



Picking Up My New Macan at the Porsche Experience Center

By: Lindy Kirkpatrick, Treasurer

I knew I was going to need to order my new Macan to get all the “track” features I wanted, so as long as I was already going to have to order it, why not spring for an extra \$415 and pick it up at the Porsche Experience Center?

The process was easy. After placing the order, I was contacted by the center and they tracked my build. Once they knew when they would have the car, they sent me an email with two weeks of possible dates to come pick it up. They only schedule two pick ups a day, so give you many options. When we did the same thing with a BMW at their Performance Center in S.C., there were at least fifteen couples picking up a new car the same day.

As it turned out, I was the only one picking up a new car on December 17th. I was allowed to take a guest and took my friend Kitty with me. We had to be there at 9 am, so spent the night before about an hour south of Atlanta with her in-laws. My deal with Kitty was if she would drive me up there, she could share my track time. It worked out for both of us.

When we arrived at the facility, our names were on a big board welcoming us. We checked in and were escorted to our private delivery rooms. We had an office, rest room and kitchen full of food, as well as the delivery bay where my new car was under wraps. Our delivery expert/driving instructor gave us a tour of the facility – the most interesting part being where they restore old Porsches.

We returned to our special area and after signing my life away, we were taken to the car for the “big reveal.” My delivery expert went over the car with me (I’ve owned one before and just traded in a Cayenne, so he didn’t have to show me very much), pointing out two special features: a sticker on my windshield showing I was the 928th delivery at the center, and a special license plate bracket stating Porsche Experience Center on it. He mentioned that when they reach 1000 deliveries they are going to have a big party and invite all 1000 customers to it. They think it will be in April or May. If I’m free, I plan to attend and will write another article for the newsletter. **CONTINUED ON PG. 2**



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By: Lindy Kirkpatrick

We left my new, shiny blue car with the delivery guy's assistant and headed to the track to drive a vehicle just like the one I was picking up. I let Kitty go first and had a blast watching her go through all the skill areas and race around the track. It was raining, so conditions were slippery, which made it an even better learning experience. We traded places, and I got to put the Macan through the paces. They have the same skill stations as the BMW and Corvette courses I've done, but have one new one that is a blast. You approach it very slowly, and as you hit the "pad" it turns your vehicle, putting you in a skid. Bars also pop up that you have to avoid. You have to turn into the skid to get straightened out. You never know which way it is going to throw your vehicle so you can't prepare ahead of time, just have to react.



I've had several vehicles that had launch control, but never tried it. I think my husband may have once or twice, but he would have had a heart attack if I had tried it. I got to do it four times and oh what a blast it was! Actually, I had so much fun, my instructor cautioned me to wait until my engine was "fully" broken in before trying it at home. I did learn about braking during the launch control. The first time he had me stomp on the brakes and stay on them while trying to stop before some orange cones. I was not able to stop before the cones. The second time he had me stomp on the brakes, then back off just a hair, and lo and behold, I was able to stop before the cones.

Because it was a rainy day, I was able to learn another neat thing. He took me in a special, very slippery track area and had me run it in Sport Plus. The back end broke on every turn. Then, he had me re-run it in regular mode, which was the softest suspension, and I didn't break out at all. I do a fall run in Arkansas on leaves, which are sometimes wet, and my BMW Z4 was often breaking on tight corners in mountains. I always had it in Sport or Sport Plus, so now I know to take that off if conditions are wet. Great to know!

They have an off-road area, and we took the Macan up it so he could show me how the Hill Descent Control works. I'm a Jeepster and use that frequently on downhill Jeep runs, but had no idea my Macan had it as well. I do not plan to use it off-road, but you never know what situation you will find yourself in.

After wrapping up our track time, we were treated to a fabulous lunch in the restaurant overlooking the track, which also overlooks the runways of the Atlanta airport. The food was outstanding and we could have anything we wanted. After stuffing ourselves on truly gourmet food, we waddled out to the parking garage where my new vehicle was waiting for me in a special spot.

This was a wonderful experience which I highly recommend and would do again in a heartbeat!



From Our President

April 7th, 2020

I hope this finds everyone healthy and following to current rules of staying home, wearing a mask and taking all the necessary precautions the government and the states have put out to follow.

We started the year with some good intentions, but those have been canceled and postponed due to the Coronavirus. Please stay safe and follow the current rules put in place by the President and Governors of our states.

I started off, along with a few others, making my annual trip to Daytona for the Rolex 24. Some of us go down in my RV and spend 4 days watching all the practices and support races. The weather was great, and we ate well and saw some great racing.

The region has lost one of our members; Walter Be-necke passed away late last year. More recently, Bill Mosely from the British Car Club passed away, on March 31 of this year.

I would hope that everyone is following to the current House Arrest rules we are supposed to follow, staying home, keeping our distance



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and wearing a protective face mask. My wife and daughter in-law have been busy making cloth face masks for our protection. There are tips on the internet to make them, but a bandana over your mouth and nose will work.

Once the stay at home orders are lifted, we still need to be careful and don't go crazy and do something stupid.

The only things I know that have not been canceled are the Porsche Parade in Palm Springs, CA in June, and Zonefest, May 22 – 25, held in Melbourne, FL [Editor's Note: Zonefest has been canceled since this article was submitted]. All the DE's and Races, including OktoberFast at Daytona, have been postponed or canceled. There may be some events that will

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open up in the fall. Even the Indy 500 has been postponed till the fall.

I had signed up for a three-day DE at Road Atlanta the first weekend of April, which was a solo event along with a PCA Club Race. They held off as long as they could, but it was also canceled.

Once the stay-at-home order is lifted, I have a rally thru northern Baldwin County set up. However, one problem is there is no place to stop and eat and go to the bathroom at the end.

Everyone please stay home and take care of yourself; this soon will be over. If you can get around the roadblocks, go take a drive out in the country; it will do you some good.

The Werks Reunion, Amelia Island 2020

By: John Hans

This trip started 4 years ago when I first heard about the Porsche Werks @ Amelia Island. I asked my daughter, Stacie, if she wanted to go and when she responded with a big “heck yea,” I registered for the 1st Werks show. Keeping up with the tradition for this year, we registered my 1979 930. I tried to register a 951, but registration was closed. However, that did not stop us from driving both cars to Amelia Island.

We left in the rain, after having spent 5 days detailing both cars, and it rained all the way to Jacksonville. When we arrived, it started raining even harder. Now in Alabama, right before the Florida line, is a store called Buc-ee’s. It is the Walmart of gas stations, and you must experience it. It has 135 pumps with the capacity to refuel 270 cars at the same time. The store is as big as a Walmart inside and has lots of stuff, from food to whatever you fill a Walmart-sized store with.

Friday morning dawned with clear skies, and we were up and looking for a car wash at 5:30. We washed both cars and headed to the Werks show. Turns out, 700 Porsches showed up. We found our spot on the golf course and lined up with 18 cars in our class. There were 55 entries in the 914 class. I believe there were over 15 classes of cars. I have judged at this event for 3 years, but did not this year, and I am glad that I did not because everywhere you looked there were beautiful Porsches and it would have been hard to pick winners.

There were lots of vendor tents with art, exhausts, brakes, jewelry, (some very expensive) clothing and much more. John Oats, from Hall & Oats, was there with his 356 Outlaw, and the 930 from Bad Boys was also on display. There was a 917 that is street legal with tags and brake lights.

A very nice awards ceremony ended the show about 3:00, and a fun time was had by all. By the way, we got 3rd in our class!



By the way, John is looking to rent, use or borrow a set of portable scales. He needs to adjust his 2 930s, and scales would make it much more accurate. Thanks in advance, if you are able to help him out!

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Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway

By: Wally Lindenmuth, President

As most of you know, I head down to Daytona the end of January for the Rolex 24 sport car races. This year was no different; we load up my motorhome on a Wednesday afternoon and head off to Daytona. We cannot get into the track before Thursday morning, so I drive to just north of Daytona, and we stop at a rest area and get a few hours of sleep.

This year we had Steve Pearce, Dustin Grub and an old member, Joel Wahlsten. Joel now lives in New Jersey, but flies Boeing 777 aircraft for United. Dustin came down on Friday, since he had to work. We got the RV set up in the same spot we have had for years, Yellow 202, which is not far from the Porsche Corral.

The weather was great as we headed out to see the sites. They now have Golf Carts that will give you a ride for a couple of bucks. We always get pit passes so that we can get close to the cars and teams. I held back on some of the walking and spent time at the Corral. I had gotten lots of food to eat from Brats, Hamburg's, to some 2-inch thick fillets, which were so good; had them hand cut and didn't over cook them. We had wine and beer as well as sandwiches for lunch, with chips.

On Saturday morning, they lined up 100 cars in the corral to take a lap around the track. What was fun was getting all 100 cars parked back in the corral. Everyone was nice and followed our directions, and we got them all back in the corral. PCA has permission to have 200 cars in the corral, and I think we were able to get all 200 parked. This was not too bad, except for the Panamara who thought he could park anywhere he wanted. These passes are controlled by Daytona, and you are grandfathered in from the year before, as far as first choice for a parking pass. PCA Zone 12 does not control this. You have to commit to Daytona in June for your spot in the infield and corral. I have been trying to get a better spot to park my RV, but can't seem to get one.

Steve and I came back to the RV one night after watching one of the night races. We found Joel and Dustin fast asleep on the couch and recliner. We covered them up and let them sleep - found out later they had been all over the track area and had done a lot of walking and were a little tired.

People ask how you can sleep with the cars racing around the track all night. You get used to it; you can always get up and go watch the cars running around the track. This year was a close race in GTLM class between the Porsches and BMWs. It was bad luck for the Porsches, as BMW had put all their special parts in one car that the Porsches could not catch. I think after 24 hours, all three cars were on the same lap, which is nothing short of a job well done by both teams.

It was a great race, and even the support races were good. From what I understand, IMSA places weight in the cars to make them more equal. In the Friday race, the Mercedes had the advantage over the GT-4 Club Sport that won the year before. I was told IMSA had put an additional 150 lbs. in the Cayman GT-4.

If you want to go to the Rolex 24 at Daytona, you have to commit to buying your tickets in June of 2020 for the race in January 2021.



COVID-19; Impact Stories

From the editor: The first quarter of 2020 has been like no other in my lifetime. From canceled trips and events to fear of just leaving the house, the threat of COVID-19 has put a damper on so much of our lives. The stories on these two pages are examples of how we are persevering through this time, and keeping our spirits up.

The Beginning of 2020

By: Kathy Morey

Our year began with a wonderful month-long trip to New Zealand and Australia. God blessed us with perfect timing – weather was wonderful, and fires were out in Australia by the time we got there. We were blissfully oblivious while on our cruise of what was beginning to occur on other cruise lines. Travel back was through airports that were beginning to show signs of the pandemic impact. We arrived back home at the end of February.

The month of March started for me with excited anticipation of the first track weekend of 2020. Plans were for my first trek to Atlanta Motorsports Park near Dawsonville, GA on March 28-29. This is a track I have been wanting to drive for some time now. It is a private track club, so there are limited events there. My car was completely cleaned (clayed, paint polish, sealant, wax, convertible top sealant, etc.). It now sits ready to go in the garage. The track inspection was scheduled and track tires ready to mount. I was watching videos of the track to get prepared (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kw9x3eadv8>). Then things started closing as COVID-19 issues got real and travel began to lock down. I chose to drop out of the event on March 16 (2 days later it was canceled).

So now what? Retirement has prepared us well for this home quarantine. We were used to spending large amounts of time at home or travelling to other places. Now we will limit trips to the store. As the rest of life shifted online, so did my exercise classes. The upstairs room was repurposed to my studio to join the FB live broadcasts. I spent hours working with others to move our women's Bible study group (~400 women) to online format using Zoom. I have been watching some epic Formula 1 races from the past and some sim driving events, including the Barber Indy race. Other projects done include cleaning out some long-neglected gardens, rebuilding a paver edging for a raised bed, and then planting flowers. With the bulk of the tree pollen past, I did wash the rest of the fleet – the truck and the van.

As April begins, I still have other projects to be done. Unfortunately, these are the ones I have been avoiding by going to drive: clean out the garage, paint the dining room, remove some old wallpaper, and the never-ending summer task of mowing the yard.

I certainly hope each of you is staying distanced and that you are able to communicate with your loved ones via all the great technology we have now. It will be great to get together and enjoy one another's company soon.

Safe driving!

Spring 2020

By: John Matus

Social distancing has had its costs this spring. Trips to Florida to see family and friends and attend a monthly Cars and Coffee event at the DuPont Registry headquarters in St. Pete, along with a trip to the mountains in North Georgia have been canceled. The 20th Annual Taste of Rotary, a fundraiser I have produced for the last 19 years was canceled. And The Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival was canceled. I had been looking forward to us hooking up with the British Car Club at that event. Unfortunately, the annual bucket trip with eight of my buddies was to be in Indy for the 500 this year. Yep, that one gone too. So what to do? I have made a couple of countryside runs with some old friends in our individual Porsches (while maintaining social distancing standards). I have been having visits from my old friends who sold me my Boxster, but they come by my house, which is on their 24-mile long distance bike rides, while their 718 rests in their garage. Haha! I have been washing and polishing my old 986, and, just for sh_ts and giggles, changed out the headlight bulbs with French style yellow ones. It gets some interesting looks at night, and I still haven't been stopped. Hmmm, boredom sure makes one goofy. Everyday life has changed for the foreseeable future. Fortunately, I am in a good place to hunker down and face this most unfortunate pandemic and send good vibes and prayers to all my Porsche Pusher friends for their health and safety.

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COVID-19 and Quarantine

By: Stephen Pearce, Membership and Social Media

The world is shutting down all around us, and that also includes the public schools. We spent the last several days of the week leading up to Spring Break learning how to utilize several new apps and web-based procedures. I am fortunate that my music curriculum is a web-based curriculum that is cross-walked to the State Course of Study. Baldwin County Board of Education, (Alabama) provides Chromebooks for every student from Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade, so I'm communicating with my students via mass email. I send one to mom and dad, too! We are having professional development and grade level meetings using Zoom.

Another of my interests is kayaking. Not your regular floating-around-a-lake kayaking, but driving 12 miles on two-rut dirt roads, climbing down rocks and gullies to the river; the lead kayaker sometimes has a chainsaw to clear the way. Now, not every trip is like that, but the more remote, the better I like it. I also do some solo kayaking just to enjoy nature without being on a schedule. The over-night camping season is here, and several of us are already making our plans, checking our gear, and getting in shape for sleeping on the ground...ouch.

As the choir director and organist for the Orange Beach Presbyterian Church in Orange Beach, Alabama, I've had to make some modifications to the worship service preparations. We are now broadcasting the services on YouTube, so I meet with the pastor and several choir members—not too many— and record the music for the upcoming worship. It's nice to be able to stop when I hit a sour note and say, "Let's do that again!"

And lastly, Denise and I have a new puppy; a Goldendoodle named Finley. She and I vacationed in Ireland this summer, so it was a must that we bestow upon our new dog an Irish name. Denise chose "Finley," not knowing that it is my brother's middle name. It roughly translates "Fair-haired Warrior." He's blonde, and when full grown should be in the 70 pound range, so the name fits. He's four months old now, is losing his baby teeth and is a water-loving hound. We've had to teach him to stay ON the kayak, not dive over the side!

We'll see you on the road!



Serving Our Communities During a Time of Need

By: Amy Boring, Newsletter Editor

There are many members in our communities who do not have the ability to stay home and practice social distancing during this pandemic; doctors, nurses, other healthcare workers, first responders, truckers, and restaurant and grocery store employees are some of those who have to continue reporting to work and provide much-needed services to the public. Some of our PCA members are doing what they can to support those whose jobs are considered "essential." Our Dealer Liaison, Joey Dumas, has spent time championing and assisting with the gathering of personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders and medical personnel. Our Zone 12 President's wife, Mary Lindenmuth, is essential personnel herself, but is spending evenings and weekends with her daughter making protective face masks for friends and family. My husband, Keith, the Zone 12 Webmaster, has been using his laser engraver to make over 4,000 acrylic "S" hooks, which we have shared out to multiple facilities through friends. Since medical professionals are wearing face masks for longer periods of time, these hooks can be used to keep the masks from hurting their ears. I am sure there are many others who are also doing their part to help serve those who are on the frontlines of fighting this pandemic. I am looking forward to life returning to normal.



A Fond Farewell to Bill Moseley

By: Pete Mellin, Secretary

Bill Moseley, of our Pensacola sports car community, passed away March 31, 2020, at the age of 76. He is pictured below at a Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival in his Jensen Healey, accompanied by several Fairhope belles. He made some performance modifications to his car, and was quite pleased with the way it handled. In his SCCA racing days, his ride was sometimes a Porsche 356.



ABOVE: BILL MOSELY IN HIS JENSEN HEALEY AT THE FAIRHOPE ARTS FESTIVAL

BELOW: PARTICIPANTS OF AN ATMORE ROAD RALLY AT THE DAVID'S CATFISH HOUSE DESTINATION

Bill was best known as Rally master of the Pensacola-to-Atmore Road Rally, usually held in early February. The most recent one was the 15th annual rally, and I believe Bill had been the Rally master for all 15. The Rally ended at David's Catfish House, and you can see from the photo that they were well-attended by car enthusiasts driving all kinds of cars.

Bill was a talented individual, being a retired Naval Aviator and a retired Secret Service Agent who carried the "football" for President Reagan. He was also a fine trumpet player, and joined Stephen Pearce many times with the Pensacola Civic Band. Most importantly, he was an all-around good guy who added a great deal to our sports car community, and he will be sorely missed. RIP, our friend.

THE ROAD IS NEVER LONG BETWEEN FRIENDS.



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2020 Events Calendar

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(Additional events will be added throughout the year)

Editor's Note: To my knowledge, all April events are canceled due to COVID-19

April

25th-26th: EVENT CANCELED: Alabama Region PCA DE

- ◇ Barber Motorsports Park, Barber Motorsports Parkway, Birmingham, AL

25th: EVENT CANCELED: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ Currently suspended due to COVID-19

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May

68th: Lunch at Sunliner Diner

- ◇ 12:30pm-2:30pm
- ◇ 100 E 2nd Avenue, Gulf Shores, AL 36542

22nd-24th: EVENT CANCELED: Zonifest

23rd: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Gander Outdoors parking lot, 1220 Airport Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32504

June

6th-7th: Peachstate Region PCA - Drivers Education Two-day event at Road Atlanta (Note: Instructors will not be in the cars for Group 1)

13th: Lunch at Dragonfly Food Bar

- ◇ 12:30pm-2:30pm
- ◇ 7 S Church Street, Fairhope, AL 36532

20th-21st: Alabama Region PCA DE

- ◇ Barber Motorsports Park, Barber Motorsports Parkway, Birmingham, AL

21st-27th: Porsche Parade

- ◇ La Quinta Resort & Club, 49-499 Eisenhower Drive, La Quinta, CA 92253

27th: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Gander Outdoors parking lot, 1220 Airport Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32504

July

25th: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Gander Outdoors parking lot, 1220 Airport Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32504

August

22nd: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
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September

26th: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Gander Outdoors parking lot, 1220 Airport Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32504

October

3rd-4th: Alabama Region PCA DE

- ◇ Barber Motorsports Park, Barber Motorsports Parkway, Birmingham, AL

16th-18th: Peachstate Region PCA - Drivers Education
Three-day event at Road Atlanta

24th: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Gander Outdoors parking lot, 1220 Airport Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32504

November

28th: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Gander Outdoors parking lot, 1220 Airport Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32504

December

26th Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Gander Outdoors parking lot, 1220 Airport Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32504

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- To promote the highest standards of courtesy and safety on the roads
- To enjoy and share good will and fellowship engendered by owning a Porsche
- To establish mutually beneficial relationships with Porsche owners, affiliates, dealers and our sponsors
- To exchange ideas with other Porsche Regions and Zones
- To establish mutually cooperative relationships with other sports car clubs



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