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## It's a New Year

The typical approach to a January letter is to start with summarizing the prior year and then talk about the new year. Let's not do that. Don't get me wrong, 2025 was a great year for the Club, it's just that 2026 is The Chicago Region's 69th year and there's a lot to talk about.

The most exciting thing about 2026 is the number of new leaders in positions throughout the Club. The life-blood of organizations like ours are the passionate members that makes the whole thing work. In a dynamic volunteer organization, planned churn is a good thing and that's what is going on here:

- **Rallye Coordinators** – Jack Steidle, Jake Steidle, and Brian Scifers
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We are also expanding the number of folks organizing social events. Given the number of events we hold, it is unrealistic to expect one person to be responsible for all of them. To this end, you're going to see some new faces organizing some events and we are looking for others, so if you are interested in helping out, send me a note.

We have several articles in this issue introducing the new coordinators and letting you know what to look forward to in 2026 as well as things you can do during the winter months.

As for 2025, we held more events (fifty-four) than in 2024 (fifty) AND we turned a small profit. (See the financials on page 33.) The Club is in excellent fiscal condition. I want to thank all the coordinators for their stewardship of the member's resources and all those of you that volunteered at and attended the events.

The bad news is that we were unable to provide our charity the level of funds we usually do (the Club adds to what is raised from the membership) because of a greater than \$15K write-down caused by non-payment by the major sponsor of several events that failed to meet their financial responsibility. We met our commitments, they did not. The Club and our charity paid the price.

Finally, we lost Neil MacDonald in late December. Neil was President of the Club in 2018 and 2019. He was responsible for the transformation of *The Chicago Scene* into the award-winning publication you have come to know and love. That's him on the cover, driving Sebring in February 2010, sporting his stylish number 166 (or 991, depending on his mood.) On a personal note, Neil is the reason I decided to step into Club leadership and was my mentor and friend. His great photographic eye and sharp (and sometimes twisted) wit will be sorely missed. Neil, thanks for riding right seat with me.

Dana Comolli  
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## Remembering Neil MacDonal (aka Big Mac)

by Dan Cubric

**Where do I start?** Our beloved friend, Francis Neil MacDonal, esteemed husband and best life long friend to Rita since their college days of the 70's, and revered brother to those of many other mothers, has left the building all too soon at 74 years of age. As many of us were brought together through our passion with automobiles, Neil was there to capture this life through his lens, and make those moments with him frozen in time for all to enjoy, and now we reflect.

Over two decades of friendship, food and drives, brought many of us together with the MacDonal's. Neil's properly placed movie quotes always hit the spot while celebrating time together in memorable locations, where we always seem to have found and met new people of the world to laugh with and expand on our experiences. Over the years, the backyard gatherings were a favorite to all, with Neil's grilling and hosting manners second to none, no matter what time of year, we all wanted to be together, wherever, whenever. Similarly, when our Porsche Club calls for track time adventure, on and off at his favorite Road America motorsport road course, Neil and Rita were there to celebrate with all for the holiday weekend festivities. His jovial attitude and laughter were addictive and we celebrated life at all opportunities, no down time when we were all together.

The Red Sled, his heralded GT3, was always at his side, an existential part of his life with Rita, and considered his getaway from the office world, where he excelled till the very end. His association with that car was paramount, he gave the car a character and in return, miles of smiles over the years for Neil and Rita, along with a gateway and a sweet spot for Neil

contributing time and effort with the Chicago Region Porsche Club of America.

After joining the PCA in 2004, Neil quickly became an integral part of the Club, sharing his talents behind the camera and capturing every type of event since 2006. Flip through any *Scene* and the events come to life, thanks in part to hundreds of his stunning images. When not behind the wheel at a DE or autocross, he served as Club President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Director. He also took on roles as Sponsorship, Dealer Liaison and, as Editor, transformed *The Chicago*



# Remembering Neil MacDonald (aka Big Mac) continued

Scene into a National Award winning newsletter. He would always promote articles from all, bringing new faces and friends together, and his passion for the people and their activities will continue on with the photos he has left with us.

I cannot emphasize enough when time allowed, he gathered the troops to make a drive. The open road was not only covered with our great Porsches, but also with memories that cannot be taken away from all of us. I'm only one story behind this great friendship that I find hard to put into words, but Neil's photos tell so much of this adventure cut way too soon, and others around him will echo stories of the past that will carry long into the future.

No valet ever required, Neil was behind the wheel, he was our dearest friend, he will be missed. Drive on, my friend, drive on. 🍷



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## Concours 4 & Show 'n Shine Oktoberfest at Blackdog Speed Shop *by John Moore*



**Last September** the Concours team decided to celebrate our season ending Concours 4 and Show 'n Shine by having an Oktoberfest theme to celebrate our hard work in preparing our Porsches for judged competition.

The date was Saturday September 20 and the Oktoberfest began at 11:00am rain or shine at Blackdog Speed Shop in Lincolnshire. An 8:30 early arrival for set up by the Concours Board and Volunteers set the stage for what would become a great and enjoyable day for all who attended.

We always have a registration tent, but today we added another tent for raffle prizes, and a special tent for our disc jockey, Brian Kedzorski, my son-in-law. Yes, there was a vibe about to take place and "BK" as he likes to be called,



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did an amazing job spinning the turntable with a great assortment of music throughout the event. The music kept the energy and many folks made song requests which were acknowledged.

Adding to the festivities was the arrival of the food truck which offered some tasty Oktoberfest favorites such as bratwurst, polish dog, currywurst, chicken schnitzel, Oktoberfest burger and more. Beverages were assorted sodas, water and of course beer domestic favorites and imported Spotted Cow! Tables and chairs were provided by our host Blackdog and a patio of people enjoyed eating with a backdrop of the food truck, "BK" and tunes.

The time was 12:30 and now time for the judges meeting to be held where I prepared the teams to judge the three Concours Class: Grand Touring, Touring, and Street. There were weather alerts about the possibility of scattered showers and we had information of some heavy downpours ten to fifteen miles south; nothing to worry about as we were dry and it was 12:45, towels down as the judging teams marched toward their class of cars to judge. As we started to judge a light shower of rain began. In less than five minutes



this shower cleared and we were dry, continued judging and we remained dry for the remainder of the event.

Judging concluded around 3:00pm, raffle tickets were called out for some terrific prizes, and Concours Class winners were awarded.

I want to thank everyone that attended this event as well as the Concours Volunteers that made this event a success. With this terrific support from registration, set up, judges, judging and our great host, Blackdog Speed Shop, we all become winners at Concours held by the Chicago Region of the Porsche Club of America. 🍷



### Concours 4 Results:

#### Grand Touring Class (Exterior, Interior, Storage & Engine or Chassis by model)

- 1 Don Janes 2013 911 S
- 2 John Moore 1987 911 Carrera
- 3 David Mangano 2000 Boxster S

#### Touring Class (Exterior, Interior & Storage)

- 1 Henrique Regina 2002 911 Carrera 4
- 2 Ron Bean 1986 911
- 3 Kirk Owens 1988 930 Turbo

#### Street Class (Exterior & Interior)

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- 3 Greg Natanson 2011 Boxster Spyder

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## Looking Back at Rallye 2

by Charles Mills & Laura Ferraro

The second Rallye of last season, *On Lake Time*, was held on Sunday, July 20th along the Illinois/Wisconsin border. This event, which featured various competitive driving challenges, was organized by first-time Rallymasters Charles Mills and Laura Ferraro with mentorship from experienced Rallye organizers Steve Rashbaum and Susan Shire. In designing this Rallye, the goal was for all participants to have fun and to enjoy the route!

A spectacular array of Porsche's ran the 100-mile Rallye through rural areas of Illinois and Wisconsin. Officially, fourteen cars took part, with all completing the course. There was an assortment of the usual tricks: turning on signs, roads that do not exist, misspellings, an ONTO (which everyone executed perfectly), and a novel idea to keep the expert teams on their toes. The rallyists had to negotiate an array of obstacles: runners, walkers, farm equipment, construction zones, and snapping turtles. There was a fair amount of quirky scenery too. From a

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gargoyle, a skeleton driving a truck, emus, a family of sasquatch, and a sandhill crane arguing with its reflection.

We were excited to see several first-time rallyists participate. New Rallyists were provided Touring instructions for their Rallye. Touring instructions contain more detailed information and specific guidance to keep teams on course. The idea for Touring teams is to learn the Rallye lingo, experience the route, learn the tricks and traps, and most importantly to have fun. Novice teams that ran Seat of the Pants (SOP – minimal instructions and no navigational aids) were given the option of also receiving a sealed envelope containing Touring instructions. If, at the completion of the Rallye they returned the envelope still sealed, they were scored as SOP and are in contention for the Novice of the year award.

Despite the long distance, SOP Rallyists turned in excellent scores. The top four all had scores below 200, with only 66 points between first and fourth place. The first-place team had three exact legs (less than 1 second off from the calculated exact time)! The

first-place novice team finished in 11th place overall (and did not open their envelope). Well done! After the Rallye, everyone enjoyed food, beverages, learnings, and excellent camaraderie. 🍷

**Rallye 2 Results:**

**Seat of the Pants (SOP)**

- 1 Jack/Jake Steidle (133 pts)
- 2 Brian/Danielle Scifers (176 pts)
- 3 Steve/Sharon Olson (189 pts)
- 4 Les/Caroline Teichner (199 pts)
- 5 Kinga Wesolowska/Marcin Proszek (201 pts)
- 6 Jack/Karen Stephensen (304 pts)

**Novice**

- 1 Dave Pedersen/Nikki Spitzer (1009 pts)
- 2 Bob/Lynn Friend (2123 pts)



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## You Mean We Have to Think and Drive?

Last April, I picked up a 2021 4.0 Boxster GTS. Some of my Porsche Twitter friends said Lynn and I had to check out the Chicago Region of the Porsche Club of America to be around great car people. They sure were right. Lynn loves the people, I also love the car stories. What I love most is just how much every one of us whole-heartedly loves the particular P-car we own. I can't hear enough.

by Bobby Friend



The fact that you also get to match wits with the other teams is... well, humbling...



This last season (I tried some Auto X – I'm not as fast as I thought, lol, and) we gave Road Rallye a shot. Why would anyone want to play something akin to a complicated board game while driving around in their Porsche? Well, you had us at Porsche. What could be better than a Sunday drive with your bestie on some of the prettiest roads around. The fact that you also get to match wits with the other teams is... well, humbling, at best. These people really know their stuff. Fortunately, with the beginning-of-season Rallye School and wonderful support from everyone, Lynn and I slowly started to catch on – one trap at a time. We try not to take it too seriously. We try to laugh. I try to leave Lynn alone to navigate.



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## You Mean We Have to Think and Drive? *continued*



photo: Steve Rashbaum



photo: Bobby Friend

We mess up a lot but try to take consolation in the small successes. The best part is the relationships we've formed afterward over a drink commiserating. For us, that is really what it is all about. I guess we did good enough, or showed up enough, to win Novice of the Year. Next year we're going to get killed going head-to-head with the big dogs. But, for those of you thinking of giving it a try, Novice of the Year is back up for grabs. 🍷

### Rallye Season 2025 Results:

#### Novice of the Year

Bobby & Lynn Friend

#### Seat of the Pants (SOP)

- 1 Steve & Sharon Olson
- 2 Steve Rashbaum & Susan Shire
- 3 Jack & Jake Steidle
- 4 Brian & Danielle Scifers
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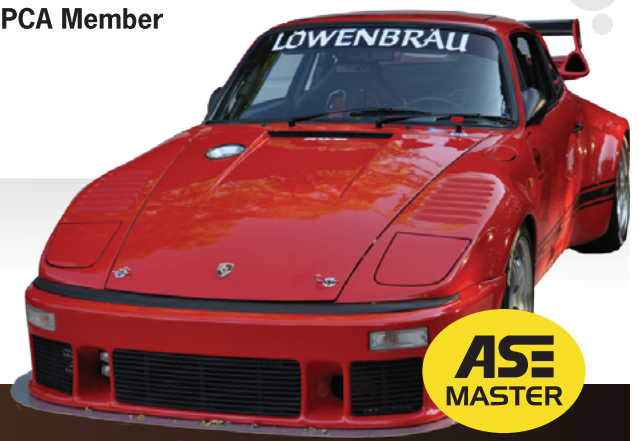
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# Let's Get Ready to Rallye!

by Jack Steidle



**H**ave you ever thought about Rallye? If not... maybe this is the year!

Whether you have never rallied before or only done a few, we want to make 2026 the year more members jump in and discover just how enjoyable it can be.

We're kicking off the season with **Rallye School on May 3rd**. In the training you'll learn the rallying basics, in addition to some

of the common "tricks and traps" often seen in the more advanced rallies held later in the year. Immediately following the class, you will have the opportunity to exercise your newly acquired skills in a short **practice Rallye** designed to be fun, friendly, and low pressure. If you are worried about getting lost, don't be. All cars are tracked "live" through the Richta app, so it is easy to keep everyone on-course and accounted for.

This year's school will be held at **Euroquipe in St. Charles**, and yes, there will be a few giveaways that make attending even more worthwhile!

Overall, we want rallying to be about fun, challenge, teamwork, and community – not frustration and that spirit will guide everything we do this year. So, if you've ever been curious, this is your invitation. Drivers, grab a navigator, bring your sense of adventure, and let's go! 🏆





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# What Can I Do During the Winter to Prepare My Car for Concours?

**Winter has arrived** and you have prepared your Porsche for storage. You did the basics: You filled the gas tank and added Sta-Bil fuel stabilizer to prevent corrosion to carburetors, fuel injectors, gum varnish and rust and you connected a battery tender so you have a good cold start in the spring.

We pampered this car all season long with care and tenderness trying to improve in our Concours class. It is January and the holidays are over. We will not be driving much or not at all for the next four months weather permitting. Wait a minute; what can I do during this

next four months of winter to prepare my car for Concours 2026?

There are several options available to jumpstart a late spring revival. A mere cleaning will not prove to be a great first showing at Concours 1 or Show 'n Shine. This is the time to take off that car cover and take a hard look at your car.

The car has set for a bit and may have a little dust assuming you washed it before storage. We call this an exterior inspection like the judges do at Concours. With a note pad, flashlight and some clean and shine detailer check the overall paint finish. Take notes: Do you have swirls, scratches, stone chips, dents, road tar or rust?

Stone chips are unavoidable and need to be repaired. Order your correct paint number. I have had success ordering paint from AutomotiveTouchup.com in New Orleans, LA 504-818-2334.

## **Tip #1** - print out a set of Concours score sheets used by the judges.<sup>1</sup>

The score sheets are individually labeled for a section of the car with lined areas of the section to be judged. A score sheet for exterior judging would have five-line items to be judged with varied point values: the coachwork fit & finish, paint surfaces, outer surfaces of wheels, bumpers and trim pieces are judged for all cars. Depending on the Concours class you enter, there may be one to four sections of the car judged. The score sheets are a guide to areas of the car you should detail and clean. Whether or not you decide to compete in a Concours, your car will shine and look great if you use the score sheet as a guide to cleaning your car.

After reviewing the score sheets you'll have a good idea of a starting point for detailing the car. I suggest a waterless cleaning of the exterior with the new clean and shine products such as Turtle Wax Hybrid Ceramic Detailer or basic 1-STEP Clean & Shine Total Exterior Detailer. Both products can be used on paint, plastic, exterior glass and rubber, wheels and chrome with safe waterless cleaning while avoiding a hose and water.

Wheels, center caps, brake calipers, tires and rims are another area that always need to be cleaned. This is a good time to remove the wheels and clean the wheel well, brake calipers, wheels, and tires. This will require jack stands or a lift but it is a good time to get rid of dirt build up to make it easier to maintain clean wheels when the season begins. The chassis of the car is one of the hardest areas to clean. Stones, leaves, mud, trash and dirt collects on the front



by John Moore

photo: Derek Chen

radiators which should be cleaned to prevent damage to them.

## **Tip #2** - register for Concours School and Car Care Seminar on March 22.

The seminar will focus on *Preservation and Preparation Car Care Tips for Your Porsche*. Learn more about advancements in car care product technology to help preserve your Porsche's beauty and value. The seminar will be held on **Sunday, March 22 at Body Builders Automotive**, 3737 Industrial Ave Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. This is a great opportunity to visit a certified Porsche repair and body shop, one of only five Porsche certified shops in the state of Illinois. You will need to register for this event to attend. I have visited this facility and feel you will be impressed with the attention to repair detail and quality workmanship. Body Builders are certified and have access to Porsche's inside information repair portal that non-certified shops cannot access.

Winter also is a good time to get into those storage area compartments and do a wipe down of the trunk, carpet, battery, spare tire, hood struts and the underside of the hood. All rubber molding should be wiped and dressed with a product like 303 Protectant.

The interior of the car should not be neglected. Use a good interior detailer and wipe down the seats and clean the seat mechanism and rails. Do the fender well housings, door hinges and rubber

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<sup>1</sup> Judging score sheets available using QR code or at: <https://pca-chicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Concours-Score-Sheets.pdf>



trim as well. Vacuum the door compartments and carpeting. Inner surfaces of all glass should be cleaned.

**Summary**

If you have the ability, time, and place to do these, I suggest choosing one or two to tackle over a weekend. Then, move on to other a following weekend. Winters in Chicago are long, so there are plenty of weekends to make your way through the entire list.

In case you have some body work or paint work for the car this is

a good time to do the repair. Make an appointment with your body shop. Now, rather than wait.

Winter is great to get a jump start on detailing your Porsche for Concours, Show 'n Shine or social events. We're here to help you and answer any questions. By attending the Concours School you will have the opportunity to gain a host of knowledge to better care for your car keeping it in top condition both mechanically and cosmetically. 🍷

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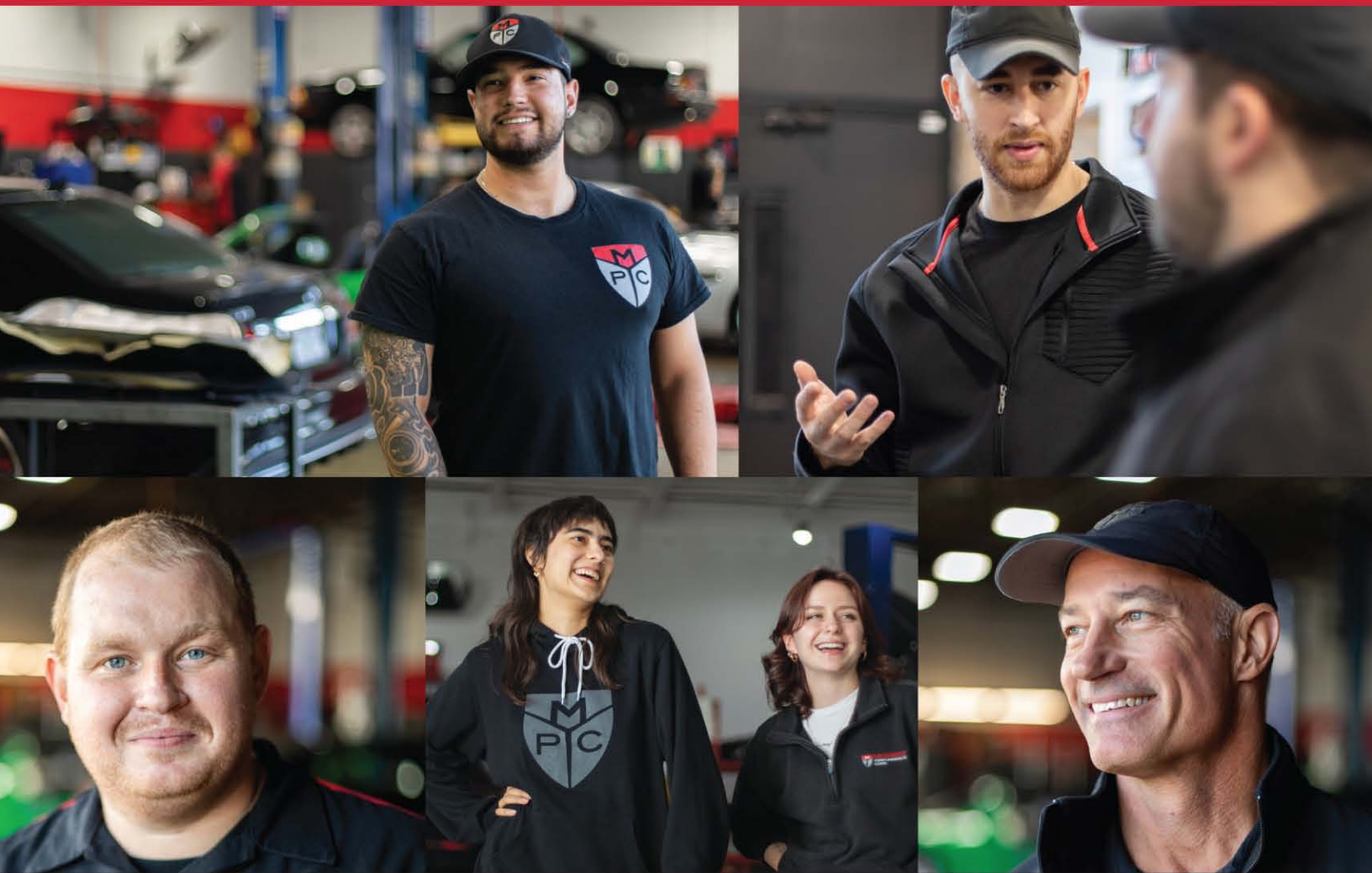
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Concours and Show 'n Shines are all paired with a **SOCIAL EVENT**. The dates and locations are below:

- **Labriola in Oakbrook** on **May 2nd** - Porsches and Pastries
- **The Promenade in Bolingbrook** on **June 6th**. Lots of shops, restaurants and fun Porsches!
- **Potter's Picnic** on **July 18th** - Food, Music, Porsches and Fun!
- **Oktoberfest** in Lincolnshire on **September 19th** at **Black Dog Speedshop**. Great Porsches, Fun, Music and Food!

Register for **CONCOURS SCHOOL & CAR CARE SEMINAR, March 22nd**. A **New Location** at **Body Builders Automotive** in Rolling Meadows. Come and see this excellent body shop and learn about Preservation and Preparation Car Care Tips for your Porsche. Also, gain some easy tips for Show 'n Shines and Concours. Lastly, see and hear about advancements in car-care technology to help preserve your car's beauty and value.



Register for **JUDGES SCHOOL, April 19th** at Midwest Performance Cars, Westmont. This is a great way to learn how your car would be judged when you participate in a Concours or Show 'n Shine. Also, you can learn how to be a CONCOURS JUDGE.

**SAVE THE DATE: GENEVA CONCOURS, August 23rd.** *It's back! Come park on Campbell St. and enjoy the day! More details and how to register to follow.*

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## Restoring After an Encounter with Turn 8 at Road America

by Cliff Horn

**“CORNER #8 MULTIPLE HEAVY IMPACTS, SINGLE VEHICLE, BLACK # FIVE FIVE”**, is what came blaring through my headset while helping out on grid early Saturday morning with Mr. Ron Pace, a true Class Act, (look up his brother, Jim Pace on YouTube and you will learn something.) The corner worker called out the code for driver condition and it was “driver is conscious and responding.”

I was partially relieved knowing the driver seemed to be okay, however not fully registering that the car number called out was “five” “five”, as each number is to be called out individually due to standard race protocol.

The standard #55, fifty-five is what we typically call our car, was not registering in my head as the same number. As with any incident, I calmly but swiftly got on my golf cart and headed towards Medical. On my way over, Jody Freund, tech chair, belted out, “HOW’S JOEL?” ...in about 1 millisecond my brain synapses came together like never before. Joel... WTF... Joel K is the co-owner/driver with ME, on car number five, five, fifty-five, whatever you call it.

My adrenaline spiked, as I replied from Instinct, “he’s conscious and responding.” My heart was pounding now faster than before, was he really okay? It now felt like the parking brake was on...the golf cart would not go any faster. When I arrived at medical, Joel was in the back under doctor’s review,

no visitors, it felt like an eternity when I was finally allowed to enter and what do I see? blood? bandages?

No just Joel and Doc Joe smirking at me with little grins on their faces. Doc says,” we know he’s not right, but he tests out okay, just some small superficial cuts on his legs, it pays to have proper safety gear.”

Joel feeling like a big loser and bad driver, immediately began apologizing to me for the incident considering I had only driven three sessions in number 55 since we bought it. I told him, “Relax, it’s just a hunk of metal, we can rebuild it, I’m just glad you’re okay and not messed up.”

There is a reason we partner on cars at the 30k cost region: Car



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## Restoring After an Encounter with Turn 8 at Road America continued



photo: Cliff Horn



# five-five has a full certified roll cage and all standard club racing safety gear, leg protection has since been added to the cockpit.

After hundreds of reviews of the videos of the incident by both very experienced club racers, corner workers and track management, in addition to numerous other experienced Porsche mechanics, and my own in-house analysis of the damaged vehicle components, all indications point to a mechanical failure of the cast aluminum transmission carrier on the passenger side. This part is designed to fail during an impact to protect occupants however after the stresses

of many years of track driving and potentially improper torque settings prior to our ownership, the carrier looks to have been cracked / failed. I believe this failure caused the vehicle to be uncontrollable and responsible for the incident.



photo: Cliff Horn

When the car arrived in the paddock on the flatbed it didn't look good. Both front right and right rear corners were impacted, front and rear clips were ripped off. Looked like a total.

The car was loaded onto our open trailer to be hauled back home for assessment. Once unloaded and put on a lift, we cut off all the damaged metal and the car was reviewed by two local qualified body shops.

Both shops said the car could be repaired but the cost of the repairs would exceed 30k and neither shop would guarantee the work due to unforeseen conditions/stresses in the bent metal.

Additionally, body panels are only sold to Porsche qualified shops so getting the new parts to do it personally was not an option. This forced us to make a decision: repair the car ourselves or part it out?

First, we had to know what we were dealing with so we triangulated the chassis to discover it was 1 mm within square which is under factory spec. In front of the suspension pickup points, the nose was 2" out of alignment. Some YouTube videos, 6 hours, a few I-beams, and a Harbor Freight puller set allowed us to pull it back 1.5".

The nose remains one half inch out of whack, but everything closes and fits.

“  
...the roll cage did its job and kept the cockpit whole/square during the impact.  
”

This meant the roll cage did its job and kept the cockpit whole/square during the impact. Chassis was OK but now the engine/trans.

We fixed the one coolant leak in front and test fired the motor. It started right away and was able to shift through all the gears up and down, so no concerns here. This meant we were going to move ahead and fix the vehicle.

We started looking for used Cayman body panels online, and Joel found a boxer being parted out in Detroit. It just happened he was going to Detroit next weekend for a family function. A few hours with the die grinder and Joel was returning with the yellow rear clip and fender.

Using my welding skills acquired from Barrington High School in 1984 (yes even BHS had vocational class) I fabricated some parts from sheet metal, welded the new fender into place, slapped on some fiberglass repair, and incorporated many rivets and structural epoxy.

The finish is “race car quality.” Then, I modified the front clip to fit. All damaged suspension components were replaced with new; a string alignment was performed resulting in perfect alignment.

Car #55 is currently awaiting a new windshield, (not from the incident) and one new wheel. Once complete, it's ready for a test drive.

Expect to see this car at Blackhawk novice day 2026. The repairs took about 120 hours of our time and \$3,200 in parts, all work was performed by Joel and I, in my garage, no third parties. Anything can be done if you put your mind to it.

We all know the seriousness and risks involved when driving any vehicle at speed, especially when on track and pushing the vehicle and driver to extreme limits. This account is a reminder that the driver is ultimately responsible for the vehicle, before during and after an event and Tech checklists are just the beginning to proper safety protocol. Best practice is to check everything before each event. Your safety depends on it. If you ever DE a 914, you will learn this immediately, probably even before you leave the track.

We look forward to seeing all of you at one of the best road courses in the USA, Road America in 2026.

Join us at the Spring Tech Session on April 12th where we will go into the details of checking and preparing your car for the track. 🍷



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# Welcome to the 2026 Touring Season!



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Dear Fellow PCA-Chicago Members,

As your new tour coordinators, Sean and Julie Gillette, we are thrilled to kick off this exciting season with you all. Stepping into these roles has been a rewarding journey already, and we're eager to build on the strong foundation laid by previous coordinators while bringing fresh energy to our rides and events.

This year marks a shift from the traditional summer/fall tours to a spring/fall lineup, which opens new opportunities for milder weather rides, blooming landscapes in spring, or vibrant autumn colors in fall. We've planned a diverse schedule that will still have the same feeling as previously. One addition we are excited about is that we will be using an app for driving assistance. Don't worry. We still offer paper directions per request. Our goal is to foster that sense of community and adventure that makes PCA-Chicago so special, with safe, fun, and inclusive outings for everyone.

Taking on the coordinator role was initially a bit daunting for us. Like many of you might feel, we wondered: Do we have enough

experience? Will we be able to plan routes that everyone enjoys? How do we balance logistics with the joy of riding? But what we've learned—and what we want to share—is that it's incredibly fulfilling. The support from club members, past coordinators, and resources like route maps and safety guidelines made it manageable. It's about passion for driving and wanting to share great experiences, not perfection. We've already discovered the joy of seeing Porsche owners connect on tours, share stories at rest stops, and have a few laughs in between. If you've ever hesitated to volunteer, know that it's a chance to give back, learn new skills, and deepen your connection to the club. We'd love to see more members step up. There's always room for fresh ideas and helping hands!

We're looking forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new ones on the road ahead. Watch the weekly PCA-Chicago email updates for future schedules, mark your calendars, and join us for what promises to be a memorable season.

**Happy Touring!**

Sean and Julie Gillette

*Herder of Cats in Training* 🐾



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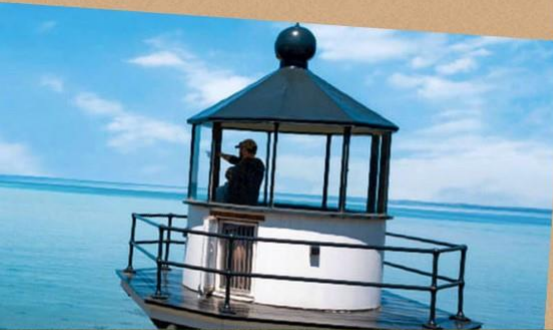
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- October 16-18 2026
  - Picturesque fall colors
  - M22 loop scenic drive
  - Explore wineries, lighthouses, & lakefront views

C'mon and join us & put some miles on it! Reserve your spot as soon as registration opens!

# 2025 Financial Summary

by Catherine Fischer, Treasurer and Dana Comolli, President

Per our ByLaws, the following is a reporting of the financial status of the Club as of December 31, 2025.

## 2025 Profit and Loss

Account	Total
<b>Income</b>	
Charity Income	24,953.53
Event Revenue	575,500.51
<b>Total for Event Revenue</b>	<b>\$611,891.51</b>
Goodie Income	185.65
Interest	10,559.35
Membership Income	
<b>Total for Membership Income</b>	<b>\$54,322.73</b>
Scene Income	33,785.00
Sponsorship Revenue	28,560.55
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$764,258.32</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$764,258.32</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Advertising	
Event Guides	1,155.00
Member Engagement	1,265.00
<b>Total for Advertising</b>	<b>\$2,420.00</b>
Audit, Tax, Review Fees	3,000.00
Bank expenses	12.00
Credit Card Fees	24,905.38
Dues & Subscriptions	115.00
Event Expenses	2,884.52
<b>Total for Event Expenses</b>	<b>\$568,375.58</b>
Instructors Expense	14,995.33
Insurance	869.00
Membership Expense	
<b>Total for Membership Expense</b>	<b>\$11,145.57</b>
Scene Expense	81,975.89
Storage Rental Expense	6,420.98
Tech Expense	97.29
Treasury Expense	96.00
Web Page Expense	374.62
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$714,802.64</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$49,455.68</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Bad Debt *	15,468.10
Charity Expense	25,282.59
Vouchers Redeemed [Pre 2024]	100.00
<b>Total for Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,850.69</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-\$40,850.69</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$8,604.99</b>

### Notes to Profit and Loss:

\* - non-payment by Napleton (both Westmont and Downtown) on sponsorship contracts for event shirts with Napleton's name on them and meals for attendees at Autobahn Full Track and Ladies' Day events.

## Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2025

Account	Total
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
CDs	
<b>Total for CDs</b>	<b>312,937.40</b>
Checking - 9381	12,923.14
Presidents - 6942	187,750.74
Savings - 1497	3,576.26
<b>Total for Bank Accounts</b>	<b>517,187.54</b>
Accounts Receivable	
<b>Total for Accounts Receivable *</b>	<b>50,471.17</b>
Other Current Assets	
Due from ClubRegistration.net	16,031.50
Due from Others	824.33
<b>Total for Due from Others</b>	<b>14,195.24</b>
Signed Contracts / Prepaid Exp.	1,000.00
<b>Total for Signed Contracts / Prepaid</b>	<b>11,331.99</b>
<b>Exp.</b>	<b>41,558.73</b>
<b>Total for Other Current Assets</b>	<b>41,558.73</b>
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>609,217.44</b>
Other Assets	
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>609,217.44</b>
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
<b>Total for Accounts Payable</b>	<b>16,285.87</b>
Credit Cards	
<b>Total for Credit Cards</b>	<b>-</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
Board Approved Future Expenses	1,000.00
Customer/Vendor Deposits	-
<b>Total for Customer/Vendor Deposits</b>	<b>27,916.31</b>
Due to Charity of the Year	7,488.84
Promo Coupons [started in 2024]	11,605.00
<b>Total for Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>48,010.15</b>
<b>Total for Current Liabilities</b>	<b>64,296.02</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	<b>64,296.02</b>
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	338,285.38
Retained Earnings	198,031.05
Net Income	8,604.99
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>544,921.42</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>609,217.44</b>

### Notes to Balance Sheet:

\* - includes \$17,407.50 in track damage incurred at TRAC owed by race participants to Chicago Region.

# 2026 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

- 7 Board Meeting
- 18 General Membership Meeting

## FEBRUARY

- 4 Board Meeting
- 15 St. Valentine's Lunch, Cooper's Hawk
- 22 Chili Cook-Off & Concours Clinic, The Exchange, Highland Park

## MARCH

- 4 Board Meeting
- 15 St. Pat's Social, Two Brothers
- 22 Concours School, Body Builders
- 28 HPDE Instructor Workshop, Blackdog Speedshop

## APRIL

- 8 Board Meeting
- 11 Porsches & Pastries 1, Calibré Coffee
- 12 Spring Tech Session
- 18 AX School, Wintrust Field
- 19 Concours Judges School, MPC
- 24 Blackhawk Novice Day
- 24-26 Spring Driving Tour

## MAY

- 2 Porsches & Pastries and Concours 1, Show & Shine 1, Labriola
- 3 Rallye School, Euroquipe
- 6 Board Meeting
- 16 AX 1, Wintrust Field
- 22-24 RADE, Road America
- 30 Street Survival, Teen Defensive Driving School, Autobahn

## JUNE

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Concours 2, Bolingbrook
- 7 Rallye 1, TBD
- 12 Blackhawk 2
- 14-20 Porsche Parade, Lake Placid
- 20 Barnaba Block Party
- 27 AX 2, Wintrust Field

## JULY

- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Rallye 2, TBD
- 14 Blackhawk 3
- 18 Potter's Picnic & Concours 3
- 19 AX 3, Wintrust Field
- 28 Autobahn South Track

## AUGUST

- 2 Porsches & Pastries, Big Boost
- 2 Weiners & Wheels, Superdawg
- 5 Board Meeting
- 7-9 Gingerman
- 15 AX 4, Wintrust Field
- 16 Rallye 3, TBD
- 23 Geneva Concours d'Elegance

## SEPTEMBER

- 4-7 TRAC, Road America
- 9 Board Meeting
- 12 AX 5, Wintrust Field
- 13 Feel Good Sunday
- 19 Octoberfest Social, Concours 4, Show & Shine 4
- 20 Rallye 4, TBD
- 26-27 Octoberfest Blackhawk

## OCTOBER

- 3 Porsches & Pilsners, Two Brothers
- 7 Board Meeting
- 10 AX 6, Wintrust Field
- 16-18 Fall Driving Tour
- 25 Rallye 5, TBD

## NOVEMBER

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Fall Tech Session
- 14 Porsches & Pastries / Toys for Tots, Labriola

## DECEMBER

- 12 Dinner Dance, TBD



For up-to-date details, please check:  
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