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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Lindsey Robinson, Silver Sage President



I am very excited to be the new President of Silver Sage Porsche Club. My husband, Ken and I have been members of the club since October 2012. We bought our first Porsche, a 2000, Midnight Metallic Blue, 911. This is mainly Ken's car. We also own a 2006 Cayenne S we share, and a 2014 Agate Gray Metallic Boxster that I mainly drive. We love driving our cars and really love being part of this fantastic group of Porsche owners. One of the things that makes this club very interesting is the large number of members in the club and recognizing that we all have own likes and dislikes. Some members would be happy if we just had social events with a drive here and there. Other members would be happy if we mostly did driving events with the social events being a side note. One thing we all have in common though, is our love of Porsche. I think another thing that most people would agree about is we all want to feel welcome. It is hard to show up to something new, not knowing anyone and hoping you meet some people who are friendly. It is very hard to step forward and start introducing yourself especially if the other people all seem engaged already with other people. I would like to challenge every member of this club, new and existing members, to reach out to at least one person they do not know at every event you go to. Even if it is just a quick introduction of Hi my name is . What is your name? Nice to meet you. Remember that a new person to the club may only go to one event, feel unwelcome and never return. That person that felt unwelcome may have wanted to step forward to help with an event, but

didn't feel like they would even be wanted. Some members come from other PCA regions and have experience under their belt to help out/participate in club events. Others are completely new to PCA and might appreciate someone fill them in on what is going on. Every member has value and brings something different to the table.

The goal of the survey that was sent out to our membership was to get the pulse of the club and to figure out how to meet the expectations of most people. I apologize for the questions in the survey that asked you to rate activities. There was a lot of frustration, the survey has its limits, but maybe we can ask that kind of question differently in the future. I learned that most everyone, 98%, who answered the survey question states they feel welcome at Silver Sage events. I learned that our club loves to drive their cars with driving events such as Coffee and Cars and overnight tours being the favorite activities. The second most popular event is Oktoberfast. This event has something for everyone. It has drives, social events, our charity kickoff and a Porsche exclusive car show. Finally, the 3rd most popular events are social events. We have a club of friendly people who genuinely like to spend time with each other. We discovered we are on the right track with our Holiday celebration at the end of the year. Most people responded they like the sit-down dinner with the cocktail attire. We also discovered Music is a low priority to most people. The lower attendance at the Charity Auction last year seemed to be a result of our membership has busy schedules. When we asked the question "Would you like to see more family events?" I really confused people. What I really wanted to know is should we be having events that

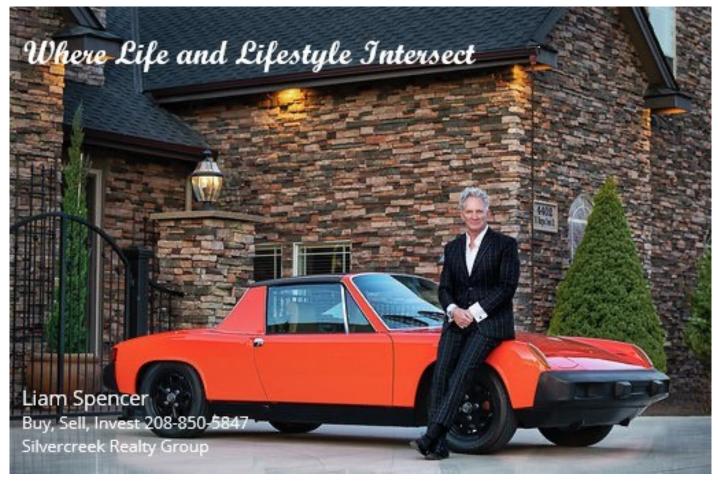
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Lindsey Robinson, Silver Sage President *(continued)*



welcome children and have things for them to do. We may address this in the future. There are some people who would like to help out, but have never been asked. We will be reaching out to them soon. The part of the survey that surprised me the most was the additional comments. Several people really want track days, other events people want to do are rallies, and many suggestions for social events such as potlucks, progressive dinners, going to sporting events and getting together to watch race events. I would like to thank those that participated in the survey. It is important to get new ideas, and see if we are on the right track. Now that we have this information, we will be trying to use it to improve our club.







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TICK TALK

Michael Feiler — Editor (Cody's Dad)



Surprise! The cover of this issue of the Tick doesn't even have a single car in it. As we always say, "it's not just the cars, it's the people." What better way to illustrate that than a gathering of intrepid Silver Sagers. Nope, you're wrong...it's not a chapter meeting of the local AA club (...obviously, get serious).

The shot is from the 2018 Treffen in Banff, Alberta Canada. Many thanks to Ernie Monroe for the graphic rendition of the cover and to Gary Cuddeford acting as the "designated photographer." From the height and angle of the picture, I'm pretty positive that Gary was not imbibing during the photo-shoot.

There are really many people/entities to thank for their contributions to this issue of the Tick. Walt Thode was kind enough to write up a very special time with his son at a Formula 1 race; Bob Kunz "started our engines" with a prelude to this year's Auto X activities, and just too many to thank for their help with the New Members party (especially Robert Sturgeon and Porsche of Boise).

Denis Dunlop was kind enough to write-up our second Tech Session at Porsche of Boise where Mike Bell provided great detail of the new Taycan and the newest 911, the 992. Lest we not forget to thank Jeff Fergot for arranging all the Tech Sessions.

Ken Robinson pitched in as he always does and did a great write-up on the Holiday Party.

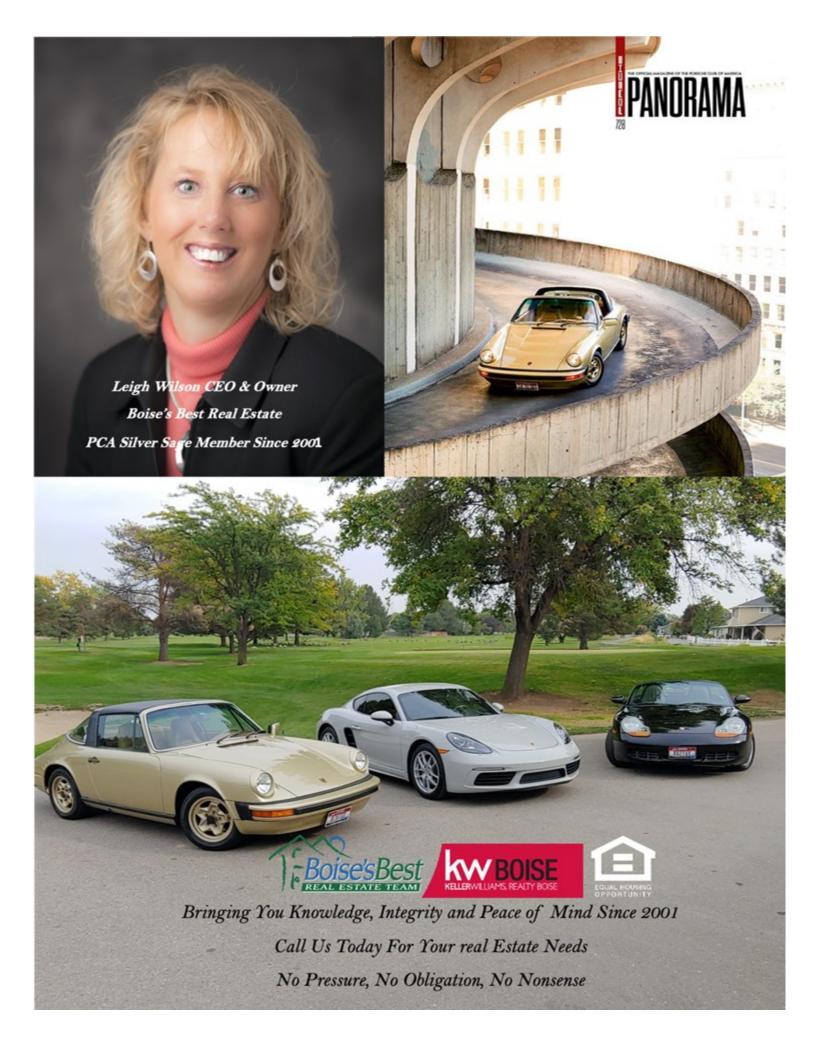
We really never seem to write-up our Cruise-In activities. However, I'd like to emphasize what varied fun

they are. I know that Judy and I have discovered some really fun eateries that we probably would never have visited had it not been for the organization of Loren Stumbaugh. Loren's always looking for ideas for future Cruise-Ins so don't be bashful, give him your suggestions.

As you read this issue of the Tick, our Spring activities are just about to get underway; Coffee & Porsches, the Spuds Auction, Treffen, Adopt-a-Highway, the President's Mystery Tour and more. I urge all of our long time core members to reach out to any and all of our newest members and invite them to join in our myriad of activities.

Lastly, I want to thank our advertisers for supporting our magazine and give a special shout out to some of our newest advertisers; Simmons Fine Jewelry, and The Rag Company. They have both been long term supporters of Silver Sage and we welcome them as additions to the Tick.







HOLIDAY PARTY



Ken Robinson
(The First Gentleman)

The annual Silver Sage Holiday party was held at Hill-

crest County Club on December 7th. It was a great venue. There was a nice gathering of members for a pleasant cocktail hour while we were entertained by a nice band. The holiday party is really one of the only Silver Sage event of the year where the members can dress up a bit if they wish to. The cocktail hour lasted about an hour followed by a delicious, sit-down dinner. In my opinion, the best Holiday Party meal we have had since I've been a member. Well done to Hillcrest Country Club! Lindsey and I had lots of nice con-

versations with friends new and old. Shortly after dinner was done, some awards were given out. All the outgoing

club officers (Blair Baertsch, Sid Cannon, Melissa Shane) were given trophies thank-

ing them for their service to the club. Also, John



Sommerwerck presented an award to Jeff Fergot for his contributions as the Tech Talk coordinator. The big excitement of the evening were the raffles. As you are all aware, this year as part of

the fundraising event for Wish Granters, Silver Sage

region had a one of a kind Tag Heuer watch raffle.

Well the drawing for the watch was at the Holiday Party. Since the ticket sales were all on-line, every person who bought a raffle ticket/s got assigned consecutive numbers equal to the number of tickets they bought. So, during the party

Bob Pentecost got out his random number generator and found the winning member. It turned out to be George Jolley who was not present at the dinner so, the watch was pre-

sented to George at the Board meeting on December 10th. George had only purchased one ticket for the raffle. Very lucky to win a \$1700 watch for \$50. The other big drawing was the

\$1000 worth of tires from Big O. Also, part of the annual fundraising event for Wish Granters. That raffle was done with conventional raffle tickets

and the winner ended up being Andrew King who was at the party. These parties are always very fun

events, and this one did not disappoint. A very nice way to close out

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point. A very nice way to close out another great year with Silver Sage. I am looking to the 2020 party being held December 5th again at Hill-

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NEW MEMBERS PARTY

Robert Sturgeon

The New Members Dinner was held 01/11/2020 to welcome those who joined the SSPCA in 2019. It was a great way to kick off the New Year and to get to know those who joined throughout the previous 12 months.

Porsche of Boise was gracious in opening their doors to our large group, having the Porsche Showroom open for mingling, and the Mercedes Benz show-



room set up for dinner. Attendance at this annual event has regularly exceeded the seating capacity of most local restaurant banquet rooms and we really appreciate the great lengths that were taken to make us feel welcome and at home.

In all we had 124 in attendance with 40 being new members. I had a chance to meet most of the new members in attendance, since I was either delivering their new name badges, or taking down information to make them later and I have to say, we have a lot of great new additions to the club. One of the highlights of the evening was when each new member in attendance introduced themselves, their co-

member, and their car(s).

The Glossary of Terms that were placed on each table was a fun and effective way of helping members, new and old, get up to speed on the unique words and phrases that we use regularly in the course of planning many diverse events during the course of the year. Thanks to Lindsey Robinson for coming up with the idea and getting it ready in time for the dinner.

The meal was provided by Goodwood Barbeque Company for the second year in a row. They did such a great job last year, we were more than happy to have them back again. The food and the service were terrific and for the second year we were blown away by what a great crew they are and how nice they are to work with. A full no-host bar was provided by The Curb restaurant in Meridian.

Incoming president Lindsey Robinson addressed the group and gave us a preview of the planned events



for 2020. We're excited to have Lindsey at the helm and are looking forward to a fun-filled year.

NEW MEMBERS PARTY

Robert Sturgeon

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Lynn Houdyshell stood and invited those in attendance to take a moment to remember our longtime friend, past Silver Sage President, master mechanic, PCA Enthusiast of the Year, and Lifetime Silver Sage member, Marshall "Red" Jones, who passed away less than a month before. Red was a stalwart supporter of the club for over 40 years, joining in 1978. He will be missed by all who knew him.

I'd like to thank Vicki Pentecost for stepping in and working out all of the arrangements with Goodwood Barbeque for this year's party.



I'd like to thank Tina Turley and Porsche of Boise for all they did for this event. They went above and beyond to make this event happen, and to make it so nice for us. We appreciate your support and all you do all year long.

Lastly, thanks to everyone who attended. It's a privilege to serve the club and get to know all of you as we gather around our common interest. It's hard to say it better than the PCA, "it's not just the cars, it's the people."





Through FEBRUARY 2020	PRIMARY	AFFILIATE	TOTALS
1. New members	19	5	23
2. Renewals	24	20	44
3. Non-renewals	3	0	-3
4. Transfers in	1	1	2
5. Transfers out	0	0	0
6. Cancellations	0	0	0
7. Added by Record Change	0	1	1
8. Net Change *	0	0	0
TOTAL MEMBERS **	356	196	552

- * Exclusive of renewals, on time or late
- ** Totals are from National.







AUTO X 2020

(prelude)

Bob Kunz



Silver Sage will be running a two day Driver Education (DE) event on July 18-19, 2020 focusing on autocross driving skills. On July 18 we will conduct a skills training daylong session using elements from autocross courses. You will practice slaloms, launches, threshold/ABS braking, and skid pad limits. On July 19, these elements and more will be stitched together in a 60 second autocross course.

Last
year's
September
event
brought
out a
variety
of cars



for a single day autocross event. For this summer's event we plan on providing 8 runs on the autocross circuit and as many runs as time will allow for each of the four skills session stations. The course will be configured between skills and autocross days. You can participate in skills, autocross, or both. Registration will start in May/June.

Our cars are built for street driving and tracking. Autocross is the easiest, least expensive way to see if your Porsche enthusiasm tends towards tracking your car. Autocross course elements are directly related to actual real world driving. They provide a feel for your car and your capabilities when presented with street driving events. Be ready to make that quick lane change. Be prepared to know just how

hard you can use that brake pedal and what it feels like when ABS kicks in. Do this all in a closed course in a safety first environment.

Our summer event is the first in a renewed focus for

SSPCA on DE. As some of you may know a new track is being



built in Emmett and DE committee is working on Gem State Raceway to make sure we can take advantage of this new facility when it pens in 2021. We are also working across regions to bring training opportunities to SSPCA.



This year's skills/autocross will be held at the Idaho Fairgrounds/Expo Center parking lot off N Glenwood St on July 18 (skills) and July 19 (autocross). Come have some fun with us!

TECH SESSION—#2



Denis Dunlop



Jeff Fergot produced the 2nd Tech Session for 2020 on Saturday Feb 22nd.

Porsche of Boise hosted the event in their showroom providing an excellent breakfast for the 45 club members in attendance who shared the space with a 2020 Taycan Turbo and a 2020 model 992, 911 Carrera S.

Mike Bell of Porsche of Boise's presentation focused on the technical details of the Taycan and the features of the 992 911 Vs the previous 991 model.

Any expectation that the advent of Electric vehicles means the end of exciting Cars and motoring was put to rest by Mikes presentation both by the technical descriptions and his obvious enthusiasm for the cars. Innovative features of the Taycan such as an 800 volt electric system allowing for considerable weight savings, and the use of a 2 speed transmission from the rear power unit clearly put Porsche at the forefront of this developing technology.

The 911 just keeps evolving and improving.

The highlight of the day for the writer was winning a seat for a ride in the Taycan, 3 of which were raffled off at the event.

After the tech session I joined my fellow winners Gary Cuddeford and Bob Pentecost for a ride in the Taycan hosted by Shaun Ferguson of Porsche of Boise.

The car is beautifully finished, quiet as you might expect, but with an available soundtrack to accompa-

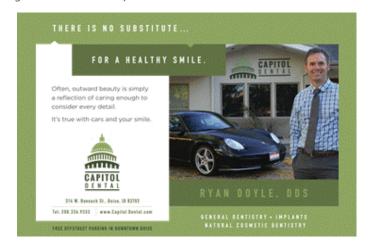
ny Sport mode. Its handling and acceleration are extraordinary, particularly when you consider that it weighs in excess of 5000 lbs., and can only be captured in one word as WOW!!

Thank you to Jeff and Sharon Fergot for organizing the event and Mike Bell and all the people at Porsche of Boise for hosting and presenting.



(Editor's note:

Aren't you glad the 4 nefarious characters are featured front and center with the car subjected to second billing in the background...what hams)





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First-timer at Formula 1



Walt Thode

When my son Eric hit his 50th birthday a year ago, I wanted to make a gift to him of a trip to a Formula 1 race. We're both fans—we usually talk after each race to review what happened—and I knew he'd enjoy actually attending a race. Events seemed to conspire to keep us from getting the trip done, but a few weeks before his 51st birthday we made it to Austin to see the "Formula 1 Emirates United States Grand Prix" the first weekend in November. (I had actually attended one prior GP, back in the '70s when they held a couple of races in Long Beach, but that was eons ago in automotive terms.)

We flew to Austin the Friday of race weekend. That meant we missed the first two practice sessions and the supporting events also held that day. After a quick trip to downtown Austin, we settled into the hotel that was as close as I could find to the track. The Circuit of the Americas is quite a way out from town, and seemingly not close to anything else either.

On Saturday morning, we contacted Lyft to get a ride to the course. It was about a half-hour away. The course had set up a "ride-share meeting point" just outside the track. (More about that later.) We headed into the track and found our "COTA Club" suite. I had decided to spend some money so that we would have an enjoyable weekend. The suite looked to be a well-built temporary three-story structure located at the end of the long back straight before Turn 12. It provided rotating heavy hors d'oeuvres all day, plus all the drinks one could want. A patio outside the suite overlooked the track and had chairs for several hundred people. Besides the featured event, several support races were held, including what FIA calls Formula 4, a series for beginning racers. They also had

exhibition races featuring F1 cars from the decade of the 1980s, and another series for what I'd call endurance racers from a few years ago. After the F1 third practice session, the support races filled the time until F1 qualifying happened later in the day.

If you're familiar with F1 these days, you'll know that only maybe two teams, or two and a half, are truly competitive of the ten teams entered. The Mercedes team of Lewis Hamilton and Valteri Bottas was leading the series. Ferrari drivers Sebastian Vettel and Charles Leclerc are competitive most of the time, as is Red Bull driver Max Verstappen. There were no incidents of note during qualifying, but Hamilton, who had been fastest in practice, messed up on his final hot lap and only qualified fifth. The first two rows were made up of Bottas and Vettel, followed by Verstappen and Leclerc.

We could see Turns 12-15 right in front of us, but grand-stands blocked our view of the start -finish straight,



although at the very end of the uphill run we could see the cars in the distance as they reached Turn 1, and bits of them as they made their way along the first third of the course. Turn 12 gave a great view of the cars arriving at speed and using their impressive braking capabilities to make the ninety-degree turn.

First-timer at Formula 1

Walt Thode

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Most of the passing in F1 takes place at the end of straightaways like the one approaching our turn, but no real passing occurred there during qualifying. The cars aren't as noisy as they were in the 70s, or even 4-5 years ago, but earplugs, provided with the tickets, were still useful.

The track is well-supplied with vendors, particularly for F1 shirts, caps, etc. We toured these between races and tried to see what the course looked like from other vantage points. Unfortunately, it's hard to find viewing spots walking around the track. Access is



more controlled than I'm used to at a road race. You have to be ticketed for most parts of the track. After the races, we headed out to our Lyft ride rather than attend various concerts being held at the track.

Next morning, we got up early to get to the track. Things were more crowded on Sunday, be we got there early enough to get good seats on our suite's balcony. After the support races (I'd tell you who won except the old car "races" were more exhibitions, and I didn't know any of the F4 drivers. The F1 race started with a warmup lap, then they took their grid positions and did a standing start from the flag drop. Bottas' Mercedes took the lead and held it until he had to stop for new tires. Hamilton, who had moved up to second, took the lead. He'd stopped for

tires earlier and tried to make it to the finish on, by the end, well-worn tires, but a few laps from the end, right in front of us, Bottas passed him and went on to win. Hamilton hung on for second—and clinched the series title with that finish—and Verstappen finished third. Leclerc took fourth, and Vettel had a problem with his car and didn't finish.

After the race we headed out to the ride-share point to get a lift home. The problem was that several thousand other people came out to do the same. It was a big dirt lot with some flags serving as pickup points. Access to the course was limited to two-lane roads and no traffic control, and with thousands of Lyft and Uber drivers descending on the place all at once, it was a madhouse. We decided to go back to the course and see what could be seen, but an hour later it wasn't any better. After a while we were able to get a ride, but the limited roads meant it was almost another hour before we got back to our rooms.

Generally, I'd say that it's worth going to an F1 race sometime, especially at some of the fabled venues like Monaco, Spa, or Monza, for the experience. But if you really want to see the race, it's a much better show on television.



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CALENDAR

March 2020		April 2020		
Mar. 3	Board Meeting	Apr. 21	Cruise-In	
Mar. 17	Porsche Cruise-In	Apr. 29	Spring Treffen	Note: Silver Sage Board Meetings are on the first
Mar. 21	Tech Talk	May 2020		Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM at
Mar. 28	Spuds Auction – Denton's Hanger	May 2	Coffee & Porsches	Porsche of Boise.
Mar. 31	Last date to nominate Charity	May 5	Board Meeting	
April 2020		May 9	Adopt-A-Highway	
Apr. 4	Coffee & Porsches	May 16	President's Mystery Tour	
Apr. 7	Board Meeting	May 19	Cruise-In	