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appy Spring everyone! I am fresh off a weekend spent at Putnam Park Sports Car Course, where the CIR held our annual Spring Brake HPDE.

It was an interesting weekend. We were teased with warm, sunny weather the week before and the week after. Did we get any of that when we were at the track? No. Instead, it was cold, windy, with spurts of rain, and even hail! Despite all of that, everyone who attended had a safe, fun weekend.

The CIR always strives to provide members with interesting events, I think driving the hail-line at the racetrack certainly counts as interesting! And we have a lot coming up!

Our May is packed with the Indy Grand Prix, A Night with Al Unser, Jr., and Cars and Coffee at Tom Wood Aviation. A drive to the Duesenberg Museum is scheduled for June as well as Porsche's 75th birthday party at Club sponsor Tom Wood Porsche.

Speaking of sponsors, we are always so grateful to have their support. They go the extra mile for our region; their help enables us to put on so many of those interesting events! Whether it be a tech session or simply answering questions when you stop by their shops, CIR PCA is proud to have their continued support!

We are always on the lookout for new experiences, so if you have an idea, please reach out and share it! We're always game to do something fun!! Keep an eye on Facebook, Instagram, and the CIR Website for the latest and greatest.

Lastly, there are a number of positions open for the CIR Board of Directors. Have you thought about joining but aren't sure where to start? Now's a good time to do it! Feel free to ask questions whenever you see a CIR Board member at an event. You are more than welcome to sit in on a board meeting too! We can't do this without our outstanding peers helping out and we always appreciate your help!

Pete



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We have had wonderful support from sponsors, especially our two dealer sponsors, Tom Wood Porsche in Indianapolis, and Porsche Fort Wayne in Fort Wayne.

Tom Wood is a major part of our HPDE programs and a strong partner in the CIR Annual meeting and our Holiday parties. Porsche Fort Wayne has stepped up their patronage with the club helping with a number of events from Cars & Coffee to the German Fest bringing together Porsche owners from all over the northern part of our region.

And of course, we have to thank SONAX USA for generously helping us produce one of the highest profile events we have done in recent memory. Our Evening with Al Unser Jr. presented by SONAX.



The night was moderated by CIR's Tom Beeler as the two-time 500 champion, Al Jr. was joined on stage with CIR member Scott Goodyear. The two Indy Car drivers talked of racing and family. What an amazing night!

Here is a link to the YouTube video of the evening <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8L6yVdmT3gM&t=9s>

By the way, we raised over \$3500 for the Cody Unser First Step Foundation. That is the charity founded by Al Unser's daughter to help people with spinal cord injuries. Al and Cody send their thanks to all of you.

The CIR board would like to welcome Rodney Schroeder and Mike Kelley to the board as at-large members. Pam and I met Rodney on the Spring Color Tour at breakfast in Cincinnati. He had just joined the club but was super enthused about the friendliness of the members. Mike expressed interest at our SONAX tech session back in February. President Pete Walker, suggested he join in on our board meetings and get to know more about the CIR. Thanks guys for stepping up!



We still need your help to keep the CIR active. If you are interested in getting involved, please let any board member know. It really does not take a lot of time and you will get loads of help. So consider a board position or volunteering for a committee.

Have you ever said to yourself, "Wow, this would make a great event for the Porsche club?" Maybe you were driving a backroad or visiting a museum or having dinner at your favorite restaurant. Well, why not put together that event? Let a board member know about your idea, and get it started. We promise you will get help so don't keep your special place a secret.

After a lot of hard work, the bylaw update committee will be submitting our new rules to a vote at the coming elections near the end of this year. Be sure to check out the new revised addition at: <https://cirpca.org/2023-cir-by-laws-update/>

How many of you have noticed that for Porsche's 75th Anniversary they have updated the Porsche Crest for the first time since 2008? This was the sixth update since it was first introduced as the Porsche logo in 1952. The new crest will begin to show up on cars near the end of this year.

The parts of the crest represented by the rearing horse is from the city of Stuttgart's official seal, with red and black colors and the antlers from the symbol of the German state of Württemberg-Hohenzollern, now Baden-Württemberg, the home of Porsche AG.

Can you see the difference in the current and the new version?



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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!

Join other members and Like Us on Facebook!



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 OCTOBER 2023 ISSUE OF CIRCULAR IS SEPTEMBER 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 October 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; cirpca.org for the latest additions and changes to club events. The monthly club meeting is now via Zoom.

July

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

August

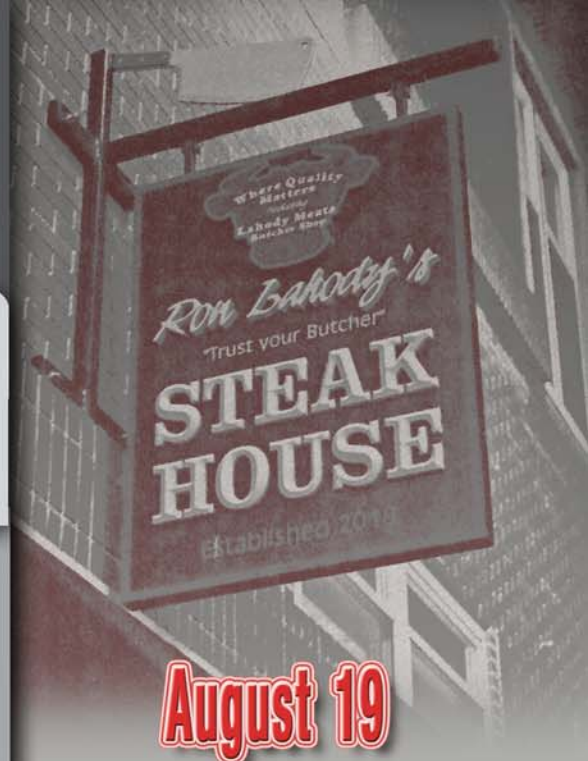
- 5 *Saturday Breakfast at RIZE Cafe* — starting at 8:30 a.m. Just off US 31, Rize is a local Indianapolis chain.
- 7 Club Board Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 19 *Lahody's Steakhouse* — starting at 5:30 p.m.
- 24-27 *Viele Strassen* in French Lick, In. (See event page).

September

- 4 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 *Porsche Palooza* in Carmel In. (See event page).
- 20-24 *Treffen — Gateway to the West* touring the Mississippi River Valley & the Missouri Rhineland.
- 29-30 *Pumpkin Run DE* at Putnum Park — Day 1&2 (See event page).

October

- 1 *Pumpkin Run DE* at Putnum Park — Day 3 (See event page).
- 2 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.



August 19 Meet in the Middle Dinner at Lahody's Steakhouse

Join us 5:30 p.m. for the 3rd "Meet in the Middle" at Lahody's Steakhouse; located about an hour from either Indy or Fort Wayne at 231 South Walnut Street in Muncie, IN.

We have reserved the mezzanine room which overlooks the bar and main dining room. This classy New York City Bistro has a menu to die-for. Check it out at www.lahodys.com.

Parking is free either on the street or in the two public parking lots in the rear. RSVP NOW on the CIR website: www.cirpca.org.

Check Out These Upcoming Events



Viele Strassen

August 24-27, 2023

For those of you not familiar with Viele Strassen, it is a driving extravaganza presented by the Southern Indiana Region over the fantastic roads that southern Indiana is known for. Viele Strassen translated means "Many Roads". The event will be held at the historic West Baden Springs hotel in French Lick, Indiana. It is a weekend not to be missed.

Registration Process

The registration procedure will require you to have your PCA member number at the time of Registration and the credit card you prefer to use for registration. There are a limited number of openings to attend this event. The sooner you register, the better your chance of attending. If you do not make it in, you will be put on a wait list with the first in line being offered a spot if there are any cancellations.

Go to [http:// Motorsportreg.com/](http://Motorsportreg.com/) You will need to open a

free account if you do not already have one in order to register for Viele Strassen. If you already have a MotorsportReg account, go to the next step.

The registration fees for Viele Strassen are:

Driver \$399.00 — Guest \$199.00 (if attending) — plus a \$2.00 MotorsportReg fee

For driver and guest, during the drives lunch is covered within the Registration fee. In the evening, dinner is also included.

Room rates are: Thursday/\$199 Friday/\$269 Saturday/\$269

Proceeds from this event help fund a regional charity for battered women with children. SIR looks to give back to the communities in which they live.

If you have questions or need assistance with the Registration process, several committee members are available to assist with registration by calling them.

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Porsche-Palooza

**Saturday
September 9, 2023
Carmel, Indiana**

PORSCHE-PALOOZA presented by Tom Wood, part of the Carmel Artomobila weekend September 8-10, will feature an incredible number of common, uncommon, special, regular, fast, super-fast, and not-so-fast Porsches that we've come to know and love over the past 70 years.

Judging begins around 11:00 A.M. This is an excellent occasion to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, and enjoy your favorite automotive brand, Porsche.

Pumpkin Run DE



**Friday/Saturday/Sunday
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1**

Join us for our fall DE event at Putnam Park. Friday will be open lapping for instructors and experience solo drivers, plus a PCA instructor school. Saturday and Sunday will be an instructed DE.

Registration here:

<https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/13092>. If you are interested to know more contact Pete Walker at: <https://cirpca.org/contact-us-2/>.

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Spring Brake 2023

Article by Larry Clarino



Spring Brake 2023, the Central Indiana Region's (CIR) first High-Performance Driver Education (HPDE) event of the year was yet another sellout. The smoothness of the transition from long time HPDE chair, Mark Westlake to region president, Pete Walker taking the reins of command, says something about the professionalism of our region's program.

CIR's home track Putnam Park is unquestionably one of the best locations in the nation for both beginner and advanced participants. This year, weather as often happens with our April event, played an interesting role to say the least. Friday April 23 was reserved for solo advanced drivers with a mostly wet day as a persistent rain kept the track very damp most of the day. Word was a certain CIR member with very a high milage blue Cayman GT4 had an exciting off-road excursion resulting in a definite need for a car wash after finding a bit of a swamp off one of Putnam's turns.

Saturday the 22nd was the first day with beginner and intermediate students talking to the track with dedicated instructors in the right-hand seat. After a bright sunny morning and big smiles from everyone mid-morning saw a cold front come through bringing not just a chill, but light rain that turned into small hail during a beginner group session. The hail made for an exciting experience for the rookie group indeed.

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The rest of Saturday and all of Sunday saw really cold temperatures, and heavy cloud cover making time outside of the car more than a bit uncomfortable.

All and all, another fun weekend HPDE for our club. We are all looking forward to Pumpkin Run already open for registration at www.clubregistration.net. More than forty drivers are sign up for the September 29, 30 and October 1st event. If you are wondering what driving on a real racetrack is like be sure to sign up and join the fun

This year as in the past three years the CIR will be holding a PCA Instructor training class for advance drivers interested in becoming a certified in-car instructor. Check out the website for more information.



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2023 Cincinnati Spring Color Tour

Article by Bob & Brigitta Snider

A sure sign of Spring coming to the Central Indiana Region is the April Spring Color Tour. What could be better than lunch with fellow Porsche fans, driving fun backroads past fields just starting to pop with corn and beans, a fun stay overlooking the Ohio River, followed by dinner at a German beer garden?

April 29 & 30 saw fifty-four CIR members and guests from all over the state, Lafayette, Elkhart, New Paris, Warsaw, Fort Wayne, Muncie, Columbus, Indy, Brownsburg, Zionsville, Frankfort, Westfield, Noblesville, Carmel, Fishers, Greenwood and Greensburg join in on the fun.

For the first time ever, we had eight members of the Michiana Region PCA, attend this year's tour including MIR President, Brian Inniger and his wife Melinda — who is also region Secretary — along with past president and current VP, Murray Bartel and his wife Penny. They were accompanied by Aron and Robin Dellinger and James and Tonya Yoder.

For the second year in a row, the weatherman was wrong, with no rain as predicted. We were able to be seated outside in the Biergarten at the



Porsches lined up outside the Kopper Kettle.



Driver's meeting hosted by event planner Bob Snider.



Group lunch at the Kopper Kettle.

Newport's Hofbrauhaus on Saturday night for a wonderful evening with great food, beer and entertainment.

On Sunday morning, we had a very nice driving tour of the winding and hilly roads of Cincinnati's Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum which was established in 1845. Some of the flowering trees were past their peak this year with the unusually warm, early spring so it was not the best year for flowers, but still spectacular. I've noticed spring has been coming earlier the past few years and we may have to start making the tour earlier. The weather has been very nice, though, the past two years. Weather can be a bit iffy in the Mid-west earlier in April.

Brigitta and I want to thank all who came and supported this event, and especially those that helped lead, and covered the middle and sweep cars this year, especially with the large group we had.

I also want to thank the members who went early to the Hofbrauhaus and helped us hold six tables until everyone arrived. Could not have done it without you all! And how about the eight members of Michiana Region that made the long trip from up north? They said they had wanted to come to the event for years, but there was always a conflict. You all are what made the event the huge success that it was!

We hope to see each of you next April, when we will finish at the Moerlein Lager House for great food and beer in downtown Cincinnati. We will have to find a weekend when the Reds are out of town for this very popular Cincinnati night spot.

See you all next year!



CIR members enjoyed great food and German beer outside in the Biergarten at Newport's Hofbrauhaus.



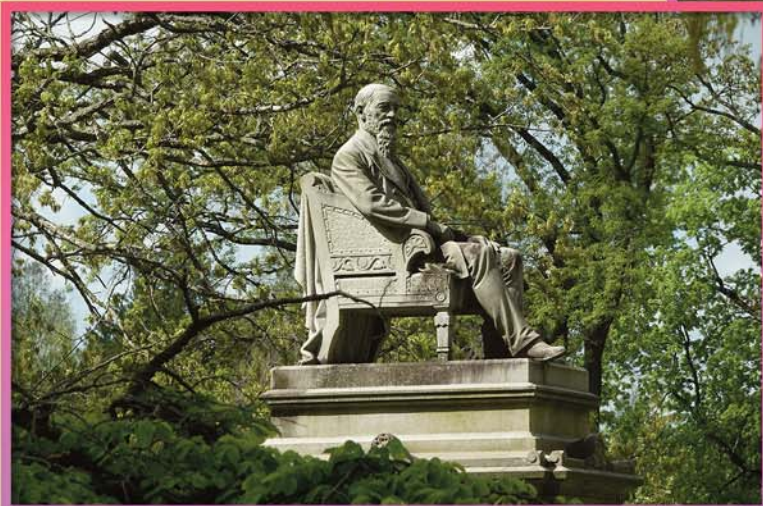
The line-up for the Sunday Auto Tour to Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum.



Some Porsches along with Dick & Becky Rutkowski's black Boxster sweep car parked with the Cincinnati Skyline backdrop.

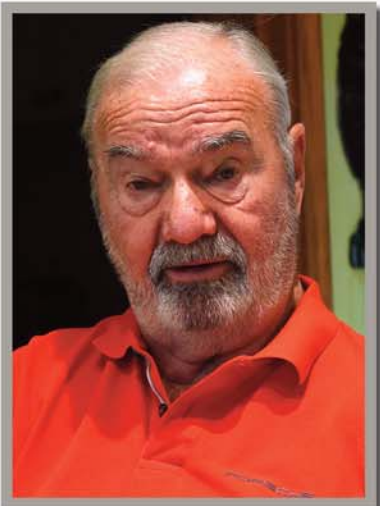
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Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum



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FOCUS ON Tony Smith

Article & Photography by Larry Clarino



he subject of this CIRcular's Focus is our club's money guy, Tony Smith. And trust me, he keeps us in-line and above-board!

Tony, our current region treasurer certainly has the credentials to be in charge of our club's finances. Tony spent 42 years with Ernst & Young in the firm's audit practice working primarily with manufacturing, retail, and transportation clients.

A native Hoosier, he was born in Columbia City near Fort Wayne. He attended Ball State University and started with the Ernst & Young firm right out of school. "Thou the name changed through several mergers, and is now called EY, it was the only company I've ever worked for," said Tony rather proudly. Tony's last five years with the firm were in San Palo, Brazil where he was charged with setting up a new Capital Market Center for Ernst & Young serving all of South America. "They ask me to set up the office there, for just a two-year tour, two became three, three became five. In my fifth year, my wife Marla said enough was enough. I was then sixty-four and it was time to retire and come home."

In 2019 Tony lost his wife, Marly, to cancer after fifty-one years of marriage to his childhood sweetheart. Tony decided to load Athena, his cat, up in his RV and hit the road for a 10,000-mile journey, he calls their grieving tour. His way of coping with the loss of Marla.

As with all Porsche owners there is a story behind their first Porsche.

"Our first Porsche was actually Marla's, a 1985 944. When our daughter, Deedee was getting ready to head off to college, Marla thought we needed a sports car, so she ended up getting a 944. It was a firecracker, in guards red. We had that for a while, but as life gets in the way we sold it."

After a few years without a sports car, they decided they would look for another Porsche, but it had to be a yellow one. After calling their friend, Betty, in Chicago, who worked in the HR department of a large Porsche dealer on the Southside, and having her check the inventory, they came across a yellow 2000, stick-shift Boxster S. Marla flew to Midway, and drove home in the Boxster!

"After Marla passed, I had the Boxster S, a BMW M5 and a Lexus. My daughter Deedee said we should look at a 911, we are a Porsche family! So, Deedee and I went up to Chicago to see visit Betty and look at what they had in stock, new and used, well they had a brand new '20 red 992 cabriolet, with red wheels. I kept coming back to it, I just thought it was gorgeous. So that was the one, I said I will take it! Then we sold the yellow Boxster to Betty, our friend, for her personal car."

After joining the PCA in 2021 the first CIR event Tony with now partner, Sandy, participated in was the club's Spring Color Tour. They enjoy touring with the club and have done several. After a bit of arm-twisting Tony was recruited to help with the club finances and run for treasurer. He has brought a new perspective to the board with his auditor background.

The club's current financial direction started under Greg Brown and now led by Tony has our region on the straight and narrow as a proper non-profit 501c (7) social club in the eyes of both the state and federal regulations.

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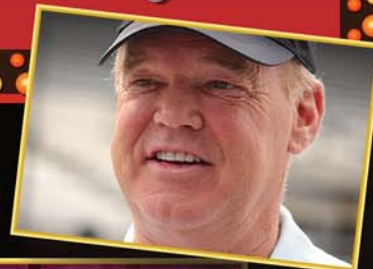
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An Evening with Al Unser Jr.

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino



The Central Indiana Region's second "Evening with..." took place on May 14th, one day after the GMR Grand Prix IndyCar race that kicks off the wonderful month of May at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Indy 500 legend, Al Unser Jr, was this year's guest of honor. Motorsport journalist and longtime CIR member Tom Beeler led the informal discussion with the two-time Indy 500 champion, as they reviewed Al's life growing up an Unser. Between Al Jr's two wins, his dad, Al Sr.'s four wins, and his Uncle Bobby's three, they represent a total of nine Indy 500 victories, 9.5% of all 500's run.



Tom Beeler and Little Al.

SONAX USA, based just up the street from our proceedings, was the presenting sponsor for the second year in a row for the event. SONAX is the US distributor of the German line of high-end car care products. Without the help of SONAX USA this great evening would not have been possible.



SONAX the presenting sponsor for the evening.

The Basile Westfield Playhouse in Westfield, Indiana was again the site of this renowned event. A packed house of CIR members and guests fill the theater with 100% of ticket sales going toward the Cody Unser First Step Foundation. That is Al Unser's daughter's foundation helping people with spinal cord issues.

Cody in 1999, at age 12, was paralyzed from the waist down with Transverse Myelitis. She started the foundation to help folks with quality-of-life matters and to help with awareness of spinal cord diseases. The evening raised more \$3100.00 for her foundation.

The highlight of the evening was Porsche owner and fellow CIR member Scott Goodyear's appearance, not only introducing Al and Tom, but joining them on stage



The Basile Westfield Playhouse

discussing the historic battle the two had in the 1992 Indy 500, with Goodyear finishing second to Unser in the closest 500 finish ever. That 31-year old record still stands! Many of you will remember that race as it saw the coldest temperature in Indy 500 history.

Everyone was fascinated as the two good friends talked racing and how things have changed through the years.

The Unser family is truly the first name in American motorsports with an amazing 73 Indy 500 starts. The Unser participation spans Al Sr. (27 races), Bobby (19), and Al Jr. (19), as well as Johnny (five), Robby (two) and Jerry (one).

This was the second time the CIR presented the PBS Actor's Studio style format with Tom Beeler just chatting with our guest. Last year, Voice of the 500, Paul Page, kicked off the series. Hopefully this will continue into the future for the Central Indiana Region.

As a side note; The Unser Racing Museum in Albuquerque New Mexico, housing the Unser family history recently announced a merger and a move to the Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, Nebraska. This will allow a much larger space for the Unser Racing history to be displayed to the public. So, if you find yourself near Lincoln, it will be worth a stop.



Good friends Al and Scott.



We were sold out for this event.



The evening raised another \$1,000 in donations besides the check presentation.

Everyone has a Porsche Story.

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Motor District Hosts CIR Porsche Club

Article & Photos by Jim Hatfield

Westfield's Motor District Garage Condos hosted the Central Indiana Region on a warm and sunny Saturday morning this past April. Over 78 Porsches and their owners attended, treated to coffee and donuts as well as some rare and historic Porsches. Local collector Chris MacAllister sent his 1970 JWA Gulf Porsche 917k (ex Pedro Rodriguez and Leo Kinnunin). He also sent his rare 1972 Porsche 911 Carrera RS while Graham Rahal sent his pristine Porsche 918. Beyond those show stoppers, many Porsche models were represented, from the 356 to the Taycan. A big thank you to Motor District owner Jay Farmer and his staff for a memorable Saturday morning!

For more information on the Motor District Garage Condominiums, go to:
<https://www.motor-district.com>.



Aerial view of the complex.



Over 78 Porsches were parked outside the garage condos.





CTR at Indianapolis Cars and Coffee

Article & Photos by Pete Walker

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, Indianapolis Cars & Coffee took to the taxiways and ramps of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport and the Tom Wood Aviation facility in Fishers, IN. The massive event was sponsored by the Tom Wood Automotive Group with Porsche as the featured marque of the day. The folks at Indy Cars & Coffee and Tom Wood Porsche invited members of the Central Indiana Region to represent the Porsche line-up in the role of honor.

Over forty CIR members made the journey to the airfield early Saturday morning to lock in a parking spot inside the hangar and on the Tom Wood, ramp sharing the space with the Tom Wood war bird collection of vintage aircraft.

The turnout was incredible! Indy Cars & Coffee reported more than 2000 cars of every brand imaginable making this the largest event in Indy Cars & Coffee history. In spite of having only one gate for entry/exit causing some access difficulties, the charity event was a huge hit for the all-volunteer group. For 2023, Indy Cars & Coffee is supporting Folds of Honor, a charity dedicated to the families of fallen veterans and first responders throughout Indiana.

Once parked, participants wandered the airfield, exploring the variety of cars encountered at Cars and Coffee. There were Mustangs, Corvettes, Ferraris, McLarens, of course Porsches and so many more. As would be expected the assembled attendees could get a cup of coffee, and a free donut both of course quickly running out.

As in the past the Tom Wood Automotive Group sponsored events here included not only all the cars and aircraft, but helicopter rides were available around the general aviation field, that included great views on the new Andretti Global headquarters, now under construction, adjacent to the airport, the future home of hopefully a true American F-1 effort.



Special thanks to Indianapolis Cars and Coffee and Tom Wood Automotive Group for hosting this event and inviting CIR to participate!



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Porsche Fort Wayne Cars and Coffee

Article by Bob Snider

A little wind and rain, okay, a lot of wind and rain, kicked off the first Porsche Fort Wayne, Cars and Coffee. The dealership, part of the O'Daniel Automotive Group and the 2022 Porsche Dealer of the Year, hosted area Porsche enthusiasts to a morning of good fun, food, and beverages.



Around fifty Central Indiana Region and Michiana Region members attended what will be the first of series of events sponsored by Porsche Fort Wayne. Julie Kimes, O'Daniel Automotive Special Events Coordinator said "Covid is officially over and we're back in business. We have things planned about every three months or so."

For this event Tom's Travelin' Coffee Truck was supplying the liquid fuel and Julie supplied the donuts and muffins.

The entire Porsche Fort Wayne team from GM Greg O'Daniel on down were proud to present this fun day, just wish the weather had been a little better.



Photos by Bob Snider & Greg Smith

A truly great time was had by all and there were lots of interesting conversations going on between old and new friends. This was a wonderful starting event for the upcoming driving season. Porsche Fort Wayne said they would have this year's calendar of events announced soon.



A CIR thank you, goes out to the staff at Porsche Fort Wayne for putting this very nice get together and inviting us all. Can't wait until the next one!

2023 Treffen Georgia Mountains

Article & Photos by Will Anthony

Treffen Georgia Mountains took place on April 19 thru 23, 2023, and was held at the Barnsley Resort near Adairsville, Georgia. Godfrey Barnsley created the southern style estate for his beloved bride more than two-hundred years ago. The event was hosted by the Peach State Region, with their volunteers doing an excellent job putting together and guiding the tours.

This was no small task considering the event was booked to capacity. Luckily the weather was excellent the entire time we were there. The Wednesday evening social was set up in the resort beer garden with live music. Poached shrimp, a pimento cheese fritter, and seared lamb loin were some of the items on the menu.

My Thursday trip was the Helen-Valhalla Tour. We started out driving through beautiful pastureland before beginning the climb into the Blue Ridge mountains. The tour leaders and sweeps did a good job keeping us together. The last hour or so of the drive had significant elevation changes which made for a spirited drive. Valhalla is an alpine village right in the state of Georgia. We arrived in good shape and were ready for a chance to sit and eat while chatting about the drive.

The official opening dinner was Thursday evening and was held in a tent like structure behind the ruins of the original manor house. A truly unique and beautiful setting. It's always fun to walk through the tables and greet people you have met at past Treffens. This dinner is a great place to meet new people as well. The buffet dinner was topped off with Barnsley Bread Pudding, a specialty.

Friday was the Wolf Mountain Winery tour for me. This was much longer than Thursday's drive, with a lot more elevation changes. In many ways it reminded me of one of the tours at Treffen Bend last fall. The final drive to the winery was particularly steep. Karl Boegner owns the winery and has a collection of both signed guitars and incredible Porsches.

Once the groups had parked, Karl gave a talk about



Alpine Village Valhalla

Opening dinner on Thursday night.



why he bought the property and started the winery. This was followed by a tour of the garages. I have never seen such a collection of one-of-a-kind Porsche memorabilia. After, we had a fantastic lunch on the lower floor.

Friday was the Evening at the Town Square. At least a dozen cars had been chosen to park around the perimeter of the event.

Saturday's tour was the one I was looking forward to the most, the Porsche Experience Center near the Atlanta airport! PCNA pulled out all the stops and arranged for everyone to have a ride-along with one of center's instructors just to experience the track.

The Saturday night closing dinner is always happy and sad. It's happy when you think of the new people you have met and the memories you have made. You also find out where the Treffen will be at this time next year. It's sad because the event is over, and you're left to pack up and head home. Just smile, and keep in mind, there is always the next Treffen.



Friday's group for the Wolf Mountain Winery tour.

One of the garages at the winery.



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BLACK BRAKE DUST ON YOUR MACAN'S WHEELS?

Article & Photo by Bob Snider

Brigitta and I bought a new Macan S in June of 2021 and really love the car. It is our new trip car and has a great ride due to its air suspension and plenty of acceleration with reasonable gas mileage for long trips. The car is very well thought out with high quality and just about every convenience and safety feature one could want in a sporty SUV. The handling is great, and we love the exhaust sound, especially on start up.

We ordered the car in Sapphire Blue Metallic with full tan leather interior and silver 19-inch sport wheels. It is a very pretty car, and we show it often. Our only complaint outside of the ridiculously small sun visors for us for short people, was the terrible black brake dust on all four wheels rims every time we drove the car. It really shows up on the silver wheels and I got tired of cleaning the wheels every week.

Years ago, I switched out the original equipment Porsche brake pads on our 2000 Boxster S for the same reason with Hawk Performance Ceramic pads, after the OEM pads wore out. I had heard from other Porsche owners that ceramic brake pads were ultra-low dust, and the dust was more of a gray color and didn't show up as much as the carbon black used in most German brake pads.

Pelican Parts offered replacement Hawk Performance ceramic pads for the Boxster. I had SweetCars in Fort Wayne do the switch along with having them repaint our red brake calipers that were starting to peel their clearcoat. What a difference these new ceramic pads made. We show our Boxster, and it has won a couple trophies with the new pads.

Pelican Parts did not offer Hawk Performance ceramic brake pads for any Macan, so we checked with Tire Rack in South Bend. They carried the correct pads for all four wheels. Be sure you get the exact fitment pads for your model of Macan with the correct diameter of brake rotor. Measure your rotors. The pads are different for each model, both front and rear.

Porsche Fort Wayne service did the swap on the Macan. They had no problem doing the work with the understanding that since the pads were not a Porsche part, there would be no warranty.

I have noticed no decrease in stopping distance and I no longer have to clean our wheels weekly. Ceramic Pro coating on the wheels and calipers makes them very slippery, and the gray brake dust does not stick, it washes off easily. Hawk is a well-respected name in racing and makes all kinds of brake pads for many types of applications.

As for the highly inadequate Macan sun visors, I found aftermarket sun visor extenders on Amazon made by TFY that solved all our problems. Macan visors rotate to the side windows, but do not extend and they are way too short for us short people. These fit and blend in perfectly with the existing black visors and nearly disappear.

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Sweetwater Sound

Article by Greg Smith

Main entrance and start of tour.



Early lunch in the Sweet Sound restaurant.



C huck Surack, founder of Surack Enterprises, a good friend of the Central Indiana Region, extended a special invitation to our club to tour the largest online retailer of music instruments and equipment in the nation, Sweetwater Musical Instruments & Pro Audio.

If that Sweet name sounds a little familiar, Sweet Cars is a sponsor of the CIRcular. As a matter of fact, Fort Wayne is the home the Sweet Family of Companies, ranging from music, to cars, to several aviation firms, as well as several other businesses. Sweetwater Musical is the flagship operation.

We started with an early lunch in the Sweet Sound restaurant. More than two-thousand employees work at the facility, so a full-size restaurant is a necessity, and the food is delicious. They even have a barber shop right next to the retail department.

Kianna, our tour guide, started our walk through the instrument demonstration and trial area. There is one room for electric guitars and another for acoustic. The pianos and keyboards are in a separate room as well as the brass instruments. There is also a room for string instruments including cellos and violins. Throughout this area you can test any instrument you wish. There are also soundproof booths so you can play without distractions.

Outside the building we visited the Sweetwater Concert Venue. Sweetwater hosts several concerts during the summer for both local and touring artists. The facility includes a music academy that serves high school age musicians during school breaks and the summer vacation seasons.



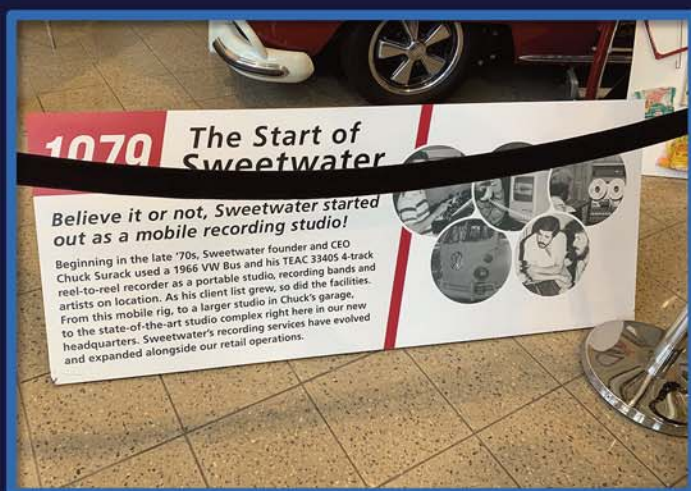
The kids are organized into “bands” where they are encouraged to arrange song for an album. This includes designing the cover for the album. When the band is ready, they record the songs for the album, and Sweetwater produces it. There’s a mosaic of the album covers that have been produced.

Our tour continued through the suite of recording studios on the upper floor where professional artists can record and edit music. The artists have access to any equipment that the facility has in stock. And you never know who will be in the building. Legendary musicians such as Gene Simmons, Eric Johnson, John Petrucci, Victor Wooten, and many others have used Sweetwater Studios.

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Our CIR group and tour guide Kianna.



This display shows how Sweetwater started to evolve in the late '70s.



Book Review

Article by Larry Clarino

Have you ever read a book that you expected to be good, but it just disappointed you after reading it? *Umbrella Mike: The true Story of the Chicago Gangster Behind the Indy 500*, by Brock Yates is such a book.

Being deeply interested in the history of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and American racing in general as well as having grown up in Chicago, this book sounded extremely interesting, yes, right up my alley. The story of a Chicago gangster, Michael Joseph Boyle, that used ill-gotten gains from his notorious and questionable leadership of the Chicago electrical workers' union to finance his fascination with big time motor racing and winning the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. With storm clouds of war rising and the convoluted and fascinating story of the acquisition of a few Maserati Grand Prix cars by Boyle, a friend of Al Capone, this book should have been a hit.

Plus, this book was written by a man that was a best-selling author, an executive editor of *Car and Driver* magazine, and a screenwriter of several hit movies. In other words, a guy that should know how to write well. As a kid I read *Car and Driver*, cover to cover, and enjoyed Yates' work. So, what happened?

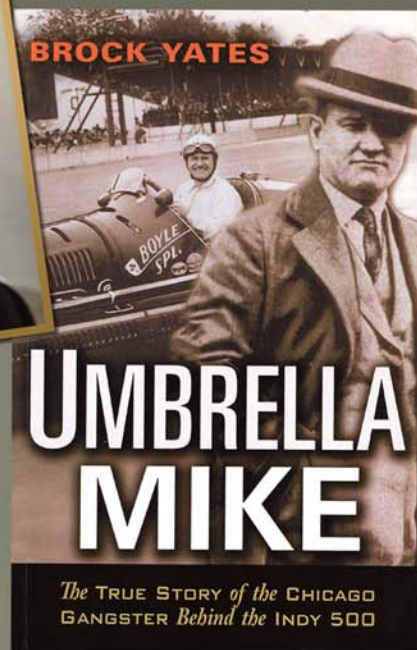
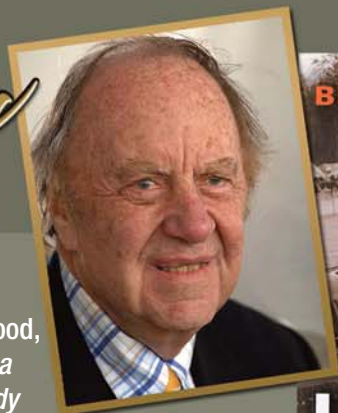
Brock Yates should know better! While the story is fascinating, the saga of pre-war Indianapolis, the story behind the beautiful Maserati 8CTF and the men that raced them for Mike Boyle, Yates jumps around mixing dates and years, repeats the same stories about drivers and race car owners over and over. It becomes a very difficult and confusing book to read.

Many of us grew up reading Brock Yates' featured columns in *Car and Driver* or watching him with Chris Economaki covering races on TV. He conceived the infamous actual Cannonball Baker Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash, and wrote about it in his best-selling book, *Cannonball*. I highly recommend that one! So that just makes this book more of a disappointment.

Yates does cover the period of Indy racing from 1937 through 1947. That was a time for drivers like Wilber Shaw, Jimmy Snyder, Cliff Burger, Ted Horn, and Rex Mays. A time for owners and builders like Joe Thorne, and Harry Miller. The problem is Brock Yates jumps around so much it is very hard to understand the timeline of this fascinating period in Motorsports.

As the world was heading toward World War II, racing in America was going through huge jumps in performance and changes in the technology of the time. It was a time an extreme danger where drivers took risks almost beyond our comprehension. Super-fast board tracks with monster high banks were springing up all around the nation. Dirt tracks and of course Indianapolis were all part of the lives of these daredevils. A time when motor racing was nearly outlawed by the Congress of the United States.

This is the background of the story Yates set out to tell. I only wish he had organized the story of this fascinating time in a better way.



Start of the 1940 Indy 500, Mauri Rose, Wilber Shaw and Rex Mays on the pole.





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A Rural Drive Ending in a Tour of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

Article and photos by Greg Smith

*J*une 4th was the perfect day for just a fun drive of back roads in our CIR member's Porsches. Absolutely great weather greeted our group at the starting point of Lassus Handy-Dandy convenience store parking lot just off I-69, in Fort Wayne.

A big thank you to Lassus for hosting us and the discount coupons for food and refreshments. In full disclosure, I was a director with Lassus when I retired. I guess they still like me!

A total of nineteen cars from the Central Indiana Region and a few from Michigan joined in for a drive through the 150-year-old Spencerville covered bridge and on to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Indiana.

Now, this was not just a pleasant drive

through the country but also a test of observational skills too! Each Porsche's navigator needed to keep an eagle-eyed out to answer a list of dastardly difficult questions, like how many times did we cross the St. Joe River, how many railroad tracks did we cross, how many churches did you see, including a biggie, literally a biggie, did you spot any big concrete grain silos? Mysteries all, but gold lie in correct answers as accolades were to be bestowed.

Yes, the winners were awarded brand new 2023



Line-up for the bridge.

Porsches, (Well, okay, 1/43 scale Porsches, but they were new!) and free tickets to the museum worth a whopping \$10.50 each, so this wasn't just fun, it was serious.

Former ACD Museum curator Jon Bill acted as our guide through the wonderful emporium of antique automobiles. And emporium is the correct word as the building was the once both the administration offices and the sales floor of the Auburn Automobile Company. Another fun day with the Central Indiana Region of the PCA.



Outside and inside of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.



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PCA Sim Racing News June Update 2023

Article by Jim Legault

PCA Sim Racers have been busy this spring with Series 10 Races, Team Racing, and Arrive and Drive Racing.

In Series 10, each of the five driver classes compete in their own races, earning points towards their respective class championships. By the time you read this article, the championships will have been decided. You can check out the final standings and more on the Series 10 web page.

On a personal note, I have been racing part time in the Series 10 Challenge Class and I recorded my first individual win in PCA Sim Racing at the Road America round! In addition, I've earned 5th place finishes at the two other events I have competed in: Virginia International Raceway, and Hockenheim Ring. 3 races and 3 Top 5's: A fairly successful campaign!

The 2023 Team Racing Series has three remaining endurance races:

- July 30th — Circuit De Spa Francorchamps (Endurance)
- September 17th — Fuji Speedway (Grand Prix)
- October 15th — Road Atlanta (Full Course)

All Series 10 and Team Racing events are broadcast live by Podium eSports on YouTube. Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/@pcasimracing> to find scheduled upcoming races and replays of past events. And while you are there, please hit the Subscribe button!

Both Series 10 and 2023 Team Racing are sponsored by **Porsche Exchange** and we are grateful for their support!

Arrive and Drive Racing continues as a fun, low stress, and friendly competition where there are no series points and no championships. It is an excellent place to dip your toes into PCA Sim Racing, if you are so inclined!

And finally, I'd like to draw your attention to a special event, **Operation Motorsports 2023 Virtual Race for Heroes**, which will be broadcast live on August 27 at Noon EDT. The Porsche Club of America Carolina Region and Upper Canada Region along with PCA Sim Racing will be hosting this fundraising event to benefit **Operation Motorsports**. Check it out, and if you are able to make a donation to this very worthy cause, please do!

I would be delighted to answer any specific questions you might have about getting involved in the exciting hobby of PCA Sim Racing. You may contact me through the **CIRPCA Contact Us** web page.

2023 Virtual Race for Heroes



Welcome New Members

March 1, 2023 — May 31, 2023

From Greg Smith, Membership Chair

Todd Biberdorf/Zionsville/2006 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Tamara & Evan Bothwell/Zionsville/2018 Cayenne
Timothy & Matha Berger/Huntertown/1985 944
John Braunsdorf/Greenfield/2012 911 Carrera
Gregory Bright/Fishers/2008 911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Lee Byers/Zionsville/2011 911 Carrera S
Ohlashia Cowley/Fort Wayne/2023 Macan
Brad & Brenda Davis/Fort Wayne/2009 Cayman
Darrell Davis/Fort Wayne/2009 911 Turbo Cabriolet
Calvin Dykhuizen/Lafayette/1975 911
Jon & Donna Garner/Ellettsville/2020 911 Carrera 4S
Alex Gonzalez/Pittsboro/1977 911S
Brooks Green/Carmel/2014 911 GT3
Mark & Juli Hall/New Palestine/2004 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Stephen Hampton/Westfield/2023 Macan S
Douglas Harwood/Fishers/2002 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
Mark Hoffman/Bloomington/2001 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Robert Johnson/Greencastle/2016 Cayman
Kerrie Kikendall/Indianapolis/2017 718 Boxster
Shawn Martin/Zionsville/2009 Boxster
Ricky Meadows/Huntington/1999 Boxster
Matthew & Jill Miller/New Haven/2014 Cayman S
Ryan Milton/Westfield/2023 718 Cayman GTS 4.0

Douglass & Kathy Montgomery/Frankfort/2001 911 Carrera
Mark Nelson & Ruth Hess/McCordsville/2011 911 Turbo S Cabriolet
Daniel Nyman/Indianapolis/2000 Boxster
Chris Ricketts/Franklin/2018 911 GT3
Raymond Shank/Galveston/2023 Cayenne S
Craig Sharples/West Lafayette/2023 718 Cayman GTS 4.0
Don & Ginny Shine/Bloomington/2018 718 Cayman
VJ & Kathy Varghese/Westfield/2018 911 GT3
Vidmantas Vilutis/Fort Wayne/2017 Macan S
William Voss/Carmel/2014 911 Carrera S
Ronan Young/Spencer/2014 911 Carrera S

Test Drive Participants

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1983 — 40 Years

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2003 — 20 Years

Michael & Soheila Boyer/Greenwood/Aug.

Allan & Kathleen Hall/Indianapolis/Sept.

2008 — 15 Years

Mike Gonzales/Huntington/July

Jim Murtlow/Indianapolis/July

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Reggie's Motorworks Open House & Car Show

Write-up & photos by Larry Clarino & Kole Grove

Saturday June 17th saw Central Indiana Region sponsor Reggie's Motorworks 16th Annual Open House and Cars show. Motorworks in Noblesville specializes in European auto care repair and maintenance. Reggie Stewart also owns the adjacent The Noble Mechanic shop servicing all types of vehicles.

As has become a tradition with Stewart's team, community involvement is a vital hallmark of their philosophy of doing business. This year local Fueled for School was the charity partner for the event. The Fueled for School's goal is to eliminate hunger in Hamilton County's undernourished youth and promote the educational value of proper nutrition.

More than 60 cars entered with all of the entry fees going to charity. Several hundred spectators from all over central Indiana participated in the judging of show categories, as well as all the fun including several children's activities and food trucks serving the crowd. More than \$4500 was raised for the charity this year.

The custom made Best in Show Trophy was awarded to the immaculate 1948 Cadillac Sedanette of Henry Long. The team at Reggie's make each year awards and they are always very special. This year the boss himself, Reggie Stewart, hand-built the Best in Show Trophy



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Porsche's 75th Anniversary

Celebrated by Tom Wood & Fort Wayne Porsche

Article compiled by Larry Clarino

"In the beginning, I looked around and could not find quite the car I dreamed of, so I decided to build it myself." — Ferry Porsche

That's how it started, 75 years ago in Germany. Inspired by one man's dream to create the ultimate sports car. For 75 years, Porsche has been fueled by a relentless pursuit of bringing dreams to life. From the earliest racing cars to the latest models, Porsche has always embodied cutting-edge design, exceptional performance. An unwavering commitment for perfection — all of which contribute to the unparalleled driving experience that is Porsche.

In 1948, Ferry Porsche realized his dream of a sports car: with his team, he produced the Porsche 356 'No. 1' Roadster. It marked the birth of a legendary brand and laid the foundation for an exemplary success story.

"75 years of Porsche stand for pioneering spirit, passion, and dreams. We are celebrating together with people who are inspired by dreams," says Oliver Blume, Chairman of the Executive Board of Porsche AG.

We in the Central Indiana Region are proud to be part of Porsche's heritage in 2023.



Rodney Schroeder on a simulator at Tom Wood.



Fort Wayne set up in side for Porsche's 75th Anniversary.



Photos by Larry Clarino & Greg Smith.



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