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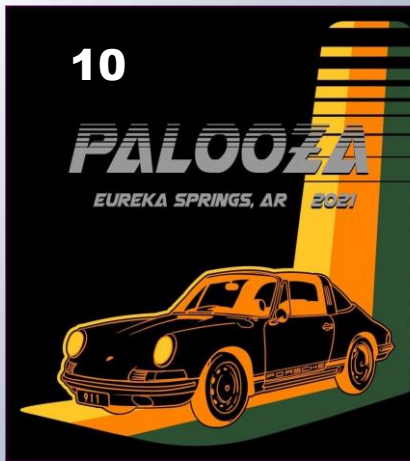


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President's Notes by Leonard Zechiedrich

Guten tag White River Region Members,

It's October, which means PCA Palooza is right around the corner and, unlike 2020, we WILL be holding the event this year. We are expecting the event to run almost as usual with a few exceptions. The dinners will all be plated meals, which means of course no buffets, and there will also be a few safeguards in place upon registration. We will be following the guidelines recommended by the management at the host hotel, Inn of The Ozarks.

We will be adding a few new tours this year, and will need a few additional tour leaders and sweepers. Please email Melody melzechiedrich@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer on any route. Please make sure you are familiar with the route and have driven it prior to the event.

Rick Daes has volunteered to organize a swap meet in conjunction with our Saturday car show. If you would like to clear out your garage and sell some goodies please contact Rick at 501.565.5113. Remember one Porsche owner's broken head stud is another's new necklace! Well, maybe that's just me, but regardless, get a box of stuff together and come do some selling, swapping, and buying.

One last item we are trying to add for this year is a mini-film highlighting PCA Palooza, Eureka Springs, and the scenic roads of Arkansas. We have been discussing this idea with a couple of production companies. We are hoping to get the film production cost covered by some local sponsors. If your business has an interest in sponsoring the mini-film at any level, shoot me a message at 479.903.3153.

I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone this year at Palooza. Remember, it's not just about the cars, but mostly it is.

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Cayenne in its natural habitat

Send me pics of your Porsche!

The Editor

Porscheless in Tulsa

Article by GP

(Musings of a Porsche Has Been/Wannabe)

Greetings to my neighboring White River Region brothers and sisters, from ol' GP "next door" to the west. Presently Porsche-less and reduced to "associate member" status, I'm constantly wondering what to do about that, and which Porsche machine I may want to try next. As "the Devil makes work for idle hands," I try to stay busy with one thing or another, so I am reading more than ever, and have also developed a few questionable habits.

The other day I became aware I'd begun singing in the shower. The water was running, the bathroom door was closed, my wife wasn't home, and if the neighborhood dogs were singing along (or howling), I had no clue. It was a song I'd heard while in a store shopping for something or other. You know how a song will just get into your head, and it keeps coming back to you and you can't get rid of it? Well the tune happened to be, uh, travel related. Naturally, while constantly humming that song while also experiencing my Porsche withdrawals, my mind started to wander. Here's what I came up with:

People who share the Porsche proclivity might all appear (to the outsider) to be mostly alike. Nothing could be further from the truth. We have all heard the sometimes derogatory jokes about Porsche automobiles and their owners. Those jeers often come from folks who have never sat in a Porsche, much less experienced the unequaled elation derived from "becoming one" with the feel of quality engineering, attention to detail, iconic design, and a plethora of intangibles too many to mention here.

But Porsche people are definitely not all alike. It may sound crazy, but some Porsche people aren't even "car buffs!" They're exclusively Porsche fanatics. Sure, they can remember the cars of their youth. But many of them neither know nor care about the differences between straight, flat, slant, and V-6s, much less how a car actually works! Let's compare all this to another one of the arts, as we all know Porsche automobiles are indeed works of art.

Take music for example. Do you like music? Yes? Do you like *both* kinds of music: Country AND Western? (<LOL) What about Classical, Opera, Oldies, Rock 'n Roll, Jazz, Blues, Bluegrass, Rap, etc, etc, etc? You're probably familiar with some recent popular music selections. Perhaps you yourself are a musician, and you identify and follow the instrumentals or vocals as you listen to your favorite pieces. You might possess enough knowledge to understand the inner workings of the music: the rhythms, the bass line, even in which key the song is played, the incidentals, and the time signature and how it might change even within the same song, and more! Some of you likely play and/or sing along with these tunes.

Then again it's possible you don't care one iota about all the "ingredients," and you simply enjoy listening to the sum of all the parts. All that goes into "your" music, and all that comes together to make your Porsche as well, just don't mean that much to you. You simply play the music, close your eyes and enjoy.

Or in the case of your Porsche, belt yourself in, OPEN your eyes, and when you're ***In the Mood***, leave your cares behind and drive up that ***Stairway to Heaven***, maybe on a ***Tuesday Afternoon***. Remember, ***Everyday is a Winding Road***. And even if you have ***No Particular Place to Go***, just take a spin along that ***Road to Nowhere***. Or wait for a lull in the ***Crosstown Traffic***, and enjoy a ***Moonlight Drive***. Because driving your Porsche is ***More Than a Feeling***, whether you ***Take It Easy*** on the ***Ventura Highway***, or only want to ***Go Your Own Way***.

Thinking back before I turned sixteen I dreamed, ***All I Wanted Was a Car***, to have the freedom to "drop the pedal and go" on that ***Freeway of Love***, or cruise out into the country where it seems ***The Streets Have No Name***. You, too (<LOL) can take that to the next level every time you climb into your Porsche. Certainly there are worse pastimes than ***Driving My Life Away***.

So should you find yourself ***On the Road Again***, and maybe you ***Take It To The Limit*** ("one more time"), be ready to explain to a uniformed officer, "I was ***Born to Run***." And while he's giving you a warning or writing you up, he may admonish you that you're not on

the **Autobahn**. But somehow he'll understand when you tell him, "**I Can't Drive 55.**"

And then there are Porsche people who can quote chapter and verse describing every facet of every component. More power to them, literally! Knowledge and expertise in music, and in this case, automobiles, fall somewhere in between those extremes for most of us.

Does your Porsche definition include SUVs, four door sedans, PDK transmissions? Or is "your" Porsche only a two door with a rear engine and three pedals? Maybe you figure it's air-cooled or it's "not a Porsche." At the end of the day, there are as many reasons Porsche people love the brand as there are Porsche people! That's ultimately what draws us all together, whether the occasion is Palooza, a drive, a breakfast, lunch or dinner, a charitable event, Porsche Parade, Treffen, autocross, a car care clinic, or a day at the track.

All this rambling is really just another way to say, "It's not just the cars, it's the people." Ric Ocasek and The Cars narrowed it down to just one song title, one word: **Drive**.

Long May You Run

GP, associate member, Cimarron Region PCA

Spoiler Alert-Don't recognize all the songs?

Glen Miller, Led Zeppelin, Moody Blues, Sheryl Crow, Chuck Berry, Talking Heads, Jimi Hendrix, The Doors, Boston, Eagles, America, Fleetwood Mac, Brad Paisley, Aretha Franklin, U2, Eddie Rabbitt, Willie Nelson/Canned Heat, Eagles (again), Bruce Springsteen, Kraftwerk, Sammy Hagar, The Cars, and Neil Young.

Ed. Note – this article has given me a roadmap to a great mix. I have 90% of the albums featuring the songs including the Glen Miller. No Paisley or Rabbitt but I don't think I'm missing anything.



From the Wheel by the Editor

Alright, alright, alright! Palooza is a go! I'm very excited that we are finally able to get together again. My goal other than having fun is to trophy this year at the show. The Beast got noticed quite a bit at the Porsche Parade in French Lick so maybe I have a chance this year. Thoughts of stopping all other 996's from entering have crossed my mind. I prepared the Porsche before Parade with a complete redo on the exterior. I became good friends with Griot on how to best prepare the car. I clayed it, used paint correction (word to the wise; make sure the buffing pad is against the body panel before turning the buffer on. It makes a mell of hess) and applied three coats of Griot's 3 in 1 ceramic coating. Granted it's not a professional job but for a 22 year old car, it does shine. I'll probably apply another or two coats before Palooza just to be on the safe side. The wheels were also coated with the ceramic spray. Brake dust is unreal on this car. Also added is a flat black wrap on the hood to match the spoiler.



Over the past few months I have watched all 22 good seasons of Top Gear. The 23rd season was when radio personality Chris Evans took over which proved the adage that you may be able to afford nice cars but doesn't mean you know anything about them. The shows that Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May were hosting were some of the best moments in automotive TV. Unfortunately the same can't be said for the Grand Tour especially the first season, I grant you, some of the stunts were absolutely stupid, but the majority was entertaining and informative, particularly when Clarkson would go off on the 911.

This issue is packed!! Greg P. from the Cimarron region submitted a super article. I'm sure that will be a welcome relief from my ramblings. I do have one request. I need pictures of your Porsches. I know you got them so send them. I have more pictures of my Porsche and my dogs than I do of my kids. The original idea was to have a member's car featured on the cover every month and truthfully I'm running out.

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Dave Decker

EVENTS

January - April

May - August

6/5 Ausflug 2021 Journey to Monkey Island
7/11-7/17 Porsche Parade
7/31 Wheels for Meals Auto Show
8/28 Ozark Euro Rallye Auto Show for German marques

September - December

09/25 Lost in the Ozarks TSD Rallye (postponed until 2022)
11/11 -11/14 Porsche Palooza

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ZoneFive Update

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Looking forward to Palooza!

See you on the road!

Chuck

WELCOME TO THE NEW WHITE RIVER REGION WEBSTORE



The official White River Region store is open for business. The store is on the WRR website or you can order directly from the PCA webstore site.

<https://whiteriver.pcawebstore.org/>
(press Ctrl-Click to activate link)

So now you can improve your summer, fall, winter and spring wardrobes with some serious WRR fashion. If you place an order please let me know what you think.

Show your region spirit at Palooza 2021!!



*Is this a great
logo or what!!*

	Porsche Palooza 2021 Schedule	* CC = Convention Center at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks		
Wed 11/10	Check-in & Packet Pick-up	5 - 7 pm CC Lobby	Must Pre-register \$50/car	
THURS	Check-in & Packet Pick-up	7 - 9:30 am, 3 - 6 pm, CC Lobby	Must Pre-register \$50/car	
11/11	Snacks/coffee in Hospitality Room - Use tickets from Goodie Bag	7 - 9:30 am, 3 - 6 pm, CC	Compliments of Ozark Import Specialists	
	Wine Country Tour- 209 miles	Check-in 7:15am, Drivers' mtg. - 7:30, Depart 7:45, Return ~5pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Boston Mtns. Tour - 189 miles	Check-in 7:45am, Drivers' mtg. - 8:00, Depart 8:15, Return ~5pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Canyons & Cuisine "Vintage Pace" Tour - 159 miles	Check-in 8:30am, Drivers' mtg. - 8:45, Depart 9:00, Return ~3pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Buffalo River Tour - 160 miles	Check-in 9:00, Drivers' mtg. - 9:15, Depart 9:30, Return ~4pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Porsches & Planes Tour - 85 miles *NEW Tour*	Check-in 9:15am, Drivers' mtg. - 9:30, Depart 9:45, Return ~2:30pm	TBD	20 car capacity
	Top of the Rock Tour - 118 miles	Check-in 9:30am, Drivers' mtg. - 9:45, Depart 10:00, Return ~3:00pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Cash Bar - Vendors - Goodie Store	3 - 9 pm, CC		
	Social Mixer & Dinner (wear wristband for meal; Casual dress)	6 - 9 pm; meal served at 6:30pm CC Banquet Room	\$20/person	300 ppl capacity
	Ladies Mingle & "Tea" (The kind in a bottle with a cork :)	~7:30 pm CC Lower Level	\$0	
FRIDAY	Check-in & Packet Pick-up	7 - 9:30 am, 3 - 6 pm CC Lobby	Must Pre-register \$50/car	
11/12	Snacks/coffee in Hospitality Room - Use tickets from Goodie Bag	7 - 9:30 am, 3 - 6 pm, CC	Compliments of Ozark Import Specialists	
	Wine Country Tour - 209 miles	Check-in 7:15am, Drivers' mtg. - 7:30, Depart 7:45, Return ~5pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Boston Mtns. Tour - 189 miles	Check-in 7:45am, Drivers' mtg. - 8:00, Depart 8:15, Return ~5pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Dogwood Canyon Tour - 118 miles	Check-in 8:00am, Drivers' mtg. - 8:15, Depart 8:30, Return ~4pm	\$70/person - must pre-register	50 ppl capacity
	Oark Tour - 199 miles	Check-in 8:15am, Drivers' mtg. - 8:30, Depart 8:45, Return ~5pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Canyons & Cuisine "Vintage Pace" Tour - 159 miles	Check-in 8:30am, Drivers' mtg. - 8:45, Depart 9:00, Return ~2pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Valley View Tour - 95 miles *NEW Tour*	Check-in 9:15am, Drivers' mtg. - 9:30, Depart 9:45, Return ~2:30pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	25 car capacity
	Trigger Gap Tour - 51 miles	Check-in 9:45am, Drivers' mtg. - 10:00, Depart 10:15, Return ~1:30pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Cash Bar - Vendors - Goodie Store - Photo Booth - Raffle items - Corn Hole	3 - 9 pm CC	You won't want to miss the fun!	
	Palooza Fest & Welcome Party	6 - 9:30 pm CC	\$0	
	Dinner (wear wristband for meal; Casual dress)	Served 6 - 8 pm CC Banquet Room	\$15/person (\$5 will go to charity)	400 ppl capacity
	BINGO with prizes	7:30 - 9:30 pm CC Lower Level	\$0	
SAT	Check-in & Packet Pick-up; Goodie Store Open	7:00 - 10 am CC Lobby	Must Pre-register \$50/car	
11/13	Car Wash Station Available	7 am - 3 pm, CC Parking Lot	\$0	
	Snacks/coffee in Hospitality Room - Use tickets from Goodie Bag	7:30 - 9 am, 3 - 6 pm, CC	Compliments of Ozark Import Specialists	
	War Eagle Tour - Group 1 - 70 miles	Drivers' mtg.- 7:45am in CC, Depart 7:55, Return ~12pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	War Eagle Tour - Group 2 - 70 miles	Drivers' mtg.- 7:45am in CC, Depart 8:05, Return ~12pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Table Rock Tour - 117 miles *NEW Tour*	Drivers' mtg.- 8:00am in CC, Depart 8:10, Return ~1:15pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	25 car capacity
	Roaring River Drive - 65 miles	Drivers' mtg.- 8:10am in CC, Depart 8:20, Return ~11:15am	\$0	25 car capacity
	Kings River Drive - 107 miles	Drivers' mtg.- 8:20am in CC, Depart 8:30, Return ~1pm	\$0	25 car capacity
	Crystal Bridges Museum Drive - 78 miles	Drivers' mtg.- 8:45am in CC, Depart 9:00, Return ~1:15pm	\$0	25 car capacity
	Low Gap Tour - 116 miles	Drivers' mtg.- 9:00am in CC, Depart 9:10, Return ~1:15pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	20 car capacity
	Valley View Tour - 95 miles *NEW Tour*	Drivers' mtg.- 9:10am in CC, Depart 9:20, Return ~1:00pm	\$10/car - must pre-register	25 car capacity
	Dam Castle Tour - 26 miles	Drivers' mtg.- 9:20am in CC, Depart 9:30, Return ~12:00pm	\$10/person - must pre-register	50 ppl capacity
	"Parade of Porsche Power" through downtown (More Cars = More Fun!!!)	CC Parking Lot; line up @ 1:15; police escort at 1:30, Return ~2:15pm	\$0	
	Car Shine & Show - "People's Choice" voting - Group Photo - Pinata 3:30pm	2:30 - 5:00 pm, CC Parking Lot *window sticker and placard on dash	You may even win a Door Prize!!!	
	Swap Meet on Tennis Court	2:30 - 5:00 pm		
	Cash Bar - Vendors - Goodie Store	2 - 6 pm, (Cash Bar open until 10pm) CC		
	Banquet Dinner - Awards - Door Prizes(wear wristband;Business Casual)	6:30 - 9:00 pm CC Banquet Room	\$40/person - pre-register	232 ppl capacity
SUNDAY	Farewell Breakfast (wear wristband)	Drop-in 7:30 - 9:00 am, CC	Compliments of PCA Cimarron Region	
11/14	Make your hotel accomodations NOW for Palooza 2022	November 10th - 13th 2022		

Porsche People and Places

Porsche Parade 2021

Article and photos by Dave Decker

I love a parade! Especially when they involve Porsches. Parade 2021 is my third Porsche Parade and I was definitely looking forward to it for a couple of reasons, I was able to spend time with my son Chris and this year he was driving his own Porsche, an absolutely beautiful '84 944. I made the trip to his locale in O'Fallon, IL on Saturday where we partook dinner, cigars and Angels Envy whiskey which is distilled in my hometown of Louisville. In fact, the distillery is located across the street from what once was Louisville Bedding Co where I played an industrial engine years. It is now a parking lot. But I digress.

Checking the registration procedures for Sunday, the time to register was based on our registration number in which my case was 11:00 am. We were up and at 'em early Sunday to make it on time. In the rain. I forgot French Lick is Eastern time zone so we were late but no problemo. You could have fired a Beretta 686 over/under and not hit anyone at registration. This was the first sign that it was not going to be a normal Parade. Either PCA had gotten real efficient at registration or attendance was down. I believe it was the latter. The procedure was the same, going to booths based on what event you signed up for then a final check booth with a goodie bag. We were signed up for the TSD rally for Tuesday. Chris also signed up to volunteer for a few hours Monday. I spoke at length with Jack Stephenson from the Chicago region about the new Richta rally app I planned to use later this year. We next visited the Parade shop which in past parades was fairly picked over by Sunday afternoon but this was not case this year. Everything neatly laid out on tables and supplies were plentiful.

For the most part, the shop was the only thing going on so we headed to our hotel. We were staying at the Best Western which was less than a mile from the festivities. Excellent accommodations! After a couple hours crash time, we checked with the front desk on the location's culinary establishments and decided on a sports bar in French Lick's new brickyard district. Southern Indiana is known for their pork cutlet sandwiches and we were not disappointed along with helpings of mac & cheese and cold beer.





Monday was Concours day so that was our first stop. Due to the possibility of rain it was again held in the parking garage of the host hotel. It was slightly disorganized with years and models intermingled and jumped from first level to third level because the hotel wanted the second level for casino guests. There was also a separate section featuring convertibles only. I had previously tried to convince Chris to enter his 944 in the Concours since it was such unique color and condition. Funny thing, as we were walking up a ramp there sat a 944 with the same colors; exterior and interior. The only difference were the wheels of which Chris's is more of a Fuchs style. We also ran into Gunner from Hawaii with his Pink Pig 944.

After an uninspired lunch from the chow wagons, we continued to explore the show. The vendor area was close to null and void. Not much was being shown or offered. Porsche occupied half of the vendor area which was cool but expensive. \$900 tool pouch?! I was afraid to ask how much the electric bicycle was. (\$10,000!!) I did have a great conversation with the Koni rep discussing why my 911 was riding so rough after installing their struts. He was very concerned about the issue. The rest of day was a visit to the art show, racing simulators and the TSD rally seminar. Chris also pulled his volunteer time. Mine was scheduled for the autocross.

After a Google search that afternoon for local breweries, we decided on St. Benedict's Brew Works in Ferdinand. The brewery is actually in a monastery and the tradition was held true. The in-house IPA and pizza was excellent. A definite stopover on my trips to Louisville. The bartender was a young fellow that owned a Porsche but had never heard of PCA or knew the Parade was just 12 miles away. We filled him in on all things Porsche.

Tuesday, we had an out time of 8:04 for the TSD rally. We had to do a bit of a switcharoo from last time with Chris driving and me navigating in the 944. The GT3 style seats in the 911 were not accommodating to Chris's structure. Again it looked like attendance was down from previous rallies. The RI's were for the most part good but with more than normal speed changes, some within a stretch of a few miles. We did non-instrumented this year so the most that was allowed was pencil, paper and a clock. The first few legs were good with just a few seconds on either side of the set time. But I miscalculated on the transition leg and thought we were headed the wrong way and decided to back-track. We weren't and thus took an eight minute penalty. Curses! Foiled again! The next leg was a quick four minutes and the rally was over. Our overall time was 6:09 over which put us 12th in the class. Tough class! Unfortunately, my son is a working man and thus had to head home after the rally.

My next scheduled event was Thursday morning's autocross so my Wednesday was a knock off day until the awards dinner that evening. I proceeded to do laps around Mid-Ohio on the simulator, take more pictures and generally admire all the Porsches. PCA had set up these huge structures outside with the lettering "911" and "PORSCHE". Great photo ops!

The previous Parade awards dinner at French Lick on the 60th year was held outside on the hotel grounds and was packed to the gills. This year was inside and a little more formal, maybe because it was sponsored by Porsche Design. Several empty tables throughout. I shared mine with two couples who eventually found they placed 2nd and 3rd in the rally. The grub was quite decent especially the desserts. PD had a fantastic goodie bag for the attendees. After some banter with a PD exec, the awards were given. Not my year for newsletter or website awards although congrats to Big Hawaii for wins in both categories. I gathered a goodie bag for Chris then headed out from dinner with the horrifying thought that I forgot my helmet for the autocross.

I stopped in the KEF Speakers hospitality suite after dinner for a couple of scotches and an evaluation for what to do about the helmet situation. No loaners were to be available at the track. I deduced that my friend, Mike Gerber from the Ozark Lakes region, had attended Wednesday's autocross so I fired off a text asking if I could borrow his. Sho-nuff! Problem solved!

I met Mike at 6:30 am then headed to the track at the French Lick airport. The plan was to do my volunteer work the first two hours then do my runs. First car was to be out at 8:30. Not to happen! Again showing signs of some disorganization, the track marshall didn't show until 8:30 so volunteers were not set up until then. Not good but it all worked out in the end.

My run started around noon. I was advised by the safety inspector that I may want to take it easy due to the condition of my rear tires. Upon viewing the tires were definitely slick on the inside. However, I was not daunted in my pursuit of thrills. The course covered half of the runway and had several gates that required immediate negotiating. I mean hard right to one then an immediate left into another then into a chicane! The top ET was 91.1secs; I averaged 1:127 on 4 laps after one DNF(missed a gate). The right rear tire was showing cord as warned and expected.

I returned to my room for a quick nap and then met up with Mike to return the helmet and down a few beers. I then strolled the grounds once more taking in all that was Porsche. A text to Chris came up with a recommendation of Dobbs Tires in O'Fallon, IL because I didn't think my tires would make the full 500 mile trip home.



I headed back Friday morning in the rain which made the trip a bit squirrely. A new set of Continental Extreme Contact's were installed and balanced all the way around and I began my journey home. I thought about the Parade as I drove home with thumbs up from passing cars.

Obviously, COVID had a major impact on the Parade, both in attendance and organization. A 21 gun salute to PCA for the overall experience! I'm sure it was a last minute decision to move forward on the Parade. Can't wait until the Parade comes back to the Midwest in three years. I'm hoping they do another Lake of the Ozarks meet and add a visit to the four mile race track. Can't wait!

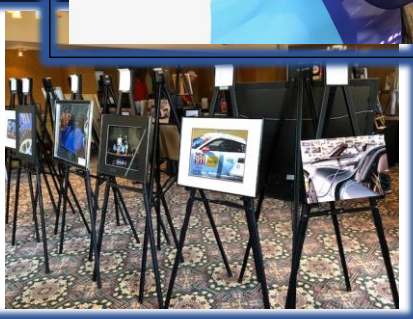


I understand, IMSA has scheduled a race there on May 20-22, 2022. I cannot wait! Major sports car racing less than 200 miles from home!



Another piece of excellent news: my rough ride was resolved with the new tires and I contacted the Koni rep to advise him all was good with his struts. He sounded genuinely relieved. Good customer service!!

More Parade Pics



Reprinted from Porsche Newsroom Website

Podium finish for the Porsche 911 RSR at the 24 Hours of Le Mans

Porsche secured a podium spot in the fiercely contested GTE-Pro class at the 89th edition of the Le Mans 24-hour race. The works drivers Kévin Estre and Neel Jani together with Michael Christensen achieved third place in the No. 92 Porsche 911 RSR.

The No. 91 sister car driven by Gianmaria Bruni from Italy, Richard Lietz from Austria and Frenchman Frédéric Makowiecki wrapped up round four of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) in fourth place. The in-house fight between the two works cars for the final podium spot was decided about an hour before the flag dropped: After sliding in the last chicane, the rear of the No. 91 had to undergo repairs and a replacement of the brakes.

“Our team put in a flawless and spirited performance,” explains Fritz Enzinger, Vice President Motorsport. “Unfortunately, we lacked a bit of speed to be able to challenge the competition for class victory. The podium result for our No. 92 car is still a nice reward for the passionate work that our employees have done at the racetrack and back at our headquarters in Weissach. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this achievement.”

The two 911 racers from Weissach set a decent pace over long stretches of the French long-distance classic. However, due to bad luck during two safety car phases, a gap of around three minutes from the leader emerged in the first third of the race. It proved impossible to reduce this margin by performance alone over the remaining hours of the 24-hour endurance race. The background to this unfortunate occurrence for the Porsche GT Team is a distinctive feature in the way the event at La Sarthe is run.

Unlike other racing events, when an incident occurs at Le Mans, three safety cars are sent out onto the track at the same time. This is due to the sheer length of the circuit, at 13.626 kilometres. As the result, the field is divided into three groups. If drivers are behind the same safety car as the leader, they can regain lost ground. Those who follow the second safety vehicle are immediately disadvantaged through no fault of their own, losing at least 90 seconds. This happened to the works team's two Porsche 911 RSR cars twice.

“The race wasn't only difficult, it was also disappointing for us. We had expected to fight for victory,” concludes Alexander Stehlig, Head of Operations FIA WEC. “Despite our good and systematic preparation, we didn't have the lap-time performance and the top speed we'd hoped for compared to the competition. We'll now take some time to analyse everything once again with the FIA and ACO to see why we weren't quite able to match the performance of our opposition in the race.”

While the two factory-run 911 RSR cars thrilled spectators with their internal duels for positions three and four, the two customer cars in the GTE-Pro class had already pulled into the pits early. The No. 79 entry from WeatherTech Racing was unable to rejoin the race after an accident involving the American Cooper MacNeil early on Sunday morning. HubAuto Racing's vehicle, which had taken up the race from pole position, retired with a technical defect shortly after sunrise.

The No. 77 car fielded by Dempsey-Proton Racing with Porsche works driver Matt Campbell (Australia), team owner Christian Ried from Germany and New Zealander Jaxon Evans, finished in fifth place as the best 911 RSR in the GTE-Am category. The No. 88 sister car, which had started from pole position in this class, achieved P13. The customer squads Absolut Racing and Herberth Motorsport concluded their Le Mans debut in seventh and tenth positions. Several other Porsche crews had to throw in the towel early. The two vehicles fielded by Project 1 and the No. 99 car of Proton Competition had to retire. GR Racing lost a lot of ground due to lengthy repairs after an accident and finished the race in 14th.



Porsche People and Places

Ozark Euro Rally 2021

Article and photos by Dave Decker

Nothing much was going on late August so I asked the Divine Ms. Hayes to send out a short notice email to see if anyone was interested in a drive to the Ozark Euro Rally. Nothing formal; just a quick run up Hwy 12, 127 and 23. The show is held every year in Eureka Springs and is an all-German marque show. The show is mostly VW's with a spattering of BMW's, Mercedes, Audi's and of course Porsches. Eight of us met up at the designated starting area but I got a little confused because there was a larger group of Porsches across the street. So I tried to combine the two gatherings but was informed they were not part of the drive. Each his own. We left and did a quick run to the show. Everyone kind of dispersed after arrival to their own viewing. Jay Johnson and I wandered in the pressing heat through the maze of cars. Never saw so many GTI's in one spot. Good turnout but the temperature made it hard to enjoy. Several drivers met up at Sparky's for lunch than we went our merry way.



Porsche People and Places

Wheels for Meals

Article and photos by Dave Decker

The annual Wheels for Meals Benefit Car Show was held July 31. We had a great drive down to Jasper, AR even if I didn't know where I was going. Another two contingents of Porsches drove down from Fayetteville and up from Little Rock. Overall

the show raised \$1615 benefiting the Newton County Senior Center. Attendance was down due to COVID and the ungawdly heat but I counted at least 31 Porsches. Ted Jones took top honors with his 1992 964 Turbo. Yours truly got lost on the return trip and wound up in Harrison. Glad no one was following me.





Tech Tips

Reprint from PCA Tech Tips

Is it just the battery or something more?

Article by Manny Alban

It's happened to all of us at one point in our lives. You get into your car, turn the key, and hear the dreaded "click, click, click" or a slow groan of the starter. Maybe you were driving at night and suddenly the lights started to dim. These are all signs that tell you your trip is about to be delayed. If you're lucky, the battery died because you left your interior light on. Nothing a simple recharge or battery boost won't quickly resolve. However, sometimes it's more than just the battery. How can you diagnose the problem without having to buy expensive diagnostic tools?

What does the alternator and battery do? The battery is what will power the starter that will start the engine. The alternator sends power back to the battery to keep it charged and keeps the car running with the correct amount of electricity. Even the Taycan, an all-electric Porsche, uses a 12-volt battery to run some of its electronics.

Clues the alternator may be failing. Some Porsches have a voltmeter gauge (sometimes it accessed through the onboard computer display) that will let you know the health of your battery and alternator. Even though it's a 12-volt system, if the gauge is showing that you're putting out 12 volts, odds are the alternator may be beginning to fail (it should be closer to 14). When the alternator failed on my car, the radio shut off, the driving lights started to dim, then the dash lights darkened, and the engine started to run rough. This all happened about 10 minutes after I noticed the voltmeter gauge showing a little less than 12 volts.

Symptoms of a faulty battery. Look for corrosion around the terminals, a clicking sound (and the engine doesn't start) when you turn the ignition key,

Cary's Corner



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

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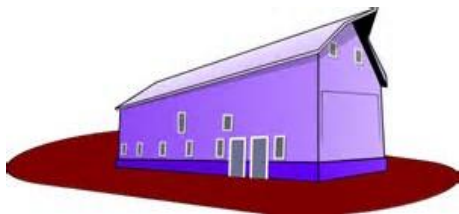
or slow starting (the engine turns and may even turn on but the crank is sluggish). Check the age of the battery. Usually it will be on top off the battery or the receipt may be in the glove compartment. Depending on the battery, it may be anywhere from 24-60 months. While you may have a story of a battery lasting way past the advertised date, don't think it will last forever. You're running on borrowed time and should be shopping for a new battery.

Replacement costs. Generally, the battery will be much less to replace, both in parts and labor, than an alternator. Check to see if the shop or store selling you a new battery will install free.



Red arrow shows where the alternator is on a 987.1 Cayman. The labor involved to remove and replace the alternator is always more expensive than a battery.

The alternator requires more labor to install, and it would be smart to replace any serpentine belts while you're in there. You may also be required to pay shipping cost to send back the old alternator to the retailer or forfeit the core replacement cost.



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by Mike Hays

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