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Chicago Region Update

The Chicago Region has been part of the PCA family almost as long as the PCA itself, and a lot has happened over the past 66 years. The cars went from a single model—the 356—to the current eight models which come in more flavors than in an ice cream parlor. During that time, the Chicago Region has grown from an original 22 members to the current 2,588 primary and 1,372 family/affiliate members, for a current total just 40 shy of 4,000 Club enthusiasts in the Region.

In addition to being one of the oldest of the 147 Regions in the U.S. and Canada, Chicago is also one of the largest. Our size provides us with access to a multitude of resources with which to enjoy our vehicles and the camaraderie of fellow members. This allows our Region to have one of the most complete and diverse programs in PCA, with multiple events in Autocross, Club Race, Concours, High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE), Rallye, Social, Tech, and Tours. This year the Region is also hosting a total of 45 events and other car-related non-Club events outside of Club.

Along with our outstanding event program, the Region is also very strong financially. Most of our events require pre-payment by participants (thus preserving revenue for event venues, equipment costs, etc.), thus requiring a sizeable capital fund to start the season. Over the years the success of our events, particularly Driver's Education, has created this capital fund, thus allowing us to keep our fees low and unchanged for many years. Last year the Region's financial ledgers saw its first red ink in a long time due to increased costs and lower than expected event attendance. Nevertheless, there's still plenty of room to ensure the success of our operations.

I recently attended a Presidents meeting for Zone 13's eight Regions. One of the takeaways of which was how fortunate our Region is to have such a large membership. None of the other Zone 13 Regions have membership exceeding 1,000, with most having a few hundred members or less. Consequently, they do not have the resources to host the myriad of events that populate our calendar. However, there were two things we all had in common; one was the enthusiasm for the Porsche marque; and the other was the difficulty in identifying and promoting members into the Club's event and administrative roles. To that end, if you'd like to volunteer to help (with a possible track into Club management), please let us know. The pay may be low, but the gratification is well worth the effort!

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A Sell-Out! Our Spring Concours School

by Patrick Yanahan

Our annual Concours School at Napleton Porsche was standing room only. Our host, Blake Thompson, greeted us with pancakes and coffee to get us started. Well over 100 members attended the event with four presentations by Club members and the Napleton Classic Mechanics. This event continues the Chicago Region's long leadership in Concours training for members by PCA-C National winners going back to Bob

Gummow, who won by preparing and chroming many engine parts of his 356 engine to give it the “bling” that was popular then. Now, the standard of excellence is awarded to those cars that are prepared better than when they left the factory, with concentration on originality. Reflecting the National level of the Club's achievements, visitors from as far away as Indianapolis and Minnesota drove in for this year's event.



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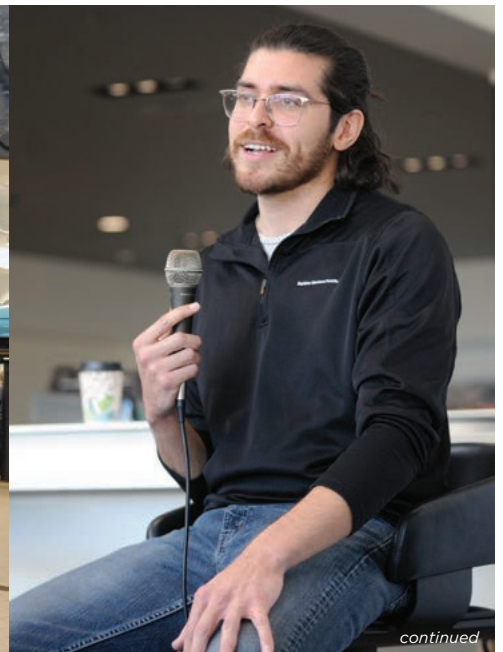


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Our Napleton presenters included Ed Zielke and Sam Mak, the only two Porsche Gold Classic Certified Technicians in the Midwest, who demonstrated the results of dry ice cleaning an undercarriage on an 911 Turbo. In addition, National lever winner John Diwik went through the “why” and “how to” of engine preparation, though as John told the attendees, on the newer cars it is just difficult to even find the engine!

John Moore and Ron Bean also presented during the event, discussing interiors using John’s award-winning 1971 911 Targa as the “demo car.” As an historical aside, this car was purchased new by John’s father, who himself was another national winner.

As for my part in the day’s events, I brought a just-out-of-restoration 1960 356 Cabriolet that had been in a major fire and

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crash. The owner bought the Ruby Red Cabriolet in 1963, and it's been her summer daily driver ever since. During restoration it was given the nickname "Mom's Car," so her son's family naturally came to the event to see the car, and even the grandchildren were eager to tell Mom that the car was a doll! I concluded my segment with a review of the new technology in car care products, which make it easy to bring out the "glow" for both street and show cars.

We concluded the day's event by holding a charity raffle, awarding Porsche Tee shirts for 50 lucky attendees.

Best always, and we hope to see you all at our events this season. 🍷

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Chili Tasting & Car Care Clinic

by *Henriette Regina*

The 2023 Chili Tasting and Car Care Clinic was a roaring success: on a beautiful, sunny day in February, 200+ members showed up to enjoy the festivities! The event was an accumulation of months of planning and preparation by the organizers, and the turnout was well beyond expectations. This event, hosted annually at The Porsche Exchange in Highland Park, has been a mainstay Club winter event for years. The venue also adds to the excitement, as attendees are able to admire the latest models in the showroom, which this year included a rare 918 Spyder.

The highlight of the event, as always, though, was the chili tasting competition. With 35 entries from passionate and talented chefs, it was a tough task for the judges to determine the winners. The chilies themselves ranged from mild to spicy, vegetarian to meat-based, and each with its own unique flavor profile. The judges sampled each chili carefully, considering factors like aroma, taste, texture, and presentation. After much deliberation, however, the top chilies in the meatiest, beaniest and non-traditional categories were selected. The winners were:

- 1 Howard Kaplan, non-traditional
- 2 Bob Dabbert, beaniest
- 3 Kryz Rootham, meatiest



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In addition to the chili competition, the event also featured an edible art contest. Six participants showcased their culinary creativity by preparing edibles ranging from a miniature car made entirely of chocolate, to a variety of individual cakes. Although the judges had a tough time selecting the winners, the top prize was eventually awarded to Shannon Costis, the creator of some very tasty Porsche-themed cookies!



In addition to the food contests, the event also featured a Car Care Clinic. Members were treated to a demonstration by The Porsche Exchange's Felicia Ortiz, showing how to apply a protective ceramic coating on a Porsche; and the Exchange's Bill Thompson, who presented a classic 1996 paint to sample Basalt Black Turbo Porsche 993 that the Exchange is restoring/preparing for Concours competition.

Once again, the clinic was very well-received, and the members appreciated the opportunity to learn from the experts. Likewise, the combination of delicious chilies and pastries, beautiful cars, and valuable information made for a truly memorable event. We're already looking forward to what next year's event will bring! 🍷

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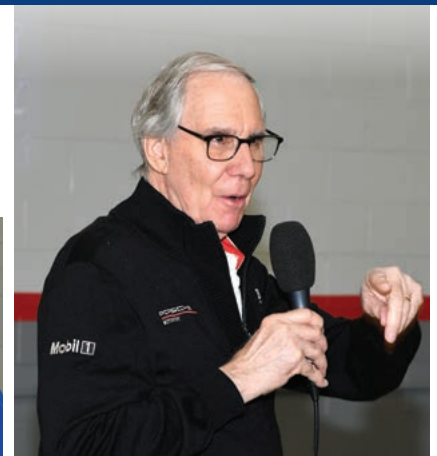


HPDE Instructor Workshop: Getting Ready for the 2023 Season

by Dana Comolli

With the 2023 driving season a little more than a month away, Chief Driving Instructor John Ruther and classroom instructors Greg Turek and Dana Comolli conducted a workshop for the Region's HPDE (a/k/a Driver's Ed) instructors at Blackdog Performance Cars in Northbrook.

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Safety, student experience, and consistency are always key themes of this highly interactive workshop attended by thirty-five instructors with experience measured in decades to first-time instructors.

The Chicago Region will be hosting ten HPDE events this year which represent seventeen track days, most of which include some type of in-car instruction for those drivers that want it. It is key that there is consistency communicating with students before and during events, synergy with what is taught in the classroom and what is taught in the car, as well as a uniform standard for what is required for a student to be given the ability to solo (drive without an instructor in the car with them).





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Augmenting the formal instruction was the networking opportunity for instructors to get to know each other better. Beyond the obvious social benefits, instructors must work together with their students to ensure a safe learning environment on the track and the better you know your colleague, the easier it is to work together in that dynamic environment. 🍷



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The community of Porsche enthusiasts is here to help you with an opportunity to network with other women PCA members while learning how to safely push the limits of your car.

For the first time in over 20 years, the PCA Chicago is hosting a High Performance Driver's Education event solely for women – no experience required!

Under the guidance of an experienced PCA track driver, you'll learn and practice how to control your car – safely and with skill. The instructor will adapt to your skill level and guide you calmly and without judgment. Experienced drivers can attest that learning how to control your car safely will not only help you on the track, but in your daily driving as well.

This event is designed for the novice who has never driven on a track, but experienced drivers are encouraged as well. Come have fun, while helping to warmly welcome novice drivers into the community of Porsche enthusiasts!

Women play many roles – as wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, professionals, business owners, and executives. Add track driver to the list! Together, we can make this event a success and ensure that it will become an annual occurrence!

Ladies, let's do this. LFG!

Your fellow wife, mom, daughter, sister, PCA member, executive, and friend:
Catherine Fischer

Event Details: June 15, 2023, 7AM – 5PM at the Autobahn Country Club

More information at: <http://pca-chicago.org/events/2023-ladies-driver-education-day>

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The SOCIAL SCENE

by Robert Safe



A St. Pat's Day Lunch at Hardware

by Robert Safe

On Saturday March 11th, about 50 Club members gathered together for a laid-back, pre-St. Patrick's Day lunch held at Hardware Sustainable Gastropub and Brewery in North Aurora.

This unique "Gastropub," already a favorite driving destination for many of our members, provided the perfect atmosphere for this event: a cozy space, a welcoming staff, comfortable seating, great food, and a selection of craft beers from their own brewery. With



so many fresh greens from their own greenhouse, and an excellent selection of in-house smoked meats made it hard to choose from. The Le Pig Mac smoked pork sandwich did it for me.

Shared tables made it nice for meeting new friends and catching up with old ones. Overheard conversations included eager anticipation of upcoming events, the status of ongoing restorations, tales of new cars soon to be delivered, as well as those old ones now regretfully sold.

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As a bonus, the restaurant sits at the end (or beginning) of a relaxing driving route taken from our collection of “Great Drives,” available on the Club website. Driving cool cars and eating great food: elements of a perfect Saturday! 🍷



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Pre-Hardware Drive

by *The Porsche Whisperer*

The unmistakable sound of Porsches fills the air as a group of friends traverse the backroads of Illinois on our way to lunch. The shortest route isn't necessarily the best. It needs some turns, of course, and some long straights to share the redline with. We're just a short drive from the city and yet we are surrounded by the beauty of nature and experience a sense of freedom and adventure. A nice drive that is over too soon. We console ourselves with delicious food and drink, and talk about the next time.



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Porsches and Pastries 1: Labriola Bakery and Café by Robert Safe

It was April Fools' Day, so I suppose it had to happen. The warm weather of the day before vanished overnight into overcast, drizzle, and a chilly wind. No golf ball size hail or tornados, though, so we still had (under the circumstances) a great turnout

of hardy Porsche fans eager to kick things off with our first Porsches and Pastries event of the year.

On the merits, we had an excellent selection of classic air-cooled cars that appeared in great shades of red, silver, gold,



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and yellow; a beautifully restored purple Targa that looked new; and a very cool Gulf livery 911 that sounded as good as it looked. Late model Carreras, Caymans and Boxsters were likewise very well represented, though I don't think I saw anyone brave enough to put the top down on this occasion. My own GT Silver Carrera even looked pretty good, having been the recipient of a fresh hand waxing the day before. And no, I don't make house calls.

The iffy weather forecast prompted a good call to push our first Show and Shine back until our next get together at Calibre Coffee in Barrington on May 6. Our judges and participants really do deserve a shot at better weather to reward their efforts and make it a good time.



Labriola Bakery and Café was, as always, a great host, offering hot coffee, tasty food, and a comfortable place to warm up on a blustery day. The season is now off and running! 🍷



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by James Kaikis

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And in its place? I decided to take my brand-new 911 on a journey. With no specific route or return date, I planned to wake up each day, choose a few destinations, and embark on the most scenic and driveable routes. I turned to *Reddit* and *ChatGPT* for recommendations on routes for my adventure. This was my chance to experience the thrill of driving, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes.

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The end result:

- 10 states
- 3464 miles
- 60 hours+ of driving

Famous routes:

- Starved Rock National Park
- Lake Osage
- Talimena Scenic Drive
- Queen Wilhelmina State Park
- Smokey Mountain National Park
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- The HellBender
- Tail of the Dragon
- Cherochala Skyway

Reflecting on my Ride to Nowhere turned Ride to Everywhere, I'm reminded of the power of embracing unexpected twists and turns in life. This journey proved that sometimes the best experiences come when things don't go according to plan—the detours, missed turns, and unplanned stops all led to unforgettable memories and experiences.

The pure joy I felt while driving through some of America's most awe-inspiring roads is something I wish every 911 driver could experience. It's easy to treat our beloved cars like garage



- A Chicago, IL
- B Starved Rock State Park
- C Springfield, IL
- D Gateway Arch National Park
- E Fanning US 66 Outpost
- F Lake Ozark Vacations
- G Bentonville, AR
- H Talihina, OK
- I Mena, AR
- J Texarkana, AR
- K Austin, TX
- L Plano, TX
- M Gatlinburg, TN
- N Soco Falls
- O Fontana Dam, NC
- P Tail of the Dragon
- Q Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort
- R Cherochala Skyway Visitor Center
- S Lexington, KY
- T Cincinnati, OH
- U Chicago, IL

queens, but why own a masterpiece if you're not going to put miles on these incredible machines like Ferdinand Alexander Porsche intended?

For more from James, please read *The Ride to Nowhere & Everywhere*, at [Porsche.Substack.Com](https://porsche.substack.com) (<https://porsche.substack.com/p/the-ride-to-nowhere-and-everywhere>). 🍷

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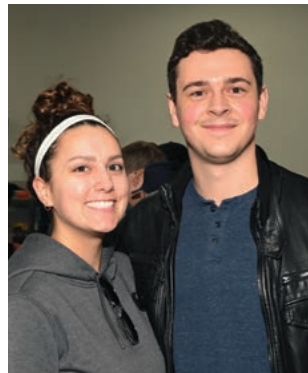


Swap Meet Long

by Adam Kern

Once a staple of PCA-C off-season events, followed by a lull, this past March the Club held its fourth resurgent swap meet in recent years. I have no recollection of how we restarted this event, but since then, I've been a part of it with Michael Grove (creating the vendor layouts) and Andy Bizub (our host) at the

Northbrook home of Midwest Performance Cars. This year was special: a week before the event, Michael Grove, many other Region members, and I were in L.A. for the Porsche Toy and Lit Show, a giant winter indoor swap meet. Consider us inspired? We wanted our event to carry that same spirit.



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Our might carries a reputation in the Midwest. As we were setting up MPC the day before, we had two gentlemen knocking on the door trying to enter: eager guys were a day early! I hope they returned on Sunday. We also had a large contingent from the Michiana Region.

Record registration—170 plus people—and it showed, the peak hours having little space between vendors. I also heard from vendors like Ed Leed that people were buying, and while he wasn't disclosing his dollar amounts, he did seem very happy!

The swap meet continues to be a great opportunity to catch up, find some gems and, get out on a winter weekend. See you next year. 🍷



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Spring Has Sprung:

On Sunday, April 16, approximately 50 PCA-Cers braved the wonderful Chicago spring weather to attend the Region's Annual Spring Tech Session. The weather alternated between cloudy, rain, and snow, but we still had Porsches galore in the parking lot. However, Kry's Rootham's beautiful GT4 got the inside parking spot as the Tech Team demo vehicle. Led by Jody Freund and Glenn DeWeirdt, the team performed a mock Tech Inspection and answered related questions.

Following that, host John Ruther introduced Pat MacLeod, the Logistics Manager at Pagid Racing, who discussed the Company's new high performance street brake pad line, called Street+. Designed for high performance street driving, autocross and light track use, this pad will be available starting in June. Pat also raffled off a set of these new pads to one of our lucky members.

the April Tech Session

hosted by: Northstar Motorsports by John Ruther





Next up was Mike Madden from Razor Image. Mike has been a long time helmet painter in the Chicagoland area, and brought several samples and discussed helmet painting in general, the cost involved, and the time necessary to get it completed.

New products available for 2023 include the Garmin Catalyst, a Driving Performance Optimizer designed to provide Real-time coaching and immediate Track session analysis for the race track driver.

Another newish product this season is a state-of-the-art Driver/Student Intercom system called Trac-Com. This system is one of the best of its kind and is recommended by PCA-Chicago for all of our instructors. Northstar is also proud to be able to discount these intercoms for Club-approved instructors: a \$100 subsidy for approved instructors who purchase one of these units.

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Spring Has Sprung: the April Tech Session continued



The Tech Session concluded with the raffle of several items: a set of new Sabelt harnesses, Pagid Street+ pads, sample packs of cleaners from Molecule for driving suits, and other Northstar merchandise. Many members likewise took advantage of the discounts on any items purchased during this event! 🍷



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\$35.00 registration fee per team. Each team must consist of a licensed driver and a navigator (both at least 18 years of age). No additional passengers will be permitted to ride along. Individual registrants may attend Rallye School for a \$18.00 registration fee.

Following the Rallye School, a **practice rallye** will be held beginning at 12:00 p.m., giving attendees the opportunity to practice newly acquired rallye skills. The rallye will conclude at the **HARDWARE Gastropub & Brewery**. Here we will announce placements, and you can ask questions of seasoned rallyists and share experiences. Join us for fun!!

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CHILI TASTING/CONCOURS SCHOOL

A J Tiller

On Sunday February 26th, Joe Rizza Porsche in Orland Park opened their doors to us for our Chili Tasting/Concours School/Kids Special/Social Event. Thanks to the folks at Rizza for their hospitality ... we appreciate being asked back.

The event was well attended with some of the best chili and edible art entrees ever!

Pat Yanahan had an excellent concours prep area where most of the attendees found themselves demonstrating their skills of paint work prep and shine. Included were paint chip perfection again by the concour master of the region.

Dan Gallagher had his anniversary edition Boxster in ready to be judged.



Pat Yanahan demonstrates what can be done with a toothpick ... talk about 'attention to detail!'

photo by Lou Elsner



Nick Brenkus with his award winning Porsche Crest and the Porsche Crest

photo by Chris Inglot



Fun for kids of all ages

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Since at least the dawn of time (pre-21st century!), PCA-Chicago has held a late-winter/early-spring annual chili cooking contest. Way back then, contest categories were varied and abundant: tomato-iest, hottest, bean-iest, veggi-est, to name only a few. On February 24, 2019, however, the PCA-Chili world has been rocked by the arrival of a new class, or perhaps even genus of chili contest categories: the "most non-traditional!" Be sure to attend next year's contest: it's for you! 🍲

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condition to be used as an example of all of the areas of concour perfection.

Chili Award Winners:

- Meatiest (Tex Mex) - Shirley Cook
- Hottest (Fiesta Chili) - Larry Gonzalez
- Beaniest - Bonnie Yanahan
- Tomatoest - April Milhouse
- Veggiest - April Milhouse
- Greatest Presentation (Ozark Chili) - Karen Morse

Edible Art Winners:

- 1st Chocolate Porsche Crest - Nick Brenkus
- 2nd Rumble in the Crumble - Vanessa Inglot
- 3rd Cake with Porsche Crest - Kevin Gonzales
- 4th Brownies with Porsche Crest - Ernest Brightbarth

Hot Wheel Races winners

- 1st Nicole Inglot
- 2nd Kristin Inglot
- 3rd Stephanie Gonzalez

RC Car Race winners

- 1st Kevin Gonzales 0.33 seconds
- 2nd Brandon Clark 0.49 seconds
- Tie for 3rd place
Nicole Inglot 0.53 seconds
Ross Conforti 0.53 seconds

Model Car Concours winners

Ross Conforti

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(top) Dan Gallagher and his Anniversary Boxster

(middle) One of the best entries in the Edible Art Contest

(bottom) Eager tasters at the Chili table

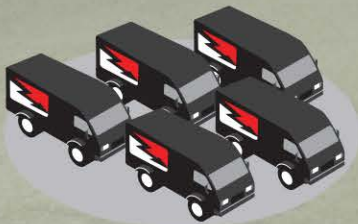


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