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The Porsche Wave

While the title may sound like an impending invasion of Porsche vehicles, nothing is further from the truth. Porsche manufactured a little more than 300,000 cars total in 2021 with less than a quarter of those destined for the North American market. Similarly, while the U.S. is the second largest market for Porsche vehicles globally (China being the largest), the U.S. sales of Porsche were less than 0.5 percent of total U.S. car sales that year.

By most estimates, about 70 percent of all Porsches ever made are still operating on the road. While quality of design and craftsmanship are significant factors, it's also true that most Porsche owners are fastidious with regards to the care and maintenance of their vehicles. Looking at the available data for all Porsche models sold in the U.S. since the first 356 rolled off the line, an estimate of the total number of Porsche automobiles ever sold in the U.S. is a little over 1.5 million.

This suggests that there are somewhat more than one million Porsche cars still being driven on the road today. When you consider that there are about 110 million cars registered in the U.S., the chances that any one of those cars being a Porsche is less than 1 percent. All this makes seeing a Porsche on the road a less-than-frequent event.

The reason for all these statistics and to circle back to the gist of the title, is that whenever I encounter another Porsche on the road, I will give the driver a little wave of acknowledgment. The “Porsche Wave.” It's usually just a flick of the hand sometimes accompanied by a little nod of the head. Almost all Boxster, Cayman, and 911 owners reciprocate, acknowledging that we do indeed belong to a small group of automobile enthusiasts. Usually, but not always, when I give the “Porsche Wave” to a passing Macan, Cayenne, Panamera or (more frequently now) a Taycan it is sometimes met with an inquisitive look from the other driver asking themselves, “Do I know that person?” Being, and having been, an owner and driver of several different Porsche models, including the Macan, I can attest that all Porsche automobiles are cut from the same cloth. The Porsche engineering, design and manufacturing stress the importance of performance and driver engagement with their vehicle. Given these special attributes and the relative rarity means that everyone should feel that special camaraderie that comes with owning and driving a Porsche.

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All About the “All Around”

by Brian Scifers

Well, maybe it’s not fair to title this “All About” because that implies a level of mastery that doesn’t befit me. However, I’m just fortunate enough to have learned about the All Around at a time I was gunning to do every Club thing possible. That good fortune and effort led me to a 1st place for the 2022 All Around, so let’s talk about the breadcrumbs that led me there.

The All Around Award is presented to the high scoring Club member who participates in all of the Club’s non-racing competitive disciplines: Autocross, Concours, and Rallye (driver or navigator). The January Scene gave you a glimpse of the many avenues that bring people to the Club. As you may also know, many PCA-Chicago members began Club life because of a certain event “trigger;” for me, it was a desire to drive my own car on track.

After joining the Club in 2018, I learned about Autocross and various PCA-C social events. Though I truly enjoyed my

1998 Boxster, I convinced myself (like many others before me) that elevating my experience required an equipment swap: my new-to-me Cayman.



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All About the “All Around” continued



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As it turns out, 2021 was my “year of awakening” in terms of Club participation. I attended twice as many events as I had in any previous year, and made a point of becoming familiar with each of the Club’s event types. Taking a 1st place in Rallye School certainly helped to fix those events in my plans for the rest of the year, but honestly, we’d do them regardless of how we placed!

My first Concours event was located at a venue just 15 minutes from home (a great excuse to check them out, and then participate in every remaining Concours for the remainder of the season, improving on my ability to “properly” care for my Cayman). By this point, time on the track (High Performance Drivers Ed (“HPDE”)) and Autocross were already mainstays of my season itinerary, so when asked whether I going for the All Around this year, I thought, “Sure, why not!” As it turned out, I placed third for the 2021 Season All Around, which was an affirmation that I had

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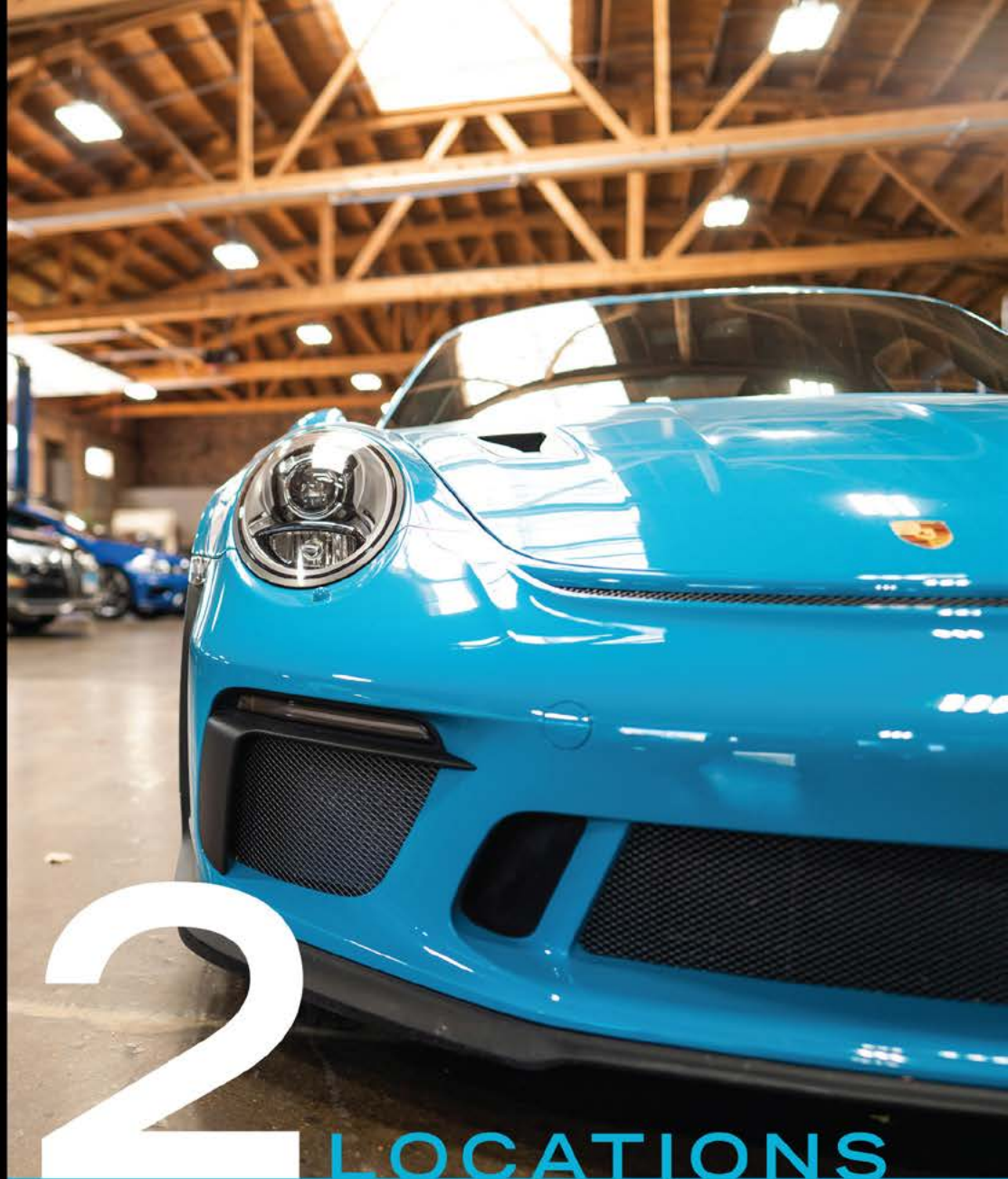
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met my goal to get out and drive. I loved staying busy in the Club, while broadening my horizons meeting exponentially more members now considered friends. Nowadays, I’ll happily introduce members that are not “regulars” for any given event and find true joy in witnessing connections being made.

Although 2022 felt like I’d scaled back on events attended, my ClubRegistration history proved otherwise. So, for me I would I say the All Around means this: it’s bonus points earned in the game of life with PCA-Chicago; you get to have a great time doing all of the driving and “competition” events the Club has to offer;

and you can secretly build up your scorecard while squeezing all the enjoyment possible out of driving your Porsche. In closing, I cannot recommend enough that anyone new to the Club should sign up for all of the season’s events and go crazy! And for those who have some history with the Club, consider checking out the events you haven’t attended in a while as they do change up over time (just ask the Rallye folks, who have now gone high tech).

PCA-Chicago truly is a car Club whose members are what makes it so special, and the best way to meet the members is to get out and participate in all the events that PCA-C has to offer. 🍷



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From Air-Cooled Aircraft to Air-Cooled Porsches: Kurt's German Autowerks

by Patrick Yanahan

Back in the early 70s, Kurt Hipke wanted to work on aircraft engines, so he enrolled in Lewis University's aviation program to study this complex subject. Little did he know, however, that his aspirations would eventually take him into the Porsche world: by the time he completed his studies, a recession had forced the airlines to put a hold on new hires. With comprehensive training on air-cooled big engines and forced to be creative, he realized that Porsche sports cars were powered by . . . air-cooled engines! Hmmm. After being given a lead to what was then Brynnessan Porsche in Hinsdale, Kurt made a cold call on a Friday, and started work the following Monday! His formal "air cooled" training thus paid off and he quickly became a "go to" mechanic, filling in on complex special assignments and projects.

Fast forward 32 years in the dealer network, Kurt finally answered the call in 2007 and started his own shop, specializing in what are now called "early" 911s. He also works on the now-collectable four-cylinder model 356, often a challenge, since they were often not properly taken care of, as specified by the factory. Nobody realized how collectable the old 356s were going to become, and to this date, Kurt's still gets an occasional visit from a collector-owner. And, as it turns out, the same market surprise

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◀ Kurt and his fully-prepped 911T at a recent TRAC event.

has emerged with the early 911s, which has exploded in value: total overhauls of early 911 engines and transmissions have become something of a sweet spot for his shop.

In this regard, Kurt has been driven by a desire to do things right, rather than just changing components. When asked about the biggest mistakes being made in the industry, Kurt's answer is quick: "misdiagnosis and not doing it right the first time." Following the Porsche factory guidelines and only using genuine original Porsche parts is a standard he lives by; and additional value includes understanding carburetors. Many of the 911s from the early 70s had multiple carbs which are hard to tune to make them really sing.



Nevertheless, when asked which projects are the most fun, Kurt responds, "they're all fun, and all are challenging." With all of this experience with early Porsches how does he think about the brand-new Porsches – "They are technological marvels at their best!"¹

◀ Kurt and a fellow Club member discussing all things Porsche.

¹ Kurt Hipke is a Master Technician with over 47 years of experience working with Porsche & Audi brands.

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“Back to Basics:” Concours Judges School 2023

Members of PCA-Chicago have an opportunity to hear firsthand from nationally-recognized Concours judges and award winners about the “hows” and “whys” of judging and being judged at a national event level. Two of this event’s presenters—Pat Yanahan and I (Michael Grove)—are not only longtime PCA-C Concours program leaders, but will also be the 2023 Porsche Parade Concours Co-Chairs, a testament to the strength of the Region’s concours program.

The Chicago Region Concours team will be hosting their 24th annual Judges School on Sunday, April 23rd at Midwest Performance Cars in Northbrook. Learn how to judge the various areas of a Porsche, including the exterior, interior, storage, engine, and chassis. See, too, what a 0.1 point deduction entails, and how it can matter! Do you know when the brake caliper is judged? These sessions (and answers to these questions) will be of value to any



by Michael Grove



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“Back to Basics:” Concours Judges School 2023 continued



prospective competitor looking to enter their car in a Chicago Region or National Concours.

The focus of this year's seminars will be on the basics of judging and understanding the score sheet. This content will benefit beginner and seasoned judges, and entrants alike. After lunch, an optional session will be presented on judging and showing at the 2023 Porsche Parade to be held in Palm Springs, CA on June 18–24.

Full details and registration information for the 2023 Concours Judges School can be found on the Chicago Region website. <https://pca-chicago.org/> 🍷



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Concours, 2010 - St. Charles, IL

Parade 2023: And So It Begins!

by Jack Stephensen

We've all heard about PCA-National's Porsche Parade, held annually in scenic areas across the country, but unless you've attended a Parade, you might not understand what the event actually is: a national scale, week-long Porsche convention that draws cars and people from across the United States and Canada to a single, expansive location.

Parade venues are selected three to four years in advance, and up to forty volunteer organizers must bear down as early as a full year in advance to ensure that this showcase event is a success. It's no wonder why Parade branding is hallmarked by the slogan, "Fueled by Volunteers."

Every Parade begins with a Welcome Party on Sunday night, though in reality it's more accurately characterized as a "Welcome Back



TSD Rally, 2022 - The Poconos, PA



Autocross, 2022 - The Poconos, PA

Party:" I frequently hear Parade referred to as a "Family Reunion Week," since it's not unusual to find couples and families who've been attending Parade for decades. That's the secret to Parade success: once you've attended one Parade, you're a member of the Parade family and bitten by the Parade Bug!

The first of the major competitive events occurs on Monday: Concours d' Elegance Day! Here you'll see hundreds of impeccably maintained Porsches, prepared by novices and experts alike. Neither is it unusual to see

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Parade 2023: And So It Begins! continued

members of *the* Porsche family, as well as Porsche executives from both Germany and Atlanta, strolling the venue and taking in the sight of these magnificently arrayed cars.

Tuesday is TSD Rally Day, which is organized for both novice and expert Rally teams. As such, the Rally route instructions are kept manageable, with the goal of allowing all participants to enjoy a previously undriven venue and enjoy the opportunity to experience beautiful and fun-to-drives roads.

Wednesday and Thursday are all about the Autocross. Here, you'll be competing not only against yourself, but also against people from around the country in an effort to improve your results on each run. It's all about enjoying your Porsche, and pushing it to its full potential!



Concours, 2012 – Salt Lake City, UT

photo: Michael Grove



Autocross, 2022 – The Poconos, PA

Other competitive events are also scheduled for midweek: the PCA Golf outing takes place on Wednesday; and the Gimmick Rally takes place on Thursday. However, the Rally offers fun in a different way: you can drive with multiple people in the car, and you can also compete in a non-Porsche vehicle. This is a great event to run with your kids or family!

Friday's Tech Quiz Day marks the final competition of the week. Here you can show off your knowledge of Porsches by taking a model-dependent quiz combined with a general knowledge challenge involving our favorite marque.

But wait, there's more! Throughout the week, all manner of organized driving tours are scheduled to highlight each Club region's important or notable destinations. If you don't

want to venture out from the event's resort area, there are other Porsche-specific activities, from seminars on local winery or brewing specialties, to cooking classes focused on local cuisine. Long story short: there's always something to do, including mid-week banquets held on most evenings, award banquets for each day's events, and the Saturday Victory Banquet for the event as a whole.

This year's Parade is being held from June 18th to the 24th at the famous La Quinta Resort and Club in Palm Springs, California. Please don't dally: event registration has opened, lodging is limited, and availability typically closes out quickly. Even as a spectator sport, though, this year's venue has long been considered a getaway for many of the Hollywood elites back in the day.

What's not to like? It's a wonderful destination, and we hope to see you there! 🍷

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Concours, 2013 – Traverse City, MI

Pat Yanahan (left, *in absentia* for Preservation Class winner Candyce Jones) and Preparation Class winner John Diwik (right).

photo: Patrick Yanahan



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- Too much testosterone at those male-dominated events
- Don't own a Porsche
- Don't have the need for speed
- Don't want to or are intimidated to drive partner's Porsche
- Don't want partner's judgement or advice about driving

Over the years, as we've encouraged women to come out and participate, these are the things we've heard. Well, now there is an opportunity just for you to get behind the wheel of your Porsche sports car, Porsche SUV, or non-Porsche sports car and experience what it is like to drive on the North racetrack in Joliet, IL. It's a well-established fact that women tend to be better drivers on the track—just ask any PCA driving instructor! Not necessarily faster, though sometimes, but better because they listen to instructions and implement quickly.

This is an event just for ladies, run by ladies (and Dana).

Please consider joining us Thursday, June 15th. You never know, you may love it as we all do! **Plus, this event will be highly subsidized, if not FREE!—sponsored entirely by Napleton Westmont Porsche!** You have nothing to lose. Instructors will be provided, as needed.



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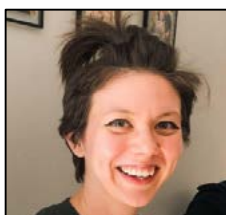
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2023 General Membership Meeting: All Aboard! by Robert Safe

PCA-C's General Membership Meeting on January 15th was a huge success, with 200 members in attendance at The Wild Onion Brewery in Lake Barrington. It was a nice sunny winter day, and as soon as the doors opened, members gathered inside and began catching up with friends while enjoying a locally made beverage.

After a buffet-style lunch Club President Stanley Sangdahl and the Club's Event Coordinators took the stage to preview the forty-five events that will take place throughout the year. It was



also an occasion to recognize the individual achievements of several Club members during the previous year. In addition, the program was periodically punctuated by raffle awards to help keep things lively.

Chicago Mobile Makers was introduced as the Club's Charity of the Year for 2023. A brief video explained their mission: to create programming that encourages youth to become advocates and change-makers in their own communities through design-focused, skill-building workshops. Members were pleased and encouraged

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to learn about the positive influence our Club will have by supporting Chicago Mobile Makers throughout the year.

As the meeting wound down, members lingered to chat and make plans for upcoming events. Overall, it was a successful and enjoyable event that set the tone for a great season ahead. 🍷



St. Valentine's Day Lunch *by Stanley Sangdahl*

On the Saturday after Valentine's Day, eighty-six members of the Chicago Region gathered together at the Arlington Heights Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant for lunch in the Barrel Room. An intimate and cozy setting, this venue has

quickly become a favorite gathering for this occasion, and never disappoints.

The event started off with appetizers and a selection of choice beverages, with the opportunity to mingle and



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greet old friends, as well as meeting new ones. Interspersed between salad, choice of entrée, and the always delicious chocolate cake dessert there were announcements and charity raffle awards. Please also note that through the generous support of those who attended, we were able to collect \$545 for our 2023 charity, Chicago Mobile Makers.

This is the second year that my wife Nicki and I have coordinated the event at this venue, and we've really enjoyed doing so. The staff at Cooper's Hawk is fabulous and quickly anticipates all our needs. While we'd gladly continue to host the Valentine's Day Lunch in the future, we wouldn't object if other Club members would like



to get more involved with the Club and try their hand at coordinating an event. I'm not sayin', I'm just sayin', this would be an easy and fun choice. And Nicki and I will help. See you at the next one! 🍷



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Endless Summer: Extending the Driving Season into Winter in the Southwestern U.S.

by Michael Bene



For the past four years, I've had the fortune to drive my 991-generation 911 across the country to spend a warmer winter in Scottsdale, Arizona. I've never shied away from spending more than a few hours in the driver's seat. It's a lot of seat time, but I'm always impressed with how comfortable the car is on long distances. I've done the drive over two days and three days taking various routes, but if you're considering something similar, two of my favorite choices are:

1. Tracing old Route 66 through Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Northern Arizona, with stops in iconic towns like Tucumcari, Gallup, and Winslow. Adding pitstops in places like the Painted Desert to keep things interesting; or,
2. Taking the northern route through the windswept grass plains of Central Kansas, Dodge City, the Oklahoma Panhandle, and the Santa Fe Trail through Northern New Mexico. Most of this route after Kansas is designated as a National "Automotive Touring Route" by the National Park Service.



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month. Car Week is anchored by the Barrett-Jackson auction, Concours d'Elegance in Scottsdale, and Concours in the Hills in Fountain Hills.

At just about any other time during the winter, there are regular cars and coffee events almost every weekend.

It's also a great jumping off point for road trips of five hours or less:

1. the Grand Canyon
2. Sedona and Flagstaff
3. Tucson
4. Paige and Horseshoe Bend
5. Monument Valley
6. the many other State and National parks of Arizona and Southern Utah

7. Las Vegas!
8. Palm Springs (...Parade, anyone?)
9. Los Angeles and San Diego



I'm always thankful for the time that I get to explore the highways and backroads of our great country. We do enjoy the weeks we are able to spend in the southwest during the winter months, and I recommend it to anyone who is able to spend even just a few days or a week there, to do so, preferably with a car at your disposal. 🍷



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Moving On

by Maya Bird-Murphy and Katherine Darmstadt¹

Mobile Makers, founded in 2017, is a nonprofit organization working to make design education more accessible to underrepresented Chicago youth. Its mission is to engage and empower young people through design and skill-building workshops; to train and support future public interest designers, architects, and makers; and to advocate for equity and social, economic, gender, and racial diversity in the design and architecture fields. Mobile Makers offers design, architecture, digital fabrication, and basic construction workshops to encourage youth ages 8-18 to become advocates and change-makers in their own communities and build lifelong design and problem-solving skills.

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“...an award-winning organization that meaningfully engages hundreds of young people each year.”



¹ Maya Bird-Murphy is the Founder and Executive Director of Mobile Makers, and Katherine Darmstadt is Mobile Makers' PCA-Chicago Liaison.



Mobile Makers grew out of founder Maya Bird-Murphy's Master of Architecture thesis. Bird-Murphy had become frustrated with the lack of diversity and inclusion she experienced while working in traditional architectural settings. What started as a small side project became an award-winning organization that meaningfully engages hundreds of young people each year.

In 2020, Mobile Makers converted a retired USPS van into a mobile makerspace to expose community members to the world of design. This year, Mobile Makers has many exciting upcoming projects, including serving as the Chicago Architecture Biennial's exclusive Education Partner. 🍷





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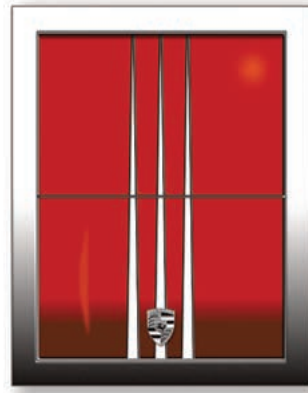
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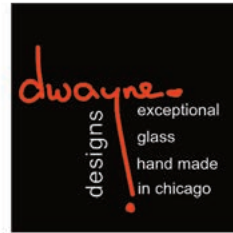
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*Preliminary Calendar of Events. Event details are subject to change and several dates and venues are to be determined.
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MARCH

- 5 Swap Meet, MPC - Northbrook
- 8 Board Meeting
- 11 St. Pat's Social, Hardware
- 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, Calibre Coffee, South Barrington
- 7 Rallye School, Engineering Systems
- 13 AX 1, Wintrust Field
- 21 Rallye 1, TBD
- 25-28 RADE, Road America

JUNE

- 4 AX 2, Tire Rack (tentative)
- 7 Board Meeting
- 9-11 Summer Driving Tour
- 10 Porsches & Pastries 3, Blackdog
- 15 Ladies' DE Day, Autobahn
- 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

OCTOBER

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Porsches & Pastries 4, TBD
- 8 Rallye 5, TBD
- 16 Autobahn Full Track, Autobahn
- 20-22 Fall Driving Tour

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 9 Dinner Dance, TBD



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It's Why You Bought The Car

by Jim Jacisin, President

Really Why You Bought It

You stand in line, patiently waiting your turn. You can see the ride, hear it, even feel it. But until you're actually on it, there is nothing like the experience. When you're on a rollercoaster, along your way up, you hear all the safety equipment clanging from under the rails to keep you from falling. Well, that has been all the school and hard work that has prepared us for the year ahead. We've learned to Auto-cross, Concours, Rallye, keep things safe and track our cars. We're ready, up to a point.

Remember on a rollercoaster when that rhythmic clanging stops? You're at the top looking precariously at the drop below. And what happens? They hang you up there intentionally for a moment just so it's clear to you and everyone else that something terribly exciting is about to happen, something a little dangerous that will take your breath away, something that once you start, nothing on this earth will stop it. Welcome to [Spring]. This is truly the calm before the storm. From now until the end of the year is the thrill ride of a lifetime. It really is why you bought the car.

So strap it down and cinch it up, hands inside the car, we're all in for a ride. The keys are waiting, get out there.



Jim Jacisin at the February Board Meeting
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- ★ Friday, June 23, 2023
- ★ Super Tuesday, July 11, 2023
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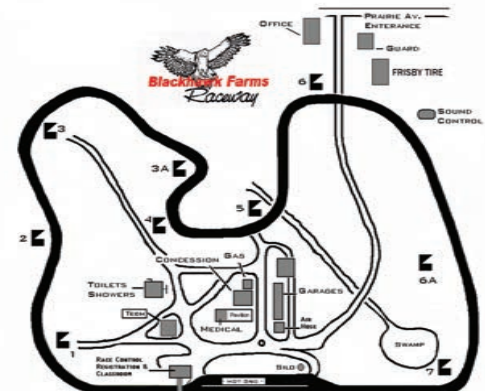


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Blackhawk



Two Friday & one Tuesday events plus our two-day Oktoberfest weekend.

The season begins with our Novice Day event on Friday, May 5th. This event is dedicated to the novice driver. This is the event to attend if you are new to the club. We typically have 30 or more novice drivers at this event so in addition to learning how to handle your vehicle. It is also a great way to meet fellow club members. Again this year we will be incorporating one experienced group at this Novice Day event. This group is open to all who have previous track experience but have not reached the Instructor level.

The June 23 and our Super Tuesday July 11 events are open to 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.

Why Super Tuesday? Easy day to take off and who takes off Tuesday's? Tuesdays are slow at work, fast on track with a relaxed atmosphere, Boss won't even know you are away. Keeps a weekend open in July! Ya Gotta love it!

The season ends with the Oktoberfest two-day weekend event. This is open to drivers with previous experience. No novice instruction will be provided. The weekend event includes our famous dinner party Saturday: We will be featuring a classic German Oktoberfest food and spirits. Fun for ALL with a bon fire closing the evening. Yes, pizza at the track on Sunday.

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

Blackhawk DE I - Novice day Friday, May 5

This event is open to all drivers with an emphasis on the novice driver. Dedicated instructors will provide the novice students with a full day of instruction including classroom sessions. We will have one group open to experienced drivers in addition to the novice and instructor groups.

Blackhawk DE II and III Friday, June 23 & Super Tuesday July 11

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

Blackhawk Oktoberfest Weekend Saturday & Sunday, Sept 23 & 24

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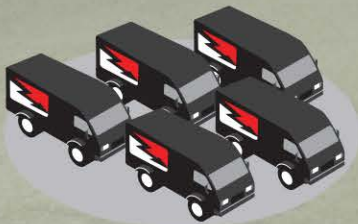
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