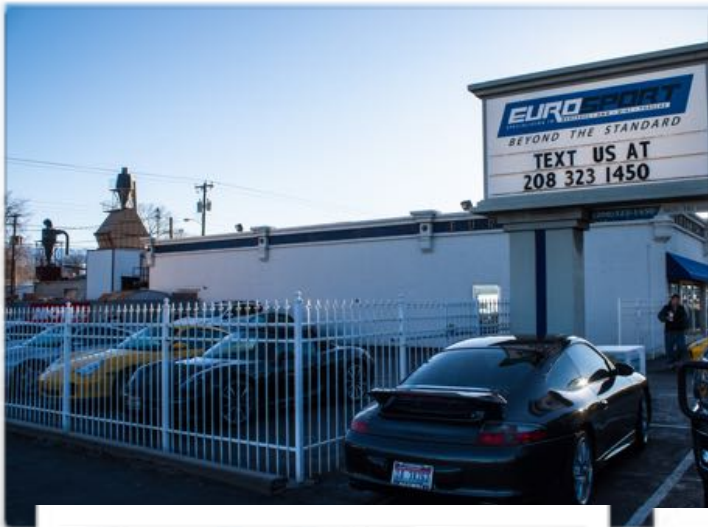


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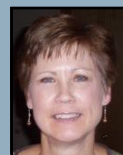
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

**BY: JOHN SOMMERWERCK
2016 SILVER SAGE PRESIDENT**



I want to thank all of you Silver Sage Porsche enthusiasts for electing me president of the region for 2017. I will do my best to continue the tradition of excellence in fun car events, fellowship and good works that I have been privileged to enjoy with all of you in this region. Fortunately, all the wonderfully creative, enthusiastic, intelligent and hardworking members who come together to make our events happen make the president's job in Silver Sage easy. We have a cadre of folks who have continually stepped up to suggest and run events. This past year we have had 75 new members join our group, although the region only netted 27 additional members after non-renewals and transfers. In 2017, I want to concentrate my focus on maintaining our high quality of events and adding members, while retaining existing members.

We have started our year on a great note with the January New Members Meeting, the EuroSport Tech Session, and the Murder Mystery Theater. By the time, you read this column we will have held a second tech session at Porsche of Boise. My thanks to Walt Gammill, Paul Guggenbeuhl, Derek Parker, Jeremy Knopp, and Linda Prusynski for leading these events.

We have already had three board meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday of each month at Porsche of Boise. These are your meetings, folks, open to all members and I encourage you to attend. These meetings are where the club takes care of the nuts and bolts of the club activities. We field questions from members, entertain proposals for new events or adjust existing events, make changes as needed to the region by-laws, etc. (Also, Porsche of Boise provides sandwiches!) I'll admit the board meetings aren't as much fun as the events, but we need fresh ideas to fold into the club activities, and those meetings are the place to do that. If you have an item you'd like placed on the agenda, contact me by email or phone. Or just attend and speak your mind at the new business portion of the meetings.

Next up on the club calendar are: Spring Fling at the Nest; Coffee & Cars will be starting the first Saturday in April, weather permitting; the BBB Auction; and the President's Mystery Tour. Check out our website (www.silversageporscheclub.com) for a complete listing of club events.

I am pleased to announce that a transfer to our region, John Andrews, has accepted the role of "Drivers Education (DE) Coordinator". John has developed a calendar of DE opportunities in and around our region for those so inclined. The schedule John developed will soon be incorporated with the Silver Sage website. Please join with me in welcoming John to our region.

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(Note: Due to an emergency, Stuart was unable to complete work on this issue, and its completion and mailing were delayed. He should be back in action by the next issue.)

TICK TALK

BY STUART O. DAVIS
SAGE TICK EDITOR



As you glance through these pages in the “Tick” this issue, I’d like to point out a few things that you might find interesting. The first one is that this is the first issue of the “Tick” that I actually laid out myself, without any assistance from Laura Lantz. In December of 2016, my former employer and I had a parting of the ways. Although there was a great deal of good from this event, the downside was losing Laura and the printer at my office. One day after this event transpired, I spent 12 hours on an operating table in California getting my spine fixed. Both of these events were life changing, and after careful consideration, I decided that it was time for a new editor. A few days later, I had a change of heart, and I contacted John Sommerwerck and Walt Thode to arrange for a meeting. We met in January for breakfast, and I laid out all the things I wanted to do with the “Tick” going forward. So we all agreed to go forward with me continuing on as editor, and relying heavily on Walt Thode for support. If not for Walt, there is no way that you would be reading these words. Thank you guys for all the support.

In other news, I was excited to go to the Tech session at Eurosport last month. There is an article about the event later in these pages, but what made the event more exciting for me is that the engine that they were using for the session was the same as the one I have in my TT 996 Turbo S. And on top of this, I decided to take my 12-year-old son. So father and son showed up for the event a little on the late side, and found the room crowded to capacity, with nowhere for me and Josh to sit. So we hung out for a few minutes, just enough time to learn about the “vario cam +” and then we left. I am way too weak to stand for any amount of time, so it was impossible for me to stay. But the number of people and the quality of the presentation just blew me away. I hope there are more of these events, and having you join us would be just great.

Speaking of Laura, I want to take a few lines to tell you how much we as a club owe her for her contributions to the “Sage Tick.” Years ago, when I volunteered for the editor position, she jumped right in and helped me lay this thing out. She fought the printer settings, learned how to use “Pages.” And coordinated the inflow of articles and did all the final layout and editing. So, if there were a Nobel Peace Prize for being loyal and very talented, she would win hands down.

Looking forward to the summer and fall months, I have been asked to coordinate a trip to Sun Valley for a weekend of fun. I have been working with Sun Valley to get some reduction in rates for rooms in the Inn and in the newly remodeled lodge. If you have not been to the resort since the redo, it is nothing short of spectacular. I’ll have more information on this trip by June, and then allow registration to start in August. I hope to see all of you participate in this event. I promise it will be worth the time and effort to go.

In closing, I just want to say one more time to Laura thank you for your years of support, and your loyalty. This club really benefited from her service. I just hope that I can be as good at this task as she was.



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SPOKANE IS THE PLACE FOR THE PORSCHE PARADE

by Vicki Pentecost

Mark your calendars to join fellow Porsche Club of America members at Porsche Parade from July 9 to July 15, 2017 in Spokane, Washington. Parade is PCA's annual, weeklong event when thousands of members descend upon a new location every year to explore in their Porsches — often in Parade-organized driving tours — in addition to other events such as an autocross, a concours d'elegance, time-speed-distance and gimmick rallies, numerous banquets, regional-specific activities, and more. Bring the kids, too, as they'll be kept busy with activities including model Porsche concours, RC car racing, and ice-cream socials. (Well, adults can join in the ice-cream, too.)

With Spokane being close to us here in southern Idaho (as opposed to driving across the U.S. last year to attend the Vermont Parade, as three intrepid members did), we are anticipating a significant number of Silver Sage cars making the drive. For those of you who wondered what Parade is all about, we had an introduction on March 23rd at Cobby's on Chinden Blvd. that was well attended.

Reservations for entry to Parade and for available lodging occurred in February, but spaces may still be available. Signup for specific Parade events (competitive events, tours, and special events) occurred on April 3, but will remain open as long as space is available. Check at pca.org for the Parade web site if you haven't yet signed up.

Remember, you do not have to stay for the whole week; it's understood that vacations are limited for many, so 2 – 3 days will provide great fun for you and your family.

You may know that Parade was held in Boise in 2002. If you attended, you know what fun it can be. Short of having it here again, the Spokane location is about as close as it can get for easy travel. If you haven't attended a Parade, this is your best chance to do it with minimum fuss.



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Unfortunately, we have learned that Bogus Basin will no longer allow the region to run a hillcross on their facilities. Hal McMillan, Rex Chandler and I are working to develop a new format for BBB. Most likely, it will remain at Bogus Basin, albeit without the hillcross component, and it will be a single day event. Due to the uncertainty around the Sun Valley Road Rally, this event has been removed from our formal calendar. In place of the Rally, we have added a drive to Sun Valley in late September.

The 2017 Porsche Parade is occurring in our backyard—this year's Parade will occur July 9-15 in Spokane, WA. This is a great opportunity for us to see and experience all things Porsche and PCA. Vicki Pentecost is holding a planning session at Cobby's in Garden City on March 23. Vicki has worked several Parades and I am sure her insight will be priceless. For details on the Parade, check it out at 2017parade.pca.org.

We need an event coordinator for the 2017 Autocross. The 2016 planner has provided a detailed list of tasks one would need to undertake, but she is not available to run the 2017 event. Can you help?

Don't forget: it is not just the cars but the people. Volunteers make our club successful.

NEW MEMBERS DINNER

by Walt Gammill

On Saturday, January 14, Silver Sage held its annual meeting to welcome new members and transferring members who joined the region in 2016.

The meeting was held at the new Idaho Pizza Company location in Eagle. About 75 Silver Sagers attended, including 22 new members. As always, the new members were treated to a free meal. Idaho Pizza did a great job, setting up more than enough pizzas for all, plus a fabulous salad bar. Drinks were not included, but with beer on tap for about \$3.50 a pint, nobody minded.

This was new Membership Chairman Paul Guggenbuehl's maiden event in his new position. Paul did a great job getting the venue set up. There was ample room for the whole group, with TV screens available for those so inclined—there was some sort of game on at the time.

Paul opened the meeting with some welcoming comments, and then turned it over to new Region President John Sommerwerck, who welcomed everyone and conducted a short meeting to make the event official. He provided a quick recap of some past events, and ran through a summary of some of the exciting events Silver Sage has planned for the upcoming year.

After the official remarks concluded, everyone enjoyed a good meal and more of the camaraderie that makes Silver Sage so special.



Another take on this meeting, by new member Jeremy Knopp:

It was a sad yet exciting evening for my wife and me. The weather was just nice enough for our Porsche to be out for the New Member Dinner meeting. Sadly the engine was disassembled, prepared for the technical session at Eurosport in February. We climbed into our SUV instead and headed to the New Member Dinner. We walked into the door and questioned the size of the meeting space thinking there was no way we needed it all. We have been to many other car club meetings where the turnout is marginal but to our surprise the seats filled up. Paul Guggenbuehl officiated the meeting, recounting why our group is great and soon it became apparent. The passion for Porsche was greater than we had anticipated and "It's not just the cars, it's the people" resonated throughout the evening.

Time went on and we recognized people we knew, but our conversations were shifted into introductions to new acquaintances. We slowly made it to our seats enjoying the camaraderie along the way. The seasoned members welcomed the new and built excitement among the group embracing new members. John Sommerwerck discussed events and shared club information with the group. The club was then released to feast on greens and pizza.

After the officiated meeting and dinner was finished the proximity conversations began. We met a wonderful couple and it was clear there were many similarities between us. There could not have been a better way for us to spend our evening. As we look at the schedule of event for this year we hope to keep our schedule clear enough to be able to attend at least one or to events a month. This article may not convey each attendees experience but it touches on ours. We would like to thank the seasoned members for the introduction to a fine group of Porsche enthusiasts. It's an event like this that cements membership into a group and lays bricks of development to build a life long relationship with an exceptional group of Porsche owners.

EUROSPORT TECH TALK - FEB 11TH - M96 ENGINE

by Derek Parker

It is not every day that a Porsche enthusiast gets to see an engine disassembled into a thousand pieces but, thanks to Eurosport of Boise, we had the opportunity. On Feb. 11, over 45 members of Silver Sage PCA (and one out-of-state visitor from Central New York PCA) participated in a series of presentations regarding the design and maintenance of the M96 engine family.

The M96 engine architecture was a major departure from previous air-cooled designs. In addition to being the first production flat-6 water-cooled engine for Porsche, it was modular, and powered the Boxster (986) as well as the 996 and 997 models of the 911. Since its first introduction in 1997-1998, the M96 engine family has undergone many updates and improvements over the years, and keeping up with maintenance and performance is a top priority for many owners, technicians, and enthusiasts.

Many thanks to Jeremy Knopp, the owner of Eurosport, and his two service department leads, Geoff Gravett, and Christian Niezgoda for hosting such a detailed and informative event. Participants had a chance to handle many of the internal engine components, gain an in-depth understanding of wear patterns, lubrication and coolant flow, and common sense upgrades utilizing a database of preventative maintenance measures for this engine family. It is good to know that there is a dedicated and qualified community of Porsche mechanics who are keeping up to date with best practices and sharing this information with owners of these great cars. As we enter the 20-year mark for this design, we can look forward to another 20 years or longer of keeping these first generation water-cooled German beauties on the road.

(Editor's note: A longer, more detailed description of this tech session was later received from Geoff Gravett from Eurosport, who conducted part of the session. Space wasn't available in this issue to include it. If you're interested in a copy, contact wfthode@gmail.com.)



MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

by Linda Prusynski

The February membership meeting was a fun Valentine-themed celebration at Playhouse Boise on Saturday, February 11. The venue was decorated for Valentine's Day, and each lady got a fresh rose to take home. SSPCA had 20 members in attendance in the audience.

The evening consisted of a murder mystery play and dinner. During a served appetizer of shrimp cocktail, followed by a dinner of chicken and beef kabobs, cast members in costume moved about the room, engaging in conversation with the audience. After dinner, the play began. With the title *Murder Me Always*, it was a fast-paced "whodunit" with a "murder" and a few cast members playing more than one part.

Our own Ann Baertsch was "deputized" (with an "official" badge, even) and had to go up front after the play to help the audience "solve" the mystery of who committed the murder. Sid Cannon got into the role of playing detective; he had the deerstalker hat, and even a pipe just like Sherlock Holmes had!



MEMORIAL TO JIM BANSE (1936-2017)

by Walt Thode

We have lost another long-time Silver Sager. Jim Banse succumbed to various maladies on February 15. Jim had been a member of PCA since 1995. When I first came back to Boise after an absence of over 30 years, Jim was one of the first people to befriend me, telling me that he was familiar with my name, having known my dad, who had the same name as me. Jim was a regular if not always present attendee at club events, often sporting a signature toothpick in his mouth. His red 911 Turbo was always remarked upon when it appeared. Jim was suffering in recent years from heart problems, but he still occasionally showed up at events, particularly the Coffee & Cars drives. When he recently sold his Turbo, I figured he was going to disappear from the club, but then he bought an almost new 911 and continued showing it off at Coffee & Cars. I'm sure our thoughts are with his wife Virginia and other family members. On March 2 a mass was held at Holy Apostles Church, and an inurnment occurred later that day at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery. Anyone wanting to contribute in his name could do so to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org/donate).



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SPRING FLING APRIL 8

by Carole Flatter

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Once again, as in past years, there will be terrific door prizes for some lucky Silver Sage women, including a \$500 Coach bag gift certificate provided by Porsche of Boise and \$100 Nest gifts certificates from Jim and Marcia. Previous Coach bag winners are encouraged to bring their bags for display.

The Nest is offering a \$75 Terrarium-making class for the women for \$20, underwritten by Porsche of Boise, and we have 25 spaces available in the class, so early signup is recommended when you register for the event if you want to participate. Signups at the door will cost \$45 if any space is still available.

The beautiful new Nest Store is located at the corner of Chinden Blvd. and Eagle Road in the Eagle Marketplace Shopping Center, which has great parking for our cars. As an added bonus, we can have our pictures taken, courtesy of Porsche of Boise, with the infamous Porsche Woman Torso.

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ENGINE COMPARTMENT PAD KEEPER

By Robert Sturgeon

Pad Keeper Installation: 1990 964 C2

While at most car events you don't see a lot of Porsches with the deck lid up, almost anyone can appreciate a clean and well maintained engine bay. One of the things that had been a nagging problem for our 1990 964 C2, and most air-cooled models, was the old, sagging sound insulation pad.



My father-in-law, Sid Cannon, and I agreed we needed to come up with something to tidy up that area, but replacing the pad with the engine in place was not really an option. To do that, the old pad would need to be removed, then the area prepped. Adhesive would need to be placed on the pad and the engine bay surface. The adhesive is pretty instant, and once the two

sides touch...game over. Managing that in the 1-2" space was not something we were looking forward to trying.

The kit includes: 1 Pad Keeper, extra long fasteners to replace the OEM set, a Porsche 964 sticker, and to my great excitement exactly one sheet of instructions that was mostly pictures.



ENGINE COMPARTMENT PAD KEEPER - CONTINUED

Installation is very straightforward and should only take 20-30 minutes, closer to 20 if you actually read the instructions.

Begin by covering the engine (preferably while cool) to prevent pad material from dropping onto your engine, and to prevent the loss of the fasteners. Remove the four OEM fasteners by simply unscrewing them. Once the OEM fasteners are removed, take the provided fasteners and run them up one of the two middle studs to cut threads into them (the outer studs are not as easily accessible).

Doing this step now will make final installation much easier.




Next, place the Pad Keeper under the sound pad and begin starting the two middle fasteners, making sure the Pad Keeper fits snugly under the metal drip rail.

Do not tighten the fasteners until they are all in place, as a bit of side-to-side adjustment was necessary to get the final fastener started. In our case, and as the instructions noted, we had to shorten one fastener by 1/8" to 3/16" for it to clear the blower housing and get it started on the stud (see arrow below). Once the Pad Keeper is in place, tighten all fasteners the rest of the way and you're done. Some have noted on Rennlist forums that they modified the Pad Keeper with a Dremel tool in order for it to completely fit under the drip rail, but that was not necessary for our installation.


We found that this was a worthwhile alternative to fabricating a solution ourselves, and it does its intended job very well. Pad Keepers are available for all air-cooled 911s from 1965 to 1998, and installation should be similar. For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/david.etter.3>



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May 3: Board Meeting at Porsche of Boise

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