

Tech Session Focuses on Performance Upgrades

The yearly tech session held every year at our host, Porsche of Melbourne, always seems to bring out the gear heads but also interests the DIY (do-it-yourself) crowd and those that just want to learn more about their Porsche. This year's session focused on racing/performance modifications and proved to be the most attended tech session ever held. We have a pretty extensive list of racers in the region, but it looks like many more are ready to get started.

About 60 members and guests attended this year, despite the chilly morning conditions. The hot coffee, tea and cocoa were a hot item, no pun intended, at the café, as were the full complement of breakfast offerings. If you have not stopped in to the café while you waited for service, you need to just stop in for breakfast or lunch some day. It offers first class food and beverage with large screen tv's and free wireless service. Plus you might run into another enthusiast more than willing to discuss their favorite topic, Porsches of course!

Mike and the boys in the service department had put together a good mix of vehicles on the racks in the shop and walked through many performance options that each of us could and in some cases should consider. They did a great job explaining why each upgrade should be considered and the pros and cons of each option. They stuck around to answer specific questions any of the members had on their unique setups or just to answer basic questions. A big hit was the in-car camera videos running in the back of the shop that David O'Neal and others had provided. Rumors are we are going to add these to our website so keep checking for them at <http://www.spc.pca.org>.

After walking through the vehicles on the racks, several members had brought in their own upgraded cars and discussed the modifications they had made, the outcome of these mods, their recommendations going forward and lessons learned from their personal experience. Jonathan tried to scare us all with his experiences, but it was a no BS account of his trials and tribulations in racing and what you have to be prepared for, if you pursue the hard core racing option. Both segments of the day really complemented each other and gave everyone in attendance a broad base to build their upgraded performance plan whether it is focused on improving their daily driving experience, being more competitive in autocross, running in DE events, or even PCA club racing. Special thanks to Jonathan Parker, David O'Neal and Peter Lier for bringing in their prepped cars and sharing their experiences.

At the end of the session, POM provided an excellent luncheon with hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings in the Porsche sales center. Members were able to exchange ideas and talk more about our favorite subject. All in all it turned out to be an outstanding and educational day for all who attended. If you attended, tell a friend about your experience. If you have not attended, put it on your calendar for next year. You usually have to pay a lot of money, some of it the hard way, to get the breadth and depth of knowledge that you get from a tech session.