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*You and a Guest
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Great Plains Region
Annual Spring/Winter Party*

Friday, April 29, 2022
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7:00 Dinner
Raffle
New Lifetime Members Recognition

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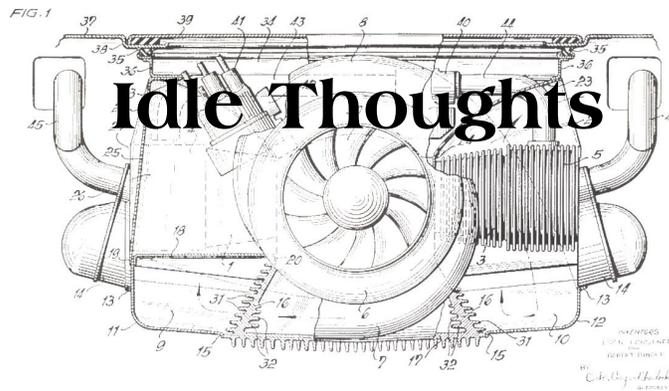
RSVP the names of those attending with menu selections
on our GPR website: gprpca.com, no later than April 22nd.

You **MUST** be a current Great Plains Region member
to attend this event.

Join or renew your membership on our gprpca.com website.

Please consider bringing adult coloring books and colored pencils,
or a monetary donation to our charity, Ronald McDonald House Charities Omaha.

Adults only.
No jeans, please.



By David Patterson, GPR President

My friends and family have come to know me as a “car guy”. I have no doubt that many of you share the same moniker based on your general, technical, or mechanical knowledge. For me, the label is not because I am adept at turning a wrench; I have simply accumulated enough perspective over the years to have a broad grasp of the vehicles and manufacturers available along with their relative merits. Because of this, I am often the first person contacted when someone in my sphere is interested in purchasing a vehicle. It has become a frequent enough occurrence that I have established an informational set of questions to determine the needs, wants, and dreams of the requesters. While each of those questions are still useful to pair down the list of options, they have less necessity as of late. The tragedies of the past couple years related to illness, and now war, have far more important ramifications than what we drive. And yet, the supply chain issues have left many of those in need of transportation wanting for cost-effective solutions. With this supply and demand issue, the individuals that now come to me for advice on a car to purchase are much more likely to *need* one than *want* one, and *dreams* are pushed to the edge of their mind.



A “dream car” is a concept that lived in all of us as children, and lingers with many as we get a bit older. Whether your dream is currently parked in your garage or you are still on the hunt, the cars that we are all blessed to drive occupy the matchbox car collections of children and cause faces to be pushed to windows as you drive past. In a world where inflation and lack of supply places limits on purchasing power, us “car guys (and gals)” have an important role as “keepers of the flame”. As the weather warms, be sure to put a few miles on your Porsche. The dreams of others are counting on you to drive by.

David

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Great Plains Region Club Calendar

April

April 9th—Breakfast at Porsche Omaha 8:30am **EVENT FULL**

April 21st—DE 101+ at Porsche Omaha 6:30pm

April 23rd-24th—Heartland Club Race

April 27th—May 1st—Treffen Spring in Colorado Springs <https://treffen.pca.org>

April 29th—Annual Winter (*Spring!*) Party at Champions Run 6:00-9:00pm ([RSVP Here](#))

April 30th—Spring Fling DE at RPM. 8:00am (Sign up at [Clubregistration.net](#))

May

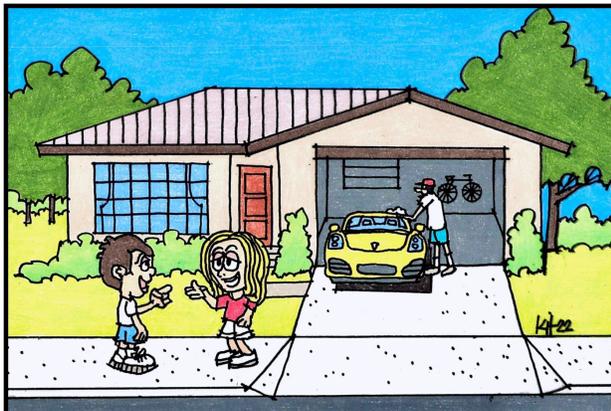
May 7th—Fun Run (Watch for future updates via email and at [GPRPCA.com](#))

May 14th—Porsches at Paradise 8:00am



National Calendar

Club Racing Calendar



I know we're going on vacation tomorrow but mom says dad won't have fun knowing he left his unwashed Porsche in the garage for a week!

Bob Kitamura—PCA California Central Coast Region

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Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of the GPR Board meeting

March 15th, 2022

The Great Plains PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on March 15, 2022, via Zoom. Present were David Patterson, Carol Lynch, Terry Lessmann, Melinda Halvorson, Rick Mourey, Eric Elliott, Mike Anderson, Bob Kirchner, Jeremy Kroh and Kurt Halvorson.

PRESIDENT: Patterson opened the meeting and provided a recap of the February Zone 10 Presidents' meeting, where the focus was on compliance with PCA requirements. Patterson's lunch with Porsche Omaha's Service Manager provided for additional goodwill between the club and the dealership.

SECRETARY: The February 2022 minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER: The club's cash balance as of February 28, 2022, was \$87,158. Net income year to date is \$5,716, attributed to dues collections of \$4,170, a \$500 Club Race sponsorship by the Lynches, \$2,500 of advertiser revenue, and expenses of \$2,484, inclusive of shirt costs of \$1,776. The money market savings account (to safeguard funds over and above normal monthly needs) will be funded in March. The club's tax return is in preparation with our outside CPA.

MEMBERSHIP: Chair Lynch reported we have 165 paid GPR members at present, out of 299 PCA members assigned to our region. Chair Lynch has reached out to those who have not yet renewed at the present time. Discussion ensued around logistics for the annual Winter/Spring party, including recognition of lifetime members. The GPR Gear store on our website has opened and members are ordering items. Appreciation was expressed to Carol for her work on the store, as well as to Eric Elliott, Rick Mourey and Jeremy Kroh for their assistance.

SOCIAL: The March item for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) is Keurig K-Cups, April's item is adult aged coloring books and colored pencils as requested by the house. The Beacon Hills social dinner attracted 57 attendees. March Porsches at Paradise had 15 attendees. April events include Breakfast at Porsche Omaha on April 9th, DE 101+ on the 21st at Porsche Omaha, the Spring (Winter) Party on April 29th, and a DE at RPM

April 30th. Signups are available on the GPR website and soon on Club Registration for DEs. Awards for the Spring Party have been ordered, and thanks to Rick Mourey for locating the traveling trophy for Enthusiast of the Year. A Fun Run with donuts beforehand is planned for May 7th. Food options were discussed for the Annual Picnic and Car Show on June 26th. A social dinner on July 23rd is planned at the Ziegenbeins as 'Porsches and Pickleball'. An overnight summer drive is being planned to an out of town venue. Details to come for both of these latter events.

REGISTRAR: All three RPM DE dates and the Club Race/DE at MPH are visible on ClubRegistration. Sign up opens on April 2nd for the April 30th DE, and the Club Race/DE sign up opens on April 4th. Registrar Lessmann has facilitated adding the ability for GPR to collect RV Parking and covered parking (Raceport) rental fees for the Club Race weekend on ClubRegistration as well.

SAFETY: RPM dates, contracts and fees are finalized, with one day DEs this year for all three events at RPM. Novice instruction has been revised to address sign-off requirements. Club Race RV and Raceport parking slot management and rates were determined. DE and Club Race registration will open the same day to allow for equal access to slots. Dr. Stephen Williams was secured as the Club Race physician liaison. On-Site Tires has committed to support the Club Race once again.

EDITOR: March Der Skooner was published. Editor Kroh has requested new members volunteer for Meet a Member in Der Skooner. Pursuing additional advertisers – detail shops and body shops. President Patterson thanked Editor Kroh for diving in so quickly and producing such a quality newsletter for the club.

WEBMASTER: The GPR website is up to date with social events through April, plus upcoming DE/Club Race events. RSVPs are open for the Annual Party, April Breakfast at Porsche Omaha, and DE 101+. GPR store has been launched and is linked to the top navigation area of our website. March Der Skooner was posted to our website and sent out March 2nd.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 12th at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

Scottsdale Car Show

Article by Mike Anderson, GPR Vice President

I had an opportunity to attend a car show in Scottsdale in February. The sponsor was a coffee shop called “4 Till 4” in Old Town Scottsdale. As I looked around the show I saw some incredible cars, but also noticed something about the people. They were from all walks of life, but the P-cars brought them together.



The fun part was the many categories of people. Gear heads (wrenchers), racers, historians, curious non-owners, owner wannabees and people who just wanted to connect with their friends or make new ones. I met a lady who had just ordered her 7th car. Wow! Fortunately for her it wasn't on the cargo ship that had just sunk in the Atlantic with 1,100 Porsches on board!

I met two young guys who were a riot. One from Amsterdam and one from Ontario. The kid from Ontario spoke a million miles an hour and the kid from Amsterdam could barely get his name out, Bjorn. There were a couple of guys who were, dare I say, bragging about their new GT3 RS cars, and maybe that's okay too. I saw a green 1975 914S that was ready for the Concours d'Elegance but couldn't find the owner to ask about the car. He was no doubt busy speaking with friends.

I also appreciated the creativity of the owners. A bright yellow car with the plate that said “Chiquita” and a banana sticker above the plate. Hilarious. A bright green GT3 RS that said LIZRD RS. Too funny. There were others but you get the drift.



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Scottsdale

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Bottom line, there were lots of people having a great time thanks to an appreciation for a great car. Hopefully our weather will turn warm enough for us to get out there too.

Here's to no speed bumps.

Mike





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You can order from a curated selection of styles and colors with the GPR logo embroidered on the item. Currently available are men's and women's short and long-sleeved polo shirts, full zip fleece jackets, and a unisex sweatshirt. Color choices are presently limited.

Why no baseball caps or t-shirts? Those items require a minimum number to place an order and the Board hopes to use them as promotional gifts to the members over time.

You will be able to set up an account or check out as a guest. With your order number and zip code you can track your order. Emails are sent to you as your order progresses.

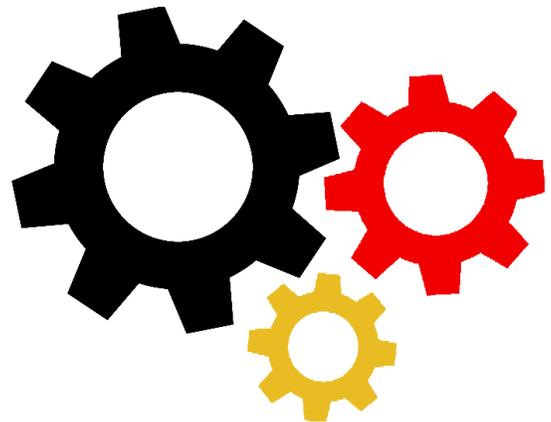
Clothing prices range from \$20.00 to \$65.00. An additional cost of \$8.95 for the logo to be embroidered on an item is not included in the price. Our logo is very complex, uses several colors and has a high stitch count. All parameters that dictate the cost of logo application.

Men's and women's size charts are easily accessed. Shipping costs are comparative within the industry. The time frame for the order to be complete is 33-38 business days with standard shipping. You will receive order updates as the order progresses. With your order number and zip code you can check the progress of your order at any time. Taxes are applied as required. GPR does not earn any money from this endeavor.

Many thanks to Melinda Halvorson whose suggestion sparked this venture and Eric Elliot for setting up our store front - he is the web wizard for GPR.

Please contact me with any questions and suggestions as we open the GPR Gear Shop!

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Beacon Hills Social Dinner Highlights—March 5th

Article and photos by Melinda Halvorson, Social Chair

The GPR's first club paid social event of the year was dinner at Beacon Hills Aksarben. The evening began with a social hour at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner. It was wonderful to hear all the conversation going on around the room after another winter of Covid. After comments from our GPR President, David Patterson, nearly 60 members enjoyed a meal of Beef Medallions, Sage Stuffed Chicken, or Vegetarian Lasagna with white cake and strawberries for dessert. The food and service were excellent. Our GPR members generously brought many boxes of K-Cups for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha.





Be sure to watch future issues of Der Skooner, our GPR website, and your email for more events to come!

It's Never Been Tracked!

Article and Photos by Pedro P. Bonilla, Suncoast Florida PCA Region, Technical Contributor

If you've ever purchased a used Porsche or if you have perused the classifieds for a used Porsche, I'm sure you've seen how many of the sellers state, with pride, and generally in bold letters, that: **"this Porsche has never been tracked!"**

Every time I read that or hear it from a potential buyer of a car that I'll be doing a Pre-Purchase Inspection (PPI) on, it saddens me. The way I see it, why buy a Porsche if you will never drive it the way the good Doctor Porsche intended it to be driven?

If you're purchasing a very valuable and collectible example of the marque, as an investment, only to be admired and one day sold for multiple times of what you bought it for, I understand. But to buy it and be afraid to drive it hard is absurd!

Porsches are just one of a handful of cars that are meant for street and track use. I don't mean that you have to be at every track day from every PCA Region and become a track junkie, but one of the greatest feelings in Porsche ownership is driving your car on the track and discovering its and your limits. It's also good for them! We've come to realize that Porsches that are driven hard (not abused) tend to work better and have less issues 'down the road'.

Some people are concerned about getting a stone chip and cover the front end in blue tape, but it's not that bad! The track is usually fairly clean. Many of the most used tracks around the country are well maintained and kept by a professional crew which does a great job. Furthermore, you can control who's in front of you and how close. If you feel that you're too close just let them get away and you'll have plenty of clean, fresh air in front of you.

Driving on the track is also quite safe! PCA does everything in its power to make it so. From the organization of the DE to the safety requirements which must be adhered to. Within 30 days before you get to the track you need to take your Porsche to an authorized shop for a (complimentary) tech inspection to make sure that the tires, brakes, suspension and all safety equipment

such as seat belts, windshield, etc. are in place and operational.



Racetracks are designed for cars to travel at high speed. The surface is generally better than most roads, cars run in the same direction (most of the time), and there are no speeding tickets issued. At all PCA DE events there are professional corner workers present to warn you of any potential dangers ahead through the use of colored flags. And if you want to feel better protected, you can also purchase track insurance for your track day.



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When you go to the track for the first time (and for a few more times after that) you are considered a novice driver and will have an assigned instructor riding in the car with you. The instructor is there to guide you by offering information and first-hand knowledge to make your track day safe and fun.



First you start at the classroom where the Chief Instructor will cover the bases and explain how the track day will go. After that, you go on-track!

By attending a few Driver Education (DE) events you eventually can advance to a stage where you no longer need an in-car instructor, although you still keep learning. If you want to pursue it, eventually, you can also become an instructor yourself! I've been an HPDE instructor for many years and every time I do another track day I learn something new about me and/or my car.

If your Porsche has lived its life strictly on the roads, it really hasn't lived at all. So, what are you waiting for? Contact your local PCA Region and sign up for the next DE event. There's nothing more enjoyable you can do with your Porsche.

Having said all that, I always recommend to anyone wanting to start doing track days, that they should first participate in several autocrosses (AX). They are also a lot of fun!



An AX is a timed event, in a closed-access track, usually on a large, not used parking lot, at an unused airport, or other tarmac where a short course is laid out using bright colored cones. One lap at the AX is generally around 60 seconds and it's just one car at-a-time, on track.



The advantage of first running AX courses is that it helps you learn many of the basics that you will need at the track. You will learn exactly where your tires are because you need to come very close to the cones without touching them. This will help you to perfectly make your apexes at the track.



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The AX is generally run in second gear, so speed is manageable, but it tests the limits of your brakes and tire adhesion. You will learn to listen to your tires, which will tell you when they are reaching their limit. The same is true for your brakes. You will engage them and will quickly learn when the ABS is just about to kick in.

By knowing these basics when you do your first DE you won't be overwhelmed with too much information from your instructor which will make your track day a lot more fun and safe.

Not sure if these cars can really take the hard driving? I'll just use my car as an example. It's a 1998 2.5L Boxster. I started doing DE events as soon as the car finished the break in-period by the Summer of '98 in St. Louis where I was living at the time. Since then, to date it now just reached 300,000 miles on the odometer and of those, close to 15,000 miles are on the track.

I've tracked it at Gateway International, Road America, Bristol Motor Speedway, Homestead-Miami Speedway, Palm Beach International (Moroso), Daytona International Speedway, Roebing Road, Road Atlanta, and at my home track and favorite of all, Sebring International Speedway.

Hope to see you at the AX and track soon!

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

Happy Porsche'ing,

Pedro

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Upcoming GPR Social Events

R.S.V.P.



It's time to RSVP now on the main page of our website - gprpca.com for our many upcoming GPR events:

Breakfast at Porsche Omaha - April 9th at 8:30 am. The first 50 are "in"! **EVENT FULL**

DE 101+ at Porsche Omaha - April 21st at 6:30 pm

Spring (Winter) Party at Champions Run - April 29th at 6:00 pm
New Lifetime Members will be recognized - please RSVP now to attend.

Spring Fling DE at RPM - April 30th - Driver's Meeting at 8:00 am.
Sign up on ClubRegistration.net.

Fun Run - May 7th
Don't miss our first fun run of the year! Watch for details in your email, our website, and the May issue of Der Skooner.
Sign-up will be on ClubRegistration.net.

The Mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha (RMHC) is strengthening children and their families during their most difficult and challenging times.

The GPR has an opportunity to support RMHC by providing much needed monetary donations as well as items for families, for the kitchen, and for the House. **The Item of the Month for April is adult-aged coloring books and colored pencils.** These items were requested by moms and dads at the House. It gives them something to do while spending long days at the hospital with their children.

Thank you to those who brought over 500 K-Cups in March.

Check back each month to see what the Item of the Month will be for the RMHC in Omaha.

Overnight Trip to Weston, Missouri

We're planning an overnight trip to Weston, Missouri **July 16th-17th**. Weston, established in 1803, is a charming town tucked in northwest Missouri. The town offers a slice of American heritage with its antebellum homes, historical museums and exhibits, and award-winning wineries.

We'll visit Riverwood Winery for a private wine tasting on our way to Weston. Don't like wine? They also have a whiskey and cocktail bar, and there are several distilleries in and near Weston to try. There are antique and specialty shops on Main Street to explore as well as museums in the area. After checking in you'll have free time

until dinner together.

We'll stay at The St. George Hotel, which dates back to 1845. Room rates are: Queen, \$129; King, \$145. A block of rooms have been held until June 16th. Please make your reservation by calling the hotel: 816-640-9902 and mention the block of rooms under "Great Plains Region Porsche Club". Please let Melinda Halvorson, Social Chair, know you are coming by emailing her at social@gprpca.com.

This is a trip you won't want to miss! Watch for more details to come. Questions? Contact Melinda at the email above.

Porsches at Paradise

March 12th

Article by Jeremy Kroh, Editor, photos by Carol Lynch, Membership

Hopefully we've seen the last of single digit temps for this part of the year. We had a small contingent of Porsches in the parking lot, but plenty of GPR members inside enjoying a hot cup of coffee, breakfast and conversation. The new Gear Shop is up and running, and the logo turned out great. See page 10 for ordering info! Please note that the next Porsches at Paradise is May 14th, as we visit Porsche Omaha in April.



GPR Gear on display!



See you next time!

Membership News

By the Numbers:

GPR Membership is 168

PCA Primary members are 302

GPR Lifetime Members,

Those of you who have been GPR and PCA members for 25 years will be recognized at the Annual Spring/Winter Party on Friday, April 29, 2022, at Champions Run. The complete invitation is on page 3 of this issue of Der Skooner.

Please read and reply with your choice of entree.

As a lifetime member, dues are not necessary, but we do require that you sign up for events.

Please note that your RSVP is required by April 22. No RSVP, no food for you . . .

If you are unable to join us on April 29, please let me know and we will make arrangements for you to receive your recognition gift.

Thank you for attending to this detail,
Carol Lynch
Membership Chair
membership@gprpca.com

Membership has its perks!

If any of your contact information has changed, please let us know.

The Great Plains Region Board works to ensure there are numerous social and car events for you to enjoy. Many social events are completely supported by the club. Your club dues must be paid for you to enjoy the fun.

If you have a question about your membership with GPR please contact Carol via email:
membership@gprpca.com.

Member Name Badges

Look official at our next GPR/PCA event! The magnetic name badges are \$10, which includes shipping.

Please contact Melinda at Melinda.halvorson1115@gmail.com. Don't forget to wear your badge to all GPR/PCA Events!

A Note from the Editor

What could go wrong? When I dove in headfirst last spring into Porsche ownership with my Boxster, I'd watched all the YouTube videos on this and that, ordered the *101 Projects* book and a Bentley manual and had high hopes in being able to tackle whatever curveballs this Artic Silver machine would throw at me. I've done a few minor things thus far prior to winter setting in. Now comes the fun part. Struts. IMS bearing. Rear main seal, etc. Time to get real familiar with all of the goings on under the skin. Afterall, what could go wrong?

All that being said, this is your newsletter and we'd love to hear about your tales from the winding road or track! If you would like to send in an article for consideration, please send an email to: editor@gprpca.com

If you are new to the club or haven't been featured in the Meet A Member section, please consider submitting an article and [use this link](#). Also, be on the lookout for an email from me as I'll be reaching out as well!

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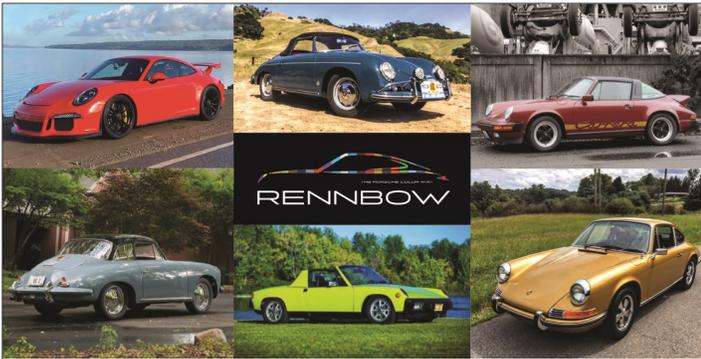
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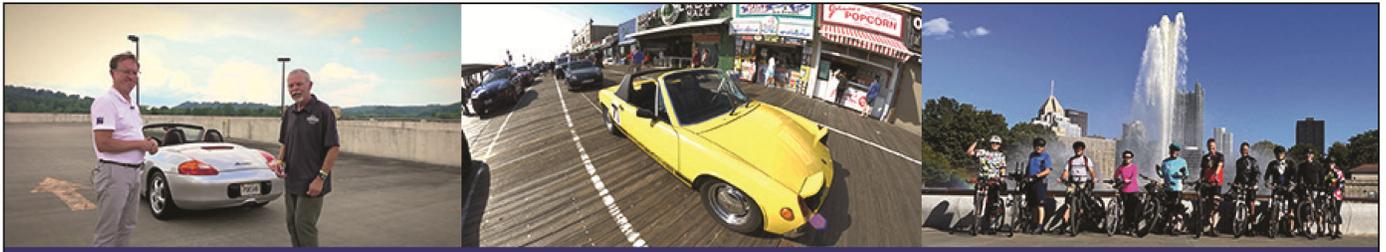
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