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- Craig S., PCA Member

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P RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to Wilderness Trail Region members. Spring is here and I hope you enjoyed your Porsche during some of the warmer days this Winter. We have a lot planned in our region this year! We also have some great events hosted by our neighbor regions (Smoky Mountain and Appalachian) as well as PCA National. In this newsletter we will talk about some of those events!

The past two years we have seen amazing growth in our region (59%) and it is great to see new faces joining the club and meeting them! That wouldn't be possible without the help of our existing members who have helped spread the word! If you know someone who owns a Porsche, ask them if they are a PCA member, bring them to one of our monthly dinners or any driving event.

Have you seen our PCA business cards? I usually drop them on Porsches that I see parked in Tri-Cities without a PCA sticker. Let me know if you need some of them to keep it in your car and help me recruit new members! Many people own a Porsche but have never heard of PCA and some Porsche owners know we exist, but they need to hear from you about the fun that they are missing.

I would also like to thank Brenda Tackett one more time for allowing our club to officially kick-off the driving season in February with a Drive & Lunch in Hugh Tackett's memory. Everyone seemed to



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have enjoyed the country backroads route. Amis Mills food was on point and service was great, considering that 40 people arrived to order food at the same time! We got there at 11:00am and at 12:30pm we were ready to head back home.

We released a new logo, more on that on this newsletter too, and static (non-adhesive) decals and T-Shirts! You have been helping the club tremendously buying those and your help is supporting the club Autocross funds (more on that on this edition as well).

- *Leandro Nascimento*

E DITOR'S COLUMN

Well, it's me again, Leo! Your newsletter editor! Short note here, as I already talked a lot on the previous page.

In this newsletter we will talk about upcoming events and changes happening in our club. We will also take a trip to the past and share some interesting articles from a few decades ago! I hope that brings good memories to some of our veteran members and excites new members when they read it! If you have printed material that is related to our club, old trophies, any club memorabilia, photos, etc... I would like to have a copy of them. You can even mail me and I will take care of copying / digitizing it and I will return the originals to you.

- *Leandro Nascimento*



WILDERNESS TRAIL REGION NEWS



Photo: Michael Hutchins



Alright! If you missed it on the cover, here it is our region's new logo! It was designed by our friend and club member Danny Florián, who is also an officer to our region serving in the Webmaster role. Danny is a Senior Product Designer and Co-Founder of KIT (a remote team of data scientists, senior designers, paid traffic experts & passionate marketers). He is very talented and you can check out some of his work here: <https://dribbble.com/dannyflorian>

NEW REGION LOGO

Check below for the evolution of our region logo across four decades:



In 2022, Danny showed us that less is more with the new logo:

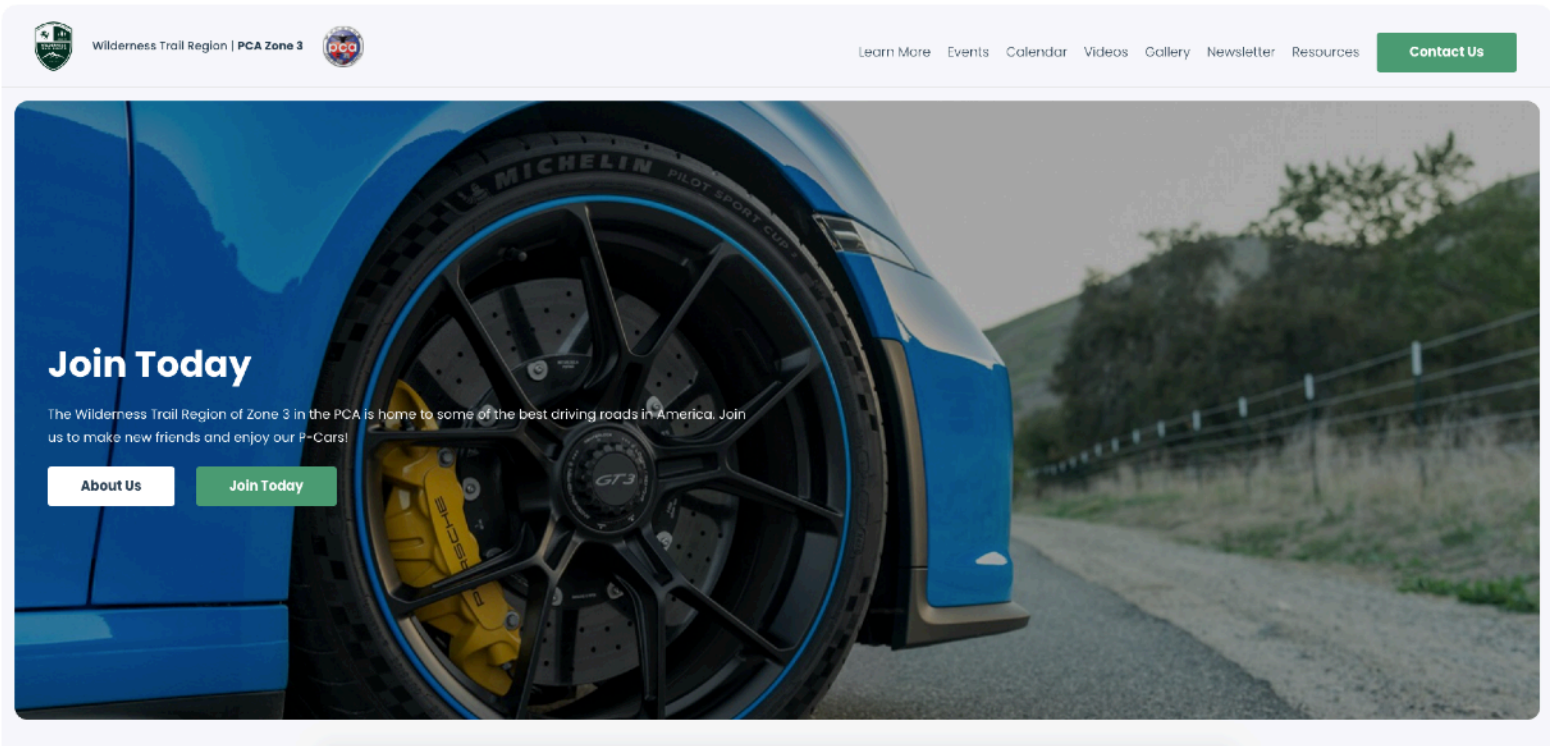


Here are some curiosities about the new logo:

- The trees are to remind the 'Wilderness' and there are three to match the 'Zone 3' where we are located.
- The green is the abundance of nature from where our region is located, surrounded by the Cherokee and the Pisgah National Forests.
- The mountains represent the Appalachian Mountains Plateau, where our region sits and the many mountain roads that are offered to us.
- The horse is inspired on the coat of arms of Stuttgart to remind us of our cars' origins



EW WEBSITE



What pairs with a new logo? A NEW WEBSITE! And guess what? Danny nailed it again! Danny is our region's webmaster. Creating a new website from scratch was another challenge he took with his heart! We did a soft release on February 25th and Danny has been doing improvements since then. I invite you to navigate our new website and tell us what you liked and disliked! The address is the same: WTRPCA.ORG



WILDERNESS TRAIL AT PANORAMA

If you missed it, we made it to the Panorama February 2022 edition:



LEO NACIMENTO

▲ “What could be better than a warm, sunny Christmas weekend in Tennessee? A warm sunny Christmas weekend with 12 beautiful Wilderness Trail Region Porsches and amazing people! We gathered on a Sunday morning to ride U.S. 421, aka The Snake.”

**—LEO NACIMENTO
Wilderness Trail Region**

We missed March but we will be back at Panorama in April!



UTOCROSS

Autocross is an entry-level competitive driving event around a course defined by traffic cones. Each "lap" is individually timed for each driver. There is no "wheel-to-wheel" competition with courses designed to be negotiated entirely in 2nd gear for most vehicles. A typical course is 45 to 60 seconds long.

Autocross gives you the opportunity to develop your car control skills to the limit in a relatively safe environment.

PCA National Autocross rules allow for any licensed driver age 16 or older to participate.

First time members are always welcome and there are no prerequisites other than arriving with a vehicle in safe working condition. Up to two drivers can share a single vehicle allowing for multiple family members to participate.





UTOCROSS - SPONSORSHIP TIERS

We are looking for sponsors to help us buy equipment. We need around \$10,000.00 to buy new equipment (or a little less to buy pre-owned ones). If you would like to be a sponsor or know someone or some company that would be interested, please let me know. We started selling T-shirts with the club's new logo and you have helped tremendously! With the sales profit made in the first week of pre-order, it will be possible to buy 200 cones!



Photo: Tom Raymond

\$1,000.00 - We will disclose your brand, business, company, name, etc., as our Club's sponsor for 6 months on every moving event (not just Autocross) that we host. The same information will be disclosed on our social media (Facebook and Instagram), website, in our quarterly newsletter and in our email's communications to club members and guests.

\$2,000.00 - Same as above, plus free attendance to any Autocross event that we organize for you and one more vehicle at your discretion in 2022 and 2023.

\$3,500.00 - That pays for the enclosed trailer and guess what? You will get all the benefits from the two tiers above, plus we will wrap the trailer with your brand, business, company information. You will also be disclosed as our club's sponsor for 12 months.

\$10,000.00 - Wow! We can finally host our own autocross! You will get the benefits listed in the 3 tiers above, plus 2 years of sponsor title and we will drive the trailer with your brand displayed to 3 big events of your choice in Tri-Cities between 2022 and 2023 and we will also use the trailer on every annual charity event that we host. Every Autocross event will be named after your business, for example: 3rd WTR ACME Autocross 2022.



UTOCROSS - EQUIPMENT LIST

• Autocross Scoring Software	Free
• Laptop with SSD	\$355.00
• 38,400mah AC/DC/USB-C Powerbank	\$440.00
• Walkie-talkie Radio x6	\$240.00
• Timing Equipment	\$2,575.00
1. Split Time Eyes	
2. Motor Sports Timing System	
3. 7" LED Scoreboard - 100ft cable	
4. Case for 7" LED Scoreboard	
5. Wireless Scoreboard Interface	
6. Battery and Charger for 7" Scoreboard	
• Manual Stopwatch x2	\$45.00
• 12" Vinyl Cones x200	\$1,270.00
• Safety Vest x12	\$25.00
• Flags x12 (Red and Green)	\$60.00
• Helmet x10	\$1,500.00
• Enclosed Trailer 6x10'	\$3,500.00
• Fire Extinguisher x2	\$100.00

Total 10,110.00 (plus tax)



UTOCROSS - TENTATIVE DATES

If we can buy the equipment that we need for AutoX, the event dates are listed below:



I recommend you to read the Autocross Primer document that Richard Lutz prepared. It is very informative for those who never did autocross and also to the veteran Autocross group! A copy of the document will be sent to your email and you can also ready clicking [HERE](#).

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On this past February, we hosted our first Board Meeting of the year, my first as a club President! We would like to thank Red Door Agency once again for letting us to use their office facilities and meeting room!

Board meetings are open to any club member who wishes to attend. Our next meeting will be sometime around May or June on a Saturday morning; let us know if you would like to participate.

Click [HERE](#) to read the meeting minutes.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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We have been a moderately active club those past two years and I know many of you enjoyed some of those events. With engagement growing and more help from officers and club members, all that I have to say is: Buckle up! The best is yet to come!

For this year we will continue doing fun events but do more than just drive or meet for dinner. We have plans for Tour Drives at the greatest roads of Appalachian Mountains, Cherokee Forest, and surroundings; Weekend Getaways to scenic destinations, Winery & Brewery tour, SUV-only day(s), Ladies only (tour drive, social events & gathering), Club social gatherings, BBQ & Picnic events, Autocross, HPDE (High Performance Driving Education), Charity events, PCA Woman's Day, PCA Juniors Day, Rick Hill Porsche partnered events, Supporting local Cars & Coffee, Breakfast & Drive, Bourbon tasting, Poker night, Gun range visit, Golfing day, Year-End celebration and impromptu meetups!

Upcoming Events & Important Dates*

April 1 - Club Dinner - Brooklyn Grill

April 1 - Luftwasser Registration opens at noon - usually sells out on same day

April 2 - WTR Tour Drive - SUV DAY (RSVP OPEN)

April 30 - May 1- Deals Gap / Helen, GA Weekend Getaway (RSVP OPEN)

May 6 - Club Dinner

May 7 - KBGC Raffle Run Tour Drive

May 14 - Luftwasser - Brevard, NC - hosted by APR PCA

May 15 - Shatley Springs, Ramp Fest., Mt Rogers Tour Drive

May 20 to May 22 - Spring Thing in Johnson City - hosted by PCA SMT

May 30 - WTR Memorial Day Tour Drive

June 10 - Club Dinner

June 11 - June 19 - 66th Porsche Parade - Poconos, PA

June 25 - WTR Tour Drive

July 8 - July 10 - WTR Fest - Wilderness Trail 44th Anniversary

July 16 - Keeneland Concours d'Elegance - presented by BGR PCA

July 23 - WTR Tour Drive

August 6 - Club Dinner

August 14 - WTR Tour Drive

August 20 - WTR Tour Drive

September 2 to September 4 - KY Weekend Getaway

September 9 - Club Dinner

September 25 - WTR Tour Drive

* Subject to change

WTR Tour Drive - SUV DAY

How about a Porsche SUV winery visit tour? While vehicles such as the 911 have established Porsche's reputation across the globe, the two best-selling models in the Porsche lineup are the Macan and Cayenne SUVs. That might be because they combine the right balance of performance, luxury and spirited performance in the SUV segment.



Bring your MACAN, CAYENNE, TAYCAN or PANAMERA. Bring the family, kids, grandkids, pets, everyone! We will drive 75 miles in the morning, lunch break at noon at the Linville Falls Winery and then 90 miles in the afternoon. It is a very scenic drive with ample breaks. Bring a snack and a beverage to recharge our batteries during the breaks. We will also have an OPTIONAL 2.0 miles off-road* drive added in the afternoon. If you only own a 911, Cayman, Boxster, etc., you can also join the party, but the SUVs will lead the way! The drive will be a mix of scenic roads and palms sweating curvy mountain roads! RAIN OR SHINE!

Deals Gap & Helen, GA - Weekend Getaway

A weekend getaway can help strengthen bonds and create lasting friendships over and above the acquaintanceships we experience during a single morning drive. On this event, we will be driving Saturday and Sunday on scenic roads at the Great Smoky Mountain & Nantahala National Forest. In two days, we will cover more than 500 miles across legendary roads like the (in)famous Tail of the Dragon, Hellbender, Moonshiner 28, Tapoco Road, Fontana Dam, Cherochala Skyway, and many surprise backcountry roads... We will stay overnight in Helen, GA where we will have dinner on an authentic German Restaurant - Hofbrauhaus Restaurant (limited capacity for dinner).



To accommodate drivers coming from different places, we will have two meeting points to this drive as follow:

Meeting Point 1: Tennessee Welcome Center, I-26, Kingsport, TN (Exit 5 on I-26)

@ 7:00 am on 04/30/2022 (Saturday)

Meeting Point 2: 129 HUB, 4371 Calderwood Hwy, Maryville, TN

@ 10:00 am on 04/30/2022 (Saturday)

RAIN OR SHINE

46th SPRING THING - JOHNSON CITY, TN - MAY 20-22

Spring Thing registration is open! Smoky Mountain PCA will be back at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City to host their 46th Spring Thing from May 20th to 22nd!



Concours

The Concours will be held Saturday morning from 9:00-11:00 AM in the parking garage, on the roof if it's nice, and on the 5th level if raining. Car staging and final prep will be from 7:00-8:45 AM, with judging starting promptly at 9:00 AM. Trophies will be awarded at the Awards Banquet.

A Concours is a competitive car show to award recognition to the owners of automobiles that are best prepared and presented. There are many classes, but we break them down into three main groups: "Street", "Touring Group One", and "Touring Group Two".

"Street" (also called "Wash and Shine"): This involves the judging of the car's interior and exterior only (no engine, trunk, or undercarriage). Originality is not a consideration, only cleanliness. "Street" is the class for those interested in showing their cars with some preparation, but not HOURS of meticulous cleaning.

"Touring Group One": This judging category takes into consideration the interior, exterior, engine, and storage compartments. The judges look for cleanliness, quality of preparation, lack of damage, and presentation.

"Touring Group Two": This judging category takes into consideration the interior, exterior, and storage compartments, and applies to newer Porsches where the engine is not readily accessible.

Drive Tour/Gimmick Rally

This year you have the option during registration to choose if you would like to participate in an adventurous guided tour or New to Spring Thing - a gimmick rally! The Gimmick Rallies are designed to highlight the local history, unique attractions, scenic drives, and overall flavor of the event location, including suggested stops along the way for something that you might not otherwise see or experience anywhere else.

Autocross

To be hosted at Bristol Motor Speedway, same venue used by SCCA! Come to test your abilities or learn new skills that you didn't know you had!

TRI-CITIES CARS & COFFEE - YEAR-ROUD

It doesn't matter what you drive. Come out have a coffee, maybe a donut and talk with a bunch of like minded "Car Guys". Car Guys are as defined by Barry Meguiar - "Anyone with an interest in cars" So ladies bring YOUR car and come out too. In case you were wondering the "car hobby" is a form of an incurable "disease", and this "disease" is also genetically inherited.

Cars & Coffee Tri-Cities is almost year-round, every first Saturday of the month (unless Nascar schedule is on their way) and it is hosted at the Bristol Motor Speedway from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.



Due to Nascar commitments, April's Cars & Coffee will be hosted at Gateway Ford & Nissan on April 23rd, starting at 8:00 am.

KEENELAND CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

Ken Hold, Bluegrass PCA Region President invites us to two great events in their region. The first event is nineteenth annual Keeneland Concours d'Elegance that will be held on July 16, 2022 in the heart of horse country, Lexington, Kentucky. The venue is the historic Keeneland Race Track. The Feature Marquee will be Porsche. Four of the 20 judged classes will be Porsche. They expect to have over 250 Porsches attend.. In addition, the PCA Bluegrass Region (BGS) will be holding a Porsche Hospitality Park inside the dedicated Car Club Paddock area. This event is a welcoming event for our guest PCA visitors. There will be three major activities: 1) Concours Appreciation Session 2) Scenic Horse Country Drive 3) Dinner in an Historic Horse Farm Mansion.

Interested? Check this link for more information:

<https://bgr.pca.org/keeneland-concours-delegance-2022-welcome/>





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EVENTS

We would like for our members to come up with some new ideas for events we could do as a club in 2022 and 2023. Please report on DE's, Concours shows, tours/drives, racing, autocross and anything which might interest our members for more camaraderie and a good time.

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WTR T-SHIRTS

Wilderness Trail Porsche Club T-Shirts pre-order were a success! In less than one week since pre-orders started, more than 65 T-shirts were ordered! Pre-order is set to close on March 31st and on April 4th we will be sending the order to the shop, which is located in Tri-Cities and well know among the Car Enthusiasts community!

Pre-orders (while still open) can be placed here: <https://wtrpca.org/events/wilderness-trail-t-shirt-order>



2022 PORSCHE CARRERA CUP NORTH AMERICA

Porsche is setting records at the Carrera Cup North America with a line up of 43 cars at the Sebring race! This is an increase of eight cars from the series debut at the circuit in March 2021.

"The success of the Porsche Carrera Cup North America Presented by the Cayman Islands both on the track and off has been overwhelming" said Troy Bundy, One-Make and GT Sport Manager, Porsche Motorsport North America. "We have the largest field any Porsche one-make has had for a single region".



2022 SCHEDULE

JAN. 21-23	ROAR BEFORE THE ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA	TEST	ALL
JAN. 27-30	DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY	24 HOURS	ALL
MARCH 16-19	SEBRING INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY	12 HOURS	ALL
APRIL 8-9	ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH	100 MINUTES	DPI, GTD PRO, GTD
APRIL 29 - MAY 1	WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA	2 HOURS, 40 MIN.	DPI, LMP2, GTD PRO, GTD
MAY 13-15	MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE	2 HOURS, 40 MIN.	DPI, LMP2, LMP3, GTD
JUNE 3-4	RACEWAY AT BELLE ISLE PARK (DETROIT)	100 MINUTES	DPI, GTD
JUNE 23-26	WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL	6 HOURS	ALL
JULY 1-3	CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK	2 HOURS, 40 MIN.	DPI, LMP3, GTD PRO, GTD
JULY 15-16	LIME ROCK PARK	2 HOURS, 40 MIN.	GTD PRO, GTD
AUG. 5-7	ROAD AMERICA	2 HOURS, 40 MIN.	ALL
AUG. 26-28	VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY	2 HOURS, 40 MIN.	GTD PRO, GTD
SEPT. 28-OCT. 1	MICHELIN RACEWAY ROAD ATLANTA	10 HOURS	ALL

BLUE – Denotes IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup Event

RED – Denotes IMSA WeatherTech Sprint Cup only event for GTD class

*Does not count toward season-long WeatherTech Championship points for LMP2, LMP3

FORMULA ONE

Formula one is the world's most prestigious motor racing competition and Porsche is planning to join the category in 2026 via an engine partnership with Red Bull or another team depending on the negotiation. While that doesn't happen, be sure to follow the races this year! The two first rounds were one of the best races I have seen in the last years! The two Ferrari drivers are leading the driver standings, followed by Max Verstappen from Red Bull.



	
<h1>2022 CALENDAR</h1>	
01  BAHRAIN 18-20 MAR SAKHIR	13  HUNGARY 29-31 JUL BUDAPEST
02  SAUDI ARABIA 25-27 MAR JEDDAH	14  BELGIUM 26-28 AUG SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS
03  AUSTRALIA 08-10 APR MELBOURNE	15  NETHERLANDS 02-04 SEP ZANDVOORT
04  EMILIA ROMAGNA* 22-24 APR IMOLA	16  ITALY 09-11 SEP MONZA
05  MIAMI** 06-08 MAY MIAMI	17  RUSSIA 23-25 SEP SOCHI
06  SPAIN* 20-22 MAY BARCELONA	18  SINGAPORE* 30 SEP-2 OCT SINGAPORE
07  MONACO 27-29 MAY MONACO	19  JAPAN 07-09 OCT SUZUKA
08  AZERBAIJAN 10-12 JUN BAKU	20  USA* 21-23 OCT AUSTIN
09  CANADA 17-19 JUN MONTREAL	21  MEXICO 28-30 OCT MEXICO CITY
10  UNITED KINGDOM 01-03 JUL SILVERSTONE	22  BRAZIL 11-13 NOV SAO PAULO
11  AUSTRIA 08-10 JUL SPIELBERG	23  ABU DHABI 18-20 NOV ABU DHABI
12  FRANCE 22-24 JUL LE CASTELLET	

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WALKIE-TALKIE / FRS RADIOS

Communication does help a lot keeping our driving events organized! Walkie-Talkies are a great tool to inform to all the drivers things like: We are turning right at US-421S, turning right at the STOP sign, Watch out! gravel at the road, Cop sitting at the median on mile 18, guys! I got a flat tire, This is John Smith driving the 911 Apricot Beige, my passenger is feeling sick, does anyone have a dramamine? - I think you got it now? Keep the radio usage limited and if you have a passenger, let them do the talk! We always use channel 5 on our drives. Consider buying one for your next drive. There are great options on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



P CA JUNIORS



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

HAGERTY.

Do you have a son, daughter, niece or nephew or grandchild under the age of 18 who has the Porsche bug just like you?

PCA Juniors is a program for Porsche enthusiasts under age 18. Participants must be registered by an active PCA member.

What is the PCA Juniors program?

It's not just the cars... and now it's not just the grown-ups!

With the new PCA Juniors program, PCA is about the kids too! The PCA Juniors program has been created

so kids can enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches and build the enthusiasm that runs through all of the Porsche Club of America.

Who is eligible?

Any child under age 18 who is registered by a current PCA member can participate in the program.

What will the child receive?

PCA Juniors will receive a welcome package that includes an age-appropriate gift and PCA Juniors ID badge. We look forward to developing the program and its features over time.

What does it cost to register?

It's FREE! Participants must be registered by an active PCA member, and there is no cost to join!

Check <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors> for more information.

M EET THE MILLERS - PCA JUNIORS

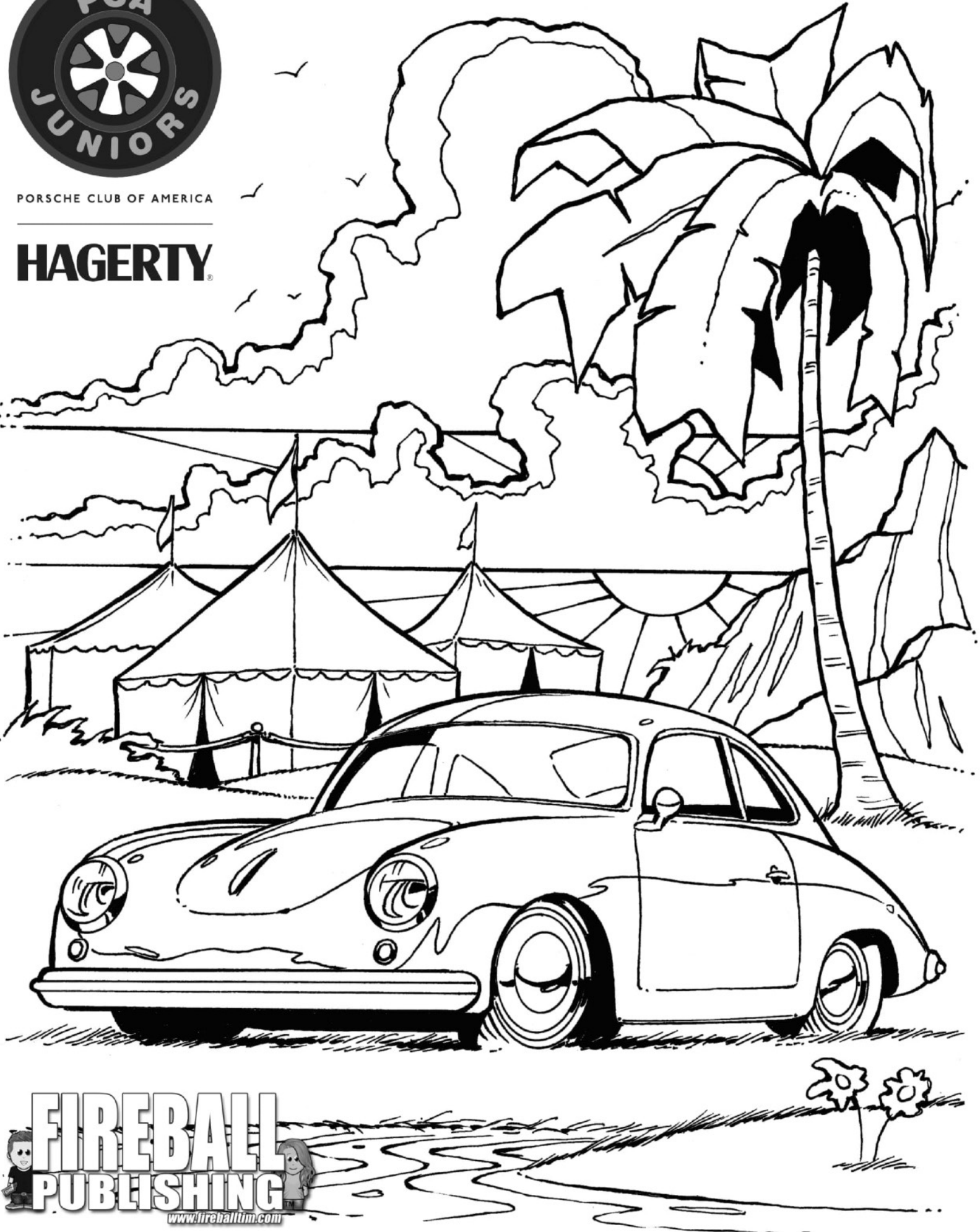
Let's welcome the two new PCA (Junior) members at Wilderness Trail Region: Grace & Connor Miller! Connor seems ready to join our new Autocross program and Grace's face says a lot about how it is to ride on Luna with her dad Billy!





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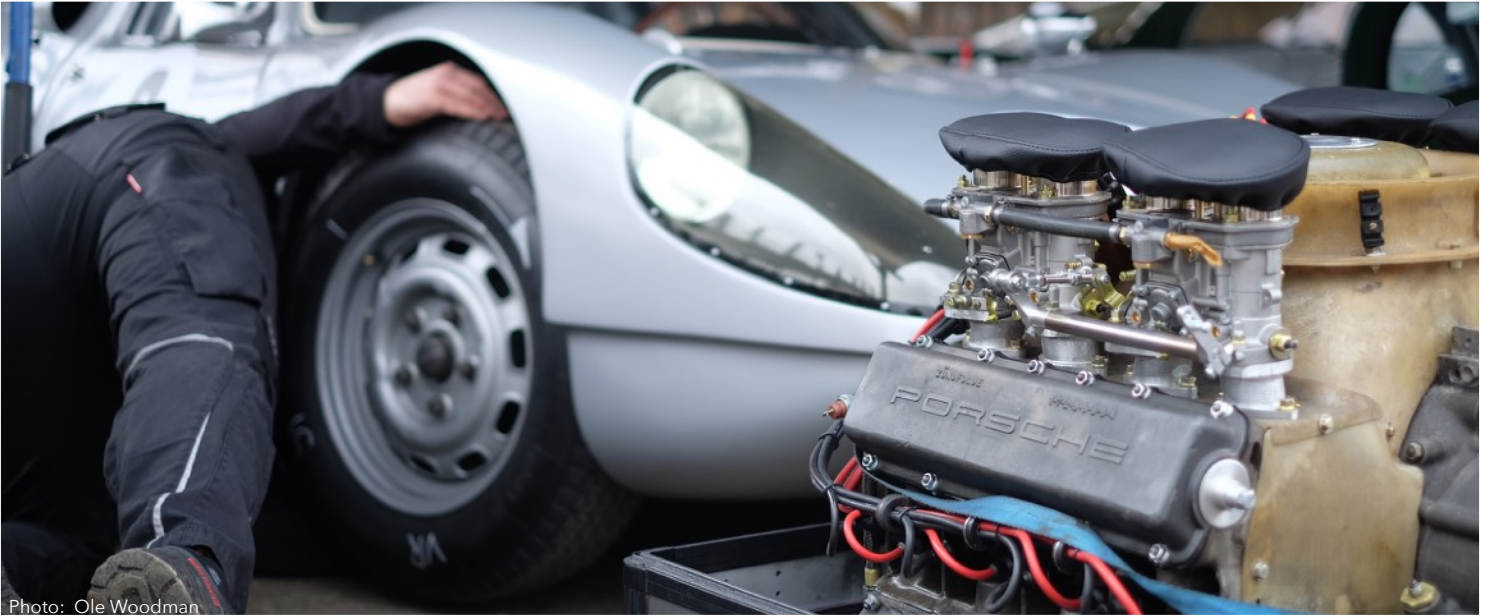


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RACKED WINDSHIELD

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You're enjoying a drive on an open road.

There are a couple of vehicles in front of you when all of the sudden you hear a loud "WHACK!!!"

You stop the car, inspect it and find that there's a chip in your windshield.

What to do?

Do you have the whole windshield replaced?

Do you have the chip repaired?

Will the repair be good?

If you replace the windshield will you have leaks?

There are many things to consider in this case; all valid, but first let's learn a bit about automotive glass.

It's main function is for the protection of the passengers from the elements and debris.

Glass has been installed in vehicles since the very first cars.

Initially, windshields were made out of ordinary glass, but it didn't take but a few accidents and a couple of lawsuits to make manufacturers search for, and provide safer glass.

The first safety glass was tempered glass. It is produced by heating the pane of glass to over 1,100 °F and then rapidly cooling it (this is known as annealing). The result is that the outer surfaces of the glass become harder than the center and therefore it becomes stronger than regular glass of the same thickness. A good side effect of tempering is that when broken, tempered glass will break into very small, rounded pieces, which are much less dangerous than sharp and pointed glass shards from standard glass.

Tempered glass was installed in Ford automobiles as early as 1917, but it had the tendency to shatter from a simple stone chip. So, in 1919 Henry Ford solved the problem by applying a new French process of glass lamination. Laminated windshields, even today are made from two layers of glass with a bonding substrate in the center. The "sandwich" is subjected to high temperature making the inner substrate become crystal clear which bonds the glass. This inner layer will also hold the pieces of glass together if it fractures, making it much safer for the occupants in case of an accident.

Initially, Ford use a cellulose substrate as a laminating agent, now a days PVB (Polyvinyl Butyrate) is used instead. PVB offers several additional advantages, such as blocking the harmful UV rays from the sun, adding a light tint to the glass, and reducing the amount of sound that comes through the windshield.

Modern cars, including Porsche's still use both types of glass: tempered and laminated.

The side and rear windows are tempered while the windshield is laminated.

Nevertheless Porsche goes a bit further. Their tempered glass (side windows) get a highly efficient water repellent finish. By rapidly dispersing moisture and dirt, it ensures optimum visibility in the wet.



For all of the glass surfaces, including the windshield, Porsche uses a special heat-insulating coating that helps prevent excessively high temperatures inside the vehicle.

Now, back to the chip. Repair or Replace?

The origins of windshield repair date back to 1971 when Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M) first introduced a system they called "Scotch Weld".

Prior to that date, the only improvement that could be done was purely cosmetic. Typically, an oil-based fluid was poured into the area to fill the damage and to "hide" the break. It has been said that some used car dealers did this to try to sell a vehicle without installing a new windshield. It should go without saying that this was not a permanent repair.

Today, windshield repair is a thriving business aside from the fact that the new adhesives and resins are excellent. Professional windshield repair companies use very sophisticated equipment to ensure a near-perfect repair. Their system can draw a vacuum to get any moisture out. Their equipment can also "bend" the glass in order to spread apart the crack, then it will inject a series of special resins which will completely penetrate the cracks making them invisible. The final steps are curing the resin with UV light and shearing off any cured excess from the glass. This whole process will last around 30 minutes and in many cases they will come to your home or place of business.

Most insurance companies will give you the option of repairing your windshield at no cost to you or replacing it, but you're out your deductible.

The most common damages to windshields are: cracks, bulls-eye, star breaks and combinations of them. Cracks that are 6" in length or less are generally repairable and most chips can also be repaired.



The repair process consists of prepping the glass, and then injecting a special resin under pressure which fills in the crack, making it practically invisible. Finally the resin gets cured with a high intensity UV light which makes the glass bond.



Even though you can purchase a DIY glass repair kit, unless you have a minor chip with no cracks, it's generally best to have a professional do the work. It won't cost you any money, the work will be near perfect and you'll get a guarantee.

If the windshield is in good condition otherwise (no superficial pitting or scratches), it's generally better to have the chip or crack repaired because this way the windshield doesn't have to be removed and re-sealed which in some instances may cause air (sound) and water leaks into the vehicle's cabin. Also, modern cars' windshields are bonded to the frame which offers additional structural rigidity to the vehicle's chassis.

According to National Statistics, 8 out of 10 windshield replacements fail to be installed properly. It is recommended to repair instead of replacing the windshield, whenever possible.

A word of caution. If your windshield suffers a crack or a chip, don't wait to get it repaired because the heat and or cold weather as well as any sudden added stress to the glass from driving the car on the road, may make the crack grow longer to the point where it is not repairable any more and the windshield must be replaced.

There are many professional glass repair facilities in your area. Look them up whenever you need one.

To learn more about automotive glass and more, please visit our website at: www.PedrosGarage.com.

Happy Porsche-ing,
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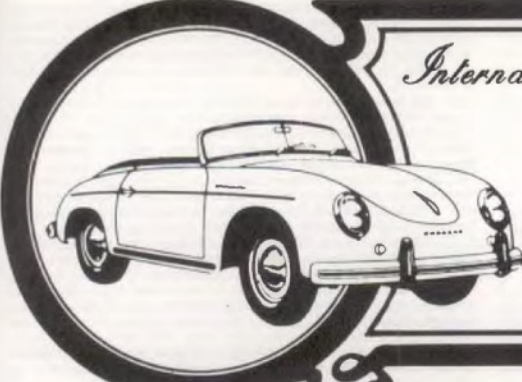
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gunning the engine, but a tree lay in the car's path. When I got there, they'd called a truce, said the policeman. The guy from the Oldsmobile was standing there in the grass practicing his golf swing. One man was cut on the back of the arm and on the buttock, the officer said. The officer told the four men they could charge each other with destruction of property, assault with a deadly weapon and just about anything else. He added if they did, he would run the whole lot in for disturbing the peace. By the time the men arrived at police headquarters in the officer's car, however, they decided to shake hands, have a beer and forget the whole thing. So did

the police."

Octoberfest VI is scheduled for October 14-15 at Sugar Mountain, N.C., featuring a mountain rally and an airport autocross. The newly-formed **WILDERNESS TRAIL** region will host the weekend. Details can be obtained from Lindsay Williams, Route 9, 508 Merman Road, Kingsport, TN 37663, 615/239-9990.

That's about it for this month. Send more black and white glossy prints next time around, and remember, if you're going through Mecklenburg County, be sure to take your golf clubs. Ciao!

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T IME TRAVEL

Looking some old files from our old website's backup, I found a photo of two beautiful Porsches. The photo caught my attention and I wanted to know more about it. To my luck, the file was named 'Ed_and_Tom_001.jpg' and I immediately emailed Ed Yates and Tom Raymond to know more. Here is what they said:

Leo, this image picture is in front of Eddie's home at the Virginian in 1996. On the left is Eddie's EXTREMELY rare 993 Turbo S, and on the right is my 993 Carrera S. Both cars are 1996 models in Speed Yellow. While my Interior was black, Eddie's was yellow on yellow ! And as I remember, the yellow leather for Eddie's seats were made specifically for this car by Ferrari. - Tom Raymond



Tom has an excellent memory. In the mid-90's I was frequently in Europe on business and made it a mission to visit friends at Porsche AG in Zuffenhausen as often as possible. On a lunch trip a friend in Porsche Marketing advised of an upcoming model – a 993 Turbo S. I was lucky to receive an allocation (spec'd thru Exclusive) and delivered by Rick Hill. It was a mono-chromatic Speed Yellow inside and out.

A footnote: I did drive it to Rotary Lunch one Friday and was fined for showing up in a "Drug Dealer's Ride". Rotarians can be unforgiving (tongue-in-cheek) critics.

It was an awesome Porsche. After a few months of proud ownership, Rick Hill assisted me in selling it on to a new home. It now lives on in memory as one of those cars – "Those you wish you had kept!!!" - Ed Yates

P ORSCHE LAUGH

Mid Life Crisis

A man in his 40's bought a new Porsche Boxster convertible and was out for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair, and he decided to open her up.

As the needle jumped up to 90 mph, he suddenly saw flashing red and blue lights behind him. "There's no way they can catch a Porsche," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 100, 120.... then the reality of the situation hit him.

"What the hell am I doing?" he thought and pulled over.

The cop came up to him, took his license without a word, and examined it and the car. "It's been a long day, this is the end of my shift, and it's Friday the 13th. I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go."

The guy thinks for a second and says, "Last week my wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back."

"Have a nice weekend," said the officer.



source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/>

M EMBERSHIP NEWS

We would like to welcome the year-to-date new members:

Eddie Redmond - 2008 911 Carrera

John Ward - 2003 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet - Seal Gray Metallic

Michael and Cressa Mast - 2011 911 Carrera S Cabriolet - Black

Ethan Grossman - 2019 911 Carrera T (Transfer in from CAR)

Paul Bauschka - 2001 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet (Transfer in from CAR)

Join me welcoming them to the PCA Family!

If you see them on the road, blink your lights or honk!

If you meet them in one of our upcoming events, please, help me making them feel welcome!

If you know someone who owns a Porsche but it is not a club member, bring them to one of our drives and/or club dinner!

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