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On the cover, the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Round Rock, Texas that opened in 1886.

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	★ 2	3	4	★ 5
6	7	8	9	10	★ 11	★ 12
★ 13	14	15	16	17	18	★ 19
20	21	22	23	24	25	★ 26
★ 27	28	29	★ 30			

2 LSR PCA Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, The Houstonian, 111 N. Post Oak Lane
5 1st Saturday GTG (Central) - 8:30 am, Starbucks, 8420 Katy Freeway
11-13 Boxstoberfest, Hangar Hotel, 155 Airport Road, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624
12 2nd Saturday GTG (Friendswood) - 8:30 am, Dunn Brothers Coffee,
201 S. Friendswood Dr.
19 3rd Saturday GTG (Spring) - 8:30 am, Starbucks, Hwy 290, Cypress
26-27 September DE, Texas World Speedway, 17529 State Highway 6 S, College Station
26 4th Saturday GTG (Woodlands) - 8:30 am, La Trattoria Tuscana, 4223 Research
Forest Drive # 950, Spring 77381
26 2nd Fourth Monthly GTG (Galveston) - 9:00 am, Starbucks, 61st St.
27 September Autocross, Houston Police Dept., 17000 Aline Westfield Rd.
30 - Oct 4 PCA Escape to Rushmore 2015, Black Hills, South Dakota

OCTOBER 2015

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★ 25	26	27	28	29	30	★ 31

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3 Rides and Rolex Concours, 8:30 am, Houston Gold Exchange, 12513 Westheimer Rd.
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10-11 Tuscany at Marble Falls, Marble Falls, Texas
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23-25 Formula 1: US Grand Prix, Circuit of the Americas, Austin
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31 Grandsport Speedway Autocross, 8 am, Grandsport Speedway, 7575 Farm to Market
2004, Hitchcock, Texas 77563
31-Nov 1 October DE, Texas World Speedway, 17529 State Highway 6 S, College Station
31-Nov 6 2015 Ozark Tour, Houston

NOVEMBER 2015

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TECH TIPS – THE MAGIC OF AIR-COOLED PORSCHES AND THE SINGER 911



By Mike Phifer, Lone Star Editor

I'm biased, I know. I own a 993. But I have owned a bunch of other Porsches, and I am still amazed at the simplicity, sound and beauty of an air-cooled Porsche.

The air-cooled 911 is an internal combustion symphony. The air-cooled flat-six sounds like no other engine in the world, all the way to redline. When my 993's Varioram kicks in, I fall in love over, and over and over again.

When you shut the door on an air-cooled Porsche, it sounds like a Swiss bank vault closing. I still remember the first time I heard that sound; I bought the car the very next day. Assembly-line robots could never make a car like this.

An air-cooled Porsche demands all your attention and skill. No PSM, no PCM, no PDK and no safety net. You either know how to drive it, or you don't. An air-cooled Porsche demands you respect.

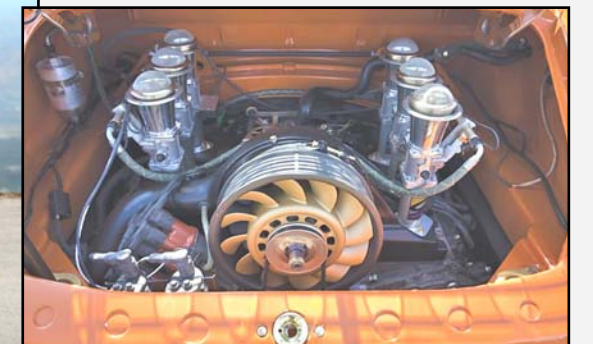
An air-cooled Porsche is light and agile – a long distance runner with speed and grace and a mean streak. It is a thrilling, but humbling experience when the tail kicks you in the arse as it often does. But, if you can drive an air-cooled Porsche fast, you can drive any Porsche.

Air-cooled 911s have beautiful, fat hips with the thin, tapered waist of a ballerina. Air-cooled Porsches were Kardashian before Kardashian. The shape of an air-cooled Porsche is classic 911. People stop, look and listen, and always tell you it's beautiful.

An air-cooled 911 is bullet proof, because it holds more oil than an Exxon tanker. Eleven quarts to fill up the 993, with two oil filters and two drain plugs with a dry sump pump. Oil starvation issues – forget about it. The engine will last forever. Seventy percent of all Porsches ever built are still on the road today, and most of those Porsches have air-cooled engines that just never quit.

And, best of all, an air-cooled Porsche is money in the bank. No other Porsche will ever be air-cooled, and the air-cooled Porsches have been appreciating in price for years. Three months after I bought my 993, the seller wanted it back. I just said "No."

The photos below confirm the timeless beauty of the air-cooled 911. Sometime this fall, Rob Dickinson of Singer Designs may make an appearance at an LSR event. The car below is one of his creations. Don't miss the chance to meet him in person and see his wonderful 911s up close. Details will be coming soon.



The Singer 911



From the President

Mike Globe, President
Lone Star Region PCA



Be Careful Out There and Be Prepared

It seems as if every time I hit the road these days, I'm stunned by the level of obliviousness on the highways. Folks reading texts or talking on the phone are everywhere. What's even worse to me are the people who have no phone in their hands, no passengers, and yet are completely unaware of the cars and people around them. They drive as though the roads were made just for them, and no one else. Just this past weekend, while driving to LSR's wonderful Concours event in The Woodlands, I was stuck behind someone going well under the speed limit on FM1488. When we came to a passing lane, I started to accelerate, but the driver stayed in the left lane, and then hit the brakes! I had to brake hard, and then move over to the right lane to get around. The driver didn't have a phone in their hand. Both hands were on the wheel. It was very clear that this individual was completely overwhelmed by the task of driving a car.

On the other end of the spectrum are the folks hot-dogging in their "performance" cars. I put performance in quotes, because some of them truly are high-performance vehicles, and some are not. Unfortunately, most of the drivers are nowhere near being performance drivers. They are almost always way less capable than their vehicle. Sadly most of these folks tend to be men, and of course all men believe that they are supremely talented drivers, or at least above average.

When I see these guys, or when I read about folks going out for a spirited drive, I cringe. I'm worried about them, but more so, I'm worried about the safety of other folks out on the road. When you drive your car

near the limit on public roads, you not only endanger yourself, you endanger innocent people. Think about your sons, daughters, spouse, parents... before you go driving at high speeds on twisty country roads. They could be over that blind hill, or around that corner that you are about to drive "at the limit". What happens if you make a mistake, or hit a patch of gravel?

Being prepared is the key to safety. LSR offers several driving events that can help. Perhaps the most essential one is the Car Control School (CCS) that we typically run four times a year at the Houston Police Academy. This school was created by LSR member Joost Perquin, further developed and run by Steve Bukoski, and has now been taken over by our new CCS Chairman Alan Kendall. The CCS teaches car control skills, accident avoidance, skid control... Exactly the things that are missing from the American driver training schools everyone must take to get a license. Our Car Control Schools also happen to be very fun events to attend. If you've never had any driver training outside of how to parallel-park, this is an event you really should do. And... if you have a teen who has recently gotten his or her license, this should be an essential activity for them. We feel so strongly about this that we make a number of free slots available to our member's teenage sons and daughters. Don't worry, if you don't want them to drive the event in your new 918 Spyder, it's ok. The event is open to all safe and street legal cars, trucks, and SUV's. Check our calendar for the next event and sign up!



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- Race Team Meet & Greet



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LSRPCA Board Minutes

Michelle Serrell, Secretary

July

In Attendance:

Mike Globe, President
 Michelle Serrell, Secretary
 Tim Thomas, Event Registrar
 Ron Baklarz, Rally & Touring
 Greg Platt, Club Race
 Hugh Brazier, Safety Chair
 Mike Phifer, Lone Star Editor
 Pam Fitzgerald, Activities
 Lynn Friedman, Zone 5 Rep
 Anne Retzler
 Ed Cannon
 Patty Liles

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Mike Globe reports that he has proxies for Ken Tubman and Ramez Botros for anything that needs to be voted on. Rick Franke the membership chair isn't able to attend but gave the new member numbers for last month. We have 1,598 primary members and a total of 2,335 that include auxiliary members. Mike motioned to create a nominating committee for this year's officer elections that come up in November. He has asked Greg Fuller, Greg Platt and Ken Tubman to recruit and solicit nominees for all board positions. Mike Phifer seconded the motion and all agreed. At the time of the meeting we had 35 cars signed up for the 4th of July Tour to Round Top. In other news Andrea McMillan has resigned as LSR Store chair and Patty Liles has volunteered to take her place. A motion was made to accept her as the new LSR Store Chair, Pam Fitzgerald 2nd the motion and all approved. Also, there is a conflict between the Car Control Class and DE for September. There are no other available dates to have either one so it has been decided that the Car Control Class will be cancelled and hold the DE Event. Not enough instructors to do both events, the ones that help out at CCS also work the DE's. The June Event for the last hurrah at TWS was about a \$5,000 loss to the club. Only Yellow and White Drivers participated and there was no charge for the instructors. Paid extra for the weekend and a little more other expenses than usual. All in all it was successful and good to do.

Hugh Brazier reports that he would like the club to give support for Rob Dickinson of Singer Vehicle Design to visit LSR in October. Singer is one of, if not the most recognized Porsche customization companies in the world. He would ask the club to pay for his hotel, airfare and food from Los Angeles, CA to TWS. He says he will come and show off some of his clients' cars and visit with people. Hugh is to gather the estimated costs for doing this and present to the board for a vote.

Pam Fitzgerald reports that the next social event/dinner will be held on 7/26/2015 at Quisie's Table-3939 San Felipe, An e-blast will go to members to register on club registration.

Ron Baklarz reports that the tour to the FAA Traffic Control Center on 6/20/2015 was sold out to the first 30 people and has a waiting list for another one this month. He will email those members privately to let them know the July date. He and Ann participated in the annual Porsche Parade that was held in French Link, IN. There were 2,000 attendees, 375 cars with one car from Hawaii and Mike from Alaska won the longest travel. A lot of younger people attended including families, which is a big change from past Parades. It was good to see young and old alike enjoying this event.

Mike Phifer reports that he is receiving a lot of member stories, which is great but he also needs tech articles.

Tim Thomas reports he has been busy this year. The MSR DE was a lot of fun and well received by all that participated. Will require prior to each DE that participants bring their signed waiver and tech form. Too hard to print off the waiver and make sure everyone has signed so please help them out and print off a waiver to sign and the completed tech form. Next event will be in August and December is available, details to follow soon.

Edwin reports that the GTG in Galveston is going well with new and exciting members. They average around 6-10 cars each month.

As a reminder, there is NO August meeting and the next board meeting will be September 2, 2015.

Mike Phifer motions to adjourn, Tim Thomas seconds the motion, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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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New Stars and Their Cars

Richard Franke, Membership

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June

Hafez Aghili	1996	911 Carrera 4
Curt Betzold	2001	911 Carrera Cabriolet
Mike Bryant	2012	911 Carrera S
Charles Campbell	1990	911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
Martin Collier	2008	Cayman S Silver
Paul Culley	2013	911 Carrera Silver
David Daniel	2014	Cayman White
Tayeb Diouri	2013	911 Carrera S
Dave Duggal	2013	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Patrick Giam	2007	Cayman silver
Alan Glaesmann	1987	944 Turbo Stone Gray
Brian Goudie	1990	911 Carrera 2
Matthew Lee	2014	Cayenne GTS
German Luy	2015	911 Carrera GTS
Lisa Merritt	2015	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Bruce Mitchell	1975	914 1.8
Rakesh Mukundan	2011	Panamera 4
Charles F. Nedbal III	2011	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Bill Records	2014	911 Carrera S
Drake Sacks	2007	911 Carrera
Karen Schaefer	2014	Cayman
Trevor Tank	2008	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Bruce Vollertsen	2009	911 Carrera S Cabriolet
Ronnie Walston	2013	Boxster S

July

Darrel Bell	2005	911 Carrera 4S
Kenneth Warren Belt	2011	Cayman
Matthew Caligur	2001	Boxster S
Shaun Carroll	1990	944 S2 Cabriolet
Mike Chang	2016	Cayman GT4
Terre Coffman	2015	Cayenne
Brian Cronin	1979	911 SC Targa
Greg Labadie	1996	911 Carrera 4S
Ariel Leibovitz	2013	911 Carrera 4S
Michael Lonsford	2001	911 Carrera 4
Tim Mayhugh	2000	Boxster S
Robert McManus	1974	914 2.0 Targa
Bartlett Moore	2013	911 Carrera 4S
Qaiser Nabi	2014	911 Carrera 4S
Dina Naslund	2011	Cayman
Sheila Noeth	2013	911 Carrera S
Gus Pankonien	2008	911 Carrera S
Ken Parker	1999	911 Carrera
Minh Pham	2013	911 Carrera
John Pickering	1966	912
Nicholas Rostykus	2011	911 Carrera S
Thomas Smith	2004	911 Turbo Cabriolet
David Turner	2004	911 Carrera
Jamil Wakil	1981	911 Turbo
John Wood	2007	911 GT3 RS
Andy Yang	2006	Cayman S
Cory Zimmerman	2014	Cayman S

Don't forget to renew your PCA membership.

2015 PCA PORSCHE PARADE NEWS

By Ron Baklarz, LSRPCA Rally Tour Chair

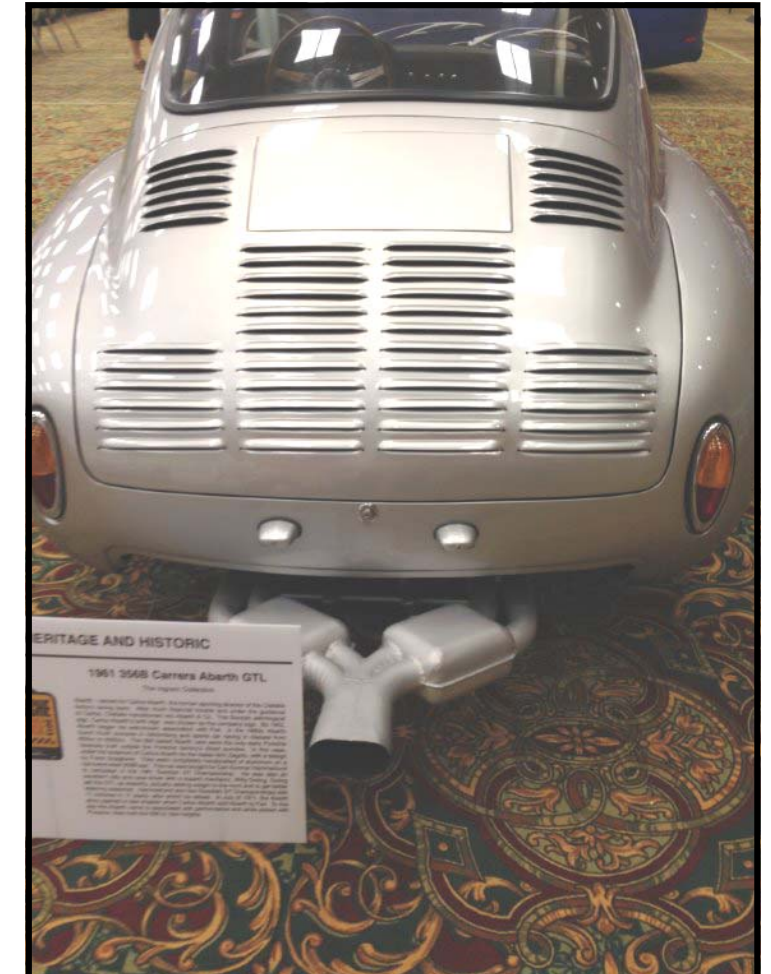
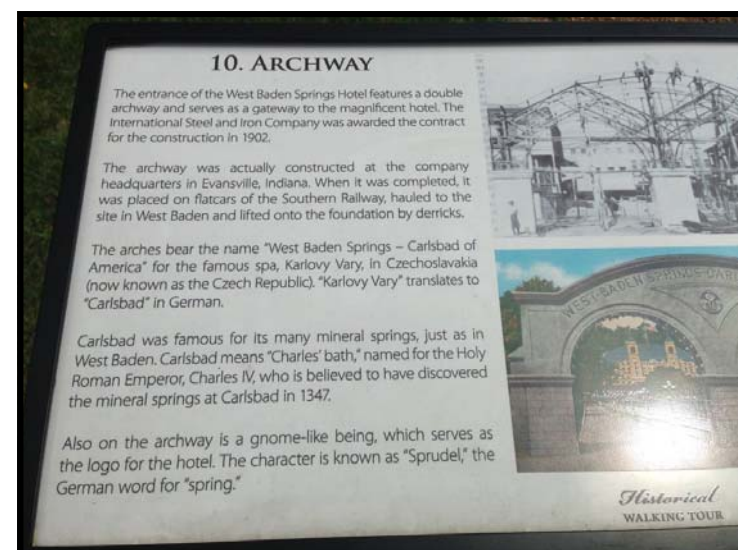
The 2015 Porsche Parade celebrated the 60th Anniversary of PCA. Over the past sixty years, PCA has grown to 143 PCA Regions with a total membership of more than 115,000. The PCA volunteer corps hosts more than 3000 events per year.

This year's Parade was held at French Lick Springs, Indiana. Two hotels that are National Historic Landmarks, the French Lick Springs Resort Hotel and the West Baden Springs Hotel, hosted the Parade.

The Concours was held on Monday, June 22 with over 200 Concur Porsches, a Historic Display, "60 Cars for 60 years", plus current models from PCNA. The remainder of the week from June 23 to June 26 was filled with competitive events, the Rally, the Autocross, the Tours and a Parade of Porsches, some 350 P's on Saturday, June 27th. Each major event is followed with an Awards Banquet for the Concours, the Rally, the Autocross and the Victory Banquet.

The response to this 60th Parade Birthday was a registration of over 1000 entrants, equivalent to over 2000 folks attending. Lone Star Region was represented by Lynn Friedman, Jack Goldfiels, Ron Baklarz, Anne Retzler, Robert Guillerman and Paul Burns.

The 2016 Parade will be in Vermont at Jay Peak Resort.



On the Road to Round Top – Celebrating Freedom on the 4th of July

LSRPCA Tour to Round Top

By Mike Phifer, Lone Star Editor

Early morning July 4th, surrounded by the monotonous concrete and asphalt of Houston, my Boxster Spyder is hustling down the Katy Freeway way beyond the speed limit. Looking for “I don’t have to pick just one lane” Houston drivers and DPS, I spot the Katy grain silos off to the right, now barely visible from the twelve-lane freeway. I still remember when Katy wasn’t really a part of Houston, and the rice fields were still covered by ducks and geese in fall and winter. Now, those rice fields are covered with Best Buys and subdivisions.

But once I cross into Austin County, just east of Sealy, my blood pressure drops and I lift off the accelerator. Once I pass the truck stop in Brookshire, the road drops down to two lanes bordered by long stretches of grass and trees. The strip centers are finally gone. It’s time to relax, and enjoy the drive.

In Sealy, I meet up with about seventy other LSR members to convoy off to Round Top in forty, spit-polish clean Porsches for the Fourth of July Parade. Mike Globe and Pam Fitzgerald organized this tour, and they have done an excellent job of drumming up interest on short notice. It’s still nice and cool when we leave at 8 A.M., and a lot of Porsches have the tops down. I’m too lazy to take apart the top on the Spyder, let alone fold it up and stow it in the back, so I just roll both windows down – an instant almost convertible. Early in the morning, the path of least resistance usually works best for me.

The drive to Round Top is a wonderful one-day vacation. After crossing the railroad tracks in Sealy, we take a left on 1094 to New Ulm. Heavy spring rains have turned the Texas countryside into dark green pastures and filled the stock ponds and creeks. Fat cattle are grazing behind the fences along the road. The early morning skies are light blue with a few wisps of white clouds. I don’t remember a single pothole. You hope this drive never ends.

Best of all, not one knuckleheaded thing happens. Keeping forty or so cars together isn’t easy, especially on country roads filled with hills and curves and small towns, but we have a great group of drivers who stick to the convoy rule: “Don’t leave your buddy in the car behind you.” Mike Globe and Steve Bukoski man the radios as they guide us through New Ulm and Industry and Shelby.

Our biggest obstacle was passing a trail ride moving along

FM 1457 from Shelby to Round Top for the parade. But the people in the trail ride couldn’t have been nicer, as they pulled their horses and wagons over to the side and waved us on by. There are drivers at TWS who could take some tips from these guys. Once we passed the trail riders, Round Top was just five minutes away.

When we arrived, Round Top treated us like honored guests, and gave us our very own Porscheplatz right in the middle of town. We were parked right next to the parade route, and best of all, we had our own big, shady oak tree to set our folding chairs under for lunch. Steve Bukoski and I got out and walked around town, and there were people of every age, shape and size camped out along the parade route. There were gray-haired veterans in uniform, cowboys on horses carrying the Lone Star flag and Stars and Stripes, mommas holding their babies, grannies chasing after children and even one old hippie with a silver pony-tail wearing a Bernie Sanders for President t-shirt. Political candidates were handing out flags, and the Round Top Brass Band was entertaining the crowd from the back of a trailer being pulled by an enormous New Holland tractor.

Officially, Round Top has a population of eighty. But while we were waiting for the parade to start, Steve Bukoski looked over at me and said that over eight thousand people had already checked in on Facebook that morning for the parade. There had to be more than ten thousand people there. A lot of history has been made in Texas, and Round Top claims that its parade is the oldest continuous Fourth of July Parade west of the Mississippi, dating back to at least 1851. If it’s not the oldest, it certainly is one of the best attended.

If there are really only eighty people who live in Round Top, then everyone in town was in the parade. For over an hour, home-made red, white and blue floats, fire trucks, horses, tractors, jeeps and hot rods passed by carrying bands, beauty queens, cowboys, farmers and veterans proudly saluting the



Round Top celebrates the 4th of July.

A great turnout by some beautiful Porsches.



flag. After the parade, we sat around in a big circle under the shade tree as we dined on some wonderful BBQ that the Round Top Rifle Association was kind enough to deliver. Many thanks to our kind hosts in Round Top for all their warm hospitality, and especially to Lundy Wantland, who invited us up for the parade and made all the arrangements.

When everyone started leaving after lunch, I lingered around until almost the last Porsche had gone. Round Top is a beautiful town that hasn’t really changed much at all since I first visited about twenty years ago. There may be a few more

little places to eat and shop, but it’s still a funky, artsy town that holds one of the largest antique festivals in the world in the spring, and puts on Shakespeare in the summer. “As You Like It” is the current production, as Round Top is one of the hosts for the University of Texas Camp Shakespeare every summer. If you are looking for a McDonalds or Best Buy, keep driving, because Round Top has neither. But if you are looking for a little peace and quiet, a delicious lunch with good people under a shady oak tree, and your Porsche parked nearby, Round Top is the place to be.



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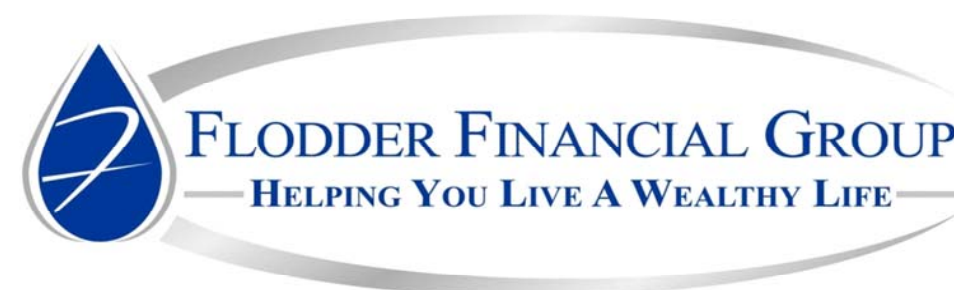
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A Texan Races to Zuffenhausen for the Le Mans Victory Party at the Porsche Museum

June 14, 2016

By Steve Brown

On June 14, 2016, my Houston flight touches down at the Frankfurt airport a few minutes late at 11:45am local time. I'm in Germany for business, but I have just enough time to make my first pilgrimage to the Porsche Museum on this Sunday before a large Frankfurt tradeshow starts the following day. Maybe I managed a good 5 hours of sleep on the plane, but it leaves me sluggish. So, I downed two cups of coffee when offered, just before we landed, and I'm hoping I can focus. I have to rush: The Porsche Museum in Zuffenhausen is hosting a Le Mans party, and I can just make it before the race ends (3pm local time) if my luck holds out on the German trains.

I blow through passport control; my bag is out quickly; and I'm through customs. It's a long hike to the train platforms, and I face my first hurdle: every ticket terminal has a five-deep line with tourists flummoxed by the system. Argh! 30 minutes later, I fly down to the platform and just miss the train to Frankfurt's main station. A check of the schedule and I see I've got a 30 minute wait because it's Sunday.

My hopes of getting there before the end of the race are dashed already. After the wait and a short train ride, I'm in the Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof. I've done my research, so I know the storage lockers are near track 24. First stop is a DB terminal for a ticket to Stuttgart. Wow. Almost \$80 one way. *Worth it.* Next up: ditch my bags. Foiled!

I need coins, so I jog to a food stand and buy a drink. Bags safe, I find my train car and seat.

An hour and 20 minutes later, we pull into Stuttgart Hauptbahnhof right on time.

By the time I finally arrive, Porsche has just dominated Le Mans by taking the first two spots on the podium. Nico Hulkenberg crossed the finish line first in a 919 Hybrid, and another 919 Hybrid driven by Mark Webber finished second. I can see the results on my cellphone. I'm wishing I had made it in time, but I know the atmosphere will still be special in the wake of the victory. Another long hike from the main station to the S-bahn station is good for the legs and the jetlag, but not so good for my schedule. Once I get my train ticket, I see that, again, I've just missed it and have a thirty-minute wait for the next.

As I finally roll into the Porscheplatz station next to the museum, hundreds of people are waving Porsche flags, sipping champagne, and grinning from ear to ear as they celebrate the first Porsche victory at Le Mans since 1998. The Porsche staff has placed a gorgeous array of race cars in front of the museum and in the street. Street vendors are selling snacks, food, ice cream, beer and champagne, and my excitement overwhelms my jetlag. I get my camera out and start capturing memories.

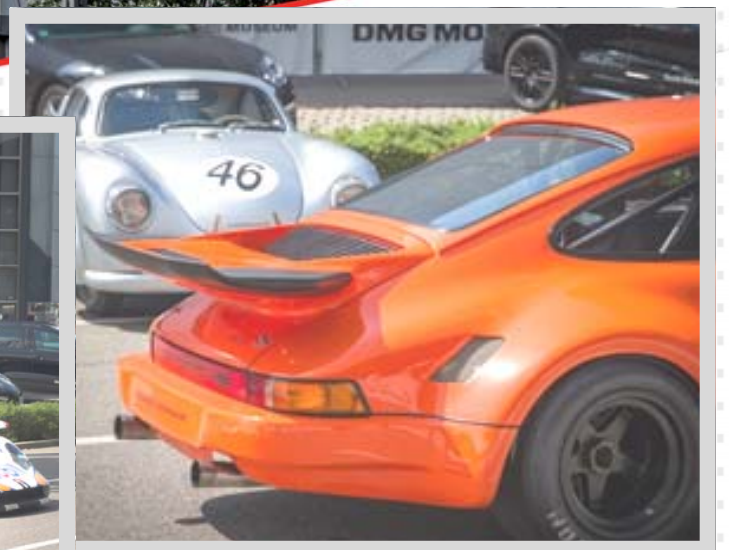
It's still a party, even though I've missed the live race on the enormous screen erected in the Porscheplatz. They've waived the museum entrance fee as a part of the celebration, so I head right into the museum to experience the history of Porsche. For a guy who grew up with Porsche posters on the walls, the examples of

early work, prototypes, street cars, and race cars of every classification are overwhelming. On this Sunday, the museum is full of people, so taking pictures of the cars without a stray visitor is nearly impossible, but I'm so excited that I can't complain. After a first pass through all the exhibits, I down a double espresso from the café on the first floor and wander through the extensive gift shop where I pick up a couple of mementos to take home. Refreshed, I do a second, lingering pass through the exhibits trying to soak up as much history as I can.

After a mere 3 hours on site, I reluctantly double back to Frankfurt with just enough time to meet my colleagues for an after dinner drink, but I won't soon forget this experience. My advice, for what it's worth, would be to allocate *at least* half a day and really appreciate the cars and all their gorgeous detail. My visit felt rushed, and I want to go back already. Next time I'll get the audio guide, eat in the restaurant, and take my own sweet time. Maybe, next time, I can stand in front of the Porscheplatz as the Porsche team cars take another checkered flag at Le Mans.



My first encounter with race cars as I get off the train.



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LSRPCA Dinner at Ouisie's Table – July 26, 2015



By Nicole Goldman

Our gracious host, LSR Activities Chair Pam Fitzgerald, chose another wonderful Houston restaurant for the July LSR social dinner. Ouisie's Table on San Felipe, just inside the loop from the Galleria, had a parking lot full of incredible Porsches when we arrived; it was a feast for the eyes.

Once inside and away from the Houston heat, we started off with a cold glass of chilled champagne, and then enjoyed a wonderful multi-course dinner paired with dessert and wine. Pam had reserved Ouisie's private room for this occasion, and more than 40 LSR members and guests gathered to enjoy a fabulous dinner menu and connect with old and new friends. It was a wonderful celebration of friendship and camaraderie, and a great



way to discover the essence of the Lone Star Region PCA Club. LSR is not just about driving; it's also about some great dining and social events.

During these social events, Porsche stories are always shared. We had a vivid discussion on how to organize a Coffee & Cars in Kingwood Texas. Coffee & Cars is such an important meeting for the true Porsche Fan. It is all about seeing and being seen, meeting friends and making new contacts. And, of course we discussed Boxtoberfest in September in Fredericksburg. Those who were able to sign up for this fantastic event shared with us that they had to stay up till 00.05 AM on July 1st just to be in. Some were still on the waiting list, but perhaps that has now been changed by "Fingers Crossed."

Thank you Pam for the wonderful evening and we look forward to the next Lone Star Region PCA Social Dinner.





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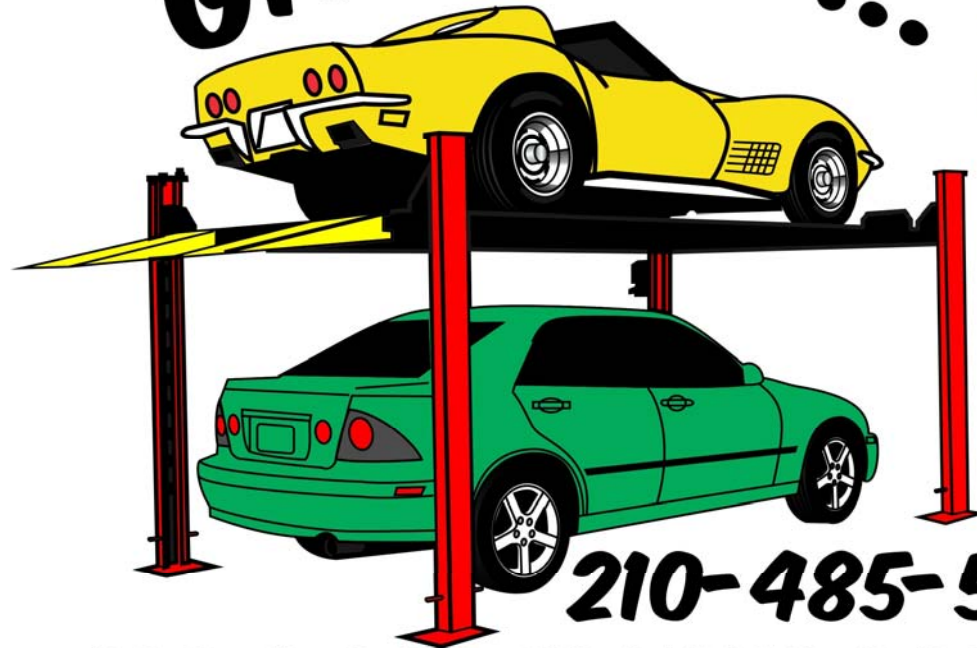
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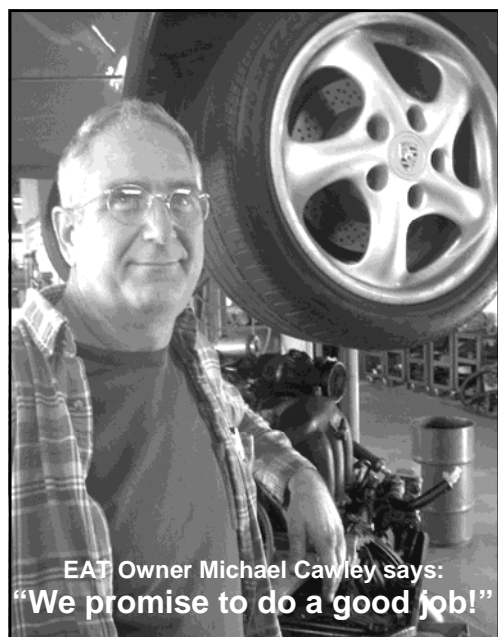
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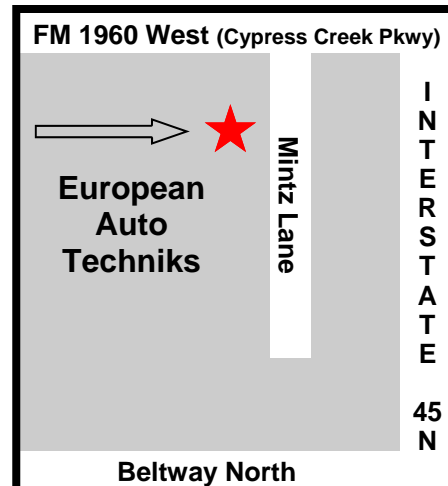
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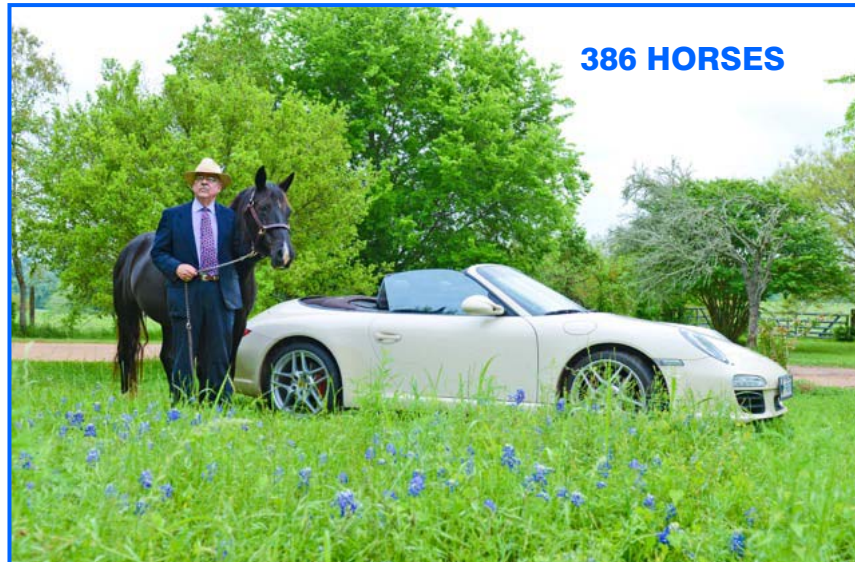
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