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2020 Calendar of Events

February 22, 2020: Lunch at 28 Springs, in Siloam Springs, 11:30 am.

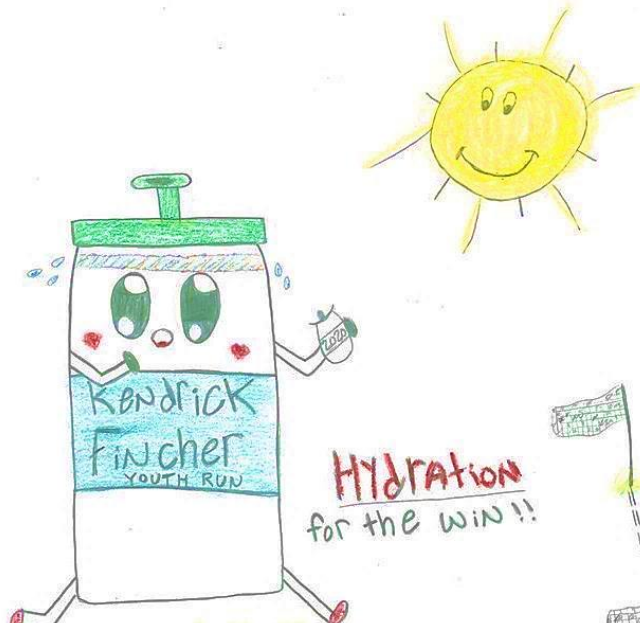
More events to come after the Event Planning meeting

WRR PCA Junior Member, Brooklynn Zechiedrich, was recently selected as a finalist in the Kendrick Fincher Hydration Foundation's 2020 t-shirt design contest! The mission of the foundation is to promote proper hydration and prevent heat illness through education and supporting local sporting activities.

If she wins the community voting, Brooklynn's school, Eastside Elementary of Rogers, would receive \$100 for their PE program, \$100 for their art program, and her artwork would be featured on the t-shirt of all participants in the 2020 youth run and 5K!

From February 5th – March 6th, you can vote for Brooklynn's artwork and support the Kendrick Fincher Foundation by visiting www.kendrickfincher.org.

Brooklynn Zechiedrich 4th grade – Age 10



From the Wheel by the Editor

(ed. note – sung to the tune of “Truckin” with sincere apologies to the Grateful Dead)

Porschein'- like the big Z man
Newsletters done the best I can
Website - you gotta give a damn
What a long strange trip it's been

Can you believe this is my fourth year doing the newsletter?!! When I raised my hand on that fateful day in 2017, I thought one year max before an angry mob yanked me off the editor's desk with shouts of “This dude is clueless!”

I know there is probably something seriously mental with me but I enjoy doing the newsletter and website. It makes me feel like I'm a definite part of this great region and I've met some really super people that maybe I wouldn't have met normally.

Would I like more member participation in articles and photos...sure but as long as the membership is ok with my ramblings it's cool. I've kept the newsletter in more of a region event format as I'm not the most Porsche tech-oriented person in the region although I am learning. Most of all the latest Porsche news is already covered in Panorama, Excellence or a variety of other printed or digital material so there is no need for me to regurgitate it for you to read again. IMHO the newsletter is supposed to be about the region and what is going on so that's what it is I hope.

Here's to another year! I'm really proud that we have trophied the past two years. Thus I'm gunning for first place trophies again in the newsletter and website categories and with your continued support we'll get 'em!

Keep those cards and letters coming.

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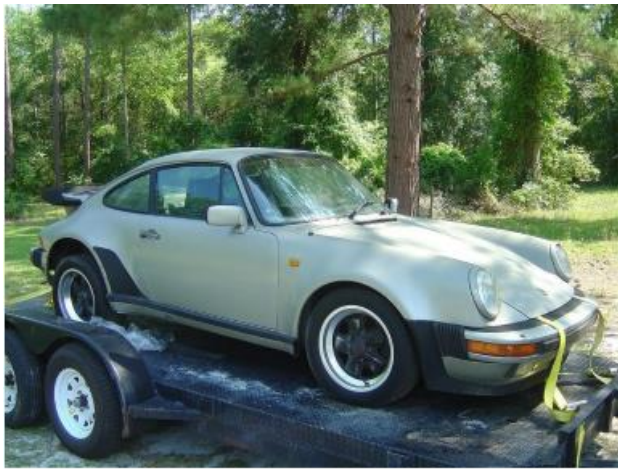
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President's Notes by Leonard Zechiedrich

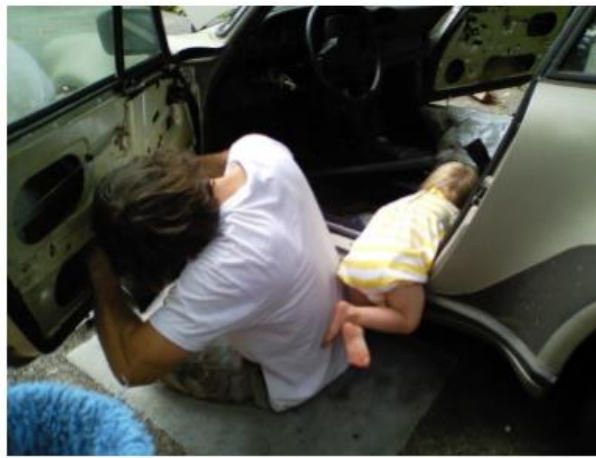
Guten Tag White River Region –

While recently visiting with a Porsche friend, he asked me how it feels to finally have the “Green Machine” completed. I have been asked that several times recently, but I have not given it a lot of thought up until now. My typical response has been, “I can finally check it off my to-do list!” It was days before Porsche Palooza when I “completed” the project (and Zane exclaimed, “Daddy, the green car can move!!!”). Now after the hustle of Palooza, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, as I take time to reflect on this decade-long project, I am reminded of a few things.

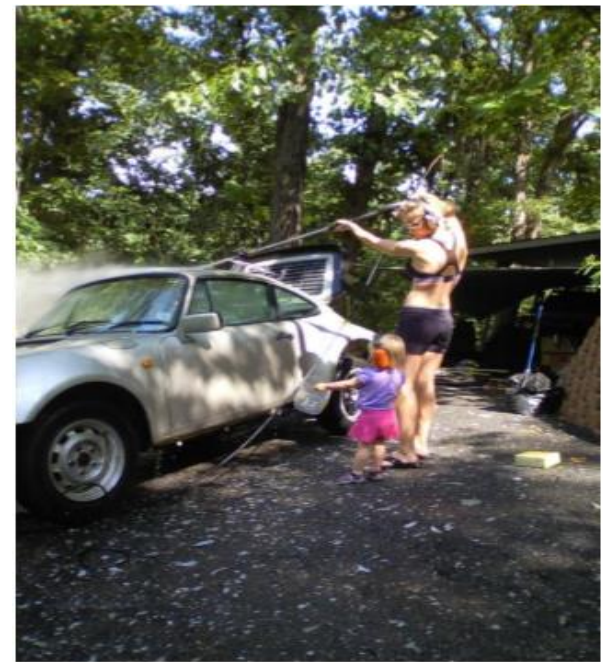
1. I guess no project is ever truly complete. There are always improvements to make, fixes, problems, etc.
 2. This particular project had been modified “six ways from Sunday”. Essentially every part was replaced, deleted, rebuilt, modified, etc. Only a few components of the car were left alone - the brake booster (mostly), parking brake assembly, fuse block and wiring (mostly), steering column, wiper motor, rear jump seats, and a gauge or two. I tend to make projects way more difficult than they need or should be.
 3. The time factor...did it really take over a decade?!?! I bought the Porsche in May of 2009 after convincing Melody we “should” buy this project right before our first kiddo was born. Brooklynn was born 8-30-09, three months after the purchase! We WERE going to NEED another car after all. Luckily, I have a VERY understanding wife and kids that like to work with me or at least find projects to do in the garage while I'm working on cars and motorcycles. Over the years, between enjoying the 3 kids, working, and the other “projects” in life, I have managed to squeeze in short work sessions in the shop. As documented by the photos, it has certainly been a team effort!
- Driving this car to Eureka Springs for its maiden voyage in November 2019 was certainly a rewarding experience. It has been eleven years since I bought the car, and it had previously sat for 20+ years at Franz Blam Racing in Georgia. There are still a few minor issues to sort out, like no heater. I hope to drive it to some upcoming events!



May 2009 – My “new” car arrived!



June 2011 – Getting some help from Brooklynn.



July 2011 – Mel and Brooklynn (age 1) use the pressure washer to remove the poorly applied lacquer paint and reveal the original paint still in good condition.



November 2011 – Brooklynn (age 2) having fun at K&R Auto Body and Paint in Rogers.



July 2016 – Charlie (age 3) thinks it's a playground.



November 2019 – Zane (age 2) proudly poses with “his car” at Porsche Palooza.

Leonard

See my projects at www.the911den.com

Porsche People and Places

What I Got For Christmas

Text by Sharon Hayes and photos by Mike Menichetti

No, it wasn't new tires for the Boxster. It was so much better!! I got to be, once again, absolutely thrilled and humbled by how wonderful, generous and loving all my WRR friends are. Ready for the stats for 2019? (I think you might need to sit down.) Our little region, with 148 members, donated cash and items totally roughly \$6,350 to the Bayyari cause this year. WOW!!!

I can't tell you how many times I burst into grateful tears at my mailbox. (I think the neighbors are a little worried.) I cannot say "thank you" enough to all of you, but thank you, I'm so incredibly grateful to know each of you truly good people. (And one really cool Reindoofus.)



Here's what we did with the money.

The first grade would not have been able to take a field trip (due to budget constraints at the school) until the end of April. The teachers asked if we could possibly sponsor a ride on the Arkansas/Missouri Railroad's Holiday Express. I sent out the email asking the membership if they were willing to do this and I got back an overwhelming response (I was crying at the mailbox. Like Disney movie crying.) One of our members immediately emailed me and asked if it was alright if he and his wife provided toys for each of the children so Santa could give out

presents on the train. (My tear ducts may possibly be the strongest muscles in my body.) I ran to my sewing room and turned some old red curtains into huge drawstring bags to hold the stuffed animals and Hot Wheels sets for the train ride. Dave the Reindoofus and I got to go to the depot the



morning of the train ride. Since the weather was lovely, Santa jumped in the Boxster with me and we hid around the corner. (Santa assured me it was the best sleigh he ever rode in!!) When the school buses rolled in, so did we. If you've never heard 100 children yelling "SANTA!!!!!" at once, with their chaperones yelling "Santa drives a PORSCHE!" well, it's an experience I'll never forget. Nor will I ever forget one of the little girls asking me if she "really, for true" got to keep her stuffed fox. I told her yes and she lit up brighter than any Christmas tree ever. (I didn't cry but it was a very near thing.)



Several of our members were concerned that the train ride would mean the first graders got a smaller gift than what we have given the children in years past. I got notes explaining that they hoped it was alright they donated more this year so the children would still get a nice gift. I also got

notes attached to checks saying “I’d really like to pay for the train ride.” (Yeah, more weeping at the mailbox.) The club was so generous this year, that the string backpacks from Garrett Tire and Auto were nearly too full to hold it all. The kiddos in both grades got socks, hats, gloves, toothbrushes and toothpaste, snacks, popcorn, books, crayons, candy, Legos, puzzles, Rubik’s cubes, race car pens, Custom Made White River Region coloring books, and several other goodies. The teachers each got a small gift.



Ed note - My favorite picture. She’s excited over socks. Major tears. Great pic Mike.



Then I had to get creative. I wanted to do something extra special for the fourth graders. My mom brain likes to keep things as even as possible. We did give them recess toys to share (first grade said they didn’t need any this year as the ones from last year are still in great shape.) I asked if we could send fourth grade pizza for the classroom parties. The school said yes and told me a very small amount of pizza, like one piece per child. Uh.... That’s not how WRR rolls. I called around to several pizza places. Eureka Pizza in Springdale was happy to deliver to the school. So I ordered 18 pizzas (the school said 9) and enough chocolate chip cookies for each of the children (and teachers) to get one of those. Since it was for a school, they gave me each of the pies for \$5.



If you need pizza, please think of them, and yes it’s ok to need pizza sometimes.

That still left me with \$750 to spend. I consulted the Counsel of Elves and we debated about what to do with the remaining money. The school has started a small food pantry for their families in serious need. They also have several students with lunch room debt. There are several families that have just enough income to not qualify for free lunch, but not quite enough to keep up

with the reduced bill. What the elves and I decided was we would give money to the school counselor. One check for \$500 to replenish the food pantry (which she said they can barely keep filled) after the holidays and a second one for \$250 to go towards debts in the lunchroom. It was the best option we could come up with to serve the whole school. We did not get to see Stephanie Bentley, the guidance counselor, this time as she had several counseling appointments that day. I put the checks in a card for her and sent it with one of the teachers. This is her email reply:



“I was so disappointed I didn’t get to participate in the fun! The counseling

appointment requests were really piling up and I knew that would be the best time to catch up. Thank you for understanding!

I just opened your envelope and lost it! People were asking what was wrong and I couldn't even find the words to explain. I still can't. I can only say that I hold so many sad stories in my head, and sometimes it leaves me feeling very discouraged. All that is undone by the generosity of folks like you.

Have a very merry Christmas, and know that the White River Porsche Club has made such a difference for so many! -S."

(Stephanie didn't mean she misplaced the envelope. She means her emotions leaked out of her eyeballs like mine do.)



Thank you to each and every one of you who made this possible. Thank you to all my elves. Thank you for depleting the stock in every Dollar Tree store in NWA. Thank you for helping to choose books for the children and counting the books 14 times with me like crazy women. Thank you for repeating the bookstore performance next door at Little Debbie. Thank you Dave for wearing the reindeer suit and making everyone smile, best Reindoofus ever. Thank you for stuffing



bags (and taking them home with you to recheck that they weren't

missing one item in particular.) Thank you for taking time out of your day to deliver the gift bags to the school and show off your car. Thank you Garrett Tire and Auto for the backpacks. Thank you to Eureka Pizza, Once Upon A Time Books, and Little Debbie of Tontitown for discounts that stretched our dollars as far as possible. If you need tires, books, pizza or snacks please think of those folks first.



Every year we have done this, someone invariably asks me how I do this. My answer is always the same. I don't do this alone. I am lucky enough to have amazing friends who give of themselves. All I do is send an email and ask for help. One more time, Thank You all. In the words of Santa on the train, "You're all wonderful people to do this. You are all on the Nice List."

Side note: if you have small people in your life who love Santa and trains, book a trip on the AR/MO Railroad Holiday Express next year. Santa rides the train with the children, visits with them all. And the children get cookies and hot cocoa while the train goes from Springdale to Johnson and back. The passenger cars are gorgeous pieces of rolling history.



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ZoneFive Update

by Chuck Bush
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Happy New Year! Hope you had a great holiday and are ready to face a new decade. 2020- hard to believe what was such a distant future is here now. The only flying cars are the ones we had all along-our Porsches. It seems that no matter how old they get Porsches are still a great driving experience. I like the old ones, and the new ones. The classics are still a joy, and provide a visceral hands-on experience, while the new ones bathe you in comfort and luxury while delivering blistering performance. The new Taycan is adding another dimension with a full electric car that is also all Porsche. I got to see one at our dealer recently, and it was a beautiful, well put together car. I can't wait to see one run an autocross.

What does this have to do with Zone 5 and PCA? In a word- change. New cars, new people, new interests. PCA is one of the few car clubs in the country that is actually growing, and we want to keep it that way. Be open to new ideas and new members. Look for ways to expand our community and welcome our new members no matter what they drive. The club is expanding its tours with off-road tours. With the new electric cars coming out- perhaps the theme for our Longhorn Region Gimmick rally this Spring will be finding charging stations!

Our club is young enough that we still have a few of the original members left. Imagine all the changes they have seen over the last 70 years. What hasn't changed is the great people in this club, and how much fun we have together. I hope you get the chance to actively participate in your region's events this year, and perhaps even PCA national events like Parades and Treffen's. Registration should be open for this year's Parade in Palm Springs, and it is going to be a good one. The theme for the historic display is hot rods and there are some great ones in southern California. I was in the area recently, and got to see the Parade site. It is beautiful, and will be a great venue. Five minutes

Cary's Corner

*Some Porsche and other miscellaneous
ramblings from the search engine of
Cary Haramoto -*



Keep track of Porsche racing news in Carrera Cup and Supercup
www.Racecam.de (English translation available)



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Until next time.....Aloha

from the hotel are some really great driving roads that lead up thru the San Bernardino mountain passes. Sure it is a long drive from Zone 5, but well worth considering.

Hope to see you out on the road. Be sure to wave- no matter what Porsche I'm driving.!

Chuck Bush

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Porsche People and Places

White River Christmas Party

Text and photos by Dave Decker

If you were looking for laughter, it was flying around all over Josh and Miho's home during the Christmas party. Everybody was in Christmas cheer and it was one of the largest groups I have seen for the annual gathering. This is the start of the Christmas festivities for me. It could have been the agreeable weather NW Arkansas was experiencing at the time. Lots of new faces and returning old faces. Great wines were in abundance before the meal. Thank you Josh for that exquisite red.

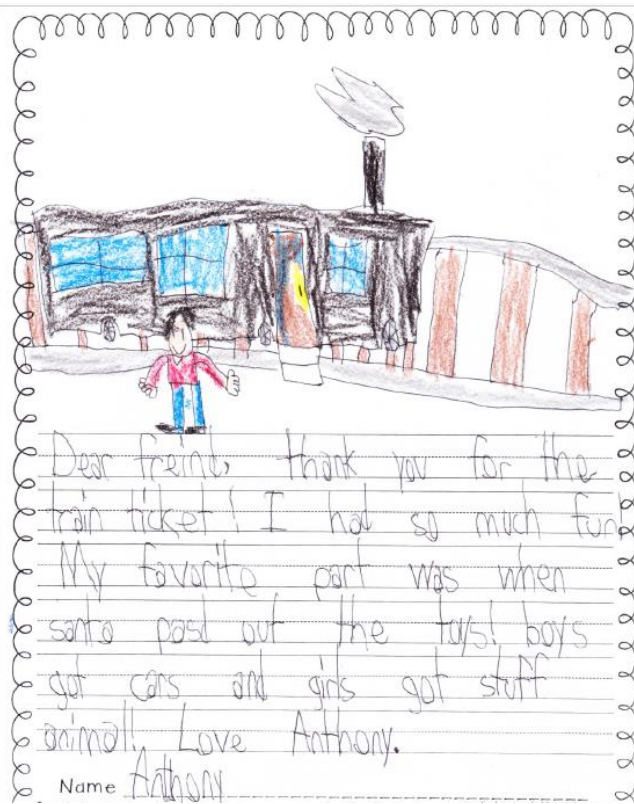
Once the buffet line was declared open, the food flowed freely.(try saying that three times.) The region supplied the traditional Christmas ham and it was complimented with a variety of veggies, salads and desserts.(Banana pudding!!) With piled plates, everyone settled to different areas for conversations and more laughter. The drawing for the week's vacation in Cary and Marlene's condo in Hawaii was held with me on the losing end again.

After dinner, it was time for the main event, the Dirty Santa gift exchange. This is generally a riot to behold and this night was no different. A full gamut of facial and verbal expressions were in abundance as gifts were opened, stolen and hidden from view. Kelly² and I had a rounder on the Lego models and there were several gifts that were "stolen" to the limit, all in good fun and surprised faces. One thing for sure, this region knows how to have a good time.



Class and mischief personified

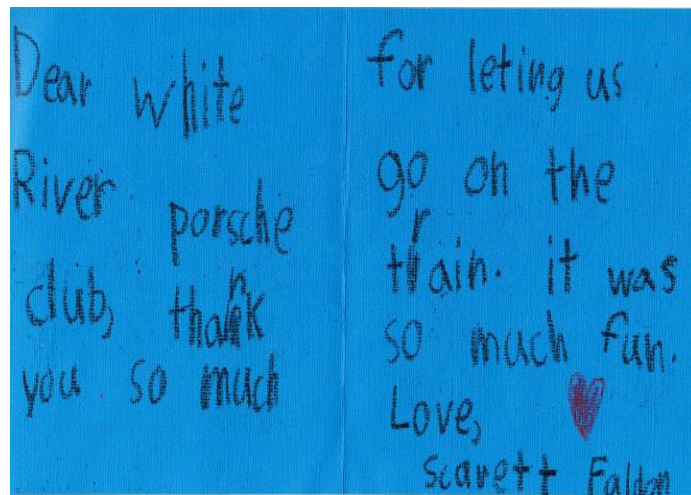
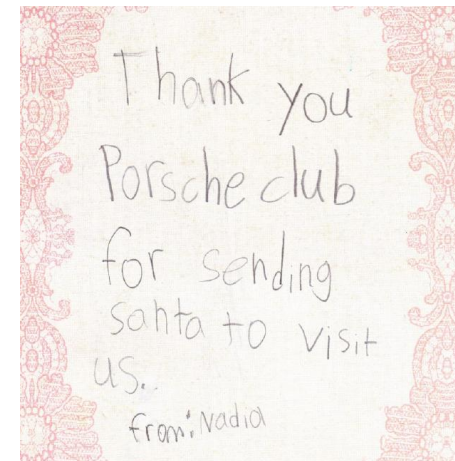
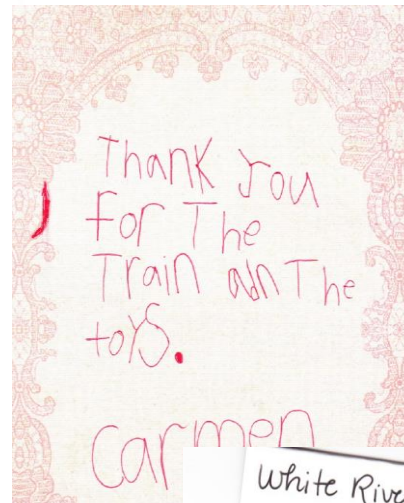




Thank you! for everything people! You give have great cars? happy holidays!



Thank you for the bag with toys I saw mah toys



White River Porsche Club,
Thank you so much for your generous sponsorship for our trip on the AR/MO train ride. It was a special event for me and my students. It was truly magical to watch my kids interact with Santa; they all had so much love + twinkle in their eyes. Thank you for providing a memorable + meaningful experience to my first graders. I was truly blessed to be a part of that day. ♥
Thank you! Andrea Huffmaster

Some of the thank you cards from the kids of Bayyari Elementary

Assembling a 930 Turbo

Text and photos by Dave Decker



With cigar and scotch at hand, I'm ready to begin



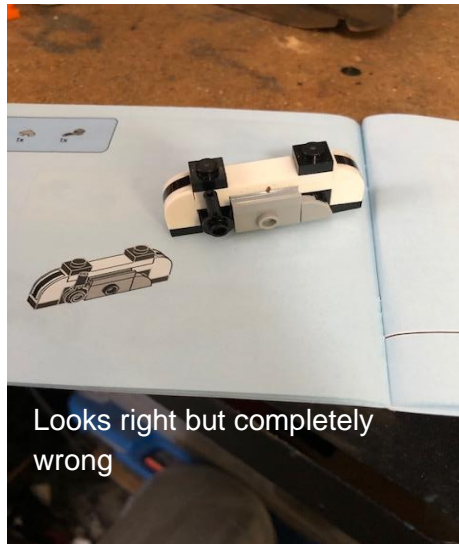
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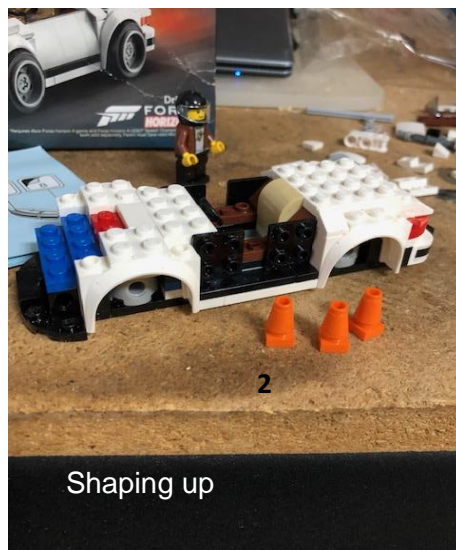
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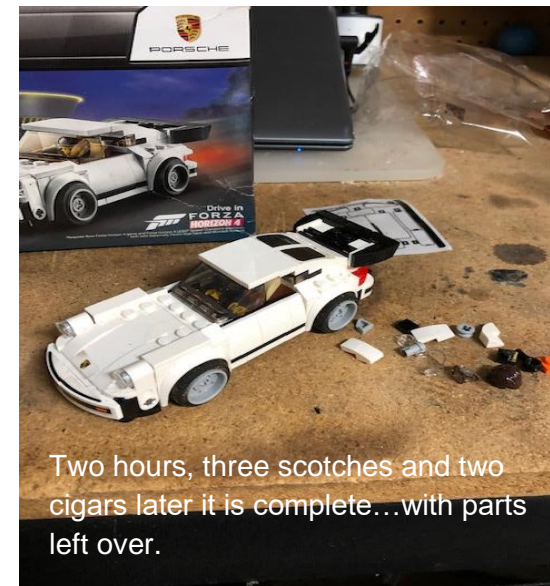
Looks right but completely wrong



Shaping up



The infamous whale tail



Two hours, three scotches and two cigars later it is complete...with parts left over.



Legos weren't around when I was a tyke in short pants. I had an Erector set, consisting of metal plates and girders, bolts and screws, electric motors and dreams. I made derricks, shovels, trucks and mechanical men (robots?). Point is, it was up to me to create the object using available parts. My grandson Jake is a Lego aficionado. He has built ships, Batman caves, rockets and space shuttles. But all with preformed parts like the Porsche although he has modified the initial structures after finishing the original with some prodding from me.

Tech Tips



1984-'89 Porsche 911 Carrera

By David S. Wallens Reprinted from Classic Motorsports

These cars feature galvanized bodies. While they can corrode if neglected, rust generally isn't a major problem. Here's a way to enjoy an old-school Porsche without constantly worrying about rust. Starting prices for decent cars are now touching the \$43,000 in 2019 according to [Hagerty](#) mark. Coupes command higher prices than [Targas](#) and [Cabriolets](#). Porsche made a lot of bright-red 911s, so today the unusual colors also bring in more money.

Depending on the fashions of the day, many 911s have been either updated or backdated. Right now, there's a growing trend to backdate the Carrera by adding a long hood, installing matching front fenders, and replacing the body-colored bumpers with the chrome ones. Like the 911SC that preceded it, the Carrera came with nicely flared fenders. When backdated with the long hood, suddenly an '80s-era Carrera resembles the famed 1973 Porsche 911RS—or perhaps another special model offered back in the day.

Where the '70s and early-'80s Porsche 911 came with Bosch CIS injection, the Carrera received Bosch Motronic injection. It's a more precise system that manages both fuel delivery and ignition timing. The system has proved to be reliable, and replacement parts are still available.

The 1984-'86 Carrera came with the 915 gearbox, while the G50 appeared for the 1987 model year. The 915 box provides a nice, old-school feel. The G50 shifts more smoothly, but some say it neuters the car a bit. It's also heavier than the 915. At the end of the day, though, the G50 cars collect a premium of a grand or so. Sloppy shifter? Replace the bushings. Depending on the transmission type, you're looking at about \$25 or \$35 for the entire set.

Cylinder head studs can break, and replacing them involves removing the heads. Other than that, these 3.2-liter bottom ends can deliver decades of service. (By the way, the ARP cylinder head studs are beautiful.)

The **oil tank's drain plug** uses a giant sealing ring, and you're not going to find one locally. Whenever you're ordering parts, add a few to your tab. They're about a quarter each.

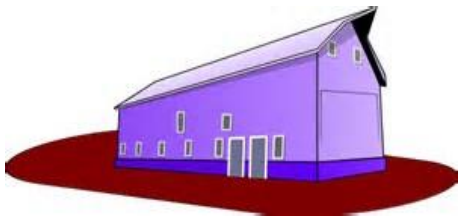
Sometimes replacement parts can cost less than expected. The seals for the rear turn signals are still available—and for about \$15 each. The OE tie rods feature a rubber damper that only numbs steering feel. The 911 Turbo, however, didn't get these dampers; as a result, it features crisper steering. Updating a 1969-'89 Porsche 911 to these Turbo tie rods costs less than \$200 total. If you want to install Koni shock absorbers, you'll need the front strut housings from a car originally so equipped from the factory.

The Carrera came from the factory with wider wheels in the back. Don't fret, though. Last time we checked, Tire Rack showed more than 40 different models that work with the staggered 16-inch setup. Since the 911 is a unique animal, Porsche has worked with several tire companies to develop rubber that's properly tuned for the chassis' rearward weight balance. These tires will carry an N-specification number—N1 or N2, for example. There's extra engineering in those tires, but in some cases the price difference is minimal.

The plastic interior door handles are known to eventually break. The replacements are only about \$15 each, but [Renntline](#) offers aluminum ones in black or silver for \$75 per pair. For a while there, the Bosch distributor caps were on back order. They're now available, but we still keep a spare handy. Likewise, keep a spare DME relay and a spare fuel pump relay in the glove box. They don't fail often, but they can be hard to find in the field.

You don't buy an air-cooled 911 for the cold a/c, but the aftermarket offers updates and modern solutions. To replace the clutch, you have to drop the engine. In fact, many major repairs require engine removal. Fortunately, it's not as bad as it sounds.

Electricity for the headlights is routed through the high-beam stalk, causing a common failure. A new stalk assembly runs about \$125. For about \$45, [JWest Engineering](#) offers an easy-to-install relay kit that reroutes the power.



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by Mike Hays

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Total Members 155

Test Drive Participants 3

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New White River Members

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Renewals

Tony Engle (2019)

Tim Kwasny (2015)

Terry & Linda Malenschein (1997)

John & Linda Malinowski (2016)

Ed Rouse (2018)

Todd Tittle (2017)

Transfers In – 1

Charles Jacobus from Maverick Region

Transfers Out - 0

PCA National Club Numbers

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Affiliate Members 47739

Life Members 17



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