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Track Ramblings

FRED PACK - DE INSTRUCTOR



Modifying your car & "Throwaway Turns"

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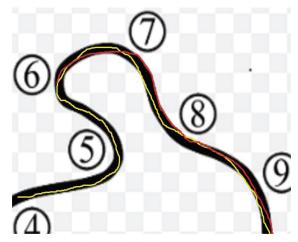
I've been instructing a long time. I've had many conversations with drivers interested in modifying their cars. Maybe they'd like to improve the brakes or get a stiffer suspension. Many of these drivers are novices whose investments will pay much greater dividends if they invest in themselves

by learning the techniques of track driving, rather than in hardware for their car. Recently my green-group student was proudly telling me about the expensive Ohlin adjustable suspension setup he had installed. I was still trying to get him to hit the apexes properly. Those Ohlins were accomplishing nothing for him.

Your Porsche is absolutely ready to go to the track in 100% stock condition. Here's a true story: I instructed at a McLaren and Lamborghini track day being held at Summit Point. I drove my 182hp Miata. The McLarens and Lambos all had in excess of 500hp. It was rainy in the morning, and I was faster than all those supercars. One car was faster than me - it was another Mazda which had 250hp. The afternoon was dry, and a few, but not many, of the supercars were faster than me. The great German military theoretician von Clausewitz observed that in war "In the last analysis it is moral, not physical strength" which will prevail. In a track context, it means that to a large extent the driver is the greater factor than the car. \$3000 (as an example) spent on a driving school will improve your lap times much more than Brembo brakes. Attending (approximately) \$150 PCA track days and really listening to your instructor will also be rewarding. In any case, read a \$20 book on track driving.

"Throwaway Turns"

You may hear drivers talking about "Throwaway turns" and wonder what they are. The term "throwaway" will make you think they aren't important, but they are just as important as any other turn, because if the other guy gets through them more quickly than you do – he is on his way to a better lap time. Throwaway turns are the middle parts of "ess"- turns, such as the section of the twisty part of the Summit Point Main track from Turn 7 to Turn 9:



I have drawn two different lines through the sequence – the correct line in yellow, and the wrong one in red. [Please try to excuse my poor drawing skill.]

The correct line through this very tricky sequence sacrifices speed through 7 by making a sharper turn in order to get the car on the driver's right side of the track, in contrast to the incorrect line which aims for the "7" (a less sharp turn, permitting more speed at that point), but in contrast to the guy on the yellow line who is on full throttle, the red line driver has to turn sharply at Turn 7's exit in order to avoid going off the track and can't apply much or any throttle. The yellow line driver can sustain full or almost full throttle through the rest of the sequence and has a speed advantage all the way through 9 and its reasonably long straight until 10.

So – YES, you "threw away" some speed in 7, but you gained the reward of a much higher speed exit from 9. Maybe a better name would be a "TradeOff Turn".

NO TURN IS A THROWAWAY – all turns are taken at the maximum speed for their correct lines.

It's now the winter off-season. Let's think about our goals for next season, read materials about track driving, get our cars properly serviced, possibly make upgrades which are sensible to our capabilities — I am having a supercharger installed in my Miata to bump the power from 182 to 225hp so I won't have all those P-cars disappear from me quite so quickly on the straights.

I'll see you next year at the track. You can always contact me at fhp911@gmailcom



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Rally for Fun

RICH MOOERS - RALLY CHAIR (2023)



I am pleased to announce that I have been asked and accepted the position of Rally Chair by the Executive Board of Metro. I thank Jeff Goldberg for advancing the Rally program by providing well-organized events. Jeff is taking a well-deserved retirement to a warmer climate (where he can drive his Porsche every day).

The Metro Porsche Club of America (PCA) proudly announces that the 2023 Road Rally season will start on February 5th with the 67th Snowflake Rally. Snowflake is the premier Rally of Metro PCA. It is reported to be one of the, if not the oldest, continuously run events in PCA. Historically Snowflake has been a TSD (time speed distance) rally. Participants are given speeds to travel and the time they are to start each section of instructions given to follow the route. The more accurate you are at maintaining the speeds the better you will do when we record your due time at unannounced places.

This year there will be two classes. The "Expert" Class for

With the upcoming Snowflake Rally on February 5, I have been asked to relate some history related to the event. The inaugural Snowflake Rally was run in 1957 on a clear 30-degree day. PCA members Jerry and Doris Jankowitz were the winners.

The Snowflake Rally, even in the early days, was open to all comers. Fast forward to Snowflake XXV 1981. This is the first year I competed. The renowned Ted Ohland had long established the event as one of the most competitive TSD (time-speed-distance) trap rallies in the northeast. Ted was the master of deception. At the end of every rally, all participants were given a "Navigator's Nightmare". This was a section-by-section explanation of the timing and tricks of the rally. The last line read "So the veterans had an advantage today, huh? Well, they don't always. Actually not, since we try from time to time to get them thinking they 'know where they're going when they don't." This sums up the philosophy Ted used to create the event. It took me over 20 years to get my name listed on the front page of the Rally's "Winners and Clubs". Ted's (and Nancy, his exceptional better half) reputation was

those who have Rally experience and the "Touring" Class. The Touring Class will focus on teaching how to stay on time with hints at many turns as you follow the route. Starting at the Hauppauge Palace Diner, located at the intersection of Route 347(Smithtown Bypass) and Route 111, 3/4 mile east of Veterans Hwy (Route 454) in Hauppauge, L.I. (Follow Route 111 North from the L.I. Expressway Exit 56.). Breakfast and registration will be in the Diner's club room. Please park in the back area of the diner. The Rally will end at the Birchwood of Polish Town for a Private Sunday Brunch 512 Pulaski St. Riverhead, NY

Come and join us for a fun-filled adventure as we explore some of the most scenic roads on Long Island's East End. Driving a Porsche is not required (but encouraged) ALL cars and SUVs are welcome (I will drive our Cayenne). Remember it is the "Snowflake Rally" bring an appropriate vehicle for the weather.

Snowflake is open to anyone who wishes to join us for a fun day. Online registration link at www.metronypca.org. Please watch for more information on email blasts. Online registration link at www.metronypca.org.

Please watch for more information on email blasts



known throughout all PCA. For many years Ted and his family would spend part of their summer vacation creating the rallies for the Porsche Parade all over the country. I had a funny moment after competing in the 64th Porsche Parade Rally. When I questioned the organizer on a course feature I was told that if I knew Ted Ohland and his Rallies, I wouldn't have questioned him. I bit my tongue and walked away. Ted Ohland was unforgettable. Enjoy his legacy, Snowflake!





The Snowflake Rally has a long tradition with Metro.

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Pre-Registration FEE (per car): Rally only \$45
Rally and Brunch for TWO \$110
Day of Event FEE (per car): Rally only \$55
Rally and Brunch for TWO \$120
Brunch only \$50 each

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Membership changes this month thru 9/1/2021

New Members 23
Transfers 0
Expired 35
Test Drive
Participants 1
PCA Juniors 93

Here are some photos of our new members this month. We welcome you!

Anthony Spada - 2002 911 Targa

Shanay Patel - 944

Mike Diack - 2022 911 Turbo S Cabriolet

Rob Weber 2015 911 Targa 4S

Andy Thomas - 2003 911 Turbo

Leon Katz - 2018 911 Carrera 4 GTS Cabriolet

Oz Cetin - 2014 Cayman

Sebastian Speier - 1988 911 Turbo

Metro NY Region Membership

Active Members 2,399
Affiliate Members 1,078
TOTAL Members 3,477

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Photos on opposite page

Welcome New Members



Anthony Spada - 2002 911 Targa



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More photos on page 31.

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Be on Time

JEFF GOLDBERG - RALLY CHAIR (2022)



I joined the Metro New York Region of PCA in September 1990. At a Driver's Ed event at Bridgehampton in 1991, I was asked to help with assigning Flag Station positions. Since that time I have always tried to be an active Metro Member. I have held multiple Board positions including two terms as President.

Metro has been a terrific organization to be a part of. It has been a major part of my family. Susan was always a part of the social events. Michael and David grew up watching from the sidelines at Drivers Ed and autocross until they were old enough to drive. They quickly graduated through the ranks to become accomplished drivers and Instructors. As a participant, I enjoyed going to all the various events Metro hosts.

Why am I starting my Rally article with this? Early in 2023 Susan and I will be moving to Florida. We hope to find Florida PCA members to be as friendly and welcoming as Metro was to us 32+ years ago. Over the years, we made terrific friends through Metro. Granted the makeup of membership has changed over the years, but we are fortunate to have many good friends we consider as family. By the time you receive this issue, a new Rally Chair will be in place and the Snowflake Rally will be on the schedule.

Thank you to all for allowing me to be a part of Metro. This Club holds a big place in my heart.

On Sunday, November 23rd the North Region Rally was held beginning in Valhalla, NY. Twenty-six cars signed up for the event. Rallies are always run rain or shine (and sometimes snow). The day began with rain, which lasted through check-in but cleared in time for Car #1 to start.

Just before the Drivers Meeting I received a panic call from Hugo Brunert in the Lead Car. A section of our route was blocked by a closed road. Hugo figured out how to bypass the detour and get back on track. I conveyed this change at the Drivers Meeting but a number of drivers found this change to be difficult to follow. I commend

Hugo for being able to save the route with little time and resources to get us back on the route. In all my years of rallying, this is only the second time I experienced a day of the event detour.

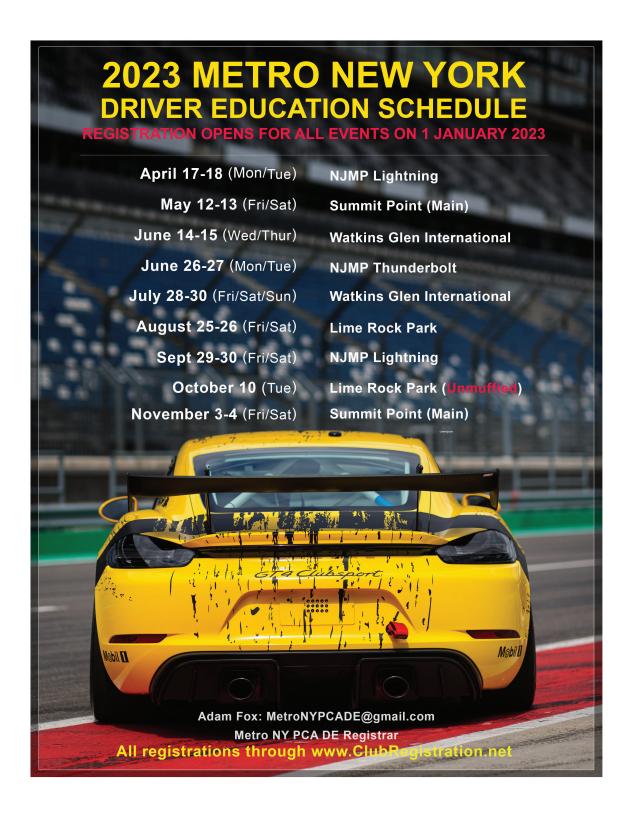
Ten questions were eliminated because of the detour leaving 40 questions. Like golf, the lowest score wins. First place went to Henry Hoeh and Kathy Yaccarino with only 4 wrong. Three teams tied with 9 incorrect. After the tie-breaking process Michael and Kyle Acebo took home the Second Place Trophy. Andrew and Paula Umreiko came in Third. Dan Fishkind and Mitch Hackett left without a trophy in fourth place. Congratulations to everyone for finishing what turned out to be a tough rally. In spite of the issues, I received very positive feedback from a number of participants, including a volunteer for future Rallies!

I would like to thank the following people who helped me with this Rally and the others that I organize; Henry Hoeh, Hugo Brunert, Dan Fishkind, Peter Schneider, Ed Reiner, Mitch Hackett, Stew Teichman, Rich Moores and Rich Bireta. Their help was invaluable. Drive Safely.





Metro members prepare for the North Region Rally in a light drizzle but with plenty of enthusiasm.





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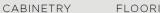
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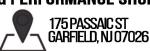






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- √ Car Classifications.
- √ Helmets and Safety Equipment.
- √ Car and Driver Preparation.
- √ Basics of precision driving.
- √ How to 'read' and 'walk' the course.

Mini School:

- Drive on a real autocross course with an instructor and experience what you learned in the classroom.
- √ Tips on how to read the course at speed.
- √ Gain confidence needed for a real event.
- / ** Bring Helmet if you have one.**

This is a <u>highly recommended</u> event for all drivers interested in participating in the Metro NY PCA Autocross program. Get a taste for what autocross is like while you learn the basics.

- First time autocrossers will receive a coupon for a free autocross. This event is practically free!
- A light breakfast will be served to all participants.

For additional information please check out the "**Autocross**" section of the Metro website at www.metronypca.org/autocross or email Dan Fishkind at autocrosschair@gmail.com.

Registration is open – Sign up at <u>metronypca.org</u>

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Tale of the Tail, Part 1

MARC REED - GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

"It's not the cars, it's the people." How many times have we heard that PCA motto? How many times do you believe it?

I first joined the community in 2018 when I purchased my 2003 Carrera after, like many of us, being a lifelong Porsche fan. Immediately I was eager to find the roads that showcase what an extraordinary machine it is. I joined Metro NY PCA and attended Cars & Coffee and autocross events to see and discuss everyone's cars and to learn more about my own model. And, of course, to ask around for the best roads to drive.

At that time I read the articles our Post Editor, Ed Reiner, published about the roads he drove in and around Westchester. I used those as a starting point and drove solo. As I went to more events and got to know people, I fell in with a group that took weekend drives. Boy, did we drive! In my first year of ownership, I clocked over 9,000 miles. As I got to know my car, I got to know all of them too

During one such drive this past October, the talk surrounded the upcoming Third Annual Boardwalk Reunion in Ocean City, NJ. Derrick Nankoo floated the idea of going down to North Carolina and running the Tail of the Dragon (NC 129). If you're not familiar, Tail of the Dragon is an 11-mile stretch of road that contains 318 turns—let that sink in a moment. As soon as he suggested it, I said to count me in. I had heard of it ages ago and had wanted to get there ever since but, of course, COVID interfered. Along with Rob Maina, Joe Bognanno, and Derrick's 19-year-old son Brenden (who's been driving with us since he got his learner's permit) we had our group, and plans were made. Four cars, five people, and enough video and photographic gear to shoot a movie. The cars: 2022 911 GT3, 2018 Macan GTS, 1990 944 S2, and my own.

In and around the Tail are some magnificent roads that you have to experience, not just for the drive, but for the names as well: Cherohala Skyway, The Snake, Moonshiner 28. We drove eight different roads over two days. Starting from NY early Saturday morning to get to the Boardwalk Reunion, to pulling up to the garage late Wednesday afternoon, we tallied over 2100 miles. We could not have gone at a better time. Just look at the photos, some of the vistas were literally breathtaking. And those roads! Let me just say that there were times I found myself giggling. Talk about smiles per miles.

Some context: NC 129 isn't just the Tail of the Dragon but also a regular road that residents use to get around and is privy to local traffic. A semi passed going the other way, for example. The Tail's website shares some protocols to keep things moving smoothly, such as paved pull-offs to allow faster cars to pass. Except, not everyone knows or cares. So, after all the years of build up and anticipation and driving 2100 miles just to get there—we spent our run stuck in traffic!

But that couldn't be it. After that run, we pulled off at an overlook to reconvene and the first thing I said was "We're going back, right?" Ask Derrick, I was jumping up and down like a kid begging to get back on the roller coaster. But although it was my first time, Derrick and Brenden had done the trip 4-5 times, and someone else needed cell service for work, and someone else hadn't had breakfast, which left just me.

I wasn't complaining! I ran back by myself and started off again. This time, I had the most glorious 12 minutes before I encountered another car. And when they pulled over to let me pass, another 4 minutes. Heaven! To say I drove in a "spirited" manner is an understatement. I tried to stay above 3K RPM the entire time, rowing between second and third gear consistently. I even dropped into fourth on some straight sections. As you can see in the photos, the foliage was stunning, but I couldn't even tell since I was concentrating to execute the shifts well! Absolutely exhilarating. When I finished my solo run, I didn't hesitate before going for another. I fell into the rhythm of the road and relaxed into it.

I finally caught up to the rest of the group about an hour later for lunch and to clear the leaves from the front grills. We're already talking about going back in the spring.

Yet for all the anticipation and driving, the thing I really took away from this trip is the time spent between drives recapping the day's events and how it was able to happen at all. Four years ago I never imagined who I would meet and the connections we would make, that we would take a trip like this together, or that we would be comfortable enough with each other that when the plan was to leave for home at 5:30 AM I could say, "I'll be sleeping in, thank you!" and that was fine.

As I said, it's not the cars...

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North Region Update MIKE MAZZILLI - NORTH REGION DIRECTOR



Please allow me to introduce myself. Bitten by the love of foreign sports cars and in particular the Porsche brand, I was invited to become North Region Director.

We want to thank Stew and Sue Teichman for their past efforts and I am looking forward to playing a hand in creating a meaningful experience for all club members in this role.

I live in lower Westchester and just took possession of a low mileage 911 Turbo S; having just sold my 1996 Speed Yellow 993 (I miss that car). I was able to kick off my new role with a meetup at Ciao's Italian Restaurant in Eastchester. We had a good turnout and a terrific time and I had the chance to meet a few new members as well.

Recently, I organized a cars and coffee tech session at Chris Breezy's s Auto Spa in Mamaroneck in early December (see page 43). We had 20 Metro members in attendance despite the rainy weather. The good news is that we were warm and dry indoors and had a great presentation by owner Chris Breezy on his deep knowledge of paint protection film, ceramic coating, and paint correction. Chris appreciated the member's interest and we were glad he opened up for us on a busy Saturday morning. The amount of options available to protect one's pride and joy is numerous and "better left to the professional" was a key learning experience for me that morning.

I attended the December holiday party on Long Island and was greatly impressed by the strong member turnout and the anticipation of a fun-filled 2023. I am working on several events for next year that will include more cars and coffee events for those of us up here in the north region, perhaps a couple of tech sessions, and my active participation in the north region rally. I hope to meet many north region members over the coming months and look

forward to your participation as we continue to push for more north region activities.

I have quite a few plans for the north region for 2023 and would also like members to offer up ideas or suggestions on places to meet for breakfast on the weekends, or summer meet-ups at pizza places, taco joints, and even outdoor restaurants (with good parking). I am open to any and all suggestions.

I'd like to thank Ed Reiner and Bill Rudtner for providing me with their support and guidance in my new role.

Here's to a great 2023 with a fun group of Porsche enthusiasts!

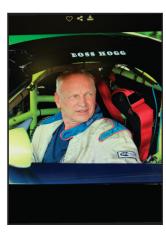


Mike with his Turbo S.

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Driven for Speed

BILL RUDTNER - DE CHAIR



When December rolls around I am always torn about going to Sebring for the PCA club race kick-off. If I have clients going it's a no-brainer. However, the trip to Sebring, plus the hotel, entry fee, and other ancillary expenses add up quickly. This year I had already decided would bare the expense and start my season by racing there the first weekend in February.

When I first started racing there some years ago it wasn't uncommon for the entry list to top 275 cars! In these recent years, 200-220 cars have become the norm. The lower number of participants at the Sebring race holds true throughout the ranks of our DE program as well. Across the Nation, PCA DE participation is down over 25%! A lot has to do with the ownership of Porsche cars in general. Porsche as a company has a big part of the SUV market with the Cayenne and the Macan. In short, Porsche is just not selling sports cars anymore and the new Porsche owner may not own a Porsche "Sports" car. But wait

Our DE program is open to all types of cars. Did you know that you do not need to drive a Porsche to participate in our DE program? But wait again...Do you know what our DE program is?

In our DE program, you actually learn how to drive your car on a race track. You'll get to drive your car as fast as your skill will allow. To participate in a Driver Education(DE) event you must pre-register. With our region, this is done through Clubregistration.net. Go onto the Clubregistrion.net website and start an account for free. Then look up Metro NY DE and register. The first day of the event you must come to the classroom training which is conducted first thing in the morning. You'll meet with your assigned instructor who will be with you when you're on the track for every session until he or she deems you know enough to drive solo on the track. This usually will not happen on your first day. As

a beginner (novice) track driver, you will usually be on track for four 25-minute sessions per day. You will have two 45-minute classroom sessions per day. You'll learn so much you may experience what is sometimes called "Brain overload".

If you own a Porsche Sports car you might want to give DE a try but be careful. This sport took me hook, line and sinker some 28 years ago and I am still loving every minute I get to spend on the race track.

Our DE schedule will be published very soon both on the website and through email blasts to our members (we're just waiting for all the contracts to be signed). We have some new dates that I'm very excited about. We have a wonderful cadre of instructors that just love teaching other drivers about driving on a track. Come on out and give it a try. The DE season is just about ready to begin so check your calendar and come on out. After all, I don't believe any of us are getting any younger.



Metro members line up to enter the track at Lime Rock for DE.

Metro Tech Session

CHRIS BREEZY CUSTOMS, MAMARONECK, NY, DECEMBER 3RD

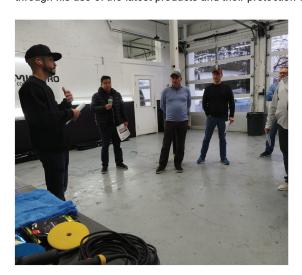
North Region Director Mike Mazzilli organized a tech session at Chris Breezy Customs in Mamaroneck on December 3rd. This event allowed owner Chris Breezy to provide information on detailing, ceramic coatings, paint protection film and paint correction. Despite the cold rain, we were comfortably huddled inside with a terrific presentation and clear explanation of the products he uses in his shop.

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Twenty Metro members attended this highly informative event with a fabulous demonstration. Chris walked us through his use of the latest products and their protection capabilities.





Metro thanks Chris and staff for opening up his shop for us during a busy work day.

Metro Holiday Party

WESTBURY MANOR, WESTBURY, NY, DECEMBER 4th

The annual Metro Holiday Party was a great success. Held on Sunday, December 4th, nearly 140 Metro members attended a celebration of a great year of cars and camraderie. This event was a fun-filled afternoon with raffles, games, gifts and terrific food. We thank everyone for coming out and having fun!



The Raffle table was a popular feature of the Holiday Party



Jenn Capezza of LIADV, Elaine Pedolsky, Steve Pedolsky, Jeffrey Rosen,, Lindsay Rosen, Ray Radow, Peter Kosche, Karen Hancock, Karen DeMotta



Members place their raffle tickets into the boxes.



Khrista Crawford, Ginny Minot, Jack Minot, Janice Riehl, Bill Riehl, Mitch Hackett, Barbara Kasa, Dan Fishkind, Jenn Filippelli, Andre Cerqueira



Michael Torres, Jennifer Bohn, Maria Socolof, David Socolof, Michael Germana, Sam Germana, Bea Roth, Todd Roth



Jon Varsamis, Julie Varsamis, Kandey Elliott, Knox, Lasister, Roseanne Impagliezi, Ciro Impagliezi, Chris Tsialo, Nicole Varsamis, Helen Kostas

Metro members enjoyed a terrific year-end celebration. There was dancing, great food, face painting, Santa Claus and even gifts and awards.



Isabella Marciniuk, Darius Marciniuk, Sviatlana Marciniuk, James Mansella, Joe Turkson



Isabella Maharlouei, Babak Maharlouei, Bart Savino, Giovanni Savino, Nadne Savino, Sophia Maharlouei



Face painting was popular activity for the kids



The Westbury Manor put on a great event



Newlyweds Bill Rudtner and Linda Annicelli-Rudtner enjoy the festivities



Members dancing at the Holiday Party. Now, how many times did the DJ say "Porsche"?

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It will take about 30 minutes to drive the 11 miles of Tail of the Dragon / Rt. 129. See article on page 37.

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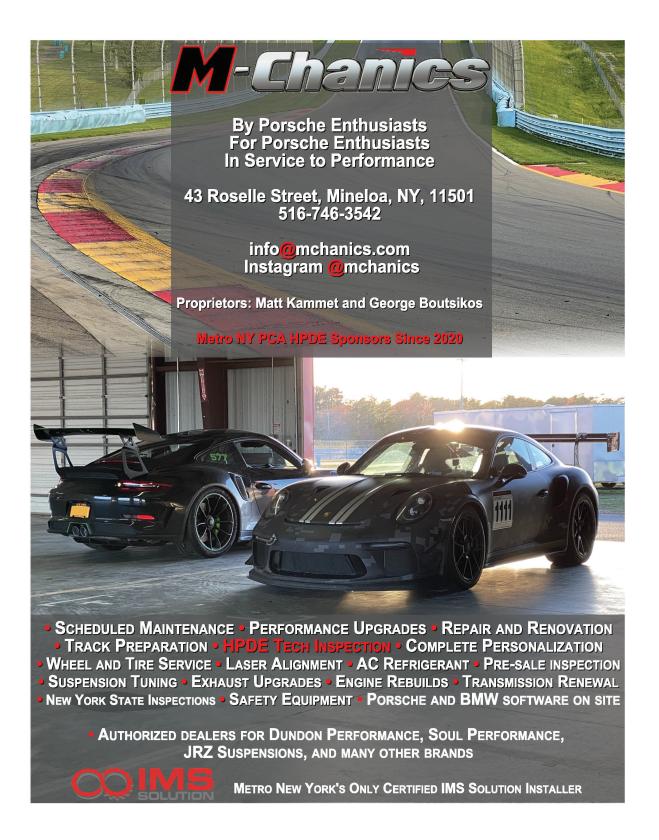
Jonathan Ragal's 1958 Porsche 356 Convertible D, left and below.

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Sony Patel with his 1983 944. He drove to the Vanderbilt Concours from Massachusetts, nearly 200 miles!





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Eastern Region Update MITCH HACKETT - EAST REGION DIRECTOR





I'm sitting here trying to think of an article for this issue, but it's still December! Winter writer's block? Maybe so since it's cold as hell outside. I think I provided members with a variety of events, from Wing nights, private collection tours, Saturday morning meet-ups, and the weekly Where's Metro Wednesday events to keep things interesting. I hope all that

attended these events enjoyed themselves. I know I did.

It was great to meet new members this year. If you are a new member, don't hold back. Come out and meet future friends who share the passion of Porsche. We don't judge what car you drive, all are welcome. These events can gain you not only knowledge, but networking contacts, interesting people, fresh insight for parts and/ or maintenance info, etc. Our members are only too happy to help, all you have to do is reach out, strike up a simple conversation, or just ask if you need help. Many friendships have been created and sustained by simply getting out there and participating. I'm in that category. Seven years ago I joined Metro PCA, knowing not a single member. Now I'm happy to say it is, and was, a rewarding experience. Try it; you'll like it, as Mikey used to say. (Now I'm dating myself)!

I would like to thank Peter Nettesheim and Herb and Liza Wetanson for donating their time and effort to give us great private, museum-quality tours this year. Well done! These event proceeds all went to charity.

Enough reminiscing, on to 2023! I recently put my non-Porsche baby into winter storage at Gabreski Airport. My 1967 MGB is safely tucked away under the wing of a beautiful Piper Cub, all courtesy of my friend with a beautiful hangar building; it's the ultimate man cave too I may do a tour there in the spring. Let's hope so.

I look forward to serving Metro in 2023 in my current capacity as East Director. As always, if you have suggestions about future events, please let me know. If you are a collector, small business owner, or have an idea you would like to explore, please let me know. I am

always accessible. If I can't help you, I will most likely know someone who can. Don't be shy. Let's hear from you!

I can be contacted at flat6mitch@gmail.com. Have a safe and productive winter. See you in the spring.







Mitch's "Where's Metro Wednesday" is a club favorite, especially during the summer.

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Charity BOB DEMOTTA - PUBLICITY CHAIR



Our Club members should be proud of Metro NY Region's historical support of 1-2 charities each year. For the 2022 calendar year, the Club's supported charity was L.I. Against Domestic Violence. At this year's Holiday Party, we were proud to present our Club's \$10,000 check to LIADV. Jennifer Capezza, Associate Director for LIADV, was on hand and gracious in her acceptance

of this donation.

This Club donation was made possible through the efforts of many of our Club members and event chairs. We collected donations for our Club Charity account at Autocross, Driver Education, Rallies, Treks, Concours, Family Day at the Glen Cove Mansion, Wing Nights and many other social events. Jennifer and her LIADV colleagues attended many of the events during the year and got to know several of our members.

There were also several establishments which provided facilities and/or their own donations:

 Nettesheim Museum in Greenlawn, which hosted a private tour for Club members of its extensive BMW motorcycles and other European vehicles. Peter Nettesheim was on hand to lead the tour and explain the history of these motorcycles and the museum. Proceeds from this event were donated to LIADV in Nettesheim's name.

- Herb Wetanson Museum, Southampton, which also hosted a private tour of their fine exhibits of Porsche, Ferrari, Jaguar and other European and American vehicles. Herb Wetanson, the famous race car driver and owner of Wetson's Hamburgers, gave interesting stories related to his racing career and select special vehicles in the exhibit. Proceeds from this event were donated to LIADV in Wetanson's name.
- Reboli Art Center, Stony Brook: Members enjoyed seeing unique art including Porsche related. The Center itself is a not for profit and in need of donations for their center, yet Lois Reboli, President and Center co-founder, agreed to share the event day donations with the Club to benefit LIADV.
- Whisper Vineyards, St. James, the site of our Show and Shine Car Show Fundraiser dedicated to LIADV. A Big thank you to Whisper Vineyards and Borella Farmstand owners: Laura and Steve Gallagher, and Barbara Perrotta. In addition to donating a wine basket, they provided the field and donated a portion of their "To-Go" Bottle Sales to L.I. Against Domestic Violence.

Planning is underway for determining our 2023 Charity and campaigns. More on this shortly.



Jennifer Capezza is flanked by Bob DeMotta, left, and Bill Rudtner, right to honor LIADV at the Holiday Party.

Concours Corner

PAUL CELENTANO - CONCOURS CHAIR



Happy New Year from Concours Corner! It was Alan Greenspan that penned the term "irrational exuberance" to describe the dot-com bubble of the late '90s, a phrase that can also be applied to "sectors" of the collector car market in recent years....in particular our favorite marque... Porsche.

Whenever things start getting irrationally

exuberant, be it the real estate market, the stock market, or in collectibles, there is always someone who brings up the tulip bubble of 1637. Maybe because it sounds so absolutely absurd that people would bid up the prices of little flower bulbs, or maybe because it is considered the first recorded speculative bubble to burst, somebody always brings up "Tulip Mania" as it was called. Which had me thinking, 400 years from now, will people look back at "Porsche Mania" and think how insane it was that these folks bid up the prices of all these quirky cars with their engines in the back? Now I don't have a crystal ball or know if we are going to see a bubble burst in the Porsche market, but it is clear that in the past months things are softening.

Like a "dead cat bounce" in the stock market though, we do get a few anomalies popping up here and there on sites like Bring a Trailer and the like, things that make you go...hmmm?? or maybe WTF??

Take this example of Spaceballs like "merchandising" from our friends at Porsche and presented at auction by Sotheby's during their exclusive Luxury Week Auction last month. Did you follow this one? The '72 911S Targa... that really was just a run-of-the-mill basket case 911T... but was completely restored by Porsche Classic....albeit not to any original specs that any of our concours experts would be aware of...."reimagined" shall we say, using the latest buzz word. Not only do you get a car with this auction you get a watch, a Porsche Design watch, kind of.... sort of... "reimagined" from the original 1972 PD chronograph design and made especially for this auction. When the hammer closed on this one it pulled in a cool 1.149 million clams. Now, this wasn't some special charity auction with the proceeds going to some great cause. Frankly, I wasn't sure if this sale was for a million dollar watch and a 150k-ish restored/reimagined 911T Targa or a million dollar 911T Targa and a 150k wristwatch. Either way, to this humble collector it showed that if the factory is getting into the game, then we very well may not have seen the end of "Porsche Mania".... and that's my two

We have a great year planned for Concours for 2023. We will be hosting the Zone 1 Concours in June, our Vintage Rally and Concours, and the Oktoberfest Concours at Vanderbilt later in the year. Keep an eye on Metro's calendar and this column in the coming months for details and dates. As always, if you have any questions or would like to help make our concours program even better by volunteering drop me an email or call 516-297-5356





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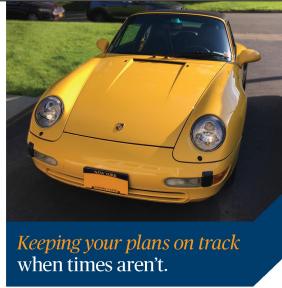
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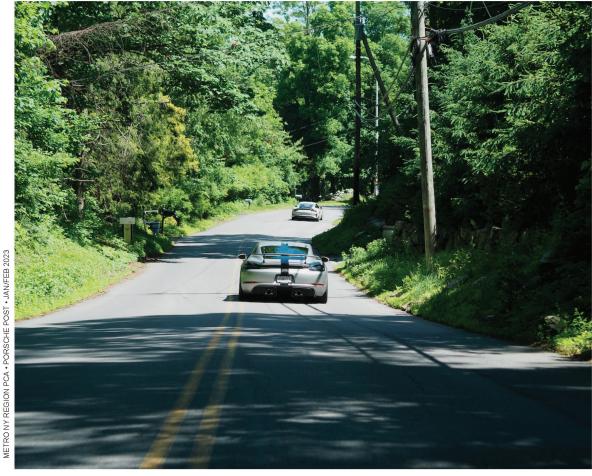
Some Metro members approaching "Hawks Nest" in Barryville, NY on Thanksgiving weekend.

Chasing the Curves BILL RIEHL - TREK CHAIR



Bill Riehl will return with details of the 2023 Trek program in the next issue. Please check out the club Website for more information.

Metro "trekkers" enjoy the backroads of Fairfield County, Connecticut during our 2022 trek program, below.



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Event Timing

Site Opens: 7:00 am
Registration: 7:30 -8:45 am
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Events will be pre-registration only Sign up at clubregistration.net

For additional information please check the Autocross section of the website at:

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March 4, 2023

Autocross Seminar/Mini School Bethpage Community Park Ice Rink/Tobay Beach (Flyer in this issue)

Autocross at Tobay

March 5 Sunday March 19 Sunday April 2 Sunday April 16 Sunday

Nassau Coliseum

May 7 Sunday June 25 Sunday July 16 Sunday August 20 Sunday September 17 Sunday

<u>Ayer Massachusetts</u> Zone 1AX August 26-27

Tobay Beach

October 15 Sunday October 22 Sunday November 5 Sunday

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DAN FISHKIND - AUTOCROSS CHAIR



Happy New Year to all and I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season. You never thought it would come but the 2023 Metro New York Region Autocross Series is about to begin. The schedule is set and can be seen in the flyer in this edition of the Porsche Post.

Now is the time to start those last-minute mods to get your car up to speed so when

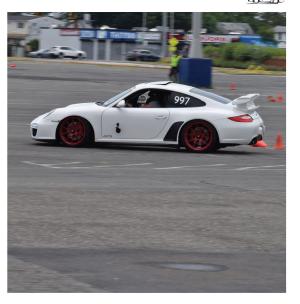
the season opens, you are ready to go. There are many things you can do to your car to improve its performance and safety. New tires, suspension, engine, and exhaust modifications as well as seats, harnesses, roll bars and cages. Be careful of what you do to the car as your modifications might change the class you are in. Read the autocross rules carefully so there are no surprises. However, the best mod you can make is you...the driver. There is nothing more important than improving your driving skills. How do you do that, you ask? You do that by seat time, seat time! Have I mentioned there is no substitute for seat time? The most important weapon you have in your car is you, the driver. Come down to all events and you will watch yourself improve. If you are new to the sport, your goal would be to better your time on each run. As you improve, you can start looking at other drivers' times in your class and compete against them. That is what's so great about Autocross, there is competition at every level.

On another note, as usual, I am also looking for course designers. If you would like to try your hand at designing a course let me know. If you're unsure come down to a course setup and see what it takes. I also have some course design information, if interested please contact me.

So, with respect to events, March 4th will be the annual Autocross Seminar and Mini School which takes place at the Bethpage Community Park Community Room and Tobay Beach (See flyer on page 36 of this issue and sign up, spots go fast!). This is a classroom session that touches on the wonderful world of Autocross. Basic Autocross skills will be discussed as well as what to

expect during a typical day at Autocross. This class will be given by our veteran Autocross instructors and region champions. We will then move to Tobay Beach where you will be able to drive on a course with our instructors and experience what you just learned at the seminar. This session will start with a course walk where the course will be discussed. You will learn how to identify the elements of an autocross course and learn the best driving line. You will then be able to drive the course with an instructor who will guide you around and give you pointers. Once you are confident, you will be able to drive the course on your own. This is a great event for anybody considering autocrossing. All participants who are new to autocross will get a free autocross event. I hope to see all you potential Autocrossers come out to this great event. The day after will be the Season Opener on March 5 at Tobay Beach followed by events on March 19, April 2, and April 16. Please see the flyer in this issue for the rest of the schedule. I am looking forward to a great 2020 Autocross season. See you between the pylons.

So that is all for now. I am looking forward to seeing everyone out there on the course. Please see the Autocross flyer (opposite page) for the 2023 Metro NY AX schedule. Be safe and stay well.



Thank you letter LINDA ANNICELLI-RUDTNER - COPY EDITOR

As we enter into 2023, I would like to thank every contributor for your well-composed, and intriguing monthly articles submitted throughout 2022. Your articles are what keep our club moving in a forward direction by enticing our members to come out and enjoy all that Metro NY PCA has to offer.

Copy Editors are in charge of proofreading, improving someone else's work; not always an easy task when trying not to change someone's style of writing, and thoughts, identifying spelling and grammatical errors, collaborating with contributors, and publishers, making sure photos are in place and match the text, following a style checklist, and designing the layout. I want to thank you all for allowing me to make your articles the best they can be.

It is never easy to sit down in front of your laptop and write an article; sometimes "writers-block" is encountered and other times work, family, and personal life takes priority. However, each month you continue to submit another intriguing article better than the month before. Your efforts are recognized not only by our members, but by PCA National, who has commended us on the publication of The Post and has ranked us in the top five.

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Thank you for continuing to inspire our members. I look forward to working with you all in 2023.





President's Page BILL RUDTNER - PRESIDENT



As I sat down to write this month's President's page I couldn't stop thinking about our recent Holiday party. The party was just held this past December 4th at the Westbury Manor. I was thinking about the fantastic job Jennifer Fillipeli (with help from Dan Fishkind and others) did arranging everything from the face painter to the visit from Santa Clause to the DJ as well as all the delicious food and the raf-

fles. We had over 138 Metro NY PCA members attend the party. I'm also very happy to be able to say that many of these members have become my friends over the past few years. There also were quite a few members that received awards presented by the various event chairs. Members participated in events that ranged from Driver Ed to Trek to Autocross. It's so good to be a part of ceremonies like these.

My good friend Todd Roth won the Autocross Trophy presented by longtime Autocross chair Dan Fishkind. Todd won the Autocross trophy in 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2020. In 2022 Todd won it again. Congratulations Todd. Richard Eliazian received awards for both Trek Enthusiast and also for "Overall Enthusiast of 2022". Richard participated in almost every type of event Metro held in 2022. Trek Novice of the year went to Michael Germana. Autocross enthusiast was Mark Hill and the Autocross Novice of the year was Jo Ann Fucci. Rally Enthusiast was Michael and Kyle Acebo and Rally Novice went to Andrew and Paula Umrieko. Bob Schutzenbach won the award for Driver Education Enthusiast while John Chimples won for DE Novice of the year.

Over the last few years during the holiday party, we present our yearly charity of choice with our donation. For 2022 our Charity was Long Island Against Domestic Violence. Bob Demotta (our Publicity and charity Chair) and I were very pleased to be able to present on behalf of our Metro NY region PCA a check to Long Island Against Domestic Violence in the amount of \$10,000. Jennifer Capezza was present from LIADV and she very graciously accepted the donation.

To say the least, it was a fabulous party. I'm hoping that

next year we have even more Metro members attending.

All the Chairs and Directors did such a wonderful job for 2022. They all worked so hard and really deserve a huge thank you. They all gave us so many events to attend and enjoy throughout the year. Between our Trek, East Region, Autocross, Driver Ed, West Region, North Region, Concours, Social, and Rally we had over 46 possible event dates for all our members to enjoy in 2022! What a great job our Chairs did. Kudos to you all. I'm sure 2023 will be even better.

As President, I've been really busy trying to grow our club and make it better. I am looking for help from all of our members to make our club bigger and better than before. You do know that we're always looking for volunteers to help out and get involved with our club. You know what they say "it's not the cars, it's the people." So...Come on out. Get involved. Help us make this club the best it can be.

We hope you enjoyed your holidays. We hope you have a very happy and healthy New Year. I'm looking forward to seeing you in 2023.



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prove performance, or make it shinier. I am looking at an upgrade to my PCM in my 997.2 and a new short shifter for my '86 Carrera, both sadly sitting in a garage in Connecticut under covers. I continue to rationalize that there are only three more months till spring but keep those catalogs coming!

Lastly, as we transition into the new driving season, we continue to see growth in our membership in all the corners of our region. We continue to encourage members

to come out (especially the new ones) and participate. This new year is expected to be packed with events including a Westchester concours and more social activities, so please "Like" the Metro Facebook page so it can come into your feed. Also, continue to browse the club webpage regularly so you remain up to speed on the goings on in the region. I am confident you will find events that you will enjoy along with the camaraderie of likeminded Porsche owners. Let's have fun this year. We hope to see you all out there.



The holiday party was a great success with nearly 150 members in attendance.



The Tail of the Dragon roadway is a constant call out to the Porsche Driver.

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From the Editor



Welcome to the start of the 2023 driving season. Many of us are lamenting about our cars sitting in storage, or the wet roads, cold weather, and short days. It is not only discouraging that we cannot drive our cars through the winter, but we realize they are sitting there unused for a few months. The good news is that the Board is hard at work to create an exciting and enjoyable season for Metro-"ites" that include

our standard fare of DE and AX, but also treks, rallies, Cars and Coffee events, more tech sessions, and meetups. Please be patient while these announcements "hit the presses" over the next month or so. And we continue to see new faces on our Board, including Mike Mazzilli, our new North Region Director, and Bob DeMotta, our new club Secretary. We also welcome Rich Mooers as our Rally Master following the departure of Jeff Goldberg who relocated to Florida. These are exciting changes that are meant to maintain a high quality of programming for the season. Their contributions are in this issue.

This issue of the Post is partially a look back at 2022 and some of the highlights Metro experienced (including our well-attended Holiday Party at the Westbury Manor) and

a peek at 2023 plans for the season. And speaking of the holiday party, this was a terrific end note to a successful season of Porsche activities with a well-executed party and celebration. It gets better every year and this was no exception. See the photo spread in this issue. Kudos to Jennifer Filipelli and Dan Fishkind for a great event. One of the highlights of the event was our \$10,000 donation to our charity, LI Against Domestic Violence (please see Bob DeMotta's story on page 47).

One of the articles of interest in this issue is a contribution by member Marc Reed regarding a trip taken with a few other Metro members this past fall to North Carolina to drive on the Tail of the Dragon and the surrounding roads. Many of us know "TOD" as a challenging, demanding yet scenic part of the US highway system with a stretch at Deals Gap with 318 curves in only 11 miles. There is almost no straight section of road. It is known as America's number one motorcycle and sports car road. (Look it up). These Metro members peeled off after the Porsche Boardwalk Reunion in New Jersey in October to venture down to TOD and brought back great stories and photos with grins that remained for a couple of weeks. I think this begs the question of whether we have members interested in this trip in the spring. Let's consider this as we get toward the end of the winter.

For now, I imagine that our thoughts are about projects, repairs, improvements, and modifications to our cars. We peruse the catalogs looking at tidbits that look cool, im-

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April	18-19 29	DE, NJMP Lightning PCA/Porsche Swap Meet, Carlisle, PA
May	12-13	DE, Summit
June	14-15 26-27 10	DE, Watkins Glen DE, NJMP T-bolt Zone 1 Concours, Malcolm Pray Acheivement Center, Bedford, NY
July	18-24 28-30	Porsche Parade, Palm Springs, CA DE, Watkins Glen
August	25-26	DE, Lime Rock
September	29-30	DE, NJMP, Lightening
October	10 14	DE, Lime Rock (Unmuffled) Zone 1/2 Boardwalk Reunion Ocean City, NY
	29	Oktoberfest, Vanderbilt Mansion, Centerport, LI
November	3-4	DE, Summit

Please register early for your favorite events.

Many event registration forms can also be found on the Metro NY Website (metronypca.org).

If you need information on a specific event, please contact the appropriate chair/coordinator listed on page 2.

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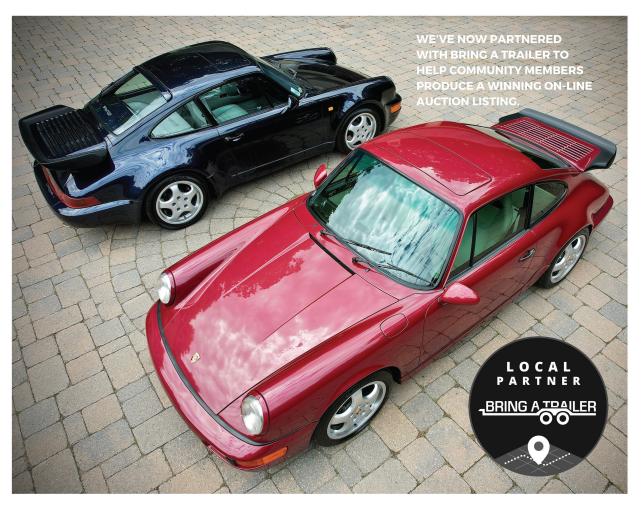
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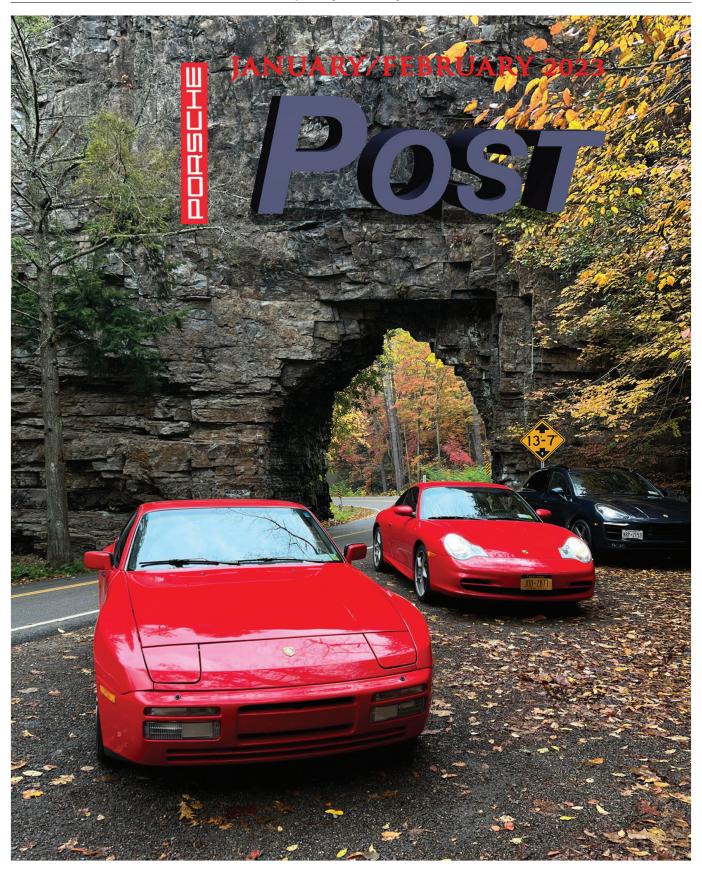
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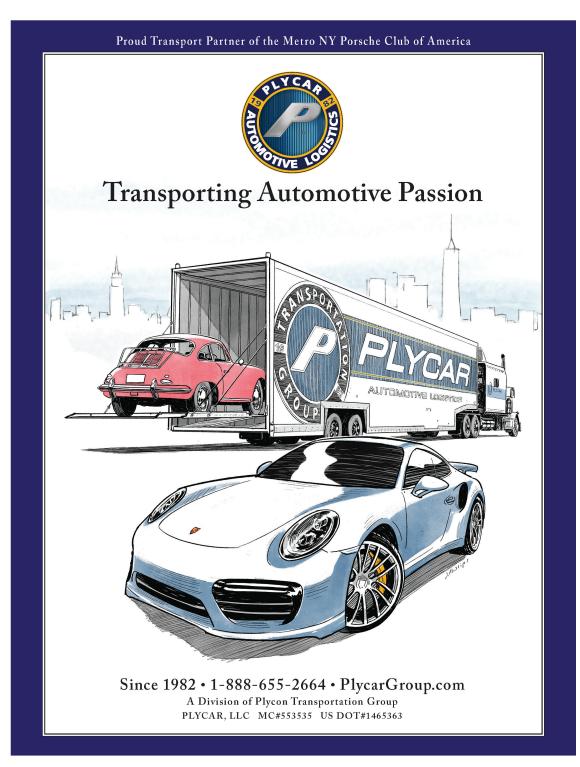
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Tail, Tiger meets Dragon, part 2

JOE BOGNANNO - GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

I love the Porsche community and since I've become good friends with so many Porsche owners, I've had some great driving and event-focused experiences. Case in point; our recent trip to the Blue Ridge and Great Smokey Mountains.

Now, there is a plethora of long, twisty roads throughout the tri-state area that will thrill as well as challenge drivers of all skill-levels. I'm fortunate to have a group of likeminded friends who want to drive spirited, but without putting themselves, their cars, or others at unnecessary risk. We get out about 3-4 times each month on some great roads, thanks to our own dedicated Route Master, and then grab coffee and a bite of breakfast before returning home. Our friend Derrick and his son Brendan have been telling the group about their regular trips to US 129 (aka "the tail" or "TOD") with such enthusiasm that I thought their recent proposal for a group trip could never live up to expectations. After hearing so many adrenaline and caffeine-infused tales (npi), I was pretty sure it was too good to be true, or these guys must have some side gig promoting the region, or perhaps both. Yes, I was skeptical of whether US 129 could be so much better than some of the great roads here in the northeast... but then again; would I miss a chance to road-trip with a bunch of guys in Porches? As they say, "you had me at hello". We departed on the back of the 2022 Boardwalk Reunion, in Ocean City, NJ with a healthy dose of PSO (Porsche sensory overload).

Getting to our first stop in Bristol (Virginia or Tennessee depending on which side of town you arrive), was a bit long at over 8 hours. But the nice thing about a long first leg to a trip is that it gives you time to let all your daily domestic and work-related preoccupations slowly drift away with the increase of anticipation of what lies ahead. In my case, I had the best of both worlds sitting under my hindquarters. Speed, comfort, and performance are just the first three characteristics that come to mind. The Macan is consistently one of the top-selling Porsche models every quarter. It's easy to see why. With the trim offerings (like my 2018 Macan GTS) that include PASM and the ability to lower the vehicle height, road performance on the highway and twisty back roads was a thrill, with 360HP and 369 lb-ft torque being more than plenty.

The biggest take away from the trip was the realization that US 129 was a (very fun) small piece of the driving experiences offered by the region. Highway 129 and the

41-mile Cherohala Skyway were exceptionally fun and scenic, especially considering that we were there at the peak of leaf season.

There seem to be endless back roads winding through the mountains, with great stopping points like Little Switzerland and countless scenic overlooks. We could have spent a week in the region and still left more to be enjoyed on the next trip. Great photographers, in our group and on-site, memorialized our professional driver fantasies, as we zipped between line markers on the edge of our seats... and some steep drops. Supposedly, Porsche took the Indonesian name for "tiger" when



2018 Porsche Macan GTS

naming the Macan. Visiting Deals Gap, at the intersection of US 129 and NC 28, you'll find plenty of photos showing those that rode "the tail" and got burned. For the slot-car boy that still lives somewhere inside me, the fall of 2022 will forever be the time I took the tiger to meet the dragon, and fortunately, I didn't get burnt.

Trip tips:

1. Inter-auto communication is a must, so be sure to take capable hand-held radios. Even small groups of drivers can easily get separated and being able to quickly communicate in order to rejoin the group, report traffic or road conditions, and technical issues, is key. Also being able to notify the entire group that you've spotted the local "Kojak with a Kodak" by announcing "Popo! Popo!" will help ensure the trip doesn't get spoiled or unnecessarily costly.

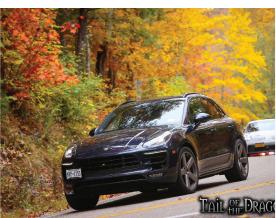
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- 2. Appropriate tire preparation is also an important pre-departure consideration. Of course, you should go over your vehicle in preparation for any trip, but in this case, you should realize that local atmospheric and road temperatures can vary considerably from your departure location, as well as depending on altitude. Road conditions in our case included lots of wet leaves which can be as slick as any black-ice patch.
- 3. You will be a guest when you visit, so be on your best behavior and patient. Since this is a popular destination for motorists, it was understandable that the local tolerance for aggressive driving or shenanigans was particularly thin-skinned. Even when driving responsibly,

we noticed that just the recognition of out-of-state plates and performance vehicles raised eyebrows (to put it lightly).

4. Cameras and photos will help memorialize your trip. Keep in mind that you will have professional photographers taking your picture on the TOD. Just match up your drive time with their shoot times, and you'll find your vehicle easily for procurement. Focus your own photography on the beauty of the area, your cars, friends and memorable moments when it's safe to do so. Minimizing your distraction from the road with well mounted and automated cameras will take the risk out of getting that perfect shot.









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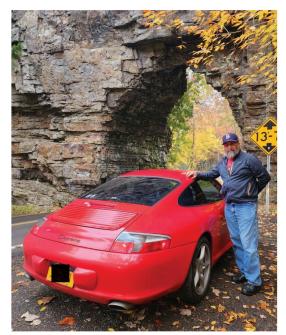
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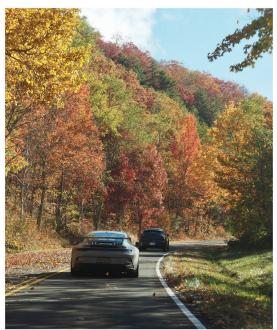
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