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EDITOR'S NOTE

by GREG ARMSTRONG

While we only managed to obtain the third step on the podium this year for the newsletter at Parade, even that wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of our regular contributors. Michael Soriano won first place in the photography category in the Hans Peter Porsche Art Show! Congratulations Michael and thank you for sharing some of your wonderful photos with us for the newsletters! I do wonder if Michael handled making the trophy that he won.

The Freeze Daddy's Ice Cream Social was a success as you can see from the photos Jeanne Krauser provided elsewhere in this newsletter. Nothing beats the heat like an ice cream treat! Before anyone gets alarmed thinking I have gone off mission, your regular puddle light update is here! The recently announced [911 Club Coupe](#) has a new puddle light design. At this point, I cannot be persuaded that these puddle lights are not a new revenue stream that is about to explode in growth.



This became clear to me when I realized that the decision to put the lights in the bottom of the doors defeats half of the purpose of their existence. When approaching your vehicle at night, you will only see the illumination from the puddle light *after* opening the door, but at which point you will have already stepped into the now illuminated puddle that wasn't there when you parked the car.

How could such an oversight have occurred during the design phase? My belief is that the bottom of the doors was the only approved location because any other spot, such as the bottom of the mirrors or door handles would have raised the vehicle's center of gravity. This means that all conscientious Porsche owners should take a topographical image of the parking spot with the door open so that you can safely approach if it is dark upon your return.

I now understand that I've spent way too much of my life thinking about puddle lights, but I'm sure there will be another new design to coincide with the next Porsche model update. Maybe by then I will have moved on to a new design element to captivate me.

I hope to see all of you at an event soon!

Thank you for reading,
Greg Armstrong

P.S. This 2025 Carmine Red Macan was recently a friend's loaner vehicle, and it is a prime candidate for the PTS Max or PTS Ultra subscription program I mentioned last month.



WILLKOMMEN

by Hal Kenety

Willkommen,

Summer is in full swing, and I hope everyone is having a good one. It was great to see everyone at Freeze Daddy's a few weeks ago, especially the new members that made it out! We also had some out-of-region visitors from Michi... *ahem* up north, which was a delight.

As we look towards the Halloween/football season, I'm looking forward to our September 27 autocross at Owens Community College. We held the same event last year in June, and while the weather didn't cooperate and a steady drizzle kept the field small at just a dozen cars, those who came out enjoyed a relaxed day with plenty of seat time and no waiting in grid. Plus, wet autocross is really fun. However, we're hoping that by moving it to a more temperate time we can get some better weather!

This year we're inviting not only our Maumee Valley members but also our friends from neighboring PCA regions to join us. If you've never tried autocross before or haven't in a while, this is the one to start with. The course will be beginner friendly — easy to follow, with wide sight lines and smooth transitions — but still engaging enough to keep seasoned drivers smiling.

Even better, it's free to attend! You can drive your own car, or if you'd rather keep your tires cool, you're welcome to ride along with other drivers and feel the thrill from the passenger seat. Ridealongs are a great way to experience the pace and precision of autocross without having to navigate the course yourself.

We'll also be providing lunch and plan to host a concours. It's a chance to drive, watch, and connect with fellow enthusiasts from multiple regions — all while enjoying the camaraderie and welcoming atmosphere that makes PCA so special.

So, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 27, and come out to Owens Community College Center for Emergency Preparedness. Whether you're behind the wheel, in the passenger seat, or just soaking it all in from the sidelines, it'll be a great day for cars, competition, and community.

Look out for a registration link in your email in the next couple of weeks!
Welcome to the club Byron Harper and Jeff Darah (and family)!

Viele Grüße,



"You can drive your own car, or if you'd rather keep your tires cool, you're welcome to ride along with other drivers and feel the thrill from the passenger seat."



PAST PRESIDENT'S NOTE

by Kyle Mahan




This month let's delve into Porsche's mid-engine heritage, a design philosophy that has defined some of the brand's most agile and driver-focused models. Starting with the 914 in the 1970s—a collaborative effort with Volkswagen that introduced affordable mid-engine fun to enthusiasts—the layout placed the engine between the axles for superior balance and handling. This evolved into the beloved Boxster in 1996, which revived the roadster spirit with its flat-six power and precise dynamics, and later the Cayman, a hardtop coupe that amplified performance with a stiffer chassis. Today, the 718 series continues this tradition, blending turbocharged efficiency with Porsche's signature thrill. These mid-engine marvels highlight the company's innovation in weight distribution and cornering prowess, making them favorites for track days and spirited drives alike. Whether it's the entry-level accessibility of the 914 or the refined power of the modern 718 GT4, Porsche's mid-engine cars remind us why engineering excellence remains at the heart of the brand.

On a personal note, on the mid-engine theme, I recently had a great experience at the Mecum Auction in Harrisburg, PA, that tied into my passion for unique automotive finds. While browsing Facebook Marketplace for parts to advance my 911 project, I got a notification from a car forum about a rare 1988 Pontiac Fiero Mera going up for bid that very day. So, I quickly registered as an internet bidder and, about 45 minutes later on August 10th, won the lot—it was surreal to later spot myself as the "internet bidder" when the auction aired on TV. Leon and I turned the pickup into a memorable father-son road trip to Harrisburg, where we loaded up this yellow gem and brought it home. For those unfamiliar, the Mera was a limited-edition conversion of the mid-engine Pontiac



Fiero, created through a partnership between select Pontiac dealers and Corporate Concepts Limited. Starting in 1987, this was a dealer option straight from Pontiac; they replaced the Fiero's plastic panels with fiberglass bodywork designed to mimic the Ferrari 308, complete with optional replica wheels and interior tweaks, but retaining the original 2.8L V6 and mechanics. Only 247 were produced (88 in 1987 based on the Fiero GT and 159 in 1988 on the Formula model) before Ferrari sued for trademark infringement over the striking resemblance, winning the case and halting production. Priced around \$24,000 to \$28,000 new—half the cost of a real 308—it became a rare collectible, and this Giallo Fly Yellow example with a 5-speed manual is a fun addition to the garage, especially given its mid-engine layout that echoes Porsche's own engineering ethos. As always, thanks for the club's encouragement; let's chat about your latest adventures at the next meetup. Here's to more unexpected treasures and Porsche pursuits!






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📌 LOT T160

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1 OF 247 PRODUCED, 2.8L V-6, 5-SPEED

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ENGINE

2.8L V-6

COLOR

Giallo Fly Yellow

TRANS

5-Speed Manual

INTERIOR

Black

LOT T160 HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 of 247 manufactured over two years
- The Mera Package was offered as a dealer-added option available through Pontiac dealers, it was not a kit car
- 2.8L V-6 engine

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PCA ROUNDUP

by Lisa Soriano



Michael and I recently returned from a 2 week trip to Oklahoma City, where we attended the 69th Porsche Parade. Parade is PCA's weeklong National Convention comprised of competitive and non-competitive events, driving tours, tech sessions, social events, and banquets. This was our 15th Parade and it has become a Family Reunion, of sorts, as we are reunited with friends from across the country. Next year's Parade will be held in Lake Placid NY, from June 14 – 20, 2026. Even if you can't attend the entire week, you should consider checking out a few days. Phase 1 Registration, which is required to make hotel reservations, will take place around the end of January or beginning of February. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about this fantastic event.

Our next event is our New Member Event, a Night at the Ballpark, which will be held on Saturday, August 16. The club is providing a ticket and food voucher for each member attending; all you have to do is pay for parking.

Very soon ALL region communications will be sent via the PCA Emailer system, from enews@enews.pca.org, if you are not receiving these messages, please email me at lsoriano.pca@gmail.com, or call the PCA National Office (410) 381-0911, to update your contact information.

Your membership entitles you access to a wealth of Porsche Information as well as entertaining articles and videos. For those days when you are looking for something to do, head over to pca.org and click on the Technical Tab to find links to the Tech Tips, Videos, and PCA Insider Podcasts currently available. In addition, there is the weekly e-Brake News as well as the monthly PCA Performance News both sent directly to your registered email; just visit pca.org and sign up to receive them.

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- [New 911 Club Coupe celebrates 70 Years of PCA – 70 cars for 70 members](#)
- [Yes, you missed out: 2025 PCA Parade Concours presented by @Porsche](#)

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- [Episode 174: How the PCA 70th Anniversary 911 Club Coupe was developed](#)
- [Episode 175: What We Did At the 2025 Porsche Parade](#)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa", is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'L'.

MVR Calender 2025

August:

9 Saturday 9 am: Michiana PCA Autocross #3 The Tire Rack South Bend, IN
10 Sunday 8 am to 11 am: Toledo Cars & Coffee* River Place Shoppes in Perrysburg
10 Sunday 8:30 am to 10:30 am: Cars & Coffee hosted by Harvest-Sandwiches & Craft Beer* 8060 Airport Hwy, Holland, OH 43528
16 - Saturday: The Gathering at Rennstatt Ann Arbor gamTBD: Mud Hens Game

September:

6 Saturday: Michiana PCA Autocross #4 The Tire Rack South Bend, IN
14 Sunday 8:30 am to 10:30 am: Cars & Coffee hosted by Harvest-Sandwiches & Craft Beer* 8060 Airport Hwy, Holland, OH 43528
20 Saturday: The Gathering at Rennstatt Ann Arbor gam
20 Saturday 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm: Porsches In The Park German Park Recreation Club
5549 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
27 MVR Autocross and Show & Shine

October:

11 Saturday: Michiana PCA Autocross #5 (Final) The Tire Rack South Bend, IN
18 Saturday: The Gathering at Rennstatt Ann Arbor gam

November:

15 Annual All Member Meeting

December:

TBD Holiday Party

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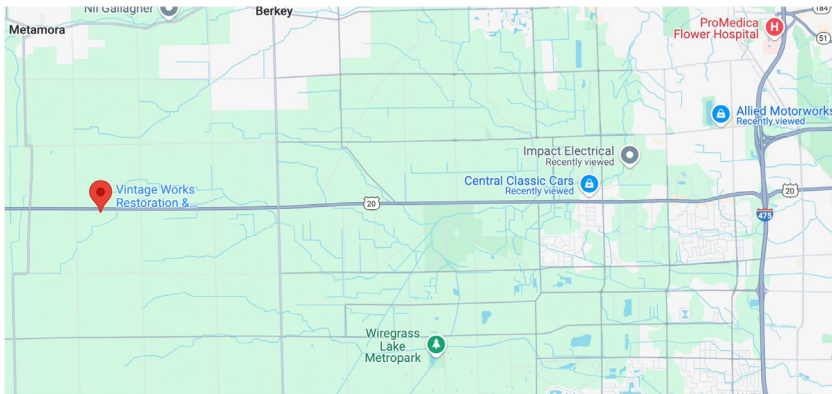
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MVR at Freeze Daddy's July 2027

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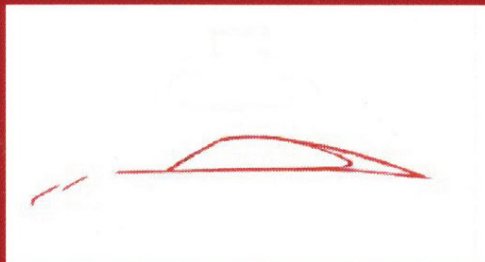
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Gathering of 100+ Porsches – Time Speed Distance Rally
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Arrive early for driving tours (1:30 - 3:00)

Porsches In the Park Agenda

- **Concourse People's Choice Awards** - voting from 4:00 - 5:00
- **Evening Festivities** - 5:00 - 7:30-ish
 - Catered dinner from **Satchel's BBQ / Michigama Brewery**
 - Music, Dancing, socializing, and fun



Arrive early for Driving Tours and Rally

- **Time, Speed, Distance Rally w/prizes** - 1:00 (depart at 1:30)
- **Staggered driving tours** - departing @ 2:15, 2:30, 2:45

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Remembering our good friend Dick Gobba

April 19, 1937 - August 9, 2025

by Sebastian Gaeta, photos by
Gottfried Hogh

I first met Dick and Shirley Gobba in the early 1990s as part of the Detroit Motor Cities Gruppe 356 Club and I was immediately drawn to them because of their immense enthusiasm not just for the cars but for engaging with the people in our club. I always had a hard time figuring out who was more enthusiastic about the cars, was it Dick or was it Shirley?? Shirley is more vocal about her love for the cars and club, but you could always tell





that Dick was right there with her in that respect when you got the chance to chat with him.

You might not know it but over the years he and Shirley have owned a couple of pretty significant cars, the first one being a 1952 356 Cabriolet that Shirley bought at a farm auction for \$10. That's not a typo and it's not even the most amazing part of the story. That story is for another time but to give you a teaser, in 2010 as part of their 60th-anniversary celebration in America, Porsche



The Gobba's 1952 356 Cabriolet that Shirley bought for \$10.

Cars North America conducted a “My Porsche Classic Search” to find the oldest models sold in the US. That very car, now owned by Dr Robert Wilson of Oklahoma City, was found to be the earliest known Porsche sold in the United States.

The next car was a 1957 356 Speedster, beautifully restored and lovingly owned and cared for by them. We did a photo shoot of the car for the Auspuff Roar (The newsletter for the Motor Cities Gruppe) in the early 2000s and some of those images you see here.





If you get a chance, click here and read his obituary; Dick was an admirable man with a great sense of country and community.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/richard-gobba-obituary?id=59168456>

His funeral service was lovely; it was held at the quite beautiful Immanuel Lutheran church in Palmyra, MI. The pastor told heartfelt stories about Dick and Dick's grandchildren read a touching tribute to their grandfather. People were there not just from his community, but from all over the country

The procession was very touching as well; the oncoming traffic all pulled over with their flashers on to let us pass by. One gentleman even got out of his car and stood with his head down and hands folded in a beautiful show of respect for a community member no longer with him.

Arriving at Deerfield Cemetery I immediately noticed the VFW Honor Guard standing at attention waiting for everyone to arrive (Dick, if you didn't know, was a proud Marine who served overseas). It was a beautiful sunny day and the trees, fields and flowers were in full bloom. The Honor Guard played Taps and gave Dick a 21 Gun Salute, a fitting sendoff for a great man who will be sorely missed.



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Watch the video: [PCA.org/news/pca70](https://www.pca.org/news/pca70)



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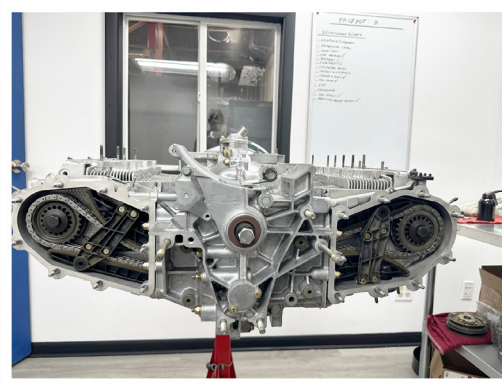


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New Porsche 911 Club Coupe celebrates 70 Years of PCA — 70 cars for 70 members

The Porsche Club of America is proud to announce the third 911 Club Coupe, a collaboration with Porsche AG to celebrate our club's 70th anniversary. As with the 50th and 60th anniversary Club Coupes, this Club Coupe contains many unique features that one cannot not find on other Porsches. 70 units will be produced and exclusively offered for sale to PCA members through a raffle system.

Stay tuned to PCA.org for more information and updates on this incredible opportunity for PCA members. Consider expressing your interest to become a PCA70 911 Club Coupe owner when the raffle opens July 11.



► More about the Club Coupe at pca.org/news/pca70-club-coupe



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

Around The Zone

by Dave Stetson



Zone 4 Folk,

Another Porsche Parade has come and gone and around 25 people from the zone made the trek to Oklahoma City for the fun times. Oklahoma City turned out to be a very pleasant venue with several excellent museums and parks, the memorial for the Oklahoma City Bombing, and Native American influences all around. The driving tours all went to fascinating places. Steph and I did the tour to the impressive Chickasaw Cultural Center with its village and museum. (Because Steph was the chair of the newly renamed Hans-Peter Porsche Art Show, she could get away on only that one day, but the bonus was that she did meet Hans-Peter, his son Daniell, and his grandson Tamino.) Other tours went to a Goodyear factory, to the Pawnee Bill Ranch, to the Marland Mansion and the Pioneer Woman Museum. I heard only good things about the tours. There were lots of activities for Porsche Club Juniors, including their own role in judging the Concours. As usual, attendees were entertained all week, culminating in the Parade of Porsches, about 150 cars traveling through parts of the city on Saturday morning, and with the Victory Banquet on Saturday evening. At the end of it all, Zone 4 was well represented on the score sheet, with results listed below. Full results will be reported in October's *Panorama*. Zone 4 was also represented well on the Parade Staff and I thank all of them and those who volunteered during the week for their service to the club. Next year, Parade will be in Lake Placid, NY, so start making plans now!

Parade 2025 Zone 4 Awards

Concours d'Elegance

Ohio Valley Region, Kenneth and Karla Brightman, First in Class, 2000 Boxster S
Southeast Michigan Region, Robert and Nita Tarchinski, First in Class, 1999 911

Carrera

Rally Sport Region, Francie and Phil Kish, Second in Class, 2024 718 Cayman
Western Michigan Region, Greg and Karlene Currie, Fourth in Class, 2017 911

Targa 4S



Art Show

Maumee Valley Region, Michael Soriano, "The (718) Spyder at Night," First Place in Photography

Ohio Valley Region, Ken Brightman, "Packing for Parade," First Place in Mixed Media

5K Run/Walk

Todd Griffey, Central Indiana Region, third in age group

Dave Stetson, Mid-Ohio Region, second in age group

Autocross

Rally Sport Region, John Thomson, Second Place

TSD Rally

Rally Sport Region, John and Diane Thomson, Second Place in R03 (Unequipped 2016 to Current)

Rally Sport Region, Phil and Francie Kish, Fourth Place in R03 (Unequipped 2016 to Current)

Central Indiana Region, Todd and Bonnie Griffey, Fifth Place in R04 (Unequipped 2001-2015)

Gimmick Rally

Rally Sport Region and Maumee Valley Region, John Thomson, Diane Thomson, Michael Soriano, and Lisa Soriano; First Place, Class 2 persons+

Golf Tournament

Western Michigan Region, Caleb Kiebert in the First Place foursome.

Newsletter

Maumee Valley Region, der Rückspiegel, Greg Armstrong and Sebastian Gaeta, Editors; Third Place, Class II

Central Indiana Region, CIRcular, Larry Clarino, Editor, Third Place, Class V



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