



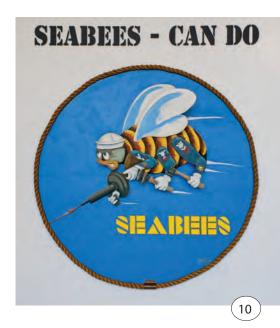
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## 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

March Sat 3/1 Camarillo Cars & Coffee

Sat 3/8 Santa Barbara Cars & Coffee

Mon 3/17 GPX-LAR-SBR Driver's Education at Streets of Willow

Mon-Thu 3/24-27 Palm Desert Rally (Tram, Living Desert Museum, Air

Museum, and Joshua Tree National Park)

April Sat 4/5 Camarillo Cars & Coffee

Sat 4/12 Santa Barbara Cars & Coffee

Sat 4/12 Emory Motorsports Tour
Sat 4/19 Le Mans at the Alcazar Theatre

May Sat 5/3 Camarillo Cars & Coffee

Sat 5/10 Santa Barbara Cars & Coffee

Wed 5/21 Reagan Library, Lunch, Dead Sea Scrolls

Sat 5/31 Gimmick Rally

June Sat 6/7 Camarillo Cars & Coffee

Sat 6/14 Santa Barbara Cars & Coffee, followed by

Lake Cachuma boat tour and lunch

Sun-Wed 6/22-25 Big Bear Multi-day Fun Run

July Sat 7/5 Camarillo Cars & Coffee

Sat 7/12 Santa Barbara Cars & Coffee

Sun 7/19 New Member Recognition Event

August Sat 8/2 Camarillo Cars & Coffee

Sat 8/9 Santa Barbara Cars & Coffee

Thu-Sun 8/14-17 Porsche Werks Reunion, Monterey, Asilomar Hotel

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Camarillo: meets the first Saturday of each month in the parking lot of Camarillo Outlets Mall, near Loru's Cafe – 630 Ventura Blvd.

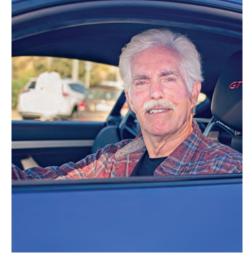
Santa Barbara: meets the second Saturday of each month in the Leadbetter

Beach parking lot near the Shoreline Beach Cafe – 801 Shoreline Dr.

Find all of SBR's posted events on MotorsportReg. Visit *pcasb.motorsportreg.com*. It's an easy way for members to see everything in one place, and just click on the individual events to get to the specific page.

<sup>\*</sup> As of March 2025 and subject to change

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



STEVE DOLL

By the time you read this I should be registered for fun at the Streets of Willow HPDE, maybe with you! There will be another of our co-sponsored track events scheduled in October if you miss the one in March. It's a perfect track event for first timers and a fun way to experience how amazing your Porsche drives.

The photo here was taken looking into my side mirror at the sunrise as I drove to our Santa Barbara Cars & Coffee on January 11. Sadly, the red sky was from the horrific fires

to the south. I hope none of you had friends or relatives impacted. Our PCA Region is no stranger to the effects of natural disasters. I'm proud that our club donated \$5,000 to Direct Relief and the



Salvation Army to aid in the relief efforts for our neighbors in the fire zone.

Fun fact: the PCA national *Panorama* magazine started in 1955 and was sized to fit into a 356 glovebox. In July 2013, it grew to today's larger size.

A large group of club members enjoyed the drive and tour of the Port Hueneme Seabee Museum in January. Thanks are due Ron and Lori Mulick for all the arrangements. Check out the museum sometime as it's very interesting.

A fun event that I missed was the Valentine's Day drive to Old Orcutt and a fine Italian lunch at Trattoria Uliveto. Reports are that it was another great outing. Thanks to Lionel Neff and the Activities Committee for this and all the fun events. Your VP Lorraine Gray has been setting up fun events for the ladies as well. Reach out to her and see what's next

We had our first "Flash Lunch" on Presidents' Day at Aloha Restaurant by the Pier in Ventura. Parking was available for us at the top of the adjacent parking structure. We'll send out an email for the next Flash Lunch date and location. These are not sign-up events – just show up. Recommendations are welcome for future locations. I'm hoping to move them around.

Upcoming events include a Gimmick Rally on May 17 organized by Jerry and Pam Lasnik. A tour of the Reagan Library with a catered lunch under Air Force One is on May 21. And I hope you'll join us at the New Member Recognition and Scenic Drive to the Trilogy Club at Monarch Dunes on July 19. We hold this event every other year.

In June we will try something new: a drive after our Santa Barbara Cars & Coffee to Lake Cachuma, including a boat tour. Also, keep an eye out for festivities around Porsches 70th anniversary later this year.

Check *Der Auspuff* and our website for several other upcoming events. Volunteers are always welcome to help on various committees. Let us know ideas for other events and drives.

As always, thanks to your Board, volunteers, and members for making this such a great club!

-President Steve

### **Board of Directors Meetings**

SBR's Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every odd-numbered month beginning at 6:30 p.m. At this time, the meetings are held online via Zoom. Member attendance and participation are encouraged. Contact SBR president Steve Doll (*sdollres@outlook.com*) to receive the Zoom link for each meeting. Board meeting minutes are posted on the SBR website as well: *www.pcasb.org/#clubnews*.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



**DENNIS POWER** 

As reported in the following pages, the club is as active as ever. We've had four Cars & Coffees, and the number of attendees stays steady. On a Saturday morning in January, Ron and Lori Mullick led us on a scenic and not-too-vigorous mountain drive with the end stop being an educational and informative tour of the Seabee Museum in Ventura. Steve Geldman has been working over the months to make some very attractive modifications to his 911 GTS. He's given us an impressive tech report of the car he showed at the recent Ünstock. Thanks to Vice Chair Lorraine Gray, the Porsche Ladies continue with their great outings to interesting locales. As Becky Jones reports here, lunch seems to be a pleasurable requirement. At a recent 356 Registry gathering, I ran into Dennis Boses and asked him to tell the story of coming across, and rescuing, a very well patinaed 1959 356 Cab. The special part is it was a motel find, not a barn find. Those stories and more are in the following pages. And don't skip the calendar and the flyers on pages 26 to 29. Join in our events and you can

One of the ways that club members follow their favorite marque is through its success in prestigious track events. The formidable Porsche 963 was first shown at the

participate rather than just read about them here.

2022 Goodwood Festival of Speed and first raced at the 2023 24 Hours of Daytona. I wrote a bit about it in these pages. We'd hoped for early successes, but that was optimistic and unlikely for an inaugural year. Participating in international races is

not just about winning trophies, it's a strategic investment that allows manufacturers to develop cutting-edge technology, build their brand, compete at the highest level, and ultimately, sell more cars. It's a powerful combination of engineering, marketing, and passion that drives the

automotive industry forward.

The most prominent endurance racing series includes the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) and IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. When you have a championship team in any sport in one season, the team's success in the next seems critical. The overall highlights for Porsche and the 963 in 2024 included: seven titles, across both IMSA and WEC with the Porsche Penske Motorsport team winning an incredible seven out of eight possible titles; a crucial win at the 24 Hours of Daytona in IMSA; they didn't win the 24 Hours of Le Mans but demonstrated strong performance and reliability; and they were consistent with high performance and reliability throughout the season in both championships.

How are we doing with the start of a new racing year? The Rolex 24 at Daytona kicked off the IMSA season in January. The Porsche Newsroom was all over this race and sends news releases to us editors almost every day. The last one to be issued in January was titled, "Porsche claims 20th victory at the 24 Hours of Daytona." Porsche Penske Motorsport clinched its second consecutive victory at the 24 Hours of Daytona with its team of three international drivers steering the No. 7 Porsche 963 to the top step of the podium. The No. 6 Porsche 963 rounded out the marque's

success with a third-place finish. Those successes are a big deal because it sets the stage for the year ahead. Coming up we have the 12 Hours of Sebring (another major race) and the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the crown jewel of the WEC traditionally held in June.

You don't have to be on an international racing circuit to enjoy your Porsche. Join SBR on one of our many events. The good part is the great people and you don't need corporate sponsors, a big budget, and full crews of technicians and mechanics.

**Contributions to** *Der Auspuff* are welcome. Contact the editor at *editor.derauspuff@gmail.com* before going to the trouble to write. Appropriate topics include club activities, Porsche events you've attended, Porsche travel, technical articles, and historical stories. Text should be in Word format and between 300 and 600 words. Photographs in jpeg, please.



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## CARS & COFFEE @ CAMARILLO

January 4, 2025 — 56 Porsches and 76 members and guests













February 1, 2025 — 44 Porsches and 58 members and guests











Cars & Coffee photos are contributed by Randall Fishwick, Steve Geldman, Bill Hallier, Gary Krueger, Dennis Power, and Art Shinn

## CARS & COFFEE @ SANTA BARBARA

January 11, 2025 — 41 Porsches and 53 members and guests













February 8, 2025 — 51 Porsches and 72 members and guests





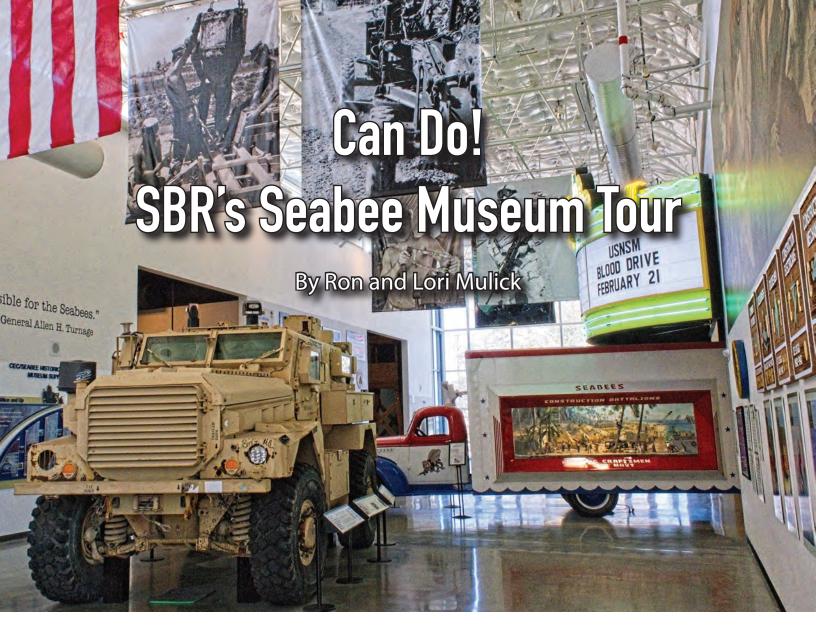












When we send our military troops into a war zone, many times it will be to a remote location. So, who builds the headquarters, the front-line hospitals, the roads? And who provides clean water and waste disposal? These heroes are the Navy Construction Battalion – C.B. for short – hence the name Seabees. Enjoying a drive with club members and learning more about this battalion was our goal for the day.



Photo by Dennis Power

On Saturday, January 18, 45 attendees in 26 Porsches met in Ventura and took the long way to the Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme. We traveled north on the 101 freeway to Highway 33 and through the town of Ojai, then down to Santa Paula and on to Port Hueneme. We were all amazed when we saw what the museum had to offer.

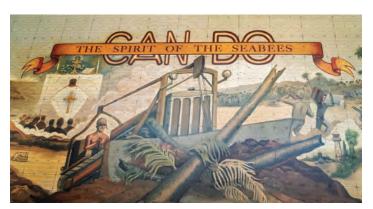


Photo of historic mural by Randy Fishwick

Since the Seabees are deployed into loosely secured war zones, they are fitted with firearms they keep with them while they work. Their construction materials and construction machinery are typically brought in by naval ships. In the first few weeks, amenities have not been constructed yet so troops will sleep in large circus-like tents and eat canned K-rations, similar to the infantry on the front lines. Eventually, the site will become a small city, complete with roadways, water,

and sewer facilities, medical facilities, sleeping quarters, a post office, a church, offices, and other needed facilities. In some cases, even aircraft runways and ports for ships are constructed.



Photo of historic image by Ron Mulick

Those who have served in the Construction Battalions have many stories of being interrupted during their work by sniper fire, causing them to stop what they were doing and take cover or chase down the attacker. Many of the areas where they are deployed will have insects and vermin that they have never seen before. And, of course, communication with the outside is limited as there is no internet or phone service, at least in the beginning.

The Seabee Museum has artifacts from World War II through the War on Terrorism. Our tour began in the main entry hall with docent McKenzie describing the seven levels, or subgroups, in a battalion: Equipment Operators, Steel Workers, Utilities Men, Construction Electricians, Construction Mechanics, Engineering Aids, and Builders. McKenzie, explained that during their inception (after the attack on Pearl Harbor) the Seabees needed to mobilize quickly so they solicited older, skilled craftsmen rather than taking the time to train younger men.



Photo by Randy Fishwick

Beyond the orientation area, the first exhibit showed items from this initial period for the Seabees: weapons, various logos, and the clothing and toiletries that the troops were issued. The following exhibits included a room that had a plaque from each of the Navy Construction Battalions, each being made up of 3,000 to 5,000 members. The number of active Seabee battalions fluctuates depending on the operational needs of the U.S. Navy. During World War II, the SeaBees saw a significant increase in their numbers, with numerous battalions deployed worldwide. After World War II the number of active battalions has varied depending on global events and defense priorities.



Photo by Randy Fishwick



Photo by Dennis Power

The subsequent exhibits showed pictures and artifacts from various war efforts, including the Korean War, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Afghanistan. McKenzie told us that the Hummer vehicles that debuted in the Desert Storm theater had protection on the tops of the vehicles, repelling explosives that came from above. However, in Afghanistan the enemy used IEDs (improvised explosive devices) that were on the ground. The explosion coming from under the vehicles prompted the design and use of a heavier chassis that was configured to deflect the explosions. Another item in the Afghanistan exhibit was a golden rifle. While searching for Saddam Hussein, our troops raided Saddam's son's house and confiscated 200 gold rifles. The Seabee museum has one of the only two such rifles left.



Photo by Dennis Power



Photo by Dennis Power

The construction projects undertaken by the Seabees were (and are) not confined solely to building naval installations. They were called on to construct vital bases for the Army, Marines, and for allies around the globe. Our one-hour tour was informative and interesting. I am sure that you could spend an entire day in the museum and still not see everything.

Ron and Lori Mulick have been members of PCA since 2020. He drives a 1997 993 Cabriolet in Black.



Photo by Randy Fishwick



Photo by Dennis Power

## TECHNOTES

# Modifying a Porsche? A Slippery Slope

## Story and photos by Steve Geldman

The last edition of *Der Auspuff* highlighted the 2024 PCA ÜnStock event. The current edition will be sharing a doit-yourself experience of modifying my car for entry in this official function. However, as much as my personal enjoyment being an exhibitor, the true credit for the excitement of ÜnStock goes especially to the reimagining builders such as Singer, Gunther Werks, Emory, and others.

Modifying a Porsche perfectly captures the thrill, challenge, and artistry involved in customizing a high-performance car. For many Porsche enthusiasts, this experience illustrates how modifications are about more than performance gains – they are about crafting a personalized expression of what they love about these iconic cars.

My story starts with ownership of a Sapphire Blue Metallic 2016 Porsche 991.1 GTS that I acquired in 2021. There was a sudden draw to enhancements that would bring it closer to my ideal. Some Porsche enthusiasts see any change as sacrilege, but like many other Porsche owners today, I find personalization part of the appeal.

Whether it is through OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) upgrades or carefully selected aftermarket parts, such as those from TECHART, Rennline, MC Carbon, or Exclusive Option, customization offers a way to blend personal taste with Porsche's engineering excellence.

The tame modifications shown in this article, range from exterior tweaks like the OEM carbon fiber upper mirror housings and an aftermarket rear diffuser, also in carbon fiber. I refined interior elements, such as swapping out Alcantara in preferred select areas for high quality leather and adding Carmine Red colored stitching that mirrors Porsche's own *Sonderwunsch* (special request) factory customization program.

For those of you wondering, as much as I like the look of Alcantara, a suede-like fabric that Porsche now refers to as Race-Tex, I personally don't like it on physical touchpoints where the natural oil on our skin absorbs into this material. Alcantara was first designed for the steering wheel to allow racecar drivers a better grip with leather gloves. Having been proved a durable material, Alcantara has now become mainstream for many automotive manufacturers with vehicles being sold with higher trim levels.

Beyond aesthetics, several modifications also enhance functionality – such as the black stainless-steel mesh grilles inspired by the GT3 and GT2 models that help protect radiators from debris. But my fondest mod has been upgrading the Porsche Communication Management (PCM 3.1) system to support wireless CarPlay/Android Auto. This exemplifies the seamless blending of classic design with modern



Phone mount and hidden power cable



Carbon fiber upper mirror housings



Carbon fiber rear diffuser

tech, giving this 991.1 model the entertainment options of later models with no PCM physical appearance change from stock.

Once one starts with a simple mod, such as swapping out the DOT yellow side signal markers to clear (the Euro style), the bug has taken its bite. While modifying a Porsche can be a slippery slope, it also offers a fulfilling journey for those who approach it with care and respect for the brand's legacy. For those willing to take on the challenge, each modification makes the car an even more personal statement, balancing originality with performance and modern features in a way that still feels unmistakably Porsche.

For me, having the correct tools, an organized and clean garage to perform the work, and a ton of self-confidence, I enjoy performing all modifications myself. Before implementing each new project, I always first become familiar with what procedures are required, then work slowly and never in a rush. Besides any written instructions that may come with the modification part(s) – sometimes there are none – I often first dive into several YouTube videos and may also call the supplier with questions before getting started.

Making modifications is not for everyone or for any Porsche. With classics or limited-edition examples, such as a 1973 RS, various anniversary models, a 911R, or a new S/T, one may consider maintaining a fully stock vehicle to preserve its value today and potential increase in the future. However, if you are interested in creating a vehicle as an expression of your own creativity, the extra flair and personalization may be for you.

Steve Geldman has been a member of PCA since 2016. He drives the 2016 911 GTS in Saphire Blue Metallic that you see here.



CarPlay added to Porsche Communication Management System 3.1



Turn signal side markers in Euro clear



Black stainless steel radiator grilles



Leather center console lid with embossed Porsche crest



Leatherized dash components with Carmine Red stictching

(continued)



Leather sun visors with Carmine Red stitching



Leather door pulls and armrests with Carmine Red stitching



Porsche Sport Fuel Cap



Steering wheel in carbon fiber and leather



Short shift with leather and carbon fiber knob/boot

#### LIST OF MODIFICATIONS AND SUPPLIERS

#### **Exterior - Personalization**

- Upper side mirror houses in carbon fiber; Porsche OEM-Suncoast Parts
- Window triangles in carbon fiber; AliExpress
- Turn signal side markers, clear (Euro); Porsche OEM-Suncoast Parts
- Rear diffuser in carbon fiber; Rennline
- Sport fuel cap; Porsche OEM-Suncoast Parts

#### **Exterior - Functional**

Front bumper stainless steel grilles; ZunSport

#### Interior - Alcantara delete

- Steering wheel in carbon fiber/leather/custom Carmine Red stitching; MC Carbon (using original OEM wheel)
- Manual gear shifter and boot in carbon fiber/leather;
   Porsche OEM, Suncoast Parts
- Console lid in leather/Porsche crest embossed; Porsche OEM-Suncoast Parts
- Door arm rests and pulls in leather/red stitching; Exclusive Option (using original OEM parts)

#### **Interior - Personalization**

 Dash - various plastic parts leather wrapped and Carmine Red stitching; Exclusive Option (using original OEM parts)



Door sills in leather with Carmine Red stitching

#### Interior - Personalization (cont.)

- Sun visors in leather and Carmine Red stitching (airbag warning labels delete); Exclusive Option (using original OEM parts)
- Lower door sills in leather and Carmine Red stitching;
   Exclusive Option (using original OEM parts)

#### **Interior - Functional**

- Magnetic phone mount with wireless induction charging;
   Rennline
- CarPlay for PCM; Mr. 12 Volt (U.S. Sales through ACSByRoman)

#### Performance

GT4 short shift; Porsche OEM-Suncoast Parts



# Stuttgart Market Letter

## David K. Whitlock

**J**anuary 2025 kicked off the year with steady, if slightly subdued, results in the Porsche auction market. The 69% sell-through rate across 561 cars brought in a total of \$41,125,442, a dip from last January's \$44,026,566, off 592 units. While the market's cooling trend continued at the top end, there were still standout moments, including two 928s cresting the \$100,000 mark, a rare feat for the transaxle model. Meanwhile, the GT2 RS market showed surprising strength, with multiple sales exceeding recent averages and reinforcing its position as one of the most sought-after modern Porsche models. That dollar volume, however, could have been significantly higher had a certain comedian's race car found a buyer. Instead, it joined the growing list of high-profile no-sales, a sign that while enthusiasm remains, upper-tier bidders are getting more selective.

The 928 market saw one of its strongest months, with a 67% sell-through rate across 15 sales totaling \$380,713. While the model line has historically lagged its air-cooled counterparts, two standout results showed that collectors are willing to pay for rarity and presentation. The star of the month was a 1980 928S 5-Speed finished in Lindgrünmetallic over Brown leather with Pasha velour inserts. With 82,000 miles, this example shattered expectations by selling for \$142,069, well above the model's twelve-month average of \$34,000 and recent comps in the \$40,000 range. The rare color combination appears to have driven the premium, a trend worth watching in the transaxle segment. Also noteworthy was a 1979 928 5-Speed in Silver Metallic over Cork leatherette with Pasha inserts, which had previously been bid to \$68,000 as a no-sale in November. This time, it found a buyer at \$100,000, despite the twelve-month average sitting at just \$27,500 and its nearest mileage comp selling for \$45,100. These results reinforce that when it comes to 928s, spec and presentation matter more than ever.

The 991.2 GT2 RS market had a breakout month, further cementing its place as one of the most desirable modern Porsches. Three examples crossed the block, two of them delivering staggering results, far surpassing the model's late-2024 average of \$386,000. Leading the charge was a 2018 GT2 RS finished in Miami Blue over Black, equipped with the Weissach Package and showing just 103 miles. It sold for \$594,000, setting a new high-water mark for a non-Clubsport example. Not to be outdone, another 2018 GT2 RS in Red over Black, also with the Weissach Package and 172 miles, hammered at \$605,000. It's clear that low-mileage, highly optioned examples remain in high demand.

For 911s Reimagined by Singer, January told a different story. Historically, 4.0-liter Ed Pink-powered examples have commanded at \$1M-plus, while earlier 3.8-liter builds have remained sub-\$1M. This month, however, two high-spec 4.0-liter examples sold below expectations. The 1991 "Step On It" commission, finished in Blue over Montecello squareweave leather, with just 68 miles, hammered at \$966,000 - strong, but short of the million-dollar mark. Likewise, a 1989 commission, finished in Green Blood Dark over Baseball Glove Connolly Monza leather, sold for \$935,000. More Singer builds are currently available at auction and privately than ever before, giving buyers greater selection and reducing the urgency to bid aggressively.

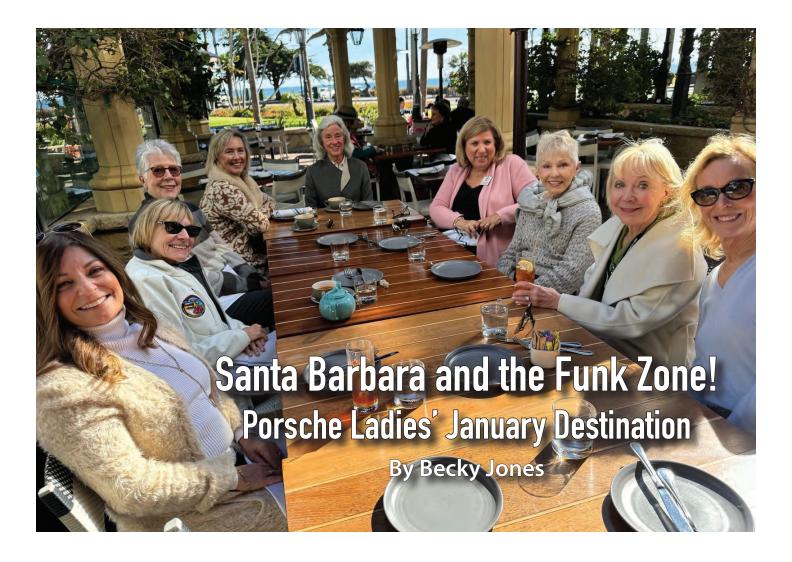
The top end of the market struggled, with only two out of eight million-dollar-plus expected cars selling – both 959s. The biggest no-sale was the 1969 Porsche 917K, formerly owned by Steve McQueen and used as the hero car in Le Mans. Recently part of the Jerry Seinfeld collection, this historic machine reached a final bid of \$25,000,000 but failed

to sell, a surprising result for such a significant race car. A familiar face was the 1959 Porsche 718 RSK center-seat Spyder, which failed to sell for an astounding seventh time in a row, this time stall-



ing at \$2,500,000. Bidders appear to have lost patience with this one. Other notable no-sales included a 1992 Schuppan-Porsche 962CR (\$1.5M), a 1966 910 (\$1.3M), a 1976 934 (\$1.2M), and the infamous Coca-Cola 935/84 (\$1.1M). While rarity remains important, it is no longer enough to guarantee a result at the highest levels.

January's numbers suggest that the Porsche market remains active but selective, particularly at the top. Buyers are paying up for the right cars, as seen with GT2 RS and 928 results, but they are also picking their battles – as evidenced by the Singer softening and high-profile no-sales. With more Singer builds available than ever before, increased supply may continue to shape that segment in the months ahead. If January was any indication, sellers with high expectations may need to adjust their reserves as we move deeper into 2025.



# Another beautiful afternoon in paradise. We are such a fortunate group of women!

n January 21, 19 Porsche ladies headed to Santa Barbara for lunch and a visit to the Funk Zone. First, we gathered for lunch at the Convivo Restaurant in the Santa Barbara Inn. It was a lovely setting on the patio with an attractive fireplace and a view out at the ocean. Though there was a bit of a chill in the air, we were very cozy, flanked by heaters and warmed by the sun. As we waited for everyone to arrive, we enjoyed excellent teas, coffee, wine, etc., and chatted amongst ourselves. Lorraine, our guiding force, enlivened the conversation by asking us to share a funny or

embarrassing story about ourselves. We were all able to come up with anecdotes that were a mix of sweet, amusing, and maybe a tad inappropriate.

The menu at the Convivo was varied and excellent. The charcoal avocado salad was a particular hit, as were all their salads, and the kabocha squash soup was fantastic. We all took pleasure in a very relaxed lunch together; it was so enjoyable that we could have stayed until it was time for happy hour! However, we also planned to visit the Funk Zone and so had to move along.

We drove in groups to the Funk Zone, an extremely popular area with few parking spots so there was a definite test of parallel parking skills. But, of course, Porsche Ladies are excellent drivers, so no problem with that! Once reconvened there, one shop in particular drew our attention: The Blue Door. We spent quite a bit of time roaming through the shop's three stories, examining trinkets, artwork, and jewelry. It was an extensive and eclectic collection! From there, we investigated the Funk Zone a bit more and checked out a lovely restaurant – The Lark – to certainly keep in mind for a future visit.

And speaking of the future, the creative Porsche Ladies spent some time floating suggestions for potential group activities. Currently being planned is a visit to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, which is always profoundly impactful. Another suggestion was a trip to the Hermitage in Santa Barbara. The Hermitage is famous for its collection of playful original sculptures displayed indoors and outdoors. We would all enjoy the exhibits and the walking trails. Based on timing, Lotusland in Montecito would make an excellent destination as it is one of the top ten botanical gardens in the world. For a change of pace, another excellent way to spend time would be a road trip to Paso Robles for wine tasting. This would make a great overnight excursion! As always, relaxing lunches, happy hours, or dinners are prized. If you would like to offer your home, it would be so very welcome.

With each gathering of the Porsche Ladies, we learn more about each other and we see our friendships grow stronger. Let's continue to develop our lovely community. See you at the next Porsche Ladies gathering!

Becky Jones has been a member of PCA since 2021. She and her husband Garry enjoy a 2014 Carrera 4S



Photo by Lorraine Gray







The find! Photo be Dennis Boses

Aving been a 356 lover since buying my first Speedster for \$2,500 (imagine how long ago that was!), I naturally had to stop when I saw a 1959 cabriolet with a hardtop sitting in a motel parking lot on Thompson Avenue in the beach community of Ventura, CA. I pulled in and started taking photos. The patina on this beauty was a movie director's dream: 50-year worn silver paint clad with pale blue racing stripes on its front fenders, and worn decals, some readable, others too faded by time to read. This was all topped off by its racing #11 on the hood and doors. Of course, I immediately went to the office in search of her owner.

"I don't know who owns it, it's not for sale, and I am busy – now, if you're not checking in, please leave," was not the reception I was hoping for.

January 2020 was the first time I spotted her. Week after week I would drive by and there she was, always in the same spot. But one day she had cones around her, so I pulled in just to make

sure she was alright and to inquire, yet again, about her owner. All to no avail.

A year goes by and now and then I check on her. One day I'm driving down Thompson Avenue and look over to check on her and, "Oh My God, she's gone!" were the first words out of my mouth. Then panic sets in: how? why? where? when? "Calm down!" I say. "What do you mean, calm down? My car is gone!"

For three or four days I drive by, hoping she is back. On day five, I drive by and she is still not there. No, but a young guy with a mop and a bucket is coming out of one of the rooms. I decided to see if he knows anything.

"Hi, you work here?" I ask.

"Yes, can I help you?"

"There was a '59 Porsche here for years. Do you happen to know anything about it?"

"Yes, it belongs to my father."

Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather. Can you see that smile on my face? Now here is an amazing and shocking part of the story.

He tells me, "They had to move it because even though my father absolutely won't sell it, somebody in Los Angeles was advertising it for sale and we were told that the person was meeting people here saying it was his car, taking a deposit, with the story of meeting them here at a later time to finish the paperwork." His story added one more adventure to this very special "motel" find.

I ask him, "Can I have your Dad's phone number?" He says, "No, but give me yours and I'll give it to him." An agonizing three months later, my phone rings and it's the owner of the '59! Oh my goodness, I'm going to get my car!

"Not a chance, it's not for sale, I'm not selling it, I even took it to Hawaii for eight years and then brought it back to Ventura. But I thought I owed you a phone call." Well, over the next year we had many phone calls, often not about the car, just about life in general. Then the phone calls stopped. On October 16, 2023, my 80th Birthday, the phone rings and I'm told, "Sadly, my Dad has passed and we know he would have wanted you to have the car."

Three years and 10 months after spotting her, and too many phone calls to count, she has become mine. And when asked "Are you going to restore it?" I always reply, "Restore it? I don't even wash it!"

Dennis Boses has been a member of PCA since 2024. He drives a 1959 356 with a unique patina.



The pick up. Photo by Dennis Boses



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Dennis and Lisa Boses, and Izzy, with their motel find at a Santa Barbara Cars & Coffee. Photo by Dennis Power















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## LE MANS MOVIE AT THE ALCAZAR THEATRE

On April 19, 2025, at the Alcazar Theatre in Carpinteria, the Porsche Club of Santa Barbara is proud to present a private showing of the epic Steve McQueen movie *Le Mans*. This is the 1971 film depicting the 24 hours of Le Mans auto race starring Steve McQueen and a host of then famous drivers. The movie also features the main attraction: the #20 Porsche 917K in Gulf livery. Steve McQueen personally ordered and purchased the 917K directly from Porsche for this spectacular movie.

The Alcazar has an interesting heritage. Originally constructed in 1928, it was a cultural center in early Carpinteria. In those days, the venue sported an elaborate ballroom for various soirees. At present, the Alcazar Theatre has been remodeled, including a new state-of-the-art film projector. It is now operated as a non-profit organization, dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the Carpinteria community. The theater features a convenient concession stand with your favorite snacks and beverages, including wine and beer.

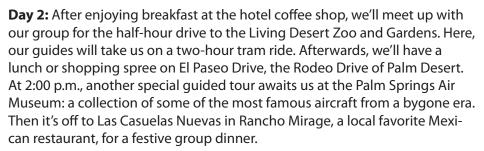
Our club has arranged with the management of the Alcazar for a private showing of Steve McQueen's epic *Le Mans*, perhaps the ultimate Porsche racing movie. This not-to-be-missed event will take place on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The Alcazar Theatre is located at 4916 Carpinteria Ave. The price for this private showing is \$22 plus a \$2 MSR charge. Tickets are available on *msreg.com/lemansfilm*. The theater seats 190. Tickets go on sale February 10. Whatever you do, don't miss this one. For more information contact Activities Director Lionel Neff at *zuma13@msn.com*.

## Palm Springs Extravaganza

March 24-26, 2025

On March 24, our SBR group of Porsche enthusiasts will gather for three days replete with a stay at the spectacular Omni Rancho Las Palmas Hotel and Spa, dining on fabulous food, touring the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, visiting the Palm Springs Air Museum, taking a fun desert hike while visiting Joshua Tree National Park, and going to stunning sites – experiencing all this with good friends and Porsche pals.

**Day 1:** We'll meet at the event's starting staging area for a leisurely drive to Palm Springs. Once there, we'll take a ride on the Palm Springs Aerial Tram from the Coachella Valley floor to the top of San Jacinto Peak. At the top, we'll enjoy a group lunch at the Pines Café. Once back on the desert floor, we'll jump into our waiting Porsches and drive to the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa, located at 41000 Bob Hope Dr., Rancho Mirage. The hotel is a spectacular site with abundant grounds to wander, restaurants to dine in, and spas to spoil yourselves. For three unforgettable nights, the Omni Rancho Las Palmas will be our home away from home.



**Day 3:** Hiking shorts and walking shoes are right for this day's adventure in Joshua Tree National Park, a mere 53-mile drive from our hotel. An easy, leisurely hike will be followed by lunch at one of the local "watering holes." Then, via Porsche this time, we'll continue to explore the sites and points of interest the park has to offer. The evening marks the end of our Palm Springs fun run and the joyful experience we've shared with our Porsche friends.

The cost for this three-day, action-packed event is \$225 per person, which includes the Aerial Tram ride and Pine Café group lunch, the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, the Palm Springs Aviation Museum, and the Las Casuelas Nuevas group dinner. This portion is payable via MotorsportReg when registering. Lodging is \$269 per room per night, which is a substantial discount with waived resort fees and parking charges. This portion is payable directly by participants via a web link that will be provided after you register. (Not included is the \$15 parking fee at the Aerial Tram parking lot and the \$30 per car fee charged at Joshua Tree National Park, unless you have a National Park Pass) This event is limited to 36 people. Registration is open now at msreg.com/palmsprings. Don't wait: registration closes on March 10. For more information contact Activities Director Lionel Neff, zuma13@msn.com.















## RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM AND DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

When was the last time that you saw the Dead Sea Scrolls? Well, you have a chance to see them again. On Wednesday, May 21, we will be taking a docent-led tour of the Reagan Library and enjoy a catered lunch under the wing of Air Force One. This will be followed by free time to tour the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit and other displays. Discovered in caves near the West Bank, and written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, the Dead Sea Scrolls are a collection of manuscripts dating back as far as the 3rd century BC. They are kept in a secure and climate-controlled environment and are only on display every five years. For more information on the scrolls, check out www.reaganlibrary.gov/exhibits/special-exhibit-dead-sea-scrolls. The cost of the event is \$83 per person plus a \$2 MotorsportReg fee. Register at msreg.com/reaganlibrary. For more information or questions contact Ron Mulick at ron@mulick.com.

## SBR's Gimmick Rally 2025

Saturday, May 31

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No way! You will miss the clues and lose! BRAINS beat BRAWN!

A perfect drive for Porsches, with beautiful scenery but requiring careful powers of observation and clever thinking. Those with the highest number of correct answers will be our cash-prize winners. You will need a driver in a Porsche, a navigator, and a clipboard with pen or pencil. Water, sunglasses, and sunscreen will come in handy, too. The rally is always a "bonding experience" for you and your navigator.

The meeting time is 8:30 a.m. at Rusnak Porsche Westlake (3863 Auto Mall Dr, Thousand Oaks). A complimentary continental breakfast will await us. Essential rally clues will be given, so you don't want to be late! We leave on the route at 9:30. The rally ends at Borchard Community Park in Newbury Park where we will enjoy a great barbecue lunch by Wood Ranch BBQ.

The total cost is \$45 per person, including lunch, beverages, and the SBR activity fee. Register at msreg.com/2025gimmickrally. For questions about the trip contact Jerry Lasnik at jerry@lasnik.net or (805) 889-6963. For questions about registering contact Doreen Shinn at doreenshinn@gmail.com or (805) 232-8565.

# New Member Recognition and Scenic Drive to the Trilogy Club at Monarch Dunes

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Join us on a lively and scenic drive and to honor PCA/SBR members who have joined our region since July 2023. All SBR members are encouraged to attend to welcome our newest and to share our friendship, memories, and experiences driving our Porsches.

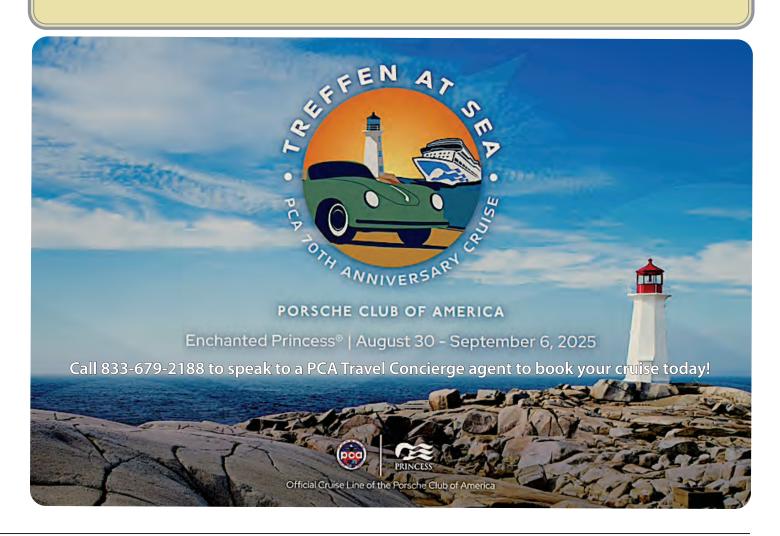
This special event will start at the Porsche Santa Barbara Autogroup dealership, where we'll sign in and enjoy coffee and pastries. We'll then drive over some of our favorite back roads to the country club set among the rolling hills between Nipomo and the Pacific coast. The buffet luncheon includes Angus ribeye, grilled salmon, and a variety of side dishes and dessert.



The cost for this event is \$78/person for regular members and \$65/person for new members, those who've joined the Santa Barbara Region since July 2023. Register at *msreg.com/sbrnewmembers2025*. Details will be sent to registrants the week before the event. Note: this event is for Santa Barbara Region members only.

For event questions, contact Doreen Pankow at *dpankow@sbcglobal.net* or (805) 428-3423. For registration questions, contact Doreen Shinn at *doreenshinn@gmail.com* or (805) 232-8565.

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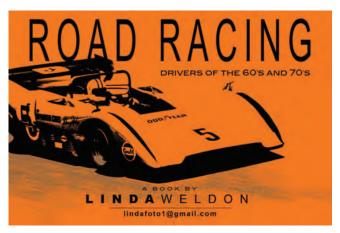
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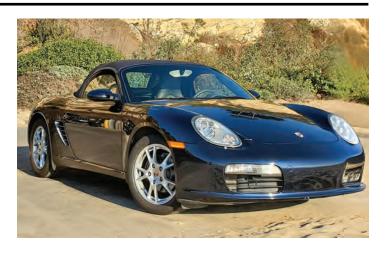
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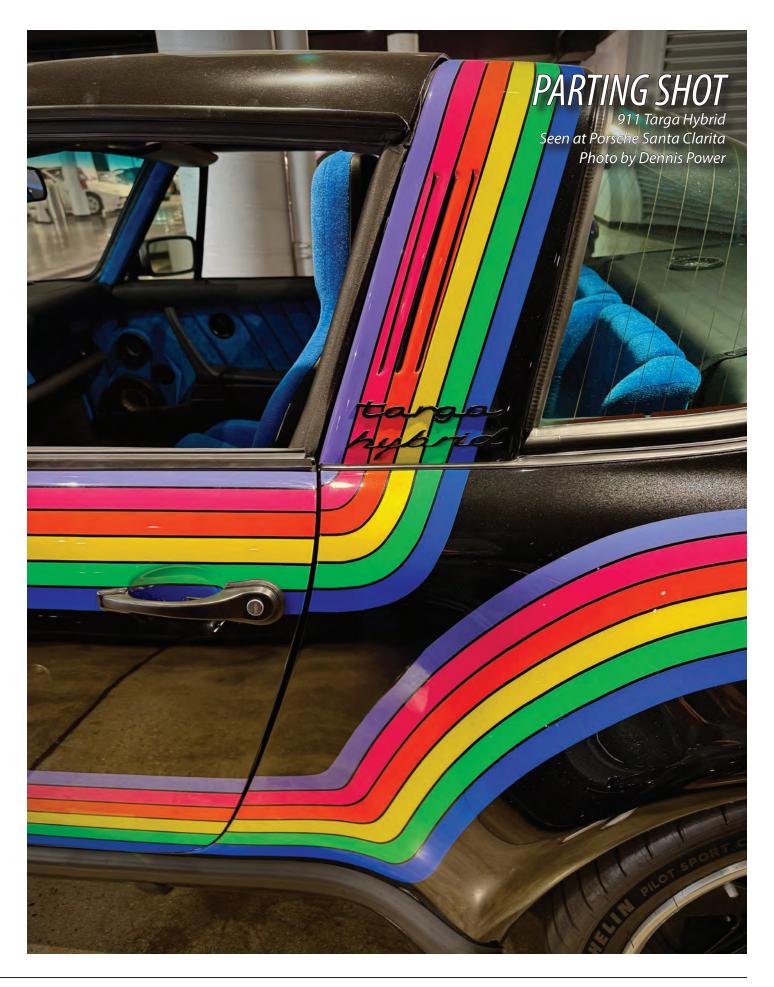


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