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PREZ SEZ



Often when I sit to write a Prez Sez, I start off by asking myself "What should I talk about?"

Usually, I think back to the various events the CIR has done, because those are what matter. Our Club, spending time together, enjoying each other's company and our shared passion for our

Porsches. "It's not the cars, it's the people," right?

As I write this, we just had two great events to start off the Fall. A tech session at Graham Rahal Performance, where we spent time with Wyatt Ramsey and Zach Leach, two Porsche techs who were gracious enough to share their knowledge and answer our questions. A week later, about 30 CIR members braved the first snowfall of the year to have breakfast at Sunrise Cafe in Carmel. It was great to see so many faces catching up while enjoying a warm meal.

By the time you read this, we would have held our annual Holiday Party and Gift Exchange. That's always a great end to our year together. It's so entertaining to see what gift everyone goes after, and there's usually plenty of good options to choose from too!

We would have presented awards as well! As always, our sponsors do a lot to support CIR and we are thankful for this. And speaking about the people, a huge shout-out to Mark Westlake, our Mike Robbins Award winner, and Bob Snider, CIR Historian, for their continued service and support of the Central Indiana Region!

As the 2022 becomes 2023, please help me welcome our newest CIR Board members:

Tony Smith, Treasurer

Russ Bell, Secretary

Jon Gilliatt, Activities

We are looking forward to serving with you in 2023!

Speaking of 2023, we already have a lot in the works. A SONAX tech session at the beginning of the year, a meal at Pasto Italiano in Westfield, and that's just the start! Keep an eye on the website, cirpca.org, and check the calendar often.

Looking forward seeing everyone as we close out 2022 and move on to 2023!

Pete

PETE WALKER • CIRPCA, PRESIDENT

EDITOR'S NOTE

First off, we hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season. No matter the name of the holiday you celebrate, may the new year bring happiness and joy to each of our Porsche family here in Indiana.

Your Central Indiana Region could use some help. We need folks to help set up events. Be it drives, dinners, breakfasts, driving events, we want the club to be active and so do you. So please consider getting involved. We promise you will have plenty of help, and it will not take too much time. Plus, you will have fun playing with your Porsche! We need and want your help. To get involved shoot a note to <https://cirpca.org/contact-us-2/>

We would like to welcome our newest sponsor to the CIRcular, James Embry, and the James Embry Team of Keller Williams Realtors. James is a CIR member with two Porsches, a 2020 Cayman GT4 that he does track, and a 2022 Macan GTS. He has helped your president, Pete Walker with both a purchase and a sale of a home and is currently working with a few CIR members.

The CIR management team would like to welcome new treasurer, Tony Smith and secretary, Russ Bell

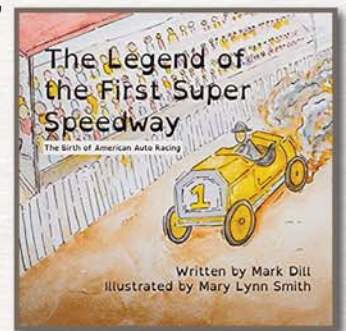


on board. A huge thank you to outgoing treasurer Greg Brown and secretary Fred Greulich for serving the club over the last couple of years. We can't tell

you guys how much we appreciate your efforts on behalf of the entire club. We are better for your help.

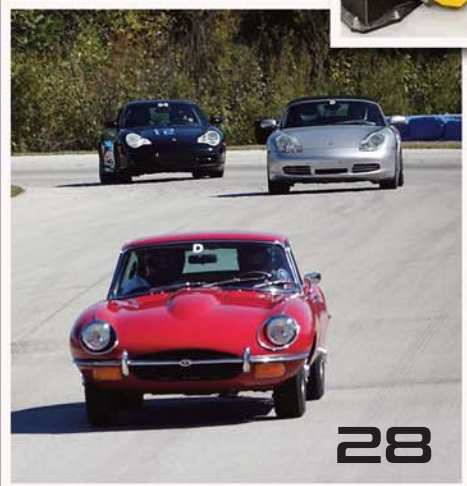
Back in April of 2021 our book review was on The Legend of the First Super Speedway by Mark Dill. Mark is a former marketing VP at IMS, and a true historian of all things relating to the very early days of racing in

America. Well, our friend Mark, has come out with a children's version of his book aimed at 8 to 12-year-old kids. A great way to introduce your kids and grandkids to American history and the history of the sport we all love. The kid's, Legend of the First Super Speedway: The Birth of American Racing, is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or wherever you get your books.



Jan

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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 2023
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MARCH 1, 2023.**

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 2023.

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; crlrca.org for the latest additions and changes to club events. The monthly club meeting is now via Zoom.

January

- 2 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Late Lunch/Early Dinner at *Pasto Italiano* in Westfield
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 31 42nd IndyCar Grand Prix race tickets will be on sale at the end of
January at www.ClubRegistration.net.

February

- 6 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 18 *SONAX Tech Session* — 10 a.m. Located west of US-31 on RT-32 in
Westfield

March

- 4 Saturday lunch at *Biaggi's* in Fort Wayne at 11:30 a.m.
- 6 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

April

- 3 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 21-23 *Spring Brake* at Putnam Park
- 29-30 *Spring Color Tour Weekend*



January 21st Pasto Italiano Early Dinner

Join your fellow Central Indiana Region members for a early dinner at one of the best Italian restaurants in the area!

Pasto Italiano, located at 3150 East IN-32 in Westfield is a terrific, locally owned little restaurant that serves great food. On January 21st at 2:00pm to around 4:00pm we will be taking over the entire place.

Seating will be limited to 50 people so be sure to *register*. Check out Pasto Italiano's website at: pastoitalianowestfield.com.

Larry Clarino has arranged for "The sounds of guitar artist Benito DiBartoli" to entertain us during dinner!

Check Out These Upcoming Events

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Tech Session

The CIR will be having a car-care tech session on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at SONAX USA Headquarters at 17414 Tiller Cir., Westfield, IN.

Special guest, Indy Car driver and ECR race team owner, Ed Carpenter will be joining us. SONAX is a major sponsor of the ECR race team.

The event will start at 10:00 a.m. This will be a chance to learn about paint protection and restoration, as well as an overview of a great car-care line of products.



Biaggi's

We are skipping breakfast this month and making it a lunch. Please join us at in Fort Wayne for lunch on March 4th, 2023 at 11:30am.

We have once again reserved their wine room which is described as "rustic old world charm, an impressive display of our wine selections and a warm knotty pine banquet table, the Wine Room evokes the sense of dining in a Tuscan cellar".

Please sign up quickly. The room seats 20 comfortably and last July we managed to fill the room!

SPRING BRAKE DE



APRIL 21 THRU 23, 2023

Friday/Saturday/Sunday

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 website. If you are interested to know more contact Pete Walker at:
<https://cirpca.org/contact-us-2/>.



Spring Color Tour

Spring Color Tour Weekend to Cincinnati:
April 29-30, 2023.

We will be returning to Cincinnati for the 2023 Spring Color Tour Weekend! As usual, Lunch Start at the Kopper Kettle Inn in Morristown, IN.

Register at www.cirpca.org, starting in late January.
Save the dates now!
Bob & Brigitta Snider.

Porsche's Mixed Fortunes at the Indianapolis 8 Hour Weekend

Article and photos by Jim Hatfield

Stefane Ratel's Intercontinental GT Challenge and the Fanatec GT World Challenge made a third visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway last October. Designed as a manufacturer's and driver's endurance racing series for GT3 cars, the Intercontinental GT Challenge races are to be held on four different continents this year. Mercedes-AMG has the series lead with wins at the first two races, Bathurst, Australia and Spa Francorchamps, Belgium. The final race will be held in December at the Yas Marina Circuit in the U.A.E. Mercedes domination continued at Indianapolis with another overall win by Team Craft Bamboo Racing of Daniel Morad, Daniel Juncadella and Raffaele Marciello.

Porsche has not figured in the overall results this year and Indianapolis was little different. Two 911 GT3-Rs were entered in the ProAm class, but none in the Pro class. The best Porsche finisher, that of GMG Racing, sporting Ukrainian colors, did achieve a ProAm podium finish of 3rd place with James Sofronas, Kyle Washington and Klaus Bachler at the wheel.

Concurrent to the Intercontinental GT Challenge, the race was also the season ending round for the domestic Fanatec GT World Challenge America. Porsche has been a top competitor in the ProAm class this year with the Wright Motorsports 911 GT3-R leading the season standings. However, the results this weekend were disappointing. While the Pro Class Turner Motorsport BMW M4 of Michael Dinan, Robby Foley and John Edwards took the overall win, the best that the Wright team could manage was 12th overall and 6th

GMG Racing Porsche 911 — Sofronas/Washington/Bachler



Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 — Heylen/Erhart/Luck



in ProAm with Jan Helen, Elia Erhart and Charles Luck driving. Unfortunately, their 6th place ProAm finish saw their lead in the class disappear and they ended the season in second place. The GMG Racing Porsche, which only entered two World Challenge races this year, finished 9th overall and 4th in ProAm and finished the season in 13th place.

The weekend also included Touring Car (TC) events and the two final rounds of the GT4 America series with Race #1 on Saturday and Race #2 on Sunday. Here, Porsche's fortunes couldn't have been much better, coming away with two season championships. The RS1 team's Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS Clubsport driven by Steven McAleer and Eric Filgueiras finished 2nd on Saturday and was victorious on Sunday, clinching the GT4 Silver Season Championship. The Premier Racing Porsche Cayman finished 3rd in Saturday's round and clinched the GT4 ProAm Season Championship.

GT4 America Porsche Cayman — McAleer/Filgueiras



GT4 America Porsche Cayman — Adelson/Skeer

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Putnam Park

HPDE Events with Other PCA Chapters on Different Tracks.

Article & Photos by Will Anthony

Most PCA members interested in performance driving start with a High-Performance Driving Education (HPDE) event hosted by their local region. In my case that would be the Central Indiana Region (CIR) and our HPDE events at Putnam Park Sportscar Course in Greencastle, Indiana.

After participating in the Pumpkin Run last Fall and Spring Brake this past Spring, I decided I wanted to accelerate my training and explore other tracks. The simplest way to do this is to register for track events with other PCA Regions.

One advantage of living in Northwest Indiana, is that I have several tracks within a few hours' drive. These would include Putnam Park, Gingerman Raceway, Grattan Raceway, Autobahn, Black Hawk Farms Raceway, Waterford Hills Road Racing, and Road America. You do not need to be a member of the region to sign up for their HPDE's. You don't even need to be a PCA member PCA, although often, there is different pricing if you are not. You do not even have to own a Porsche. Many other clubs and private groups also sponsor HPDE's. For instance, I drove at Autobahn with the Windy City BMW chapter. The SCCA offers package deals that include multiple days at multiple tracks.

Most events are two days, and you can sign up for one or both days. If you register as a novice driver you will be assigned an instructor. Most groups

include classroom sessions for novice and intermediate drivers. I know I'm biased, but I think the CIR has the best classroom instruction. Chuck Tucker and Larry Clarino do an amazing job. However, not all events will allow novice drivers so plan accordingly.



Gingerman Raceway

Rally Sport Region's, just west of Detroit, classroom is also very good. They like Chicago Region start with orientation laps to help learn the circuit. Naturally, you will need to have your car inspected before you can enter the track, just as you do with the CIR events.

Something I noticed while attending the HPDE events this past summer is how inclusive and friendly the PCA regions are. There were always people to help and answer questions. The registration and tech process for each chapter is slightly different. At the Chicago HPDE, you have to torque your own wheels. At the Milwaukee event you are welcome to show up the night before and go through registration, but you can't get your car checked until the morning of the event.

Learning a new track for almost every event can be a little bit daunting. You can download a track map from any of the track websites. At the Gingerman HPDE, the Chicago DE chair had put together an entire book detailing each turn and straight with photos. Running on multiple tracks greatly enhances your driving skills. Autobahn and Gratten both have a lot of elevation changes. Gingerman is hard on your brakes. Road America is much longer and much faster than all of the other tracks listed. I could not tell you which track is the most challenging because each track has its own challenges.

I'm looking forward to trying Mid-Ohio and Road Atlanta next year. I don't think I will be ready for Watkins Glen. No matter which group is sponsoring the event, or which

Gratten Raceway



track you decide to try, register as soon as registration opens. All of the events I have been part of have a limit of participants.

HPDE events are all about learning how to drive your car better and have fun, in a safe environment. Whatever you decide, just get out and drive!

CIR Goodie Store

Photos from PCA web store.



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CIR/PCA at the Village of West Clay Fall Festival

Article & Photos by Pete Walker

On Sunday, Oct. 9, CIR/PCA participated in the Fall Festival hosted by the Village of West Clay. Over 50 owners came out with their beloved Porsche's.

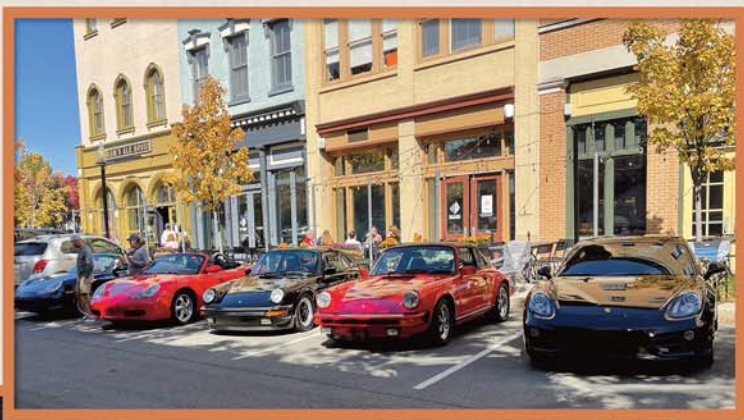
CIR took over the streets surrounding West Clay's meeting hall. Members wandered the square, chatting with West Clay residents as well as the various vendors in their tents. They handed out Halloween Candy, coupons for different businesses, and held raffles for more prizes.

Many members took advantage of the close proximity to Danny Boy Beer Works and Sahms Ale House, enjoying a cold beer and a warm meal during the Festival.

In addition to our Porsche's, the local Carmel Police and Fire departments had a few vehicles on the street. Children took advantage to sit in the truck and try to reach for the horn.

A petting zoo was also held on the grounds, giving participants the opportunity to pet goats and chickens. They even had a few ponies that were giving rides!

All in all, a great day! Thank you to the Village of West Clay for hosting us!



There were Porsches everywhere along with a great petting zoo.

The day they finished

second.

Second

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum has a new exhibit named "SECOND" dedicated to the 43 drivers of the 500 that came in second, but never won the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race.

Why is this so interesting for the Central Indiana Region? Our own CIR member Scott Goodyear is one of those prominently featured in this exhibit.

As some of you may know, in 1992 Scott finished 2nd to Al Unser Jr. by just 0.043 of a second, after starting in the 33rd and last spot for the 500 Mile Race.

Then again in 1997, Scott finished 2nd to his Treadway Racing teammate, Arie Luyendyk, by just 0.57 of a second.

The '92 Walker Motorsports Mackenzie sponsored Chevy-Lola that Scott Goodyear drove to that record second-place is now owned by Scott and is on display at the IMS Museum.

Of non-winners only Harry Hartz has more 2nd place finishes (1922, 1923, 1926), and only



The CIR's own Scott Goodyear stars in SECOND at IMS. Both of his 2nd place cars on display in a special exhibit. The '92 Mackenzie Lola Chevy and the '97 G-Force Olds.

Scott Goodyear



five others have two-2nd place finishes in the 500: Rex Mays (1940, 41), Dan Gurney (1968, 69), Roberto Guerrero (1984, 87), Vitor Meira (2005, 08), and Carlos Munoz (2013, 16).

The museum has done a remarkable job with this exhibit. Several of the second-place cars are on display gathered from all over the world. A special feat as most are on loan from enthusiasts as few if any are owned by IMS. The graphic explaining the displays are second-to-none. (Pardon the pun).

If you are at all interested in the history of the Greatest Race in the World, be sure to stop by and visit "SECOND." It is certainly worth your time.

**Dan Gurney's
#48 Olsonite Eagle from 1969.**



**Goodyear is interviewed
by IMS' Dave Furst,
at the Hall of Fame
Museum at the opening
of the SECOND exhibit.**



The second place #10 Lola Chevy of Michael Andretti from '91.

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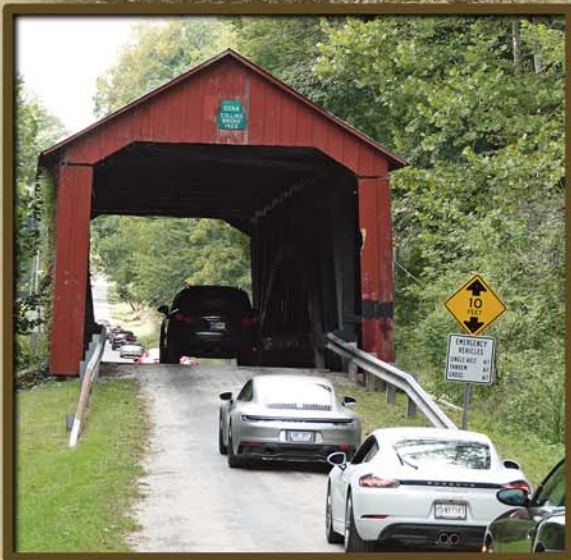
Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

For the third year in row the Central Indiana Region's David Weaver organized the early Fall drive called Going to the Dogs. 100% of the net profits of the entry fees were donated to Speedway Animal Rescue (SAR). Added to this, participants were "encouraged" to add a few bucks through direct donations. This is a great way for clubs like ours to contribute to charities. It should be noted more than \$1200 were donated to SAR. Thirty-three CIR members and guests took the day to have fun, eat a little, drive a lot, and support a great cause.

This year, as last year, the journey started from the classic Mayberry Cafe in Rockville, IN, with a good old 'down home cooked meal. The Mayberry Cafe is a tribute to the Andy Griffiths' TV show, a taste of North Carolina right here Indiana.

Then it was everyone on the road. The newly wed Weavers' planned an all-backroads journey visiting several of the covered wooden bridges in south-western Indiana. This of course led to what is always a highlight of the day, the sight of a big bunch of Porsches driving through antique wooden bridges. Some of our cars cost more than the bridge did when they were new!

The day ended at the restored village of Bridgeton Mill and its double span covered bridge next to a home-made ice cream shop! And that ice cream was great! Maybe because Going to the Dogs it is such a good cause that it always seems to guarantee great weather, yes ice cream weather.



Going across Edna Collins & Billie Creek Bridges.



Lunch at Mayberry Cafe.



Group photo.

Special **FOCUS** ON Sammy Dohnert

Reggie's Motorworks Intern

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino



Reggie Stewart, founder of Reggie's Motorworks in Noblesville is a special kind of guy. One of the principals of his company is giving back to the community that has made Reggie's Motorworks the professionals they are.

As part of that commitment, Reggie brought Sammy Dohnert, a senior at local Noblesville High School, on board as an intern. "I have had an interest in cars for years," said the eighteen-year-old young lady. "It mainly stemmed from both my grandparents. They are both into European cars; we are a European car family. My car is a BMW 328xi, and I get to drive my dad's BMW e46 a lot too."

After graduation this coming May, she wants to pursue her dream of owning an independent automotive shop. "I am looking at Ive Tech Community Collage and Lincoln Tech after high school. Once I found this wormhole of cars I just got hooked. It is now a passion."

Noblesville High school has an internship program for their seniors. Mark Wilkinson, director of the program, said, "We have about 40% of our senior class involved with an internship or cadet teaching. Close to 300 kids are involved with the program. We sit down with each kid, find out what they are interested in and then reach out to the community to find placements."

NHS has the largest intern program in the state, with tremendous support from the City of Noblesville. To say Mark is excited about his job would be a huge

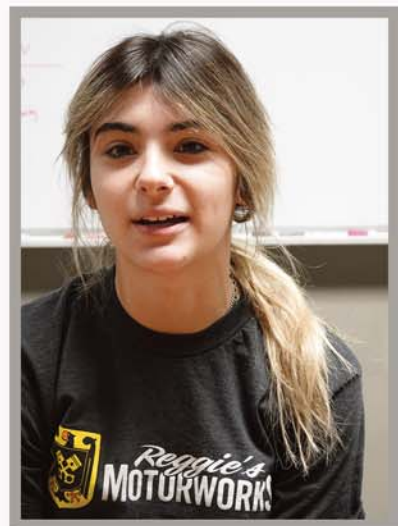
understatement. "It is a carrier pathway experience that we create, and what Reggie is doing with Sammy is exactly that. She has the opportunity to watch and learn, get her hands dirty. This is exactly the model we want to see the kids get exposed to."

Reggie was always interested in helping, but Sammy is the first high school student that really showed interest in such a big way. She has a passion for what Motorworks does. When asked what part of the business she likes most? "Definitely the mechanical work, the technician side. I want to work on the cars. I feel lucky I had the passion in high school and got the chance to work here."

Around my junior year I found I wanted to physically work on cars. So, at the end of my Junior year, I signed myself up for the internship program and they interviewed me. The school worked their butts off to find me the right program and they found Reggie's. Now I come here two or three times a week and hang out, shadowing each of the Motorworks team."

Sammy interviewed with Nick Howard, Reggie's general manager, really just a conversation about cars. Nick said, "She is the real deal. Even at her age she cares about working on cars. She is fun to be around; her enthusiasm is terrific. Everyone here likes having her around."

Reggie Stewart said Sammy gets to take turns working with someone different each day. "She gets to work with all the departments and with each of the techs. We have had three other interns before and that was okay, but Sammy is the perfect fit. She has the desire to learn from everyone



here. She wants to have her own shop, but she wants to wrench too and that is great.

We have hired kids that came through tech school and thought that's great, they are ready to work on cars, but that is not true. They are really an apprentice at that point. The best technicians are problem solvers on their own. We have our own apprenticeship program here. We start someone with them doing oil changes, then brake work, moving them up the ladder of complexity."

Sammy is already exploring all phases of the industry. When asked about maybe getting out to Putnam for a CIR HPDE, she had a big smile!

We are fortunate to have people like Reggie Stewart and his whole team, with a passion for the future of the automotive industry. They want and need to train and nurture the level of professionalism needed for the future. And Sammy is just one shining example.



Sunrise Cafe

Write-up & photo by Larry Clarino

There is a quirky little breakfast place in Carmel, Indiana called the Sunrise Cafe. Why would we say it is quirky? For one, it is very hard to find. Located in the lobby of an ordinary office building alongside Rt-31, with the address of 11711 Meridian St. even though you have to go on Pennsylvania St. to get there. Meridian Street no longer exists. It is in fact, a parking lot at that point. Second, there are no signs for the restaurant, just a wee little decal on the door, but they sure do a great breakfast!

The Central Indiana Region had a sellout crowd of members get together at the Sunrise Cafe, on an absolutely horrible Saturday morning of November 12th. The first real snowstorm of the year as four inches of wet heavy yuck came down. Slick icy roads did not discourage thirty-five members and guests, many with Porsche sports cars and SUV's, from venturing out to enjoy maybe the best breakfast food in Carmel. The place, normally closed on Saturdays, opened especially for the CIR, making everyone feel very welcome. In our club it is about the people, and maybe the cinnamon toast!



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CIR Fall Winery Tour

Write-up by Pam Clarino & photo by Randy Faunce

After hosting the Central Indiana Region's annual Fall Winery Tour for several years, Rob and Judy Fike have decided to pass the wine bottle to other members for the future vino targeted jaunts. However past president Rob and wife, planned on going out with a big pop of the cork sort-to-speak.

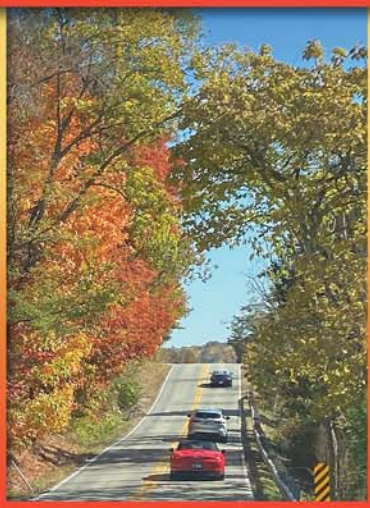
This year's journey encompassed two-days and some of the best roads, also known as twisty bits, in southern Indiana, climaxing at the wonderful Patoka Lake Winery just down the road from the town of French Lick.

The Patoka Lake Winery is renowned for their sweet desert and holiday wines. With names like Reindeer Juice, Drunken Bunny Pee, Lucky Liquid and Biker's Black & Boo, you can figure this is a winery with a sense of humor.

As this was a two-day affair the club reserved several cabins right at the winery making for a very convenient overnight pause after a visit to the winery's tasting room.

Sunday each participant, sadly only nine cars this year, took their own route home, with several stopping of the unique Exotic Animal Farm on the eastside of French Lick, for an in-car safari right here in Indiana.

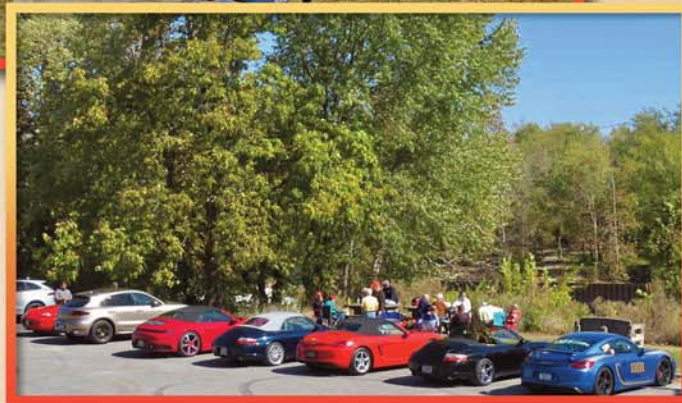
We are sure Rob and Judy will be glad to assist whoever takes over this traditional CIR event. And thank you both for planning all the past excursions.



A beautiful day and wonderful fall colors for the event.



Picnic time, a stop along the way.



GRP Tech Session

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

On November fifth more than 35 Central Indiana members got together at Graham Rahal Performance (GRP) in Brownsburg IN, for a very special tech session.

GRP, as the name implies, is all about performance. While they work on performance vehicles of pretty much any brand, they have a favorable penchant toward Porsche cars.

They may well be the largest reseller of Porsche Carrera GT cars in the world. How often do you walk into a garage and see not one, not two, but three Carrera GTs all lined up?

During our visit they had two on consignment for sale, both north of \$1.5 million, but had one totally stripped down for a new interior and a very special repaint. And of course, some secret GRP mods. The bill for that service alone? "Around a half a million!"

After a tour of the facility, our group was treated to a question-and-answer session from Zach Leach, a master Porsche tech, specializing in older Porsches and Wyatt Ramsey, GRP's Carrera GT and 918 technician. Not much about any Porsche these guys don't know.

While the shop is a little crowded at the moment, a new much bigger facility is under construction in Zionsville, IN, right next to Rahal's RLL Racing Indy car team's new building.



Graham Rahal Performance techs answer members questions.



This is what a Porsche Carrera GT looks like naked!



Graham Rahal's personal 356 Speedster, a true barn find.



PCA Sim Racing News January Update 2023

Article by by Jim Legault



PCA Sim Racing heads into the New Year at full throttle and with a full slate of online racing action for every PCA member to enjoy, either as a driver or as a spectator.

Series Racing, held in the first and fourth quarters of every year, is the most popular PCA Sim Racing activity. We are currently in the final month of Series 9, which now covers 5 separate classes of drivers, with total participation of around 250 individuals.

Series 9 is sponsored by Pirelli Tires and 6 Sigma Sim Racing. All Series 9 events for the top four classes are broadcast live on YouTube by Podium eSports. Race replays of past events can be found here. Give it a look!

The **Arrive and Drive** league is also running at full chat through January. The league is designed to be a fun, low stress, and friendly competition. There are no series points and no “champion”. It’s just good clean sim racing, and the camaraderie that goes with it is free!

If you are interested in learning more about PCA Sim Racing, I encourage you to check out the **PCA Sim Racing website**. You’ll find everything there is to know about PCA Sim Racing, and more!

I am always happy to answer any specific questions you might have about getting involved in this very enjoyable hobby. Feel free to contact me through the **CIRPCA Contact Us** web page.



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OIL PLUG CRACK

Article & Photos by Rob Fike

Rob Fike is past president of the CIR and a former racer. He does most of his own Porsche maintenance. Here is an experience he had while changing the oil on his 911.

I'd like to share an interesting problem with everyone that occurred to me a few weeks ago.

One of the cars I own is a 1999 Porsche 911/996. I was conducting a routine oil and filter change like I've done many times in the past.

Since the 996's drain plug is aluminum, I normally replace it when the female Allen socket starts getting a little worn. I always use a new crush washer, and a torque wrench for proper tightening. This time was exactly like all the other oil changes right up to when I noticed a drip after I had finished!

Of course, you know I had just filled the engine with ten quarts of brand new, fresh Mobil 1 Synthetic oil. As you



can see in the pictures, the drain plug had cracked. The Allen socket was slightly worn, but not enough for replacement, at least that's what I thought.

So, a trip to the parts store for a new plug and drain all the brand new, fresh Mobil 1 Synthetic oil out of the engine, install the new plug & washer, and refill with another 10 quarts of brand new, fresh Mobil 1 Synthetic oil. Aggravating!!!

From now on I will closely inspect the plug before I reuse it and inspect it again once it's installed and BEFORE adding brand new, fresh Mobil 1 Synthetic oil. This got to be a pricy oil change! I'm thinking the plug probably cracked upon reinstallation when I torqued it to Porsche specs.

Editor's note: Porsche recommends replacing the oil plug and crush washer on every oil change on many Porsche models. Check your owner's manual for your car.

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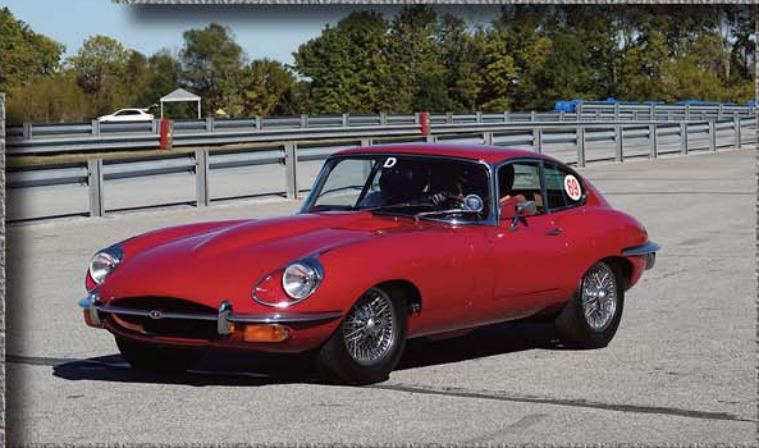


Pumpkin Run 2022

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

Certainly, a highlight of the Central Indiana Region (CIR) calendar is our Fall High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE) event at Putnam Park Sports Car Course. We again had a sold-out school with participants from several states joining with our CIR members taking to the track.

Each year your club presents two HPDE events: Spring Brake in April and Pumpkin Run in October. The whole point of HPDE's is to learn how to drive your car, Porsche or not, nearer to its limits and to improve your personal driving skills. All while being in a safe, low-pressure environment. And Putnam Park is the perfect place to do that.



Yes, that is an original E-Type running in the beginner group.

We need to thank CIR members, Mark Westlake, Doug DeAmond, and Dave Jankowski for heading up the HPDE team for the club. They will be dialing back a bit this coming year. Region president Pete Walker will be taking up the HPDE leadership mantle for this year's events.

The CIR's classroom team led by Dr. Chuck Tucker is second to none, emphasizing safety and diving theory while dovetailing with the in-car instructors. For the third year in a row, the CIR held a Porsche Club of America (PCA) National Instructor School on the Friday before Pumpkin Run officially started.

There is a huge need for more in-car instructors nation wide. The more certified instructors we have, the more beginning students we can handle. Seems we always need to turn away new students due to an instructor shortage, something we hate doing.

Getting your PCA instructor credentials ranks you with the best in the nation. Many other groups doing HPDE's recognize the PCA as the leader in instructor training.



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Book Review

Article by Larry Clarino

111 *Porsche Stories That You Should Know* is a book with a title that is exactly everything you need to know about this book, other than you should own it.

The author, Wilfried Müller, as a university student in the '70's, fell in love with motor racing. He credits historic Spa Francorchamps as the circuit that bit him hard with the racing bug. As a youngster he wangled a job as a motor sports reporter and as they say, the rest is history.

This truly beautiful book is not a history nor a reference book but reads like you are sitting with a couple of guys having beers and telling stories about all things Porsche. Each little story, and that is certainly the best description, is just a few hundred words opposite a wonderfully reproduced photograph pertaining to that little story.

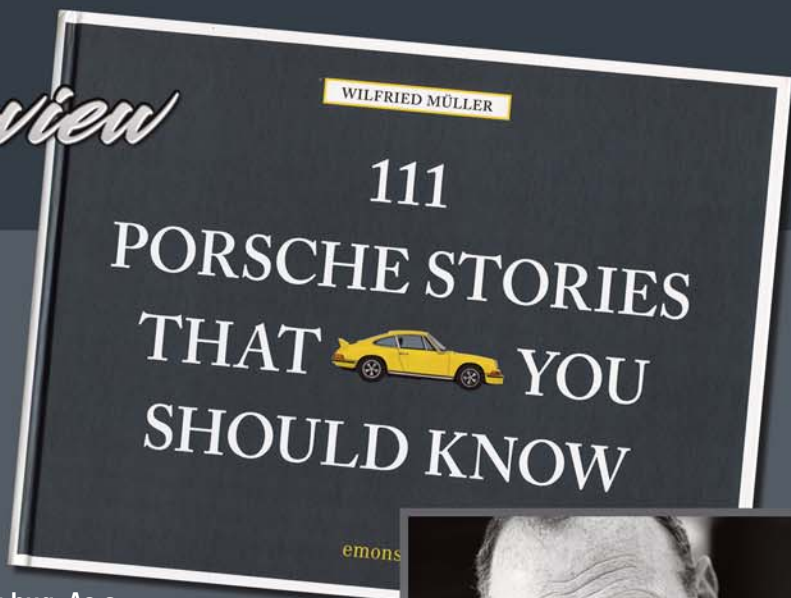
For instance, story number 49, about the Porsche 917/30 Spyder, The Monster.

To quote Müller, "The Sky is the limit" was the motto here, and Porsche took the organizers at their word...the 917/30 Spyder generated more than 1,200 hp...a maximum speed of 385 km/h." (That's 239 miles per hour.)

Or there is story number 73, Steve McQueen's "Le Mans" From a Flop to a Legend. A wonderful story about a star obsessed with racing and Porsches, illustrated with a great photograph.

If you love Porsches, and if you are reading this you probably do, get this book. Last year the sixth updated edition of *111 Porsche Stories That You Should Know* came out. And just a few weeks ago Müller published a new companion compendium; *111 More Porsche Stories That You Should Know*.

Both are published by Emons Verlag GmbH and available wherever you get books, including on Amazon Books.



Wilfried Müller



A book spread



Page 300 - Le Mans 1977

Photos from the book.



Page 24 - Ferdinand "Ferry" Porsche



Annual Holiday/White Elephant Party

Article and photos by Larry Clarino

Our Central Indiana Region held our 2022 Holiday Party at Tom Wood Porsche on Saturday December 10th. Sixty-six members and guests enjoyed the hospitality of Tom Wood as they cleared out the Porsche showroom for the evening's festivities. Several Tom Wood Porsche staff joined the fun.

Members Pam Clarino, along with Maureen and Fred Greulich and a little help from Larry Clarino, took the reins of the event this year. We certainly want to thank them as there is a lot of detail work involved with producing this event.

This year appetizers, and dinner was catered by the amazing Chiba restaurant in Westfield. Chiba is a fusion of Japanese and New Orleans cuisine. Sounds weird but is it good! Comments from attendees was the food was truly outstanding. To top things off Chiba owner, Keith Dusko, is certainly a "car guy."

Keith was a former open wheel racer coming through the Skip Barber Dodge series. He started racing in 1998 in the Barber Dodge Southern series working his way up to the Skip Barber Dodge Pro Series. His racing resume includes a stint in the Cooper Tire Prototype Lites, L1, series driving an Élan/Mazda DP02.

Racing is in the Dusko family as Keith met his wife Nicole when she worked for Andretti Autosport in the marketing department, so racing, cars and food are in their blood. After Andretti, Nicole was with Andretti spinoff LST Marketing.

Be sure to swing by Chiba at 228 Park Street in Westfield. Ask for Keith and tell him you are part of the Porsche Club; you will not be sorry.

The Region is proud to announce the Mike Robbins Award for the Enthusiast of the Year for 2022 presented to Mark Westlake for his service to the club in building our High-Performance Driving Events to a level equal to any in the nation. Mark took over leadership of the Putnam events several years ago continuing the upward trajectory to present day.

Honored too was Bob Snider as historian of the CIR. Bob is way more than that, he is the soul of the club. He keeps us "on the right road" so to speak. Thank you, Bob.

*Holiday Dinner was catered by Chiba in Westfield.
Owner Keith Dusko is a former racer.*



As part of our club's tradition, we honor our sponsor supporters with a token of our appreciation. This year Tom Wood Porsche, Fort Wayne Porsche, SONAX USA, Reggie's Motorworks, Euro Motorworks, MotorVault, Indy Bra, Sweet Cars, and Mint Detailing each were presented with an etched glass memento as a thank you from the CIR.

To top off the night the always fun optional White Elephant Gift Exchange took place. No one ever keeps count, but this year had to be close to a record number of participants. Nearly each guest brought a wrapped entry. Prizes included an astounding number of adult beverages and even an actual White Elephant.

Ugly Sweater Contest



Past President, Rob Fike judged the Ugly Sweater Contest.



Awards

Each of our CIR sponsors were honored with a thank-you award. Here George Wright accepts for Tom Wood Porsche. Mark Westlake received the club's Mike Robbins Award and Bob Snider was honored as historian.



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From Greg Smith, Membership Chair

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Stella Burton/Indianapolis/2018 Macan S
Ramesh Chillal Kashinath/Columbus/2018 911 Carrera S
Tristan & Priscila Cook/Westfield/2018 Panamera 4S
Eric Dudasko/Zionsville/2018 718 Boxster S
Andrew Felt/Bloomington/1987 924S
Sidney Fox/Whiteland/2013 Cayenne GTS
Darren Ho & Randy Lim/Indianapolis/2006 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
Mark & Jeanette Howard/Fort Wayne/2022 Macan
Josh & Paula Morgan/Fishers/2022 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
Gary Mueller & Cindy Gerlach/Lafayette/2004 Boxster S
Donald & Michelle Perkins Jr./Indianapolis/2004 Boxster S
Alf Pfeiffer/Trollhättan/2007 Boxster S
Larry Pugh/Indianapolis/2022 Cayenne
Jordan Roe/Fishers/2000 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
Jonathan Sarn/Zionsville/1996 911 Carrera 4S
Jeffrey Schleutker/Fishers/2021 718 Cayman GT4

James & Christine Thomas/Fishers/2022 911 Carrera
Jon Tichenor/Unionville/2021 911 Targa 4S
Brian Townsend/Fort Wayne/2012 911 Carrera S
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Justin Wilson/Indianapolis

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CIR Member Anniversaries

2023 Anniversaries

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1983 — 35 Years

Jeffrey & Graham Armstrong/Fort Wayne/Jan.

1993 — 30 Years

Randall & Cindi Faunce/Indianapolis/Jan.

Eugene & Judy Covert/Crawfordville/Jan.

2003 — 20 Years

Geoffrey & Kara Kapke/Carmel/Jan.

William & Elaine Moorhead/Cumming/Feb.

Sidney & Nancy Rust/Indianapolis/Mar.

2008 — 15 Years

David & David Roberts/Carmel/Feb.

Anthony & Brenda Griffin/Flora/Feb.

Bruce & Ryan Myrehn/Carmel/Mar.

John & Debbie Groulik/Fort Wayne/Mar.

2013 — 10 Years

Michael Stapleton/Lafayette/Feb.

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Kerry Lederman/Noblesville/Feb.

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A great turn leads to a great photo! Photo by Terri Mattock

Article By Linda Scanlon, ARPCA Women Co-Chair
(Porsches, Pizza, Culinary Exposition)

We were not sure what the response would be, would anyone come? It was the Women's Group's first time organizing an All Member event, at an appliance store no less, what would the membership think? Would they come?

I am learning from past event registrations, it is slow to start, but picks up quickly at the end (with always a few after the "end"). We had a total of 64 in attendance, quite a few new faces, a great turn out!

Chef Anthony Marino put out an amazing buffet of food while demonstrating some of the latest in kitchen appliances. The showroom was open for browsing, and it sounds like quite a few saw items they would like in their own kitchens.

New friends, old friends, good food, a drink or two, an interesting venue, all in all, it was a great night!



Great food, friends and even a little tailgating on a beautiful night. Photos by Linda Scanlon.

Motor - Stadt

A excerpts from Joe Lavender's article (October 22
Northern Michigan Fall Color Tour)

It was a brisk morning as we met at the parking lot next to State Street Coffee in Cheboygan. We had a great mix of thirteen Porsches for the tour. We were able to find a nice mix of curvy roads to allow our vehicles to stretch their metaphorical legs. The colors hung on for the late October drive and they did not disappoint. It was blue skies and great scenery all around. There was just one small stretch of not-so-great road to get to our midway point on Lake Michigan. We parked along the road and did a short hike over the dunes to enjoy the peaceful and quiet Lake Michigan beach on Sturgeon Bay. After that, we headed back south passing the famous Legs Inn Polish restaurant in Cross Village, then on through the Tunnel of Trees on M-119 towards Harbor Springs. Then onto our final destination at the Petoskey Brewing Company for lunch. Great cars, great people, and lots of smiles ended the fall tour. Thank you to everyone who made the journey up north!



Photo by Steve Lee



Have you signed up for PCA Juniors?

It's not just the cars. And it's not just the grown-ups. PCA is about the kids too!

The PCA Juniors program is here for kids to enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and continue the passion that runs throughout the Porsche Club of America. As a PCA member, you may sign up your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew under the age of 18. It's free to join! Your PCA Junior will receive a welcome box with an ID name badge in the mail. Many region events include activities for children and teens geared to grow enthusiasm for Porsche and PCA for generations to come.

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