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PRESIDENT'S POSTING

I want to welcome our new Chicago Region members and especially many of you for coming out to our events. It is great to see you get active right away. Our club has a lot of different events over the remainder of the year. You should try them all. If you even have half the fun in the club as I do, you will really enjoy your membership and Porsche.

By the time you read this SCENE, we will almost be half way through our year, but not half way for events. There will be one event or two every week till November. Keep watching our website www.pca-chicago.org and read the email blasts for all the details. Get the events on your calendar and be sure to register early with the coordinator so they know you are coming. It does help them prepare.

This is the 60th year for the National PCA and our Chicago Region 58th year. You will see the special "60" banner at our events. We are going to submit pictures and articles to Panorama and hopefully you will see them in the Region News section and our SCENE.

I plan to attend all events as your President, but also as the coordinator for our 2015 charity, Blazing Prairie Stars. Please donate to this very worthy charity for scholarships to children of families that cannot afford the therapeutic riding on horses. These children have unique physical and mental needs that are greatly improved with the horses and certified professional staff.

I want to end with a quote from the October 2014 Panorama article by Pete Stout. He was writing about his adventure driving along Highway 1 in California with none other than Jerry Seinfeld in Jerry's 1964 911. It was a great article and one that reaffirms to me that we all like Jerry are an "enthusiast" of Porsche cars and enjoy driving our cars. The last paragraph said **"The thing about Porsches. They don't merely take you places. They help you see things differently. Best of all, they don't always make sense immediately. You get to enjoy the ride."**

Let's all enjoy the ride. See you out there - "Participate and Have Fun"

Toby

On the cover: PCA Chicago Tech Team-(Left):Jeff Brown, Glenn DeWeirdt, Pete Faehnrich, (Front) Dan Leavitt, (Right) Christy Burke, Mike Bradley, Randy Mesch, John Westra.

JUNE EVENTS

- 6/5 Board Meeting
- 6/6 Porsche & Pastries
- 6/7 Rallye 1
- 6/14 Autocross 2
- 6/21 Nat'l PCA Parade
- 6/28 Concours 1
- 6/29 Autobahn DE

JULY EVENTS

- 7/10 Blackhawk DE
- 7/12 Concours 2
- 7/12 Promenade
- 7/17 Board Meeting
- 7/19 Autocross 3
- 7/25 German DE

AUGUST EVENTS

- 8/1 Potters Picnic
- 8/1 Concours 3
- 8/2 Rallye 2
- 8/7 Blackhawk DE
- 8/8 PorschePlatz at RA
- 8/14 Board Meeting
- 8/15 Golf Outing
- 8/16 Autocross 4
- 8/23 Rallye 3
- 8/29 Porsche & Pastries

Chicago PCA website

www.pca-chicago.org

Spring Tech Session



John Ruther, Northstar Motorsports was our host for the Spring Tech Session. After the social and time to shop, we had lunch, **Peter Faehnrich, DE Tech Coordinator** and **John Ruther** assisted by **Glenn Deweidt** and **John Westra** gave the 107 attendees good information on new products and how to proceed for a Tech inspection. This is always a perfect way to prepare for the Autocross and DE driving season.



It was a lot of fun to again see many of our experienced members and meet new members coming for the first time. A very special thank you to John Ruther who donated all event fees to our Charity to add to the fund obtained on the Charity Raffle. Thank you John and Jeannie Ruther for your hospitality.



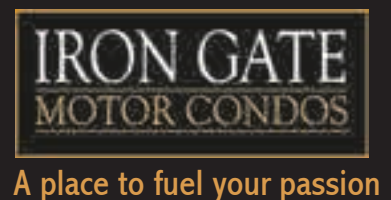
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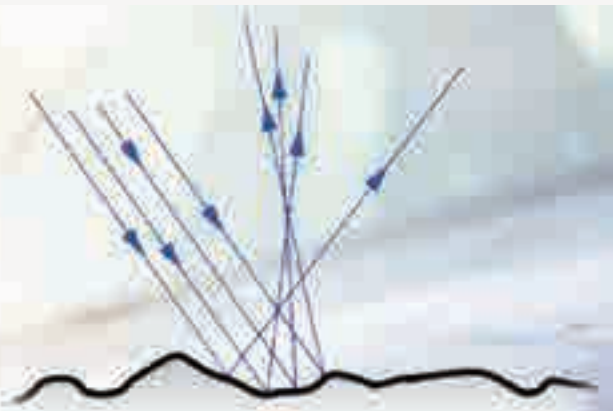
Number 1

Exterior

This is the first of a series of articles on how to care for the cosmetics of your Porsche or other cherished autos in your garage. You don't have to be a concours fanatic to enjoy taking care and enhancing the beauty of your fine automobiles. There are many options available to you and we will present our favorites based on what has worked for several years. Porsches have phenomenal paint systems and even old paint can be brought back to show condition with care and use of the right products and techniques. Before you start this journey make the investment to have the dents removed from the sheet metal.

A couple of basics include don't believe those TV commercials you see on cable at 2:30 in the morning. Secondly always try something new on your wife's car before tackling the Porsche. There have been fantastic advancements made in car-care product chemistry over the last few years. Most of the major brands are good so pick one and standardize on that line of products. The chemistry is designed to work together and polymer chemistry locks the products together for a very durable and flat surface. Expensive products are not necessarily the best and we will address that issue.

It is not the wax that makes the car shine, it is the flatness and cleanliness of the paint surface that act like a mirror to reflect the light. The illustration shows how light comes to a surface in nice parallel lines. If it hits a non-flat surface the reflections are diffused which makes the surface look dull. The key to a great shine is perfectly clean and totally flat layers from the paint up to the flatness of the wax.



The wax is a protectant not something that make the surface shine. To get the surface perfectly clean you must firstly remove all of the old wax and dirt from the surface. Wash this time only with a liquid dish soap that has detergent content. Using a lubricant such as spray detailer or speed shine along with an auto detailing clay will take off all of the previous wax and surface contaminates. Just keep the surface wet as you are rubbing with the clay. This is much like clay we played with as kids. Keep rotating and kneading the clay to a clean area. If you accidentally drop it – throw

it away since the contaminants will scratch the surface. You can do a Porsche in less than 30 minutes so this is not a big task. Now that you have a clean surface it is time to polish which is the most important part of the task. If there are bugs or road tar (or paint) you can use Simple Green or Würth Citrus Degreaser which will not harm the paint surface.

If the surface is without scratches and is just slightly oxidized then you can use a mild polish and apply by hand. If it is scratched or full of tiny swirl marks like a spider web then you will have to move to a more aggressive approach. These micro-spider scratches (holographic scratches) are the result of commercial car washes, dirty rages or water that grinds the dirt along the surface. Even experienced detail shops are guilty of inflicting damage. They can be taken out but with great care and practice.

Let me share my favorite products based on experience and without any commercial affiliation.

P21

This is a hand-applied product that has both a polish and separate wax that has both long lasting qualities and is very easy to apply and remove. One of the basics when bringing any rag or applicator to the paint is to move with the way the wind travels over the car rather than a circular motion. This includes routine washing.

Menzerna

This is a high quality German product which requires a RA machine. A rotary action orbital polishing machine allows us amateurs to do professional polishing without the fear of burning the paint. A standard rotary polishing machine in the hands of a beginner will sometimes burn from the edges of the pad. This RA system is great for bringing a good surface to a high level of shine without a lot of work.

Maguire's

This company has been around for a long time and was acquired by 3M a few years ago. The recent transfer of new polymer technology to the car care products has been noticeable. Maguire's has developed a micro-fiber based correction system that removes the micro-scratches and then bonds a wax to the finished surface. I attended their training seminar a few years ago and was amazed at how even heavy scratches were removed with a little patience.

Würth

This is another German company whose products are used by the professional automotive trade. A new line of polishes is available in different levels of aggressiveness and a wax that bonds to the surface. This produces a high gloss appearance that is the best I have tested. The Würth representative guided me through restoring the 25 year old paint finish on my 356.



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The Concours Field

By Michael Grove, Concours Chair



The 2015 Concours season has begun and the team have a few new and exciting announcements for the year. Once again, we started with the Concours School and Chili/Edible Art competition held at Napleton Porsche with samples provided from Car Care Specialties, Griot's Garage, and Wurth. Following in April with the Concours School at The Exchange. We invite any PCA member to join us, irrespective of their Region. All the Judges are looking to enhance and brush up on their skills in advance of Parade in June. This is the event to attend if you are interested in becoming a Concours Judge. Our presenters from the Chicago Region have Judged at Region and National events as well having won numerous awards at these levels.

Keep your schedule up to date of all Chicago Region events by regularly visiting the Chicago Region website. **You will notice that the Charity Car Show has been rescheduled to later in the year.** Unfortunately, due to a conflict.

The Concours Team is very excited to welcome our new sponsor for 2015, WeatherTech. WeatherTech is planning to be in attendance at all of the Concours events and through their sponsorship we are awarding a "Best of Show" to one participant at each of the Concours. These winners will have a special place at the WeatherTech Car Show and Concours later in the year. We are also planning very special trophies for the Concours winners in all classes at each of the Concours events this year. And, the event at their facility is planned to be even bigger than last year. Stay tuned for further details.

Our first Concours will be at Universal Technical Institute (UTI). In addition to having a relationship with Porsche Cars NA, their facility in Lisle is just over a year old and very state of the art for education in automotive and diesel service. Staff will be on hand to provide tours and students will be assisting as guest judges. This is an event you will not want to miss. Their parking lot is more than large enough to accommodate everyone.

We then return to the Bolingbrook Promenade for one of the favorite and well attended locations on the schedule. We are looking to see just how many Porsches we can fit into the yard at Fischer's for Potter's Picnic. It's a great family fun event for all members. And then Elkhart Lake Concours and TRAC over Labor Day weekend. Another great weekend to enjoy time with Porsche friends and an opportunity to meet some new ones as well.

We hope to see you at one of the Concours events in 2015. We are always looking for members interested in helping at any of the events. Whether you are interested in pursuing a judges credential, or assisting with parking, registration or scoring. Come to any event, meet new people, and have a great time. Thank you for your continued support as we truly enjoy keeping the Chicago Region in the forefront of the PCA Concours community and helping our members improve the appearance of their Porsche. Do not hesitate in contacting us with any question.



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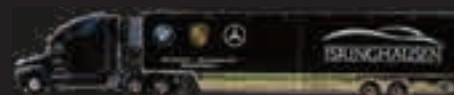


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Autocross School

Cheryl Lehman Collier, Jim Ptak, Autocross Coordinators and Ed Russ along with about 35 other Region Instructors held the Autocross School at Maywood Park, April 19. This was one of the largest if not the largest group of students to attend, 67. They all received Autocross shirts thanks to the Autocross Sponsor **LN Engineering and Bilt Racing Service**.



After a brief classroom session given by Jim Ptak, all the students went to exercises on braking, slalom, and skid pad organized by Cheryl and Ed. Another classroom was giving after a box lunch and before going out for more exercises and then a full demo Autocross. Cheryl kept the rain away again till at least the very end. Everyone had a great time learning how to Autocross, but also learning how to know the potential of their cars for normal driving.



Fun at Autocross School

It's not the cars, it's the people! How often have you heard it? Today, once again, I got to experience it!

A bunch of instructors volunteered their day putting together a dynamic, well-organized, chock-full of excitement Autocross school for about 70 of us. Cheryl Lehman Collier, Jim Ptak and Ed Russ presented an educational, informational, interesting and yes, Cheryl, FUN! way to spend the day.

The braking zone was humiliating for me on the first run. I ran over the guiding cones just trying to get to the start gate. (Now I know my rearview mirror causes a blind spot! Funny I never noticed that before - see? I'm learning already!). I accelerated (but didn't have my foot to the floor), let up



too soon & braked MUCH too early. Then I killed the engine! The instructors smiled and gave encouragement. I got back in line & tried again. I knew my problem was that I truly had no idea how much I could push myself or my car. Really? Floor it? & then keep going even when my "safe" self says stop?!

In the afternoon, I allowed my ego to take a break and had an instructor, AJ, ride with me.... Holy Mackerel! There is a reason that they are instructors! I will never again deny myself the benefit of someone else's knowledge & experience. I amazed myself after a few runs as I got better & better consistently!

The skid pad was not quite as bad though I had traction control on for the first try. Second try was without that control. I again I had an instructor. Sharon gave specific small instructions. She cheered me on & helped me know I could do this!

I started out well on the slalom in the morning. When I went back after our afternoon classroom session, I couldn't capture the "oneness" with the curves I had in the morning. But instructors following my runs were able to voice adjustments I could make to improve my speed....some of which was as simple as "give it some speed". That was exactly what I needed to hear at that moment & the next run was better. Others encouraged me while waiting in line to run again.

The best part of the day was when we got to put it all together and do mock autocross runs. I could see how the things I learned in the braking zone exercise applied to getting started and ending the runs but also how to accelerate and brake in other parts of the course. Throttle handling required in the skid pad helps finesse past the cones in the slalom. It was so cool!

I admit there were a few moments I asked myself why I'd signed up to try this again, 8 years after my first try. But tonight, I'm sailing on the high of a great day, finding myself still smiling. Thanks to all of you that made this happen!





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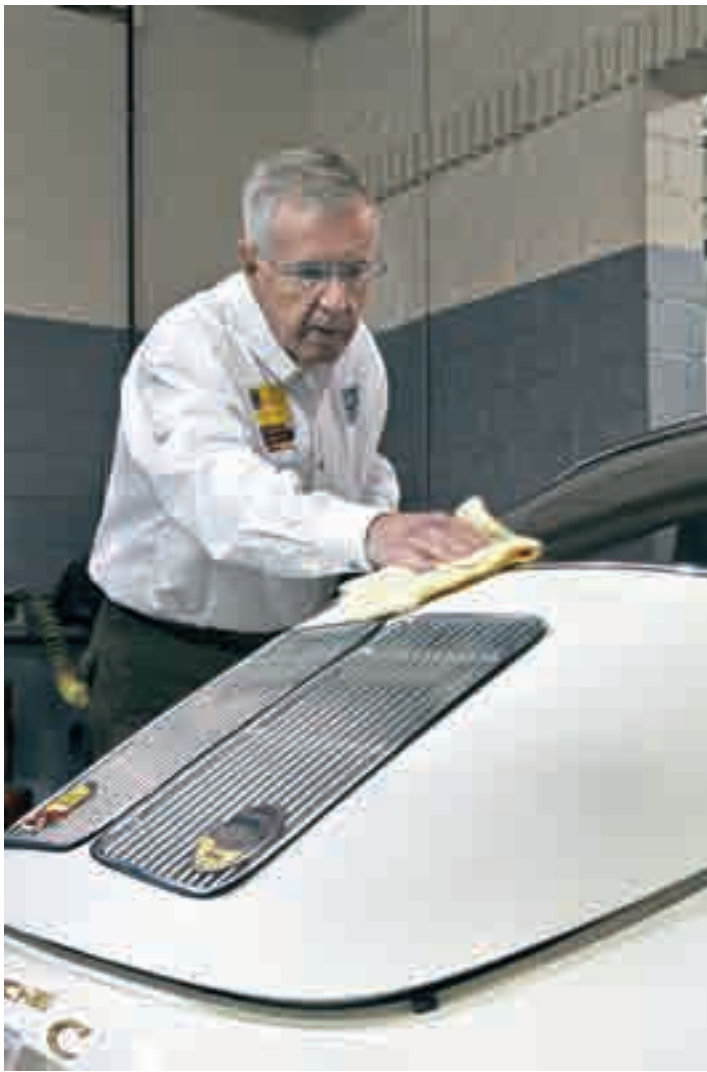
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CONCOURS JUDGES SCHOOL

The Porsche Exchange was the host for the Concours Judges School held on April 19. **Michael Grove, Concours Coordinator** and his support team of **Co-chairs and Concours Judges** provided a great handout book containing all the information to become a better or new judge. About 30 attended the school from our region and the Milwaukee region.





One new step to learn this year was to have hands on judging from cars provided from the team. The instructor judge reviewed what points he would take off for that car and the students would write down on the score sheet provided and actually see why points were taken off. This was a perfect way to learn how to become a better or new Concours Judge.





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Autocross I

Autocross I was held May 3 at the Autobahn County Club, Joliet on the skid pad and kart track. This combination makes this one of the longest courses for Autocross and a lot of fun. **Cheryl Lehman Collier and Jim Ptak, Autocross Coordinators** worked magic again by keeping the rain away for a beautiful, warm almost hot day on track.





The event was attended by about 70 cars which may have been the largest in recent history thanks to many new, first time drivers from the Autocross School. Keep coming and welcome. **Buz Browne and many volunteers** had a challenge to get everyone properly inspected due to the larger attendance, but it all worked out. Thank you Cheryl, Jim, Buz and all the helpers in set up

and tear down of the event. Cheryl handed out the trophies to the winners in the different classes at the end of the first Autocross of the season.



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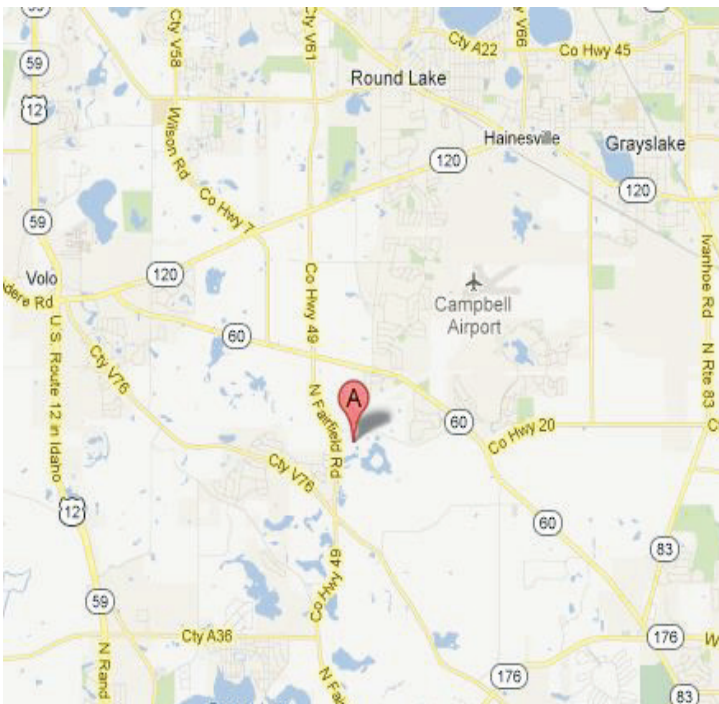
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There are about 45-50 children in this program with a variety of challenges including emotional or muscle difficulties, cerebral palsy, sensory problems and autism spectrum disorders. Many volunteers help keep the stable clean and assist the therapy staff and assist the professional horse staff during treatment sessions as four total staff surrounds the horse to protect the child riding.

You can visit their website www.blazingpraiрriestars.com for more detail information. You might even wish to volunteer. The stable is located about 15 minutes west of Geneva at 47W635 Beith Road, Maple Park.

I plan to attend all events to secure your donations and please consider giving each time even if we do not have raffle prizes each time. You can also send a check to our treasurer, Jack Stephensen marked for charity or even try to secure some of your company funds or matching funds that maybe available. Mark the check for charity and mail it to PCA Chicago Region, c/o Jack Stephensen, 3018 Halifax Avenue, Westchester, Illinois 60154.

Thank you on behalf of the children and Blazing Prairie Stars.



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Given the size of this event and to plan accordingly for the Concours area,

Pre-Registration will be required for the Concours only.
Registration for this event closes on September 1

Concours Schedule:

9:00 Cars arrive for final preparation.

10:15 Judges meeting

10:30 Judging begins

Reminder: Please be at your Porsche when judging begins.

2:00 Concours awards will be presented.

Class Full	Exterior, Interior, Trunk, Engine and Undercarriage
Class Touring	Exterior, Interior, Trunk and Engine
Class Show	Exterior, Interior and Trunk
Class Exhibition	Exterior and Interior

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Pre-Registration required for the Concours only.

Contact: Peggy Atcher Phone: 312-339-7878, before 9:00 pm E-Mail: peggylatcher@gmail.com

Checks payable to: **Chicago Region-PCA** Entry fee: \$30.00

All event info at www.pca-chicago.org

Bring this form to Registration

Concours Entrant Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Region _____

PORSCHE Model _____ Body Style _____ Year _____

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2015 PCA Chicago Region Blackhawk Drivers Education

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Friday, August 7th, 2015

Saturday & Sunday, October 3rd & 4th

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BLACKHAWK

Two remaining Friday events plus our two-day Oktoberfest weekend.

The season began on Friday May 8th with our **Novice Day** event. That event was dedicated to the novice driver. We had more than 40 novice drivers at this event. All of our Blackhawk events are focused on learning how to handle your vehicle and a great venue to meet fellow club members. Once again this year we incorporated one experienced group at this Novice Day event.

All of our following 2015 weekday events are open to all novice and experienced drivers. Run groups will be based on driver experience. A novice group with both on track and classroom instruction will also be provided.

The season ends with the Oktoberfest two-day weekend event. This is open to drivers with previous experience only. No novice instruction will be provided. Weekend event includes dinner party Saturday and pizza at the track Sunday.

Lunch at the track and event souvenirs for all drivers provided by The Exchange!

2015 Blackhawk Schedule & Options

Friday July 10 Blackhawk DE II

Friday August 7 Blackhawk DE III

These events are open to all drivers from novice to experience. Run groups will be based on driver experience. A separate novice group with both on track and classroom instruction will be provided.

October 3 & 4 Blackhawk Oktoberfest Weekend

This event is open to drivers with previous experience only. No novice instruction. Registration for Saturday includes our famous Pig Roast & Sunday includes the Pizza Party for all.

Pricing & Registration Available at:

<https://clubregistration.net>

Want More Information:

Contact Todd Conforti
tlcontrols@aol.com
(847) 254-1527

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Clothing for all drivers at this event includes: a Snell SA 2005 or 2010 Helmet, long sleeve shirt, long pants, socks, all made of non-synthetic materials, and closed toe shoes. Recommended but not mandatory are: driver's suit, driving gloves, driver shoes and a protective neck brace all made of Nomex or similar fire-resistant material, and a properly mounted fire extinguisher. You will be required to show a valid driver's license along with a valid PCA Membership card at registration. If you or your car does not pass Tech Inspection, you will not be able to drive. You can save time at the track by bringing your car to a recognized Porsche Dealer or Porsche Specialty Shop for mechanical inspection and having them complete, sign and stamp the Chicago Region Tech Inspection Sheet. Pay particular attention to specifics concerning brake pads and fluid, since Blackhawk Farms is very hard on the brake system!

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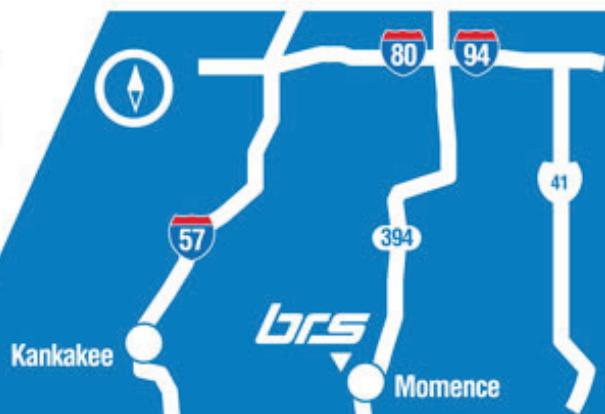
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