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#### **Calendar of Events**

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#### JUNE 2015

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2nd Saturday GTG (Friendswood) - 8:30 am, Dunn Brothers Coffee, 201 S. Friendswood Dr.

2015. Friendswood Di. 3rd Saturday GTG (Spring) - 8:30 am, Starbucks, Hwy 290, Cypress 2015 Porsche Parade, French Lick, Indiana June DE, MSR Houston, 1 Performance Dr., Angleton

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27-28 27 27 2nd Fourth Monthly GTG (Galveston) - 8:30 am, Starbucks, 61st St. 4th Saturday GTG (Woodlands) - 8:30 am, Starbucks, 9595 Six Pines Dr.

#### JULY 2015

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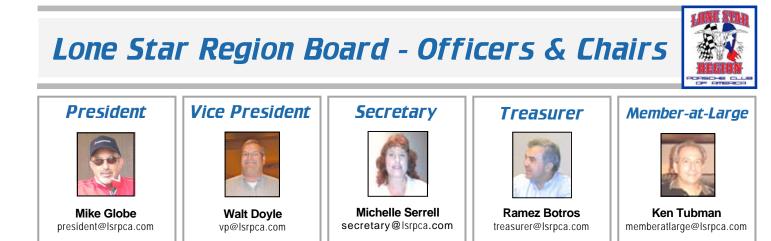
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#### **AUGUST 2015**

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#### Don't Turn Your Porsche into a Garage Queen



By Mike Phifer, Lone Star Editor

I am writing about this topic because I recently saw an IMS failure at COTA. It was ugly and

catastrophic. Imagine a hand grenade going off in your Porsche engine, spewing particles of metal throughout the engine or worst case – the valves make contact with the pistons. An IMS (Intermediate Main Shaft Bearing) failure in a flat-six Porsche engine is a catastrophic event. Best case is a total engine rebuild – worst case is a total engine replacement.

As many of you know, IMS failures have been a tremendous problem with 996 (M96) engines, with some failure rates reported close to 10%, but these failures can also occur with 997 (M97) engines. I saw a 997 engine ripped apart by an IMS failure, and it was an ugly with oil spewing onto the ground from a hole in the engine created by valve to piston contact. Any Porsche engine with an Intermediate Main Shaft is vulnerable including



"An IMS failure spews metal throughout the engine."

pre-2009 water-cooled 911s, Boxsters and Caymans. In 2009, Porsche introduced the 9A1 engine that did away with the IMS and that drives the camshafts directly off the driveshaft. Before 2009, beware.

Water-cooled 996 Turbo, GT2, and GT3 models are different. The Mezger IMS design was retained with these engines, but the IMS features plain bearings (no ball bearings) that are pressure fed for lubrication and should not fail. If the bearings wear out in theses engines,

the engine may develop a knocking noise, but should not result in a catastrophic engine failure.

So, what can you do to avoid this problem? Don't turn it into a Garage Queen or lug it through the gears. Here are some steps that may help:

1. Change the engine oil and filter every 3k to 5k miles or at least once per year.

2. Use synthetic oils that have elevated levels of ZDDP additives.

3. When purchasing a pre-owned Porsche with the M96 or M97 engine, insist on a thorough PPI and review the written service records.

4. When the engine is at full operating temperature, drive with the RPM's elevated. Accelerate to or near redline one or more times under full throttle. Only upshift when above 3,000 RPM. This helps to lubricate the pressure-fed bearings.

5. Install a magnetic

engine drain plug and an oil filter with improved filtration capability.

6. Install an IMS retrofit bearing or "Guardian" kit to monitor the IMS.

The good news is that you now have a perfect excuse to drive your Porsche more, and drive it even harder when you do.



#### **From the President**



Mike Globe, President Lone Star Region PCA

#### LATEST TRACK UPDATES TWS to Stay Open Through the End of 2015

Just a little over a year after the announced demise of Texas World Speedway (TWS), the sands continue to shift. In the past year, Club Track Holdings Inc. (CTH), has found and discarded two locations in Washington County Texas. The first location was abandoned because the owner of a pipeline that

Simultaneous to pushing forward with the Chappell Hill and fighting legal battles, CTH continued to look for alternatives, and just a few days after TWS announced that they would stay open through the end of 2015, CTH announced plans for a new, but currently undisclosed location for a track. CTH is

was located below the property refused to allow any construction above their pipeline. Subsequently CTH located a larger and more attractive tract of land north of the unincorporated community of Chappell Hill. A small group of land owners (a number of



whom are actually Houston residents) file suit against CTH in an attempt to block the development. There was little in the way of accurate information in the lawsuit, but I'm not sure that matters in our legal system.

Then... on May 21st, Texas World Speedway's owners announced that the track would remain open at least through the end of 2015. Clubs scrambled to get dates for the fall, and within 24hrs, the track's calendar was full. There is little debate about how strong the market is for racetrack usage in the area.

under a non -disclosure agreement with the owner of the property where they are now planning to build, so don't ask. What does this mean?

In addition to our events

at MSRH this summer, PCA will have DE three weekends at TWS: September 26-27, October 31-Novermber 1, and December 5-6. We have unfortunately had to move the date of the Car Control School (CCS) from September 26 to November 21 to make this happen. I hope this causes as little inconvenience as possible for those planning to attend the CCS. CCS is a great program, that everyone with a Porsche should attend at some point.

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#### **LSRPCA Board Minutes**

Michelle Serrell, Secretary

#### **April 2015**

#### In Attendance:

Mike Globe, President Walt Doyle, Vice President Michelle Serrell, Secretary Ramez Botros, Treasurer Alan Kendall, Car Control Greg Platt, Club Race Ron Baklarz, Rally & Touring Hugh Brazier, Safety Chair Kathy Kendall Tomi Scantlebury, Charity Chair William Wong

#### Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM

Mike Globe reports that we don't have enough for a quorum. The International Dinner at Ciao Bello had excellent service with 35 people paying and 33 showed up for the dinner. The April 18th-19th DE Event is sold out and need a certificate for that. Also need a certificate for the COTA Club Race being held on May 8, 9 & 10, 2015. There are 173 people signed up so far for the Club Race and 111 DE. Rick Franke couldn't make it but here are last month's membership numbers. Membership is at an all time high of 1,549 primary members 818 co-affiliated members for a total of 2,367 members.

Ramez reports we have money and are in good standing.

Greg Platt reports that the Club Race held last month (3/13-3/15) was a great event. We received a glowing report from National people that attended.

Walt Doyle reports that the Kemah Boardwalk Concours will be held on 5/17/2015 (Sunday). Houston Gold Exchange Concours will be held again this year on 10/3. Donald Bond is working on some special items for this event. GTG's are really getting big with an average of 20 cars each Saturday. The Spring Cypress and I-10 and Voss both have had over 30-40 cars at them recently.

Ron Baklarz reports that the Wildflower Tour was a big success with 40 participants.

Alan Kendall reports that the next Car Control School will be held on 4/25 with 46 paid, 2 unpaid, 12 instructors and 3 volunteers. Could use a couple more volunteers to help out.

Tomi asks how to proceed with collecting for our charity at the next DE. Greg Platt confirms only COTA races do they try to collect for the charity. On 5/21/2015 the Ferrari Event will be a PCA charity event. She needs volunteers to help out and will do a Facebook and e-blast to let members know of this event.

Greg Platt moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm and Walt Doyle seconds the motion and all approve to adjourn the meeting.

#### **May 2015**

#### In Attendance:

Mike Globe, President Walt Doyle, Vice President Michelle Serrell, Secretary Rick Franke, Membership Alan Kendall, Car Control Greg Fuller, Web Host Ron Baklarz, Rally & Touring Ryan Lansford, AX & Time Trials Tomi Scantlebury, Charity Chair Lynn Friedman, Zone 5 Rep Kristen Lansford Anne Retzler William Wong Ed Cannon Burnell Curtis. Tech Advisor George Bishop, Rally & Touring

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM

Mike Globe reports on behalf of Ramez Botros, Treasurer who says we have money. He also reports on behalf of Pam Fitzgerald, Activities Committee is working on the next Social Event/Dinner.

Tomi Scantlebury reports at the TWS DE Event last month she was able to collect \$600 for parade laps. The Charity page has been updated. There are 70 people signed up so far for the Ferrari Event on 5/21/2015. She also confirmed that we as a club cannot issue receipts for a charitable donation only the charity itself can issue a receipt.

Ryan Lansford reports that there were 71 Porsches for the AutoX. He is proposing 1 new event to keep interest in the club while the track issue is resolved. The new venue would be the Grandsport Speedway Autocross located in Hitchcock, Texas. Is requesting a budget of \$4,850 to cover the expenses of the rental for the track, insurance, food and trophies. Alan Kendall made the motion for approval of the \$4,850, Ron Baklarz second it and all approved. The event is planned for sometime in the fall. More details to follow once he can confirm an available date.

George Bishop reports that he is proposing a new tour event, Festival Hill, to be held in October. Freda Manny is actually the one that created this tour to Marble Falls. October 10 & 11.

the end of 2015. He also reported that Von Schmidt pulled out 2015 to Flat Creek Winery. You would meet at Starbucks @ Spring Cypress at 10 am and drive to Marble Falls. Go to the of the Chappell Hill "Bluebonnet" track location. Updates to follow. On behalf of Rick Franke, Mike also reported that we Flat Creek Winery for samples (\$20-pp) and then a quick drive have roughly 1570 primary members who are active and 799 to Rustic Wine dinner (\$45-pp). More details to follow. co-members. Rick suggested implementing a monthly email Greg Fuller reports that the website is working well. reminder encouraging soon-to-expire members to renew.

Rich Franke reports 35 new members last month. 2371 total membership with 1662 primary and 809 co-members.

Walt Doyle reports that the Kemah Boardwalk Concours is now canceled. In following up with the contact at Kemah Boardwalk they decided they didn't want to give us parking lot A or any parking lot. They couldn't come to an acceptable location for the cars and agreed it would be scratched. So with this event canceled he and Ryan have came up with an alternative for 8/22/2015,4th Saturday GTG. It will be held at La Trattoria Tuscano in The Woodlands. The event will start at 8 am and registration is on club registration. It will be limited to 50 cars. The Houston Gold Exchange Concours is still good for 10/3/2015. There will be a 5th Saturday GTG held in Montrose at Blacksmith.

Ron Baklarz reports that he is working on setting up another tour to the FAA Traffic Control Center. He is also working on a 5-6 day tour next year to the Inn of the Mountain Gods-Mescalero, NM. More information to come so be on the lookout for this. Should be some great driving.

Alan Kendall reports that the next Car Control School will be held on 4/25 with 46 paid, 2 unpaid, 12 instructors and 3 volunteers. Could use a couple more volunteers to help out.

Alan Kendall reports that the 4/25/2015 Car Control Course was very successful. Next event will be held on 9/26/2015.

Walt Doyle motions to adjourn, Ryan Lansford seconds the motion, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

#### June 2015

In Attendance:

Hugh Brazier, Safety Chair Pam Fitzgerald, Activities Chair Mike Globe, President Ryan Lansford, Autocross Chair Mike Shassere, Boxstoberfest Walt Doyle, Vice President Greg Platt, Past President Ron Baklarz, Rally & Touring Anne Retzler Alan Kendall, Car Control School Steve Bukoski Tomi Scantlebury, Charity Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by Mike Globe

Mike Globe updated the Board on the status of Texas World Speedway with regard to the performance driving school program, indicating there should be dates open for our use through

Tomi Scantlebury reported 200 people showed up to the Ferrari event, and netted \$4100.00 for Star of Hope Mission charity after Clubregistration fees, thanks to our volunteers, and especially Brian Portugal, member, who was liaison with the dealership for us. We hope to do this every 2 years.

Ryan Lansford reported on our Autocross with the Texas A&M Sports Car Club in February 2016 at the decommissioned air-strip. Also, the GrandSport Speedway event in (xx) only has 12 spots left. Response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Walt Doyle updated the board on the August Concours at La Trattoria in the Woodlands. Already have 32 people signed up. Sponsored by Portresse. He also reported on the Saturday get-togethers; as many as 50 cars show up for some of these events. May need to consider other venues with larger parking lots.

Greg Platt commented on the club race status for 2016. We need to contingency plan around the status of Texas World Speedway (TWS). The timing of the race depends on the status of TWS.

Alan Kendall / Steve Bukoski reported that the Car Control School (CCS) already has 14 people signed up. There is now a conflict with the September Performance Driving School and currently scheduled CCS. They agreed to take a look at dates offline and make a decision next month.

Ron Baklarz reported that the June 60th Anniversary Porsche Parade Tour in Frnch Lick, Indiana is sold out. There will not be a convoy for this event; everyone will meet on location. Ron and Ann Baklarz will be there to represent LSRPCA at the Regional table. Ron will be planning the July tour soon.

Mike Shassere reported that Boxtoberfest in Fredericksburg has had such an overwhelming response that we have overflowed into another hotel. Mike updated the Board on the details of the event. There was discussion around vehicle equipment (i.e. tires) support for this event.

Pam Fitzgerald is working our next International dinner.

Hugh Brazier reported that the GrandSport Speedway inspection with regard to our Autocross event this Fall went very well. Mike Globe is cleared to sign a suitable contract for the event.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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#### **CARRERAS OF THE AMERICAS CLUB RACE and DE AT COTA** MAY 8-10, 2015 CIRCUITOFTHE

#### By Mike Phifer, Lone Star Editor

one Star, Hill Country and Maverick Regions once again organized another successful Carrera of the Americas Club Race at the beautiful but challenging 3.4 mile Formula 1 track. With a 160+ mile per hour back straight as wide as a Houston freeway funneling into a 40 mile per hour corner at Turn 12 as tight as a country road, COTA is one of the most technical and demanding tracks in the country. COTA is tough on cars and drivers, but an experience that no one ever forgets. Garages and paddocks were filled with beautiful Porsches, hard-working pit crews and car haulers from across the United States as club racers showed up to enjoy three days of driving and racing in the shadows of Austin, Texas. A little rain fell on Friday morning, but the rest of the weekend was dry and perfect for racing.

The Carreras of the Americas race was the second of three races that make up the "Southern Swing" of PCA Club Races



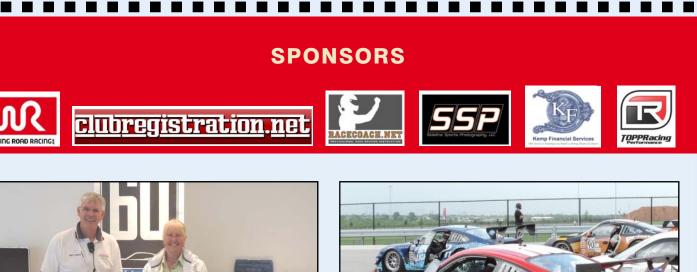




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Glen Campbell, Lynn Friedman and Wendy Shoffit at the registration Desk.



Instructor Denis Lebreton from Hill Country Region.

in Texas and Louisiana that began in March at TWS and end at NOLA Motorsports Park in New Orleans. The three host Texas regions were well represented by local members in the sprint and enduro races as they competed against some of the fastest, best equipped Porsches from across the United States.

PCA Club Racing had its inaugural season in 1992 with four races, and has grown to about 30 races involving more than 2,000 PCA Club Racers. The organization and operation of Club Races is governed by PCA and is uniform, so that any racer may attend any Club Race and know exactly what to expect. PCA Club Racing is fun, safe, and clean with immediate sanctions against any driver at fault in an accident involving damage to the cars.

For many of the more than 100 DE drivers, it was their first time on this beautiful track, but the DE went smoothly and safely due to the efforts of the host clubs. It was a great experience to learn what their cars are capable of doing and why they bought a Porsche.

Continuing their commitment to support their local communities, the three PCA regions raised over \$2300.00 for charity by selling red tickets for entry to the parade laps on Saturday and Sunday. The parade lap on Saturday may be the longest I have ever seen with 100 cars gridded up for a chance to drive COTA.



Flying Lizards Motorsports Team car gridded up for the racing.

Saturday was all sun all day for racing



**CARRERAS OF THE AMERICAS CLUB RACE and DE AT COTA, cont'd** 



Waiting for the 100 car parade lap to start.





#### Supporting Cast

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What's up with that Jaguar hat, Sheriff Taylor?

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New Stars and Their Cars Richard Franke, Membership

#### April of 2015

Kamran Andampour	2015	911 Carrera 4S
Nicole Bell	1999	911 Carrera Cabriolet
Edmond Bollo	1976	914 2.0
James W Brookshire	2012	911 Turbo S
Ricky Carroll	2015	Cayman GTS
Leon Clements	2014	Cayenne Diesel
Phillip Dawson	1983	911 SC
Horacio Delgado	1991	911 Carrera 2
Sam Dodson	2015	911 GT3
Eruvey Louis Escorcia	1988	911 Carrera
Blake Feinman	2015	Cayman GTS
Robert Fullick	2015	Macan S
Scott Furgiuele	2015	Cayman S
Luis Galan	2012	911 Carrera S
Jan Harris	2015	Cayenne Diesel
		Platinum Edition
Adam Howell	2013	Boxster
Robert Lopez	2007	911 Turbo
Mark Myers	2015	Cayman S
Phong Nguyen	2006	911 Carrera Cabriolet
Eric Norris	1985	928S
Joseph Eamonn ONeill	2008	Boxster S
Bob Padfield	1977	911S
John S. Parsley	1964	356 cabriolet
Charles Roff	2014	911 Carrera
Marco Sclocchi	2016	Cayenne GTS
Juan Sierra	2015	Boxster GTS
Kahne Smith	2014	Panamera Turbo
Marshall Smith	2006	911 Carrera
Peter Spies	2006	911 Carrera 4S Cabrio
James Stein	2015	911 Turbo S Cabriolet
Marv Wang	2014	911 Carrera S
Rick Wark	2014	911 GT3
Jerry Webb	1991	911 Carrera 2
Stewart White	2015	911 GT3
Jeb Williams	2015	911 GT3

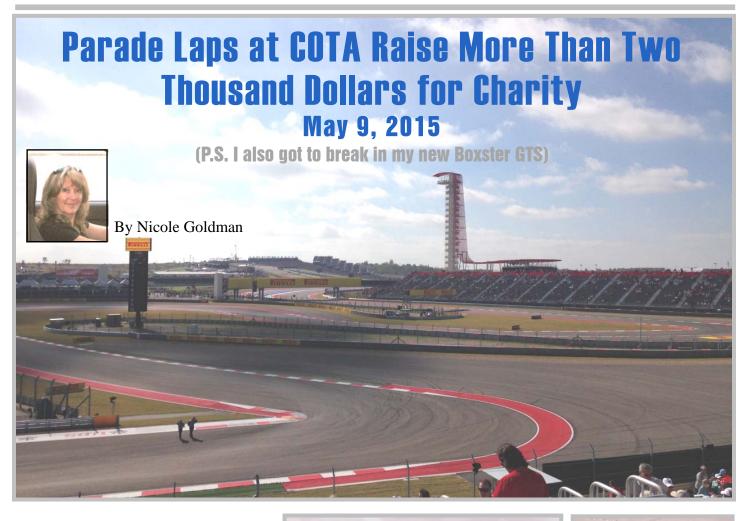
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#### **May of 2015**

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Matt Mogas	2006	911 Carrera
Michael Sergi	2002	911 Carrera 4S
Todd Dina	2004	Cayenne
Ben Bollinger	2013	911 Carrera 4S
Diane Rose	1983	944
Jim Jette	2009	911 Carrera
John Kuney	2006	Boxster S
Clark Eason	2007	911 Carrera
Gary Cornwell	2011	Cayenne
Stewart Guss	2009	911 Turbo Cabriolet
Jorge Hollander	2006	Cayman S
Raul Gallegos	2006	911 Carrera
Fernando Almeida	2001	911 Turbo
Carlo Pippolo	2015	Cayman S
Paul Hoffman	2015	Boxster
Ernie Galliani	2010	911 GT3
David Whitt	1986	911 Carrera
Elie Ezzie	2012	911 Carrera
William Wilks	2003	911 Turbo

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couldn't wait to get on the track I have always dreamed about. About ten minutes after racing ended, just before lunch, I pulled my new Boxster GTS into a long line of cars on the grid at COTA and put the top down under blue skies. Edwin, my husband, was co-pilot. Every year, we go to Austin to watch the Formula 1 Grand Prix, but never did I dream that I would get to drive this wonderful track myself - 3.427 miles of the smoothest asphalt and 20 of the sexiest curves in racing history with 133 feet of elevation changes. It was an awesome experience, . . . and my new Boxster GTS, well it rides smartly, steers progressively and dispatches corners with ruthless simplicity. It feels capable of handling another hundred horsepower, easily.

Lone Star, Hill Country and Maverick turned the parade laps into a great charity fund-raiser. Selling red tickets for entry





onto the track, all proceeds from every parade lap ticket sold were donated to charity. Because this was COTA, a hundred cars lined up on Saturday and close to sixty cars lined up on Sunday for the parade laps. As a result, the three regions raised \$2.342.00 for charity. Thanks to Wendy Shoffit and all the volunteers at the Club Race who made this possible.



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## LSRPCA and Ferrari of Houston Raise \$4100.00 for the Star of Hope - May 21, 2015

Written by Brian Portugal and Tomi Scantlebury, LSRPCA Charity Chair

espite a hectic race schedule, Don Pierce, C.O.O of Ferrari of Houston, members of his staff and the Ferrari race team, Risi Competizione, hosted 200 LSRPCA members, their family and friends for an incredible evening. Don personally invited our members to put away our Porsche badges to share in the splendor of the machines and our passion for racing to raise money for a very worthy charity, Star of Hope Mission. Star of Hope is a Houston charity dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and children by helping them to make positive life changes through programs that focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, and recovery from substance abuse.

The Ferrari tour took us through every aspect of the racing program starting with the main garage, followed by the engine room, Challenge garage, Risi Competizione race workshop, body shop, race transporters, and the Ferrari showroom. The evening was filled with so many rare cars! In the Main Garage were the last 5 Ferrari "Supercars" including Ferrari F40, Ferrari Enzo (2x) Ferrari F50, Ferrari 288GTO, Ferrari LaFerrari (the most recent supercar), along with recent and vintage models like the Ferrari California, Ferrari 365GTB/4 Daytona, Ferrari 458 Coupe and Ferrari 458 Spider.

In the Challenge Garage, we saw Ferrari 458 Challenge Cars, another LaFerrari, Ferrari 458 Coupe, Ferrari 458 Spider, Ferrari 575M and Ferrari 599. The 5 series cars are both 12 cylinders, the 4 series are 8, the LaFerrari is a 12 Cylinder with hybrid drive KERS system. The Risi Competizione garage housed the Ferrari 458 GT, the Risi team car for the 2015 TUDOR United Sports Car Championship, as raced at Sebring, Daytona, Laguna Seca, and Long Beach. Also in the shop were Mazda Spec Racers, the Ferrari 333SP (last raced in 2002 at 24 Hours of Daytona) and the Ferrari 430GT (a winner at Le Mans and Sebring).

Unfortunately, the body shop was off limits with a big project underway, but it is one of only five factory-authorized shops in the USA and works with aluminum, carbon fiber, and Plexiglas composites. The body shop has an Accudraft paint prep area and paint booths, CarBench frame machine, and a PPG computerized paint mixing system.

When Don had the Ferrari team warm up one of the racecars, the Sebring winning Ferrari 430, the sound was indescribable and unforgettable, as the exhaust thundered off the garage walls at 8.900 rpm. An evening that started with huge gourmet pizzas and drinks, thoughtfully provided by Ferrari of Houston, culminated with closing remarks and a drawing for a variety of Ferrari memorabilia.

On behalf of the Lone Star Region, a special 'Thank You' to our hosts Don Pierce, Eydie Anderson, Steven Sustich, Miles Bradley, Randy Nester, Eric Frazier, Joe Maniaci, Giuseppe DiBlasio and also Flor, Julio, Juanito and Gino (porters and staff) for making this a truly memorable and successful event. Thanks also to our wonderful LSRPCA volunteers that evening, Ann and Jeff Kraase, Linda Parker, Kevin Roth, Murray Smith and Jack Smyth, who graciously gave their time, and to Ken Tubman and Greg Fuller, who orchestrated the web registration and announcements for the event.



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** And a very special thanks to LSR Member Brian Portugal, liaison with Ferrari, for all his hard work and efforts. Thanks to Brian, all aspects of the evening were covered and the event went flawlessly. If you didn't get a chance to attend, Don has kindly alluded to having another in 2017, so watch for opportunities to join us for another fabulous evening! And a big "Thank You" to Tomi Scantlebury, LSR Charity Chair, who organized the event and the volunteers to make this evening happen.



F40 Ferrari



Don Pierce, Ferrari of Houston C.O.O., leads the tour.

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The Italian Batmobile - LaFerrari in race trim.

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## Autocross? Auto-Yeah



#### **April LSR Autocross at Houston Police Academy**

#### **By Steve Jacoby**

The April 26th Autocross at The Houston Police Academy was a bold new experience. I ordered numbers when I registered on Clubregistration.net for no other reason than it

seemed I was supposed to do so. Then, I sent a frantic Facebook plea to LSR members to help me find a helmet *the* day before the event. Internet Consider

I was gid-

dy, confused, excited, and unsure of myself. I was wondering what I was doing wrong the second I pulled into the parking lot serving as our "pit", because I knew that surely I stood out like a sore thumb. To this day, I still 1 don't understand what some of the prep work was that I saw going on, but I'll figure it out eventually (If you spend a reasonable amount of time on the website it tells you everything you need to know, I'm just lazy). You will work a corner, which is harder than it would seem for some strange reason, so pay attention!

The best thing that happened the whole day was when the voice on the PA system announced that you could "flash your



hazards and we will try to get an instructor in the car with you". That was music to my ears! Wait a minute, you mean someone who knows what they are talking about can sit

right next to you and tell you exactly what you need to hear... and it's free? Sign me up! Well it was worth every penny and then some. If you are ditions they

comfortable in your car under performance conditions, they help you navigate the track. If you are not so comfortable, they give you braking and acceleration cues. More than anything, they give you confidence. The instructors are like a mental safety blanket to help you through what you may be afraid of but not be willing to say, because the instruction covers it all.

My story is a lot like many of you. I had posters of 930 Turbo's and 944's in higher pecking order than all the others on my teenage bedroom wall and told myself that one day I would mark my achievements by having one of these beau-

ties in my garage... *when I grow up*. I had never raced cars, hell I don't really know how many of the technologies in these machines work, but I wanted to know how, and badly.

In a moment of dishonesty compared to budget reality, I test drove my first 911. My dealer, now friend, took the first part of the drive and succeeded in scaring the daylights out of me. I knew that if I bought that car, I would have already put one foot in the grave. I left and went directly to another "manageable" sports sedan. To this day I call it my "trainer".

Several years later, I felt ready, and jumped

in with both feet. It was a gorgeous 997 C4S cabriolet with all the bells and whistles. It was my pride and joy, my accomplishment of a 25 year-old goal. There was no way this beauty was going on any track! I barely made the finances work, and put it on a track? No way. There are the tires to consider, the brake wear, the potential to ding, scratch and mar! No. No way... and I would love it too much and my genx, feast or famine nature would put me in the poor house for sure. No, this little Porsche that I owned wasn't going into any of that! I drove it though, thoroughly and often. Soon it became a part of me. I'm sure many of us relate to the saying that you don't "get in" this car, you put it on like a suit. That's when you transform.

After three years of making beautiful exhaust notes together, the pull of the Turbo became too great and the stars aligned to make trading up an easy decision. My friend at PNH, who had scared me so many years earlier, introduced me to my new best friend. She's a 997 Turbo S Cab and she's a handful. The feeling of being one with the car went straight out the door, and I felt the fear again. This little bombshell seemed to laugh at me when I thought I was taking her through the paces.

You know that phenomenon that parents don't like to admit about the second child? It holds true with P-cars apparently and this second child wasn't going to be a garage queen. I needed to tame this animal though, or at least let it train me.

I know many of you are in the same boat. I love my car, it's my daily driver, I don't want to put it in harm's way, I don't want the excessive mainte-

nance costs that must come with the performance side of the club events, I'll just stick to the GTG's and the Concours... and on and on and on. I was that way. But, I had a fever and the only prescription was *Autocross*!





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#### (Autocross? Auto Yeah!, continued)

Some more things to consider, in my opinion:

If you're worried about tire wear, don't. You're running 4-6 one minute long twisty courses. What you will learn is how much better they perform when warmed up!

If you're worried about brake wear, don't. I probably shouldn't admit it, but I used the brakes almost the same way when on a spirited run (I do love that phrase). I have ceramics and it's still a non-issue in my book.

This is the perfect event, coupled with the drivers control school, to safely and reasonably learn how to drive that car like it can be driven and still do it at your own pace to the limits in which you are comfortable.

Running Autocross in your dream car is an exhilarating life experience. Winning your class in your first Autocross is a bucket list experience that I hope more club members get to live, as I did. I did it because of the great folks that organize and put on these events. I saw how much hard work it is and how much passion they bring in order to make life-long memories for so many. I don't think there is any way I could have improved my ability to control my beast and come in with a winning time on my last run if it weren't for the excellent coaches on the track (special mention to Ryan Lansford). Of course, I still believe my times were doctored as part of larger conspiracy to get me hooked on these events; investigation pending.







#### A Note by Ryan Lansford – Autocross Chair

On April 26, 2015, a herd of 50 Porsches entered the Houston Police Academy, air-cooled and water-cooled. flat sixes, Turbos and GT3s, the largest showing of Porsches for an Autocross in LSR history. At the end of the day, a Porsche had the fastest time followed by a vastly modified Miata and a stock 997 GT3. When we weren't driving, we were eating fish tacos and fajitas provided by Berry Hill Baja Grill. Every class with 3 or more participants had a 1st place trophy, so the competition was boundless.

#### **LSR HALLOWEEN AUTOCROSS -OCTOBER 31, 2015** at GRANDSPORT SPEEDWAY



#### Attention Lone Star Region members!

We hope you can make it out this Halloween for the biggest autocross in the regions history! We are going to have an autocross at Grandsport Speedway. With a total course length of 1.2 miles and estimated 1:30 + lap times we think it will be the biggest hit since Garth Brook's single, "Friends in Low Places."

Each Participant will get 6 runs and a chance to be in a documentary film about Autocross. WE WILL HAVE 10" GOLD CUP TROPHIES for every class with 3 or more participants!

Cost will be \$85 for PCA members and that includes Fajita and Fish tacos provided by Berry Hill. We are hiring corner workers so you DO NOT have to shag cones. We want you to focus on driving your Porsche and making new friends.

This event is pretty far out, however spots are filling up fast and the event is limited to 55 participants. With only a few spots left we would like to give you this opportunity to register for our GRANDSPORT SPEEDWAY AUTOCROSS on October 31, 2015 via www.clubregistration.net



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#### **Picking up a Porsche** in Germany

By Joe Blackburn, LSR Member

The Eagles "Take it to the Limit" playing on our Bose sound system was the perfect accompaniment as we flew along in the fast lane at 150 mph in our new Porsche Macan S...while chasing a Panamera and six black 911's that were leading the way. We ordered our new Macan in December, 2014, with the very able assistance of Lynn Ballard at Porsche of North Houston. Porsche's European Delivery Program is a great way to pick-up a new Porsche. The Program includes: one night's hotel stay at the Hotel Graf Zeppelin, centrally located in downtown Stuttgart; taxi vouchers to and from the Porsche Factory; a tour of the Factory; lunch at the Porsche Executive Dining Room; free admission to the Porsche Museum; plus a very nice leather notebook which contained information on car delivery, specific Macan operating instructions (for

familiarization prior to delivery), and name tags to wear during the factory visit. The best benefit of all...the opportunity to drive a new Porsche in Germany...at speed...on the Autobahn and through the Alps.

After taking delivery, we headed to Leonberg, a suburb of Stuttgart, for a few days visit with Ilse Nädele, a long-time friend and retired Porsche executive. For the next few days, we drove the Macan all over the Swabian Alps.

On Saturday, we joined Fast Lane Travel's 2015 PCA Porsche Treffen Plus at the Hotel Graf Zeppelin in Stuttgart. That afternoon, all the Treffeners were driven in a luxury motor coach to the Mercedes Museum, and we enjoyed a fantastic display of production and racing Mercedes automobiles. A Ferrari Club must have been visiting the Museum at the same time as several Ferraris were lined

up just outside the Museum.

On Sunday, May 3, we left Stuttgart and drove down into Austria with spirited and fast no-speed-limit driving in Germany. We slowed down in Austria where the speed limits are more modest and vigorously enforced. That night in the old town in Salzburg, we had dinner at St. Peter's Keller, Europe's oldest restaurant (founded in 803). After the wonderful dinner, we were entertained by a Mozart Musical performance plus introduced to Austrian "Ice Wine."

On Monday, May 4, we took a day trip to Gmünd, Austria, for a visit to the Pfeifhofer Porsche Museum and the original Porsche

factory where the first 50 Porsche 356's were built. Getting to Gmünd, we drove over the Grossglockner High Alpine Road as snow banks reached 15 feet on each side of the road.

Tuesday, May 5 was the Photo Rally, a fun event with a chance to win a "valuable" prize. At the end of the rally, we had lunch in the Castle Fuschl on Lake Fuschl, which is in the heart of the "Sound of Music" country...a stunningly beautiful area. That afternoon, we returned to Salzburg for sight -seeing tour in horse-drawn carriages. That night, at dinner, the Photo Rally awards were presented...all accompanied with







lots of laughter.

On Wednesday, May 6, we drove...at speed...to Lindau on Lake Constance and checked into the Bayerischer Hof Hotel. Lindau is a magnificently charming island town connected to the mainland with a bridge framed on both sides with beautiful sail boats. On Thursday, May 7, we headed back to Stuttgart with a stopover in the medieval town of Rothenburg. Inside the town walls, you feel as if you have stepped back into another time. Later that afternoon, we returned to Stuttgart and checked back into the Graf Zeppelin Hotel. We had dinner that night in Stuttgart's City Hall, the Ratskeller.

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Friday, May 8, we visited the Porsche Factory and Museum in Zuffenhausen for the second time in a week. In addition to the Museum tour, we were taken on a tour of the restoration shop that is located in the Museum. We had a great lunch at the Museum's restaurant.

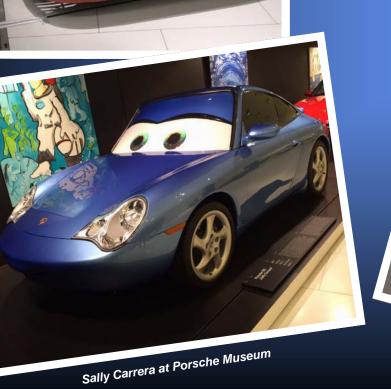
The Porsche Factory tour included engine assembly, upholstery and the final assembly of Boxsters, Caymans and 911s, which are all assembled on the same production line. We also got to visit the 918 assembly line and watched these \$800,000+ beauties being assembled.

During the Museum visit, I took the opportunity to return my Macan back to the factory where it will be checked over and then shipped back to Houston. I will pick it up at Porsche of North Houston when it arrives in six to eight weeks. That night, we had cocktails and dinner at Castle Beilstein with medieval entertainment, and then enjoyed a romantic sunset on the castle walls overlooking the vineyards and valley.

The Pink Monster - 917 at the Porsche Museum

New 991 GT3RS at Museum





Restoration shop at Museum

Saturday, May 9, was a relaxing day of shopping and preparation for the night's Cannstatter Frühlingsfest in the Göckelesmaier Beer Tent. We were seated in a private reserved section giving us a fabulous perspective of the entire hall. Most importantly, we also had access to private toilets. Thousands of Germans, eating, singing, dancing, drinking beer and having a great time...truly a very unique, very German cultural event...we had a blast!

There you have it...a great way to buy a Porsche...plus a great driving experience for those of us who love Porsche and the Porsche culture of excellence. You can also have the driving experience without buying a Porsche as the Treffen includes a Porsche-of-your-choice rental. Also, you may have noticed that the Porsche Panamera GRS pictured in front of the Reichsküchenmeister Restaurant has a Florida license plate: TREFFEN. Fast Lane Travel has a subsidiary: Fast Lane Auto Transport, LLC. If you prefer to drive your own Porsche on a Treffen or have some longer driving fun in Europe, Fast Lane Auto Transport will ship your car to



Europe and back for you to have some real fun, like on the Nürburgring. So now you can take your wife AND your car on vacation. Peter Sontag is keeping his car in Germany until October and then will ship it back to the U.S. He said: "You haven't lived until you've passed a German Highway Patrol Car at 150 mph, and the cop smiles and give you a thumbs up sign!" Try that on I-45.

Speaking of excellence, the person responsible for creating and running these fabulous trips for the past 40 years is Peter Sontag. An American born in Austria, who speaks fluent German, knows everyone at Porsche, knows every restaurant owner, knows every hotel manager...you can't even imagine how smoothly efficient and wonderful a trip can be...until you participate in Fast Lane's PCA Treffen (or one of their other great trips). Fabulous dining and entertainment, great hotels, surprise gifts every night in your room and great camaraderie among the Treffeners make this trip an exciting not-to be-missed experience.

Our first trip was in 1978...this was our 14<sup>th</sup> Treffen...put this on your "To Do" short list and "Take it to the Limit...One more time."

Editor's Note: Since 1967, Joe Blackburn has seen and made a lot of the history of LSR and PCA and has some great stories to tell. If you ever go to Vegas, take Joe with you. This is from the note he sent me.

#### Hi Mike,

A number of years ago (the 1980's), Mollye and I were LSR newsletter editors and we chaired a lot of events. We originally joined the Maverick Region in 1967 when we lived in Fort Worth. We moved to Houston, sold the 1967 912, and we dropped out of the PCA.

In 1974, I won a '74 Porsche 914 on a slot machine at the Mint in Las Vegas...and we rejoined PCA in 1975 and have been members since then. Along the way, we became good friends with Ernie Roberts who founded LSR in 1961 and we put on (and wrote the Panorama article) for LSR's 20th anniversary in 1981...which you reprinted last year.

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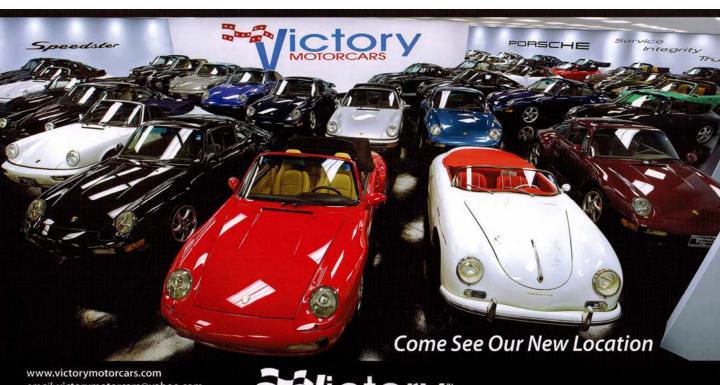


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#### **Boxstoberfest** 2015 September 11-13 in Fredericksburg



Attendance is limited to 100 cars, and sells out fast. Registration for Boxstoberfest 2015 will open on July 1, 2015, and will be through ClubRegistration.net. There is already lots of interest, so this is going to be another great year for the event.

Last year, we had over 200 attendees and are looking forward to at least the same numbers this year. One very important change to note - we will shut off registration when we reach 100 cars. Over that amount, the drive groups become unmanageable. Your safety and enjoyment of the event are of prime importance to the organizers. Speaking of safety, the following needs to be completely understood by all participants - Boxstoberfest is not a race, nor a venue to drive as fast as you want and endanger other participants, your passengers, nor the public. We enjoy a spirited drive on public roads, and have a very good time doing so. If your intent is for an all-out ride pressing the envelope of your vehicle, this is not the place. There are multiple events within all the regions to do this in a safe and controller manner. Rule 1 is NO PASSING. Break this rule, and you will forever be banned. Regardless, all who have attended in the past can attest that the twisties can still be challenging and VERY exciting.

#### Here are some details of the event.

We are adding 2 new events for Friday early attendees - (1) A chance to run the regular driving route early. Arrive at the Hangar Hotel prior to 1:00 pm Friday Sept 11, check in and sign the waivers, and pick up the official drive map. Then, you are free to drive the entire course - which opens up your Saturday to run it again, or participate in one of the other drives. (2) We are bringing back the Gimmick Rally if there is enough interest. Please indicate your interest during registration. The rally start time will be any time after 8:00 am, up till 12:00. You can start as soon as you show up and pick up the instructions. Obviously, you will need to be in Fredericksburg early Friday morning.

Boxstoberfest central is the Hangar Hotel. All registration and check-in will be done at the Hangar Hotel, as was done last year. In fact, we have the entire Hangar Hotel blocked for the whole weekend - all rooms, and conference facilities. For those who have attended previous Boxstoberfest events, this is the hotel at the airport where we do the Saturdaymorning line-up and drive staging. The rooms at the Hangar Hotel are absolutely fabulous, and we have a great room rate. We also have special rates at the Fredericksburg Inn, as we have had in the past. \*Note\* Even though Boxstoberfest registration is just now opening, a lot of attendees last year booked their rooms as they checked out last year. As such, all the rooms are full and there is a wait list. There are plenty of rooms at the Fredericksburg Inn as well as other local hotels (there is a brand new Holiday Inn Express, with what I hear has a fantastic pool, the Hampton Inn, and lots of B&B's).

Our Saturday evening event will be at the Pacific Showroom, on the Hangar Hotel property. The Showroom is a fabulous venue, and we have a great dinner planned in this wonderful facility. The Bill Smallwood band will be playing for us again this year, and it looks to be a blast (thanks Stallion Capital)

Again this year, there is a \$30 per person registration fee in which each registrant will automatically receive a Boxstoberfest T-Shirt, as well as a surprise gift. We will have a limited quantity of additional shirts for purchase at the event, however there will be no Polo shirts offered. Thanks Xpel for once again sponsoring the t-shirts.

There were 2 distinct driving events offered on Saturday - the long drive which is a follow the leader type event, the scenic drive which is a mapped event driven at your own pace. On Friday we will have the gimmick rally if there is enough interest, and the ability to pre-drive the routes on your own. Other events may be added if we can organize enough volunteers.

All the details, and the link to the registration site are at www.boxstoberfest.com. You must register for the event to attend (you can't just show up), and pay the registration fee and event options fees (dinner, lunch, additional shirts). Hotel registrations are done by booking directly with the hotels - the event registration site does not book your hotel room. When registering, you have the option to "Opt In" to receive text messages. If you turn this option on, you will receive periodic messages prior to the event. During the event, your drive leaders and organizers have the ability to send up to date information immediately (but please let your co-drive read/reply to these remember. Safety First).

If you have any questions (or want to volunteer for anything - we need drive leaders, parking coordinators, and drive launch helpers), please feel free to send an email to shassere@gmail.com





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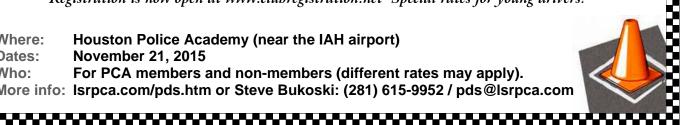


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