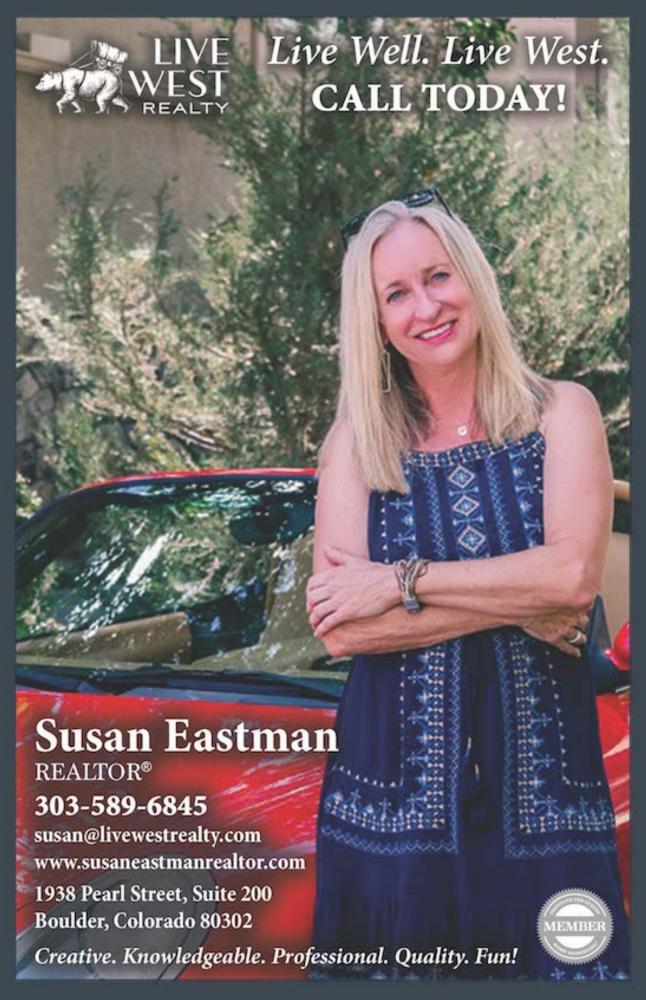
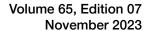
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SHIFTS AND GIGGLES



Bill SimonEditor and Creative Director

RR7: Porsche Race Fan Sensory Overload

RENNSPORT REUNION: In September, I and about 30 other RMRers ventured west to Rennsport Reunion 7 in Monterey, California. It was everything Porsche, the who's who in the Porsche world. The grand marshals were Alwin Springer and Patrick Long. According to the Porsche Newsroom, over 91,000 people attended between Thursday, September 28, and Sunday, October 1, watching over 300 race entries and the U.S. debut of the Mission X concept, the Vision 357 Speedster concept, and the new 911 S/T. The global debut of the new 911 GT3 R Rennsport was a highlight and a crowd favorite, supported by vibrant and engaging new exhibitions and activities with over 100 past and present Porsche racers from around the world. I have been working on sorting thousands of photos and getting a few RMRers to write about their RR7 experience. If I can pull everything together, look for that in the December *HighGear*.

NOVEMBER EVENTS: In early November, I found myself in the Denver area and was able to attend back-to-back events on November 4 and 5. Saturday's RMR Election Social, at the WeatherTech store in Broomfield, was followed by Sunday's November social at Vinnie Fera Winery in Boulder.

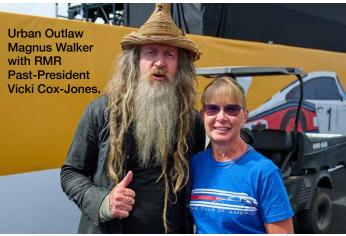
Living in a ski-resort town with six-month winters, my daily driver is a 2016 Cayenne Diesel. On day two of owning it, I decked it out with WeatherTech FloorLiners, a cargo/trunk liner, and--for my canine unit in the back seat--a water-repellent, claw-protection bench seat protector. So having spent a few dollars with WeatherTech, I was curious to see their building and the rest of their product line. After the event, about 20 of us met for burgers and beer, laughs, and what seemed like endless Porsche adventure stories. Thank you to all who introduced themselves; I may know you via email, phone, or from the Porsche photo(s) you've submitted to *HighGear*; I always like to put a face with the Porsche.

NOVEMBER PHOTO SUBMISSIONS: For this month's Rocky Mountain Road Trips (p. 34), Aspenite Jorge Fuentes submitted a photo of his Cobalt Blue Metallic 1991 964 Turbo at the Maroon Bells. For Creative License (p. 45), Craig Simmonds sent in a photo of his 2023 718 Spyder. Thank you, Jorge and Craig.

JANUARY DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the January issue of *HighGear* is December 10. We are always looking for good RMR member content. Meanwhile, if you have questions or comments regarding RMR's award-winning *HighGear*, please contact me; see page 4.

Bis später, Porsche Freunde ('Til later, Porsche friends).





Photos: Bill Simon





PRESIDENTIAL IMPRESSIONS

Russ Rydberg Region President

"It's not just the cars, it's the people."

Wrapping Up 2023...and Planning 2024

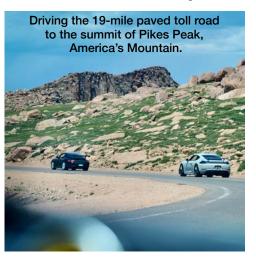
Well, we are in the final stretch of the year, and it has been a good one. About all we have left is RMR's Annual Holiday Party on December 2nd at Vehicle Vault (see page 13). There have been many excellent events throughout the year, and next year will be just as great, I have no doubt. The recent elections have brought a couple of changes to the board, and I am sure the next group will be working hard to bring the best track season and social events that this region deserves. It has been an honor serving as the president and I hope that I can continue to contribute as I take on the role of past-president. Scott Henderson, RMR's next president, is no stranger to the workings of leadership for the region, having served on the board in several positions prior to his acceptance of his nomination as president. He, along with several returning members, will comprise a worthy leadership team, and I wish them the very best in the upcoming year. As always, consider volunteering to this wonderful organization, and help those who bring you all the amazing events we have every year. I hope that I will see you all at upcoming events and that you have a Happy Holiday Season and New Year!

Tschüss! 🍪

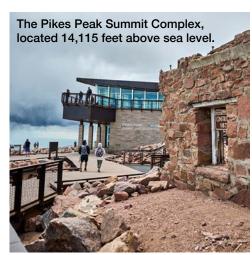




Some photos of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb Experience August 29, 2023

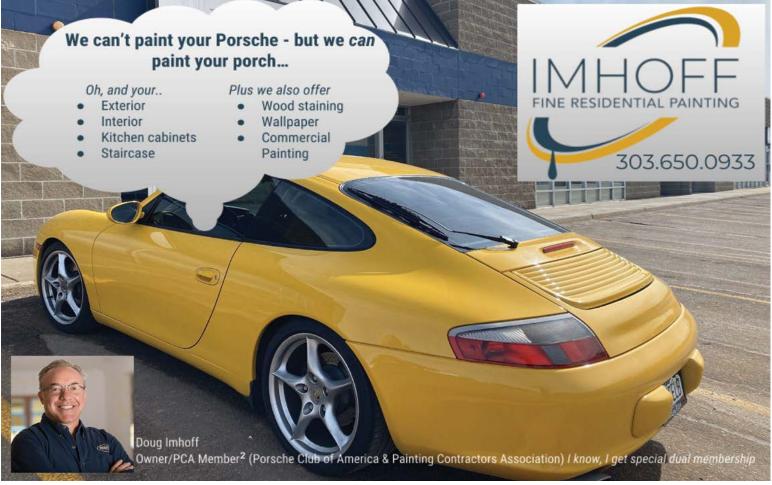






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MEMBERS' CORRAL



Lisa Walsh *Membership Chair*

Let's make our members feel like family.

Event Planning for 2024 Has Begun

Winter is fast approaching, but we still have great socials, cars and coffee, breakfast-club events, and our annual holiday party on December 2, so even if your Porsche is tucked away for the winter, please join us! Check out the calendar of events here: rmr.pca.org/calendar.

Planning for next year is beginning, and suggestions are appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, we would love you to join one of our teams. Please email volunteer@rmrporscheclub.com. After all, it takes a village.

Welcome to all new members and transfers. Name badges can be ordered via rmr.pca.org/name-badge-order-form or by emailing namebadges@rmrporscheclub.com.

This year we had the pleasure of attending Rennsport Reunion 7 in Monterey, California, with other Rocky Mountain Region members. It was an eye-opening, wonderful experience that I hope you have the chance to enjoy in the future. We also explored other attractions in Monterey and the surrounding area: the 17-Mile Drive; photographing harbor seals, sea lions, and otters; Cannery Row, Old Fisherman's Wharf, and the quaint town of Carmel. An article recapping Rennsport will be in the December *HighGear*.

Now for questions from new and potential members:

Dear Membership, I just transferred from another region, and I'm not receiving the newsletter or emails. What should I do?

More than likely your region was not updated automatically when you changed your address. Contact the PCA national office at (410) 381-0911, and give them your name and membership number. Let them know you moved or transferred to Rocky Mountain Region, and ask them to update your profile.

If you still don't receive the magazine or emails after that, send me a note at membership@rmrporscheclub.com so I can verify that you were not inadvertently opted out of our communications.

Dear Membership, I'm looking for information on membership, benefits, cost, events, etc. Can you help me?

The Porsche Club of America is dedicated to enhancing the Porsche ownership experience. No matter your interest — social, technical, or competitive — PCA has something for every Porsche owner. Over 3,500 local and national events include driving activities, social gatherings, autocrosses, track days, high-performance driver education, club racing, tech sessions, and car shows plus insider exclusives and premieres.

Membership is open to all Porsche owners, co-owners, or lessees who are 18 or older. When joining, the member can name a relative or other interested person to become their affiliate member, at no additional cost. Family or affiliate members also must be 18 or older.

Membership is available for one year, \$46; two years, \$90; or three years, \$132. Dues are payable by check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, or American Express and include a subscription to *Porsche Panorama*, PCA's award-winning monthly magazine. Your local region is assigned based on your address.

Here are two helpful links:

PCA website: www.pca.org RMR website: rmr.pca.org

I'm still looking for more people to help me greet and welcome new members. You would simply display club magazines, stickers, etc. at events that you are already attending; help send emails to welcome new members; and help them get name badges. Everything you need will be provided, and I could use the extra help.

Let's make our members feel like family. If you are interested in assisting with membership, please contact me at: membership@rmrporscheclub.com.

Membership Assistant Wanted

It's an honor and privilege to serve as your Membership Chair, and I have met so many amazing people. But as you know, it takes a village, and without volunteers this club wouldn't be what it is today. I'm looking for a couple of people to help me greet and welcome new members. It's very easy...display club magazines, stickers, etc. at events that you are already attending, assist in sending emails to welcome new members to RMR, guide members in the right direction for name badges. It's a great way to meet club members and make some new friends.

If you are interested in assisting with membership, please contact me at: membership@rmrporscheclub.com

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



2,343
Primary RMR Members

3,552
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155 RMR PCA Juniors

PCA ANNIVERSARIES – Congratulations!

50 YEARS

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45 YEARS

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40 YEARS

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35 YEARS

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25 YEARS

Randall Crawford

NEW RMR MEMBERS – Welcome!

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1979 911 SC

Steve Baumgartner

Centennial 2003 911 Carrera

Cole Beasley & Janice Kinnin

Westminster 2000 911 Carrera

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Boulder 1998 Boxster

Ryan Dahlke

Broomfield 2016 Cayenne Diesel

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Fort Collins 2017 911 Carrera 4S

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Jason & Stephanie

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NEW TEST DRIVE MEMBERS – Welcome!

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If this volunteer position sounds like a fun way for you to contribute to RMR, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



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RMR AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Register for events at: www.MotorsportReg.com/orgs/pca/rocky-mountain

December 2 RMR's Annual Holiday Party (see pg 13)

Vehicle Vault, 18301 Lincoln Meadows Pkwy, Parker, Colorado Charity for the event is The Make a Wish Foundation of Colorado

Register at: msreg.com/2023HolidayParty

January 21 Eiskhana — Car Control Clinic...on Ice

All Day

6 PM to 10 PM

Georgetown Lake, County Road 306, Georgetown, Colorado

Register at: msreg.com/Eiskhana2024

April 27–28 April Autocross

Colorado Air and Space Port, 5200 Front Range Pkwy, Watkins, Colorado

May 4–5 May High Performance Driver Education

All Day

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High Plains Raceway, 93301 US-36, Deer Trail, Colorado

May 18 May Autocross All Day

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Colorado Air and Space Port, 5200 Front Range Pkwy, Watkins, Colorado

June 8–9 June High Performance Driver Education

All Day

June 9–16 Porsche Parade 2024

All Week

Birmingham, Alabama; see: www.PorscheParade.org

August 8 Werks Reunion, Monterey

All Day

Monterey, California; see: www.WerksReunion.com

Nov 16–17 Tech Tactics West 2024; see: www.pca.org/events/tech-tactics-west-2024

RMR BREAKFAST CLUB - NORTH

8 AM to 10 AM — First Watch, 2809 South College Avenue, Fort Collins, Colo.

December 2 | January 6 | February 3 | March 2 | April 6 | May 4

RMR BREAKFAST CLUB - SOUTH

8 AM to 10 AM — The Perfect Landing Restaurant, Centennial Airport

December 9 | January 13 | February 10 | March 9 | April 13 | May 11

LAFAYETTE CARS & COFFEE

7 AM to 10 AM — Flatirons Church, 355 W South Boulder Road, Lafayette, Colo.

December 2 | January 6 | February 3 | March 2 | April 6 | May 4



BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. RMR members are welcome to attend. If you would like to be part of a Zoom call, please contact president@rmrporscheclub.com for instructions.

December 12 | January 9 | February 13 | March 12 | April 9 | May 14

TRACK TALK

Dave Stribling Leader, Chief Driving Instructor Team

Keep Raising the Bar Higher

Shifting Gears and Preparing for 2024

Navigating the off-season involves reflections and preparations for 2024. As the dust settles on our exhilarating 2023 track season, it's time to shift gears and prepare for 2024. The off-season offers a unique opportunity for reflection and improvement, on and off the track. Let's explore setting goals, honing your skills, and even giving back to the racing community.

Finding Your Exit Apex: A Track and Life Lesson

Those who have walked the track with me may have noticed my unwavering focus on the exit apex. This critical point on the track represents the perfect spot to be at the end of a turn. Hitting it requires not just skill but also dedication and practice, a concept that extends beyond the track.

Just as you aim for the exit apex on a track, it's essential to assess whether you've reached your personal goals at the end of the season. Did you set those coveted new personal records? Did you surpass your expectations? Winter is the time to contemplate what you want to accomplish in 2024.

Setting Your Sights on 2024

Just as each turn on a track demands a different approach, every driver has unique objectives. Much like perfecting your racing line, your goals for 2024 require careful planning and setup. Here are some key considerations:

More Track Time: Who doesn't crave more track time? Use the off-season to strategize how you can maximize your pavement time in 2024.

Simulator Fun: Consider adding a simulator to your off-season routine. It's an enjoyable way to refine your driving skills

Car Upgrades: Now is the ideal time to assess your vehicle. Is it in top track condition? If not, consider the upgrades that could help you perform better next year.

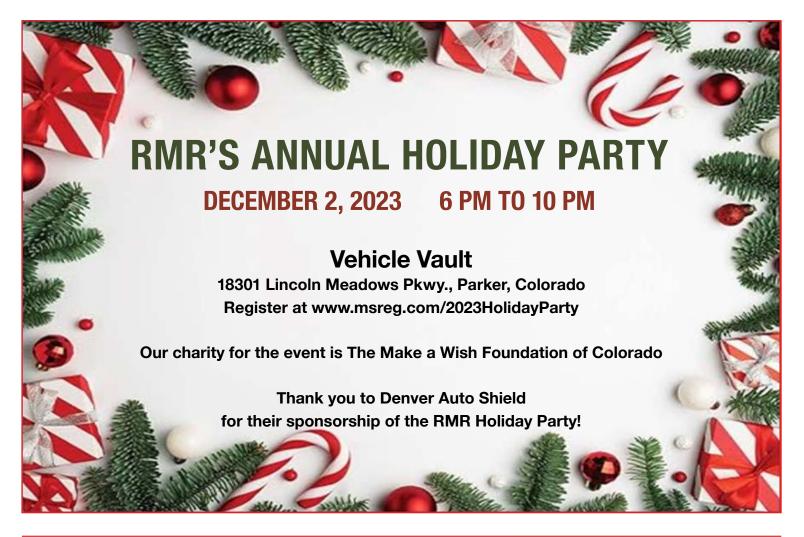
Becoming an Instructor: Many of you have expressed interest in giving back to the community by becoming a PCA driving instructor. With growing entrant participation, we need more instructors. Don't hesitate to fill out an instructor application before year's end.

Learning Process: Not everyone may be accepted as an instructor on their first attempt, but teaching others can be incredibly rewarding and educational. You'll likely learn more as an instructor than you ever did as a driver.

As we bid farewell to the memorable 2023 track season, look forward to the opportunities and challenges that 2024 will bring. Use the off-season wisely to reflect on your goals, fine-tune your skills, and consider giving back to the racing community by becoming an instructor. If you have questions about preparing for the upcoming season, feel free to reach out.

In motorsports, as in life, success is often about finding the right line and executing the perfect exit apex. Here's to a successful 2024 season filled with new personal records, thrilling moments, and the satisfaction of knowing that you've continued to grow as a driver and as an individual.

Dave Stribling driving his Prestige Imports GT3 at and stay engaged with your passion during the cold months. RMR's "Porsches on the Plains" HPDE High Plains Raceway, July 2022.





TECH TALK

Marshall Jung Equipment Chair

Tires are a complex multivariate part of vehicle performance

Can't Be Tired of Tires

If you are reading this, you probably understand the value of good tires, whether on your daily driver for every season or your dedicated track weapon. And let's be honest, who hasn't been a bit jealous seeing a PCA member having On-Site Tires mount up a new set of stickered Hoosiers for their Saturday morning DE ride? Yet there is an amazing amount of technical detail in how tires actually work beyond simply being "sticky." Let's use physics and math to understand what tires actually do and how you can use these ideas to make yourself a bit faster. Tires are a complex multivariate part of vehicle performance; let's look at two of the many physical descriptions of tires.

Tires Are Just Springs

Like many things in the world of physics, tires are actually easily modelled as springs. They are simply rolling air springs that work very similarly to the airbags used on heavy trucks or for load-levelling on pickups. The basic equation for modelling tires is:

 $m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx + bx = 0$

Where m is the mass of the oscillating object; k is the spring constant; b is the damping coefficient; x is the displacement of the oscillating object from its equilibrium position; and t is time.

Pre-2022 Formula 1 cars ran a 13-in wheel with a bulky side-wall tire (high aspect ratio). In slow motion this tire compressed, rebounded, oscillated, and shook over curbs and track imperfections. The teams actually modelled the tire as a part of the car's suspension. When the ground-effect rules began in 2022, the new lower-profile tires compressed less and oscillated faster, making the rest of the suspension need to deal with different loads. For the equation above, the new tires increased the spring constant and the damping coefficient.

How should you consider this when choosing tires for your car? Tires with taller sidewalls absorb more track irregularities — like curb impacts and high-frequency impacts — without upsetting the car's dynamics. They also allow suspension tuning to be tailored to car dynamics such as roll and dive, which are

movements that suspension dampers are more capable of handling well. But, like anything with track cars, this comes with a tradeoff.

Tire Movement

When we drive on a track, tires move. They compress under longitudinal loads and get pushed laterally in corners. If a tire grips the race surface well and the loads are sufficiently high, it can move a significant amount. Tires slip axially on wheels and are pulled away from the rims under cornering.

Some tire movement is necessary to keep the contact patch as large as possible at any acceleration rate. But contact patch is affected by the tire's aspect ratio, sidewall construction, and inflation pressures. The key is to find a balance that maximizes the contact patch with the capabilities of the car. While there are exceptions to everything, and driver confidence is a meaningful variable, a mathematically-ideal tire exists for any given track and condition---regardless of whether a driver is able to extract that peak performance from the tire. Let's look at some basic rules.

In general, the heavier a car is (statically or with generated downforce) the more robust and less flexible a tire can be and still work well. To provide a uniform contact patch, lower aspect ratios and heavier sidewalls remain flexible under higher loads. Lighter cars may want to move toward higher aspect ratio tires with lighter construction, which move around a bit more to provide consistent surface contact. Of course, tire pressures should be optimized in each environment for each vehicle, but broadly speaking these rules can be applied to gain an edge in overall maximum tire grip.

In Summary

There is much more to talk about with tires, and hopefully we can dive deeper in future articles. Tire chemistry and suspension geometry play an important role as well. Tires are a complex subject yet one that we can get a good overview of, which helps us be faster!





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SARATOGA AND SNOWY RANGE TOUR



RMR's Driving Tours provide a way to enjoy road trips closer to home that have scenery and fun driving roads to match.

"What would you do if I sang out of tune, would you stand up and walk out on me? Lend me your ears, and I'll sing you a song, and I'll try to not sing out of key." — The Beatles

Although I've taken photographs for *HighGear* in the past, it had never occurred to me to write an article, but that thought occurred in July on the Saratoga and Snowy Range Tour. An article could go along with the photos, and rather than a turn-byturn description of the route, could share personal experiences and encourage members who haven't done a tour to give it a try. So let's take an imaginary journey down the road. Our playlist is cued up.

"Woke up, got out of bed. Drug a comb across my head. Found my way downstairs and drank a cup, and looking up I noticed I was late."

— The Beatles

I've always enjoyed a good road trip. I just need a good car, a good road, and an interesting destination. Epic examples are the Pacific Coast Highway, the North Cascades Highway in Washington, and the Going to the Sun Road in Glacier National Park.

Yet "bucket list" road trips are unfortunately infrequent for me, so RMR's driving tours provide a way to enjoy road trips closer to home that have scenery and fun driving roads to match.

All epic adventures begin with a challenge. For the Saratoga tour, mine was the start time, 7:30 AM, and the start location, Fort Collins, meaning a very early departure from Arvada. Somehow I missed those details when pitching the trip to my wife, Carol, but trip organizer John Donahue reminded us via email a few days beforehand. This was a better way to prepare than my normal approach of looking it up at bedtime the night before.

Some of you (smart people) avoided the problem by spending the night in Fort Collins, but I thought I would sleep better at home than in a hotel, which would make up for the shorter night's sleep. I don't normally drive on I-25 so figured it couldn't be busy going north at 6 AM. I was wrong. Note to self: for any future trip, any time of day or night, never assume I-25 won't have traffic. Fortunately, the drive went smoothly, and we arrived at the appointed time for the drivers briefing and departure.

"I'm in love with my car."

— Queen

One thing I enjoy about driving tours is the excitement a group of Porsches bring to spectators along the way. As our group assembled in the parking lot, a mother and her early-teenage son approached and asked to look at our car. When I asked the boy if he would like to sit in the Boxster and have his picture taken, his face beamed like it was Christmas morning. Getting out, he commented, "Wow, this car is really low to the ground." Think how many kids might grow up today without riding in anything other than an SUV. I was glad he got to experience the inside of a Porsche and wondered if he might own one someday.

"It's a beautiful day. Don't let it get away." — U2

Our tour started with a Colorado bluebird sky almost clear of clouds, the type of sky we experience enough that we often take it for granted, but this day I wasn't doing that. The drive along Horsetooth Reservoir set the mood for the day. This was a great way to leave town: a road with enough twists and turns to keep drivers engaged but not requiring so much concentration that they couldn't appreciate the incredible views.

"Like Steve McQueen, all I need's a fast machine. And I'm gonna make it all right." — Sheryl Crow

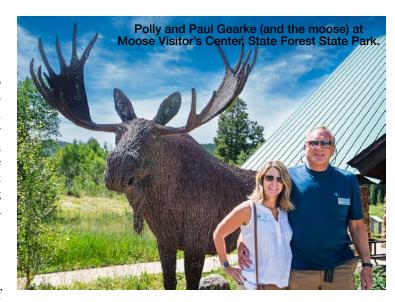
Before I went on a PCA tour, I envisioned a bevy of cars driving down the road like a bat-out-of-hell, scaring motorists and causing bicyclists to veer into the ditch, like the original "Road Warrior" movie starring Mel Gibson. The reality is just about the mirror image. John Donahue and Chris Shelley, his tour co-director, stressed in the drivers briefing that the point is not to go fast and that we would stay in a group and obey speed limits. Each led about 14 cars down the road, with a "sweeper" at the end to help anyone with an unlikely event mechanical problem or something that separated people.

Driving the speed limit doesn't have to be boring but can be engaging on the right road without a lot of traffic. We maintained a consistent spacing while winding through the corners, and unimpeded by slower vehicles we set a pace and a flow that seemed just right for a sunny drive on a pretty road.

Entering Cache la Poudre Canyon, I wondered if you could build a good tourism business offering Europeans a Porsche trip

along this road. Our weekday schedule meant there were very few cars on the road, allowing us to focus on maintaining a driving rhythm linking the car to the road.

A benefit of being in an open-top Boxster was being able to look up — quickly, safely, without being distracted — at the narrow canyon walls rising high alongside the road and the clear blue sky above. Parts of





the canyon echoed Porsche exhaust sounds, each with their own range and tone, like an automotive choir.

By our first rest stop, the Moose Visitor's Center, a new car had joined us, and I said hello to driver Ed Villacres. His beautiful Cayman GTS had an interesting story. In his words: "My new car is a 2021 718 Cayman GTS 4.0 with the 6-speed manual. I had shopped for one for years, eventually finding this at Beachwood Porsche in Cleveland, Ohio, and bought it online without seeing it in person. I flew to Cleveland over Memorial Day weekend, and the salesman picked me up at the airport. My son and I drove it back to Denver over three days. It was a pleasant drive, but nothing like taking the car up in the mountains.





"It was exhilarating to drive up Poudre Canyon to the Moose Visitor Center as my first mountain drive. I had to catch up to the group since I missed the start time trying to come up to Fort Collins from Parker, but that meant I could let it rip all the way up Colorado 14. A serendipitous outcome from a traffic jam if ever there was one."

"In this heartland, In this heartland soil, In this heartland, Heaven knows this is a heartland." — U2

As the route emerged into plains and grasslands, I realized how differently time and progress have flowed here than where we live. The narrow sky of Poudre Canyon was replaced by the big sky of cattle country, and you only needed to top one of the rolling hills to feel like you could see forever. Looking over the spacious ranchlands, I wondered how they would have looked 100 years ago. Not that much different likely, and much of them would have been owned by the ancestors of the same families that own them today.

Clouds were forming, and our route took us toward a dark sec-

tion of the sky. A convertible's top should be down in all but the most extreme weather, so I resisted the urge to raise it at the first sprinkling of rain. We were driving fast enough that

drops of rain wouldn't penetrate the air bubble our Boxster creates, but gradually the drops got big enough to get us wet. Reluctantly, I pulled onto the shoulder and put up the top, with one of the other convertibles joining me. It didn't take long, and we caught up to the group quickly. Of course, the rain stopped within a few minutes.

"Night swimming deserves a quiet night." — R.E.M.

At the Saratoga Hot Springs Resort many of us quickly donned swimsuits and got into the large hot pool. The summer temperature was perfect, warm enough to stay in for hours without getting overheated. Clouds skirting the town gave us a mix of stormy and clear sky. We seemed to be the only people in the pool, and what a great social environment it was. Sharing a huge bathtub with others breaks down a lot of social barriers.

Our hotel was also the home of the Snowy River Brewery, Wyoming's third oldest. The brewery treated us to a short tour and a sampling of their beers. Snacks cleansed my sensitive beer





palette as I cycled from wheat beers to IPAs to stouts. And back through the list a second time for a more accurate comparison.

By then it was time for the banquet, and Carol and I were seated at a table filled with people we had yet to meet. Over an excellent meal, we covered many topics, moving from (of course) cars to life experiences, dreams, and photography. Our conversations were special, and we ended up lingering for quite a while after dinner getting to know each other better.

"Got those highway blues, can't you hear my motor runnin'? Flyin' down the road with my foot on the floor."

— The Doobie Brothers

Day two began about 10:30 AM, a civilized hour that allowed time to sleep in, have coffee, enjoy the hot springs, and eat breakfast---exactly how you should start a day at a spa.

Our route to the Snowy Mountains took us through more ranch country on good roads with very little traffic. Along the way, a ranch worker in a field along the road took a video of our group going by. Every rest stop created a lot of attention, with children waving, lots of people taking photos, and people asking about our cars and what our group was all about. Carol will tell you that I thrive on attention, so I enjoyed the experience, a fun part of the day.

If your Wyoming driving experience consists of cruising I-80 while dodging tumbleweeds, you may look at the Snowy Mountains and wonder if they were in the same state. The spectacular mountains are well worth an excursion. At a break alongside a lake, I made plans to return on another day like this, only with a picnic basket, a blanket, and a bottle of wine. And maybe a fishing pole. I enjoyed a few minutes of admiring the scenery and taking photos before we were back in our cars and moving again.

Our final stop was the Wyoming Territorial Prison in Laramie. I thought about the movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." Butch spent around 18 months here to rehabilitate himself from a horse-stealing habit. It didn't seem effective, as on his release he formed the Wild Bunch. I wanted to learn more by touring the museum but was on a schedule to get home. Next time, next year. If the tour is offered again, I highly recommend it. It will sell out quickly, so sign up early.









at the Colorado Air and Space Port, Watkins

ARTICLE BY JONATHAN BARR
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Saturday, September 30, was a perfect day for 2023's final autocross, warm and dry with a lovely light breeze all day. Sixty-two drivers tested their skills on a fun, challenging course at the Colorado Air and Space Port. The wide variety of vehicles included older air-cooled 911s, many Boxsters, Caymans, many newer 911s, a GT2RS, American V8 muscle cars, and one electric Taycan Sport Tourismo!

Our autocrosses usually give drivers four runs in the morning and four more in the afternoon. With the morning runs going smoothly and a slightly lower turn-out, everybody got to drive the course a total of 10 times! This gave drivers a lot of practice to get to know the layout well and reduce their times as the day went on.

This season's events categorized cars into various classes based on age, power, and make/model. This feature added a bit more fun to the season, as drivers kept track of how they did and how their closest competitors

did. Awards will be announced soon for the six class winners.

These events do not happen without a lot of dedicated volunteers who generously give their time and efforts to create a wonderful series of autocrosses. So you know who to thank when you see them at other PCA activities, let's recognize them:

Chief Driving Instructors: Chris Sulley, Doug Bartlett, Jon Barr

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Timing & Scoring Leads: Logan Rodrian, Tom LaRitz

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In addition, many experienced RMR instructors and SCCA members regularly volunteer their time and talents. Thank you, everyone, for another great autocross season. See you next spring!

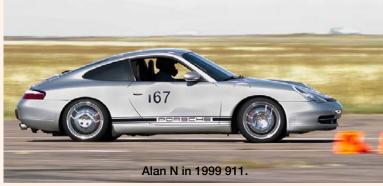






















"Last Chance" Autocross September 30, 2023 Final Raw Time Results

| Raw Pos. | Pos. | <u>Class</u> | <u># Driver</u> | Car Model | Raw Time | Diff. Fr | om 1st |
|----------|------|--------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| 1 | 1 | c4 | 82, BJ F | 2014 Porsche Cayman S | 46.383 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 2 | 1 | to | 173, David C | 2018 Chevrolet Camaro | 47.220 | 0.837 | 0.837 |
| 3 | 2 | to | 118, Kris L | 2021 BMW 2 Series | 47.598 | 0.378 | 1.215 |
| 4 | 1 | c5 | 153, John J | 2017 Porsche 911 Carrera | 47.718 | 0.120 | 1.335 |
| 5 | 3 | to | 1111, Michael W | 2006 Lotus Elise | 47.838 | 0.120 | 1.455 |
| 6 | 2 | c5 | 8, Scott P | 2022 Porsche 718 Spyder | 48.241 | 0.403 | 1.858 |
| 7 | 3 | c5 | 199, Rob G | 2023 Porsche Cayman | 48.993 | 0.752 | 2.610 |
| 8 | 4 | c5 | 535, Jonathan B | 2016 Porsche Cayman | 49.493 | 0.500 | 3.110 |
| 9 | 4 | to | 115, Dave M | 2002 Mazda Miata | 50.235 | 0.742 | 3.852 |
| 10 | 5 | c5 | 996, Brant F | 2004 Porsche 911 Turbo | 50.412 | 0.177 | 4.029 |
| 11 | 1 | c3 | 310, Jody P | 2006 Porsche Cayman S | 50.448 | 0.036 | 4.065 |
| 12 | 6 | c5 | 535x, Adam B | 2016 Porsche Cayman | 50.460 | 0.012 | 4.077 |
| 13 | 5 | to | 350, Ben O | 2018 Ford Shelby GT | 50.612 | 0.152 | 4.229 |
| 14 | 7 | c5 | 517, Jeff W | 2018 Porsche 911 GT3 | 50.662 | 0.050 | 4.279 |
| 15 | 8 | c5 | 0, Logan R | 2022 Porsche Taycan 4 | 50.680 | 0.018 | 4.297 |
| 16 | 6 | to | 124, Peter K | 1995 BMW M3 | 50.687 | 0.007 | 4.304 |
| 17 | 9 | c5 | 101, Justin H | 2022 Porsche 911 GT3 | 50.805 | 0.118 | 4.422 |
| 18 | 10 | c5 | 100, Nicholas H | 2008 Porsche 997 Turbo | 50.952 | 0.147 | 4.569 |
| 19 | 7 | to | 130, Joshua S | 2012 Audi A4 Avant | 51.032 | 0.080 | 4.649 |
| 20 | 11 | c5 | 477, Matt G | 2022 Porsche Cayman | 51.168 | 0.136 | 4.785 |
| 21 | 12 | c5 | 212, Tomek K | 2004 Porsche 911 GT3 | 51.193 | 0.025 | 4.810 |
| 22 | 13 | c5 | 199x, Michelle G | 2023 Porsche Cayman | 51.208 | 0.015 | 4.825 |
| 23 | 2 | c4 | 777, Lara C | 2017 Porsche 718 Caymar | 151.344 | 0.136 | 4.961 |
| 24 | 14 | c5 | 151, David R | 2019 Porsche 911 GT3 RS | 51.543 | 0.199 | 5.160 |
| 25 | 3 | c4 | 611x, Jeff K | 2009 Porsche Boxster S | 51.760 | 0.217 | 5.377 |
| 26 | 4 | c4 | 20, Dennis C | 2014 Porsche Cayman S | 52.173 | 0.413 | 5.790 |
| 27 | 5 | c4 | 309, Chris H | 2006 Porsche 911 C4S | 52.195 | 0.022 | 5.812 |
| 28 | 6 | c4 | 52, Peter M | 2023 Porsche Carrera T | 52.230 | 0.035 | 5.847 |
| 29 | 8 | to | 98, Brendan S | 2023 Mazda MX-5 Miata | 52.338 | 0.108 | 5.955 |
| 30 | 7 | c4 | 121, Bob L | 2013 Porsche Boxster S | 52.394 | 0.056 | 6.011 |
| 31 | 9 | to | 158, David S | 2012 Fiat 500 Abarth | 52.540 | 0.146 | 6.157 |
| 32 | 15 | c5 | 311x, Rebecca M | 2020 Porsche 718 Caymar | 152.566 | 0.026 | 6.183 |
| 33 | 1 | c2 | 178, Roger Z | 2001 Porsche Boxster | 53.246 | 0.680 | 6.863 |
| 34 | 16 | c5 | 102, Edward V | 2021 Porsche 718 Caymar | 153.338 | 0.092 | 6.955 |
| 35 | 10 | to | 1, Scott H | 2021 Porsche Cayman | 53.689 | 0.351 | 7.306 |
| 36 | 8 | c4 | 157, Brad K | 2016 Porsche Cayman | 53.698 | 0.009 | 7.315 |
| 37 | 11 | to | 320, Aaron A | 2022 Hyundai Veloster N | 53.723 | 0.025 | 7.340 |
| 38 | 1 | c1 | 62, Chris S | 1986 Porsche 911 | 53.894 | 0.171 | 7.511 |
| 39 | 17 | c5 | 1000, Gabriel E | 2019 Porsche Boxster | 53.960 | 0.066 | 7.577 |
| 40 | 2 | c3 | 811, Grant B | 2004 Porsche C4S | 54.222 | 0.262 | 7.839 |
| 41 | 12 | to | 167, Alan N | 1999 Porsche 911 | 54.520 | 0.298 | 8.137 |
| 42 | 2 | c1 | 183, Kirk C | 1983 Porsche 911 SC | 54.844 | 0.324 | 8.461 |
| 43 | 13 | to | 107, Clifford T | 2016 Ford Focus ST | 54.846 | 0.002 | 8.463 |
| 44 | 14 | to | 811x, Kristin B | 2004 Porsche C4S | 55.092 | 0.246 | 8.709 |
| 45 | 15 | to | 1024, Akeem M | 2014 Ford Focus ST | 55.220 | 0.128 | 8.837 |
| 46 | 9 | c4 | 611, Eli K | 2009 Porsche Boxster S | 55.310 | 0.090 | 8.927 |
| 47 | 3 | c3 | 127, Josh P | 2006 Porsche Cayman S | 55.397 | 0.087 | 9.014 |
| 48 | 4 | c3 | 27, Doug S | 1999 Porsche 911 Carrera | 56.196 | 0.799 | 9.813 |
| 49 | 10 | c4 | 57, Jason J | 2017 Porsche | 57.068 | 0.872 | 10.685 |
| 50 | 16 | to | 666, Tom R | 1995 BMW | 57.465 | 0.397 | 11.082 |
| 51 | 17 | to | 65, Steven W | 2016 Lexus GS F | 57.546 | 0.081 | 11.163 |
| 52 | 3 | c1 | 951, Mike P | 1989 Porsche 951 | 57.854 | 0.308 | 11.471 |
| 53 | 18 | to | 771, Mark C | 2007 Pontiac Solstice | 57.992 | 0.138 | 11.609 |
| 54 | 18 | c5 | 200, Peter S | 2014 Porsche 911 C4S | 59.032 | 1.040 | 12.649 |
| 55 | 19 | to | 52x, Kelly M | 2023 Porsche 911 T | 59.909 | 0.877 | 13.526 |
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NO PAVEMENT, NO PROBLEM OFF-ROAD TOUR

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For RMR's first multi-day off-road tour, nobody knew what to expect, including its leaders, Vicki and myself. I spent days making multiple trips to scout out potential off-road locations, many of which didn't pan out due to terrain unsuited for a Cayenne or Macan. Vicki spent several days lining up hotel reservations. Since I had been in Steamboat Springs last fall, I wanted to include it in the tour. Another focus was the Medicine Bow area between Laramie and Cheyenne, Wyoming, which has a lot of fun two-track trails made for Porsche SUVs and has some military history. After months, we had developed a route.

Tours are limited by the amount of time and distance per day. Because Steamboat Springs was our first-night stay, we had to make good time from Denver, which meant a fair amount of highway driving. Not ideal, but necessary.

Our first off-road segment came as we approached Winter Park. A wide, scenic off-road drive around town and down into Fraser gave great views of the ski resort and the valley below. After a quick stop in Fraser, we headed for Kremmling, our lunch and fuel stop, on U.S. 40 then hit more off-road trails atop Gore Pass. With the wet spring and summer, a good amount of mud holes covered everyone's vehicle in mud.

From there we drove a graded dirt road lined with rustic ranches. A heavy downpour made the road nice and muddy. In Steamboat we checked into our hotel rooms and got ready for a group dinner, a great opportunity for everyone to chat about the day's drive — and the mud!

Day 2, another jam-packed day of driving, started early. We needed to reach Laramie, Wyoming, by late afternoon. This was an easy day with mostly graded dirt roads and a great lunch in Encampment, Wyoming, home to a fascinating museum. Our next

stop was the "Snowies." At 10,600 ft the weather was chilly, but the scenery was amazing, with large glacier-carved cliffs. The plan was to finish with a trip up Jelm Mountain to the University of Wyoming's infrared observatory. At 9,700 ft, Jelm gives you a great view of the surrounding valley. This was intended as the highlight of the day, but we were running a little late when an entrant got a flat tire. With safety in mind, we canceled the trip to the top due to the time spent changing the tire. It had already been a long day, and people were tired. The much-appreciated support vehicle and crew from Berg Performance made changing the flat tire look easy. With the spare tire mounted, we headed for the hotel in Laramie. We made calls seeking a replacement tire, but the closest was in Fort Collins, two hours away, and it was 5:00 PM.

Day 3, our final day, was short since there was a three-hour drive back to Denver. One entrant decided to skip the off-roading and head south on their spare tire. Meanwhile we explored the Medicine Bow/Vedauwoo ("Land of the Earthborn Spirits") area between Laramie and Cheyenne. We stopped at the Ames Monument, a large stone pyramid dedicated to the Ames brothers, who helped finance the Union Pacific Railroad. We also visited an old military bunker. Before 1959, this 55,000-acre area was used by the Department of Defense for military training. After a few more off-road trails, we stopped for a picnic at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Monument rest stop, a must if you are curious about the area and the country's first transcontinental highway.

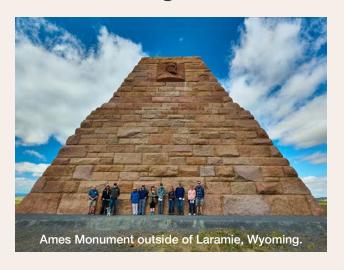
Over nearly 700 miles and three days, the region's first multiday off-road tour covered a lot of ground. A small teaser: a 2024 multi-day off-road tour may include red dirt, buttes, and sand.







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This 356C's body-colored dash has a distinctive character.



Champagne body-colored wheels stand out on this 1965 356C Coupe.

Rescheduled due to intense mid-July rain, the 40th Colorado Concours d'Elegance was held September 10 on the green acres of the Arapahoe Community College in Littleton. Founded by long-time RMR members Tom Scott and the late Stim Kennedy, this annual exhibition consistently draws the largest entry and the most spectators in the mountain-state area. One of the most important fund-raising events of Ability Connection Colorado, it has earned hundreds of thousands of dollars for this charity, which supports early-childhood education and therapy. This year's contribution came to \$75,000.

The lawn at Arapahoe Community College was filled with about 300 cars of all ages and affinities, from Aston Martins to Datsun Zs, Porsche being the largest single marque. Of the 51 Porsches on site, 9 were 356s. About 17 local car clubs played host. As usual, RMR veteran and event founder Tom Scott led the way, and dozens of region members made up most of the staff and judging corps. Seeking new RMR members, Holly Jackson ran the membership tent. Bill Allen, Ron Smith, and Dan Kaufman guided 50-plus Porsches, everything from vintage air-cooled 356 survivors to the latest GTS 4.0, to their positions. The event was supported by nearly 60 sponsors, vendors, and clubs and welcomed all makes.

New this year, the Evolution Class presented more than 50 examples of models significant to the long-term development of the automobile, from Model T Fords to the latest Porsches.

Unfortunately, an entry list and judging results were unavailable at deadline.



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The 356 Registry was represented by nine examples, all of them top-notch.



The Evolution Class's wide historic variety of cars included this rare, flathead-powered 1946 Mercury "woody" wagon, several patinated Model Ts, and more than 50 other remarkable cars.



Ace restorer Jack Farland displayed his clever and extremely neat electric-motor installation in this 912; the battery rides up front.



Chris Pomares' 1967 Bahama Yellow 912 "Super" is powered by a four-cylinder conversion of a 911 engine made by Polo; the car was later shown at Rennsport Reunion 7 in Monterey, California.

Bill Allen found his Irish Green 1968 912 in a garage in north Denver, where it had rested for 31 years. Thanks to that hibernation, it still has its original engine, transmission, interior, wheels, and Irish Green paint.



A "MOUNTAIN" OF AN EVENT

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Photos of Chris Pomares' 912.

In August, RMR was hosted by Berg Performance in Denver. Berg is German for mountain, so this event was hosted in true mountain style. Established in 2011 by Aaron Marshall, the shop performs all types of maintenance plus special performance work for Audi, Volkswagen, and Porsche owners. To see what Berg is all about, check their new website, www.BergPerformance.com.

In one section of their huge, impressive facility was a turbocharged 2005 Cayenne with its V8 engine and transmission out and on pallets. These enormous, vital parts make this beast run on all kinds of roads and terrain. It was amazing to see all the parts. Project Pumbaa is the name of this project, the most modified and trail-ready Cayenne ever. Aaron and his staff pride themselves in creating not a soccer-mom car but a true off-road machine. Similar modifications have been done in Europe, but this build is the first in the U.S.

No RMR-PCA Social would be complete without food, beer, and wine. Again, we were treated in true Berg style: mountains of charcuterie, delectable food; everything you could imagine and more. The excellent beer selection was provided by Berg's neighbor Amalgam Brewing; wine came from Vinnie Fera Winery, and charcuterie from Wander+Graze

The finale was the door prizes: hats, shirts, stainless-steel drink bottles, all with the region's logo. Berg also provided the grand prize, done in typical mountain style: a huge, custom Porsche logo sign, appropriately won by Dave and Holly Jackson. As their name implies, "Go big," is just what Berg Performance does. Their motto is, "Berg Peaks: Built to Conquer, Crafted to Last."

Until the next event, enjoy this beautiful late autumn, touring in your Porsches and enjoying our colorful Colorado mountains.

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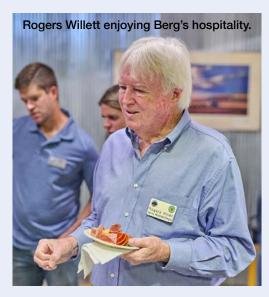


















ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROAD TRIPS



The Majestic Maroon Bells

On a recent crisp November morning with a fresh blanket of snow, clear blue skies, and a hot cup of coffee, Aspenite Jorge Fuentes made a spirited drive up the winding Maroon Creek Road in his Cobalt Blue Metallic 1991 964 Turbo up to the Maroon Bells for some photo opportunities with photographer Petro Onysko. #B4DBOY

Colorado life at 7,908' — Ed.

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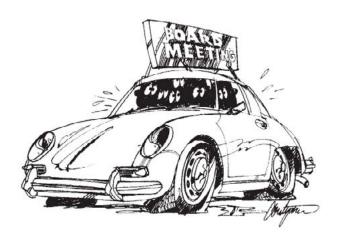
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BOOK REVIEWS FOR PORSCHEPHILES



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Alwin Springer - Racing with Porsche in North America

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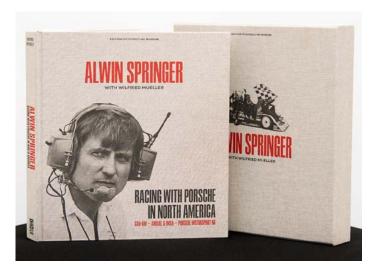
There's a good reason why Porsche chose Alwin Springer as the co-grand marshal of Rennsport Reunion 7. It could easily be argued that a great part of Porsche's racing success in North America can be attributed to Alwin Springer. Be it overseeing Vasek Polak's racing team to co-founding the Porsche engine powerhouse known as Andial to developing Porsche Motorsports North America into a part of Porsche AG, Alwin seemed to excel at whatever he put his mind to.

This is a large and heavy book. Not something you would take on an airplane but certainly one to sit back in an easy chair with your favorite drink to live vicariously through Alwin's adventures in life and motorsports.

Do not write this off as another Porsche history book coinciding with Porsche's 75th anniversary. This book will appeal to both newcomers to the Porsche brand and history as well as those already familiar with how Porsche went from giant killer to the giant. What I particularly enjoyed about reading Alwin's history is how many stories I had never read about before. This is probably because much of what he did was behind the scenes. He was never a race-car driver but made it possible for those behind the wheel to see the checkered flag first. The factory did quite a bit to prepare race cars for its customers, but Alwin describes, in detail, how he and his team would find solutions to challenges the factory placed in front of them.

The book is laid out in a chronological order from when Alwin first emigrates to North America via Toronto to how he eventually discovers the warm temperatures and career potential of Southern California. His recounting of how he crisscrossed the United States with a race car in tow and the race-car driver as his only companion to his current role as a consultant to Porsche Motorsports makes you feel like you can taste the cheap track food and smell the brake dust and fuel. Chapter by chapter, you are drawn further into the story. As you read through the book, you realize it is a story much more complex than just a historic review of cars and races, but rather of a man who wanted to better himself as well as his family.

Odds are, you may not have seen most of these photos in the book. Many come from Alwin's personal collection and are of the people and places behind the stories. It's about 60% photos and 40% text, which probably explains why the book is close to 500 pages. The chapters are easy to read and the story telling makes you hope that someday Alwin does an audio book version with him narrating.





Photos: Benjamin Shahrabani

This book is limited to 963 copies, a nod to Porsche's latest prototype racer of the same type number. Each numbered individually. It is sure to be a sellout, especially with Rennsport Reunion 7.

Title: Alwin Springer – Racing with Porsche in North America

Author: Wilfried Müller **Publisher:** Sportfahrer

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THE STUTTGART MARKET LETTER

David K. Whitlock
PCA Columnist

While "normal" Porsche models seem either flat or softening, the best examples and limited editions still creep upward.

October Market Report

Despite more Porsches being offered in October, the market showed below-average results, with a sell-through rate of 68 percent, the second lowest we've seen all year. Total dollar volume, \$32,215,159, was higher than the previous month thanks to a strong RS market, even though fewer cars found homes.

At the top of the market, a Gunther Werks-modified 911 and a 911 Reimagined by Singer failed to sell at \$1,150,000 and \$955,000, respectively. Yet the \$300-

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1997 911 Turbo S (1 of 345 built)
~15,500 Miles, 6-Speed Manual, with Porsche Classic Certification Sold on Cars and Bids for \$550,000

500,000 market performed spectacularly, with two new 992 GT3 RS examples becoming the first to sell at an average of \$450,000. Previous generation GT3 RS cars also showed decent gains after a soft September, with two selling at \$262,000 and \$253,500.

911 RS cars weren't the only Rennsports to look strong, as 718 Cayman GT4 RS Weissach prices looked a bit stronger since August. Three examples offered found homes, the top lot selling for \$247,000. Regular 718 GT4s, on the other hand, looked much softer, with two selling for \$115,000 and \$122,000 and a third failing to sell at a high bid of \$113,500. The 718 Spyders appeared flat with sales below \$120,000, similar to September after a solid August.

Manual-transmission 964 Coupes continued to perform, with most over \$100,000 and a lightly-modified example fetching a very strong \$163,991. The 993 Coupes, on the other hand, remained flat with all sales, save one, hammering just below \$100,000. The manual 996 Coupes continue to show a dropping average price.

Speaking of Coupes, 356C Coupes struggled, only one of four selling, for \$94,500. Other bids weren't even close, but two 356B Coupes sold at \$125,000 (about average for a T5) and a T6 GS/GT Tribute at \$110,000. The star 356 was a 1962 B 1600S Twin-Grill Roadster that went for \$295,000, the best we've seen since 2019.

Turbocharged 911s were a mixed bag, with water-cooled cars and 930s looking soft but the 964 and 993s still performing well. The 996 Turbos average continued to fall despite two strong sales; only one 997 Turbo Coupe 6-speed sold for over \$100,000. The vast majority of 930 Turbos looked softer after being flat for the last 12 months; a solitary 3.3-liter 964 Turbo pushed the average up at \$239,000. Meanwhile, 993 Turbos continue to gain with strong sales over \$250,000, and our top sale

of the month, a 1997 911 Turbo S, reached an above-average \$550,000.

Other strong sales included a \$50,000 1989 944 Turbo, a 2023 911 Dakar that sold for \$405,000, a 2019 911 Speedster at \$395,000, and a 2011 911 GT3 RS that brought \$291,000. While "normal" Porsche models seem either flat or softening, the best examples and limited editions still creep upward.

David Whitlock writes for The Stuttgart Market Letter, a daily market update for Porschephiles, by Porschephiles, delivered free to your inbox. To sign up, go to www.StuttgartMarketLetter.com.



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I GET AROUND



Danielle Badler RMR-PCA Columnist

Ralph Lauren's 1938 Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic Coupe is one of three remaining of four made.

Fall Colors Lead to Iced-up Roads

Oh, man, I really don't like the fall. Yes, I know all about how the leaves change color. How the air gets crisp and brisk. There's just one thing. You have to break out those thick, wooly, layers of clothing, the ones you packed away at least six months ago and tried to forget you had. It's time to get resigned and prepared for what will come, and what may be.

That's my problem. Cold. Sleet. Snow. Winter. Here in Colorado, if you don't ski or snowboard or skate, or drive a 4WD rally car with studded snow tires, what's the point? I much prefer

spring and how it moves into summer. The warmth of the sun, the greening of the world, the renewal, the reawakening, the dry, sticky asphalt.

What to do? If you're like me, you hole up with sensory alternatives like the computer, and books, and magazines, and music. You get through, with gossamer fantasies, stories like the one I just stumbled on, in the online version of *The Robb Report*. In it, they feature a photo shoot of Ralph Lauren's fall-clothing collection, with the models each posed in, on, or

around a vehicle from Ralph's mind-numbing car collection.

Think a light blanket of powdery fluff, falling from the sky, creating a monochrome veneer of white encircling some of the greatest cars ever conceived and created. Like his 1938 Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic Coupe. One of three remaining of four made. And the model. She's sporting a \$1,990 wool jacket and \$750 patent pumps.

I'm transported into a multidimensional tone poem. Into the soundtrack of my mind come the words and melody to Joni Mitchell's iconic "The Urge for Going:" "I awoke today and found the frost perched on the town. It hovered in a frozen sky, then it gobbled summer down. When the sun turns traitor-cold. And all the trees are shivering in a naked row. I get the urge for going, but I never seem to go."

Of course! She needs those studded snow tires, but nobody makes studded snows for Ralph's 2015 Ferrari LaFerrari. And this one's black on black. Which is treason, you say. And you may be right, unless you're in the business of creating taste, like

Ralph Lauren. The male model with it is styled in all-black as well. Again, the setting is a background that's as pure as the driven snow.

I'm humming "The Summer Wind." Sung by Frank, with the Nelson Riddle Orchestra. "The autumn wind and the winter winds, they have come and gone. And still the days, those lonely days, they go on and on. And guess who sighs his lullabies through nights that never end. My fickle friend, the summer wind."



1938 Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic

How about Ralph's Blower Bentley? This one's one of the four Birkin team cars that ran at Le Mans in 1929, and won. First through fourth. Driven by the legendary Bentley Boys.

What do I hear? Autumn Leaves. And, no, not the actual leaves, the song. Sung by Eva Cassidy. "Since you went away, the days grow long. And soon I'll hear old winter's song. But I miss you most of all, my darling. When autumn leaves start to fall."

And then there's Ralph's 1959

Porsche RSK. One of 34. Of course, it's resplendent in silver, perched on a white platform which sits on black flooring. The background is white, as well.

I smile to myself. Because this car, and, in reality all of Ralph's cars, are just so achingly perfect. And timeless. What's that I hear? The words of Marty Balin, and Jefferson Airplane. "The summer had inhaled, and held its breath too long. The winter looked the same, as if it never had gone. And through an open window where no curtain hung. I saw you coming back to me."

Yes, this is transcendent beauty, in design, in art, in music, in performance. This is what gets me through. This is the way to cope with, and maybe conquer, the seasons of life.

I just have to remember to check my anti-freeze.

ARTICLE BY **DEXTER FINLEY**

956 | Tomica



About the model: This 956 was made by Japanese toy manufacturer, Tomy Co., through their diecast arm (Tomica) in 1984. Tomica has been a staple diecast car manufacturer since its creation in 1970. This Italya Blaupunkt was sold as a special edition. There are multiple livery variations of the car stretching from Kenwood to Cibie, with the most popular being Rothmans – of course. What makes this era of Tomica models so special is the genuine liveries that are rarely found elsewhere. Personally, it's the Blaupunkt portion that hooked me. Joest Racing's 1989 Le Mans entry was most certainly a Blaupunkt and Italya liveried Porsche, but it was actually a 962. As it turns out, labeling models inaccurately is common in the toy car world.











About the car: We can thank the FIA for this one. Apparently 935s averaging less than three miles per gallon was not an acceptable long-term strategy for the environment or oil consumption – especially when oil costs were nearly tripling in price. Thus, Group C, possibly the most iconic racing class ever, was born. Porsche met the challenge with an aluminum monocoque, and a turbocharged, flat 6 that was originally created for the Indy 500. In 1984 the 956 was modified to meet IMSA rules, which meant adding a steel roll cage and extending the wheelbase which placed the pedal box behind the front wheels. This modified 956 became the 962. These cars dominated Group C and took overall victory at Le Mans a total of seven times, with the victory in 1994 won via careful reading of new homologation requirements. Dauer made a street-legal 962 and was able to enter two 962s in 1994. After this, the governing body of Le Mans, the ACO (L'Automobile Club de l'Ouest), banned the 962 permanently.



In addition to enjoying time with family, driving cars or obsessing over toy cars, I help people with their mortgage needs. If you need assistance, please reach out, even just to talk about diecast models.



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PORSCHES

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1987 944S \$13,500 OBO

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Jim Osgood (970) 402-7224 jimozzie@comcast.net

2002 Boxster S \$27,000

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seats. Super fun, never fails to turn heads! Kate Newburgh k.newburgh@gmail.com

2008 Cayman S \$35,000 OBO

Artic silver metallic; stone-grey leather int., 6-spd manual, 19" Carrera S wheels. 44,300 mi; good history since new at Suncoast Porsche in Sarasota, FL. In Colorado since 2010; third owner, needs nothing, very clean. Recent LiquiMoly oil change, new Interstate battery, new tire-pressure sensors. In Steamboat Springs.

Skip Deubel (860) 992-8884 pdeubel@msn.com

2016 Boxster S \$52,500

Arctic Grey over black. 36,200 mi, PDK. Premium Package, Sport Chrono Package, Bose Audio Package, backup camera, multi-function steering wheel, leather, Park Assist. Clear bra from windshield and mirrors forward, 5-yr ceramic coating, tow-hook/front-plate bracket, 20" P-Zeros on S wheels,11/32" front, 10/32" rear, front rotors and pads 3K ago, rears 8.5K ago. Emissions through 12/08/24. Plus Michelin Pilot Alpin tires, 19", 11/32" front, 10/32" rear, TPS, mounted on OZ Sport wheels. \$3,800.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Michael Rosenblatt

mrosenblatt@mac.com

Winter Tires, Wheels \$1,700 OBO

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I've concluded that nobody likes me. I look like a tire and usually smell like a tire. Seriously, though, imagine carrying a tire with you everywhere. I look at people's tires at stoplights and in parking lots and quietly judge them. It's maybe a bit obsessive. So honestly I can understand the disappointment when I change the subject of a perfectly fine conversation from whatever I wasn't listening to to black rubber circles instead. You could probably even say people are ("ahem") tired...of me. Or maybe they're just... tread up...with my antics.

Good thing you're not here for my personality. So sorry if you are. But now I'm going to do what I do best: Occupy space! No, wait, the other one: Tell you about tires! I know it's winter, but the summer sun doesn't reclassify bald tires as street slicks. Have you looked at your tread lately?

Whether the roads are wet or dry, less tread always equals less stopping power on a road-going tire. Maybe snow is of no concern right now, but a child's basketball rolling into a neighborhood street is, and that's a situation in which you do not want to skid. Further, 2023 is the hailiest season on record in Colorado's history. Ice and water during these storms pose a serious hydroplaning risk to bald tires, which can lead to accidents, repairs, and higher insurance premiums.



Bald tires are also more prone to punctures. Less rubber between the top layer of tread and the carcass of the tire is an expressway for debris to puncture your tire more easily. A slow leak is bearable, sure, but a puncture can also cause a blowout that in a worst-case scenario can lead to you losing control of your vehicle.

Tires are nearing the end of their life at 4/32nd of an inch tread depth and dangerous at 2/32nd. To extend their life and keep you and your vehicle safe, check their tread and maintain the tires properly. Bald tires are all fun and games — until you have a blowout. No pressure. Until next month, drive on!

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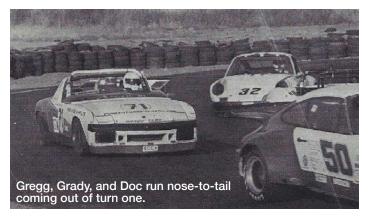
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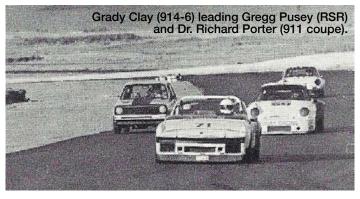
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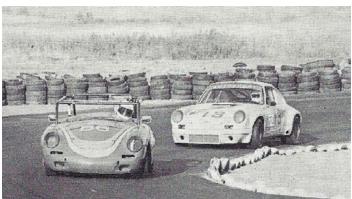
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1983 SCCA Endurance Race

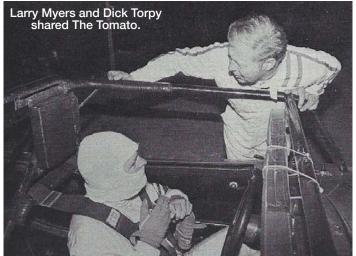
RMR assembled several teams for an SCCA-sanctioned endurance race at Second Creek Raceway, near Denver, on October 29, 1983. Porsches and PCA dominated the event, winning five of the top eight places. The winning car was a Porsche RSR driven by Gregg Pusey and Jerry Jolly; their average speed per lap was 72 mph.







"The Tomato" was a red 1600cc 1960 356 Roadster driven by Dick Torpy and Larry Myers. "Kermit" was a yellow 2-liter 911T driven by Rich and Ginna Seth. Both cars ran close all day, but the Tomato finished two laps ahead of Kermit.



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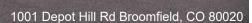


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