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The Evolution of Involvement

Lately, I've been thinking about how our relationship with the Club evolves over time. Most of us start as curious newcomers, maybe attending our first Porsches and Pastries or other event with a mix of excitement and uncertainty. What we discover is a community that shares our passion, and after a couple of events, we find ourselves looking forward to the next one, recognizing familiar faces, and feeling genuinely at home.

Then something interesting happens. You start noticing the details; how smoothly the Autocross ran, the perfect route planning for the drive to Wisconsin, or how welcoming the registration desk at Blackhawk made everyone feel. You realize there's an entire ecosystem of dedicated members that work behind the scenes to create these experiences we all treasure.

This is usually when the lightbulb goes off: "I could be part of making this happen."

The beauty of volunteering in the Chicago Region isn't just about helping out—it's about accessing a fundamentally richer experience. Our volunteers consistently tell me they get more out of the Club than they put in. They're the ones who get to scout new venues, build relationships with a venue, and watch their vision come to life when 200 cars show up for a perfect day. They form the deepest friendships, develop unexpected skills, and experience that unique satisfaction of creating memories for hundreds of fellow enthusiasts. They're not just attending events—they're crafting them.

Right now, we have about 125 members who've discovered this secret—they're our event organizers, board members, instructors, registration teams, and countless other crucial roles. But here's the thing: there's room for so many more stories, perspectives, and contributions.

Whether you're drawn to the adrenaline of organizing track days, the precision of Autocross timing, the creativity of social event planning, or the strategic thinking of board governance, we have opportunities that match your interests and schedule. Some require just a few hours a month, others offer the chance to lead major initiatives.

The Club doesn't just need your help—it needs your unique perspective to keep evolving and staying vibrant for all 4,100 of us.

If you're ready to see what happens when you move from the passenger seat to the driver's seat of our community, check out the openings we have, go here: <https://pca-chicago.org/volunteering-opportunities/> to see what opportunities exist and raise your hand to help. BTW, if you don't see something in the list that interests you, let us know what you are interested in doing anyway.

As the motto goes, "It's the people..."

Dana Comolli
President, Chicago Region



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Potter's Picnic

by John Moore

The month of July offered PCA-Chicago members a very busy schedule of competitive events. Members participated or competed in several events such as Blackhawk 3, Rallye 2 On Lake Time Rallye, Summer Driving Tour, AX 3 Wintrust Field, Autobahn Full Track and of great importance Potter's Picnic with Concours 3 and Show N' Shine.

In addition to this heavy schedule of events several PCA-C members attended and competed in the 69th Porsche Parade in Oklahoma City from July 4-12. PCA Parade Concours Chairman Michael Grove, assembled his team of volunteers and executed a Regal First Class



Concours d' Elegance in great fashion and recognized as such.

With all of these events happening members and participants returning from Parade were geared up for that great day at Fischer's Farm. The picnic and meeting with friends and enjoying a beautiful day of German bratwurst and German beer. Concours competition was the third event with only one more competition for year-end total points.

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The Concours event was on Saturday July 19 rain or shine and let's not worry about the 90 degree humid temperatures we have been experiencing. A few cars were starting to arrive as the picnic started at noon and Concours competitors were busy prepping their cars for judging. A few judges and volunteers were gathered under the tent and as we looked up to the sky there were ominous clouds gathering overhead. At this time there were about eight cars on the lawn. Jim Dorfman started to hand out a few umbrellas just in case. A few minutes later the first shower came and a few more cars arrived. Alas the shower let up for a bit.

Due to this first rain we needed to regroup on how we would judge because in Concours we judge rain or shine. Next the ominous clouds opened up and it poured with a hard rain. Judging would be difficult in a hard rain and more rain was coming. The rain came with two more hard rain pours. We are all familiar with



Drive Through Fast Food and Car Washes so a consensus on that discussion was approved by the group. We immediately cleared out two rows of tables and chairs from the front of the tent. The posts on the tent were wide enough to drive cars two at a time from one side to the other. What we created was Concours Drive Through Judging, (AKA Car Wash Judging) which was a first under the tent that I recall. The judging went well and working under and through the tent all sixteen cars were judged in dry conditions.





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Naturally, an hour or so later the rain stopped and the sun appeared. There were cancellations but the event was successful. I would like to thank our volunteers and judges for their support of PCA-Chicago Region Concours.

We hope to see you at our fourth and last Concours of the season at Blackdog Speed Shop and Performance Cars, 600 Barclay Blvd Lincolnshire, IL 60069. We are planning an Octoberfest theme with food combined with a Concours event and Show N' Shine.

The next time you drive by a car wash, think of this article and chuckle. Enjoy the pictures.

Best regards to all your Concours Team,
John Moore, Barb Mashburn & Jim Dorfman 🍷



Here are the results of Concours 3 Potter's Picnic:

Grand Touring Class (Exterior, Interior, Storage & Engine or Chassis by model)

1. John Moore 1987 911 Carrera Coupe
2. John Moore 1971 911 E Targa
3. Don Janes 2013 911 S

Touring Class (Exterior, Interior & Storage)

1. Ron Bean 1986 911 Coupe
2. Mark Linton 2015 911 4S
3. Harrison Bernbaum 2011 911 GT3 RS

Street Class (Exterior, Interior)

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Galena Summer Driving Tour

by Jack Svaicer

The theme was summer heat, great backroads, a gracious Galena with an Irish “twist” and a good dose of Presidential history. PCA-Chicago’s summer driving tour in July was to historic Galena, situated in the beautiful rolling hills of Midwest Illinois. Our history lesson for the tour was the Landmark house museum of our 18th President, Ulysses S. Grant, who led the Union Army during the Civil War. Grant lived in the home before and after his presidency and remains a big part of Galena’s history. Galena is home to numerous 19th century residences and commercial buildings

located near its robust downtown Main Street, the business center and major tourist attraction.

The tour started from Hampshire, Illinois, where roughly 40 Porsche vehicles gathered on a warm Friday morning. A variety of Germany’s finest from earlier 911s to the latest version of the flagship 911 GTS, Carreras, a 911 50th anniversary along with many versions of Caymans, Boxsters, and Macans. Of note, were the matching Miami Blue Boxster and Macan owners

demonstrating their Porsche passion. Leaving Hampshire the caravan headed northwest for the 2 hour drive to Galena, through the towns of Stockton and Elizabeth (always watch your speed...), with the planned stop at Chestnut Mountain Resort for our group lunch. Our resort dining venue provided scenic views of the rolling hills countryside and Mississippi River. The Chestnut Mountain Resort hosted a good family-oriented restaurant, many outdoor summer activities and in winter several ski slopes from its location high above the River.

Our final destination on Friday was the host hotel, Irish Cottages Inn just east of Galena on Rt. 20, to Experience the Charm of Ireland in the Heart of Galena. As the name implies its theme throughout is an authentic Irish experience from the style of the hotel to the in-house O’Dowd’s Irish Pub and Grill and adjacent library which all makes for an interesting experience beyond what

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Galena Summer Driving Tour continued



one would normally find for a roadside hotel. Guestroom accommodations met expectations, food was authentic Irish and UK cuisine and Guinness was on tap at the pub as expected. The day's group social was held at the hotel on Friday evening which followed an open afternoon schedule for the 80 member participants to explore Galena and surroundings. Weekends can be very busy in Galena.

The evening social is a terrific opportunity to meet the many PCA-C members, guests and Porsche enthusiasts who participated and share stories of who you are and your definition of the Porsche lifestyle, which it certainly is. I even met a young man who felt his Cayman was therapeutic. This summer's driving event did not disappoint. Especially past tales from previous driving events I heard from our "vintage" members, and I use that term loosely. It's the attitude and love of all things Porsche that seems to bring out the youthful side for many of us, its transformative. I understand that there was a flat tire incident during the weekend trip which was safely taken care of thanks to the many lead and follow cars used during any driving event.

The big day in anticipation was the Saturday morning "spirited" drive onto the backroads of the Galena area planned by our tour coordinator and Herder of Cats, Mr. John Diwik. I consider John the Grand-High-Exalted-Mistic-Ruler of these driving tours for his commitment and vigor planning these events. (Quote from Jackie Gleason in *The Honeymooners* series)

Breakfast was provided by the host hotel each morning in the Pub, after which we

proceeded on the Saturday tour toward the towns of Hanover and Savanna, starting along Blackjack Road and continuing onto State Rt 84. The two-lane route was beautiful with gently rolling hills, scenic overlooks toward the River, well manicured farms with fields of corn, the occasional grazing cattle and horses, and past sleepy country towns. We drove within the Palisades area of the Mississippi Valley near the Mississippi Palisades State Park





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and past a beautiful suspension bridge over the mighty river. Upon returning to the hotel while stopped to re-fuel, one of the locals stepping out of his pickup walked over to me and actually complimented the cars and pronounced Porsche correctly. We always draw attention in a good way.

During the Saturday morning drive, the group was motoring along at a rather brisk pace, roads were smooth, we were all feeling good, as this is what the drive is all about and our pace continued for many miles without interruption. We suddenly slowed to a more civilized speed of 25-30 MPH –not knowing why. As I was perhaps only seven or eight cars behind the lead when we approached a hill, I could then see the reason for the sudden slow up, we were following behind a single hearse. The reduced speed continued for several miles, eventually the hearse turned off at a nearby white clapboard church with an adjacent cemetery as we continued along our merry way. It gave me pause – this recently deceased person had the best procession they could have imagined with a chance caravan of Porsche cars following in a respectful manner as if in honor of their passing. We proceeded to our destination that day in reflection, funny how that works.

After the Saturday drive, most returned to the Inn to gather their

thoughts for what may be next. The afternoon was again open to explore Galena, have lunch, create your own scenic drive as many did or head into town and do the tourist thing. Having enjoyed the Galena area in the past, I headed to town to check things out and happy to see not much has changed over the years. Main Street Galena is a bustling scene and attracts many visitors during summer weekends. The local shops and businesses represent numerous choices from established restaurants, historic hotels, 19th century restored facades, antique and vintage shops, artist galleries and the usual souvenirs shops. For me, I did another high-speed drive along Blackjack Road.

For a change in scene while in the area; Check out the Eagle Ridge Territory, a planned community development that came about in the 80's featuring a resort complex, golfing, single family homes and house rentals in a tightly controlled architectural style and nicely landscaped surroundings, a nice change from bustling Galena.

The concluding event was the group dinner in the Blarney Stone Ballroom of the hotel on Saturday evening. The formal dinner featured the signature Midwest Buffet offering a wide choice of midwestern cuisine. Before serious socializing got underway, various Porsche related photos, artwork and books were raffled and a few lucky members had the winning tickets.

Sunday arrived way too soon and after breakfast many headed east to their homebase. The day started foggy and overcast but lasted briefly. Once again it was a well-planned and fun driving weekend and an opportunity to meet with fellow members in a casual setting. Participants got to experience the passion and performance potential of these glorious cars which to me is a good, no great weekend, I think most would agree. 🍷



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As a way to bridge the gap between the two major German automakers, I reached out to Chris and asked few questions about his experience attending this year's GingerMan event. With many car clubs hosting events at the same tracks we at, I wanted to know the perspective from an outsider; seeing what makes PCA-C special compared to other clubs outside of the badges the cars possess:

with Chris Oprea



As a BMW enthusiast not part of PCA-C, how did you feel about the atmosphere attending a PCA-C Track day?

As a BMW driver attending a PCA-C track day for the first time, I wasn't sure what to expect. Prior to the event, the tech inspection process felt a little daunting especially since I thought it required a third-party shop sign-off. I later learned that while an outside inspection is recommended, it's not mandatory, which helped ease that initial concern. Once at the track, the atmosphere felt very familiar just like any other track day I've attended. The group was welcoming, the organization was solid, and it was easy to settle in and enjoy the driving.

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“...they created an environment that felt both professional and friendly.”



I was placed in Group 2, which ended up being a great fit. There were a few other BMWs in the run group, which made it feel a little more comfortable and familiar. Since it was my car's first time back at GingerMan in about two years, it took a couple of sessions to shake off the rust and get settled in. Once I found a rhythm, passing felt smooth and controlled, and at no point did I feel like there were any risky moments on track.

How about the social side of things?

The social side of the event was just as enjoyable as the track time. Having wine, beer, and dinner served was something totally new for me at a track day, and it was a nice touch that made the evening feel more like a community gathering than just a driving event. Conversations flowed easily, with plenty of laughs and good-natured banter about who would be passing who the next day. As someone coming in as an outsider, I was genuinely impressed by how welcoming everyone was it made it easy to feel like part of the group right away.

Anything particularly unique compared to other organizations?

In terms of differences from other organizations, there really weren't many. The only thing that stood out was that Group 1 required a harness, which I hadn't seen before, but it made sense given that open passing is allowed at that level. Aside from that and the tech inspection before the event it felt very much like other track days I've attended. There was the same strong sense of community, friendliness, and shared passion for driving that makes these events so enjoyable.

A huge thank you to the organizers for putting together such a well-run and welcoming event. From offering ride-alongs to engaging in casual conversations, they created an environment that felt both professional and friendly. When I had gone off track, they immediately checked in to make sure both myself and the car were okay (apologies again for taking away a bit of track time). I'm genuinely looking forward to coming back for more events in the future. 🍷



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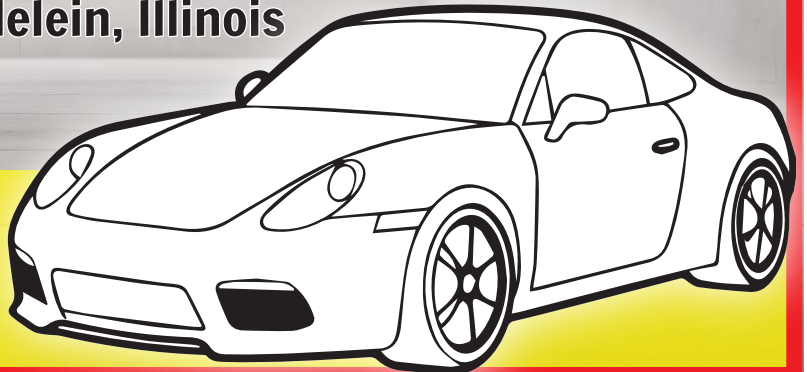
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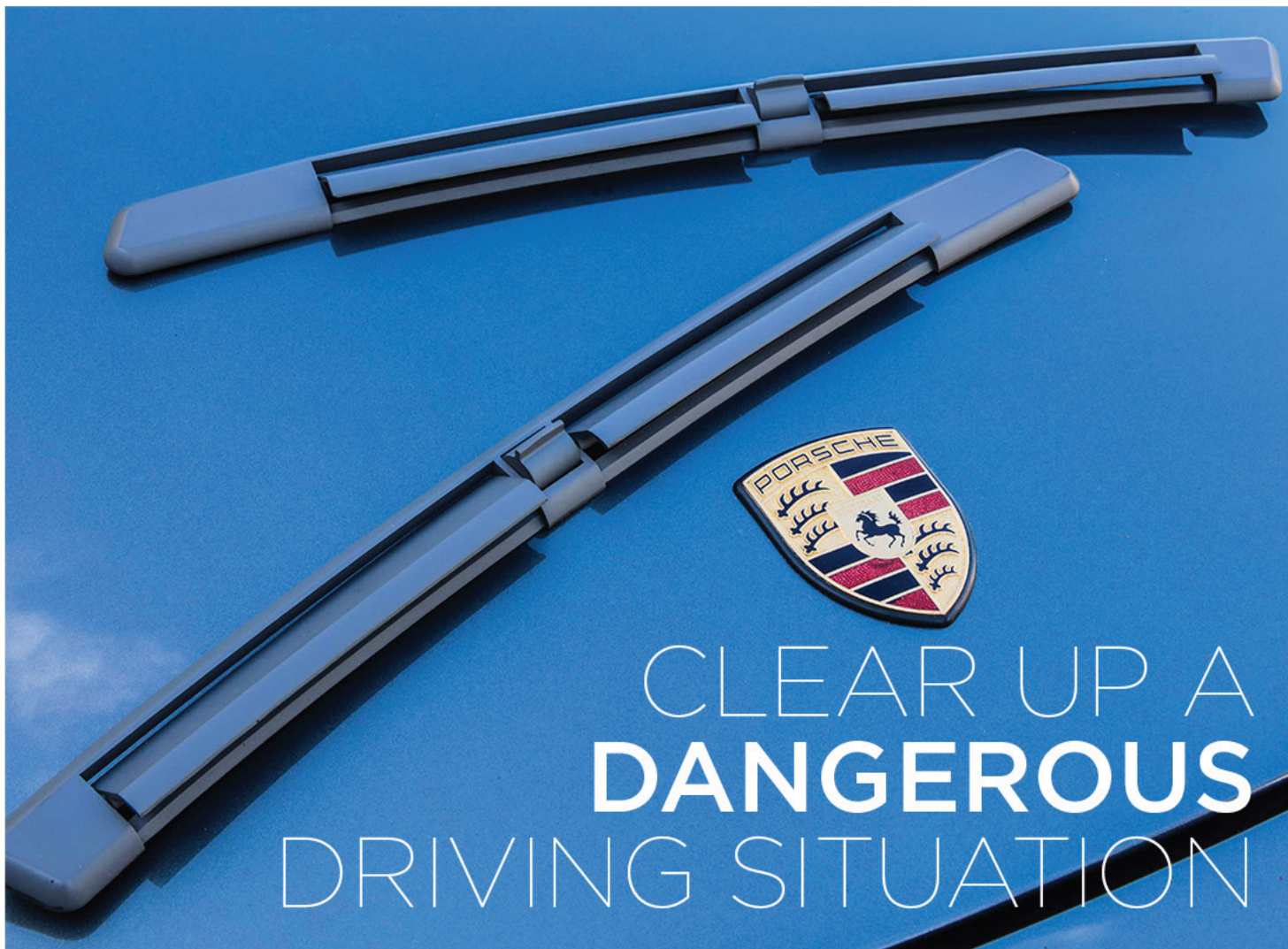
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Dan Cubric in the 911 Spirit 70

A Very GOOD Trip to Goodwood

It was early 2025 when PCA-Chicago member Dan Cubric put on his farmer's hat and planted the seed of an idea that we assemble a Chicago group to attend the Goodwood Festival of Speed in England. I have to confess that Goodwood had not been high on my radar but I am ever grateful that Dan pressed the issue. In a deft marital move of my own, I presented the idea to my wife, Libby, of making the trip across the Pond to spend a few days in London followed by a few days in the English countryside checking out "a few" cool cars.

We soon had an enthusiastic group of Chicagoans signed on for the adventure and plans began coming together.

A week before the event, one group headed off to Switzerland for a quick run through several countries by rail and then on to England by ferry. Another pair

by Andy Bizub



photo: Libby Bizub

Andy Bizub, trackside

Fireworks over The Goodwood House



headed to Manchester and Stonehenge, while a third pair started out in Geneva, driving the Furka and Stelvio passes before flying to England and visiting Bath and its Roman ruins. Eventually everyone converged on London for a brief visit.

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A Very GOOD Trip to Goodwood *continued*



photo: walter at the Whitehorse Inn



Red Bull F1 donuts

photo: Andy Bizub

Midweek had all of us heading south on the A3 for the outskirts of Chichester and the Goodwood Estate, an 11,000-acre property containing historic Goodwood House, the home of the Dukes of Richmond, and host of the Goodwood Festival of Speed and Goodwood Revival. The estate also includes a motor racing circuit, a racecourse, and a farm... something for everyone!

The Festival of Speed begins on Thursday and builds every day to its Sunday finish. With at least 20 separate events taking place each of the 4 days, it would take pages to describe it all, but some of the highlights for all auto enthusiasts were the daily supercar and hypercar hill climb runs and the flybys of incredible Formula 1 cars, from vintage front-engine racers to the iconic Tyrrell P34 "six wheeler" Elf, to the modern Red Bull and Haas

screamers, and those were just running up the gentle Goodwood hill track. The Fest also featured several Forest Rally runs and special balcony interviews with motorsport legends Derek Bell and Alain Prost among others.

Goodwood's huge space allows for plentiful static displays of all major motorsport manufacturers, and the Porsche display was the



The "Count Rossi" 917

photo: Andy Bizub



Forest Rally track

photo: Derek Chen

very best. It featured the 911 Spirit 70 model from Porsche Heritage Design, highlighting the Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur program and paying homage to the aesthetic of 1970's fashion and taste. The Porsche area was staffed with the most friendly and engaging representatives; they deserve a special mention for how enjoyable and accessible they made the brand offerings and interactions.

For me and my wife however, the highlight of the Festival was seeing the road legal Porsche 917 once owned by Teofilo Guiscardo Rossi di Montelera, AKA the "Count Rossi" 917. This full-fledged racecar was produced by the Weissach development center and adapted for road use by a small



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team dedicated to fulfilling the wishes of top Porsche enthusiasts, and still wears its original paint as well as a very worn-in patina of chips, scratches, leather abrasions and other marks of character, evidence of its frequent use and spirited driving, something that every Porsche car deserves. Seeing this 917 in person and up close reaffirmed for me the ethos of the brand. Porsche is a driver's car, designed to be driven hard and often. We are only here for a passing moment, and these cars we love and appreciate are special rewards to be enjoyed to the utmost, shared and not squirreled away. Gazing upon that car was exhilarating.

If Goodwood sounds overwhelming in its scope, that would be because it is. It takes at least three of its four days to take in everything, and we found that taking one day off to tour other English countryside offerings was refreshing. One comment we heard repeatedly was that the upper 80-degree weather we were sweating under was the best conditions anyone can remember, as they often experience the English country rains that dampen portions of the event. As it happened, we had chosen to attend the 75th anniversary year of the F1 World Championship which made it extra special and brought out so many of the Formula 1 cars and several current and past drivers. It definitely pays to have good timing! 🍷

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Why Autocross?

by Jack Steidle

Not long ago, someone asked me: “What drew you to try Autocross, and what keeps you coming back?”

The first part was easy. Autocross gave me the chance to push my Porsche hard—legally—and to sharpen my car control in a setting where the worst outcome is a few flattened cones, not a ride home on a flatbed.

The second part of the question is trickier. The hook is the challenge itself. Each course is different, demanding precision, focus, and skill far more than raw horsepower. That chase for the perfect run—the split-second improvement, the adrenaline of shaving off just a tenth of a second—never gets old.



photo: Jeff Brown



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Then there's the competition. We're car enthusiasts; of course we like to compete. But here's the surprise: autocross is one of the most supportive communities I've ever experienced. Veterans are quick to share advice, whether it's during a course walk, from the passenger seat as you drive, or by inviting you to ride along with them. Everyone wants to see everyone else improve, and that camaraderie is remarkable.

And for me, there's one more reason. My son recently moved back to the area, and autocross has become *our thing*. In a world dominated by screen time, nothing beats the father-son rivalry of same car, same course, mano a mano. Sure, there's some good-humored trash talk, but at the end of the day, we're building memories—ones I know we'll carry for a lifetime. 🏆



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The Concours Lawn: An Interview with Dave Mangano

by Kirk Owens

The Boxster S Dave Mangano bought in 2009 has given him a love for Porsche, miles of open-top excitement and a mantra each of us should follow, *“Everyone should have a plan for their Porsche - be it a daily driver, recreational driving or participating in PCA events.”*

As a 16-year PCA member, he was stung by the Concours bug and that wound hasn't healed. In 2019 Dave entered all five concours events – finishing in either last place or 4th. As with many new to concours, it was *“Hard to understand how I could not do better with such a great car and preparation. I wondered if it was the judges' fault.”* The 2020 shutdown brought perspective, cleaning and prep time as



photo: Michael Bene



well as a new microfiber commitment. In 2021, *“I made the transition from being irritated, by getting dinged for deductions, to thanking the judges for pointing out deductions.”* As if the wax-on, wax-off gods were listening, Dave went on to finish overall 1st place (Show category = exterior, interior & storage) in both 2021 and 2022!

“I spend a lot of effort preparing my car because it's about perfection. It's also like art work transforming my Porsche from a car that looks good to a car that looks amazing.” Those lessons in fine art came from Dave's mentors, and Grand Touring (exterior, interior, storage & engine/chassis) winners, John Moore and Don Janes. Applying those teachings has earned Dave multiple Grand Touring category wins, a HUGE accomplishment in a field of Parade champions!

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The Concours Lawn: An Interview with Dave Mangano continued

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As any of us with a black Porsche knows, **everything** shows! It's a long process, many hours and lots of patience to achieve a mirror finish and Dave's found (thankfully sharing) his routine. It starts with a clay bar session to remove paint contamination, then an orbital polisher with a microfiber pad to apply Sonax, giving a perfect finish polish. After polishing he applies Turtle Wax Ceramic Graphene Paste Wax for paint depth and protection. WINNER'S TIP: a polish/wax residue will remain, it's very important to remove all residue. Dave's final step is applying small amount of window cleaner to remove any remaining residue. Just when you think that's all, "Because I have a black car, I can't wash the car with water because it leaves water spots everywhere so I apply graphene paste wax every quarter – including rims and wheel liners." For the cabriolet top, he uses Porsche convertible top conditioner and overall, prefers Turtle Wax products.

Winner's Circle advice for new concours entrants, "Porsches are increasing in value – the time and cosmetic investment can be a good ROI. I've increased the value of my car well over 50% by DIY paint improvement or restoration and cosmetic improvements. Judges will coach you one-on-one how to improve your score." To keep that shine

between events, "It's important to cover your car, this will keep the dirt and scratches from your car."

"Within Concours, some compete to win, some join for the camaraderie and for others it's an extension of cleaning your car or enjoying the membership. The point is having fun, talking about Porsches and reaching your car's potential." From tail pipe cleaning to lint in the glove box, Dave's knowledge and love extends to judging events as well. In his second year as a judge, the most common mistake he notes is, "Entrants spending too much time on the outside and not enough time in the interior and windows. Commonly overlooked are hinges, latches and seat rails." Advice from the top of the podium, "No short cuts and don't take anything for granted." Concours participation has helped Dave maintain his beautiful 2000 Boxster S, he's "learned from well-informed Porsche colleagues everything from preparation to repair."

Returning to Dave's mantra – his Porsche plan – "Try to win first place in (our region's) Grand Touring, compete at Porsche Parade in 2026, retire my Boxster S and then start all over again with a different Porsche." Here's to Dave's plan becoming reality! 🍷



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Peak Rallye Season, August

by Jeff Runge

August is always packed for PCA-Chicago. After two days at GingerMan Motor Speedway, we switched from track setup back to street trim for one of the club's most unique events: the Rallye.

The Rallye Challenge

Unlike track days or autocross, a Rallye isn't about speed, but precision and teamwork. The route covers three to four hours of country roads, small towns, and farm fields, guided only by tricky instructions. Every second matters: too early, too late, or off course all add points. Just like golf, the lowest score wins.



This event was organized by Jack, Jake, and Mandi Steidle. Shirley (my adoring wife) and I first met Jack and Mandi at Rallye School years ago, and since then we've run into each other at nearly every PCA-C event, a reminder of how strong friendships grow in this Club.

Rallye Day

On August 17th, I swapped tires early, cleaned up the car, and managed to spill coffee on my new Porsche shirt before heading out, creating a "perfect" Rallye start. With Shirley navigating (and sticky notes everywhere), we tackled the route: confusing left turns, mile-



age corrections, and the usual second-guessing. At one checkpoint we were just 48 seconds late which is a solid score for us. *continued*

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Peak Rallye Season, August continued



Later, spotting the clue “Observe RUNGE” kept us on track, and despite a few mistakes near the end, we crossed the finish line ready for a cold beer and dinner with friends.

Results

- **1st Place:** Marcin Proszek & Kinga Wesolowska (Marcin also won All-Around in 2023)
- **2nd Place:** Brian & Danielle Scifers (Brian won All-Around in 2022)
- **Novice Win:** Bob & Lynn Friend, now contenders for the Novice title this year

To top it off, Shirley scored first pick in the fundraiser raffle.

Why Rallye?

The beauty of a Rallye is that you don't know where you're going, but you always end up somewhere memorable, often with new friends and a good meal at the end. For me, my 996 and PCA-Chicago membership are two of the best purchases I've made in the past five years.

Next up: “Enjoy the View Again” Rallye in Hanover, near Galena, September 13–14. The scenery and roads there are fantastic. Hope to see you out on course! 🍷



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.

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 'n Shine 4, Blackhawk
- 27-28** Oktoberfest, Blackhawk

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 5** Board Meeting
- 15** Porsches & Pastries / Toys for Tots, Labriola

DECEMBER

- 13** Dinner Dance, Westin Chicago North Shore

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