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Upcoming Events

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| May 2
(Mon) | Monthly Meeting
7:00pm, Porsche of Orlando |
| May 6
(Fri) | Porsches in the Park
5:30pm to 9:00pm
Winter Park |
| May 15
(Sun) | Auto Cross
7:00am, Tavares |
| May 21
(Sat) | Orlando Kart Center
3:00pm to 7:00pm |
| June 5
(Sun) | Auto Cross
7:00am, Tavares |

Cars and Coffee

*Club members enjoy
breakfast at Route 46*

Parade Concours

*Porsche parade coming up
in Savannah GA*

World Roadshow

*Club member attends
the Porsche World Roadshow*

Porsche 911 GT3RS 4.0

*Porsche announces a
limited edition 500HP 911*



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By Jill Perry

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From the Editor

What a great issue! Not only do we have the Porsche Parade coming to Savannah GA (just 4 hours away from us) this summer, but lots of great things happening all around us as well. Be sure to checkout the calendar on page 7 so you can be part of your club's activities and maybe even see yourself here in The Spiel.

For those that are looking for a new track beast, be sure to checkout the just announced 911 GT3 RS 4.0 on page 20!

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.

Travis Young - KineticFlow@mac.com

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Welcome New Members

Total region membership as of March 31 was 512.

Welcome to our new members:

Charles Huhn	1987 930	Longwood
James Peters	2011 Boxster	Sanford
Joe Varde	2011 Cayman S	Kissimmee
Ryan Williams	1998 Boxster	Orlando

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President's Update

I hope you noticed the cover photo from the March Spiel. Did you note the faces? A group of our members at the Chili Cook Off having a great time is typical of those who participate in Citrus Region events. I have made an effort to offer a variety of social and car related events so you don't have to be a gear head to participate and have fun. I have also made an effort to offer these events at locations throughout the region so that they are conveniently located for everyone. Watch our calendar for upcoming events that will include our traditional autocrosses, driver's ed, wine and beer tasting as well as new events being planned that include carting, cars and breakfast, drive and dines, and more!

Speaking of calendars, we are committed to keeping our

website (flc.pca.org) up to date with all of our events and the latest news of the Citrus Region. The appearance of the website is being updated with a more modern look. The Region website is being operated as an extension of the PCA national website at no cost to us.

As a result, the website is cost-effective and it has the flexibility of being updated constantly with news of our Region.

This is not to suggest that I am de-emphasizing the Spiel. I assure the Region membership and our valued advertisers the Spiel will be published with a focus on quality of content. It is my desire that both the website and the Spiel will continue to represent our Region as quality publications of which we will be proud.

If you have anything of interest that you would like to provide for our membership in the form of an article, I would encourage you to submit it to our Spiel editor, Travis Young and our webmaster Mel Saiz. We are also interested in having your photographs. The only qualification is that articles and photographs should be "Porsche-related".

I am also interested in securing additional advertisers for the Spiel. There is a possibility that at some point we may accept advertising for the website. Consider our demographic. Would your business, or a business you know of, benefit from inexpensive exposure to more than five hundred people like you and I? If so, please let me know.

In closing, the events we are now scheduling are self-supporting. Costs involved in conducting events are borne by event sponsors or by the participants. It is my opinion that the general membership should not be required to subsidize the fun the rest of us are having. If you have any ideas about an event you would like to conduct, I am all ears. Unfortunately for many, I tend to schedule events that are of interest to me. I could easily be missing yours.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers who have organized and helped at Citrus Region events. Thanks also to the contributors, sponsors and advertisers who help make our fun happen. Your efforts are certainly appreciated.

Let me hear your thoughts!

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Your guide to Citrus Region Events

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May 2 at 7pm
Porsche of Orlando
1st Monday of Each Month

Auto Cross

May 15 at 8am
Lake County Sheriff Center,
Tavares FL
www.clubregistration.net

May 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Porsches in the Park

May 6th at 5:30pm - 9:00pm
Orlando Watch Company in
Winter Park

Art of the Automobile

May 7 at 8:15am
at Daytona Beach, Caravan
meets at Longwood Rest Area
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Orlando Kart Center

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- June 5** Auto Cross @ Lake County Sheriff Training Center
- June 6** Monthly Meeting @ Porsche of Orlando
- June 25** Wine Tasting @ Tims Wine Market
- July 23** Beer Tasting @ Orlando Brewery
- July 31 - Aug 6** Porsche Parade @ Savannah, GA
- Aug 14-15** DE/ Tech Quiz/ Concours at Charlotte Motor Speedway

Events in bold represent FL Citrus sponsored events

Porsches in the Park

May 6 (Friday)

Join us Friday evening May 6 from 5:30 until 9 for "Porsches in the Park" sponsored by the Orlando Watch Company 326 North Park Avenue in Winter Park. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Several Park Avenue merchants, retailers and restaurants will be participating in a scavenger hunt with available discounts and a grand prize award.

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By Steve Williamson - photos by Jim LaPiana



The Florida Citrus Region enjoyed our first ever event at Route 46 Entertainment District in Sanford on April 2. The Route 46 Entertainment District showcases rare collectibles throughout. From gas station signs and antique cars, large paved areas, two restaurants and two bars, and a helpful enthusiastic staff, the venue was ideal. The day brought perfect spring weather in a spectacular setting. We parked 25 of our cars in

the courtyard and once the courtyard was at capacity, 20 more of our cars filled the adjacent parking lot. Many of us enjoyed breakfast at the Smokehouse Restaurant doing what we do best, swapping stories and telling l.... Most of us took advantage of Route 46 owner and fellow car guy, Don Hackensmith's offer of a tour of the property. I am not sure if he counts a Porsche as part of his car collection, but we can cer-

tainly work on him. We also will be seeing his advertising appear in the Spiel in the near future.

We were treated by the presence of several unique Porsches ranging from a pristine 356 to a late model GT 3 to a brand new Panamera and practically everything between. Thanks to Porsche of Orlando, Andrew Parkinson and Emilio Cortes for the loan of the Panamera for the event. Emilio was prepared to deliver the Panamera on the spot if anyone decided that they couldn't go home without it. Make sure that you keep that in mind at our next event.

The mid-morning arrival of the Cars for the Cure Tour brought several more exotics to the party complete with smelling brakes and hot tires. A short quiz was conducted with questions ranging from the car driven by Ron Zitz in the World Challenge to the model year of Nort Northam's "Bean". The quiz was conducted to insure that the group interacted a bit and was my thinly disguised method to get participant's names for the door prize drawings. Our door prizes were generously donated and included two shirts from our dealership sponsor Porsche of Orlando, two autocrosses and a wash and shine from our advertisers and fellow members at Millenia Motors, and two gift certificates from Route 46 Entertainment District.

If you check our calendar, you will find that we have a couple more of these similar events scheduled this year at Route 46. I made a mistake calling this "Cars and Coffee" as several attendees were unaware that they could have breakfast as well. I have now labeled the event "Cars and Breakfast". That's pretty lame and I think that you can do better. If you can come up with a better label, you will win the "GRAND PRIZE" at the next event. I will be the one and only judge and you have to be present to win!

See you there!

Steve Williamson



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Parade Concours?



By Cole Scrogam

That title question really seems to be the most common thing asked by new Parade attendees...what is this Concours thing all about? Well, I guess it might be considered one of those questions where the answer depends on your perspective. If you have an autocross perspective, then the "Q-tippers" are slightly off their rocker and the display is just a nice way to spend the day before the autocross starts (other than the race cars on display of course!). To the Rally folks, the display is a little more palatable, but if you are going to spend that much time with your car you should at least include a few calculations to correlate the speedometer with your GPS. I'm not even going to discuss the Tech Quiz only crowd...

The Concours can be as simple or as complicated as you like, from a nice display of Porsches to enjoy on a beautiful summer day to the last details of restoration perfection, and anywhere in between. The Parade Concours is the premier Concours event of the year for PCA; a truly awesome display of over 60 years of Porsche history in America and beyond. The Parade location this year is Savannah, Georgia, a charming destination city that is sure to provide you with your fill of pralines and peanuts once you have had enough of the Concours.

For the first time in the Park's history, an automotive display will be allowed on these grounds, courtesy of the 2011 Parade Concours. Porsche Club of America members will stroll the lawns and gardens festooned with possibly the finest display of Porsches in Parade history. Reds, Blues, Yellows and Blacks will add to the Green of Forsyth Park, as Porsches in all shapes and sizes converge on the grounds. The Monday event is open to the public and will be buzzing with activity all day long.

Featuring over a hundred cars, the Concours will display competitive vehicles in classes, divisions and groups in four major areas: Preparation, Preservation, Restoration and Performance. The crowd favorite Historic Display should feel right at home in this location as well! And if competition is not your thing, the Corral is another possibility. Several hundred Porsches will be displayed (grouped by model) in the non-competitive Corral. To join this collection of Porsches, you just need to submit a regular entry to the Parade before registration closes...but if you can't bring your Porsche and want to view the Concours, just bring yourself as this event is open to the public.

The four groups of cars are grouped in roughly the following criteria (memorize this to impress any innocent bystander at Forsyth Park that asks the "What's this Concours thing all about..." question!):

Preparation - This is the group comprised of mostly newer cars, they are being judged on how well prepared they are (ie-clean). There is not so much emphasis on originality as how completely free of dirt the car is, so watch out for those Q-tips!

Preservation - This group is the opposite of Preparation, it is reserved for cars that have been faithfully maintained and kept original over many years, so you will see mostly older Porsches here with decades of careful care and attention. Cleanliness is not so important, but all of the original bits and pieces certainly are!

Restoration - This group is made up of cars that have been restored to their original condition. This time consuming process is evaluated by experienced teams of judges, some of whom actually remember what these cars looked like when they were new! Cleanliness and originality are judged, making this group a difficult proposition for entrants, so thankfully there are cars judged in Touring (top only) and Full (top and bottom of the car is judged).

Performance - This group of cars ranges from all out racers to modified street cars, most of them "personalized" to their owner's liking. You will see a lot of



variety in this group, which is judged on cleanliness only and feature highly modified and performance oriented Porsches.

I hope that little refresher course on the Parade Competition Rules helps you spot the different groups at the Concours, and make more sense of the myriad of awards and trophies at the banquet. You can also browse the Porsche Corral and Historic Display for cars that are not competing, but certainly add a lot to the display. Feel free to come a day or so early and enjoy the prep area (air-conditioned!) in the convention center and see all the work that goes on behind the scenes of our Day at the Concours!

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The annual Zonefest, this year will be hosted by Suncoast region. Last year's event was held in Mt. Dora over Memorial Day weekend and hosted by your Citrus Region. This year, it will be held in Tampa Bay at Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor to celebrate Suncoast's 50 year anniversary. Social highlights include a Friday night welcome party, Saturday evening anniversary gala banquet (individual tickets are \$50), and Monday golf tournament (pending enough entrants). Please email me or watch for an email for more information and RSVP info. The group hotel rate at Innisbrook is only \$125.

Cool off at the annual wine tasting at Tim's Market in Windermere; tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 25.

The annual Orlando Brewing beer tasting and mini car show has been delayed this year into October. The previous two years of the event were held in May and the weather simply did not cooperate. This year, we will incorporate a charity event along with an Oktoberfest theme! Check back later as we work out the details.

As always, questions, comments and suggestions are always appreciated at LauraLeeXOXO@aol.com.

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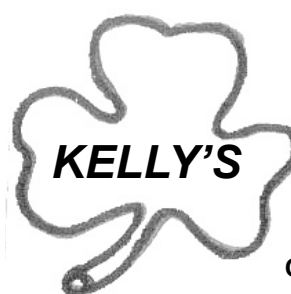
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World Roadshow Recap



by Travis Young

I just was fortunate enough to attend the Porsche World Road Show in West Palm Beach in April. It was held at Palm Beach International Raceway and it is headed to several other cities as well over the next few months. I think there were some extra spaces available so PCA sent out an E-Mail blast asking if anyone wanted to go (no cost). It looks like this is a PCNA marketing event from the brief questionnaire we filled out once we were finished. The event is well run and all of the instructors are very professional... not to mention snacks, drinks, and some goodies.

There are several groups that go through each day, in 2.5 hour or so blocks. Each group starts with a brief track talk and then the participants split into 2 groups, one headed to the auto-cross track and one headed to the road track. After an hour, you switch

tracks with the other group so everyone experiences the same thing.

The road track has 4 different 911's (all dark gray, go figure) lined up behind a pace car that is driven by an instructor from the Porsche Driving Experience @ Barber. There was a GTS, 4S, S, and base 911 (I guess that's the "core" out of the 20 or so different 911s in production now). Everyone rotated through the 911's and chased the pace car around the track so they could be compared back to back. The GTS was hands down everyone's favorite, but the all wheel drive of the 4S felt very secure to drive. The 911s had about 10 miles on them when we arrived so they were pretty much showroom new and still had the wonderful anti-corrosion burn off smell as they warmed up.



The auto cross portion was the best part though. Not only was there a standard and S Boxster and a base Cayman, there was a Boxster Spyder and a Cayman R that we all got to rotate through at least once. The Spyder had some "issues" so only a few of us were lucky enough to drive it. The Cayman R was a rocket though, with noticeably better handling than my Cayman S and maybe a tad better than the Spyder.

It was really great to "test drive" those cars in a track type environment and not just on the streets around the dealership (if you could even get a Spyder or CaymanR for a test drive).

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Parade 2011: Savannah, GA

Groundhog Day at the Autocross

By Cole Scrogam

OK, we all admit that autocrossing can be pretty fun...figuring out how your car handles at the limit in relatively safe surroundings...that is some good stuff! Even the Concours buffs hold a secret desire to thrash around the course and see what it will do. For those novices among us, an autocross is a mini race-course that is created by setting up orange pylons. Digital timers note start and finish times, and any contact with a pylon costs you an extra two seconds which is added to the time for your "lap," thus removing any advantage that might be gained by "altering" the course. There are typically three timed runs; which follow a prescribed set of activities such as a course walk, driver's meeting and safety inspection of your vehicle. Depending on registration numbers, additional timed laps may be offered, which gives you that much more opportunity to best your competition. Of course, basic safety equipment is required, such as helmets (loaner helmets will be available), but no major modifications are needed to your Porsche. After all, Porsches are built for performance! Of course, if the bug bites, you may find yourself modifying your car, progressing both through the upper classes and your pocketbook.

Compared to most region events, Parade Autocross events are huge affairs, with so many classes and cars that it takes a couple of days to complete. There is a place for every car that Porsche makes, or has made for the past 60 years! Being a course worker gives a really great view of the cars on course, giving you a chance to see how others do things (yet another advantage), so don't forget to volunteer to help out. As with a region event, we need volunteers to make this happen!

A Parade autocross can be anything but "routine," and with this month's installment of interesting Parade tidbits I will point out a few key differences of a Parade event. Autocross junkies have a pretty set pattern, ingrained from years of the same old arrangement. The typical autocross day begins with a little anxiety

as the event is finally here, which quickly fades into a sense of purpose. Get up and get dressed, maybe have a minute for a Pop-Tart because the early bird gets the worm (or does the second mouse get the cheese?), and then off to load the car and/or trailer with extra sets of wheels, air pressure gauge and tank, some miscellaneous tools and cleaners, snacks, cooler with drinks and whatever else we can be convinced will add some "extra" advantage.

Next up is a 30-40 minute ride from civilization to the autocross site, both large and vacant enough to house the field of cars as well as the course itself. Once there, the first task is a parking space and a tactical decision: How close to park to the porta-potties. Too far away is a long walk and too close... well, you know. Lots of friends to meet, old and new, and a quick fingernail check of that new rubber that had better pay off in lower lap times. After that, it's unload and set up in time to be ready for the course walk-and tech inspection, knowing that at the end of the day you have to load it all up again.

Sound familiar? If not, you are probably preparing for your first autocross at this Parade. Either way, it is still important to point out a few things. First of all, at the Parade, tech inspection is NOT offered on the morning of the autocross. You must tech your car in advance of your driving day. So check the schedule, know when you will drive and know when the tech inspection station is open. Don't forget to get your inspection before your driving day arrives! Additionally, while track walks are offered each morning of the event, you can also walk the track each preceding afternoon. This is a great advantage to having a multi-day event. Take benefit of this to learn as much about the track as you can before you get there in your car. It's your unfair advantage. Another helpful activity would be to attend the "chalk talk" lecture to pick up the tips and tricks of the successful autocross driver. Hosted by Parade Autocross chair Henry Hoeh, this session promises to be very informative. The Parade

autocross is a Novice friendly event so please don't choose sit on the sidelines and watch just because you're not an experienced cone chaser.

This year we also have the luxury of an event that is mere minutes from your room. That's right...on Hutchinson Island and only three quarters of a mile from the convention center! That means not getting up before daybreak to load the car and drive to the site (unless you want to of course!). Sound too good to be true? Not really, it's just the location for the 2011 Parade Autocross in Savannah in the paddock of the Hutchinson Island race course, adjacent to the Parade headquarters at the convention center. Hutchinson Island was created to run Champ Car type events around a commercial park, and the race-track infield will be used to create the Autocross for this year's event. There is even a possibility that some special ride opportunities may crop up around the race course itself, stay tuned to the Parade website or Facebook page for more information! The proximity of the event to Parade headquarters is something that doesn't happen very often, and the Parade staff

has responded by providing a fantastic location. This year even spectators will be afforded a great opportunity to see the cars in action, so remember to come on down and check it out!

There are a lot of first time Parade entrants this year, and I am sure that many have experienced a local region's autocross, perhaps only as a spectator. If you have the opportunity, it would be worth your while to get a little experience at a local event before you head down to Savannah. And if you haven't registered for the Parade, give it some serious thought; there is still time to register and plenty of things to do there. If you have never tried a Parade Autocross before, this one might be just the ticket to find out more about your Porsche's unique handling in a low speed, controlled environment. You don't have to be a hero, just give it a try and see how it goes. You might discover something about your Porsche, and yourself!

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Sebring 12 Hour

by Marie Zitz

Great SVRA weekend at Sebring (support races before the 12 Hrs)! Friday's enduro Jim & Ron were 1st in class and 6th overall out of 75 cars, Terry was 1st in class and 23rd, Nort and Ron were 3rd in class 19th overall. For the Saturday sprints Jim was 2nd and Nort was 3rd, Terry did not race. Perfect weather and a great time! The photos are from this weekend and the previous weekend at Sebring.



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World Challenge

by Marie Zitza

Ron's first pro race in the World Challenge series was this weekend. We are in TC and race with the GT and GTS groups. This was Ron's first race in the VW (and first time at St Pete too) He came in second on Saturday, with Ausenback 1st. On Sunday he had just passed Ausenback aiming for 1st place when the differential broke. :(Ron's co-driver Carolyn was hit by a Porsche and ended up nose down sitting in the tires, looks worse than it was. If we are let in, we will race in Long Beach in 2 weeks (SCCA PRO racing has many rules and restrictions). You can watch the St Pete race on April 9th (Versus) - the live coverage for Long Beach will be online at World-ChallengeTV.com . Ron can tell you all about the racing, Probst crashing right in front of him...

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Porsche 911 GT3 RS 4.0

Limited edition racing car: 911 GT3 RS 4.0



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The 911 GT3 RS 4.0 offers truly impressive performance. The most eloquent figure: It makes it round the Nürburgring-Nordschleife in 7:27 minutes. The 911 GT3 4.0, available exclusively with a six-speed sports transmission, sprints to 100 km/h (62 mph)

from a standing start in 3.9 seconds, its gearing designed for the racing circuit taking it to the 200 km/h (124 mph) mark in under 12 seconds.

The 911 GT3 RS 4.0's outstanding driving dynamics are the fruit of meticulously coordinated details. In addition to using the suspension components typically encountered in motor racing, weight reduction is also of supreme importance. Equipped as standard with light weight components such as bucket seats, bonnet and front wings made of carbon fibre, plastic rear windows and weight-optimised carpets, the two-seater's ready-for-road weight is a mere 1,360 kilograms with a full tank of fuel. At 2.72 kg/hp, the 911 GT3 RS 4.0's power-to-weight ratio thereby dips below the magical threshold of 3 kilograms per hp.

The limited edition 911 is painted white as standard and emphasises its proximity to motor racing by its dynamic appearance. Trademark characteristics are the wide track, the low vehicle position, the large rear wing with adapted side plates, the typical central twin tailpipe and the aerodynamically optimised body. The lateral front air deflection vanes, so-called



flics, making their first appearance on a production Porsche, testify to the aerodynamic precision engineering. They create increased downforce on the front axle and together with the steeply inclined rear wing bring the vehicle into aerodynamic equilibrium. As a result, at top speed, aerodynamic forces exert an additional 190 kg pushing the 911 GT3 RS 4.0 onto the road.

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