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EDITOR'S NOTE

by GREG ARMSTRONG

Happy New Year!

The only resolutions worth keeping for 2024 are to buy more Porsches and volunteer more for MVR. You will be providing important service to the Club and helping to keep the lights on in Stuttgart. A member who will remain anonymous for now (you know who you are and I'll remind you when I see you) recently sold his Porsche and he believed that the sale would allow him to opt out of writing an article for the newsletter, but he has a great story to share that we will all benefit from reading.

The Holiday Party at Stone Oak Country Club looked to be a successful event. I am grateful to Jeanne Krauser for supplying the pictures which provided the evidence for me to come to that conclusion.

If you happen to attend an autocross with Hal Kennety this year, be advised that he has maxed out his Cover Performance Boost and will undoubtedly be much faster than you, so you shouldn't even try to compete with him. Your only chance would be to send in your cover images and hope that you can get close before the event.

As we traverse the winding road of 2024 remember my first sentence above. There are no greater objectives this year other than buying more Porsches and offering your time and talents to MVR where applicable.

Thank you for reading,

Greg Armstrong

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WILLKOMMEN

by Kyle Mahan

Winter is in full swing as I write this month's letter, currently sitting at the spot for this month's club event location overlooking the Oak Openings Trail in all its winter wonder. Speaking of this time of year, it was great to see everyone out at the Club Holiday Party at Stone Oak, and I appreciate everyone who stopped by to discuss hosting an event this year. I am excited about what is coming in 2024 for the club!



The Holiday Party was a great reminder of why we are so grateful to be part of the PCA family. The conversations were memorable, the engagement of the members was lively, and the atmosphere was highly festive. I appreciated the effort the Stone Oak Team put into the event; the décor was perfect. Then there was the food; the selection was either Sirloin Beef Tips & Demi-glace with Mushrooms, Pecan Chicken with a Bourbon Caramel Glaze or Cheese Tortellini with Creamy Roasted Red Pepper Sauce. I was lucky Krista got something different from me, perfect, so I could try the beef and chicken. Both were amazing. Perfect event!

Speaking of events, as we work to construct this year's calendar, I'd like to plug our January event. Snow, Brews, and Porsches on January 27th, 9:00 – 11:00 AM at HEAVY Wheelhouse. Bring your Porsche SUV or winter chariot out for a coffee, hot cocoa, or a brew and warm-up, sharing summer Porsche stories while enjoying the winter land-scape. RSVP at MVRPCA@hotmail.com or 608-333-6056; the event will be inside the brewery.

A dedicated club member is working on our February event, and I look forward to sharing it shortly!

For this month, I'd like to remind everyone a rear engine in the snow can be fun; add snow tires to your 911; you cannot take it with...

Driving a Porsche in the snow presents a unique blend of exhilaration and caution. The robust performance and precision handling that define a Porsche can be both a thrill and a challenge when confronted with snowy or icy conditions. The rear-engine configuration contributes to the car's dynamic driving experience in optimal conditions and requires a delicate touch in slippery situations. To maintain control, the driver must exercise caution with acceleration, braking, and steering. Utilizing winter tires and the vehicle's available traction control systems becomes essential for navigating snow-covered roads. While the temptation to unleash the full potential of a Porsche may be curbed in wintry conditions, the experience of gracefully maneuvering this high-performance





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machine through snow-covered landscapes can be both rewarding and demanding.

On that note, the club is still looking for additional volunteers to host events this year; if you are interested or have an idea, please get in touch with Krista at MVRPCA@hotmail.com or 608-333-6056. Also, club elections will be held as soon as our bylaws are approved by national. Until then, if you're interested in volunteering to support the club by holding a position as a leadership team member, please let me know, and we can discuss current opportunities. The existing team will continue to execute club responsibilities as required until the next election, adhering to the national guidelines highlighted in the national bylaws and RPM.

As always, I hope to see you at a future MVR PCA Event!





BREWERY & COFFEE SHOP HEAVY Wheelhouse

Located at the trailhead of the Beach Ridge Bike Trail inside Oak Openings, HEAVY Wheelhouse has indoor/outdoor seating so guests can meet with friends and enjoy a coffee created by Black Kite Coffee or locally brewed HEAVY Company beer

PCA ROUNDUP by Lisa Soriano

appy New Year! I hope that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Holidays!

For the second year, Michael and I spent a week at sea with hundreds of PCA members in what has become Treffen at Sea. Over 800 PCA members attended this year's event. The next Treffen at Sea will be a Cruise to Alaska July 28 through August 4, 2024, roundtrip from Seattle.

Here is a link to the announcement from e-Brake News: https://www.pca.org/news/announcing-treffen-at-sea-alaska-adventure.

Here are the Tech Tactics Live episodes, Tech Tips, and PCA Insider Podcasts currently available since my last article. In addition to this information, there are weekly blasts of e-Brake News, monthly PCA Juniors Newsletters, as well as the monthly Perfourmance News. Please visit www.pca.org for more information.

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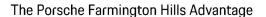


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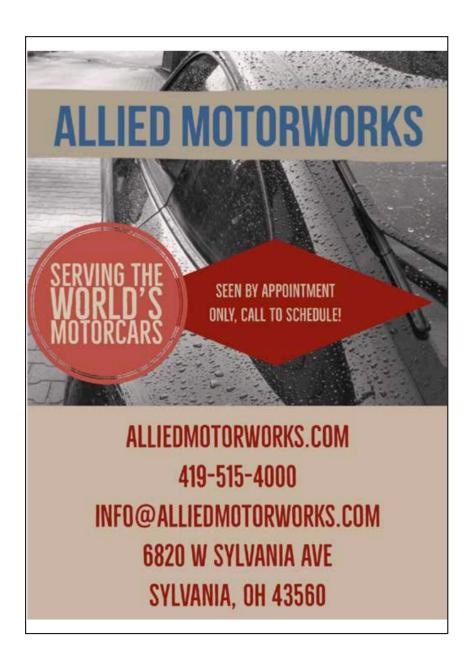




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MVR Holiday Party December 14th 2023











Clockwise from Top Left: Yvonne Burlingame and Jeanne Krauser. Suzanne Jennens, Krista Mahan, Yvonne Burlingame, Laura Valentine, Evie Zimmerman, Kent Delventhal. Constanzo Rodriguez, Dave Zimmerman, Maria Angelica Rodriguez, Marsha Palmer. Jim Schenk, Missy (Jim's sister) and Brian Walsh. Chip Holst and Chris Krauser.















Clockwise from Top Left: Jack Bushmeyer, Bill Bauman, Carol & Dave Hauser. Damon, Kairi, and Leonard Mahan. Suzanne & John Jennens. Steve Johnson, Carol & Dave Hauser.

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Don't Just Attend Porsche Parade... ...Be a Part of It! An autocross is a closed-course driving event, and they are held in a large open area - such as a parking lot - where the objective is to safely complete the course in the shortest amount of time. New to Autocrossing? Parade is a great time to give it a try! June 9-15, 2024 Birmingham Convention Center Birmingham, Alabama



Left: Steve Johnson, Lee Burlingame, and Kyle Mahan. Right: Hal & Ayumi Kenety

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Clockwise from Top Left: Tom & Deb Isley. Missy & Brian Walsh. Marsha Palmer & Dave Zimmerman. Barney & Beth Stewart. Kairi & Leonard Mahan. Richard & Shirly Gobba. Sara & Lee Johnson.

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Clockwise from Top Left: Richard Gobba, Yvonne Burlingame, Shirley Gobba. Tom DeHaven, José, Constanzo & Maria Angelica Rodriguez, Deb DeHaven. Chris Krauser with new member Joe House. Suzanne & John Jennens. Steve and Jeff Uhlman.



Clockwise from Top Left: Brian & Missy Walsh. Jeanne & Chris Krauser. The Serious Guys Table with Jay Kjoller, Jack Bushmeyer, and Bill Bauman. Bill & Sandra Potter. Deb & Tom DeHaven.



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TECHNICAL Q&A

BY: PCA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TAKEN FROM PCA TECH Q&A

EDITED AND COMPILED BY: MIKE VALENTINE

Fuel Question – 2013 Boxster S

Question: I Have A 2013 Boxster S. Fuel Door Says 93 Octane. I Can Only Get This in Ethanol. I Don't Like Ethanol. Can I Get by with 90 non-ethanol?

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla

You can use 90 octane without ethanol but the car will operate at decreased performance.

93 octane with 10% or less ethanol will not hurt your car. My personal Boxster has been run exclusively on 93 octane with ethanol for 310,000 miles and counting.

Happy Porsche'ing,

Could A 944 Run Too Cool? - 1985 944

Question: I live in the northeast, and we are in the beginnings of winter. If I am driving at highway speed, my thermometer gauge can move to the left side empty square on the gauge (there is also a colored square toward the hotter end of the gauge). The needle stays around the middle of the (empty) square, and I have concerns about running the engine too cool. Am I being overly concerned? Or, should I consider a new thermostat? (Not anxious to change it because of the difficulty in removing a "U" pin holding the thermostat in...little room for tools if the fans and radiator remain in place). Is there any place for putting a piece of cardboard covering part of the radiator like I used to do with my cars in my youth? The cabin heating, by the way, is fine even on the coldest day.

Answer: Submitted by George Beuselinck

This is not the usual type of question I get concerning the 944-cooling system.

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Most questions address overheating in the summer months. So, I guess in that regard, you should consider yourself to be lucky.

I would leave it alone. I agree that the thermostat is quite difficult to replace with the engine in the car and the water pump installed. Over the years, I have acquired several tools that can compress the circlip that secures the thermostat, but most circlip pliers are not strong enough or long enough to get the job done. It is much easier done with the water pump on the workbench.

Running the engine, a bit cold will not harm the engine. It may cause a bit lower fuel mileage.

There is no place on your 944 to install a baffle for the radiator.

Interior Durability - 2001 911

Question: I'm considering a 996 with Boxster Red interior. I'm looking for feedback on the durability of this interior color (in terms of carpet fade, leather wear, etc.). Thanks in advance.

Answer: Submitted by Bill Burris

All things being equal, I'd say the color of the interior has much less impact on

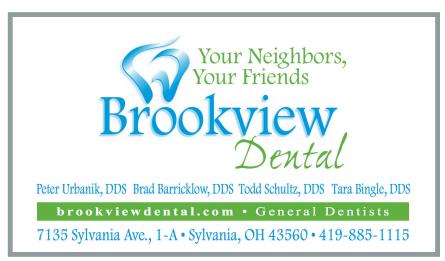




longevity than general wear and UV exposure. Because the 996 generation cars are reaching - shall we say - a mature status given the number of years since they hit the road, each example will set itself apart from the others by the care previous owners have afforded their interiors.

As for the leather, we could go into great discourse over the benefits of drum dying leather versus sprayed-on color, and how to properly situate your bum on the center of the cushion when entering or exiting (never on the bolster), but in the end you'll have to evaluate each car on its own merit. If the example you're considering looks good to you, buy it, drive it, enjoy it, but most of all, care for it.





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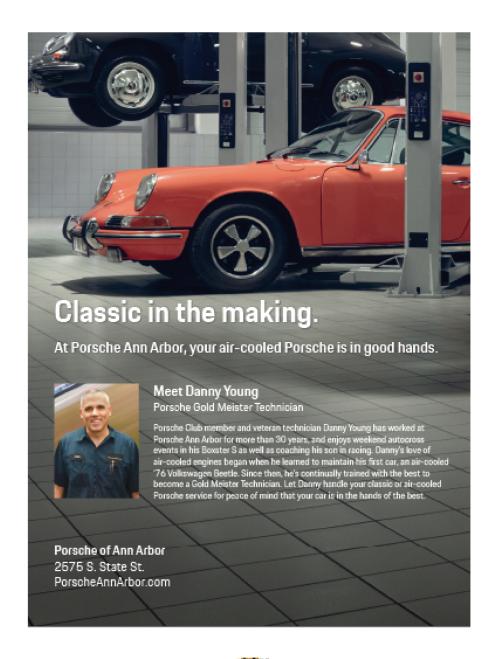
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