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2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- SAT, 10/12-13** Idaho Expo Autocross
- SAT, 10/19** Build a Bed Day for
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- SUN, 10/27** Charity Dinner & Auction,
Riverside Hotel

NOVEMBER

- TUE, 11/5** Board Meeting at Porsche Boise
- SAT, 11/16** Tech Talk on Insurance,
Toybox Car Club
- SAT, 11/30** Diva Wreath Making Class,
Franz Witte Nursery

DECEMBER

- TUE, 12/3** Board Meeting at Porsche Boise
- FRI, 12/6** Holiday Party,
Hillcrest Country Club



→ Check the weekly SS PCA Happenings emails for details and updates

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



VICKI PENTECOST
President



Is it really fall already? I know some of you will be putting away your cars soon and waiting for spring to unveil them again for the first Coffee and Porsches in 2025. We've had a busy couple of months with more fun to come. Silver Sage Region had 22 people go to Alaska for the PCA Treffen at Sea. At times, it didn't feel any different than being in an area like Sonoma, as the ship was huge and was its own destination with so much to do, especially with PCA involved.

Although I didn't make Porsches in the Park, from the comments and pictures it was a big hit. Thank you, Linda and Mark Prusynski for organizing and all that helped with the games and set up. Also, thank you to Rob and Becky Grover for the Big Sky Tour. Sounds like everyone enjoyed visiting your old stomping grounds. If anyone has ideas for overnight tours next year, please contact Walt Gammill. As we proved this year, they don't have to be complex and involve a lot of planning, like our one-night trip to Lazy Bear Ranch this year.

Silver Sage has about 30 members in the Sun Valley area. Through the enthusiasm of Melissa Ravelo, she organized their Inaugural Drive to Stanley.

The drive started in Ketchum and dinner was at The Supper Club in Stanley. While the fire activity made this a "if this, then this" planning event, it all came together. Bob and Lucille Kunz were kind enough to make the trip to Ketchum and Stanley to help with the driver safety meeting and waivers. Thank you all.

The Oktoberfest team will be sighing of relief by the time you read this, but they have done a phenomenal job of planning this event for everyone to enjoy. We had new fire safety codes which required Sid Cannon to make significant changes to the show layout. Gary Cuddeford has been working with The Village and volunteers on all that's required to host a great show. I wake up every morning to find Bob Pentecost on his computer with the orange registration spreadsheet open. This is the first year the weekend events have filled to capacity during the initial registration phase. What a great problem to have. More on Oktoberfest in your Winter Sage Tick.

Please support Silver Sage Region charity, Sleep in Heavenly Peace. With the support from the community, the club to show up for Build a Bed Day, and the Dinner and Auction on October 27th at The Riverside Hotel, we can make a real impact on how many kids can receive a bed to sleep in.

Thank you for all you do for the club. "It's not just the cars, it's the People..."

RESPECTFULLY,

-Vicki



If you have an article you would like to share with others in the club, simply email it to sagetick@silversageporsche.com



MARK PRUSYNSKI
Co-Editor

FALL 2024 TICK TALK

A long, hot, smokey summer is over and Silver Sage filled it with events. This issue covers most of them, thanks to our volunteer writers who submitted stories. Silver Sage is lucky to have talented members who step up to organize events for us. We can't attend every event, but we can enjoy them vicariously by reading the Sage Tick stories. For this issue, we decided to feature one of our regular activities, Coffee and Porsches, and acknowledge the wonderful relationship we've had over the years with Porsche Boise. It seems so long ago that we drove to Weiser or Lake Chelan, so the "colorful" stories by Walt Gammill and Ernie Monroe will bring back fond memories. Craig Doty's witty description of Rob Grover's Big Sky Tour made me want to go back and do it over again. Of course, what would a summer be without a picnic? Our August Porsches in the Park was enjoyed by over 80 members and our families. Sid Cannon provides a summary for those who missed it and for those of us who attended. I hope you enjoyed these events and the talents of our volunteers. We don't slow down now that summer is over. With Oktoberfest right around the corner our charity drive begins. Turn the page for more past and future Silver Sage activities.



-Mark



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DENIS KARAZHOV
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**MELVYN &
CONNIE ABERT**
2006 911 Carrera

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WAYNE NEWTON The first Saturday of a warm month means only one thing to Silver Sagers...it's time for a Coffee and Porsches morning driving adventure into the wilds of southeastern Idaho. This particular first-hint-of-fall expedition began under the gracious accommodation of the Porsche of Boise staff. After a bit of mingling and coffee fortification, our intrepid band of proud (and widely varied) Porsche owners set out in two groups for our prime destination

of "Celebration Park" along the Snake River in the region of Melba, Idaho. Celebration Park is a nature and wildlife destination that also boasts some truly ancient Native American petroglyphs carved by peoples of the region in the long ago past. These petroglyphs and the park environs are amazing and a perfect place to introduce out-of-towners to the Idaho spirit. Tours are available to all and the docents really communicate the mystery of the carvings and their preservation over thousands of years.

After taking in the beauty of the Snake River from the park complex, our mix of old and new Porsche vehicles headed out on the final phase of the drive along the Snake...to the little hamlet of Grand View, Idaho (pop 440). Grand View bills itself as the "Gateway to the Owyhee County Outback". Our arrival coincided with thoughts of a fun lunch in Grand View.

This route along the Snake is very scenic with mixed vistas of farmland, old volcanic formations, high desert solitude and winding, back country roads... the perfect environment for Porsches and for the Silver Sage Porsche Club. Please join in on these fun drives around our beautiful Idaho.

-Wayne



GROUP 1



GROUP 2

the Years

History

OF SATURDAY MORNING “COFFEE & CARS” DRIVES



2012 NOVEMBER PORSCHE 356

40 cars taking part. When numbers were high, the cars were typically divided into two groups, one leaving 10-15 minutes before the other. Infrequently, one group would run the route normally and the other would start at the end and go “backward,” with a meeting scheduled in the middle.

WALT THODE The Saturday morning Silver Sage Porsche Club drives, known variously as Coffee & Cars, Caffee und Autos, Coffee & Porsches, and maybe some others, began in the spring of 2012 when Rex Chandler, our president at the time, organized the first one in conjunction with Porsche Boise. These events were designed to take just a few hours, starting around 8:30 on the first Saturday of the month in good weather months, and would be completed by noon to allow members’ other weekend activities to take place. They begin at the Porsche Boise showroom with coffee, fruit, and various pastries available, and the dealership has been steadfast in continuing to support these drives throughout the twelve years of their existence.

Rex, along with Laura Landers, led the first of these drives on May 5, 2012. They continued throughout the year, with the last one occurring on November 2. In succeeding years, the drives typically began in April and ended in October. In 2013 and 2014, the drives were headed up by Dave Keim and Larry Walter. In 2015, Dave teamed up with Jim Parkinson to continue leading the drives. The number of cars grew from the high teens to sometimes over



2015 CAYENNE OFFROAD

It was maybe late 2016 when the drives were sometimes organized and led by Denis and Patricia Dunlop. Denis eventually took over as the organizer of these drives, aided by Patricia. Andrew King sometimes assisted in them as well. Also, sometime during the late teen years, the last drive of each year became part of the club’s Oktoberfest weekend, and the trip included stops at nearby wineries; these were usually led by Vicki Pentecost or Linda Prusynski.

As Cayenne SUVs became more popular in the club, an occasional drive featured them, along with Macans and some non-Porsche interlopers. These drives, involving off-road excursions,

were referred to as Coffee and Dirt, and became an infrequent component of the Saturday morning events. These were headed up variously by Paul Kaczmarek, Ken Robinson, and maybe others.

During the COVID period, all of these drives were curtailed, but resumed after the pandemic eased and vaccines became available. In 2023, after years of service, Denis turned over the organization of these drives to Doug Ooley, who continues in that role to the present.

It should be said that the history of these drives is difficult to track, because few articles in the Sage Tick featured them, even though they occur at least six times a year.

-Walt



2012 NOVEMBER SUNRISE
REX CHANDLER / S FLAT6



2013 OCTOBER



2024 SEPTEMBER

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**VICKI
PENTECOST**

Many regions are not as fortunate as Silver Sage Region to have a local Porsche dealership active with the club. It's easy to take for granted all of the benefits they provide to Silver Sage in the way of hospitality, hosting board meetings, sponsoring Oktoberfest weekend, the Diva event, autocrosses and the list goes on.

On the first Saturday morning of the month during driving months, Porsche Boise has hosted Coffee and Porsches since 2012. Relentlessly, the club shows up early and energized for their coffee and donuts. Members stand around visiting, curious where the drive might take them. Some members just show up for socializing and breakfast. After a brief safety meeting, engines are roaring, and we're off.



2016 APRIL

First stop, the intersection of West Gratz and South Cole Road. How many times have the dealership staff needed to cross Cole Road at the light to keep Silver Sage drivers together heading out of town??? It's time to give a big thank you to Porsche Boise. You will recognize these folks, always helping with the club. Sometimes, we don't take the time to really meet them and even know their names, beyond the "dealership." We anticipate Silver Sage Region will exceed 800 members by the end of the year and we appreciate all the referrals directed our way to join our Porsche family.

-Vicki



2018 SID AND VICKI CANNON

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2025 Treffen at Sea fun as told by attending members of Silver Sage

KEN AND LINDSEY ROBINSON

Recently my wife Lindsey and I had the pleasure of taking a cruise up to Alaska with 902 PCA friends. It was incredible to be on a huge ship with so many Porsche minded people. It was easy to strike up conversation wherever we went. There was always something going on from seminars to art activities. Vicki Pentecost and Lindsey decorated white chocolate Porsches! It was delicious. We saw lots of amazing things, but the highlight for me personally was a float plane trip out of Juneau, Alaska. We booked the excursion with Princess Cruises.



The dock where the Seaplanes were located was just off the bow of the cruise ship. We simply walked off the ship, walked down the dock, got on the De Havilland Otter float plane, and took off to fly over five glaciers. The trip included a fantastic lunch stop at the historic Taku River Lodge overlooking the base of a glacier called Hole in the Wall. On the return trip we flew over a couple more glaciers and landed back at the dock.

-Ken and Lindsey

WALT THODE

Unlike most others, I won't be talking about any of the excursions people made as part of the Treffen At Sea experience, since Mary and I didn't do any of them. This will be solely about the boat trip itself and the towns we visited.

I'd never been on a big ship cruise before, but we decided to go because I've always wanted to do an Alaska cruise, and because we wanted to join the other Silver Sagers who were going, along with nearly 900 other PCA members. I had trepidations about a ship that held up to 4,500 people. We've done a river cruise on a 140-passenger boat, which we loved, but the size of the Majestic Princess, plus the danger of such things as COVID in such a contained space with a large crowd, worried me, but we signed up. The sheer size of the boat, which had 20 numbered decks, was amazing. Think of a 20-story hotel moving from place to place. Apparently with a ship that size, seasickness seemed to be a non-issue.



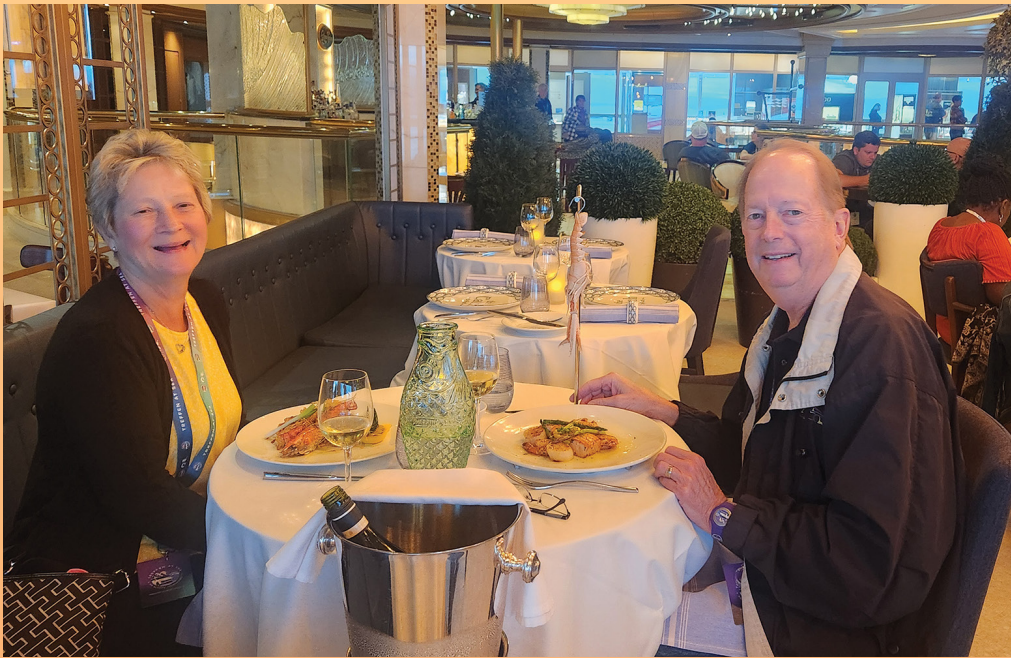
The boat had anything you can think of onboard, and multiple activities every hour of the day. I pretty much limited my activities to those associated with the Treffen At Sea; various presentations by PCA and associated sponsors.

Weather was probably typical for that part of Alaska, generally high 50s, although temperatures reportedly reached the mid-70s the day after we headed south. The ship stopped at three Alaska ports, Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, plus a perfunctory stop in Victoria, B.C. It turns out that some obscure U.S. statute requires some ships leaving a U.S. port to stop at least once in a foreign port before returning. The Alaska stops were all interesting; small towns that seemed to be able to manage half a dozen big cruise ships at a time. Skagway, especially, seemed to exist solely for the tourist trade. I learned that Juneau is the only state capital that you can't drive to; all traffic is by air or sea. I walked to the state capitol building and was disappointed to find that it doesn't have a dome like every other one I've seen. I read that after we left, some part of a nearby glacier melted and released water that caused parts of Juneau to flood.

The ship itself I found confusing. Most of the time I wanted to go somewhere aft, I ended up going forward, and vice versa. I decided that the staircases, which were all half facing each way with a landing in the middle, was part of the issue for me. The numerous elevators should have helped, but I often stepped off them only to go the wrong direction. The accommodations and facilities were all excellent -- big theater and performance spaces, all well-equipped and comfortable. The food was of two types: the large 16th-deck cafeteria space with anything you could imagine for every meal, and the specialized (read "extra cost") restaurants with very good food. The bars were good, too.

If you haven't done a cruise like this, it's worth it to do one. Next year's Treffen At Sea will go to New England and Eastern Canada. I'm glad I did this one, but I don't expect to do any more.

-Walt



**BOB AND VICKI
PENTECOST**

The Treffen at Sea far exceeded our expectations. Everything was so well organized, and we enjoyed the company of so many Silver Sage and active PCA members we've known for years. In the Seattle airport to return home we encountered people we hadn't seen all week on the ship. The National PCA staff did a great job working with Princess Cruise Lines to make this a truly complimentary relationship between the two. The food was excellent, and we never knew so many drinks could be mixed and served in a week.

Of course, with all the "free" drinks, we still had to sign up for an additional wine tasting and salmon pairing.

I (Vicki) decided early on we were going to win the door decorating contest. I contacted Jim Hemig at the national office to get the Treffen at Sea poster image. I had a 500 piece puzzle made which Bob

and I put together the first day at sea. I had the glue to glue it and the magnets to hang it. Much to my disappointment, we didn't win.



Our excursions were the ones offered by Princess since the PCA ones weren't announced until after we had booked. Our first was to the Totem Park, which was interesting with a very entertaining tour guide. Our favorite by far was Skagway with Klondike Summit, Suspension Bridge which was what we expected for scenic Alaska. We did the bus tour while several people did the train. Our bus tour got

exciting when a moose was spotted on the side of the road after our driver had just been telling us a moose story. He said when he started driving, there



was a story about Bruce the Moose. Bruce would dress up in a moose costume, so the tourists thought they saw a moose. The driver had been driving since March and had never seen a moose. He got so excited he stopped the bus on the railroad tracks. Shortly after came the yells from the back of the bus "there's a train coming." Once

we were off the tracks, lots of chatter and laughter was going on.



On the return, we saw a black bear with 3 cubs right across the road from the bus. On the return we had a Salmon outdoor BBQ at Liarsville, purportedly the location of newspeople who sent out stories of the Alaskan Gold Rush.

In Juneau, we did another bus tour to Mendenhall Glacier which was very impressive. As they said, dress for rain and we were prepared with waterproof shoes, raincoats and umbrellas. There was a short 2-mile

roundtrip hike to the waterfalls which was worth the walk. After that, we made a stop at Glacier Gardens Rainforest in the Tongass National Forest. We were



loaded onto “rainforest trams” that took you from sea level up 580 feet to a beautiful view. The road is narrow and needless to say, very wet and steep...can we hold on any tighter?

We returned down the mountain to the beautiful atrium and gift store (no surprise!) Beautiful hanging baskets and of course, a groomed heart shaped plant for all their wedding events.

Our final night was in Victoria where we did our last bus tour to Butchart Gardens for the fireworks show. We were surprised there were no chairs and we were expected to sit on the wet grass; of course they were selling blankets which was well worth the price to not sit on wet grass. The popcorn and hot chocolate also added a nice touch. The show was unlike any we’ve seen before. They did a lot more theatrical ground displays and fewer aerials, so your neck didn’t get cramped looking up. The fireworks were perfectly choreographed to the music and a great way to wrap up our cruise week.

-Bob & Vicki





Decoy Chardonnay

Boasts of delightful aromatics and a balanced palate that will keep you coming back for more. It features enticing notes of sweet citrus, Fuji apple, and peach that mingle harmoniously with lovely hints of custard and vanilla.

Melomi Pinot Noir

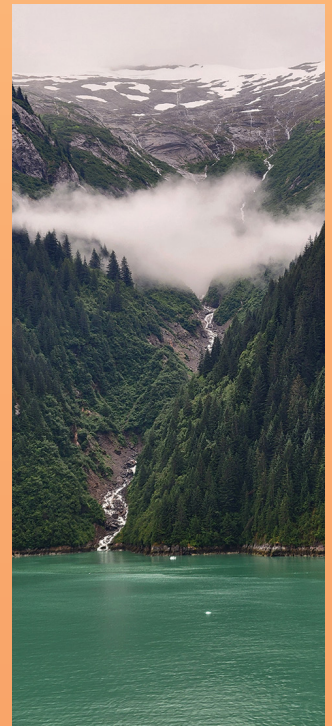
The resulting wine is a well-balanced, complex blend, with dark fruit, vanilla, and spice aromas on the nose, and cherry, raspberry, and oak flavors on the palate. The unique flavor profile of the wine is a result of the use of oak barrels, which impart notes of caramel and toasted oak.

Conundrum White

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of passion fruit, quinine and slight floral notes associated with slight touches of lemon paste as well as a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, a bit of residual sugar as well as a slight unctuousity.

Caposaldo Moscato

Its aroma is bursting with captivating exotic fruit and spice notes that make it an absolute delight to the senses. On the palate, this wine is refreshing and impeccably smooth.



More snapshots from **TREFFEN AT SEA 2024**



NORTH TO ALASKA
BY PRINCESS

July 28, 2024
Majestic Princess





AUG 15-18

BIG SKY TOUR



digresses...). These are wonderful two-lane roads which we enjoyed with proper manners and right foot enthusiasm.



CRAIG DOTY

Our friends Rob & Becky Grover led the tour, taking ten cars and couples north and east into high mountains and truly big sky country. Magnificent as it was, we'd also call it the 'Welcome to clean air

and cool temperatures tour'. Your author thinks the 'Welcome to summer at three of the finest ski resorts in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho Tour' would be a fine fit.

Early Thursday morning Aug 15 found us enjoying a seasonally cool 62 degrees headed east to Mountain Home then north thru Fairfield (passing the road to Soldier Mountain and the turn north to Sun Valley, but your maniacal skiing author

The first tour stop was at Idaho National Labs, site of Experimental Breeder Reactor-1, better known as EBR-1. Facility being an understatement as INL encompasses 890 square miles(!). EBR-1 is the first nuclear reactor in the world to produce useable electricity. Many PCA members are engineers, especially helpful to explain how Plutonium is man-made and that at one time there were 52 nuclear energy facilities active at INL. Today INL supports an incredible number of 'who knew' operations-

I'd encourage you and all junior and high school students to visit: inl.gov/facilities/#nuclear
Thursday afternoon we visited Teton Dam, or what remains of it and heard the rather personal stories Rob could tell as he and his family lived in the area at the time and were affected as their John Deere dealership was destroyed when the dam failed and flooded communities downstream. The dam was completed in late 1975 and failed on June 5, 1976 as the reservoir behind it reached capacity. It seems the solid rock side was porous and as the water rose it seeped through said rock and undermined the entire side of the dam. The failure was national news and informative reading can be found here: usbr.gov/pn/snakeriver/dams/upper-snake/teton/index.html



Base elevation is 7851 feet which is why there was much huffing and puffing rolling our luggage from the car to the room. Grand Targhee has recently renovated the dorm we stayed in and well done to them. Cocktail time and then dinner was on-site with terrific views and great company. At 7pm we were treated to a gully-washer complete with brilliant lightning and symphonic thunder just as we were to walk to dinner. The more experienced P-car veterans pulled

Late afternoon we headed east of Driggs, crossing into Wyoming and making our way to Grand Targhee Resort. Like most ski destinations, Grand Targhee has fully embraced summer activities including hiking & mountain biking with special chairs that accommodate bikes for rides up the mountain and that all-thrilling technical descent.

out their rain gear, hidden deep within who knows where cubbies and soldiered to dinner. The rest of us were one cocktail late. Lesson learned.

Total miles Thursday-360. Rob let us sleep in Friday and I couldn't resist a hike up the hill to capture some pics and enjoy a few Thimble berries. We turned west, back into Our state enjoying ID-32 and into Ashton, ID for a visit to Mesa Falls. According to Visit Idaho, At Upper Mesa Falls,



a thunderous curtain of water – as tall as a 10-story building – pours over remnants of an ancient volcanic super-eruption. A mile south, Lower Mesa Falls repeats the performance, the river continually chiseling away at the solidified ash and lava. The beautiful Upper and Lower Mesa Falls are the last prominent waterfalls on the Snake River unaffected by manmade influences. A scenic walking path leads to excellent viewpoints.

The area around the falls is perfect Service Berry territory, also called wild blueberries (but only by us) and a Thimble berry or two was to be had. Military services remind members never pass up an opportunity to eat, sleep or...so munch on we did. After lunch and more perfect Porsche roads we headed into Montana to visit the Earthquake Lake Visitor Center in West Yellowstone, Montana. On August 17, 1959, an earthquake sent millions of tons of rock, dirt and trees at speeds over 100 MPH into the Madison River. The loss of life and destruction was significant and the resulting dam caused by the collapse of the canyon walls created 'earthquake lake'. This creation merited immediate response as any buildup of water would eventually break thru and destroy many miles of towns and farms

below. Government contractors set to work clearing debris and cutting a channel allowing the forming lake an outlet downstream averting the pending disaster. Though this earthquake happened 65 years ago the sides of the canyon wall still look raw as if it happened yesterday and snags still dot the sides of the lake. Fascinating while terrifying historic detail found here: discoveringmontana.com/earthquake-lake-visitor-center/
And here: fs.usda.gov/detail/custergallatin/home/?cid=fseprd1162183

At this point we're thinking of a fourth title for the tour..."Eastern Idaho Disaster Tour".



We finished our day arriving at Huntley Lodge at Big Sky Mountain Village. Wow. Impressive. For a winter look, click here: bigskyresort.com/mountain-village

Huntley Lodge aims to please and by this point we're thinking a fifth name for this tour might be "Rob & Becky Prefer First Class Accommodations Tour".

If you're creative and follow the prompts on a map, you drivers will get an idea of the fun we had while underway. Hint: If you're keeping score...Friday morning started in Wyoming, crossed back into Idaho then crossed into Montana then snuck back into Wyoming to arrive at the Huntley Lodge in Montana.

Saturday morning VERY cool and clear the 'bug-b-gone microfiber towel I'm prepping for Concours' crowd was hard at work on their cars. This has always fascinated your author as I've always felt the car clean-up was to be done upon return home. I've endured much tsk-tsking over the years regarding

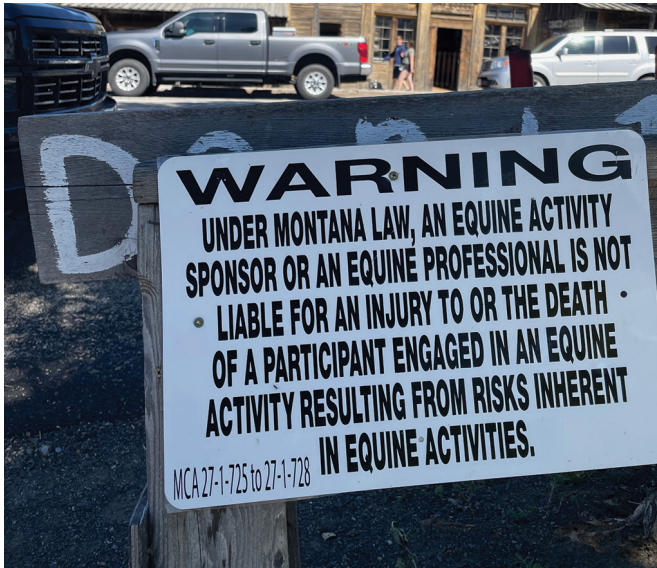
this very subject, especially when arriving at the BEGINNING of a tour with a less than perfect detail. Alas, my perspective changed when our tour vehicle became Denise's new Cayenne. Emphasis on Denise's, she's owned it just three weeks and I got to drive. Yep, She now drives a Porsche. Being a raging environmentalist, I captured the morning dew to remove nature's most creative splats and eliminate that nasty road dust from the surfaces. Then, dipping into my free bottle of Adam's Polishes Detail Spray and using way too many microfiber towels I did the whole

damned car. If you don't know me, you might not understand. For those who do, it was like watching water turn to wine. I did it for love, my Wife now drives a Porsche.

Which points to the larger picture...when the club is on tour, we're aware we represent the brand and the club at large. We wave, we're polite, we appreciate those who stare in wonder and we daily prep our cars to complete the wow factor.

This 30,000 foot view finally took root through the lens of 'my Wife drives Porsche'.

Hello 40.2 MPG coasting down from Huntley Lodge back into Four Corners. Tapping into radio channel 5.1 I mentioned my downhill MPG for the morning and- remember when I mentioned many PCA members are engineers? Oh boy you couldn't keep them off the radio comparing stats.



Montana has plenty made for Porsche roads and by the time we hit Virginia City we were ready for solid ground. Virginia City is a step back in time, thanks to a near life-long dedication by Charles and Sue Bovey to preserve Montana history from the time of near-statehood forward as it fell into disrepair in the 1940's. Virginia City stands today to remind us of the first settlements built as we ventured west.

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Due west along some of the finest Porsche roads led us to Lost Trail Ski Area...sigh, it's August. The entrance to Lost Trail sits within +/-100 yards between the Welcome to Idaho and Welcome to Montana signs and you know how we locals are when it comes to plastering bumper stickers on 'Welcome to' signs. Well done you intrepid sticker folks! Our rest stop included friendly chats with touring motorcyclists, AKA 'bug suckers' sharing highway comradery.



The last leg of the trip begins at that Lost Trail intersection, heading southwest but notably beginning at 4419 feet elevation and heading elevation down. Windingly so. 'Best to keep the Macans and Cayennes at the back of the line because they're not quite up to the capabilities of the 911/Boxster/Cayman platform. Oh look...a Deer! Oh look...Turkeys! And squashed skunks. OMG the number of squashed skunks on this trip. I think another name for the tour might be...(edited by wife). 'Gotta keep your eyes open on the sides of these two-lane wonders of the west. Remember Craig's Rule #2: "When you see one deer on the road, another will be right behind it".

Late afternoon we roll into that famous bar town Salmon, Idaho. Our respite for the night was the Stagecoach Inn, previously known as the Salmon Inn, previously labeled the 'Better Call Saul-mon Inn'. Same place but mildly upgraded. Happy hour on the veranda (they don't call it veranda in Salmon, they call it grass by the river) and then walk to dinner nearby.

Thus, technically ended the tour which left myriad options for the drive back to Treasure Valley. Our thanks to Rob & Becky Grover for a fantastic plan well executed. We'll follow you state to state to state anytime!

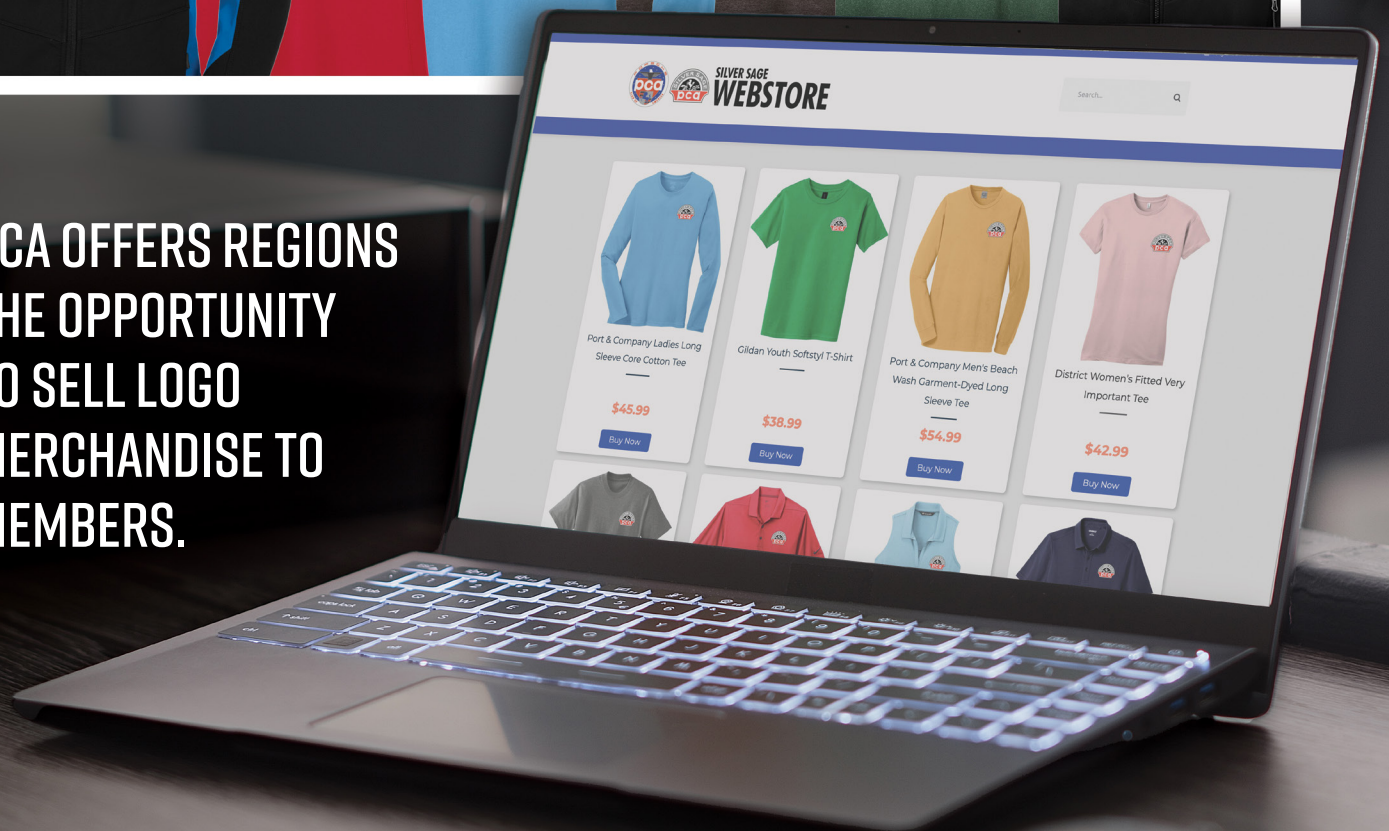
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Long Overdue PORSCHE IN THE PARK

SID
CANNON



Mark and Kay Peterson took first place in the Packrat Concours competition. Linda gave everyone a list of emergency and everyday items that might be stowed in your car. The Petersons had 23 of 30 items in their car. Walt and Lori Gammill came in second with 20 items and Denise Senturier and Craig Doty took third. Prizes were awarded to the winners. (Your reporter would have had 27 of 30 but in preparation for the picnic had to unload my doomsday equipped bug-out-ready Jeep Rubicon to make room for lawn chairs, coolers and other picnic essentials)

Fortunately for over 80 Silver Sagers and guests, the blistering heat of summer gave way just long enough for an enjoyable afternoon and evening at the Porsches in the Park family picnic. Kristin Armstrong Park provided abundant shade and there was even an occasional breeze to keep things relatively cool.

First of all, thank you to Linda Prusynski for organizing, delegating and executing one of the best and well attended Silver Sage social events in a long time. Food and activities are what a picnic is all about. The club provided fried chicken while the attendees brought side dishes and dessert.

While most of the group were content just to socialize, quite a few people took advantage of some planned activities. Although there were no declared winners, the Corn Hole game and the Bocce Ball Court saw lots of action. Radio controlled cars (operated by the skilled hands of a couple Junior PCA members) darted around and across the bocce ball court that created a great race track and opportunity for the cars to go airborne on-command.





Another fun event was the badminton competition. This was a non-tradition game without a net or goal lines with the team of two trying to see how many times they could hit the shuttlecock and keep it in the air. It came down to a showdown of three teams tied with nine hits. In the tie breaker round Ryan Searls and teammate Georgia Garnsey topped everyone with a score of thirty hits. Their skill and athleticism was rewarded with a pair of Silver Sage lapel pins.

Thanks to club photographer Greg Myers for capturing some of the fun and thanks to those who stuck around to help clean up the mess. If you enjoyed the picnic let Linda and President Vicki hear about it. Maybe it will become an annual event.

-Sid





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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

KEVIN AND BOYANA MITCHELL



Who jumps at the chance to shun Sunday brunch for an afternoon scavenger hunt with only bright bulging garbage bags for reward? Silver Sage PCA volunteers do! Our members take our community service seriously and, if we can insert some fun and fellowship into the process, so much the better! Thanks to a decent turnout of 20 roadside warriors, the Fall 2024 stint of this bi-annual enterprise was quick, efficient and, dare we say, not entirely unpleasant. Our stretch of road on Highway 55 just north of Horseshoe Bend got some much-needed attention and the occasional honks from passers-by certainly helped the morale.



The weather was grand and the views, looking upward from the task at hand of course, were spectacular. Treasure finds? Not so much. But we did come across \$1.10 and a Minnesota driver's license.



The lucky few who decided to stay afterwards were treated to some wood-fired pizza, soft drinks and tasty brews at the Spring Creek Brewing Company. All in all, not too shabby for a Sunday afternoon!

Special thanks goes to Silver Sage PCA for sponsoring and supporting this community service event. For any members who missed out this time around, we will be doing this again in late April/early May of 2025. We will keep you posted!

-Kevin and Boyana





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Car Show & Grand Opening

AUGUST 10, 2024



CHRIS HORAK

The weather Saturday morning, was a relatively cool 75F at 9am, when about 40 cars staged at the new Falcon storage in Boise to celebrate the opening of this chain's newest location.

Coffee and an assortment of gourmet donuts were offered and the crowd was treated to a mix of all Porsche models and eras, as well as several American muscle cars, and a few ultra-exotics like a FORD GT-40 and Lamborghini Gallardo. Even a Volkswagen Westfalia camper made an appearance.



The Falcon storage condos are a buyer-purchase model and enable owners to have permanent storage for vehicles or other treasures that fit into the facilities' spaces. Sizes, costs, terms, etc were available via paper pamphlets at the event and also listed on the company's website.



Overall turnout at the event, which ran from 9-12 was close to 50 cars and over 100 people, with Silver Sage PCA the largest club presence.

-Chris



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ROBIN BERNARD



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Silver Sage Porsche Club is having a build day for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We're looking for volunteers on **October 19th, 9am to noon**. Please come out and help build some beds!

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The Charity Committee is excited to announce the beneficiary of this year's Silver Sage fund-raising events is Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Boise. It is a wonderful and worthwhile charity that provides comfortable beds for children so that they don't have to sleep on the floor. There are currently 172 kids just in Meridian alone, on the waiting list for a bed tonight. As of this writing, they have delivered 1130 beds so far in our town, 200,000 nationally. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads.

Silver Sage PCA's effort to raise the much-needed funds for our selected charity involve **multiple events** including the following *(enabled by local business involvement)*:



OKTOBERFAST PORSCHE CAR SHOW

Our fundraising events for this charity started off with the OKTOBERFAST PORSCHE CAR SHOW at the Village at Meridian with over 150 Porsche vehicles displayed to the public. A portion of the car show registration fees are benefiting the charity. Porsche Boise is the presenting sponsor for this event.

RAFFLE

Business donated gift certificates are raffled with the proceeds going to our charity. The Village at Meridian and Big-O Tires downtown Boise have annually sponsored our raffle.

CHARITY AUCTION AND DINNER

Our premier event, a CHARITY AUCTION AND DINNER in the Grand Ballroom at The Riverside Hotel planned for October 27th, 2024. We are seeking items for both silent and live auctions. Please contact Gretchen Hill or Robin Bernard if you have items.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering hand-made, fully furnished beds to children in need. SHP's mission is to tackle childhood bedlessness, which we estimate to affect nearly 3% of the population.



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LAKE CHELAN TOUR

ERNIE MONROE



I laced up my favorite driving shoes early on the morning of June 13th. I was looking forward to some excellent driving roads, good conditions and fun traveling companions. My 911 was pre-packed and gassed. I headed out to the Star Albertsons, to join fellow Silver Sagers for the day's tour to Pendleton. Sadly, Dave Bundy, the tour organizer, wouldn't be joining as he had a personal issue that meant after months of planning, he had to stay home. Gary and

Jackie Roeder stepped up to the plate to lead for the day in their 911 cabriolet. Seven Porsches soon headed out after a short (mission) briefing from Gary.

The tour took another turn, when rock chip sealing reports through Oregon required the use of alternate roads. No worries, we still had excellent driving opportunities ahead of us. Our first stop would be Vale, Oregon. Driving through the farmland and the high desert we passed Chestnut and Sepia Brown rock formations, Nordic Gold hills dotted with Peridot sage brush. After Vale, we got into the real curves lined with Underberg and Auratium Green pines, interspersed with vast valleys of Willow and Irish Green grass, dotted with Speed Yellow flower blooms, the occasional Peru Red barn, all under an Olympic Blue sky. Gorgeous country. Terrific driving through beautiful Oregon scenery.



We pulled into Baker City, ready for lunch at the local Pizza Hut. Sorry - no salad, but lots of hot pizza. After lunch, we did a stint on the freeway, primarily because of chip seal on our original route. We arrived at the Pendleton MotoLodge early, giving many of us time to clean the bugs off our vehicles. We then met for a group dinner at Hamley's Steakhouse in their Pendleton room. The bar was truly vintage, with lots of polished brass and a mahogany wood bar. The steaks were exceptional! There was plenty of vintage artwork on the walls that provoked an inspired critique by our artists and non-artists alike!



Friday, the 14th, Lisa and Rob Soito took over as tour leaders and we had a very spirited drive through rolling, Linden Green wheat fields of eastern Washington. We lunched at Rock Top Burgers and Brew along the way, and arrived at Campbell's Resort in Lake Chelan around mid-afternoon, to join other PCA members from Seattle and Spokane, plus the Silver Sagers who'd driven up on Friday.



Saturday morning we visited Miller's Lake Chelan Auto museum full of everyone's favorite cars from high school; alas, no Porsches!



At noon we had a fascinating visit with Mitch at Evan's Marine Service. He gave us a tour around his U-80 boat in which he set the fastest record for piston powered hydroplanes. Mitch also took us through the shop where two original Allison engines were being readied for use in U-80. Afterwards, a number of our Sagers visited wineries, but since I was driving solo, my wife, the wine drinker, didn't make me attend.





All-in-all, it was a great weekend,
 if a little chilly. I'm looking forward to the next one.
 Thank you to Dave Bundy for all of his hard work setting up this tour!

Ernie



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A TRIP TO THE BEAR'S DEN

WALT GAMMILL

It started out as a possible extended Coffee and Porsches, or maybe a President's Mystery Drive. Silver Sage member Blake Simmons was familiar with the owner of the place, and suggested it for a Silver Sage event.



That place was called “Lazy Bear Ranch.” Blake touted it as a great little venue, often used for hunting pheasants, but also as a possible dinner drive or an overnight.

As Tour Committee chairman, I got involved. Vicki suggested a drive out for dinner, or to watch a football game, or whatever. However it happened, it morphed into a drive, a dinner, and an overnight stay, followed by breakfast and a drive home. Great! Another tour, albeit a short one.

To allow for members to do some advance planning for their summer, we as a club set aside several summer weekends for tours, details TBD. For July, we had set aside the weekend of July 20th. Perfect. Me: “Blake, you’ll lead this, since you brought it up, right?” Blake: “I’d love to, but I’m involved with Tour d’ Force in Sun Valley that weekend, so I can’t help you.” There you go – I was supposed to be retired from leading tours, but it looked like I was up again. Lazy Bear Ranch is owned and operated by Tim Wrightman.

Turns out Tim was a tight end for the Chicago Bears. Not just any Bears – THOSE Bears. You know – the ones with McMahon and The Fridge and The Ditka. The Super Bowl Bears. Tim is a retired country gentleman now. A Lazy Bear.

The Ranch is located about 10 miles east of Weiser. As tours go, this was short. Nice thing about that for those of us who prefer our mornings unhurried - it meant an afternoon departure at 3 PM, so we could make the 2 hour drive just in time for Happy Hour. At the appointed time, 11 Porsches

of varying descriptions arrived at Winco on State, I lead the obligatory drivers meeting, and we set off. Two additional attendees elected to drive by themselves in non-Porsches – the A/C in their little cars apparently was not up to the over 100 degree temps that day. They could have joined us in their trucks/SUV's. I don't drive that fast!

To make the drive at least a little interesting, I lead the group over Horseshoe Bend Hill, down the Black Canyon Highway toward Emmett, bypassing Emmett by continuing on Black Canyon Highway to Hannah, West Idaho Blvd (fancy name for a country lane), through the big burg of Letha (who knew there was such a place?) and on to Payette. Quick break there, and we continued through Weiser, turning to the east on the Weiser River Road past green fields and feedlots, arriving right on time.

Tim has built a 12-unit motel on his ranch. The rooms were rustic but pleasant, featuring a shower surround and bed headboard fashioned from steel roofing sections finished with a texture I can't quite describe, but it was effective. I also appreciated the towel bars and other accessories fashioned from galvanized plumbing pipes and fittings.

The rooms were all pre-assigned, and Tim simply left the keys in the doors. Everyone found their assigned rooms and once settled in, the group gathered across the street on Tim's covered patio adjoining his full-service bar, where Tim was serving. There were fans going to keep the air moving, and in spite of a temp of about 105, we enjoyed snacks, drinks, and Silver Sage camaraderie.



In a nod to the temperatures, Tim had dinner served inside his event hall, where he had enough A/C coming from adjacent rooms to keep us cool. As we were finding our seats, we had a chance

to peruse Tim's rather impressive collection of Bear's memorabilia. All those photos kept watch over us as we enjoyed dinner. Tim has a large commercial kitchen attached to the motel building, and his chef cooked up some great vittles.

Post dinner the group reconvened on the patio and enjoyed more conversation and cocktails. About half of this group included relatively new members being brought into the Silver Sage fold. Good to see our new members getting involved, meeting each other and the older members.

Next morning, Tim's chef served up a great breakfast. It was a beautiful morning, and we enjoyed more conversation over a nice meal on the patio, before everyone loaded up their cars and headed home.

Thanks to Tim for helping us put on an enjoyable event. I think this one is worth repeating – short drive, relatively inexpensive, and easy to arrange. Just not by me.

-Walt



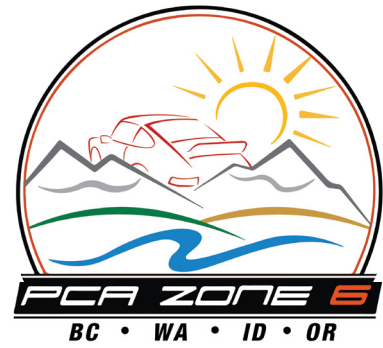
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**JOHN P
SOMMERWERCK**
PCA Zone 6 Rep

Nancy and I have had a great late July/early August participating in PCA activities. First, cruising with 900+ PCA'rs north to Alaska. The Alaska cruise was on our list and doing it with PCA made it so much more fun. The 'at sea' days were filled with talks about all things Porsche – tires, watches, car values.... The following weekend, it was off to British Columbia to participate in Canada West's Planes & Porsches at the Abbotsford airshow. If you have never seen the Canadian Air Force's Snowbirds perform it is worth the time and effort! After returning home, we had a quick turnaround and headed west to Cascade Region's Porsche Car Show @ the Lincoln City Cultural Center. What PCA/Porsche events have you been doing this summer? Driving tours? Autocross? High Performance Drivers Ed? What events do your region and nearby regions offer in the coming months? Get out and enjoy your cars. Remembering: 'It's not just the cars, it's the people.'

For those long-range planners in the audience, I would note; **Porsche Parade 2025** is scheduled for July 6-12 in Oklahoma City and **Porsche Parade 2026** is scheduled for June 14-20 in Lake Placid, NY. The **2025 Spring Treffen** will be held at Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, VA from Apr. 30th – May 3rd. Registration opens on February 5th, 2025. **2025 Treffen at Sea** sets sail Sunday, August 30th from New York, NY. Returning on Sunday, September 6th.



We continue to fill our calendar with Zone 6 events. We are home for a few weeks, then resume our Zone 6 travels. Next up is, Silver Sage Region's Oktoberfest, check it out at **PCA Zone 6 - 2024 OKTOBERFAST.** Late October, we head to Seattle for PNWR's Tech Ed with Cameron Healy & Rod Emory. Check it out at **PCA Zone 6 - Tech Ed - Forty Six.** Zone 6 signature events can be found **PCA Zone 6 - The Pacific NW Regions.** Zone 6 abounds in great roads to drive and great automotive venues.



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-John

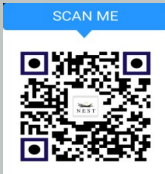
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2020 Vicki Pentecost wrote “Speed Social – what’s that?” It was a gathering of Silver Sagers in Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park during the pandemic. People gathered in “socially distant” defined spaces for short periods and then moved to adjacent spaces to visit others. “Yes, times are different; Communicable Disease Release Forms, no hugs or handshakes, no food... but hey, the people are great and PCA is one of the best families we can be a part of.”



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2016 Ken Robinson wrote about the trip he and Lindsey took to France to see the Le Mans 24-hour race. They got there a day early to scope out the town and the track location. They discovered that the day before the race the pit lane was open to the public, and a driver’s parade goes through the town. On race day they got to the track early, dealing with a couple hundred thousand other fans. After an initial rainy period, the race started in earnest. “The sound is simply heavenly.” This was the year that Toyota had the race locked until their car had issues with four minutes left in the 24 hours, and Porsche grabbed the victory. Ken and Lindsey enjoyed the experience.



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2012 Larry Walter wrote about the tour he led into western Montana and through Glacier National Park for 25 Silver Sage cars. The first day got the group to Helena, Montana. Along the way, “we got a call for help. The Cannons’ 911 Cab had a flat tire of all places in the metropolis of Lima, population 242.” A tow truck took the car to Dillon, where replacements were installed. From Helena, “day 2 was the big day... the Going-to-the-Sun Road.” The views were magnificent. Day 3 included Flathead Lake and the Huckleberry Festival in Trout Creek on the way to Coeur d’Alene. Day 4 saw most head for home and others taking more side trips. Great job, Larry!



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2008 Kitty Fleischman wrote about the “August McCall Tour.” Fourteen cars started from Kay and Mark Peterson’s Big O Tire store in Eagle, with the destination of the Payette Lake lakeside “cabin” – much more than that – of Rob and Becky Grover. We carefully parked the fourteen cars in a space intended for the Grover family’s cars, and went into the shaded backyard with a magnificent view of the lake. A great feast of grilled burgers and other delectables followed, and afterwards Rob provided boat rides on the lake to those interested. It was an enjoyable afternoon for all.



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2004 Mary Thode wrote about “A Late Summer Drive to Crouch” through Idaho City and Lowman. An assortment of Boxsters, 944s, and 911s. She had heard that in some regions Boxster owners don’t feel particularly welcome – a repeat of what seems to happen to each new configuration of the Porsche marque in the minds of some – but she was pleased to see that Silver Sage welcomes them. Some of those participating were the Prusynskis, the Schotts, the Pentecosts, and the Jobeses. Kimberly Jobes was given the trophy that was awarded at the recent Fort Worth Parade for her first place in the newsletter competition.





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