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- Coffee and Cars 8:00 am, Vintage Park, Houston
- 4 1st Saturday GTG (Central) - 8:30 am, Starbucks on Katy Freeway between Chimney Rock and Voss
- LSR PCA Houston Gold Exchange Concours, Houston Gold Exchange, Westheimer Road
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- 3rd Saturday GTG (Spring) 8:30 am, Starbucks, Hwy 290, Cypress
- Day Tour to Shangri La Gardens and W.H. Stark House, Shangri La 25 Botanical Gardens, Orange
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Porsches and Potholes the Holey Streets of Houston

By Mike Phifer, The Lone Star Editor

Is Houston really the "pothole capital" of the world as claimed by former City Councilman Peter Brown? If Houston isn't the capital, it's close. Driving a high performance sports car around the streets of Houston is like navigating an asphalt obstacle course.

Those sexy and expensive, low-profile rubber rings that our Porsches ride around on seem to be magnets for every pothole and nail. One transportation study estimated that Houston

streets cost the average driver around \$2000.00 per year. Filled with crater-sized potholes, nails, incredible debris (I have seen ladders and mattresses lying on the freeway) and unrelenting summer heat, Houston streets destroy thousands of car tires and wheels every year.

Although I probably drive only 6000 miles a year in Houston, because my office is less than two miles from my home, in the past eighteen months alone, I have had to replace five very expensive tires due to damage inflicted by Houston streets. A latenight rendezvous with a bottomless pothole near Hobby destroyed two Michelin tires and bent two rims. Three months after I bought my Cayenne, I found

four very large and shiny nails sticking through the left rear Pirelli. After taking my track car out to charge the battery, I found another nail piercing one of the Sport Cups. And, just this past month, I had been on I-10 for only five minutes when the tire pressure monitoring system on my Boxster flashed red, signaling a cut sidewall on a Pirelli P Zero.

The Peter Principle of government is that taxes always go up as government services go down. Houston's streets didn't get this bad overnight, so we all know the problem isn't going away anytime soon. If government isn't going to fix the problem, what can we do to make it less painful?

TIP NO. 1 – BUY TIRE AND WHEEL INSURANCE

Have you ever noticed that every Porsche dealership usually has a very attractive, exotic-looking young woman selling these plans? I have. Despite this very persuasive marketing, I used to laugh at all those extras and just say "no".

About two years ago, I changed my mind and decided tire and wheel insurance was a "no-brainer" unless you own your own tire store. The insurance is typically \$800-\$1000.00, but

if you destroy one rim and a speed-rated tire, the insurance will save you a bunch of money. When I ruined those two tires and bent those two rims, the insurance more than paid for itself.



"Even the potholes are bigger in Texas."

TIP NO. 2 –ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE OR TRIPLE A IS MANDATORY

More dangerous than having a flat tire on a Houston freeway is trying to change a flat while traffic whirls around you at 70 miles an hour. A guy I knew in college got killed this way on the shoulder of I-65 just north of Nashville. And, if you walk out to the garage in the morning in your work clothes, the last thing you want to do is change a tire. Triple A is the best \$125.00 a year you will ever spend if you don't have roadside assis-

tance. The last two times I have used Triple A in Houston, a truck arrived in 30 minutes or less.

TIP NO. 3 – DO NOT REPAIR SPEED RATED TIRES

Tire manufacturers disagree on this issue, but I personally would not do it. Pirelli does not approve of repairs to speed-rated tires. Bridgestone and Continental flatly state that any repairs void the speed rating of the tire. Michelin, Dunlop and Goodyear allow repairs to speed-rated tires only if they are done in accordance with strict repair procedures. Howev-

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(**Porsches and Potholes,** continued from page 5)

er, I have been told by service techs at a Porsche dealer that they will not repair any speed-rated tires for long-term use but only as a temporary fix until the customer can order a new replacement tire.

High-speed tires and band-aids don't mix. Some of you may disagree with me on this one, but I have spent the past twenty years investigating accidents that started with tire failures. A sudden tire failure at the speeds we drive is a nightmare for even the best driver to control.

And once a highperformance tire is punctured, even if it is repaired, the risk of sudden tire failure is unpredictable. Due to the high operating temperatures and stresses that high performance tires experience, repairs are a dangerous gamble.

Speed rated tires are tires marked with a "V" (149 mph), "W" (168 mph), or "Y" (186 mph) or "Z". Originally, "Z" was used in tire size designations to indicate a rated speed of 149+ miles per hour but as

top speeds climbed, "W" and "Y" were added.



If this band-aid fails at high speed, bad things will happen."

Passenger

car tire

Max. permissable inflation

pressure

get the job done right. You may save a little money by going to a discounter, but is it really worth it? The discount chains may see a Porsche or two a month; the dealers and professional independents service them everyday.

Damage the bead by mounting a tire too quickly or using the wrong equipment or over-tighten or under-tighten the wheel lugs or centerlocks and you have a hidden disaster waiting to happen. I know there has been concern that even some Porsche dealers were not properly tightening centerlock wheels, but it's still a better bet with a dealer or a professional who works on Porsches everyday.

TIP NO. 5 - CHECK THE PORSCHE TPMS OFTEN

Porsche pioneered TPMS (tire pressure monitoring system). The first production car with TPMS was the 1986 Porsche 959. However, I don't believe the 993s had the TPM system (my 993 does not), as I believe it became standard equipment with the 996s in the early 2000's. Check your manual and gauges, if you are unsure whether your Porsche has it.

If the TPMS warning light comes on, do not ignore it. It can give you enough warning so you may be able to get safely off

> the road. When the light on my Boxster came on, even though the tire was losing air very quickly, I was still able to nurse the car to an exit and gas station without any wheel damage.

Everyday, the TPMS is a quick, easy way to check tire pressures. Even if you do not have a puncture, keeping tires properly inflated will extend tire life, improve gas mileage, avoid uneven wear and maintain stability and performance. The Porsche TPMS is a very sophisticat-

Load index & Nominal width of P215165R1 tire in millimeters U.S. DOT tire identification number Severe snow conditions Tire ply composition and materials Treadwear, traction and temperature grades Max. load rating

Rim diameter

Radial

Ratio of height to

width (aspect ratio)

TIP NO. 4 – HAVE YOUR TIRE SERVICE DONE BY A DEALER OR A WELL-KNOWN PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENT YOU TRUST

You get what you pay for and the same is true for safety. If you can buy a Porsche, you can afford a few extra dollars to

ed system with direct-valve, battery-powered radio frequency sensors. With typical Porsche precision, this direct-valve monitoring system is far more reliable than a hand gauge. If you replace wheels or change tires sizes, make sure the sensors are serviced and working, as changing tire sizes and wheels can affect the reliability of the system. Also, sensor batteries can fail over time so make sure they are also checked during service.

TIP NO. 6 – JUST SAY NO TO OFF-BRAND AFTER MARKET RIMS ESPECIALLY THOSE MANUFACTURED IN CHINA

Just imagine your Porsche scraping its butt along the asphalt at 80+ miles on three wheels and the damage this would do to the suspension, chassis and body. Rim failure is even worse than tire failure. Chinese made aftermarket rims are cheaper, and may look as good as OEM, but the Chinese rims have been known to come apart at high speed without warning. One such failure occurred at Texas World Speedway during track time. Even if you survive, your car won't.

TIP NO. 7 – DON'T DRIVE ON OLD TIRES

No matter what the outside looks like, tires more than six years old should be replaced. Tires may look good on the outside with plenty of tread, but may not be safe for highway use. Some of us may only drive our Porsches a few thousand miles a year, but tires still deteriorate due to ozone, Houston heat and oxidation of the rubber compounds. Ozone and heat are the kryptonite of tires, and both abound in Houston. Dry rot may be present, especially on the inner sidewall, and hard to identify with only a visual inspection.

The Porsche manual specifically states:

Under no circumstances should tires older than 6 years be used on your Porsche.

Every German car manufacturer has the same recommendation, because DEKRA, a German automotive consulting and engineering firm, concluded in the 1980's that tire age was a significant factor in tire failure.



DOT Number - last four digits indicate week and year of manufacture.

To determine the age of the tire, check the last four digits of the DOT number on the sidewall. The full DOT number is only required on one sidewall, so you may have to check the inner sidewall for the complete number. The last four digits of the DOT number will tell you the week and year of manufacture. For example, the tire above was manufactured in the 51st week of 2007. If the full DOT number only has three digits at the end, the tire was manufactured before 2000 and should be replaced.

High speeds and hard cornering don't mix well with old rubber. When Paul Walker, *Fast and Furious* star, died in a fatal accident involving a Carrera GT, at least two of the tires on the Porsche were nine years old. The California Highway Patrol listed these tires as a potential accident cause due to degraded stability and handling.

<u>TIP NO. 8 – DON'T DRIVE ON TIRES WITH</u> LESS THAN 4/32ND OF TREAD IN THE RAIN

Standing water can literally push your car up off the asphalt and turn it into a surfboard. The legal requirement may be $2/32^{nd}$, but that isn't deep enough in a town that has no elevation to drain off rainwater. When it rains in Houston, it really

When a car hydroplanes, one can't steer it or control it. Tread blocks are designed to channel rainwater out of the way and keep the tire in contact with pavement. Riding on anything less than $4/32^{nd}$ is asking for trouble, because there isn't enough of a tread channel to push standing water out of the way. When I bought my 993 in Nashville, the rear tires were legal but worn down to $2/32^{nd}$. Coming back to Houston, I got caught in rain, and every small puddle caused the back end to dance around at even 50 miles an hour.

TIP NO. 9 - DON'T MISMATCH TIRES

Matched tires are the key to high performance and safety. On the street, mixing different tire brands on the same axle with different tread compounds and different handling characteristics isn't safe. On the track, match all four tires or you will have a miserable day as the car will push or pull depending upon which axle has the best tires.

TIP NO. 10 - A CAR IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS TIRES

If you wanted cheap transport, you would take the bus or ride a moped. Treat your Porsche with love and respect, and it will reward you. High-performance tires are expensive and have to be replaced more often, but would you run a 100-yard sprint in orthopedic shoes? Porsche engineers work closely with OEM tire manufacturers to develop and fit the best tires to maximize handling and stability. Those few inches of contact patch between tire and asphalt can be more valuable than gold.



From the President

Mike Globe, President Lone Star Region PCA

The Wheels of Progress are Turning

It was March 13th, the Thursday before LSR's annual Texas Two Step Club Race, when the news hit. And it hit hard. Texas World Speedway was going to be redeveloped as a Master Planned Community. "Our" track, the one so many of us learned to drive on, home away from home for a lot of us, would soon be gone. As the news soaked in, the magnitude of the loss grew in our minds. TWS has been central to LSRPCA for decades. Our biggest activity, and biggest source of revenue, the HPDE program was at serious risk.

Just weeks later, I went to the College Station City Council. Some of us talked about this pie-in-the-sky idea of building a new track (Plan-B), but none of us were sure it could be done. Regardless, we continued to research the idea.

Then... one of our members who shares our passion for driving, and who happens to be a developer, approached me. "Why CAN"T we build a track?" Good question I thought, and so did a lot of other folks. LSR formed a small task force of experienced drivers with racing and track event organizational experience. We looked at our database that showed where our fellow drivers lived, scouted locations, and talked about what kind of attributes we needed in a property. The developer created Club Track Holdings LLC (CTH), with the purpose of building a race track in Southeast Texas.

Here are the facts:

Club Track Holdings, LLC plans to construct a track built specifically for club-level motorsports enthusiasts and designed based upon what car clubs in Texas feel their members need in a motorsports facility. There will be no grandstands for spectators, no multi-million dollar clubhouses or observation towers. The focus will be on providing a high quality track and paddock for the kind of cars and drivers PCA puts on the track regularly at

DE's and also club races.

Depending upon the funds raised, the track will be between 2.5 and 3.3 miles long. Great care will be made to provide a stable sub-base for the track surface. The facilities will be 'built-for-purpose' to serve the needs of PCA and other car clubs. It will be a modern, nononsense facility, with covered parking for 120 cars, classrooms, control rooms and gas pumps - everything needed to run a club race or HPDE.

The car clubs want to have input not only into the design and development of the track, but also its operation and its future. To insure this, the board of directors of the track will include representatives from the driving organizations that commit their future motorsports activities to the track. I expect that all of the major organizations that run events in Southeast Texas will participate.

And here's the most exciting and impressive bit of all. If everything comes together, this track can be open for events in the fourth quarter of 2015.

This is a really big deal for LSR.

I can't begin to tell you all how enthusiastic I am. An opportunity to help plan a new race track with our club specifically in mind is not likely to come around again. TWS is currently booked 44 weekends of the year, so there is a very enthusiastic and healthy market for track access. And not only do we have the opportunity to plan this track, we will have equity in it.

The track design will be appropriate for the kind of cars we drive, and with safety in mind. It's not being built for the ultra-high performance cars driven in some pro series. The track will be a track built for Porsche Cup cars, Spec Boxsters, new and old Porsche street cars, or even Miatas, with the appropriate amount of passing



zones for racing and for DE's. The design is still being adjusted, and a couple of our members have built a simulator that can be used to test track design ideas. Once the track design is finalized, the simulation will be available for folks to try.

Financing:

Club Track Holdings will be financing the track through a combination of donations from drivers to the Texas Sports Safety Foundation www.texassafety.org, and a *Private Placement Offering to qualified investors*. Any potential investors should contact Club Track Holdings for additional information. Please understand that Club Track Holdings LLC is NOT LSRPCA. It is a separate entity. LSRPCA can offer no advice on the viability of investments, nor can I personally.

Anticipated Completion Date:

The final location of the track is still under review. If everything comes together, the anticipated completion date is the fall quarter of 2015. Our club is about the people, not just the cars, and if Club Track Holdings, and all the folks who have advised them have done their homework properly, it will be the car people who will make this new track a reality next fall.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mike

Questions and Answers with Mike Globe about life after TWS.

When is TWS closing?

May 2015.

Does LSR have any more DE's scheduled at TWS?

Yes. Dec. 6-7, 2014, Jan. 1–Feb. 2, Mar. 13-15 and April 18-19, 2015.

After TWS closes, where will LSR DE's be held?

One DE is planned for MSR in 2015, and another at COTA that may be restricted to higher run groups.

When will the new track be completed?

Plans are to have the track completed by the fourth quarter of 2015.

When will the new track be located?

Locations are still under review.

Who is building the track?

Club Track Holdings – a private company organized by an LSR member who is a developer.

Is LSR affiliated with the company developing the new track?

No. They are separate business and legal entities.

Will LSR have any say in the development and operation of the track?

All car clubs, including LSR, who commit their activities to the new track will have input into the design and operation of the track and representation on the Board of Directors.

What car clubs have committed their support to the new track?

A block of car enthusiast clubs in Texas, including LSR, National Auto Sport Association (NASA), and The Drivers Edge (TDE), among others.



June 2014

In Attendance:
Mike Globe, President
Michelle Serrell, Secretary
Ken Tubman, Member at Large
Lynn Friedman, Zone 5 Rep
William Wong, Membership
Walt Doyle, Concours
Ron Baklarz, Rally and Touring
Burnell Curtis, Tech Advisor
Pam Fitzgerald, Social Coordinator
Jim Heimer, Website Host

Steve Bukoski, Car Control School Greg Fuller, Co Website Host Anne Retzler Nicole Goldman, The Lone Star Assistant Editor Mike Phifer, The Lone Star Editor Greg Platt, Past President

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Mike Globe reports on behalf of Tim Thomas that the DE this weekend (June 7-8) is almost sold out. Mike also announced that he has been asked to help chair the National DE Committee. Congratulations Mike!

Lynn Friedman reports that she is looking forward to going the National Parade with 6 people from LSR. Total of 55 people from our zone going to National Parade.

Burnell Curtis reported that he has received a request for a body shop and he sent them a referral.

Walt Doyle reported that Daryl Haroldson, who owns a German restaurant, is still interested in holding a show and shine at his restaurant. They are working out the details and hopes to know something by next meeting. There will be a new GTG in Galveston held the 4th Saturday. This is to give our southern members an alternative to The Woodlands which might be too much of a drive for some to go and meet other members. Dee and Ed Cannon are setting it up and the first one will be held 6/26/2004 at the Starbucks located at 61st Street and Central City Blvd at 8:30am, in Galveston. This is in addition to the one held in The Woodlands. Keith is doing a good job of keeping interest up with the GTG's, posting on the Facebook page.

William Wong reported membership is up again at 1,462 primary members with a total of 2,343. Mike Globe volunteers to call the new members for May to welcome them to the club.

Ken Tubman reports that email blasts will no longer be monthly, they will now go out on an as needed basis. It'll be the chairman of each category to request blast and its content to Ken.

Jim Heimer reported that there is one outstanding upgrade to be done. Greg Fuller is doing an excellent job with helping him host the website. They will see if they can get a good calendar to upload on our website but not sure anything will be compatible.

Pam Fitzgerald reported that the May 24th Social Dinner held at Ibiza was an overall success but with a little snafu. Seems that some people that had RSVP to come didn't show up and it created a shortage of the guarantee we have to make in order to reserve tables and/

or rooms. It was more than the usual drop off that you tend to expect and it almost caused the club to pay for the shortage. There is a possibility that for future dinners we would have to collect money up front to ensure that we have the money and/or people that we guarantee to the restaurant to avoid a large deposit. It is also noted that we will try and avoid choosing a holiday weekend to host a social dinner, not sure if that played into this but it was duly noted. We ask that everyone please keep in mind when you RSVP to keep in mind that there are guarantees that restaurants require and sometimes they do require a deposit to reserve tables and/or rooms for the number of people we are saying will show up. The restaurant does to this make sure they have enough wait staff, tables and food available. We want to keep these social dinners fun and hope everyone can appreciate what we are trying to state here. We are a non-profit organization and our monies are already budgeted for other things such as DE, Concours, Auto Cross, Car Control, Lone Star Magazine and charities.

Ken Tubman motions to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Greg Platt seconds the motion, motion passes.

July 2014

In Attendance:
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Eric Serrell, Vice President
Ken Tubman, Member at Large
William Wong, Membership
Walt Doyle, Concours
Dee Cannon, Charity
Pam Fitzgerald, Social
Coordinator

Jim Heimer, Website Host Steve Bukoski, Car Control School Greg Fuller, Co Website Host Mike Phifer, The Lone Star Editor Greg Platt, Past President Andrea McMillen, Concours Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

Mike Globe reports a group of investors are putting together something for a new track at an undisclosed location at this time that would have the same terms & conditions as what we have with TWS. We would need to be able to execute a contract for 3 weekends in 2015 and 9 weekends in 2016. All approved with what limited info he could share at this time with the exception of one abstention vote. He would also like a committee to look into investing into this possible new track that will open in 2015. He has asked Ramez Botros - Treasurer, Tim Thomas-DE Chair and Eric Serrell-Non Track Guy to look at the pros and cons of investing any of our club money into this new track.

Eric reports he reached out to Donald Bond at Houston Gold Exchange for the upcoming Concours event being held in October 2014. Wanting to make sure things are still a go with them. In regards to Boxtoberfest being held in Fredericksburg on September 5th,6th,& 7th registration is now open with 64 cars registered already and being limited to first 100. Hangar Hotel already full and all the

other motels are either sold out or close to it. Make sure everyone that wants to go gets registered as soon as possible.

Greg Platt is working on the 2015 Club Race at TWS, details to follow later.

Jim Heimer reports that he has asked Greg Fuller to take over the web hosting and he has agreed. Mike Globe nominates Greg Fuller as the new web host, Ken Tubman seconds the nomination, all approved. Congratulations Greg Fuller as our new web host. Many thanks to Jim Heimer for his time and years of hosting the web and doing an outstanding job. Couldn't be where we are without your help on this.

Steve Bukoski reports that they are done for the summer with car control classes and the last two for 2014 are 10/11/2014 and 11/22/2014. Be sure to sign up as they sell out quick.

Walt Doyle reported that the Show and Shine will be held at Fieldings Restaurant & Bar on 7/26/2014 starting at 8:30am. They will be serving breakfast for this event. Ken Tubman has agreed to send out an e-blast once Walt gives him all the details.

William Wong reported membership is up again at 1,468 primary members with a total of 2,377. Dee Cannon volunteers to call the new members for June to welcome them to the club.

Ken Tubman reports that Medina Highpoint Resort would love to have us for a tour. He will talk to Ron Baklarz to see if he can contact them about a tour.

Pam Fitzgerald reported that the next International Dinner will be held on 7/26/2014 at Rudi Lechner's German Restaurant, 2503 South Gessner Road, Houston starting at 7:15pm. Please RSVP Pam to attend.

Dee Cannon reported that there would be a tour to the Chappel Hill 4th of July Parade. They will leave Starbucks at 290/ Cypresswood around 8:30am and park cars and look at taking in all the sights and cars.

Andrea McMillen has requested a \$1,000 budget to order items from the PCA store to re-stock our local stuff. She has also set up the LSR store to go directly to PCA for people to now order shirts, hats, etc with LSR PCA logo on it. Mike Globe requests for approval of \$1,000 fund to the LSR store, Greg Platt second the request and all approved.

Greg Platt motions to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Eric Serrell seconds the motion, motion passes

September 2014

In Attendance:
Mike Globe, President
Michelle Serrell, Secretary
Eric Serrell, Vice President
Ramez Botros, Treasurer
Ken Tubman, Member at Large
William Wong, Membership
Lynn Friedman, Zone 5 rep
Dee Cannon, Charity
Pam Fitzgerald, Social
Coordinator

Greg Fuller, Website Host
Ryan Lansford, Auto Cross
Mike Phifer, The Lone Star
Editor
Burnell Curtis, Tech Advisor
Andrea McMillen, Concours
Chair
Nicole Goldman, The Lone Star
Assistant Editor
Ron Baklarz, Rally & Touring
Ed Cannon
Anne Retzler

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Mike Globe reports that Texas World Speedway is shutting down

and we have the following events for the first half of 2015, February-DE, March-Club Race, May DE? After that he is trying to get MSR for end of June and then the COTA DE around first week of May 2015. There are things in the works, hopes to know more next month.

Burnell Curtis reports that he went to the Lakewood Yacht Club event-Keels & Wheels and had a great time. Great showing of real classic beauties with the Fiat & Alpha Romeo Club. Bob Fuller would like the Porsche club to come out next time. Mike suggested he ask him to get with Walt Doyle to contact Bob Fuller direct about setting this up.

Lynn Friedman reports that 5 people from Lone Star Region went to the Porsche Parade in Monterey, CA. There were a total of 300 cars that were there and they all enjoyed it a lot. Next year's Porsche Parade will be held in French Lick, IN and it's a neat old resort town. Nice thing about it is that it's all held on the property. Porsche Platz at COTA races being held on 9/20 & 9/21 in Austin, it's a really big deal, PCA is pulling out all the stops with this one.

Eric Serrell reports the Houston Gold Exchange Concours is next month, October 4th, starting at 9am.

Dee Cannon reported that she has become the un-official welcome wagon and has been calling the new members and welcoming them to our club and letting them know what we are about and what is coming up that they could attend. She is working on a show and shine for new members and an October drive for toursplanning now.

Ron Baklarz reports the San Antonio Missions tour has 11 confirmed participants for the 9/20 & 9/21 overnight tour. Porsches on the Lexington is tentatively scheduled for 11/16/2014, requires an overnight stay on that Saturday so all the cars can get loaded for the next day showing. And then next month the day tour to Shangri La Botanical Gardens and W.H. Stark House in Orange, TX on 10/25/2014, need to get Ken Tubman an email to do an email blast.

William Wong reported membership is down a little bit at 1,472 primary members with a total of 2,323.

Ryan Lansford reports on behalf of Steve Bukoski on the upcoming Car Control event on 10/11/2014; only has 20 spots left so if you want to go sign up now. Ryan asked the board for approval to spend \$1,800 on a new display board for Auto Cross. After discussion, Ramez Botros moved to approve, Dee Cannon seconded and it's approved.

Andrea McMillen reports the LSR PCA store is up and running, had her laptop at the meeting for anyone to look at it and see what it's all about. She also brought in showing the new hats and shirts available on the store as well as gift certificates. It's really cool you should check out and pickup a hat or shirt for yourself.

Mike Globe reports on behalf of Pam Fitzgerald that is out of the country. The next international dinner will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy in the Galleria area off Post Oak Blvd. It will be family style and so far 25 people have signed up with the max seating of 40. You must pre-pay at club registration and it's \$50 per person.

Ramez Botros reports on the financial standing of our club. We continue to grow but we need to watch our expenses.

Eric Serrell motions to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Dee Cannon seconds and motion passes.



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William Wong, Membership





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Steven Johnston	2014	911 Turbo	Timothy Davis	2014	Boxster
Kevin O'Gorman	2004	Boxster	Jose Rodriguez	2007	911 Carrera S
Sergio Licona	2001	Boxster	Marcos Reyes	2014	Boxster S
M Anthony Romero	2012	911 Turbo S	Barbara Shears	2012	911 Carrera S
Barry Parks	2012	911 Carrera	Martin Prado	2001	911 Carrera Cabriolet
Cory Cook	1969	912	Sumit Malhotra	2014	Cayenne Diesel
Jose Medina	2013	911 Carrera 4S	Raymond Prizler	2014	Boxster S
Chris Milam	2012	Cayenne Turbo	August of 2014		
Nelson Oliveros	2012	911 Carrera S Cabriolet	Christopher Reichard	2012	Panamera
Richard Childs	2006	911 Carrera	Richard Tawse	2007	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Morgan Whatley	2008	911 Carrera	Robert Allen	2009	911 Carrera 4S
Dan cotrino	2009	Cayenne S	Martin Morey	2006	Boxster
Rick Gregory	2014	911 Turbo	John Webbon	2014	Boxster S
Kenneth Licorish	2014	911 Carrera Cabriolet	Mayes Middleton	2014	911 Turbo
Sam Wootton	2014	Cayman S	Murray Smith	2015	Macan S
Josh Hubel	2014	Panamera S	Matthew Hausler	1999	911 Carrera
G Alexander West	2010		Michael Dreef	2001	911 Carrera Cabriolet
		Cayenne GTS	Sang Lee	2014	Cayenne Diesel
Mark Odom	2006	Boxster S	Scott Anderson	2014	911 Turbo Cabriolet
Michael Quigley	2010	Boxster S	Keith Collins	2005	Boxster S
Phyllis Wolfe	???		Bernardo Quintana	1992	911 Carrera 2
Paul Sims	2010	Panamera S	Ismael Hernandez	2008	911 Carrera S
Joshua Miles	2008	Boxster S	Edwin Bennett	2006	911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
Erik Gardner	1966	912	Benjamin Dowdell	1991	911 Carrera 2
Aaron Davis	2006	Cayman S	Kevin Camarata	2013	911 Carrera 4S
Jon Theodorsen	1990	911 Carrera 2	Michael Conroy	2014	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Gregory Robey	2008	911 Carrera S	Mark Schroeder Brad Gabeline	2015 2009	911 Targa 4S Cavman S
			Alan Gahm	2009	911 Carrera
June of 2014			Sean Rieger	2003	Cayman S
Doug Atkinson	2008	Cayman	Lewis Brayshaw	2011	911 GT3
Joe Blount	2012	911 Carrera	Steve Murray	2001	911 Turbo
Brian Ellis	1981	911 SC	Michelle Davis	2015	Macan S
Robert Stone	1949	356	Shariq Zaidi	1987	924S
Byron Barclay	2011	Cayenne	Shariq Zarar	1707)2 lb
John Lawler	1984	944	September of 2014		
Krishna Yemmela	2007	Cayman S	Ivan Hristov	1994	911 Carrera 2
Kathryn mcconachy	2006	911 Carrera S	Jose Luis Padilla	2003	Boxster
Craig Ferguson	1985	911 Carrera Targa	Robert Hammann	2014	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Holger Justwan	2012	911 Carrera S	Charles Ward	2010	911 Carrera S
Kelly Peebles	2008	Cayenne Turbo	Tim Donnon	2011	911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
Douglas Bell	1999	911 Carrera Cabriolet	Travis Serpas	2002	911 Carrera 4S
Jorge Verdejo	2012	911 GT3 RS 4.0	Brian Gaden	2006	Boxster S
Mark Smith	2014	Cayman S	Anthony & Lisa Gutierrez	2000	911 Carrera 4
Jason Ellis	2004	Boxster S	Marc Sassos	2014	Cayman S
Fredrik Eriksson	1995	911 Carrera Cabriolet	David Boren Mark Burdick	2010 2014	911 Carrera
	2001	911 Turbo	Brad Dowdell	1990	Cayenne Turbo 911 Carrera 2
Tom Kirkpatrick	2001	911 10100	Stephen Masraum	2008	Boxster S
July of 2014			Roger Williams	2014	Cayman S
Jeffrey Holy	1991	911 Carrera 4 Targa	Cheryl Boone	2000	Boxster
Christopher Wiggins	2014	Cayenne	Tarun Chandrasekhar	2011	911 Carrera S
Omar Alvi	2013	911 Carrera S	Hector Martinez	2006	911 Carrera S
David Leung	2007	911 Turbo	Vincent Brown	2002	911 Carrera
Stephen Ream	2002	911 Carrera	Jeff Pingel	2011	911 Carrera S
Charles Kriegel	1986	911 Carrera	Michael Valentino	2008	Cayman S
Shawn Masarath	2007	Cayman S	Lee Woodson	1996	911 Carrera 4
Mark McCracken	2006	911 Carrera S	Dave Naples	2010	Panamera 4S
Tom Nosenzo	2014	Boxster S	Jerome Coggins	1990	911 Carrera 2
Justin Loving	2014	Cayman	Gregory Moten	1996	911 Turbo
David Giffin	2014	Panamera	Chris Premeaux	2006	911 Carrera S
Robert Spragg	1991	911 Carrera 4	Bruce Petitt	2014	911 Carrera
Desmond Shaw	2012	Boxster	Brian Boutte	1985	911 Turbo
Robert Keith Teague	2014	Cayenne	Todd Carlson	2013	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Drew Sauerwein	2013	Boxster	Suzanne Fontenot-Williams	2008	Boxster S
Kevin McCauley	2001	Boxster S	Keith Vidalin	2008	911 Turbo

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A Small Town Independence Day Parade Chappell Hill, Texas

By David Leung

hat can be better than to participate in a small town Independence Day parade and still have the time to enjoy the traditional family cookout on the 4th of July? It was not a difficult decision for me along with some Lone Star Region club members that Friday morning. After a brief coffee social at the GTG Starbucks in Cypress, Ed Cannon reminded us to abide by the speed limit before eight Porsches headed north on Highway 290 to the 38th Annual Chappell Hill July 4th Parade, made famous by the Marching Kazoo Band.

With the blooming bluebonnet fields gone along the rolling hills, the Porsche caravan to Chappell Hill was uneventful. Two lane 290 was busy with traffic in both lanes as we hummed along close to the posted speed limit. A few other Porsches entered in the "Cool Rods" Unique & Antique display preceded the group's arrival.





Lining up and waiting for the parade to start gave a few of us time to catch up with the latest events in our lives,





while other local participants waited patiently as well.



Participating in the parade gave me a different perspective on celebrating the 4th of July. As our Porsches proceeded slowly down Main Street with red white and blue banners and decoration strung along the parade route, I could see many children



LSR Porsches parading down Main Street, Chappell Hill, TX.

happily waiving their little flags to get our attention. Those with cameras kept snapping pictures. Surely, they were enjoying the parade as much as I did.

I couldn't help but wonder how happy participating in this parade made me. Yeah, it was small, all two blocks long led by a local grand marshal without a high school marching band to strike up the music. There were no veterans or soldiers marching in unison, nor were there expensive floats that took months to built, but

only a gathering of a few police and fire engines along with a few tractors pulling hayrides offset by a few classic cars that make up the procession. It was neither an elaborate Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade nor a Rose Bowl parade, but somehow for a little town to put on such a big show, it was a tremendous success. Good people coming together and celebrating our country and its independence made this parade, and especially the children. The children crowded along the sidewalks, underneath the red white and blue banners, waving flags reminded of us that our independence still stands and will not be lost. The underdog, with limited resources, captured my heart in the celebration of our nation's history. It was a day when we put aside our differences and reflected on the strength of our nation. In the end, isn't that what the 4th of July is all about.

The Chappell Hill Independence Day Parade is held each summer down Main Street in Chappell Hill, Texas. The parade is organized and presented by the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce and features the famous Marching Kazoo Band.



By Ron Baklarz

The 2014 Porsche Parade, held in beautiful Monterey, California, is now history. Lone Star Region was represented by five members at Parade, and your Zone 5 clubs made a good showing. The weather was most cooperative, with warm days and cool nights.

This year was the 59th year for the Parade. Never been to the annual Porsche Parade? You would enjoy eight days of activities of your choosing, and your eight days would be busy days.

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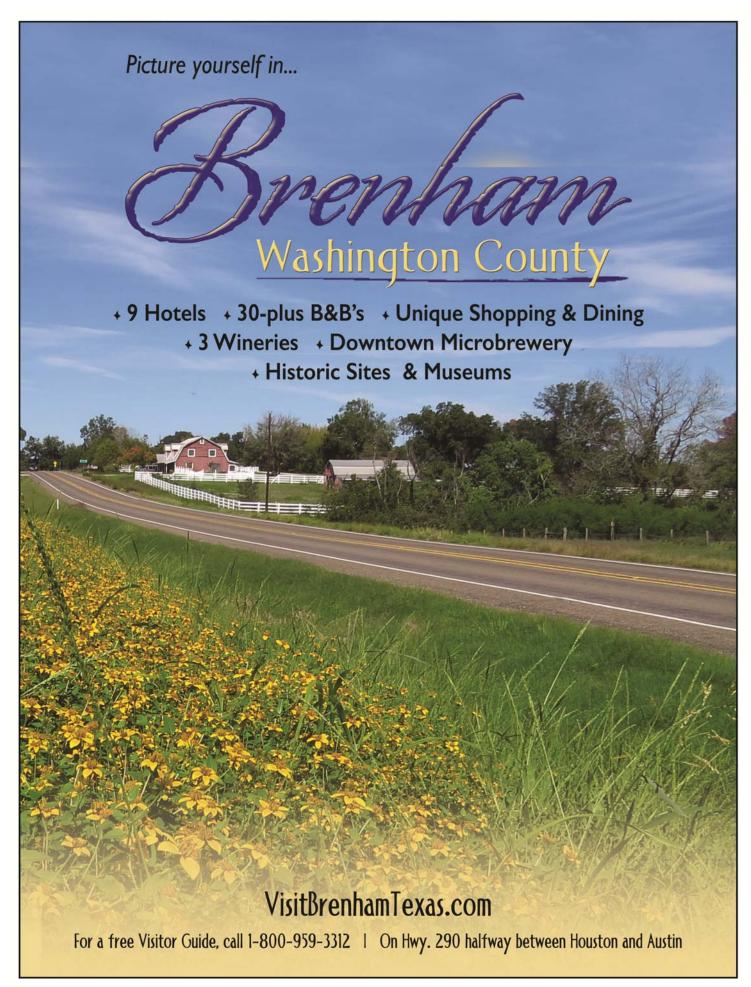
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A Saturday at NOLA Motorsports Park

By Nicole Goldman

n Friday July 17th, my husband and I drove to New Orleans to meet with friends and attend the "Tales of the Cocktail" event in the French Quarter. That evening we had dinner at Mr. B's and ran into some dear LSR friends who were in New Orleans to attend the Mardi Grass Region DE that Saturday and Sunday. Of course, after talking to them, we became curious, and so we paid a visit to NOLA Motorsports Park on Nicolle Boulevard the next day to see it for ourselves.



NOLA Motorsports Park is in Avondale, just twenty minutes from the French Quarter, and was designed by Alan Wilson, whose other designs include Miller Motorsports Park and Barber Motorsports Park. Designed with both challenge and safety in mind, the track offers both club level racers and professional drivers an amazing experience.

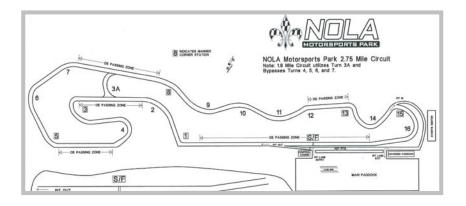
The North Track at NOLA - a challenging 2.75 mile circuit with 16 turns and a mile-long straightaway - was completed in 2011. A South Track is also planned, and when completed and linked with the North Track, they will form a 5 mile course making NOLA Motorsports the longest race track in North America.





The Park also features three karting tracks, full service kart center, paddock, on-site speed shop, clubhouse, autocross pad, single lane drag strip and luxury villas for residents. The Park was built with the latest elec-

tronic systems with over 100 miles of fiber optics and the latest equipment for timing and scoring. It even has a Pit Stop Café, and of course, no one ever complains about the food in New Orleans.





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The below ballot of officers was submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Board and all nominations were seconded:

Mike Globe - President (continuing)

Walt Doyle - Vice President

All others are the same as current positions (Michelle Serrell as Secretary, Ramez Botros as Treasurer, and Ken Tubman as Member At Large).

Nominations will remain open through October 16th with elections through the LSRPCA website from November 1-16. If you would like to nominate someone to also appear on the ballot, please contact <u>Greg Platt</u>.

Also!

We are looking for people to help with the Club Race coming up in March! You don't need to know how to race, or even how to drive! There are lots of different ways to help. Please get in touch with <u>Greg Platt</u> to volunteer.

BUSTED By Ed Cannon

e left Galveston heading out to the Friendswood GTG on June 14th.

I looked in my rear view mirror and caught a patrol car behind me in the turn lane. When the light changed, we drove the two blocks to Dunn Brothers with the patrol car right behind me and then the blue lights came on. I was busted.

I got out and asked the officer if there was a problem. He said, "Where did you get that front license plate?" I told him, and he said it was illegal. A little bit too late, I recalled an ex-president of Lone Star, whose initials are Lynn Friedman, telling me 'I told you so'. I was busted.

The officer was going to issue me a ticket, but I got to talking to Officer Yodzis and told him that I sometimes submit an article or two to the local Porsche Club magazine "The Lone Star" and I would write an article on a lesson learned. Officer Yodzis said that if I would meet him at the station after the GTG, he would be glad to educate me on the requirements for displaying Texas License Plates. I thought this would be a great learning experience, so I agreed and off we went. I forgot to mention that Dee was with me and was not too keen on the idea of meeting up at the police station. Officer Yodzis met us and immediately took us to show the station's bulletin board where a poster was on display "HOW TO SPOT A FAKE PLATE IN TEXAS". I was so busted.

Officer Yodzis and I then reviewed Texas laws covering license plates:

Sec.502.404 Operation of Vehicle without License Plate or Registration Insignia

- (a) A person commits an offense if the person operates on a public highway during a registration period a passenger car or commercial motor vehicle that does not display <u>two</u> license plates; <u>at</u> the front and rear of the vehicle, that have been:
 - (1) assigned by the department for the period: or
- (2) validated by a registration insignia issued by the department that establishes that the vehicle is registered for the period.
- (b) A person commits an offense if the person operates on a public highway during a registration period a passenger car or commercial motor vehicle, other than a vehicle assigned license plates for the registration period, that does not properly display the registration insignia issued by the

department that establishes that the license plates have been validated for the period.

Sec.503.409 Wrong, Fictitious, or Unclean License Plate

- (a) A person commits an offense if the person attaches to or displays on a motor vehicle a number plate or registration insignia that:
 - (1) is assigned to a different motor vehicle;
- (2) is assigned to the vehicle under any other motor vehicle law other than the department;
- (3) is assigned for a registration period other than the registration period in effect;
 - (4) is fictitious;
- (5) has letters, numbers, or other identification marks that because of blurring matter are not plainly visible at all times during daylight;
- (6) is sticker, decal, or other insignia that is not authorized by law and that interferes with the readability of the letters or numbers on the plate; or
- (7) has a coating, covering, or protective material that distorts angular visibility or detectability.
- (b) Except as provided by Subsection (f), an offense under (a) is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$200, unless it is shown at the trial of the offense that the owner knowingly altered or illegible the letters, numbers. and other identification marks, in which case the offense is a Class B misdemeanor.



Nothing on a Porsche is simple - front license plate mounting kit and instructions in English.



Illegal but pretty.



Legal but not so pretty

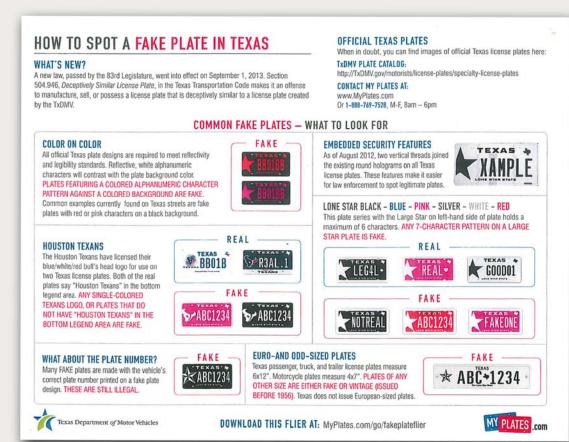
Officer Yodzis then gave us a tour of the Friendswood police station and we got to see the lock up area (fortunately, it was from the outside), the detective offices, the armory, high water rescue vehicles, and the dispatch area with severe weather monitoring when needed. We had a good visit and Officer Yodzis was a gracious host. He then reduced my ticket to a warning and thanked us for coming.

By the way, Officer Yodzis told us that he owned a Yellow 914 back in the day and wished he still had it. Officer Yodzis went out of his way to insure that we received the correct information to pass on to our fellow LSR members and friends.

Officer Yodzis added, "I would like to emphasize when I speak with people that my job is primarily public relations and that a lot of that is education. I also am aware that I am paid by the hour, not by the traffic ticket. Sometimes a traffic ticket is necessary, sometimes just a discussion is sufficient. The visit by you and your wife to the Friendswood Police

Station was enjoyable, certainly accomplished the goals stated above and your article goes even further to pass the information along to others. Overall a very good day. Thank you.

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The International Dinner is all about

making new friends, meeting old friends and seeing some great cars.

By Nicole Goldman

or the International Dinner on Saturday, July 26th, LSR members gathered at Rudi Lechner's. Rudi's is a casual, "gemuetliches" German-Texan restaurant, all about sausages, Wiener Schnitzel and great German beer and wine.



John was sitting at the other side of the table, and has two bulldogs that are so adorable that we could not stop talking about them. Jim (a former professional racer) and his lovely wife, Wendy, were sitting in front of us. Jim

and Wendy were old friends. We lost contact with them for quite some time, but on one of the Porsche tours this year we happened to run into each other again.

The event was fully booked. The atmosphere was "gemuetliches" and everybody sat together at long tables – a German custom of sitting with perfect (or imperfect) strangers that usually happens in restaurants or beer gardens.

It was impossible to maneuver between the tables to make photos, but I've got one that shows how much fun it was. Thank you Pam, we enjoyed it.

Any suggestions or idea's where to meet next time contact our activities chair Pam Fitzgerald at pfitz08@gmail.com.



"Gemuetliches" is German for comfortable and relaxing, and this dinner certainly was that. For more than thirty-seven years, this restaurant is for many customers "their home away from home".

The dinner was well-organized by our activities chair, Pam Fitzgerald, who reminded us that "We are a German car club you know!" Her motto for these International Dinners is making new friends, meeting old friends and seeing some great cars,



and yes, I made some new friends and met some old friends this evening.

I sat next to Alexandra, who just moved from Dallas to Houston and who is running the new LSR Store with items

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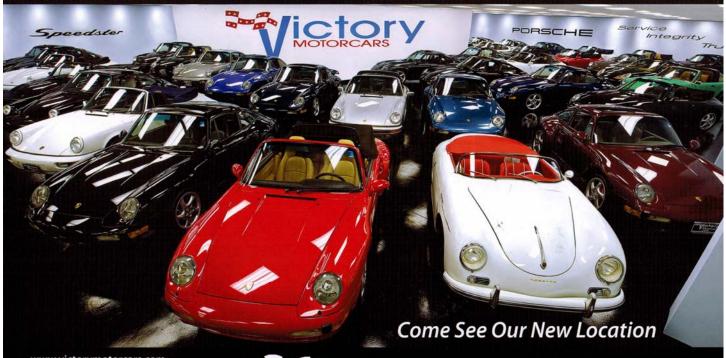


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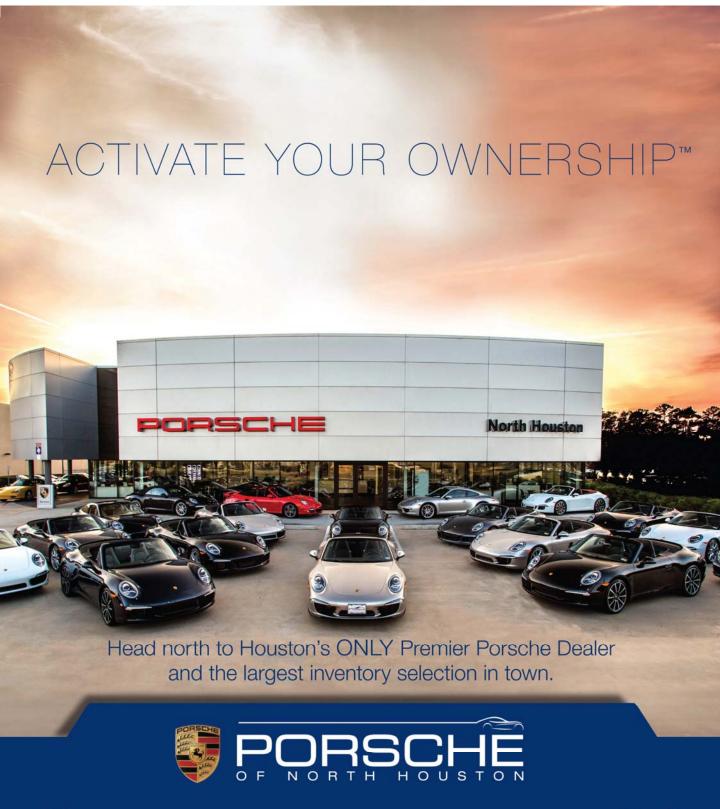


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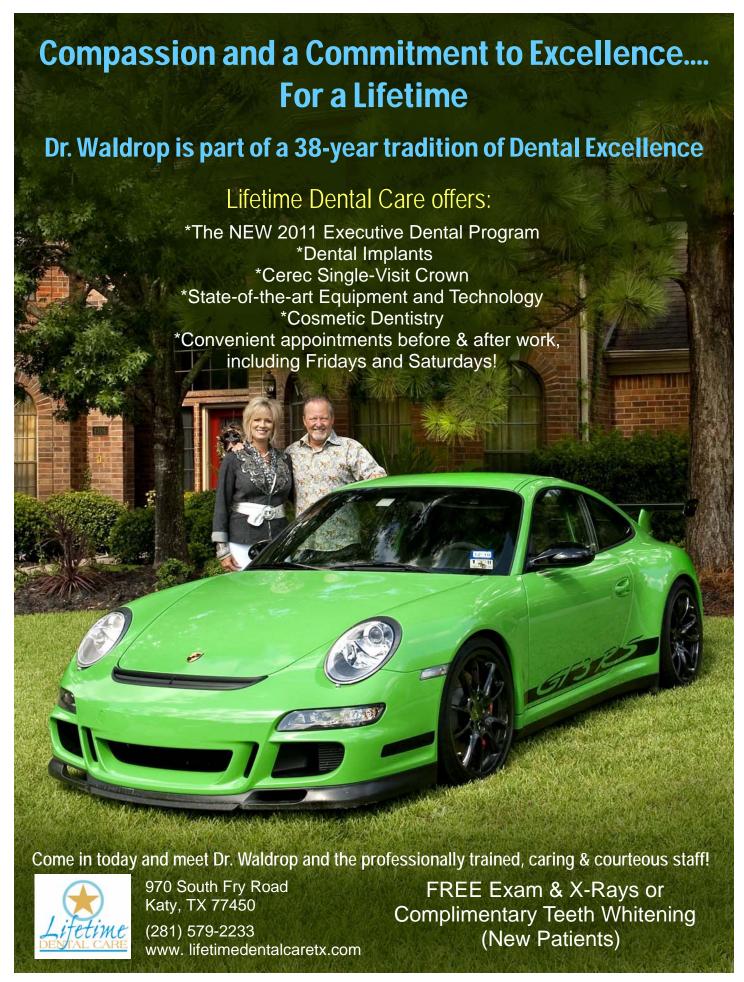
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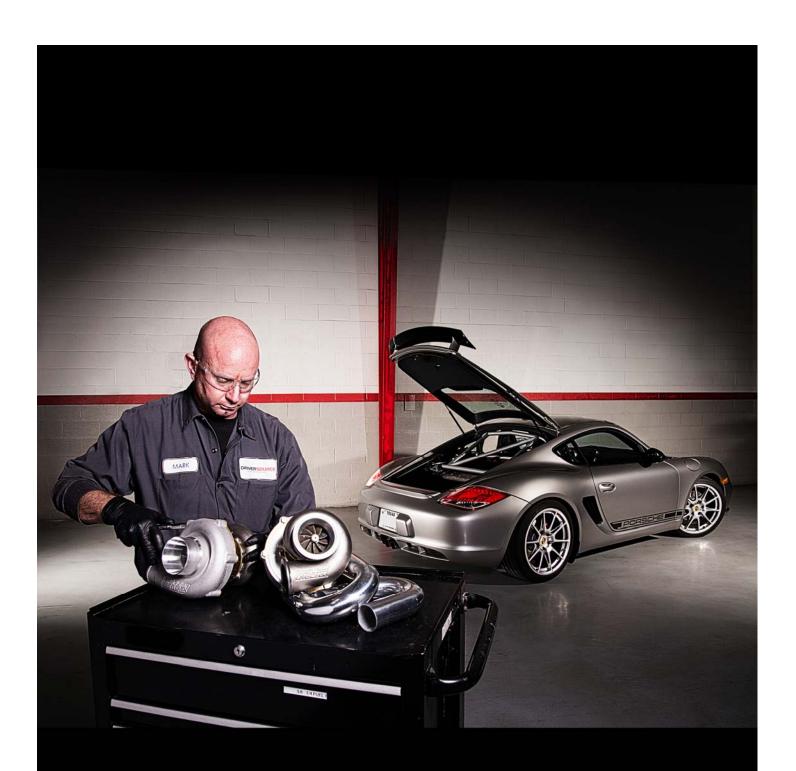
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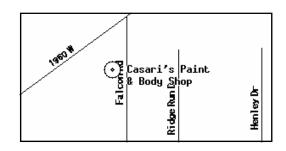
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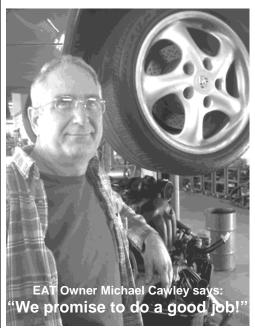
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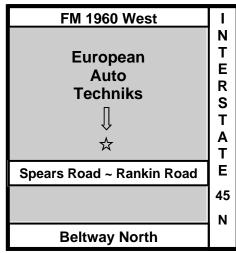
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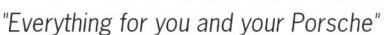


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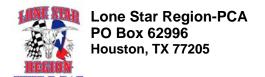
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