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JUNE 2018

6  We  Monthly Membership Meeting
9-10 Sa-Su  LVR PCA Region-Run to Flagstaff
18  Mo  Going Places Deadline (July 18)
22-24 Fr-Su  Alpine Tour XVIII
29- July 2  2018-968 West Coast Gathering

JULY 2018

8-14 Su-Sa  Porsche Parade, Lake of the Ozarks
15  Su  Going Places Deadline (August 18)
21  Sa  Saturday Drive to Prescott
23  Mo  Board of Directors Meeting

AUGUST 2018

1  We  Monthly Membership Meeting
15  We  Going Places Deadline (Sept. 18)
20  Mo  Board of Directors Meeting
25  Sa  7th Annual AZPCA Night Out at the Balpark - D-backs vs Mariners

SEPTEMBER 2018

12-16 We-Su  Treffen Banff - Canada
15  Sa  Going Places Deadline (October 18)
17  Mo  Board of Directors Meeting
22  Sa  Autocross AMP Skidpad
27-30 Th-Su  Rennsport Reunion - Monterey, CA

OCTOBER 2018

5-8  Fr-Mo  Hot Air Tour/White Sands and Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
6  Sa  Autocross AMP Skidpad
15  Mo  Going Places Deadline (November 18)
15  Mo  Board of Directors Meeting

NOVEMBER 2018

10  Sa  Autocross AMP Skidpad
10-11  Sa-Su  Polo Club Championships at Westworld
15  Th  Going Places Deadline (Dec. 18)
19  Mo  Board of Directors Meeting

DECEMBER 2018

8  Sa  Holiday Party
8  Sa  Autocross AMP Skidpad
15  Sa  Going Places Deadline (Jan. 19)
17  Mo  Board of Directors Meeting
Good news for the club, we have a plan to execute Flight 41 and we have a new membership chairman.

First for flight, Jim Roberts and David Fisher have volunteered to manage the event. They are busy looking for a venue and selecting a date for the event. Venues from north to south and east to west are being scouted. It looks like the second week in October (Oct. 12-14) or the first week in November (Nov. 2-4) are the most likely times for the event. We have some nice changes being considered so start planning on doing that once per year full detailing and attending some nice social events.

Jim and David will need some additional help to make this another fine Concours. Cheryl Woodwell will be handling the social events and I am sure Jack Aman, with help from Loretta, will once again do an excellent job coordinating judges. Registration, parking, coordinating flight apparel are a few of the jobs Jim and David will need help with. Do not be shy, step up and lend a hand.

Relative to the Membership Chair, Richard Wyatt has volunteered to take over this job, replacing Jason Bunting whose untimely death left a huge hole to fill. Richard has also stepped forward to assist with setting up events on Motorsportreg.com. Next time you see Richard say “Hi” and give him a big thank you.

With the approach of summer, club activities slow down but do not stop. The next monthly member meeting is June 6 at the Ancala Golf and Country Club. This is a new venue which holds up to 250 people. Kelly Parker, our club’s treasurer, will be the meeting moderator stepping in for yours truly. As there is no meeting in July, this is a chance to catch up with friends, get the latest club news and show Kelly some club spirit.

Also, in June are two events to help you escape from the summer heat. First is the Flagstaff gimmick rally organized by the Las Vegas Region. Bob Bandara is coordinating attendance by members of the AZPCA. The LVR does a great job with rallies. Head to Flagstaff, you will have a great time in the pines. Rounding out June events is the 18th Annual Drive to Alpine. In addition to getting you out of the summer heat, this tour provides opportunities for driving some great mountain roads. Mark Manente is leading this event and there is still space available as I write this article.

An interesting observation about Porsche in Africa. Cheryl and I recently had the opportunity to visit Kenya staying in Nairobi when we were not on a Safari. Well many of the roads in and around Nairobi are really composed of thousands of potholes with a little asphalt in between packed with cars and trucks. As you might imagine this provides for some interesting low speed driving. Despite this there is a Porsche dealer in Nairobi that looks much like Porsche dealers in the states. Porsche branding is indeed alive and well! What Porsches do you find you might ask? Well the only ones I saw on the road and in the showroom were Cayenne’s. I heard from someone that they saw a Porsche 911. If true, it must have a terrible time making much headway on the Kenyan roads. Goes to show that Porsche is indeed a global brand.

Enjoy your summer.
Happy motoring!

Bob
Southern California PORSCHE Tour

Save the week of August 12-18 for this 4-day tour to the L.A. area to immerse yourself in Porsche culture — a day at the Porsche Experience Center, and a visit to the Petersen Automotive Museum for a private tour of what is considered by some to be the world’s greatest museum dedicated to the automobile.

Watch the event page on az.pca.org for details to come!

**Porsche Experience Center**

- Private Tour
- Simulator Lab
- Driving Experiences
- Lunch at Restaurant 917

**Petersen Automotive Museum**

- Private “Highlights Tour” designed especially for us!
- The Porsche Effect exhibition “exploring the history and significance behind the brand’s distinctive design, engineering, advertising, partnerships, and its enviable record of racing triumphs.”
- The Vault: a “behind the scenes” tour of some of the most unique cars in the collection that are not on display in the museum galleries.
- Lunch at the Drago Ristorante
We have driven to Las Vegas for an April weekend various times over the years. Recently we have enjoyed good times getting together with the Las Vegas Region when there. This year things are going to be turned around. The LV Region will be touring cool northern Arizona Friday June 8th through Monday June 11th, staying at the Little America Hotel on the east side of Flagstaff. We will join in with some of their planned activities Saturday and Sunday.

Current plan is to meet at I-17 & Carefree Hwy Saturday mid-day, drive to the hotel and check in. We will then join the LV Region at 6PM for dinner at the Horseman Lodge. Dinner choices will be Salmon, Chicken, Sirloin or Ribeye steak and will be pre-paid via MotorsportReg.com. Sunday morning at 8:30, the Las Vegas Region will stage a Gimmick Rally for all of us with a planned location for lunch. There is no need to pre-order lunch as the restaurant will write individual checks for your convenience.

After this, you are welcome to return home or continue with the LV folks to Sunset Crater and Wupatki National Monuments, followed by a dinner at La Fonda Mexican Restaurant. You must make hotel arrangements on your own, so book soon as Little America can fill fast at this time of the year: Little America, 2515 E Butler Ave, Flagstaff 928-779-7000 Alternate hotels will be suggested soon on our website.

There are no charges for the Gimmick Rally or other “tours” you might choose to join (other than applicable admission fees.)

Exact timing and meeting location for Saturday will be added to the website as they are worked out. Full Las Vegas Region itinerary and alternate hotel info will also be posted to our website and MotorsportReg.com. Registration will close by May 25, 2018.

Event contact: Bob Bandera, rpbandera@q.com or 928-232-9633
ARIZONA REGION MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

HAPPY AZPCA ANNIVERSARY!

Arizona Region PCA Members Celebrating June 2018 Membership Anniversaries

33 Years
John and William Caron

21 Years
Dean and Elaine Lewellen
David and Kristine Reid

20 Years
Herb and Nancy Lienenbrugger

19 Years
Richard and Diane Mazer

15 Years
Gary and Lisa Allard

13 Years
Ron and Von Perot

12 Years
Armand Doche
Phil and Susie Mitchell

9 Years
Mathias Arrfelt

8 Years
Bernard Hay

7 Years
Bryce A. and Mary Brown

6 Years
John and Cat Roberts
Kirby Korth
Will and Ronda Updegraff

4 Years
Craig and Kim Harland
Robert and Nancy Smith
Jason Wakefield and Courtney LaPrise

3 Years
Michael and Rena Anderson
Neal Halpern
Eddie Newkirk
Denver L. and Trisha Pittman

2 Years
Greg and Audrey Bartnicki
Nancy Carman
Mark LaPalm and Ed Jones
Deidre Russell
Neal Simpfenderfer
Bruce Tudor
Tammy Wentworth
Martha Williams and Kort Kurdi

1 Year
Bill Berendes and Karen Meier
James Brakett
Milt and Patricia Feltch
Jeff Flaherty and Kelly Parker
Michealangelo and Fern Harris
Chris and Ann Marie Pascale
Bob and Jan Scott
Henery Yee and Michael North
June Membership Meeting  
June 6, 2018  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  

Ancala Country Club  
11700 E Via Linda  
Scottsdale, AZ  

Join your fellow AZPCA members for the June Monthly Meeting at Ancala, which is an upscale residential and golf community in Scottsdale. It is located on Via Linda just east of Frank Lloyd Wright. We will be in their banquet room in the Club house which is on the left hand side of the road, as soon as you enter the gate. When you arrive at the gate, tell the guard that you are there to attend the ‘Porsche Club Event’. Menu: Italian Buffet; Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Baked Ziti, Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta Marinara or Alfredo and Grilled Vegetables.

Registration Deadline: Sunday June 3rd, at midnight

http://az.pca.org/event/monthly-meeting-at-ancala-golf-and-country-club/

August Membership Meeting  
August 1, 2018  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  

The Persian Room  
1740 N Scottsdale Road  
Scottsdale, AZ  

Join your fellow AZPCA members for the August Monthly Meeting at The Persian Room, an atmosphere of plush elegance, enjoy the exotic aroma and flavor of carefully blended herbs and prime quality fresh meats and vegetables, prepared to tease the palate and tantalize the senses. Thousands of years of traditional recipes and methods combine to provide a wide menu of taste treats, from fresh clay oven baked bread and award winning appetizers to rich traditional desserts. A wide array of delicately marinated prime beef, filet mignon, lamb, chicken, fish and sea foods are grilled to perfection and served perfectly prepared with saffron scented basmati rice.

More Details to Follow
REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Autocross

2018 AUTOCROSS SEASON

Saturday, September 22, 2018 AMP Skidpad
Saturday, October 6, 2018 AMP Skidpad
Saturday, November 10, 2018 AMP Skidpad
Saturday, December 8, 2018 AMP Skidpad

REGISTER ONLINE at az.pca.org
ALPINE TOUR XVIII

June 22-24, 2018

AZPCA will be holding its annual Alpine Tour to Tal-Wi-Wi Lodge.
Our drive up will be on U.S. Route 191, the Coronado Trail, is 93 miles from Clifton to Alpine and it has been called one of the curviest roads in the United States. We start off at 3,000 ft. and climb to nearly 7,000 ft. We transition from desert to Alpine views. This is hands down the most involved drive you’ll find in Arizona.

COME JOIN US! Limited to 25 Cars

*Make your hotel reservations ASAP at Tal-Wi-Wi Lodge – 928-339-4319 and tell them you are with the Porsche Club Group*

Alternative lodging in Alpine may be available

Itinerary:

Friday, June 22- 7:00 AM - Meet for breakfast at IHOP , 10662 E Southern Ave., Mesa (Hwy 60 to Signal Butte, north to Southern). 8:00 AM – Drivers’ Meeting; Departing at 8:15 AM sharp. Will make a pit stop at McDonald’s in Globe. Planning a stop for lunch in Morenci. Arrive in Alpine around 4:00 PM – Evening Social Hour – Bring your own beverages and appetizer to share.

Saturday, June 23- Morning drive to be determined and lunch to follow.

Dinner on your own or Club Function – Take out pizza with salad ($10 per person).

Sunday, June 24 - Brunch on the way home (location to be determined)

Sign up at http://az.pca.org/event/alpine-tour-xviii/
Well it looks like our Arizona Diamondbacks hit some major speed bumps since last month! They have fallen into second place in their division, but the good news (if your glass is half full), there are still a lot of baseball games to be played yet this season. Don’t forget to get your tickets for the 7th Annual AZPCA Night Out at the Ballpark event. 

We have some great articles in this month’s newsletter. Read The Car-Club Conundrum and see if any of this applies to our club! There are some very good ideas and suggestions. Thank you Paul Fairchild for sharing this.

Rook Younger is in the planning stages for a Southern California 4 day trip to include the Porsche Experience Center and Petersen Automotive Museum in August. There is also a story by Dennis Rood of his previous trip to the Porsche Experience Center. Sounds exhilarating!

I also want to acknowledge some of our loyal, long-time members celebrating AZPCA anniversaries for June:

- 33 Years- John and William Caron
- 21 Years- Dean and Elaine Lewellen
- David and Kristine Reid
- 20 Years- Herb and Nancy Lienenbrugger

The winner of the Writer’s Drawing for the June issue of Going Places is Steve Jones for “Our Trip to Treffen Tamaya.” He will receive a $30.00 credit on Motorsportreg, which is good for one year to use on any AZPCA activity.

Please keep those articles and photos coming my way. When you attend an event or take a road trip, consider writing a short story of your experience. Who knows, you might even win!

Enjoy the summer, wherever you are.

Angela
7TH ANNUAL AZPCA
NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK
AT CHASE FIELD

7TH ANNUAL AZPCA
Mariners vs. D-backs
Saturday, August 25 5:10pm

Join us on Saturday, August 25 to cheer on the Arizona Diamondbacks as they take on the Seattle Mariners.

This will be our 7th annual event and there are more surprises for us too!

Prior to the game, we’ll meet for a wonderful private ballpark tour. Discounted tour tickets will be available for $3.00! At the conclusion of the tour, we will all meet up in the Draft Room at Chase Field for drinks and pre-game snacks. Then we’ll enjoy the game from our reserved seats at the Diamond Level (Section 208) to the right of the 1st Baseline. Tickets are just $61 each and include $10 in D-Bucks food & merchandise credit.

Limited quantity available!

SATURDAY
AUGUST 25
5:10PM

ARIZONA
DIAMONDBACKS
VS
SEATTLE
MARINERS

PLEASE CONTACT
ANDREW FADELL
EMAIL: AFADELL@DBACKS.COM

Please note, registration this year is directly through the Diamondbacks. To purchase game and optional tour tickets you must contact Andrew Fadell directly at: AFADELL@DBACKS.COM or 602-462-4600 Be sure to tell him you’re with the Porsche Club.

OPTIONAL BALLPARK TOUR WILL START AT 2:00 PM
Rennsport VI is coming.
September 27 – 30, 2018

Porsche Cars North America and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca are proud to announce the details for the next Porsche Rennsport Reunion. From September 27 – 30, 2018, Porsche enthusiasts from around the world will gather on this famous California racetrack for an unparalleled celebration of Porsche Passion. Drawing nearly 60,000 people in 2015, Rennsport Reunion brings together the biggest fans of one of the most visceral sports car brands on earth.

Please join us in 2018 for a thrilling weekend of events on and off the track. Featuring hundreds of classic Porsche racecars and thousands of Porsche street cars, it is truly a spectacular event to behold.

Please mark your calendar now and visit www.mazdaraceway.com to purchase tickets.
The day started about 9:30 am, with members arriving at The Farm. We had about 70 people registered, of which approximately 60% were new members. Upon arrival people checked in and then went to The Farm Kitchen to get their food and drink.

Kelly Parker, AZPCA treasurer, addressed the group and had all the new members introduce themselves and talk about their Porsches. She introduced the Board members that were present and talked about the club and its activities. Rook Younger addressed the group and talked about the driving events the club puts on. There was a question and answer period before those who were going on a drive up South Mountain for a view of the city departed.
Our Trip to Treffen Tamaya
by Steve Jones
photos by Betty Campbell and Angela Manente

Donna and I have been to German car club national events over the years but never to a PCA event. With this year’s Treffen close, in Albuquerque (technically Bernalillo), and no schedule issues the end of April, this seemed like a good chance to attend one. If you want to skip the details, the Roadrunner Region planned several group activities. Each was amazingly well organized. They were incredibly gracious too (even when I overreacted a bit to a parking lot contretemps) and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

Day 1 – We go to Albuquerque

Maps advised going to Payson through the Rim Country and getting on I-40 at Holbrook, which seemed like it would be a pleasant drive. Apparently, we’re not the only people that consulted Maps including many winter visitor friends returning home in largish RVs, frequently towing another vehicle and traveling more than a trifle more slowly than I would. Our Cayman has enough zip to pass these rolling impediments easily enough but the journey while scenic was less relaxed than I had anticipated.

Anyway, we arrived at the host hotel without much drama. In addition to the hotel valet parking (ha, ha, ha, no thank you), the Roadrunner folks had arranged dedicated Porsche parking. Apparently my sentiment was shared by the large majority of attendees as my informal car count was 128 in the PCA lot and 2 valet. At registration we were greeted with check in margaritas. What a place! Later, we mingled at the evening Welcome Reception and met interesting fellow PCAers from all over the country.

Day 2 – We go to Acoma

Our first organized activity was a drive to the Acoma Pueblo. It was a great educational opportunity, very historic, the pueblo has been continuously occupied for several hundred years . . . blah, blah, blah. Skipping all that, what better place to buy Acoma pottery? No middlemen and no sales tax.

It turns out that a Lifetime channel movie was being filmed at the hotel. The film crew blocked off access to various areas at various times to suit their needs. While that was a little inconvenient, there’s a chance we’re in the movies.
If you’re watching the Lifetime movie, “Death in the Desert”, and notice numerous older folks in the background wearing turquoise Treffen Tamaya event shirts or other Porsche attire, that’s us.

Day 3 – We’re on our own

We have no group activities scheduled (navigator’s day off), so are free to check out Albuquerque. It may not be a large city but there are a surprising number of interesting places to visit. These range from the Petroglyph National Monument, the Unser Racing Museum, to Breaking Bad tours, and more. It’s definitely worth a visit. Maybe the fall club trip to the Balloon Fiesta?

Group dinners were scheduled every evening. Our table this evening included: a couple we met at the Welcome Reception, another couple from Arizona (one was the Going Places editor, hence this article), a couple we met at breakfast and another couple that joined us for dinner. It was a convivial group with pleasant and enthusiastic conversation, demonstrating that there’s truth to ‘it’s not just the cars, it’s the people’. The food was pretty good too, particularly considering there were 260 plus people attending.

Day 4 – We go to Los Alamos

The other activity we picked was a drive through the mountains to tour the Bradbury Museum at the Los Alamos Labs. As we staged vehicles for the drive, our car was behind three SUVs. Porsches or not, I was not enthusiastic about driving mountain roads behind a truck convoy. Fortuitously, at the first rest stop the last of the SUVs took the last parking spot in the Porsche row and I parked separately. When we started out again I was able to nonchalantly join the line of Porsches well ahead of the SUVs, doubtless a reward for leading a virtuous life.

Day 5 – Time to go home

It was windy. There were a lot of semis on the highway. We fortunately didn’t see any evidence of the Tinder fire near Payson. The Cayman averaged over 29 mpg for the trip. We’re back now.

Editor’s Note: Thank you Steve and Donna for graciously accepting my request to write the article for Going Places.
Cinco de Mayo 2018, hosted by the Southern Arizona Region, started off with a Zone 8 Autocross on April 29, and May 3 they had a Golf Outing at the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort.

On May 4, they had a Welcome Reception at North Italia in La Encantada, the Italian food was outstanding, it was a sit down Buffet Dinner.

The Zone 8 Concours was held at St. Phillips Plaza. It was another great event put on by the Southern Arizona Region. The Zone 8 Representative, David Witteried, and Concours Representative, Betsy Wadman were in attendance.

The Arizona Region winners:

- Jack & Loretta Aman - 1st Place in S-4
- Ray Ramirez - 1st Place in #7 (he also won Best of Street)
- Jim Roberts - 2nd Place in S-7
- Steve Sapareto - 2nd Place in S-9
- Dale Willis - 1st Place in W/S-10

Jack Aman, Jim Roberts, Ray Ramirez and Steve Sapareto were also Judges for the event.

The Concours Banquet and Awards Banquet was held at the Omni Resort NW Tucson. The food was excellent and all had a great time!

On Sunday, the weekend was wrapped up with the Landmark Gimmick Rally. WOW! What a weekend.
My Time at the Carson California Porsche Experience Center
by Dennis Rood, Pacific Northwest Region Concours Chairman
AZPCA Member-fall/winter visitor
photos by Dean Holbrook

Last April I decided to attend the Long Beach Grand Prix. I had wanted do this for some time and since it is only 380 miles from our winter home in Anthem, Arizona, it is close enough to drive and have a nice weekend. I thought while I was going to see the Grand Prix I would sign up to drive the track at the Porsche Experience Center in Carson, California. I went on line and found that the center is not open for driving on Monday so we would have to stay over and drive on Tuesday. We drove to Carson and checked into the motel on Saturday. That night we went to the 917 Restaurant overlooking the track at the experience center. I had a steak and Nancy had halibut. My steak was very good and she thought her halibut was the best she had ever had. The décor was very nice and the view over the track at night and lights of surrounding Los Angeles made a nice venue for dinner. Even the butter came as tiny little 911 Porsches.

The Grand Prix the next day was super crowded, busy, and a big circus. The major car manufacturers had displays and Ford had its own building. I arrived about 9:30 am and there were class races running with Porsches, Mercedes, Jaguar, Bentley, Corvette and Maserati sports cars. They ran the same track right through the streets circuit. I had gotten my tickets only a couple of months ahead, but had pretty good seats 12 rows up at one of the corners and had a good view of the West straight away with big jumbo Tron screens to watch the cars around the entire course. If you haven’t experienced this it is well worth it to attend. After a casual dinner in the neighborhood we went to bed.

On Monday we spent the day looking around Los Angeles area and seeing some sites including the recently totally remodeled Peterson museum.

The next morning we were up bright and early, checked out of the motel and headed over to The Porsche Driving Experience Center about a mile away for a 10:00 am start. I had chosen to drive a new 991S coupe and bought the extra track insurance which comes to $550. My instructor was a young woman named Toni. She asked what experience I had driving Porsches and on a track. I told her I had been in the Porsche club for 34 years and had driven in autocrosses, on the track at driver education track days and on many, many tours. I also had taken a Don Kitsch 1 day driving course at SIR in Seattle. I asked her what her experience was on track. She said SCCA and local races and not in Porsches but other sports cars. I asked her what Porsche she would have if she could have only one and she said a 991 TurboS. I asked her what her current car was and she said a Mazda Miata.
With introductions over we moved to the model on the track where Toni pointed out the different events we would be running for the day. We were assigned a Guards Red 991 Coupe with PDK. The first station we went to was a “pad” about 200 feet long and 50 feet wide where they had water running on it to simulate ice or black ice and you had to recover from any slide. The next station was a similar sized “pad” but when you entered the pad—at about 15 mph—a moving panel under/on the road would throw the front of the car either to the right or to the left and you did not know which way it would move. The objective here was to upset the balance of the car and throw you into a spin from which you have to recover. We tried this several times before I was able to recover quickly and successfully. She pointed out you cannot recover using the standard 9 o’clock 3 o’clock hands position on the wheel but have to move the wheel quickly hand over hand or under hand. I finally got it. Then we moved to the track which is a very nice, short track with 2 straightaways, some gentle curves, a 90 degree curve and an off camber, over a blind rise and sudden drop on the other side S curve. Needless to say this was absolutely the best experience. There were 2 passing zones on the straights for others who were going slower. (No one passed me.) We stopped the car adjacent to the staging area about 45 minutes out and she asked if I wanted a drink of water or wanted to use the rest room and I told her no that this session was costing me $5 minute and I wanted to use all my time on the track. We then progressed to the launch lane. This was a specially built single lane about 50 yards long with a replica at the end of a small Nürburgring, tight, banked turn painted in black and white squares. I had never used “launch control” so this was very fun. After putting the car in sport mode (maybe sport plus) you set a small wheel on the steering wheel, locked your foot on the brake and revved the engine to high rpms and let go of the brake. No wheel spin and immediate blazing acceleration. We did this several times before she asked me what I wanted to do next with my remaining time. I said the track and that is where we spent the last 30 minutes. The only control that Toni had of me and the car throughout the session was her voice and the rear view mirror turned so she could see if anyone was overtaking us. Needless to say I was smiling for a week. This was a fantastic experience and very well worth it. When you consider these “Drive an Exotic Car” ads in the car magazines for $500 for 3 laps around a track with an instructor in a Porsche or Ferrari or Lamborghini to have 1 ½ hours in a brand new Porsche 911 with an experienced instructor on a professionally designed course and track for the same money was a very good value. I met many people there that morning that were coming back for their 2nd and 3rd times.

Nancy and I had lunch in the Speedster, track side, casual restaurant and bought a few things I could not pass up in the shop. Upon leaving I was presented with a bright yellow, metal, 1/32nd scale 918 model as a remembrance of my visit there.

If you have a business or pleasure trip to California some time. I heartily encourage you to avail yourself of the Porsche Driving Experience. You will be most pleased to have done so. It is located at 19800 S Main St, Carson, California and the phone number is 310-527-0917. Call now. You won’t regret it!
2018 968 West Coast Gathering
June 29-July 2, 2018

There will be a gathering of 968 owners this summer in Sonora, CA, June 29th to July 2nd.

Sonora is located on historic CA Highway 49, at the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains!

Think Winding Mountain Roads!

In the beautiful Sierra Nevada Foothills, in the heart of California’s “Gold Country” lies Sonora, named after the miners from Sonora Mexico who settled the City in 1848. Known as the “Queen of the Southern Mines”, Sonora still holds onto its historic downtown charm while thriving as the commercial, government and cultural center for the region. This should be a great base for scenic drives, social time with fellow 968’ers and exploring the local region!

For those who made the 968 Gathering in S. Lake Tahoe, this is a little southwest of that and we will have an opportunity to enjoy some of the same styles of roads and scenery! Stops are being planned at several nearby historical venues.

The base hotel is the Sonoran Inn (http://www.thesonorainn.com/) with discount rates of between $135-$145 per night; depending on room type. There are other higher-priced hotels/inns/B&Bs and some lower-priced lodging to suit all pocketbooks and tastes. One caution, there are no first floor rooms at the hotel and the elevator is under repair and may not be operational. If this is a concern, they have an adjacent property with first floor rooms that you can book.

Make your reservations no later than May 29th to check-in on Friday, June 29th and check-out on Monday, July 2nd

The block of rooms will be released after May 29th.

Ask for the “Porsche Club 968” special rates. Reservations should be direct to the hotel at 209-532-2400

For more details and to let us know you are coming, contact Bob Frith at bob911@cableone.net.
AZPCA Hot Air Tour
October 5 - 8, 2018

Join us for the second “Hot Air Tour” to New Mexico. We will be leaving Phoenix for Socorro New Mexico on Friday, October 5, taking a scenic route through eastern Arizona and Western New Mexico to Socorro. On the way, there will be a surprise treat. We will stay at the Best Western Socorro Hotel and Suites. Friday evening we will have dinner at the Socorro Springs Brewery near the hotel followed by a short educational program on the Atomic Bomb and the effects of radiation presented by Steve Sapareto (the first “hot air” event).

Saturday morning we will drive into White Sands Missile Range to the Trinity Bomb site and museum where the first atomic bomb was detonated. It is only open to the public two days per year (don’t worry, radiation levels are very low). We will leave the site about noon time for lunch and a scenic drive to Albuquerque arriving in time to visit the The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History for a guided tour before checking into our hotel. We will have dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Getting up very early Sunday we will join the PCA Roadrunner region at the Albuquerque Porsche dealership to watch the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Mass Ascension, one of the largest balloon launches in the world. More than 700 balloons from all over the world launch from a 78 acre launch field (54 football fields) at the 365 acre Balloon Fiesta Park. Those interested can also join us to meet the Lambda Car Club for the Fiesta of Wheels, a car display right on the balloon launch grounds, displaying our cars along with over 200 others with free admission. The rest of the day will be available for sight seeing followed by a dinner and viewing of the Balloon Glow and Fireworks.

We will return home on Monday as a group or individually.

Make Reservations for Friday night, October 5 at the Best Western Socorro Hotel and Suites, 1100 California Street, Socorro, NM 87801, (575) 838-0556. Indicate you are with the Porsche Club to get our special rate of $95. The cutoff date is September 6, 2018.

In addition, make reservations Saturday, Oct 6 and Sunday, Oct 7 at the Nativo Lodge, 6000 Pan American Freeway, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 798-4300 or (866) 505-7829. Also specify that you are with the Porsche Club ($219/night). Cut-off date for this rate is September 6, 2018. Those interested in arranging balloon rides should contact Rainbow Ryders the official Fiesta Balloon ride concession. Find contact information at www.balloonfiesta.com under guest information. Other special event offerings are also listed.

We only have a limited number of rooms available at each location so please make your reservations as soon as possible to get our group rate and to insure a room as hotels during the Balloon Fiesta will be extremely difficult to find.

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PORSCHE CARS WITH SOUL by Gui Bernardes, published 2017 by Crowood Press, Ramsbury, UK.

As a 356 enthusiast who bought his first Porsche in 1959, and still has the Porsche he bought in 1963, I am somewhat disappointed that this book is not all about 356s like the one shown on the cover. Instead, it is a comprehensive discussion of a whole collection of Porsche models, from the 60K10 Berlin-Rome racer of 1938-39, (recently on display at the Petersen) to the 919 racer of 2015 Despite the title, none of the descriptions border on the occult or anthropomorphic. None-the-less, ‘soul’ is frequently attributed to air-cooled Porsches. Witness various comments by Der Maestro, and the “soul” segment in Johannes van Overbeek’s column in the June 1918 issue of Excellence.

A first book by a mechanical engineer author who has become turned on to Porsches, this book uses an unusual device—first person-present narration from ‘an atom of Aluminum’ that magically transforms from part of a car body, to part of an engine, even to a driver’s body. This literary technique allows for an intimate descriptive perspective, but is probably a style of presentation that one either loves or hates, or, as in the case of this reviewer, is somewhat befuddled by. Interesting event reports are told as pseudo ‘first-hand’ reports by Porsche cars entered in races, rallies and record attempts over the years. Technical and design history information is presented in conventional fashion.

The first-person race reports by the race cars in CARS WITH SOUL do include some fascinating passages about truly historic events in Porsche’s racing history. The events selected for presentation include some that are indeed classic examples of Porsche’s ‘Giant Killer’ capabilities. There are six chapters ranging from “Looking for Porsche DNA Origins” to “Porsche: More Than Just Cars”. This last chapter deals mostly with club get-togethers and display events, but includes a ‘play by play’ report of the 2015 Le Mans. The chapter designations are rather arbitrary as the entire book is simply a collection of reports of various events in which Porsche cars took part, presented in chronological order and flagged by the event date. Some 45 events are reported on, some of the earliest events getting the most in-depth coverage. There is a very extensive four page index and two pages of footnotes providing amplification and sources for remarks made in the text. Each chapter contains many event stories.

There is also a first-person recollection by the author of his experience watching the 1970 Le Mans race on television, which quickly morphs into a first-person report of it’s ‘personal’ experiences by one of the cars in the race. All in all, there are many interesting, well written, informative stories about Porsches in action, but some of the presentations and the transitions are a bit jarring to this reviewer.

There are many pictures, most not commonly seen which provide unique perspectives on the cars in the events described. In addition to races, the events covered include some ‘historic revival’ occasions featuring cars from the Porsche Museum.

CARS WITH SOUL is a hardcover book containing 208, 7-1/4x9-1/2 inch pages on glossy paper with many pictures. As this is written, it is available from Amazon Books, for $28.43.
Do you ever wonder what it would be like to be fabulously rich? Not famous, necessarily. Just rich. Really rich.

Let me put it this way. Do you ever wonder just who the people are, who are on the pre-sold list when the latest hyper car gets announced? Have you noticed that each car is always already spoken for? Do you think there’s a list, right now, for the replacement for the 918, even though we peons can’t even verify that one’s in development?

Or, when you’re at the magazine section at Barnes & Noble, and you’ve finished perusing Top Gear and Car and Evo and Octane, and you’ve even finished glancing through Architectural Digest, do you ever pick up Show Boat or Yachting?

Who are these people? Who buys these things? Well, I know one thing. I know what they hop aboard, when they put out to sea.

I caught a glimpse once, in St. Tropez. Ever been there? In some ways, it’s more over the top than Monaco. The harbor’s smaller. And, in summer, the yachts are lined up, perpendicular to the seawall, chock a block, one against the other, as far as the eye can see. They’re all a minimum of 80+ feet long, up to I’d guess 150 or so, give or take, who’s counting. The really, really big boats (is it ok to use the word boat in this context?) stay outside the harbor. They can’t fit.

Once, and I swear this is true, I was walking along the quay at dusk, eating a genuine Ben & Jerry’s ice cream cone. PsFish Food. God only knows whether the French actually understand the name. Although the saleslady said business was good.

Anyway, I was strolling along, admiring the preparations that were going on - picture candelabras being set as centerpieces for the al fresco dinners to come on the stern decks, I’m not kidding - and I could see, far off, a small crowd gathering around something.

As I got closer, I could see that the “something” was sitting just off the stern of what I guessed was a Sunseeker, at least 90 feet long, maybe more. And then I realized it was a car, a Ferrari, the latest mid-engine two-seat spyder. I got up close, ice cream and all, and wormed my way to the front of the crowd. What did I see? A sign on the windshield, which said in French “To Jacques, happy birthday.”

Bon anniversaire, indeed.

So I was ready, recently, when I came across an article on the Motor Authority site about the latest Porsche Design creation. The GTT 165, built by Dynamiq.

This isn’t the first yacht to emerge from Porsche Design. Oh no. Last year’s model was a 115-foot GTT. But, at 165 feet, it is the largest. The stats are fascinating.

It’s got a hydrofoil t-foil in the bow, and a hull vane in the stern, which reduce drag and provide “lift.” And that enables the craft to cross the Atlantic at 17 knots… through a pair of V-8 MTU marine engines, each producing 1,250 hp.

Oh, according to the article, there’s also a GTS version, which enables a speed of 25 knots, from a pair of V-16 engines, each generating 2,400 hp. Why am I not surprised?

Fuel? You ask about fuel? How about a capacity of 13,210 gallons?

Options? Out of curiosity, I went to the Dynamiq website. There I found, yes, it’s true, a “Build your own” configurator. You can choose a five- or six-cabin layout. Plus five smaller cabins for a crew of nine. An aft sundeck, pool and sunpads run around $60,000. An upper deck sky lounge will set you back around $400,000.

And, get this, while the standard YachtEye system provides a TV signal that can be distributed throughout the yacht, the Oculus system provides real-time position, along with distance to destination, estimated arrival time, current speed and so forth… for about $22,000.

You want toys? How about a Castoldi 21-foot jet tender? In yacht colors. For $160,000. A Sea-Doo SPARK jet ski, the most compact on the market, for $9,800. A Bowers and Wilkins high-end audio system for $53,000.

Don’t forget your crew. Nine sets of crew uniforms, by Loro Piano, for “evening and day service,” run $80,000.

Plus, the yacht will come to you. For $230,000 they will deliver the craft from Genoa to Ft. Lauderdale.

The basic cost of the vehicle? Ahh, if you have to as …. Ok, sorry. It starts at $30 million. The GTS version adds around $770,000.

There’s no word about reserving a slip in St. Tropez during the high summer season. But I’m sure someone can make room. It might help if you meet your craft in a matching color Porsche Turbo.
Arizona Region member Chas Wirken holds his “Workers’ Choice” award, presented after an exciting weekend of three sprint races with PCA Club Racing at Buttonwillow Raceway near Bakersfield, California. PCA Golden Gate Region hosted the event, called the “Duel in the Desert,” on May 19-20. At the conclusion of each race weekend, the corner workers (who are closest to the racing action) vote for their favorite driver in each race. The Workers’ Choice award is the most coveted recognition in PCA Club Racing. Chas races a 2016 Cayman GT4 Clubsport in GTD class, and won the 2017 West Coast Series championship in that class. The factory-built car is his fifth racecar since earning his PCA competition license in 2002.
On a beautiful, sunny Saturday morning (May 19) we attended Porsches and Pancakes at Liberty Station in North Scottsdale. Of course we had the top down on the Boxster for the ride up!

We had 40 AZPCA members attending this month. The food and service were great! Camille Miles, coordinated and hosted this social event. It is one of our club’s favorites. Kudos to Camille.

There was also a special guest who showed up as our group was starting to leave. So who was the mystery PCA member from a far away region in the yellow turbo? It was Len Goldspinner, President of the Pocono Region PCA. He drove here from Pennsylvania and was visiting with family. Nice guy who loves Porsches (he owns 4). Also, check out the cool special license plate from Pennsylvania for PCA. Len receives updates from Motorsport for our region when we post events on Motorsport and thought he would check it out since he was in the area.

What a great idea to find out what is happening in other regions if you are traveling this summer!
Page Springs Sunday Drive
by Rook Younger
photos by Jennifer Bartling

Almost 30 Porsches headed out on a beautiful April day from North Phoenix on the Black Canyon Highway toward Camp Verde, carefully snaking our way through the somewhat heavy Sunday traffic. After a brief stop along the way the caravan turned toward Cornville, making a turn onto Page Springs Road where the promise of fun on the winding route flanked by vineyards, wineries, a fish hatchery, and general scenic beauty along Oak Creek was spoiled somewhat by the slow-poke vehicles that impeded our ability to drive our sports cars “as they were meant to be driven.” A few more club members met us along the way or at our final destination in Old Town Cottonwood, where our large group scattered to enjoy the various wining and dining establishments, antique shops, and other spots along the quaint block typical of Main Streets all across America.

After lunch, a few Porsches gathered to take the twisty mountain route through Jerome, over Mingus Mountain, and down into Prescott Valley before heading for home in the Valley. It was a great day for driving, lunching, browsing, and just hanging out with our AZPCA friends in an interesting, fun destination in Central Arizona.
For over 40 years, I've been a member of several car clubs, and as of late I've joined nearly 1,000 car-related Facebook groups. Consequently, most evenings I'm online seeking information and interesting content that I can use in our sister publication, Hemmings Classic Car. For the most part, I find it to be a worthwhile way to spend my free time, and quite motivating, too. But, I do take issue with all of the out-of-date websites.

All too often, I come across car-club websites with antiquated information. I'm not talking about sites that still haven't listed show dates and conventions for 2018. I've visited literally dozens of club pages that have "upcoming" 2012 conventions still showing in the events listing. Yes, 2012!

During the summer when I'm out and about at car shows and club meets, I keep hearing that car-club memberships are declining, and that the younger generation isn’t interested in joining. Why would they if the information shown on those websites is many years old? One site I came across showed photos of the club’s 2006 car show. Really, Who would want to see that?

Regardless of one’s age, if information isn’t kept current on a club’s site, you probably won’t be enticed to join. While nearly all of these out-of-date sites are regional and local car clubs, some of the bigger club websites aren’t all that current either.

The biggest challenge facing car clubs goes beyond lack of younger enthusiasts and car owners joining, but rather it’s an absence of members pitching in to help with club functions. A club can only be successful as its membership allows it to be. If you are knowledgeable in website design and can do content updates, volunteer your time to get your club’s site up to date. Just a few hours every week updating information will make all the difference in helping the club’s membership grow, and possibly become financially secure.

Besides making sure that the content and events are current, there are a few other changes that clubs should consider if they want to attract new members.

First and foremost, people join car clubs to learn more about their car’s brand and model history, and to obtain information on how to repair and restore their cars. The more how-to, historical, and production facts made available, the more people will want to become members, and stay members. No one is interested in reading about the meeting minutes of a meeting—That’s the type of boring information that turns people away.

The other issue is party photos: The only members who want to see photos of those attended a cub’s party, are those who attended. Again, that’s boring content. And, seeing photo after photo of the club president handing members for awards is not only monotonous, but uninteresting. Not everyone can attend a club’s national convention or annual regional meet, so members depend on club publications to show the cars featured at these events.

To help the club’s editor, write a story about your car, and send it along with a selection of well-composed photographs. If you have an extensive collection of automobilia and factory literature that pertains to the cars in your club, share that content. Contact the webmaster, editor or club president and ask how you can share and show what you’ve collected.

Webmasters, like magazine editors, are always seeking new and topic-related content to add to the club’s website, but without the help of its members, their job becomes even more difficult and time consuming than it already is.

Perhaps the best way to get younger people interested in cars is to let them become involved in the club’s website. Because they are so adept at using social media and other web-related procedures, and truly enjoy it, they’re the ones we should reply on to not only make club websites current and relevant, but way more entertaining, too, especially in the visual sense. With a little guidance on our part, this can be a win-win situation for everyone.

Editor’s Note: Article was submitted by Paul Fairchild. Thank you!
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Our next destination will be the town of Visalia for dinner and an overnight stay. The morning of July 22 will find us heading west into the Sequoia National Park where we will scale Morro Rock to experience the panoramic views of the High Sierra (including Mt. Whitney) and to the south and east, the central valley. By early afternoon we will be on our homeward-bound journey, arriving home by late afternoon.

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