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## Year in the Rear View Mirror

A review of the 2022 season found the Chicago Region offering a full spectrum of events, giving members multiple venues and opportunities to enjoy the remarkable vehicles manufactured by Porsche in the company of like-minded enthusiasts. Starting with the General Membership Meeting in January and culminating with the incredible Dinner Dance and Annual Awards Banquet in December, the Region offered forty-five events ranging from the strictly social Porsches & Pastries to the highly competitive Club Races at Road America and all points in between. A quick tally of event registrations found a total of 3,171 individual registrants, sometimes representing two or more participants.

In 2022, the Chicago Region also celebrated its 65th year as a chartered Region of the Porsche Club of America, representing the best of what PCA offers its members. Out of 147 PCA Regions there are few that can match up to Chicago when it comes to the range of events and number of members participating in them. This is a testament to the commitment and efforts of the volunteers and sponsors who make the magic happen. During the 2022 season, I tried to attend as many events as possible and saw first hand the fun enjoyed by participants.

One of the great successes of the past year has been the support given to SparkShop, our 2022 charity. This non-profit educational program endeavors to introduce Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to 4th and 5th graders in the Chicago Area. Through donations, raffles, and other fundraising activities, participants and attendees at our events generated funds that allowed the Chicago Region to donate \$25,000 to this organization. A special additional opportunity for members to support SparkShop arose through packaging project kits used by students to explore through experimentation the basic technical principles that form the foundation of our modern society.

A brief look at the 2023 calendar finds that there are again forty-five events to choose from, with several more possibilities still in the works. Whether you're interested in testing your car and driving skills at the limit, learning how to maintain your Porsche in peak condition, or just looking to enjoy the camaraderie of other Porsche owners, we have a menu of events that will satisfy your automotive appetite.

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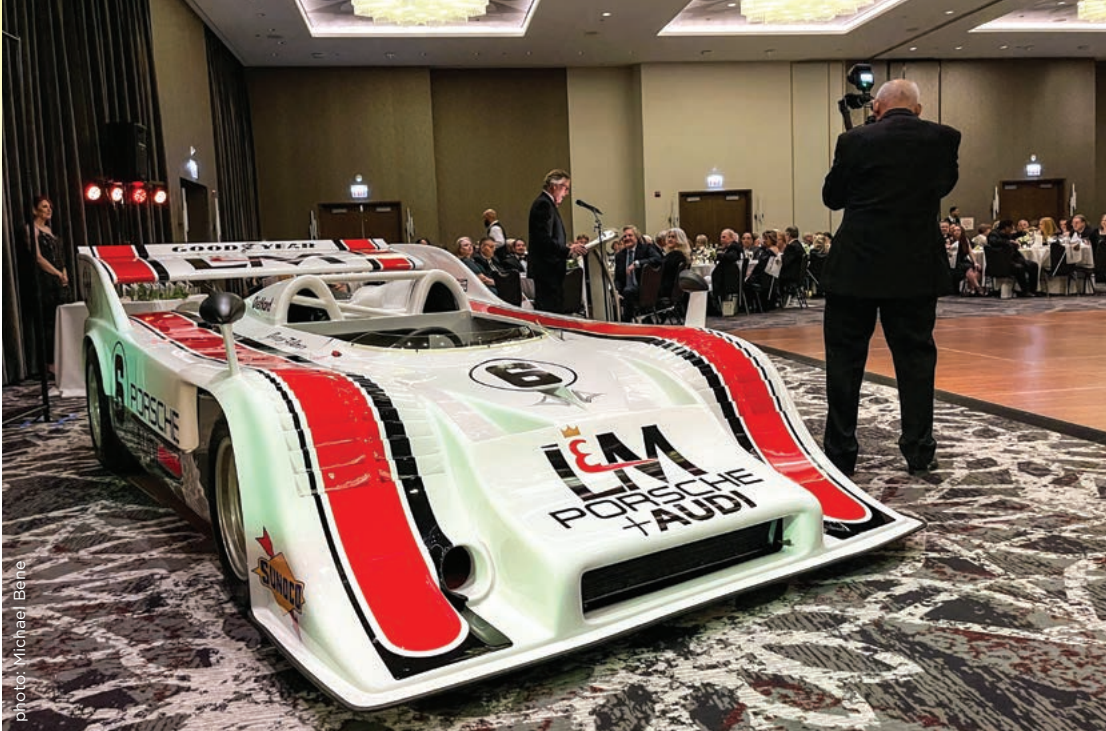


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## 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance by Stanley Sangdahl & Robert Safe

The Chicago Region of the Porsche Club of America had a memorable end to the 2022 season with its 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance & Awards Gala at the Loews Chicago Hotel. The event, sponsored by the Porsche Exchange, featured some of the best sports cars from the dealership to add to the festive atmosphere. Mouse Motors, a specialist dealership in Chicago, provided a CanAm title-winning Porsche 917 as a unique guest of honor.



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# 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance *continued*



In addition to food, drink, and dancing, there were awards presented to members for their outstanding performances over the past season. The gathering was honored by the presence of two Marines representing the Toys for Tots Foundation, who



collected toy donations from the Region and attending guests. SparkShop, the Region's chosen charity for 2022, was presented with a \$25,000 check representing donations and collections from Club events throughout the season. The gala was made even more special with the appearance of Elvis, who entertained the crowd with a lively floor show.





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## 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance *continued*



The event was made possible by the efforts of Adam Kern, Dan Cubric, and other volunteers, as well as the support of sponsors Hagerty, Midwest Performance Cars, and Checkeditout Chicago. The 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance & Awards Gala was a fitting way to end the season and celebrate the achievements of the members. It was a night to remember, with sleek sports cars, delicious food, and exciting entertainment. 🍷



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## A Retrospective: The 2022 AX Season

by Michael Bene

Earlier this year, I wrote an article about my return to Autocross School after several years of mixed success in the sport. After approaching with resolve and commitment, I thought it appropriate to follow up with a retrospective on the overall season and my progress.

First, let me take a step back to recognize and congratulate those who came out on top this season:

In the **Women's group** – Congratulations to Katherine in her Sapphire Blue Macan GTS. It was a joy watching her throw that car around our AX venues.

- 1st - Katherine Darnstadt
- 2nd - Ashley Chin

In the **Men's Group** – The Reaper proved himself to be a formidable adversary and not one who will let himself go gently into the good night.

- 1st - William “The Reaper” Fitzsimmons
- 2nd - Bart Surowka
- 3rd - Noel Selewa
- 4th - David Bowers
- 5th - Michael Bene

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## A Retrospective: The 2022 AX Season *continued*



Cue the double-take: yes, that's me in the 5th spot for the season. How did I do it? Let me pause, reflect, and address some of your questions on this topic:

- ▶ Did Larry miss a meet? No, surprisingly enough!
- ▶ How did Autocross School help me get there? It gave me the skills to put myself into contention for a top spot. Practice makes perfect. Instructor and peer insights proved invaluable.
- ▶ Will I attend Autocross School again in the future? Most definitely.
- ▶ What additional lessons did I learn during my seat time this season? In the words of Woody Allen, "Eighty percent of success is showing up." Of course, it's not as simple as just showing up, but without a dedication to being present for every event, this would never have happened. Oh yes,... also tires (not horsepower) make a huge difference on these tight courses.



- ▶ Should you join Autocross? Yes. This is a great opportunity for you to learn the limits of your car in a safe environment and become a better driver.



So, cheers to a successful autocross season. Thanks to our volunteers, instructors, course designers, timing people, and the course workers who make this event run smoothly. A special thank you also goes out to our generous sponsor, Midwest Performance Cars. And of course, let's not forget Adam Kern for organizing the masses and making sure we all have safe fun.

I look forward to seeing more of you out on a course next season. 🍷

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## PCA-Chicago Driving Tour to Nashville, IN 2022

**It was a day like many others.** I was driving my 911 to Hammond Thursday evening for a full night's sleep before our Tour began on Friday morning. The gods were definitely not smiling on us, though, as Beth and I sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic on I-80. After we finally got to the hotel and dragged our luggage upstairs, I then went back downstairs to park the car. As soon as I turned the key, however, the dashboard blossomed with red blinking lights and other flashing warnings. I hadn't been this scared since the levitation scene in *The Exorcist*.

by John Diwik

The next morning, Michael and Nancy Grove offered to lead the Hammond-to-Nashville leg of the tour, so after our drivers meeting and the groups began to depart, we completed arrangements to have our 911 towed back to Chicago. In the meantime, Beth and I returned home to pick up a non-Porsche replacement vehicle and get on our way again. Eventually, we caught up with our fellow travelers late Friday afternoon. The parking lot at the Quality Inn looked like a Porsche dealer that had cars, too. What a beautiful sight!

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On Friday evening we held a cocktail party in the lobby of the hotel. I can tell you, my fellow Porsche-owning friends, you do know how to party! Many members brought home cooked food and the variety of snacks was amazing. Plenty of tasty beverages too, and a good time was had by all.

Later that evening, I spoke to some of our members who had gathered for dinner at the Story Inn, a nearby restaurant. While modest-looking from the outside, the Inn is actually a swanky local eatery. I also learned that the road past the restaurant was excellent for driving, too! As the



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gears started turning, I decided to organize a second tour on Saturday morning. Accordingly, 35 or so Porsches departed from the hotel for a “two hour tour,” which turned out to be amazing,<sup>1</sup> with beautiful foliage and no detours or construction. We also drove north on route IN-135 N which is similar to the types of challenges you’d find on the Tail of the Dragon: amazing, thrilling, perhaps even treacherous, but what an outstanding drive.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.aaa.com/roadtrips/great-lakes/indianas-scenic-backcountry-route-135-SB564744>.

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## PCA-Chicago Driving Tour to Nashville, IN 2022 continued



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Come Saturday evening? Our group enjoyed a fine dinner at the Salt Creek Golf Retreat. The food was good, the company was good, and the jokes were good. (At least I thought so; gotta love that Schnauzer Joke!) As for Nashville, IN, it was packed. Every hotel, shop, restaurant, bar, brewery, and distillery was packed, too, and the weather and foliage could not have been better.

This tour was a hit, but for those of you who couldn't make it (and Beth and I were almost part of that group), I'm already planning the next one. 🍷



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photo: Danielle Scifers

## Fall Tour '22: Our Unexpected Journey

by Brian Scifers

**Where to begin?** As relatively new PCA-C members, this was our first driving tour for my wife Danielle and me. I'd spent my first Club years in a dedicated track car, then began to explore other driving-related activities such as Autocross and Rallye. The Fall Tour seemed a natural next step, and as it turned out, our weekend adventure lived up to the lore!

A crisp and incredibly early Day 1 start required a jolt of caffeine (with strict instructions to start with a full tank and empty bladders). At the Friday morning drivers meeting we received our final packets of "tour essentials" and were launched, one group at a time, though by day's end, the original groups were pretty well interspersed.

Back home, the trees were still mostly yearning to don their fall colors, but on the route toward southern Indiana, nature was fully sharing its bounty of precious landscapes, including fall colors on full display. Cruising through small towns, fall festivals, and picturesque routes, we stopped from time to time to invigorate our spirits with friendly conversations and to refuel (see above). After reaching Nashville, IN, we had a brief respite to prepare for evening cocktails and snacks in the hotel lobby, but the camaraderie continued well into the evening.

Day 2 offered the freedom of self-guided exploration, but others elected to continue their semi-organized drive by taking a "tour of detours" for misguided fun; while still others chose to visit a nearby state park, or venture east to Columbus, IN, and for good reason!<sup>1</sup> Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor in Columbus also proved an additional "must see," as much for the ambiance, antique soda fountains, and pipe organs as for its sweet frozen treats. Stopping for a wine tasting was a fantastic way to cap the afternoon and prepare for fabulous dining at a nearby country club. More conversations with even more new friends rounded out the trip with fun giveaways and tire pressure "breathalyzers."

Sunday was a "find your own way home" adventure that for us entailed a "reverse tour" with a deviated route up the eastern side of Illinois, discovering even more hidden treasures.

In sum? Take the car, get off the interstate, enjoy your car, but most of all, meet the folks that make this a Club of people who share common interests in the wonderful marque that is Porsche! 🍷

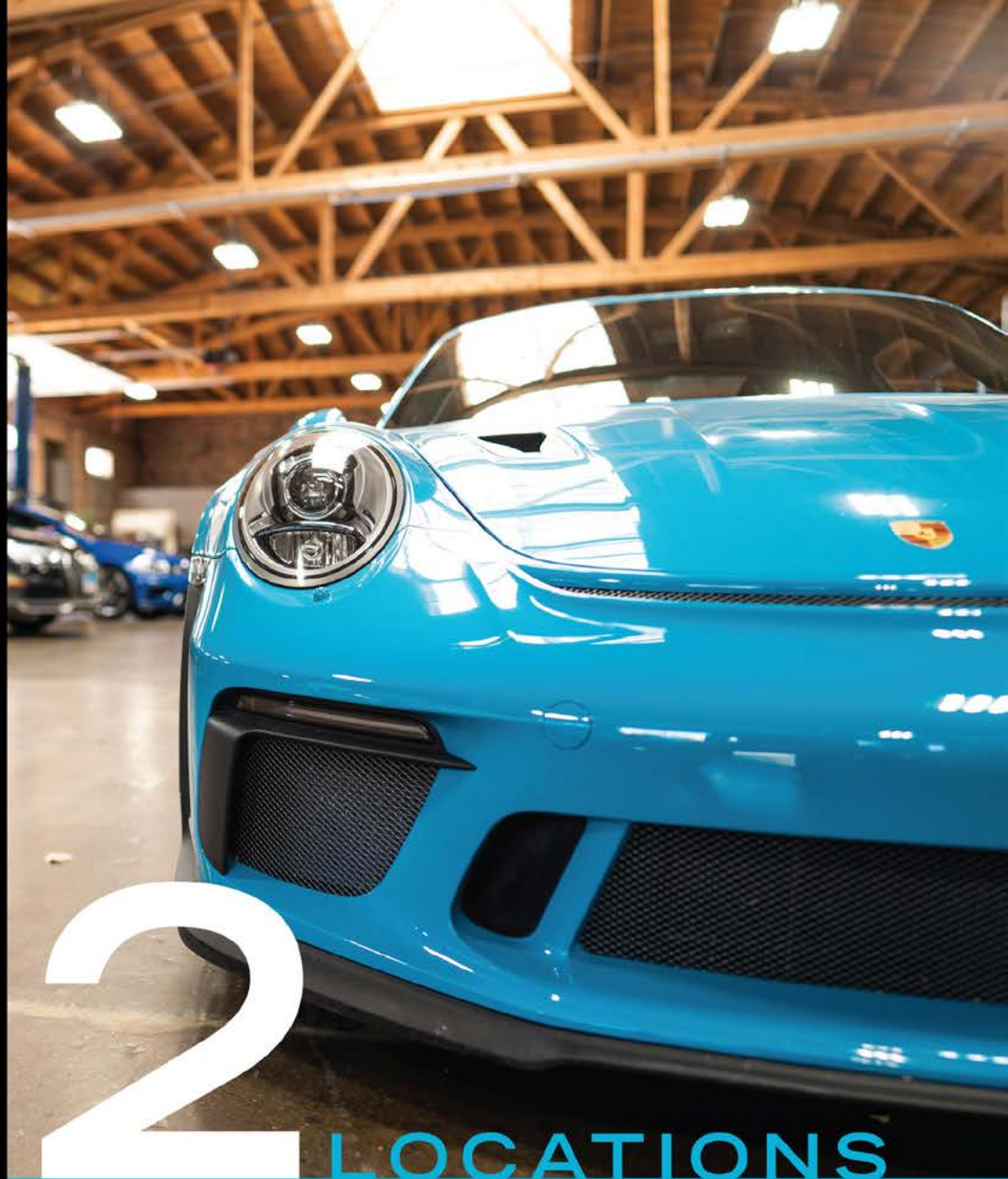
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# Happy 65th Anniversary to PCA-Chicago Region!

## Porsche Journey *by Stanley Sangdahl*

My journey to the Porsche Club of America started before entering high school. At the start of the 70's it was all about muscle cars, burn outs and a quarter mile time. A visit to Road America changed all that where I watched in awe as the fire breathing Porsche turbos spun up and zoomed past the roaring Corvettes. Fast forward 30 years and my wife and I found ourselves empty nesters looking for our next adventure. Seeing the new Cayman at the Chicago Autoshow sealed our fate as we headed straight to the dealer and purchased a silver Cayman S off the lot.

Being car enthusiasts led us to the Porsche Club of America which offered the perfect outlet for the exhilarating experience we both felt when driving our new sports car. After a season of Autocross, Rallye and a couple of track events we found ourselves at the year end dinner dance celebrating the 50th

anniversary of the Chicago Region. Fifteen years have passed since then and while the cars continue to supply that exhilarating driving experience it is the friendships we have made that makes the Porsche Club a special part of our lives.

One aspect of the club that is often overlooked is the opportunity to volunteer and help in the myriad of activities that the Chicago Region offers its members. We have both found volunteering our time and efforts to be an important and rewarding part of our club experience. One positive side effect of this volunteering has been the special connection forged with other members that has resulted in the many friends we have made along the way. Yes, without the cars there wouldn't be a Porsche Club of America but just as a car needs a driver (at least for the foreseeable future) a club needs people.



## An AWESOME Club that changed my life! *by Cindy Jacisin*

In 1991, I tagged along with my brother James to attend this car thing called Potter's Picnic. Food, games, 8 oz bottles of ice-cold soda, even cooler cars and trophies – YES! Wait, this Club has autocross, rallies, driving tours, DEs, club racing, tech, socials – I'm in! And so it began.

Through some strange twist of fate, I've had the privilege to serve in Region and PCA National roles. I've met incredible volunteers from all 145 PCA regions within the US and Canada, Club Presidents from 60 countries around the world and partnered with Porsche on multiple projects. We're brought together through a common interest in a Porsche and form friendships that last a lifetime.

PCA was founded in 1955 by 12 men who originally called themselves the Gripe Group. They got together to socialize and talk tech about these then

rare cars. In 1957, they chartered the Chicago-Milwaukee Region and the rest is history. Little did they know they started a Club where, no matter what city a member visits, there is an event to join and friendships to be made.

I'm inspired every day by the time and dedication of so many members so we can enjoy a few hours together in our cars. People who would not have met, but because of PCA, have become friends and even family, their PCA family. I know how lucky I am to have met so many people who I now count among my friends, and even a husband.

Please keep showing up, try something new, step out of your comfort zone, volunteer. It will change your life. What an incredible ride! I can't wait to see what's around the next curve.



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## What a Ride! *by Jack Stephensen*

Wow, it's hard to believe the club is celebrating 65 years. I remember one of the first major events I attended was the Club's 40th Anniversary Party at Skokie Country Club. Where have the 25 years gone? They have been quickly filled with many great memories of many great friends all sharing a common passion.

When I bought my '87 911 Targa on a whim in 1994, never would I have guessed where it would take me, i.e. the chance to Rally on a regular basis, to learn to Autocross, to further develop my driving skills, and the chance play race car driver on one of the best tracks in the country, Road America.



Who would have thought joining the Club would have led to all of this? These benefits are why I have never turned down the chance to give back to the Club through volunteering in many different positions. The ability to share this passion with a new member, encourage them to be active in the Club and witness their enthusiasm and enjoyment at our events has been the true reward.

This is what the Club has provided me. This is what the Club has meant to me. The cars have brought us together. The activities have built the bonds of friendship. It really has been and continues to be a great ride!



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## What is Used Oil Analysis and Why Should I Use it?

by Charles Navarro<sup>1</sup>

For those of you unable to attend the most recent PCA Fall Tech Session held at Midwest Performance, we discussed the benefits of used oil analysis. For those unfamiliar with the process, elemental analysis indicates component wear levels in your oil as well as oil health.

There are many labs that can test your oil. However the testing methods used do vary, as does cost. Just to give an example, Blackstone provides a budget-friendly test using the ICP method which can see particles from 0 to 5 micron. For those looking for a more accurate analysis, SPEEDiagnostix's RDE method can see particles from 0 to 10 microns. SDX's test does cost more, but they also carry out a GC test for fuel dilution and a FTIR oxidation test, both of which are not included with Blackstone service. They also look at oil viscosity and for the presence of coolant in the oil.

Ideally one would have their oil tested starting from the first oil change when the engine was new or freshly rebuilt. This baseline will



photo: Neil MacDonald

determine the maximum wear levels you should ever see in the used oil analysis for your engine. Subsequent oil changes should see a gradual reduction in wear levels until they normalize. When and if you see wear levels start trending upwards, then you know you have a problem. If you don't have this trend data, having someone familiar with Porsche engines specifically is beneficial as they will know what is normal and what is not in the results. It is especially important for those who track their cars to test their oil at every oil change, but any Porsche owner can benefit from the information provided by used oil analysis. Increased wear levels above the baseline for your engine or what is considered normal will often show up in the

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<sup>1</sup> Charles Navarro is the President and Co-Founder of LN Engineering, which specializes in the design and manufacture of aftermarket parts and provides services for the rebuild of Porsche engines. Please see <https://www.LNEngineering.com>.



used oil analysis results before any actual symptoms are present.

Besides showing you wear levels, used oil analysis provides info on how well the engine oil is holding up and if the oil change interval is correct for how you are driving your Porsche, which are all great things to know.

If you would like to learn more about oil and used oil analysis, I recommend checking out the LN Engineering website at <https://lnengineering.com/products/speediagnostix-used-oil-analysis.html> for material on these and other topics. 🍷



## Fall Tech Session

*by Andy Bizub & Tom Theodoropoulos*

On Sunday November 13th, Midwest Performance Cars' Northbrook location hosted a PCA Tech Session to a large crowd of more than 50 Porsche drivers. Our goal was a presentation of unique content relevant to any driver, whether a Daily, Track, Rallye, or anything in between, on a topic that everyone in this diverse group has in common: automotive fluids. Proper usage and maintenance of the fluids in your Porsche is the first line of defense against premature wear and ultimately, mechanical failure. Even the costliest fluids are much cheaper than Porsche parts!

After a lunch of Potbelly sandwiches, the program began with our friend and guest speaker, Charles Navarro of LN Engineering. Charles explained the importance of oil analysis, the difference between the types of oil analysis, and how they can be used to track trends in engine wear and even predict engine failure before it happens.

Following that excellent work, our own MPC

Performance Engineer, Tom Theodoropoulos spoke on engine coolant, brake fluid, and gear oil. Tom delved into their types, jobs, properties, how they break down, and why (and when) they should be replaced to manage wear in their respective systems.

The crowd left with full stomachs and brains, bursting with new knowledge about the importance of fluid quality and care for their Porsches. 🍷





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## Fall Tech Wind-up

by Robert Safe

On November 13, 2022, fifty-plus PCA-C members gathered at Andy Bizub's Midwest Performance Cars in Northbrook. We were there to hear Charles Navarro (of LN Engineering) and Tom Theodoropoulos (of MPC Northbrook) discuss the nuances and critical importance of various lubricants and fluids we use in our cars, and how to properly maintain and monitor them.

Of course, we'd set aside time to catch up with other members, poke around in the garage (I for one would like to know more about that cool 356 outlaw Speedster tucked away in the back of the shop) and enjoyed a selection of tasty sandwiches and beverages. Lots of prizes were also raffled off to

benefit SparkShop, PCA-Chicago's charity for this year.

As you all know, Andy is a very active Club supporter who sponsors several Club events each season. He's also an avid Porsche fan; most of us recognize "Kermit," his green first-gen Boxster, often seen at Club autocross events; and his "Feral Hog," a 996 Carrera that he built into a safari-style rig, so don't forget to ask about the pictures of it working out in the dirt; great stuff.

Andy and his crew always bring the fun as well as the tech, and this event stayed true to form. See you at the next one! 🍷

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## Drivers Education 2022: A Smorgy!

by Dana Comolli

**Our final event of the 2022 Drivers Education season** was driving the full track course at Autobahn—our ninth DE event of the season—which made it the busiest season in recent memory. However, the weather definitely did not cooperate; the high for the day was below the normal low and it was the coldest day in October by nearly ten degrees. We did not have any novice instruction at this event, so the classroom in the south tower became the “place to be” for those who wanted to get in out of the cold. For those drivers on street tires, the cool temperatures did not pose much of an issue. Those driving on slicks reported mixed results, with some drivers reporting little grip, while others said it was fine. We’ll be return-



ing again in 2023 and based on feedback from the attendees, will be including classroom instruction as well as a track-talk session.

Looking back at 2022, the season was veritable smorgasbord for the DE participant. Attendees had the opportunity to drive five different track configurations (most ever) over the course of nine events (again, most ever) for a total of sixteen track days. We also held an

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event that included run groups that allowed Porsche SUVs to run in open lapping sessions (first time ever), and we expanded our virtual pre-event classroom sessions to include a track-walk before the Octoberfiesta event.

For 2023, we will again be doing nine events at five different tracks. Once again, we'll have an event that has open lapping for Macan and Cayenne owners as well as plenty of classroom and online instruction for drivers at any level.

For those of you who have never taken your car on a track but want to give it a try, I strongly suggest attending the Precision Driving School in April, followed by our Novice Day at Blackhawk in May. These two events are a great way to experience what your car can do. It will also teach you the basics in a fun, safe, and controlled environment designed to appeal to anyone who loves their car. 🍷

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# The SOCIAL SCENE

by Robert Safe



## Porsches & Pastries & Packing

Porsches & Pastries events are always fun. We do a quick polish, meet up, look at cars, and enjoy a cup of coffee and each other's company. What could be better? So, on October 30 we found a way to do all of that *and* support the work of SparkShop, the Club's charity for 2022.

Eager Club volunteers formed into three teams and spread out around the packing tables. Our mission? To quickly assemble over 400 kits to be used in the STEM education curriculum created and distributed by SparkShop, mostly to public schools in the Chicago area.<sup>1</sup> Perhaps most importantly, SparkShop provides an educational focus that teaches young students critical



photo: Robert Safe



thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and sound decision-making skills. This, in turn, prepares them for higher learning and more successful careers: the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that STEM workers make a median annual wage nearly double that of the average worker.

Some of the comments overheard included things like "I don't care about cars, or that silly stuff, but I do care about this and wanted to help" (blasphemy, but a true volunteer); and "how else can I help with this?"

I really enjoy Porsches and Pastries events, and on this occasion I and a whole bunch of other Club members got to do that and



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<sup>1</sup> For the acronym challenged, STEM means "Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics." This is the stuff that takes America into space, creates powerful computers that fit in your hand, and designs safer cars.



experience something even better.

Thank you SparkShop for your leadership. And thank you Engineering Systems, Inc. (and our own Club President and an Engineering Systems Senior Consultant Stanley Sangdahl) for hosting this special event. Want to do more? Go to [www.sparkshop.org](http://www.sparkshop.org) to learn how to volunteer.

I learned something else on Oct 30: *exactly* 12 box containers of coffee and 8 dozen tasty donuts and bagels will fit into a 991.2 generation Carrera. 🍩



## P & P and Toys for Tots

On November 19th the Club got together for our last Porsches & Pastries event of the 2022 season. In addition to the opportunity for PCA-C members to socialize, the greater purpose was to support the mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

The day started off cold, gray, and windy . . . and stayed that way. Flying a big welcome banner, our friends at Labriola Café & Bakery created an area inside their Oak Brook store to collect donations, warm up, and enjoy a fresh cup of hot coffee. Store

manager Nick Morrow and his staff took good care of us during what had been planned as an outdoor event.

2022 marks the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program of giving to children in need throughout the United States. Our specific event was held in support of the communities in DuPage County.

The Toys for Tots mission in DuPage County was started 31 years ago by a single Marine volunteer working out of his garage. Now in his 70s, he is still an active volunteer for the organization. In this spirit, we were joined by Marine Corps volunteers



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Gunnery Sergeant Jan Aporongao and Sergeant Roy Pura. They cheerfully received donations, spoke with Club members about the campaign, and answered questions about the other work they've done as Marines. They were joined by Diane Busman, Head Elf and 2022 Campaign Coordinator for the DuPage County Toys for Tots program. Diane explained that a 2021 census report revealed that over 167,000 children under the age of 14 live in poverty in DuPage County, which clearly highlights the current relevance of the Toys for Tots program. Club members, of course, embraced

the Marine Corps mission with enthusiasm and quickly filled the donation boxes to overflowing.

I want to share a telling detail with you about our Marine Corps volunteers. Before they learned we would set up inside the store, they had already declined my invitation to wear their comfortable and warm utility uniforms and insisted instead on wearing their Dress Blues because they wanted to "show up" for the Club. Sure, it was cold and blustery outside, but everyone had a good time and felt warmed in the company of such kind and generous people. 🍷



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# A Creation, a Call-Out

When you're a creator, everyone tells you that cliché, "Only you see the mistakes." Maybe so, but I want to highlight such a "mistake," or perhaps a "challenge:" to talk about the people and the volunteers

by Adam Kern

who make Checkeditout the happening that it is. Since 2018, Checkeditout has been a part of the West Loop / Fulton Market community.<sup>1</sup> Due to our ties to the community, we were given carte blanche on 20,000 square feet of warehouse space, courtesy of our friend, supporter, and fellow PCA-Chicago member, Armando Chacon.

Creating a vision for the space with Dan Cubric was only the beginning. During the summer, we scheduled many work

sessions with our volunteer crew, for demo, cleaning, and painting. This warehouse was a wreck but it had major potential. Region members like Scott Nacheman, Paul Bilek, Rob Harkey, Derek and Grace Chen, and Jim Elliott attended many of these work sessions. Also, in true Checkeditout fashion, there was a secret mural art project brewing.

Jas Petersen is a prominent Chicago artist with murals across the globe. Jas' work often features automobiles with her character 'Fast Girl.' Jas' urban art was a natural fit for the Checkeditout aesthetic. A key ingredient for a mural is not just the wall space—while I had the inspiration, the project's muse was Checkeditout's Jenny Rhoades—and Jas could not have been more excited about the collaboration. Our dear friend Jenny is very deserving for a special call-out, having gone through an extended bout with blood cancer. The crew was busy blacking out the warehouse walls in preparation for the mural and the Porsche Classic Restoration Challenge, but more on that later.

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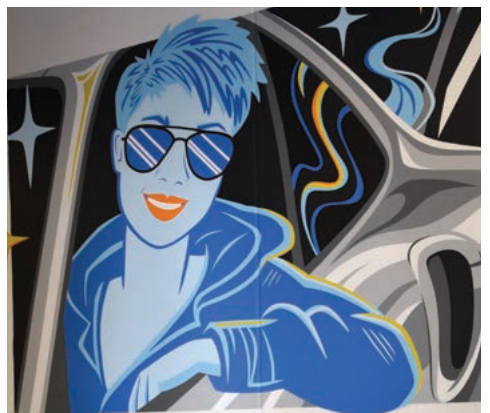


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<sup>1</sup> See *The Chicago Scene*, January 2019, p.32, <https://pca-chicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SceneJan19.pdf>

# A Creation, a Call-Out continued

With about five weeks to go, the warehouse was vandalized. Critically, the copper lines in the electrical system were ransacked. While the crew had no choice but to abandon this location, the Checkeditout project was saved by Khalil Abderrhaman, as we pivoted to Alpha Garage Chicago. Not only did we have more square footage (and working electric), but we had a mural wall for Jas to work her magic. With Alpha's assistance, we were able to morph their storage area into the Napleton Porsche Classic Garage to host the Eastern final of the Porsche Classic Restoration Challenge. Twelve restored Porsches from 12 different dealers were on display for our charity cocktail party Friday night and the main event Saturday morning. Included in the group were three dealerships that support the Chicago Region: Barrington Porsche, The Porsche



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Exchange, and Checkeditout sponsor Westmont Porsche.

Checkeditout 2022 has ended, attendees did not notice the "mistakes," and the volunteer thank you party was on. Thousands of people attended; 400 cars were on site, with one leaving the event with a new caretaker (nice job Barnaba Autosport). Thanks to: the Checkeditout Crew, 70 volunteers strong; presenting sponsors Napleton Westmont Porsche and Porsche Downtown Chicago; and everyone who helped us raise \$11,000 for Crushers Club, a very deserving charity that mentors the youth of Englewood, as PCA-Chicago may well recall from the 2021 season. 🍌

# 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

*Preliminary Calendar of Events. Event details are subject to change and several dates and venues are to be determined.  
Please refer to the Club's website for updated information.*

## JANUARY

- 4 Board Meeting
- 15 General Membership Meeting

## FEBRUARY

- 8 Board Meeting
- 18 Valentine's Day Social, Cooper's Hawk
- 26 Chili Tasting & Concours Clinic, The Porsche Exchange

## MARCH

- 5 Swap Meet, TBD
- 8 Board Meeting
- 11 St. Pat's Social, TBD
- 19 Concours Novice, Napleton
- 25 HPDE Instructor Workshop, Blackdog Speedshop

## APRIL

- 1 Porsches & Pastries 1, Labriola
- 5 Board Meeting
- 16 Tech Session, Northstar, Barrington
- 23 Concours Judges School, MPC
- 29 AX School, Wintrust Field

## MAY

- 3 Board Meeting
- 5 Blackhawk 1, Novice Day
- 6 Porsches & Pastries 2, TBD
- 7 Rallye School, Engineering Systems
- 13 AX 1, Wintrust Field
- 21 Rallye 1, TBD
- 26-28 RADE, Road America

## JUNE

- 4 AX 2, Tire Rack (tentative)
- 7 Board Meeting
- 9-11 Summer Driving Tour
- 10 Porsches & Pastries 3, Blackdog
- 17 AX 3, NOW Arena
- 18-24 Porsche Parade
- 23 Blackhawk 2
- 24 Golf Outing, White Pines
- 25 Concours 1, Bolingbrook

## JULY

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Rallye 2, TBD
- 11 Blackhawk 3
- 15 Concours 2 & Potter's Picnic
- 22 AX 4, Wintrust Field
- 28 Sportscar & SUV HPDE, Autobahn

## AUGUST

- 5 Ice Cream Social, Superdawg
- 6 Rallye 3
- 9 Board Meeting
- 11-13 Gingerman HPDE
- 27 Geneva Concours, Show and Shine

## SEPTEMBER

- 1-4 TRAC, Road America
- 2 Concours 3, Elkhart Lake, WI
- 6 Board Meeting
- 9 AX 5, Wintrust Field
- 10 Rallye 4, TBD
- 17 Social/Show & Shine, Roads United
- 23-24 Oktoberfest, Blackhawk
- 29-<sup>OCT</sup>1 Fall Driving Tour

## OCTOBER

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Porsches & Pastries 4, TBD
- 8 Rallye 5, TBD
- 14 Multi-Region BBQ, Elkhorn, WI
- 16 Autobahn Full Track, Autobahn

## NOVEMBER

- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Tech Session, TBD
- 18 P & P 5 / Toys for Tots, TBD

## DECEMBER

- 9 Dinner Dance, TBD



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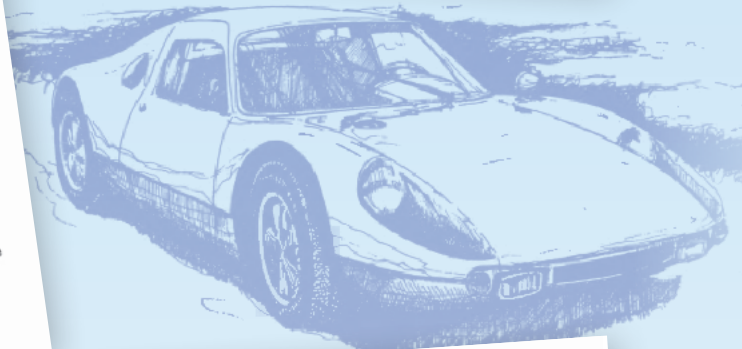
We ended the year on a fun note. The dinner dance was great. If you missed it, don't let that happen again. Helga Meyer was chosen as our region's enthusiast of the year, deservedly so, she works very hard for us, often without you or I even knowing it.

George and I would like to thank Jim Dorfman for the fantastic arrangement of photos depicting Chuck Stoddard presenting George his award at Elkhart. He even had the tears showing.

We'd like to thank the club for another great year. Without you there is nothing. We look forward to an even bigger and better year this time around.

Lots of fun in '81.

*Linda*



Dear Chicago Region,

Words failed me Saturday evening at the dinner/dance as I accepted this tremendous honor you bestowed upon me: "Enthusiast of the Year." But after contemplating it for a week, I'm still at a loss for words. When one has such a wonderful group of people as the Chicago Region members, with whom to work and to be associated, it is naturally very easy to be enthusiastic and to want to contribute to the club. When everyone is so cooperative and helpful at our events, the mood is contagious.

Thank you for the beautiful mirror with the Porsche crest emblazoned upon it and the lovely engraving. It is the biggest honor of my life. I said it Saturday night at the dinner/dance, and I want to say again, that I appreciate your confidence in me.

- Helga Meyer

The following was received from Mark Smedley after the untimely passing of Steve McQueen.

A friend of the House of Porsche has passed...

His celluloid perspective of LeMans

His no stunt, one-take drive in Bullitt

His 2nd in the 908 at Sebring  
Although of different worlds, many of us shared with him a common love of individuality, good equipment, and a good road.

Damnit, it was too soon, McQueen!



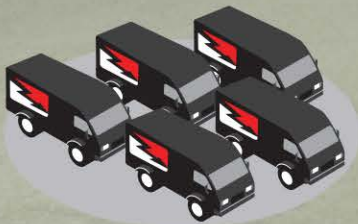
Tom: Matthew, this is where you're going to have to clean if we want to win any concours next year.

Matthew: But, Dad, why does it have to be so clean?

Tom: The family that concours together, stays together.



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