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And now...the end is near.....

Well, that was certainly a fast two years! Sitting here, a week late on my final Scene letter, taking some time to reflect. As some of you know, I was president in 2006 and 2007 and there are times when I try to compare / contrast how things how changed.

The way we communicate has changed significantly. A decade ago, I needed to write a monthly letter to be included in the Chicago Scene. So, back then that was 24 letters. Now...with the Scene a quarterly production, my attempts at creative writing skills have been reduced to 8. However, we now have the internet (thank you Al Gore!!); most people have multiple computers, tablets, smart phones, watches and even their television in which they can receive and review emails. In a Region as busy as Chicago with 50+ events a year, I...as Region president took to the PCA national email database to craft what seemed to be a series of non-stop event announcements. To be exact...as of today...the number stands at 138 email blasts!

The way we participate has changed significantly. A decade ago...it seemed like all the driver's education events where selling out. You had to grab the Scene and rip out the event announcement, fill it out and mail in a check. None of the on line stuff. Social events meant a dinner for a few...maybe a couple of dozen people. Now...we, and I mean 150 members and guests and took a tour of Wrigley Field...home of the 2016 World Series Champion Chicago! We held I think 4 dinners in 2017 and averaged nearly 90 people per event. Over 100 people jump in their cars, go to a drive inn in Lena Illinois to have lunch!

The cars...you talk about change!! Rare is the person that shows up with an old 911 (I miss my red 1988 Carrera!) that you had to actually USE the brakes and TURN the steering wheel! Heck...that car is now worth at least twice what I paid. Now...it seems like everyone buys a car with a PDK and a host of other collision / stability / performance enhancements!

The people....thankfully...not so much change! When I attended my first PCA event in 2001 (The Road America Challenge) as a guest of Keith Clark, I was not really that much of a car guy. I had a four door BMW but the idea of working on a car...racing a car...never came close to entering my mind. Well...about 2 months later after a track weekend with the BMW...I decided to get my first Porsche.

From that first event, I meant so many really good people. And these people where not only passionate about the Club and in making sure the Club events where all first class but at some level, they were all friends. Gee....so many people have helped me not only get involved my cars and the Club...but they helped me learn, love and live life! I will try to name a few and my apologies to those I did not...but you know who you are.....

Pete, Todd, Toby, Jim, Chris, Greg, John, Carl, Carol, Steve, Susan.....and of course Keith and his wife Karen!

When I needed help with the car, challenging personal issues, the death of a parent...it seemed like people from the Club where always nearby!

Chicago Region...a place where I have always been comfortable. Whether I was in a grass skirt and coconut bra working grid at a club race, a Santa onesie or my tux at a dinner dance...just me having a good time with my friends!!



One of the other changes from 2006 / 2007 is that you no longer have to go to a store to have photos printed and shared. We are fortunate as a Club to have guys like Neil MacDonald and Jeff Brown always nearby and ready to capture just about any moment!!

So...to the left....Dinner Dance 2016 and yes..Sue said yes! Now...life made 2017 a bit busier than expected so for those wondering...July 2018...we will be at the Osthoff for our wedding date!



The second picture...not that many pictures of us (Keith, Pete and Todd) together in the same spot but after many years...many days and nights together at Road America...one was finally taken. The funny thing is as a group we participate less and less but we enjoy more and more just hanging around!!

Going forward, the Club has never been stronger! We came off a year that saw large attendance jumps in social events, tours and autocross. We are seeing challenges ahead for the on track events and trying to figure out ways to make having a clean car be more fun!! But with the Board you have chosen for 2018...the Club is ready for the future. With Neil MacDonald as president, David Angelus – vice president, Bob Danko – Treasurer, Todd Conforti – Secretary and Directors Keith Clark, Bob Rath, Kurt Konrath, John Ruther & Scott McClement...all will be well.

And of this I am certain...it's not about the cars, it's about the people!!

Chuck LaMantia – President; 2006, 2007, 2016, 2017

Chicago Region Membership

As of November 1, 2017: Chicago Region has a record 2015 Primary Members, 1202 Affiliate Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to these new members joining in since August 2017:

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Gary Eric Axelrod
Scott Ayres
David Beebe
Maria Bliznick
Phetsavanh Coggin
Eric Crabtree
Joey Daoud
Jack Davidson
Dariusz Dziobacki
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Any questions contact Membership Coordinator, Mark Prescott at mp60@comcast.net

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The Concours Field

By Michael Grove, Concours Chair



The 2017 Concours season is now in the record books and what a fun season it was. All due to our members that attended, participated or volunteered at one of the events. Thank You to each of you. We had a number of new members that attended an event and we look forward to seeing you back next year. Hopefully the new “Newbie” School, and the annual Concours and Judges schools were beneficial to those members that attended or judged our five events. Hopefully you also enjoyed some of the new items we provided during the year including the Novice Award and Four Door Award at each event as well as a couple of new venues. Thank you to all of our event hosts during the year.

With the conclusion of the 2017 season comes the end of my five-years as Chair of the Chicago Region Concours program. I am fortunate to be able to pass the Concours Microfiber Towel to the next Chair, John Blyth. John has been involved in the Chicago Region Concours program for many years and has experience showing at Porsche Parade. The Regions Concours program is in very good hands.

Nancy and I wish to thank all the members that assisted in making our experience memorable and rewarding. I was pleased to be able to thank many of you at the last Concours of this season. Of special note, I would like to thank all the past Concours Chairs that have contributed to the ongoing success and notoriety the program has achieved. We hope we have been able to add our small contribution to this amazing legacy. Thank You to Tom and Barb Stark who have been by our sides the entire time and without your assistance the program would not have run as smoothly. I would most importantly like to thank Nancy for all her support, encouragement and attention to the details.

We look forward to seeing you at a future Chicago Region Concours or one of the many other events during the upcoming year.

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2017 Rallye Season Wrap-up

Our Rallye season started to pick up steam after the last Scene was in printing, starting with Rallye 3 "You Can't Go Wrong Going Right" on August 3rd from Algonquin, out into the country and on to South Barrington. As you can guess from the name we did a lot of turning right. Thanks to our Rallye Masters Anna and Andy Skura for planning a rallye on such a beautiful day. It is a real challenge to step up and take on the responsibility of their first Rallye as Rallye Masters. They spent many hours and drove the route numerous times. You may not have noticed but as usual one of the towns decided to present a last minute challenge and ripped up one of the roads on the route. So just days before the rallye, the Skuras had to reroute and remove one of the more scenic roads from the rallye. Maybe it will show up again in the future. Once again The Lucky Monk in S. Barrington was the gathering place for the end of the rallye where a private room had been arranged, and of course food, libations, and results were discussed by all. It was a very enjoyable rallye. Eighteen teams participated; half of the teams were Novices, five of which drove the Touring Instructions.

Next up was Rallye IV "Sheridan Sheridan Sheridan" on September 10, 2017 by Rallye Masters Diane Goluch and Jon Eklund from the BMW Club. That would be Rallye 4 for us non-Romans. The rallye started in Vernon Hills, wound through the scenic areas of the North suburbs and finished in Lake Forest at Chief's Pub. Boy, there are a lot of convoluted roads up there named after Sheridan. Nineteen teams set their DVR's for the Bears Opening Day game and decided to come out to try some tough competition on their own, including seven Novice teams. Once again the weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all. Our BMW friends had a number of tricks up their sleeves; but six of the teams drove the Touring Instructions and had no need to fret.

We finished up the year with Rallye 5 "Random Road Rallye" on October 8th, designed by Art and Janet Kardatzke, driving the forest preserve areas and suburban roads in the southern suburbs. As advertised we drove through areas of graceful residences, green spaces and of course wherever they decided to send us on "random roads". This was a change of pace rallye with a real emphasis on timing that tested the drivers skill, and patience, while challenging both driver's and navigator's observations skills. The course direction instructions were very simple and straightforward. This was Mike and Candace Kosinski's first rallye and they showed that even in the Touring Class you can feed those competitive urges ... with a 6th place finish.

For Rallyes 4 & 5 we added awards for 4-door Porsches, in recognition of the fact SUVs are currently outselling Porsche Sports Car model providing a group of new owners to rallye. Thanks to all the volunteers (listed on the results sheets) that helped to make our rallyes enjoyable.

Tom and Ann Snyder, Rallye Co- Chairs



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PCA CHICAGO REGION RALLYE No. 3

You Can't Go Wrong Going Right

August 6, 2017

Position	Driver	Navigator	Class	Car Model	Car #	Total
1	Stephen Olson	Sharon Olson	SOP	Cayman S	1	214
2	Jon Eklund	Diana Goluch	SOP	BMW 325i	6	473
3	Lee Lichtenstein	John Miller	SOP	Boxster	2	489
4	Gary Neal	Bill Corbin	SOP	BMW 128i	18	667
5	Lester Teichner	Caroline Teichner	SOP Novice	911 C4 GTS	12	707
6	Steve Rashbaum	Susan Shire	SOP	Boxster	4	722
7	Jack Franks	Megan Nogasky	SOP	911	16	762
8	Shauna Franklin	Paul Balga	SOP	Boxster	8	845
9	Paul Zhang	Jennifer Wei	Touring Novice	Cayman GTS	17	940
10	Con O'Mahoney	Sue O'Mahoney	SOP	Boxster	10	951
11	Heather Ingraham	Steve Kuk	SOP	Macan S	14	1146
12	Adam Addams	Vincia Jones	Touring Novice	BMW 335d	5	1235
13	Andy Hodge	Katie Hodge	Touring Novice	Panamera	19	1340
14	Fadi Kara	Erin Hoke	Touring Novice	911	11	1633
15	Tim Curl	Laura Curl	SOP Novice	Cayman S	7	1891
16	Tim Rehbein	Judy Weltsch	SOP Novice	Cayman	15	1907
17	Kyle Burkhardt	Jordan Denhoed	SOP Novice	911	3	2347
N/A	John Giacalone	Mary Giacalone	Touring Novice	Boxster GTS	9	Unscored

* N/A Team participated in the Rallye with Tour or SOP instructions but unscored

Rallye Masters Andy and Anna Skura
Pre-Runners/Mentors Stanley and Nicki Sangdahl
 Mark and Cheryl Prescott
Checkpoint Workers Tom and Ann Snyder
 Karen Stephensen
 Adam Kern and Brooke Johnson
 Stanley and Nicki Sangdahl

Rallye 3 Awards

Top SOP Steve Olsen and Sharon Gregor
Top Novice Les and Caroline Teichner
Top Touring Paul Zhang and Jennifer Wei

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PCA CHICAGO REGION RALLYE No. 4

Sheridan, Sheridan, Sheridan

September 10, 2017

Position	Driver	Navigator	Class	Car Model	Car #	Total
1	Jack Stephensen	Karen Stephensen	SOP	Boxster	1	53
2	Stephen Olson	Sharon Gregor	SOP	Cayman S	11	173
3	Tom Snyder	Ann Snyder	SOP	911	6	273
4	Les Teichner	Caroline Teichner	SOP Novice	911 C4 GTS	15	275
5	Lee Lichtenstein	John Miller	SOP	Boxster	8	398
6	Andrew Skura	Anna Skura	SOP	Cayman R	3	426
7	Gary Neal	Bill Corbett	SOP	BMW 128i	13	464
8	Cindy Jacisin	Bob Rath	SOP	Cayman GT4	2	664
9	Bill Avellone	Lori Pepper	Touring Novice	MB SL450	12	689
10	Shuo Xing	Ningyuan Wang	Touring Novice	911	16	775
11	Jack Franks	Megan Nogasky	SOP	Camaro	17	896
12	Deborah Bastone-Sowa	Joe Sowa	Touring Novice	911 Targa	18	931
13	Ron Micek	Martha Kuffel	SOP	Mercedes	5	999
14	Con OMahoney	Melissa Russell	SOP	Macan	10	1162
15	Constance Markham	Jim Markham	Touring Novice	Cayman S	7	1217
16	John Mertz	Scott Hargadon	Touring Novice	Boxster S	4	1320
17	Shauna Franklin	Paul Balga	SOP	Cayman	9	1405
18	Steve Kuk	Heather Ingraham	SOP	911	14	1575
N/A	Gordon Wu	Angela Chi	Touring Novice	Ferrari F12	19	Unscored

* N/A Team participated in the Rallye with Tour or SOP instructions but unscored

Rallye Masters	Diana Goluch & Jon Eklund
Pre-Runners	Susan Shire & Steve Rashbaum
Checkpoint Workers	Denise & Vince Missonak Bonnie & Toby Duckett Susan Shire & Steve Rashbaum

Rallye 4 Awards

Top SOP	Jack & Karen Stephensen
Top Novice	Les & Caroline Teichner
Top Touring Novice	Bill Avellone & Lori Pepper
Top 4- Door Porsche	Con O'Mahoney & Melissa Russell



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PCA CHICAGO REGION RALLYE NO. 5

RANDOM ROAD RALLYE

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Position	Driver	Navigator	Rallye Class	Car Model	Car #	Total
1	Gary Neal	Bill Corbett	SOP	BMW 128i	11	533
2	Heather Ingraham	Steve Kuk	SOP	Macan S	12	570
3	Andrew Skura	Anna Skura	SOP	Cayman R	6	701
4	Richard Styczynski	Nicole Styczynski	SOP	Carerra Cabriolet	17	716
5	Jon Eklund	Diana Goluch	SOP	BMW 325i	4	743
6	Mike Kosinski	Candace Kosinski	Touring Novice	911	13	917
7	Steve Olson	Sharon Olson	SOP	Cayman S	1	975
7	Tom Snyder	Ann Snyder	SOP	911 Carera	3	975
8	Bob Rath	Cindy Jacisin	SOP	Cayman GT 4	2	1070
9	Adam Kern	Brooke Johnson	SOP	911	16	1086
10	Les Teichner	Caroline Teichner	SOP Novice	911 C4 GTS	5	1091
11	Con O'Mahoney	Con O'Mahoney	SOP	Boxster	9	1257
12	Steve Rashbaum	Susan Shire	SOP	Boxster	8	1340
13	Vince Missonak	Vince Missonak	SOP	Carerra Cabriolet	10	1379
14	Carl Armand	Laima Virsinskas	SOP	Boxster	15	2248
N/A	Robert Snelson	Jenny Snelson	SOP	GT4		Unscored

* N/A Team participated in the Rallye with Tour or SOP instructions but unscored

Rallyemasters	Art and Janet Kardatzke
Pre-Runners	Jack and Karen Stephensen
Checkpoint Workers	Martha Kuffle and Ron Micek
	Bonnie and Toby Duckett
	Lee Lichtenstein and John Miller

Rallye 5 Awards

Top SOP	Gary Neal and Bill Corbett
Top Novice	Les and Caroline Teichner
Top Touring Novice	Candace and Mike Kosinski
Top 4- Door Porsche	Heather Ingraham and Steve Kuk

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The Anatomy of a Johnny D Magical Mystery Tour

by Barb Stark

Let's go behind the scenes of a fabulous, fun and adventurous road trip with our Porsches, all set up by our own Johnny D, travel agent and party planner to thousands.

We begin by driving our Porsches (all 60 or so of them) to a meeting place, usually a restaurant, to check in and sign waivers. At a table set up inside, Johnny D and his lovely wife and sidekick, Beth, welcome drivers to the event...

BUT WAIT! Let's hear about what all goes into planning these fun and well-organized tours.

I hope you read every word to the end, because you won't believe it.

Where do we start? Let's begin with the venue. Where do we want to go, what do we want to do, and how are we going to get there? Dates, times, routes, costs, menus, vacancies.....eventually a draft of the route instructions is prepared along with a tentative schedule.

Once that is figured out, John and Beth schedule a pre-run drive. Armed with a GPS and the proposed route instructions they drive the tour.

Logistics are worked out along the way: mileage between stops; restaurants and menus; wineries or whiskey distilleries; grocery stores; emergency notification info; staging parking lots; driver's meetings; potty stops; Porsche dealers; searching out awesome driving roads; po-po sightings. This is all interspersed with witty comments, of which Johnny D is a master, and pictures of the route.

Once done, this information is compiled and finalized and printed and placed into packets that will be given to every driver. (As you can imagine, this is a painstaking and timely procedure.) And let's not forget the hundreds of phone calls and e-mails with questions and comments that reach Johnny D, and which he happily answers. Well, sometimes, usually, maybe.....

Let's start with the PCA Spring Driving Tour, the CinquecentoMiglia (Half a Mille Miglia) on June 10, 2017. We all met at the Egg Yolk Café to sign waivers, eat breakfast (optional), use the facilities (usually not optional), greet our fellow travelers and listen to Johnny D's instructions at the driver's meeting.

Then we all hopped in our stunning cars and drove to the VFW Hall (just north) for staging. Once done, Johnny D had arranged for the West Chicago Police to stop all northbound traffic on Rt. 59 so we all could pull out at the same time. What a beautiful concept: 60 Porsches driving out together.

Our first stop was at the Lena Drive Inn in Lena, Illinois (original, eh?). John had taken menu orders a few months prior and sent them to the restaurant so they were ready for us. He even arranged to have two port-a-potties there to relieve (sorry) any congestion. It worked out beautifully.

We followed John and Beth's meticulous, detailed and humor-filled directions with pictures, as we drove to our next stop at the Harvester Inn in Canton, IL. After check-in, there was a cocktail party at 4:30 p.m., a wine and appetizer bonanza at the American Grille at 6:30 p.m. and then dinner at 7:30 p.m. Thank you, John, for your attention to detail and pre-planning skills; everything went beautifully and as planned.

We had to hear some bad jokes and the traditional "Schnauzer Joke" for the 50th time, but for some it was the first time... and, of course, there was an impromptu party of sorts after dinner with maybe some wine, beer and maybe further snacking (you don't say?).

The next morning, everyone was on their own for breakfast. At 8:30 a.m. we gathered at the lot at the Heritage Grand Inn for staging. We then left at 9:00 a.m. for an enjoyable drive to Hoopston, Illinois where we went to the former site of The Imported Motor Car Company, the second Porsche dealership in the U.S. Hundreds of local residents turned out to video and photograph the cars. We thoroughly enjoyed admiring a completely restored Porsche 356 that was proudly shown off by its owner Larry Petry, a local farmer and Porsche enthusiast. We proud Porsche owners then slowly left the town of Hoopston with a police escort.

Due to delays, we were late arriving at the Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center in Pontiac, IL where we were to eat lunch. We had everyone at the Center a bit panicked; even the Mayor of Pontiac, had somehow gotten ahold of Tom Stark to say "Where is everybody"? But it was a nice recovery by the Center, the food was hot and delicious and the Mayor gave a great speech.

Some attendees then went on to visit the Route 66 Museum and or the Pontiac Museum before heading home.

These driving tours would not be the success that they are without the extraordinary talent and planning skills of Johnny D and his partner and wife, Beth. The amount of time and skill to coordinate all aspects of trips like these is to be commended and respected. John and Beth gave us, the PCA club members, the opportunity to be together on a fun weekend driving excursion. The event exemplified the statement that "**It's not the cars, it's the people**".

Thank you, John and Beth!



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By now winter has come, our various Porsches are stored away and the 2017 driving season is in the rear view. But before we know it, we all will be in the beginning stages of planning what events to mark off on our calendar for the 2018 season. This is precisely where I was this time last year, making my grand plans. The autocrosses, the rallies and the concour events were all on my master calendar. And I kept my fingers crossed hoping my significant other would elect to pass on a destination wedding in Mexico, so I could make Road America Labor Day weekend. Ultimately we stayed home, but my 944 didn't live up to it's end of the bargain, spending the weekend at BT-R Chicago for service.

Back to early spring and my calendar. There is what I would consider an almost bucket list worthy event in greater Los Angeles, Luftgekühlt: a gathering of all things Porsche and air cooled. It would be in it's fourth incarnation. My thinking was to get one visit in before it got too big. This event started by Patrick Long and Howie Idelson began with 25 cars or so at Deus Ex Machina in Venice Beach to an astounding 600 registered cars at the Port of Los Angeles. After a few emails, club member and air cooled enthusiast Joe McCune and I made our travel plans. What little we knew of what awaited us.

Friday May 5th, Why not turn your Porsche weekend up to 11 by visiting the Porsche Experience Center Los Angeles? That's exactly what I did, registering for 'mastering the manual.' Seat time in a Cayman GT4 (918 buckets included!) with a fantastic instructor. What a facility, everything was top notch. And who wouldn't like and all out drive on an exact replica of the Nurburgring's carousel? Former Chicago Region member Dave Matzen was kind enough to make sure our experience was unforgettable.

Social media played a strong role molding our trip. Joe McCune was in the loop with the locals as to where the place to be was for two Porsche guys from Chicago: Deus Ex Machina was the answer. Part cafe, part clothing store and custom motorcycle shop, the original home of 'Luft.' Here we were hanging out with the people and cars we only see on our screens, Patrick Long and Jeff Zwart. I can even be seen in a Zwart Instagram photo!

Saturday the 6th began with a morning meet up at Auto Kennel in Costa Mesa. Not everything there was air cooled or Porsche, but it was wonderful stuff. Special note, we got our first look at an actual 'Rudified' 993, speaking of the power of social media in the Porsche world.

Beyond the obvious, Joe had one must see destination on his list: Benton Performance. I must admit, I wasn't too keen on the idea of dropping into someone's shop on the fly, especially after leaving a brewery. But John Benton was as warm and entertaining as can be. I couldn't believe the hospitality we were treated to and not just the awesome shop

shirts he gave us, but the stories. John even hooked us up with our next stop. The private residence of Kevin Lynch, founder of Wolfpack 901 and air cooled collector, which was hosting a nice gathering of Porsche people from coast to coast and beyond.

Sunday the 7th, rain came over night. Being up before the sun and all the clouds did not make things appear promising. Driving over the Vincent Thomas bridge I was greeted by a handful of Porsches and a rainbow. The setting was as picture perfect as the cars themselves. And I absolutely made the right choice by getting there at open. The moments of walking the show without the masses were precious. But as the crowd gathered there was an underlying sense of community. It did have a festival vibe, good food (by California standards) and great tunes provided by a DJ. Where else can you have hipster patina'd 911 owners along with Jerry Seinfeld?

I didn't want it to end. We lingered in the over flow lot till half of the cars were left. Ultimately heading to LAX with a special glow, knowing we have been part of something truly special. I hope you enjoy the photos almost as much as I enjoyed being in the presence of such Porsches.

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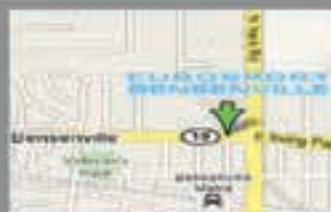
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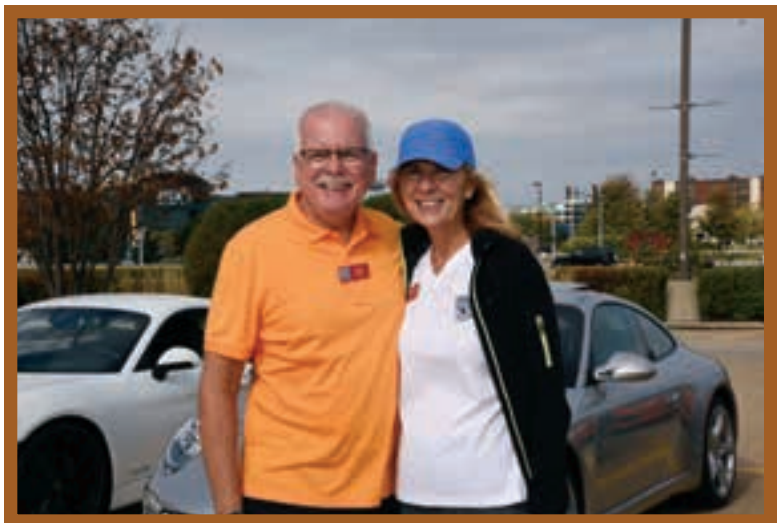
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I would also like to thank Peter and Rick Fischer for hosting the Fall Tech Session. A great presentation by Rick, refreshments and great food, especially the leberkaese!

Looking forward to next year, there will be a Data Acquisition Seminar on February 10th. Our annual Safety Tech Session will be at Northstar Motorsports on April 8th, and We are looking for suggestions and a venue for our Fall Tech Session. Stay tuned to the Club's website and Facebook page for further details.

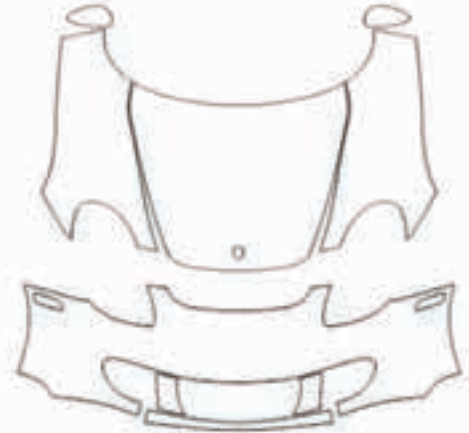
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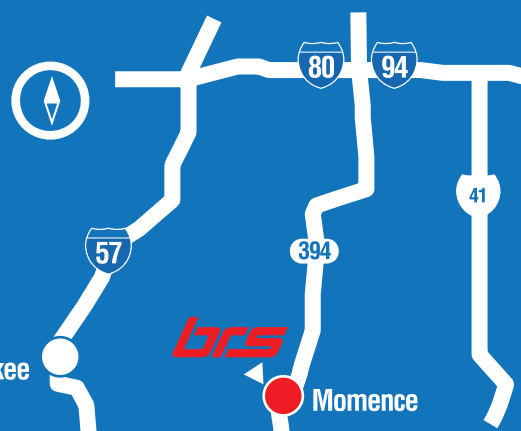
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