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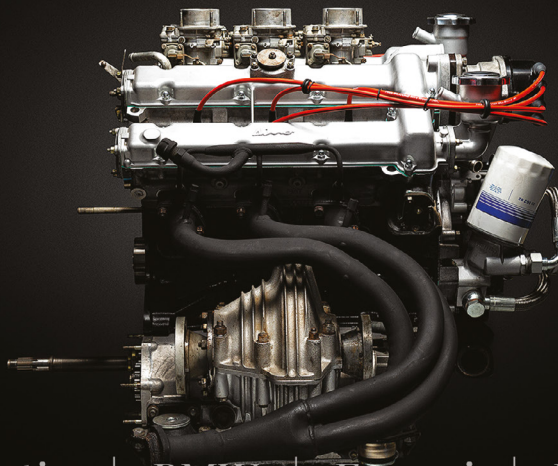
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear LSRPCA members,

Spring Fling 2024 was held at the gorgeous Bell Tower on 34th. Our club members enjoyed wonderful music and delicious catering from Bell Tower chefs and Staff. Our LSRPCA members and guests mingled and danced into the night.

Once again it's not about the car's it's the People. Warm regards,
Vik Day, LSRPCA!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF LSRPCA:

Dear Members,

Spring and Summer is here! Let's get those beautiful cars out on the road!

The LSRPCA Board is doing a fantastic job of offering its members many options and activities throughout the year.

Auto Cross events, led by Shane Dosser, have been full to capacity through the years and continues to be very popular among our members. Car Control is back! Pat Schiele our CCS Chair has done a fantastic job of revitalizing this program. Concours is led by Derek Robins and Family. The Kemah Concours Event continues to be our largest event and was well attended. Tours and Drives - Jeff Galloway our Tour Chair led a tour to Chapleton Vineyards with a tasting and tour of the vineyards. Over 75 cars attended. Chapleton Vineyards is located in Washington, Washington County, Texas. Our Hosts from the wintery were Kurt and Michelle Lyn, Founders of Chapleton Vineyards. Spring Fling at Bell Tower Houston Event was Saturday March 09, 2024. 200 members enjoyed a lovely evening with dinner, music and fellowship.

Michelle Sanders - Social Chair has been quite active with new ideas and spaces for Members to enjoy. If you have ideas, please contact Michelle at social@lsrpca.com Member participation makes these events successful - remember to get out and drive! Exciting developments are on the horizon, and we encourage your active participation.

- Share your stories and pictures by submitting them to editor@lsrpca.com
- New ideas and locations are always welcome
- We'd love to hear about potential sponsors

Thank you, Stan Tripp, Walt Doyle and Dave Baxter, for your huge contributions to the success to our club.

Upcoming activities:

- April 06, Tail of the Dragon and surrounding areas - Sign up at PCA.org
- April 13, 4th Annual Porsche SUV Day - Bristol, TN - Sign up at PCA.org
- April 20, Whiskey Bay HPDE - Avondale, LA - Sign up at www.Clubregistration.net
- April 21-25 - Treffen Wine Country, Sonoma, CA - Sign up at PCA.org
- May 04 - Hemi Hideout Tour, GOAD, Katy, Tx - Sign up at www.Clubregistration.net
- June 01 - Porsche West Houston, LSRPCA GTG - begins 10:30 AM - ?
- Sept 01, LeMans Series Race, COTA, Austin, TX
- Oct 14 - Keipersol Winery Tour, Tyler, TX - Sign up at www.Clubregistration.net

Remember as a PCA member to mention your affiliation and unlock special LSRPCA\PCA discounts.

Again, let's take inspiration from Ferdinand Porsche timeless quotes - "The last car that will be built will be a sports car".

Warm Regards,

Hector Z. Martinez

LSRPCA President

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THE LONE STAR REGION PCA WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBER DRUE DASILVA



When you meet Drue DaSilva you can't help noticing her positive energy and friendly character. 2023 started out very difficult for her as her beloved husband, Steve, passed away early in the year. Rather than allowing this tragic event to diminish her spirit, she turned to things that would honor her husband's memory. Together they had recently selected a beautiful 2022 Taycan GTS Sport Turismo as a daily driver for her very active real estate career, and for several years he has owned a stunning Ruby Red 2009 Carrera 4S Cabriolet.

The Cabriolet had not been driven much in the past few years. Drue considered the situation and rather than let the beautiful Red Cab go to a new owner, she elected to dive in and learn more about the car, first beginning to understand the maintenance required for the 911 and then on to the excitement of Autocross events. With the expert support of the LSRPCA AX instructors, Drue has fully immersed herself in Autocross, having participated in all of the last eight events, driving either the Carrera 4S or the Taycan Sport Turismo, and has completed both the PCA Car Control School and SCCA Autocross Rookie School.

Drue grew up in Pasadena, Texas. Her late father, a car enthusiast (with a liking for the Ford Model-A's) restored many vintage cars to both touring and concours level show quality. Drue remembers watching her father doing this, and as a young girl attended many antique automobile club events which she believes contributes to her continued connection to cars. Although she has dedicated much of her time to building experience in performance driving through Autocross, she has enjoyed attending the Ladies of LSRPCA events at Alara Garage and the Nutcracker Market and looks forward to joining other events the club has to offer. Please welcome Drue to LSRPCA. 🍀

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TOURING

THE CHAPELTON VINEYARD

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It's a clear and crisp early Sunday morning in February, with the sun rising over the horizon at the Buc-ees in Waller, Texas. The parking lot is alive with early morning activity, with families picking up the famous breakfast burritos, Beaver nuggets, beef jerky, and other tchotchkes Buc-ees is known for before heading out on their respective journeys.

For the Lone Star Porsche Club of America members, though, being at Buc-ees this early in the morning has a different purpose and meaning. Buc-ees is the starting point for an incredible day of driving through 150 miles of unforgettable Texas backroads in amazing Porsche cars with a fantastic group of people on this beautiful Sunday morning.

Seventy-five Porsches registered for this Club Touring event to the beautiful Chapelton Vineyards in Washington, TX, ranging from air and water-cooled 911s to every generation of Cayman and Boxster, Cayennes, Macans, a retro 928, and even a member's futuristic Porsche Taycan.

The meticulous planning of Jeff Galloway, LSRPCA Touring Chair, was evident in every detail of the event. Jeff spent weeks before the event doing recon and running possible tour routes in his own 981 Porsche Cayman to ensure that all the roads the tour would touch were in excellent condition and that the route was as safe for the participants as possible.

To further ensure a high-quality event for all participants, Jeff enlisted the help of additional drive group leaders so that each drive group would remain small and fun. Help came from LSRPCA member volunteers Marc Mincapelli, James Garrett, Vic Seghers, Chuck Brittain, Rodrigo Nascimento, Adrian Karter, and Dennis Schmitt.

These volunteers worked with Jeff on the weekends leading up to the tour to familiarize themselves and call out any possible concerns. It is a genuine group effort to pull off a fun and safe tour of this magnitude.

The Chapelton Vineyard Tour route took advantage of the best driving roads Houston and the surrounding area offer. The tour started on the rolling hills and sweeping curves of FM 362 through Whitehall to the small town of Anderson, TX, to the incredible technical turns of FM 3090 to Downtown Navasota. The driving groups stopped at Washington-on-the-Brazos for a break to take photos and stretch their legs.

The final stop after Washington-on-the-Brazos was the gorgeous Chapelton Vineyard winery. Upon arriving at the winery, LSRPCA guests were treated to a private room with spectacular vineyard views. The Chapelton Vineyard owners Kurt and Michelle Lyn and General Manager Allie Ferguson greeted everyone with warm smiles. They spoke about the wonderful experience of seeing so many Porsches at their winery and that it was a dream come true for them. Kurt and Lyn also happen to be proud owners of a Porsche Taycan.

Chapelton Vineyard provided LSRPCA members with complimentary wine tasting and delicious cheese trays. Some LSRPCA members enjoyed a special lunch and wine pairing as part of their experience at the Vineyard and the opportunity to purchase unique Lone Star Region Porsche Club of America labeled wine bottles.

It was an epic day that filled a beautiful location with fantastic people, cars, and many great new memories. We thank all our members who spent their day with us for making it a special event for everyone involved. We look forward to seeing you all at future Touring events! 🌟

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LSRPCA CONCOURS

KEMAH BOARDWALK 2024



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Following a fun Kings Bier Haus make-up 2023 Concours in January we kicked off the 2024 LSRPCA Concours series at the popular Kemah Boardwalk and had another great day of Porsches and People! To start off we had great support from the Kemah Boardwalk Staff providing their entire front parking area, tents and tables, always great support, and from our event Sponsors Einars Garage, Ultimate Detail, and Garage Ultimate! Our Judge and event volunteers jumped in as well, can't thank them enough especially Lynn, Darlene and Emily for their smooth running of the Registration and scoring table! We could not have this event without all this support!

Early Saturday morning Concours event competitors filled the parking lot with carefully prepared Porsche cars, member spectators Porsches surrounded the competition area, and wide-eyed public spectators wandered through the field picking out their favorite dream car which we are lucky enough to drive!

The competition field of 35 cars in thirteen Divisions competed for medals and points for the 2024 annual Division Competition. The Kemah venue provided a fun destination and another great weather day for the Concours, not blue sky but no rain so a great morning. This year's event attracted 3 competitors from the Maverick Region including one time LSRPCA member Andy Kay, '79 Red 911SC who donated a Griots Detail kit to the Raffle; Scott Kellogg, Maverick Region Concours Chair/ Black 996 who also donated some great posters from the Maverick Region Concours; and PCA Zone 5 Representative Wendy Shoffits in her 2024 "Frozen Blue" Taycan! We also had Team Landeros join us from Corpus Christi in their 993 Turbo in Polar Silver. The word is out on this great Concours!

Wendy's '24 Taycan bookended a field of three 356s, the earliest being a 1957, a '73 914, a '71 911 Targa, the earliest year 911 of the field, two 968s, a 928S stick, a nice field of



964 and 993s, another of 996 and 997s, a '20 Speedster, no less than fourteen 991's divided by year into 3 competition groups, 2 Cayman GTs, a Boxster GTS, a GT3RS, and a '23 Dakar! What a field of Porsches! The display of technology from the 356 to the Dakar and Taycan clearly represented how far Porsche engineering has come!

James Weller was our Porsche Club Junior Judge scrutinizing the 10 Scale Porsche Models in the scale competition as well as helping one of the Judging Teams. Kemah Boardwalk provided west James a free Unlimited All Day Ride Pass for his efforts! Ivan Histrov's detailed scale Porsche, which matched his Red 964, took the Scale Porsche honors and his Porsche 964 scored 1ST place in Division 5! A good day for Team Histrov! The Peoples Choice Award went to Chris Curran's 1957 Meissen Blue 356 and the Judges Choice Award went to Wyatt Smith's 1973 Silver 914.

For all the Concoors Results and the 2023 Division Award Winners see the LSRPCA webpage Concoors - Lone Star Region Porsche Club (lsrpca.com) Previous Event results. Congratulations to all!

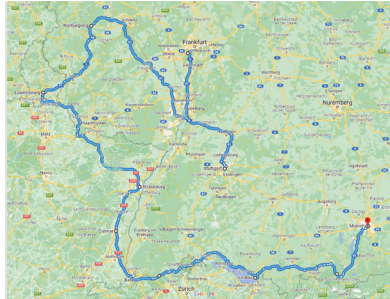
For those looking for more fun they ended the day at the Garage Ultimate afterparty for drinks sandwiches, more Porsches, and great people!

Stay tuned to the LSRPCA Calendar for more Concoors events including a Peoples Choice competition and a Concoors preparation clinic. The Maverick Region has invited LSRPCA members to their Concoors on May XX, Registration opens April 1, this is a great event with activities all weekend Check it out! Are you interested in being a part of our Concoors Team, helping with the Concoors Judging or volunteering? Contact Derek Robins Concoors Chair.

Thanks again to our great Sponsors! ★

EURO DELIVERY

WRITTEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY: TASHA TAYLOR



The allure of owning a Porsche transcends mere possession—it embodies a lifestyle fueled by passion, craftsmanship, and a deep reverence for automotive excellence. Yet, acquiring one, especially a coveted model, demands more than desire; it requires impeccable timing, quick decision-making, and a touch of serendipity. Let us recount our remarkable Porsche European Delivery experience—an amalgamation of iconic automotive moments and extraordinary travel adventures.

Our journey began with a stroke of luck at Porsche River Oaks in Houston, Texas. A few weeks after our visit, we were offered an open allocation under one condition: committing to the European delivery experience. This condition aligned perfectly with our plans to celebrate Sean's 50th birthday in Germany, including a drive on the Nürburgring. With the order placed, the European Delivery specialist in Atlanta, GA guided us through the process, providing updates as we meticulously planned our trip. Armed with a European Delivery Travel guide featuring 11 suggested routes, we crafted a personalized itinerary inspired by three of these routes.

Days 1-3: Porsche Factory Tour and Museum

Upon arriving in Frankfurt, we rented a car and headed to Stuttgart, where we indulged in local cuisine and explored the city, including a visit to the Mercedes-Benz Museum. On day three, our adventure truly commenced at Porsche headquarters, where we embarked on a captivating tour of the Porsche factory. Witnessing the precision technology and hand craftsmanship involved in building these iconic sports cars was truly awe-inspiring.

Day 4: Nürburgring Experience

Day four was all about adrenaline as we tackled the Nürbur-

gring. Opting for a track day experience with RSR Nürburgring, we rented a GT3 and savored the thrill of navigating the legendary circuit under the guidance of an instructor—an experience not to be missed for any driving enthusiast.

Day 5: Drive to Luxembourg

Departing Nürburg, we made a detour to Luxembourg, spending a day exploring its historic district. Despite the narrow streets, Luxembourg City's picturesque beauty made it a memorable stop.

Days 6-7: Exploring Alsace

Continuing to the Alsace region of France, we immersed ourselves in its charm, sampling local delicacies and wines in Colmar.

Day 8: Laufenburg and Lindau

After indulging in wine and food, we journeyed to Laufenburg, a town divided between Germany and Switzerland, before continuing to Lindau—a picturesque town on Lake Constance.

Day 9: Fussen and Oberammergau

Our drive to Fussen offered breathtaking views, culminating in visits to Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau castles. We then made our way to Oberammergau, marveling at the scenic beauty of Bavaria.

Days 10-11: Porsche Drop-off and Munich Exploration

Concluding our Bavarian adventure in Munich, we bid farewell to our Porsche at an authorized drop-off location—a straightforward yet authentic experience. Reflecting on our journey, we celebrated with a visit to the oldest brewery in Germany before heading home.

The Porsche European Delivery experience is more than acquiring a dream car; it's an unforgettable journey blending automotive excellence with cultural exploration. Special thanks to Porsche River Oaks for facilitating an exceptional experience from allocation to delivery in Houston, Texas. ★



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Observing my father's passion for American cars, Italian design, Swiss precision, and his family's German ancestry, I found my way in developing my very own passions and dreams. One of those passions: Cars, and one of those dreams: Driving a Porsche.

Chasing and enjoying these hobbies brought me to unexpected and wonderful moments in my life. While working on my thesis during my last year of Mechanical Engineering school, dreaming of designing cars, I met Luisa Elvira, my wife, in that beautiful package came my Father-InLaw (FIL). An extraordinary man, who would become my best friend, a friendship that lasted 20 years on this earth. This guy was the definition of cool: flew his own airplane, a club car racer, motorcycle tourer, successful businessman in farming, with an amazing network of friends, and retired at the age of 45 to dedicate the rest of his life to engage with his family and friends.

When I entered his life in 1997, of the first things we found in common was the love for racing and Porsches. He encouraged me to get my own. It took me more than a decade to reach that milestone. It finally happened in 2009 with a pre-owned Sapphire Blue 2002 Boxster, with manual transmission, it would be my first one of 8 great cars to date.

Three years later, the subject in this story arrived to the family. This was my first brand new car, bought in a Porsche Dealership

(North Dallas) in 2013. It was a 2014 Base Cayman in Racing yellow with PDK Transmission. That night, I immediately phoned My FIL and sent him the first couple of photos. When he saw it, got very excited, and told me: "...lo lograste Carajito, te felicito!!..." ("... You made it Kid, Congrats!!..."), he expressed how proud he was of me, that night he decided he had the perfect excuse to fly back to the U.S. and visit.

During those days, it was very easy for both of us to find an excuse to go to Kroger, Home Depot, Walgreens, multiple times a day, every day for weeks!!, "...Ohh No, we forgot the milk..." we would look at each other, and smile :).

He went back home that summer with a pack of 6x4 photographs for his office desk, and a pendrive full of digital versions for his computer home-screen.

Shortly after my FIL left, I was on a business trip to Houston. That weekend, wandering around dealerships, I came across this gorgeous 964-Targa. I remember standing in front of it, that thing almost spoke to me, it was love at first sight. It was a sleepless night. I was trying to figure out how to get it, finding an excuse for my wife to get another car that we didn't need.

After a long stressful 12 hours, I pulled the trigger and decided to go to Carmax to sell my Cayman, and went back to the Galleria area to get my 911.

..... 10 YEARS IN THE MAKING

WRITTEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY: RAFAEL D GONZALES



That night, I had to break the news to my FIL. The old man was not happy, he couldn't understand what I had done, changing a brand new Porsche for an old one? Soon enough the seller's remorse hit hard!! For years those remarks would come back in our conversations and later to hunt when thinking about those days. Three years passed revisiting his stories about Porsches and racing. Today, they are my most treasured moments with him. I especially remember those about the cars he raced and crashed: I almost choked one day when he told me he had crashed a 904 and a 356 in races he did with the Carabobo Automovil Club in Venezuela (photos below before and after).

A particular story that he always repeated was about his 1970 trip to the 12 Hours of Sebring, he came to Florida with his friends, to attend the race, and to see Pedro Rodriguez with whom he had developed a friendship while he lived in Mexico (My FIL's father, was a prominent politician who was expelled from Venezuela to Mexico during the Dictatorship ruling). That 1970 race in Sebring, became, as we all recognize today, as one of the most important milestones in the history of racing for Porsche, and for the development of the 917 car, but for me, was also because of knowing he got to see those cars up close, walked around them as they were worked on, with the engines

growling before the start, and standing next to the greatest pilots and racing engineers of the time; like John Wyer, and his buddy no other than the Mexico legend itself, Pedro Rodriguez, Amazing!!! (below photo from right to left: Pedro Rodriguez, my FIL, Gino Martelachi)

Motorsport passion, among other things, made us best friends. In one of our last conversations about cars, in December 2015, we spoke again about that "Yellow Cayman". I wished I had never sold that car, he passed away on January 25th 2016.

Years of dormant remorse passed until a breeze Saturday noon, last December 9th 2023, we were at a restaurant in The Woodlands. I was doing my typical quick online search for Porsches on sale locally, and a wonderful moment happened again, just like 10 years before, but this time through the digital screen of my phone: It was a Cayman, in Racing Yellow, a newer and better model, an S, and the best of all in Manual Transmission with only 12k miles. I couldn't believe it!! I sweat cold for a second because it was at that very exact Carmax dealership where I sold my previous one!! I stood up suddenly from the table, and told my wife, we gotta go!! I am getting my car back!!

That evening, leaving the lot, I knew he was looking down from heaven, smiling and saying "...Carajito, te Felicito!!!" 🌟

HILL COUNTRY RALLYE

2024

WRITTEN BY TAMARA JOHNSON FORDHAM | PHOTOGRAPHY BY ALEX PARMENTER, TAMARA JOHNSON FORDHAM



From March 7-10, 2024 over 300 air-cooled Porsches and drivers from all points of the compass converged on Kerrville, Texas for the 22nd annual Hill Country Rallye (HCR). This year's theme was "not our first rodeo" since HCR has become a highlight in the calendar for many Porsche fans, like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Beginning Thursday volunteers arrived to help with setup and preparation, then old Porsches began arriving. HCR is restricted to air-cooled Porsches from years 1949 to 1989, distinguished by their unique sounds, appearance, and torsion bar suspensions. The oldest car was a 1954 356. 911s are most common, with 912s and 914s adding to the mix. Drivers came from as far east as Finland and as far west as California, with a strong contingent of beautifully prepared cars from Mexico.

HCR focuses on driving and talking. The daytime weather was brilliant, with clear skies and cool temperatures that required windows up in the morning, but allowed tops to come down in the afternoons. Everyone gets a double-sided route map showing 12 different Hill Country routes named after the Rennbow colors like Signal Yellow and Irish Green going from Camp Wood to Spicewood. The idea is to find some friends, find a route, and enjoy the cars, the company, and the countryside.

Spring in the Hill Country had just begun blossoming, so a leisurely driver or a passenger in a car going slightly faster enjoyed a visual treat. Texas is known for bluebonnets, and they were prominent along highway 281 among other places. Thank you, Ladybird. Mountain

Laurels were at their peak, with canopies covered in purple blossoms punctuating the hillsides, and a lovely grape Kool-Aid smell if you are downwind. Dogwoods and red-buds popped along the roadsides, and in town you could see glorious crabapples covered in white blossoms, like snowballs on sticks.

Friday I enjoyed one of my favorite Hill Country drives, going west out of Hunt along the Guadalupe River, with twists and cliff views and overhanging trees before reaching the plateau for a high-speed run. Turning further west then south on 335, one of the Twisted Sisters, we enjoyed a roller coaster ride of twists and dips, turns and climbs. A little more sedate drive east on 337 ended with lunch at the Bent Rim Grill, then a high-speed run up 187 with the glorious views east, and dancing with the Guadalupe River along 39 back to Kerrville. This is old Porsches in their element. Saturday I headed east for a two-brewer tour, with lunch at Fitzhugh Brewing and a stop at Alstadt Brewing south of Fredericksburg.

It is hard to identify highlights. Lisa Weinberger's outlaw 356 with the sumptuous interior and Colorado Grand stickers attracted lots of well-deserved attention. Mike Nesdale's new, hot-rodded 912 engine with meticulous details, like contrasting plated sheet metal screws, struck a tasteful balance between original and exotic. Paris-Dakar tributes parked on the gravel were eye-catching, if not my cup of tea. Were Cole Porter to describe the Hill Country Rallye he might say, it's delightful, its delirious, it's delectable, it's de-lovely. Come join us in 2025. 🌟



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Day one of the Porsche Club Sprint Race weekend began as 81 drivers took on the track completing their practice runs and ending the day with qualifying. Cup Cars, GT3 RS, 944s, Caymans, Spec Boxsters and classic 911s were spotted among the 81 vehicles that created the different race classes.

In between each practice session the Austin Schnell Fest HPDE instructors were out on track with drivers, giving insight on the racing line and how to anticipate blind hairpins like Turn 1.

Day Two of the club race was just as action packed as the first. Things started to heat up on track as driver were trying to put down their best laps during sprint race one and two. Podiums were recorded as follows.

GTA3

- 1 Gregg Esakoff
- 2 Dave Bradshaw
- 3 Bob Mueller

GTB1

- 1 Ed Dunne
- 2 Scott Sewell
- 3 Shawn Keeler

GTC7

- 1 Darren Fenz
- 2 Keith Jezek
- 3 Michael Williams

GTD2

- 1 Tom Burke
- 2 Jorge Carcia
- 3 Dennis Mitchell

SP1

- 1 Tom Sanders
- 2 Bill Miller

SP996

- 1 Glenn Wiedenbeck
- 2 Weston Jezek

SP997

- 1 Walker Jezek
- 2 Dale Rye
- 3 Andy Pastor

SPB

- 1 Jeff Wilson
- 2 Rob Walker
- 3 Hunter Allen (won tie breaker with Steve Watkins)

SPC

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- 2 Michael Venable
- 3 Perry Lowery

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