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Is I embark on my tenure as President of the CIRPCA, I want to acknowledge the significant contributions of Pete Walker and the Board of Directors,

who did a great job with the successful "A Night With" series, securing the largest marquee at Artomobilia, and updating our bylaws. We greatly appreciate your efforts!

Looking forward to 2024-2026, I have a few goals to continue building on our Club's success:

- 1. With CIRPCA's large coverage area, I'd like to expand our event opportunities to other areas and bring us together more often, so we can better share our experiences and work toward increased cohesion throughout our region. For example, I plan to meet the Fort Wayne members at an upcoming event and look forward to building those relationships I hope other CIRPCA members will join me!
- 2. Part of what makes our Club great is doing fun things together. Many of our members have some great ideas but may be unsure how to bring them to life. I'd like to provide a How-To Guide for anyone who wants to set up an event with step-by-step instructions and best practices to host a successful event for our members.
- 3. Our Board of Directors is wonderful, but I'd also like to see other members excited to be involved in the Club. I'm relatively new myself but believe the more engagement we have from the broader group no more than an hour per member per year the more successful and fulfilling membership can be.
- 4. Our sponsors are an integral part of our Club, and we want to find ways to include our sponsors to make these relationships mutually beneficial for all involved. Sponsors can provide exclusive opportunities for our Club members, and we'd like to reciprocate that goodwill.

That's an ambitious list, but I believe we can achieve these goals together. Everyone is invited to add me, personally, to your Facebook so we can be connected. Send me any comments or suggestions to make the CIR better. Thank you in advance for your support of these efforts, and I look forward to getting to know each of you better over the next two years.





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2DITOR'S NOTE

has been another interesting year. First, on a personal level, I want to thank Pete Walker for the leadership he has shown the CIR over the last two years as our president. Pete will continue to be on the board as past president and will also serve as our HPDE chairman.

By the way, the dates for our two 2024 HPDE's have been confirmed. They will again be at Putnam Park Sports Car Course on April 26-28 for Spring Brake and Pumpkin Run will be September 27-29.

Spring Brake is now open for registration at: https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/1 4083

For a region our size, we are an active group. Just look at the upcoming calendar for events, and more will be added. Of course, there is still a need to have more members step up a take lead in events and, yes, get active on the board and in club management. In short, we need your help. Contact any board members or simply shoot me a call and I will get you hooked up. https://cirpca.org/contact-us-2/

With the new year, we welcome new CIR president Rodney Schroeder. Along with new vice president, Mike Kelley, they will be leading the club in some new directions. There will be some exciting announcements in the near future as these two, along with the rest of



board of directors, take us into the future.

And speaking of future, one of the things I am most proud of with the CIR is our creation and

production of our May series, "Evening with...." We are very proud to announce our guest this coming May 5th, a Sunday, will be Indy 500 winner Bobby Rahal. Bobby is an IndyCar and IMSA race team owner and former F1 driver and team manager. Rahal has won the 500 both as a driver and as an owner with Buddy Rice at the wheel. Few people know the racing business better than he does.

For the third year, the Basile Westfield Playhouse will be the site of our chat interview. This all started in 2022 with Paul Page, the Voice of the 500, and last year with Al Unser Jr. as in the past 100% of tickets sales goes to a charity named by our guest. This year the Bobby Rahal Foundation for Kids will be the benefactor. This will sell out so make your reservations. Check out: https://cirpca.org/event/21466/

In the upcoming weeks we have a late lunch at Pasto Italiano, a private tour of the Ray Skillman Race Car and Classic Car Museum, and upcoming tech session at SONAX, with more stuff to be added. Keep an eye on our calendar on the *CIRPCA.org* website.





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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 2024 ISSUE OF CIRCULAR IS MARCH 1 2024

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 2024.

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

January

8 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

27 Pasto Italiano Late Lunch/Early Dinner: 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

February

5 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

10 Ray Skillman Cars Event — starting at 10:00 a.m.

March

4 Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

Sonax Tech Session — starting at 10:00 a.m.

April

Club Meeting — starting at 7:00 p.m.

13-14 *Spring Color Tour:* See Upcoming Events page.

26-28 Spring Brake: https://clubregistration.net/

May

5 An Evening with Bobby Rahal — 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. At the Westfield Playhouse. Buy Tickets @ https://cirpca.org/event/21466/

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

MADE IN GERMANY



A Special guest, will be announced soon.

The CIR will be having a car-care tech session on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at SONAX USA Headquarters at 17414 Tiller Cir., Westfield, IN 46074.

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.

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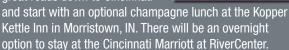
Come join us for a real opportunity to learn easy ways to keep your Porsche looking great and to chat with a very special guest.

Check Out These Upcoming Events

Spring Color Tour

Saturday & Sunday April 13-14

This year's annual Spring Color Auto Tour will follow the same great roads down to Cincinnati



We are moving to the famous Moerlein Lager House above in downtown Cincinnati next to the Reds Stadium for our Saturday night dinner with great views of the Ohio River.

Sunday we will again drive thru the beautiful Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum and then an early lunch at Taft's Ale House.

Registration will be posted on the CIR website *www.cirpca.org* by the end of January with a link to book a room at the Marriott at our discounted Porsche Club Group Rate. Save the date now and see you in Cincy in April!

Bob & Brigitta Snider, Tourmeisters



An Evening with Bobby Rahal, Indy 500 Winner, Team Owner, F1 Driver, & 3-Time CART Champion; presented by SONAX.

May 5, 2024 @ 7:00 pm — 9:00 pm Westfield Playhouse Tickets: \$25.00

As Race Month arrives in Indy, join us on May 5, 2024, as CIR-PCA spends "An Evening with Bobby Rahal, Indy 500 Winner, at the Westfield Playhouse; presented by SONAX."

Don't miss this amazing night at the Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 North Union Street, Westfield, IN 46074, as the CIR-PCA presents an evening with one of the greatest racing drivers of all time.

Bobby is now owner of Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, based in Zionsville, In. https://cirpca.org/event/21466/



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

Pasto Italiano, located in Westfield, Indiana, is a terrific, locally owned little restaurant that serves great food. On January 27th 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 below. This is certainly one of our favorite restaurants. Check out Pasto Italiano's website at: *pastoitalianowestfield.com*, and *their menu here*. Located at 3150 East IN-32, also known as East Main Street, in Westfield. It's about a mile or so East of US-31

Larry Clarino has arranged for "The sounds of guitar artist Benito DiBartoli" to entertain us during dinner! *Sign up* and plan on a wonderful dining experience with fellow Porsche Club members.



The CIR has made arrangements with Ray Skillman for a special private visit and tour of his amazing racing and classic car museum in Greenwood, Indiana.

February 10, 2024, at 10 a.m., Ray, and his team will open the

doors for us to one of the largest race car collections in the world!

Located behind Ray Skillman Ford, at 1280 US 31 S South, Greenwood, IN 46143 we will be treated to a vast collection of Indy Cars, sprint, midgets, stock cars, drag and landspeed record cars, plus many of Skillman's classic street

You do not want to miss this opportunity to see this private collection.

Limit of 100 guests, no charge but you must RSVP





Article & photos by Larry Clarino

erhaps one of the youngest CIR/PCA full members, eighteen-year-old Evan Bothwell is also one of our toughest. The Zionsville native already has three Porsche 944's, but the thing that makes this young man tough, is the story behind how this all came to be.

In the summer of 2021, at sixteen, then a junior at Zionsville High School, Evan started to experience severe headaches. After a visit to the St. Vincent Hospital ER in Carmel, IN, he was sent immediately to the Payton Manning Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. The diagnosis, Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis (LCH), is an extremely rare disorder that is sort of a cancer, that attacks multiple organs.

"I had a big tumor on the left side of my head that was making a hole in my skull," said Evan.

LCH is so rare the American Cancer Society just recently classified it as a cancer, however, the treatment is still chemotherapy, the same as many cancers. "LCH is often misdiagnosed, we were very lucky, our oncologist, Doctor Goodman, at Manning had seen a few cases and suspected LCH right away," said Tammy Bothwell, Evan's mom, "After a lot of tests, Evan was in chemo for the next year, missing more than half the school year. It was pretty hard. The good news is, it looks like the treatments worked well for us. There is a possibility of LCH coming back, but it is looking very good right now."

Evan's non-running 1985 944.



Now about the 944's. When Evan turned 15 his dad, Patrick, told Evan, here is \$3,000, go find a car. Evan's requirements, "It must be a manual, and should be rear wheel drive. Oh, and I love Porsches!" After a lot of searching, they came across a non-running, "sort of red" in color 1985 944, five-speed manual, on an on line auction site for \$1,000. "The bid was stuck at \$1,000. I bid like \$1,001 and got it. It was not pretty, kind of moldy and gross, but it was mostly all there, so I now owned a Porsche."

Work started on getting it running. Evan and dad Patrick with help from Grandpa Larry Landis, dived into the project just as Evan got sick with Evan helping as he could

around the chemo treatments.

While in the hospital, the team at Payton Manning got the Make-A-Wish Foundation involved, telling Evan to start thinking about his wish. "I knew it had to be about the car, I always wanted help with the restoration and had heard about Porsche Classic." On September 20, 2021, they found out his Make-A-Wish would be granted. The Make-A-Wish Foundation contacted Porsche Classic in Atlanta.

Porsche Classic then asked for some video of the car. After seeing the videos, Porsche realized the passion Evan had for his 944. They knew they had to help, even so, the car was pretty rough and would be a challenge. However, Porsche said to bring it down to Atlanta and they would look at the project. Evan and his dad trailered the car down and then went home to wait for news. Around this time Evan found yet another non-running silver, \$1,000, 944, an '83, with two engines, a perfect parts car.

After a couple of months, Porsche said the '85 was far too expensive to restore, and it would be better to find another 944. With Make-A-Wish as the catalyst, Porsche Classic found a '86 944 in Fort Wayne. Mom, Tammy, along with Porsche acquired it and shipped it to Atlanta for Classic to do their magic. Make-A-Wish chipped in with the cosmetic restoration. (Ed. Note: Make-A-Wish can't give complete cars to kids, but they can help with cosmetic wishes.)

On Friday, November 3, 2023, the 'new' red 1986 Porsche 944 was unveiled to a very surprised Evan. He had no idea he was getting a new fully restored 944.

A few weeks ago, the CIR put together a mini-all-Porsche car show to honor our new young member. Around fifteen Porsches all sports cars, rallied around two red 944's at Lions Park in Zionsville on a lovely warm Sunday to celebrate one tough kid. CIR sponsor SONAX USA's Rob McCrary stopped by with a big bucket of SONAX car care goodies for Evan.

By the way, even though Porsche said the '85 was a basket case, Evan drove it on a 4000-mile round trip to Idaho to do a Forest Service Conservation Camp, and he did it alone!



The unveiling of the 'new' red 1986 Porsche 944 and a very surprised Evan.

Photos by Tammy Bothwell

Photos by Larry Clarino



Around 15 Porsches put on a mini car show to honor Evan. Rob McCary presented him with a big bucket of Sonax car care.



Article and Photos by Larry Clarino

A parking area big enough for a car show.

atsy's Pub in Westfield is a real old-time neighborhood bar. Generous drinks, a couple of pool tables and games, even a dart board. Oh yeah, really good pub cuisine too.

Patsy's was the site of a CIR Happy Hour on November 7th, yes, election day in Indiana. Twenty-seven CIR members, including several new to our club, joined for chat, a couple adult beverages, and some truly excellent bar fare. Outstanding tenderloins, juicy burgers.

bar fare. Outstanding tenderloins, juicy burgers, wings, pizza, and some of the best French fries in Central Indiana were among the offerings.

Patsy and Kent McNall, the new owners of Patsy's, are longtime friends of the CIR. They also own Pasto Italiano, the Italian bistro in Westfield we take over for a Saturday afternoon each January for our Late Lunch/Early Dinner. Pasto Italiano has become a winter highlight for the club.

You can make your reservations for this upcoming January on the CIR website right now at: https://cirpca.org/event/late-lunch-early-dinner-at-pasto-italiano-2/

If you have a favorite pub in your area that would like to host a CIR Happy Hour, get in touch with one of our board members. It's a great way to get together with some old Porsche friends and maybe meet some new ones.



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FOCUS ON Jim & Karin Scarbrough

Article & Photography by Larry Clarino

ne of the longest Porsche Club of America members in our region is this CIRcular's member Focus. Jim Scarbrough, along with his wife Karin, have been in the PCA since August 1988, that's thirty-five years ago.

Just out of Syracuse University with an engineering degree and a new job with Cummins Inc., right here in Columbus, Indiana. Jim decided the time was right to get his first Porsche. "I was always a Porsche guy. After a long search I found a 1972 911T that I could actually afford. It was in the hands of a woman in Kentucky. There I was, 27 years old, new job, no assets, and looking for a \$10,500 loan for a used 16-year-old car," said Scarbrough, "No wonder it took a month to get the bank to approve it!"



As a matter of fact, Jim and Karin's first date, July 15, 1988, was driving Jim's '79 Saab 99 to Fulton County Kentucky to pick up his "new" Porsche and Karin driving the Saab back to Columbus. It turned out that was the perfect "first date" as the couple has now celebrated thirty-three years of marriage.

When the two met, in Karin was working with the Boys and Girls Club in Columbus. After Cummins sent Jim to North Carolina, she became the aquatic director at the YMCA down there. She is now a special education assistant with the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation.

Like so many of the Central Indiana couples, PCA membership is truly a family affair. Both enjoy participation in CIR activities. "Jim got involved with DE programs when we did a stint with Cummins in North Carolina," said Karin, "That was with the Potomac Region."

For Jim, Porsche has been a way of life for a long time. "Two things happened way back in 1969 that changed my life forever. My dad bought a new '69 911 and I saw my first F1 Grand Prix race at Watkins Glen, in New York. I was bitten by not only the Porsche bug, but by the racing bug too.

The Scarbroughs favorite activities with the club all involve performance driving. Jim has been doing DEs

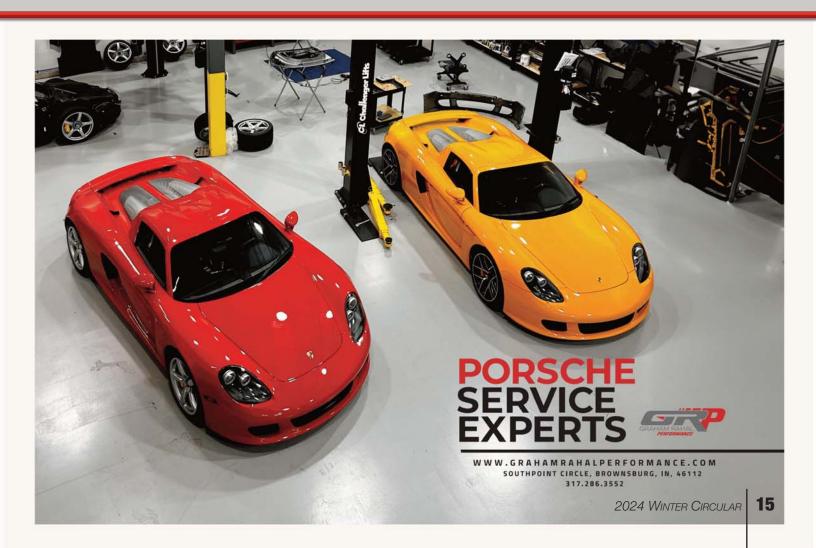


since 1992, and was CIR DE chair, from 2002 through 2006. Jim was instrumental in getting Spring Brake going at Putnam, the same year, 2002, he became a PCA HPDE instructor. "We did a presentation for a DE in the spring, called Spring Brake, to the board of directors, slides, charts, the whole thing, we even wore Hawaiian shirts. They loved the idea, couldn't write the check for Putnam, fast enough. That is how it started." By his own admission, his passion is driver education events.

Scarbrough has a competitive side as most track rats tend to have. Jim was involved with PCA club racing for many years. As a matter of fact, the CIR hosted a number of PCA Club Racing events at Putnam and Lucas Oil Raceway (Ed.s note: It will always be IRP to us old guys!). "The CIR held a lot of racing, it was in the day of real grass roots racing, many of the guys would drive their race car to the track. It was a lot of laid-back fun back then."

CIR members like Jim and Karen bring a sense of continuity and tradition to our club. Their involvement after all this time proves the CIR is all about the people, not just about Porsches.







Article & Photos by Jim Hatfield

he International Motor Sports Association was welcomed to Indianapolis Motor Speedway's road course this past September, after a nine year absence. Billed as the "Tire Rack.com Battle on the Bricks", IMSA brought eight of its classes to race, including the Hybrid GT Prototypes (GTP), GTP2, GTP3, GTPR0 and GTD, as well as the Michelin Pilot Challenge, two rounds of the Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup and Lamborghini Super Trofeo. Porsche was well represented this weekend with no less than four 963 GTP cars and five 911 GT3 Rs in the two GT classes. The Michelin Pilot Challenge saw seven Porsche 718 GT4 RS CS entries, while the Porsche Deluxe Cup races featured an all-Porsche 992 field.

GTP

After some mediocre performances early in the season,



GTD Brynjolfsson Hindman Porsche.

the Team Penske Porsches underwent extensive testing and development this summer and it showed in recent races. At Indy they qualified 1st and 2nd ahead of the two Acuras of Meyer Shank and Konica Minolta Racing, the two Cadillacs of Cadillac Racing and Whelen Engineering, as well as the two RLL BMW M Hybrids. The two other Porsche 963s of Proton Competition and JDC Miller Motorports were the final GTP qualifiers.

Matt Campbell started from pole in his #7 Penske Porsche, but a brake lockup at the first turn meant the #6 Penske Porsche of Matthew Jaminet slipped by for first. Campbell's misstep may have contributed to a melee behind him; Phillipp Eng's BMW GTP contacted the Cadillac of Sebastian Bourdais and then Tom Blomqvist's Acura

couldn't stop in time, and so he ended up in the muddle.

As the race went on, the two leading Porsches had to give up the lead to the Cadillac of Pipo Derani due to an infraction at the end of a full course caution. In the end, the Porsche of Nick Tandy/Matthew Jaminet reassumed the lead with the car of Matt Campbell/ Filipe Nasr finishing in second. Behind the top finishing Porsches, the JDC Miller 963 of Tijmen van der Helm and Mike Rockenfeller finished 8th with the Proton 963 of Harry Tincknell and Gianamaria Bruni just behind in 9th. The Penske Porsche's 1-2 finish revived hopes of a Season Championship for the #6 car, but it all came to naught a month later after a shunt at the final race of the season at



GTPRO Bachler Pilet Porsche.

Road Atlanta's Petit LeMans. In the end, Porsche had to settle for second place in the Manufacturer's Championship.

GTPRO and GTD

In the GT classes, last year's championhip team, Pfaff Motorsport, was Porsche's only entry in GTPRO with their 911 GT3R. Kurt Batchler and Patrick Pilet qualified on the pole, but they ended up bringing the car home just fourth in class.

In the GTD class, which uses cars identical to GTPRO but with drivers of both "professional" and "gentlemen" status, Porsche's four entries did not fare as well. Wright Motorport's Alan Brynjolfsson and Trent Hindman was the

highest finishing GTD Porsche with a 6th place in class.

Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup

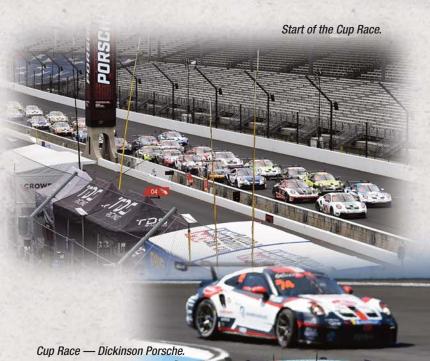
Porsche's one-make series using the 911 GT3 Cup cars saw two rounds this weekend and the crowning of Riley Dickenson as the season "Pro" champion. His Kellymoss prepared Porsche dominated both races, deciding the season championship four races early. CIR member Dan Clarke finished an excellent second place in Race 1 after starting 5th. In Race 2, he finished a creditable 5th place.

Michelin Pilot Challenge

In this four-hour endurance event for GT4 and "Touring" cars, seven Porsche 718 GT4RS CS cars were entered. However, the best finish of any of the Porsches was 6th place. Thomas Collingwood, Spencer Pumpelly and John Tecce's BGB Motorsports 718 came in just half a second in front of the 7th place 718 of Stevan McAleer and Eric Filgueiras.

Meet and Greet Sessions during the Weekend

The weekend included meet-and-greet sessions with both CIR's Dan Clarke, driver of #64 in the Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup series, and Roger



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Johnson with the JDC-Miller Motorports Porsche 963. On Saturday, Clarke gave a tour of his NOLASPORT-Reis-Nichols Porsche 992, including an explanation of the many controls in the cockpit and the finer points of tire management. Johnson hosted sessions on Friday and Sunday giving an overview of the 963 program and answered member questions. Both days found the team busy with their pre-session protocols, which included a loud (!) engine and drive-train warmup. Many thanks to both Dan and Roger for taking the time to inform and educate our members!



GTP Fan Walk on pit lane.



CIR Dan Clarke tour.

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25TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN RUN

Article by Larry Clarino
Photography by Larry Clarino & Kole Grove



saw the 25th annual running of the Central Indiana Region's Fall High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) event, Pumpkin Run. More than 110 drivers took to the tarmac of Putnam Park Sports Car Course for the club's twice-yearly school with the goal of making better performance drivers of all those entered.

The CIR took over the Putnam track on the weekend of September 29th, 30th and October 1st for the occasion. Under the leadership of HPDE chairman Pete Walker, the event came off like clockwork. Each of the run groups got more than an ample amount of track time as Pete arranged for three consecutive days of glorious sunshine. The one exception was a strange, but absolutely beautiful layer of ground fog early on Friday morning that delayed the start of the first advanced group by a few minutes. The mist, while only a few feet thick, cut visibility at track level down to a few hundred feet for a time. With Friday's open lapping reserved for advanced solo qualified drivers, it was not a problem.

Added to this year's schedule as the CIR has started doing annually, the first day, Friday October 29th, included a PCA national instructor candidate school. There is a continuing shortage nationally of HPDE qualified instructors that meet the ridged standards of the





Graham Rahal Performance brought a Radical for members to try for a few laps.

Porsche Club of America.
CIR's master classroom tutor extraordinaire, Chuck Tucker, has now joined the PCA national team taking a leading role in the PCA's national instructor development program. We had the honor to have Chuck conduct the very

have Chuck conduct the very intensive curriculum for the twenty-plus instructor candidates. Of course, a big thank you goes to all the current instructors that served as individual mentors to the perspective candidates. The real goal is to make great in-car teachers out of the candidates.

The CIR is certainly fortunate to first, have Putnam Park as our home facility for HPDE events. The track is without a question one of the best in the nation as a beginner facility being extremely safe, but is still challenging to advanced drivers because of the very technical nature of the course.

Secondly, under Chuck Tucker's leadership the CIR classroom program for our beginner and intermediate drivers is second to none, be it PCA, or any other on track organization. It is, something we all as CIR members should be proud of.

Spring Brake will be here before you know. It is generally around the last weekend of April. If you have ever thought of doing a HPDE or have friends that would be interested, keep an eye on the CIR calendar on the website and sign up. Remember you don't need to be a CIR or even a PCA member. And you don't need a Porsche to drive at our HPDEs.



Nathan Abouhalkah's 911 GT3 RS Cup Racer.





Rex Alexander, 09, in his '06 911S Cabriolet.

Busy garages at Putnam Park.

Wilbur Wright Museum Drive & Dinner

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

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ow many of you know that Wilbur Wright was born right here in Central Indiana? Yes, that Wilbur Wright, the one who, along with brother Orville, built and flew the first successful, heavier than air, powered aircraft.

On October 7th, CIR members Fred & Maureen Greulich put together a visit for the club to the Wilbur Wright Birthplace Museum located at 1525 N CR 750 E in Hagerstown, Indiana. The grounds offer a view into life in mid-1800s with the actual farmhouse where Wilbur was born in 1867. The farmstead is complete with the barn, smoke house and even the two-hole, unattached 'facility.'

The museum's five-acre grounds also include an aviation display building that includes a full-size replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer, the workshop at Kill Devil Hills in Kitty Hawk, N.C., where the first powered flights took place, and much more. This is a gem that is defiantly worth visiting. It is a little hard to find but truly worth a trip.

Twenty CIR members and guests, in ten Porsches, joined in special guided tour of the museum. The museum visit was followed by a back-roads drive to AJ's Wine & Dine Garage in Fortville, Indiana, for some wonderful wine and interesting dinning.



Top two photos are Wright house and kitchen.

Replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer.



Served tasty food and great wine.



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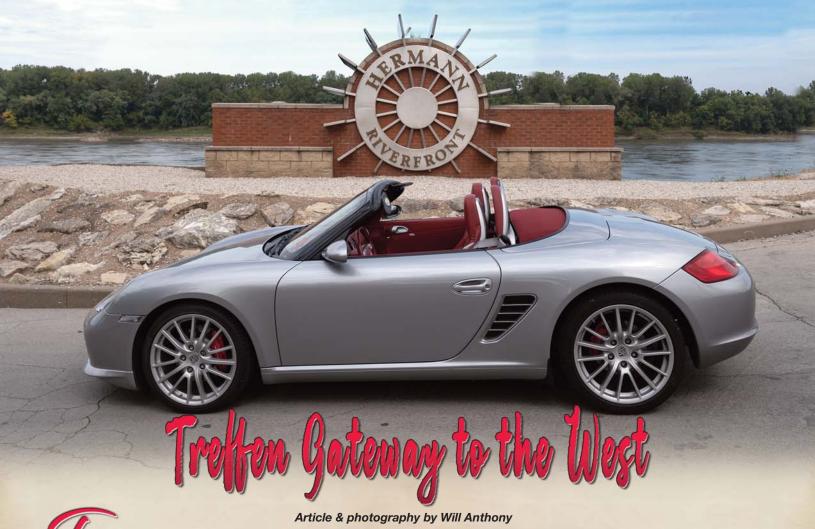
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reffen Gateway to the West, was held at the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton, Missouri, just west of St. Louis. The hotel was beautiful and gave "Puttin' on the Ritz" a whole new meaning. The volunteers from the St. Louis region and the Treffen staff did a fantastic job designing and organizing the tours and events. The theme for this Treffen was Oktoberfest with tours exploring both the countryside of St. Louis area and the Mississippi and Missouri River Valleys.

With four drives were offered for Thursday and Friday, I picked the Great River-Grafton tour. Featuring a nice twisty road going through both hills and farm country that included the towering limestone cliffs along the banks of the Mississippi River.

My Friday drive was the Hermann tour to Hermann,

Hermann tour was the most fun.



Missouri. Of all the tour roads I was on, this was the most fun. It was a twenty-one mile rollercoaster ride with leaves just starting to change. The town of Hermann was originally founded by German settlers in 1837, and many say it closely resembles the Rhine Valley.

Friday night was the Treffen Oktoberfest Social. The



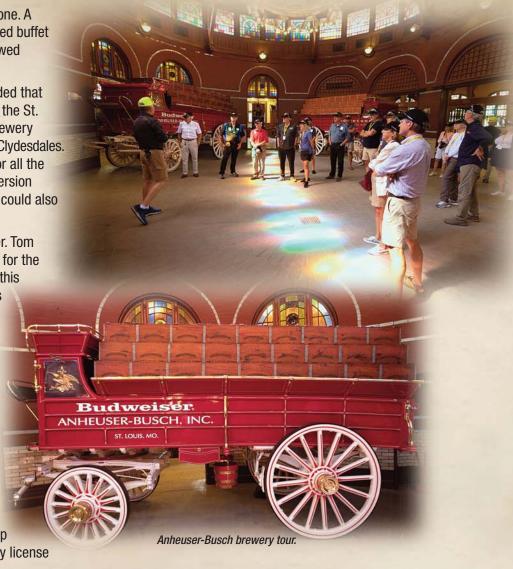
Treffen team really went all out on this one. A German band played as a German-inspired buffet was served complete with a locally brewed Oktoberfest beer.

Saturday was Navigators Day Off. Included that day was a couple of bus tour options to the St. Louis Arch or to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and Grant Farm, home of the Budweiser Clydesdales. With turn-by-turn directions available for all the tours, you could do a self-guided tour version of the bus routes. As a third option, you could also just explore St. Louis on your own.

Saturday evening was the closing dinner. Tom Gorsuch was the Master of Ceremonies for the wonderful grilled Filet Mignon dinner. All this was followed by the Treffen raffle prizes and the names of the Treffen Wine Country early registration winners.

Sunday morning came and it was time to pack up just as I was treated to one last beautiful sunrise from my hotel room window. Several folks were heading out west to the Porsche Rennsport Reunion at Laguna Seca, in California, while others were driving in all directions home. I'm looking forward to 2024's Treffen Wine Country in Napa Vally next spring, but for now I have the prospect of a nice day to drive home, top

down, of course. Remember, just like my license plate says, "Just Drive".







REFRESHING WORN PLASTIC INTERIOR AREAS BY AIR BRUSHING

Article & Photos by Greg Smith

Skill level — Beginner (with a learning curve)
Cost — Around \$100 (tools, paint, & classes

am the third owner of a 2009 Boxster S. When purchased it had 37,414 miles and was in what I considered pretty good condition, inside and out, for a fifteen-year-old car. It had both the exterior and interior colors I had searched for, Midnight Blue Metallic with a Sand Beige Interior.

Probably like most Porsche owners, after driving the car many miles, I started to notice that some of the plastic "Sand Beige" interior parts had areas worn down to the black underlining plastic base.

At first, I sent a few pieces of trim up to Classic 9 Leather Shop in Michigan and had the key surround and ash tray cover recovered in leather, but that was an expensive way to refresh them and there were only so many pieces that were removable and many more that needed some help.

Somewhere I read about using an airbrush to touch up parts of the interior. I had never done airbrushing let alone on my car, but a local "makerspace" organization. (Ed. note: A makerspace is a collaborative workspace inside a school, library, or separate public/private facility.)

They have the tools to teach customers different skills and gave hands on experience to gain a skill you were

trying to learn. For a small expense, I took two of their classes on airbrushing and then went to Harbor Freight and bought an inexpensive airbrush kit and some accessories to try my hand at freshening up my interior.



I work part time at Lowes and our paint department does a great job color matching paint to sell in a sample container for under \$5.00. However, the Lowes samples are not sold in a "flat" texture, but Home Depot does have flat finishes!

I took a removable interior part to the "Depot" and brought home a paint sample that matched perfectly. I practiced my airbrushing technique on cardboard until I had the proper consistency to spray the paint with coverage but no runs. After sanding down and taping off the scuffed areas, I applied several light coats of the paint.





Taped off area and and Greg doing his magic with an airbrush.





Door cap before and after airbrushing.

I finished the touched-up areas with a Krylon Clear Matte Finish spray can that I purchased at Michael's Craft Store to add protection from future wear.

It has been four years and 40,000 miles since I refreshed my interior using this method and the paint has held up very well. A small expenditure in time and money yielded a refreshed interior and the supplies and equipment for any future touchups that might be needed.

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Article & Photos by Bob & Brigitta Snider

Many CIR members will remember Steve and Alice Tarr from our "CruZionsville" Porsche car shows in 2011 thru 2018. Steve and Alice moved to Indian Harbour Beach, Florida. Now president of the Space Coast PCA Region, Steve has continued to dream up fantastic Porsche Club events.

Over the years Steve has partnered with Bob Zehr of Travel to Remember, here in Indy, to organize some outstanding trips around Europe with an emphasis on Porsche and driving, plus a passion for wine.

Bob Zehr leads trips all over the world using only the best hotels, restaurants, and local guides. He takes care of all the transportation needs and insurance for all his trips. If you ever have a chance to go on one of Bob's trips, don't hesitate, just pay the money and go! Brigitta and I have been on several of his trips.

This brings us to Steve's Austrian Alps 7-Day Porsche Drive that he did last summer.

e had a choice of renting any Porsche model and we thought we should rent a new Boxster for all the beautiful top-down driving in the Austrian Alps. We have a Boxster, are familiar with it, and could compare the new model to our car, but the more we thought about it, we

were going to be gone for three weeks needing nice clothes for the additional Bordeaux Wine River Cruise and Paris options, we opted for renting a new Macan along with several others of our group going for larger models.

We flew into Stuttgart, Germany on July 25th, having left home the afternoon before. Because they are six hours ahead of us, it was already 8:40 a.m. in Stuttgart



when we arrived. They recommend that you stay up on arrival and don't go to bed until early evening of the first day to help adjust to jet lag. We also could not check into our hotel until 3 p.m., so we had to stay up. We were met at the airport baggage claim by our excellent German tour

guide. He would stay with us for our entire trip taking us back to the airport to leave. His very nice wife also joined us and enjoyed our group.

Upon arrival, we left the airport via deluxe motorcoach to take in the new Mercedes Factory in Sindelfingen, southwest of Stuttgart. This factory tour was very

different than our factory tour in 2017. It was amazing how much automation and robotics have taken over, but a lot of operations are still done by hand in the assembly hall. We walked down the actual factory lines, saw workers up close and could even speak to them. It is amazing all the different models, colors and equipment options that are put together on the same lines, one right after the other. We were very impressed with all the quality and the many top-notch services offered to employees.

Later that afternoon, we checked into our
Schlosshotel Monrepos in Ludwigsburg, north
of Stuttgart. It is a very contemporary white,
low-profile hotel on beautiful, spacious grounds
just two miles from the Ludwigsburg Castle.
That evening we were taken by coach to the
Porsche Museum for a special dinner for all 23 of us at
the famous Christophorus Restaurant. With Porsche
Museum race cars right beside our dining window on
rotating turntables, an outside overhead view of the
many Porsche factories and the iconic Porsche Circle
with its three white 911's on vertical sculptural spikes
and the fabulous food, local wines and desserts — it

was a night to remember and savor!



Our cars in front of the Porsche Museum.



View of Porsche Factory & Traffic Circle from Museum.



Brigitta at Christophorus Restaurant with the rest of our group and friends from Indiana.

Article by Larry Clarino

e in the Central Indiana Region are unique in the annals of the PCA. We have a resource no other club can boost about, that's the Indianapolis tor Speedway, (IMS). There is nothing like it in the world.

We have in our back yard the true foundation of history of American motorsports. If you, like me, are a disciple of that history the name Leader Card Racers will stand as a beacon in the chronology of the Speedway and American racing.

Leader Card Racers: A dynasty of Speed, by Gordon Eliot White, is the story of not just one of the most famous race teams ever, but the life-story of a unique gentleman named Robert C. Wilke. Bob to everyone that knew him, was president of the family business, Leader Card Works, now Leader Paper Products, a Milwaukee based institution started by his father Gustave, in 1904 that continues today.

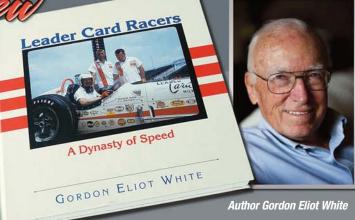
Bob Wilke, born in 1908, got bitten by the then new motor racing bug in the 1920's. The story goes into Wilke's relationship with the Marchese brothers and chronicles the time of the west coast creation of "Doodlebugs", a class of racers that evolved into midgets, easily becoming the biggest sport in the country through the depression years. It is hard to imagine today, but crowds of more than 90,000 spectators attended midget events at Chicago's Soldier Field in late1930's and early '40's.

Wilke was involved with motor racing throughout his life as a mechanic, car builder, parts distributer, and owner, then bringing his family company into the sport as a sponsor. Bob Wilke with a handshake, brought the great A.J. Watson on board Leader Card Racers in 1958, a relationship that lasted more than 40-years. About that same time Rodger Ward joined the team, now nicknamed the Three Flying W's, for Wilke, Watson, and Ward, leading to a dynasty in championship big car racing, now known as Indy

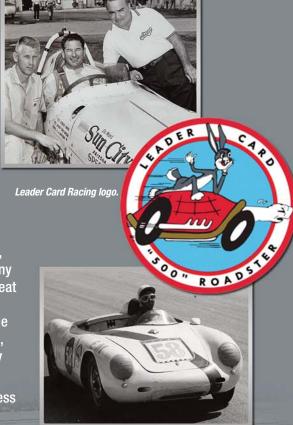
Bob Wilke was the first race team owner to look at the sport as a business not just a hobby. Leader Card Paper was the prime backer, but the race team was a business and was self-sustaining.

Leader Card Racers, followed by Wilke Racing, has lasted for over 90-years into today. After leaving championship racing in 1995 the focus came back to midgets. Now led by Chris Wilke, the great-grand son of Robert, they still run and win, around the country.

Leader Card Racers: A dynasty of Speed, by Gordon Eliot White, is published by Racemaker Press (www.racemaker.com) and is available on Amazon.



The Three W's; AJ Watson, Rodger Ward, Bob Wilke.



Leader Card Porsche 550 RS.

1968 winner, Bobby Unser in the Leader Card Eagle Offy.



How to Get Started in PCA Sim Racing

Article by Jim Legault

y now, you are certainly aware of PCA's sim racing program. If you've been curious about participating, but don't have a clue as to where to begin, then read on!

PCA Sim Racing is free to join for all PCA Members. Participation isn't limited to the younger side of PCA, either. I'm 69 and I'm having a blast!

The great thing about sim racing is that it doesn't require a huge commitment of time or dollars to get started. There is certain minimum hardware and software needed, but how much time and money you invest is up to you. A great resource for getting started is the PCA Sim Racing website.

https://pcasimracing.com/getting-started/

Mission Statement

PCA Sim Racing provides a quality sim racing experience, including opportunities for all levels of driving experience, competitive intensity, and sim racing interests, in a friendly environment for all Porsche Club of America members. As clearly laid out in the Mission Statement, PCA Sim Racing is serious about providing a quality experience to all who join and participate. So, let's get started!

Step 1 Join our Discord server to discuss events and activities. How to join our Discord server is here. Most of our day-to-day discussions are located on the social media platform Discord.

Step 2 Determine if you already have computer resources that will work, or if you'll need to purchase some additional hardware. PCA Sim Racing uses the well-known iRacing desktop sim racing service, and they have a free test to determine if your computer meets their system requirements, click here. It is a common misconception that you need to invest heavily to get started. You don't.

Step 3 Sign up with the iRacing service. When you set up your account, be sure you provide a valid email account and allow administrators to send you an email. Each car and track beyond the starter package costs \$12-15 USD. We use different iRacing Porsches and around a dozen tracks per year. You can purchase

each car and track needed as you join our events and race series. Each item is a one-time purchase from iRacing and once in your account, they are permanently in your iRacing account.

Step 4 Register here with PCA Sim Racing

Step 5 Once your registration has been received, you will receive a "welcome" email that includes contact information to get you going in our onboarding program.

Step 6 Once through onboarding, you'll be invited to join the Entry League.

Our Entry League is where everyone starts and is our primary program for providing instruction to novice drivers. For more skilled drivers it is an opportunity to experience the PCA Sim Racing community before progressing onward. Drivers may stay in Entry League as long as they want to take advantage of the instruction opportunities provided there. After completing the necessary prerequisites, drivers can request a "check ride" to be admitted to one of the PCA Sim Racing national classes.

Step 7 Once a driver has been admitted to one of the PCA Sim Racing national classes (Challenge, Sport, Club, or Pro), they are welcome to join any of our series and events! We have plenty of activity throughout the year for all levels of sim racing drivers.

Hardware, Software, and Infrastructure

Doug Atkinson, Lone Star Region and PCA Sim Racing Chair, has written a very detailed and highly entertaining article on sim racing equipment, available at the link. I strongly recommend you read the whole thing! While Doug's article is too lengthy to reproduce here, he breaks down equipment requirements into seven basic categories.

- 1. Sim racing software.
- 2. A desktop or laptop PC.
- 3. Sim racing controllers.
- 4. An Internet wired connection (Ethernet).
- 5. A computer monitor.
- **6.** Headset with microphone.
- 7. A place to race.

I have a few thoughts of my own on equipment.

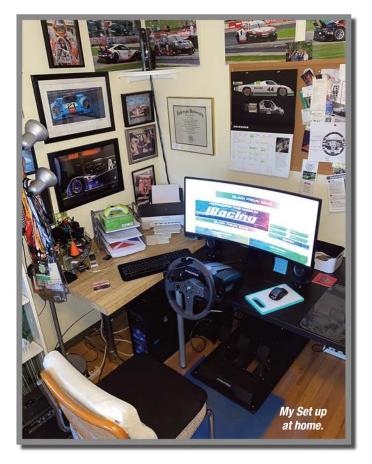
Don't skimp on your computer! If your machine doesn't have enough power to run the software with an acceptable framerate and level of detail, your experience will suffer. At current prices, expect to pay \$1,500 to \$2,000 for a capable PC. It is well worth the investment!

It is a truism in the sim racing world that many of us begin with lower-end equipment, and then we're always looking for the next upgrade! Fortunately, due to competitive pressures, prices for higher-quality controllers have been coming down of late. It is now possible to purchase a direct-drive wheel base (you want one) and steering wheel, bundled with a pedal set, including a load cell brake pedal (you want this, too) for less than \$500. You can spend less, but you'll get an inferior product.

If you'd like to take an in-person look at some quality sim racing gear, check out the Microcenter store in Castleton. They have a dedicated sim racing department. It's a great place to get your hands on the equipment and see the range of options that are available.

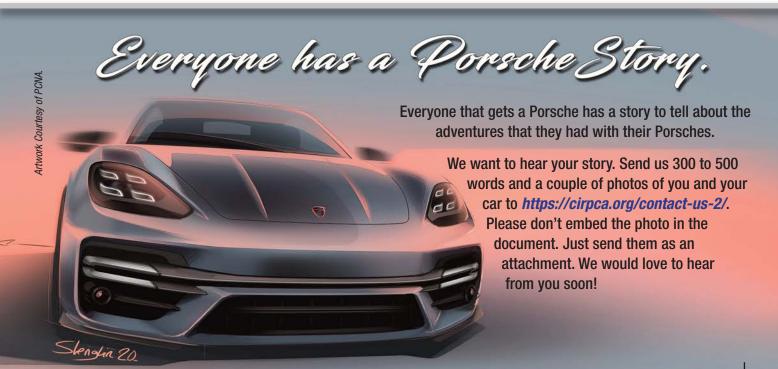
My own rig is pretty modest as these things go. I don't have the space, or desire, for a cockpit setup, so I clamp the wheel base to my desk. I've dedicated space on my desk to sim racing, so I don't need to set it up and tear it down every time I use it. The monitor is a 34" ultra-widescreen made for gaming. My seat is a 40-year-old kitchen chair with some added padding!

My setup reflects my outlook on sim racing. I want to improve my driving, improve my racecraft, and I want to have fun. I don't want to spend a ton of money, so the basic but high-quality components I use makes sense for me. I've even won a few races with this rig! But as with all things, your mileage may vary!



PCA Sim Racing has contributed immensely to my enjoyment of sim racing. I'm in it for the fun and camaraderie. I'm convinced that there is no better place to race than PCA Sim Racing. And that is what it is all about!

So consider giving it a try, and join us on the (virtual) race track. You won't regret it! As always, you can contact me through the *CIRPCA Contact Us* web page with your thoughts and guestions.



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Annual Holiday & Santa Elephant Party

Article & Photography by Larry Clarino

aturday December 2, 2023, the Central Indiana Region gathered once more, for the annual Holiday Party and Annual Meeting of the club. More than eighty members, guests, and Tom Wood staff were in attendance. Committee co-chairs, Maureen Greulich and Pam Clarino, organized the event for the second year in a row.

Dinner was catered by Chiba in Westfield with Keith Dusko and his team putting on a spectacular feast. This year a variety of appetizers took center stage with an assortment of spring rolls, dumplings, and sashimi, including an

outstanding octopus sashimi for the braver of the group.

The gala event was hosted by outgoing president,

Pete Walker, doing the honors.
Pete presented the Mike
Robbins Enthusiast of the
Year Award to Wilson Hopkins.
Wilson is a long-time active
member and just this year
graduated the CIR-PCA National
Performance Driving Instructor
School. Over the last several
years at the fall Pumpkin Run
HPDE, the club has run an
instructor candidate school.

At the dinner, Pete officially presented our new slate of officers for the next two years:

President: Rodney Schroeder

Vice-president: Mike Kelley



Hors d'oeuvres were the hit of the evening.

Chiba, in Westfield, was the caterer of the

The party was held at Tom Wood Porsche and we had a good turnout.



The Mike Robbins Enthusiast of the Year Award went to Wilson Hopkins.



- Membership Chair: Will Anthony
- Secretary: Russ Bell

Changes and updates to the CIR Bylaws were also announced as approved.

After the business part of the evening concluded, after all this is the club's annual meeting, the real festivities started. As has become a tradition, the annual Holiday White Elephant Gift Exchange took the spotlight. Nearly everyone participated, necessitating only one "steal" being allowed. As in the past, a great fun time was had by all.

Again, a huge thank you to John Moses and the whole gang at Tom Wood Porsche for their support of another wonderful club night.



This member got a exciting car wreath.



President Pete provided aid for those who couldn't get their packages open.



Sandy Powell opens her white elephant gift.



PCA Sim Racing News — January 2024

Article by Jim Legault

he big news over the past several months is the prize awaiting one lucky PCA Sim Racing driver at the conclusion of the Sunset Cruise Series 2 on December 14!

The Sunset Cruise 2 series consists of six races. Drivers receive one "ticket" for the Grand Prize drawing in each

venue they compete in and finish, based on defined criteria. A maximum of six "tickets" are available for each driver.

Princess® Cruises provides the Grand Prize Winner a 7-day cruise on their Caribbean/Mexican

Riviera voyage. The Grand Prize winner will be determined by a drawing among all eligible series participants.

Participation levels, as you might expect, have been quite robust! Stay tuned!

Series 11 was announced on December 1. The points paying series will visit seven of North America and Europe's most iconic road courses, with one drop race.

- Event 1 Spa-Francorchamps (Grand Prix Pits)
- Event 2 Virginia International Raceway (Full Course)
- Event 3 Red Bull Ring (Grand Prix)
- Event 4 Road America (Full Course)
- Event 5 Zandvoort (Grand Prix)
- Event 6 Mugello (iRacing release in December)
- Event 7 Daytona International Speedway (Road Course)

In PCA Sim Racing Series races, drivers compete only against competitors with the same driver classification: Entry, Challenge, Sport, Club, or Pro. The key parameters for Series 11 are:

- Porsche 911 GT3R (992) in all classes.
- Starting fuel is limited to 50% to force a pit stop in all classes.
- Open setups for Club & Pro classes.
- iRacing fixed setups for Entry, Challenge, and Sport classes.

The fun begins on January 3 when Challenge Class hits the track at Spa. Sport Class starts their campaign January 4. Entry Class races on Sunday, January 7, followed by Club Class on January 7 and Pro Class on January 8. Races for each class occur every two weeks and all races begin at 9:00 PM Eastern/6:00 PM Pacific Time.

Complete details may be found on the *Series 11* web page.

Welcome New Members

October 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023

From Greg Smith, Membership Chair

Awais Ahmed/Carmel/2023 Cayenne

Dan Baldauf/Brownsburg/2008 911 Targa 4

Ronald Bennett/Greenwood/2019 718 Boxster

Evan Bothwell/Zionsville/1986 944

Michael Caldwell/Fishers/2023 718 Cayman T

Randy Caldwell/Crawfordsville/1983 944

Alan Curry/Carmel/1999 911 Carrera

John & Donna Emshwiller/Bluffton/2013 Boxster

Nick & Deborah Forrow/Fishers/2013 Boxster

Jamie Freeman & Matt Weimer/Seymour/2024 Macan

Dan Fulford/Carmel/2010 Boxster S

Daniel Guerra/Noblesville/1998 911 Carrera S

Alberto Guerra/Columbus/2014 Boxster S

Jesse Hyatt/Indianapolis/2014 Cayman

Lee Lopes/Avon/2009 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet

Khawar Malik/Westfield/2009 Cavman S

Matt Petersen/Franklin/1987 911 Turbo

Brian Pfister/Indianapolis/2006 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

Jeff Schemmer/Carmel/2014 Cayman S

Troy Schooler/Indianapolis/1986 944 Turbo

James Weinfurt/Bloomington/2007 Cayman S

Brian Williams/Martinsville/2000 Boxster

Test Drive Participants

Dan Baldauf/Brownsburg

Jeff Heffelfinger/Huntington

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

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2024 Anniversaries

Coming Up in the 1st Quarter

1994 — 30 Years

Terry Heath & Virginia Rios/Indianapolis/March

1999— 25 Years

Richard & Kimberlee Young/Indianapolis/Jan.

Thomas & Barbara Barrick/Cicero/Feb.

2004 - 20 Years

Albert & Jeanne Emilian/Leo/March

2009— 15 Years

James & Maureen Arata/ New Haven/March Bradford Snyder & Marla Wade/Indianapolis/March 2014 — 10 Years

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Larry and I would like to thank all the people who contributed to this edition of the CIRcular. Because of you folks, we have a jam packed issue of interesting stories and events. Hope we can do the same for the April 2024 issue.

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