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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BY BERT DEL VILLANO

This is a very special issue of the Spiel. PCA National has required FLC to update our Bylaws. Lyn Perez, John Vick, and I worked as a committee to write new FLC Bylaws, which are published on p. 13-16. In addition, there is a separate article discussing the major changes. Please read both. A mail in ballot is included as an insert. Please complete the ballot, with all information, apply a stamp, and mail back to Jim LaPiana. We need a majority of returned ballots approving the new Bylaws for adoption. Lyn Perez famously quipped that anyone who votes for disapproval will be nominated to head a new Bylaws Committee. Please vote for approval.

The summer months are always slow with only a few events. We have continued regular monthly meetings at our dealerships and our friends at Ace Café welcome us for Porsche Night every third Monday. Thanks to Lyn Perez for organizing a tour to Ocala where we watched an exciting polo match. If you have never seen polo live, be sure to look for another match to come.

October is the busiest month for FLC events. The highlight will be our Instructor School (10/8) and DE (10/9-10) at Roebing Road near Savannah. A huge thank you to Steve Williamson, Chief Driving Instructor,

and Mike Colon, Registrar, for filling the rosters with ~50 for the School and ~100 for the DE. In addition to the track fun, Anne Del Villano has arranged a pizza social Friday and a scrumptious BBQ Saturday. If you are considering driving in a DE, contact Mike. If there are available spots, he will get you in.

OktoberFast at Daytona will be held 10/22-24. The event includes the Club Race, DE, Autocross, track driving tour, and more. Plan to attend and volunteer to help manage the event. Sign up at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) for various events.

Annette Vasickanin will run a special charity tour to benefit the New Hope No-kill Animal Shelter in DeLand on 10/16. You can help dogs, cats, etc., who can not help themselves. Cost is a charitable contribution to the shelter of \$25 per person.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the FLC Holiday Party to be held on Dec. 12 at SoCo restaurant in Thornton Park. Registration will open in November and is limited to 100 members. Priority will be given to members who participate in our regular events. ■

**Bert Del Villano is the Club President & AX Chair of FLC - PCA.**



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# 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.org](http://flc.pca.org)) 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 [facebook.com/FloridaCitrusPorscheClub/](https://facebook.com/FloridaCitrusPorscheClub/).

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/](http://flc.pca.org/calendar/)) for meeting location.

Hope to see you out there!!

**Leslie Sikorski**  
**Membership Chair**

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# FALL 2021 CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

- |                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>3</b><br>(Sun)         | <b>CFL Cars &amp; Coffee</b><br>Sam's Club - 11920 Narcoossee Rd |
| <b>4</b><br>(Mon)         | <b>Membership Meeting</b><br>Porsche Orlando                     |
| <b>8</b><br>(Fri)         | <b>Instructor and Solo Day RRR</b><br>Roebbling Road             |
| <b>9</b><br>(Sat)         | <b>SuperCar Social</b><br>Porsche South Orlando                  |
| <b>9-10</b><br>(Sat-Sun)  | <b>FLC Drivers Education Weekend</b><br>Roebbling Road           |
| <b>10</b><br>(Sun)        | <b>Orlando Cars &amp; Coffee</b><br>Various - Check FB           |
| <b>16</b><br>(Sat)        | <b>FLC Drive &amp; Dine for Charity</b><br>Apopka to Deland      |
| <b>18</b><br>(Mon)        | <b>Porsche Night</b><br>The Ace Cafe                             |
| <b>22-24</b><br>(Fri-Sun) | <b>Oktoberfest</b><br>Daytona Intl. Speedway                     |
| <b>23</b><br>(Sat)        | <b>German Excellence AX</b><br>Daytona Intl. Speedway            |

## NOVEMBER

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>1</b><br>(Mon)  | <b>Membership Meeting</b><br>Dezerland                           |
| <b>7</b><br>(Sun)  | <b>CFL Cars &amp; Coffee</b><br>Sam's Club - 11920 Narcoossee Rd |
| <b>13</b><br>(Sat) | <b>German Excellence AX</b><br>Frankies Rd, Tavares              |
| <b>14</b><br>(Sun) | <b>Orlando Cars &amp; Coffee</b><br>Various - Check FB           |
| <b>15</b><br>(Mon) | <b>Porsche Night</b><br>The Ace Cafe                             |

## DECEMBER

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>5</b><br>(Sun)  | <b>CFL Cars &amp; Coffee</b><br>Sam's Club - 11920 Narcoossee Rd |
| <b>6</b><br>(Mon)  | <b>Membership Meeting</b><br>Porsche South Orlando               |
| <b>11</b><br>(Sat) | <b>Dream Cars for Kids Rally</b><br>TBA                          |
| <b>12</b><br>(Sun) | <b>Orlando Cars &amp; Coffee</b><br>Various - Check FB           |
| <b>12</b><br>(Sun) | <b>Holiday Party</b><br>SoCo in Thornton Park                    |
| <b>20</b><br>(Mon) | <b>Porsche Night</b><br>The Ace Cafe                             |

Subject to change. Details at: [flc.pca.org](http://flc.pca.org)



# PORSCHE CELEBRATES

BY LYN PEREZ

## FAVORITE MODELS AT ACE



**THIS YEAR,** Florida Citrus Porsche Club has stated something new to spice up the Porsche Night at the Ace. About a year or so ago, Kevin Duffy desired to involve more 924 and 944 Porsche's on Porsche night, and organized one Porsche Night evening last year to be dedicated to these front engine transaxle cars. It was a successful venture. We had a number of these cars attend that evening and placed on display; cars we might not have normally seen at

a Porsche Club event. It was nice to see the variety of these cars all gathered together.

From that positive experience we decided to celebrate a different model Porsche each Porsche Night, beginning with the August 16th 2021 event, sweetening the pot of attendance by awarding a \$25 gift certificate from the Ace Cafe to the car best representing the model that month. On top of that, Craig Ross of DFS Polish, volunteered to contribute another

\$25 toward the gift card and give a bottle of his fantastic Spray Wax to each winner. Thanks, Craig, for your generosity! And everyone, please check out the DFS Spray Wax at [www.dfspolish.com](http://www.dfspolish.com).

So in August we began by celebrating the Porsche Cayman and we had a great turnout. Fifteen Caymans were on display for judging [pictured above]. There were a variety Caymans from the 986, 987 and the 718. We excluded GT cars from the evening's judging,

so the judging of the 3 GT4's and the GTS was deferred until a future evening when we celebrate GT cars altogether.

With judgment considering concourse cleanliness, condition/milage, color and accessories, first prize went to Greg and Jennifer Burrow's White 987 Cayman. Second prize went to Phil Cowherd's Black 987 Cayman (which had 137,000 miles and is in

top condition), and third prize went to Annette Vasickanin's "Nardo Grey" 718 Cayman.

For the September Porsche night, 9/20, we celebrate the Porsche 997.1's and 997.2's. These are Non-GT 911's between the years 2005 and 2011/2012. Again, GT cars will be judged on a separate night. Plan now to join us for the awards at Porsche Night and see the large variety of the featured

models each month.

We plan in the future to have an evening dedicated to 356's, Early 911's (1964 - 1977), 1978-1989 911 SC and Carreras, 964 and 993's, 996's, Turbo's, GT Cars, 991's, 992's, 914's, 924/944/928's, and Boxsters. Plan to be at the Ace each month. Judging will begin around 6:30 each evening with the winner or winners announced immediately after. [cont.]



**WINNERS OF AUGUST PORSCHE NIGHT R TO L:  
GREG + JENNIFER BURROWS, ANNETTE VASICKANIN,  
& PHIL COWHERD, WITH PRES. BERT DEL VILLANO  
(FAR RIGHT) AND STEVE WILLIAMSON (CENTER)**





**ABOVE: (1ST PRIZE)  
GREG & JENNIFER BURROW'S  
WHITE 987 CAYMAN**

**LEFT: (2ND PRIZE)  
PHIL COWHERD'S  
BLACK 987 CAYMAN**

**RIGHT: (3RD PRIZE)  
ANNETTE VASICKANIN'S  
NARDO GREY" 718 CAYMAN**





# ABOUT THE ACE & PORSCHE NIGHT



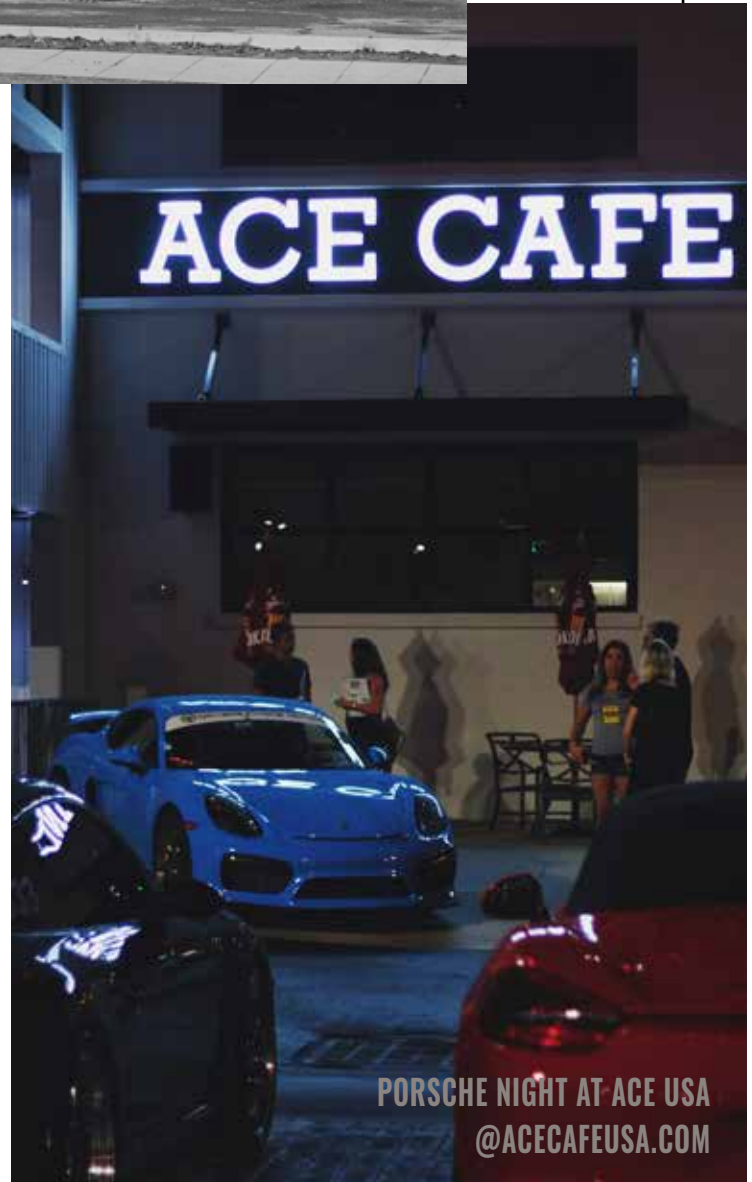
**THE ORIGINAL ACE CAFE** in London was established in 1938. It was a simple roadside cafe catering to travelers, particularly truckers. With its proximity to Britain's fast arterial road network, and being open 24 hours, the Ace Cafe soon attracted motorcyclists too.

Ace Cafe Orlando opened in May 2017, a second location in the spirit of the original Ace. After a two-year process of refurbishing the facilities, they bought in the heart of Downtown Orlando and obtained all the necessary permits for the building renovation on the corner of Livingston and Garland. Even before they were open for business, representatives of the Cafe were talking to Robert Lane, one of the Florida Citrus board members at the time, about the Porsche Club participating in sponsored events at the Cafe.

Soon after opening, Porsche Night at the Ace Cafe was established, on the third Monday evening of every month. And it has been a good run. We continue to have Porsche night each third Monday of the month, although there was a pause during the height of Covid when Ace closed for a few months.

The Cafe is an easily accessible location with a large parking area, conducive to the gathering for cars and coffees and other car and motorcycle showings. In addition to the Porsche Nights, the Porsche Club has held other events there, from Le Mans Start Parties, to Drivers Ed Seminars, to 4th of July Hotdog dinners. ■

**Lyn Perez is FLC's Immediate Past President.**





# FLC BYLAWS

## SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CHANGES BY BERT DEL VILLANO

PCA National "requested" that FLC update our Bylaws. A Review Committee, including Lyn Perez, John Vick, and me, tackled the task of evaluating our current Bylaws and integrating the "mandates" from National – most of which were acceptable, but...

After a very long process, we reached an agreement with the Policy Committee of PCA, which meets their requirements, yet retains the important elements of our operating structure. The current Bylaws (circa 1988) are available at [flc.pca.org](http://flc.pca.org). The proposed amended and restated Bylaws are on p. 11-15 of this issue of the Spiel, as well as at [flc.pca.org](http://flc.pca.org).

The most important changes are summarized below. Note -- This is only a summary. Please be sure to review the entire text of each area for a full understanding.

1. Types of memberships are precisely defined, including privileges associated with each class of member. Most of us are classified as Active Member or Family-Active Member, with full privileges.

2. Members may be suspended for serious infractions of FLC or PCA rules/regulations inimical to

either club. A suspension by FLC may be appealed to PCA National, for determining a resolution of the appeal. The decision of PCA National is final.

3. The roles of the Officers, Executive Committee and Board of Directors are clearly defined. The Board includes the Officers and the Chairs of four Standing Committees and is responsible for all matters of FLC policy. The Executive Council includes the elected Officers plus the Immediate Past President and is responsible for the day-to-day governance of FLC.

4. There will be four Standing Committees, the Chairs of which are Board members and are appointed by the Executive Council. The Executive Council may appoint additional ad hoc committees and chairs as needed. The Standing Committees are:

- a. DE
- b. AX
- c. Membership
- d. Communications

5. Procedures for electing officers are defined in detail, and should be read carefully. The Executive Council appoints a Nominating Committee of three members, only one of which may be on the Executive Council. The Nominating Committee solicits a slate of candidates and publishes it to the Active and Family-Active Members. Voting will be held in person at the November monthly meeting. Members may request an absentee ballot from the Secretary. The quorum for the election is 5% of Active Members (currently 43).

6. Only persons authorized by the Executive Council may incur obligations on behalf of FLC. Anyone making an unauthorized obligations shall be personally responsible for such obligations.

7. Amendments to the Bylaws will be published in the FLC official publication, on the FLC website, and sent to the membership by email. Voting shall be in person at a club meeting or by absentee ballot (upon request to the Secretary). Approval requires a majority vote of ballots received with a quorum of 5% of voting members.

Again, please review the entire proposed Bylaws and return the ballot with your approval. As noted previously, Lyn Perez famously quipped that anyone who votes for disapproval will be nominated to head a new Bylaws Committee. ■

**Bert Del Villano is FLC's Club President & AX Chair.**

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**Bylaws of the  
FLORIDA CITRUS REGION  
PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.  
(adopted xxx. xx, 2021)**

(August 31, 2021)

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the Club shall be Florida Citrus Region, herein referred as, ("FLC"), Porsche Club of America, Inc. ("PCA").

**ARTICLE II: GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

The general objectives of FLC, to which its members are joined together and mutually pledged, shall be the furtherance and promotion of the following:

- A. The highest standards of courtesy and safety on the roads.
- B. The enjoyment and sharing of goodwill and fellowship engendered by owning a Porsche and engaging in such social or other events as may be agreeable to the membership.
- C. The maintenance of the highest standards of operation and performance of the marque by sharing and exchanging technical and mechanical information.
- D. The establishment and maintenance of mutually beneficial relationships with the Porsche Works, Porsche Dealers, and other service sources to the end that the marque shall prosper and continue to enjoy its unique leadership and position in sports car annals.
- E. The interchange of ideas and suggestions with other Porsche clubs throughout the world and in such cooperation as may be desirable.
- F. The establishment of such mutually cooperative relationships with other car clubs as may be desirable.

**ARTICLE III: POWERS, BADGE**

**Section 1 – Powers**

FLC shall be empowered to do all things and conduct all business, not for profit, necessary to carry out the general objectives of the Club as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation, issued under the statutes of the state of Florida, and in these Bylaws.

**Section 2 – Badge**

The logo/badge for FLC shall be as shown on Exhibit A to these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIPS, DUES, AND FEES**

**Section 1 – Membership**

Membership in FLC shall be restricted to owners, lessees, or co-owners of Porsches who are 18 years of age or older, and to such other persons interested in FLC and its objectives as provided in Section 2 (B), (C), and (D) of this Article. A Porsche is defined as an automobile body and suspension which is, basically, as manufactured by or designated as a Porsche automobile by Porsche, Porsche AG or its successor, and is powered by an engine which is, basically, one that was installed in such bodies by the manufacturer of such automobiles, although not necessarily in the body concerned.

**Section 2 – Classes of Membership**

- A. Active Member – Any owner, lessee or co-owner of a Porsche acceptable to FLC, who is 18 years of age or older, having paid club dues and fees as required.
- B. Family-Active Member - An individual requested by an Active Member as his or her Family-Active Member, restricted to persons 18 years of age or older, whether otherwise qualified for active membership by ownership of a Porsche or not.
- C. Associate Member – Any Active Member who ceases to own, lease or co-own a Porsche while in good standing, or any person, employed by a Porsche-oriented business, interested in FLC and its objectives having paid National PCA club dues and fees as required. A person of the Associate Member's family who has been a Family-Active Member as in (B) above, may continue as a Family-Associate Member similarly.
- D. Affiliate Member – A person, 18 years of age or older, named by the Active Member at the time of joining or at any renewal of membership in lieu of a Family-Active Member.

**Section 3 – National and Regional Club Membership**

No Active, Family-Active, Associate, Family-Associate, or Affiliate Member may hold membership in FLC without at the same time being a member in good standing of National PCA which are each a separate legal entity.

**Section 4 – Membership Application**

Applications for membership may be made either through the PCA National Office or FLC, either of which may reject it.

**Section 5 – Dues**

National PCA annual dues for the various classes of membership shall be determined from time to time by the National PCA Board of Directors. National dues shall be collected by the PCA, which shall refund to FLC such part thereof as shall have been set by the PCA Board of Directors. National dues shall be due and payable at the end of the month in which the member joined or in which the member last renewed.

Annual Regional FLC dues for various classes of membership may be determined from time to time by the FLC Board of Directors. Annual Regional FLC dues shall be due and payable by the end of month in which the member joined. Procedures for billing and collection of such dues and for sending renewal notices shall be determined by the Executive Committee, when appropriate.

**Section 6 – Membership Year**

The membership year for members in FLC shall be set forth by PCA, which will manage renewal notices. Members who do not renew shall be dropped from membership.

**Section 7 – Privileges**

Active Members and Family-Active Members, in good standing, shall be entitled to all the privileges of FLC. Associate Members and Affiliate Members shall be entitled to all privileges of FLC, except they shall not be entitled to vote or to hold elective office. Further, Family-Active Members, Affiliate Members, and Family-Associate Members shall not be entitled to receive any duplication of any FLC mailing to the Active Member. Ballots will be distributed only to Active Members, and Family-Active Members at the November FLC club meeting. Only Active Members and Family-Active Members, in good standing, shall be eligible to be nominated for elective FLC office. The Active Members and Family-Active Member may cast only one vote each in any election or referendum.

**Section 8 – Suspension**

Any member may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the FLC Board of Directors or by National PCA Board of Directors, in accordance with its Bylaws, for infractions of FLC or National PCA rules or regulations or for actions inimical to the general objectives or best interests of FLC or PCA.

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Upon written notice of such suspension, the suspended member shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to be heard, in person or through a representative, by the National PCA Board of Directors or a committee appointed by the National PCA Executive Council for the purpose of determining a resolution of the appeal. In order to be considered valid, such appeal must be made in writing within 45 days of the written suspension notification. If the suspension was not for a stated length of time and no written appeal is tendered, the member is automatically expelled from PCA at the end of the 45-day appeal window. In the event of an appeal, the PCA Board of Directors may thereafter continue the suspension for a definite time, lift the suspension, or expel the member, and its decision shall be final. Suspensions of Active Members and Associate Members are also applicable to Family-Active, Family Associate and Affiliate Members.

**Section 9 – Resignations**

Any member may resign by addressing a letter of resignation to the Secretary of FLC or the Executive Director of PCA. The recipient shall inform the other of the resignation. The member's resignation shall become effective upon receipt, and all FLC and PCA privileges shall terminate as of that date. Resignation of an Active Member likewise terminates membership of his/her Family-Active or Affiliate Member. An Active Member may terminate the membership of an Affiliate Member named by written notification to the Executive Director of the National Office.

**Section 10 – Transfers**

Any member may request for transfer out of FLC to another region within PCA. This request shall be submitted in writing to the PCA National Office.

**Section 11 – Termination**

An Active Member or Associate Member may terminate or change the Family-Active, Affiliate or Family-Associate membership by written notice to the National PCA Executive Director.

**ARTICLE V: ELECTED OFFICERS**

**Section 1 – Elected Officers**

The elected officers of FLC shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their terms of office shall be two years and shall end on December 31. No officer shall serve in the same office more than two consecutive terms but may serve again in that office after a term has been served by another member. The Treasurer may serve for up to 5 consecutive terms, unless such term is extended by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. No officer may continue in office if the officer shall move the officer's residence beyond the borders of FLC.

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## **Section 2 – Eligibility**

Only Active Members and Family-Active Members, in good standing, shall be eligible to be nominated for elective FLC office. Active Members and their designated Family-Active Member may not be on the FLC Executive Council at the same time.

## **ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1 – Executive Council**

Governance of FLC shall be vested in the Executive Council, which shall be composed of the President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President (while continuing to be an Active or Family-Active Member of FLC), the Secretary, and the Treasurer. It shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the administrative affairs of FLC, the proper functioning of the committees, and shall insure compliance with these Bylaws. All decisions of the Executive Council shall be by a majority vote of the entire Executive Committee, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

### **Section 2 – Board of Directors**

The elected officers, chairs of four (4) designated standing committees (See Article VIII, Section 1), Immediate Past President (continuing to be an Active Member of FLC) shall constitute the Board of Directors of FLC. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to determine all matters of FLC policy. The Board of Directors shall ensure the proper conduct of the administrative affairs of FLC by the Executive Council, the fulfillment of duties by the officers, and compliance with these Bylaws. All decisions of the Board of Directors involving major policy considerations shall be arrived at by mail, telephonic, or electronic canvass of the entire Board, to the fullest extent permitted by law. All decisions shall be by majority vote of the Board members voting, to the fullest extent permitted by law. All decisions of the Board of Directors at any called meeting of the Board shall be by a majority of the votes cast by those members present, to the fullest extent permitted by law. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, representation of a majority of those Board members present shall constitute a quorum. If the called meeting fails to meet the quorum requirement, those Board members present may call for a second meeting between 1 and 7 days later.

## **ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **Section 1 – Duties of President**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Council and the Board of Directors and shall perform the duties usually appertaining to the President's office. The President shall call at least one (1) meeting of the Board of Directors per calendar year. The President may call

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meetings of the Executive Council as the President may see fit and shall call such a meeting at the request of any 3 members of the Executive Council. The President shall cause to be published in the FLC official publication a semi-annual report on the status of the FLC, its plans and programs, policy decisions reached by the Board of Directors and other pertinent matters dealing with the affairs of FLC. The President is a voting member of the National PCA Board of Directors and participates in all National PCA Board of Directors meetings.

### **Section 2 – Duties of Vice President**

The Vice President shall assist the President in the conduct of the administrative affairs of FLC and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Vice President by the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside, and act as President. In case of the President's death, resignation or disqualification, the Vice President shall become President.

### **Section 3 – Duties of Secretary**

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Executive Council and the Board of Directors and shall keep full and complete minutes of the proceedings and of all votes cast there at. The Secretary shall cause to be published in the FLC official publication notices of proposed and adopted amendments of these Bylaws and other matters relating to the proper conduct of FLC. The Secretary shall have custody of, or cause to be kept, the FLC National Charter and all non-financial records at all times. The Secretary shall perform all duties appertaining to the Secretary's office required by law.

### **Section 4 – Duties of Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall have responsibility for all monies, debts, obligations, and assets belonging to FLC. The Treasurer shall cause all monies of FLC to be deposited to the FLC accounts in a bank or banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Treasurer shall have direct control over, and supervision of, all FLC assets and of all payments of FLC debts and obligations. The Treasurer shall ensure strict compliance with these Bylaws in all matters pertaining to the financial affairs of FLC. The Treasurer shall cause to be published in the FLC official publication a full and correct report semiannually on the financial status of FLC. The Treasurer shall also give a full and correct report on the financial status of FLC at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall cause to be maintained books of account which shall properly reflect the true and correct financial status of all receipts, disbursements, balances, assets and liabilities of the Club. All checks or other orders for the payment of monies in the name of FLC shall be signed by the Treasurer or by such other person(s) as designated by the Executive Council, and who is (are) overseen by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall submit the Treasurer's books of account and records to a certified public accountant, at Club expense, at the close of the fiscal year as directed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall have custody of, or cause to be kept, the financial records of FLC.

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## **Section 5 – Duties of the Immediate Past President**

The Immediate Past President shall have the responsibility to serve as a member of the Executive Council and Board of Directors to provide continuity. Duties shall be assigned by the President, the Executive Council, or Board of Directors as needed for the improvement and advancement of FLC's objectives.

## **Section 6 – Vacancies / Interim appointments**

In the event of the death, resignation, disability or disqualification of the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Executive Council shall make an interim appointment to the office so vacated for the balance of the unexpired term. In the event of the death, resignation, disability, or disqualification of a candidate for the office of Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, running unopposed, or elected but not yet seated, the incoming Executive Council shall make an interim appointment to that office for the balance of the unexpired term.

The Executive Council may declare vacant the seat of any Board of Director member who is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Executive Council or Board of Directors without reasonable cause or report submission.

## **Section 7 - Financial Accounts**

The Executive Council will specify a minimum of one (1) additional elected Officer's name other than the Treasurer as signature authority on FLC's accounts.

## **ARTICLE VIII: STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1 – Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs**

Standing Committee Chairs are appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Council and may, in like manner, be dismissed by the majority vote of same. Any voting member of FLC may serve as a member or Chair of a Standing Committee. Standing Committee Chairs serve as voting members of the Board of Directors.

FLC Standing Committees are:

- 1) Driver Education
- 2) Membership
- 3) Communications
- 4) Autocross

### **Section 2 – Standing Committee Members**

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Standing Committee members must be a member in good standing of FLC and may vary in number as required to accomplish the work of each committee. Committee members may be appointed by Standing Committee Chairs. Committee members may be dismissed or replaced by a majority consent of the Executive Council or by the Standing Committee Chair

### **Section 3 – Duties and Responsibilities**

Committee Chairs are responsible to the Executive Council and shall submit an annual written budget of all anticipated expenses and income in connection with their function.

### **Section 4 – Special Committees**

The Executive Council may create such other ad hoc committees from time to time as required to execute FLC's special activities, events, or objectives.

### **Section 5 - Term**

Standing Committee Chair and member terms are from January 1 to December 31 of each year. They will automatically renew each year or unless terminated by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

## **ARTICLE IX: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **Section 1 – Nominating Committee**

The Executive Council, by majority vote, shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairperson, who is not a member of the Executive Council, and two (2) other Committee members. No more than one member of the Nominating Committee may be a member of the Executive Council. The appointment of Committee members shall be no later than August 15 of any year in which an election is held. The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating a slate of officers to serve in the following term. Not later than September 15 of each election year, the Nominating Committee shall recommend to the Executive Council at least one (1), preferably two (2), or more candidates for each elected Officer position.

### **Section 2 – Nominations by the Members**

By August 15 of each election year, FLC shall publish, in the FLC official publication or by electronic media, a notice asking for Active Members and Family-Active Members to submit candidates for each elected Officer position. Active and Family-Active Members in good standing may nominate candidates for each office. Such nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee not later than September 1. No member may be nominated or placed on the ballot without their consent.

### **Section 3 – Notice of Elections**

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By October 1 of each election year, the Secretary shall cause to be published, in the FLC official publication or by electronic media, a notice of election, including the names of all nominees for office, as well as the date, time, and location of the election.

#### **Section 4 – Election**

The election shall be held during the November club meeting. Ballots shall be distributed to Active Members and Family-Active Members of FLC, present at the meeting. Active Members and Family-Active Members are entitled to one (1) vote each on any and each issue arising. Active Members and Family Active Members who are unable to attend the meeting in person may request a mail in or electronic ballot from the Secretary. All mail in or electronic ballots must be delivered to the Club Secretary no later than the start of the called November meeting.

The ballot shall contain:

- Names of the nominees
- Instructions to vote for no more than one candidate for each Officer position.
- Space for voting for the Active Member's vote and the Family-Active Member's vote.
- Space provided for the signature of each voting member, and their individual membership number.

Election of all candidates will require a simple majority vote of all votes cast. If there is only a single candidate for each office, the Secretary may call for a voice vote to elect officers. The quorum requirement for the election of officers shall be five percent (5%) of the Active Members.

#### **Section 5 – Tellers**

At the November FLC club meeting, the Secretary and a member in good standing who is not running for office in the election shall be Tellers. Tellers shall collect, count, and tally all ballots. If the Secretary is on the ballot, the Immediate Past President, if present, shall substitute, provided he/she is not on the ballot. If both the Secretary and Immediate Past President are on the ballot or are not in attendance, the President shall appoint a second member in good standing who is not on the ballot. To collect, count, and tally all ballots.

If a tie remains after all the ballots are tallied, the Secretary (or Immediate Past President or a member described above) shall flip a coin in the presence of the candidates or members present to determine a winner.

Written protests shall be directed to the Executive Council within 15 days of the results being announced. The Executive Council has 15 days to hear the objection and determine a resolution. The Executive Council's decision will be final.

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#### **Section 6 – Notice of Election Results**

The Secretary shall cause to be published, within 30 days, the results of the election in the FLC official publication, by email to all members, and/or on the FLC website.

#### **Section 7 – Duties of Newly Elected Officials**

Upon tabulation of the votes the Secretary shall immediately notify the persons elected of their election. The President-Elect shall, as soon as feasible, call a meeting of the newly constituted Executive Council for the purpose of appointment of committee members whose terms are to start at the first of the next year, as well as other appointments which may be required. At the discretion of the President-Elect, the meeting described above may be in person, by telephone, or by electronic means.

#### **ARTICLE X: FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of FLC shall be the calendar year.

#### **ARTICLE XI: OBLIGATIONS AND INDEBTEDNESS**

##### **Section 1 – Authority to Incur Obligations or Indebtedness**

Only persons authorized by the Executive Council to act on behalf of FLC shall incur any obligation or indebtedness in the name of FLC. All obligations or indebtedness incurred in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws shall be incurred as corporate obligations. No personal liability whatever shall attach to or be incurred by any member or officer of FLC by reason of any such corporate obligation or liability.

No elected officer or any other person authorized to act on behalf of FLC shall incur any obligations or indebtedness in the name of FLC in excess of the sum of \$500.00 without prior approval of a majority of the Executive Council, except for the following purposes:

- Printing, mailing and postage expenses of the FLC official publication.
- Stationery, supplies, and postage for ordinary administrative use.
- Contracting for expenses related to performance driving events.

##### **Section 2 – Unauthorized Obligations**

No elected Officer or any other person authorized to act in behalf of FLC shall incur any obligation or indebtedness in the name of FLC which is not for the general benefit of the entire membership of FLC, nor shall the Executive Council or the Board of Directors approve the incurring of any such obligation or indebtedness.

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#### **Section 3 – Personal Liability for Unauthorized Obligation**

The incurring of any obligation or indebtedness in the name of FLC by any elected Officer or member in contravention of these Bylaws shall be an ultra vires act. The person or persons responsible for such act or acts shall be personally liable, individually, and collectively, to FLC in an amount equal to the obligations or indebtedness which FLC may be required to pay.

#### **Section 4 – Conflict of Interest**

No Board Member shall engage in any transaction that could create a conflict of interest with FLC. Directors shall disclose to the Executive Council any potential conflicts between their personal interests and those of FLC. No Board Member shall vote on any matter in which they have a material financial interest or conflict of interest.

#### **Section 5- Financial Oversight**

All Committee Chairs, Special Appointees and individual members of the Executive Council shall prepare and submit annual budgets to the Treasurer for collective review and approval by the Executive Council.

The Treasurer shall submit, and the Executive Council shall internally review and audit semi-annual reports on FLC's finances. The Treasurer shall give a full and correct report on the financial status of FLC at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall cause to be published in FLC official publication a full and correct report semi-annually on the financial status of FLC. The Treasurer shall submit the FLC financial records for an annual review at the close of the fiscal year, for audit as directed by the Executive Council.

#### **ARTICLE XII: MEETINGS**

##### **Section 1 – Executive Council Meetings**

Meetings of the Executive Council may be called at any time, but at least annually, by the President or by a majority of the Executive Council members. Each Executive Council member shall be notified of such meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the time set for the meeting. A simple majority of the Executive Council is required to pass a voting issue, with a minimum of three (3) Officers in attendance. Meeting attendance may be in person or electronically.

##### **Section 2 – Board of Directors Meetings**

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time, but at least annually by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors. Each Board Member shall be notified of such meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the time set for the meeting. A simple majority of

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the Board Members is required to pass an issue being voted on, with a majority of Board Members in attendance. Meeting attendance may be in person or electronically.

##### **Section 3 – FLC General Membership Meetings**

Meetings of the members shall be at such time and place as designated by the President or Executive Council. Due notice of any FLC member meetings shall be given by publishing in the FLC official publication, on the club's website or via other electronic notice that reaches the entire membership.

Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, by a majority of the Executive Council, or by a petition signed by five (5) percent of the members. Due notice shall be given stating the date, time, place, and purpose of any such meeting at least ten (10) days before such meeting. A quorum at any special meeting of the members shall consist of five (5) percent of the voting members in good standing.

At all meetings of the members, each Active Member or Family-Active Member good standing shall be entitled to one vote on any matter which may be properly brought before the membership. Such vote may be via voice or by written ballot.

The President, or in his/her absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings and will manage the agenda, discussion and voting. Guests shall be permitted at all meetings unless a closed meeting is declared by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

#### **ARTICLE XIII – OFFICIAL PUBLICATION**

FLC shall publish an official publication to announce upcoming events, official notifications, stories about activities, etc.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

##### **Section 1 – Review**

Bylaws will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors in January.

##### **Section 2 – Amendment of Bylaws**

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be considered upon either recommendation by a majority of the Board of Directors or by written petition signed by at least ten (10) Active or Family-Active Members in good standing. The Secretary shall prepare the suggested amendment(s) in such a manner as appropriate for incorporation in these Bylaws.

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### Section 3 – Approval of Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendment(s) shall be printed in the FLC official publication, published on the FLC website, and sent to the membership by email, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposal, together with an explanation of the proposed amendment(s), and the date, time, and location of the meeting at which any proposed amendment(s) will be voted upon.

### Section 4 – Ballots

Voting upon amendment(s) to the Bylaws shall be by ballot at a FLC club meeting. Ballots shall be distributed to Active Members and to Family-Active Members present at the club meeting, by the Secretary. Active and Family-Active Members are entitled to one (1) vote each on any proposed amendment.

The ballot shall contain:

- Full text of the amendment(s).
- Space for voting for or against the amendment(s).
- Space provided for the signature of each voting member, and their individual membership number.

The quorum for voting on a proposed amendment(s) to these Bylaws shall be five (5) percent of the Voting Members. If the quorum requirement is not met, the election shall be rescheduled, by a majority of the Executive Council, within thirty (30) days, and the quorum requirement shall be half of the initial requirement. To be approved, the proposal must be approved by a majority of the votes cast by those Active Members and Family Active Members in attendance.

### Section 5 – Tellers

The Secretary and two voting members appointed by the President be Tellers. Tellers shall collect, count, and tally all ballots, and certify the results.

### Section 6 – Notice of Results of Vote

The results shall be read into the minutes of the meeting and published in the next issue of the FLC official publication, published on the FLC website, and sent to the membership by email



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# WHAT CAN AX-ERS CAN LEARN FROM KONRAD LORENZ

BY BERT DEL VILLANO

**KONRAD LORENZ** was a Austrian scientist and won the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1973. He made ground breaking discoveries concerning "organization and elicitation of individual and social behavior patterns." In his studies of ducks, he noted that most behaviors were "fixed action patterns" - without any learning. More interestingly, other behaviors were "imprinted." The best known example of imprinting is that ducks will adopt and follow the first moving object they see after hatching as though it were their mother. Lorenz observed imprinted ducks following balloons, boxes, or people. The imprinted behavior is essentially irreversible. Lorenz's research formed the foundation for new directions in human psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine.

So what does all this mean to a Porsche driver on an autocross

course? Several of our events clearly demonstrated the impact of improper imprinting. Imagine: you are driving the course and come around a turn and see an 8 cone array before you. You need to drive between the first 2 pairs, jog left, and go through the second 2 pairs. Easy enough. Suddenly, after navigating the first 6 cones correctly, your imprinting says, "Turn left now!" You turn hard and then head to the next gate - off course, earning a Did Not Finish. At the end of the run, you hear the dreaded announcement and ask, "What did I do?" You get the explanation and go out for your next run and the one after that and after that. All with the same result. Quack, quack. You were imprinted just like Lorenz's ducks and it appears irreversible.

All of us have had Lorenzian experiences. The problem is how to

overcome imprinted behavior. For autocrossing, the most important answer is to stop it before it begins, during the course walk before the event. The walk should not be a leisurely stroll around a parking lot, it should be a focused learning experience. Get to the site early, help set up and walk the course several times. The goal is to be able to visualize the course in your head, complete with entry points, apexes and exits. After that, if you still have an imprinting problem, find out how to drive the troubling section. Draw a map. Ride with an instructor. Watch other drivers as they navigate the course. If all that fails, curse Lorenz and quack. ■

***This article originally appeared in a past issue of the Spiel because it's important for drivers. Bert Del Villano is FLC's Club President & AX Chair.***



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# A RETURN FROM THE DARKSIDE

BY JIM WEST



**I HAVE BEEN A PCA MEMBER** for over 15 years and have owned a Boxster S, Carrera 2Ss, Carrera 4S and a 996 GT3. The 8200 screaming RPMs of the GT3 was a blast at the track and autocross and with it I was able to score several top times of the day!

All those cars were naturally aspirated and were a blast to drive, but when I had the Carreras and Boxster S, there was something lacking, and that was low-end torque. I really had to rev them up to get to the torque, especially in the Boxster S. Then I bought what Bert Del Villano said was a plastic pig. It was a C7 Z51 Corvette, and with that car I got top time a couple times, but then I bought a C7 Z06. The Z51 needed more power but I enjoyed the low-end linear power. The Z06 was just too much insane power for the chassis and could not be driven at 10/10s without sweating and worrying about wrecking it.

So when I traded my Z06 for a 2019 Cayman GTS 2.5 Twin Turbo,

it struck the perfect balance of usable power and low-end torque that I missed in the early Porsches. Since having kids I have not had the time to track the Z06 much, which would have been a better way to use its power, but since the autocross is usually over by lunch, I have been able to participate and still have time to be with the family. My wife was scared to drive the Z06 but drove the Cayman GTS and floored it and screamed because of the visceral sound behind her head and the power and feel of our Porsche.

The 2017 Cayman S was listed in the top 3 drivers' cars by Motortrend and it even placed higher than the 2017 911 Turbo. Performance-wise, Motortrend on the Cayman S got 3.6 for 0-60 and the quarter mile passes at 12 seconds flat at 114.9 mph and 1.01g (GTS 1.05g) on the Skidpad. The GTS comes with a 365HP & 317 FT/LB torque so it's a little quicker in the quarter mile, a Cayman GTS did beat a similar Cayman S

around Virginia International Raceway's Grand Course by a substantial 1.6 seconds. It also comes with SPASM (20mm) lower than Cayman S, and PDK. The GTS includes features like brake-based torque vectoring, the Sport Chrono package, adaptive dampers with a lower ride height, 20" wheels, and sport seats. Mine also has the GTS Alcantara interior, clear taillights, blacked out front headlights, black Carrera Sport Rims, front splitter, and rear diffuser.

**THE CAYMAN GTS** is the perfect autocross car, and if I want to track it, I know I will have more fun than my GT3 because I can drive the Cayman at 10/10ths with the forgiveness of the mid-engine. The Nürburgring time of this little flat 4 matches the 997.2 GT3 at 7:40 and bests the 2005 GT3 and 997.1 GT3. This GTS I believe is going to hold its value also, since they just made the turbo for 2 years, and will be tunable as well. It has the same torque as the new 4.0 GTS and GT4 but the max torque comes in on my GTS at 1900 RPMs.

As an autocross instructor, I have driven several naturally aspirated Caymans and love the visceral sound of the flat 6 right behind my head, but this car strikes the balance of 1900-5000 RPM maximum torque that goes on forever. The power is lag free and always on boil. The sound of the flat 4 when at idle with sport exhaust harkens to the sound of the air-cooled 911s and 356s. It really takes me back! ■

**Jim has been a regular AXer and consistent winner, almost from the beginning of the AX series. For some reason he wandered from the Porsche fold, but has returned. Come to FLC AX's to see him lead all other drivers. -Bert**

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## Stronger, sharper, sportier: the new Macan

Porsche launches the new Macan with increased performance, a sharper design and a new operating concept. All three available versions come with significantly more power than their predecessors. As the sporty flagship of the successful SUV line-up, the Macan GTS sits at the top of the range. Its 2.9-litre V6 biturbo engine now delivers 324 kW (440 PS) – an increase of 44 kW (60 PS). With the responsiveness and power delivery typical of Porsche GTS cars, it completes the 0 to 100 km/h sprint in 4.3 seconds when fitted with a 2.9-litre V6 biturbo engine that produces 20 kW (26 PS) more power than before, with 280 kW (380 PS). This propels the vehicle from a standstill to 100 km/h in 4.6 seconds while it has a top speed of up to 259 km/h. A newly developed, turbocharged four-cylinder engine with 195 kW (265 PS) serves as the entry point to the Macan world. It completes the standard 0 to 100 km/h sprint in 6.2 seconds and reaches a top speed of 232 km/h. All engines are coupled to the seven-speed Porsche dual-clutch transmission (PDK) and the Porsche Traction Management (PTM) all-wheel-drive system.

**Optimised chassis – new sport air suspension for the GTS:** The new Macan models also offer a wide suspension bandwidth, balancing maximum suspension comfort and dynamic sports car performance. The chassis has been optimised further: the Macan now responds with even more sensitivity and more directly to the driving situation and road conditions, giving the driver even better feedback via the steering wheel. For this purpose, elements such as the damper characteristics of the Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) have been re-adapted specifically for this model. It actively and continuously regulates the damping force for each individual wheel. PASM is available as an option for the Macan and is standard for the S and GTS models.

The Macan GTS now sets itself apart from the other derivatives even more than before with the now-standard sport air suspension, which lowers the body by 10 millimetres. The dynamic benefits of the new GTS are above all due to the fact that the air suspension is 10 per cent more rigid on the front axle and 15 per cent firmer on the rear axle compared



A close-up photograph of a red Porsche Macan GTS. The image focuses on the front wheel, which has a black multi-spoke design with yellow brake calipers visible through the spokes. The Porsche crest is centered on the wheel. To the left, a portion of the side mirror is visible, featuring the 'GTS' badge in a dark, metallic finish. The background is a blurred red, matching the car's body color.

with its predecessor. The optional GTS Sport package further increases the dynamic potential of the car, with 21-inch GT design wheels with performance tyres, Porsche Torque Vectoring Plus (PTV Plus) and the Sport Chrono package.

**Even sharper design with a sporty focus:** Porsche has further sharpened the visuals of its compact SUV with a number of specific changes. The redesigned nose with an inlay in the exterior colour emphasises the Macan's width, making it look even more imposing on the road. On the new GTS, the centre of the nose section as well as other elements are finished in black. The rear is now rounded off towards the road by a striking diffuser in a particularly technical design. Here and at the front end it features a new 3D structure, which is also optionally available for the car's sideblades. The LED headlights with the Porsche Dynamic Light System (PDLS) and Sport Design exterior mirrors are now standard on all models.

A total of 14 colours are available for the new Macan, including the new colours Papaya Metallic and Gentian Blue Metallic, as well as Python Green for the Macan GTS with the GTS Sport package. With its Individual Colour and Paint To Sample options, Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur significantly expands the design freedom for the Macan. Larger wheels are also fitted as standard: they measure at least 19 inches for the Macan, 20 inches for the Macan S and 21 inches for the Macan GTS. A total of seven new wheel designs have also been added to the range.

**New centre console with touch surface:** The new Porsche Macan offers a substantially enhanced interior with a modern and elegantly designed centre console. Its new operating concept, which makes use of touch surfaces instead of tactile buttons, brings a clear structure to the cockpit. A new, shorter selector lever sits in the centre of the clearly organised control module. The analogue clock at the top of the dashboard is now also standard equipment. A number of leather upholstery and contrasting seam packages in Gentian Blue, Papaya or Crayon are optionally available to add new colour highlights to the interior. The Macan continues to offer many online functions and services as standard. These can be controlled via the 10.9-inch full HD touch display of the Porsche Communication Management or by means of voice commands. The Macan adopts the new multifunction and GT Sport steering wheels from the 911.

Besides the dynamic benefits and black highlights on the exterior, the GTS Sport package available only for the top model also contains specific and exclusive equipment for the interior. This includes 18-way sport seats, the Carbon interior package, Race-Tex upholstery with extended leather elements, various items with contrast stitching and GTS lettering in Python Green.

**Popular entry-level model - available to order now:** The Macan, which has seen 600,000 deliveries worldwide since its market launch in 2014, has a special role at Porsche: around 80 per cent of all Macan buyers are new Porsche customers. In addition, the proportion of women buying the Macan has risen consistently in recent years and is the highest across all Porsche product lines. In China, the largest market for the Macan, just under 60 per cent of buyers are women. The new Macan models are available to order now and will be delivered in Europe from the beginning of October 2021. In Germany, prices start at 62,917 euros for the Macan, 71,723 euros for the Macan S and 88,264 euros for the Macan GTS, including VAT and country-specific equipment. Despite a wider body, larger wheels and additional technical features, the weight of the new GTS is on a par with its predecessor. It weighs 1,418 kg with the manual transmission and 1,435 kg with the Porsche dual-clutch transmission (PDK). The bonnet made of carbon fibre-reinforced plastic (CFRP), lightweight glass windows and forged alloy wheels exemplify the focus on weight-saving, as does the lightweight sports exhaust system. ■



# AGE... IT'S NOT JUST A NUMBER

BY STEVE WILLIAMSON

**ALTHOUGH I'M FACING A BIRTHDAY** in a few days, it's not my age I'm writing about... it's the age of your tires. I recently had the pleasure of instructing at a DE (not one of ours) in a pristine 997, newly acquired by its driver. As he explained, it was his first Porsche, was low mileage and had been in storage since 2013. As you would expect, there were some maintenance items to be addressed that included brake seals, coolant hoses, a brake juice flush... "just to make the car road worthy"... Since the tires had plenty of tread, held air and looked "brand new," they were judged all good, not only by the new owner, but by the shop that teched the car for the DE as well.

I did some research on the date of production found on the side of the tire. The dates were different on every tire, but all four indicated manufacture back when I was young. A rear was dated nearly a decade ago. Considering the stress that track sessions place on tires, going on track with tires this old will yield at the very least poor grip, and at the worst, a tire that fails under load. Considering this is the only contact the car has with the road (hopefully), this is a failure that would jeopardize the car, its occupants (including me) and those nearby. An avoidable risk no one should be willing to accept.

Today's tires are high tech components of our vehicles, oftentimes designed specifically for the car we are driving (for example N0 or N1 spec). They are subject to deterioration from heat cycles, exposure to sunlight, extremes in heat and cold, road hazards, wear, and moisture in the air we are using for inflation. Many of these conditions are unrelated to remaining tread or other exterior elements that we can observe. Tires deteriorate from the inside as well as the outside.

Late model Porsche owners' manuals state in part: "The perception that tire durability and performance are immune to the effects of storage and age is unfounded. Chemical additives, which make the rubber elastic, lose their effectiveness in the course of time and the rubber becomes brittle and cracks"

And...

***"Under no circumstances should tires older than 6 years be used on your Porsche."***

The age of the tire can be obtained from the DOT code number. If, for example, the last four numbers

read 5018, the tire was produced in the 50th week of 2018.

Interesting that our PCA Minimum Standards DE Tech Form simply requires that tires be in good condition with no cracks and/or cuts. The Minimum Standards requirement is in place relying upon exterior examination with not much consideration to those conditions within the tire.

We will be adding the "under no circumstances should tires older than 6 years be used" to the requirements for participation in our HPDE program beginning in 2022. I recognize the degradation of tires exists well prior to 6 years and moving forward, we may further reduce the tire age limit for participation in our HPDE program. There have been incidents involving aged tires in the past and my goal is to minimize risk for all concerned. The good condition with no cracks and/or cuts requirement will, of course, remain.

**ALL THIS THAT WE LEARN** about tires to be used on track can be useful on the street as well. Not having a spare and having expensive rims that would likely be toast should I have a flat on I4 - not to mention the abuse you are sure to get standing along the highway waiting for your tow - should be enough motivation to keep your tires current, properly inflated and in good shape even if you never choose to drive your car with vigor.

Staying alive with the shiny side up! ■

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# APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE

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**WE HAVE PARTICIPATED** in the Appalachian Region PCA "Appalachian Adventure" for the past two years, and this year it was added as the last leg of our epic 924S tour. This year, instead of North Georgia, we went to Blowing Rock, North Carolina for our adventure. Staying at the Meadowbrook Inn, we met other Porsche owners for a great weekend. Of course we had the only 924S, and only one 944 turbo and one 928 made the event - the rest were 911's, Caymans, Boxsters, one Panamera, and one SUV.

Quite a collection of beautiful cars.

The Appalachian Region is one of the fastest growing PCA Regions in the club. With the apparent flight from the northeast, Florida and other areas, the mountains of North Carolina are a popular destination. And they bring their Porsches with them when they come. We've participated in the Appalachian Adventure for the past two years with the previous two "Adventures" taking place in Northeast Georgia near Blairsville. The change for this

year to Blowing Rock was a great change of scenery. And this year we brought some of our own Florida Citrus Region PCA folks with us.

Blowing Rock is a small but bustling town nestled about eight miles from Boone, NC. With the Blue Ridge Parkway close by and lots of great twisty roads to drive, it is the perfect venue for a Porsche event.

We checked in on Thursday afternoon and unloaded Moe, our 1988 924S Special Edition. Slowly, more and more Porsches showed up at the Meadowbrook, soon



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filling the parking lot with new and older Porsches. There was one 912, but no 356's or 914's represented. Happy hour was a fun way to check in for the event and meet old and new friends. Since our previous participations involved 924S's, all we had to say is, "We're the 924S people" and could instantly reconnect.

Friday morning was an opportunity to go on one of three drives. We chose the drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway, which included a lunch stop, and our group of about twenty left the hotel, got right to the parkway, and enjoyed some relaxed driving through the mountains. With lunch along the way on Parkway, we returned at about 4:00. What a day!

On Saturday we had a People's Choice Concours in the parking lot of a local church in Blowing Rock. Organized in classes, there was

a pristine white 928, a pristine 951 and our own Moe in Class 7, which was won by the 928. Quite a beautiful car to say the least. The highlight of the concours show was a Porsche Junior Tractor and a perfectly restored 1951 356 owned by Chip Perry, a local car nut who you may remember was associated with Auto Trader when they went digital. Plenty of wonderful cars on display!

After the concours we went to Chip Perry's "Car Barn" where he keeps his private collection of Porsches, VWs, and some British vintage cars. The place was much more than a "barn" and more like a luxury meeting hall. Words cannot describe it - see two photos left.

After the "Car Barn," we had a little rest and then the closing banquet where stories were told and awards given. Chip Perry spoke about the ties between VW,

Porsche, Dr. Porsche, and of all things, the Nazis in WWII Germany. Interesting stuff.

The Appalachian Adventure was another great weekend with PCA. It is on the list for next year, too. Should be on your list, too.

After loading Moe on the trailer, we make the almost 600-mile trip home. The Grand Tour 2021 totaled 5,100 miles on the truck, almost 600 miles on Moe, and twenty-two days on the road. Unforgettable.

Now for our next extended road trip...Grand Tour 2022? ■

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