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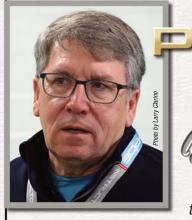
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ello to all of our CIR/PCA members and Porsche faithful. Is it really June already? I find it hard to believe we are almost half-way through 2024.

We have made a few more changes with the CIR Board of Directors. Don Perkins has assumed the Activities Chair position. Don and Will Anthony will continue to collaborate and take a divide and conquer approach to the large area the club encompasses. Don is the overall coordinator and will focus on the events in central and southern Indiana. Will's focus will be on the northern regions of the state. New member Ryan Milton has been appointed to the board as an at-large member. Ryan brings a strong computer technology background to the board and his expertise is much needed and appreciated.

Next time you see Don and Ryan please thank them for their willingness to donate their time to help grow and lead the CIR-PCA.

The annual Zone-4 Presidents' meeting was held in Toledo, OH in early April. This writer, along with vice-president, Larry Clarino, and membership chairman, Will Anthony, attended, representing the CIR. It was good for all of us to meet some of the leadership from other clubs in the Region. We also listened to PCA National Executives on region changes and updates for the coming year.

We have had a very busy year with the CIR calendar full of activities. April kicked off with our annual Spring Color Tour and ended with our Spring Brake HPDE at Putnam Park. Weather and participation were great at both events.

May started with our third An Evening with...series. This time it was "An Evening with Bobby Rahal". It was a fantastic time as Indy 500 winner, Rahal, is such a great storyteller. That event definitely primed the group that went to the Indy Gran Prix of Indianapolis the next weekend.

As I said last month, please look at the large number of activities that are being posted in the CIR club calendar. (https://cirpca.org/calendar/) We are quickly approaching the ability to do a Porsche-related event on multiple weekends of each month.

The weather has turned warm and it's time to get out and enjoy our cars. I look forward to seeing you at one of the many Central Indiana Region events over the summer.

All the Best





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editor's note

ow, have we, the CIR, been busy this year! A huge thank you from all of the Central Indiana Region to Will Anthony and Don Perkins. Will and Don have brought new life to club activities. If you looked at the CIR calendar lately, and we sure hope you have, you will have noticed a big jump in the number of events. The CIR has something going on nearly every weekend through October!

Time to brag a little! We are very happy to announce that the CIRcular has won PCA's Best Newsletter for Division-5 (Regions over 1000 members) for 2023. The award was presented at Porsche Parade in Birmingham, AL, at the annual dinner.

Don't miss our fall High Performance Drivers Education event at Putnam Park. This will be the CIR's 26th annual Pumpkin Run. Putnam Park is safe, easy on your car, but really a fun track. While we are at it, thank you to Pete Walker for his leadership with our HPDE's. Pete is our past president and is doing a great job with both our HPDE's. He or I, would love chat with you if you are interested in playing on a racetrack. (Hint, there are no cops.)

We want to thank CIR member Jim Hatfield for his contributions to the CIRcular. Jim has been a Porsche Club member for over 12 years. While a school psychologist by profession, he moonlighted for over 40 years as a photographer covering various motor racing events. He was a senior photographer for On Track magazine and contributed to Autoweek, Road & Track, Vintage Race Car and other publications. He covered the Indianapolis 500 for 38 years and was a frequent shooter at midwestern SCCA, IMSA and



Champ Car events. Jim also wrote this issue's book review. Don't miss it.

Happy Fiftieth anniversary as a CIR-PCA member to Dr. Brett Johnson, DVM. Brett got his first

Porsche in 1973, a 1957, 356 Cabriolet at fifteen, more than a year before he had a driver's license. While attending Purdue he found a warehouse that had a lot of new 'old stock' parts from at least one Porsche dealer that went out of business, so he offered \$300 for everything the guy had. Surprisingly, they took the deal and Brett was suddenly in the used-parts business. He joined the PCA in 1974 as a way of marketing his parts in the classified section of the Panorama. Remember, members get free classified ads and free pretty

Remember, members get free classified ads and free pretty much covered his

marketing budget.

Now Brett is a world authority on the restoration of 356's and early 911's and has authored several books. So, if you are interested Porsche restoration check out his books.





Everyone that gets a Porsche has a story to tell about the adventures they've had with their Porsches. We want to hear your story. Send us 300 to 500 words and a couple of photos of you and your car to https://cirpca.org/contact-us-2/. Please don't embed the photo in the document. Just send them as an attachment. We would love to hear from you soon!

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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 2024 ISSUE OF CIRCULAR IS AUGUST 24, 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 October 2024.

Send photos as separate email attachments (highest resolution possible) and *do not embed 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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James has lived in Indiana his whole life. James worked for a while as an engineer in the automotive industry prior to real estate. He remains a true car enthusiast! He has chosen real estate not only as a profession but is an active real estate investor as well. In 2021, James sold \$32.8 Million and 109 Units in real estate. In his free time he enjoys watching and helping his two children grow up while spending as much time as possible with his wife.







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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

- 1 Club Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Autocross at Tire Rack— starting at 8:00 a.m.
- **13** *Porsches & Brisket* at the Halfmoon Brewery starting at 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. in Kokomo, IN
- **27** Cars & Coffee at Coffee House Five in Greenwood 7:00 to 10:30 a.m.

August

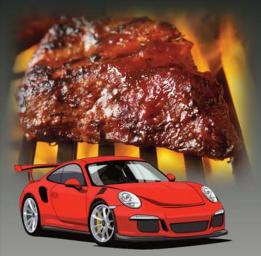
- Kid's Autocross at Porsche Fort Wayne starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Club Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.
- Lahody"s Steakhouse in Muncie 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- *Werks Reunion* in Monterey
- Tour of Marion County Sheriffs Training Center 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- **22-25 Viele Strassen Road Rally** —West Baden

September

- 2 Club Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Autocross at Tire Rack— starting at 8:00 a.m.
- **27-29 Pumpkin Run** at Putnam Park starting at 8:00 a.m.
- 29-30 Treffen Mt. Washington

October

- 1-3 Treffen Mt. Washington
 - 7 Club Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.



Porsches and Brisket

Saturday, July 13th

Do you want to have a nice drive, hang out with other Porsche people, and eat incredible food? Come to the Porsches & Brisket at the Halfmoon Brewery! We will be parking in a private parking lot at BeGentle Dentistry at 4027 South LeFountain Street in Kokomo (just next door). We will have a private dining room reserved for us. We plan on gathering at 10am, with lunch soon after. Mark your calendars!

RSVP:

https://cirpca.org/event/porschesbrisket/

Check Out These Upcoming Events



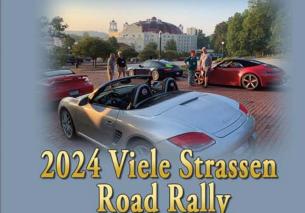
at Lahody's Steakhouse Saturday, August 10

Join your fellow members from 6 — 8 P.M. at Ron Lahody's Steakhouse in Muncie for a dining extravaganza you won't soon forget! Just one hour from either Fort Wayne or Indy and located at 231 South Walnut St. in downtown Muncie, IN with free parking on the street or in parking lots in the rear.

Not just the best steaks available, but fine Indiana pork and chicken, fresh seafood with sides and desserts to die for.

RSVP now at *www.cirpca.org* by August 2nd. Seating limited to 40 in our reserved upstairs dining room which overlooks the bar, so don't delay!

Bob & Brigitta Snider, hosts



West Baden Springs Hotel

August 22-25

Viele Strassen is a celebration of Porsches, great southern Indiana roads and the fun that the Southern Indiana Region is known for. Put on by the Southern Indiana Region of PCA and sponsored by D-Patrick Porsche of Evansville Indiana. it is an event not to be missed.

The dates are:

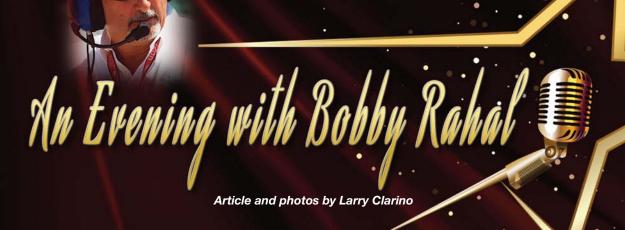
August 22nd — Arrive

August 23rd & 24th — Drives and activities

August 25th — Depart

Check out the CIR/PCA calendar for more information.





ndianapolis 500 winner and Indy Car team owner, Bobby Rahal, was the Central Indiana Region's guest for the third annual "Evening with..." series. Rahal, in an informal discussion with CIR's own Tom Beeler, on the stage of the Basile Westfield Playhouse treated the nearly one-hundred and fifty members and guests to insights of his career that included considerable involvement with Porsches over the years. Bobby campaigned a Porsche 935 for several seasons including a win in 1981 at the Daytona 24 with Bob Garretson and Brian Redman co-driving. "I have a real sweet spot in my heart for Porsche. I started early with Porsche in SCCA when I talked my dad into getting a 906, (Simply known as a Carrera 6) that was back in '68 or so", said Rahal. "I want to thank you for inviting me tonight. This was fun, bringing back so many memories."

CIR sponsor, SONAX USA, was once again the presenting sponsor for the event making the night possible. We want to thank SONAX for their dedicated support to the club. As in the past ,100% of ticket sales was donated to the charity of choice of our guest. This year we are very proud to announce a check for \$3000.00 was presented to the Bobby Rahal Foundation for Kids. Thank you all for attending. In the past years we have had

the honor of having two-time 500 winner, Al Unser Jr., and



Bobby Rahal interviewed by Tom Beeler.

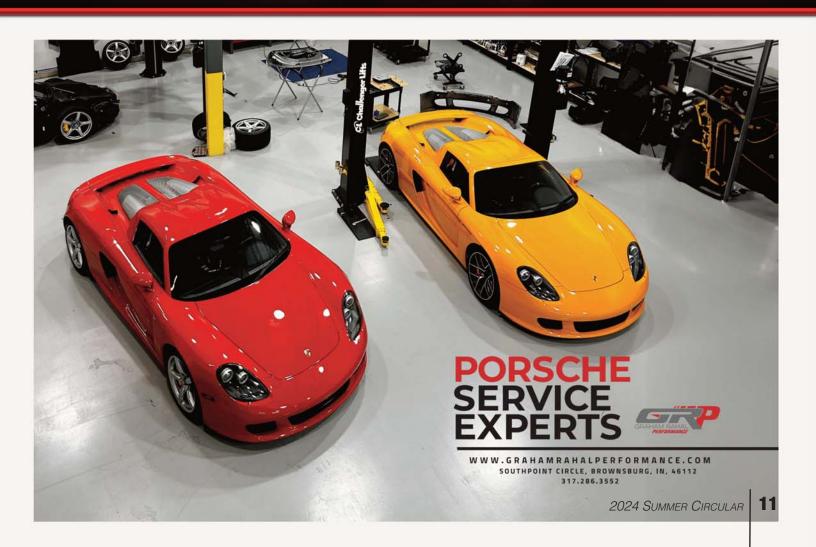
CIR pres, Mike Kelley, presents \$3000 to Rahal. the Voice of the 500, Mr. Paul Page, as our guests. Can't wait to see who we will have next year!

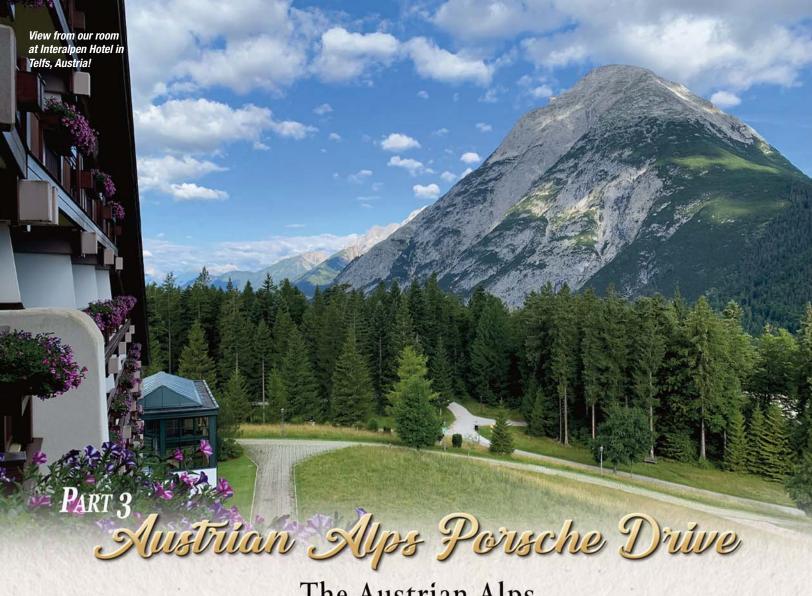
Bobby Rahal as senior partner in Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing (RLL) recently completed an amazing new headquarters in Zionsville, IN. The facility is the home of the three-car (four-cars for the 500) RLL Indy Car operation and the BMW M Team RLL, this year running two BMW M Hybrid V8's in IMSA with hopes of going to Europe soon.

Rahak was asked what gave him the most satisfaction winning the 500, as a driver or owner of the winning car. Rahal said a bit surprisingly being an owner. "As an owner. As a driver that was great, truly life changing, but as an owner you see the work and dedication everyone involved puts in to make a win possible. It is something really special." Rahal won the 500 in 1986 driving for Truesports Racing, but as an owner, Bobby won in 2004 with Buddy Rice and in 2020 with Takuma Sato at the wheel.



Top photo/RLL Racing BMW Prototype Bottom photo/RLL Dallara Honda





The Austrian Alps

Article & Photos by Bob & Brigitta Snider

fter spending our second night in city of Konstanz on Lake Constance (Bodensee) in southern Germany, we were on the road again for a short drive through northern Switzerland, sooner than expected, we crossed into Austria with all its gorgeous mountain vistas.

We, along with several of our group, headed for the Grossglockner Pass with its hairpin turns and tunnels. I lost track of how many tunnels we went through in Austria — one was two miles long! Seems all the roads in Austria are in excellent shape, but there was a lot of construction.

Our next stop would be our favorite hotel of the trip, the five-star Interalpen Hotel in Telfs, Austria, located high in the Tyrolean Alps for two nights. This hotel is the most incredible place either of us have ever stayed, everything top shelf. Dinner was included both nights starting with a special Oktoberfest Celebration complete



Where we had breakfast every morning at the Interalpen Hotel.

with a German band at the hotel's log lodge out in the woods.

The second night was Brigitta's birthday, and we all celebrated in the hotel's main restaurant with wiener schnitzel and apple strudel, of course. We were surprised to find out that we were not the only Porsche group staying at the Interalpen, as it is a favorite of driving tours. The underground parking and motor lobby was very elaborate — you could even have your car washed by the team at the hotel.

On day five, we headed off to the Edelweiss Mountain Resort in the ski resort town of Grossarl, south of Salzburg, for another two-night stay. The resort, with its dazzling mountain views, has been in the same family since opening in 1979.

The next day was a free day for the group, but a very special day for Brigitta and I, as we would meet up with her cousin, Heinz, and his family who live in Linz, Austria. We planned a dinner in the village of Hallstatt, which was the mid-point for both of us on Lake Hallstatt's western shore in Austria's Salzkammergut region. I had found the best restaurant in town with a terrace dining area right on the water and made reservations for all five of us. It happened to be Heinz's birthday and with Brigitta's birthday just two days before, we celebrated both duringr an evening to remember.

On day seven, we headed to our last stop on this incredible journey, the Steigenberger



Interalpen Hotel Lobby. We think royalty must stay here!



Oktoberfest Celebration at the Log Lodge in the woods at the Interalpen Hotel. Alice Tarr on left and CIR's Duane & Margi Johnson on right.



"Paradise in the Alps!" Interalpen Hotel.



Sonnerhof Hotel in the small town of Bad Worishofen in southerr Germany.

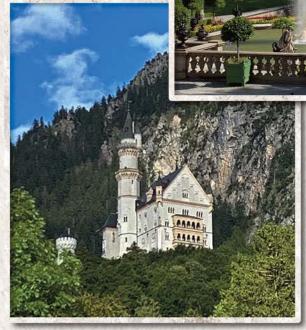
Along the way, we toured King Ludwig II's beautiful baroque Linderhof Palace near Oberammergau, and then viewed his fairytale like Neuschwanstein Castle in the southern German Alps near Fussen, which is said to be Disney's inspiration for Cinderella's Castle. That evening our group all met for dinner at a small family-owned restaurant in Bad Worishofen called the Gasthof Rossle and had great local German specialties with local beer.

The next day it was back to Stuttgart where we sadly returned our

Porsches to the Porsche Museum. This was followed by a tour and their very impressive 75th Anniversary of Porsche display of famous historic Porsche Racing Cars.

That afternoon we checked back into the Schlosshotel Monrepos where the journey started in Ludwigsburg and a special final group dinner at the nearby Restaurant Gutsschenke.

On August 2nd, we all said our fond farewells in Stuttgart with ten of us heading back to the USA, with ten continuing onto Bordeaux, France for a seven-day Wine River Cruise. A few stayed on in Stuttgart for a few more days to sightsee before heading home. We all hoped to see everyone again someday on another "Trip of a Lifetime!"



King Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein Castle in Fussen, southern Germany.

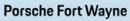
Linderhof Palace fountain

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Welcome James Tippmann

Porsche Fort Wayne's New Sales Manager

Article by Larry Clarino

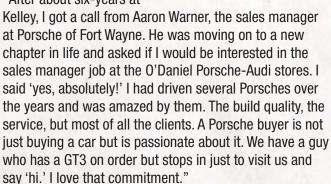
f you haven't been up to Porsche Fort Wayne lately. you may not know they have a new sales manager, and he is a car guy! James Tippmann joined the O'Daniel Automotive Group's Porsche-Audi dealerships at the beginning of February of this year.

The Tippmann name is well known in Indiana and nationwide as an interstate warehousing, construction, and real estate development firm along with engineering and manufacturing, all based in the Fort Wayne area. However, James was bitten by the car bug as a youngster and opted out of the family businesses. He loved cars as a youth and clearly had a natural talent for sales.

"In college I went to work as a salesman for Ray Skillman Ford and Kia, down in Indy. I just loved being around cars and selling cars," said James with a smile. "After school we moved to Florida where I went to worked with a BMW dealer, moving into finance and up to sales management. I liked working with higher-end cars, a different type of client than a Ford or Kia customer, who are just getting transportation. An automobile is an important part of their life. After about six years (in Florida) my wife, Jennifer, and I decided to move home to Fort Wayne, a great place to raise our kids."

manager at the newly acquired BMW dealership in Fort Wayne. The local family-owned dealer group had recently taken over the BMW operation in 2017.





James and Jennifer, a physical therapist with her own practice, have six kids from ten to just born and live in Fort Wayne. When you are in the neighborhood of Porsche Fort Wayne, stop by and say 'hi' to a real Porsche Car Guy.



Photo by Will Anthony

Saturday Breakfasts



Article by Larry Clarino

arch and April saw a return to the Central Indiana Region Breakfast get-togethers. On March 23rd, members, Fred and Maureen Greulich, hosted a group of around twenty CIR'ers at SALT at Geist in Fishers on a lovely Saturday morning. The locally-owned establishment certainly lived up to its reputation of serving great food and providing wonderful service. SALT at Geist is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and they do accept reservations.

Just a month later sixteen CIR members gathered at Wild Eggs, also in Fishers, on a cold, crisp Saturday, April 20th for breakfast, CIR board member and events chairman, Don Perkins, organized the morning happening. Wild Eggs has six locations in Indiana, and they are all exceptional breakfast and lunch spots.

At both events of, course, the major topic was all things, Porsche. It is especially nice as winter turns to spring, and thoughts of getting our cars out of hibernation, cleaned up, and on the road for the warm driving months ahead.

The Saturday CIR breakfast gatherings are a long-standing tradition for our club dating back many years. These gathering are a favored occurrences for meeting up with both new and old members and developing a Porsche camaraderie. It's really a great opportunity to just chat about our favorite cars and learn about upcoming CIR events.



Past president, Pete Walker, met up with some long-staning members at his table.

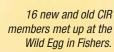
At the SALT breakfast, events coordinator. Fred Greulich, visits with Bob and Brigitta Snider.







members met up at the Wild Egg in Fishers.



2024 Spring Color Tour Weekend Perfect

Article & Photos by Bob & Brigitta Snider



onderful people in beautiful cars, perfect weather, fantastic roads, great restaurants, and a fabulous hotel with spectacular views. What more could you ask for? This was CIR's Spring Color Tour, 2024.

Thirty-eight club members in twenty Porsches took to the roads, after most of the group lunched at the Kopper Kettle Inn. the now traditional starting point for this annual adventure. As usual, a champagne toast gets the weekend started, followed by our drivers' meeting to keep everyone safe.

Just after 1p.m., the three and a half-hour back-road drive to Cincinnati began. As Tony Smith and Sandy Powell were leading the pack along IN-21 near Connersville, an unforeseen impediment appeared in the form of a lengthy funeral procession, as several miles at five miles per hour ensued. Brigitta and I left the Kopper Kettle a bit late and came upon our cavalcade of Porsches, wondering "What the heck is going on?" A long line of CIR Porsches driving extremely slowly, not guite normal for our group. The cohort did show respect as we passed the cemetery along the Whitewater River

Afterwards, everything was back to normal with our first stop at Oldenburg, IN. Several folks stopped for a short walking tour of the German themed town's churches, shops and bars.

After Oldenburg, Brigitta and I now became the lead, we ventured onto Batesville, picking up thrilling IN-262 down to the Ohio River



Kopper Kettle Inn lunch on Saturday.

then IN-56 and US-50 east to Lawrenceburg. Crossing the mighty Ohio River on I-275 at Covington, KY, to approach Cincinnati from the south as the riverfront suddenly opens up between the hills down to the riverfront.

Saturday night's dinner this year changed to the Moerlein Lager House on the Cincinnati side of the Ohio River next to the Cincinnati Reds Stadium. It took a little plotting to get the reservations as we had 36 going to dinner and they have a limit of 12 to each reservation. So, we simply booked three different tables at three different times under three different names. It all worked out perfectly!

Sunday's auto tour was a little different this year. We started with the Licking River Historic District around Covington, with all the beautiful historic homes, some dating to the Civil War, giving us an extraordinary view of the Cincinnati Riverfront and historic 1867 John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge.

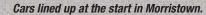
After crossing the bridge, we proceeded to take a scenic driving tour of the beautiful Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum up on the north side of Cincinnati.

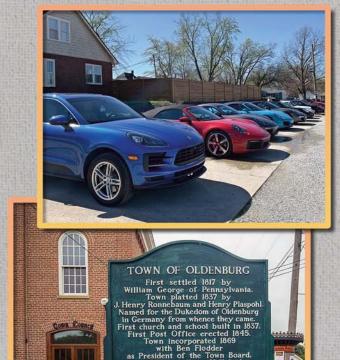
The cemetery and arboretum looked its best in years for our Spring Color Tour with the hilly winding roads,

national award-winning flowering trees and shrubs, lakes, fountains and unique mausoleums in every architectural style. Going two weeks earlier this year made all the difference!

This year's Sunday luncheon moved to the Taft's Brewpourium with their 1000-degree coal-fired pizza oven along with salads, calzones, wings and beer. The place earned two thumbs up from the fifteen members that joined in for the final affair of the weekend.

Brigitta and I both felt that this one was one of the best Spring Color Tour Weekends ever with everything just seeming to fall into place perfectly. With a few minor and major tweaks, it all came out for the best!







Cincinnati skyline at Sunday auto tour start.



Additional photos on this page from Oldenburg tourtist info and Moerlein Lager House.

Moerlein Lager House

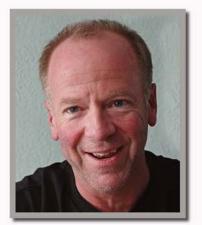
Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum

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FOGUS ON Steve Earnhart

Article & Photography by Larry Clarino

teve Earnhart has been a Central Indiana Region member since 2010 when he and his wife acquired a new Boxster and that was the start of an obsession, a Porsche obsession. "My wife wanted a convertible. We were looking

at European, mainly German, cars, so we got an '01 Audi TT convertible. A few years later, we were looking at BMWs mainly a Z4s, but found a 2010 Boxster, that started all of the Porsches. It's about out of control now," said Steve, who has two garages filled with German cars.

A 928 came next, then a 981, a Cayenne, a GT4, and a Macon, you get the picture. Yes, that qualifies as an obsession. "I loved sports cars. I still have my 1970 MGBGT that I got as a kid." Steve worked at a repair shop sweeping floors and washing cars in trade for service work on the MGB.

The Delaware County native attended Delta High School in Muncie and wanted to be an attorney. "Even in middle school I had wanted to get into law as a profession, so I went to DePauw University as a chemistry major and then on to law school in Indianapolis at IU Indy." That's now the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Steve is a partner with Thrasher Buschmann & Voelkel, practicing in the area of real estate litigation, primarily in the commercial land and real estate services arena.

However, his law practice is there to finance his real love, playing with his hobbies — cars, boats, and motorcycles. An avid HPDE enthusiast and PCA instructor, he has a new gorgeous custom color, Viola Metallic, Cayman GT4, that he exercises regularly with the CIR's HPDE events as well as several other club and private group HPDEs. "I am thinking about racing. This May I did a two-day Radical Racing Academy school at Spring Mountain, Nevada. That got me my Sports Car Club of America competition license. To be honest, I do have a competitive streak in me. When I was younger, I raced my Ducati Superbike, but now it is just for fun," said the fifty-five year old.

In addition to this newly budding desire to race cars, be it Porsche Club racing or single-seaters like Radicals, Earnhart has a past history of wanting to win. He is an accomplished J/22 sailboat racer having participated in international regatta events for the classic twenty-two-foot sailboats and is a member of the Eagle Creek Sailing Club. And speaking

of having competition in his blood, turns out Steve Earnhart is in fact a distant cousin of NASCAR super star, the late, Dale Earnhardt. "The part of the family that went south kept the D and the part that went north dropped it." Steve is a CIR member that truly enjoys his cars, especially his Porsches. He drives them every day and tracks them whenever he can.





Photography and article by Larry Clarino

he Central Indiana Region's 2024 kick-off High Performance Drivers Education (HPDE) Spring Brake, event was another huge success under past president Pete Walker's leadership. Pete took over as HPDE chairman around the middle of 2023.

More than 125 entrants in five run groups participated with both the D-Green, novice group and the C-Yellow, intermediate group filled to capacity with more than twenty-five in each.

The big demand in the novice groups bodes well for the future of HPDEs in our region. After a drop off in the newcomer levels right after the covid years, it is terrific to see the resurgent interests in performance driving. If you have never taken part in a HPDE, you are missing an important part of the Porsche experience.

We are very fortunate in our region to have Putnam Park Sports Car Course as our home track. There simply is no better place for HPDE events than the 1.6-mile road course in Greencastle, IN. While a very technical track, the ten turns are easy to learn but hard to master. And the best part is, it's an incredibly safe track with few hazards. It's fast enough to be fun but very easy on both the cars and drivers.

Our club also gets very high marks on our classroom



Chuck Tucker leads a yellow class.

program led by Chuck Tucker, a professor emeritus at the University of Illinois in mechanical engineering. Chuck is literally writing the book on HPDE Classroom, based on our CIR program. Teaching Faster! Classroom instruction for performance driving, will be out soon. Our Spring Brake and Pumpkin Run events are the basis for the book.

September 27 to 29 are the dates for the 2024 Pumpkin Run at Putnam. Friday the 27th we will be conducting a PCA national instructor candidate school one of only 15 in the nation this year. This is for experienced advanced drivers that would like to get their PCA instructor credentials. It's a way to give back to new drivers.

Remember, to tell your friends about our HPDEs. One of the best things with CIR/PCA track events is you don't need a Porsche or even need to be a PCA member to participate. You will learn things and you will have fun doing it. Plus, you will get a really cool tee-shirt with your paid entry. For more information, check out the CIRPCA.org website or contact Pete Walker or Larry Clarino.







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Cars & Coffee at Java Jo'z

Article & photo by Will Anthony

IR member James Johnson, owner of Java Jo'z Coffee House, held the second CIR Porsche Cars & Coffee on May 4th at the Java Jo'z, at 1221 S. Creasy Lane in Lafayette. The Java Jo'z coffee house first opened in 2008 and is now a landmark drivethrough coffee spot. They opened a second location in Lafayette on Sagamore Parkway North in 2017. The local shops still roast their own coffee and take pride in providing a welcoming atmosphere and the highest quality coffee and beverages while giving back to the community.

Around eighteen Porsche and a few lesser vehicles (as in not a Porsche) stopped by the place on what was a lovely spring Saturday morning. It is always fun to talk cars and sip a really good cup-a-joe in the morning.

The Central Indiana Region even picked up a couple of new members as Eckhart and Tamara Groll driving by in their Porsche, stopped to see what all the other Porsches were doing in the parking lot.



PARIS

Meet & Greet

Article by Larry Clarino/photo by Don Perkins

om Wood Porsche in Indianapolis hosted a meet and greet between the Porsche Club Pays de Savoie from France and the Central Indiana Region. Long time CIR member and client of Tom Wood Porsche, Pierre Luthi, escorted seventeen Pays de Savoie members to the United States for a visit to this year's Indianapolis 500 Mile Race.

Porsche Club Pays de Savoie is in the Savoy region of France in the eastern French Alps, bordering the Piedmont region of Italy. It must be a fun place to play with a Porsche.

John Moses and George Wright of Tom Wood hosted the gettogether, providing food and refreshments. While a bit of a language barrier did exist, a great time was had by all. We certainly hope they enjoyed one of the best 500s it a long time.



FRANCE

Porsche Club Pays de Savoie members at Tom Wood.



Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

t the risk of starting a bit of controversy, we present the story of Central Indiana Region member, Andy Simonson, and his 2004, 911 (996). Andy purchased the car in 2014 and pretty much drove the snot out of it.

As a member and instructor of the Putnam Park Club, he gets a lot of opportunity to drive it on track. He also races a Mazda Miata in the relatively low-cost ChampCar Endurance racing series.

Well, the 996 was getting a bit tired and in need a new power plant. After looking into the very high cost of a rebuilt, 996 3.6 L, power plant, \$15,000 to \$25,000, the Purdue-trained mechanical

engineer figured there must be a better way, maybe more power, less money. The answer was some good old American Muscle. How about a LS3 Chevy V8 crate engine?

Simonson found Renegade Hybrids, a company in Las Vegas, had a complete kit for swapping the Porsche six-cylinder boxer engine for a brand-new Corvette LS3 V8. The new engine is almost the same weight and is actually smaller than the Porsche and is about 1/3 the cost. The LS3 produces around 450 to more than 600HP depending on the version. The conversion requires no modification of the 996 body and fits nicely in the engine compartment. It even uses the stock engine mounting points.



Andy Simonson, "It's going to be fast!"



12-ton jackstands should hold'er up okay.

"I decided on a LS3 6.7 L, with around 500 HP,

that would be a big step up from the 315 HP of the Porsche engine. The kit comes with everything, so it is literally plug and play. Even the Porsche gauges will all work with the new system. The old Porsche transmission, a Getrag 6-speed manual, will even bolt in place. They have a step-by-step manual, starting with how to take out the Porsche engine, and install the LS3 and every part needed."

Andy is doing the entire job himself, in his home garage just using jack stands, not even a lift. "So far, no problems. This week I'll start installing the new engine. I am adding a little bigger oil

Renegade. Can't wait to get it on the track."

Andy and his wife, Stephanie, own Edge Technologies designing and finishing precision diamond tools for various industrial applications. When he gets it finished, it should be the fastest twenty-year-old Porsche around.



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CERAMIC COATING? PREP IS THE KEY TO DOING IT RIGHT.

Article by Rod Darring, owner of Indy Bra Photos by Larry Clarino

s with most things in life, preparation is key to success, and it is no different when applying a ceramic coating to your vehicle's finish. Without the proper foundation, a ceramic coating will not hold up for years as it is designed to do. Doing the prep not only ensures a smooth ceramic coating installation, but it also helps guarantee that the product can perform and last as intended.

Simply put: The stronger your surface prep, the longer your ceramic coating is going to last, and the better it will be at repelling contaminants. And that's its job.

A paints surface must be free from sealers and waxes, including fallout contamination and so forth before any application of a ceramic can be applied. Achieving an excellent substrate for the coating to bond can be achieved through a thorough hand wash, clay bar, blow drying the car completely and finishing up with either a one-step or two-step polish.

If you skip the prep stage and leave all of those surface contaminants and imperfections in place, a few unpleasant surprises will surface. You will discover that your ceramic coating has not only locked all that rubbish sitting on the paint surface in place, but it has amplified its appearance and significantly shortened the life of your ceramic finish.

Following these procedures ensure a quality application and longevity for the ceramic coating allowing it to protect your car the way it was intended. But what is a ceramic coating in the first place? A ceramic coating is a clear resin, typically composed of silicone dioxide (SlO2) and a few other additives. It is meant to provide a barrier between the harsh environment elements and the car's paint. Once the ceramic coating is applied, it must be "leveled" by several passes using soft microfiber towels. During the curing process, the resin hardens and crystalizes, leaving your finish with a deep gloss appearance and excellent hydrophobic characteristics, the ability to repel water.

Generally speaking, a ceramic coating application will last between 3-5 years depending on the amount of silicone dioxide in each particular brand available on the market. Factors that can affect the duration of the ceramic protection are frequency of washing, proper washing techniques and the environment the car is usually in. A garage is better than a carport, and a carport is better than outdoors.

You can apply a ceramic coating yourself, but this maybe something you want to let your professional detailer tackle. A really good ceramic coating, just like paint protection film, takes know how and more than a little experience to do right. It is a lot of work to do right but will keep your Porsche or any car for that matter, looking great and protected for years.



Clay bar cleaning.



A good wash is most important.



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A Make Believe Porsehe 356 Movie Star

entral Indiana Region sponsor SONAX has been a strong supporter of our club. And they do love Porsches, no matter whether they are real or a reproduction. SONAX used this silver Speedster in several of their DYI videos shot at the US headquarters of SONAX in Westfield, Indiana. The classic lines of the iconic Porsche are the perfect foundation to demonstrate the incredible quality of the SONAX line of amazing car care products.

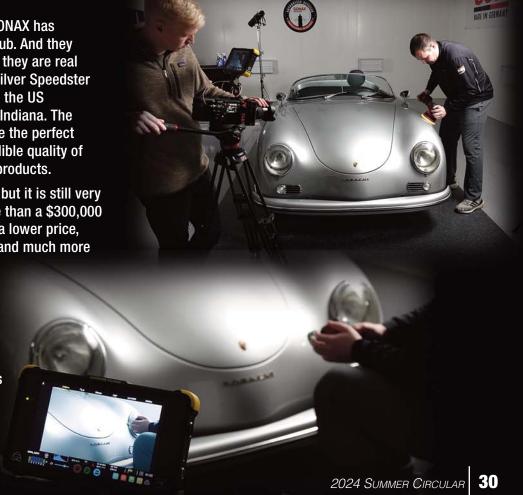
Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

Yes, we know this is not a 'real' 356, but it is still very cool, and significantly less expensive than a \$300,000 plus, original Porsche 356. Combine a lower price, way better brakes, terrific reliability and much more

horsepower; just maybe, sometimes it makes sense to go modern.

Indy native, Jarrod Krisiloff, is the owner of this reproduction 356 Speedster, built by JPS Motorsports in San Marcos, CA. JPS is one of the companies that supplied several cars for the film, Ford vs Ferrari. By the way, just for the record, Jarrod also owns a real Porsche Cayenne.

Krisiloff is a principal of RAD Alpine,



a business and sports consulting firm in Indy and is a former executive at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. His dad is Steve Krisiloff, a sprint car racer and an eleven-time starter in the Indy 500, so Jarrod is a certified car guy.





Article by Larry Clarino

Photos by Reggie's Kole Grove

aturday June 8, 2024, CIR sponsor Reggie's Motorworks and the Noble Mechanic held their 17th Annual Open House for charity. This year a record of more than \$7200.00 was raised

for Fuel for School, a Hamilton County charity organization providing food to needy students and promoting the educational value of nutrition.

Car enthusiast from all over the area joined in the fun day with a car show, food & games, and a giant raffle. Reggie's has a history of giving back to the educational community from events like this car show to internships and mentoring young people.

The Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers donated burgers and hot dogs and handled the grill for the event. The Central Indiana Region wants to compliment the whole gang at Reggie's for doing good work for the community. We are proud to have you all as a **CIR** supporter







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"Cheer, Cheer for Old Notre Dame..."

Article & Photos by Larry Clarino

en Central Indiana Region members and guests journeyed up to the far north, well, the far north of Indiana at least, for something a little different. CIR member Fred Greulich arranged for a lunch and tour of the amazing University of Notre Dame campus on Saturday June 8th.

Gathering at the Legends of Notre Dame Alehouse next to the ND Football Stadium, the day started with lunch. The restaurant was originally the student-run Alumni-Senior Bar and is now open to the public. It is a fun place to enjoy a bit of pub grub and relax in the aura of the Notre Dame tradition. The dark wood paneled interior oozes with the legend of the House that Rockne Built, just next door.

And that set the tone for the next two hours as our student guide met us for the walking tour of the campus. Riley Pratt, a senior journalism-broadcast major, and South Bend native is a proud member of the Fighting Irish student body. Her enthusiastic joy in Notre Dame was instantly apparent and totally infectious. To top it off she has an amazing ability to walk backwards to facilitate communication with our group of campus tourists.

"Calves of steel, and great peripheral vision are requirements of the job," said the perky senior.

The catholic university was founded in 1842. It sits on 1250 acres and is considered one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation. The school accepts any and all religious beliefs, but it is steeped in a catholic culture in everything from student campus life through science and sports. The president of Notre Dame is always a priest in the Order of the Holy Cross.

Interestingly, the one building on campus that simply looks out of place is the one building Notre Dame didn't build.

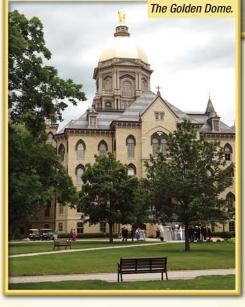
Notre Dame was involved with the Manhattan Project in WW-II. To further

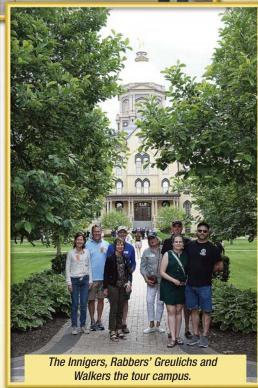
this work, the Department of Energy built the structure to house labs and research equipment but chose not to use the iconic yellow bricks that is almost a trademark of the campus. The ND landscaping staff have now done a great job of hiding the building in plain sight.

This was truly a fun and different sort of event for the CIR. It's one of the types of things we would love to do more of.









Book Review Brian Redman

rian Redman's racing memoir, *Brian Redman, Daring Drivers, Deadly Tracks*, takes you
through his journey of competition during one
of the most dangerous decades in motor racing. Written
with fellow racer Jim Mullen, the memoir is an articulate
recounting of his career joys and disappointments,
including his matter of fact telling of the dangers of his
profession. For those who have met Brian or watched
interviews with him, he impresses with his friendly
demeanor and dry wit. This all comes through in the book's

text, making it an enjoyable read. Back in the day though, he was a fierce and accomplished competitor, proven by his many race wins and championships in top-level professional sports car and formula racing series. In fact, he was on teams that won the World Sports Car Championship (WSC) in four out of five consecutive years, from 1968 to 1972.

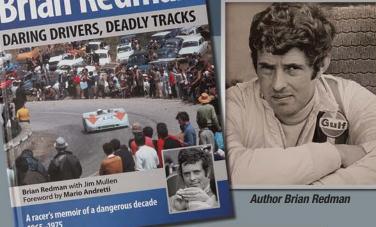
Of particular interest here is that he was a Porsche factory driver in 1969, 1970 and briefly in 1971, during Porsche's WSC championship years with the type 917 and 908. Overall wins with Jo Siffert and other co-drivers at Daytona, Spa Francorchamps, the Targa Florio, Imola

and Zeltwig attest to his Porsche credentials.

A decade or so later, he also had multiple international wins in the Porsche 935. But throughout his career he raced and won in every type of sports racing car, among them, the Ford GT40, Lola T70 and T600, Ferrari 312PB, BMW CSL and Jaguar XKRs. While you might think of him as a sports car specialist, he also drove in Formula 1 and was a three-time champion in the SCCA Formula 5000 series.

The book is not organized in a strictly linear way, but alternates chapters recounting competition at various tracks with more personal musings as well as recollections on co-drivers, competitors and team managers. The first chapter is almost worth the price of the book, as he recounts competing at the old Belgian Spa-Francorchamps circuit, a roughly triangular 8.7-mile course of mainly country roads with long straits and a single hairpin corner. In an era when a high level of danger was accepted in professional racing, Spa was almost in another category. It was the one track that Brian has said that after completing a race there, "The sky was bluer, the grass was greener..."

Such was the relief in surviving another weekend there.





Driving the #3 Porsche in the Can-Am Cup.



Redman's 917 Porsche, which he sold to Ricard Attwood.

Photos from the book.



4th place at the 1968 Eifelrennen in a Ferrari.

This is a very honest and readable book on a professional race car driver including that "dangerous decade" of 1965 to 1975. With outstanding photos, the book is additionally a visual treat. With a forward by Mario Andretti, an afterward by Sam Posey and an epilogue by his ever-suffering wife, Marion, it's all a great endorsement of Brian's memoir. It has a prominent place on my bookshelf, and it might find a similar place on yours.

Brian Redman, *Daring Drivers*, *Deadly Tracks* is published by EVRO Publishing, *https://www.evropublishing.com/en-us.*



PCA Sim Racing News — July 2024

Article by Jim Legault

he pace and intensity of PCA Sim Racing tends to

slow during the summer months. Vacations and outdoor activities that go well into the daylight savings time-enhanced evening serve to limit participation somewhat. However, PCA Sim Racing's Steering Committee ensures that there is always virtual on-track activities to look forward to.

By the time you read this, the PCA24 will be run. The first ever 24-hour race sanctioned by PCA Sim Racing, it is also the first PCA Sim Racing event to welcome other "recognized sim racing groups". The entire race will be broadcast live (details to be announced). Please visit the *PCA24* web page to see the final results.

Weekly events include the *Summer Tour*, a weekly series where drivers compete for three different championships, have multiple Porsche race cars to

choose from, open setups, and multi-class racing.

In addition, a weekly "fun" race, *Arrive & Drive*, offers a more relaxed competitive environment.

And finally the *Team Racing Series (TRS*) has 3 remaining endurance events on tap. Next up is a 4-hour race July 7 at Interlagos, followed by a 6-hour contest at COTA on August 4. The series concludes at Fuji Speedway on September 8 with a 10-hour event.

And *Series 12*, which begins in September, will be here before you know it! One of the great things about getting involved in PCA Sim Racing, is that there is no shortage of opportunities to race, to learn, and to have fun.

As always, I would be pleased to answer any specific questions you might have about getting involved in sim. You can contact me through the CIRPCA *Contact Us* web page.





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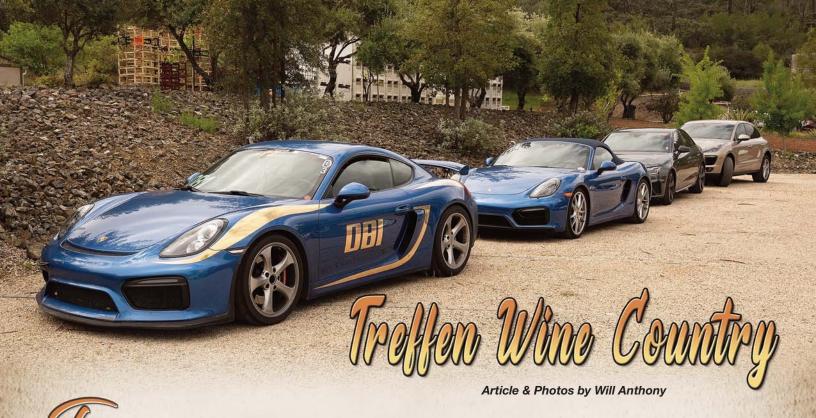
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reffen is a German word that means "meet".
The concept of PCA Treffens are exactly that.
To meet and enjoy the company of PCA members from all over the country. Spring 2024 was Treffen Wine Country, held at the beautiful Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn, in Sonoma, California. A great location just an hour north of San Francisco, it is one of the best resorts in the Sonoma-Napa area and a perfect base for a Treffen.

When we arrived, the friendly staff was ready to take our luggage to our room, while I parked my Porsche in the reserved area. You could also hand off your keys to have your car taken to underground parking, but well, I rather park my Porsche myself. Even though we were several hours early, check-in was a breeze.

After unpacking, my wife, Kathy, and I headed over to registration. The Treffen staff and the Redwood Region volunteers had done a fabulous job setting things up, with waivers signed and goody bag in hand, we chatted with the host region team.

Next up was the welcome reception and a chance to catch up with friends we knew from previous Treffens. Tables featuring a bruschetta bar, a wheel of baked brie with roasted pineapple salsa, and pecorino wild mushroom duxelles were set up around the lawn along with a wine bar of course.

The inn staff served platters or corn fritters, dungeness crab cakes (my favorite), and duck confit tacos, along with mini cheeseburgers with caramelized onions. Who needs dinner. Just maybe a nap afterwards. This was



Fairmont Sonoma Inn reserved parking.



Staging for the tours.

Kathy's first Treffen. She had heard about the food and was not disappointed.

Monday morning was the start of the tours. Kathy and I got up early and headed over to breakfast. The breakfasts at Treffen are always outstanding. It's also my favorite meal because it's the only one I don't have to photograph. I always try to sit with a group of people I don't know. The folks who come to Treffen are from regions all over the US and Canada. We even had a couple from Germany and another from Ireland.

All the tours for the week started from Viansa Winery, about twenty minutes from the inn. On Monday, we did the Tomales Bay tour headed out to the coast and north on CA-1. It's a beautiful drive. You started out in pastureland

and low hills. Then you gently climb until you get to the coast and Point Reyes with the Martin Ray Winery as the destination.

Our Tuesday tour was the Napa Vineyards, mountains, and lake tour. We drove through residential areas until the land switched to vineyards on Silverado Trail. After our rest stop at the Turtle Rock Bar & Café, we turned on the Berryessa Knoxville road. This route gave us not only twists and turns, but incredible views of Lake Berryessa. Our leader took the group most of the way back to the inn via yet another beautiful route. This one was through a grove of huge redwood trees.

Wednesday was Navigators Day Off. Kathy and I, along with Randy and Cindi Faunce, headed up the coast following part of the

route of the California Coastline Tour. This drive was followed by the closing dinner, always a bit more formal at Treffens. A great filet mignon with whipped potatoes and crispy brussel sprouts served as the entrée. A special award was given to Alex and Kim Ching. Alex has been the Treffen chair for the past six Treffens and is retiring after Treffen Wine Country.

I am looking forward to the fall Treffen at the Omni Mount Washington, New Hampshire. Since it is scheduled for at the peak of fall colors in that area, it should be an awesome experience. The dates are September 29th through October 3rd. If you plan on attending, I suggest you register as soon as registration opens. I have a feeling this one will sell out quickly.





Napa Vineyards tour.



Tuesday Night dinner.

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Chad Suverkrup/Columbus/2013 Carrera

Davis Sweet & Jorden Sweet/Roanoke/2016 GT3 RS

Mark & Sabrina Thompson/Zionsville/2013 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

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

CIR Number Anniversaries

2024 Anniversaries

Coming Up in the 3rd Quarter

1979 — 45 Years

Jennifer Weyreter/North Salem/July

1989 — 35 Years

James & Karin Scarbrough/Columbus/Aug.

1999— 25 Years

Michael Downs/Fort Wayne/Sept. Gregory Herbert/Indianapolis/Sept.

2004 — 20 Years

Wilson & Catherine Hopkins/Camby/July Emmanuel Lozano/Indianapolis/July Sarat Koneru/Indianapolis/Sept Mark & Nancy Winningham/Lafayette/Sept.

2009— 15 Years

Jeffery & Kelli Vaught/Greenwood/July

2014 - 10 Years

Richard & William Conniff/Carmel/July
Christopher & Andrea Gorman/Whitestown/July
Jeffery Kinniard/Fort Waynel/July
Jason and Lorri Losee/Fishers/July
Christopher & Lauren Salerno/Carmel/July
Ed Woenker/Fort Wayne/July
Stacey Kirk/Noblesville/Aug.
Craig Michael/Whitestown/Aug.
Owen & Stephen Pruden/Noblesville/Aug.
Matt & Elizabeth Cleary/Indianapolis/Sept.
Michael & Kathryn Eikenberry/Fort Wayne/Sept.
Perry & Nancy Schroeder/Fort Wayne/Sept.
Steve & Kimbra Wilson/West Lafayette/Sept.



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