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OUR 57<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**





# 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

## JULY

- SAT, 7/19** ..... Breakfast Club Drive  
**SAT, 7/26-28** ..... North Idaho Tour

## AUGUST

- SAT, 8/2** ..... Garage Crawl  
**TUES, 8/5** ..... Board Meeting at Porsche Boise  
**SAT, 8/9** ..... Coffee and Porsches  
**SAT 8/16** ..... Werks Reunion Monterey  
**THURS, 8/21-23** .... Hamilton/Orofino Overnight Tour  
**SAT, 8/23** ..... Breakfast Club Drive  
**SAT 8/30-9/6** ..... Treffen at Sea - New York

## SEPTEMBER

- MON, 9/1** ..... Sage Tick Content Deadline  
**TUE, 9/2** ..... Board Meeting at Porsche Boise  
**SAT, 9/6** ..... Coffee and Porsches  
**SAT, 9/13** ..... Celebrate 70 Years of PCA  
**SUN, TBD** .... Adopt-A-Highway Community Service  
**THURS, 9/18** ..... Operation Dinner Out - Andrade's  
**SAT, 9/20** ..... Breakfast Club Drive  
**SAT, 9/27-28** ..... BrezelCross

## OCTOBER

- FRI, 10/3-5** ..... Oktoberfest Weekend  
**TUE, 10/7** ..... Board Meeting at Porsche Boise  
**SATURDAY, 10/18** ..... Breakfast Club Drive  
**SATURDAY, 10/25** ..... Charity Dinner and Auction



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



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**ANTHONY VIERRA**  
*President*

Summer is here and we are in full swing! I want to start off by thanking all the volunteers who have put in the hard work to make this club great. We have events most weekends ranging from canyon drives to casual dinner meetups, and none of these would happen without the time and dedication of our volunteers, so thank you.

If you have yet to get on a drive or check out what Autocross or BrezelCross has in store for you, what are you waiting for? Get out and drive your cars, because before you know it, Oktoberfest will be here and the season will be over.

Enjoy the drive of life, my friends.

**CHEERS,**

*-Anthony*



ROB'S GT4 SATURATED  
ILLUSTRATION BY ERNIE MONROE





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

## TICK TALK SUMMER 2025



**JAYK REYNOLDS**  
*Editor*

This Editor's Letter is a little different. It's not just a note—it's a request for help.

Here's the deal: the Silver Sage PCA is a community built around our shared love of Porsches. We enjoy driving them, talking about them,

and connecting with fellow enthusiasts through club events. But what really brings it all to life is the storytelling that happens around those experiences.

And that's where we could use your help.

Fortunately, when it comes to photos, Greg Myers has been our MVP (thanks Greg!), capturing moments at just about every gathering. He even contributed an article to this issue!

And with more people sharing pictures they take, we have a growing selection of awesome photos to choose from for these events, which is a great problem to have!

But even with great photos, we're missing something when we don't hear from you. Your perspective. Your take on the day. Your story.

The Sage Tick is your magazine. It should reflect the voices, views, and experiences of our members. And if more than one person sends something in for an event? Even better. So the next time you get the chance to volunteer for an event you're attending, don't be shy. Step up. Speak up. Be part of the Sage Tick—not just by showing up to events, but by helping us capture and share what makes them special.

Your voice matters. Let's hear it.

*-Jayk*



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# WELCOME NEW & TRANSFERRING MEMBERS

## MARCH 2025

**ALAN HOGG**  
(FROM NORD STERN)  
*2019 911 Carrera 4S*

**JORDAN CLIFFORD**  
*2016 Cayenne*

**STUART &  
ANNALISE COGAN**  
*2013 Cayenne GTS*

**DONNA &  
TIM BERGMAN**  
*2021 718 Boxster GTS 4.0*

## APRIL 2025

**DURBAN JOELSON &  
STACIE ASPIAZU**  
*2005 Cayenne S*

**BARRY MCCAILL**  
*2021 Macan*

**DJ RHODES &  
MELANIE SLACK**  
*2015 911 Carrera GTS*

**DAVE HOCKETT**  
(FROM GRAND PRIX)  
*2009 Cayman*

**JEFF & HEIDI STIPP**  
*2024 718 Boxster GTS  
4.0*

**CHRISTOPHER &  
KELLY COLE**  
*1987 911 Carrera*

**JUDY MARTIN**  
(FROM INLAND NORTHWEST)  
*2006 Boxster*

## MAY 2025

**BARRY HILL**  
*1971 911 T Targa*

**BRANDON &  
JODI KELLY**  
(FROM INLAND NORTHWEST)  
*2012 Cayman R*

**HECTOR IRIZARRY**  
*2008 Cayman S*

**BLUE JENKINS**  
(FROM ALLEGHENY)  
*2005 911 Carrera S*

**ANDRE MURPHY**  
*Test Drive Membership*

**RYLAND MILLER &  
JASON MILLER**  
*1990 944 S2 Cabriolet*

**JEFF HARVEY**  
*1989 911 Carrera*

**MATTHEW  
ARRINGTON**  
*2002 911 Carrera  
Cabriolet*

**JEREMIAH GAGE**  
*2011 911 Carrera S*

**AUSTIN &  
CYNTHIA CLARK**  
*2014 Cayman S*

**VICTOR VILLEGAS &  
KELLY VILLEGAS**  
*2014 911 Carrera*

**H LEE**  
*2017 Macan Turbo*

**ISMAEL GRACHICO**  
*2019 911 Carrera GTS*

**JOY & JACK PRUDEK**  
*2022 Cayenne Coupe*

**THOMAS &  
PATTY PHELPS**  
*2020 Cayenne*

**JEREMY WILLES**  
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# BREZZEL

*WHERE PORSCHE'S DANCE*





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## AND CONES LIVE IN FEAR



*If you squint just right, it almost looks like Le Mans—but make it local, and add a healthy dose of tire squeal, orange cones, and wide grins. This, friends, is Brezelcross—Silver Sage's very own flavor of autocross madness. And the first event of the season didn't disappoint.*



## HELD IN THE SUN-DRENCHED CONFINES OF OUR USUAL TARMAc BATTLEGROUND, THE APRIL BREZELCROSS HAD IT ALL:

GT cars on a warpath, vintage 911s slicing corners like they've got something to prove, and a beautifully chaotic mix of Boxsters, Caymans, and more recent 992s getting properly sideways in the name of science (and seat time).

For those unfamiliar, Brezelcross is not some overly serious, stopwatch-obsessed proving ground. It's where enthusiasts of every level—from the wide-eyed first timer to the seasoned corner apex whisperer—come to fling their cars around in a controlled chaos of tire grip and throttle finesse. It's a place where every cone has a story (most of them end in heartbreak), and where everyone cheers just as hard for a clean run in a base Cayman as they do for a 911 GT3 scorching the course.

## AND THEN—THERE WAS THE STORY OF THE DAY: DONNA BERGMAN.

Donna and her husband Tim had only purchased their first Porsche, a stunning 2021 Boxster GTS 4.0, a mere six weeks before the event. They joined the Silver Sage PCA at the same time. And despite being brand new to the club—and to autocross—Donna showed up ready to learn, and then proceeded to blow the collective minds of everyone there. Her learning curve wasn't steep—it was vertical. By the end of the day, she was laying down times like she'd been autocrossing for a decade. Naturally, she was awarded Driver of the Day. Because when your first time out feels like your tenth season, you get the nod.



## THIS EVENT HAD A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING:

- A sapphire blue GT3 cutting through the course like a scalpel.
- A Gulf-liveried air-cooled legend proving that old dogs still know every trick in the book.
- A neon green Cayman looking like a radioactive tennis ball doing ballet.
- Some wonderfully un-Porsche ringers showing up for the challenge (because competition doesn't care what badge is on your hood).







## SO WHY SHOULD YOU COME OUT NEXT TIME?

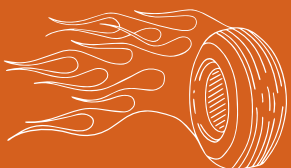
Because it's seat time you can't replicate on the street.

Because your Porsche was built for this.

Because learning to really drive fast... starts with learning to drive well.

Because this is fun, plain and simple.


The vibe? Equal parts adrenaline and camaraderie. Helmets on. Windows down. Laughter and high-fives between heats. It's impossible to walk away from Brezelcross without having learned something—about car control, about your own driving limits, or maybe just about how satisfying it is to finally not murder the slalom section.











WHETHER YOU'RE CHASING  
TROPHIES OR JUST TRYING  
NOT TO CLIP A CONE,  
BREZELCROSS IS OPEN TO  
ALL SKILL LEVELS AND  
ALL MINDSETS.

Come out. Ask questions. Burn some rubber.  
Make a few friends.

Next round, we expect even more cars, more  
smiles, and maybe—just maybe—fewer cones in  
the line of fire.

See you on the blacktop.

*Fayk*  
*July*







COFFEE &  
PORSCHES:  
APRIL



# PCA JUNIOR AT COFFEE & PORSCHES

BY SID CANNON

In 2018 Caren Cooper, then President of PCA, inaugurated a new program, PCA Juniors. Of nearly 7,000 participants, Silver Sage's Natalie Sturgeon was the 48th to join. She was only four years old when she received a red Porsche GT3 Power Wheels as a gift from her grandparents. Her PCA Junior membership badge was presented in the dealership showroom where she took VIP delivery of her new Porsche.

Five years later, Nine year old Natalie is still a familiar face at Coffee & Porsches where she regularly attends with her Dad, Robert. This reporter took the opportunity to get the perspective of a younger member and her thoughts about Coffee & Porsches and the most recent drive led by Doug Ooley who took the group south to Celebration Park on the Snake River.



**REPORTER:** First of all, do you remember your first ride in a Porsche and can you describe the experience?

**NATALIE:** Yes, it was my little red Porsche in the Porsche Boise showroom.

**REPORTER:** Is it difficult to get out of bed early on a Saturday morning to attend Coffee & Porsches?

**NATALIE:** Well, it is exciting but hard to get up because who doesn't like sleeping in on Saturday morning.

**REPORTER:** Do you help your Dad prep the car for the drive?

**NATALIE:** I put my booster seat in the passenger side [over the Recaro racing seat].



**REPORTER:** The dealership offers a wide variety of pastries, fruits and beverages at Coffee & Porsches. What is your favorite?

**NATALIE:** I like a pink frosting doughnut with sprinkles

**REPORTER:** What do you think of the brand new Porsche Boise showroom?

**NATALIE:** I like the giant TV monitor,

**REPORTER:** Now let's talk about the drives. What did you like most about the last C&P that ended up at Celebration Park on the Snake River?

**NATALIE:** I liked going down to the river and seeing the clear, pretty water.

**REPORTER:** Do you like straight roads and lots of curves?

**NATALIE:** I like lots of curves. It doesn't bother my stomach.

**REPORTER:** Rapid acceleration and speed or nice and easy?

**NATALIE:** I like to go fast.

**REPORTER:** Mountain terrain or desert?

**NATALIE:** I like the mountains because there are more curves.

**REPORTER:** Your Dad's Porsche is air cooled. Do you enjoy that special smell of older Porsches?

**NATALIE:** Yes, I like that air cooled smell.

**REPORTER:** What are your favorite Porsche colors?

**NATALIE:** Linen Grey Metallic and Riviera Blue

**REPORTER:** Do you prefer newer water cooled Porsches or the classic air cooled models?

**NATALIE:** I like the classics.

**REPORTER:** Any particular year and model your favorite?

**NATALIE:** 1990 964 Carrera 2

So, there you have it... Thanks Natalie for the interview.



## PCA JUNIOR PROGRAM

If you have family members under 18 years old, PCA Junior is a great way to involve them in our club and spend more time with your family.

PCA Juniors is a program for Porsche enthusiasts who are registered by an active PCA member. The program exists so kids and teens can enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsche and build the enthusiasm that runs through all of PCA.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Anyone under the age of 18 who is registered by a current PCA member can participate in the program.

### WHAT WILL THE PCA JUNIOR RECEIVE?

PCA Juniors will receive a welcome package that includes an age-appropriate gift and ID badge.

### WHAT DOES IT COST TO SIGN UP?

It's FREE. Participants must be registered by an active PCA member and there is no cost to join.

Coffee & Porsches is one of the best events to bring family members.

**REMEMBER, IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS...  
AND IT'S NOT JUST THE GROWN-UPS.  
WITH OUR PCA JUNIORS PROGRAM PCA IS  
ABOUT THE KIDS TOO.**

*-Sid*





# May

## MEMBERS' MEETING

BY MARK PRUSYNSKI

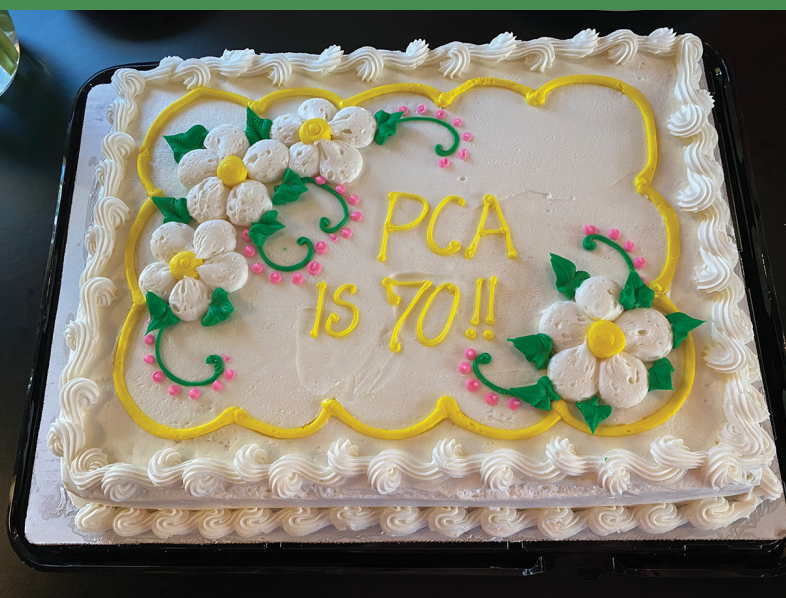
Approximately forty members attended the monthly meeting at Proletariat, a relatively new winery in Garden City with a meeting room upstairs. We had an hour to socialize and enjoy the wine or beer before a delicious Italian meal catered by Luciano's.

Our Past President, Vicki Pentecost, had our new members introduce themselves. I didn't count, but it seemed like at least six couples told us a little bit about themselves and their wide variety of Porsches, including one being converted to an electric vehicle after its gasoline engine burned up.

Vicki also summarized our upcoming events, and Gary Roeder discussed the Driver Skills Car Control Clinic and autocross.

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*-Mark*





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# President's Mystery Tour

BY ANTHONY VIERRA



The day started with all the drivers meeting at Eagle Coffee and Bakery just off Highway 55. I changed the meeting location so we could get quickly on the road and have the best chance of all members in the group being able to stay together and not have to meander through in-town traffic. The traffic gods were in our favor today, as we were able to line up

multiple times and enjoy the drive as one. I led the first of three groups consisting of nine cars each. We hopped on the 55 and headed up toward Donnelly.

The drive began over the rolling green hills as

we left the Treasure Valley. Having the drive in late May allowed us all to enjoy the new summer weather, as temperatures reached the mid-70s. We also avoided having to deal with snow on the roads and could really let our tires grip the pavement. Before long, we were amongst the evergreen trees in the mountains. Sheer cliffs flanked our side as we followed the Payette River up toward Cascade.

This stretch of the trip was very enjoyable. The mountainside gave us twists and turns, perfect maneuvering for Porsche's tight handling abilities. We really are lucky to live so close to such a variety of what Mother Nature has to offer.

Before long, the trees opened up to the stunning view of the Cascade Valley. Green meadows surrounded us, sharing their springtime blooming flowers. If anyone ever doubts Idaho's beauty, send them to Cascade in May. Absolutely breathtaking. Even my wife, Mercedes,







was quiet during this part of the drive as she took in the view. After a quick stop just past the Cascade Airport, we were back on the road. With so few cars on the highway, the group was able to caravan together the rest of the way to Donnelly. This is where we jumped off the 55 and took the scenic route right alongside Lake Cascade. The blue water was sparkling, reflecting the clear sky on this beautiful day. There was still snow on the peaks of the mountains, but we had our windows down at this point with the temperate weather.



The drive concluded with all 30 Porsches in one parking lot. From Cayennes to 911s—white, red, bright blue, and many shades of gray—the parking lot quickly filled with conversation as drivers stretched their legs and talked about the drive. Burgers and salads were on the menu for those who ventured along with us.



We got to chat, enjoy each other's company, and deepen friendships found in the club.

Drivers were free to head home on their own time, some traveling just a short distance, and others getting to enjoy the sights again on their way back to the Treasure Valley.

*-Anthony*







COFFEE &  
PORSCHES:  
MAY

# *First Timer:*

## A MORNING OF CAFFEINE, CURVES, AND CHAOS (THE GOOD KIND)

BY JAYK REYNOLDS

*You know that feeling when the morning sun hits the clouds just right and your brain whispers, “Today’s gonna be a good one”?*

One of those rare mornings where everything aligns—the sunrise glowing over a clean dash, the hum of anticipation in your chest, and just the right balance of nerves, throttle, and caffeine.

After a quick gas top-off (I feed Frogger premium like it’s a love language) and a pit stop to say hey to my kiddo slinging espresso at a local coffee shop, I pointed the nose of my 1982 911SC Targa toward Porsche Boise.

I arrived early—because of course I did—grabbed a donut (priorities), and started soaking in the scene. Cars were trickling in like an exotic migration, each one flexing in its own way. Every model had a proud human nearby,



eyeing it like it was the last chocolate croissant at a French bakery.

With SSPCA’s own Doug Ooley as our ringmaster, things had that “okay, now it’s getting real” vibe. We gathered for a quick safety briefing—sign the waiver, keep it classy, no Fast & Furious nonsense—then split into two groups, each with a lead car and a chaser. Headlights on, coffee topped off, stomachs loaded with sugar... it was time to drive.



## Route Recap

BOISE -> AVIMOR -> HORSESHOE BEND ->  
GARDEN VALLEY -> LOWMAN ->  
MORES CREEK SUMMIT -> IDAHO CITY

*Approx. 100+ miles of smiles and serotonin*



The convoy snaked its way through Boise, complete with spotlight flexing and a few non-Porsche drivers wondering if they'd stumbled into a luxury car commercial. And then we hit open road. The green hills past Avimor lit up in the morning sun, and that first real breath of freedom rolled through the pack.

We pulled into the Chevron in Horseshoe Bend for pit stops, coffee refills, and the general chaos of happy people trying to remember if they locked their frunks. The vibe? Pure joy. People of all ages stepped out of their cars with grins like kids who just discovered the cookie jar.

Aviators. Driving shoes. Event jackets from decades past. We looked like a casting call for Ocean's Eleven: Rennsport Edition.

From there, we hugged the river heading toward Garden Valley. Clear blue skies, light traffic, and a soundtrack of flat-sixes and turbos echoing through the canyons. Somewhere mid-pack, I was wearing my signature ear-to-ear grin and trying to keep pace with the newer machines. Suddenly—elk! A full herd, just grazing off in the distance like they'd been hired for scenic ambiance.

Then came the part where everything just clicked. As we left Garden Valley, the group bunched up again and we started to really move. My old air-cooled 911 may have been

outgunned in horsepower, but this was my happy place and I wasn't about to get left behind. Hairpins, sweepers, and a willing suspension—the car came alive. It's not just about horsepower; it's about rhythm. Steering inputs, heel-toe shifts, throttle feathering... you know, the dance.

The line of cars stretched and curled like a snake with somewhere to be. Snowcapped peaks loomed in the distance. The air was crisp, the road grippy, and the corners? Chef's kiss. For those unfamiliar, the route to Lowman and over Mores Creek Summit is basically the Nürburgring's weird Idaho cousin—tight hairpins, fast sweepers, elevation changes. It's as if the road was daring us to remember why we love driving.

We pushed—safely and responsibly, obviously—through switchbacks and canyon stretches, our group flowing like a living organism. In no time we were climbing toward Mores Creek Summit, engines singing, tires dancing, and laughter echoing in the exhaust notes. It was joyful chaos, the kind that fills your whole body and makes you want to do it all again immediately.

By midday, we rolled into Idaho City to wrap things up. Thirty-ish cars. Zero drama. Maximum smiles. A few folks grabbed snacks, others gave waves and peeled off down the final stretch. But all of us? Still buzzing.





## *Pro Tips for First-Timers*

- > DON'T TAILGATE THE TURBO GUYS. YOU'LL ONLY EMBARRASS YOURSELF.
- > SIGN YOUR WAIVER BEFORE THE COFFEE KICKS IN.
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A little caffeine, a little gasoline, and a whole lot of responsible adults doing very responsible adult things. Not a bad way to spend a Saturday.

I may have shown up a Coffee and Porsches rookie, but I left feeling like I'd found my people.

*-Jayk*



This wasn't just a drive—it was a reminder. A reminder that while the cars are amazing, it's the people who make it memorable. Everyone I spoke to had a story—how they found their Porsche, why they love driving, what brings them back again and again. The personalities behind the wheel are what give this community its soul.



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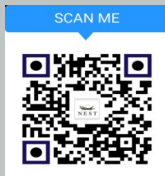
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BITTERSWEET:

THE QUIET FORCE  
BEHIND THE WHEEL

Julie Bell

BY JAYK REYNOLDS

Julie Bell doesn't make a lot of noise when she rolls into a meet. She doesn't need to. Her 911 4S says plenty—clean, white, purposeful—and the “btrsweet” plate adds just enough mystery to make you wonder: *What's the story here?*

The story, as it turns out, is one of heart, history, and horsepower.



Julie grew up in a car-loving family. Her dad grew up building hot rods, her sister still has a passion for cars and hot rods to this day, and her brother, Jeff, sketched extremely detailed pictures of cars freehand and owned a silver '67 Targa he absolutely adored. He even designed one of the Oktoberfest posters in 2013. It's still hanging proudly on Julie's wall.



One of her earliest car memories? Hanging out the window of a bright orange K5 Blazer with her brother, both of them wearing an ear to ear grin. And the soundtrack of Julie's youth? How about drag races at Firebird, NASCAR engines in the Midwest, and the quiet thrill of watching a neighbor's 911 glide up the street like something out of a dream.

Her first car? A Chevy Monza Spyder with louvers and just enough attitude to get into trouble. From there, life happened. Career, family, Audis, VWs. The Porsche dream took a back seat—until one day, it became a reality. With her son getting close to heading off to college and the means to finally make the leap, Julie test-drove a Macan and instantly fell in love. And that was just the beginning.





Eventually, she realized her dream and bought a 911.

It wasn't about making a statement. It was about honoring a bond. Her brother passed shortly before she got the car, but not before celebrating her Macan like it was his own. They took drives. Grabbed coffee. Talked cars. Talked life. But when she finally sat behind the wheel of her dream 911, he wasn't there to ride shotgun. Or so she thought. She quickly realized he was there with her, and always would be. That's what her license plate means: bittersweet.



She's not chasing likes or building a brand. She's building memories. And when she talks about her dream of one day driving through Japan with her son—or their upcoming trip to Spain this summer to catch an F1 race in Barcelona, followed by a pilgrimage to the Porsche Museum

in Stuttgart—or enthusiastically cruising Boise backroads in the 911 with her mom and dad—you get the sense that Julie's story isn't just about the car. It's about passion. It's about arrival. It's about living the dream in a way that feels personal, authentic, and earned.

When I asked her at the conclusion of our discussion what 3 words her brother would use to describe her, it led to a touching moment of silence.



Julie is the kind of person who notices the details—the way a car sounds at startup, how it hugs a turn, the right song for the right road. She brings that same attention to everything she touches, whether it's her role negotiating contracts in healthcare, managing the Silver Sage Instagram page, or writing thoughtful, soul-forward pieces for the Sage Tick. She's not just a gearhead—she's a creative, a poet, and a connector of people.

Ask her what her 911 means to her, and she won't rattle off specs or lap times. She'll tell you how it makes her feel—joyful, grounded, connected. "Every time I start it," she says, "I feel instantly happy. And I think of my brother."



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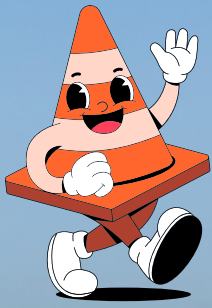
Sounds about right.

And if you ask around the club, I bet they'll tell you the same.

*-Jayk*







# *Driver Skills Clinic:* **BUILDING CONFIDENCE BEHIND THE WHEEL**

BY GARY ROEDER



Our club's Driver's Education program took another big step on May 31st by holding a one-day Driver Skills Clinic at the Expo. The day began bright and early as 23 novice drivers joined a team of 20 PCA and Snake River SCCA volunteers and instructors. The drivers paired off with their instructors to tech their cars for what would be a very hot day learning performance driving skills.







Drivers split into three groups and dispersed to the morning exercises. The combined max braking / accident avoidance and J-turn (brake while turning) exercises introduced maximum braking in both straight-line and turning scenarios. The wet skid pad allowed drivers to experience understeer, oversteer, and even a few spins—earning more than a few cheers!

After a filling lunch delivered by Bob and Vicki Pentecost, no naps were allowed—only more laps! The afternoon exercises challenged drivers to apply their morning skills in two maneuvering scenarios. The slalom introduced control during hard lateral weight transfer as drivers weaved through the cones.

The Figure 8 taught the difference between increasing and decreasing radius corners, and the all-important skill of looking ahead and through the corners. The afternoon skid pad focused on learning throttle steering.

Feedback throughout the day came in the form of enthusiastic grins and thumbs-up from both instructors and drivers. One instructor commented that he lives for this sort of thing—helping drivers explore and enjoy the ultimate performance of their cars.





## ONE DRIVER SUMMED UP THE EXPERIENCE THIS WAY:

*"...the power these machines have is incredible, and I have just a tiny bit more confidence in myself after the amazing instruction I was fortunate to receive."*



*"It seemed like the best version of this kind of day yet! Well organized. Great mix of exercises over the course of the day... Your leadership in the club is really making a difference!"*

*- John Andrews*



Thanks go out to PNWR PCA and INWR PCA for their advice and course materials. Major kudos to Tom Bruck, our lead instructor, for adapting the Instructor and Student Guides to our event. We hope to make this an annual clinic—so keep an eye out for its return in 2026!

*-Gary*





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Helena Marie's Wine Bar is a charming and eclectic little wine and cocktail bar tucked inside an old house in downtown Star.

Our Diva event brought together a fantastic group of Porsche Club women to enjoy great wines, a delicious charcuterie table, and an impressive spread of desserts. Helen, the owner of the establishment, treated everyone to several lively rounds of Blingo—complete with prizes from her charming on-site boutique.

*Here are just a few of the comments shared from the evening:*



**"I HAD A GREAT TIME AT THIS DIVA EVENT AND WILL DEFINITELY BE BACK TO HELENA MARIE'S AGAIN."**

*-Michele*



**"HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. GREAT FOOD AND GREAT PEOPLE."**

*-Cathy*





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WARM, INVITING,  
AND WONDERFUL!"**

*-Jana*



And finally, Molly summed it up perfectly:

**"ONCE AGAIN, IT'S THE PEOPLE,  
NOT THE CARS!"**

*-Molly*



# SPRING CLEANUP, CARBON FIBER, AND NEAR RICHES ON HIGHWAY 55

GREG MYERS



If you thought Porsche people only come out for carving the canyons and car shows, let us introduce you to the high-vis heroes of Highway 55. On a crisp May morning, a Silver Sage crew suited up in safety orange and took to the shoulders of the highway outside Horseshoe Bend for an Adopt-a-Highway cleanup day.

The skies gave us just enough cloud cover to keep things cool and plenty of beautiful mountain scenery to remind us why Idaho is worth protecting. We had a strong turnout of volunteers— both humans and even one enthusiastic canine— and we hit the ditches with the precision of a pit crew.





There were no hundred-dollar bills fluttering in the sagebrush this year, but we came close. As a sharp-eyed litter wrangler, I found a pristine carbon fiber money clip and an unscratched lotto ticket! Sadly, the ticket didn't fill my pockets with cash—but hey, you can't win 'em all.

We bagged trash with reckless abandon, laughing and taking some fun group photos along the way—because nothing says “Porsche Club” like a lineup of Cayennes and Macans glinting in the background of a litter crew group shot!

The best part? Post-cleanup grub was most excellent!

This event wasn't about trophies or lap times. Just good company, some tasty grub, and a cleaner stretch of highway 55 for everyone to enjoy. What more can I say, sometimes giving back looks less like horsepower and more like high-visibility vests and heavy-duty trash bags!

**UNTIL NEXT TIME—KEEP IT TIDY, SILVER SAGE!**

*-Greg*





## MASTERING THE CRAFT:

Mike Bell's

## JOURNEY FROM SURF TO STEEL

BY JAYK REYNOLDS

There's something about the Porsche brand that attracts a certain kind of person—someone driven, curious, and a little obsessive in the best possible way. For Mike Bell, Certified Gold Master Technician at Porsche of Boise, that passion didn't begin with a lifelong dream. In fact, it started with a salmon egg, a surfboard injury, and a beat-up Volkswagen bus.

Growing up in Southern California, Mike was surrounded by mechanics. His dad, uncles, and grandfather all turned wrenches for GM, but young Mike had no interest in the family trade. He worked at Albertson's and nearly became a butcher, until fate (and a Goodyear tire store) pulled him into the world of cars.

One good mentor led to another, and by the time he found himself working at a Newport Beach dealership that housed Chevy, Porsche, Audi, Rolls, and Bentley under one roof, the course of his life was changing fast.

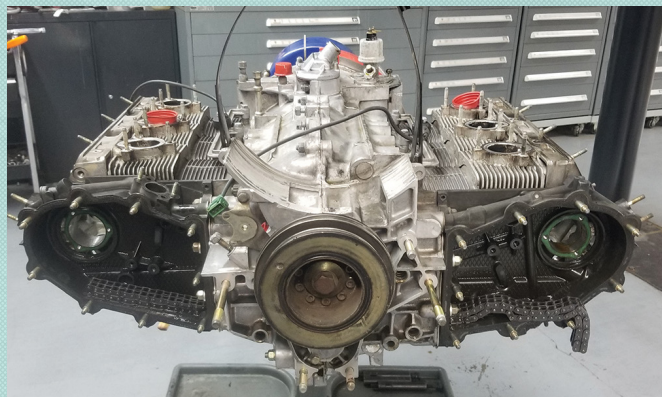
It was there, standing between Corvettes and Carreras, that Mike got his first taste of the Porsche mystique. A quick ride-along in a 993 Turbo lit the spark. "We pulled out on the PCH and punched it," he recalled. "The hair stood up on my arms and that was it. I was hooked."



What followed was a relentless pursuit of mastery. He begged his service manager to give him a shot on the Porsche side. When he finally got it, two Porsche techs took him under their wing—guys who had cut their teeth at Andial and on teams with legends like the Unser and Haywood. They didn't just show him how to turn bolts; they showed him what it meant to take pride in every detail.

That ethic has never left him.

Today, Mike leads by example at Porsche of Boise. He's meticulous, passionate, and surprisingly humble for someone with a hundred grand worth of tools and two Porsche ride-alongs that topped 200 mph.





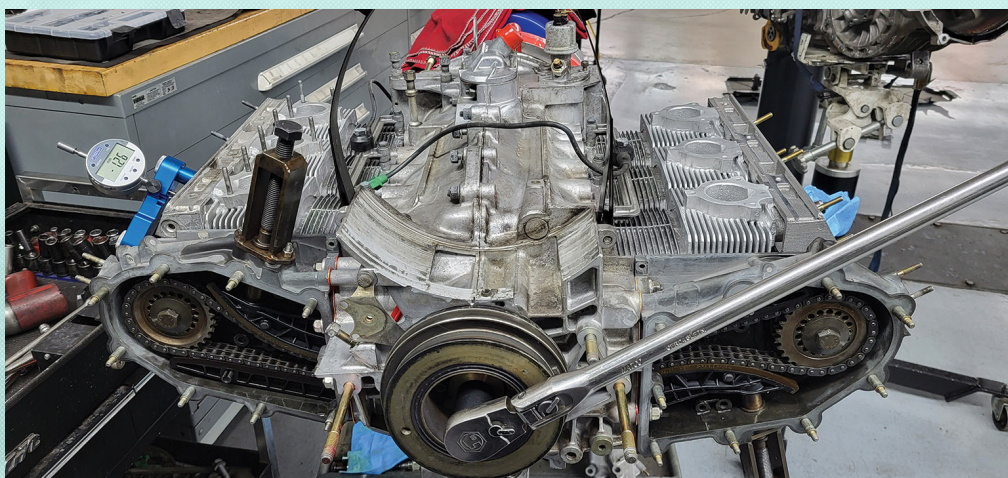
He's the guy who shows up early, stays late, and still finds time to chase steelhead with a fly rod in the fall or carve 46 mph lines on a snowboard in winter.



Ask him what job he dreads the most?

"Programming," he says with a groan. "I hate being held captive by the computer." Ask him what he loves? "Engine work—especially air-cooled stuff. It's intense, but rewarding."

And what really sets him apart isn't just the certifications or the decades of experience—it's that he genuinely cares. From cleaning door seals to stamping service books to placing oil caps and engine belts with logos perfectly upright, Mike knows that for most Porsche owners, this isn't just a car. It's a dream realized. "A lot of people save their whole life to get a Porsche," he says. "They deserve to have it treated that way."



Mike's commitment helped shift the perception of Porsche Boise within the local club. Back in 2008, he and his service manager made it their mission to earn the trust of the Silver Sage PCA region, which had long favored local independents. "We wanted to be the kind of shop where people felt comfortable and respected," he says. And they've done just that. From his early days working alignments in Huntington Beach to his current role mentoring



younger techs, Mike has never forgotten the value of hard-earned knowledge. His advice to the next generation is simple: "Learn the hard stuff when your paycheck doesn't depend on it. That way, when it does, you can do it right without shortcuts."

What's next for Mike? Maybe Service Manager. Maybe more time on the river. Either way, you get the sense he's right where he belongs—quietly mastering his craft, one bolt at a time.

And if you happen to catch him in a moment where he isn't smiling away, deep in an engine rebuild, don't

be surprised if he hands you a business card with a thank-you note on it and offers up a friendly handshake. It's just who he is.

*-Jayk*







**BY LINDSEY ROBINSON**

On March 29, there was a full house at the annual Spuds Auction benefiting the Driver Education (DE) program for Silver Sage. Longtime member Bob Denton once again hosted this outstanding event in his aircraft hangar at the Nampa Airport. Nearly every seat was taken for this amazing evening.

There were well-baked potatoes with all the fixings, along with a large variety of salads. Bidders had the opportunity to compete for delicious desserts, including apple and pecan pies, lemon cake, the World's Best Rum Cake, cheesecake brownies topped with berries, and Lori Telford's famous cookies.

The bidding got rowdy, with many people eager to claim a piece of the deliciousness.

Next came the eclectic collection of items donated by club members—t-shirts, posters, books, lug nuts, bolts, brake pads, car covers, maintenance and detailing supplies, car models, food baskets, and wine. Some items were described in colorful detail, like the huckleberry jam Craig Doty donated—made by him and Denise using a recipe passed down through generations, with huckleberries from his family's property in Northern Idaho.







There were some high-dollar donations, too: a generous gift card for detailing at Enzo's Hand Wash, a gentleman's watch refurbished by Silver Sage's favorite Watchsmith, and a His-and-Hers weekend package that included a two-hour spa appointment and a day of fly fishing with Josh Durham—complete with fly rod, reel, and line.



**IT'S ALWAYS FUN SPENDING AN EVENING WITH FELLOW SILVER SAGE MEMBERS, BUT THE SPUDS AUCTION? THAT'S AN EVENT.**

*Lindsey*

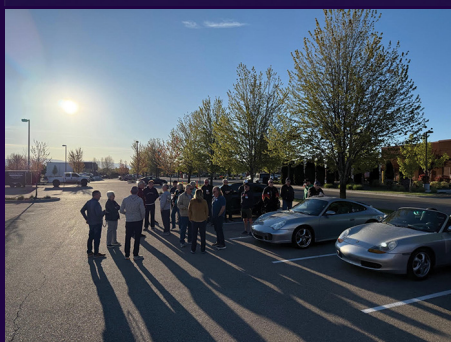




# Breakfast Club

## TAKE ONE!

BY RON ROBIN



It was one of those mid-spring mornings when it all aligned. The usual 25 or so Porsches, varying from the classics

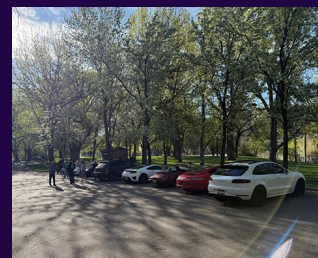
to the sublime, met in the northwest corner of Meridian to plan and plot the early call for some rubber to meet the road once again. The mystery was in the road route for that day, and more specifically, the series of tarmac apexes that could be strung together. As we all gathered for that first cup of coffee, the tire-kicking of conversations quickly was reined in for the official driver meeting. It was here that we all learned of the

day's course. A bit of a sleeper compared to other drives, but this one offered the perfect combination of weather, scenery, limited offending traffic, and most importantly, the series of curves, camber, and consistently even turn-ins and exits from its many twists in the road.

Black Canyon Reservoir and the Payette River, from Emmett to Horseshoe Bend, offered that reprieve we were all wanting after winter's season.



As the A and B grouping was completed, the sounds of air- and water-cooled flat-sixes, along with a myriad of V4 and V6 engines, started up and paraded along for the morning. The ultimate plan was to meet at Spitfire Tacos in Eagle for some welcomed breakfast burritos, Porsche comparisons, and to uncover a rare 356 example owned by our guest host of the restaurant.



Heading through Emmett allowed the requisite turning of local heads and thumbs up as we all passed through. It's always the same response when every color and exhaust note is represented with the iconic badging of the Stuttgart brand. As Route 52 turns onto Black Canyon Highway, one notices immediately that it's the first turn to the right, but in fact, it is the first official apex... just lean into it and press the right foot—then the fun begins. The scenery explodes, and the waking of why we all do this is in plain sight. This stretch is right in our backyard, yet at this time of day, no one is forced to slow to others; the only limit is the length of the

turn and how much room you want to leave in front of the machine ahead. The season of driving is once again upon us, and today we get to stretch our legs and be a bit more as one with the iconic prancing horse.

The first stop was along the reservoir, as a series of parks offered a breath

and a grin as we all stepped out to regroup. The scenery is spectacular, with the canopy of mature, budding trees and the cool breeze coming off the Payette. Short-lived, we once again saddled up and backed into the throttle as the corners threaded together the perfect sight lines from left to right. Each switchback was consistent from its entry to every exit. This stretch of road offers all drivers a sense of euphoria when the pedal is down.





As the corners passed by and quickly became memories—as if a fast but controlled dance partner was paired with each car—we made our way into Horseshoe Bend. The parade lap through town lasted only minutes, and once again the fresh and manicured pavement of Route 55 South added to the climax of the final tour of curves for the morning.

As we entered the parking area at Spitfire Tacos, we were greeted by Scott, the owner, and his magnificent 356A, along with some of the best breakfast burritos around. We had the entire lot filled with Porsches, along with the permanent memories of each twist and turn necessary to start a perfect weekend by connecting with more than just a machine—but rather, a Porsche.



Sometimes, the shortest distance from point A to point B is a damn shame, and today was no different.

*-Ron*



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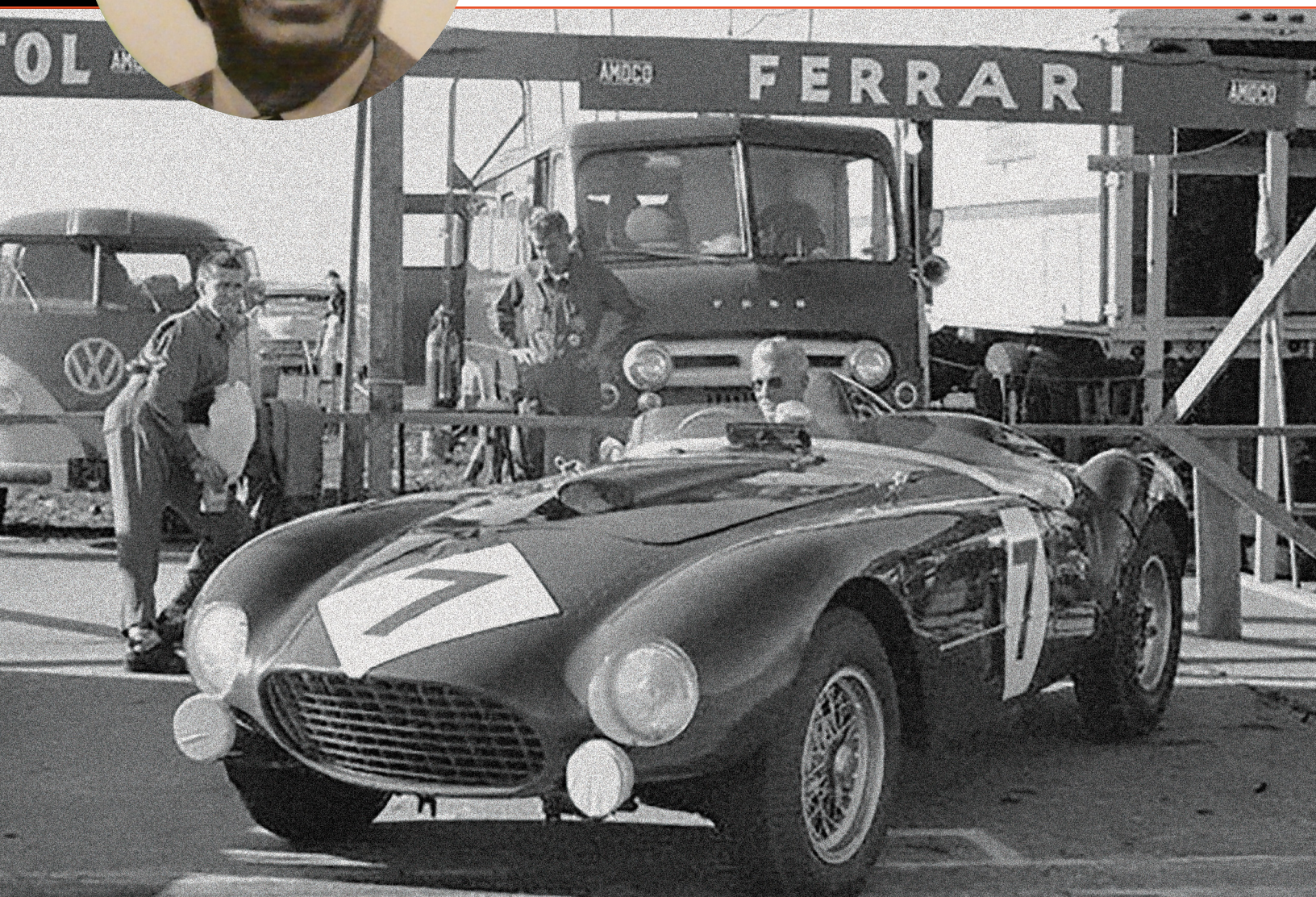
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# PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER WAS A SPORTS CAR FAN

BY MARK VAUGHN (FROM AUTOWEEK ONLINE);  
TRANSCRIBED BY WALT THODE



*The 39th president attended NASCAR races at Atlanta and took the whole family to Sebring.*

Former President Jimmy Carter, who passed away recently at the age of 100, had been a race fan all his life.

Before he was president and before he was even governor, Carter worked as a ticket vendor at NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway. When he became governor of Georgia he hosted drivers at the Governor's Mansion.

But it wasn't just Cup racing that interested the 39th president; The Carters were also regulars at Sebring.



“As soon as I came home from the Navy, Rose and I and the children began to drive down to Sebring and went to the 12-Hour race there, which was always interesting,” Carter told *imsa.com*. He could even tell the sports cars by their engine sounds alone.

“They used to sell 33-rpm records of the different sounds of every race car at Sebring, and my wife and I used to listen to them, and we would try to look the other way and see which kind of car was coming.”

He got pretty good at it, too.

“Some of the Maseratis and others had eight-cylinders. Some of them had 12 cylinders, the Ferraris, I believe, had 12 cylinders. They sounded like a sewing machine, very smooth.” But when he picked a favorite, Carter went domestic.

“I really kind of fell in love with the Chevrolet Corvette. Corvettes kind of sounded like a John Deere tractor compared to them, but they would hold their own in speed.

# Help Celebrate PCA's 70 Years!



## Schedule a Region event on September 13 to join the celebration!

PCA has big plans in 2025 to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the world's largest Porsche club. Why not join the fun? On September 13th, PCA's founding day, every PCA Region is encouraged to hold an anniversary event in your hometown. Schedule a concours, driving tour, cars & coffee, or any other PCA event and share the excitement on social media using #pca70.



Watch the video: [PCA.org/news/pca70](https://www.pca.org/news/pca70)



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So it was a time of origination of a real car that could compete internationally.

The official state funeral in Washington DC for Carter was held on January 9.

*-Walt*







## MAY 2025



**JOHN P  
SOMMERWERCK**  
*PCA Zone 6 Rep*

Nancy & I participated in our first 2025 driving tours with Zone 6 regions. We would like to thank the Oregon Region for a great Snake & Bake tour. Eastern Oregon has some great Porsche roads. We would also like to thank the Silver Sage region for a great President's Mystery tour drive.

I hope the readers of this column saw the recent **Treffen Stuttgart/Leipzig 2025** announcement. This incredible new Treffen event is hosted by Porsche Travel Experience – with only 20 spots available – July 13-18, 2025. While this event may already be sold out, I expect many more in the years to come.

I hope you will be joining me at this year's Porsche Parade. Porsche **Parade 2025** is scheduled for July 6-12 in Oklahoma City. In addition to the normal Parade events – Concours, Autocross, Driving Tours, etc. This year's Parade will include a historic display and PCA 70th Anniversary Celebration. **Parade 2025** Registration is now open. As usual, Parade registration will be a two-part endeavor. First, one registers as an entrant and reserves their hotel room. In the second phase, registrants sign for events and meals. Phase 2 registration is now Open!

Besides Porsche **Parade**, PCA National has several events of note; **2025 Treffen at Sea** sets sail Sunday, August 30th from New York, NY, returning on Sunday, September 6th. Treffen at Sea registration is now open!

### Fall 2025

**Treffen** will be held at the Four Seasons Resort in Jackson Hole, WY. Check it out at: **Treffen Jackson Hole (Fall 2025) | Treffen North America**. Registration opens on June 11th.

Nancy and I continue our planning for Zone 6 region visits, so far, we have plans to visit nine and are looking for ideas for the other two visits. Zone 6 signature region 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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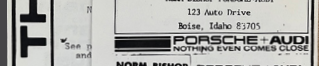
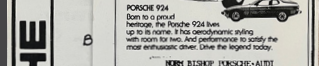
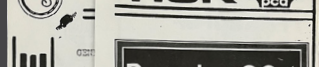
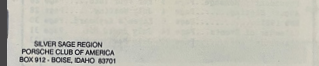
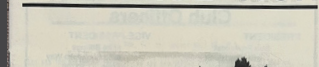
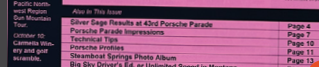
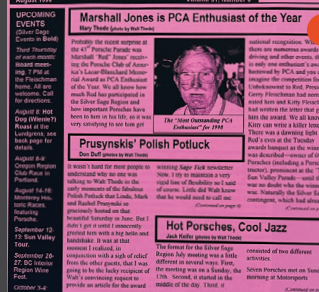
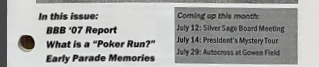
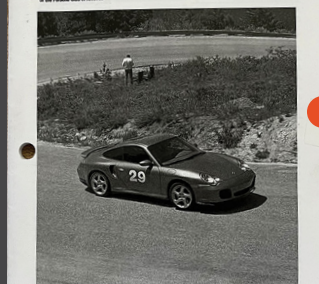
*Pro-Tip: a clean car is a fast car*





# SAGE TICK RETROSPECTIVE

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**2016** Plans are underway for a grand celebration on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at Spurwing Country Club. It will be an elegant dinner and program, so please put it on your calendar now. Our National PCA President Caren Cooper plans to be in attendance, plus we will have speakers from within our own ranks. Plans are to give all attendees a commemorative wine glass and DVD of our club's history.

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**2007** Kimberly Jobs reported on a Poker Run that went to Idaho City, Lowman, and ended in Crouch at the Longhorn Saloon. After a short meeting, a dinner (BBQ ribs, chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, coleslaw and chocolate e brownies), and some dancing, she reported that "at one point in time, Mike English, Red Jones, and Bob Pentecost disappeared, only to return a short time later wearing caps with blond ponytails attached (to make fun of Walt Thode's real ponytail). What a crazy bunch of guys!"

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**1999** From the 43rd Porsche Parade in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Mary Thode reported that "Probably the nicest surprise ... was Marshall "Red" Jones receiving the Porsche Club of America's Lazar/Blanchard Memorial Award as PCA Enthusiast of the Year. We all know how much Red has participated in the Silver Sage Region and how important Porsches have been to him in his life, so it was very satisfying to see him to get national recognition.

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**1989** At the 1989 Bogus Basin Bacchanalia, participants included Mike & Linda Billings, Richard & Carolyn Loff, Don Ebaugh, Bob & Vicki Pentecost, Karen Brydl, Chuck Caylor, Terry & Judy Bush, Wally & Roxanne Overton, Steve & Bev Dugger, Roger & Jane Buckthal, Darrell & Mary Ann Hansen, Richard & Jennifer Hansen, Bill Noblitt, Glenn & Karen Martz, Vanessa Hutchinson, Kay Lamberson, and David Stokes (all from Silver Sage), Dick Grant and Don & Ruth Murray (Pacific Northwest), Craig & Karen Bachner (Intermountain), Curtis Eames (Rocky Mountain), and Dan Alustiza & Dana Smedra (Orange Coast).

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**1945** A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVE – Mountain Home Air Force Base has brought many active PCA members into our area in the past years (and will probably continue to do so in the future). These members are sometimes a little reluctant to come to their first Silver Sage meeting, but once they are welcomed into the group, they contribute a great deal to the club and its more permanent members. [We] need to thank these PCA military people and their families, who not only serve as protectors of our country, but also serve as active members of PCA. [Coleen Armitage, Sage Tick editor]

Any member with anything thought to be worthy of inclusion in a general account of the history of the Silver Sage Region (1966 -present) please send it to Walt Thode at [wfthode@gmail.com](mailto:wfthode@gmail.com).

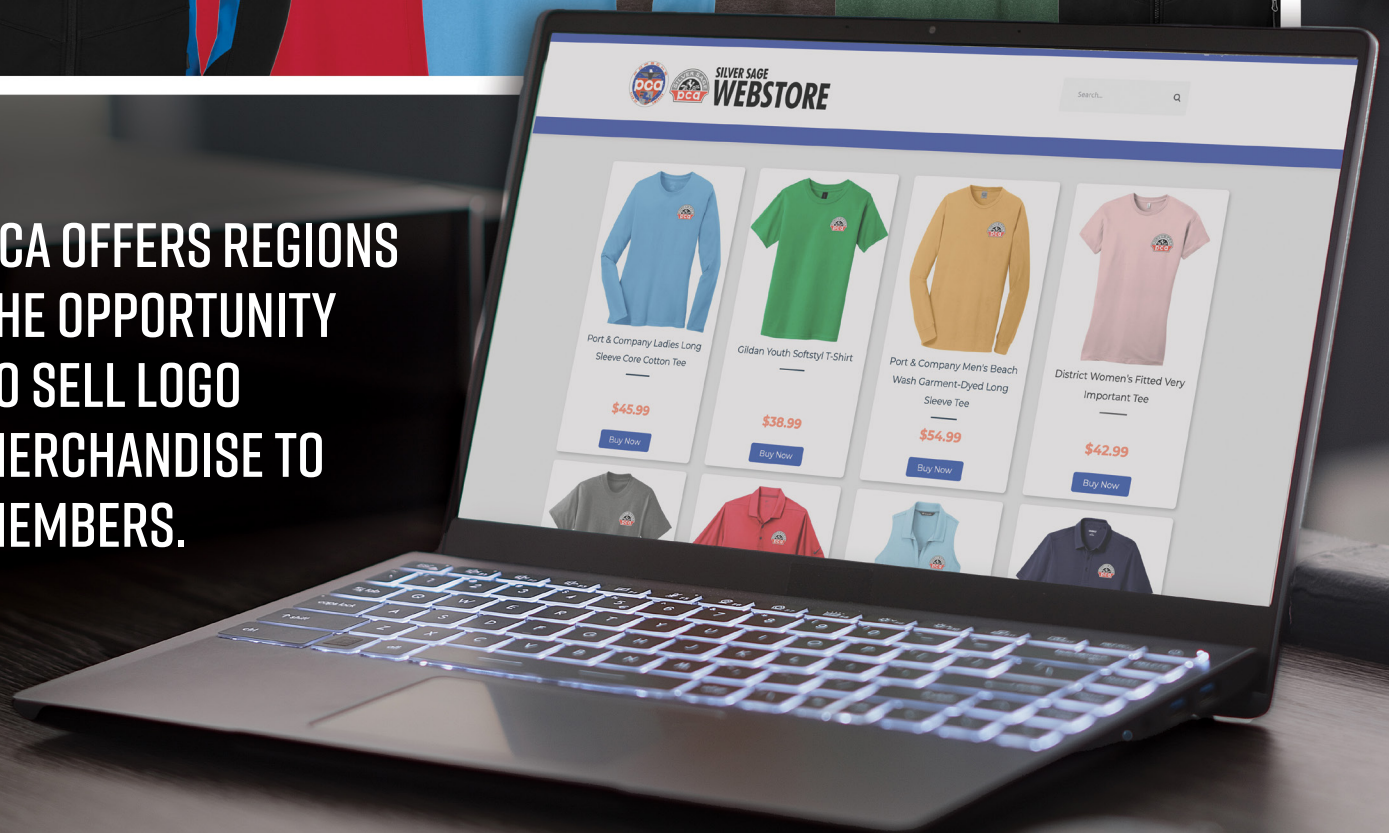




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