would be running Porsches in (IMSA) sports cars," said Boles, "Besides, Porsche is exactly the kind of partner we are looking for. It is the kind of brand we, at the Speedway, want to be associated with."

"Porsche sent around twenty people out to see us and the facility, and of course Indianapolis. They were impressed. The garages are great, the track is relatively safe, yet really challenging. We are ten minutes from downtown, Main Street is awesome, and it is all right here."

As things developed and plans moved forward, the United States Auto Club (USAC) came on board to sanction the whole IMS event (See the April 2021 CIRcular for the Porsche/USAC).

"Even though we are an ACCUS (Automobile Competition Committee for the United States) member and could sanction our own event, it is easier and probably safer, to pay USAC to manage this sort of event. It's a nice way to keep a relationship with USAC as well. They do SRO and the Porsche Sprint Challenge already and of course, our midget racing on our dirt oval. Kevin (Miller, USAC president) is doing a great job. They know how to run races like this."

It seems Porsche would like to build this into a Rennsport level of event. We asked Boles if that would be something that fits into the IMS longterm plan.

"For sure. The thing is, The 500 sells itself, the rest of the events, there is a perception if you have it at the Speedway people will come. That is not necessarily true. This first year we are all trying to figure out what it should be and how do you promote it. Nether we, nor Porsche, is spending a lot, most promotion will be social media this year. We will evaluate how this year goes, but the intent is to make this a long-term partnership. We already have dates in mind for next year and if at some point if we could ever bid on Rennsport, we would like to look at that. We would love to figure out a way to host that here. That would be fantastic."

Like everything Porsche does, they try to do it right. Seems they want this to grow into a festival of Porsche Motorsports on a level we, as owners, would expect for a premier automaker as well as famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

As for our region, we certainly will want to be involved in whatever the Porsche Sportscar Together Fest becomes. This does feel like the start of something big.





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# Luftgekühlt 7

Article and photos by Pete Walker

Founded by Patrick Long and Howie Idelson, Luftgekühlt is a celebration of air-cooled Porsches, starting with the 356 through the 993 model 911, production of which ended in 1998. The celebration includes displaying street cars and race cars, and the people and stories behind them. These events have been held around the country and now Indy. On Friday, Sept 10, Luftgekühlt 7 came to the Bottleworks District near downtown Indianapolis.

The Bottleworks District was a great space to host this event. The combination of buildings, new and old, lead to an amazing backdrop on which the Porsches were added. People came from all over the country to both display their cars as well as take in the views. And what views there were! The combination of original and modified cars was staggering. There were original 356s that have been well cared for by their owners, restored cars, modified cars by shops such as Retrowerks and Singer, and several race cars you only see in pictures.

Everyone was happy to talk about their cars. They were proud to be here, in Indianapolis on a beautiful sunny day, and were keen to discuss their trip over, the history of their cars, and smile as people came by to take pictures.

As with any car show, it's always difficult to choose your favorite. And there's so much to see, you might have missed something or forgotten about another car that's sitting around the corner. For me, there were two I greatly enjoyed.

The first was a green convertible 356 that, when you first lay eyes on it, give you pause. It's dirty, the cloth roof is torn, how did it even get here? According to the owner, the original buyer parked it in a barn in 1993 and it sat there until he died and the current owner bought it in 2019. Rebuild the engine, clean the gas tank, check the brakes, and now he takes the car around to different shows, telling the story. The Ultimate Barn Find.

Second were the Singer 911s. I've seen pictures of these cars, yet not once did I think I would see one in person. At Luft 7, there were 5! My favorite was a silver 911 with an aubergine interior. Every detail was immaculate, a testament to the quality of work Singer provides. It's not every day you see so many amazing cars in one place. If you want to check out some fantastic air-cooled Porsches, keep an eye out for the next Luftgekühlt event.



356 Barn Find



Singer 911



1969 917 Long Tail





# Artomobilia

Article and photos by Larry Clarino



**A**fter taking a year off for the Covid pandemic, Carmel, Indiana's Artomobilia was back for 2021 in full force. Saturday, August 28th more than 600 cars of every marque imaginable lined the streets of Carmel's downtown Arts District.

Central Indiana Region (CIR) member and Artomobilia organizer, John Leonard, invited the CIR to again host a show within a show, with PORSCHE-PALOOZA. More than 100 Porsches gathered along Rangeline Road, with everything from pure Porsche racing cars to air cooled classics represented. It really was astonishing to see so many of Stuttgart's finest on display. Nearly ten percent of the CIR membership had cars in the show.

As part of our CIR participation in this annual event, PORSCHE-PALOOZA is also a fund raiser for our club. This year as in 2019, \$5000 dollars will be donated to the Indiana Alzheimer's Association in the name of the Central Indiana Region. Thank you to everyone for helping out.

CIRcular sponsors, Tom Wood and Reggie's Motorworks both of who are major sponsors of Artomobilia were represented with many of their staff and performance cars in attendance.



*Here are some of the interesting CIR/PCA Porsches that showed up at Porsche-Palooza.*



*Lights, Lights and more Lights*



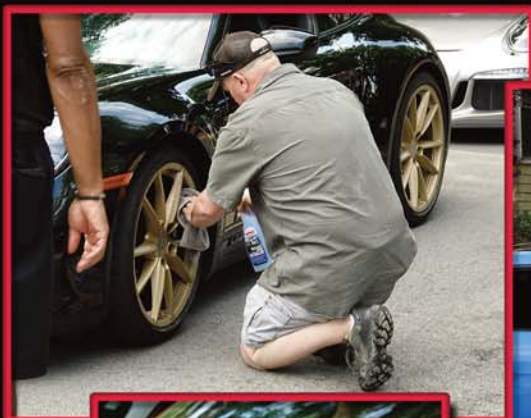
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# Porsche Palooza @ ARTOMOBILIA



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# FOCUS ON Mark Van Gemert

Article by Larry Clarino



Mark Van Gemert is one of the newest members of the Central Indiana Region.

The Green Bay, Wisconsin native joined the PCA just a couple of months ago. "I really like this club, probably the most active car club I have been involved with."

Like all PCA members the first thing you have to do is acquire a Porsche. It seems each of us has a story behind our first cars of the German marque. Mark located his 2016 Cayman GT4, on-line. He found the car at a dealer in Wilmington, North Carolina. "We were actually driving to North Carolina on vacation. It was my wife's turn to drive, and I was just looking at Auto-trader on my phone and this GT4 with 1500 miles on it popped up. That's how we found it."

"I have always been into the community aspect of things I am passionate about, I guess," said Mark, "Be it cycling or what not. I was in the BMW Club and met Chris Dunlap, I had a 3-Series Touring, that is a station-wagon in BMW land, he got me into track-days at Putnam. I sold my BMW, my kids outgrew the back seat anyway, and got the Porsche. So, I Googled

'Porsche Club', that's how I found the club, and joined. I got into the club first for the DE's. This car, the GT4, is way above my pay-grade, I have a lot to learn about it and how to drive it well."

Mark, 39, works for SRAM in Indy, a world-wide bicycle component engineering and manufacturing firm. "I got a job with Zipp in Speedway, that's where I first met Chis. (Editor's note; Chris Dunlap, a BMW fanatic, is a frequent participant of our CIR/PCA DE's, and a good guy. Many of you know him.) When Zipp was bought by SRAM I stayed with them. I handle warranty and documentation support for SRAM on a worldwide basis."

Mark and his wife, Danielle, a family practice doctor, moved to our area after Mark graduated from Purdue, with a degree in International Business and Finance. Danielle did her residency at St. Francis Hospital. They liked the Central Indiana area and now live on the Southeast side of Indy. "It's neat living here, Danielle often bikes to work. I try to do around ten hours a week on bikes. Great way to stay in shape."

Mark is no stranger to racetracks and DE's. He was an avid A-level motorcycle track-day enthusiast. He did entertain thoughts about racing. "Motorcycle friends were trying to get me to start racing, but that is a big commitment, both financially and physically. A crash on a motorcycle can be pretty serious."

The couple still do a lot on bicycling, "We did a little hundred-mile ride last weekend," said Mark. "I was very active with the Purdue bike-team. It is a club sport there, but we had over 100 members."

We want to welcome Mark and his family to our club and the PCA.





# Book Review

Article by Larry Clarino

This is a book review of an autobiography about a guy most of you never heard of and about a type of racing most of you have never seen. It is also about, perhaps, the purest and maybe the most dangerous form of motor racing ever invented.

*Cages Are for Monkeys* is the life story of a zany, some say a little nutty, undeniably talented, racer named Kevin Olson, better known in the world of midget racing as "KO." Alright you say, who is Kevin Olson? He is a two-time United States Auto Club (USAC) National midget champion and a five-time Badger Midget Series champion. He is in the USAC Hall of Fame and has an astonishing race win record; over 10 percent. He may well be the most talented oval track driver to never get a shot at Indy Cars and the 500 Mile Race. He came up at a time when an Indy Car owner asked how much money do you have instead of how much talent do you have.

*Cages Are for Monkeys*, co-written with Lew Boyd and forwarded by Tony Stewart, is a hilarious compendium of a life of a journeyman racer. KO started racing as a kid in quarter midgets along with his brother Loren. Right after graduating high school, KO with a passion for midgets, with a love of the sport and with \$2500, bought his own race car, a former Parnelli Jones driven, Chevy II powered midget, and KO became a professional racing car driver. What could possibly go wrong?

Kevin making just enough to get to the next race, eventually began driving for many of the top midget owners in the nation. He certainly did not get rich. No one gets rich driving midgets, but he had a life most of us only dream about.

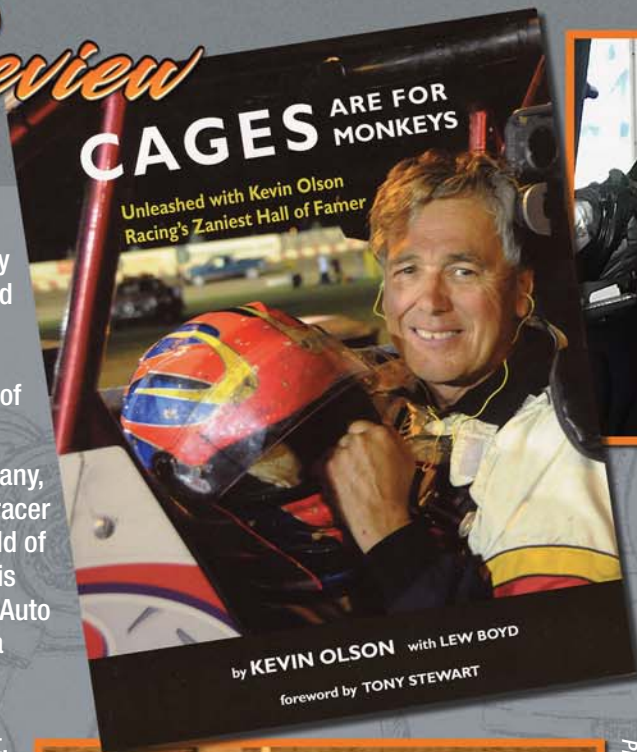
His career included several trips to Australia and New Zealand, where midgets, known as Speedway Cars, are enormously popular as part of Team USA, with driving greats like Jeff Gordon, Stan Fox and Sleepy Trip.

In all honesty I grew up in the 60's and 70's, crewed on a USAC midget, and followed KO's career closely. I admired his talent then and now; in my seventh decade I really admire the fact this now 70-year-old still buckles himself into a race car and can still show the youngsters how to drive a dirt quarter mile racetrack. This book brought back so many memories. This is a must read if you are at all interested in the history of American racing when it took giant amounts of intestinal fortitude to climb into a race car.

This was a time when a driver would run forty or fifty races a year, sometimes three or four nights in a row at as many different tracks. That was life on the road for a midget or sprint car pilot. But Kevin's life is so much more than racing, he is a dad, and granddad, an awesome family man, but he was and is still, a Racer.

*Cages Are for Monkeys* is published by Coastal 181 and is available at Amazon.com

Background illustration is by Brent "Hurricane" Holden and is featured on the last page of the book.



Kevin Olson at Sycamore Speedway, June 10, 2021.

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## 911 ALTERNATOR REPLACEMENT

Article & Photos by Rob Fike

Someone said, “Things go wrong at the worst times.” Well that someone was right. On Sunday, July 11th, as my wife and I headed to Porsche Parade, in French Lick, we found we had a low voltage issue with our '99, 911 (996) Cabriolet. I found by “load shedding” I could manage to not run the battery down too badly, but the thought of a week with no A/C, no radio, and maybe no lights was not comforting.

It was clear that with more than just a little electrical load, the alternator could not keep up. I suspected the culprit was a bad alternator, that meant not much driving that week unfortunately.

Once we were home, I could do some testing to make sure the alternator was actually the problem. The battery seemed to hold a charge okay, so with the ignition off I got out a multi-meter to check for just a bad ground from the negative side of the battery. Of course, I could not be that lucky.

With the car running, I tested for a voltage fluctuation with an electrical load on the battery as I turned on different components. Sure, enough it looked to be the alternator. I then ordered a replacement.

Next came YouTube. The beauty of having YouTube today, is there's probably a video on just about any automotive repair known to man! I watched a few videos on replacing the unit to see how hard it might be, and what things to look out for. It's always nice to let someone else screw something up first so you can avoid their problems!

At least for the 996 and 997 series of 911s, this looked to



PHOTO 1

be a very simple job. First thing is to disconnect the battery. (Photo 1). Then you begin by removing the air box and filter assembly. One bolt, one clamp,

one electrical connector, and a couple of wire holders, and it's out. Once the air box is out of the way; the room to work is huge. You can now clearly see and get to the alternator.

Next step is to relieve the serpentine belt tension and move the belt out of the way.

*Tip, take a picture of how the belt is installed first. (Photo 2)*



PHOTO 2

There are two bolts that actually hold the alternator in place. A short one on the lower left, and a long one that goes through an idler pulley to the right. The short one is easy, the long one is the only difficult part of this entire job. (Photo 3) The long bolt threads into a steel collar pressed into the aluminum frame of the alternator. As the alternator is installed, this collar is pulled tight against the engine.



PHOTO 3

To remove the alternator, this collar must be pushed forward to gain some clearance. To do this, take the long bolt out with the idler pulley. Set the pulley aside and reinstall the bolt threading in about 1/2". Spray the collar area liberally with a penetrating oil, and give the bolt a whack. I had to use a two-pound hammer on the head of the bolt to knock the collar forward enough to get the clearance needed. You only need to move the collar around a 1/16" or so.

Once that is done, pull the long bolt back out. From here



PHOTO 4

you just wiggle the unit out enough to disconnect the main output wire and one electrical plug (Photo 4).

Installation of the new unit is basically just a reverse of removal. When you are tightening the long bolt with the idler pulley, it will pull the collar on the new alternator right into place.

Now is a great time to check your serpentine belt. If any doubt as to its condition, change it. Heck, you are already there, may as well replace it. After putting everything back, I now have great stable voltage to the battery again no matter what electrical equipment is running!





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## League Update

Article by Jim Legault

By the time you read this, the eight week long Season 7 of PCA Sim Racing, presented by Hagerty Motorsports, will have competed the first events of the eight week season. The growth of PCA Sim Racing, on the iRacing platform, continues to be nothing short of remarkable. As of this writing, there are 568 registered PCA sim racers. Here's what to expect from Season 7.

PCA Sim Racing drivers are assigned to one of four classes, based on experience and overall competitiveness. Each class has its own weekly race. This season, PCA Challenge Class, sponsored by Z1Dashboard & Z1Analyzer, and PCA Sport Class, sponsored by Pirelli, will run on Wednesday evenings. The 45 minute races begin at 9:10 PM and 10:10 PM Eastern, respectively. PCA Club Class, sponsored by Michelin, and PCA Pro Class, sponsored by Porsche, will race on Friday evenings at 9:10 PM and 10:10 PM Eastern, with the same 45 minute race length. Each race night will follow the same format.

### First Nightly Race

8:00 PM Eastern — Practice

9:00 PM Eastern — Qualifying

9:10 PM Eastern — Race (45-minute race)

### Second Nightly Race

9:00 PM Eastern — Practice

10:00 PM Eastern — Qualifying

10:10 PM Eastern — Race (45-minute race)

Ten CIRPCA members are registered to compete in Season 7. In PCA Club Class, we're represented by Mark Westlake and Stephen Pruden. Keith Morgan, Thomas Doherty, Brian Black, and James Legault will compete in PCA Sport Class. Craig McCartt, Eric Berger, Joseph M Bridwell, and Kevin Romine are registered but have not yet been assigned to a class.

Every PCA Sim Racing event is professionally webcast live on YouTube by Podium eSports. YouTube is also the repository for a great deal of PCA Sim Racing content. The available videos cover topics ranging from "how-to" tutorials, interviews with professional drivers, and full race webcasts of previous events. Just go to YouTube, and search for PCA Sim Racing.

PCA Sim Racing's website also contains a wealth of information for prospective participants, active sim racers and interested spectators alike. If you have any questions about PCA Sim Racing, or sim racing in general, please contact me at [CIRPCA.Secretary@gmail.com](mailto:CIRPCA.Secretary@gmail.com). I am happy to help!

### PCA Sim Racing Season 7 Race Schedule

**Event 1** — 2008 Silverstone Grand Prix  
Wednesday, September 29th & Friday, October 1st

**Event 2** — Barber Motorsport Park Full Course  
Wednesday, October 6th & Friday, October 8th

**Event 3** — Circuit Gilles Villeneuve  
Wednesday, October 13th & Friday, October 15th

**Event 4** — Auto Club Speedway Competition  
Wednesday, October 20th & Friday, October 22th

**Event 5** — Nurburgring Grand Prix  
Wednesday, October 27th & Friday, October 29th

**Event 6** — Virginia International Speedway Full Course  
Wednesday, November 3rd & Friday, November 5th

**Event 7** — Oulton Park International  
Wednesday, November 10th & Friday, November 12th

**Event 8** — Autódromo José Carlos Pace Grand Prix (Interlagos)  
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# "TWO THUMBS UP!"

Article by Bob Snider / Photos by Larry Clarino

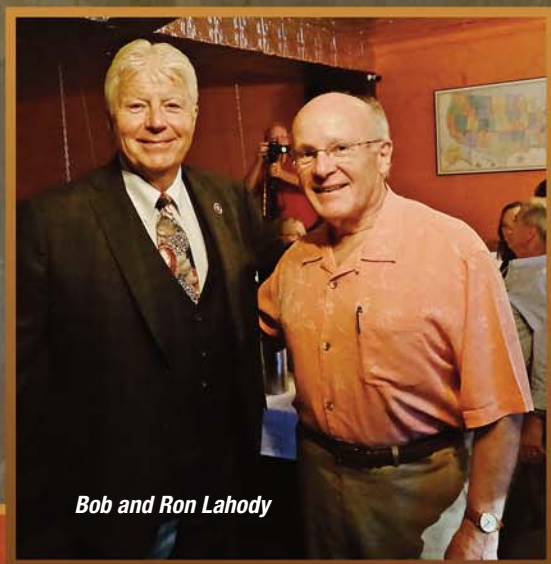
That was the overall verdict by everyone that attended the CIR "Meet in the Middle" Destination Dinner at Lahody's Steakhouse in Muncie on August 21. Attended by 21 members from all over the state of Indiana. Downtown Muncie is pretty much in the middle of the Central Indiana Region's area, an hour from both Indy and Fort Wayne, and about an hour and a half from Lafayette.

Halfway through the evening, I brought owner Ron Lahody upstairs to our private open-air banquet room and introduced him to everyone. Ron has been a butcher all his life and hand cuts all his steaks. He also owns the top local butcher shop in Muncie. We saw several 24 oz. bone-in ribeye's being served along with a 28 oz. Porterhouse. No one attempted the 32 oz. Tomahawk, though! A few of us had the oysters on the half shell flown in fresh every other day from the Chesapeake Bay. The house special sweet cornbread was also a big hit. When it came time for dessert, we were all stuffed, but Jim & Karin Scarbrough took the plunge and ordered the largest slice of carrot cake any of us had ever seen. Enough to share with several of us and still have some left to take home!

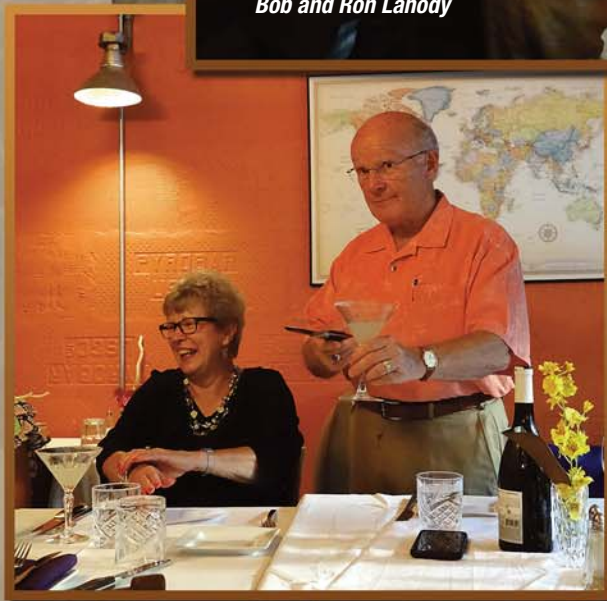
Two CIR engagements were celebrated with toasts in absentia: David Weaver and Ellen Meagher along with Pete Walker and his fiancé Tricia. Congratulations to all!

Several attendees made plans to come back soon and bring their friends or neighbors. If you are ever in the downtown Muncie area, check out Ron Lahody's for dinner. You won't be sorry! The food and service were, truly memorable. Hopefully this will become a fixture on our CIR calendar. Here is a link to the restaurant. It is worth a visit:

<https://trustyourbutchersteakhouse.wordpress.com>



Bob and Ron Lahody



Bob toast the engaged couples.



Our group of 21 members.



The cake to die for.



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# MEN ON A MISSION

Article by Mark Dill — Vice-President of Public Relations/Sportscar Vintage Racing Association

Here's an insight even racing aficionados may not realize. Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) has stepped up as a mainstream racing series. In the nine years since force-of-nature Tony Parella acquired the 43-year-old sanctioning body, he transformed it from a small, regional sport into the NASCAR of American vintage auto racing.

Along the way, Parella acquired the Trans Am Series by Pirelli, the commercial rights to SCCA Pro's open-wheel formula races, and struck an alliance with IGT featuring late model, full-blown Porsche, and Ferrari GT racers. All of that action gets bundled into "Speed Tour" weekends with dozens of races and hundreds of cars on the grounds of the top road courses in America.

Evidence of SVRA's success is the ever-growing list of sponsors signing on to the series. Most want to position their premium brands with the owners and drivers of a high net worth paddock. Among those names have been NetJets, Jaguar, Land Rover, and Marathon Coach. Naturally, Parella's paddock draws support from automotive brands steeped in motorsports glory. Among those are Hawk Performance, Bell Helmets, Sunoco, Mazda Motorsports, and TireRack.com.

Perhaps the most compelling evidence of SVRA's broader appeal is that it is attracting consumer brands. The latest is Mission Foods, America's top manufacturer of tortillas, tortilla chips, flatbreads, and other baked products. Mission recently joined SVRA's expanding family of partners as its "The Official Tortilla and Chip Company."

Like other consumer brand partners such as Avis, Adobe Road Winery, and Big Machine Vodka, Mission has a clear racing connection, albeit less obvious. Mission sponsors cars at SpeedTour weekends and its President and CEO, Juan Gonzalez, is also an avid racer with his 2019 Porsche GT3. He competes in the IGT series and frequently visits event podiums for a trophy and photo opportunity. Gonzales loves being at the wheel testing his skills against others, but he is equally impressed with Parella's relentless push to succeed and excel.

"I have long admired as a driver and competitor the passion for excellence demonstrated by Tony and his entire team," says Gonzalez. "We are very excited to partner with SVRA. As a leading global brand, it is an opportunity to interact with consumers in a fun and exciting environment while supporting motorsports, which I love."

Proof of that passion is abundantly clear in the family of motorsports partnerships Gonzales and his team at Mission have developed. In addition to SVRA, the company is a sponsor to INDYCAR's McLaren Arrow SP team, American Flat Track, and American Pro Stock motorcycle racer Angelle Sampey.

Both Gonzales and Parella have boundless enthusiasm for motorsports and, in particular, race cars. They may come at it from different angles, but there can be no doubt each of them is a man on a mission.

"It's great to welcome another leading global consumer brand to our sport," says Parella. "I am especially excited that the company's President and CEO, Juan Gonzalez, shares my passion for auto racing in wheel-to-wheel competition. I appreciate his enthusiasm for everything we are doing with our SpeedTour events."

## 2022 SVRA/SpeedTour Schedule

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|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Auto Club-February 4-6   | 7. Sonoma-April-28-May 1                   | 13. Portland-July 2-4                    |
| 2. Sebring-February 24-27   | 8. Road America-May 19-22                  | 14. Watkins Glen-September 7-11          |
| 3. Charlotte-March 17-20    | 9. Lime Rock-May 27-30                     | 15. VIR-October 6-9                      |
| 4. Road Atlanta-March 24-27 | 10. Ridge-June 10-12                       | 16. Utah Motorsport Campus-October 14-16 |
| 5. NOLA-April 8-10          | 11. Indianapolis Motor Speedway-June 16-19 | 17. CoTA-November 3-6                    |
| 6. Laguna Seca-April 21-24  | 12. Mid-Ohio-June 23-26                    |  |



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# AROUND THE ZONE



## July

**Hi Zone 4  
Friends and Family,**

The sun is out, and so are our members and Porsches! While I wasn't able to attend some of these events, I sure did enjoy reading about them on Facebook on the Region sites. I thought that this month my article would be truly 'Around the Zone', featuring my favorite photos from your events. Such as the Allegheny Region Cars and coffee above. Enjoy! Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you all soon!



**Mid-Ohio Region CC&C,  
and Southeast Michigan tour**



**Central Indiana  
60th anniversary Dinner.**



**Eastern Buckeye New Member Party  
and Maumee Valley Drive.**



**Allegheny Region Cars and Coffee**

## August

Wow did we have a good Parade or WHAT! And Zone 4 was out in force, taking first place and many trophies in all aspects of Parade. From Concours, to AutoX, Rally, even the Art Show — Zone 4 can be very proud. Honorable mention to the top National Awards — Enthusiast of the year from Ohio Valley Region Jerry Wolf, and Top Newsletter Goes to Central Indiana by editor Pam Clarino. We say it's not just about the cars, but let's face it — it's about the cars — just ask the Mid Ohio gang! Check out all of the results <https://www.porscheparade.org/parade-results>.

Thanks to mother nature, we once again had to bring the concours into the parking garage and event center plaza — we still had fun. I had



**In front of French Lick Resort, Photo  
by David Clardy.**

a great time organizing the Historics

Display which is a special Porsche Collection of 48 within the Concours. This year the theme was "Blow the Lid off Summer", as we were all so ready to get out and be together again. The collection featured only open top Porsches, and one of each model type was included — from the 356 Cab and Speedster, through the 914, 944 cab, 968 cab, all the 911 targas, 911 Cabs and Speedsters, and of course the Boxster. Each entrant received a special custom plaque sponsored by PCNA.



**Photo by Lori Schutz.**

**Concours judging as Rick Riley watches  
his 67 911 S being judged.**





## CONTINUED

Several of our members cleaned and buffed their Porsches to the max. Maureen Arata, Central Indiana, won the hearts of the PCA Juniors and kids, and won their Kids Choice award with "Green Bean. The concours judging was brutal — who knew 5 minutes could take so long!

The spectacular trophies for all of the awards were designed, built and presented by our own Lisa and Michael Soriano from Maumee Valley. Awards were presented throughout the week at 4 different banquets. Sponsors and PCA provided door prizes ranging from t-shirts to tires, to a trip to the Porsche Track Experience.

Get out there and enjoy your Porsche with friends!



*Michael and Lisa Soriano presenting awards,  
Photo by Lori Schutz*

## September

In August, Mid Ohio Region hosted our Zone's only PCA Club Race event. This year represented the 26th annual, consecutive years running of the event. PCA Club Racing is a program managed from the National level of PCA and supports over 30 race events across the US. Most events are shared with solo Driving Education run groups, or invite other amateur race series such as BMW Club Racing and Porsche Owners Club.

Racers have all sorts of fun liveries on their Porsches. Sometimes, I just can't resist taking a photo on grid.



I joined the National PCA Club Racing Staff as a Scrutineer in 2013, and work 3-5 races a year. Definitely a fun way to spend a weekend at the track. There is also a slew of volunteers needed to support a Club Race weekend. As a scrutineer, we are a team of 2-5 and we take care of issuing new log books to new entrants, or checking in those who already have a log book and are back for more. We walk along the gridded cars, working with the local grid marshal and teams, to make sure all doors are closed, window nets up, and hood pins are latched. Then once the sessions begin, we take care of Black Flag station, to address any bad driving habits or the occasional contact that needs to be evaluated and documented for the race Steward. We sometimes check cars in impound for meeting proper minimum class weight at the scales.

Thanks to our sponsors, we have special rewards. The GTC 911 Cup cars are sponsored by Pirelli tires, and receive free tires based on participation. Here are our class winners behind the garages.

If you aren't quite up to getting a race car prepared, driving a trailer and tow vehicle to the track and all that — you can still have some fun for the DE. How about Sim Racing from the comfort of your own living room? Check it out!

<https://pcasimracing.com/>

Have a great rest of the Porsche season. Cheers, Lori.



*GTC Winners*

Lori Schutz — Zone 4 Representative  
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# Welcome New Members

**June 1 — August 31, 2021 CIR/PCA New Members**

From Bob Snider, Membership Chairman

Rex & Barb Alexander/Westfield/'06 911 Carrera S Cabriolet  
Robert Axiom/Ellettsville/'87 924 S Red  
David Baker/Fishers/'21 911 Carrera  
Cooper Baumgartner/Wheatfield/'68 912  
Sharon & Scott Beauchamp/Indy/'05 Boxster  
Alexander Bekhterev/Indy/'17 Macan GTS  
Roger & Janet Brinkman/Columbus/'17 718 Boxster S Beige  
John Bush/Bargersville/'17 911 Targa 4  
Jon & Carol Canida/Indy/'14 911 Carrera  
Eugenio Culurciello/West Lafayette/'18 911 Carrera 4S  
Brian & Elizabeth Davidson/Carmel/'20 Taycan 4S  
James Davis/Fort Wayne/'13 Panamera  
Tom Dedrick/Fort Wayne/'21 718 Cayman GTS 4.0  
Timothy Doyle & Amber Johns/Greenwood/'17 Cayenne  
James Elliott/Fishers/'08 911 Carrera 4S  
Matthew Etchison/Indy/'79 911 SC  
David Farber/Fishers/'17 Macan  
Rodney Gabriel/Fishers/'19 911 Targa 4 GTS  
Randy Hagan & Melinda Polsinellie/Indy/'00 Boxster Beige  
Tracy & Michael Hinshaw/Greenfield/'13 Boxster  
Justin Holden/Indy/'86 944 Turbo  
Derek Hughes/Indy/'15 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet/Hagerty Ins. Employee  
Laurence Jones/Indy/'78 911 SC  
Paul Kassan & Maurice Brown/Indy/'14 Cayman S  
Dave & Donna King/Evansville/'98 Boxster  
Jerry Krider/Carmel/'18 911 Turbo  
Richard Lawrance/Indy/'87 911 Carrera

Bruce Lindbloom/Fort Wayne/'86 911 Carrera  
John Mueller/Carmel/'15 911 Carrera 4S  
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

Gene Baker/Bargersville/from Mid-South Region  
Norman & Janet Gage/Ossian/from Southeast Michigan Region/  
'04 Boxster, '14 Panamera 4S & '17 Macan  
Sidney Heathcock/Indy/from First Settlers Region/'04 Cayenne Turbo  
Stephen & Lila Huse/Sarasota, FL/from Suncoast Florida Region/  
'01 Boxster S  
Kevin & Jeanna Pugh/Carmel/from Michiana Region/'10 911 Carrera S  
Gary & Vanessa White/Indy/from White River Region/'01 911 Carrera  
Kazuaki & Naomi Yazawa/West Lafayette/from Southern Indiana  
Region/'17 718 Boxster S & '18 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet

**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!

## CIR Member Anniversaries

**2021 Anniversaries** Coming Up in 4th Quarter

### 1991 — 30 Years

Jim Brillhart/Fishers/Dec.

### 2001 — 20 Years

Keith & Suzanne Pugh/Farmland/Oct.

Keith Taylor/Indy/Dec.

### 2006 — 15 Years

George & Bonnie Manning/Fort Wayne/Oct.

### 2011 — 10 Years

Keith & Susan Hardin/Greenwood/Oct.

Alan Bisler/Fishers/Oct.

Christian & Tracy Kemp/Fishers/Oct.

James Allen/Indy/Oct.

Michael & Kimberly Donahue/Indy/Nov.

Martin Bott/Carmel/Dec.