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# Calendar of Events

2016	
Sat Sept 3	8:30am, Central GTG, Starbucks, 8420 Katy Freeway, Spring Valley Village
Wed Sept 7	6:30pm, LSR PCA Board Meeting, The Houstonian, 111 North Post Oak Lane, Houston
Fri Sept 9	Boxstoberfest 2016 Fri Sept 9 & Sat Sept 10, 2016
Sat Sept 10	Boxstoberfest 2016 Fri Sept 9 & Sat Sept 10, 2016 8:30am, SE GTG, Dunn Brothers Coffee, 201 S Friendswood Dr, Friendswood 8:30am, SW GTG, Starbucks, 19908 Southwest Fwy, Sugar Land, TX 77479
Sat Sep 17	8:30am, NW GTG, Cypress Towne Center, US-290, Cypress 77429
Sat Sep 24	September DE, Texas World Speedway, 17529 Hwy 6, College Station, September 24 & 25 8:30am, North GTG, Blue Mug Cafe, 30420 Farm to Market Road 2978, The Woodlands 77382 9am, Galveston GTG, Starbucks, 61st St, Galveston 4-8pm LSRPCA Tour of the Cultural Jewel, Unity Theatre, 300 Church Rd, Brenham, TX 77833
Sun Sep 25	8am-2pm, Autocross, Houston Police Academy, 17000 Aldine Westfield Rd, Houston 77073
Sat Oct 1	8:30am - 10am Central GTG, Starbucks, 8420 Katy Freeway, Spring Valley Village, TX
Wed Oct 5	6:30pm - 7:30pm LSR PCA Board Meeting, The Houstonian, 111 North Post Oak Lane, Houston, TX
Sat Oct 8	8:30am SE GTG, Dunn Brothers Coffee, 201 S Friendswood Dr, Friendswood, TX 8:30am SW GTG, Starbucks, 19908 Southwest Fwy, Sugar Land, TX 77479
Sat Oct 15	8:30am NW GTG, Cypress Towne Center, US-290, Cypress, TX 77429
Sat Oct 22	Porsche Tour to Tuscany in Texas Sat Oct 22 - Mon Oct 24 8:30am North GTG, Blue Mug Cafe, 30420 Farm to Market Road 2978, The Woodlands, TX 77382 9am Galveston GTG, Starbucks, 61st St, Galveston, TX
Sun Oct 23	Porsche Tour to Tuscany in Texas Sat Oct 22 - Mon Oct 24
Sun Oct 24	Porsche Tour to Tuscany in Texas Sat Oct 22 - Mon Oct 24
Sat Oct 29	October DE, Texas World Speedway, 17529 Hwy 6, College Station, October 29 & 30 8am - 2pm Autocross, Grandsport Speedway, 7575 FM 2004, Hitchcock, TX 77563
Wed Nov 2	6:30pm - 7:30pm LSR PCA Board Meeting, The Houstonian, 111 North Post Oak Lane, Houston, TX
Sat Nov 5	8:30am Central GTG, Starbucks, 8420 Katy Freeway, Spring Valley Village, TX
Sat Nov 12	Car Control School Sat Nov 12, 2016 Houston Police Dept, 17000 Aldine Westfield Rd, Houston, TX 8:30am SE GTG, Dunn Brothers Coffee, 201 S Friendswood Dr, Friendswood, TX 8:30am SW GTG, Starbucks, 19908 Southwest Fwy, Sugar Land, TX 77479
Sun Nov 13	8am - 2pm Autocross, Houston Police Academy, 17000 Aldine Westfield Rd, Houston, TX 77073
Sat Nov 19	8:30am NW GTG, Cypress Towne Center, US-290, Cypress, TX 77429
Sat Nov 26	8:30am North GTG, Blue Mug Cafe, 30420 Farm to Market Road 2978, The Woodlands, TX 77382 9am Galveston GTG, Starbucks, 61st St, Galveston, TX

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

MIKE GLOBE, President



## Make Your Voice Heard - Your Vote Matters!

*No, not THAT election, the LSRPCA Election.*

**How do we elect the club officers in LSR?** For the club election that is held each November, the LSR board appoints a nominating committee that presents a slate of candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Member at Large. Nominations from the membership may also be included on the election ballot, as are write-ins.

**Very few members actually vote in the election for club officers.** Most of the time, the elected officials win by a landslide. Vote counts like 45 to zero are not uncommon. Yes, out of our 2400+ members with voting rights, sometimes as little as 45 choose to vote. I guess one could look at that as meaning the members trust the Board's nominations. Or that the members just don't have time, or don't place a particularly high priority on voting. It's worked like this for over five decades.

**Voting in the club election is important for all of us to insure that the club continues to represent the diversity of our membership and supports a diverse range of activities.** For LSR to continue to serve all of our members, we must strive to keep our board diversified, with its focus on all of the options we provide to members. The activities that interest LSR members are quite diverse. When I go to different activities, I typically see a very different group of people at each one. Auto Cross, Car Control, Social Dinners, Concours, Tours, HPDE, Club Racing, Charity events and Get Togethers - all seem to draw different crowds with minimal overlap between them. It's almost as if we are a club of clubs. Our

board works hard to make sure that all of these diverse activities and the people who attend them are represented on the Board, and that the club's resources are used in an equitable manner for all.

**Please take some time to vote in the LSR election this fall.** My name will not be on the ballot, because I do not plan to continue my role as President of Lone Star Region for another term. I've fulfilled the commitment that I made to myself to serve for three years, provide stability, and then step aside for others to lead. And, I feel confident that the nominating committee will provide us with a set of candidates that have the best interests of all our members as their priority.

**How and when can you vote?** Voting will be conducted over the internet. Specific details of when voting opens and closes and how to vote will be distributed by an email blast to all members later this year.

**In addition to the elected positions having terms of one year, all terms of the non-elected Board of Director positions (the chairpersons) also expire with the election.** The incoming elected officers appoint a new set of chairpersons at their first board meeting. These positions include: Social Chair, Membership Chair, Autocross Chair, Concours Chair, Driver Education Chair, Charity Chair, Driver Education Registrar, Newsletter Editor, Club Race Chair, Safety Chair, Car Control Chair, Rally Tour Chair and Goodie Store Chair. If you have any interest in serving in one of these positions, please email me at [president@lsrpca.com](mailto:president@lsrpca.com). I will pass your name on to the incoming President for consideration.



# ON THE GRID NEW MEMBERS



HECTOR MARTINEZ  
Membership chair

*Welcome to our newest members*

## AUGUST

Michael Marrone	2011	911 Turbo
Michael Shawiak	2003	Boxster
Daniel Ugartachea	1966	912 Coupe
Barbra Gaines	1991	911 Carrera 2
Enrique Homs	2016	Cayman GT4
Tom Williams	2013	Boxster
Joseph Boyle	2017	Turbo S
Brian Distefano	2011	Boxster Convertible
Holly Blair	2012	Cayman
Mike Tilston	2013	911 Carrera S
Jonathan Frey	1968	912 Targa
Sean Sager	2004	Boxster S
Jeff Van Sant	2011	Carrera 4S
Paul Tran	2014	Boxster S

## SEPTEMBER

Joao Correa	2001	Boxster S
Brian Parker	2014	Cayman S
Hendrik Kool	2012	Cayman S
CJ Martin	2016	Cayman GTS
Yuhsiang Lai	2015	Cayman S
Dirk Cockrum	2012	Cayenne S
Danny Stout	2002	Boxster S
Dan Knight	1986	944
Phil Thompson	2016	Cayman GT4
Ronald Birkhoff	2007	911 Carrera
Charles El-Moussa	2013	Carrera Cabriolet
Doug Duncan	2002	911 Carrera
Stuart Falknor	1999	911 Carrera Cabriolet

Brian Nettles	2017	Macan S
Cor Van Egmond	2007	911 GT3
Steven Brooks	2017	911 Carrera
Kristen Morris	2014	Boxster S
Dean Bruch	1983	911 SC
Oliver Catherine	2016	Macan S
Ara Karin	2014	Cayman S
Hal Herdklotz	1987	924 S
Patrick Schiele	2004	911 4S

## OCTOBER

Matthew Evans	1955	356
Daniel Drew	2015	911 GT3
Bruce Sharpe	2006	911 Carrera 4S
Tyler Gill	2016	Carrera S
Van Smith	2014	911 GT3
Jake Hallsted	2015	911 Turbo S
Robin Gordon	2013	911 Carrera S
Santhosh Valloppillil	2013	911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
Jeff Fleming	2015	Macan S
Carl Householder	1987	944
Rebecca Andrews	2014	Cayman S
Steven Tschirhart	2007	Carrera
David Villacres	1999	Boxster
Patrick Stehle	1980	911 SC Targa
Larry Richard	2015	911 GT3
Jim Lerner	2008	911 Turbo
Ken Grieco	2009	Cayman
Matthew Chadwick	2009	911 Carrera

*Don't forget to renew your PCA membership.*



# 61<sup>st</sup> Porsche Parade

## Jay Peak, Vermont



A summer ski village setting for Parade

By Ron Baklarz, LSR Rallies/Tours Chair

You may have missed all of the Porsche fun and camaraderie of another PORSCHE PARADE, but it was a pretty long drive from Texas to New England this year. The 2016 Porsche Parade took place at the Jay Peak Resort in Jay Peak, Vermont from June 19-25. This year's Parade hosted 1800 members and 700 Porsches.

This year's Parade had many tours and rally choices which took you and your Porsche to Canada, New Hampshire or Vermont. These organized events were complemented with several choices of self-directed tours. One of the most favorite self-directed tours was the Seven Wooden Bridges Tour with some fantastic driving and sightseeing through the New England countryside.

Our Zone 5 Rep, LSR Member Lynn Friedman, hosted a reception at the Foundry. The hors d'oeuvres were endless and scrumptious. More than 70 members from Hill Country, Long Horn, Maverick, Mardi Gras, Lone Star and some from Zone 10 greeted each other and talked about their Porsches, the Parade, the events they had registered for and what a good time everyone was enjoying. Thank you Lynn for planning and hosting this wonderful event and to all who came for a successful reception.

Whatever your interests, there were a multitude of events to choose from, so here comes a list: maybe entering your Porsche in the Concours d'Elegance with the other 250 entrants, driving one of the many organized and self-guided tours over one of three states, competing in a Rally or the Autocross at the airport or one of the time-distance speed runs, enjoying the fun of a gimmick Rally,



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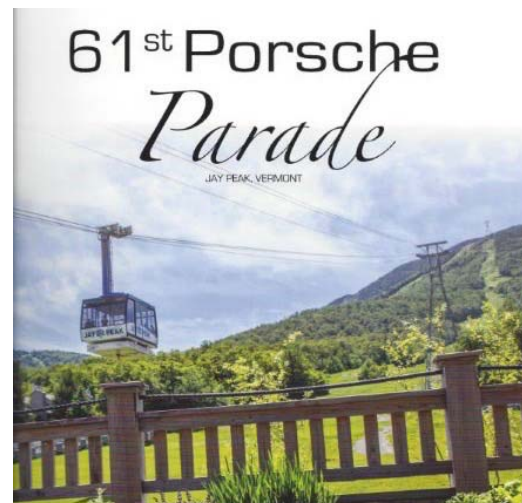
Parade Exhibition Hall.



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or meeting new friends and enjoying the festivities at the welcome party hosted by Pirelli Tires, the Porsche Concours Banquet, the Michelin Auto Cross Banquet, the Mobil 1 Rally Banquet and the concluding Reliable Carriers Victory Banquet. Porsche Cars North America was represented by CEO Klaus Zellmer. Porsche A.G. was represented by Mark Porsche.

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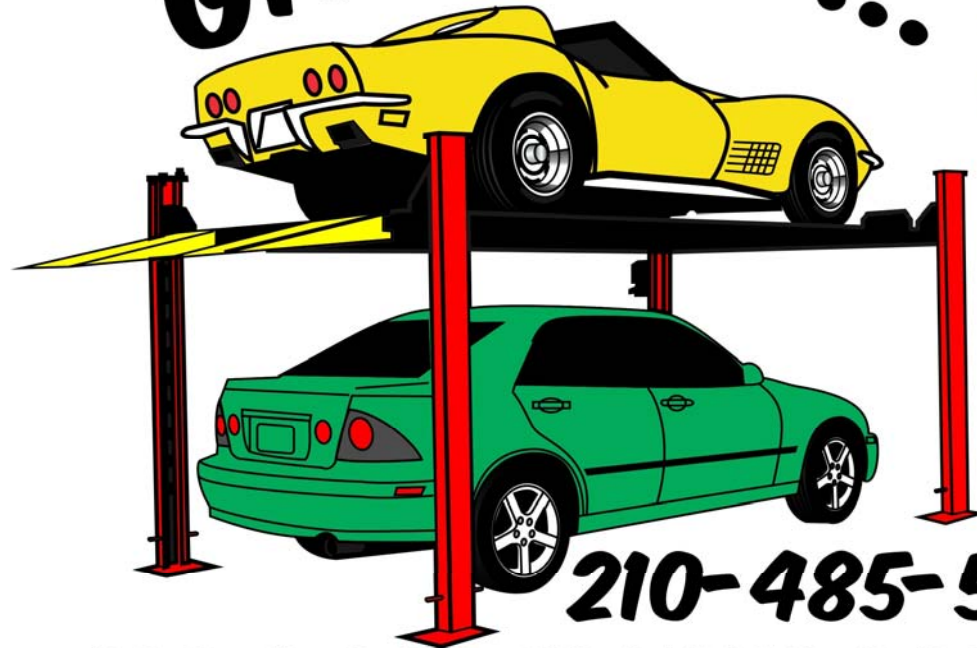
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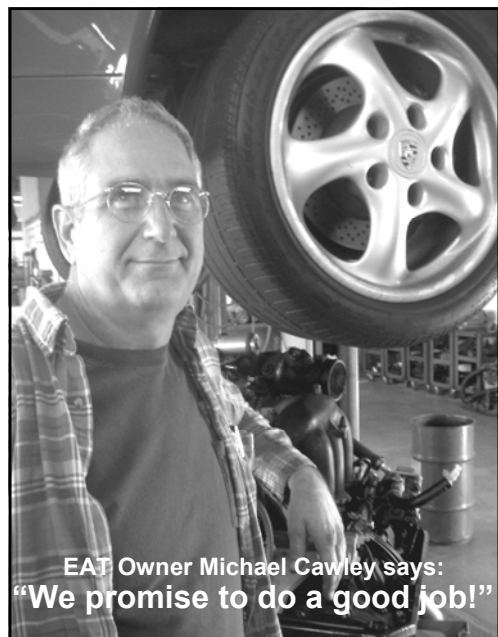
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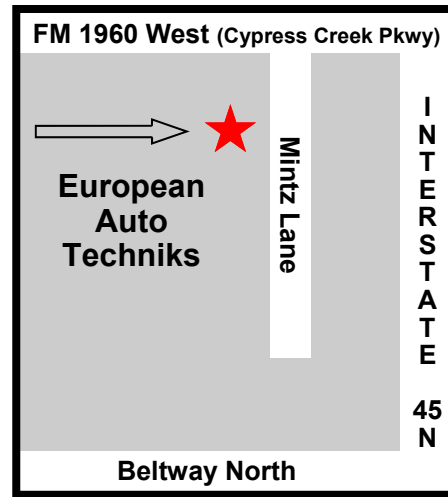
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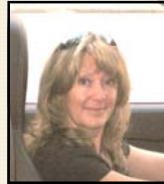
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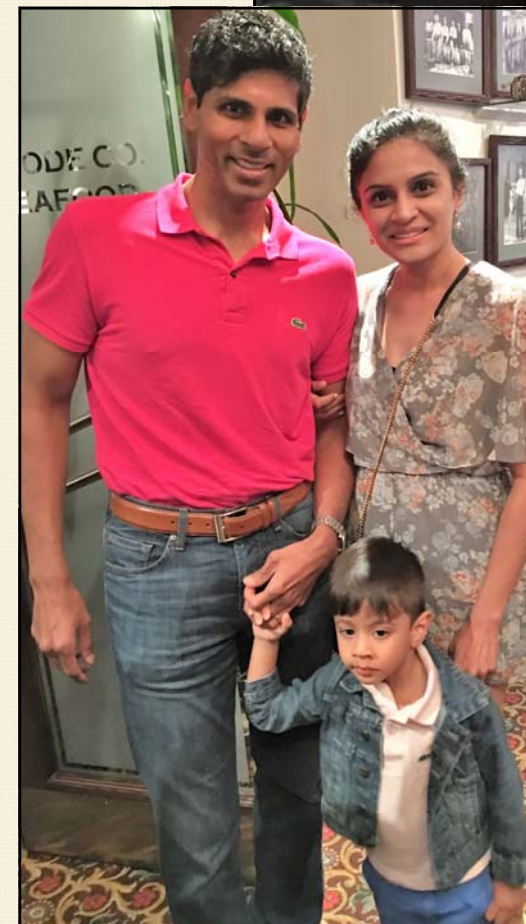
# LSR Members Escape the Heat at Goode Company Seafood



By Nicole Goldman

On the last Sunday in August, LSR members gathered at the Goode Company Seafood Restaurant near Memorial and Gessner to escape the Houston heat with cold beverages, fresh Texas seafood, and big, sticky slices of Brazos Bottom pecan pie. With a Spanish style exterior, the inside of the restaurant was beautifully decorated with vintage nautical pieces, trophy fish and photos. On the way to our private dining room, we passed a pristine 1939 Chris Craft wooden speedboat on display in the center of the restaurant, angled as if it were still cutting through waves. A 25,000-pound steel propeller from an ocean-going freighter hangs over the bar.

The food was outstanding. Goode Company serves some of the very best and freshest seafood in Houston. Redfish, flounder, snapper, tuna, halibut, oysters, shrimp, crab and catfish – it's all good, and because Goode Company keeps a steady supply of mesquite on hand, the grilled seafood has a wonderful touch of truly Texas flavor. After dinner, the dessert choices make for some tough decisions, but my choice was the Brazos Bottom pecan pie made with all Texas pecans. It is the only pecan pie to be featured in Oprah's *O Magazine*.



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(LSR Social Dinner, *continued*)

LSR dinners allow members to sit down, take a break from driving and enjoy the social company of fellow Porsche enthusiasts in a relaxed family-friendly atmosphere. Sharing your favorite Porsche moments and stories is a great way to connect with other members, and just adds to the wonderful experience of Porsche ownership. Check out the Lone Star Region PCA website where you will find a wide variety of activities and events that we host.



As always the dinner was well organized by our wonderful Activities Chair, Pam Fitzgerald, and was very well attended. LSR members completely filled the private dining room. These social dinners are extremely popular, and sell out very fast, so don't forget to sign up for the next one right away.



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# THE PASSING ZONE



BY MIKE PHIFER, Editor

## “The Times They Are A Changin’”

Sometimes, when I get into my newest car, I flash back to that scene in *2001: A Space Odyssey* where *Hal the Computer* decides to kill the astronauts who are human. If you haven’t noticed, almost every major automotive innovation over the past twenty years has been to make us error-prone humans irrelevant to the whole process of driving from Point A to Point B. The same technology that has made cell phones thin enough to fit into your shirt pocket has allowed car manufacturers to load up their cars with sensors, radar, microchip computers and software that threaten to completely eliminate humans behind the wheel.

Some of these changes have undoubtedly made driving safer with the arrival of anti-lock brakes, Porsche Stability Management, back-up cameras and radar systems that warn of unsafe lane changes or automatically activate braking systems. Parents and insurance companies are thankful that It’s much harder for junior to jump the curb into a streetlight with the family car while attempting to power drift through a left turn at San Felipe and the 610 feeder road. This used to happen in Houston, because I’ve seen it, and a lot of nice family cars got wadded up that way.

But some of the changes have just taken the sheer fun out of driving. I will never forgive the engineers who invented the PDK transmission. Sure, PDK is a wonder of technology that can shift faster than any human, but who wants to race with a robot? Well, maybe if you want to win. But, I saw the Terminator movies, and robots scare the hell out of me. I guess that I should just feel fortunate that we still have one pedal, an accelerator and a steering wheel – the holy Trinity of modern driving.

You won’t be holding onto that steering wheel for much

longer. If government and some automakers have their way. Already, semi-autonomous cars are beginning to appear on the highways. Semi-autonomous cars use an “autopilot” system based upon a combination of cameras and radar sensors that must be activated by the driver, but the current systems still require driver attention and interaction. The Tesla Model S is the most prominent of the semi-autonomous cars, with its *Autopilot* system.

Like young college graduates who are still living at home, semi-autonomous cars need some time to grow up. Whether the autopilot systems are effective is debatable,



Obviously, this fifties drawing of the future didn’t predict the gridlock of modern Houston traffic.

as recent news reports have suggested that crashes have occurred with the systems engaged. One of those crashes, in which a driver was killed in Florida when a Tesla S on *Autopilot* ran under a tractor-trailer that was turning left, prompted a NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) safety investigation. Rumors have surfaced that the Tesla’s automated braking system simply failed to apply the brakes prior to the crash. According to published reports,

*Tesla is considering whether the radar and camera input for the vehicle’s automatic emergency braking system failed to detect the truck trailer or the automatic braking system’s radar may have detected the trailer*

*but discounted this input as part of a design to “tune out” structures such as bridges to avoid triggering false braking, the source said. (theguardian, July 29, 2016 on-line edition.)*

Tuning out a bridge is one thing, tuning out a tractor trailer is another. In all fairness to Tesla, Tesla never promised that drivers could turn the *Autopilot* system on and just watch movies, but for some people, technology can become an infallible religion, a cult of constant devotion, and that is where the real danger lies. Prior to the Florida death, some Tesla drivers were actually posting on-line videos of themselves with their hands off the steering wheel and watching movies while using *Autopilot*.

In just a few years, when the fully autonomous car arrives in dealerships, it will be the Darth Vader Death Star for human drivers. Autonomous or self-driving cars will utilize a supposedly more accurate laser based sensor system called LIDAR that will eliminate the human driver. Self-driving cars are becoming reality much more quickly than you might imagine, and they are already here in Texas. Google is testing self-driving Lexus SUVs around Austin, UBER is testing self-driving Ford Fusions in Pittsburgh and even BMW promises to have self-driving cars on the road by 2021. If BMW is on target for 2021, you can bet that Porsche won’t be left behind.

What are the reviews for self-driving cars so far? *Fabulous*, according to Google, although admittedly, Google may be just a little biased considering its sizeable financial investment. Last summer, Google claimed that over a period of six years and almost two million miles of testing its self-driving cars, there had been only 12 minor accidents, all caused by a *human driver in the other car*.

Pay very close attention to those words: “*caused by a human driver in the other car.*” I can guarantee you that every government agency is focused upon those words. Because self-driving cars could theoretically eliminate the dangers of distracted drivers who are texting and talking on their phones and otherwise reduce or eliminate accidents, government has embraced them. In fact, the U.S. government has already endorsed self-driving cars by promising to remove the regulatory hurdles to their development (does that mean

*less safety testing?*) and pledging four billion dollars to speed their development. Quoting Treasury Secretary Anthony Foxx, the government is “bullish on autonomous vehicles.”

“Bullish on autonomous vehicles” – those are ominous words for a graying population of Porsche sports car owners. I know I’m getting to be a dinosaur, but I don’t need the automobile manufacturers and the government to keep reminding me. If the Cayenne and Macan SUVs saved Porsche, will self-driving cars be the end.

For now, Porsche owners have one very strong ally. The CEO of Porsche, Oliver Blume, has said that Porsche has no plans to develop a self-driving car. But, as part of the Volkswagen Audi Group and beholden to its corporate masters, how long can Porsche fight this battle? Audi is already testing self-driving technology in an A7 nicknamed “Jack”, and plans to have it in production by 2018. It is anticipated that “Jack” will be able to handle 70% of the drive. How long before it is 100%?

Demographically, the odds may not be in our favor. Look around at almost any Porsche event, and many of the people present will be 50+. Someone told me that the average age of PCA members has gotten ten years older in the past ten years, not an encouraging sign for the future. Young people raised in an era of video games, cell phones, endless television channels and unlimited internet just don’t seem to care that much about cars. If they can sit back and text away while the car drives itself, why not?

Putting your Porsche’s steering wheel, with that beautiful crest, in a dusty closet next to your high school yearbook would just be wrong. But, we humans still have hope. Just remember, the astronauts pulled the plug on *Hal the Computer*’s circuit boards, and even the *Terminator* wound up getting recycled into a people lover. So, enjoy each and every drive, each and every day, and remember what *Hans Solo* said to *Luke Skywalker*. “*May the Force be with you.*”



Yee Haw: Catching some air in a self-driving Prius.

Photo courtesy of Popular Mechanics.



# *The Spirit of Giving*

*Lone Star Region wishes to express its warm thanks to Natalie Watson and the Chopard Boutique in Houston for partnering with LSR Members to raise money for the Magnificat House.*



**Big smiles on this happy occasion as Natalie Watson, Director of the Chopard Boutique in the River Oaks District, presents a donation to Luke Stuckey of the Magnificat House in the amount of \$2,488.00. Lori Mauer, Lone Star Region Charity Chair, is on the far right. For the story of how Chopard, Natalie, Lori and LSR Members made this donation happen, please see the article that begins on the following page.**

## *Chopard Sponsors an Evening of Watches and Racing History* with Lone Star Region to Benefit the *Magnificat House*

By Lori Mauer, Lone Star Region  
Charity Chair

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, Lone Star members were invited by Chopard to its boutique in the River Oaks District for an evening of charity, food and fun to celebrate the tremendous influence that racing has played in the design of watches such as the classic Chopard Mille Miglia over the past century. Natalie Watson, Desiree Gallas and all of the Chopard staff had every detail of this fabulous event planned with precision, including a special guest, Aaron Sigmond, who was there to introduce his new book, *Drive Time*. During the evening, guests were able to chat with Aaron, who personalized and signed each copy of *Drive Time* gifted to the attendees.

After meeting the Chopard team, it became clear that this family company shares our passion for Porsches, racing, performance and our commitment to philanthropy. Chopard is the official timing partner of Porsche Motorsports and accompanied Porsche on its highly successful return to Le Mans in 2014, providing the inspiration for the Chopard Porsche 919 Edition watch. At the end of a splendid night, Chopard donated \$2,488.00 to benefit Magnificat House, Lone Star Region's long-time charity partner,

Arriving guests were treated to photographs at the front of the Chopard Boutique with beautiful, vintage Porsches. A few days before the event, we had plenty of bling and beautiful jewelry, but we still needed some stunning, vintage Porsches. So, I called up our friend Steve Ott at Driver Source to see if he could help. Steve personally selected three beauties and delivered them to the boutique including an absolutely perfect 1988 Porsche 930 Turbo in stunning nougat color, a classic





(Chopard Sponsors an Evening , *continued*)

and elegant pale yellow 1965 Porsche 356 SC cabriolet and a dazzling 1965 Porsche 911 in red with black and white houndstooth seat inserts. The matching houndstooth luggage, on display in the trunk, was a real crowd pleaser.

Once inside, guests were served Pellegrino, Champagne and Italian red and white wines with Scotch, Tequila, Whiskey and Prosecco provided at the bar. In case you don't know, Prosecco is a refreshing vodka drink with fresh pomegranate and crème de cassis, and it is yummy. DJ Senega played an awesome and eclectic range of everyone's favorite jams. Hors d'oeuvres included watermelon and octopus salad, crab cakes, caprese skewers, asparagus wrapped prosciutto and homemade potato gnocchi with short rib ragu catered by Taverna Restaurant. Later in the evening, guests were treated to Cloud 10 handmade ice cream and delicious mini ice cream cannolis.

Consistent with the racing scene, Chopard raffled a set of Mille Miglia gear shift cuff links and a men's bracelet from the same Mille Miglia series. Chopard has been a corporate sponsor of the Mille Miglia since 1988.

Among the invited guests were the President of Magnificat House, David Taylor, and Magnificat Board Members Mike Frankovich, Larry Cronin, Marty Matulia, and Enid Cruise-Cleland. As they shared their stories about Magnificat House's long history of helping the impoverished and mentally ill, it truly helped to develop a deeper understanding and connection with the charity and folks that our members are working so hard to help. Luke Stuckey, Magnificat House Advancement Director, was also present and pivotal to the coordination of our efforts.



Desiree Gallas, Aaron Sigmond and Natalie Watson.



Magnificat Board Members Larry Cronin and Marty Matulia..



Elegance is timeless.

Not only does Chopard have a business relationship with Porsche, but there is a more personal connection based upon a shared enthusiasm for motorsports and philanthropy. Karl-Friedrich Scheufele, Co-President of Chopard is a racing enthusiast. Karl is both a collector of

historical cars and an avid competitor in classic rallies such as the famous Mille Miglia. Karl drives his own rally cars with his good friend, Porsche Le Mans legend, Jacky Ickx, often accompanying him as co-driver. Karl's father, Karl Scheufele III, Chairman of Chopard, also competes.

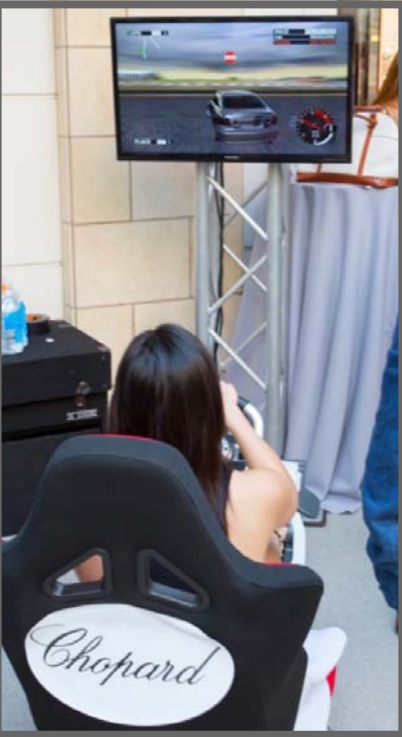


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A beautiful nougat 930 Turbo from DriverSource.



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Chopard also has a longstanding commitment to social and philanthropic causes, including the José Carreras Leukaemia Foundation, the Elton John AIDS Foundation and The Prince’s Charities of HRH The Prince of Wales.

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Chopard has pledged its continued support for Magnificat House, and will be touring the grounds there soon. There is already some chatter about Lone Star Region having another charity event with Chopard later this year. Please don’t miss the next event because all the guests had a blast at this one! The gracious people at Chopard know how to throw a party for a good cause!



Classic 1965 Porsche 356 SC Cabriolet courtesy of DriverSource.



# Why We Porsches

When I was in college, I paid my way through school as a valet at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott. I parked all kinds of cars from Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Bentleys, Aston Martins, and, of course, Porsches.

One night a gentleman pulled up in a 997 Turbo and I had never seen one before. I said that's a beautiful car, but it's dirty and he said well here's \$100 and told me to take it to the car wash. So I'm driving to the car wash on Woodlands Parkway and decide to see what Porsche is really made of knowing this was their flagship model at the time. So I pressed the clutch, put it into 2nd and hammered it. The Turbo sounded like a giant, angry Dyson sucking me back against the seat. I had never driven anything that ferocious and frightening in my life.

Don't be mistaken, as I had ridden in high-powered exotic sports cars and it was not the same because it put all the power down with no tire spin, just get up and go. So after that night I told myself when I graduated from college I would buy a Porsche Turbo. I have now graduated and own a 944 Turbo S and a Cayenne Turbo S. You could say after that experience I have turbo fever!

Ryan Lansford



Ryan's beautifully restored 944.

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## *The Pin Man from Muenster Adds LSR to His Worldwide Collection*

This summer LSR received an email from Mr Diethard Doebrich, who lives in Muenster, Germany, and collects car club pins in general, and Porsche Club pins in particular. After some digging, we found some LSR pins to send him. He was very grateful, and sent us some wonderful pictures of his collection, and told us how he started his hobby.



"Yesterday I received your LSR-pins. Thank you so much! I added them to my collection. I appreciate your support and your kindness! I enclose some photos of my collection."

"It all started in the 60ies when my Dad bought a moped 'NSU Quickly'. As a give away he got a NSU-needle. Nobody payed attention on it. Years later I discovered this

needle again and started collecting needles. Pins weren't available yet. I principally collected needles of car-factories, for example AUDI, FORD, OPEL, MERCEDES-BENZ, VW and last but not least PORSCHE. As time went by pins appeared more and more. There were pins of groceries, different kind of beers and COCA COLA of course."

"I mainly collected Porsche-pins (and I still do so!). Therefore, I travelled to several fairs like the IAA Frankfurt, the TECHNO-CLASSICA in Essen and the Motor-Show Essen. At EBay too, pins are offered. Besides there are a couple of other collectors whom I trade pins with. I even traded with a few guys of PCA-Regions."

"During all these years (I'm 74 years old now) I've got needles and (mainly) pins from GERMANY but also those of AUSTRALIA - AUSTRIA - BAHRAIN - CANADA - CHINA - CIPRUS - DENMARK - EL SALVADOR - FINLAND - FRANCE - GREAT-BRITAIN - GUATEMALA -

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"Sometime, when you discover pins of other PCA-Clubs, Porsche-Parade, Escape, Fiesta del Porsche, West Coast Holiday, East Coast Holiday, 356 Registry or Porsche Reunion I would be delighted if you remember the old man overseas in Germany!!"

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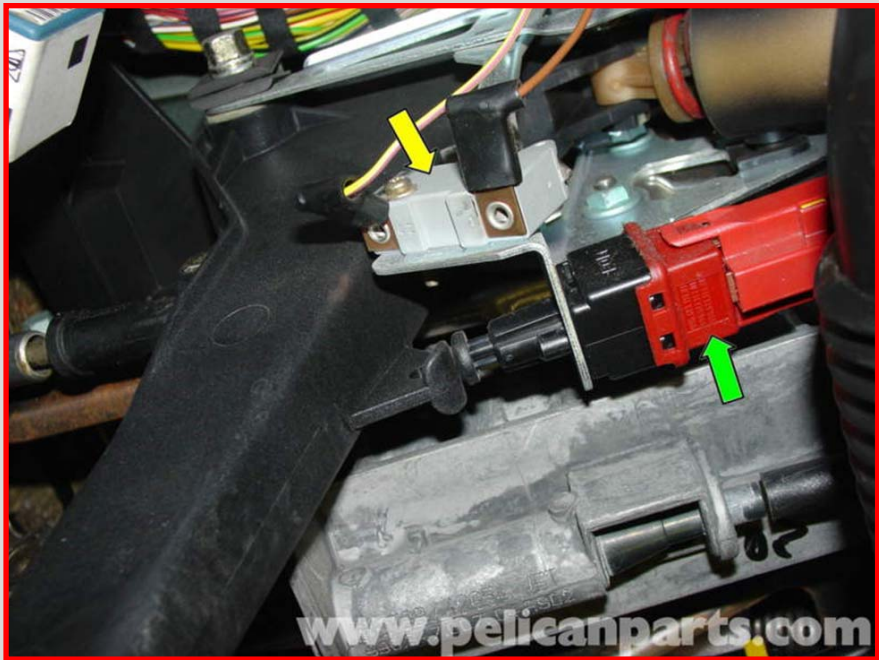
## TECH TIPS - Porsche Clutch Pedal Ignition Lockout Switch Replacement

**D**oes your Boxster have intermittent starting problems, sometimes starts perfectly, sometimes doesn't even crank? Well, my Spyder has developed that annoying habit, and it really is annoying if you stall the car out in stop and go traffic and it won't even crank. Many Houston drivers think Porsches are Number One, especially the ones blocking the road, and they will let you know their admiration with a glorious display of one-fingered salutes.

**So, what is causing this starting problem?** Whenever I have a technical problem, I head to one of two places first to get some background on what may be the root cause. These two resources are Rennlist and Pelican Parts, which have valuable on-line posts from other Porsche owners, and even many on-line tutorials that can show you how to diagnose and fix the problem.

**After googling "starting problems Boxster", I found the source of the problem in about five minutes.** In this day of way too many electronic gizmos, there are three important microswitches on the Boxster's pedals. Two are on the clutch pedal, and one on the brake pedal.

**One of the switches on the clutch pedal is the clutch-ignition lockout that prevents the car from starting unless the clutch pedal is fully depressed.** This switch does wear out frequently. This is the most likely cause of intermittent starting problems on my Boxster, because if I jiggle the clutch pedal enough and finally try to jam it through the floor, it will start.



Yellow Arrow points to clutch-ignition lockout switch.

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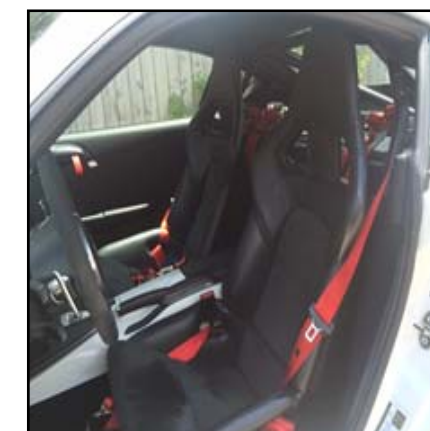
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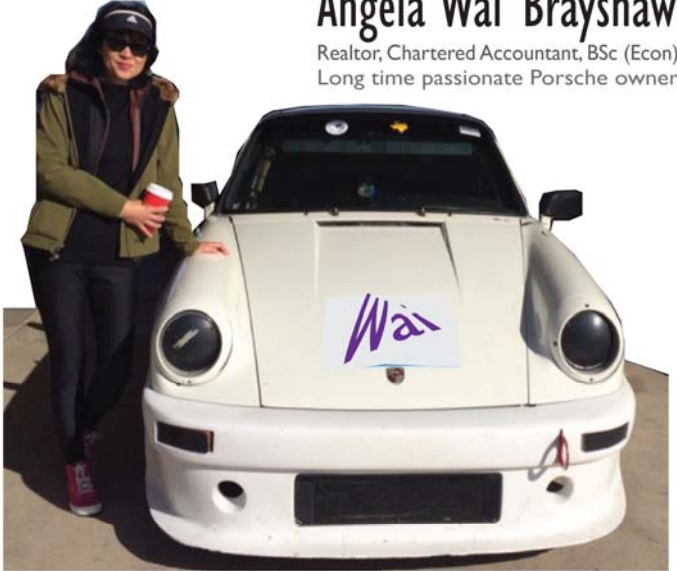
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