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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*By Guillermo Gutierrez*

*Greetings everyone! Wow, what a great way to begin the new year. Barely a month old and we've already had a dinner, a picnic & polo and helped sponsor this year's PCA Paddock at the Rolex 24 Hour Race at Daytona. Did I miss anything? ☺ I guess I should backtrack and say a little about myself. I'm originally from Colombia, but grew up mostly in Spain, where both my parents and one brother currently reside. I graduated from the University of Florida with an engineering degree in computers and that's where my other brother is currently attending Med School. Now I spend the bulk of my days writing computer graphics and visualization software for Harris Corporation. Fun stuff. My main hobbies include classical piano, tennis, and of course, Porsches of all years and models—though I'm partial to the fast 911 Turbos. Sadly, I've decided to part with my own cherished euro 930 (see Classified section below) in favor of a more economical daily driver (986) though the long-term plan is a 993 Twin Turbo in a year or two. Gotta love that AWD. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president for this year, and in turn, I want to especially thank all the volunteers working to bring you a year filled with fun, relaxing events and perhaps even some friendly competition (stay tuned for Tax Day Rally info). If you have any suggestions on how to improve the club or know of events that other members might be interested in, by all means, let any of the officers know and we'll get the word out. And don't be afraid to volunteer. The more member involvement we have, the better and more fun the club will be. This is your club; enjoy it. 'Till next time, -gg*

**REARVIEW** (What's happened in our club recently)

## **DINNER AT PUMPERNICKEL'S**

*By Brian Reinert*

On January 22 Joan and Frank Furci hosted a dinner at Pumpnickel's Fest Haus in Titusville. The good news is Joan and Frank reserved a parking lot in front of Fest Haus just for Porsche's! The better news was attendance was so good all the Porsche's would not fit in the lot! Approximately 42 people enjoyed a wonderful evening of excellent German food, beverages and conversation. Not to mention how much everyone enjoyed looking at all the great Porsche's in the parking lot! One comment was: "What do we like better: German cars or German food!"

Thank you Joan and Frank for setting this dinner up! We could definitely make this an annual tradition for the Space Coast Region of PCA! By the way Frank, where was that beautiful Carrera C4S that evening?

# Annual Picnic & Polo at Windsor Club

Photos& Text by: Guillermo E. Gutierrez

In the morning of January 30<sup>th</sup>, I headed over to my friend Joel's "beachside estates" (he



lives right on A1A) where several of us



convened for a delicious breakfast overlooking the ocean, and featuring homemade waffles and chocolate. Afterward, Joel and I headed down to Sebastian for Church and then over to the Windsor Country Club for the annual Space Coast PCA Picnic & Polo. It was

quite a site to see nearly 50 Porsches neatly lined up waiting for the festivities to begin. The main events included a "People's choice"-

style concours, and of course, the actual polo match, which started late due to some players and horses getting stuck in traffic, but which proved to be spirited and entertaining. Especially after John Puchon got the ball rolling, so to speak, from his red cabriolet. The weather was sunny yet temperate, in other words, ideal for an outdoors picnic "on the green" (the polo field doubles as a driving range). Everyone had a good time and made plans to definitely show up again next year. 'Till next time, -gg



## DAYTONA ROLEX 24 HOUR GRAND AM

Space Coast Region co-sponsored the Porsche Club Corral at the Daytona Rolex 24 Hour Grand Am races on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship included donuts and coffee on Sunday morning that was welcome by the hungry PCA faithful. Porsche GT3 Cup cars dominated the GT class with top 9 class finishes. The GT pace was set by the Farnbacher Racing Porsche team who finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall and 1st in class. Porsche did not rule so well in the Daytona Prototype class where the top finishing Porsche engined prototype was the 8<sup>th</sup> place Red Bull Brumos Racing team. Our club's own Greg Lowdermilk was crewing for the Pixar/Newman Daytona Prototype team which had an excellent driver lineup



including da Matta (CART '02 Champ, F1), Bourdais (CART '04 Champ), Brockman (sports cars, movies) and Newman (sports cars, CART team owner, movies, salad dressing).

The Rolex 24 at Daytona is always an excellent event for running into PCA members from around the state and around the country. The Daytona International Speedway has been significantly refreshed over the winter and is truly a world-class racing facility. The next major professional sports car racing in Florida is the

American LeMans series at the 12 Hours of Sebring. The Sebring racing occurs over the four days of March 16<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found at [www.sebringraceway.com/information](http://www.sebringraceway.com/information).

*(Note: There will very likely be a caravan of cars headed from Melbourne to Sebring for the 12 Hour race. For additional info stay tuned to the website or contact Guillermo Gutierrez: [guillermo@alum.mit.edu](mailto:guillermo@alum.mit.edu))*

### **MORE DAYTONA NEWS FROM SUSAN BOWMAN**

PORSCHE SCORE 59TH CLASS WIN AT 24 HOURS OF DAYTONA AS FARNBACHER U.S.A OUTDISTANCES GT FIELD; BRUMOS PORSCHE IN TOP 10

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - February 6 - Porsche added to its record as the most success car manufacturer in the history of the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona by grabbing the top nine GT class positions in the 43rd running of the event at the Daytona International Speedway.

The #71 German-based Farnbacher Racing USA Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car of Germans Wolf Henzler and Dominik Henzler teamed with Californians Shawn Price (Santa Clara) and Pierre Ehret (Santa Rosa) led the majority of race laps and scored a six-lap GT win over the #37 Manuel Matos (Puerto Rico)/Mike Fitzgerald (Phoenix)/Emil Assentato (Locust Vally, NY)/Nick Longhi (Locust Valley, NY)/TPC Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. TPC, based in Maryland, won the team championship in 2004 in Rolex Grand-Am SGS class with drivers Marc Bunting/Andy Lally.

Porsche has now scored 59 class victories - 34 by a 911 model - to add to its 20 overall wins at the Daytona endurance classic.

Finishing third was the #61 TRG East Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car of Robert Nearn (England), and David Lacey/David Shep/Greg Wilkins/Mark Wilkins (all from Toronto). TRG East is based in Stuart, Florida. Fourth was the #73 Jack Baldwin/Robin Liddell/Craig Stanton/Jim Tafel, Baldwin/Tafel Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, while the #65 TRG Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car driven by Andy Lally (Dacula, GA)/Kevin Buckler (Novato, CA)/Marc Bunting (Monkton, MD)/Carlos de Quesada (Coral Gables, FL), TRG Auto Gallery, Porsche GT3 Cup was fifth. Kevin Buckler, owner of the TRG team (formerly known The Racer's Group), has won the Rolex 24 overall (2003) and in class (2002 and 2003).

In the Daytona Prototype class, the two Brumos Porsche Fabcar entries - #58 Red Bull Brumos Porsche

Fabcar (David Donohue, Malvern, PA/Darren Law, Phoenix, AZ/Sascha Maassen, Belgium/Lucas Luhr, Monaco) and #59 Brumos Porsche Fabcar (Hurley Haywood, Ponte Vedra, FL/J.C. France, Daytona Beach, FL/Timo Bernhard, Germany/Romain Dumas, France/Mike Rockenfeller, Germany) - both gave chase to a top ten finish, but bad luck and mechanical problems sidetracked their efforts.

The #59 car crashed in the practice before Thursday qualifying, and the Brumos crew had to rebuild the entire car, resulting in a back-of-the-pack start. The car then ran well, moving up to as high as seventh overall in the standings before a failed master brake cylinder resulted in a high-speed crash in hour #16, bending the suspension and putting the car out. The #58 car had several small problems, including a blocked radiator from a spin off course, subsequent overheating, and loose bodywork, but rallied to an eighth place finish. The car ran as high as second during a pit stop exchange early in the race.

Other Porsches notes for the 2005 Rolex 24:

The #29 Brumos Porsche Fabcar, driven by Josh Vargo/Tim Vargo/Jake Vargo from Tennessee, retired  
Due to engine problems. The Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche was running in the top five early in the event when it was hit by slower car. They fixed the problem, but lost too much time, finishing 13th in GT. Other cars that were running in the top five, but had a disappointing finish including the #41 Orison Planet Earth Porsche (accident); the #00 Aussie Assault Porsche (transmission); the #36 TPC Porsche (accident), and the #51 Red Bull Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car (accident). Team 16, the TRG Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car driven by instructor Ross Bentley, and 16 year-olds Brad Coleman/Colin Braun/Adrian Carrio, finished seventh in class.

Complete results and press notes for the overall event are available at [www.grandamerican.com](http://www.grandamerican.com), while Porsche stories and photos can be found on [www.porsche.com/motorsport](http://www.porsche.com/motorsport). An extensive Rolex 24 photo gallery will be posted on Porsche's media site - [www.press.porsche.com](http://www.press.porsche.com) (use "carrera" as a user name and password)

## **WHAT'S COMING!**

### **TAX DAY RALLY 2005**

*Being brought to you right after Tax Day by Steve Dagley and Brian Reinert. Stay tuned for details.*

### **MOUNT DORA PORSCHE FESTIVAL 2005**

The Mount Dora Porsche Fest '05 scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29. The event includes Saturday morning concours, afternoon rally, Sunday autocross. Info can be found at [www.pca.org/flc](http://www.pca.org/flc)

### **SPACECOAST CALENDAR**

(for latest calendar check website: [spc.pca.com](http://spc.pca.com))

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>POC</b>
Amelia Island Concours*	Amelia Island	13 March 05	<Volunteer>
Sebring 12 Hour Race	Sebring	19 March 05	Guillermo Gutierrez, Dan Cleary
Tax Day Rally	TBD	April	Steve Dagley, Brian Reinert
Mount Dora Porsche Festival	Mount Dora	27-29 May 05	Guillermo Gutierrez, <Volunteer>
Dinner*	TBD	June	<Volunteer>
Porsche Parade 2005	Hershey, PA	24 June-3 July	Anyone going??
* = tentative			

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### **CLASSIFIEDS**

- 1996 993 Coupe with 27,500 miles. Guards red w/tan leather. 6-speed. Contact Phil Bunnell from Tallahassee at: 850-212-4997
- 1984 Euro 930 (911 Turbo) with 98,000 miles. Black on black with many upgrades. Superfast with around 400hp. Contact Guillermo Gutierrez from Melbourne at: guillermo@alum.mit.edu or 321-254-2640.  
<http://tiger-man.net/forsale/930ForSale.pdf>