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As we finish 2014 it is good to reflect on what a great year it was. From purchasing our own autocross electronic timing equipment, to an action packed Sunrise to Sunset rally, to a memorable Zonefest in Mt. Dora to the fun Escape to Magical Orlando we had a very busy year. Porsche of Melbourne and Shay Rowe put together many events and invited Space Coast Region to participate. Who can forget the incredible Macan launch party at Porsche of Melbourne! There were so many fun and entertaining events that it is impossible to mention all of them here.

2014 was the year of the volunteer and we have so many that all of the Space Coast Region events were executed flawlessly and with great enthusiasm. That doesn't mean that we can't use more. If you think about the national impact of our region volunteers and members it is really impressive. Tom Gorsuch is the PCA Treasurer and the PCA Vice-President Elect, David O'Neal is the Zone 12 Representative as well as the new national Escape Chairman. Ginny O’Neal is the National Awards Chairwoman. Robin Hoffman is the Parade Kids chairperson. Steve Hoffman is the new Parade Tech Quiz Chairman. And Lois and Jack Roberts manage the Parade and Escape Goody Store. For a small to mid-sized region we have a super impact. We also had two great community charity events led by Elaine Christine and Lois Roberts. Congratulations to the Hoffman family being named PCA Family of the Year!

We look forward to 2015 with many new activities, including a revitalized Drive and Dine plan and we also look forward to your input for venues and activities that you would like to participate in.

Have a great Holiday Season and we will see you at the events throughout the year.

Lou Linden
From the Editor

I hope you will enjoy our winter issue of Escape Velocity. Now that the temperatures are cooling down, the activities will be ramping up! Come out and join in the fun! This issue was co-edited by my friend and “Editor in Training”- Sue Kee. I am sure you will be meeting her soon, if you haven't already. Sue is a natural! Hopefully all of you will keep her flush with articles to print about what a great experience it is to be a Porsche owner and a member of the Space Coast PCA!

In this issue, you will see a lot of pages on the biggest event our Region (along with Citrus Region) has ever hosted: Escape to Magical Orlando. It was an unforgettable Porsche experience we should be proud to have hosted! Read all about it as you turn the pages!

Come out and enjoy what our club has to offer: from brunches to racing and everything in between! Our members are friendly and we'd love to see you! I encourage everyone who has a Porsche story or information to share to write an article and send it to Sue. Remember to attach some photos of your adventures!

I continue to be thankful for the team of ever growing dedicated members who contribute to the magazine through articles, photos and advertising! Please support our advertisers!

Please welcome Sue Kee as Escape Velocity’s Editor in 2015. I am confident that she will continue the Space Coast tradition of producing a wonderful quarterly magazine celebrating the Porsches we love and the People who drive them!

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Sue Kee and Robin Hoffman
Membership Corner

Seems we have yet another year about to drive by us at the speed of Porsche! If you’re like me, you have been out enjoying the days with your Porsche and our great club activities only to see 2014 fly by us. Looks like Space Coast Region is closing out 2014 with 567 primary members and 302 affiliate members.

Allow me to provide some interesting member numbers for us.

Other interesting membership numbers are our Porsches! The following list provides a snapshot of the Porsche(s) members have listed on the [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org) website. Please note some members have more than one Porsche listed and others have no Porsche listed. Currently we show:

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This writer looks forward to the New Year and many more Space Coast Region events. As a gentle reminder, please try to RSVP for those events requesting one – and let’s all get out and drive our Porsches!

Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!

Welcome New Members!

**September 2014**
- David Newey, 2006 Boxster
- Todd Curlee, 1984 944
- Mansheenarine Rooparine, 2014 Cayenne
- Ludvig & Sharon Christensen, 2012 911 Carrera
- Jon & Gail Hagerott, 2014 911 Carrera
- Orit Israel, 2014 Panamera
- Ping Lu, 2014 Cayenne
- Jeffrey Greene, 2014 911 Carrera
- Guillermo & Marjorie Altonaga, 2014 911 GT3
- Mark Pieloch, 2014 911 Carrera
- Arthur Shapiro, 2015 Cayman
- Angus Russell, 1996 993 Twin Turbo
- Christopher Bivert, 2010 Cayman S
- Thut Tun, 2014 Panamera
- Milad Khorrami, 2015 Cayman
- Jeffery Simon, 2014 911 Carrera
- Anita Bergeron, 2014 911 Carrera

**November 2014**
- Richard & Patricia Jablonski, 2015 Macan S
- Chrisostoma & Patricia Lacano, 2015 Macan S
- William Bloom, 2014 Boxster
- Eric Marr, 2014 Panamera
- Richard Suarez, 2015 Boxster
- James & Andrea Shaffer, 2015 Panamera
- Chad Pulliam, 2015 911 Carrera
- Carole & Scott Avent, 2015 Boxster
- Danny & Charlotte Castell, 2014 911 Carrera
- Sara Olson, 2015 Macan S
- Ray Beldino, 2015 911 Carrera
- Michael & Michelle Walters, 2015 911 Carrera
- Thomas & Cheryl Porter, 2015 Macan S
- John Kraft, 1999 996 Carrera
- Thomas Furst, 2011 911 Carrera
- Breno Correa, 2010 Cayman S
- Russel Kunz, 2015 911 Carrera S

**October 2014**
- Erik Smith, 2007 Boxster S
- Kenneth & Patricia Crawford, 2014 Cayenne
- James Walker, 2014 911 Carrera
- Kimberly Schaefer, 2009 911 Carrera
- Scott McCauley, 2006 911 Carrera
- Robert & William (son) Turnbull, 2005 Boxster
- Craig Reicher, 2012 911 GTS
- Paul Tebbe, 2013 Boxster S
- Anthony Roa Andrews, 2014 Boxster
- Scott Layne, 2013 911 Carrera S
- David Evans, 2012 911 Turbo S

**Welcome New Members!**

**Space Coast Region Year End Membership Numbers**

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It was a beautiful cloudy Saturday morning as we pulled into the Walt Disney World Speedway. Awaiting us was the kind of day that most Porschephiles dream of. We were about to indulge in a very special treat, several hours behind the steering wheel sampling some of the latest delicacies from the engineers at Stuttgart/Zuffenhausen. We had arrived at the Orlando edition of the 2014 Porsche World Roadshow.

The Porsche World Road Show is an invitation only, full throttle experience, packed with fun. Thank you Porsche of Melbourne for the invite! It is designed to allow both first time and repeat Porsche buyers the opportunity to experience the Porsche model range in an environment designed to show the cars true capabilities. As with all things Porsche, this was a first class event and was led by the same team of instructors you find at the Porsche Sports Driving School. For the stop at Disney, the experience included several laps on an Autocross course, track time around the 1 mile long tri-oval and a hot lap with a Porsche driving instructor. Each car was equipped with PDK, which allowed participants to focus on going fast while staying on the track. I’m sure this also saved Porsche a bit of down time on clutch replacement as well.

Our group was assigned to the autocross course first which demonstrated the very impressive acceleration of both the Macan Turbo and Panamera GTS. The exhaust sound from the vantage point of those waiting in line was intoxicating. Since we were waiting for the other group to finish up on the track we were able to get plenty more than one run per vehicle that was promised. It was loads of fun and showed just how impressive and precise both of these cars were on a tight course.

Next stop was the track and we had a fun time playing follow the leader. The leader cars were 911’s and were driven by Porsche Club North America driving instructors. The leaders were followed by groups of three cars that included a 911 Targa, a Boxter GTS and Cayman GTS. Two laps were run per car allowing a swap between driver and passenger so that everybody could enjoy driving in all three cars. The instructors provided direction and encouragement via radio and we were all prompted to go as fast as we were comfortable going as long as it was behind the instructor. Trust me nobody was going to pass an instructor! This was the highlight of the day and served as a great way to compare and contrast each of the three cars capabilities. For me, this experience provided a clear winner. The Cayman GTS was just so smooth and balanced. Like Porsches of old it had an almost telepathic ability to go wherever you wanted before you actually tried to go there. However, this is 2014 and this car also seemed to correct any mistakes that you were about to make before you actually made them. What an amazing car!

The final stage was the hot lap with a Porsche driving school instructor in the passenger seat of a 911 Turbo. To commemorate the experience at the end of the lap each participant was given a memory stick which had a dash cam video superimposed with the track data of their lap. The experience was very cool and very fast. I remember in the Cayman GTS I reached 103mph down the main straight but in the 911 turbo the instructor touched 130mph at the same point!

As with most fun days this one ended far too soon. But what a blast! Sitting around the lunch table with my fiancée and the Breitfeller’s the topic naturally led to which car would you choose? For me that was easy the Macan Turbo and a Cayman GTS. I mean I can have two, right?
When October rolls around each year for Porsche Club members, it’s time to head for “Oktoberfast” at the Daytona International Speedway. Daytona is one of our home tracks and easy to get to, and the racing is always great.

The track opened at noon on Thursday with great weather, and although there seemed to be fewer cars scheduled to race than in prior years, it was still a large field. The great thing about getting there early is seeing the race cars unload and being set up in the garages, and talking with everyone while taking lots of photos. You have access to everything!

There were several well-known race teams there mixed with many individual club racers from across the country, including a few from Canada. Cup cars, many GT3’s, a beautiful GT2, and a “badged” Turbo RS were there, mixed with every other Porsche model you can think of, including a red 356 race car with over forty years of racing history; all ready to compete in the races for the weekend. The two run groups, Blue and Red, along with the Green DE run group were on the schedule for the Saturday sprint races, and a combined Purple run group was scheduled for the ninety minute Enduro race on Sunday.

During practice on Thursday and Friday, there were several off-track spins at the International Horseshoe, a blown engine which thoroughly oiled the track, and a couple of serious crashes, one of which disabled a veteran race team’s car, leaving it unable to compete for the weekend.

It was interesting to see the immaculate silver 996 GT2 and the 996 “Turbo RS” on the track in the DE group.

In the garages, there was lots of activity as well. The team competing in the white 914 “Speed Racer” entry said they had been racing and working on that very same car for decades, and it really showed in how they prepared it for the races on Saturday.

There was a similar story from the owner of the red 356 racer. He said that he’d been racing that car steadily for over forty years and that he was ready to go again for the weekend. There were many good stories and great photo opportunities, mostly from the racers and their families and friends around the garages, and even of a couple of very young, less-than-a-year-old, future Porsche racers in the crowd.

Adding to the Oktoberfast weekend fun was an Auto Cross set up on the Kart track for Saturday with perhaps the largest number of registrants ever for a Daytona AX.

Well, Saturday morning arrived and my 996 Turbo said “I won’t move” as the clutch refused to disengage, shortening any plans I had for the rest of the weekend. Our sponsor, Porsche of Melbourne, was quick to the rescue with a flatbed ride home and a loaner car courtesy of Andy Kinner, the Porsche Service Manager, and I was on my way with lots of photos and another “you won’t believe what happened story” for my friends.

It was another PCA event with great cars and some very good people too!
The weather could not have been more beautiful in Daytona for the three day event and the opportunity to run your Porsche on the speedway and road course is more than exciting. Last year’s event was later by two weeks which brings more cars but the place was still packed. We all go to Sebring, West Palm Beach, Roebling and some other tracks but Daytona well it’s still the Super Bowl of race tracks.

Two years ago I drove the event solo, last year I was joined by Ken Marshall and this year I’m driving solo again. I can’t stay home when I know the event is on it only comes once a year for PCA members that DE. As we all know the drive up short and easy, check in and tech easy, driver meeting and track walk all on Thursday. Friday morning we were the first to go out on the track 8:30 am was the call to the grid and as they wave you on….take a deep breath. Not too high on the banks (makes lap times longer), get ready for the bus stop, back on the track turn 3, turn 4 let the car rotate (it will come off of 4 all by itself without turning the wheel at all), speed climbing to 150-160-170 mph (depends on your car), cross the Start/Finish line and get ready to stand on those brakes to make the hard left turn 1 into the infield road course. For me I need a few sessions to figure out what the car will do without me (the car is better than me). By the afternoon you and your car are experiencing Daytona Speedway.

There are many places to eat and nice hotels within 2 to 5 minutes from the track. It’s great to meet new people from all over the United States and the other PCA clubs. There is also an Autocross on Saturday as part of the weekend at the track along with track tours and car displays. So there are many things you can do with your friends and family. Next October remember it’s even worth driving up for a day!
Charity Spotlight

As I write this article for the Winter issue of EV, I am amazed at the outpouring of generous support for our community from members of the PCA Space Coast region. You will see what I mean as we recall the 2014 projects that received our time, attention, and donations. Let’s review this year and shine the Charity Spotlight on those four projects with the people, passion, and purpose that were served.

**Quarter 1: Children’s Home Society of Florida.** Well, this was my first venture as Charity Coordinator and I created a vision board detailing our future success. The plan was to raise funds for Hansel and Gretel, code names for a washer and dryer to benefit the Children’s Home Society of Brevard. A raffle was held after a Tech Session at Porsche of Melbourne, and Sally Jecmen took home the prize. Second raffle winners Scott and Sue Kee enjoyed a fabulous Sunday brunch at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. With the generous donation of Sam Pak, owner of Appliance Direct, Hansel and Gretel were installed to help keep kids clean! Executive Director Teresa Miles invited me to a picnic to meet the children and her staff. Food and music were provided, so I brought a large container of laundry soap!

**Quarter 2: Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard.** Carole Marshall introduced me to Executive Director Chuck Biehl and members of the Friends Board who volunteer to serve abused children. Summer banquet coordinator Ron Menck worked with us to plan a silent auction that was held at the Rockledge Country Club. At the end of the evening, donations from local merchants such as Genna Jewelers and art collector Dawn Schnuck went to the last name on the bid sheet. Club member and artist Shelby Goode’s painting of a Porsche 935 went to highest bidder Steve Hoffman. Tyler Sirois, President of the Friends Board, thanked everyone for helping to make the Silent Art Auction at the PCA Space Coast region Summer Banquet a resounding success. The total amount raised from the auction sales and pledges was $3,200.00!

**Quarter 3: Candlelighters of Brevard.** Lois Roberts collected checks from the 2015 Calendar project that was sponsored by Shay Rowe at Porsche of Melbourne and award-winning photographer Ray Baldino of Baldino Studios in Cocoa Beach. Executive Director Natasha Duran sent several letters to the Porsche Club thanking members for their generous donation: “It truly is a wonderful thing to know that local organizations truly care for those in our community. We are grateful that you selected our organization to send the proceeds from your calendars. Your support of our mission is invaluable.” The total raised from the calendar project this year was $6,250.00! And many thanks to Lois Roberts for her inspired idea!

**Quarter 4: Toys for Tots.** The holiday season is upon us, and to wrap up the year (ho-ho-ho) we thought to give children presents. Christmas is the reason for the season, so we’re collecting Toys for Tots at the 2014 Holiday Party.

Thank you to all who gave generously throughout this year!
**South Region** (Jurgen Schwanitz)

Our Vero Beach KaffeeKlatsch is always a great low key event to show off your Porsche and enjoy some great car stories and of course enjoy a good breakfast at Panera’s. We typically have about 15-20 PCA members attending and more now that the weather is perfect here in Florida. The cooler temperatures are absolutely fantastic. Finally, I can enjoy my Porsche without sweating! As some of my fellow 80’s and older Porsche owners know the AC is not exactly the greatest.

Just about every type of Porsche has been to our little event, 356s, 928s, 944, Cayman’s, Boxter’s, Cayenne’s and, of course, lots of 911’s. We sometimes even get to see the super rare Carrera GT.

As always, David Kelly takes his amazing photos, and of course at the end of each event he snaps a group photo of all the proud Porsche owners. Thanks to all of you for being part of this great club, and attending as many of our wonderful events as possible. Driving our Porsches is an experience like no other car can deliver.

**Mid-Region** (Jack Roberts)

Once a month or so, we gather for some conversation, coffee and breakfast. Members meet in the north and south at Panera Bread locations and in the middle at Panera Wickham or the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. You’re welcome to attend any or all of these, regardless of where you wake up that morning. It’s a great way to get to know your fellow club members and get the latest scoop on coming events. In September, french toast was the Daily Special, but what made the day really special was moderate temperatures and mild humidity (for September, anyway), which made it a perfect day to exercise our cars. We had a great turnout, with nearly 60 participants! We were joined by several new members: Bill Actonaga and his 991 GT3, DedeD’Orsi, freshly back in the states following euro delivery of her new Cayman, Matt & Jenny Kersting with their Carrera GTS and daughters Ellie and Georgia in back and Mark Sackoor, recently up from Palm Beach. Also joining us was Chris & Jennifer Huck from San Diego where they were quite active in that club. Welcome to all! We gather rain or shine. Our most recent Kaffee at Panera brought out 16 of the heartiest, most weather resistant folks to a great gathering. Join us for the next Kaffeeklatsch and watch the Space Coast PCA calendar on line for the latest and greatest upcoming events.

**North Region** (Terry Miller)

While we may not be in the North Pole of the Space Coast Region we are its Northern most territory with the colder weather than all you Southern region folks have. Yes, we in the colder isolated North end are a hearty group and are still enjoying all things PCA. Speaking of enjoyment, well besides wonderful Kaffeeklatsch’s at Panera once a month, which have been well attended, we had a couple of extra treats to enjoy over the last several months. Lou University went well as it always does with a large group attending the great lecture given by Lou Verdiales on the Porsche market place and its future. Lou’s research and firsthand knowledge was well presented with warm hospitality to boot. While we are without the wonderful Porsche of Melbourne up here we still have another wonderful thing called Daytona International Speedway. PCA had their final race of the year here and so we all enjoyed all the sights and sounds of some great racing and some parade laps. There was also a great autocross event at the tracks go-cart track with many of the North ender’s running well in their classes. Henry and his Performance Driving Group also had the track for a weekend DE event which made for another great reason for us to gather at the track as a group. Several of us will be once again playing with the Audi group for four fun filled track days running the Rolex 24 hour course which is always the first weekend in December. A Christmas gathering will also be held on December 6th and of course the roar before the 24 is coming up as is the Rolex 24. So while it is colder up this way we have fun stuff to do and invite all to come play up our way.
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By the light of the silvery full moon at Escape to Magical Orlando, in the Coronado Springs Resort, we had our Tacky Tourist party. The night was beautiful, the beach was calm, and the tackiness was out in full force, with lots of black socks with sandals and clashing clothing. Rivalry was fierce, it was down to the wire with the voting, but Tom and Cyndi Kirk won the competition, hands down. Cyndi sported regular Minnie Mouse ears while Tom went for the more unconventional Oswald Rabbit ears. Apparently Oswald the Rabbit was the precursor to Mickey in the ears department, who knew? Tom Kirk has the whole story for those interested.

Not to be outdone, David O’Neal made an impressive showing with an assortment of tacky everything. Robin Hoffman and Tom Gorsuch were no slouches either in the mis-matched department. Oddly enough, there were times it was hard to distinguish between the party goers and the actual Disney tourists.

There was much camaraderie between sponsoring Citrus and Space Coast Regions along with fellow Porsche Club members from Canada, Indiana, Georgia, Texas, Minnesota, and Alabama, just to name a few. We all had a chance to get together and enjoy the fun and excellent food. Also attending were members of PCA National, Manny Alban, Caren Cooper, Tom Gorsuch, and Vu Nguyen. Paul Gregor from PCNA also joined in the fun. You couldn’t have asked for a more beautiful night, and a great time was had by all.
We left the motel early in the morning with over 30 cars in attendance to take the lesser road down the backbone of Florida to the sacred racing venue called SEBRING! We wondered on the trip down if we were going to get rained out due to the overcast skies, but the optimists that we are, we kept the top down on our Boxster. Driving over the bridge to get to the infield was quite exciting. We formed 2 rows on the grass behind the pit lane and proceeded to get to know the infield. We were allowed in the pits and upstairs on the Chevrolet Tower. After awhile we were taken upstairs to be entertained with facts about the track provided by none other than Sebring historian Ken Breslauer. Several people in the group were provided with copies of the complete picture history of the track for “guessing” the answer to questions about the race. He then showed us a short movie on the race narrated by Sir Stirling Moss. Finally it was time to get our turn on the track. We formed groups of 5-6 cars with a leader to get out and experience the track. We all got 4-5 laps on the first outing and then came into to the pits so some teams could change drivers and then we got another 4 laps. I must say the bump in turn 17 was a lot of fun. It all ended much too soon and then we were off to the Kenilworth Lodge for a nice catered lunch. As my lovely wife and I headed out to return to Coronado Springs Resort from the lodge, I found out I could not get the transmission into 3-6th gears. We verified the cables were still connected and decided to let the car cool down since I’ve never broken something by not driving it! The city kindly provided a chili cookoff downtown that we got to enjoy. Returning to the car I was resigned to the fact that it would be a less spirited drive in 2nd gear to the hotel. After returning home I replaced the cables and now we once again have 6 gears. Thanks to all the people who worked to make this a fantastic event.
Escape to the Ocala National Forest
Cayenne Off-Road Tour

What better place to try out the 4-wheel drive capability of our Cayenne than in the Ocala National Forest? Dirt roads and no street signs here we come! The original plan was for Steve and me to lead several other Cayennes and one Macan, north from Disney through some of the scenic back roads of Florida, traversing through the Ocala National Forest, stopping by a hidden bombing range, before culminating for lunch in beautiful Silver Springs. We were ready to roll for our drive, but apparently no one was brave enough to join us. Truth be told, they all opted to go to the racetrack instead. All except for Jason Breitfeller who had a drive shaft issue the day before and whose wife would not allow him to bring the 911 Turbo on the trek! As we were pushing through a foot of sugar sand and dust was accumulating in every nook and cranny of our Cayenne, I think Kate was right to veto Jason’s plan!

A little disappointed but seeing an opportunity for a little one on one time, Steve and I set out alone to the National Forest following the route Steve had planned out without a miss. We traversed Sugar Loaf Mountain and even found a remote trail up the back side of the mountain, yes it sounds odd, up the hill, in the process. We got to the forest and it was buzzing with activity! There were 4-Wheel drive trucks, intimidating looking rednecks with guns, orange vests and tracking dogs all on a mission to remove the wild boar from the forest. At least that is what they told us. Yes, you could hear almost the music from Deliverance! The looks we got were priceless! We made it to the fence of the Bombing Range without incident, took some great photos and then made it back to the main road, without getting caught in “friendly fire”. As an added bonus, I think we schooled some Florida rednecks about Porsche owners not being as stiff as they once thought!

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Escape to the Kennedy Space Center

My wife Maribel and I joined a group of about 40 Porsche aficionados to visit the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Center in Titusville on November 7th. We live in Titusville and were 30 minutes late!!!! There we found Steve and Robin Hoffman patiently waiting for us with our tickets. Even though we have lived in Brevard County for over 32 years, it had been 15 years since we had come to see KSC’s Visitor Center.

We were amazed how much the center had grown since we were last there. Multiple rockets adorn the entrance and you can see how their designs changed with time. The first thing we did was have lunch with an astronaut. This was done in a large conference room where all PCA members sat together at reserved tables. The astronaut explained what it took to become an astronaut as a video of the International Space Station played in the background. The remainder of our lunch time was spent in Q&A with mostly children asking how you use the bathroom or sleep while in space with no gravity. It was funny to hear their questions and listen to the answers!

Then we went to see the Space Shuttle Atlantis experience where you see a video of how NASA went from building rockets to the development of a reusable vehicle. You then walk into this room which contains the actual shuttle. It is majestic, it’s size overwhelming! Then we went to the Shuttle Launch Experience, this is a simulator to mimic what it feels like to be catapulted into space. A group of 44 people get strapped into space chairs, buckled up, turn 90 degrees and facing up as if you were in the shuttle, and off you go!!!! It is amazing how they make you feel the acceleration, vibration, and G forces. I don’t know how they do it but it feels pretty real.

While there we met Robert and Adriana who were from South Florida and headed back to Orlando Coronado Resort where we found the car show going on. At the resort, we also met another Latino couple from Tampa, Carlos and Jenny, who had the winning Midnight Blue 997 Turbo. What a sweet machine!!

The event was great and we made good friends from all over Florida and many other states. Thanks to all the people who made this event happen.
Drive to the Salvador Dali Museum

Article and Photo by Laura Krenzor

Ten Porsches and one Jaguar caravanned to St. Petersburg, FL, during Escape to Magical Orlando 2014, to visit the famed Salvador Dali museum. On route, we traversed the Skye Bridge, which is just another site to behold among the many to be seen on our lovely adventure in the beautiful state of Florida.

You don’t have to be an art lover to be enthralled with, not only the architecture of the museum, but the human psyche and the incredible wonder of how the human mind works, which is what propelled Salvador Dali to create such works of art that built the museum that keeps people of all ages, ethnicities, interests, and beliefs coming again and again to enjoy a piece of history that has landed great works of art from around the world to St. Petersburg, Florida.

“The only difference between me and a madman is that I’m not mad.” – Salvador Dali

Salvador Dali lived from 1902 to 1989 and spent 1940 to 1948 in the United States. A perfect example of his extraordinary and sometimes disconcerting work would be the painting entitled: “Gala Contemplating The Mediterranean Sea which at Twenty Meters Becomes the Portrait of Abraham Lincoln,” which evidently must have been influenced by his time in the U.S.

Dali was greatly intrigued by the world in which he lived and was somewhat intuitive to the times. The surrealist painter was aged 72 when he created the optical phenomena of Lincoln using the double image of his wife, Gala, naked, looking at a harbor from a window. At immediate inspection, you see just that. However, you back up about 65 feet and you see the likeness of Abraham Lincoln, or in our case, place your cell phone camera over the painting, and you see it immediately. One might think Dali was being irreverent to Lincoln, but it apparently was a sincere tribute. He had been grateful to America for welcoming him early on in his career and giving him safe haven during World War II. He considered America his second home. According to an article written in a St. Petersburg’s newspaper, “Lincoln embodied all the qualities Dali admired about America.” A little-known connection important to him was that the American volunteers who joined the Spanish freedom fighters were called the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

The day trip to St. Petersburg was both a pleasure and a future must-see.

Drive to the Morse Museum

Article and Photo by Libby McCall

Our trip to the Morse Museum began after meeting our drive leader, who is affectionately known as the “Flying Dutchman.” Although he was driving an Aston Martin and not a Porsche (his 914 had a fuel leak), he lived up true to his name. We travelled on country roads at a spirited pace. The scenery was beautiful, and there was plenty of sightseeing, including a stop to view Lake Apopka, which is one of the largest lakes in Florida. In the 1940s, it was one of Central Florida’s main attractions. Anglers travelled throughout the U.S. to fish for trophy-size bass. However, the discharge of agricultural pollutants resulted in a chronic algal bloom and the nearly destruction of the lake for recreational pursuits. Efforts are ongoing to restore the quality of water in the lake.

At the Lake Apopka stop there was also a large live oak tree with Spanish moss hanging from its branches. However, we learned that what is hanging is neither Spanish nor moss. It is actually an “air plant,” since it absorbs nutrients from water in the air. It rarely kills a tree, but it can slow the growth rate by reducing the light the tree’s leaves receive.

It was short drive from Lake Apopka to Winter Park where the Morse Museum is located. The museum houses the world’s most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, the son of the founder of Tiffany and Company. The collection includes the Tiffany Chapel from the 1893 Chicago World’s Columbian Exposition. The light level in the chapel changes periodically so that the visitor can see the intense colors of the stained glass windows.

After lunch on Park Avenue, a number of Escape participants took the Scenic Boat Tour, an hour long tour of three lakes and interconnecting canals. Many wealthy and famous people have built their winter homes on these lakes, including Fred Rogers, who is better known as “Mister Rogers.” Another lakeside resident was Margaret Mitchell, the author of “Gone with the Wind.” It is said that she finished the last two chapters of the book while staying at the famous Hotel Alabama, which is now a condominium on Lake Virginia.

It was a fun and enjoyable day, and if you are looking for a great place to visit, try Winter Park and be sure and take the Scenic Boat Tour.
I am sure many of you have had the pleasure to attend the Brumos Museum or as they refer to it the Brumos Collection. Access is provided by invitation only and although we have been invited a couple times, this was the first time our scheduled permitted us to make the journey. Brumos Racing is one of the all-time elite racing teams in Porsche history, winning at just about every event venue around the globe, with world famous drivers Peter Gregg and Hurley Haywood leading the team. Their collection of cars is on par with the great Porsche collections including the Porsche Museum and the Collier Collection. The curators of the museum were members of the racing team and have great stories about almost every car or piece of memorabilia in the collection. They even have one of the original two car haulers used to transport the 908s and 917s to races back in the late 60s and early 70s. For a Porschephile like myself, the magnitude of the experience is impossible to take in, especially in just a day. I have seen many of the cars at Parades, Rennsport and HSR races, but to see them all at once, is a little more than the senses can take.

With Jacksonville just a 3 hour drive from the Coronado Springs Resort, we left early but still arrived hungry! The Brumos Porsche dealership was as hospitable as our own Porsche of Melbourne and treated us to a great lunch and tour of their dealership. We then drove across the street to a non-descript warehouse that housed the collection of cars, photographs and memorabilia of racing past. If you did not know it was there, you would never know what lies inside. We were invited to return any time we wanted, so we will be setting up a region drive in the near future, so everyone can experience this amazing spectacle of Porsche racing history!
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During the afternoon of Friday November 7th, the Porsches began assembling in the parking lot outside the convention center of the Coronado Springs Resort for the People’s Choice Car Show. Kevin Duffy from the Florida Citrus Region was the car show event master and he once again produced an organized well run event.

The weather was clear and warm, just perfect for a car show as the cars straggled in after their drives. Shortly after the 4:00 PM starting time the pace of cars arriving began to pick up and soon the parking lot was full. The car show was arranged so that the cars were parked by car class. Eventually, about 60 cars had found their spot, creating an impressive display of Porsches from a 1956 356C to several 2015 Macan’s, 911’s and most everything in between.

There were signs announcing the Porsche Club of America People’s Choice Car Show placed throughout the Coronado Springs Resort inviting everyone to the event. Adding to the relaxed atmosphere was a cash bar and background music. Resort guests as well as resort staff were among the large crowd enjoying our event.

The car show ended at 6:00 and after a short recess to rack and stack the votes, the award ceremony was held. The crowd assembled under the lights of the convention center entrance between the new Porsches on display.

The voting was very close in most car classes. Only the 356 car class had a single entrant while the 1999 to 2012 996/997 car class had the largest number of entrants by far. John and Jan Reker were the lone entrant in the 356 group, but made up for the lack of competition by taking the Overall Award, congratulations John and Jan Reker.

A big thank you to all of the car show entrants as well as the voting spectators for a great car show.

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Is your Porsche a ticking time bomb? Is the engine scant days, hours, or even minutes away from destruction? There are several problems that have surfaced over time. In this column I am going to cover the two most significant problem areas.

The first one is the dreaded IMS bearing failure in the Boxster (1997-2005) and 911 (1999-2005) with the M96 motors. Porsche used a more reliable double row bearing up to 2000 then changed to a single row bearing. We have seen both types fail and if the motor was changed under warranty after 2000 it probably has the later single row bearing. There is no doubt if the bearing goes bad it causes major engine damage. We are replacing it with the LN engineering bearing as preventive maintenance on 3-4 cars a month. Usually the bearing coming out is fine, last month we pulled one out of a 2000 996 w/60k on it that was extremely loose and starting to shed metal. Moments like that make doing them as preventive maintenance worthwhile. The problem seems to affect lower mileage garage queens more than daily drivers, but all cars are suspect. If you are not going to change the bearing at least change to a magnetic drain plug, switch to a heavier oil (Mobil one 5w40 or 15w50) and change the oil once a year or every 5000 miles whichever comes first. When you change the oil look between the pleats of the filter and the bottom of the filter housing for any signs of metal that would indicate an impending disaster. If the bearing fails, the engine can usually be rebuilt at a cost 4-6 times the price of replacing the IMS bearing beforehand. Generally it is a good time to replace the clutch and rear main seal at the same time you replace the bearing since you have already paid for the labor.
Next is the coolant pipe ends on the 996tt, 997tt, GT-2, and GT-3. These are installed at the factory with epoxy. Over time the epoxy bond cracks and the pipes come out under pressure pouring all of the antifreeze under the car. This seems to show up more on cars used on the track probably due to severe use. The answer is to take the engine out of the car, partially disassemble the motor and replace all of the pipe ends with new ones that are welded in place. I would just go ahead and do it anytime the engine is removed to be on the safe side. My understanding is NHSTA is investigating this problem as a safety hazard so there is a chance Porsche may reimburse people who had this repaired eventually.

These are two of the problem areas that can potentially cause major damage to your Porsche. It’s up to you to do something about it before it becomes a real problem. Tick, tick, tick……………………..
**The Deal:** Andrea, my great wife had somehow agreed that a street/track Porsche could be obtained if in return I got her a new Boxer puppy and nicely fenced in the back yard.

**The Quest:** Now, how to find this Holy Grail of a street/track car was the question. So many sources of cars and information and when a good lead was found it turned out to be far, far, away, not “affordable” or had just been sold.

**The Find:** After a year’s diligent search my wife was wondering if she would ever get her new puppy. I was losing hope especially after a great prospect in South Carolina was sold the night before I was going up to make a deal. Then the new issue of Panorama arrived. I know from experience that Panorama is the best source for nice truthful people selling nice Porsches. So there, under race cars, was this 1986 944 Turbo for sale in Cincinnati, Ohio with an asking price of $10,000. The car was red, and I figured appropriately, with Christmas a month away, that new puppy would make a great Christmas present as well! I called and a very friendly PCA member (Larry) answered. The car was a 944 turbo that he had bought as a street/track car about five years ago and was a little more of a race car than he wanted. He had even bought a second 944 project car and both sat for the past 5 years in the garage. He said that he believed that the car had been built as a 944 Club race car years ago and had run for a year or two in the Stock E class. He also said that there was a lot of paperwork and documentation and the car had been well built by a race shop in West Virginia but had been sitting for years when he bought it. During the conversation he even said he would take $7,500 for the car. I had not even mentioned a price! The final question I asked was what color was the interior and he said black. Yes, Santa, my favorite color combination is red over black.

**The Trip and Snow:** Finally, after two weeks of some interesting photos and documentation, I decided that I would fly up to Cincinnati right after Christmas and buy the car it if all seemed and felt right. It was going to be a gut feeling thing for the most
part when I got there. I say this as while I know used Corvettes very well and most cars in general, I really had no clue on 944's or Porsches. (Did I mention that it was guards red with a black interior and was affordable?) Now the question was how would I get the car and myself home to Florida if I bought it. Shipping the car was $1,300 plus my plane ticket or I might rent a U-Haul and trailer and make the long drive back. During one of our conversations the owner had said that he had an older trailer which he would sell for $1,500. Little did I know it would turn out to be a Trailerx all aluminum trailer with lots of extras. He would even include two extra trailer tires and rims as well as the four 944 rain tires with rims that were on the trailer tire carrier.

I contacted a friend who lives in Kentucky, and as always, he was up for an adventure. He would pick me up at the airport and we would go check out the car and trailer and if all went well we would tow the car back to Florida together with a U-Haul truck. So we had a plan, but I had forgotten SNOW. You know that cold white slippery stuff that is a mess to drive in? Cincinnati was still digging out from the previous storm when I arrived and it was cold. We found our way to the red 944 which had just been pulled out of the garage and into lots of snow in the driveway. Normally a test drive would happen, but I turned that down as the hilly roads were all ice and daylight was limited. The 944 and the trailer were in great shape and looked even better in person. I asked him how one gets in and out of the full roll caged car and he said that there is no one way or an easy one. So I didn't even try as, I might not be able to get back out and did I mention, it was cold? Everything seemed right and so within an hour the car was on the trailer and we were heading for a nice family meal and a little sleep as the next snow storm was due in the following afternoon. I hoped that if I left early enough I might just out run the snow storm and make it over the mountains where it would just be wind and rain. I figured on about 20 hours of driving with a short stay somewhere along the way as I had told the wife for her safety concern.

Snow was everywhere but most of the highway was clear and I was just staying ahead of the storm with its high winds, snow, and some ice thrown in for fun. The time and miles passed, and at each stop there were lots of questions and stories from many folks interested in an older red Porsche being towed to Florida over Christmas in some cold wintry weather. Songs on the radio were sung loudly, and off key, Cokes were consumed and windows rolled down for fresh air to help me stay awake. Each time I was going to stop for some sleep, the weather forecast got worse and home seemed too close to stop now. With a big smile on my face, I backed the trailer with a wonderful red 944 into the driveway about 5:00AM, with no witnesses to see that it took several tries to get it in.

The other side of the deal: Dexter arrived seven weeks after the arrival of the 944, to his new home and to his very nice fenced in yard.

Next Issue In Part Three: The car and all its wonders will be exposed as well as the formation of TGP Racing (Two Guys and a Porsche) with Lou Verdiales. We go on the tracks to learn the car so that it can get back to its roots as a PCA 944 Club Racer!
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Member Spotlight –
Jason & Kate Breitfeller

What should we know about the Breitfeller family?

The Breitfeller’s have been in the Spacecoast area since 1986. Jason ran his first Tax Day Rally in his Dad’s 944 with a freshly minted driver’s license in 1991. Kate and Jason met on the first day of college and even though Kate told him that she didn’t like the “frog eye” cars, he gave her another chance. Jason was confident he could change her mind. Who doesn’t like P cars??!! Though Kate eventually warmed, (she likes fast cars) the first 911 they purchased together was a slope nose 930S with “pop-up eyes”. Kate has since allowed the “frog eyes” to grow on her and they have added a few more styles to the family. Their favorite family activities include going to the 24 Hour race in the Porsche Paddock and rally events. You can usually find the Breitfeller’s backed up to the fence on the infield with the back of the Cayenne open and coolers and a grill set out in a camp type setup for the 24 Hour race. As for the rally’s, well, their boys are usually in the backseat trying to figure out why mom and dad are bickering over whether or not the dolphin looking mailbox was at one address or another.

What was your first Porsche? Your favorite Porsche?

Jason’s first experience with the Porsche marque was around 8 yrs old. His next-door neighbor had a black Targa and traded it in on a bright, shiny, red 928. He spent many hours mowing the lawn and staring at that car. The first family owned Porsche was a 944 his dad bought at the Nissan dealership on US1 (the current VW dealer) two years old. That 944 is still in the family and has been relegated to Driver’s Ed duty and around town errands when a hatchback is needed. Kate and Jason purchased their first Porsche around 1999. It was a neighbor’s 914 that hadn’t moved out of that garage in many years. Jason had to have that little blue 914 and Kate said yes. Since then, well, let’s just say it’s gone downhill.

As far as favorite Porsche, it keeps changing. Porsche keeps putting out amazing vehicles and each one would look great in their garage. Kate wouldn’t mind replacing her Cayenne S with a new Macan Turbo, and Jason still lusts after a 993tt.

Besides Porsches, what activities do the Breitellers enjoy?

We don’t understand the question… seriously, is this a real question? With five Porsche’s to care for, someone is always washing or tinkering with a Porsche. However, when forced, Jason helps Kate with her DIY endeavors around the house. The kids wouldn’t agree but Jason insists they love washing his cars!

Do you have any Porsche stories to share?

The Breitfeller’s are a Porsche family. Sure, we have had a few BMW’s and a Mercedes, but Jason regrets that both kids were brought home as newborns in something other than a Porsche. He vows to make sure any grandkids get a proper ride home.

Porsche’s have been a part of their lives and continue to play a major role as they have just opened a Porsche engine rebuilding shop in Suntree. BreitWerks is their latest entrepreneurial adventure and the business is definitely a family affair. At any point in time you can find one of the three generations of Breitfeller’s doing something at that shop to make sure these little cars can still keep up with the newer generation. They have had so many different Porsche family experiences that it is hard to pick just one…

Their favorite story is probably when the four of them piled into the Cayenne and drove down to a rally with the Gold Coast region with fellow Spacecoast members. “We all had quite an adventure at that rally and once they announced second place we really thought we were out of the running. At the very last minute, they announced first place and we had actually won. That was probably our favorite moment when all of us were able to walk up and accept the first place trophy”. I guess the competition isn’t quite as stiff down south as it is up here in the Spacecoast region!
We had a great turnout for our 3rd Space Coast AutoX on September 6. The course provided for a challenging 60 plus second run for participants and included more than 30 turns. That amounted to more than one turn every 2 seconds, enough to keep the drivers very busy. Fifty six drivers attended, with eighteen Porsches entered in 7 classes, a marked improvement in Space Coast participation over our first 2 events. It was nice to see some new faces and even better had improved their times. In fact 7 of the top 20 fastest drivers were Space Coast Porsche members. Nice job everyone!

This event was generously sponsored by Tom Kirk and his First Wave Financial group. Corporate sponsorship of our AutoX events are much appreciated and have been a unique feature of Space Coast Porsche Club efforts to reduce costs and help pay off our investment in support equipment. Thanks Tom!

We were determined that all drivers would be able to participate in 4 runs this event, rain or shine, and we did, although mother nature reminded us not to get too complacent as she showered us thoroughly before we were able to complete lunch.

Now to the competition:

Scott Kee ripped off a blazing 61.892 to dominate the S1a, Boxster class, with novice Jeremy Hilton following up with a notable 65.289 to take second place. This was only the second AutoX event for Jeremy and he demonstrated remarkable improvement. Newcomer Richard Rousseag knocked out a nice 66.23, placing third in class.

Craig Barrie, who had been dutifully working the prior events finally decided to compete for a change. He knocked off the rust, charged out of the gate, and topped the S2a, Cayman, class with a fast run of 62.288. Nice to have you back Craig! He was followed by Tim Marshall in second place with a 62.713. Tim has been catching on fast and graduated from the Novice class on this, his third event.

Steve “Wojo” Wojcicki, in only his second ever AutoX event steadily improved his times, finishing with an impressive 64.676 for third place in S2a.

The S1L, ladies Boxster class saw some exciting back and forth competition with Victoria Dieterle and Sally Jecmen battling it out for the win. Victoria was able to pull out all the stops in the fourth and final run to win the class with a 64.06 followed by Sally with a 64.701. Nice driving ladies!

In the S2, modern 911 group, David O’Neal wowed the crowd with an exciting 59.121 run followed by a Carmen Devito, with an impressive 61.207 for second. Carmen has really picked up the pace. Tom Kirk came in third place in S2 with a swift 62.679.

In S3 Jurgen Schwanzitz and Jorge Hoffman went back and forth with Jurgen in his Porsche 928 running a 72.275, edging out Jorge Hoffman in his beautiful “new” 1986 Carrera with a 72.647.

Uncontested in the P2 class Reis Barrie wheeled his 944 S2 to a quick 63.483. Likewise, running uncontested in the P4 class, Ken Marshall ran a 57.933, good enough for second place overall behind Richard Fickes in his Caldwell D3 open wheel racer, who ran a blistering 56.839 for first place overall.

Thanks again to all those that helped make this happen. It’s a lot of hard work prepping and setting up the event, and we welcome and encourage volunteers. We continue to develop and mature as a group and look forward to increased participation from our members. If you haven’t had a chance to join in the fun sign up for the next, if you have, tell your friends!

See you at the next event!

From the Grid

SPC Autocross Competition

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SPC’s First AutoX Season Sped By

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Space Coast PCAs inaugural 2014 AutoX season is in the bag. We staged 3 successful events, averaging 43 participants, and were able to generate half of the expense of the $6K plus invested in equipment. More events were planned but site scheduling conflicts precluded their execution. Lots of lessons learned, most importantly that it takes a lot of work and coordination to make it happen. Thanks again to Craig, Lynda, and Reis Barrie, Tim Marshall, Scott Kee, Tommy Prusaski, and Lou Linden for volunteering their time and efforts in setting up and running the events.

Results for the season are in. An objective scoring system was established for our first season and included all 3 events. First place garnered 10 points, second, 8 points, third, 6 points, and fourth 4 points. It paid to play, so if you missed and event it cost you. The class winners are as follows.

In the S1A Boxster Class, Scott Kee took top honors. Tim Marshall, won the S1B Cayman class, Tom Kirk, the S2 modern 911 class, Sally Jecman, the SL (ladies class) and Reis Barrie the P2 944, class. The winners circle might well have changed if participants had entered all of the events. It was great to see some of our members that had never participated in an AutoX event rise to the challenge and exhibit impressive improvement in their times. We have developed some pretty quick drivers in the club and look forward to the coming year.

For 2015 we plan to stage 6 events, with a best of 5 events points system for overall class winner. We will also fine tune the class structure as we gain more participants. In addition we hope to have an AutoX familiarity experience for interested parties. No timing, just a chance to run through the cones work on car control and develop a better understanding of what AutoX, and your amazing Porsche automobile is all about. See you next Season!

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Daytona HSR Race

I was invited by Jack Gilsdorf Motorsports to HSR’s (Historic Sportscar Racing) track action in November 12–15 at Daytona International Speedway. Since James Redman, son of the world famous Porsche driver Brian Redman, took over HSR, he has been trying to promote the series and look for opportunities to spice things up a bit. So this year’s race included the first “classic 24 at Daytona”. The race would last 24 hours but was broken up into 6 series, each of which would drive 4 segments. A 24 hour race, yes, but a little different than the annual race we are all familiar with attending. The races featured vintage race cars of all types, Porsche, Ferrari, BMW, Jaguar, Lola etc. All of the race cars are privately owned and maintained. Each of the race cars can range in cost from tens of thousands to millions of dollars.

When I walked into the Gilsdorf Motorsports pit area, I could see that Jack had brought his 993 GT-2 Cup Car, 993 SuperCup Car, and his 996 Cup Car, and all three were ready to race. Jack had invited three of his European friends from Germany and Switzerland to co-drive the cars. All three are world class endurance drivers.

One of the highlights for me this weekend was seeing the “Tic Tac” Porsche 962. The last time I saw the “Tic Tac” car was about 20 years ago, it had been in a horrific crash, and the tub looked like it was a total loss. I was absolutely delighted to see the “Tic Tac” 962 was alive and running.

Overall, it was a great experience and every HSR race brings back memories of past events. Where else can you so many cars, from so many eras, running competitively at one event?

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How long have you owned Coasters Pub?
I’d been coming to Coasters as a customer since the early 2000’s, back when I was a financial advisor. I thought it was the best ‘neighborhood pub’ in the area. The food and the beer were unique and the people you’d meet were always interesting and diverse.

My wife and I moved to Australia for a couple of years and I got an MBA at the University of Melbourne. I was really interested in the pub business and focused my studies in that area. When I got back to the States, the owner of my favorite pub was ready for retirement and we managed to negotiate a deal.

What makes Coasters Pub different from your average restaurant or pub?
I like unique, high quality things, and we’ve done our best to make the menu interesting. We make as much of the food as we can from scratch, and offer items you won’t find just anywhere. Of course you’ll find chicken wings and potato skins like every other pub, but you’ll also find things like Truffle & Bacon Deviled Eggs, foie gras as a burger topping and Exotic Burgers that rotate frequently. Right now we’re doing llama burgers! We also pay a lot of attention to beer. We have 37 taps of unique beers as well as cask ale, which you won’t find many places.

A few years ago we built a Bavarian-style Biergarten out back that’s about the most authentic Biergarten you’ll find in the States.

How’d you become interested in Porsches?
I’ve always been a car guy and loved sports cars since I was a little kid. Five or six years ago I was looking for the best sports car I could get in my price range and stumbled upon a used 996 Carrera. It was unlike anything I’ve ever driven and I was instantly hooked. Since then I’ve upgraded to a 997S that’s everything and more than I’d hoped it’d be.

We have a four year old daughter, and I’d like to have a useable back seat without going to a sedan or an SUV, so I’m really waiting for Porsche to come up with a 2-door Panamera or a modern 928.

I couldn’t be happier with the local Porsche club. Everyone I’ve met is super nice and the events and autocrosses that we’ve attended are always a blast. Coasters Pub has also catered the last few Space Coast PCA Oktoberfest Concourses, so it’s neat to be a part of that as well.

Coasters Pub is located on the corner of A1A and Eau Gallie Blvd, in Beachside Melbourne, in the Wal-Mart plaza. It’s open daily at 11am and the Biergarten is dog friendly. Learn more on their Facebook page or at www.CoastersPub.com
Porsche of Melbourne was the host of the 2015 Porsche Cayenne Launch Party this past November, and thanks to the Porsche Club, it was a great success. We hope everyone that attended had a great time and enjoyed the entertainment. It was great to partner with Top Notch Marine and Longboard House. They collaboratively provided our Cayennes with a great Cobalt Bowrider to tow and some super boards that showcased some great ways to enjoy a new Cayenne. Our own Courtney Pryor provided us with the music and the food was catered by Petty’s Meat Market.

Porsche is revamping the entire Cayenne lineup this year, and headlining the changes are a host of new more efficient, more powerful engines. Porsche’s newest engine, the bi-turbo V6 seen first in the new Macan is now available in the Cayenne. In the Cayenne GTS, it will be the most powerful version yet of Porsche’s new engine with 440 hp that’s good for a 0-60 time of 5.1 seconds with launch control (yes, now even Cayenne drivers can experience the rush of stoplight drag races!). The new Cayenne has even more standard luxury than before, and a more aggressive design including the steering wheel from the 918 Spyder. We received great feedback from everyone in attendance and all agreed the changes will give the Cayenne the edge it needs to be the first choice among buyers who need some utility but still love to drive a 911.

Those in attendance might have wondered why we hosted this event in the Audi Showroom. We are in the process of completely renovating the Porsche Center and expect it to be ready before Christmas. The remodeled Porsche Center will offer much needed extra space and upgraded luxury and amenities. We look forward to everyone stopping in to check out our new facility and test drive the Cayenne in the New Year!
The morning of Sunday November 23rd was humid and the sky was threatening rain. So we were not expecting a huge turnout at Lou’s shop at the Spruce Creek Fly In in Port Orange. At final count there was over 30 cars and close to 50 people! An impressive turnout on the sunniest of days! Lou and his family were outstanding hosts as usual and after a few breakfast treats, Lou walked us through the all important steps to take when buying a car (see last issue of EV for more details on the pre-purchase inspection checklist).

Lou replied to the “Porsche Bubble” question in which some think that the rate Porsches are increasing in value is artificial and cannot be sustained with: “The demand is increasing and there are less cars available.” That said, some models and year of Porsches are more desirable than others. The 1984-89 Carrera has been steadily increasing in price. Lou states that the 993 has also been steadily climbing and in his opinion, the best 911 around – especially the Turbo. He feels that the biggest “sleeper” out there is the Twin Turbo 996 from the year 2002 and later. If you can pick one of these cars up in the mid $30K, you will have gotten a great deal!

There are models that are not however on the rise. The 944, 928 and even Cayman Porsche models have been slowly and steadily creeping down in price. Hard to explain because all are excellent cars and a blast to drive, but just don’t seem to have the appeal as their 911 siblings. Bottom line is, do your research when buying a pre-owned Porsche and buy what drives your passion. Don’t buy anything for the potential profit you might make. You might end up with a car you are not excited to own and doubly disappointed if your investment doesn’t pay off. Overall another great day at Lou University! If only going back to school could always be so much fun!
SPC events shown in blue. Dates and times subject to change. Keep an eye out for additional drives and other events that are still in the planning stages on our website calendar spc.pca.org.

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