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The Kentucky Region Newsletter

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APRIL 2017



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APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Fiesta Time Amigos

135 S. English Station Rd
Louisville, KY 40245
502-254-7755

Menu: <http://www.fiestatimeamigos.com/menu/dinner>



**Monday
April 10
7:00 PM**

Cars & Coffee is always held on the **second Saturday** from 9-11AM in the parking lot of **Captain's Quarters Restaurant** on River Rd. Now \$5 per car.

This casual meeting involves anyone interested in all types of cars. It's a free event, however it is a benefit for Dystonia, so please make a donation and/or buy some coffee or breakfast to support the cause. It is weather-pending, but only depending on what conditions you're willing to bring out your Porsche. Just show-up whenever you can. Who knows, maybe some of us will go for a drive afterwards?

& EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9am til 11am

Cars & Coffee

Thanks to our Event Sponsor!

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KY PCA Website

www.kypca.org

Stay informed and participate! Join the KYPKA mailing list and be notified of upcoming events, club news, and membership information.

Remember, it's your participation as a member that makes the club successful.

Please visit the below website and sign-up today!

www.kypca.org

(mailing list sign-up for Pacesetter, Driver Education and general information)

www.kypca.org/club-news/

(club activities, meetings, or general announcements from KY Region PCA, the latest issue of the Pacesetter (our monthly newsletter), announcements of new models, racing news)

www.kypca.org/document-library/

(club specific documents, upcoming club events, frequently asked questions, mailing list sign-up, Web Links)

www.kypca.org/club-events/

(photos and videos from club events (member submitted or just something we think is really cool and Porsche related))

Having trouble viewing the www.kypca.org website? Do you have a suggestion on how we can improve it? Please send any feedback you might have to feedback@kypca.org.

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President's Report

April 2017

Jason Miller—KY Region President



Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!!
Driving season is finally upon us.

The month of April promises to get things rolling. Cars & Coffee is back – the second Saturday of each month at Captain's Quarters. The Kentucky Derby Festival is getting underway. And, our first two drives of the season will take place. The first being Saturday, April 15



“April also brings the start of Track Season.”

as we head to Angel's Envy distillery for an afternoon tour. And then, Saturday, April 29 a little longer excursion to Natural Bridge.

April also brings with it the start of Track Season. I must say, this excites me! Admittedly, my track days are likely limited this year. For the second time in a year's span, I started a new job last November. While I am enjoying the new challenge, my already

limited free time is now even less. With that said, I am looking ahead to our June DE at Putnam Park. Registration opens for the Summer Heat Sunday, April 23 at 9am.

As a reminder, our June DE is scheduled June 9 – 11. Followed by our Fall Festival September 8 – 10.

In March I mentioned the Pacesetter would be moving over to a fully web-based design. The Pacesetter in its current form will end with the May edition. Our hope is to have the new edition available by June, and it will be found at www.kypca.org.

The April meeting will be Monday, April 10 at Fiesta Time Amigos: 135 S English Station Rd Ct.

See you there.
Jason Miller



Wine Tasting Social May Club Event *by Joe Galownia*

Based on past success, the fourth annual Wine Tasting Party is on for **Saturday, May 20th from 6:30-10PM** at the Galownia residence in New Albany, Indiana. It will be a great time to socialize, meet other club members, and enjoy great food and spirits.

This event is becoming more successful each year. Last year we had close to 60 attendees. This is pushing our capacity and ability to maintain the quality of the event for all so this year we will cap the attendance at 60. I will maintain a list of RSVPs in the order received and draw the line at 60. So please, if you sign up make sure you are coming and if you have to withdraw for some reason please notify me so I can move others up the list. RSVP requirements are listed below.

The format for the wine tasting is structured so that everyone will get to taste many different wines. Each person (or couple) is to bring **TWO** bottles of the **SAME** wine. Price point is \$10-25. For the tasting, one bottle of each wine will be opened for those attending to sample/taste. The second bottle will remain in reserve unopened. After dinner, the names of those attending will go into a hat for a drawing. Luck of the draw, each name is pulled and that person (or couple) gets to select from the unopened bottles as to which bottle they want to take home.

For dinner, the club will furnish a nice selection of cheeses during the tasting, with grilled steaks, vegetables, and deserts afterwards.

If you wish to attend this great event, **RSVP to Joe Galownia by Tuesday, May 16th via e-mail at: jmgalo@hotmail.com**. Phone is 502-836-4272 if you have any questions. This is a reservation-only RSVP required party to allow for proper supplies and food. There is ample safe parking, so bring your Porsche. Address is: **3008 Wolf Lake Blvd, New Albany, IN 47150**. Rain or shine, looking forward to seeing you there!



The 62nd Annual Porsche Parade July 9 - 15, 2017

Monthly Membership Reports
by Anthony Minstein

PCA Anniversaries!!

March 2017

Yrs	Name	City	Car Year, Model, Color
29	John Flesburg	Boonville, IN	1983 911 Turbo White
22	Ralph & Kathy Bellande	Prospect, KY	1999 911 Carrera
21	Jim Breidenberg	Paducah, KY	1976 911S
21	Maris Caibe	Louisville, KY	1985 944
20	Jim & Vicki Woods	Paducah, KY	1983 944 Black
19	Richard & Angela	Montgomery	1973 914 1.7 Signal Orange
16	John & Cathy Moore	Ashland, OH	2005 Boxster S Blue
15	Edward & Kristen Falenki	Crestwood, KY	1985 911 Carrera
15	Crystal Henson	Louisville, KY	1991 911 Carrera 2 Cabriolet Blue
14	Matthew & Colleen Dicken	Goshen, KY	2002 Boxster S
12	Tim & Denny Fortney	Prospect, KY	2013 911 Carrera White
12	Kevin & Rosalie Schuler	Louisville, KY	2002 911 Carrera Yellow
10	David & Valerie Hall	Louisville, KY	2008 911 Carrera 4S Black
10	Larry & Colleen Keith	Madison, IN	2006 Boxster Seal Gray
8	Steven Rountree & Bradley Gilmore	Louisville, KY	1999 911 Carrera Arctic Silver
8	Steve & Gail Zeh	Louisville, KY	2006 911 Carrera 4S Guards Red
7	Thomas Bailey	Louisville, KY	2006 Boxster S Black
7	Andrew Papa	La Grange, KY	2015 911 GT3 Coupe Racing Yellow
6	Gary & Lisa Benton	Cadiz, KY	1989 911 Carrera Targa Black
6	Henry Burt	Louisville, KY	1971 911E
6	David Owen	Louisville, KY	2000 911 Carrera Black
6	Jesse & Angie Tamura	Mt Washington, KY	1982 911 SC Blue
4	Christopher & Shannon Day	Louisville, KY	2012 911 Carrera Gray
4	Nathan Fornwalt	Louisville, KY	1976 911
4	Martyn & Collin Gallus	Louisville, KY	2010 Cayenne Gray
3	Larry & Stefan Ferguson	Spurgeon, IN	2014 911 Turbo White
2	Rick Blanchard	Louisville, KY	2014 Cayman S Blue
1	Robert & Michael Greipel	Louisville, KY	1996 911 Carrera Black
1	Dennis Schulinck	Louisville, KY	2016 911 Carrera 4 GTS GT Silver
1	Mark Williams	Louisville, KY	2007 911 Carrera S

**Incomplete profiles are based on the info you filed with National when joining/renewing your membership.

Welcome New Members!!

February 2017

Name	City	Car Year, Model, Color
Matthew Sosa	Bowling Green, KY	1988 944 Turbo S Black
Joseph Johnson	Louisville, KY	1993 968 Cabriolet Red/ Red Raspberry
Richard Pape	Louisville, KY	2014 911 Carrera Cabriolet Silver

PCA Anniversaries!!

April 2017

Yrs	Name	City	Car Year, Model, Color
27	John & Cheryl Campbell	Louisville, KY	1980 928
21	Bruce & Claudia Davis	Louisville, KY	1996 911 Carrera 4
18	James & Rebecca Klemens	Louisville, KY	2006 911 Carrera S
17	William & Andrew Daum	Louisville, KY	1991 944 S2 Cabriolet White
17	Dan Fultz	Louisville, KY	1968 912 Red
6	James Andriot	Louisville, KY	1983 911 SC
6	Russell Hurst & April Alsup	Louisville, KY	2005 Boxster S Gray
4	James & April	Memphis, IN	2000 911 Carrera Cabriolet Black
4	John Kucera	Austin, TX	2009 911 Carrera Cabriolet Blue
3	Daniel & Heidi Fernandez	Alvation, KY	2011 911 Carrera Gray
3	Paul & Ann Larochele	Prospect, KY	2014 Cayman S Gray
3	Ryan Walz	Georgetown, IN	1970 911E Targa Red
2	Tanner Metzmeier	Floyds Knobs, IN	1998 Boxster Black / L741
2	Paul Ramsey	Vine Grove, KY	2004 Boxster S Red
1	David Cummins	Prospect, KY	1999 911 Carrera Silver
1	Chris Evans	Louisville, KY	2002 911 Turbo Lapis Blue
1	Josh Jacobi	New Salisbury, IN	1999 Boxster Silver

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March 2017

Name	City	Car Year, Model, Color
Chris Caspar	Shelbyville, KY	2012 911 Turbo Cabriolet Black
Keith Sherriff	Owensboro, KY	1977 911S Red
Lido Petrucci	LaGrange, KY	1986 911 Carrera Cabriolet Red

KYPCA Drivers Education

June 9-11

Putnam Park Road Course

www.KYPCA.org



WHAT IS DRIVERS ED? - This program is designed to afford participants the opportunity to develop car control and other essential driving skills in an organized manner. People of various skill levels attend these events for a variety of reasons. The common denominator is that they have a great time and learn from their experience. Safety of participants and their cars is our number one concern.

WHY DRIVERS ED? - The principal reasons for Driver Education are to make all of us who participate more skilled and safer drivers and to provide us with the opportunity to learn about our cars and to experience "driving in its purest form". The fact that this happens to be an incredible amount of fun is quite an extra bonus.

Registration opens approximately 4-5 weeks prior to the event.



Go to www.MotorSportReg.com to register.

Registration opens Sunday April 23 at 9 AM.

March Tech Session *by Anthony Minstein*

Driving season is almost upon us here in Kentucky. March is that month where the sun could be shining with the temperature 75 degrees, or cold with 10 inches of snow, or severe thunder storms....all in one day!

Not really safe to schedule too many outdoor outings. In fact, last weekend's Cars & Coffee out by the river was cancelled due to poor weather, low 30s with snow in the forecast.

Instead, we scheduled our first major tech session of the year: brakes!

We met at Bluegrass Porsche, where Mitchell Schulz, Bluegrass Service shop supervisor led the club through an exhaustive review of how to change brakes, either at home or out at the track. Mitch began the session with Robert Klein's 2014 Boxster S. He showed us the proper jacking points on all four corners, before raising the car on the lift.

Once in the air, he began the disassembly process, instructing us on the removal of the sensors, calipers and a detailed walk through of rotors, grooves and pads. We took a close-up look at brakes and pads he had changed previously for a professional racer allowing us to compare brakes on Robert's car.

We were fascinated by the heat cracks coming from the drilled brakes. A sign of high temps in braking. Mitch explained the best approach is set the brakes, press hard, then release to minimize brake heat, leading us to trail braking into the turn.

The session went very well; Mitch went slowly making sure everyone had a chance to feel and see what he was doing throughout each step. It was certainly good for me as I also own a 2014 Boxster S and next time I'm at one of our DEs, I know exactly how to do my brakes: Find Mitch and pay him to do the job right.

Photos by T.H. Morris



Photos by Robert Klein



It's the people

*Membership Meeting
photo by Jim Doll*



*Werks Photo by Jim Doll
See many more on KYPCA Facebook page*



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For Sale

944 seats—Linen color leather front seats. Passenger and driver seats. Both power controlled. \$150 or best offer. Mark Schweinhart, (502) 608-0570 or markcrt@gmail.com. (Editor's note: please get these out of my garage!!)



For Sale

2012 Porsche 911 GTS Cabriolet—25,600 miles, 2nd owner, Porsche certified until 10/2017, 2,600 miles on new Bridgestone Potenza, Platinum Silver/Espresso Brown (full leather)/Cocoa Top, 408 HP/7 speed PDK, Chronograph option (sport mode & sport plus), sport steering wheel/paddles, sport seats & sport exhaust, clear bra (replaced July 2016), center lock wheels, all the advantages of a 911 GTS, in excellent condition. Now asking \$74,000. Contact Dale White 859-221-1521



MEMBERS ONLY PRIVATE FACEBOOK EVENTS GROUP

We have created a new way to share information with you about all of the planned activities for the club. This will be in addition to the other tools we already use such as email announcements, the website and the monthly editions of the Pacesetter. A new page has been created on Facebook that is dedicated to activities and events. This page will be accessible **only to club members** and will contain detailed information about each planned activity, including dates, times, maps, and activity overview. Your use of this page also helps me see how many people are interested in each planned event as you are able to indicate that you are going, might be going, or will not be going.

If you are already on Facebook and would like access to the page, please let me know and I will get you added. By design, it will not show up in a Facebook search and you have to be explicitly added to the group in order to see and receive page updates. I will just need your Facebook page name to get you added. If you are not currently on Facebook, I invite you to give it a try as it is a very powerful and convenient tool for communication. If you aren't sure how to get started, let me know and I would be glad to try and help. Facebook interaction can be as little or as much as you wish.

Thanks! I look forward to seeing you on many of our outings! As usual, if there are things that Edward and I can do to make the outings more meaningful to you, please don't hesitate to drop us a note. We are always looking for new ideas.

Regards,
T.H. Morris
terencehmorris@att.net



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PACESETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Classified Ads for 'The Mart' are published at no cost to PCA members for 3 months and at nominal cost to non-members. Send copy for ads to the PaceSetter Editor.

Commercial Rates: 1/4 Page \$130, 1/2 Page \$250, Full Page \$500, per year. Quarterly terms are available but require advance payment.

Business card ads are accepted from Kentucky Region members only at \$65 per year. Mail your card and a check made payable to Kentucky Region PCA, to the Pacesetter Editor.

2017 Planned Activities



April 15, 10 AM—1:30 PM

Angel's Envy Tours

Arthur Draut Park
Bowling Blvd., St Matthews, KY 40207
Springlee, St Matthews, KY

This drive will visit the recently completed Angel's Envy distillery in downtown Louisville. The tours are pre-purchase and are available online at the Angel's Envy website. I am shooting for the 11AM and Noon tours. The tour is limited to 10 people and as of 2/18/17, those tours look open so if you want to attend, please get your tickets now. Start with the 11AM until it runs out of availability and then begin selecting from the noon option. If you find that these both fill, we can consider adding more tour times. The sooner you get your tickets, the more likely we will have a tour exclusively with club members. More details to come on how we will work out the drive and a lunch. There are a couple of very good options near the distillery. Also, if you get your tickets, let me know and it will give us a sense of how much of the tour will be just our members. The distillery charges \$15 per person for the tour.



April 29, 9:30 AM

Natural Bridge and Lunch at Miguel's Pizza

This drive will bring the Kentucky and Bluegrass PCA regions together for a drive to the wonder that is Natural Bridge. We will stop at Miguel's Pizza for lunch.



May 20, 6 PM

Joe and Jane's Annual Cookout and Wine Tasting Party

This annual event is one that should not be missed. Joe and Jane Galonia host the club for a wine tasting and steak dinner. This is an RSVP only event - please RSVP to terenceharris@att.net no later than Monday May 15th. Select two matching bottles of your favorite wine to bring. One will be opened for the tasting, and the second is reserved for the drawing. You will make notes during the tasting and these notes will help you make your selection from the collection of reserved bottles as your number is drawn after dinner. Couples that want to take home two bottles should bring a total of four bottles.



May 27, 10AM

Town Branch Distillery Tour

This drive will bring the Kentucky and Bluegrass PCA chapters together for a tour of the Town Branch Distillery in Lexington. Lunch plans are still being worked out.



June 17, 10 AM

General Butler State Park and Rabbit Hash General Store

General Butler State Resort Park
1608 US Highway 227
Carrollton, KY 41008

The Rabbit Hash General Store experienced a devastating fire a couple of years ago and is in the final stages of being rebuilt. We will drive to General Butler State Park for a picnic lunch and then stop by the new general store.



July 15

Keeneland Concoures Drive



July 22, 10 AM

Patoka Lake Winery

Dubois, IN 47432

This recently opened winery near the shores of Patoka Lake is excited to host us for a wine tasting and tour. There is a cafe onsite for us as a lunch option.



July 28, 6:30 PM

Polly's Freeze Ice Cream Run

5242 State Road 62
Georgetown, IN 47122



August 18

Anthony and Vycki Minstein Pool Party



August 26

Parade Laps at NCM Motorsports Park

Bowling Green, KY

Back by popular demand will be a trip to NCM for a few parade laps. The cost per car is \$45, payable to NCM when we arrive. The track has a HPDE scheduled for that day so we are being accommodated during that event's lunch break so we must be on time. I will owe the track a car count a week before so please RSVP for this event by mid August. We had a great turnout last year and there are a lot of new cars this year so if you want to experience a track setting without signing up for a full weekend DE then this is a great option. No special requirements and no helmet is needed. Just you, your car and a spirited drive. Disclaimer: The club's drive will terminate at the entrance to the NCM facility and you will be responsible for your experience at the track.

REGISTRATION OPENS
FEBRUARY 21ST



Join in the fun!



Join your fellow Porsche Club of America members at the 62nd Porsche Parade on July 9-15, 2017. Parade is PCA's annual, weeklong event enjoyed by several thousand of your fellow members, who will gather this year in Spokane, Washington.

Parade participants will enjoy Driving Tours and a Gimmick Rally to explore eastern Washington's mountain vistas and high desert, the Concours at Riverfront Park, an Autocross, and a Time-Speed-Distance Rally to test your competitive spirit.

When you want to step away from driving, Spokane is a walkable city with award-winning eateries, the Cork District tasting rooms, craft breweries, and boutique shopping. Bring the kids, too, as they'll be kept busy with activities such as model Porsche Concours, RC Car racing, and an ice cream social (well, adults can join in the ice cream, too).



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REGISTRATION FOR EVENTS
OPENS ON **APRIL 3RD**.

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Presented by Porsche of Albuquerque

Celebrate the 2017 Fiesta New Mexico at the Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza Hotel in beautiful Santa Fe, NM! It's the 50th Year of Roadrunner Region hospitality and fun!

- **Concours**
- **Autocross**
- **Landmarks Rally**
- **Beautiful New Mexico Drive Outs**

There will be a Welcome Reception, Continental breakfasts and Awards Banquet. You will definitely want the commemorative t-shirts and other goodie bag items, all included.

COME CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROADRUNNER REGION AT THIS PREMIER EVENT!



There is a lot to do in Santa Fe, NM. You may want to come early and stay late to really enjoy the trip. Below are some helpful links to help you plan your trip.

- https://santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Things_to_Do/Tours/index.html
- https://santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Self_Guided_Tours/index.html
- https://santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Museums/index.html
- https://santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Dine/index.html
- https://santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Galleries/index.html
- <http://www.visitalbuquerque.org>
- <http://taos.org>
- <https://www.newmexico.org/videos/>
- <http://www.newmexico.org>

Registration will be through **motorsportreg.com**

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2017-rrr-pca-fiesta-new-mexico-hilton-santa-fe-historic-plaza-roadrunner-027901>

30 cars have already registered- don't miss out on this fantastic Porsche Roadrunner adventure! We can accommodate a maximum of 100 cars at our event.

The Roadrunner Region is proud to announce that the artwork for this event, which will be on our commemorative t-shirts, will be produced by world-famous Porsche artist, **Nicolas Hunziker**.

You can see more of Nicolas' art at this site: **nicolashunziker.com** and be sure and visit his store to see his collection of t-shirts and, newly available, footwear.

Nicolas has done the artwork for the first three Porsche Werks Reunions held in Monterey, CA during the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Car week, and we are immensely proud that he will be doing the artwork for our 2017 Fiesta New Mexico event. The 2017 Fiesta New Mexico t-shirts will certainly be a collector's item and will only be available to Fiesta New Mexico registrants (and co-registrants) by attending our event.

WAIVERS REQUIRED FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS

****Important update for those planning on attending club activities with their underage family members****

We are excited to offer a variety of activities to club members. Occasionally, minors attend these events and this is good to see because it is important that we continue the family friendly culture. We are all well accustomed to signing the waiver supplied by PCA national immediately prior to departing on our drives. We also have forms specifically addressing the participation by minors. In the past, we have been able to utilize the single signature of the guardian/parent attending the event but this is no longer the case. A recent development has led the insurance company to state that unless both guardians/parents of the minor sign the waiver, then neither the adult attendee or the minor attendee are covered by insurance. If you plan to bring your under the age of 18 family members along, please print off the waiver and have both parents sign the document and bring it along with you to the activity. A link to the waiver form is included below.

Minor Waiver Form from PCA National Website link:
<https://www.pca.org/resource/waiver-minors>

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Do You Uber? by Danielle Badler

On some gadgets, I'm what I would consider a relatively early adopter. But when it comes to prying my hands from the wheel of my beloved automotive conveyances, I'm not exactly in a rush.

Then again, I've started using Uber.

First there was this snowy night, earlier this winter. I was off to a big fund-raiser downtown, and I really didn't want to drive. I called up the app on my phone, and punched in my location and destination, and a car and driver picked me up in, like, five minutes. The ride cost \$12, with tip, which was built in. Charged to my credit card. With no cash changing hands. Same for my return. And, both times, a cheerful driver inched to the curb and waited patiently for me to slip over a thin layer of slush.



Then I took Uber from home to the airport, with a companion. I reserved a time, the day before. The driver was right on time.

“Has Uber become a verb like Google?”

We got out of the car, and I took a quick look at my phone. I noticed a receipt was already in my e-mail. For the trip, not the number of passengers. Along with instructions on what I should do, if I wanted to take Uber for the return trip home.

The instructions weren't exactly complicated. I took Uber from the airport to home. I walked up to a designated floor and door. And met a small gaggle of other Uber-doopers (Uberites? Ubermovers?) who, one by one, suddenly moved out to the drive to be picked up, all the while staring at their phones.

I was doing the same. Watching a representation of a car make its way on a map, projected on my screen, with a simultaneous readout of how many minutes away my driver was, along with what type of car and the license plate number. And the driver's name. And a rating for my driver, submitted by a bunch of previous passengers.

And this was late on a Sunday night. My flight home was delayed three hours. I had been fretting over whether there'd be anybody to pick me up, at all. It wasn't a problem.

The driver made a u-turn so I could get out, right in front of my building. God forbid I'd have to

cross the street. And he waited, he sort of kept guard, while I made my way inside.

I'm sold.

I mean, I currently own two cars. My Porsche and my daily driver. Now, admittedly, I've introduced myself to my neighbors in my building as the person who owns the copper-brown 911 that never leaves. And they always respond with, "Oh, YOU're the owner!" Both cars have parking spaces in my building. Normally, heading downtown, I'd cruise around the block, looking for a meter. And end up in a garage, at least a few blocks from my destination. And, with gas and parking, the trip would cost me the same as the Uber hop. And take at least as long.

I always felt secure, knowing that, no matter what happened, or when I wanted to come or go, I had my transportation with me. I was beholden to nobody.

There was the time, last year, returning from Chicago, when my flight was seven hours late. United never canceled the flight. They just kept pushing back the departure time, again and again and again. We landed at 3 am. I'm not kidding. But I had my car at the airport. I got home as the sun was rising.

If I had been using SuperShuttle? They were batted down like they were waiting for an air-raid. Uber? Who knows. But, after my experiences, I think I'd chance it. My driver told me that, after dropping someone off at the airport, they head to a holding area, where they wait in line, virtually, for a fare back. And wait, and wait, if they have to.

I tried SuperShuttle a few times to the airport. But I kept meeting fellow passengers I had no interest in meeting. And visiting neighborhoods I had no interest in exploring. On average, a 30 or 40-minute ride was taking at least an hour and a half, maybe two hours. And, of course, they charge by the person, not simply the trip.

I have a very close friend, who was the impetus for my Uber indoctrination. She had driven for Uber and Lyft. Mostly, she cruised around downtown, especially on into the night, waiting for a "surge" fare.

And, yes, on these shifts, in these locations, most rides were people who had had, shall we say, imbibed a bit too much.

Now, that's innately a very good thing. She would tell me that these people had no business being behind the wheel. But, again and again,

they were often belligerent. They always knew the best way home, or thought they did. She related how, sometimes, it was next to impossible, just to get an exact idea of where they were heading.

To say nothing about the occasional, uh, shall we say, release of bodily fluids.

No, she quit. After about three or four months. Which, my Uber from the airport driver told me, is the typical length of time behind the wheel.

I asked this driver how long he's been doing it. He said two years. He was very proud; called himself a pioneer. I asked him how he likes it. And he said it was great. He set his own hours, learned to stay away from pub-crawling, and has met all sorts of interesting people, like me! It's the people, he said ... yeah, really, I'm not kidding.

I've read about how literally all the major automotive manufacturers are in the process of aligning themselves with one, or more, travel disruptor like Uber. They see themselves in a race to stay viable, against the new-idea upstarts that seem to pop up in sets of waves, ready to break ashore with a market capitalization that dwarfs their manufacturing cohorts.

What to do? Keep your sports car for nice days and the track. I want to know, has Uber become a verb, like Google? If not, it's only a matter of time.

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Tech Tactics

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It's such a cool name, but the event is even cooler!

What is it?

Tech Tactics is a two-day gathering organized by PCA (Porsche Club of America) and PCNA (Porsche Cars North America) which offers technical information about our favorite subject: Porsches.

It is held early in the year on the East side of the Country and therefore called Tech Tactics East and later in the year, the Tech Tactics West version is offered.

Because they are hosted by PCNA, they are held at Porsche's Training Facilities in Easton, PA and Ontario, CA respectively.

N These Training Facilities are state-of-the-art venues which offer the perfect

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environment for teaching and learning all things technical about these cars.

These training Centers are where Porsche dealers throughout the US and Canada send their techs for continuing education and also serve as warehouse and distribution centers for Porsche parts.

The facilities also function as Porsche parts distribution centers with incredibly large and well-stocked inventories.

PCA and PCNA are also working together to try and include the Porsche North American Headquarters in Atlanta, GA as another one of the Tech Tactics venues so that more Porsche enthusiasts can have access to the program.

At each of these Training Centers there are several very well equipped classrooms with digital projectors and audio systems as well as car lifts, engine mounts, work tables and everything needed to study any Porsche in-depth.

The technical information offered in these events is for all levels; from the enthusiast to the professional mechanic.

Tech Tactics is held on a Saturday and Sunday although both days are basically the same program. It is done this way in order to limit attendance to a manageable number each day (125 people/day) allowing for Q&A time during or after each presentation.

As the pre-registered attendees



arrive they sign in, receive their badges and then are invited to enjoy pastries and coffee before the program starts.

At 8:45 AM Tech Tactics kicks off with the introduction, generally handled by PCA's Technical Committee Chair: John Hoffman. John also coordinates all aspects of the event and schedules it down to the minute, books the speakers and makes sure that everything runs like clockwork.

I just came back from the 2017 Tech Tactics East where I was invited to be one of the speakers in my new role of PCA Technical Committee Expert on Boxster/Cayman. It was an honor and a pleasure to make a presentation to such knowledgeable groups. My particular sessions were on "Braking Basics".

But, as I said, I was in great

company. Well-known industry names such as Tony Callas, Jim Newton, Nathan Merz, Terry Anderson, David Becker, Dom Milano, John Paterek and Rolf Kittlitz also presented to the groups.

Tony's (PCA Tech Committee / Callas Rennsport) presentation was: "Inside Porsche". He highlighted details of a recent visit to the Porsche Factory, Museum and Porsche Classic venues. Great presentation especially because of his knowledge and the way he delivers that knowledge.

Jim Newton's (PCA Member) personality, wit and humor made for a super-interesting presentation on "barn-finds" and other incredible Porsche restoration projects.

David Becker (PCNA) gave an in-depth presentation on the 718 Cayman's technical stats, using as a prop a 2017 Cayman S on one of the lifts. Then he introduced David Becker who actually worked on the development of the 718's chassis and explained how it all comes together as one great car.

The Connected Car by Terry Anderson (PCNA) gave us a futuristic look at

what's possible in the automotive industry. Very interesting.

Dom Milano (PCA Member) spoke about autosport photography and how to get your photos published and John Paterek (PCA Tech Committee) with "Made in West Germany, remade in Chatham, NJ" gave an interesting look at Porsche restorations.

Finally, Rolf Kittlitz (PCNA) gave the attendees a full run-down on the beautiful, new 2017 Panamera Turbo. Just one tiny tidbit: The 2017 Panamera Turbo: 3 minutes 38 seconds around the Nürburgring's Nordshleife! A new world record for a 4-door sedan.

My recommendation is next time you get an e-mail from PCA announcing one of the Tech Tactics, register right then and there. You will be happy you did.

For more information on Tech Tactics and more, please visit my website: www.PedrosGarage.com.



Happy Porsche'ing,

Pedro

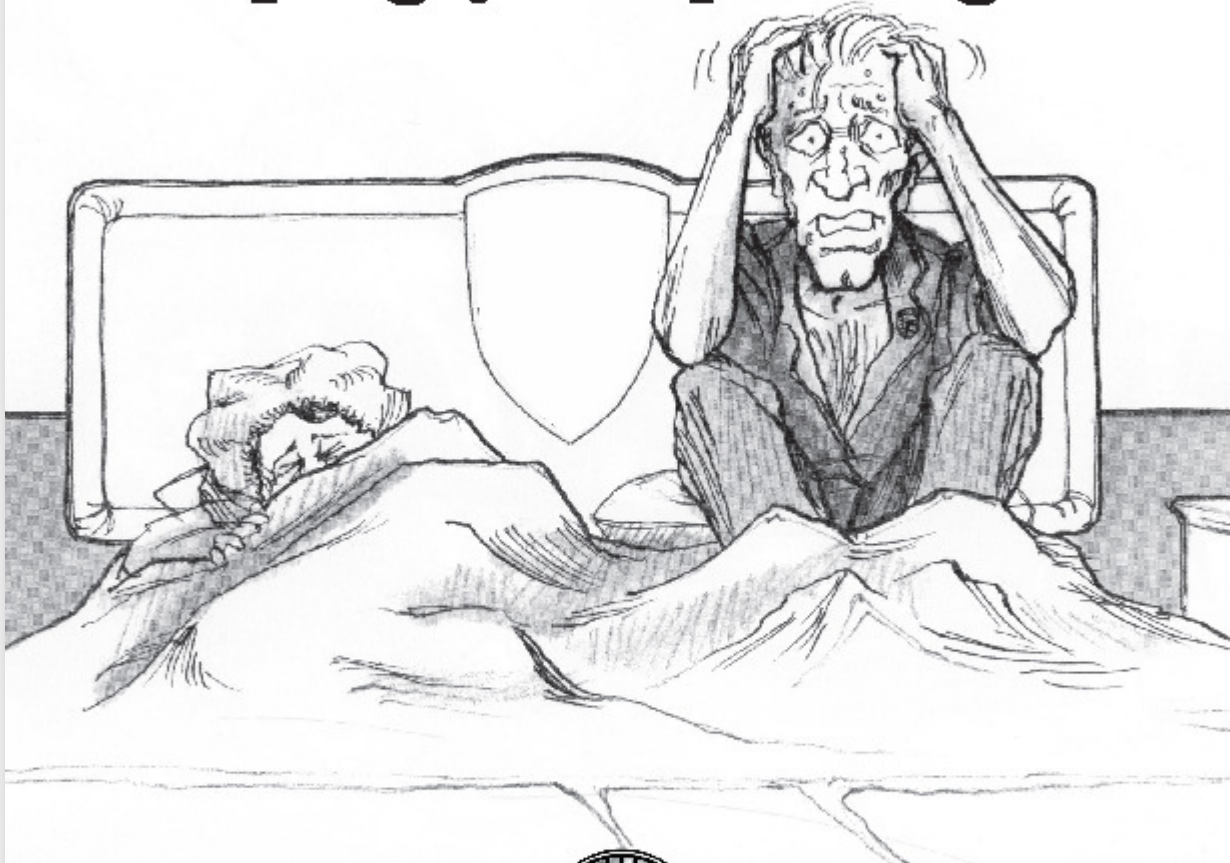


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