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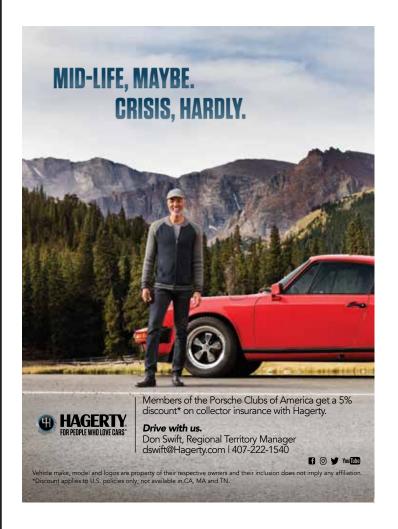
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The Firm

CFL Cars & Coffee Drive Shack Orlando

Membership Meeting Porsche Orlando

Citrus Region DE

Roebling Road Porsche Night

The Ace Cafe Drive + Lunch

Hollerbachs Willow Tree Cafe

Tavares

Treffen

The Broadmoor

(Sun)

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15 (Sun)

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Drive + Picnic

Hiawatha Preserve Park

Tavares

Porsche Night The Ace Cafe

Zone fest '22

American Muscle Car Museum

(Sun)

(Mon)

12-18 (Sun-Sat)

21 (Mon) **CFL Cars & Coffee** Drive Shack Orlando

Membership Meeting

Porsche Parade

Kalahari Resort Poconos

Porsche Night The Ace Cafe

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

AS I BEGIN MY TWO-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT of

the Florida Citrus Region, I would first like to express my sincerest thanks to the Florida Citrus Region PCA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, and especially Bert and Anne Delvillano, for their tireless work in bringing this club through the last two years. It was definitely not an easy task. The pandemic created new challenges in keeping the Club active and moving forward, while keeping the safety of the members first and foremost. Countless hours were spent working on the waiver program, and I am very thankful that Bert was able to set up an organized program for this that we could maintain for the required duration.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to Annette Vasickanin for the numerous hours that she and Jim put in to keep the Club driving together, while still maintaining social distancing. These wonderful drives were looked forward to by so many of us as they were our only activity during the pandemic.

As the restrictions from the pandemic began to lift, Club activities began to appear again. HPDEs and autocrosses resumed, meetings were held and followed by dinners, more drives were added. If not for a cadre of volunteers, we would not have been able to gather as we did. Many thanks to all of those who volunteered to help as we began to come together again.

I'm looking forward to an active future with many exciting events ahead for us all. I'd like to recognize and mention by name the slate of volunteers who will be responsible for making all of this happen:

Our Board of Directors includes John Vick as Vice President, Dan Beyer as Treasurer, Jim LaPiana as Secretary, and Bert DelVillano as Immediate Past President.

Our Committee Chairs are Mike Colon, Julie and Joe Coen, Lyn Perez, Donovan Dean, Terry Johnson, Michael Hollosy, Jim LaPiana, Bert DelVillano, Lyndsey Coyle, Nancy Dinon, and Travis Young.

In addition to our Region Board of Directors and Chairs, I'd also like to recognize Leslie Sikorski, who recently transitioned from our Membership chair to our Zone 12 Rep. I know she will excel in this position as she leads our Zone forward over the next two years. Many thanks to her for all of her time and effort to make this the best organization for each of you.

We have already been busy hosting and planning events for the upcoming year. These events include performance driving events, driving tours, social events and dinners, and our monthly meetings (alternating between Porsche of Orlando and Porsche of South Orlando). Read about several events we've already held as you cruise through this edition of the Spiel.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the upcoming two years. If you have any questions, or want to get involved in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you for your support with this great organization!

Very respectfully, Karyn Rinaldi



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BY JOE & JULIE COEN CO-MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome, new PCA members and those who have transferred into Florida Citrus from other regions! Join us at a monthly meeting or one of our other upcoming events. Check out our calendar on p. 3 and find full details at <u>flc.pca.org/calendar</u>.

December

Allen Hart

Jennifer Larson

Roger Walker

Gilberto Lopez-Hernandez

Brian Eddy

Nicholas Dobes

Nicholas Diprenda

Franco Cavaliere

Robin Hernandez

Jeff Barnes

David Batdorf

Sean Sweeney Henry Schofield Sung-Wook Bang

<u>January</u>

James Philiben

Drew Leslie

Robert Stockman

Brandon Anandan

Raymond Lawrence

Kevin Sheehan

Joann Harbour

Sean Corbin

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Brent Rein

Dennis Brown

Hoi Nguyen

Scott Hall

Zhenxing Tang

Stewart Sensor

Herman Camarena

Joseph Galor

Stanley Asensio Michael Cecilia Sammi Caruso Joe Devesta Chat Ricchi

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Alex De Jorge

Jonathon Mossler

Matthew Mobley

Francis Nisi

David Perry

Neil Roach

Mark Gutschalk

Mark Guischaik

Michael Kimble

Kevin Cunningham

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Jamie Membreno

Marco Limbrecht

ANNIVERSARIES: Let's celebrate those members that have PCA Anniversaries coming up the second quarter of 2022. If you see any of these folks out and about, be sure and congratulate them!

45 Years

Jeff Keiner

35 Years

John Pellosie

Ted & Elaine Szymankiewicz

30 Years

Ian & Doug Crawford

Robert Ward & Lynne Etheridge

25 Years

Maurice & Susan Belt

James & Carol Lytle

Shirl & Timothy Magid

Miles & Robin Beach

20 Years

Willliam & Prudy Davis

Michael & Terry Davis

Mark & Lori Nasrallah

Danny & Renee Newport

Lyn & Marjorie Perez

Deborah Pandeline & Jim Shoemaker

Timothy & Catherine Toccalino

15 Years

Jeff Crowley

Betty Lightcap

Harold & Kathleen Lund

Danny & Maureen McCartney

Scott McCollum

Dale & Christy Nunn

Scott Schubel

10 Years

Richard & Susan Nethercote

5 Years

William Charlton

William & BJ O'Keefe

Randy & Carolyn Holihan

Miguel & Erika Melendez

Randy Ross

David Scott

Perry & Suzy West

Matthew Bayer

Mike Gaboda

Brian Mcwhirter

Mark & Monica Poorbaugh

George and Maureen Sautter

Matthew Zink

Stephen Asmann

Michael Hollosy and Nancy Gibbons

Keith Nolen

Frank Sikos



HERITAGE CARS, THE FBI, &

A BIG OL' GATOR ARTICLE BY TERRY JOHNSON PHOTOS BY MARK & MONICA POORPAUGH





It was the definition of a perfect day to drive your Heritage vehicle: Clear blue skies, low 70's temps, and gentle breezes. On February 20, 25 drivers gathered at Magnolia Park in Apopka for the Heritage Drive, a celebration of the aircooled and transaxle Porsches. There was a total of 16 cars, plus 11 newer Porsches ready to embark on the 70 mile backroads drive to the destination point - Gator Joe's Beach Bar and Restaurant in Ocklawaha, in the Ocala National Forest.

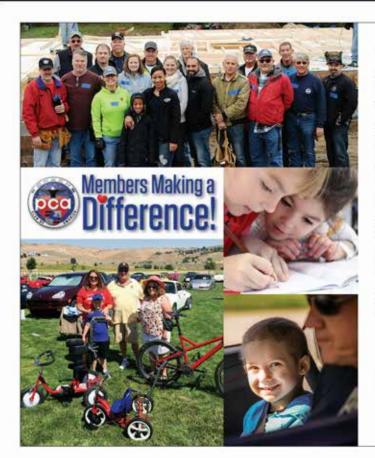
The drive took place over beautiful winding roads in excellent weather. There were many gorgeous stretches of road that are a pleasure to drive. We took a break at North Lake Community Park in Umatilla where we could stretch our legs before the second half of the drive.

A little about our destination - Gator Joe's Restaurant has an interesting history. It is named for a 12-foot alligator that lived in Lake Weir until the 1950's. Back in the 1935, one of the FBI's "Most Wanted List" included the Ma Barker Gang. The FBI obtained information about where the gang was hiding out from a letter one of Ma Barker's sons sent referring to "Gator Joe," the aforementioned big gator. This clue led FBI investigators to the Ocklawaha hideout, where a four-hour shootout occurred with the gang, leading to the demise of Ma Barker and her other son. When we do a future drive in this area, we are hoping to arrange a visit to the "Ma Barker" home where the shootout occurred, which is now open for tours!

We enjoyed a great lunch and camaraderie at Gator Joe's, meeting several drivers that had not previously been involved in FLC drives. We look forward to seeing them again in the future on another Heritage Drive and at other PCA events.

We are very fortunate to have so many of these air-cooled and transaxle Porsches in our club. They provided the inspiration and guidance for the future development of modern Porscheswithout these cars and the advances that were developed during their era, we would not have current models. It was a great drive and a great way to celebrate these wonderful vehicles.

Terry Johnson assists Activities & Tours Chair Lyn Perez, alongside Donovan Dean.



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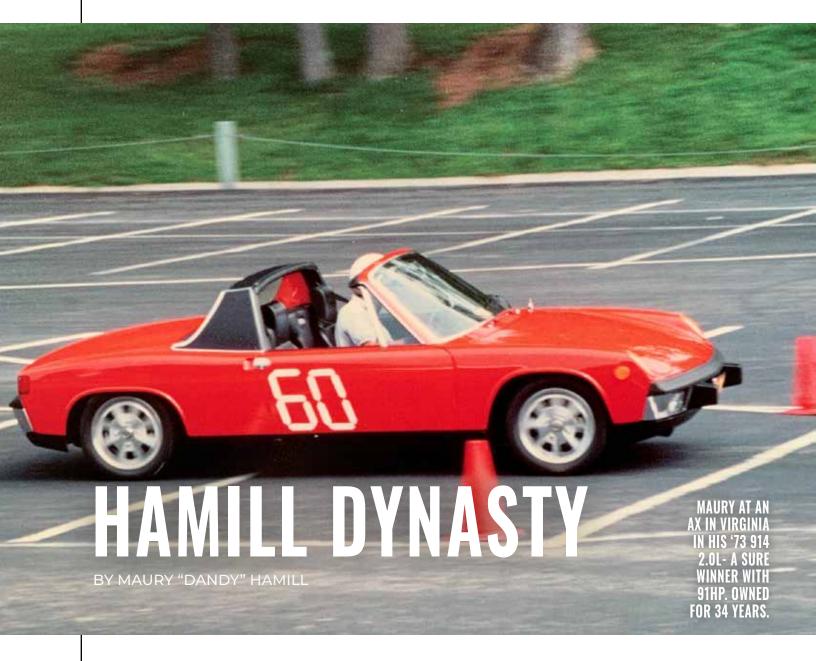
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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED what in the world Bert meant, when he mentioned in his *Spiel* autocross columns, "The Hamill dynasty..." (Winter 2020), or "Do you think genes matter?" (Spring 2021)?

Yeah, probably not. However, he did ask me to write about our three-generation family of autocrossers. My grandson Zac Saubert was featured in the Spring 2021 issue for having the Top Time of Day at the Feb. 21, 2021 event in his mother's very stock base 2013 Boxster. I traded my 2006 Cayman S for that car right off the showroom floor in rather a hurry (long story),

instead of my preference of ordering our Porsches with some performance options. This car has only the typical dealer-selected features for showroom display. For Zac to beat the usual Fun class competitors in well-driven Corvettes and other specially set up AX cars was, as Bert said, exceptional.

So how did Zac get started? In his own words: "Growing up close to my grandparents, I've been around Porsches and racing all my life. I even learned how to tie my shoes at VIR while Dandy (Maury) was instructing in a DE. I watched

a few AX while growing up, but I didn't start driving until 2014, codriving with Dandy in what is now Mom's (Heather's) Boxster. At the time I was still in college and reluctant to wake up as early as necessary to make a lot of events. After the 2015 Parade in French Lick, Mom bought a 2007 Boxster and we began to AX regularly, sometimes three per month."

I took Zac to the go-kart track in Ocala a few times when he was around five for some instruction and driving, which he enjoyed, but not enough to really get involved with since he did then not live in FL.

From Bert's Summer 2021 Spiel AX article about Heather: "Congratulations (again) to Heather Hamill for taking TTOD for the Ladies - no surprise. She is an expert driver and is 'as one' with her 2013 Boxster. In addition to leading all Ladies, Heather also took TTOD for all Porsches, whupping all the men!" So how did Heather become so accomplished, you may ask? She had an '85 944 from '85 until about '98, with which she collected some speeding tickets and did one DE at Charlotte, before selling it not long after Zac was born, but no AX. Plenty of opportunities, but no interest at that time.

How did she get involved? In her own words from the December 2021 Martin Sports Car Club 'Pit Patter' newsletter Driver Spotlight, edited a bit, "At the 2015 Porsche Parade, my son Zac Saubert co-drove with my Dad, his grandfather ("Dandy"), and loved the experience. This Parade would change everything as I caught the bug while watching Zac and Dad compete. We started looking and purchased a 2007 Boxster, joined PCA, and autocrossed every PCA and Martin SCC event we could. Sometimes three a month, so to say we love it would be correct." Recalling one of her first events, she rode with me before driving on the seldom-used Lake Tech 'road course' (where we park now). She immediately said, "I could never do that". Before the event ended her time was better than mine, so maybe she is a natural? As noted above, both Heather and Zac have had TTOD, whereas the geezer patriarch of the family has not achieved that for many years.

However, in the inter-family competition, on a good day, I can now rarely beat at least one of them... in a car that should always be faster... if Zac drives his Focus ST and Heather is a little off. Thus proving once again that for AX it's the driver, not the car, that wins.

In the Winter 2020 Spiel, Bert commented, "The Hamill dynasty has dominated the AX series for years. In 2020 Heather Hamill won class SL in every event she ran. Her son, Zac Saubert, won his class in all but one event that he ran in. Maury Hamill faced very heavy competition from Jimmy Strater, who won the class and Bob Blucher, and so finished second in class overall." I was able to win the S6 class in the year-end results reported in the Winter 2021 Spiel. I also had some annual class wins in earlier years with both Citrus and Suncoast.

Now that you know the AX history of my daughter and grandson, if there's a gene that favors success, is it from me? Not entirely. My wife Sue, Heather's Mom and Zac's Memaw, was a very good AX driver back in the 914 era, usually winning the Ladies class with times better than many men. In fact, when our son Ty teased her about being faster than some gents who took AX a lot more seriously, she used that as an excuse to retire. Sue says she "grew up" and refuses to compete aaain.

My interest in cars goes way back. My mother always insisted that my first word was car, as "caca, "rather than the usual "ma-ma" or "da-da." I bought the first issue of Road & Track in 1947, attracted by the open-wheel race car on the cover. However, I never had a car of my own until I was a college grad and second lieutenant on my way to USAF pilot training in 1954 with a '51 Dodge. In the Air Force, my call-sign was Speedy, only perhaps not due to flying jets or having a fast car. As a dental orthopedic resident, we found a way to justify a 1969 Spitfire to satisfy my need for speed, and eventually landed our first Porsche, a '73 914 2.0, which we competed regularly with a number of FTD.

Later, we were fortunate to

own several more Porsches, each of which have long stories beyond the scope of this article. Those with Parade AX class wins were: '89 944 turbo at Boston '91, '85.5 944 ('87S engine) at Oklahoma '96, '98 Boxster at Charlotte '08 and '13 Boxster at Traverse City '13. Zac won his class at Boca '19 in the '07 Boxster. Heather also had Parade class wins in the '07 Boxster at Jay Peak '16, Ozarks '18 and Boca '19, she also won French Lick '21 in her '13 Boxster.

Though not a part of the local "dynasty," gene-wise our son Ty, arguably the best driver in the family, should be mentioned. He got a chain drive pedal car the Christmas just before his second birthday, which he was soon counter-steering to avoid spins going around sidewalk corners, so definitely another natural. More of a track than AX guy, he did drive my '18 base Cayman for the first time, about 15 miles, from the Ozarks '18 Parade resort to the airport AX site. Said he had not done an AX for 20 years and then had the second-fastest time of the event. Only the men's FTD highly modified 914 was faster. Full disclosure, he works for Ford Performance now, but has instructed for Porsche at Barber and many other tracks, as well as for Acura, Mercedes, BMW, and others over the years.

So, is there an autocross gene or have we just been fortunate to have some success along with the fun of participating in so many events? Have there been enough wins to constitute a dynasty? Is Bert too flattering? For you to decide, dear reader.

Maury, Heather and Zac have at least nine class wins at Porsche Parades. The Dynasty is real.



AIR-COOLED NIGHT

AT THE **ACE** BY LYN PEREZ

GREAT EVENING AT AIR-COOLED PORSCHE NIGHT AT THE ACE ORLANDO!

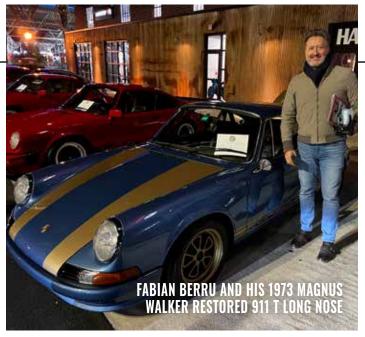
We had a great turnout for Air-Cooled Porsche Night at the Ace on the 24th of January. 24 beautiful air-cooled cars lined up for viewing in a addition to the other 40+ attending cars. There were a variety of air-cooleds, including a 964 Turbo, a 930 Targa, quite a few Carrera G50's Coupes and Cabriolets and Targas, 964s, 993s and a couple long hoods as

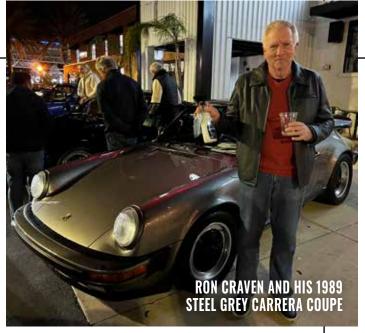
Second runner-up winner was Ron Craven and his 1989 Steel Grey Carrera Coupe with 31,500 miles. First runner-up was Fabian Berru and his 1973 Magnus Walker restored 911 T long nose. And first place was Sam Katanich with his 1973 long nose RS tribute in Gulf livery, which was featured on p. 24 of the Winter 2020 Spiel.















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WANT A DOUBLEHEADER AUTOCROSS?

FLC and our sister club, Martin Sports Car Club, each hosted an autocross doubleheader at Orange County Convention Center on Feb. 19. The FLC race started early, under cool overcast skies. Forty-six drivers came to challenge a long and twisty course, designed by Bob Blucher. The course (see opposite) flowed surprisingly well and was very well-suited to our Porsches, which took the top 3 overall positions. Congrats to #1, Trent Ksionek (2016 Carrera GTS); #2, Jimmy Strater (2014 Cayman S); and #3, Jim West

(2019 Cayman GTS). Full results are in the table.

The event finished before noon and the course was re-set for the second half of the doubleheader. MSCC had several heats starting about 3:00, then took a dinner break and went at it again – running in the dark! Imagine: Street lights, headlights, and flash lights kept the drivers and course workers safe. You have to love our hardy friends at MSCC.

Bert Del Villano is AX Chair and Immediate Past President for FLC.



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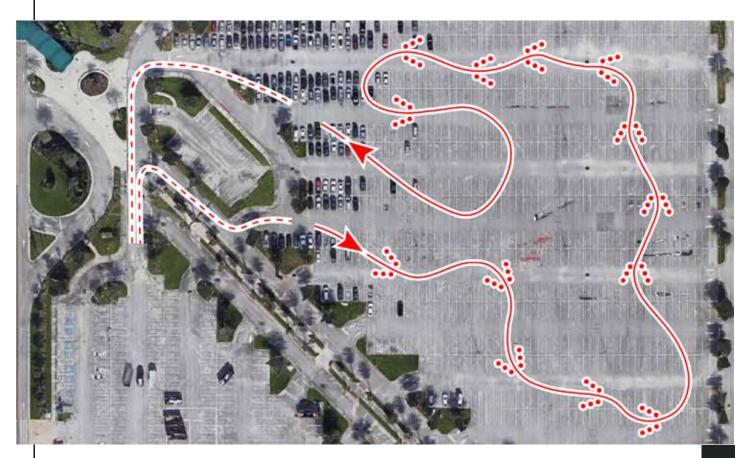
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PORSCHE CLASSES

"FUN" CLASSES

| # | Class | Driver | Model | Raw Time |
|----|-------|------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1 | s6 | Trent Ksionek | Carrera GTS; 2016 | 33.464 |
| 2 | р5 | Jimmy Strater | Cayman S; 2014 | 33.776 |
| 3 | р5 | James West | 718 Cayman GTS; 2019 | 33.864 |
| 4 | p4 | Zac Saubert | Boxster; 2013 | 34.673 |
| 5 | р5 | Mark Peebles | 911; 2017 | 35.204 |
| 6 | р6 | Kyle Everly | GT4 Cayman; 2020 | 35.462 |
| 7 | s6 | Jorge Hernandez | 911 Carrera; 2021 | 36.386 |
| 8 | s6 | Terry Glazar | Cayman S; 2019 | 36.45 |
| 9 | р6 | Bert DelVillano | Porsche, Cayman GT4; 2021 | 36.471 |
| 10 | s6 | Scott Smith | Cayman GTS; 2018 | 36.864 |
| 11 | pl | Heather O Hamill | Boxster; 2013 | 37.075 |
| 12 | р5 | Tony Davis | Boxster Spyder; 2016 | 37.157 |
| 13 | s5 | Maury Hamill | Cayman; 2018 | 37.241 |
| 14 | s3 | Marc Gerber | 911 S; 2012 | 37.948 |
| 15 | s2 | Mel Saiz | Boxster S; 2003 | 38.115 |
| 16 | р5 | Gerard Hynes | Boxster; 2018 | 38.269 |
| 17 | p4 | Don Cross | Boxster S; 2008 | 38.352 |
| 18 | s6 | Keith Thompson | Boxster GTS; 2019 | 38.507 |
| 19 | PL | Karyn Rinaldi | Cayman GT4; 2021 | 38.949 |
| 20 | s6 | Francis Chow | Carrera T; 2018 | 39.414 |
| 21 | р5 | Josh Foley | Cayman S; 2019 | 39.83 |
| 22 | s6 | Terry Johnson | 911 Carrera 4S; 2017 | 41.605 |
| 23 | sl | Sarah Thompson | Boxster GTS; 2019 | 41.743 |
| 24 | s4 | Reginald Festejo | 911; 2003 | 44.308 |
| | | | | |

| # | Driver | Model | Raw Time |
|----|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Richard Fickes | Caldwell, D13; 1972 | 33.98 |
| 2 | Dan Simionescu | Mazda, Mazdaspeed Miata; 2005 | 34.306 |
| 3 | George Bonafede | Chevrolet, Z06; 2002 | 34.862 |
| 4 | Bradley Thomas | Subaru, STI; 2016 | 35.115 |
| 5 | Harry Corbin | Subaru, STI; 2005 | 35.214 |
| 6 | Kevin Madyda | Miata, Mazda; 1999 | 35.446 |
| 7 | Robert Pace | Mazda, Miata; 2004 | 35.768 |
| 8 | Mike Redmond | Mazda, Miata; 2004 | 36.471 |
| 9 | Christian Napoletano | VW, Golf R; 2019 | 36.929 |
| 10 | Stephen Claxton | Chevrolet, Corvette; 2016 | 36.979 |
| 11 | Hasan Schwandes | Mazda, Miata; 2002 | 37.575 |
| 12 | Bruce Merideth | Chevrolet, Corvette Z06; 2004 | 37.93 |
| 13 | Jorge Gonzalez Garcia | BMW, M3 Competition; 2018 | 38.002 |
| 14 | Andrew Obeng | Chevy, Camaro; 2017 | 39.781 |
| 15 | Cristina Gonzalez Pascual | BMW, M3; 2016 | 40.139 |
| 16 | Sonny Thomas | Toyota, Mr2 Spyder; 2000 | 40.27 |
| 17 | Bruce VanHoozen | Honda, Civic Sport; 2019 | 40.583 |
| 18 | Frank Mach | Toyota, 86; 2021 | 40.592 |
| 19 | Tim Toccalino | Hyundai, Veloster Rally; 2016 | 41.303 |
| 20 | Viviana Gonzalez Pascual | Subaru, WRX STI; 2016 | 41.411 |
| 21 | Jordan Gerber | Audi, S5; 2021 | 42.485 |
| 22 | Tim Nethers | Mazda, Miata; 1992 | 47.044 |
| | | | |



BY KARYN RINALDI

AMAZING MUSEUM

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THE PORSCHES AND PUPS CHARITY EVENT was coordinated in early January by Annette Vasickanin, and involved a tour of the American Muscle Car Museum (AMCM) in Melbourne, FL. This museum is closed to the public, however, owner Mark Pieloch will often open it for non-profit fundraisers and charity events. We were very fortunate to be able to tour this amazing facility and support the Southeastern Guide Dog Society at the same time.

This charitable organization was started to support and help those who cannot see and has since expanded to also serve Veterans with disabilities and children with significant challenges. Southeastern Guide Dogs breeds, raises, and trains guide dogs, service dogs, and skilled companion dogs, then offers them to those with a need at no cost, as well as providing support throughout the life of this team. Their training services are performed in the Puppy Academy, the puppy raisers' homes, the Canine University, and alumni homes. Several of

the fostering families brought puppies to the AMCM for the Club members to meet. Florida Citrus Region was able to provide Southeastern Guide Dogs with a check for \$5670, due to the generosity of those who attended this event.

The tour of the American Muscle Car Museum was an amazing experience. The museum facility is the result of the life-long work and passion of Mark Pieloch, who started to work on and collect cars when he was a teenager. Mark, who himself is a member of the Space Coast Region PCA, has over 325 cars in the museum. The museum is housed in a totally environmentally-friendly building and complex that exceeds 123,000 sqft. As Mark described it, to put the museum in perspective, the main showroom is the size of a Walmart Supercenter, or two football fields!

Additionally, the AMCM facility was built to exacting standards, making it the third-strongest building in a three-county area. (The two stronger buildings are located at the Kennedy space center.)



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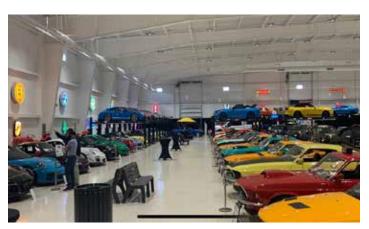
















On occasion, during hurricanes, Mark has allowed up to another 150 vehicles to be stored and protected in the facility.

And then there are the cars!!! Some of the interesting facts that Mark pointed out about the collection include:

- The average age of the vehicles in the museum is 39 years old (1982 vintage).
- 45% of the collection are GM vehicles (Chevys, Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs, Cadillacs, etc.)
- 30% are what Mark refers to as "the Fords" (Fords, Mercurys, etc).
- 12% of the collection is made up of Porsches.
- 10% of the vehicles are MOPAR vehicles.
- The remainder of the collection is what Mark refers to as "Orphans," such as Hudsons, AMC, and other miscellaneous "orphan" vehicles. These are the vehicles that you probably haven't seen in the last 30-40 years.
- Just over 100 of these cars have fewer than 100 original miles on them, 40 or so have between 100–999 miles, and just over 30 cars have between 1000–9999 original miles.
- Every car is kept in running condition and is on a trickle charger.
- The facility has a 15,000 sqft maintenance facility, but there are no frame-off restorations done on site.

WHEN YOU ENTER THE MUSEUM, you will find the cars laid out by theme and manufacturer. In the Porsche section, there are over 40 Porsches, many of which are brightly colored, and 30 of which have fewer than 100 original miles. (It was like being a kid in a candy store!) But what is unique about Mark's Porsche collection is that there are nine Porsche tractors, one of every make and model that Porsche Tractors ever built, therefore making it the largest collection of running Porsche tractors in the world. Mark has taken these tractors to Porsche events so club members could learn how to drive a Porsche tractor. How fun would that be!

There is an entire row of Mustangs, followed by an entire row of Camaros. After these come the Yenkos. Mark has the most extensive collection of Yenkos in the world - there is one of every make and model ever made. Several years ago, a book was published about the twelve most important Yenkos ever built. Eight of those twelve can be found here in Mark's collection.

Following the Yenkos, you'll find a row of over 35 Shelby Mustangs, an entire row of Corvettes, a section comprised of numerous cars from the 50's, Pontiacs, GMCs and over 50 years of official Indianapolis 500 pace cars. Scattered throughout these rows are more than 100 national show-winning cars.

At one point in the tour, Mark explained to the group how he had come to acquire such an extensive

collection. In his witty manner, he proceeded to tell us that he acquired 20% of his cars from auctions, 20% through new purchases at dealerships, and the remaining vehicles through sales after the deaths of previous owners, sales after divorces, and sales due to distress reasons. Mark had numerous comical stories explaining his purchases, as well as the history of several of the vehicles.

The museum contains other memorabilia in addition to the automobiles. This memorabilia includes over 100 neon signs, numerous outboard motors, old pedal cars, an extensive banana seat bike collection, old cigarette, candy and soda machines, coolers, and old gas pumps. Many of these items were restored locally in Cocoa, FL. Mark even played an Elvis Presley song for the group on a 1953 Seabird 100 Jukebox, which has been restored with all-original parts. The sound quality was amazingly good for 70 year-old speakers! I heard many people commenting to the effect of "Wow! I had one of those!" or "That definitely brings back memories!"

The Porsche and Pups event was definitely a wonderful experience, made all that much more enjoyable by the opportunity to meet Mark and hear his stories as we toured his incredible collection of cars. And to add to the joy – knowing that all of this was being done for the cause of supporting the Southeastern Guide Dog Society!

Karyn has served as Vice President of FLC - PCA for 2 years. She is now Club President.





POSTCARDS FROM THE ROAD







MY FIRST APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE!

Annette Vasickanin Blowing Rock, NC: September 9-12

My friend Diane Bonheim convinced me early last year to go to the 2021 Appalachian Adventure in Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

Since I'm not overly fond of highway time, I made a route that avoided them as much as possible. (I think most of us can agree- driving on highways can be either sheer boredom or sheer terror as most of the drivers don't seem to appreciate the actual skill of driving) So, like I do for my PCA drives, I sat down with the Gaia app and created a route.

At first I was going to have a friend with an older Porsche join us on the drive up, but unfortunately a few days before the drive, they found out that they were unable to attend. Yes, I did take I-95 until Jacksonville, but after that it was all back roads. I never had such a pleasant trip going up north. The route had a lot of curves and was on nice country roads. There was hardly anyone else on the back roads, so I had the place to myself.

These were some laid-back and local-friendly areas... At one point I stopped at a gas station and asked if they had Apple Pay and the worker had no idea what that even was. At another gas station while waiting to pay for a drink, a local was there and the cashier asked, "Hey Fred, this slip has been on my cash register for a while. Have you paid your bill with us?" I can't imagine that flying down here in Central Florida, paying on credit.

My halfway mark for lodging was in Augusta, Georgia. The next morning I continued on the back-roads-only drive to Blowing Rock. For lunch along the way, I had a hankering for South Carolina barbecue, so we took a very minor detour (about seven minutes each way) to a restaurant, Midway Barbecue in Buffalo, South Carolina that my hubby, Jim Whitaker, found searching

Google. The parking lot was starting to fill up when we arrived a few minutes before noon. By the time I placed my order at the counter and sat down, there was a line out the door that continued the entire time we ate. We had just beat the lunch rush for the entire community! Everyone knew everyone. There were smiles on everyone's faces. We'd clearly hit a local favorite eatery- delicious and extremely economical! If you take a drive up north, I strongly advise you to stop at this restaurant.

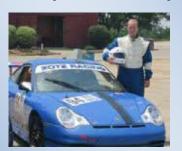
It was an absolutely wonderful drive, and Appalachian Adventure was great too!

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ST LUKE'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL LITTLE 500

Karyn Rinaldi (Photos with Terry Johnson) Oviedo, FL: February 18

Several FLC PCA members came out to support St. Luke's Lutheran School's (SLLS) Little 500 on Friday, February 18th. Every other year, the First, Second, and Third grade students hold their mini re-creation of the Daytona 500. These young students, along with their family, each design and build their own cardboard box race car that they then race around the infield of St Luke's. On the day of the race, the students "run" a parade lap, and then compete by grade levels.

After the race, the students then participated in race-related games such as the vehicle obstacle course, the oil can demolition, the tire roll, and the tire bean bag toss. The infield of the school track area was set up like the Fanfare at Daytona International Speedway, where family member "pit crews" gathered and cheered on their young "drivers." The field's end zone became the car corral between events. The school invited the FLC PCA and other car clubs to bring their vehicles so the students could see some "real" sports cars.

The event was very fun, and some of the cars designed and built by the students were quite elaborate and detailed, while others showed great imagination. One Porsche Carrera owner and his young daughter built a Pink Porsche Carrera. (You can see her in the bottom left picture with her dad's "big" racecar.) Could this be our newest Jr PCA driver?







NEW HOPE IN 2021

BY ANNETTE VASICKANIN





AFTER A SUMMER HIATUS from driving together as a PCA group, we took to the backroads of Florida on October 16 to benefit a very special charity, the New Hope Animal Shelter, a no kill-facility.

It was a gorgeous early-Autumn day: warm with beautiful blue skies and cumulus clouds, without a rain cloud in sight! Our starting place was Magnolia Park in Apopka. As usual, we parked together towards the back of the park. This time we used assigned parking areas for the designated driving groups, making it easier for parking and departing.

Because Dasher, my Cayman 718, is a midengine vehicle, the first group out was the midengine group. It was so wonderful to see nine other midengine cars directly behind me. Jim and Christie LaPiana drove Rita as my group's sweeper car.

The second group out was the rear-engine group. Their leader enjoyed his first time as a lead car – Frank Sikos in his green 2021 911. He did a great job, especially for being a new lead! The sweeper car in the second group was Bert and Ann DelVillano in their 2021 GT4 Stars and Stripes car.

The third and final group was the front-engine group which was led by Joe and Julie Coen in their white Cayenne, and their sweeper car was Kevin and Barbara Duffy in their Black 924S.

As sometimes it happens when you make plans, things went awry. We were supposed to have a comfort break at the water's edge at beautiful Lake Dora in Tavares. Unfortunately, the city of Tavares was having an event, blocking our way. So onward

we went. Our route took us through the nice curvy back roads of Central Florida and long, serene treelined, lake-side drives, including a drive around East Crooked Lake. As an alternative for a comfort break, we stopped at a Circle K in Eustis. Crisis averted!

Onward we went through more back roads leading to beautiful DeLand. Our destination was the Lake Beresford Yacht Club, right on Lake Beresford. It's a private club, but they opened just for the forty-three of us, with tables set up for five to seven people. We had delicious lunches that began with salads, had a choice of beef, chicken, salmon, or a vegan meal, and ended with cheesecake.

In the end we collected \$3350 for the New Hope Animal Shelter. This is a wonderful asset to our community, as it allows animals to safely and gently find refuge until they find their forever homes. (New Hope will accept any additional donations. For more info, see their web site at www.newhopeanimalshelter.com.)

Incidentally, my first cat, Galina, was a rescue from New Hope. In fact, she was their longest-term resident when I came to select a furry friend. So I have a very special connection to this place– Galina was a great friend for 16 years. She showed us the value of saving the life of an animal who could not speak for herself.

Until our next drive together.

Annette is very active in FLC PCA and was cowinner of 2020's "Enthusiast of the Year" award.









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The new Taycan Sport Turismo: a practical allrounder with on-road dynamics

The Taycan Sport Turismo is the latest body variant of the innovative electric sports car from Porsche. The model family now boasts a third design alongside the sports saloon and Cross Turismo. The new derivative is aimed at people who want to combine the everyday usability of the Taycan Cross Turismo with the on-road dynamics of the Taycan sports saloon. As the first member of the Taycan Sport Turismo family, the GTS will be launched at the end of February 2022, with further models following just three weeks later in mid-March. A panoramic roof with Sunshine Control is available as a new optional extra for the Taycan Sport Turismo. A special feature of this is electric glare protection.

"The introduction of the Sport Turismo as the third body variant adds an athletic and practical all-rounder to our electric sports car model range," says Kevin Giek, Vice President Model Line Taycan. "I am certain that the new variant will continue the Taycan success story. The balance and variety among the five Sport Turismo models is something that I find particularly appealing: the range features everything from an incredibly agile rear-wheel drive car to the extremely powerful Turbo S."

From a standstill, the Taycan Turbo S Sport Turismo accelerates from zero to 100 km/h in just 2.8 seconds and its top speed is 260 km/h. The model with the greatest range is the Taycan 4S Sport Turismo, which stretches to 498 kilometres based on WLTP figures. Both batteries can be charged from 5% to 80% in 22.5 minutes. This also means that only five minutes' charging is needed to create a further 100 km of range.

Functional design with lots of practical details: The Taycan Sport Turismo shares the sporty silhouette, rearward-sloping roof line and functional design of the Taycan Cross Turismo. In contrast to its sibling model, the Taycan Sport Turismo foregoes any off-road design elements. It is also available with rear-wheel drive.

The headroom in the rear is more than 45 millimetres greater than that of the Taycan sports saloon. An additional 9mm of height is available above the driver's seat. The large tailgate also means that the luggage compartment can be accessed with ease. The opening is much longer, at 801 mm, and much higher, at 543 mm, than in the saloon (434 mm and 330 mm respectively).

The precise capacity of the rear luggage compartment depends on the included equipment. In combination with the Sound Package Plus, the luggage compartment can hold up to 446 litres (saloon: 407 litres). With the BOSE® Surround Sound System on board (included as standard as of the Taycan Turbo Sport Turismo), it can hold 405 litres. With the rear seats folded down (split-folding 60:40), the capacity can even be expanded to 1,212 or 1,171 litres respectively. And that's before the 84 litres in the front luggage compartment (frunk) are taken into consideration.

Panoramic roof with Sunshine Control: transparent or opaque at the touch of a finger: The new panoramic roof with Sunshine Control has electric glare protection as a special feature. The large glass surface is divided into nine sections that can be individually controlled. This means that specific sections or the entire roof can be made transparent or opaque. When set to the latter, the interior remains flooded with light.

In addition to these Clear and Matt settings, Semi or Bold can also be selected. These are predefined patterns with narrow or wide segments. It even has a dynamic Roller Blind setting, which activates a switching sequence in the individual segments when the Taycan driver slides their finger over an image of the roof in the display.

Remote Park Assist and Android Auto integration: The Taycan Sport Turismo is also cutting edge in terms of comfort, safety features and infotainment. With the optional Remote Park Assist, the driver can remotely control entering and leaving a parking space without needing to sit behind the wheel. Automatic control is possible for parallel and perpendicular parking spaces as well as garages. The system automatically detects a space and measures it with the aid of ultrasonic sensors and a camera.

In addition to Apple Car Play, Android Auto has also been integrated into the Porsche Communication Management (PCM) system since the last model year update. The Voice Pilot voice assistant is now even better at understanding instructions in normal speech. The navigation system calculates more quickly, primarily uses the online search to find points of interest (POI), and displays its information more clearly. The Charging Planner has been further improved, is better at planning in fast-charging stations and avoids short charging stops. In addition, charging stations can now be filtered by performance class.







FEBRUARY 4, 2022 MARKED our club's second-annual Ladies Day. I spoke with many of the women who signed up to drive on Friday during our Ladies Lunch (a lunch of homemade hot food by the blue group and solo women of our group). This luncheon is held at a separate area where all of the women can share thoughts, concerns, and insights into their experiences on the track. What surprised me the most were the MEN in these women's lives and their support. Ladies Day may have been an idea I came up with and had Steve Williamson present to the 'right people' to have it get started, but I now realize there is an entirely different aspect I was not anticipating. Family.

I was expecting comments like one of the ladies who said her husband does not let her touch his car and this was her opportunity to drive it! I told her she needs to get a new one, and she just stared at me and the luncheon room became quiet. Realizing what she

thought I quickly said, "Get a new CAR, not a new husband!" Another recommended starting a rule that their husbands cannot be their instructors. This led to other ladies stating, "ABSOLUTELY NOT;" they loved their husbands in the car as their instructors.

One story was about lady who had been on track many times before, but due to witnessing her husband being involved in a 'red flag' crash, she was considering retiring. She was using this Ladies Day to get back on the track and enjoy these track days with her husband again. She said her husband was back on track for the next event after the crash; it never seemed to concern him. Women are different.

A young driver told the group about having been at the track with her father many times. Watching the run groups, she had never wanted to sign up. Her father told her about this year's ladies-only track day, so she signed up. Well,

her father, being a proud papa, built her a car for track day- hello yellow mustang! She had only signed up for the Ladies Day on Friday but loved it so much, she signed up for the entire weekend. I saw their campsite near Turn 1-a huge camper with a family of kids and adults enjoying the day, with the mustang standing ready for the next time on track. What an incredible family weekend: cars+track+family.

Our first year for Ladies Day, a husband and wife shared the same car. The husband said he signed them both up for the weekend. (He could not drive on Friday since they were both novice students.) He told me that they were "empty nesters" and he was searching for hobbies that he and his wife could share and spend time on together. Since it was her first time on track, I asked him what would happen if she doesn't like being on track after the Friday Ladies Day? He said "We will go home... This is

about HER, not me, not the money."

There have been other stories of men buying their best girl a Porsche (or other sports car) of her own so they could both be on track without sharing a car. A Porsche 911 for Valentine's Day? Yes, it happened.

Perhaps the best memory I have of Ladies Day this year was a simple observation on the day. A driver had just come off track (Ladies Day does allow men solo drivers for white/red/black run groups) and he started checking tire pressures, adjusting the racing seat forward and then helping his wife get belted into the five point harness. I said to her, "You have

your own track crew," and she just smiled at me. When her husband turned towards me, he was smiling too, and not a "nice to meet you" smile, but a "BEST... DAY... EVER!" smile. As she drove off to line up on the grid for her run group, he stood in the middle of the road watching her drive away with the biggest grin on his face. He was thrilled she was in the car and with him there on track for the weekend.

Ladies Day at RRR is NOT about the Ladies taking over; it's about friends and family. PCA's motto is "It's just not the cars, it's the people." So we ask all of our gentlemen drivers who have a special lady in their lives- let them

know there's a day just for them, where ONLY the ladies go out together in the run groups either with instructors or solo. Bring them out to this special day to learn more about the cars and driving on track. Two things can happen-she will LOVE it and will be asking YOU to go car shopping, or she decides it is not for her but now appreciates what you do on track, and with the friends made at Ladies Day, will return to support you. WIN-WIN.

Holly Brown is one of FLC's first HPDE instructors. She became an instructor in October 2021.







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