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(Sat) Lake County Sheriff's Training Facility

Mar 7 Monthly Meeting
(Mon) 7:00pm, Porsche of Orlando

Apr 2 Cars and Coffee
(Sat) 9:00am to 12:00pm
Route 46 in Sanford

Apr 4 Monthly Meeting
(Mon) 7:00pm, Porsche of Orlando

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his first Auto-Cross*

Pralines to Porsches

*Porsche parade coming up
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*Wrap up of the
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From the Editor

You may notice that this is a double issue, for both March and April. We discussed this idea at the March meeting and it was received well. Not only does it save time on occasion for those involved in putting The Spiel together, but it saves the club the costs of printing and mailing as well.

The auto-crosses, DE, and chili cook off were fun and well attended events in February... you can check out pictures from the events on pages 14 and 19.

Don't forget, we would love any articles on great or memorable Porsche related experiences. We also have some space in our classifieds available. Send me an email with a brief description and a picture or two.

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Welcome New Members

Total region membership as of February 28 was 510.

Welcome to our new members:

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| Rich Bodeker | 2003 911 | Longwood |
| Miles Hill | 2008 911 S | Longwood |
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President's Update

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Much more is planned in the coming months. We are looking forward to almost monthly auto crossing, monthly meetings with the culinary social that follows, the Sebring 12 hour and the Porsche Platz during

March, a new event to be known as Porsches in the Park later in the spring that we are almost ready to roll out, more Cars and Coffees, and of course, the BIG ONE the Porsche Parade in Savannah late July and more!.

Make plans to attend one or all of these events, they are all great fun.

And finally, thank you to all of the volunteers that make these events enjoyable for us. Especially a BIG THANKS to those members who volunteer unselfishly for everything. You know who you are and the rest of us know too!



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Meeting Minutes

February 2011

The February 7, 2011 meeting of the Florida Citrus Region of PCA was called to order at 7 PM by President Steve Williamson. The meeting was conducted at Porsche of Orlando 9590 S Highway 17-92 in Maitland and was attended by approximately 40 club members. Two new members were in attendance.

They introduced themselves and both drove Caymans. Unfortunately no coffee mugs were available to give out. Treasurer Pete Brotsch was in attendance and reported the Region is financially sound with most all financial obligations for the year resolved. President Williamson reported that the Region membership is in excess of 500. Jim Menihan the service director talked to us about having our cars serviced at Porsche of Orlando, The loaners they have and the highly qualified technicians that are on staff. Jim also talked about purchasing tires directly through them; Most of the tires they buy are through Tire Rack and the saving you can get by going through Porsche of Orlando. His parting words to us were "Give us a Try" for service and tires. Of course don't forget the 10% discount for PCA members that you can get. President Williamson congratulated and thanked Travis Young for another excellent edition of the Spiel. Steve talked about that we are always in need for articles. He also talked about trying to get new advertiser for our beloved Spiel. Other things that Steve discussed were the Autocross at Tavares on February 12, the Chili Cook off on Saturday February 26, Autocross at Tavares on February 12, Sun Rise Sunset Rally on February 27. Mark Peoples reported registration for the upcoming DE at Roebeling Road on February 18 -20 and said that all the slots for drivers were full and that

we will have 18 new instructors for the weekend so it should be a very successful DE. John Ricker asked to speak to the members regarding the Porsche Parade that will be held in Savanna Georgia July 31- August 6. John Talked about all the various events that take place during the parade. He suggested registering early for the events along with making hotel reservation and planning ahead. John Has attended over 10 parades so his suggestions and input were great. He said that this would probably be the closest the parade will get to us. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Your guide to Citrus Region Events

Monthly Meeting

March 7 at 7pm
Porsche of Orlando
1st Monday of Each Month



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Auto-Cross

March 5 at 8:30am -
Tavares - Lake County Sheriff
Training Facility



Cars & Coffee

March 19 from 9am - 11am
at House Blend Café
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third Saturday morning of each
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Sebring 12 Hours

March 19
at Sebring Raceway

Monthly Meeting

April 4 at 7pm
Porsche of Orlando
1st Monday of Each Month



| April 2011 | | | | | | |
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FLC Cars and Coffee

April 2 at 9:00am - 12:00pm
Route 46 Entertainment Center
in Sanford

Cars & Coffee

April 16 from 9am - 11am
at House Blend Café
Gathering of car-nuts on the
third Saturday morning of each
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Florida Citrus Cars and Coffee in Sanford

Make plans to attend Florida Citrus Region's Cars and Coffee at the Route 46 Entertainment Center from 9 AM until 12 PM on Saturday April 2. Time to wash and shine the Porsche as our cars will be displayed in their Courtyard for everyone to see. We will be conducting a tech quiz for those fanatic members with prizes awarded for winning men and women participants.

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First Auto-Cross

by Howard Washington

After many months as a member of the Florida Citrus Region, I finally got a chance to attend my first Auto-cross that was on Saturday, February 12th in Tavares. What I expected to be a fun day turned out to be a fantastic experience. So much so, that I called good buddy, Nilo Argudin, to share my enthusiasm for what happened. After hearing me go on and on about the events of the day, Nilo finally said, "Write me an article for The Spiel". So here it is:

Let me begin by stating that I did not intend to participate in the Autocross but to limit my involvement as a volunteer performing some small but meaningful task. And that I did by entering clock times into a laptop computer for Mel Saiz when he was having fun driving his car on the course. Although, I was sticking to my guns about not driving the course, I was periodically encouraged by Steve Williamson, Carl Lueck and Mel to give it a try. "Not today, next time" was my repeated response. You have to understand my process for decision making when I am confronted with a new experience. I am one of those guys who has to

know as much as possible about a new activity before I do it. I do not want to get in over my head and be sorry for not doing my due diligence. Been there, done that. My experience is that regardless of what you think you know about something before you try it, there is always a surprise after doing it. That's why I wanted to observe the action from the sidelines, make assessments and ask questions until I became confident enough to get involved.

Well, all of this was fine until after the lunch break was over. After acquiescing to cries to "man up", I made a compromised decision. I decided that instead of driving my Carrera on the course, I would ride as a passenger in someone else's car and then call it a day. Mark Peoples was very kind to fill that role...and so we did three times.

What an experience! What I found out, in less than a nano second, is that what you think is a cake walk from the side lines is far different than what you actually experience on the course. Riding with Mark was like taking off and landing in the Space Shuttle

Photo of Howard at the RRR DE

ten times within less than one minute - accelerate straight, brake hard, turn left, accelerate thru the shalom, brake hard, hard turn, accelerate, etc, etc, etc.. By the time I finished with Mark, I thought I had been in a shake and bake box. (By the way, did I mention that I had just finished eating lunch when I climbed into Mark's car? Use your imagination on this one? Believe me; I will not do that again.). David Edwards made matters worse. As he was exiting the course, he stopped to tell Mark with a sly grin on his face, "I beat your best time by running a 45 second lap". You know that look - Beat that big guy if you can. That only increased Mark's testosterone level as if it could not go any higher. You know what happened next - more shake and bake, only more intense.

Well, thanks to Mark, I was charged up and ready to give it a try in my car. As I was "on hold" at the start line, I did a mental replay of how Mark ran the course and how the course was laid out before I was released onto the course. That's all I had to go by since I did not walk the course as the other drivers had done at the beginning of the day.

Here we go. The green flag waves and off I go. I ran the course three times. I would have done more laps but Steve threw me off the course. It was time to go

home. Besides, he needed someone to help pack up the trailer. I must say that I went off the course during my first two runs but not on the third run. I also did not knock down any cones at all. Because of the excitement after the first run, I am not sure but I think I ran the course in 55 seconds. Not too bad for not knowing what I was doing. I ran a 50 on the final run. Now maybe when I learn how to stop skidding into a turn, I might have a chance of lowering my time (smile).

I had an absolute ball and will run the Autocross again. Thank you Mark for taking me on the course, and to Steve, Mel and Carl for encouraging me to give it a try. They said it would be fun and so it was. I also want to thank Bert Del Villano who months ago tried to get me to do an Autocross. Bert, your efforts finally paid off. Sorry you were not there to witness the event.



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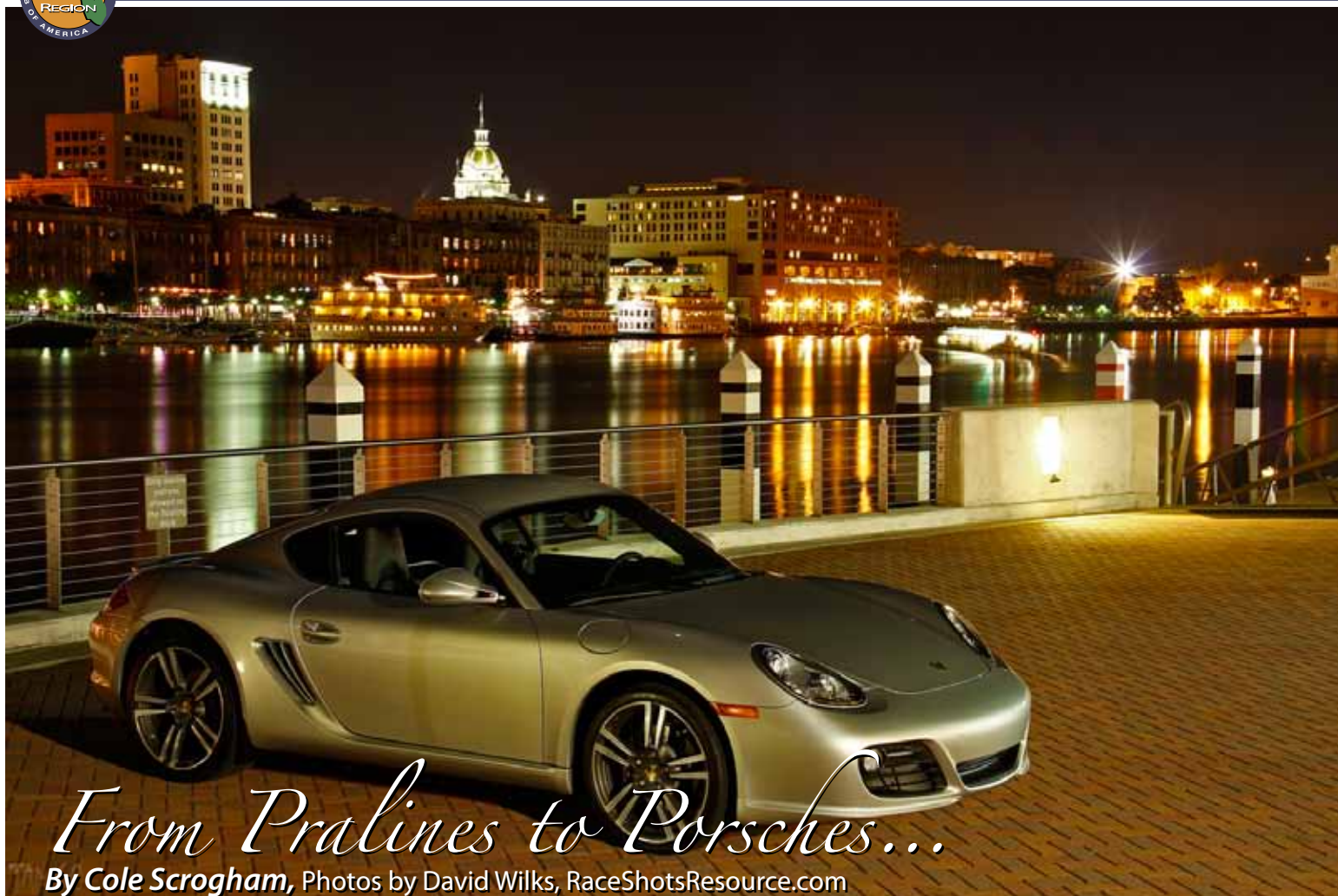
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From Pralines to Porsches...

By Cole Scroggum, Photos by David Wilks, RaceShotsResource.com

Anyone who has visited Savannah knows the “Old Town” part of downtown, the riverfront area of Savannah, is replete with history. Walking on cobblestone streets and exploring storefronts and small restaurants is a calming vocation to be sure. Actually they are ballast stone streets, as English ships would leave their ballast stones in return for American merchandise, tea and cotton; but that doesn’t sound as quaint, does it? On these streets you can find handmade pralines, the curious local favorite of boiled peanuts (think Japanese edamame) and as many oysters as you care to eat. If you prefer, you can walk a block or

so to the park bench made famous by “Forrest Gump” and recall that life is like a box of chocolates. What is really surprising about Savannah, however, is that this is just the beginning of an exploration that many have spent entire lives embracing.

To be in Savannah is to be in history. Everywhere you turn there is another reminder of this port city's involvement in the growth of America. One website, <http://www.savannahga.net/>, literally has hundreds of destinations neatly organized alphabetically for lodging, dining, tours and other activities. Georgia's



first city has much to offer, not the least of which is that it will be shared with thousands of Porsche enthusiasts the first week of August. This is one of those areas that Porsche people will love; the Southern Hospitality that is legendary all over the world, the small and intimate settings where friends can enjoy a casual evening, and the small town feel that can lead you out of the city to country roads in a matter of minutes.

Location, location, location is the focus of Parade 2011. Parade headquarters is the Convention Center which is located on picturesque Hutchinson Island. The view of downtown Savannah across the river is unforgettable. The Convention Center is surrounded by Parade activity sites. The autocross will be held adjacent to headquarters, as for the first time in recent memory sufficient asphalt exists for a good size course within walking distance! But if you still need to get your track fix the local region will hold a Driver's Education event at nearby Roebling Road Raceway the last weekend of the Parade. With the Concours event held at downtown's Forsyth park and the Rally featuring lovely local roads, the main attractions of this year's Parade are all in the same neighborhood!



When you are ready to relax from the competitive events, feel free to take in a Carriage Ride, Ghost Tour, Fishing Trip, Dolphin Watching Expedition, Casino Boat, Local Beaches and Museums including the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum as well as local sporting events. The list goes on and on. You can try out a cooking class or go on a shrimping cruise, and of course the local towns of Bluffton and Beaufort feature very historic downtown areas as well. Savannah



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From Pralines to Porsches (continued)

itself has a feel more like a big town than a bustling city, and as with many of the port cities in the South you can find open spaces quickly and easily. Tybee and Hilton Head Island are famous for their white sand beaches and slow pace... you may want to stick around the area for a while after the Victory Banquet concludes!

Be sure to check out the Parade activities at <http://parade2011.pca.org> so that you don't miss any of the action. Registration begins on March 8th, so book-mark the registration site now and be ready when it opens! You will also be able to view the traditional Parade event schedule for the week at the website, and learn about air conditioned Concours prep areas; Parade 101 classes that make sure the first time Parade goers are prepared for the week; Hospitality and Goodie Store hours; and opportunities to volunteer as a Parade worker for some of the featured events that you may not be competing in (a great way to get a front row seat to all the action!). Other events like

the popular RC Car races, Ice Cream social, Tech Academy, Art Show and Driving Tours will complement your week, unless you plan to spend it studying for the very competitive Tech Quiz... you can make your Parade experience in Savannah as action-packed and exciting, or as laid-back and relaxing as you prefer.

Won't you join us for a spectacular Parade, the highlight of our PCA experience this year? Anyone that has attended a Parade can tell you this is not just a normal multi-event weekend, this is the highlight of what PCA has to offer, full of exciting things to do and see with literally thousands of Porsche owners in attendance. Everything has been planned out and is ready for you; all you need to do is bring yourself, your family and your Porsche for a vacation experience that you won't soon forget!

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The Chili Cookoff was a great success at Porsche of Orlando on Saturday evening, February 26. Much thanks to the event's organizers, Jim and Christie LaPiana for another terrific event!

I have recruited new member Chris Kaufman to help with the social events, as well as keeping up with the website and our social media presence. If you are on Facebook, please find us at <http://tinyurl.com/PCAcitrus> or search for "Porsche Club Citrus Region" and then "Like" us to be up-to-date with photos from events, event invites (and RSVP information), and everything else that is happening with your Porsche Club.

Coming soon we will have the annual Orlando Brewing Company picnic and Porsche show and the wine tasting at Tim's Wine Market. I am still searching for a charity event that we can participate in as a group and do some good in the community. Check back next month!

As always, I am interested to hear your feedback, comments, ideas and what you like and did not like this past year so that I can begin to plan for the future.

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Chili Cook Off

By Jim and Christie La Piana

This year's Chili Cook-Off was a great success. Orlando Brewing returned for a second year and served four of their fantastic organic beers – Olde Pelican, Blonde Ale, Scottish Ale, and Pompass Ass. People who couldn't make it in 2010 made a point of attending after hearing about George and Cindy Cain of Orlando Brewing supplying draft beer and how much fun we had last year. We estimate that close to 100 people attended and all were enthusiastic about the selection of beer, chili (12 total), side dishes, and desserts. There was a long line for chili, the longest we have ever seen!

The winning food entries included:

Best Hot Chili – Cindy Cain (awarded a Porsche Polo Shirt from Porsche of Orlando)

Best Mild Chili – Abbey Kondos for her Cornbread Chili (awarded a pen from Orlando Watch Company)

Best Side Dish – Sue Belt again for her Greek Salad (awarded Porsche Polo Shirt from Porsche of Orlando)

Best Dessert – Travis Young for the Crème Brule complete with torching (awarded Shirt & Oktoberfest Mug from Orlando Brewing)

The House Chili (Six Chili - Chili) got even more attention this year in the Hot Chili Category, mainly because the "hotness" was turned down and more people were willing to try it.

Many thanks to Porsche of Orlando for hosting the event and to our dealer liaison Emilio Cortes for a ton of help coordinating, planning and setting up plus hanging out with us to the very end. Our gratitude to General Manager, Andrew Parkinson, Service Department, Manager Jim Menihan and Parts Department Manager, David Kennedy for their commitment to this event.

Special thanks to Vivian Meredith for her spontaneous help cleaning up at the end of the evening, as well as everyone else who lent a hand setting up and cleaning up – we couldn't do it without you! Finally, thank you to Cindy Anderson for the great photos and to Steve Williamson, our new Club President, for his much-appreciated support.

Door prizes were awarded again this year, including an Alignment from Porsche of Orlando, a Brewery Tour from Orlando Brewing, and a gift certificate from Troysport.

Sunrise to Sunset Rally 2011!

Registration opens for the premiere Rally of the year on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 1 PM EST for the 2011 Sunrise to Sunset Rally being held on April 15 and 16, 2011. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis (time stamped on ClubRegistration.net) and spaces are reserved for each participating Region. The rally is presented by Suncoast Region PCA, Space Coast Region PCA and Florida Citrus Region PCA. Each Region will have 25 cars (50 members) reserved on its behalf so be the first to register to ensure your space in this event.

The Sunrise to Sunset Rally starts off on Friday, April 15, with a Blue Skies and Green Lights kickoff party at Porsche of Melbourne. The Rally features special guest, Derek Bell, a former racing driver from England who was extremely successful in sportscar racing, winning 5 times at Le Mans. He also raced in Formula One for the Ferrari, McLaren, Surtees and Tecno teams.

The Rally zooms out after Sunrise and breakfast on Saturday, April 16 from the Sunrise hotel, Crowne Plaza in Melbourne on the Atlantic Ocean. The Rally heads south this year (a new direction) and towards an optional AutoCross and Lunch that will be provided for all rallists at the AutoCross site. Rally teams who choose to AutoCross will have the opportunity to drive one of the new cars provided by Rally sponsor, Porsche of Melbourne.

Regularity AutoCross: Each member of a team will get a score and the difference between the 2 scores will determine ranking. Also new this year, the Sunset cocktails, dinner, Rally Awards and AutoCross Awards are being held at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Club in Sarasota at Lido Key on the Gulf of Mexico.

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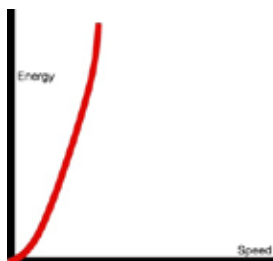
by Pedro P. Bonilla (GCR PCA)

First let's start with the basics. What is a brake?

By definition, a brake is a device for slowing or stopping the motion of a machine or a vehicle, or alternatively a device to restrain it from starting again.

Following the fact that energy is never lost or created, only transformed, the energy that the car while in motion, called kinetic energy is transformed into heat by the friction created between the rotor and the brake pads.

This energy increases exponentially with the speed of the vehicle, so if you double the vehicle's speed, the energy quadruples, if you triple it, the energy gets multiplied by 9 and so forth.



You can see how the graph looks. Porsche Brakes are legendary!

To put it into context: The Special Edition Boxster RS 60 with 303 HP can accelerate from 0-60 mph in 5.0 seconds (that's quite a feat) ... yet it can decelerate from 60-0 mph in 3.4 seconds! (that's a greater feat). Braking Power in a Porsche is several times greater than the power output of it's flat 6 engine.

Our cars now come with standard four-piston monoblock-aluminum-fixed-calipers front and rear and cross-drilled and vented discs (also called rotors). As far as brakes go, it doesn't get much better than that, unless ... you dish out another \$9,000 and get the same brakes that the Carrera GT came with: PCCB (Porsche Ceramic Composite Brakes).

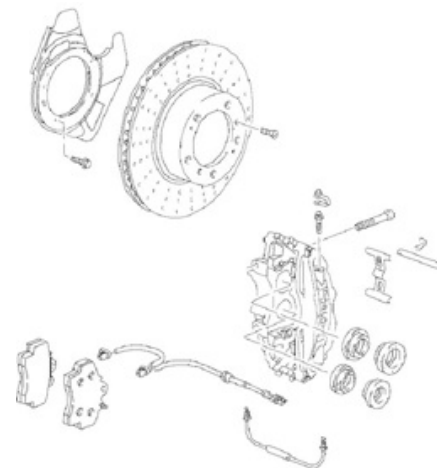
All Porsches come with Brembo Brakes. You can't imagine how many times people, even Porsche owners, who look at my wheels have said: "You've upgraded your brakes!... You installed Brembos". That couldn't be further from the truth. ALL modern Porsches come with factory Brembo brakes. If you don't believe me, go look at your calipers.

Let's get a little deeper into the brakes now.

This illustration isolates the Braking System in our cars, showing all the braking components involved.

You can see that at each corner you have a set of calipers with pads hovering over the disc and they are all connected through a system of mostly hard and some flexible lines to a pump that gets actuated by the brake pedal.

- 1- Backing plate
- 2- Rotor (cross-drilled)
- 3- Caliper (4 piston)
- 4- Retainer and pin
- 5- Spring
- 6- Dust seals
- 7- Sensors
- 8- Pads
- 9- Lower Caliper tube
- 10- Caliper bolt

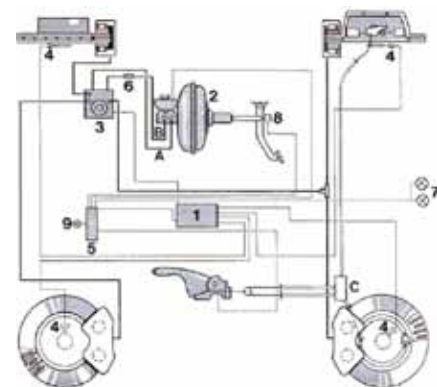


The ABS, or Anti-Locking Brake System) which all of our cars also have is a secondary system which operates in tandem with the Brake System.

It's basically a safety feature in modern cars that doesn't allow any one of the tires to lock up under heavy or panic braking.

There's the:

- 1- ABS Control Unit which monitors each wheel's speed compared to the other three.
- 2- Brake Unit which is made up of the Brake Booster and Master Cylinder
- 3- ABS Hydraulic Unit
- 4- ABS Speed Sensors, one in each corner which sample each wheel's individual speed and sends the information to the Central Information System
- 5- Central Information System
- 6- Brake Proportioning Valve
- 7- Brake Lights
- 8- Brake Light Switch
- 9- ABS Warning Light- ABS control unit



As we explained before, a great amount of heat is



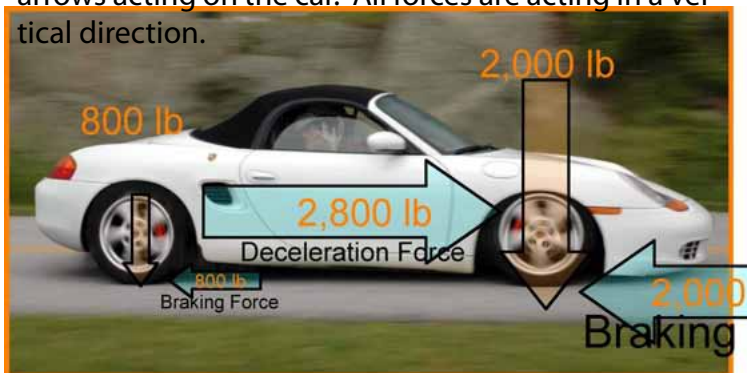
generated when stopping the car.

Because of that the rotors are internally ventilated, forcing cool air through the inside of the rotors as they rotate. The cars also have cooling ducts to direct oncoming air directly to the front brakes, which generate the most heat because they do the most work.

And why, you may ask yourself, do the fronts wear out faster than the rears? The answer is because of the



Let's assume we have a 2800 lb Boxster with a 50/50 weight distribution. Note that when the vehicle is coasting, or at rest, there are no horizontal left or right arrows acting on the car. All forces are acting in a vertical direction.



But what happens to a vehicle when we start applying the brakes? During braking weight is transferred from the rear axle to the front axle. You can certainly feel this effect as your body and everything loose in the car goes forward. This is also called deceleration and can be represented in the formula $F = ma$ where "F" represents the forces acting at the contact patches, "m" represents the mass of the vehicle, and "a" represents the acceleration (or deceleration) of the car.

Most of the new brake rotors are now cross-drilled from the factory. The purpose for cross-drilling is to allow for the quick escape of gasses between the pads' and the rotors' surfaces. These gasses are generated by the application of the brakes when the great heat generated tend to sublime some of the pad. A second advantage to cross-drilling the rotors is that there is much less brake fade when wet. One of the disadvantages is that is the cross-drilled rotors tend to crack around the perforations, so chamfering helps to relieve the cracks. Also chamfering eliminates a bit of the cheese grater effect on the pads.

Some people prefer slotted rotors which allow for gas and water to escape, but don't crack as the cross-

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Harro Zitzza Receives Honors

by Marie Zitzza

This past year, Ron Zitzza's dad Harro was honored by the Martin Marietta Sports Car Club. He started it 50 years ago and was their 1st president.

Harro has also been inducted into the SCCA hall of Fame. He received the SCCA Hall of Fame award in Vegas in February. Congratulations to Harro on this major award! There is an explanation on the Speed Channel and SCCA web sites on what the award is for.



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February DE Photos



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Photos by Darren Golez



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Porsche Press Release

The Porsche Boxster model line has a new luxurious top model in addition to the sporty Boxster Spyder: The Boxster S Black Edition limited to 987 cars. With its 320 HP – ten HP more than the Boxster S – this edition offers a substantially larger range of standard equipment and exclusive special options, all at a very attractive price. The new mid-engined sports car is black all over: Black body, black hood, and black 19 inch Boxster Spyder wheels accentuate the muscular appearance of the top roadster.

The color concept of the Boxster S Black Edition is consistent in every detail. The rear side air intake grilles are painted in black as is the twin tailpipe of the exhaust system. The model lettering painted in black on the rear luggage compartment lid identifies the Black Edition as much as the embossed Black Edition model designation on the side of the fabric hood. The roll-over bars are painted in black, too.

The black line of the exterior is continued in the interior. The stainless steel door entry guards feature the "Black Edition" model lettering in black. The standard Sport Design steering wheel with its double-spoke appeal has a non-slip rim of smooth-finish leather and sporty grips. The trim strips of the dashboard and of shift lever or gear selector are painted in black. The dials on the instrument cluster are black as are the partial leather seats with the Porsche emblem embossed in the headrests. Also available upon request: black leather interior. The limited edition badge on the glove compartment identifies the sports car as a model of the Black Edition.

As a standard, the Boxster S Black Edition features the otherwise optional "Comfort", "Infotainment", and "Design" equipment packages, and therefore comes at a more favourable price than a series model with comparable equipment options. The wind deflector is on board right from the factory as are the anti-dazz-

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The chassis of the Boxster S Black Edition features clear lines with a sporty appeal. A decisive contribution to improve driving dynamics of the limited edition models even further are the tyres size 235/35 ZR 19 front and 265/35 ZR 19 rear on particularly lightweight wheels in the special ten-spoke design of the Boxster Spyder. As is typical for a Boxster, the new top model of the mid-engined sports car with its low centre of gravity as a result of the flat engine reaches an even more impressive level of agility.

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