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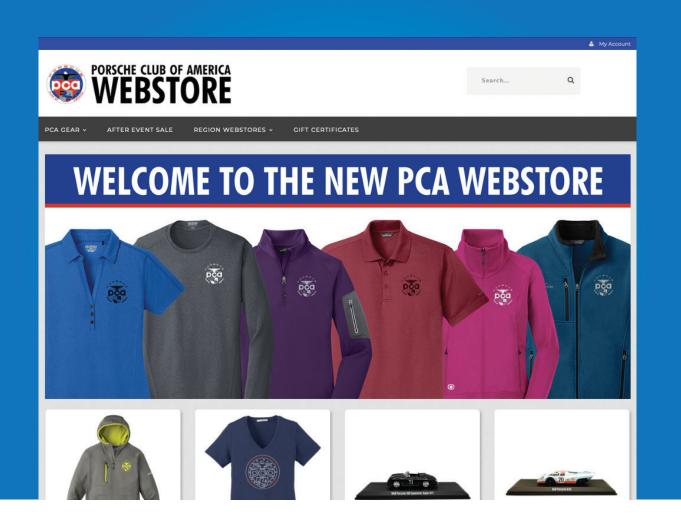
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# ENTHUSIASTS OF THE YEAR 2020









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Submissions must be received by the 15th of the month. Please contact us with any questions and send your articles to **lyndseymcoyleggmail.com**.

Cover photo: James Whitaker (co-"Enthusiast" winner)

# WELCOME **NEW MEMBERS!**

Welcome to all our new Florida Citrus Region Members!!

We are so happy you have joined us. Florida Citrus Region offers a wide variety of activities - everything from Driver Education (DE), Autocross (AX) social events, rallies, and great scenic drives. Come check out some of our activities and join up with other Porsche enthusiasts.

The Florida Citrus Region has a website (flc.pca. ora) that contains information about our club. The calendar lists many events where you will be able to meet up with some of your fellow Florida Citrus Region Members. We also have a Facebook page that can be found at <u>facebook.com/</u> ForidaCitrusPorscheClub/.

We hope to have monthly meetings that usually occur on the first Monday of each month. We have suspended the meetings temporarily due to the pandemic, but with vaccines a reality, we plan to hold the meetings soon. Check our calendar (flc. pca.org/calendar/) for meeting location.

Hope to see you out there!!

Leslie Sikorski Membership Chair

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# SPRING 2021 **CALENDAR**

### **APRIL**

**CFL Cars & Coffee** 

(Sun) Sam's Club - 11920 Narcoossee Rd

Membership Meeting

(Mon) BJ's Conroy

10 FLC/German Excellence AX Frankies Road, Tavares (Sat)

Orlando Cars & Coffee

Various - Check FB (Sun)

Gary Merideth's Cars & Coffee (Sat)

House Blend Cafe

**Porsche Night** The Ace Cafe (Mon)

**Drive & Boat Cruise** 24

(Sat.) St. Augustine Sabrage Charter

25 **FLC AX Orlando** 

(Sun.) Orange Co. Convention Center

### MΔY

**CFL Cars & Coffee** 

(Sun) Sam's Club - 11920 Narcoossee Rd

**Membership Meeting** 

Location TBA (Mon)

Orlando Cars & Coffee

Various - Check FB (Sun)

Gary Merideth's Cars & Coffee 15

(Sat) House Blend Cafe

FLC/German Excellence AX

Frankies Road, Tavares (Sun)

**Porsche Night** 

(Mon) The Ace Cafe

### JUNE

19 (Sat)

**CFL Cars & Coffee** 

(Sun) Sam's Club - 11920 Narcoossee Rd

Membership Meeting

(Mon) Location TBA

Orlando Cars & Coffee

Various - Check FB (Sun)

Garv Merideth's Cars & Coffee

House Blend Cafe

**Porsche Night** 

(Mon) The Ace Cafe

Full details at: flc.pca.org/calendar all events subject to change or cancellation. **WELCOME** to SPRING. Hopefully, the new season will bring with it a continuing waning of Covid and will allow us to return to full activity.

Despite Covid, we have maintained many of our activities, all while working within governmental and PCA requirements. We believe that events that are largely outdoors or where we can maintain adequate social distancing can be managed safely. We had a seminar for new DE drivers, a Ladies Day/Solo track day and DE, a couple of autocrosses, and a tour to Silver Springs. Many of these events are featured in articles in this issue. In addition, Cars and Coffee events in Ocoee, Donovan Dean drives, and the monthly gatherings at Ace Café are back in swing, although these are not FLC/PCA events.

Unfortunately, we have not held our regular membership meeting because of concerns about having a large gathering in a confined space. I am hopeful that we can start holding monthly meetings in April or May. If we can get clearance from one of our Porsche dealers, we will have a meeting there and a dinner at a nearby restaurant. Stay tuned and watch for announcements by email, Facebook, and the FLC web site.

Our featured article is about the FLC Enthusiast of the Year award. This is the highest honor FLC can give, and recognizes outstanding contributions to our activities. This year we honored Annette Vasickanin and Jim Witaker for their work managing the FLC Tours. Some members may not be aware of the Enthusiast award. The article highlights the award and lists all of the recipients since 1991

Steve Williamson, Mike Colon, and team put on our usual February track event, but with a new twist – inviting our Ladies to come and drive on track in their own run group. We had 13 ladies share Roebling Road for 4 sessions on Friday. We have an overview by Steve Williamson; experiences of Sondra Miller, a novice driver; and comments by Anne Del Villano, a seasoned driver.

FLC will continue our activities, including 4 autocrosses, a couple of tours, and hopefully a return to monthly club meetings. Mark your calendars for the FLC DE seminar (8/28), Instructor School (10/8), and DE (10/9-10). Let's hope to see another Ladies track day. OktoberFast will return 10/21-24. All events will be conducted following Covid guidelines. Hopefully, the recent decline in reported infections will continue allowing us to gather safely.

Finally, the December 31, 2020 Financial statements, prepared by Dan Beyer, are presented on pp. 30-31. FLC is in very strong financial condition.

Watch for announcements coming from <a href="https://www.PCA.org">www.PCA.org</a>, and <a href="https://www.clubregistration">www.clubregistration</a>. net and check our website (<a href="flc.pca.org">flc.pca.org</a>) and social media.

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### FLORIDA CITRUS REGION IS

fortunate to have a large group of volunteers who manage our We have several activities. ways to honor and thank our volunteers. In the pre-Covid era we have had volunteer appreciation parties, and have given individual plaques. by far the most significant award to recognize outstanding contributions is the "Enthusiast of the Year" trophy. It is a handsome silver bowl mounted on a walnut base on which individual plaques are mounted. Generally, the Enthusiast trophy is awarded at the annual Holiday Party, but we

all know about that.

It is an honor to announce that the Enthusiasts of the year for 2020 are Annette Vasickanin and Jim Whitaker. They persevered through all the issues of Covid and still created a fantastic set of driving tours. They had to organize the registration process, identify a good gathering point, select a destination, and the find interesting routes all around Florida - all in compliance with changing governmental regulations and PCA guidelines. No small feat. As the pandemic wanes, they are developing several more interesting tours. Look for announcements of the FLC tours and sign up for a good drive. When you see Annette and Jim, please be sure to acknowledge the award and thank them for all they do.

There have been 30 Enthusiast awards since 1991. The list is impressive (see the table on p. 9). You'll recognize many of the names as friends that are still participating in our events. It is not possible to acknowledge

Above & opposite: 2020 Co-Winner Annette Vasickanin poses with her 2018 Graphite Blue Cayman by Mullett Lake in Oveido.





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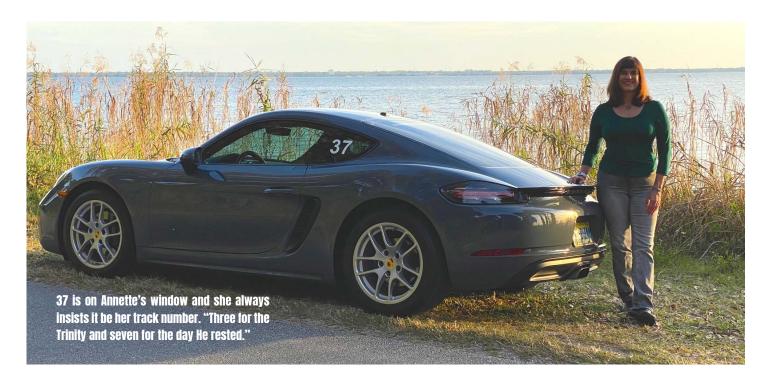
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each award winner, but.... John and Jan Reker can be seen in their yellow 356. Dan Helman helps with our taxes. The Duffy's are leading the charge to educate members about the glories of the 924 based transaxel cars. Also, Chris Duffy is a consistent podium finisher in the PCA Sim Racing Series. Mark Peebles is a regular at our DEs, Autocrosses, and socials. Nort Northam is the living history of FLC.

Many of the Enthusiast

awardees for the last 15 years are among the current generation of club leaders and some have been recognized multiple times. Jim LaPiana (2017) is our Secretary and wife Christie (2005) is always there for support. Travis Young (2010, 2011, 2017) is Editor Emeritus of the Spiel. Lisa Lewis (2013, 2014) is now our Zone Rep after serving as President for 4 years. Leslie Sikorski (2016) is our Membership Chair. Mike Colon (2019) is a key leader in

our DE programs. Annette and Jim (2020) continue the series of interesting tours. And finally, Anne and I (2005, 2007, 2009, 2017, 2018) wear many hats.

So, who will be chosen the Enthusiast of the Year for 2021? Stay tuned and plan to attend our Holiday Party for the announcement.

Bert Del Villano is Club President and Autocross Chair of PCA Citrus Region.

#### **ENTHUSIAST OF THE YEAR AWARDS HISTORY:**

1991 1992	Frank Goyco Stella Younggren	2001	Tania Varga Barry Schulty	2011 2012	Travis Young Arden Griffith
1993	Norma Vatcher	2002	Pedro Varga	2013	Lisa Lewis
1994	Greta Weis		Vernon Knoll	2014	Lisa Lewis
1995	Jan Reker	2003	John Reker	2015	Nancy Burgos
1996	Dan Helman		Mark Peebles	2016	Leslile Sikorski
1997	Michael Canine	2004	Nort Northam		Robert Layne
	Paul Gerding	2005	Bert & Anne Del Villano	2017	Jim La Piana
	John Reker		Christie La Piana		Bert & Anne Del Villano
1998	Grace Hughes	2006	Christian Engle		Travis Young
	Larry Hughes	2007	Bert & Anne Del Villano	2018	"Enthusiasts of the Decade"
1999	Kevin Duffy		Bill Davis		Bert & Anne Del Villano
	Barbara Duffy	2008	Chuck Hennings	2019	Mike Colon
	Chris Duffy	2009	Bert & Anne Del Villano	2020	Annette Vasickanin
2000	Dave Borinski	2010	Travis Young		Jim Whitaker



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### PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA



### Zonel2.PCA.org October 22-24, 2021

This October, Zone 12 and Porsche Club of America Club Racing take over historic Daytona International Speedway for OktoberFast! The fourteenth running of OktoberFast will be our best event yet, with more opportunities than just Club Racing.

In addition to the high adrenaline excitement of Porsche Club Racing, an Advanced Solo High-Performance Drivers Education will be offered to qualified Solo drivers and PCA Instructors, driving a variety of marques.

However, we're not limiting the fun to only the high banks of Daytona. Saturday, we'll have an Autocross open to all marques and experience levels, as well as a Swap Meet and Car Show! Additionally, we'll offer charity touring laps of Daytona International Speedway, which allow you to drive your very own car around the Speedway while also raising money for a great cause!

While you're participating in all the incredible events during OktoberFast, you'll have the chance to get up close and personal with Club Racing and explore the garages and view the races from the best vantage points along the paddock.

This year we'll open our first Goodie Store filled with incredible PCA apparel and accessories to commemorate OktoberFast and Club Racing, as well onsite vendors keeping you up to date with the latest safety gear, fresh tires, and select parts, accessories, and consumables.

Make your plans now to attend OktoberFast, October 22-24, 2021. Look for HPDE, Autocross, and Volunteer registration to open on ClubRegistration.net early Summer 2021, and Club Race registration to open in September.

Keep an eye on Zone12.PCA.org for up-to-date information.

We can't wait to see you at OktoberFast!

Jamie R. Thole

Race Committee Chairman

PCA Zone 12









## TREFFEN - GREAT FRIENDS, GREAT ROADS, GREAT TIMES

BY LESLIE SIKORSKI

# **SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD** talk about PCA's Treffen and you might ask yourself what is this

PCA's Treffen and you might ask yourself what is this event all about?

Treffen is a German word that means 'to meet'. These events give PCA members an opportunity to meet their fellow Porsche enthusiasts in some of the most spectacular locations throughout North America. From the Hill Country of Texas, the beautiful scenery of New Mexico, the majestic mountains of Banff and ski valleys of Tahoe, PCA Treffens provide an opportunity for members to drive some of the best roads in North America and enjoy five-star hospitality at world class resorts.

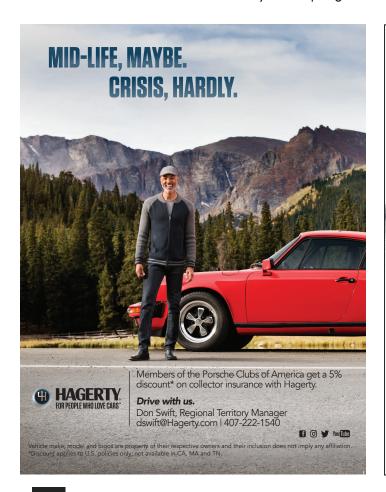
Treffen North America places an emphasis on the social side rather than competition. Meet up with old friends and make lots of new friends who enjoy the same type of exclusive experience that Treffen offers – Amazing hotels and unique driving opportunities set in locations offering unmatched scenery and luxury.

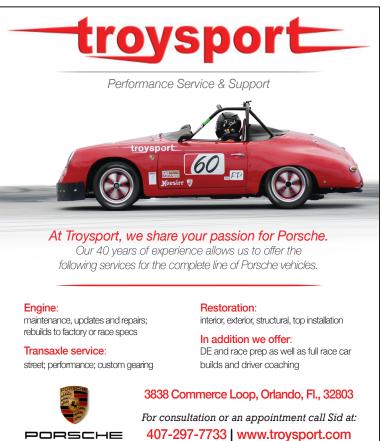
PCA hold two Treffens each year - spring and

fall. They are four-day events and consist of three days of non-competitive touring (Participants can choose to do the organized tours or go off on their own to explore), themed dinner functions, socials, etc.

Want to know more? Visit the Treffen website at Treffen.PCA.org. Currently, our website is set up for our next event (May 5-9 in Scottsdale) and is sold out. Treffen in the fall of 2021 will be at the American Club, Kohler, WI (10/13/21 - 10/17/2021), and in spring of 2022 will be at the Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO (04/27/2022-05/01/2022). The Treffen website will be updated with American Club information soon after the Scottsdale event is complete. Have more questions? Don't hesitate to drop me a note Oneporschegirlegmail.com.

Leslie Sikorski is the Membership & Email Chair of PCA Citrus Region.





# WINE & OIL CHANGE... PART II by Karyn Rinaldi

IN THE SUMMER 2020 ISSUE of the Spiel, I wrote an article about my "WHAT am I doing???" moment when I decided to retire from a long career as an engineer and go back to school to learn the trade of Auto Technician at Universal Technical Institute (UTI). Admittedly, I had no experience with cars other than driving them, putting gas in them, air in the tires, and watching friends work on their cars while I sat on the sidelines with a cool drink in hand. Plus, I have not been a full-time student since, well, let's just say, since before the first-generation Boxster was introduced. just what was I getting myself into???

The program was comprised of 17 three-week long courses. I would be in class for 5 hours of in-class instruction and lab work each day, with an additional 15-20 hours of on-line "Blackboard" lessons for each class. (Note, being a "methodical" engineer (AKA: OCD), I soon found that the Blackboard lessons usually took me twice that allotted time.)

With all of that in mind, I retired from my job on Friday December 13, 2019, and on Monday December 16, I packed my lunch, picked up my backpack, and headed out to class. My first class was Intro to Engines, where I found myself staring at the Dual Overhead Cam V8 that I would become very familiar with over the next 3

weeks as we tore it down to the short block and then rebuilt it. I had a total blast doing this, but I will say that thank goodness this was only a classroom prop as my team ended up with a few extra nuts and bolts after our rebuild-I learned a few lessons about bagging and labeling in that class to say the least!

After engines, I moved on to Powertrains and Transmissions which was another fun class of taking things apart and putting them back together. I totally enjoyed learning what happens when I depress my clutch and shift gears. As I drive now, I still think about the process of what is happening in my transmission with the synchronizers, blocker rings, shift forks, and gears. (Yes, the engineer in me was geeking out!)

My next class was the first of 3 electrical classes that I'd been told were the toughest classes in the curriculum. Gulp! This class



reunited me with Volts, Amps, Ohms, E=IR and Watts law, which I thought (hoped?) I'd never see again after graduating with my engineering degree in the '80s. But this time around, with a lot of tutoring assistance, I was able to understand the theories and electrical diagrams. And building the circuits in class – that was like playing with Legos made out of wires! I actually had fun in this class!

It was shortly after finishing my electrical class that the world turned upside down with Covid and the quarantine. As with so many other schools around the country, we resorted to complete online learning. The instructors at the school rapidly put together videos of the coursework so we could keep on track with all but the lab work and the exams. It was during this time that I discovered that I am a terrible self-teacher of material that I have no understanding of. Thus, my new love of YouTube Videos! ("Chris Fix" and "Eric the Car Guy" - y'all rock in my world!!!!) In late June, I returned to campus to start the catch-up process for the hands-on lab work and exams for coursework I'd done on-line, while still taking new classes in order to complete the program on time. It took about 4 months of "double classing" to catch up.

Despite the interruption of Covid, I still had a tremendous amount of fun learning about the undercar systems, steering and suspension systems, advanced electrical systems, and power and performance techniques. Being the engineer that I am (again, AKA: OCD), I put in over 2200 hours outside of the classroom studying and trying to get a solid understanding of what I was learning. This paid off in high grades and earning Student of the Course numerous times.

#### I DID HAVE ONE SLIGHT "FAUX PAS"

on the final exam in class #13, however, that blew my straight-A average. I was the last student to turn in the written portion of the exam, and I felt that I clearly explained the 3 questions on the test sheet. The next week when I saw the instructor, he informed me that I was spot on with my answers on the first 3 questions, however...!!!!! The 5 questions on the back of the test sheet were unanswered! (Grade = 37%. Ouch!) To make matters worse, the written final exam was counted twice towards our final grade! (Ouch again!!!) Needless to say, from there on out, several of the instructors were quick to point out to me that V8 engines have 2 sides, roadways they traveled on their way home had 2 lanes, clocks have 2 hands, etc... One instructor even came into my next final exam to remind me to turn the exam over as it had 2 sides.... Wise guys!!!

All in all, however, I had an extremely great year, made numerous new friends, earned the reputation among the instructors as "the most studious student ever at UTI", learned

more than I ever imagined and did not stop smiling!! Do I intend to use this for career #3? No, but I have been doing an internship for Bryce Merideth at Christian Brothers Automotive in Clermont, where I'm applying what I learned under the direction of one of his Master Techs and finding that I really did learn more than I ever realized. I'm also learning that manicures are temporarily on hold while I become very acquainted with GOJO.

Forget the entertaining with Wine and Cheese. I'm just about ready for "Wine and Oil Change" parties in my garage!

Karyn Rinaldi is the VP of the PCA Citrus Region.

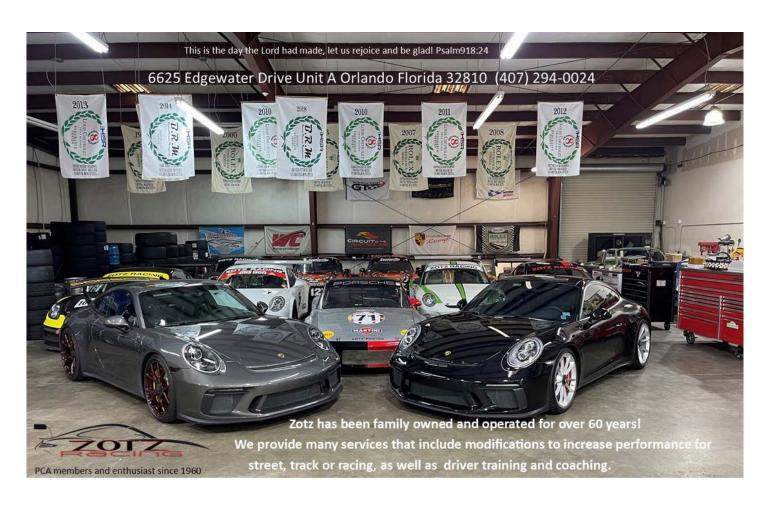
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### FLC AUTOCROSS - GO ZAC! BOXSTER TAKES TTOD

BY BERT DEL VILLANO, PRESIDENT AND AX CHAIR

Zac Saubert, driving a 2013 stock, base Boxster, took Top Time of Day at the Feb. 21 autocross, defeating all of the extraordinary drivers in much higher horsepower, specially set up cars.

Zac is an exceptional driver. He shares the car with his mother, Heather Hammil, who herself is a fantastic driver. Moreover, Zac's grandfather is Maury Hammil, another autocross champion. Do you think genes matter?

The Feb. 21 autocross had near perfect conditions – clear sky, little breeze, ideal cool temperatures. Bob Blucher set up a smooth, fast course, winding and twisting thru the big lot at the Lake County Sheriff's Training facility. The linked turns flowed very nicely, allowing drivers to transition from left to right without upsetting the cars. You barely needed the brakes, except....

If you have not driven an FLC autocross, please join us on 4/10

at Tavares for a safe, fun-filled day of driving your Porsches the way the engineers designed them. We have loaner helmets if you need one and instructors are available to help navigate the course. Registration is open at https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/11366. Cost is \$30 if you pre-register. Come play with us.

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## FEBRUARY 2021 AX DRIVE TIME SUMMARY

PORSCHE CLASSES			"FUN" CLASS					
Class	Pos.	Driver	Model	Time	Pos.	Driver	Model	Time
SL								
	1T	Heather O Hamill	Porsche, Boxster; 2013	43.659	1T	Jim West	Chey, Corvett	42.179
	2T	Karyn Rinaldi	Porsche, Boxster S Black Ed.; 2012	47.406	<b>2</b> T	Gary Merideth	Chevrolet, Corvette Z06; 2006	42.285
	3	Rebekka Marinov	Porsche, Carrera 4; 2001	49.14	3T	Harry Corbin	Subaru, STI; 2005	42.376
	4	Anne Del Villano	Porsche, GTS; 2016	50.381	4T	George Bonafede	Subaru, BRZ; 2013	42.803
\$5					5T	Bryce Merideth	Chevrolet, Corvette; 2006	42.817
	1T	Zac Saubert	Porsche, Boxster; 2013	41.975	6T	Andy Seipos	Chevrolet, Corvette; 2016	42.834
	<b>2</b> T	Mel Saiz	Porsche, Boxster S; 2003	45.07	7	Ken Marion	Mazda, Miata; 2019	43.307
	3	Keith Thompson	Porsche, Boxster; 2016	46.555	8	Dan Simionescu	Mazda, Mazdaspeed Miata; 2005	43.594
	4	Carl Lueck	Porsche, Boxster; 2009	47.763	9	Erik Mayer	Mazda, MX-5; 2016	43.609
\$6					10	Matt Bradford	Mazda, Miata; 1997	43.626
	1T	Jimmy Strater	Porsche, Cayman S; 2014	43.741	11	Marco Rocca	Lotus, Exige; 2007	43.882
	2T	Bill Morthland	Porsche, 911 Carrera 4S; 2004	44.325	12	Stephen Claxton	Chevrolet, Corvette; 2016	44.386
	3	Paul Bishop	Porsche, C4S; 2010	44.459	13	Kevin Madyda	Miata, Mazda; 1999	44.458
	4	Marc Gerber	Porsche, 911 S; 2012	44.531	14	Adam Arencibia-Moo	re Mazda, MX-5; 2016	44.562
	5	Murphy Walden	Porsche, Cayman S; 2006	46.574	15	Chris Wells	Miata, Mazda; 1991	44.576
\$7					16	Sean Heffernan	Mazda, Miata; 1999	45.341
	1T	Terry Glazar	Porsche, Cayman S; 2019	44.186	17	Eric Orr	Mazda, Miata; 1999	45.587
P2					18	Bruce VanHoozen	Honda, CIVIC SI; 2007	45.678
	1T	Bradley Thomas	Porsche, 924SE; 1988	48.581	19	Mike Redmond	Mazda, Miata; 20??	46.025
	2	Kevin Duffy	Porsche, 924S; 1987	52.352	20	Nate Adair	Alfa Romeo, Giulia; 2017	46.078
P6					21	Gregory Zollo	Honda, fit lx; 2017	46.249
	1T	Robert Blucher	Porsche, 718 Boxster; 2017	42.14	22	Ben Turner	Mazda, Miata; 1999	47.909
	2	Don Cross	Porsche, Boxster S; 2008	47.025	23	Amin Meddouch	Mazda, MX5 Miata; 1996	48.663
	3	Joshua Marinov	Porsche, Carrera 4; 2001	47.644	24	Nelson Roque	Chevrolet, Corvette GS; 2017	49.767
<b>P</b> 7								
	1T	Bert DelVillano	Porsche, Cayman GTS; 2016	43.608				
	2	Francis Johnson	Porsche, Cayman GTS; 2016	47.782				
P8								
	1T	Nick Rocca	Porsche, Cayman GT4; 2016	43.286				

# **WERKS REUNION**

BY KEVIN DUFFY | 924S944.com

IT'S COMING IN MAY... THE PORSCHE WERKS REUNION IN CONCERT WITH THE AMELIA CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE. PLAN TO BE AT THE WERKS RUNION ON FRIDAY, MAY 21.

For the past four years, Porsche has had their Werks Reunion on the Friday of the Amelia Island weekend. Last year the event was the first weekend of March, and within days everything started shutting down for COVID. This year's Concours was moved from March to May 21–23, with the Porsche Werks Reunion on Friday, May 21. Plan to attend and expect to view a breathtaking array of Porsches at this free-to-spectators event, from rare classics to current models and everything in between.

924S944.com brought two cars to the show in 2020– Sparky, our 1987 924S Rescue Puppy, and Moe, our 1988 924S Special Edition. Sparky went home with a trophy in his class.

The Werks Reunion was created by the Porsche Club of America as an event to celebrate both the Porsche marque as well as the camaraderie of being an enthusiast. This is not a contest of who has removed dust from the deepest crevices in their Porsche but rather a judged show that rewards a Porsche that has been lovingly maintained and presents itself well on the field. Our judges do not use Porsche Parade Concours score sheets but rather rank the cars according to certain attributes discussed prior to judging. For those who do not wish to have their cars judged, you may display in the model specific corrals or if the organizers see fit, on the judged field itself. There are no score sheets returned or protest committees. This is a casual gathering of Porsche enthusiasts focused on having fun rather than solely competition.

The event starts at 7 am when judged cars are placed on the judging field. Coffee and breakfast items are available for purchase until 10 am when the bars open! Lunch is available for purchase from 11:30 am until 1 pm, with the awards ceremony from 2–3 pm. Please note that food and drinks will only be allowed in designated seated areas. Masks are required throughout the event.

Registration opens on March 24 at noon. Registration will fill up, so don't wait. Your car does not have to be a "concours show car" to get on the field. Sparky is our daily driver, and he won an award in 2020!

Get you accommodations soon as this is the biggest car event on the east coast! Also check AirBNB for rentals, and before you make reservations, be sure that the parking lot looks safe for your car. Check the aerial view on Google Maps before you commit!



















## DRIVER EDUCATION & "LADIES" DAY" AT ROEBLING ROAD

### TWO LADIES & AN INSTRUCTOR WEIGH IN



**SONDRA MILLER** - PCA's First Ladies' Day DE was a blast. As a lady myself, I'm always looking for ways to smash through the proverbial glass ceiling - and who's going to pass up a free day at the track? And boy was it a ceiling smasher. To be honest, I'm always a bit wary of events that try to group together under-represented members of a club. Sometimes, they feel like you're trying to form friendships among the minority rather than truly being including in the group. But sometimes, it gives people a chance to blossom in an environment where they have a lot in common with their fellows. Ladies'

Day was one of these times.

It was open to women of all skill levels, and that is part of what makes it so inspiring. Never underestimate how profound it is to see someone like you in a position you're in or are aiming for. Getting the chance to bond with women across skill groups was almost as fun as driving on the track! And the women-only event brought out some PCA gals who don't normally track — what a great chance to meet new faces.

Our Roebling PCA track day consisted of sight laps, a classroom session, and four 25-minute track sessions. (By the way, the ladies-only classroom session gave us a chance to ask all our "silly" questions.) In between track sessions, we had a wonderful lunch whipped up by one of our members on-site (how she managed it is still beyond me). I joined a few others to pick our class instructor's brain some more as well.

And did I mention the instruction? It was fantastic. Instructors take track concepts one at a time... passing, awareness, and braking were the main focuses for the group. We ran a session or two in mixed skill levels, so we newbies got lots of practice passing and being passed. As the weekend



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went on, we also learned the basics of throttle steering, trail braking, finding the line through a course, and how to understand our car's limits and manage fundamentals like tire pressure. We even got some rain, so we could see how the lack of traction pushes your tires' limits at lower speeds.

Track driving is so incredibly fun — I've already made plans to do more DE events. It's a life-changing experience. And Ladies' Day was a fantastic kick off to an amazing weekend. It's one of the best ways to get to know your fellow double-X-chromosome humans who love cars as much as you do. Our next event can't come soon enough.

**ANNE DEL VILLANO** - Ladies' Day lived up to expectations for a seasoned driver who actually retired from driving a year and a half ago.

Now, after Ladies' Day, I am hooked again. I even purchased another Hans device since I sold my previous one. What made the day so much fun was the presence of so many drivers of different track experience. Getting back on the track is like riding a bike. You do not forget the line, which came back easily. My instructor husband, Bert, gave me the confidence to go fast, and to do my favorite thing: passing.

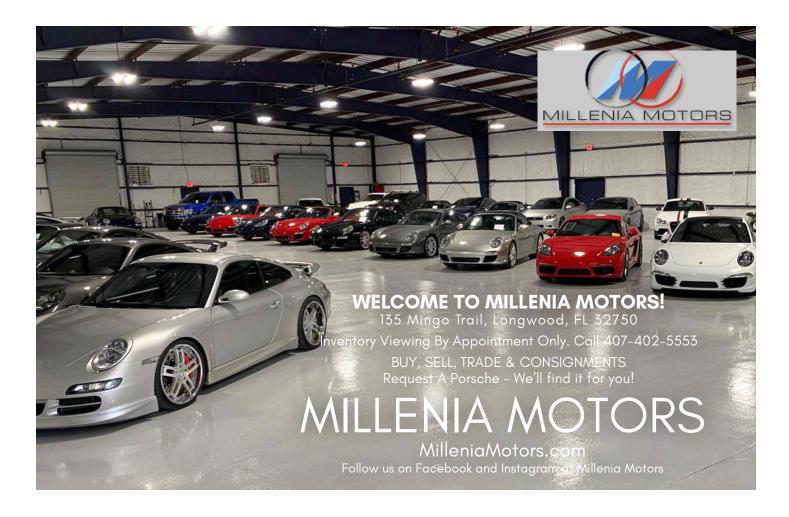
Tracking only with ladies removes the macho element of aggressive male drivers and gives us ladies a sense of sharing the learning experience without feeling the need to compete – except the ones who, like me, love to pass. We respect our fellow drivers and the fun of riding with just ladies. A luncheon was hosted in Linda & Mike Colon's trailer with food contributed by several of us. All enjoyed a healthy soup and

salad and a bit of time to relax together, sharing our excitement.

By the end of the day, you could see the increase in confidence of my fellow lady drivers who were going faster and even passing. All of us enjoyed the day and, the best part is that the day encouraged many novices to continue the track experience. We look forward to FLC sponsoring another run group for us to sign up again for the next event and entice more novice ladies to sign up for the next DE on Oct 5-7.

STEVE WILLIAMSON - Florida Citrus Region PCA was at Roebling Road Raceway in Bloomingdale, GA, February 5 - 7 for three days of fun. Driving and socializing with friends highlighted the long weekend as cool temperatures and wet weather occasionally made the going a bit challenging, but overall consensus





suggested a very successful HPDE.

Starting Friday, on incorporated a "Ladies' Day" into our program. The "Ladies Day" consisted of run sessions for run lady drivers only. We intended to create a reduced stress level and intimidation for those who may not have otherwise wished to participate. We had 15 drivers ranging from absolute newbies to those with years of track experience (including at least one driver who came out of retirement just for the event!) Add to that a special Ladies' Day lunch, and each and every one I spoke with enjoyed themselves, including instructors and solo drivers that shared the day.

Saturday brought even cooler temperatures and some intermittent rain showers. Most of the drivers from Friday joined in our regular DE schedule despite the weather challenges. We were given an opportunity to learn about changing grip levels in cooler temperatures

and were able to do so without any major incidents, always appreciated! Sunday found us with warming temperatures and less moisture as we moved through the day with the most comfortable conditions of the whole weekend being found late Sunday... of course, there was brilliant sunshine as I left the track for my drive home:)

Thanks to all those who made our February HPDE a success, all drivers and all instructors who donated their time and expertise- the Citrus Region is very appreciative as this program could not be conducted without you. Also, the work done by Mike Colon and Linda Cruz as Registrars leading up to the weekend and during the event, made my life easy. Thanks to Lyn Perez for being the Safety Observer and thanks to Bert and Anne Del Villano for organizing the host hotel accommodations and the Friday and Saturday night socials (all done at no charge to those taking part in the weekend). And finally, thanks to Holly Brown for advocating for the Ladies' Run group and organizing the Ladies' Day lunch.

Some of my thoughts:

- 1. It was gratifying to see new drivers enjoy HPDE for the first time.
- 2. 3-day events are awesome and should be the norm moving forward.
- 3. I'm already looking forward to three DE's next year. (April dates on new pavement?)

Until next time!

Steve Williamson is the Chief Driving Instructor for the FL Citrus Region.

See page 21 for our next DE events, coming this summer and fall!



Back in July 2020, when we had our first driving tour back from the initial lockdown, we drove together to Silver Springs in Ocala. Well, it was so hot and humid that day that unfortunately thunderstorms rolled quickly in after the majority of participants arrived. So we decided to drive together again to Silver Springs in the more temperate weather of February. The weather this time cooperated and made for beautiful blue skies with pure white cumulus clouds, making it a picture perfect day!

We began our driving tour from Magnolia Park in Apopka instead of coming from Lake Mary. The atmosphere was more jovial this time as some of us already had our vaccines and we were ready to play! We left for the tour in three groups for a fun scenic and curvy drive to head off to Silver Springs for the Winter Silver Tour!

It did not take long for the first group leader to get a call that the planned comfort break did not come soon enough and that a stop was needed for the ending part of that group. It was decided that we would meet up again at the designated comfort break at the Exxon gas station. However, the day had other plans! It turns out that 27 February is the City



of Eustis' Georgefest celebration, also known as George Washington's Birthday! And, yes, the city celebrates this day very actively with a huge parade that created a large detour and quite a bit of waiting for parts of the parade to pass and a lot of traffic and pedestrians. And, horrors! The

way to our comfort break at Exxon was blocked by revelers. (Those that took an early comfort break were sure glad that they did!) So, after a spur of the moment change and a hustle to contact the other lead/sweeper cars we all met up at a 7-11 down the road.

ventually we all made it to beautiful Silver Springs State Park. Most enjoyed a glass bottom boat ride in the balmy weather without a thunderstorm in sight! Some of us met up afterwards for reserved seating in the Stairway to Heaven Tower room at Mojo Grill and Catering Company in Ocala, where we were able to dine together on Southwestern food while participating in (somewhat) social distancing. It was truly a wonderful day to hang out with my Porsche friends.



Annette Vasickanin is the Activities Chair of the PCA Citrus Region and co-winner of 2020's Enthusiast of the Year award.



# **PORSCHE PRESS RELEASE**

11/02/21 - STUTTGART

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# Porsche presents the new member of the 911 GT family

**STUTTGART**. The first GT model based on the latest generation of the Porsche 911 (992) is all set to launch. A great deal of importance was attached to the transfer of technology from motorsport to the road during its development. The result: significantly improved performance on the circuit and in everyday life.

The new GT sports car celebrates its world premiere on 16 February 2021 at 3.00 p.m. CET online in the Porsche News TV web format – featuring, among others, Vice President Product Lines Frank-Steffen Walliser, Vice President GT Cars Andreas Preuninger and Porsche brand ambassadors Walter Röhrl and Jörg Bergmeister. The live transmission will be available in German and English under the link: <a href="mailto:newstv.porsche.com">newstv.porsche.com</a>

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The pandemic made it challenging but Christian and Ortun were finally able to return to the U.S. and were ultimately reunited with their GT3 RS "twins". Flight restrictions from Europe necessitated a two week quarantine in Costa Rica first before landing in Atlanta to retrieve their Porsches.

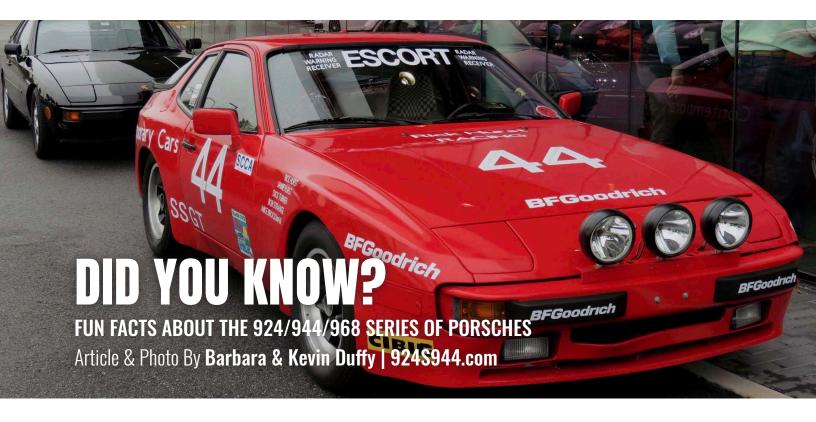
FL Citrus tried to setup an autocross event in Christian and Ortrun's honor, but all of

the venues were unavailable. Luckily, Donovan Dean stepped up and offered to put together one of his famous Central Florida drives. (If you aren't on Donovan's email list, you should be.) While not an official PCA event, we still had about 25 cars show up (including a Lamborghini) on a dreary, rainy Saturday morning in January.

Christian and Ortun both enjoyed it so much that we had a second go at the route the next day too.

After leaving Florida, the Hartingers drove west to New Orleans and stored the twins in Houston before flying back to Germany with another return to the States scheduled in April. If you are going to Treffen in Scottsdale, AZ, in early May, be sure to say hi to our German Porsche friends.

Dan Beyer is Treasurer of the PCA Citrus Region.



### The 924/944/968 series of Porsches

were some of the most popular and most successful Porsches ever built. In the eighties, Porsche was in some financial trouble and it only took Four Cylinders and less than 250 horsepower to pull the company forward. So here are ten facts about this great series of cars.

- 1. The early 2.0L 924 had a total production between 1976 and 1985 of over 132,000 cars, and only 32% of them came to North America. It remains popular in Europe and especially in the UK.
- 2. The 924 was the first Porsche to have front engine/ rear drive configuration, and the first Porsche to have an available automatic transmission.
- 3. The 1980 924GTR race car developed 375 horsepower from its turbocharged two-liter engine with a top speed of 180 MPH. The three GTR's entered at LeMans that year, taking 6th, 12th and 13th overall.
- 4. The 924S Special Edition was the line's Clubsport.980 were produced with 500 coming to North America.
- 5. When introduced in the U.S. in 1983, there was an extensive waiting list for the new 944.
- 6. The 944 prototype was introduced at LeMans in 1981

with the "new" 924GTP LeMans. It was raced with the new 2.5L 4 cylinder, DOHC cam layout and making 414 HP. It won its class and finished 7th overall. It is now in the Porsche Museum.

- 7. The 944 engine includes two balance shafts that were patented by Mitsubishi, licensed to Porsche.
- 8. In 1986 Porsche introduced the 951 by installing a turbocharger and intercooler to the 944. The U.S. version developed 217 horsepower. Production of the 951 continued with improvements each year through 1991, although only 100 were imported in 1990 and none came to the U.S. in 1991.
- 9. The 944 was one of the most prolific Porsche models with 163,000 produced between 1982 and 1991.
- 10. The 968 was supposed to be the 944S3, but there were so many changes from the 944S2 that the decision was made to give it a new designation, the 968. Almost 13,000 were produced between 1992 and 1995.

So Now You Know!

Kevin Duffy is the chief geek behind the Porsche rehab center and information repository, 924S944.com.



## Thurs., Jan. 21, 2021 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes

Bert Del Villano, FCL PCA Region President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM ET.

Board Officers Present: Bert Del Villano Karyn Rinaldi, Jim LaPiana, Dan Beyer, Lyn Perez (Immediate Past President) Chairs Present: Leslie Sikorski, Steve Williamson, Michael Colon, Annette Vasickanin, Travis Young Bylaws Review Committee Head Present: John Vick

#### Financial Summary (Dan Beyer)

Total 2020 Revenue \$93,886.14.

DE ~\$61k AX ~\$6.5k PCA ~\$16.6k

Total Expenses \$81,957.22

Net income \$11,928.92

Total assets \$159,146.85 as of 12/31.2020

#### The Spiel (Jim La Piana):

- The Winter 2020 will be mailed in late Jan. It's a very good issue with lots of content. Thank you to Lyndsey Coyle for her outstanding effort to pull it together.
- The next issue is scheduled for 3/31. Content is due 3/15. Dates for 2021 are 3/31; 6/30; 9/30; and 12/31.
- Bert will send out a list of possible articles.
- Jim reported that all current advertisers for the 2020 issue have paid. Invoices for 2021 are being sent out.

#### Overview (Bert Del Villano):

- This meeting is the annual full Board meeting.
- By Laws. PCA has mandated that all regions update their By Laws. FLC By Laws were last updated in 1988. The By Laws Committee, Bert
  Del Villano, LynPerez, and John Vick, has prepared a new document based on the existing FLC By Laws and proposed boiler Plate from PCA.
  Briefly, the principle changes include:
  - o The Board will be composed of the 4 elected officers, the immediate past president, and the chairs of the 4 standing committees. The standing committees can be changed by the Board. The goal is to have the elected officers including the immediate past president be responsible for operational control of the club.
  - The Board is responsible for policy decisions. The Executive Council, (4 elected officers plus the immediate past president) is responsible for operating the club, day to day management, and implementation.
  - Elections will be held "in person". PCA suggested that elections be conducted by ballot, either electronically or by mail. The
    Committee deemed this impractical and believes that the club should be controlled by members that care enough to attend the
    election meeting.
- Lyn Perez made a motion, seconded by Karyn Rinaldi, to send the proposed by laws to all Active Members for review. Comments, in red line format, should be sent back to Bert Del Villano with copies to Lyn Perez and John Vick. The Committee will review and will prepare a final version for approval. Motion was passed unanimously.
- The FLC Corporate Seal is missing. Bert has asked several of the past officers and none have it. John Vick noted that there is general acceptance of DocuSign, and others, for validating legal documents and asked if we do need a seal. Bert said that at this point he is not really convinced that we need a seal to stamp documents, time will tell.
- Future meetings: After a lively discussion, the Board reached a consensus that FLC will not hold events in service shops. However, FLC can use shops as gathering points for tours, etc. Any such gathering most not be used as a promotion for the shop. FLC sponsored seminars may not be held at shops. They are not to be used to promote products or services.
- Sponsorships: FLC can accept sponsorship of events when it brings direct material benefit to the event, the series, or the club. The German Excellence AX sponsorship is a good example. Their funds go directly to the series by purchasing loaner helmets. The Drivers Choice Motors sponsorship of the DE program is used to help subsidize the Tee shirts and more. Bert agreed to write a sponsorship policy to define terms for sponsorships and to submit it to the Board for approval. Events are the focus not the sponsor.
- OktoberFast will be held Oct. 22-24, 2021 as a Zone 12 event. Jamie Thole will be the Chair. There will be a Club Race, DE, AX, and more.

#### **Upcoming events:**

- February club meeting is cancelled, due to high prevalence of Covid infections.
- Supercar Social will be held at Porsche South Orlando Feb. 20.
- A Virtual Wine Tasting will be held 3/1 on Zoom.

#### Adjournment:

• Jim LaPiana made a motion to adjourn, second by Karyn Rinaldi, unanimously approved at 8:10

Jim LaPiana, Secretary

### FLA Citrus Region Porsche Club of America, Inc.

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

As of December 31, 2020

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Money Market #9847	120,001.01
Suntrust Chkg #1897	17,561.65
Suntrust Trsf-#1905	1,000.12
Total Bank Accounts	\$138,562.78
Other Current Assets	
Other accounts receivable	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$138,562.78
Fixed Assets	
Equipment	3,269.56
Total Fixed Assets	\$3,269.56
Other Assets	
Deposit	0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$141,832.34
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Fund Balance	23,881.30
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	106,022.12
Net Income	11,928.92
Total Equity	\$141,832.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$141,832.34

### FLA Citrus Region Porsche Club of America, Inc.

#### PROFIT AND LOSS

January - December 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
AutoCross registration fees	6,561.00
Autocross sponsorships	1,000.00
Christmas party income	600.00
DE RRR Feb 2020	30,311.81
DE RRR Oct. 2020 Revenue	31,372.68
Elect from National PCA rebate	16,632.00
Interest income	503.66
Newsletter advertising income	5,212.51
Other income	870.00
Social event income	822.48
Total Income	\$93,886.14
GROSS PROFIT	\$93,886.14
Expenses	
Accounting expense	350.00
Annual filing fee	61.25
Autocross expenses	5,697.50
Bank Charges	117.00
Christmas Party	500.00
Club events	795.00
CLub monthly meeting expense	291.58
DE RRR February 2020	26,576.54
DE RRR October 2020 Exp.	28,380.28
Donations	7,122.89
Miscellaneous	2,708.36
Newsletter	8,788.07
Office expense	568.75
Total Expenses	\$81,957.22
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$11,928.92
NET INCOME	\$11,928.92



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