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ZEITSCHRIFT



A culture of service behind the wheel

The contributions of the Sonnenschein Region PCA reflect a personal emphasis within the Porsche Club of America that values community service alongside automotive enthusiasm. These activities foster relationships between club members and their communities, helping to position the club in a positive social light beyond just sports cars. For our members the, philanthropic involvement isn't merely an add-on to social drives and technical events; it's an integral part of the club's identity. Whether it's collecting toys for families during the holidays or supporting local schools that educate children with special needs, the club exemplifies how shared passion can fuel meaningful contributions that strengthen community bonds.

Featured Article: Classic and Contemporary Event

Take a look and see the membership and community turn out for this inaugural event held a Porsche Mobile. What can be better than a beautiful fall day in the south with Porsches from every era on display and enthusiast's of all ages coming together for a common interest.

Zone 12 PCA 70th Anniversary

Held September 12-14 2025 at Sebring International Speedway. The event included high performance drivers education, autocross, time-speed-distance rally, parade laps and dinner reception.



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From the “Interim Editor”

Please accept my sincere apologies for the late submission of the most recent issue of Zeitschrift. Unforeseen circumstances over the past months have resulted in delays that the board regrets, and I am grateful for your patience and understanding.

I have taken up the task as “Interim Editor”, I have done my best to ensure continuity of the journal during this transitional period. However, it has become clear that Zeitschrift would benefit greatly from a dedicated editor—or editorial team—who can take up the helm on a more permanent basis and guide the journal forward with renewed energy and vision.

The board is actively seeking any member who may be interested in serving as Editor or contributing to an editorial collective. This is a significant and fulfilling role that provides an opportunity to influence the club community’s awareness of Sonnenshein Region events and information related to the cars we cherish.

Those interested, or who would like to discuss what the role entails, are warmly encouraged to get in touch with our club President, Stephen Esposito or myself. Informal enquiries are very welcome, as are nominations or suggestions of suitable candidates.

Thank you once again for your patience and for your continued support of Zeitschrift. I look forward to hearing from you and to helping ensure a smooth and successful transition.

With best regards,
Dennis Thomas
Interim Editor, Zeitschrift

Closing out a grand 2025 and bringing on 2026



I am writing this after attending a very successful SONPCA Holiday Party at Local and Co in Foley AL. Eighty five members attended and we continued strong sponsorship from Porsche Mobile with raffle prizes that are appreciated by our members. Also special thanks to Keith Boring for his custom SONPCA gifts that were raffled to the very lucky attendees. 2025 saw a lot of Porsche growth for the region and personally for members including Mary and me.

- We crossed over the 400 member threshold closing out December with 411 members including 268 primary members, 143 co members and 21 PCA juniors. Sonnenschein Region continues to be one of the fastest growing regions across PCA both from new members acquiring the Porsche brand and joining as well as a steady influx of transferred members who have moved to this beautiful area of the country.
- In June, Mary and I brought home a "new to us" 1964 356C. Its our first classic car and it's been a great addition! Read about the journey in this issue.
- In July at Porsche Parade in Oklahoma City, Dawn and Dennis Thomas from Sonnenschein Region were awarded the PCA Family of The Year award.

This is one of the most coveted awards from PCA and we congratulate the Thomas family. Moving into 2026 we have several different events in the works already and others in the early planning stages

- February 6th and 7th we have a tour heading to the Bruno's Museum in Jacksonville. The Porsche collection there is amazing and I encourage you to attend.
- For the first time, we have planned a tour to Werks Reunion at Amelia Island for the weekend of March 6th and 7th. Many of you have seen and heard about this through Panorama and numerous shows, and we have a growing group of members who will represent SONPCA there in 2026! Check Club Registration or reach out to me directly for more information.
- The spring picnic is planned for April 18th at Steelwood Country Club in Loxley, AL. The tremendous buffet and pickleball challenge were memorable and I expect will be topped this year.
- Porsche Parade 2026 is in Lake Placid New York from June 14th to 20th. This is a beautiful part of the country, and I encourage you to sign up. Registration is opening on the PCA website on January 28th.
- Sonnenschein Region night at Wahoos Baseball is planned for Saturday July 26th at the stadium.
- The Gimmick Rally is coming back again in September and Fairhope AL is the location.

We are also working to get autocross sessions, tech sessions and other driving tours scheduled, so watch for the announcements and register. I look forward to seeing you and your Porsche.

By: Stephen Esposito

Upcoming events.

2026

FEB
6-7

BRUMO'S MUSEUM

Enjoy an interactive visit to see rare iconic cars

FEB
28

CLUB MEETING/LUNCH

Join us at Bubba's 33 for lunch and club meeting

MAR
5-8

AMELIA WERKS

Enjoy a world class concourse of Porsches and more

APR
18

SPRING PICNIC

Enjoy a social gathering at Steelwood Country Club for lunch and more

JUN
14-20

PORSCHE PARADE

Lake Placid, NY Concourse, road tours, autocross, dining, awards and more

JUL
25

WAHOO'S BASEBALL

Social SONPCA night for local baseball and fun

SEP
TBD

GIMMICK RALLY

Fun Drive through Fairhope searching for visual clues



Coming Soon



A Journey for a 356



What is your journey with your Porsche? Are you a caretaker with the intention of preserving and handling

off to the next generation or are you intending to get every ounce out of your Porsche experience today?

In 2025 I crossed the 100,000-mile mark on my 2002 911C4S. I did the obligatory things like take the picture at 99,996 and at 100,000 (see pics). No Mary, I didn't stop and run around the car in celebration like when I was younger, but it got me thinking about my Porsche journey. It started in 2011 in Georgia when I bought my first Porsche. I am the 3rd and longest owner of this masterpiece of machinery. But am I the long-term caretaker of this car, or will it be left to someone else? Am I the next caretaker of any Porsche? Unlike most other cars, Porsches have longevity and are passed down from caretaker to caretaker. Porsche reports that over 70% of all Porsche cars are still on the road. Just ask any 356 or first generation 911 owner. They say they are just the caretakers and worry the next generation will not have the same desire to take on such a responsibility. So, what are you? Are you a caretaker with the intention to preserve and pass on or is your intention to get the fullest experience from your Porsche and then it's finished. Both paths are admirable. Some are fortunate and can be both as they own older and newer cars. Others can only have one and as a result need to have a clear path for the future of their Porsche. You may be a person who has evolved over time. You started with a plan to experience your Porsche and so you autocross and DE and take it on weekend runs to fun places.

But now you are thinking about who will take on the responsibility of passing on these vehicles to the next generation. Maybe it's time to become a caretaker. If so, is your Porsche the right one to care for or do you intend to find one that is ready to be passed to the next generation and become the caretaker. These are the questions I was asking myself in making the decision to add to my Porsche collection through the purchase of a 356 model.

Now I have always admired the 356 from afar thinking it's too much of a stretch to own one myself. Whenever one came to a Porsche event, or I saw one on the road, I took the time to envision myself driving it. There is no direct family connection to a 1960s Porsche and the closest we ever came to German car ownership was the few years that my father owned a Volkswagen. It was a 1962 Beetle with a canvas pullback sunroof. When he bought it, the color was faded lime green, but he spent \$29.95 at Earl Scheib and had the car painted blue. As a kid, we would always love riding in the car to the beach, or little league games or Carvel for ice cream. It was fun to have around, and I was sad the day in the mid-1970s he let it go. Recently, I saw a 1962 blue sunroof Beetle in Fairhope and all those great memories came back. The urge was great to buy it and become the next caretaker, but I stopped and said to myself, it's not what I really want to be the next caretaker of. I want a Porsche 356. So here we are, starting the next journey and learning the world of the Porsche 356.

A Journey for a 356 - Cont.



I have never undertaken anything like this, and there were a lot of things I thought I wanted but really didn't have a complete understanding of them. I needed a place to start and found it with two mentors who offered guidance and the opportunity to ask all the dumb questions. Steve Hatfield, our SONPCA member from Fort Walton Beach, came to our January 2025 Tech Session at Porsche Mobile and I used the opportunity to talk and arrange for a visit to see and understand 356 ownership. Steve is an experienced 356 owner having been a caretaker for four different 356s in his Porsche life. Steve currently has a completely restored 1962 356B. He also is an engine restorer who offers his services to the community through the 356 Registry. Dan Streetman from the Tampa FL area is a newer 356 owner having his 1962 356B just two years. I know Dan from my financial planning network and as a millennial, sees his 356 through very different eyes. Both gave me great perspective on the near term and long term challenges ahead and how much pride they have in being a 356 owner. I joined the 356 Registry, which is a fantastic resource with helpful members who want to be sure the legacy of the Porsche 356 remains and being a caretaker for these incredible cars is an important responsibility.

My first purchase was The Essential Buyers Guide, Porsche 356 authored by Brett Johnson. Johnson is an authority on authenticity in the 356 world and in my conversation with him agreed that the Buyers Guide was the best way to start. Johnson's other book "The 356 Porsche: A Restorer's Guide to Authenticity IV" is also an extremely valuable book which was loaned to me by Steve Hatfield. Both books were critical to my successful search. As I started my research it became clear that I had to put together my plan, which included answering the following questions.

What is my budget?
How do I intend to use it?

- What am I looking for, coupe, cabriolet, roadster, speedster?
- What condition am I willing to accept; original, partially restored, fully restored or a rust bucket?
- What year and model is the best fit for me?
- Can I maintain it, or will I need to find a repair shop to maintain it?
- Am I going to be comfortable driving it every day and not worry about the price paid?
- Where should I be looking for them?
- How will I know a good car from a bad car?
- Am I willing to purchase a car via auction without seeing or driving it first?

As I started to answer these questions cars become available through a few different sources. These include the PCA Mart, the 356 Registry Mart, Bring a Trailer auctions and various vintage Porsche resellers across the US. No doubt the term "buyer beware" is top of mind as I sorted through years, features, originality and documentation and of course the representation. Early on reading and understanding BAT auctions became an important educational tool. There are a few BAT members who are experts and know what to look for and ask the seller to help value the car. The detailed photos and videos on each auction allowed me to educate myself and I began to translate that into my list of questions that I would forward to the sellers to get a detailed understanding on a car I was interested in. Some sellers were reluctant to respond to the detailed questions via email and text while others were more than willing to open up about their car. These early searches helped me to develop my priorities which became the guiding principles in the search. They were:

- Must be comfortable driving it every day and not worry about the price paid
- Need to stay on budget
- I can only afford a Coupe
- Prefer a 356C before a 356B
- Prefer a 1965 before a '64 before a '63 before a '62
- Originality is important
- Numbers matching engine and gearbox validated by the Kardex

A Journey for a 356 - Cont.

- Can be an older restoration but need detailed documentation and a valued shop that performed it
- Rust free
- Accident free
- Leather interior
- Cannot be a "10 footer"!
- Color - Do not want a black exterior
- Sunroof

I also decided that getting a pre purchase inspection is a must and I will not buy a car without first driving it.

There are not a lot of 356 cars on the market at any given time.

Those that are on for a longer period are either not priced correctly or not represented accurately. The cars that move quickly through the sales cycle must be evaluated and committed to or else they disappear. Between February and May 2025, I casually looked at about 10 cars, seriously evaluated 8 others and had an absolute beauty come and go in the space of about 18 hours on a Sunday. I test drove just two cars during this time. The lessons learned and price paid for the first one significantly influenced me in the evaluation of the second.

A dealer representing the owner of a 1964 Ivory 356C Coupe was the first. The photos and videos provided and the responses to my questions were all very positive. The owner was a long time 356 caretaker who was thinning out his collection. It was an older restored car with a numbers matching engine and gearbox. The interior had been changed from the original black to red leather and the original Blaupunkt radio was removed but was available with the car. We agreed to plan a visit to see and drive the car. I found a very reputable restoration shop in the area to perform the pre purchase inspection (PPI). The inspection was completed while we were in route to town and the report was not positive. The car was not represented accurately and had serious issues that were not shared or evident in the photos and videos provided. This included severely leaking axle boots, leaking carburetors and large cracks in the paint in multiple places. The PPI shop invited me in, and I spent about 2 hours seeing and understanding the detailed what, how and why behind the report.



The next morning after sharing the report with the dealer I agreed to drive the car to get a personal evaluation, knowing though that it was not going to be my car.

The PPI was expensive as it was a high-end restoration shop, but as a part of my education, it was worth the investment. I used this first experience to amend my questions and approach to the next cars that became available in the market.

In the space of about 3 days, I began evaluations on three different 356C Coupes. Two were with dealers who were consigned cars to sell by their owners; an Irish Green 1965 Coupe and a Gray Metallic 1964 Coupe. Both had recent restorations and were available on the east coast. The 3rd car appeared on the PCA Mart, and I reached out through PCA on Saturday May 24th. It was a private seller with a Champagne Yellow 1964 Coupe. This was a true west coast unrestored car available for sale in Southern California. Irish Green and Gray Metallic were on the high end of the budget and each had a few quirks that were concerning, like bad gaps and odd replacement seats. Champagne Yellow caught my attention and after digging in a bit decided to focus solely on this 356C. The photos posted were good, but not comprehensive, so I requested and received additional photos as well as more information on the car. This came through emails and phone calls with the seller over the following days. The car was originally delivered to California in 1964 and remained a west coast car. There had been multiple owners over the years with the current owner having it for about 10 years. Kardex information matched the engine and transmission numbers. The owner was a long time Porsche enthusiast and was moving a few out of his inventory. They were being sold through a family relative and so Champagne Yellow went up for sale along with a 930 Turbo.



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Facetime calls brought me positive cold start and walk around views, and I began to get a good feeling about the car. All the questions asked were easily answered by the seller and any other photos quickly supplied. By Thursday May 29th I had an agreement with the seller, and I was flying to California to see and drive the car. We had also discussed a tentative plan to obtain the PPI including leak down and compression tests on the engine if my evaluation was positive. Southern California has multiple Porsche Classic service shops, so I chose one with a good 356 reputation. The shop would be available to take the car during the week of June 2nd.

My brother Paul, who is a Mustang enthusiast met me, and we went to see the car on Saturday morning May 31st. This is one week from my initial discovery on the PCA Mart. Over about 2.5 hours we climbed over, under and through Champagne Yellow and validated the information that had been previously provided. We then went for a long test drive and the sound of the engine and easy ability to shift through the gears got me feeling very good about the car. Positives included working seats, windows and instrumentation and a very clean interior. The underside was all original and in very good condition for 60 years old. The exterior gaps and lines were clean and while there were a few paint cracks, the magnet test showed lots of good metal. Champagne Yellow also had its original owner's manual, maintenance manual and toolkit. We left feeling very positive and committed to getting the professional evaluation completed ASAP.

The PPI and engine tests were completed by June 3rd. The results were mostly positive with a few areas of concern noted including the age of the brake lines, tie rods and bushings and binding in the steering. Quotes included:

"Car appears to be a complete unrestored preservation car."

"Car runs and drives very well and feels very solid."

"Engine runs smooth and transmission shifts well."

"Car looks to be an excellent example of a solid straight rust-free survivor car."

"Door/panel gaps are excellent."

"Floor pan looks to be original with the only obvious rust at the bottom of the battery and this is minor."

With a strong PPI and engine test results I negotiated a final price which was within my budget number with the seller. Champagne Yellow would be heading to Alabama!

Having attended and watched enough car auctions, car shipment is a crazy business. There are family owned and driver employee companies and there are contract logistics brokers. The seller recommended a logistics broker who has done a lot of work for him without issues and was regularly running the Interstate 10 route east and west.



After speaking with them along with other carriers, I agreed to work with the logistics broker. Any carrier can damage your vehicle, and we have all seen the videos of million-dollar mishaps.

The important thing in my mind was having the appropriate liability insurance coverage. Champagne Yellow was loaded into a smaller two vehicle enclosed trailer and headed east. The turnaround was quick and after just 3 days, the call came and the car was arriving on Monday morning. Peeking into the trailer I see the car ready to be unloaded. I was elated that it was here and soon be in my garage! That joy quickly turned to frustration and disappointment as there was damage on the driver's side door that was not there when it left California. Quickly pictures were reviewed confirming in transit damage and a conference call in the parking lot ensued with the broker who assured me that it would be taken care of. I began second guessing myself about my first big decision as the owner. Did I pick the wrong shipper? Will they hold true to their word to "take care of it" as per our contract? This is very old paint. Will it be a problem to repair?

There is a good ending to the story with Champagne Yellow as the team at BMW Mobile Collision Center who are now a Porsche certified center, was able to get the car in and repaired within a few days. I was also able to settle with the car shipper with no headaches!

So Champagne Yellow is home and we are developing a great relationship! We will bring Champ out to as many events as we can and urge everyone who has an older air-cooled Porsche in their garage to do the same.

Story& Photos
By: Stephen Esposito

“PORSCHE CLASSICS & CONTEMPORARIES CAR SHOW”

STORY BY DENNIS GIBSON

It was a beautiful and warm, fall day in Mobile, AL for a car show. And, not just any car show, a Porsche Car Show. In connection with Porsche of Mobile, the Sonnenschein Region of the Porsche Club of America (PCA) held its Classics and Contemporary Car Show, Think air cooled and water cooled Porsche cars.

As the morning grew warm and the sun broke through a light morning fog, members arrived from Mississippi to the West and

the panhandle of Florida to the East, all converging at a central location, the Porsche Dealer located in Mobile, AL, just off of Interstate 65.

More than 30 members turned out with the cars. There were three 356's, numerous air-cooled 911s, several water-cooled transaxle cars, Boxster's, Caymans, along with many more modern models of 911s, some sporting very large rear wings., and of course a Taycan with 100K+ mile on it! And, several Macan's and Cayennes.

Sprinkled throughout the collection of PCA-member cars were some very select and available Porsche models available for sale from Porsche of Mobile. Including GTS's GT3s, A GT3 RS a 944 Cabriolet with 15k original miles.

Other car enthusiasts joined the day, many from the local Mobile Bay Cars and Coffee group, and other local car enthusiast groups who were also proud to show their wares including many BMW's, Lexus's, two very unique Datsun 240Z's (Skylines) and many other unique and appreciated four-wheeled spectacles.

Of course, raffle tickets were available to purchase supporting the Sonnenschein Region upcoming Toy Drive support youth in Baldwin County, AL. Thanks to the generosity of Porsche Mobile, raffle gifts were a highlight off the day enclosing a Porsche Golf Bag, 911 Paper weights, gift bags and a compete car cleaning kit put together by Dennis and Dawn Thomas.

If you are a Porsche enthusiast, or just a car-enthusiast, the Classics and Contemporaries Car Show event was a great way to spend your Saturday morning in mid-November.

A special thanks for Porsche of Mobile for their support who also arranged to have coffee and pastries served. And, to the members for bringing their cars out. Along with the many local car enthusiasts who joined the event, admired the cars and supported the charity fund raising.

We can't wait to again plan and host this event in 2026!



End of story



friendship



classic



volunteer



Cars & Contemporaries

contemporary



sport



happiness



A DAY IN PINE APPLE

STORY BY STEPHEN PEARCE



The Pine Apple Alabama driving tour and lunch was one of those slow growing events that members took time to sign up for. Not many had heard of the small town of 143 people, so they were skeptical. But as is usually the case, many attendees signed up in the last few days of registration and in the end the 30 cars and 44 people who did join the run had a great day, of driving, eating and conversation.

Pine Apple was originally called Friendship, and under the latter name was laid out in 1825. The present name was given in 1852 on account of there being pine and apple groves near the town site. The Moore Academy was our destination with the historic gymnasium set to accommodate our large and hungry crowd. Our hosts Charlotte Robinson and Christie Baker from Pine Apple Mercantile Company were welcoming and helped settle, feed and educate their visitors about the history the town. They even advertised Porsche Day in Pine Apple which brought many of the local out to meet us. The drive included "Alabama's Dragon" with hills, curves, and switchbacks leading to a final stretch of historic homes through Pine Apple. One notable place was the Sears-Roebuck Catalogue Home, which was built entirely from a kit purchased through the Sears Catalog and delivered by train!

End of story



PORCHFEST

STORY BY DENNIS THOMAS



We couldn't have ordered up a better day for a ride to Brewton Porch Fest in our Porsches. The fall weather along the Gulf Coast provided a sunny, humidity free fall day that was perfect for top down driving and sitting in a lawn chair listening to music. The town of Brewton, AL has played host to Porch Fest since 2010. This event brings the community together to appreciate the local musical artists who are always ready to shine. Local bands or performers are provided with a porch or front lawn to serve as a stage in the historic district of Brewton among some of the areas most beautiful homes. The event is free and participants move along three blocks to watch and hear each event that kicks off on the hour throughout the day. The genre of music ranged from bluegrass, gospel, country and a little bit of old time rock and roll.

The Sonnenschein group arrived after a nice ride from Spanish Fort with a lunch stop a David's Catfish house. After lunch our group was escorted into the historic downtown area where we were provided with reserved parking. Our cars served as a secondary attraction as an impromptu car show for the public walking through the streets.

The block party event is truly a community gathering. The day was a relaxing and entertaining giving us the opportunity to interact with the local population. Just as PCA is about the people, this event is very much the same and fits well with our southern lifestyle.

End of story



FAIRHOPE TOY RUN

STORY BY DENNIS THOMAS

The history of the Sonnenschein PCA Toy Run began in 2019 with an organized parade ride to the local Studer Children’s Hospital. The members of the club wanted to provide something special for those children who were separated from their families during the holidays. The following year community and social distancing restrictions were introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The club persisted in their efforts to provide a local community service during the holiday season.

John Matus, a member of the Fairhope, AL Rotary Club put forth the idea of supporting the local Rotary Youth Club of Fairhope/Point Clear. This organization was established in 1997 taking ownership of an 11,000 square foot facility that was previously a building for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Baldwin County. Operating with grants from the community and assistance of volunteers this organization provides much needed education and developmental programs for Pre-K and after school care to families in need.

End of story





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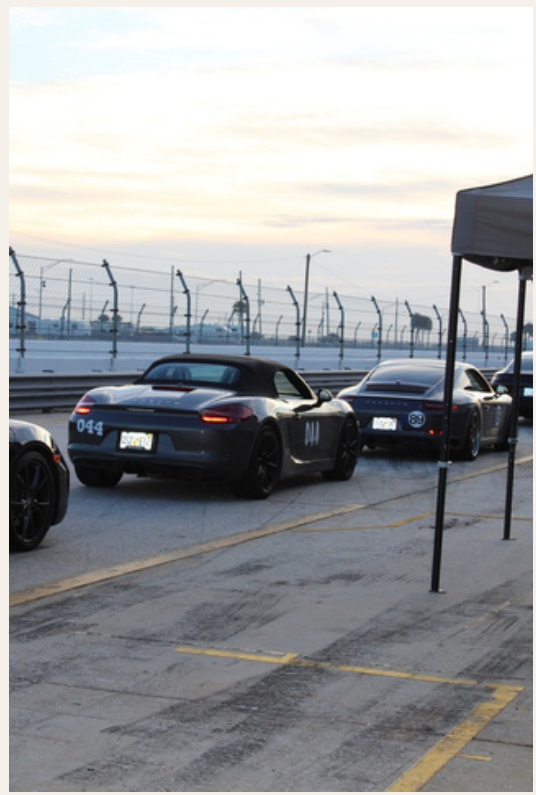
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- Leaves a high-gloss, showroom-worthy shine.
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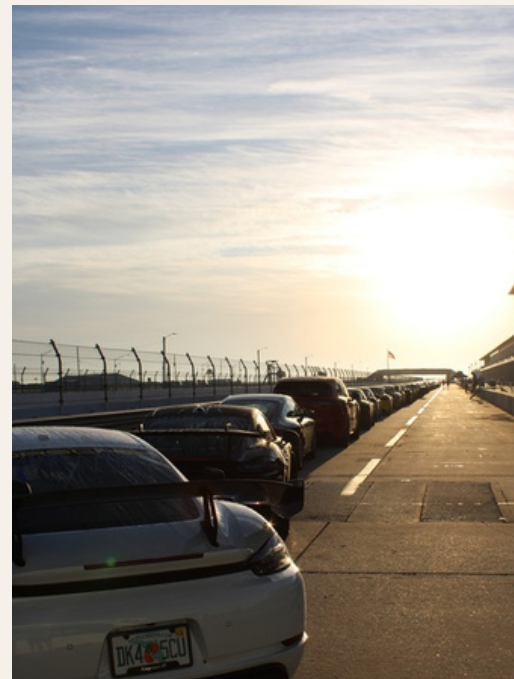


Zone 12 PCA 70th Anniversary



The PCA Zone 12, 70th anniversary celebration was a festive gathering held at Sebring International Speedway that honored seven decades of shared passion for Porsche through camaraderie, driving, and heritage. Members from across the zone came together to showcase a stunning range of classic and modern Porsches, enjoy spirited drives through scenic routes, and participate in social events that highlighted the club's rich history and volunteer-driven culture.

End of story



FRITZ FINDS A HOME

Porsche ownership evokes a deep emotional experience. When I purchased my 2015 Boxster, I was actually searching for a mid-60s Corvette. What caught my attention instead was Porsche—the passion, loyalty, and sense of community expressed by its owners. That curiosity turned into commitment, and I've since enjoyed the Boxster on road trips, at car shows, autocross, and track events. It simply loves to perform.

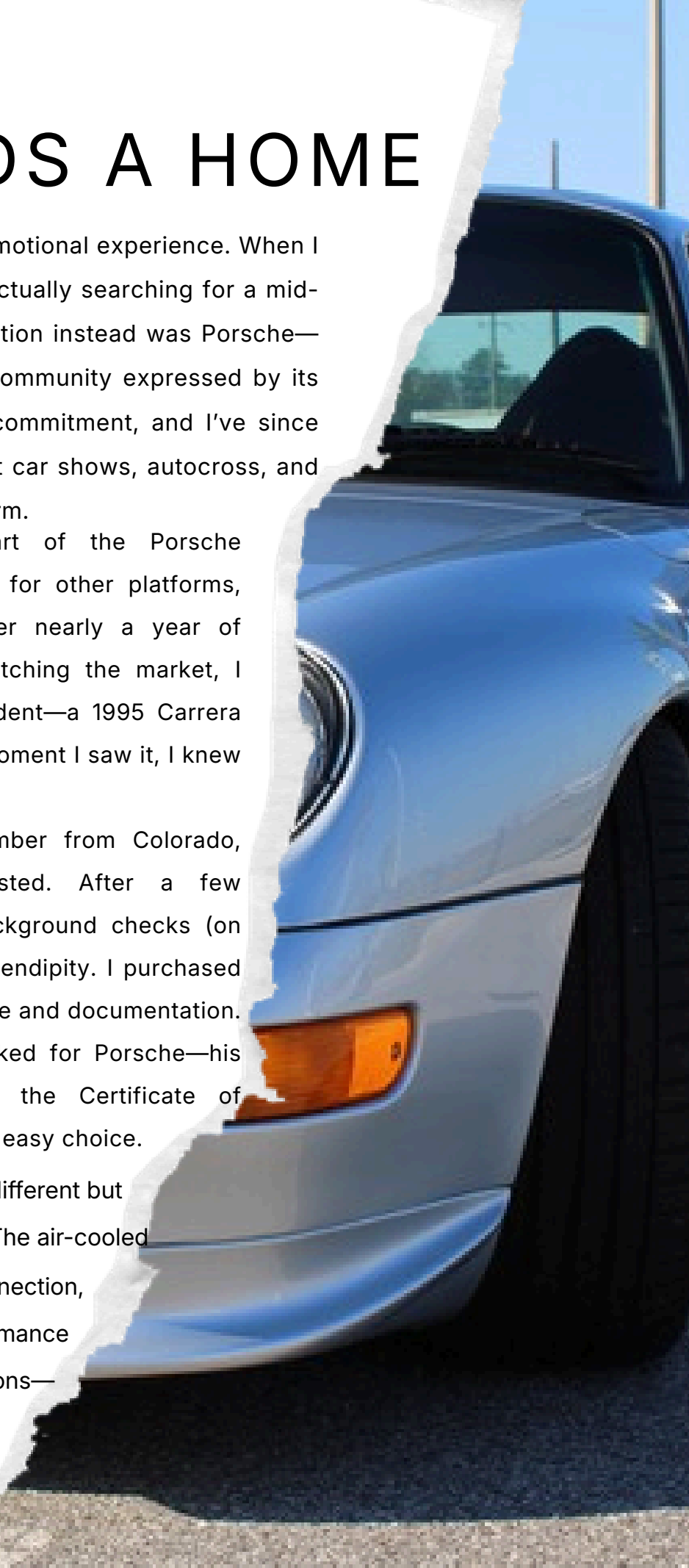
Like many owners, becoming part of the Porsche community sparked an appreciation for other platforms, especially the air-cooled cars. After nearly a year of research, browsing listings, and watching the market, I found "the one" completely by accident—a 1995 Carrera listed on the PCA Pcar Market. The moment I saw it, I knew it was special.

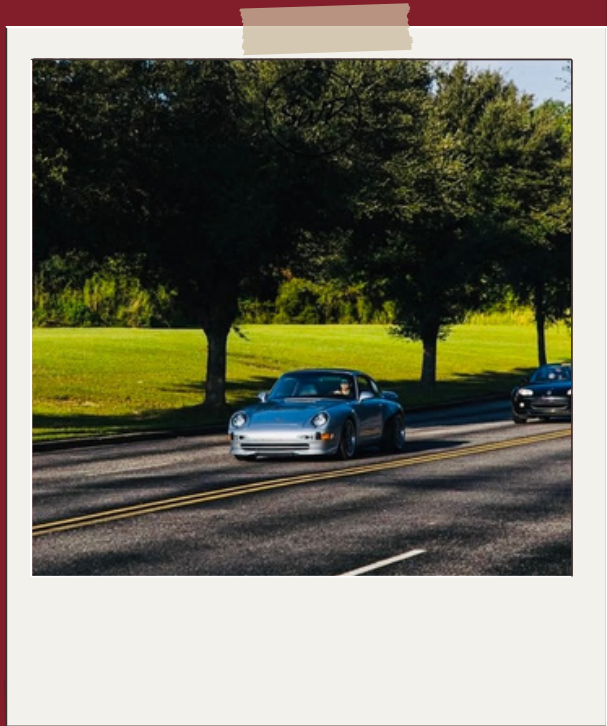
I contacted the seller, a PCA member from Colorado, moments after the ad was posted. After a few conversations and some mutual background checks (on both sides), it was clear this was serendipity. I purchased the car based on its excellent pedigree and documentation. Even better, the original owner worked for Porsche—his name, Fritz Schmidt, appears on the Certificate of Authenticity. The name "Fritz" was an easy choice.

Today, I'm fortunate to have two very different but equally rewarding Porsches to drive. The air-cooled Carrera delivers a raw, mechanical connection, while the Boxster offers modern performance and balance. Each stirs different emotions—but both are, without question, pure Porsche.

End of story

Story & Photos
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AUTOX (AUTOCROSS)

AUTOX (AUTOCROSS) IS A VERY EXCITING FORM OF MOTORSPORT HELD AT TYPICAL STREET AND HIGHWAY SPEEDS. IT EMPHASIZES PRECISE CAR CONTROL IN A FUN, LOW-COST, FRIENDLY AND SAFE COMPETITION. LEARN AND RAPIDLY REFINE ADVANCED DRIVING SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES IN THE NON-THREATENING ENVIRONMENT OF A COURSE MARKED BY SOFT TRAFFIC CONES IN A LARGE PARKING LOT OR SIMILAR SETTING.

ENJOY YOUR PORSCHE'S CAPABILITIES LIKE NOWHERE ELSE AND DRIVE IT THE WAY IT WAS DESIGNED. AUTOX IS EASY ON YOUR CAR AND ALL PORSCHEs CAN PARTICIPATE. CAR CONTROL SKILLS YOU GAIN ALLOW YOU TO EXPLORE THE LIMITS OF YOUR CAR WHICH MAKES YOU A SAFER DRIVER ON THE STREET. DISCOVER THE FUN AND CAMARADERIE OF AUTOX!





10 Tips To Enjoy Driving Your First AutoX

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AutoXing your Porsche is amazing fun. You will appreciate your Porsche more than ever and go home a better driver with more friends.

Here are a few tips to help you enjoy driving your first AutoX even more, also check your region's web site:

1. **Prepare your car** before you arrive. Make sure all fluid levels and tire pressures are to factory levels. Remove all loose items from your car so they don't get tossed around while driving (floor mats, coffee cups, cell phones, etc.).
2. **Arrive early** and unload all remaining loose objects from your car. Tip: bring a plastic container or trash bag to put your items in.
3. **Proceed to Registration** (usually a tent, trailer, or other well marked place). Many Regions have on-line registration before the event so when you arrive you may just need to show your driver's license and PCA card, and sign the waiver if you haven't already as part of the on-line registration process. During registration you will receive a car number, a "run group" and run schedule (to drive with similarly classed cars), and a "work assignment" such as flagging.
4. **Get your car to the "technical inspection" line** for final approval. Some Regions have roving Tech Inspectors that come around to each car. They will double check the basics, that your car numbers are affixed, and verify that your helmet meets the approved specifications (currently Snell 2010, 2015, or 2020). If you don't have a helmet check if your Region has loaner helmets.
5. **Walk the Course.** Join the "novice" walk if one is available or ask an experienced AutoXer if you can join them. They will help you simplify how to look at the course and spot the most important cones. While walking, practice properly "looking ahead" which is the most important skill you can learn to stay on-course and to rapidly progress. Walk the course as many times as the schedule allows. It's helpful to take notes on your course map if you have one (or make a sketch yourself) to reference just before you drive.
6. **Attend the Driver's Meeting.** The event organizers will give you important information about the site, course, schedule, pylon penalties, flagging, instructor availability, and any safety items.
7. **Watch other drivers** before your run to learn from them. This will help you remember where the course goes and give you some new ideas to try.
8. **Now it's your turn.** Ask for an Instructor to ride with you for your first run. Check the course map one last time, then your seat belt and helmet strap. Bring your car to the staging area when signaled. Watch the car or two before you as they drive through the course, narrating your plan to yourself as they do. Take a slow deep breath to relax, calmly look up to spot the first 2-3 gates then drive away when signaled.
9. **Driving the course.** Drive your first run at a speed that allows you to stay on-course. Tip: Look ahead to spot the next turn before you drive past the current cone. Have fun!
10. **After your run.** Think about areas of the course where you might be able to improve next time. Watch other people drive and discuss your run with your instructor.

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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 ï TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH OTHER PORSCHE REGIONS AND ZONES

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