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From the Editor

Summer Issue:

I have always been fond of the Panorama themed issues. Now quite by accident and coincidence with the most recent Panorama this month's newsletter will also serve as a “destination” issue.

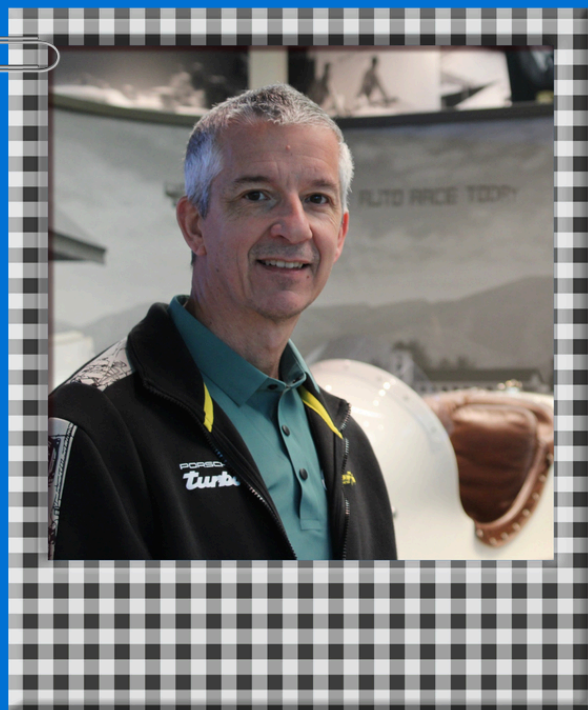
I want to thank the members who solicited wonderful pictures and content for this issue for our members to enjoy. If you haven't considered getting out in your Porsche and traveling maybe this will serve as an inspiration.

Additionally, we are approaching a new election season. We are looking for any and all members who are willing to lend their time to help with events, planning, writing, etc. If you are even remotely interested in being a part of the club leadership please submit your name to any one of the officers or contact through the region website.

With best regards,
Dennis Thomas
Interim Editor, Zeitschrift



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Road Trips!



While it was not planned this way, 2026 has turned into the year of road trips for Mary and me. Porsche involvement in these trips is the big difference this year. Typically, we make a run to Atlanta to visit our granddaughter and family. The round trip is usually 660 miles, and we have made three trips so far this year. We use Mary's 2024 Audi SQ5 for these family visits as we need the back seat for the car seat. Not to take anything away from the Macan, but the SQ5 has a bigger engine and much more storage room in the back.

In February, we attended the PCA Zone 12 Presidents meeting in Orlando. The 911C4S easily cruises the 1000-mile round trip. The weekend with the other Region Presidents is a lot of fun, and on Saturday evening, we attended the Florida Citrus Region Chili Cook-Off. The event is held every year at Porsche Orlando, and there were well over 150 people in attendance. The chili, sides, and dessert were excellent as well!

We joined 10 other Sonnenschein Region members in March for the first visit to Amelia Island and PCA's Werks Reunion and Concours events. Champ was in tow for this trip (thanks, Alan Hall), and we entered the 356 judged event. This was the first time showing a car, and while we didn't win, it was amazing to be on the grass representing the Sonnenschein Region. The round trip was 850 miles, and while Champ rode in style in the trailer, we enjoyed a few days driving the roads at Amelia.

April came quickly, and family visits were on the schedule early and late in the month, with a drive to New York to visit family and a week back in Orlando for Disney World. Over 2700 miles round trip to New York and another 1000 miles covered the Disney fun. The SQ5 again was the vehicle of choice, and it performed well.

Amazingly, May was quiet, and that was a good thing as we needed to prepare for the road trip to Lake Placid, NY, for Porsche Parade, June 14-20. Champ came along again by trailer and enjoyed our three-day, 1500-mile trip to the northeast portion of NY. The fun we had with the 356 driving those curvy and hilly two-lane roads was second to none. Champ added over 500 miles to its odometer! It was one of the very few 356 cars that were on the roads at Parade.

So here we are back home, and all in all, we have over 11,000 road trip miles driven and lots of Porsche fun included in it! While I am thinking about what's next in 2026, where will your next road trip take you?

Upcoming events.

2026

JUL
25

WAHOO'S BASEBALL

Social SONPCA night for local baseball and fun

AUG
22

EDEN GARDENS

Touring Event to a 163 acre state park along the Destin, FL beach region

SEP
19

GIMMICK RALLY

Explore Fairhope, AL in a fun and new way searching for obscure sites and answering observer questions



SEP
19-25

TREFFEN AT SEA

Enjoy a 6 day Pacific Wine Country cruise from Vancouver to Los Angeles

OCT
01

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Consider taking a position within the club that provides so much enjoyment and camaraderie to you and others

NOV
07

TALLAHASSEE AUTO-X

Participate in the Bob Wilson Memorial Auto-X to challenge your driving skills and have fun with you fellow PCA drivers



The Sonnenschein group was all set for the 2026 Porsche Parade in Lake Placid, planning out all the tours and events they'd enjoy together during the week. However, they hit a snag when many tours were completely booked by the time they tried to sign up. So, a group of 10, including our President Stephen Esposito, his wife Mary, Dennis Thomas and his wife Dawn, Alan Hall, Jonna, Roger and his wife Jen, along with Joe Jurich and his brother Tim, had nothing else planned and needed a backup plan for Monday, June 15th. Joe remembered his best friend for over 40 years, John Simon and his wife Laura, were spending the summer in Swanton,



Vermont, which is just 90 miles from Lake Placid. Joe asked the other Sonnenschein members if they'd be interested in a 90-minute drive to Vermont to visit a good friend of his, before even asking John and Laura. Joe had heard stories over the years that the house had been in Laura's family for generations, and that Laura and her siblings used to take turns taking their mom and grandmother from Florida to Vermont for the summers. A little backstory about Laura's husband John, John is a bit of a wise guy and has little sayings, one of which is: "I have friends I haven't even used yet", which gave Joe the idea to reach out to that friend he may or may not have already used to see if John's saying would pan out in reverse.... Joe reached out to "use" his friend John for a visit from a small group of Joe's Porsche enthusiasts. John and Laura were so excited to have us over and wanted to know how many people we'd be bringing. Joe asked if six was too many, and they said, "Absolutely not!" They promised to have brunch waiting for us when we arrived. Late Sunday, Dennis Thomas checked the list of Sonnenschein attendees for the parade and spotted Kevin Marshall and his wife, Mary Liz, in town too. Dennis asked if they had any plans for Monday, and it turned out they couldn't register for an event either, so they were also interested in going. Joe asked John and Laura if another two people, making it eight, would be alright, and they said, "Yes, please!" On Monday, everyone in the group had the address of the destination, and we were off! The route was mostly back roads along the West side and over the top of Lake Champlain to Swanton. Alan and Roger followed for the majority of the trip then took their own side trip through the "notch" to Stowe, VT to visit Jen's first job location as a ski instructor.



While in Swanton, Joe had noticed in photos of their place in Vermont that John and Laura had a huge barn that might make for an interesting photo opportunity—a Kodak moment, if you will. The group parked randomly in the yard, not too far from the barn, and started introductions before getting a quick tour of the surrounding gardens and the late 1800s house. John and Laura pointed out several pieces of art hanging on the walls in different rooms and mentioned that one of Laura's aunts painted them in an art studio in the house. They also had the weather vein from the barn hanging on a wall. (cont. pg 8)



John and Laura told the group to grab a plate and serve themselves from what they had prepared. It was an amazing assortment of quiches and fruits, along with a variety of beverages to choose from, and, of course, local maple syrup. John and Laura told some of the group that during the Cold War, there used to be nuclear missile silos less than a thousand feet from the back of the property. After brunch, we went out to see more of the yard and gardens. Joe asked if the group could assemble the four cars in front of the barn for a photo, and of course, John and Laura said, "Yes, please!"

Dawn later chatted with ChatGPT and added the missing weather vane to the photo. Since John had made some new friends that day and hadn't used

them yet, he asked if they could help him string and spread out netting over their blueberry plants. After a delicious brunch, who could say no? The 10 of us untangled the netting and dragged it over and across the plants, securing it to the 4x4 posts around the 20 or more blueberry plants. Not long after our brunch had digested, six of the group were heading back to Lake Placid. John and Laura had asked Joe and his brother Tim to stay the night and hang out with them the next day. They took Joe and Tim to some local spots like an old nearby train station turned into a museum, a general store, and down some roads close to the border with Canada.

The next day, the 4 of them went up towards Stowe, stopping at a covered bridge for some photos, an apple cider mill, then through the Notch and over to the Von Trapp Resort for lunch. Since the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory was not too far from where they were, they definitely had to go there for some dessert. Joe and his brother headed back to Lake Placid later on Tuesday via the East side and around the bottom of Lake Champlain to complete the trip around the lake. So, what started as an initial disappointment of not being able to register as a group for a parade tour event turned into an impromptu gathering for a destination drive for a special get-together with new and old friends, making the day a memorable event and a nice photo opportunity. 

NEW MEMBER FOCUS

WESLEY & SUSAN BANE



Wesley Bane of Pace, Florida joins the club alongside his wife, Susan, bringing with him a lifelong passion for sports cars and a newly fulfilled dream. Wesley is a 737 Captain for United Airlines, and Susan works as a paraprofessional at a local elementary school. Together, they're excited to become part of the club community and begin enjoying everything it has to offer. Like many enthusiasts, Wesley's love for Porsche began early. Growing up in the 1980s, the iconic 911 Carrera captured his imagination and became his dream car. Over the years, he explored that passion through a variety of performance cars, including a Saleen Mustang, a Honda S2000, and several BMWs. Each car brought its own unique experience, but the goal of owning a classic 911 never faded.

Last year, Wesley decided it was time to turn that dream into reality. With guidance and encouragement from fellow enthusiasts in online communities, he narrowed his search to the 3.2-liter Carrera models from the mid-1980s. What followed was a deep dive into research—spending countless hours watching videos, browsing listings on Bring a Trailer, and scrolling through Facebook Marketplace in search of the right car.

Patience paid off when he found his perfect match: a Guards Red 1986 911 Carrera Coupe. Well maintained and full of character, the car immediately transported him back to the era that first inspired his passion. Now, just one month into ownership, Wesley is already enjoying every moment behind the wheel.

He's especially looking forward to getting more involved with the club through group drives and autocross events, where he can continue to learn the car and share the experience with fellow members.

Please join us in welcoming Wesley and Susan to the club!



Wahoo's Baseball SONPCA Social

Save the Date: 25 July 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

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FÊTE DES CLASSICS 2026: A CELEBRATION OF PORSCHE HERITAGE IN PROVENCE

STE-RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE, PROVENCE, FRANCE

JUNE 6, 2026

STORY & PICTURES BY BROOKS ROYSTER

While traveling through Provence, Priscilla and I had the opportunity to attend the 19th Annual Fête des Classics, one of three annual events hosted by the Porsche Club Méditerranée. Having seen a roadside sign earlier in the week advertising more than 60 Porsche Targa models, we decided to make the trip to Ste-Rémy-de-Provence, expecting a gathering centered primarily on one of Porsche's most distinctive body styles.

What we found exceeded every expectation.

Instead of just 60 Targas, more than 150 classic Porsches filled the venue, representing decades of Porsche engineering and design. The event was reserved exclusively for classic

models, with entries ranging from the iconic 356 through the 996 generation, as well as the 914, 944, and 928 series. The variety and quality of the cars on display made it clear that this was much more than a local car show—it was a celebration of Porsche history.

As owners of a 991.2 Targa 4S, we naturally gravitated toward the impressive lineup of Targas. It was fascinating to see the evolution of the model over the years and to appreciate the subtle design changes that have made the Targa one of Porsche's most enduring and recognizable variants. At the same time, we found ourselves

equally captivated by the beautifully preserved 356s, early 911s, and other classics that represented the marque's rich heritage.

Several hundred enthusiasts attended the event, creating an atmosphere that was welcoming, relaxed, and unmistakably passionate. Conversations flowed easily despite language differences, united by a shared appreciation for these remarkable automobiles. Many owners were eager to discuss their cars' histories, restorations, and driving experiences, while others simply enjoyed admiring the craftsmanship represented throughout the field.

Among the highlights were several cars with professional racing pedigrees, each carrying its own unique story. Whether meticulously restored to concours condition or proudly wearing decades of original paint and authentic patina, every Porsche reflected the dedication of its owner. The diversity of approaches—preservation alongside restoration—served as a reminder that every classic Porsche has its own journey and personality.

For us, the Fête des Classics became one of the unexpected highlights of our travels through France. It demonstrated that the Porsche community extends far beyond national borders. Whether in Provence or back home, the enthusiasm, camaraderie, and respect for the marque remain universal.



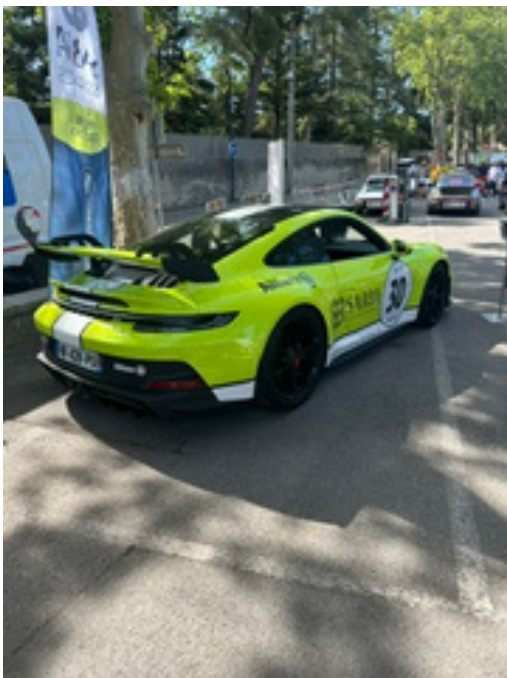
STE-RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE CONT.

STORY BY BROOKS ROYSTER

If your travels ever take you to southern France in early June, this event is well worth adding to your itinerary. You'll find exceptional automobiles, enthusiastic owners, and a memorable celebration of Porsche's enduring legacy—all set against the beautiful backdrop of Provence. ■■



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NEW MEMBER FOCUS

STEPHEN DUVALL



My first Porsche was a Porsche 911 Carrera (1989)—white, with the unmistakable whale tail that defined an era. It was more than just a car; it was a symbol of achievement, independence, and the pure joy of driving. Like many things in life, though, it eventually gave way to practicality. As retirement approached, I sold the Carrera and transitioned into a BMW M230i (2016)—a car that served me well, blending performance with everyday usability.

But some passions don't fade. They wait.

As retirement became reality, I found myself drawn back to Porsche. I spent time browsing online listings, looking for something that captured what I remembered. Nothing quite fit. So I took a different approach—I went directly to the source and built the car I wanted from the ground up. Porsche's online configurator made it possible to tailor every detail, and I settled on a GTS model. Due to allocation constraints, that plan evolved into a Porsche 911 Carrera 4 GTS (2025)—a change that, in hindsight, felt like the right one.

The order was placed on September 23, 2025. On December 19, I took delivery.

That day marked more than just the arrival of a new car. It was a milestone in a life that has seen both great joy and deep loss. In September 2023, my wife of 50 years passed away. Adjusting to that absence has been the hardest transition of all. Through it, I've leaned on family—my son, his wife, and my two grandchildren—and found comfort in staying engaged with the things that have always brought me happiness.

Cars have been one of those constants.

Today, the garage tells a story of different eras and purposes. Alongside the Porsche sits a BMW M4 Competition xDrive Convertible (2024)—a powerful, open-air expression of modern engineering—and a BMW 530i (2001), a reminder of a time when balance and simplicity defined the driving experience. And then there's the 911.

The new Carrera 4 GTS is, in every measurable way, superior to the car I owned decades ago. It's faster, refined, and equipped with technology that would have seemed unimaginable in 1989. 



TREFFEN AT SEA 2026 - PACIFIC WINE COUNTRY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 EVENT TYPE: SOCIAL



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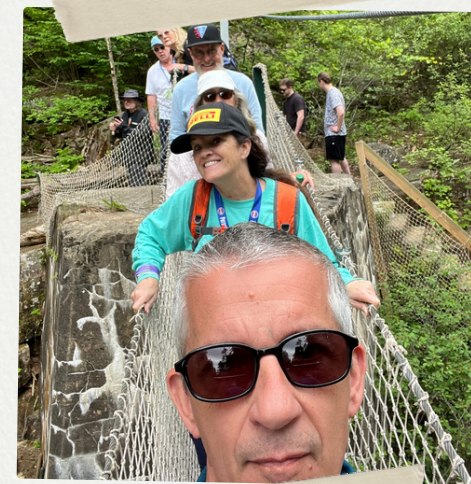
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Lake Placid 70th Pca Parade

STORY BY DENNIS THOMAS

When I heard the PCA 70th Anniversary Parade was coming to Lake Placid, New York, I knew I had to be there. About 20 years ago, I explored the Adirondacks on a motorcycle, riding through the Lake George area, and the beauty of the region left a lasting impression. Ever since, I've wanted to return and discover more of what the Adirondacks have to offer.

Over the years, my Porsche has replaced my motorcycle as my preferred way to travel, but the passion is exactly the same. Whether on two wheels or four, it's all about the thrill of the drive, discovering new places, and sharing the journey with good friends. Thankfully, our Sonnenschein Region has no shortage of members who enjoy doing just that.

One of the best decisions we made was renting a five-bedroom cabin instead of booking individual hotel rooms. Most of our Sonnenschein members stayed together, creating a true home base for the week. As luck would have it, some of Alan Hall's longtime friends—people we've met at previous PCA events—had rented the cabin next door. With a full kitchen, three bathrooms, and plenty of room to relax, the cabin quickly became the gathering place where we shared meals, swapped stories from the day's adventures, and planned the next day's drive.

Lake Placid proved to be the perfect host city. Steeped in Olympic history from the 1932 and 1980 Winter Games, the village blends small-town charm with breathtaking mountain scenery. Everywhere you look, reminders of its Olympic legacy stand alongside pristine lakes, towering peaks, and world-class training facilities still in use today. (Cont pg)



Lake Placid 70th Pca Parade

STORY BY DENNIS THOMAS (CONT)

The week offered something for everyone. Daily driving tours took us through winding mountain roads, charming villages, historic sites, and spectacular natural attractions, including impressive chasms and scenic overlooks. Some members tested their skills on the curling ice, while others opted for the excitement of a luge run. A scenic train excursion through the forest and across the Hudson River offered a different perspective of the Adirondacks—although Mother Nature added a little extra excitement when a powerful storm rolled in, complete with tornado warnings!

As always, Parade was about much more than the destination. It was about the friendships, the shared experiences, and the unforgettable drives that make PCA events so special. Great roads, great food, beautiful scenery, and even better company combined to make this a trip none of us will soon forget.

If Lake Placid wasn't already on your driving bucket list, it should be. The Adirondacks are a spectacular destination, and sharing the experience with fellow Porsche enthusiasts made it even more memorable. ■■





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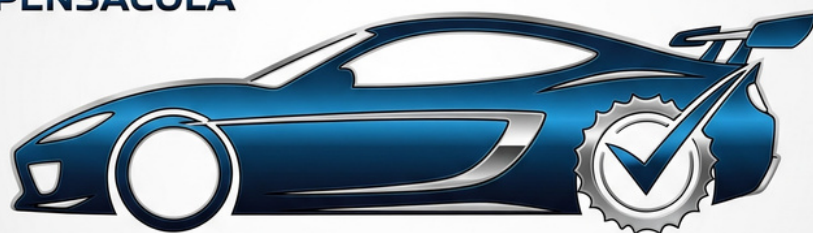
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Mark Leavitt

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20 Years

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15 Years

Jason & Elizabeth Smith
August Muller
Trevin Thurman
Stephen & Mary Esposito
Richard Brent
Mark Sprayberry

10 Years

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5 Years

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Lincoln Scaife
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Fred Miller
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Johnny Lau
Kathy Benson
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Chris & Lara Stafford



2026 Welcome Newest Members

Francisco	Delgado Lopez	Biloxi	1986 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Ronald	Jordan	Mobile	2025 911 Carrera
Stephen	Duvall	Mobile	2026 911 Carrera GTS
David	Cooke	Pensacola	2024 718 Cayman S
Wesley	Bane	Pace	1986 911 Carrera
Chris	Zoghby	Mobile	2021 Panamera 4
Thomas	Klusker	Navarre	2003 911 Carrera
Kayla	Seawell	Mobile	1999 Boxster
Brian	Kirkland	Pensacola	2021 Carrera S
Juan	Ronderos	Orange Beach	2017 911 Turbo S
John	Bell	Biloxi	2014 Cayenne
Dave	Bearden	Gulf Breeze	2018 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet
Eric	Sternberg	Pace	2022 911 Carrera
Douglas	Parker	Pensacola	2026 911 Spirit 70

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