



PCA

CHICAGO REGION

2025 Event Guide

CHARITY PARTNER: SPARKSHOP



WHO WE ARE: SparkShop was launched in 2017 to bring engineering into Chicago's elementary schools! Our innovative programs build STEM confidence and identity in kids who are underrepresented in technical careers (by race, gender, and socioeconomic status). We believe our city's brilliant young people can be the ones to shape our future.

WHAT WE DO: SparkShop builds programs for 4th and 5th grade teachers to make engineering a standard practice in the school day. Our interdisciplinary curriculum let's students explore a variety of engineering pathways (mechanical, electrical, biomedical, environmental, & more!). Our technical yet fun challenges show them exactly how their skills and interests can unlock opportunity in STEM!



2025 STATS

40 schools

2420 students

10 paid high school interns

BE A PART OF SPARKSHOP

Each school year, we spend about \$120,000 on supplies so our students can prototype, experiment, and tinker. Those supplies are lovingly packed into individual student kits by hundreds of volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer, visit sparkshop.org/volunteer

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear PCA Chicago Region Members,

Welcome to the 2025 edition of our annual Event Guide. In it, you will find information about the diverse areas of the club, what they offer, how you can participate, and who to contact to learn more. This year's edition also includes sections on how to make the most of your membership and how to stay up to date on club happenings.

The key to what makes this club great are the folks that volunteer their time, effort, and expertise to make our events run. Regardless of the activity, there are countless members that work behind the scenes to make them happen. Without the volunteers, we wouldn't have a club. I express my sincere thanks to all of you that help make the Chicago Region one of the best Regions in the country. Please reach out to the folks listed in this booklet to see how you can help in those areas of the club that interest you the most.

2025 looks to be our busiest year yet, with 54 events already on the calendar and others in the research and planning stages. Because of our size (more than 4000 members) and our financial stability, we are one of the few regions that can offer such a wide range of activities to our members. If you are new, I'm sure you will find event types that will interest you. If you are not, consider trying an event type you haven't attended in the past. Who knows, it could become your new favorite.

Whether you're looking to meet fellow enthusiasts, learn more about all things Porsche, or find opportunities for driving your Porsche, PCA Chicago Region is here for you. The Region is home to a large cadre of nationally recognized experts in all things Porsche and some of the nicest people you will ever meet. Come on out and have fun.

See you all in 2025!



Dana Comolli, President

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THE CHICAGO SCENE

WHO WE ARE: The Chicago Scene is our region's bimonthly newsletter providing insight on club events. We strive to keep you informed and entertained!

WHAT WE DO: We recap events and provide news that is relevant to our region by curating our members' voices and photos in print. The Scene is a great way to stay informed on previous and future PCA Chicago happenings.



HIGHLIGHTS

Bimonthly distribution starting with the month of January.

Deadline for articles and photos is the last day of the month, one month prior to the date of publication.

BE A PART OF THE CHICAGO SCENE

If you have an eye for photography, or have been sitting on some great thoughts for an article relating to PCA - please reach out to us! We are always open to new ideas to incorporate into the newsletter. Connect with us using the listed email.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

WHO WE ARE: As we say, "It's not just the Cars, it's the People". The Social Events crew are the people that bring you all together for a good time.

WHAT WE DO: We bring you the events that create an opportunity to socialize with existing friends, and make some new ones, who share the same passion for Porsche automobiles.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

These are just a few of the 14 events already scheduled, watch for more to come during the season!!

St. Valentine's Day Lunch 02.15

Porsches & Pastries 04.05

Porsches & Pilsners 10.04

Annual Dinner & Awards Gala 12.13

BE A PART OF SOCIAL EVENTS:

Do you have an idea for a theme or venue for a social event? Are you interested in helping to manage or plan a future social event? Please contact us at the email below - We would like to hear from you.

ROBERT SAFE Social Event Coordinator
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DRIVING TOURS



WHO WE ARE: We organize non-competitive, multi-day driving tours to points of interest throughout the Midwest. These tours follow many of the great roads that make driving your Porsche such an engaging experience. Our events encourage social interaction and camaraderie.

WHAT WE DO: We drive our Porsches in a group to many interesting, historic and unique locations throughout the Midwest.



EVENT DATES

Summer Tour 07.25 thru 07.27
Gelena, IL

Fall Tour 10.17 thru 10.19
Lake of the Ozarks

BE A PART OF DRIVING TOURS:

Do you have an idea for a touring route or destination? Are you interested in helping to manage or plan a future tour? Please contact us at the email below. We would like to hear from you.

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CONCOURS

WHO WE ARE: Concours is a fun and competitive way to showcase your beautiful Porsche! We have several levels to accommodate Concours beginners to experts. We offer classes and coaching for you to be successful and add value to your Porsche.

WHAT WE DO: Cars compete in several classes, from beginner to expert. Participants are offered coaching and a score sheet to help them improve their standings. Cars are not judged on originality.



BE A PART OF CONCOURS:

Participating in a SHOW & SHINE event is a great way to introduce yourself to Concours and ask questions of our Judges. If you have a passion for your Porsche and would like to learn about detailing your car for competition, great looks and value appreciation, Concours can help you. Volunteers are always welcome. Help, learn, and join our team.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Four Judged Concours and Show & Shine Events are scheduled for May, June, July and September.

02.23 Chili Tasting

03.23 Concours School

04.06 Concours Judges School

05.03 Concours & Show and Shine

06.07 Concours & Show and Shine

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RALLYE

WHO WE ARE: A TSD (Time/Speed/Distance)

Rallye is not a race, rather it is a contest in which a team consisting of a driver and a navigator combine driving, observational, mathematical, and communicative skills (as well as patience) in the negotiation of a prescribed road course at prescribed speeds. Rallye scores are determined by timing the arrival of each rallye car at points along the rallye route and comparing the times against the official rallye time. It's kind of like going to Grandma's House only you don't know where it is and you don't know how to get there but you have to arrive precisely on time.



WHAT WE DO: We bring you events that give you an opportunity to socialize with existing friends and make new ones who share the same passion about our cars while exploring the scenic roads in and about the Chicago Region.



BE A PART OF RALLYE:

Come out and learn to Rallye!

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EVENT DATES

- 05.04 - Rallye School and Practice Rallye
- 06.08 - Rallye 1
- 07.20 - Rallye 2
- 08.17 - Rallye 3
- 09.14 - Rallye 4
- 10.12 - Rallye 5

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TECH TEAM

WHO WE ARE: Tech Is:

Teamwork – The Tech Team functions like a well oiled machine. We do our best to make sure that our participants have as much track time as possible.

Entertainment – The Tech Barn/Tent is always a fun place to hang out.

Camaraderie – The friends made on The Tech Team and through Chicago Region PCA are second to none.

Helpful – The Tech Team is always there to provide assistance to ensure the safety and well-being of our participants. If we can't help, we will point you in the right direction.

WHAT WE DO: We make learning about your car fun while making sure you are safe for your driving events.



HIGHLIGHTS

Spring Tech Session
04.13

Fall Tech Session
11.09

BE A PART OF THE TECH TEAM:

Tech is where you can learn about your car, how to take care of it, meet people, and have a GREAT time. If you'd like to learn more about the Tech Team, or would like to join, please contact us here.

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AUTOCROSS



WHO WE ARE: Ever wonder what it's like to explore the limits of your Porsche in a safe, fun and low cost environment? Autocross is a timed competition where drivers are classed according to their vehicle, split into groups (Drive, Work, Rest) and navigate through a temporary course marked by cones in a parking lot by themselves, rather than racing on a track with other cars. Autocross places more emphasis on car control, handling, and driver skill, than on sheer horsepower.

WHAT WE DO: It's thrilling, it's social, and it's challenging. Runs last 40 seconds in length and we typically see 12+ runs per event. It's the most fun you'll ever have in a parking lot!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

New or seasoned vets, the 2025 schedule has something for you! Car Control School on 04.12 or any of the 6 competitive events: 05.17, 06.14, 07.26, 08.16, 09.13, and 10.11. Compete in at least 3 events to be eligible for year end trophies.

BE A PART OF AUTOCROSS:

We're always looking for volunteers to help design and set courses, assist with timing and scoring, run tech inspection and registration, and be available as a mentor for new participants. Reach out if you would like to assist, we would like to hear from you!

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BLACKHAWK FARMS HPDE



WHO WE ARE: We host all the driving events at Blackhawk Farms raceway and bring over 70 years combined experience participating and managing our HPDE events. We convey the passion we have for this sport to each event and to all participants.

WHAT WE DO: We teach the fundamentals to safely drive your Porsche sports car on a closed track near its limits. Emphasis on learning proper skills to navigate full acceleration, breaking and g-forces on a 7 turn race track conveniently located in South Beloit. We offer a separate novice group with classroom instruction and dedicated run group so you are on track with like novices. Warning this can be habit forming and lead to addiction and potentially club racing!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

04.24 PCA Natl. Instructor School

04.25 Dedicated Novice Day
This event is recommended prior to any other Driver Education event.

06.20 & 07.15 More track time.
Instructors available

09.27-09.28 Oktoberfest

BE A PART OF BLACKHAWK:

Yes, we can use volunteers for Registration & Tech or you and the family register as a Spectators to see the action.

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AUTOBAHN HPDE

WHO WE ARE: We bring you the always exciting and educational High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events that are held at Autobahn Country Club - Joliet, IL.

WHAT WE DO: Whether it is teaching your teen how to handle the unexpected, hosting a track event just for ladies, or driving the full 3.56 mile, 19 turn circuit, we bring you track events for everyone.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 05.31 - Street Survival
- 06.12 - Ladies' Day
- 07.28 - Full Track Event
- 10.06 - Full Track Event

BE A PART OF AUTOBAHN HPDE:

If you are interested in helping out, we are always looking for folks to join our events. Please contact us at the address below.

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GINGERMAN HPDE

WHO WE ARE: Take a weekend vacation to the Michigan shore and drive your Porsche on this beautiful, two mile road course!

WHAT WE DO: Fun, Fun, Fun!
Driving and a great dinner at the track, all at GingerMan Raceway, South Haven, MI



EVENT DATE

GingerMan Raceway
08.08 - 08.10



BE A PART OF GINGERMAN HPDE:

The event doesn't run without YOU! We need help in every area of this event including registration and Tech.

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ROAD AMERICA HPDE



WHO WE ARE: Road America is a world renowned 14-turn, 4-mile professional road course with interesting elevation changes created by glaciers in a beautiful resort town with so much to do. Bring the entire family for an enjoyable holiday weekend for everyone!

WHAT WE DO: We provide the opportunity for novice, experienced, and Club Race drivers to enjoy weekend long events with tons of track time for all.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Memorial Day Weekend: Instructor-lead novice driving session + Track Touring!

Labor Day Weekend: DE Sessions, National Club Race Sprints and Endurance wheel-to-wheel racing, Porsche Parade, Track Touring, Banquet at historic Siebkens Resort and much more.

BE A PART OF ROAD AMERICA:

Our events could not happen without volunteers, particularly during the Labor Day weekend. With hundreds of participants we always need volunteers: assist with registration, gridding cars, National personnel liasons & much, much more! We'd love to welcome you to the Road America volunteer team.

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CLUB RACING



WHO WE ARE: After you have become a very proficient track driver in our Drivers Education program you might want to go to the next level: PCA Club Racing, the largest single-marque racing series in the world.

WHAT WE DO: PCA Club Racing enters its 27th year by featuring more than 2,000 licensed racers and 27 sanctioned races per year, more than any other single-make racing organization in the world. PCA Club Racing was established around guiding principles that remain true today. In summary, they provide a class for all Porsche sports cars; fun, safe and clean racing; and uniform organization and operation.



HIGHLIGHTS

08.29 - 09.01

TRAC

*The Road America
Challenge*

DE & Club Race at
Road America

BE A PART OF CLUB RACING:

Club Racing is both a spectator and participant sport. If you are interested in racing, spectating, or volunteering over Labor Day weekend, contact us at the addresses below.

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BE A PART OF THE ACTION

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER:

PCA Chicago is powered by volunteers. The Chicago Region always needs help from people like you to keep our organization vibrant and growing. If you are interested in volunteering contact any of the organizers of the individual divisions within the club or email president@pca-chicago.org



MAKE THE MOST OF MEMBERSHIP:

To make the most of your membership with the Porsche Club of America, Chicago Region, engage actively in the wide variety of events offered. Whether you're at social gatherings or driving



events, wearing your name tag can help facilitate introductions, making it easier to connect with fellow enthusiasts. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself and make new friends who share your passion for Porsche. If you have any questions or need assistance, reach out to the event coordinators. They are eager to help. By participating and connecting with other members, you'll enrich your membership experience and enjoy the vibrant community to its fullest.



STREET SURVIVAL

The Tire Rack Street Survival School is a must for all teen drivers. In this full day event teens learn defensive driving in a safe

and controlled way by spending about 2 hours in 3 classroom sessions where they learn the theory of safe driving. The rest of the time is spent driving in exercises that simulate real world driving conditions. Students learn how they can cope with actual driving situations. Instructors will ride with the students and provide immediate feedback, allowing them to learn from their mistakes and practice correct driving techniques.

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DRIVEN WOMEN

Driven Women is PCA Chicago Region's annual Women's High Performance Driver Education event. In

its third year running,

Driven Women empowers women by offering the same precision high performance instruction offered at all PCA Chicago Region HPDE events in a female focused setting. Participants are encouraged to advance at their own pace guided by individualized instruction to promote growth in skills at every level.

Come experience the track the way you always wanted!



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2025 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 19** General Membership Meeting, Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling
- 25** Porsche Paint Along, Pinot's Palette, South Barrington

FEBRUARY

- 15** Valentine's Day Lunch, Cooper's Hawk, Arlington Heights
- 23** Chili Cook-Off & Concours Clinic, Porsche Exchange, Highland Park

MARCH

- 16** St. Patrick's Day Social, Two Brothers Roundhouse, Aurora
- 23** Concours School, Napleton Porsche, Westmont
- 29** HPDE Instructor Workshop, Blackdog Speedshop, Westmont

APRIL

- 05** Porsches & Pastries, Calibré Coffee, South Barrington
- 06** Concours Judges School, MPC, Westmont
- 12** Precision Car Clinic - AX School, Wintrust Field, Schaumburg
- 13** Spring Tech Session, Northstar Motorsports, Barrington
- 24** PCA Natl Instructor School, Blackhawk Farms Raceway, South Beloit
- 25** Blackhawk 1, Novice Day, Blackhawk Farms Raceway, South Beloit
- 26** Bockfest, Kemmering Park, Roselle

MAY

- 03** Porsches & Pastries, Concours, Show & Shine, Labriola Bakery, Oak Brook
- 04** Rallye School, Engineering Systems Inc., Aurora
- 10** Autocross 1, Tire Rack, South Bend, IN
- 23-25** Road America Driver's Education (RADE) Plymouth, WI
- 31** Street Survival - Teen Defensive Driving, Autobahn Country Club, Joliet

JUNE

- 07** Concours 2 / Show 'n Shine, The Promenade, Bolingbrook
- 08** Rallye 1, Locations To Be Announced
- 12** Driven Women - Ladies' High Performance Driver Education Day, Autobahn Country Club, Joliet
- 14** Autocross 2, Wintrust Field, Schaumburg
- 20** Blackhawk 2, Blackhawk Farms Raceway, South Beloit
- 26** Westmont Crusin' Night & Street Fair, Downtown Westmont

JULY

- 15** Blackhawk 3, Blackhawk Farms Raceway, South Beloit
- 19** Potter's Picnic & Concours 3, Grayslake
- 20** Rallye 2, Locations To Be Announced
- 25-27** Summer Driving Tour, TBD
- 26** Autocross 3, Wintrust Field, Schaumburg
- 28** Autobahn Full Track, Autobahn Country Club, Joliet

AUGUST

- 03** Porsches & Pastries, Big Boost Performance, Romeoville
- 03** Wieners & Wheels, Superdawg, Wheeling
- 08-10** GingerMan HPDE, GingerMan Raceway, South Haven, MI
- 16** Autocross 4, Wintrust Field, Schaumburg
- 17** Rallye 3, Locations To Be Announced
- 24** Geneva Concours d' Elegance, Geneva
- 29-01** TRAC, Club Race, and DE, Road America, Plymouth, WI

SEPTEMBER

- 29-01** TRAC, Club Race, and DE, Road America, Plymouth, WI
- 13** AX 5, Wintrust Field, Schaumburg
- 14** Rallye 4, Locations To Be Announced
- 20** Oktoberfest Social, Concours 4 and Show n' Shine4, Blackdog Speed Shop, Lincolnshire
- 27-28** Blackhawk Oktoberfest, Blackhawk Farms Raceway, South Beloit

OCTOBER

- 04** Porsches & Pilsners, Two Brothers Roundhouse, Aurora
- 06** Autobahn Full Track, Autobahn Country Club, Joliet
- 11** Autocross 6, Wintrust Field, Schaumburg
- 12** Rallye 5, Locations To Be Announced
- 17-19** Fall Driving Tour, TBD

NOVEMBER

- 09** Fall Tech Session
- 15** Porsches & Pastries/Toys for Tots, Labriola Ristorante, Oak Brook

DECEMBER

- 13** Dinner & Awards Gala

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3 WAYS TO STAY IN THE KNOW!

The majority of PCA Chicago club information is sent via email. You can count on Monday Morning Announcements, event updates, and more. Here are 3 ways to make sure you receive all the latest club information.

1. Update your email address. Go to pca.org and log in. Click "Edit My Profile" add correct email and save!
2. Add the enews@enews.pca.org address to your contacts or safe senders list to ensure our messages reach your inbox and don't get caught in your spam filter.
3. Find us at pca-chicago.org or follow us on Facebook and Instagram - - just look for PCA Chicago!

