



# 2025 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PCA CHICAGO REGION

WELCOME



2025 is Our 68<sup>th</sup> Year



# THE CHICAGO REGION

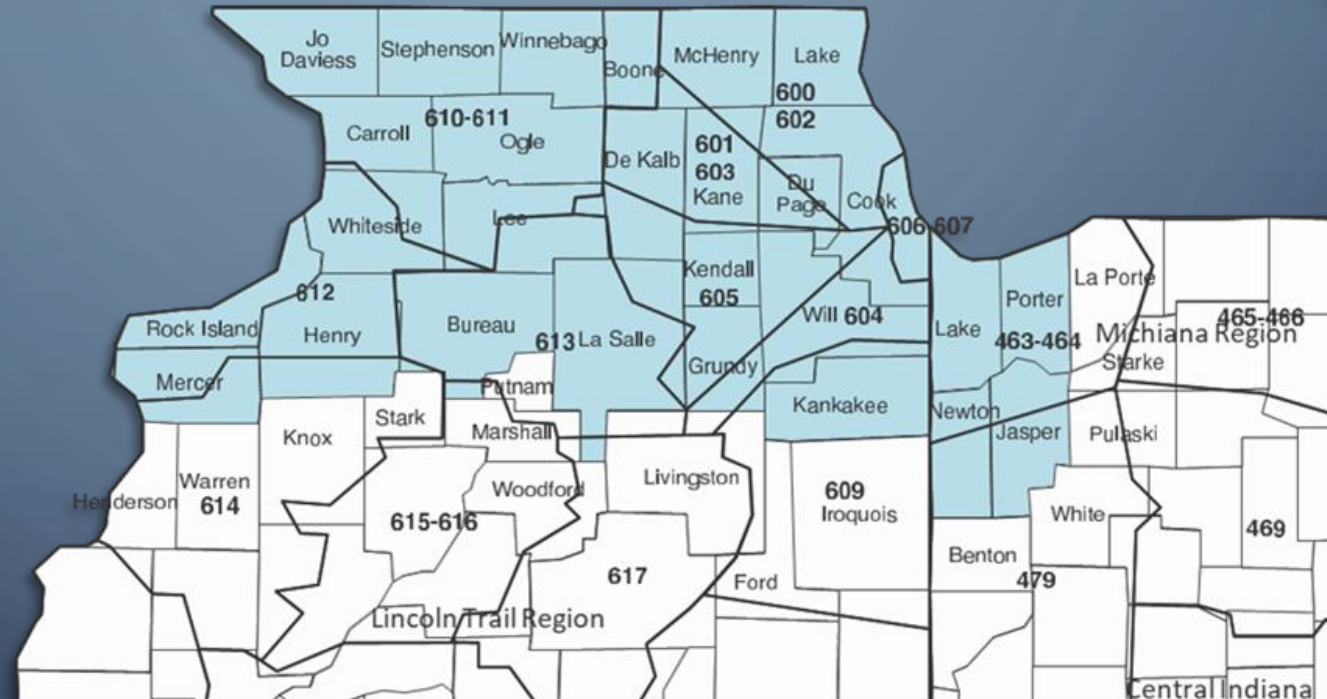
2673 Primary Members

1400 Co-Members

252 PCA Juniors

37 Test Drive Members

Total of 4073 Members



# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



- It was the first time we held 50 events (with more than 3800 attendees.)
- It was the first time we held a Street Survival teen defensive driving school.
- It was the first time we held two Porsches and Pastries on the same day.
- It was the first time The Chicago Scene received a PCA National award.
- The club's internal financial reporting systems were upgraded to better support a non-profit of our size and complexity. (Boring I know, but really important.)
- We raised \$35,000 for our 2024 charity partner, CASA of McHenry County.

# 2025 PLANS



- We have 54 events scheduled, with more being planning.
- We are holding PCA HPDE National Instructor School on April 24<sup>th</sup> (last time we did that was in 2008)
- There will be 6 Autocrosses (normally we do 5)
- A first-time event: Porsche Paint Along next weekend.
- Several events that are in conjunction with local festivals such as Roselle's Bockfest, Westmont's Crusin' Nights, and Geneva's Concours.
- Trying something new: a Single-Day Driving Tour



# 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President – Dana Comolli
- Vice President – Adam Kern
- Treasurer – Catherine Fischer
- Secretary – Pete Hackenson
- Past President – Stanley Sangdahl
- Director – Pete Bukantis
- Director – Michael Bene
- Director – Grace Chen
- Director – Ross Conforti
- Director – Robert Safe

# 2025 COORDINATORS



- Autocross
  - Overall - David Bowers
  - School – Joe Morsello
  - Tech – Buz Brown
  - Timing – Pete Bukantis
- Concours – John Moore, Barb Mashburn
- Drivers ED
  - Chief Driving Instructor – John Ruther
  - Autobahn – Dana Comolli
  - Blackhawk – Todd Conforti, Pete Hackenson, Pete Bukantis
  - Gingerman – Glenn DeWeirdt, Neil French, Mark Palmer
  - Road America – Cheryl Lehman Collier, Cliff Horn
- Driving Tours – John Diwik
- Insurance – Bob Rath
- Membership
  - Overall – James Kaikis
  - Data – Ed and Debbie Leed
- Permanent Car Numbers - Ed and Debbie Leed
- Rallye – Sharon Gregor Olson, Steve Olson, Jack Stephensen, Karen Stephensen
- Safety – Todd Conforti
- Sponsorship – Dana Comolli

# 2025 COORDINATORS



- Social – Robert Safe (outgoing)
- Social Media – Adam Kern
- Tech – Jody Freund
- The Chicago Scene - Natalie Szabo
- TRAC (Road America Club Race)
  - Overall – Cheryl Lehman Collier
  - Registrar – Susan Shire, Mark Prescott, Ross Conforti
  - Tech - Todd Conforti, Jody Freund, Glenn DeWeirdt & John Westra
  - Safety – Todd Conforti
  - Event Doctor – Joe Losurdo
- Website – Dana Comolli
- Zone 13 Representative – Todd Benz
- Charity Nomination – Dominique Sangdahl, Lisa Barthel, Danielle Scifers
- Photographers
  - Jeff Brown
  - Neil MacDonald
  - Michael Bene
  - Derek Chen



# 2025 CHARITABLE COMMUNITY PARTNER SparkShop

- **Mission:**  
Inspire and mobilize the next generation of engineers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and manufacturing geniuses. We focus on inspiring 4th and 5th graders.
- **PCA's Support Impact:**  
Space buildout, Career spotlight video production, the NASCAR Challenge
- **Executive Director: Shonali Ditz**



# STAYING CONNECTED

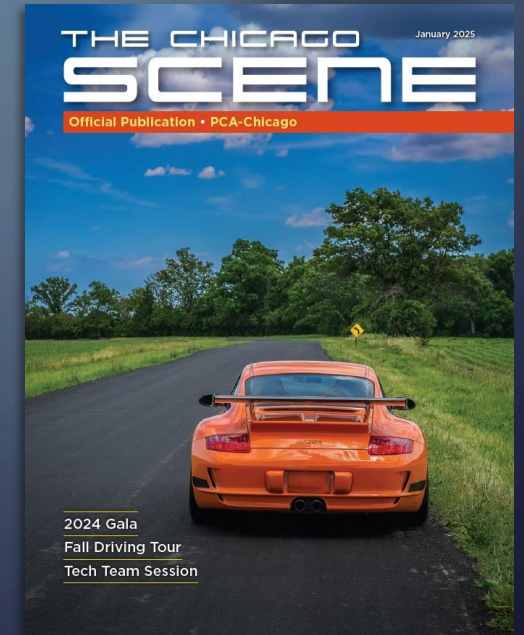


- eBlasts – Monday/Thursday eMail update with upcoming events
- Our Website – <https://pca-chicago.org/>
- The Chicago Scene
  - In your Mailbox and at <https://pca-Chicago.org/the-chicago-scene/>
- Social Media:
  - Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/pcachicago/>
  - Instagram – [https://www.instagram.com/pca\\_chicago/](https://www.instagram.com/pca_chicago/)
- PCA National Website – <https://pca.org/>
- PCA Zone 13 Website – <https://zone13.pca.org/>
- Shared Calendar – <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?cid=ZXZlbnRzY2hIZHVzZUBwY2EtY2hpY2Fnby5vcmc>

# THE CHICAGO SCENE



- Bi-Monthly Publication in Hardcopy and Online
- Natalie Szabo – Editor
- We want your input and articles so The Scene will reflect the values and events we share as a club!
- Deadlines for content submission are included in the PCA Chicago calendar: Feb 1, Apr 1, June 1, Aug 1, Oct 1, Dec 1



# OUR EVENT TYPES

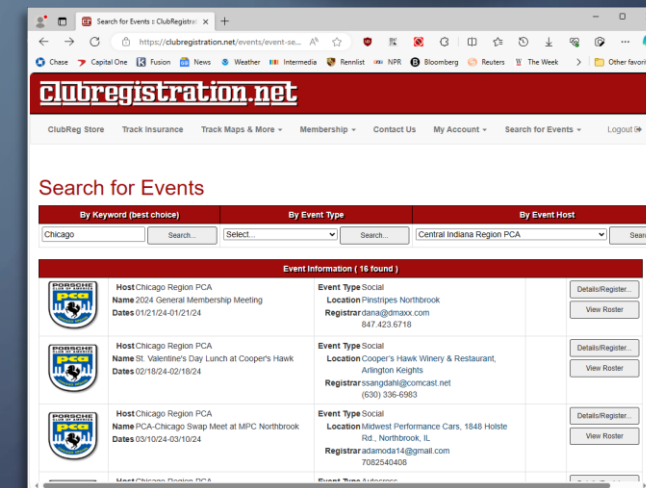


- Competitive
  - Autocross, Rallye, Concours, and Club Race
- Non-Competitive
  - Drivers Ed (HPDE), Tech Sessions, Driving Tours, and Social
- At the end of the year the top finishers in each of the competitive events are awarded trophies recognizing their performances throughout the year.
- Overall awards are also presented to the members who participate in at least one of each of these events (except Club Race) and is based on the combined top ten finishes.
- See <https://pca-chicago.org/general-notes-and-year-end-points/> for more details.



# REGISTERING FOR EVENTS

- All Event Registration is done through Clubregistration.net
- Separate login from pca.org website
- It is critical for coordinators to understand attendance to plan for trophy or t-shirt counts, meals, etc., even for free events like Porsches and Pastries.
- See <https://pca-chicago.org/registering-for-events/> for more information.





# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS - AUTOCROSS

- Six Competitive Events this year:
  - Five at Wintrust Field
  - One at TireRack
- Autocross School on April 12, also at Wintrust Field
- Enhanced cell phone app significantly improves driver's ability to track times and position





# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS – CLUB RACING

- PCA Club Racing is the largest single-marque racing series in the world and TRAC is the most wide-ranging event for the Chicago Region every year.
- Club Racing is both a spectator and participant sport.
- TRAC is one of the most popular PCA Club Races of the National season and makes a great family weekend.
- It takes more than 65 volunteers each year to make TRAC a success, so make the trip, help out, and enjoy all there is to do at this action-packed event!





# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS - CONCOURS

- Four Judged Concours & Show & Shine Events scheduled for May, June, July and September.
- The season kicks off with the Chili Cook-Off and Edible Art Competition on February 23; No fee for competitors!
- Concours School and Car Care Seminar – March 23
  - New format will focus on Preservation and Preparation
- Concours Judging School – April 6
- Visit the Concours Table for all the details





# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS – DRIVERS ED (HPDE)

- NEW – PCA National Instructor School, April 24
- Street Survival returns May 31.
- Ten Driving Events across five different tracks
  - Ladies' Day at Autobahn North returns
  - Driving Autobahn Full Track twice
  - Gingham to include the wildly popular Dinner/Live Entertainment (book your hotel NOW)
  - Blackhawk has Novice Day, Track Tuesday, OctoberFest, and one more.
  - Returning to Road America both Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends
- New drivers should attend Novice Day at Blackhawk on April 25 as well as the Autocross School two weeks earlier, on April 12.
- If you want to drive Road America, we highly recommend at least one prior HPDE event.





# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS – DRIVING TOURS

- Summer Tour will visit Gelena Illinois
  - July 25 – July 27
- Fall Tour will visit Lake of the Ozarks
  - October 17 – October 19
- Looking for someone to plan a one-day tour



# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS - RALLYE



- Five Rallyes, June – October
- Rallye School on May 4<sup>th</sup> with classroom and an on-the-road practice Rallye
- All Rallyes use the Richta cell phone ap. It is free to download and use and the rallyemaster can track you; you can't get lost!
- Two Rallyes will be out-of-town with a Saturday evening get together





# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS - SOCIAL

- Fourteen events scheduled with more to come
  - St. Valentine's luncheon
  - St. Patrick's Day
  - First Porsches & Pastries is at Calibre in the spring
  - At Barnaba again this year in June
  - Potters Picnic – Longest Running Event in the Country
  - Porsches & Pastries at Big Boost Performance (new)
  - Blackdog Speed Shop Octoberfest & Concours
  - Porsches & Pilsners at Two Brothers Roundhouse
  - And more!





# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS - TECH

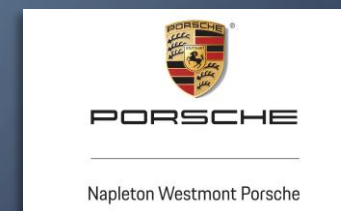
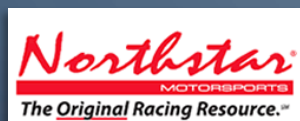
- Learn how to take care of your Porsche from the folks that ensure your car is safe for your track day events.
- Spring Tech Session at Northstar Motorsports – April 13
- Fall Tech Session, location TBD – November 9



# SPONSORS



- Our Sponsors help us bring the large and diverse range of events to our membership. Here are just a few. Please thank them by giving them your business.



# PRESIDENT'S AWARDS



- Cheryl Lehman Collier
  - RADE and TRAC. 2024 TRAC profitable first time in years
- Mark Prescott
  - Director since 2022, former Membership Chair, RADE/TRAC onsite Registrar
- Robert Safe
  - Social Chair with many amazing events like Porsches and Planes, two PnP in one day, and he's also a Director
- Natalie Szabo
  - Seamlessly took over The Chicago Scene and has improved on an already great publication by adding more member-centric and compelling articles.

# OTHER AWARDS

- Women's Autocross:
  - 3rd Place - Julie Rivera
- PCA Chicago Overall
  - 2nd Place - Brian Scifers



# RAFFLE TIME

