



PCA

CHICAGO REGION

2024 Event Guide

CHARITY PARTNER: CASA



WHO WE ARE: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of McHenry County supports children who have been abused or neglected by providing them with a trained, committed volunteer who advocates for their best interest. At CASA, we believe every child deserves to live in a safe, loving, forever home.

WHAT WE DO: CASA of McHenry County hosts several fundraising events throughout the year to give our local community the opportunity to learn more about our mission, how they can volunteer, network, and financially support CASA's mission. We pride ourselves on offering unique and memorable events, combining entertainment, socializing and philanthropy. We invite you to join us and support a great cause!

HIGHLIGHTS

Big City Bash Gala -
Hollywood! 03.01.24

Light of Hope Breakfast
September 2024

Little Black Dress Women's
Gala October 2024



BE A PART OF CASA

Our gala events require a lot of volunteers to make it happen. You can join an event committee to help us plan in advance or volunteer for the night of the event!! We always need more people from the community to volunteer as CASA Advocates. Let us know how you want to be involved and we can make it happen!

BECKY MORRIS Executive Director
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear PCA Chicago Region Members,

I purchased my first Porsche, a 2002 Turbo with a factory Aerokit, right after Thanksgiving in 2008. After driving it on the Edens Expressway, I realized either I needed to learn how to drive this car or something truly bad was going to happen. I did some research and joined the club in February of 2009. I attended the Autocross School in April and then went to Novice Day at Blackhawk Farms and was hooked. Fast forward to today; now I do more than twenty track days a season, teach the Drivers Ed and Autocross classrooms, redid the club's website, have been involved in many areas of the club, and now find myself President. It truly is a slippery slope...

The key to what makes this club great are the folks that volunteer their time, effort, and expertise to make our events run. Regardless of the activity, there are countless members that work behind the scenes to make them happen. Without the volunteers, we wouldn't have a club. I express my sincere thanks to all of you that help make the Chicago Region one of the best Regions in the country. Please reach out to the folks listed in this booklet to see how you can help in those areas of the club that interest you the most.

As we did in 2023, when we added events such as the Ladies' Day HPDE event, again, in 2024 we will add other new events such as Street Survival. We will continue to enlarge and diversify our schedule to ensure there is something that enhances the passion we all feel in owning and driving our Porsches for all of our members.

Whether you're looking to meet fellow enthusiasts, learn more about Porsche, or find opportunities to learn about driving your Porsche, PCA Chicago Region is here for you. The Region is home to a large cadre of nationally recognized experts in all things Porsche and some of the nicest people you will ever meet. Come on out and have fun.

See you all in 2024!

Dana Comolli, *President*

Porsche Club of America - Chicago Region

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THE CHICAGO SCENE

WHO WE ARE: The Chicago Scene is our region's bimonthly newsletter providing insight on club events. We strive to keep you informed and entertained!

WHAT WE DO: We recap events and provide news that is relevant to our region by curating our members' voices and photos in print. The Scene is a great way to stay informed on previous and future PCA Chicago happenings.



HIGHLIGHTS

Bimonthly distribution starting with the month of January.

Deadline for articles and photos is the last day of the month, one month prior to the date of publication.

BE A PART OF THE CHICAGO SCENE

If you have an eye for photography, or have been sitting on some great thoughts for an article relating to PCA - please reach out to us! We are always open to new ideas to incorporate into the newsletter. Connect with us using the listed email.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

WHO WE ARE: As we say, "It's not just the Cars, it's the People". The Social Events crew are the people that bring you all together for a good time.

WHAT WE DO: We bring you the events that create an opportunity to socialize with existing friends, and make some new ones, who share the same passion for Porsche automobiles.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

St. Valentine's Day Lunch

Porsches & Pastries

Porsches & Planes

Annual Awards and Dinner Dance

And LOTS more!

BE A PART OF SOCIAL EVENTS:

Do you have an idea for a theme or venue for a social event? Are you interested in helping to manage or plan a future social event? Please contact us at the email below - We would like to hear from you.

ROBERT SAFE Social Event Coordinator
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DRIVING TOURS



WHO WE ARE: We organize non-competitive, multi-day driving tours to points of interest throughout the Midwest. These tours follow many of the great roads that make driving your Porsche such an engaging experience. Our events encourage social interaction and camaraderie.

WHAT WE DO: We drive our Porsches in a group to many interesting, historic and unique locations throughout the Midwest.



EVENT DATES

Summer Tour 07.26 thru 07.28
LaCrosse, WI

Fall Tour 10.18 thru 10.20
TBD



BE A PART OF DRIVING TOURS:

Do you have an idea for a touring route or destination? Are you interested in helping to manage or plan a future tour? Please contact us at the email below. We would like to hear from you.

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CONCOURS

WHO WE ARE: Concours is a fun and competitive way to showcase your beautiful Porsche! We have several levels to accommodate Concours beginners to experts. We offer classes and coaching for you to be successful and add value to your Porsche.



WHAT WE DO: Cars compete in several classes, from beginner to expert. Participants are offered coaching and a score sheet to help them improve their standings. Cars are not judged on originality.



HIGHLIGHTS

- 02.25 Chili Tasting
Porsche Exchange,
Highland Park
- 03.24 Concours School
Westmont Porsche
- 04.21 Concours Judges School
MPC Northbrook
- 05.04 Show and Shine
Porsches & Pastries
Labriola Bakery, Oak Brook

BE A PART OF CONCOURS:

If you have a passion for your Porsche in the area of concours and would like to participate or to volunteer to be a part of what makes these great events happen please reach out!

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RALLYE

WHO WE ARE: A TSD (Time/Speed/Distance)

Rallye is not a race, rather it is a contest in which a team consisting of a driver and a navigator combine driving, observational, mathematical, and communicative skills (as well as patience) in the negotiation of a prescribed road course at prescribed speeds. Rallye scores are determined by timing the arrival of each rallye car at points along the rallye route and comparing the times against the official rallye time. It's kind of like going to Grandma's House only you don't know where it is and you don't know how to get there but you have to arrive precisely on time.



WHAT WE DO: We bring you events that give you an opportunity to socialize with existing friends and make new ones who share the same passion about our cars while exploring the scenic roads in and about the Chicago Region.



EVENT DATES

- 05.05 - Rallye School and Practice Rallye
- 05.19 - Rallye 1
- 07.07 - Rallye 2
- 08.04 - Rallye 3
- 09.28 - Rallye 4
- 10.13 - Rallye 5

BE A PART OF RALLYE:

Come out and learn to Rallye!

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TECH TEAM

WHO WE ARE: Tech Is:

Teamwork – The Tech Team functions like a well oiled machine. We do our best to make sure that our participants have as much track time as possible.

Entertainment – The Tech Barn/Tent is always a fun place to hang out.

Camaraderie – The friends made on The Tech Team and through Chicago Region PCA are second to none.

Helpful – The Tech Team is always there to provide assistance to ensure the safety and well-being of our participants. If we can't help, we will point you in the right direction.

WHAT WE DO: We make learning about your car fun while making sure you are safe for your driving events.



HIGHLIGHTS

Spring Tech Session
04.14

Fall Tech Session
11.10

BE A PART OF THE TECH TEAM:

Tech is where you can learn about your car, how to take care of it, meet people, and have a GREAT time. If you'd like to learn more about the Tech Team, or would like to join, please contact us here.

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AUTOCROSS



WHO WE ARE: Ever wonder what it's like to explore the limits of your Porsche in a safe, fun and low cost environment? Autocross is a timed competition where drivers are classed according to their vehicle, split into groups (Drive, Work, Rest) and navigate through a temporary course marked by cones in a parking lot by themselves, rather than racing on a track with other cars. Autocross places more emphasis on car control, handling and driver skill than on sheer horsepower.

WHAT WE DO: It's thrilling, it's social and it's challenging. Runs last 40 seconds in length and we typically see 12+ runs per event. It's the most fun you'll ever have in a parking lot!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

New or seasoned vets, the 2024 schedule has something for you! Car Control School on 04.20 or any of the 5 competitive events: 06.29, 07.20, 08.03, 09.07, and 09.02. Compete in at least 3 events to be eligible for year end trophies.

BE A PART OF AUTOCROSS:

We're always looking for volunteers to help design and set courses, assist with timing and scoring, run tech inspection and registration, and be available as a mentor for new participants. Reach out if you would like to assist, we would like to hear from you!

DAVID BOWERS Autocross Coordinator
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BLACKHAWK FARMS HPDE



WHO WE ARE: We host all the driving events at Blackhawk Farms raceway and bring over 70 years combined experience participating and managing our HPDE events. We convey the passion we have for this sport to each event and to all participants.

WHAT WE DO: We teach the fundamentals to safely drive your Porsche sports car on a closed track near its limits. Emphasis on learning proper skills to navigate full acceleration, breaking and g-forces on a 7 turn race track conveniently located in South Beloit. We offer a separate novice group with classroom instruction and dedicated run group so you are on track with like novices. Warning this can be habit forming and lead to addiction and potentially club racing!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Drivers grouped by skill level
04.26 Dedicated Novice Day
This event is recommended prior to any other Driver Education event.
06.21 & 07.09 More track time.
Instructors available
09.28-09.29 AlohaFest
Our themed two day season ending event.
Dinner and lots of track time!

BE A PART OF BLACKHAWK:

Yes, you can beyond being a Driver. We can use volunteers for Registration & Tech or you and the family register as a Spectators to see the action.

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AUTOBAHN HPDE

WHO WE ARE: We bring you the always exciting and educational High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events that are held at Autobahn Country Club - Joliet, IL.



WHAT WE DO: Whether it is teaching your teen how to handle the unexpected, hosting a track event just for ladies, or driving the full 3.56 mile, 19 turn circuit, we bring you track events for everyone.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

04.13 - Street Survival

06.13 - Ladies' Day

07.29 - Full Track Event

10.07 - Full Track Event

BE A PART OF AUTOBAHN HPDE:

If you are interested in helping out, we are always looking for folks to join our events. Please contact us at the address below.

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GINGERMAN HPDE

WHO WE ARE: Take a weekend vacation to the Michigan shore and drive your Porsche on this beautiful, two mile road course!

WHAT WE DO: Fun, Fun, Fun!
Driving and a great dinner at the track,
all at GingerMan Raceway,
South Haven, MI



EVENT DATE

GingerMan Raceway
08.09 - 08.11



BE A PART OF GINGERMAN HPDE:

The event doesn't run without YOU! We need help in every area of this event including registration and Tech.

GLENN DEWEIRD Gingerman HPDE Coordinator
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ROAD AMERICA HPDE

WHO WE ARE: Road America is a world renowned 14-turn, 4-mile professional road course with interesting elevation changes created by glaciers in a beautiful resort town with so much to do. Bring the entire family for an enjoyable holiday weekend for everyone!



WHAT WE DO: We provide the opportunity for novice, experienced, and Club Race drivers to enjoy weekend long events with tons of track time for all.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Memorial Day Weekend: Instructor-lead novice driving session on one of the best tracks in the world + Track Touring!

Labor Day Weekend: DE Sessions, National Club Race Sprints and Endurance wheel-to-wheel racing, Porsche Parade, Concours, Track Touring, Banquet at historic Siebkens Resort and much more.

BE A PART OF ROAD AMERICA:

Our events could not happen without volunteers, particularly during the Labor Day weekend. With hundreds of participants we always need volunteers: assist with registration, gridding cars, National personnel liaisons & much, much more! We'd love to welcome you to the Road America volunteer team.

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CLUB RACING

WHO WE ARE: After you have become a very proficient track driver in our Drivers Education program you might want to go to the next level: PCA Club Racing, the largest single-marque racing series in the world.



WHAT WE DO: PCA Club Racing enters its 26th year by featuring more than 2,000 licensed racers and 27 sanctioned races per year, more than any other single-make racing organization in the world. PCA Club Racing was established around guiding principles that remain true today. In summary, they provide a class for all Porsche sports cars; fun, safe and clean racing; and uniform organization and operation.



HIGHLIGHTS

08.20 - 09.03
TRAC
*The Road America
Challenge*
DE & Club Race at
Road America

BE A PART OF CLUB RACING:

Club Racing is both a spectator and participant sport. If you are interested in racing, spectating, or volunteering over Labor Day weekend, contact us at the addresses below.

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2024 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 21 General Membership Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 18 Valentine's Day Lunch,
Cooper's Hawk, Arlington Heights
- 25 Chili Cook-Off & Concours Clinic,
Porsche Exchange

MARCH

- 10 Swap Meet, MPC Northbrook
- 16 St. Pat's Social, Hardware
- 23 HPDE Instructor Workshop,
Blackdog Speedshop
- 24 Concours School, Napleton

APRIL

- 06 Porsches & Pastries, Calibré Coffee
- 13 Street Survival, Autobahn
- 14 Tech Session,
Northstar Motorsports
- 20 AX School, Wintrust Field
- 21 Concours Judges School, MPC
- 26 Blackhawk 1, Novice Day

MAY

- 04 Porsches & Pastries, Labriola
- 05 Rallye School, ESI
- 18 Concours 1, Klairmont Collections
- 19 Rallye 1, TBD
- 23-26 RADE, Road America

JUNE

- 08 Porsches & Pasteries, Barnaba
- 13 Ladies DE, Autobahn
- 21 Blackhawk 2
- 22 Golf Outing, White Pines
- 23 Concours 2, Bolingbrook
- 29 AX 1, Wintrust Field

JULY

- 07 Rallye 2, TBD
- 09 Blackhawk 3

JULY continued

- 13 Potter's Picnic & Concours 3
- 20 AX 2, Wintrust Field
- 21 Wieners & Wheels, Superdawg
- 26-28 Summer Driving Tour
- 29 Autobahn Full Track

AUGUST

- 03 AX 3, Wintrust Field
- 04 Rallye 3 TBD
- 9-11 GingerMan HPDE
- 30 - 31 TRAC, Road America
- 31 Concours 4, Osthoff Resort

SEPTEMBER

- 01-02 TRAC, Road America
- 07 AX 4, Wintrust Field
- 14 Porsches & Planes,
Code 1 Aviation
- 21 AX 5, Wintrust Field
- 28 Rallye 4, Blackhawk
- 28-29 Aloha Fest, Blackhawk

OCTOBER

- 05 Porsches & Pilsners, Hardware
- 07 Autobahn Full Track
- 13 Rallye 5
- 18-20 Fall Driving Tour

NOVEMBER

- 10 Tech Session, TBD
- 16 Porsches & Pasteries/Toys for Tots
Labriola

DECEMBER

- 14 Dinner Dance



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