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## JANUARY

1 (Sun)	<b>CFL Cars &amp; Coffee</b> Drive Shack Orlando
2 (Mon)	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Porsche South Orlando
16 (Mon)	<b>Porsche Night</b> The Ace Cafe
20-22 (Fri-Sun)	<b>Roar Before the 24</b> Daytona Int'l. Speedway
21 (Sat)	<b>Gary Meridith's Cars &amp; Coffee</b> House Blend Cafe
21 (Sat)	<b>Drive to Outriggers</b> New Smyrna
22 (Sun)	<b>German Excellence AX</b> Tavares
26-29 (Thurs-Sun)	<b>Rolux 24 at Daytona</b> Daytona Int'l. Speedway

## FEBRUARY

2-5 (Thurs-Sun)	<b>48 Hours at Sebring</b> Sebring Int'l. Speedway
3 (Fri)	<b>DCM Ladies Day/Solo Day</b> Roebling Road
4-5 (Sat-Sun)	<b>DCM Drivers Ed</b> Roebling Road
5 (Sun)	<b>CFL Cars &amp; Coffee</b> Drive Shack Orlando
6 (Mon)	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Porsche Orlando
18 (Sat)	<b>Gary Meridith's Cars &amp; Coffee</b> House Blend Cafe
20 (Mon)	<b>Porsche Night</b> The Ace Cafe
25 (Sat)	<b>Chili Cookoff</b> Porsche of Orlando

## MARCH

3 (Fri)	<b>Werks Reunion</b> Amelia Island
4-5 (Sat-Sun)	<b>Concours</b> Amelia Island
5 (Sun)	<b>CFL Cars &amp; Coffee</b> Drive Shack Orlando
6 (Mon)	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Porsche South Orlando
12 (Sun)	<b>Porsches &amp; Polo</b> Ocala Polo Club
15-18 (Wed-Sat)	<b>12 Hours of Sebring</b> Sebring Int'l. Raceway
18 (Sat)	<b>Gary Meridith's Cars &amp; Coffee</b> House Blend Cafe
20 (Mon)	<b>Porsche Night</b> The Ace Cafe
26 (Sun)	<b>German Excellence AX</b> Tavares

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**I HOPE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU** had a safe and happy holiday season. I also hope that you are invigorated for another exciting year with the Florida Citrus Region! We ended this past year with several successful activities. Many thanks to our amazing Gimmick Rally Masters, Bill and Prudy Davis, and to those of you who participated in the Rally in support of the Russell Home for Atypical Children. We raised over \$2300 from the participants and increased the total donation to \$4000. It truly was heartwarming to deliver that unexpected gift to the Russell Home. We followed this activity with the Holiday Party on December 3. Many thanks to Holly Brown and John and Sandie Vick for coordinating this party that received numerous compliments. The year ended with a very successful PCA and Princess Cruises Zonefest at Sea. Just under 30 FLC members enjoyed the 8-day experience, which Scott Hansen writes about in this issue.

I would also like to congratulate and thank Lyn Perez, our Florida Citrus Region 2022 Enthusiast of the Year. Lyn has been involved with the PCA for over 20 years, has served as the FLC president, and is currently serving as the DE Chair and the Facebook and Social Media coordinator. In addition to these responsibilities, Lyn is always willing to step in and

help coordinate our monthly drives, our Ace Cafe Porsche nights, and numerous other events. My job is truly made easier by Lyn. For this, I can't thank him enough.

We are already working on a number of exciting events for the upcoming year. These include monthly drives, our DCM sponsored Ladies Day and HPDE, the much-awaited Annual Chili Cook-off, another Shine and Show, plus many more events. I look forward to seeing you there! (If you would like to volunteer to help or have suggestions for events, please feel free to reach out to me at our meetings or other events.)

Lastly, I would like to apologize for the lateness of the last 2 issues of the Spiel. There were numerous issues involved in getting them printed that resulted in delays to the mailouts. We are working on resolving those issues in order to get these out in a much timelier manner. I appreciate your patience while we work through this.

Remember - "PCA. It's not just the cars. It's the people!"

Very respectfully,  
Karyn Rinaldi



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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**NEW MEMBERS:** Florida Citrus Region would like to give a warm welcome to our newest club members! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and upcoming events!

## October

James Vrabel  
Kevin Ashley  
Robert Bernardo  
Larry Orrel  
Christopher Flint  
Dave Zembala  
James Marshall  
Christopher Pond  
Walter Diloreto  
Marc Rogers  
Gabriel Del Rio

## November

Andrew Richardson  
Warren Dietel  
Nick Nguyen  
Mauro Costa  
Greg Kaiser  
Robert Lindenstruth  
Zachary Ingram  
William Beam  
Fernando Maggioni  
Brian Hacker  
Marcelo Botar

## December

Aaron Macquesten  
Kelly Dwyer  
Rajan Joshi  
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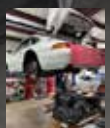
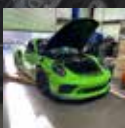
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*"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"*  
Psalm 118:24





# ZONEFEST AT SEA 2022

*PROOF THAT "IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS... IT'S THE PEOPLE."*

PHOTOS AND ARTICLE BY SCOTT HANSEN, CITRUS AND SPACE COAST REGION MEMBER

**MY WIFE BECKE AND I HAVE JUST RETURNED** from the first ever Zonefest at Sea, and we're happy to report that the event exceeded every expectation we had of the PCA, Zonefest events, and cruises in general. We loved every single minute of it thanks to the great work by the organizers and the officers and crew of the Regal Princess.

And on that note, in the event you grow weary of reading my article, I'm going to thank a few people right up front. First of all, Leslie Sikorski, Zone 12 Representative, David Bankston, incoming President of Everglades Region, and Vu Nguyen, PCA Executive Director, who worked closely with the Princess Team, together creating this first ever Zonefest at Sea. Special thanks to Tom Gorsuch, President of the PCA, and all the other national leaders and team members for supporting this fantastic event. And of course, I can't say enough good things about Regal Princess Captain Paolo Arrigo and his friendly and attentive officers and crew. It's not just the cars... It's the people.

Becke and I have been on several cruises before.

And the whole embarkation process can be a bit daunting, with opportunities for delays and problems at every turn. But not with the PCA and the Regal Princess. Our embarkation process was flawless, with helpful PCA signage at every turn, an incredibly efficient dedicated PCA check-in process and team, and a private pre-boarding lounge just for us. And right on schedule, the great times began for 600 PCA members when we all boarded the Regal



KATHY & BRIAN  
LEWIS WITH  
CAPTAIN PAOLO





**MAC RITCHIE, NIKI NOOJIN & BECKE HANSEN  
AT THE PCA PRE-BOARDING LOUNGE**

Princess and were greeted by the ship's officers. Ahoy, mateys!

On the afternoon of December 10th, the Regal Princess horn, playing the theme from the Love Boat, announced our departure from Fort Lauderdale with two days at sea ahead of us en route to St. Maarten. Let the excitement and camaraderie begin!

Our week full of special PCA activities got rolling with a welcome reception and Concourse at Sea check-in. In the end, PCA members entered 118 incredible 1:18 scale models for judging. The Regal Princess crew provided us with prominent display space for everyone aboard the ship to enjoy throughout the week... not just PCA members. I had many non-PCA passengers comment on the "beautiful cars," with many of them, and hundreds



**PCA'S DISPLAY CASE  
FOR THE 1:18 SCALE  
MODELS BROUGHT  
ABOARD BY THE CLUB**

of PCA members, cheering for the winners during the festive presentation of the judging results on Sunday afternoon. Space Coast Region Immediate Past President, Steve Hoffman, took home Second place in the very competitive Vintage category for his immaculate 1964 901. Congratulations Steve!

Our first two days at sea gave everyone a great introduction and preview of the special PCA events



**SCOTT HANSEN AND TOM GORSUCH AT  
THE CONCOURSE AWARDS CELEBRATION...  
CHECK OUT THOSE PANTS!**

that had been planned for the week, including "Meet the Expert" sessions, culinary demos, after hours dances and music extravaganzas, formal dinners, singers, dancers, comedians, movies, and parties on the Lido Deck. PCA members were everywhere. These events afforded all of us an opportunity to renew old friendships, while making many new friends along the way.

**ONCE IN ST. MAARTEN**, members enjoyed browsing through the shops (from trinkets to diamonds), sitting on the beach chairs made available by industrious locals, and of course, eating and drinking. It was fun bumping into PCA members on every corner of the island. The locals were very friendly and our membership did the Porsche brand proud while visiting the island. Later that afternoon, we set sail for St. Kitts!



**STEVE HOFFMAN  
DISPLAYS HIS PRIZE:  
THE REGAL PRINCESS!**





SPACE COAST RAILFANS STEVE HOFFMAN, ROBIN HOFFMAN, & CINDY HAMBIDGE ENJOY THE WOBBLY RIDE

**ST. KITTS IS ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL** Caribbean Island that hosted some very exciting excursions- from Jeep tours to the St. Kitts Scenic Railway. Becke and I opted for the 18-mile rail tour through the interior of the island and along the coast. We saw old sugar plantations and countless waving locals along the way, with several high railroad trestles we had to cross (adding a certain unexpected thrill element to the journey by virtue of the aging narrow-gauge rails and the wobbliest train ride you could ever imagine). Once back on board, we set sail for San Juan, Puerto Rico, waving goodbye to the friendly people of St. Kitts.

**SAILING INTO SAN JUAN** early on the morning of December 15th was beautiful, passing old forts and new



PRINCESS PASTRY CHEFS AT THEIR BEST!

high rises as we entered the harbor. San Juan looks more like a metropolis than a quiet Caribbean Island, but features the same friendly local hospitality. Speaking of locals, many thanks to the Puerto Rico region for arranging the "Wheels & Espresso" event right at the port for everyone to enjoy. It was nice to meet our Puerto Rican fellow-members and see some of their beautiful Porsches. Shortly after departure on our way to Grand Turk, our second formal Porsche dinner was held as we sailed into the sunset.

**WE ARRIVED IN GRAND TURK** around lunch time, with PCA members ready for our last on-shore experi-

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ence. Our travel companions, Kathy and Brian Lewis, went on the snorkeling excursion, reporting that it was one of the best experiences they had ever had. Near the end of the dock, the dedicated Porsche Zone afforded our members one last opportunity to take in the local hospitality, rum, sand, and sun before returning to the ship for our last day at sea and eventual return to Fort Lauderdale.

Our final day at sea was very relaxing and our last night aboard featured an awesome Porsche wrap-up reception on the Lido deck, featuring a recap of the week's activities on the jumbotron, a huge group photo, and an opportunity for everyone to sign the Porsche Club flag.

And while I think every member was looking forward to getting home, I'd bet most were also feeling a bit melancholy about the Zonefest at Sea event coming to an end. It was a week of wonderful memories that will last a lifetime, shared with old friends and new, both locals and the ship crew. As we met for dinner one last time, I thought about the PCA slogan, "It's not just the cars... It's the people." We're all accustomed to attending kaffeeklatsches, driving

events, Zonefests, Treffens, and Porsche Parades. At these events, it's pretty common for the cars to be the main focus, with the members driving them, or standing beside them, being a bit overshadowed by these incredible machines. We typically closely examine every detail of the car, but don't usually get to know as much about the person behind the car.

But at the inaugural Zonefest at Sea, we left our cars behind on the shore (well, our full-size cars at least). For this event, they were not the main focal point of all of our interactions. We didn't have them to attract the attention of others. It was just us. Member to member for 8 days. Learning about each other. Where we live. Our families. Our professions. What we do in retirement. And yes, eventually we'd learn about each other's cars. But the time we spent together as friends and members of this awesome club was the real focus for this amazing week. I can't wait for the next Zonefest at Sea.

"It's not just the cars... It's the people." How true. ■

**Scott Hansen is a member of both the Citrus and Space Coast Regions.**



**TOM GORSUCH SIGNS THE  
PCA FLAG, WRAPPING UP  
HIS SUCCESSFUL RUN AS  
PCA PRESIDENT**



**OLD AND NEW FRIENDS... BOTH  
PCA MEMBERS AND CREW**





# EARLY CAYMAN NIGHT AT THE ACE

In October, we celebrated the early Cayman, the 987, and the 981. These are Caymans built from 2005 to 2016. Third place was Phil Cowherd and his 2006 Cayman S. Second Place was Lance Long and his 2006 Cayman. First place went to Jeff Lehman and his 2007 Cayman that he drove from Key West to Seattle, with a planned stop in Orlando to attend Porsche Night at the Ace Cafe!



# 997 NIGHT AT THE ACE

In November, we featured Porsche 911 Carreras built from 2005 through early 2012 (1st and 2nd generations and no GT cars except the GTS). Third place was Frederick Elzarki and his 2012 4GTS with 37k miles. Second place was Rudi Cuellar and his 2007 S Cab with 35k miles. First prize went to Scott Hansen and his pristine 2012 Turbo S, owned since new with 30k miles, which has seen fifteen tours, three parades, one Treffen, and one concours.

***As always, thanks to our sponsors Craig and Jessica Ross at DFS Polish!***





# ENTHUSIAST OF THE YEAR: LYN PEREZ

KARYN RINALDI, CLUB PRESIDENT



**EACH YEAR, AS PART OF OUR YEAR-END FESTIVITIES**, an "Enthusiast of the Year" award is made to a FLC Region member for their over and beyond volunteer participation in our club's activities.

The winner is presented the "Enthusiast of the Year" trophy, with all former winners' names affixed, and the current winner will display the trophy for the year until it is time to be presented to the following year's winner. I would like to congratulate Lyn Perez for his selection as this year's Florida Citrus Region PCA Enthusiast of the Year. This was a very appropriate selection as Lyn has been involved in just about everything that this region has done over the past year. He has been instrumental in the development and coordination of the monthly drives and events; he has coordinated the Porsche Nights at Ace Cafe; he keeps the Facebook page and social media updated; he is the "voice" behind all of the eblasts that go out; and he has been heavily involved in the HPDE program as an advisor and an instructor. In addition to all of this, he just recently stepped into the role of DE Chair.

Personally speaking, I cannot thank him enough for everything he has done to make my job easier as President and to help this Region stay strong. Congratulations, Lyn, on this is well-deserved award!

**Lyn has been a member of the PCA since 2002 and has been actively involved in FLC leadership roles in the capacities of Secretary (2013), President (2014, 2015, 2018, 2019) and Social Chair (2019).**

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**THE GIMMICK RALLY FOR THE RUSSELL HOME** for Atypical Children was held on Saturday, Nov. 12th, 2022. It began at Magnolia Park in Apopka and ended at Porsche South, with the entry fee a \$50 gift to the Russell Home. Over \$2300 was collected from drive participants and the club increased the donation to \$4000! The gift was delivered on Nov. 30th by Karyn Rinaldi and Bill and Prudy Davis. A tour of the facilities was provided and they were introduced to the residents and were able to wish them a very Merry Christmas.

***FLC has a long history of Gimmick Rallies in support of the Russell Home. Starting in the 1990's, local Ferrari, BMW, Mercedes, and Audi Clubs have often joined us for these events. We welcome their continued partnership in support of this very worthy charity in the Orlando community.***



Saturday, Feb. 25th at 7:00 pm  
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- Come join us at Porsche Orlando to show off your culinary skills with your unique creation of chili, side dish or dessert.

Based on popular vote, prizes will be given for:  
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o Dessert  
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# A GERMAN EXPERIENCE

BY CLINTON MUNTEAN

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**THE PERFECT GERMAN DRIVE** requires a lot of planning and a good amount of luck! I had a vision of what it might look like, and with the help from an avid planner, a couple of sponsors, and mother nature, the vision became reality.

I've been a Porsche fan as far back as I can remember, maybe since I was about seven years old. My dad was a huge lover of cars and did some racing as a younger man. He owned an auto repair garage and I have very specific memories of his green Porsche 928. My three uncles on my mother's side have also always been into cars. One of them used to race rally and now owns a car dealership; another is a driving instructor, and the last has car transport business. As a kid, I was surrounded by car people and dreamed of owning a 911 one day. Anytime I saw one on the road, it immediately got my attention.

In 1992, I bought my first Porsche, but being a broke 21 year-old, I certainly didn't have the money for a 911, so I bought an orange used 1971 914. I loved that car! It was so much fun to drive. However, it couldn't reliably get me to work and eventually I had to sell it and buy something more practical. 29 years later (with my wife's encouragement), I decided to treat myself for my 50th birthday and finally purchased the car I had been dreaming about since I was seven - a white 2020, 911 S (992). Is it silly to name your car?! The Porsche app almost insisted I do so. How could I resist? So, after some deliberation, I named her "Gretchen," a name of German origin, meaning "pearl." I have had the car for over a year and a half now, and I still love it every time I get into it. It was worth the wait!

Prior to purchasing my 911, I

did get the opportunity to have a few fun Porsche experiences. My wife is from Germany, and we visit her former home quite regularly. During one of those trips, I visited the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart and rented a 911 cabriolet for the day through Porsche Drive. While the exact roads are hand-picked by Porsche, you can choose the kinds of roads you are interested in driving. I chose a route that included a small portion of the Autobahn, but mainly consisted of country roads. I had a friend with me, and we had an incredible time. We stopped for coffee in a small village, then drove the route some more, and later had lunch in a small town before heading back to Stuttgart. The drive was spectacular; it was truly an "Experience!" that inspired me to want to do it with others, and so I had the idea of putting together a "work" trip with two



of my manufacturers and some customers for a similar escapade. The following year, 2019, I made it happen – my perfect German Drive experience!

In addition to some work meetings, the main purpose of the trip was to build stronger and more personal relationships with the each of the six customers invited, spending time doing something fun and unique that they may not otherwise do by themselves – like drive Porsches all day on some of the best roads in Germany! To make it work, six manufacturer hosts each paired up with a customer guest.

Prior to the trip, my wife Jennifer (who is also our Director of Marketing) did some heavy research on the roads of Germany. She loves to plan! I wanted to make sure we had a full day of driving with breaks about every two hours, so she scoured the Internet looking at motorbike and driving enthusiast forums to find the best roads to drive with great places to stop along the way.

Although I knew the cars would have navigation systems, I wanted to do the specific route Jen put together; plus, the car systems are notoriously difficult to program down to the turn, and I knew some drivers were more experienced and adventurous than others. To ensure no one would get lost, I purchased six portable Garmin GPS units with international maps, took the route information Jen gave me, and used Garmin's Basecamp to map out every road, every turn, and every stop. Once the Basecamp file was created, I loaded it in.

**WE LEFT THE STATES** on a Wednesday evening and arrived in Frankfurt on Thursday morning. I arranged transportation to get everyone to our hotel in Heidelberg, a beautiful, picturesque town with a castle that overlooks the Neckar River. It's also home to a prestigious university, one of the oldest

in Europe. We hosted a welcome dinner that Thursday night on the river and walked across the old bridge into the historic part of Heidelberg for some light sightseeing. The following day, Friday, was the first of our roundtable meetings. After the business was done, we visited one of the oldest breweries in Germany and had some incredible traditional German food.

Saturday was the drive day! The weather was perfect, with a high of 82 degrees and barely a cloud in the sky. I had arranged for a representative from European Luxury Rentals to deliver the cars to the hotel, and meet me in the hotel lobby at 8:30 AM. There was some paperwork to complete and waivers for each of the drivers to sign. Then we walked down to the parking garage and there were a total of six black 2019 911's (991.2) lined up, four Black 911 4 GTS coupes, and two 911 GTS cabriolets. What amazing luck to have all GTS models, current year, all the same color cars! After pairing up each customer guest with a host, I handed them a GPS and the keys to their Porsche and sent them on their way.

The itinerary began at our hotel in Heidelberg at 9:00 AM. We exited the town to the A5 Autobahn, heading north towards Frankfurt. We got about 40 minutes of Autobahn driving before exiting onto smaller roads, heading east into the Odenwald, a low mountain range with dense forests and hidden castles, making our way towards the town of Walldürn. I sat shotgun to my guest, CV. I learned very quickly that CV grew up in a racing family and did quite a bit of Indy car racing himself as a young man. He also owned a 911 or two in the past and was very familiar with the car and its limits. While it was obvious he was very experienced, it didn't make it any less nerve-racking... There were definitely a few times where I felt

myself grabbing the doorhandle.

After two hours of driving, we met at our first waypoint, a coffee shop in the German town of Walldürn. There's a UNESCO site of Roman ruins there. The entire town is a living timeline of history. Built in 1448, Walldürn's City Hall is the oldest of its kind in all of Germany and there are remainders of the original fortification wall (mid-to-late 15th century).

Although some of the drivers were aggressive and fast and others were more conservative, we all arrived at the coffee shop within just a few minutes of each other. There was so much excitement in the conversation about the driving experience, the roads, and the views. People were already blown away. After coffee and conversation, it was time to hit the road again.

We headed south toward Burg Guttenberg on winding roads through picturesque landscapes and small medieval towns. We saw several motorbike groups along the way, who were enjoying the mountainous twists and turns as much as we were. I remember CV approaching a sharp turn – you know the kind, with the big white and red arrows – while we were heading downhill with a turn and embankment to the left, and a drop-off full of trees to our right. CV went in hot, knowing the brakes would get him to where he needed to be going into the turn. As we accelerated out of the turn, I could hear gravel flying off the wheels, hitting the trees, and ricocheting. I admit: expletives were said!

**DRIVING FOREST MOUNTAIN ROADS** for another hour and a half brought us to our next stop, Guttenberg Castle, built in approximately 1180, high above the Neckar River valley that's home to one of the few undamaged castle buildings from the Staufer period. Jennifer pre-arranged for the twelve



of us to have lunch in the Castle Tavern Restaurant, with a traditional German menu. The lunch conversation was entertaining and I listened to the different experiences each pair had. One of the pairs loved one of the hills so much, they turned back and drove it three times! We spoke of the mountain roads, the blind corners, and specific points that were exhilarating. We were all very careful of the speed limits when approaching towns, but a couple of the groups stated they didn't slow down quickly enough and saw the flash of a speed camera or two. Strangely enough, we never did get any speeding tickets. After our hearty lunch we walked the castle grounds and positioned the cars for a fun group photo. We took this opportunity for the hosts to pair up with different guest, so they would have the opportunity to connect with others on the drive. Then we hit the road again, heading northwest towards Dilsberg along the Neckar River, an unspoiled, winding river route with more castles and small towns along the way.

This time I sat shotgun to

Craig, a less experience driver. He had never driven a Porsche and had not done any performance driving in the past. We were first to leave the castle, but it was not long before each of the five other cars blew past us. I have to say it was nice for both of us to enjoy the view on the winding roads along the Neckar. We got to take it all in, windows down, sunroof open, pointing out the sites along the way. About an hour and a half later we arrived in Dilsberg, where Jennifer had picked out a café for us to visit. This cafe is known for their Eiskaffee, a not-too-sweet mixture of cold coffee, vanilla ice cream, and whipped cream – kind of like a sundae for adults!

While sitting and enjoying our coffees, a parade of people dressed in *Tracht* – men and boys in lederhosen and women and girls in dirndls – along with musicians playing accordions, tubas, and percussion, marched through the street, right past the café. Someone laughingly asked if Jennifer had arranged that too. Of course not, but it was a perfect stop, so we leisurely finished our

Eiskaffees while enjoying the celebration, and then it was time to hit the road once again!

**DILSBERG TO HEIDELBERG**, the final leg of the route, was only 45 minutes, and included driving along the Neckar and ending with a nice run on the Autobahn. The weather was perfect all day, but, just as we arrived in Heidelberg, the clouds closed in and a light shower began, cooling our hot tires! (Did Jennifer arrange for the exceptional weather too?) We made quite the entrance arriving at the hotel, squeezing six cars into the small city hotel driveway, sport exhausts bubbling, a car or two revving. The rental agent walked out, inspected each car and gave us a clean report! I was happy no Porsches (or people) were hurt during the making of this spectacular event!

Everyone on the trip thought the drive was truly amazing. We got to know each other quite well and had an incredible time. Experiences like this are always better with friends. Let my account inspire you to get out there and create your own perfect driving experience! ■





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# ***BEAUTIFUL, CURVY, & FUN!*** *APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE 2022*

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**SEPTEMBER IS THE TIME OF YEAR THAT** the PCA Appalachian Region puts on their Appalachian Adventure in Blowing Rock, NC. Since this was a good excuse to go for a nice road trip, I added on a few side drives to entertain my Cayman 718 “Dasher” and me.

Most everyone has heard of the Tail of the Dragon (US 129). My friends have told me repeatedly

to go ahead and drive this drive. I looked at the map and found what would be a good route to get myself there first and settled on Athens, GA. Before the lockdowns I mostly viewed Georgia from the interstate, but now I have discovered more of the southern United States.

On the way to Athens, we visited downtown Macon.

They have a delicious brewery, Ocmulgee Brewpub, that serves really tasty food. I would highly recommend this place for a cold one and a bite to eat.

I’ve never been to Athens before and found it to be a nice college town with interestingly laid out streets on the hills. Since we stayed here a couple days, we took in a hike at the Sandy Creek





Annette and Jim in  
"Dasher" on the Tail of  
the Dragon Roadway

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Nature Park, which was wonderfully relaxing. Then we visited The Creature Comforts Brewery while checking out the downtown scene.

**THE TAIL OF THE DRAGON** was our next stop. We took US441 to Helen, GA, where we had delicious food and tea at the Nacoochee Village Tavern. (No imbibing for me when I'm going to do a drive that has

318 turns in eleven miles!) Even the road that gets you to the entrance of The Tail of the Dragon is beautiful, curvy, and fun! I drove US17 to US129 and took a small breather at Deal's Gap Motorcycle Resort, then off I went. Because I had heard that The Tail of the Dragon can get quite packed on weekends, I specifically chose the Tuesday after Labor Day for my visit. My

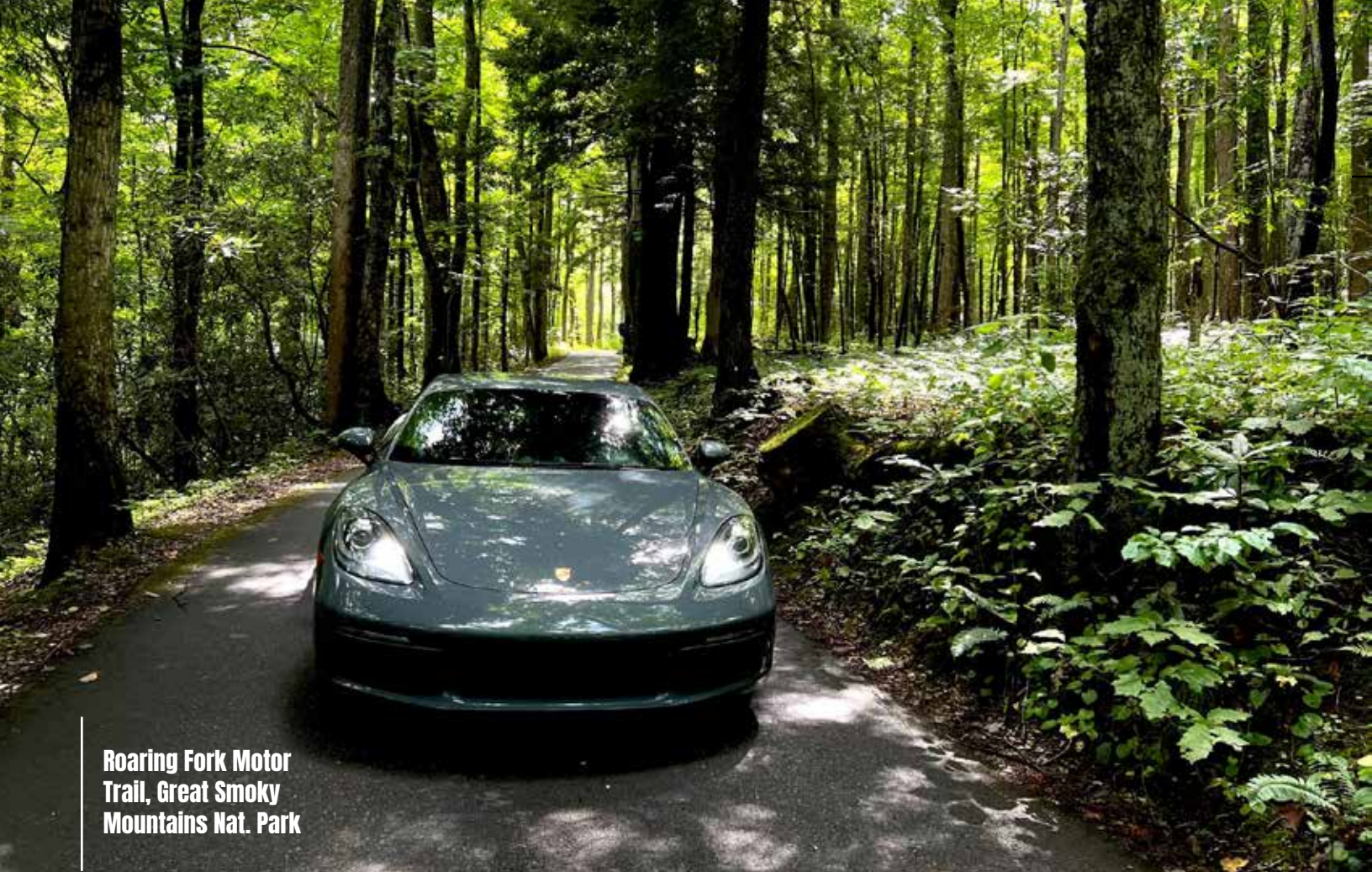
plan worked! I did not encounter any traffic to the bridge near Tal-lassee, TN, which is considered the end of the drive. What a fun drive as you become one with the road. I love drives where you merge with your Porsche and have a blast.

When I arrived at the bridge, I encountered a Lotus, a Camaro, and a few motorcycles all hanging out. Time to do the return trip! On the return I did encounter one small 'vehicle snake' from two slow motorcycles who eventually pulled off to the side to let others traveling at a more spirited pace to get by. After a fulfilling day on the road, the Topoco Historic Lodge appeared conveniently right off of US129 and the beginning of The Tail of the Dragon. They have an outdoor dining area serving delicious food and beer nestled right along the babbling Cheoah River. After dinner we took our beers, walked a small way away from the restaurant, sat on Adirondack chairs by the water's edge and watched the moon rise. The fireflies come out all around us!

The next day we drove a nifty road with some nice curves in it, which I later learned was the "Moonshiner28." We drove up to our favorite place to stay in the Sevierville, TN area's Quail Ridge B&B, which sits on top of Webb Mountain with a nice private snaking driveway leading up to it, only slightly difficult to navigate when it gets cold. The next morning, after a delicious home-cooked breakfast, we did a little 'car hiking' at the Roaring Fork Motor Trail in Gatlinburg, TN. (For those not in the know, a car hike is a slow, meandering roadway with pull-offs to take in the sights.)

Time for my next drive, "the Rattler," aka "the Gambler," or "NC209." This road was suggested to me by my friend, Nort Northam. He lives near the end of this drive and enjoys it regularly. The Rattler



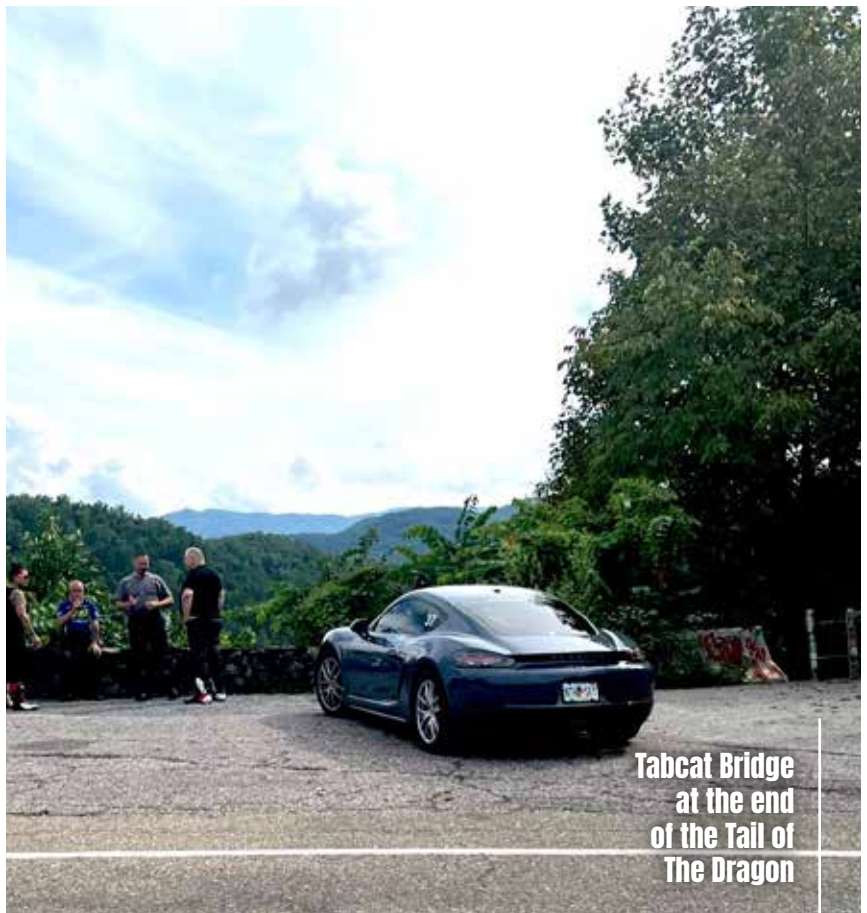


**Roaring Fork Motor  
Trail, Great Smoky  
Mountains Nat. Park**

did not have a lot of traffic, but when I encountered anyone else, it was a non-issue, as even the pickup trucks romp through it aggressively. I found this road to be scenically beautiful while being very playful. The tight, twisting sections and sweeping turns were very enjoyable. The day ended at Blowing Rock. Dinner was at the delectable Gamekeeper with Joe and Julie Coen. By the way, the road to this restaurant, Schull's Mill Road, is also very curvy!

### **EVERY YEAR THE APPALACHIAN REGION**

puts on their Appalachian Adventure at Blowing Rock and every year they designate a day where there are several group drives that you can choose to go on. This year I chose the Three State Driving tour which took us to the Damascus Mill in Virginia. The PCA route here was quite fun with some nice twists and curves. However, the drivers of the route already alerted us that on the



**Tabcat Bridge  
at the end  
of the Tail of  
The Dragon**



way home we could either choose to go on our own back to the hotel or follow them taking "The Snake," US421. I'm not one to pass up a fun drive, so I chose to follow their lead. The route was extremely twisty with many descending radius turns and turns on the crest of hills. We stopped at a midway comfort break called the Shady Valley Country Store. All in all, this route has 489 turns in thirty-three miles. Wow! It was fun! Our route back to the hotel included Schull's Road, the road that the Gamekeeper was on. The next day was rainy for the Concours and the visit to Chip Perry's Car Barn.

The last leg of our trip was to Mount Pleasant, SC. Along the way we visited the Revolutionary War Visitor Center in Camden. It was a newly-built center and quite informative. If American history intrigues you, you should visit.

Afterwards, we visited Swan Lake Iris Gardens in Sumter, SC. This is a beautiful and free garden park to enjoy and stretch your legs. There were plenty of swans and geese. The place has a peaceful feel.

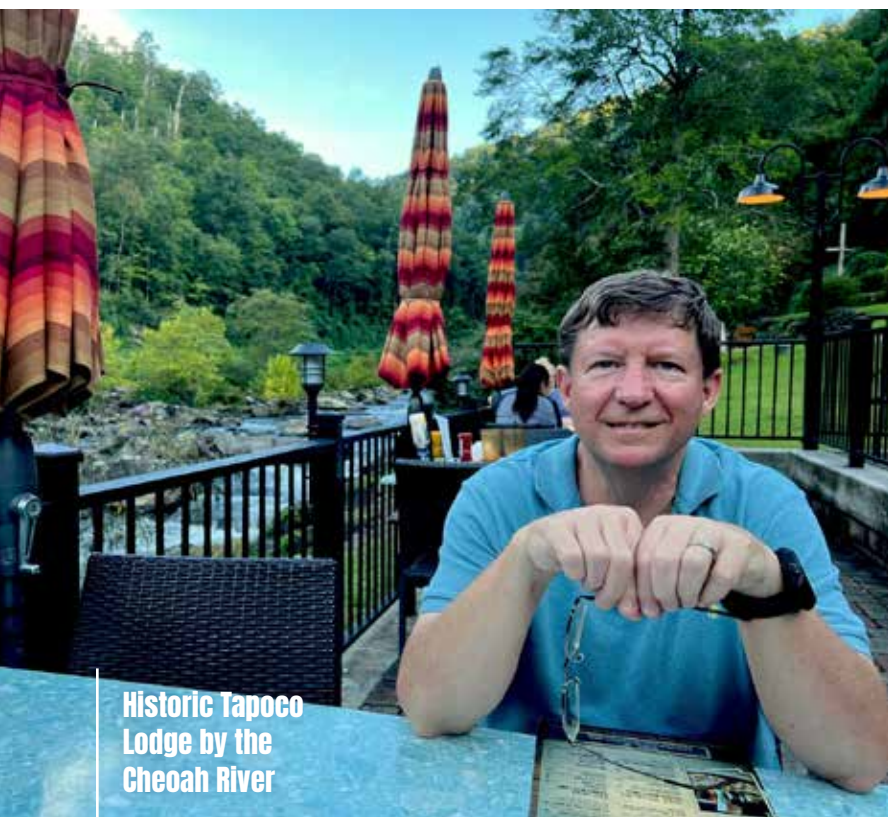
Onward I drove to Mount Pleasant, right next to Charleston. We ate at a couple of delicious restaurants there. My favorite was a little place called Acme Lowcountry Kitchen, right next door in Isle of Palms, SC. Wonderful beer and spectacular Georgia shrimp & grits, with fried green tomatoes. You simply must try this place out!

What else is there to do in Mount Pleasant? There are water tours, kayaking, paddle boarding, and Patriots Point Park where the USS Yorktown and USS Laffey are docked and can be toured.

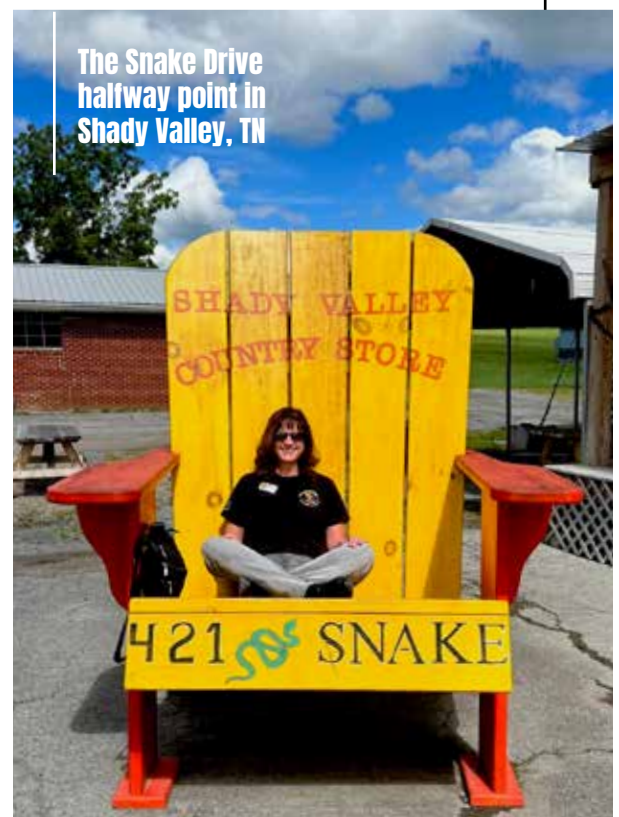
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## The new 2023 911 Dakar

Porsche is celebrating a very special world premiere at the Los Angeles Auto Show – the new Porsche 911 Dakar, which feels equally at home on loose surfaces as it does on country roads, demonstrating that the concept of the 911 knows almost no boundaries. It harks back to the first overall Porsche victory at the 1984 Paris-Dakar Rally, which also represents the first use of the all-wheel drive system in a 911. To commemorate this achievement, the new Dakar will be offered with an optional Rallye Design Package inspired by the iconic winning car of 1984 (a two-tone White and Gentian Blue Metallic paint job with a red customizable start number).

The 3.0-liter twin-turbo Boxer engine makes 473 hp and 420 lb.-ft. of torque and delivers a commanding performance accompanied by the unmistakable Boxer engine sound. The new 911 Dakar accelerates from 0 to 60 mph in 3.2 seconds, and the top track speed is limited to 150 mph due to the cross section height of the tires for this model. The engine is paired with an eight-speed-PDK and Porsche Traction Management (PTM) all-wheel drive. Rear-axle steering, engine mounts adopted from the 911 GT3 and the body roll reducing Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC) system are also standard equipment. The interplay of all these components enables the 911 Dakar to tackle sand and loose gravel especially well. Two new drive modes – Rallye Mode and Off-Road Mode – offer excellent off-road performance.

The 911 Dakar features a fixed rear spoiler, a hood made of CFRP (taken from the 911 GT3, with large openings designed to extract air), and red front and rear tow hooks made of forged aluminum. The roof is equipped with a 12-volt-socket for the headlights of the optional roof basket that can hold up to 92 lbs. of equipment. A roof tent is available for the 911 Dakar as well. The interior of the 911 Dakar underscores the performance-oriented nature of the car with standard Full Bucket Seats and deleted rear seats. ■

*The Porsche 911 Dakar is expected to begin arriving in U.S. dealers in Spring 2023, with a starting MSRP of \$222,000 excluding \$1,450 for delivery, processing and handling. The exclusive model is limited to 2,500 units globally.*







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# DRIVE, DINE, & WINE

BY KEVIN DUFFY



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On Sunday, October 23, we participated in a "Drive and Dine" event with our Florida Citrus Region PCA on a perfect weather day, and ended up at the Lakeridge Winery in Clermont. Not a bad way to spend a fall Sunday in Florida.

We met at Magnolia Park in Apopka to start the drive. In all, 47 cars were lined up to go - 44 Porsches, a C7 Corvette, a Lambo, and a BMW (all members of PCA). We brought Sparky, our 1987 924S, which turned out to be the oldest car there. As usual, Sparky attracted a bit of attention from the 911/Boxster/Cayman crowd in attendance.

Our route took us through about seventy-five miles of back roads through actual hills on the Mid-Florida Ridge. This area in the center of the state is known for its topography, since most of Florida is rather flat and swampy. It's not "the mountains" like other areas of the country, but if you're used to driving flat roads, the Mid-Florida Ridge is pretty special. We also stopped at Sugarloaf Mountain overlooking Lake Apopka -

the highest point in Central Florida at a whopping 245 feet above sea level. (We remembered to bring our supply of oxygen bottles so that we could survive the thin air - no worries.)

Leaving in groups of six or seven cars, we all made our way to the Lakeridge Winery. The Lakeridge is a working vineyard and winery with some great wines, beautiful grounds, and great people. Most weekends they create a festival-like atmosphere with live outdoor music, wine and beer, festival food and just sitting out on the grass in the shade - and this weekend was no exception. The food was good, the music was great, and the wine was, well, pretty good too!

Barbara Duffy took some great "Art Quality" photos of the various cars and folks in attendance before we started out.

In all, a great way to spend a Sunday. Temps in the low 80's, not a cloud in the sky! There is a reason why we live here!

Thanks to President Karyn Rinaldi and the Florida Citrus Region crew for a great event! ■





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