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Well, that was fast...

It seems like only yesterday I was writing my first President's letter for the esteemed *Chicago Scene* but it was actually a year ago. I guess the old adage that time flies when you're having fun is actually true; or is it that it goes faster the older you get? Either way, 2024 is in the books and we have all of 2025 ahead of us.

2024 was a milestone year for several reasons:

- It was the first time we held 50 events (with more than 3800 attendees.)
- It was the first time we held a Street Survival teen defensive driving school.
- It was the first time we held two Porsches and Pastries on the same day.
- It was the first time *The Chicago Scene* received a PCA National award.
- The Club's internal financial reporting systems were upgraded to better support a non-profit of our size and complexity. (Boring I know, but really important.)
- We raised \$35,000 for our 2024 charity partner, CASA of McHenry County.

Even more important, the Club experienced an influx of younger and newer members into the ranks of volunteers, including into leadership positions helping to ensure the Club continues to be the vibrant and exciting organization we have come to expect far into the future.

So, how do we follow all that? With more, of course. Here are some highlights:

- As of this writing, we have 54 events planned, including a PCA HPDE National Instructor School on April 24th (last time we did that was in 2008.)
- 6 Autocrosses (normally we do 5.)
- A chance to test out your Porsche artistic talents with a first-time Porsche Paint Along at the end of January.
- Several events that are in conjunction with local festivals such as Roselle's Bockfest, Westmont's Crusin' Nights, and Geneva's Concours.
- Our General Member meeting on January 19th will once again feature informational "booths" from all the areas of the Club and is a perfect opportunity for members to learn about everything the Club has to offer.

While our entire 2025 schedule is on our website, we are working on planning other events based on ideas that hundreds of you provided in your responses to our activity planning survey in November. Keep checking as events are added we always keep the site is up to date.

As you can see, 2025 is shaping up to be another great year to be part of the Chicago Region. Come on out and enjoy the fun.

I look forward to seeing you at our events,

Dana Comolli
President, Chicago Region



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2024 Gala: A Night of Friendship, Celebration, and Merriment

by Grace Chen

PCA-Chicago recently hosted members and their guests to a festive evening of celebration, recognition and friendship at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa. Our 2024 Gala started with signature cocktails inspired by Porsche colors: Vibrant Lizard Green Midori Sour and exuberant Guard's Red Cranberry Mule – both echoing the spirit of the holiday season. Guests were also treated to an array of passed appetizers as they mingled and caught up with old friends and new faces. While guests enjoyed a five course meal, winners from the various Club disciplines were recognized for their achievements. Remarkably, Dana Comolli - President, Adam Kern - Vice President, and our Event Coordinators were able to swiftly and efficiently present 49 awards and 41 raffle prizes during our dinner service. PCA-Chicago also presented CASA of McHenry, our 2024 Charity of the Year, with a \$35,000 check. As dinner concluded, guests were treated to caricature drawings and the dance floor was opened, allowing everyone to unwind and celebrate the evening together.

Mixing and Mingling: A Themed Celebration

This year's Gala theme, *Mixing and Mingling*, was a perfect reflection of our growing and vibrant PCA-Chicago membership. We wanted to encourage both new and long-time members with opportunities to mingle and connect. As inspiration, we provided a sneak peek of the coveted raffle prizes ahead of time, giving everyone the chance to strategically plan how to allocate their raffle tickets. This not only built excitement but allowed guests more time to mingle while enjoying their cocktails.

In keeping with the theme, each dinner table featured one of seven 1/24-scale Porsche models as part of the centerpiece design. Additionally, each guest received one of five exclusive Porsche-engraved whiskey glasses, each representing a different model:



photo: Derek Chen

911 Targa, Boxster, 911 Turbo, 964, and GT3RS. The combination of these Porsche-themed elements made for an interactive experience, as guests "hunted" and engaged in friendly conversations with others to trade for "their" car.



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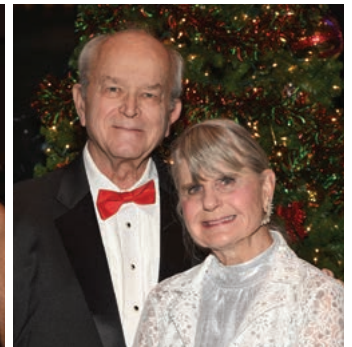


A Special Design: The Gala Logo

A consistent design concept throughout the evening was the logo which Michelle Anne and I created for the Gala. I drew inspiration from my love for the iconic Pepita pattern and Martini racing stripes, while Michelle Anne brought her graphic design expertise to the project by refining the design and adding a unique custom plaque. This design not only celebrated our Porsche heritage but also captured the essence and spirit of the 2024 Gala.



The design concept we created for the 2024 Gala was woven throughout every aspect of the event, from the Monday morning email blasts to the stationery and signages—including the welcome sign, table cards, drink menus, and raffle prize description signages, and continued through raffle table decorations and themed raffle prizes. The design was also featured in a signature 2024 Gala Porsche Targa pin, created specifically for the event. Each guest received one as a keepsake from the evening.





Recognizing Achievements

As mentioned earlier, the Gala served as a platform to recognize the outstanding achievements of our members. The following were honored for their accomplishments:

Enthusiast

Bill Fitzsimmons

HPDE Enthusiast

Joel Kaphengst

President's Award

Pete Bukantis

Grace Chen

Cheryl Lehman Collier

Catherine Fischer

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Autocross Men

1st Place: Bill Fitzsimmons

2nd Place: Teodor Petrov

3rd Place: Marc Nistor

4th Place: David Bowers

5th Place: Adam Kern

Autocross Women

1st Place: Maggie Surowka

2nd Place: Ashley Chin

3rd Place: Julie Rivera

Club Race

1st Place: Ed Dunne

2nd Place: Rick Fischer

3rd Place: Richard Egleston

4th Place: Brian Weathered

5th Place: Jeff Kleban

Concours

1st Place: Don Janes

2nd Place: Bill Palm

3rd Place: David Mangano

4th Place: John Moore

5th Place: Kirk Owens

Rallye

1st Place: Steve & Sharon Olson

2nd Place: Andy & Anna Skura

3rd Place: Susan Shire & Steve Rashbaum

4th Place: Jack & Karen Stephensen

5th Place: Les & Caroline Teichner

Novice of Year: Kinga Wesolowska
& Marcin Proszek

Overall

1st Place: Marcin Proszek

2nd Place: Brian Scifers

3rd Place: Adam Kern

4th Place: Paul Davis

5th Place: Ed Leed



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Acknowledgements

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the PCA-Chicago Board for entrusting me with the responsibility of chairing the 2024 Holiday Gala. It has been an amazing and fulfilling opportunity!

Thank you Dana Comolli, President, for trusting me, encouraging my ideas and support. Thank you Adam Kern, Vice President, for encouraging me to take on the role of chairing this year's Gala and your invaluable support throughout this whole process. Most importantly, thank you Derek Chen for your unwavering support

throughout this journey! I absolutely could not have done it without you.

A special thanks to Jeff Brown for taking photos throughout the evening, Michael Bene who sorted through hundreds of Club photos to create a 2024 PCA-Chicago slide show and my Porsche elves*, who worked tirelessly to help set up the Ballroom and atrium. You guys were amazing!

Thank you to all the members and guests who attended the Gala and made it such a memorable evening. Your presence, enthusiasm, and engagement are what make PCA-Chicago such a special community.

Hope to see everyone at next year's Gala! 🍷

We'd also like to thank the following for their generous contributions: John Moore, John Walton, Jay Turkbas, PCA-C Concours, Kevin Burton, and Jack Stephenson.



*My awesome crew of Porsche elves include: Derek Chen, Michelle Anne, Sharon Sziak, Greg Lehman, John and Sherry Walton, Jack and Karen Stephensen, Luis and Vilma Fraguada, Cindy Jascin, Bob Rath, Dawn Ochoa, Randy and Joette Meinzer, Scott and Michelle Nachman, Rob and Karen Harkey, Kate Penn, Caroline Chen, Isabella Proszek, Debbie Samp, Jan Costis, and Eve Estrada.

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PCA-C Fall Driving Tour

by Jack Svaicer

Porsches, Pumpkins and Parties was the main theme for the PCA-Chicago Fall Driving Tour of 2024 to the north woods of Door County, Wisconsin. Last count we took there were over 40 Porsche cars of every model, color, and exhaust tone participating in this amazing fall driving event and the trip was absent of any breakdowns or otherwise unexpected delays. Hats off to John Diwik and his planning team for calling upon the north woods weather gods for outstanding seasonal weather and beautiful fall colors throughout the three day October weekend. The drive could not have been any better timed for enjoying the magnificent fall colors combined with moments of sporty driving. The detailed scenic route we were provided started out in Gurnee on a crisp Friday morning, to the

first for our planned stops at the Lighthouse Inn in Two Rivers, followed by our drive to our final destination at the Landmark Resort in Egg Harbor, Door County. The accommodations at the resort were picturesque and comfortable and was an ideal location near numerous local restaurants, shops, and drinking establishments. A great location to begin our tour of Door County.

Friday's kick-off drive took us to our scheduled lunch stop at the Lighthouse Inn for a hearty family style buffet in the main dining room overlooking a choppy Lake Michigan. From Two-Rivers the remaining 2-hour drive took us along Lake Michigan, to our hotel in Egg Harbor for our stay at the Landmark Resort, while most of the remaining Friday afternoon was spent settling in for the evening events. Friday night was the scheduled bonfire at the resort overlooking Green Bay with snacks and libations brought and shared by many members, along with lively conversation between those who attended. Many of our group opted for dinner in town that night as well, and trust me, the restaurants were busy.

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The tour highlight was on Saturday as we climbed into our trusted steeds on four wheels to make our way north to Northport boat dock, to board the two scheduled ferries to carry us on a 45 minute excursion across the water to the island town of Washington Island. The boat passes through Death's Door channel and as local legend tells us many a historic sailing ship of the past went down in this channel due to its turbulent waters; all ships navigating through should beware. Needless to say we made it to the island successfully. Hint: do not leave your windows open as the boat churns up the waves and splashes onto its cargo, which was my car.

That twisty stretch of road as you approach Northport was not built by chance, but intended as a road that would slow traffic, keep nature always in view, and allow you to engage with it as you drove along. It was designed by famed Chicago Landscape Architect Jens Jensen, founder of The Clearing Folk School in Ellison Bay, Door Co. I observed many who slowed as they approached to allow traffic ahead to clear before their own spirited run of being one with Nature.

The weekend also showcased several Halloween festivals hosted by several of the towns situated along Route 42 on the Green Bay side, which added to the numerous activities you could participate in!



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The quaint island town of Washington Island off the northern tip of Door Co. was the perfect setting to explore its numerous sites and attractions with our cars. The limited traffic on the island (there are no traffic lights on the island), made this leg of our journey that much more enjoyable. It felt like the arrival of our Club cars had invaded the island causing frequent stares from native onlookers. Many of us initially settled in for a breakfast cup of coffee at the Red Cup Coffee House, along with a slice of blueberry coffee cake. Throughout this journey you are meeting new people and making friends with a great group of Porsche enthusiasts.

The early afternoon event on the island brought the club to the Lavender Farm and Shop, a picturesque working lavender farm nestled on the island featuring its fragrant bounty of all things

lavender: From candies and drinks, to beauty aides, food, and other luxurious lavender products and everything in between made even better with its infusion of lavender, a real experience. The island itself was like a world away from its mainland neighbor as it is only accessible by ferry, and reflects a much simpler relaxed lifestyle.

The afternoon on the island remained open to your own imagination and driving ambition for adventure as the group eventually made its way back to the boat dock to board the ferries once again for the trip back to the mainland.

Saturday evening was the semi-formal grand banquet in the hotel's Egg Harbor Room which provided us with a well stocked bar and tasty feast of home made food served buffet style. The relaxed dinner atmosphere brought out the lively art of conversation and storytelling along with laughter and shared stories of our weekend adventures. Door prizes were raffled off and many returned home with an unexpected Porsche themed prize.

Sunday arrived much too soon for most and the return home was left up to each participant on this day. Myself and many others extended the weekend by staying through Sunday for more Door Co. driving and exploring, especially for those first timers to Door Co.

This was a spectacular fall driving tour and the first for me. Door Co. has much to offer from simply enjoying nature to wineries and restaurants, State parks and one of a kind shopping, but most of all great back roads for spirited driving, which is what Porsche is all about. 🍷





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Equipped With Knowledge

by Joel Kaphengst

On Saturday November 9th, the PCA-Chicago Tech Team held the Fall Tech Session at Euroquipe in St. Charles. Despite the possibility of rain, many members took a chance and drove their Porsches anyway. The owner of Euroquipe, Adam Kosela, welcomed members into his very clean and tidy shop with many cars on display – Porsches, BMWs, Ferraris, and a Ford Cosworth race car.



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After people looked around and socialized for a while, Adam started his discussion and demonstration of their Vapor Hone Restoration process. It was very impressive to see how this process can really clean up engine parts and get them looking as good as new. He also explained the process of dry ice blasting to restore chassis parts to factory look; both processes are offered in-house. Next, Adam discussed wheel and tire care and maintenance. The age of tires and when they should be replaced was reviewed; most modern tires have a manufactured date on them. This code is a four digit number

with the first two digits being the production week, and second two numbers are the year. Therefore a (4818) build date code would be the 48th week of the year 2018... Tires over 5 years old for track use should be replaced. Adam also spoke about tire technology and the rapid pace of development, tires from only a few years ago can be very different from new ones. There were lots of questions about winter and race tires and how they should be stored when not in use or during freezing temperatures. The suggestion

is to review the manufacturer's recommendations for storage temps and pressures.

There was a raffle for some HPDE track days, along with

some merchandise from Euroquipe. When Adam was done, lunch was served, brought in from Just Kabobs – excellent Greek food (many took home leftovers) while sitting around tables in the shop, talking cars, and enjoying each other's company. Once again, it's the people that made the event so special, not necessarily the cars. A huge thanks to Adam and his staff for hosting us for a great Fall Tech event. Hope to see you at the spring tech session. Anyone interested in joining the tech team for 2025, please contact Jody Freund 847-609-4265 or Joel Kaphengst 224-715-6144. 🍷





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The SOCIAL SCENE

by Cindy Jacisin



The Season of Giving

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November 16th was our final Porsches and Pastries for the year. It is the last event where we socialize outside with our cars before we tuck them away for a long winter's nap. However, the greater purpose is to support the mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program giving to children in need throughout the United States. For PCA-Chicago Region, this is our 21st year and our members' commitment has never wavered.

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Approximately 150 Porsches of all shapes and sizes glistened under the morning sun, providing us warmer weather than past years. Thanks to Labriola Bakery Café for allowing us to set up the collection site inside their restaurant again. Members enjoyed either a sit-down breakfast for a relaxed meal, or a to-go coffee, pastry, or of course, hot cocoa, so members could walk around the cars and discuss with friends their wish list to Santa.

Thank you to the members and their families who came out in force, some carrying bags full of toys. Given everyone's generous donations, I think their "nice" outweighed any "naughty" that might have occurred earlier in the year. I am quite sure Santa adjusted his list! 🍪



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2025 EVENT CALENDAR

Preliminary Calendar of Events. Event details are subject to change and several dates and venues are to be determined. Please refer to the Club's website for updated information.

JANUARY

- 8** Board Meeting
- 19** General Membership Meeting
- 25** Porsche Paint Along, Pinot's Palette

FEBRUARY

- 5** Board Meeting
- 23** Chili Cook-Off & Concours Clinic, Porsche Exchange

MARCH

- 5** Board Meeting
- 16** St. Pat's Social, Two Brothers
- 23** Concours School, Napleton
- 29** HPDE Instructor Workshop, Blackdog Speedshop

APRIL

- 5** Porsches & Pastries 1, Calibré Coffee
- 6** Concours Judges School, MPC
- 9** Board Meeting
- 12** AX School, Wintrust Field
- 13** Tech Session, Northstar Motorsports
- 24** PCA National Instructor, Blackhawk
- 25** Blackhawk 1, Novice Day

MAY

- 3** Porsches & Pastries, Labriola
- 4** Rallye School, Engineering Systems
- 7** Board Meeting
- 17** AX 1, Wintrust Field
- 22-25** RADE, Road America
- 31** Street Survival, Teen Defensive Driving School, Autobahn

JUNE

- 4** Board Meeting
- 7** Concours 2, Bolingbrook
- 8** Rallye 1, TBD
- 12** Ladies' DE, Autobahn
- 14** AX 2, Wintrust Field
- 20** Blackhawk 2

JULY

- 9** Board Meeting
- 15** Blackhawk 3
- 19** Potter's Picnic & Concours 3
- 20** Rallye 2, TBD
- 25-27** Summer Driving Tour, TBD
- 26** AX 3, Wintrust Field
- 28** Autobahn Full Track

AUGUST

- 3** Porsches & Pastries, Big Boost
- 3** Weiners & Wheels, Superdawg
- 6** Board Meeting
- 8-10** Gingerman HPDE
- 16** AX 4, Wintrust Field
- 17** Rallye 3, TBD
- AUG 29-1** TRAC, Road America

SEPTEMBER

- AUG 29-1** TRAC, Road America
- 3** Board Meeting
- 13** AX 5, Wintrust Field
- 14** Rallye 4, TBD
- 20** Oktoberfest Social, Concours 4, Show & Shine 4, Blackhawk
- 27-28** Oktoberfest, Blackhawk

OCTOBER

- 4** Porsches & Pilsners, Two Brothers
- 6** Autobahn Full Track
- 8** Board Meeting
- 12** Rallye 5, TBD
- 17-19** Fall Driving Tour

NOVEMBER

- 5** Board Meeting
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The Concours Lawn: An Interview with John Moore

by Kirk Owens

Is it a 20 year PCA membership or 12 years of Concours completion or lovingly owning four different (very) different P-cars that spotlight John Moore on The Concours Lawn? Yes, AND 1) being a wealth of knowledge, AND 2) continually selflessly sharing his wisdom with so many, AND 3) taking the reins this year as Concours Chairman, AND 4) being a terrific person and wonderful ambassador of our Club!

You might think being an Overall Concours Regional Champion (Grand Touring Class, 2021) would mean everything starts with the car - his 1971 911E Targa topped the podium four times AND was named Best of Show at Elkhart Lake AND continues winning events today - AND you'd be mistaken. For John, everything starts with family, the 911E will be passed to his children (Matthew & Rachel) AND was bought new by his father Henry.



Taking ownership in 2005, the 1971 911E Targa 2.2-litre flat-six Bosch mechanical fuel injection engine has 155 hp, with a top speed of 137 mph is geared to a five-speed manual 901 transmission. One with Tangerine & Black leatherette interior is difficult to find as it's one of only 935 built in 1971. A single-family owned car, it was purchased by John's father (Henry Moore) at O'Hare Porsche Audi and delivered to him at the factory in Stuttgart. Henry Moore vacationed in Germany and Switzerland - breaking in the new Targa before shipping it back to America.

As Henry would want, John drives the car year-round(!) (weather permitting) and washes it monthly. Bringing a 53 year old longhood to Concours requires a one-track mindset - as John puts it, "My approach to Concours preparation is to "GO ALL IN" and accept the challenge of competition against beautiful and well maintained Porsches." Stern discipline from a guy living in a condo - John loads a grocery cart with a vacuum and a trove of Griot's, Chemical Guys, Esoteric, McGuire's, Simple Green, Turtle Wax, WURTH, LEXOL Leather, distilled water & white vinegar mix and 303 products to his parking space for the 7 - 10 days of concours preparation. Because John "actually likes detailing the car" - he's built a "discipline of controlled order in doing the detailing work."

John competes at the highest concours level - Grand Touring (exterior, interior, storage & engine). "First is the engine, starting at the top and working down." With attention to the underside of the decklid, the hinges latch and panels is critical because dirt collects there. Champion-level from requires champion-level tools = microfiber pads, towels, chopsticks, small picks as well as brass & fiber brushes. John added, "I can spend the whole day cleaning a fairly clean engine; I'm looking for that BLING finish that pops."

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The Concours Lawn: *An Interview with John Moore* continued

John's experience allows us to learn from his recommendations. "Develop the discipline of order and detail your car in that manner. Detail the car in stages over a period of time...don't jump around. Work in good lighting and use good comfortable set of knee pads." Never far from his judge's eye, he shares what's often missed (and deducted from a perfect score) – "Glass and gauges, the steering wheel column, seat rails, latches, hinges, seals, mirrors, lug nuts, door pockets, glove box and roof liner." No small list ... hence 7-10 days!

Although you won't see John's previously-owned Porsches (1962 356B 1600 Super 90 or a 1977 911S), you WILL see this year his 1987 911 Carrera 3.2 litre G50 coupe in Diamond Blue Metallic over Burgundy, purchased in 2019. In addition to participating and judging, John serves as Concours Chair and offers these words to encourage new participants, "Go to Concours School to get a clear understanding of what professional detailing is all about. Participate in Show and Shine events where you can learn from others. Review the score sheets of the different classes as they describe what areas are judged. Always review your score sheets after an event - the notes and deductions point out areas to make improvements."

Mr. Chairman "...will always remember the 2021 Concours season - winning Overall First Place in Grand Touring with the 911E Targa had a special "single-family car achievement" for Matthew and Rachel, my son and daughter who will continue the legacy." He goes on to add, "Across many ways of interacting with



great people, I have learned more about my car and how to keep it in top Concours condition; Concours has improved the value of my car. My addiction to detailing has helped me enjoy the car and at the same time develop relationships with member volunteers of PCA-Chicago Region." And if you need a little more inspiration to concourse your Porsche, use these words of title-winning inspiration, "Showing up for a Concours event and having a stranger or competitor compliment my car is a tremendous rush. I know then



that the work was worth it and it could be a great day. There is no better feeling than being the last person walking up to get your Concours event award. That's because you are the First Place winner!" 🏆

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40 Years of Eurosport: An Interview with Brian Weathered

Brian Weathered was born in LaGrange, IL and, as the youngest of five kids, he was often unsupervised. Brian recalls, “everything in the house I took apart, including the TV set.” His mother gave his older brother, George, and him free reign over a two-car garage in which, “we built everything with a motor on it.” For instance, they once created a snowmobile using a sled on two skis with a saw blade on the back to propel it.

“My grandfather had a farm, so we used to go there on the weekends where we had minibikes, dirt bikes and go carts; everything with motors. We were always building stuff.” His early interest was drag racing because George was building race engines. Jobs in his youth quickly influenced the direction his life would take.

At 14 he took a mostly unpaid position working at a body shop, sanding and doing odd jobs. “I think I earned \$50 for the whole year.” At 16 he got his license and took a job as a porter with Jack Douglas Chevrolet Hinsdale, IL. George had a job there as Assistant Service Manager and it is where the brothers were first exposed to road racing.

*Interview by Skip Carter and Chris Way
Story by Cheryl Lehman Collier*

The dealership sponsored Brian Redman’s Formula 5000 car with Carl Haas. The race team stopped at the dealership to prep the car for Road America. The transporter pulled up and a couple of English guys asked Brian to give them a hand. He spent three days helping prep the car which landed him an invite to go to the track. As the race was about to begin he asked where the best place was to watch...Corner 1. Brian ran all the way to the corner and watched from the snow fence which, in 1974, was basically right on the track. When the race started and the cars came through the corner he thought “wow! This is super cool.” He was hooked.

The brothers left the dealer and went to a company that was representing AMG when they were still a privately owned, small (~8000 sq/ ft) town tuner shop in Germany. The company, which wanted to get involved with Mercedes, asked Brian to go to Germany for a two-week training.

In Germany the owners asked him to stay the entire summer. Brian was given a ticket to attend the German Grand Prix. At the

tender age of 21 “I felt like a rock star when I got in with paddock passes. Back then you’d see AMGs on Miami Vice. They were really cool, rare cars.” That summer gave him an appreciation for German cars.

Brian and George became interested in



▲ Brian in a shifter cart

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Brian and Karyn Weathered

converting gray market cars from overseas. They started working for a guy who was importing a lot of 911 Turbos. You couldn't get them in the states. This began their love of Porsche.

In 1984 the brothers opened their own shop, Midwest Eurosport, in Elk Grove Village, IL. Five years later they bought the old Long Ford building, in Bensenville.

In 1985 Brian started road racing. This was before PCA had Club Racing, but they would bring cars and drivers up to Road America for vintage racing. "When PCA Club Racing started we were all in. We bought a transporter and started hauling customer's cars. We were at the first PCA Road America and we oversaw tech."

He met his wife, Karyn, had two kids and took a break from racing (but not from the track). With his family in tow, he traveled the country to support his clients (better known as friends) at PCA races. At 52 years old, with his wife's encouragement and their kids in high school, he began racing his own 944S2. Today he runs Tim McKenzie's 1974 #69 yellow and black 914, well known in the Club Racing community. Brian started working on Tim's car in 2000. "He became not only a great racer but a great mentor for everyone on my team. He would sit down with drivers and coach them. He was thought of as the best driver in PCA." Tim did some pro racing with us and Kelly Moss, but he always came back and drove the 914. Tim would always say, "I'll never sell this car. I love it too much." Unfortunately, Tim was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away in 2013. At the memorial service Tim's wife, Marianne, asked Brian to sell the car for her, but Brian wasn't ready. He didn't want to crew the car for anybody else. Racing with Eurosport was such a big part of Tim's life that the Eurosport team hauled Tim's beloved car to the memorial service and rolled it right into the Monona Terrace auditorium. After the ceremony a bagpiper played nearby while attendees queued past the car to

touch Tim's helmet. That day, Brian sat next to Tim's college roommate, Gary Bymers. They bonded over Tim stories and quickly became friends. Marianne eventually gave Gary the 914, saying that is what Tim would have wanted. Gary brought the car to the track and Brian began coaching him. During those track days, Gary fell in love with Brian's short wheelbase 911... And Brian coveted the 914, so they traded. "So, it turned out that the 914 never got sold. It came back to me. I pinch myself every time I drive it." It's one of the oldest cars at the track and it's still competing with many of the newer cars. Today, nearly 40 years later Eurosport Racing supports customers at 12-15 races annually. "My whole business plan is wrapped around Porsche Club Racing and Porsche service. I run the original facility. 20 years ago we put a satellite shop at Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, IL which my brother George runs. Originally, we thought we would just be there on the weekends, but that boomed into a whole separate business that supports 500 club members." Half of the Bensenville business is Porsche street car work and supporting Driver's Ed folks. The other half is race cars. Brian's Porsche clients aren't just customers, they're his close friends. "My attorney, my banker, my doctor, we all race together on the weekends and are a really tight group. That's the way it is with these guys. That's the way with all

these racers. If I'm ever in a jam or need advice, they are all great people." In interviewing Brian, Skip commented "This is the most family-friendly compound at this event" Brian replied, "thank you. We try to make it that way. We have all the kids up here. You know, that's memories." Just as his wife, Karyn, and now grown children spent summers under the racing tent, a new generation of families are growing up on the track. Today, as always, Brian's work and hobbies are one and the same. He loves to collect things and has a huge car collection. The problem, he says, "is I buy stuff, but I never sell it." He has an old 1937 Chevy pick-up that was a farm truck at the Joliet prison farm that he restored with a turbocharged 5-cylinder inline diesel engine. He also collects 911s. At almost the 40 year anniversary since founding Eurosport Racing, Brian can't help but feel sentimental. "Overall, it's been a great ride and I'm having the time of my life. I get up every morning and I look forward to going to the shop." 🍷



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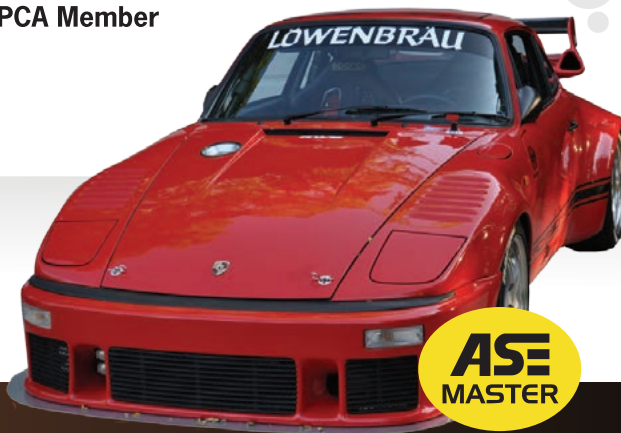
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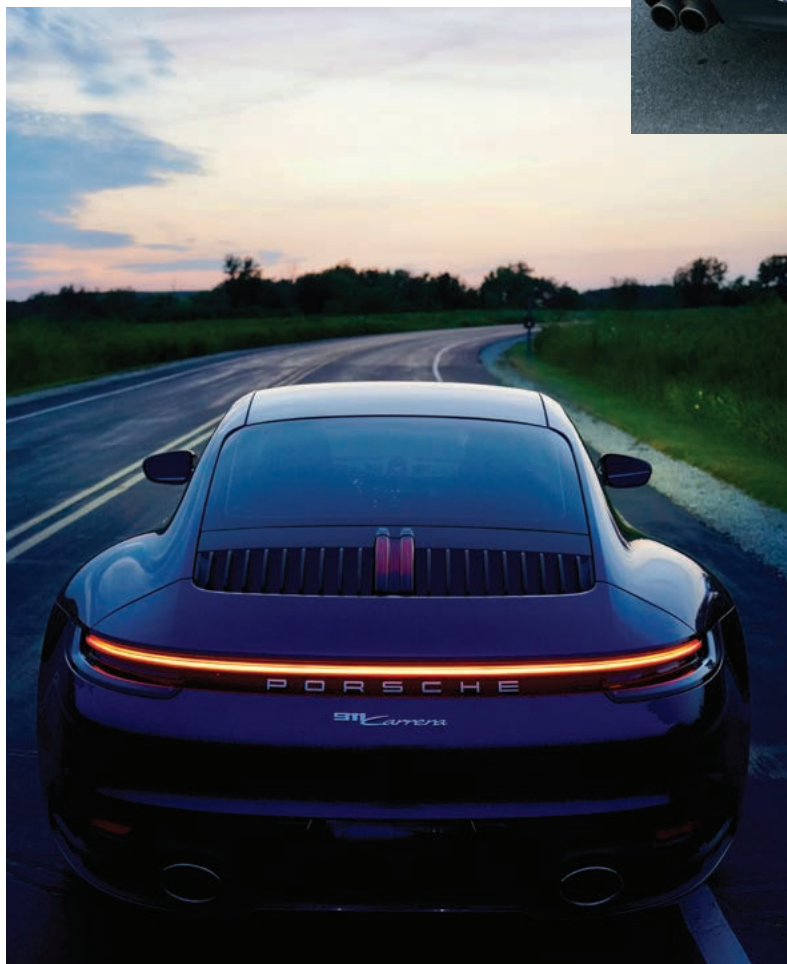
Cover Shots – Runners-Up

Firstly, I would like to thank all the members that submitted photos! It was a nice turnout for the first of something like this being done; our intention was to see if we could highlight some members who may have not submitted their photography to *The Scene* previously. While we wish we could publish all of the photos, we selected these four to highlight the artistic eye some of you have! Ironically, the shots picked were all situated from the back looking forwards, which I would like to think of as a nod to progression into the new year: eyes forward for all that is to come in 2025. All this to say, please continue to send in photos from PCA events, the more the merrier with all of our articles and stories.

Congratulations to Steve Rashbaum and his photo of a gorgeous Orange 997 GT3RS displaying all the summery colors we might be missing here in the dead of winter. Our runners-up presented us with a scenic view out in front of a 997 Carrera S Cabriolet, a shot of a 930 with dramatic lighting to focus in on the turbo badging, and a 992 at dusk with an inviting road in front of it. 🍷



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