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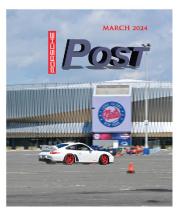
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2024 Metro New York Region CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March	2 3 7 17 28	Autocross School AX, Tobay Pizza Night, Staten Island AX, Tobay Pizza Night, Patsy's, New Rochelle	October	6 8 20 20 27	Trek #5 DE, Lime Rock, Unmuffled Oktoberfest, Vanderbilt AX, Tobay Beach AX, Tobay Beach
April	2 6 7 14 21 26 27	DE, Lime Rock, Unmuffled Porsche and Pancakes, Yorktown AX, Tobay C&C, Stable Energies, Garfield, NJ AX, Tobay DE, Lime Rock Cars and Coffee, Tinting Motors	Ü	,	DE, Summit Point, Main AX, Tobay Beach Holiday Party or your favorite events.
May	5 10-12 24-25 26	AX, Nassau Coliseum DE, Mid-Ohio (w/NNJR) DE, NJMP, Thunderbolt (w/NNJR) "Around Manhattan" to the Cloisters	Many event registration forms can also be found on the Metro NY Website (metronypca.org). We are now using Clubregistration.net for all events. If you need information on a specific event, please contact the appropriate chair/coordinator listed on		
June	1 9 9-15 12-13 24 30	Woman's Driving Group, New Paltz Trek #1 Porsche Parade, Birmingham, Alabama DE, Watkins Glen DE, NJMP, Thunderbolt AX, Nassau Coliseum	page 2. Important 2024 Zone 1 and National Dates: zone1.pca.org and pca.org.		
July	7 9 19-21 20 21	Trek #2 DE, Lime Rock, Unmuffled DE, Watkins Glen Family Day BBQ AX, Nassau Coliseum			
August	11 18 23-24	Trek #3 AX, Nassau Coliseum Lime Rock Park			
September	7 8 7-8 8 27-28	New Member Meeting, Airpower Museum AX, Nassau Coliseum Zone 1 AX, Ayer, MA Trek #4 DE, NJMP, Lightning			



Calendar is updated regularly. Please check the Metro NY PCA website for updates and additions.

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http://www.metronypca.org

From the Editor



We have about a month before the driving season starts again here in the Northeast. This means we have to think about our "projects", potential upgrades and maintenance. We also need to start thinking about what we intend to do (where to go) with our cars once the season starts. Over the winter, the Metro Board has been planning for what we hope will be an exciting season of drives and so-

cial events. There is a lot of plans on the drawing board including some new destinations as well. The calendar is filling up and we hope our members find driving and social activities that interest you. We are looking to see more of you out there on the road this year!

The weather here in the northeast this winter has been a bit schizophrenic. It's cold, it's warm, it's snowy and then its dry. There has been a few good days to take the car out and clean out the cobwebs. I have taken a few drives through Northern Westchester and I can see other 'obsessive compulsive' car owners doing the same. I have been staring at maps of the region looking at routes and destinations fitting for a spirited drive. Yes, of course we are fortunate to have lots of beaches to drive to, but what

about historic destinations? I like Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay, Caramoor in Bedford, NY, and Hudson River towns like Garrison and Cold Spring.

I am looking forward to our trips to the vineyards of Long Island as well as our upcoming concours program this year. We kicked off the year with the Snowflake Rally to Riverhead and then a luncheon up in Piermont, NY on the Hudson River. Also notice that we added a new venue for DE; you can see that we are joining NNJR for a DE event at Mid-Ohio in Mid-June. Thanks Adam Fox (DE Registrar) for the hard work to add this event to the calendar.

This issue of the Post should provide a good preview of the upcoming Metro season. We will continue to add social events to the calendar as we go but we expect to see some unique events on tap that should "rotate your tires". If you are new to Metro, please come to one of our events and look for or ask for one of our board members (listed on page 4) so we can introduce you around.

As we find ourselves getting our cars ready for the season, please look to the Board if you have questions about your car. I continue to read feedback on forums and Facebook groups regarding posted questions or problems with our P-cars. Most of these responses are inaccurate and incorrect. If someone says they am getting smoke on startup and rough cold idle, most knowledgeable people will suggest checking the air-oil separator (AOS) as a

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starting point. Let's count the responses that say, "blown IMS bearing", "water pump", and yes, even "blinker fluid". Don't waste your time. We are very fortunate to have a knowledgeable team of tech experts...feel free to take advantage of their knowledge and experience. Bad advice can be expensive.

We are hoping that Metro 2024 will be a great experience for our members. We have a robust AX schedule, an expanded DE scheduile (and a new DE Chair), a full Trek schedule, and plans for events in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Manhattan and also the north region. (See page 5). Let's

boldly go where no Porsche has gone before (sorry!).

Lastly, please send us your comments, feedback or opinions on club activities. We are working harder to be responsive and more user friendly. Also, if you have some interesting photos you would like to share, send them to me at metroposteditor@gmail.com and we will publish them. And if you are planning to head to the Porsche Parade in Birmingham, Alabama in June, please let us know as we will attempt to organize a caravan.





winter luncheon at Confetti's restaurant in Piermont, NY in mid-February.



Metro kicked off its "social events" season with a mid- Magnus Walker, (second from left) with his family offers to "outlaw" my red 1986 Carrera (behind him) at Hayfields Cars and Coffee in North Salem, NY while Gaspare Fasulo (Gaswerkes Garage, second from right) looks on.

Want to send a note to the editor: email MetroPostEditor@gmail.com

Stay up-to-date and informed about Metro events through emails.

PCA needs your email address in order to enable our President, Bill Rudtner, to send out his email blasts, which announce changes, updates or new events. All members can log on to pca.org quite easily. Also, our Membership Chair, Jeff Lanka can be reached at: metronymember@gmail.com if you would like to reach out directly.

President's Page BILL RUDTNER - PRESIDENT



Spring is just around the corner and our driving season is just getting underway. I have to say I'm very excited about this year. There will be so many fabulous events held in 2024 for us all.

The Autocross program is underway. Dan always starts the season with an Autocross seminar for newbies. The season opener on March 3rd might be in

the history books before this column goes to print. The complete Autocross schedule is listed in this post. You can learn car control while having a great time at an Autocross. It's worth checking out.

Our 68th running of the Ted Ohland Snow Flake Rally headed up by Rich Mooers this past February 4th was a great success. 40 drivers totaling over 80 people attended. Ed Reiner got a flat on the way and couldn't get there. Paul Celentano drove the rally but his alternator gave out two miles from the restaurant. Both lead Metro members were so disappointed but Paul did make it there. I had originally planned to run the rally with Paul however my plans changed when my friend Marc Pensabene decided to participate in the PCA club race at Sebring (See Driven for Speed for the story).

I'm also super excited about this year's Driver Education (DE) program. Adam Fox has done a huge amount of work for our DE program. Adam has gone way beyond his duties as the position of Track Registrar. I'd like to give Adam a big thank you, thank you Adam. I'd also like to introduce and welcome John Chimples, Aaron Todd and Patrick McCarthy as assistants in our DE program. We have also happily added SIM director Shaibal Bandy to the co-chief instructor position along with Fred Pack who was added as co-CI last season. We have also welcomed Brandon Tasso as our new DE committee chair. All our DE dates are set.

New for this year, South Shore Performance will host a DE Seminar on March 10th led by yours truly. This Seminar is for all Metro members that would like to learn about and/or familiarize themselves with Drivers Education before actually putting their toe in. This seminar will include

the standard DE beginner classroom. We will show some track films and all attendees will be treated to a catered lunch. Although there is no charge for this Pre-Season DE seminar, pre-registration will be required at clubregistration.net.

Did you know you do not need to own a Porsche to participate at a DE event? If you're a DE participant and have a friend with another type of vehicle, invite them to participate. They are welcome to attend.

We also welcome back Michael Tashjian to our Tech Chair position. We all are looking forward to really good events arranged by Michael.

Lee Walton is already making plans for both our New Members meeting and our end of year Holiday Party. All who attended last year's Holiday Party will be receiving an email from me about the possibilities concerning this year's 2024 Holiday Party.

We are all here to give our members what they look for in a car club. Our Porsche car club. I hope I get to meet you at future events.















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Skid reMarks DAN FISHKIND - AUTOCROSS CHAIR



Here we are!!! The start of the 2024 season!!!

Hopefully, everyone has their cars dialed in and is ready for some good competition. Some things have changed this year. I am sorry for the late notice. As far as our classes are concerned, we will be going back to single-class classes. If you remember from last year, some of the classes were combined

so we had classes such as S6/P3/P4. That was very confusing so going forward, all the classes will be returned to one class classes. Please see the classes online or on clubregistration.net before classing your car. Now for the biggie. This year the National PCA has made a major change to the Parade Competition Rules regarding tire treadwear rating and vehicle classing. The Metro NY Autocross program makes and governs our own rules; however, we do take some of the rules from the PCA Parade Competition Rules. This year there has been a change to the Parade Competition Rules, and we are going to implement that change. This change, which will begin at the start of the 2024 Autocross season will affect the allowable tire treadwear rating in our Showroom Stock (S) class.

As presented in the PCA Parade Competition rules: All Stock Class vehicles must utilize one of the following tire options in OEM sizes only: (a) Any brand or model tires with a minimum TW (treadwear) rating of at least 300. (b) Any brand or model Porsche "N-Spec" tires with a minimum TW rating of at least 220 that were specified by Porsche for their vehicle. (c) GT (does not include GTS), Turbo S, or R model vehicles may use Porsche N-Spec tires specified for their vehicle with a minimum TW rating of at least 180 or any tire with a TW rating of at least 300. (d) 1996 and earlier Porsche vehicles may use Porsche N-Spec tires specified for their vehicle with the minimum TW rating of at least 180 or any tire with a TW rating of at least 300.

Note that "NSpec" refers to the tire specification prescribed by Porsche to tire manufacturers of its OEM tires and can be found on the sidewall of tires made to that specification. Such tires may evolve over time from N0, to

N1, N2, etc. as older specifications are superseded.

So, to clarify, if during the 2023 season you ran in S class with a 200 treadwear tire, you will now be in P class for the 2024 season if you use that same tire. If you want to stay in S class, you will need to have 300 treadwear tires OR 220 treadwear N-Spec tires. GT cars, Turbo S cars, R cars or cars older than 1996 will be allowed to have 180 treadwear or greater N-Spec tires. This will be checked at the tech line at each event.

Another unfortunate event to take place is the entry fee has increased by five dollars. Member fees will now be \$50 and non-member fees will be \$60.

Another exciting thing to look forward to this season is we have purchased a bunch of new cones so our courses will look fresher than ever.

So that's all the changes that I can think of at this time and the only one's worth mentioning. This season promises to be a good one starting at Tobay Beach on March 3rd, 17th April 7th and 21st. We then head over to the Nassau Coliseum. Please see the flyer in this issue. If you were ever thinking of autocrossing, then now is the time to get involved. Hope to see you out there.



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Event Timing

7:00 am Site Opens: Registration: 7:30 -8:45 am Tech Opens: 8:15 am Late Registration: 8:30 - 9:45 am

Tech Closes: 9:00 am Drivers Meeting: 9:30 am Novice Meeting: 9:45 am First Car Off: 10:00 am Trophies: 3:30 pm

Members: \$50 Non-members: \$60

Events will be pre-registration only Sign up at clubregistration.net

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

www.metronypca.org/autocross

or email Dan Fishkind at autocrosschair@gmail.com

March 2, 2024

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

<u>Autocross at Tobay</u>

March 3 Sunday March 17 Sunday April 7 Sunday April 21 Sunday

Nassau Coliseum

May 5 Sunday 30 Sunday June 21 Sunday July 18 Sunday August September 8 Sunday

Ayer, Massachusetts Zone 1AX - September 7-8

Tobay Beach

October 20 Sunday October 27 Sunday November 10 Sunday



2024

Chasing the Curves

BILL RIEHL - TREK CHAIR



2024 Trek Schedule

The below dates are preliminary only!

June 9th

July 7th

August 11th

September 8th

I look forward to Chasing the Curves with you this year. Please be on the lookout for event details on our Facebook page,

October 6th

Metronypca.org website, and email blasts.

Registration for each event will open approximately 20 days prior to the event date through Clubregistration.net. Register early, as each event will be limited to 39 cars.









Our Trek program is a popular driving event that is "lead/ follow", generally in two groups to control the flow of cars. Treks take you through glorious areas and twistie roads to allow you to drive and not race. This event is typically in high demand so we encourage members to register early. Above, Bill holds the driver's meeting (mandatory) before hitting the road.

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Our advertisers thank you for your patronage and support. With nearly 35 advertisers, we have a terrific network of providers who want to help you maximize your Porsche experience. March, we have added construction company Intricate Construction, from North Region member John Lombardi, and a high-

end independent repair shop in Westchester, Keane's Automotive, adjacent to Hagerty's in Bedford Hills. We welcome them to the POST. The advertising program at Metro will also allow our advertisers to attend events so

you can meet the proprietors and learn more about their products and services. We want to thank them for their support. We expect to have some social events at these establishments to keep them "top of mind" for Porsche ownership.

I wanted to remind you that you should mention that you are a Metro member when you reach out to any of our advertisers. They want to hear from you and they should be your first choice for service, parts, and accessories, as well as when you are ready to "trade up" to your next car. Many offer PCA discounts. We have dealers, brokers, and advisors on hand to help you. These advertisers help defray the cost of the Post (which includes postage, printing, paper, and binding). If you have any thoughts or ideas on a potential advertiser, please let me know at metroposteditor@gmail.com.

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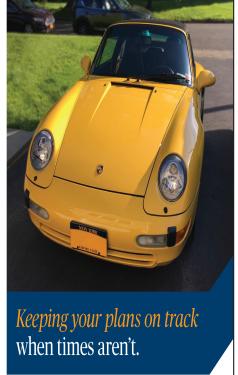
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Metro NY PCA

2024 Autocross Series

Tobay Beach Autocrosses of 2024

When: Sundays: March 3rd, March 17th, April 7th and April 21st, 2024

Time: 7:00 AM Site Opens 7:30-8:45 AM Registration

8:15 AM Tech Opens 8:30-8:45 AM Late Registration' 9:00 AM Tech Closes

9:30 AM Drivers' Meeting – Mandatory for all drivers.

Novice meeting follows.

10:00 AM First Car off Trophy Ceremony

NO CARS or DRIVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8:45 AM

Where: The Tobay Beach Parking Lot

Ocean Parkway Wantagh, NY

Admission Fee: \$ 50.00 PCA Members

\$ 60.00 Non-members

* Late registration surcharge \$ 10.00

Mandatory Tech Inspection 8:15 - 9:00 am Cars that do not pass tech will not run.

Helmets are required **Snell 2010** or newer (Loaner available for \$10 and license for collateral.)

How to get to Tobay Beach - details are available on the website



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

Events are newbie friendly. Come on down and try it out. You might get hooked!

Concours Corner PAUL CELENTANO - CONCOURS CHAIR



Greetings from Metro's Concours Corner! While it has been a pretty quiet winter weather-wise, we've been busy here putting together the calendar for what will be another great concours season for Metro in 2024. Dates have been booked for our spring Charity Concours at Pindar Vineyards. for May 19th.

Oktoberfest is set for Vanderbilt (this time with a rain date!) for October 20th. We will once again hosting the Zone One Concours, and we will be adding additional events in Westchester at the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center, as well as in the city.

As dates are finalized they can be found on the Metro calendar here in the Post, on our website, and our Facebook page. As many of you are aware, we were excited to announce Metro's return to Old Westbury Gardens this year to host the Zone 1 Concours. Along

with the staff at the Gardens, we looked forward to continuing our more than 40-year relationship with them to proudly display our cars on what is one of the most beautiful estates on Long Island. Unfortunately, I have to report that we are forced to change venue, as the Village of Old Westbury will not grant the Gardens the necessary permits to hold our event. Why you ask?

Simply put, the Mayor cited a rather horrific crash last year involving a Porsche that occurred in the Village and also claimed that there were significant complaints from residents about certain car shows at the Gardens. The funny thing is, Metro hasn't hosted an event there in some time, and in the 38 years I have been a member and attended, I am unaware of a single complaint.

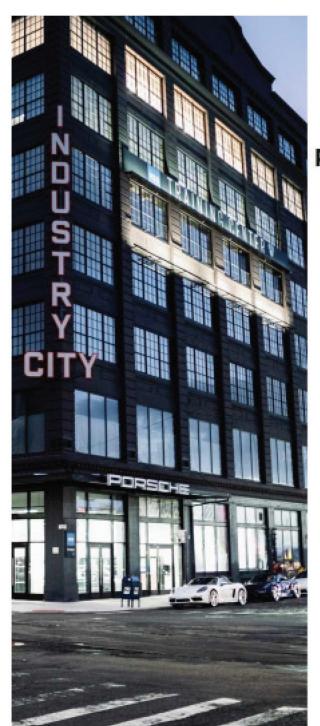
That said, fear not! I am working steadfastly to find a replacement location (I have a few lined up) and will report back next month with our replacement. We have some super things planned and I hope to see you out there this year.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, don't hesitate to reach out to me.





Obessive-Compulsive cleaning is always the theme at a Metro concours.



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Eastern Region Update



MITCH HACKETT - EAST REGION DIRECTOR



Wow, is it March already? I'm hoping it comes in like a lamb instead of a lion, contrary to the old adage. At the beginning of the month, Metro PCA holds our yearly autocross school. Autocross school is a great way to get introduced to the sport. Even if you didn't register for the school, come down to Tobay Beach on March 3rd and watch. We provide instructors for each student. This is a

great way to send your P car around a course at speed while learning how to handle your car. Dan Fishkind runs a great autocross program. Try it, you'll like it. I just bought performance all-season tires to start the season. I've been looking forward to another autocross event all winter. I'll be instructing, so I hope to see you there

Metro East events have been curtailed somewhat during the winter but will ramp up as the weather warms. We have already planned a cars and coffee at Tinting Motors for April 27. They are a Metro advertiser and will host a nice event, including demos, discounts, and giveaways. More info on this will be in the April issue, so stay tuned. Peter Nettesheim has offered another tour of his fantastic museum this spring. We will charge a small fee for his indepth tour. Any proceeds will be donated to our charity, the Malcolm Pray Foundation. They are our 2024 charity, and a great institution for the advancement of young adults through enrichment and empowerment to succeed in life. I have done several tours at the Nettesheim Museum in the past. I always offer to return anybody's admission cost if they are not amazed at his presentation of German motorcycles, cars, memorabilia, etc. To date, no one has asked for their money back. In fact, Metro members ask to go again! This is a testament to his ability to curate. assemble, and maintain his amazing collection. Jay Leno loved his visit. Why not you?

When I post this event, be sure to sign up early. The group will be limited to about 20-25 people. Again, stay tuned to the website and Facebook page for updates. I hope to secure a date in advance so it may be published in the Metro Post. I will be planning other visits with advertisers, and add them as dates become available.

During the warmer weather, we will resume our "Where's Metro Wednesday" events. They are low-key gettogethers to give our hard-working members a midweek break. We usually meet at a restaurant parking lot at 6 pm, swap stories, trade lies, network about parts, accessories, repair shops, etc. This was born during the pandemic when people couldn't congregate indoors. Metro members enjoy just hanging out, meeting old friends, and making new ones. Sometimes we dine inside, and sometimes we just grab a chair and chill out. The phrase "It's not just the cars, it's the people" rings true on Metro Wednesday.

I hope to see you out there this year. We love new members. Don't be shy. We aren't car snobs. Bring what you have. I want to see more Porsches, but not required. We are all friends in the sport. Get off the couch, off your phone, and come out and see what we offer!





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Track Ramblings

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You really should try a METRO NY DE event if you haven't yet

The 2024 Metro Driver Education (DE) schedule has been published. The 12 events run from April through November, and they include wonderful tracks at Watkins Glen NY, Lime Rock Connecticut, New Jersey Motorsports Park, Summit Point West Virginia, and Mid-Ohio. The

full schedule is at https://metronypca.org/de-schedule.

You are a car enthusiast – otherwise you wouldn't be a Porsche Club member. You really ought to get yourself and your lovely car onto a race track. I can tell you from personal experience that it can be life-changing: it changed my life. I first ventured onto a track in 1967 at the now-defunct Bridgehampton track. I was immediately hooked and have been a track driver for 57 years. I have met so many wonderful people and have had so many adventures – and learned so much about car control, and myself.

More than anything else, getting your car and yourself onto a track is so much fun.

Here is a YouTube created by a track first-timer right after he attended a DE event. I can't think of a better way for you to see what the experience is like. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTGLTByO-iY&t=4

Metro is starting a new concept for the 2024 season. It will be called "Introduction to Track Driving" and will be open to people who want to drive their car on a race track for the first time. Details are being worked out as I write this — this will be a way for novices to get on the track and get a "taste of the track" under the guidance of the Metro Driving Instructor corps. The program will also include some classroom time to explain the basics. STAY TUNED!

I am on the staff of the PCA PANORAMA magazine, and last year I co-wrote an article in the PANORAMA for

novices. The full article is on the Metro website at https://metronypca.org/images/panotrackday.pdf. It explains many of the details you will need to know. Please read it – you will come away with lots of useful information. A segment of the article is also included in NEXT month's POST, with follow-up segments coming monthly.

The very first thing I want you to know is that DE events are not competitions – they are not racing; rather, they are opportunities to learn how to drive on a racetrack in a comfortable safe setting.

You will have a highly qualified instructor with you at all times. The instructor will provide a communicator so that you can have 2-way conversation while you are on the track – it gets noisy out there since the windows are kept open and you will have a helmet on. Next, I want you to know that you will attend classroom sessions with the other novices; these are given by senior instructors who will teach you the basics you need to know before you hit the track.

I'll end my article with an analogy: I am also a skier. When you start skiing you can easily be terrified since your feet are rigidly attached to 2 long narrow skis which slide on the snow. You are absolutely convinced that you are going to fall on your face. But after you take a few lessons you get over this fear and you learn how to control your speed, make turns, and other maneuvers. You get comfortable and you realize that skiing is WONDERFUL.

I plan to have a Zoom session intended for people who haven't been on the track. I don't have dates yet, but I expect it will be offered twice, during March. I hope to see you there. My final words are that TRACK DRIVING IS BEYOND WONDERFUL. I hope to see you at the track. Soon.

I'm looking for a paragraph or two from Metro novice DE drivers who have fallen in love with the DE program. Briefly describe what you enjoy about being on track, and what you think of your instructors and the Metro DE program.

We will use your words in our efforts to get more people involved in theMetro DE program. - fhp911@gmail.com.



Rally for Fun RICH MOOERS - RALLY CHAIR



warm sunny day welcomed the participants to the 68th running of the Ted Ohland Snowflake Rally. The last-minute change of the start location caught a few teams unaware. The usual start at the Hauppauge Diner became the nearby Panera Bread. It was only upon completing the final pre-check, the staff told me that that my

reservation at the diner was canceled! The main seating area was under renovation, and they could not assure me it would be open in time. Panera agreed to host us. We filled the entire restaurant. With such beautiful winter weather, we had an additional fifteen teams join the thirty pre-registered cars.

The Rally route visited several of the special places usually included in previous Snowflakes (but without ice and snow). We went up and down the hills on Adirondack Drive. Could you imagine the days traveling on that road years ago before there were any Stop signs? The one-lane passage mini tunnel on River Road is always fun. The addition of the traffic light to control passage is recent. It would not be a trip to the South Fork if we didn't visit Fire Island and view the homes on Dune Road. You can travel on Dune Road all the way to Hampton Bays but it is closed due to flooding at this time of year.

We concluded the rally at the River Walk Grill in Riverhead after a ceremonial nod to the famous Big Duck in Flanders. When we arrived at the River Walk Grill, we surprised the staff with eighty-five hungry Rallyists. The staff was able to quickly accommodate the increased number of guests with an excellent buffet. Many thanks go to the owner, John, and his hard-working staff.

With great anticipation, we presented the Awards to the top teams. Photographer, Bob DeMotta, captured the happy smiles of the teams receiving the much-anticipated Metro PCA Apples. It was delightful to see a mixture of seasoned Rally veteran teams and new participants round out the roster of the top ten teams for Snowflake 68. Special thanks go to the people who helped make Snowflake a magnificent event: Karen Ohland;

Registration, Calculations, and Lead car. Erick and Lisa Ohland; sweep the car. Mitch Hackett, Registration facilitator for all 45 cars. Brenda Clark Mooers coordinator of luncheon arrangements.

It is an honor to work with Ted Ohland's family and strive to maintain the tradition of 68 years of the Metro Porsche Snowflake Rally.

I hope that you are looking forward to the spring, summer, and Snowflake 69 Rallies that are in the works!







Metro packed the parking lot at the starting point in Smithtown.

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Membership Update

JEFF LANKA - MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



Membership changes this month thru 11/1/2023

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

Joseph Curtin - 2024 718 Boxster GTS 4.0

Shawn Mcmahon - 2023 Taycan 4S Shirley Breaux - 1985 944

Matias Bebeni - 2008 Cayman Angelo Artusa - 2003 911 Turbo

Stephen Bashore - 2002 911 Carrera 4S

Ron Pacheco - 1999 911 Carrera 4

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Welcome New Members

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MICHAEL TASHJIAN - TECH CHAIR



Yes, another cameo. I missed you too!

Artificial Intelligence like many tech phenomena's of yesteryear, has become a buzz word. Used in most every marketing campaign and touted as the solution for just about everything from the real pandemic resting bitchface syndrome at most any school function,

calculating the circumference of a bubble gum bubble by the average 10-year-old (actual 10-year-old via standard metrics, not identifying). I can assure the reader that, yes, the applications are bountiful most notably the medical field, but the information, at least reliable information, being fed into the machine is the denominator that will make or break us as a species.

Let's take a brief trip down memory lane. We've been promised autonomous driving since the Jetson's, but here we are 50+ years later and even testing by GM has been halted on state roads in the most liberal of states, obviously California. I won't even toch upon the fact they should be flying as well. The issues with autonomous driving are not as concentrated on the hardware we employ, camera's, transistors, etc., but the very data the computer has been fed. Contrary to popular belief Artificial Intelligence relies upon man (God help us), to provide information/data to learn from and make reasonable decisions based of it. Given the thousands of variables in any one decision when it comes to autonomous driving, I am afraid we are still not there yet. Explain in code how a human substantiates any particular decision requires billions if not trillions of data points. According to Prof. Daniela Rus @ CSAIL-MIT it takes only 13 milliseconds for the human brain to identify and image and about another 100 milliseconds to make a choice. In contrast cameras have many more variables to consider as well as the limitations of the lack of the chemical reactions which makes us so special. Sunlight, other drivers' habits that the pilot has already encountered on the BQE (yes, stereotyping) this includes distracted drivers, road conditions (ambient temperature,

geographic location, previously noted road damages and the list goes on).

As a compilatory issue to this comes the obvious moral and ethical concerns of autonomous cars and the Al deployed for its operation. Add this to the regulations the DOT will have to have in place. Things such as who should be primarily protected, the driver, pedestrians, children? No matter the decision it would infringe on the very laws of Al Robotics as we have already grown accustomed in a generic sense. Not to be used as a pickup line, these laws are A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm. A robot must obey orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law. A robot must protect its own existence if such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law. Suffice to say, autonomous driving and Al driven projects that must withstand human interaction, have a way to go before they are considered reliable and able to make 100% accurate unsupervised decisions. I though believe this will happen in the relative short term, and am holding my previous position on EV's, which seem to be playing out like a symphony. £6000



If you have a technical question for Michael, please send it to: michael@formulamotorsports.com

New Member Photos

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Ron Pacheco - 1999 911 Carrera 4

Ed Hoey - 2000 Boxster



Nicholas Palladino - 2000 911 Carrera



Raymond Renault - 2023 Cayenne GTS



William Von Brook - 2021 Macan S, 1985 944



Deepak Dave - 2009 Carrera



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Driver's EducationBRANDON TASSO - DE CHAIR



Well. hello there! I'm new here, so let me start by introducing myself. I'm Brandon Tasso... Proud husband to Samantha, father to Logan(9), Aiden (7), and owner of Islandwide Alarms. I'm honored to be selected as the new Track Chair and I'm looking forward improving what is already a fantastic HPDE (High

Performance Driver's Ed) program!

As many of you can probably relate, I have LOVED cars since I was a child. Growing up my dad was a mechanic and shared his passion for cars with me. I vividly remember being maybe 6 or 7 years old, sitting in the passenger's seat of my Uncle Ralph's late 60's style Shelby Cobra. It was all black with the chrome loop over the driver's headrest and had huge exhaust pipes under both doors for you to melt your calves on when you got in and out! It was a replica of course... but at that age (or any age) who cares? It was the coolest thing I had ever seen! I'm sitting there in this deep bucket seat, barely able to see over the dash and my dad turns to me and says "You wanna go for a ride?" What kind of question is that?? Haha! "Of Course I Do!!"

He starts it up and mannnn did that thing RUMMMMBLE! He pops it into first, slowly pulls out of the parking lot and starts down Montauk Highway in Oakdale. We're cruising for a bit past the golf course and not going too quickly at all. I always heard stories of how crazy my dad was "back in the day", drag racing his 67 Vette, skinny tires up front, fat slicks in the rear, pulling the front wheels off the ground any chance he got! And well... most of my childhood my dad was pretty reserved. He would say things like "You know what kills cars Bran? Fast starts and fast stops." Nonsense like that.

However, every once in a while, he would get this look in his eyes, and all that went out the window! Well, today was that "once in a while". His eyes got wide... he downshifts... and floors it!! Throws me back in my seat! I'm grinning from ear to ear. Engine screaming... banging gears one after another!!

The sound, the smell, the vibrations... All your senses are alive! Everything else fades away and the only thing that matters at that moment is you, the car, and the road. Man, I love that stuff.

Times have changed a bit and roads are much more crowded, especially here on Long Island. That's where HPDE comes into play. Looking for a safe, fun, exhilarating experience? Does my story resonate with you? Then you gotta come to a DE!! The schedule is set and printed in this magazine. Come join us in learning how to drive your car on a real racetrack. I've been enjoying DE for about 2 years now and did not miss one Metro DE event last year! If you're reading this and haven't participated in one yet, what are you waiting for??? It is an absolute blast!! Unless you like driving slowly, then we can't be friends. Just kidding, we have events for people like you. I just can't relate. Well, I have enjoyed writing my first post article for you and I hope I didn't bore you too much. I look forward to writing more about the amazing activity I have the honor of representing known as HPDE.

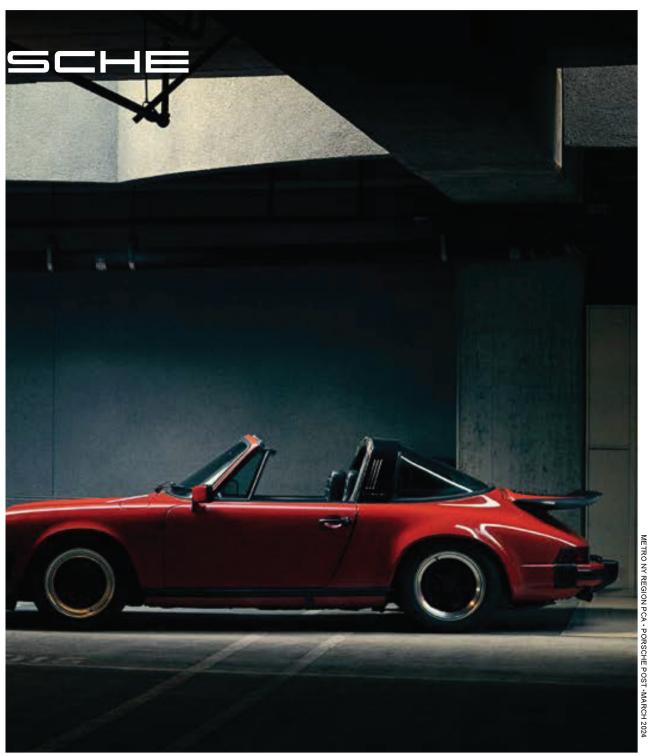








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Social Events LEE WALTON - SOCIAL CHAIR



Welcome to March, the last month of winter. I can only assume you are like me and cannot wait to return to our favorite roads and enjoy the fun of getting out and having fun with your PCA friends. We have been developing social programs that hopefully appeal to a wider range of members. So, as promised, here is what we have so far:

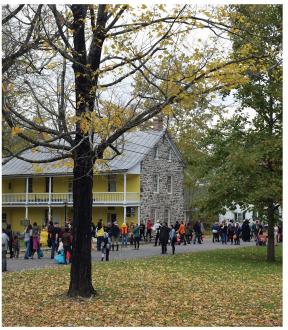
- Family day BBQ: we are ssibly a county park with a

scouting for a new venue, possibly a county park with a pavilion for a real BBQ. Tentative date July 20th.

- We will be going back to the American Airpower Museum on September 7th for our New Member Meeting. Regional events (all members welcome no matter where you live).
- Check out Club Registration and Mike Mazzilli's article for the monthly Porsche & Pancakes (April 6th) and Pizza Night (March 28th) he has organized.
- Brooklyn and Staten Island, we will be going back to Campania Coal Fired Pizza (March 7th) and Stable Energies on April 14th for a Cars & Coffee.
- On May 26th, we will be doing a drive and dine around Manhattan (starting at Randall's Island, crossing into Manhattan, south along the FDR Drive, around the Battery, then north on the Henry Hudson Parkway to the Cloisters, where we will stop to visit the Museum or walk the Fort Tryon Park and ending up at The Hudson on Dyckman St. for lunch).
- On June 1st, the Woman's Driving Group will drive up to New Paltz for some boutiquing and a walk around the historic village of the Huguenots. We will end up at Clemson Brothers Brewery for a late lunch. This event is only for women drivers. Don't hesitate to contact me with ideas for an upcoming social event, and happy driving. See you on the roads!



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Metro's Historic Snowflake Rally

February 4th, 2024













Rally Start point - Panera Bread, Hauppauge, top. Peter Nettesheim drives his 1969 280SL Mercedes (in anthracite grey) through the one lane tunnel (middle, right). Navigator Richard Matzelle waves. 2nd place winners Hugo Brunert and Ken Hargreves, with Karen Ohland, above left. Rich Mooers, 1st place winners Peter Schneider and Jeff Becker, with Karen Ohland

North Region Update MIKE MAZZILLI - NORTH REGION DIRECTOR





Ok Metro Westchester PCA MEMBERS, maybe not such a warm and fuzzy day to be writing this missive regarding what events we are attempting to place in motion when the weather permits us to drive our treasures as we just had more than six inches of the white stuff! However, the calendar turns quickly so here are some of the events we have planned for this season.

Before I list them, many thanks to our members and Social Chair, Treasurer, and Post Editor for so enthusiastically supporting our brunch at Confetti's restaurant in Piermont, NY this past Saturday. We had a nice turnout and some attractive machines came out for the mild day. Lou Giordano from Croton Auto Park came with his prestigious 1996 993 Turbo, which is still with its showroom plastic covers and is always a pleasure to behold.

Coming for spring includes a a pizza night at Patsy's in New Rochelle (March 28th) Porsche and Pancake breakfast at the Yorktown Coach Diner (April 6th) followed by stints at Veloce1600, and still to be determined tech session at Porsche of Larchmont. Hoping to secure a tour at the amazing Hagerty's Garage + Social in Mt. Kisco, a truly impressive establishment.

Our event in Piermont this past weekend was a direct result of one PCA member's suggestion. So, we will and do entertain our member's suggestions and feedback. In closing, all the board members and emails are listed on page four of own Porsche Post Magazine which frequents your mail 10 times per annum.

So, here's to an early spring with mild temperatures & plenty of sunshine







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Driven for Speed

BILL RUDTNER - CHIEF INSTRUCTOR



Whenever the opportunity arises to go to Sebring for the PCA club race we jump at the chance. A very nice surprise for us the year was when my friend and fellow racer Marc Pensabene called me to say he wanted to race Sebring. Overnight our track season began. We were going to Sebring!

The PCA club race at

Sebring represents the first PCA club race of the season. Historically this race is held during the first weekend of February. Sebring is a fabulous track. Sebring International Raceway is historic to say the least. This year marks the 72nd year of the 12-hour endurance race there. This race, the Mobil 1 Twelve hours of Sebring, will be held on March 16th this year. Sebring is also a track that takes some time to drive fast. At 3.74 miles in length and boasting 17 turns it is quite a track.

In professional racing, most race cars are new to start the season. With us in PCA club racing our cars in SPB are 25 years old! That said, there's always so much to do when a SPB classed race car is prepared for a race. Especially at the start of the season. Everything must be inspected. All fluids and filters are changed. The brakes are looked over as well and replaced if need be.

Safety items such as the window net, roof net, driver belts and fire system are also inspected and refreshed if needed. The car is then aligned for the particular track, corner balanced and "Nut and bolted". Nothing is left to chance.

I'malways grateful when we arrive at a track and the trip was uneventful. Meaning no issues of any kind while driving. Thankfully our trip down to Sebring was uneventful. With us for this trip was our lead tech Brian McGrath as well as crewmen Otis Holman and Cole Dexter. We arrived at Sebring a full day early pulling into Sebring International Raceway at 11:30 pm on Tuesday the 30th. A full day early. We slept the night in the motorhome in a specified area as we were not allowed to enter the paddock so late that night. We all felt fine as the night time temp was a balmy 50 degrees unlike the previous night when we slept

in Virginia at 29 degrees. We were happy to be in Florida. At 6 a.m. I was awoke by the paddock marshal. He escorted us into the paddock to our preassigned spot. Once the motorhome and trailer were positioned the crewmen unloaded the cars and setup camp. We now had an entire day to do this. The guys would have plenty of downtime.

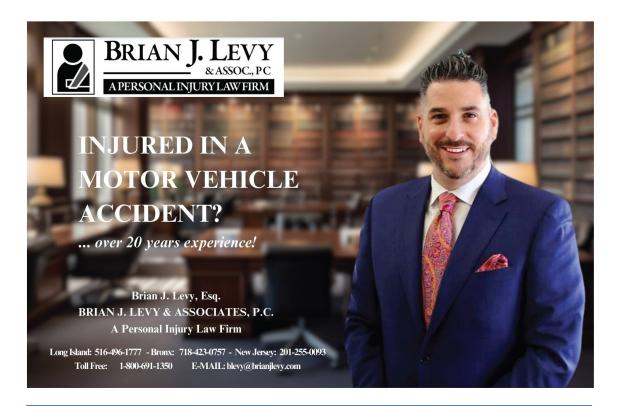
We were scheduled to be there on Thursday for the "Test and Tune". This was held by PCA the day before the race weekend began. For us this "Test and Tune" consisted of only two sessions but those two sessions were both 1 ½ hours long. That day went off without a hiccup. It was Marc's first time at Sebring. He used the Test and Tune to familiarize himself with the track and get up to speed. The weather could not have been better for our weekend of racing. Friday, February 2nd was the first day of the PCA Club Race weekend. That day we had three practice sessions and a forth which was designated as our "Qualifying" session. I went out with too much fuel in session one. Too much fuel equates to being too heavy. Too heavy equates to slow. I had also tightened up the rear shocks before the session (mistake). Not that I'll use that as an excuse but, boy was I off.

The leaders in SPB ran 2:29.00. Mid-packers were at 2:34 and I was down at 2:37. Man did I need to find some time. Our second practice session went off at a sunny 68 degrees. Who could ask for more?

Turn 17 is the last turn before the front straight-away. It is a very wide, large radiused right hander. However, it is extremely bumpy. There are three specific bumps. As you near the end of the back straight and you're coming to the cone designated braking zone you shouldn't go to the brake until after you turn the car in. I was turning in at the number two brake marker. This takes a little bit of "intestinal fortitude" (a phrase coined by my ole friend Barry Lucas).

Back in the motorhome while writing this I had just shared with Brian how I can't explain the feeling when you turn in for turn 17 at full speed and don't go to the brake until you're about 30% in and you've just past the flag station. I did manage to shave off a few seconds during that second session. I got down to 2:34.286. Marc also was working hard and shaved of a bit of time as well. I managed to find some time out there during this second practice but I needed more.

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We adjusted the car a bit more before the third practice and gave it another shot. I was still seconds slower than the SPB leaders. I ran that third session on scrubs and managed a 2:35.192. A few more adjustments were made to the car in prep for the final session. New tires that were freshly "scrubbed in" were put on. I felt I qualified pretty good at 2:34.750. That put me 12th out of the 22 registered SBP cars. I was now officially a "Mid-packer". Marc qualified in 17th position. Not bad for being his first time there. We could not wait to race.

Race day always begins with a short warm-up. It was in the back of my head to run a clean race as I was on a 13 from last year's race at Limerock. I love the starts. It's so exciting running nose to tail, bumper to bumper, door to door at the drop of the green. Who's going to give way entering turn one? Will someone come under you? Will there be a crash?

All of these possibilities exist. I won't tell you there isn't a nervous energy because there is. This race turned out to be a clean one. By the drop of the checkered flag I had moved up nine positions and had a blast along the way. Marc had done well moving up eight positions from the start.

We had a long three-and-a-half-hour break before the start of our second race. Just thinking about the races. I'm either praying for the finish line flagger to give the one finger signal, meaning: last lap before the checker or I wind up praying for just a few more laps because I'm closing in on cars in front of me. This second race was the later as I was closing in on two SBP cars a lap before the checker came down. I had started pretty far back. My best lap was a 2:34.559. By the checker I had moved up 9 positions and finished 17th overall, eighth in SPB. I was happy about my finish. Marc had moved up three spots and had a great time along the way.

One thing for sure was that both Marc and I had a blast. We knew weather was coming in so we decided not to do the Enduro and head home early. One thing is for certain. Once you race Sebring it's very difficult not to look forward to coming back.

Weekend at Confetti's Metro luncheon on the Hudson River

February 10th, 2024

Metro's north region hosted a mid-winter luncheon at Confetti Ristorante & Vinoteca on the water in Piermont, NY (Rockland County). With unseasonably warm weather annu partly cloudy skies, we met for a social gathering and to introduce the members to a few Board members. We saw some familiar faces as well as new members. We also received some good suggestions on destinations and events for the upcoming season.



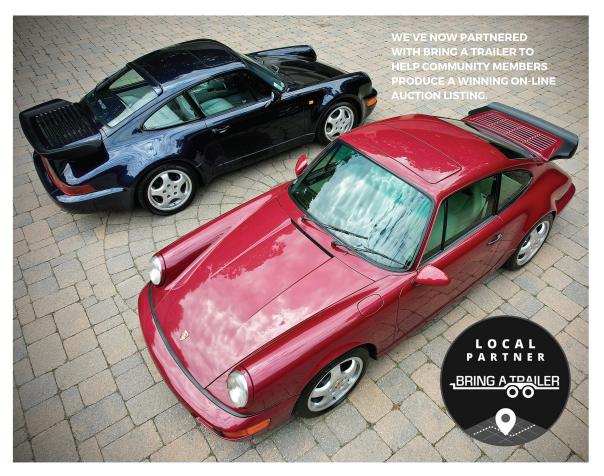


Stay tuned for updates to the schedule.



Metro's season for cars and coffee and dining events is starting up. On March 28th, Metro will be back at Patsy's Restaurant at 2 Pelham Rd, New Rochelle, NY 10801. We will meet at 7:00 pm. We hope to meet regularly around the county. We will set up a club registration for headcount (no fee).





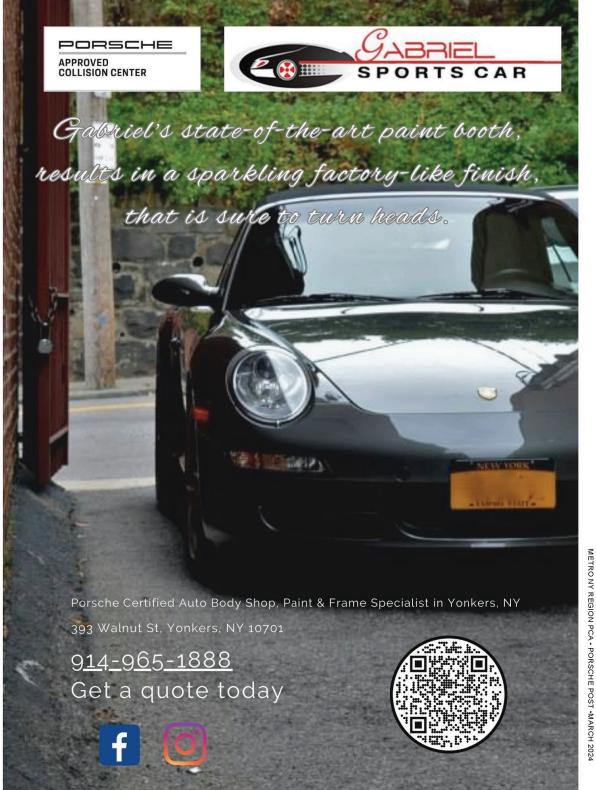












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Stuart Edelman Orient 2018 Panamera

David Herzog Ardsley

2007 Cayman S

Nabil Islam Bellerose Manor 1983 944

Brian Keane Rye 2006 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

Victoria Lari Merrick 2008 Cayman Gary Pasquaretto Oyster Bay 2023 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet

Frank Privitello Huntington 1994 968

Gene Walker West Islip 1986 911 Carrera Cabriolet

JANUARY

Adnan Ahmad Wheatley Heights 1999 Boxster

Leon Adiniaev Brooklyn 2022 Cayenne

GTS Coupe

August Alpern
New York
2024 718

Cayman GT4

RS

Chris Amato Garden City 2024 911 Carrera GTS

Robert Barbach Great Neck 2015 911 Turbo Cabriolet

Glen Cove 2013 Cayenne GTS

James Baxter

Matias Bebeni Long Island City 2008 Cayman

Evan Bloom Long Beach 2014 911 Carrera S

Shirley Breaux Brooklyn 1985 944

Farid Cardozo Katonah 2014 911 Carrera S

Anders Chan-Tidemann New York 2024 911 Carrera T

John Flynn New York 2021 911 Targa

4S Mario Giannini New York 2015 911

Carrera 4S

Nick Hoffmann Smithtown 1985 911 Carrera Cabriolet

Hugo Hunt New York 2000 911 Carrera

Art Jarit Wading River 2006 Boxster David Jones Dix Hills 2013 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

Yolanda Juvan Long Beach 2023 Macan

Brian Kyle East Northport 2002 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet

Anthony Kuczewski Wading River

2009 Cayman
Gregory
Lellouche
Pound Ridge

1980 928

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2022 911

Ahmad Mitchel-Central Islip 1986 944

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Ronald Pacheco Seaford 1999 911 Carrera 4 Nicholas Palladino Levittown 2000 911 Carrera

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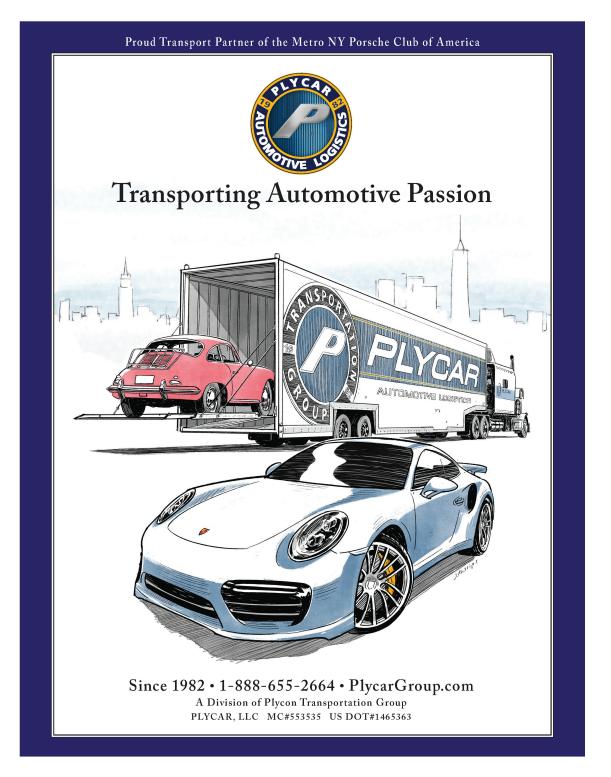
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Mark Solberg New York 2014 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet

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Porsche Market Update

DAVID K. WHITLOCK, RIESENTOTER REGION



January always kicks with off the year a number of great auctions from most of the major auction houses and it generally gives us a barometer as to what to expect for the remainder of the year. As it appears, the overall Porsche market seems have stabilized with January's sell-through rate coming in at 68%, right in the range

of what we saw through the final quarter of 2023. We did, however, see a bump in dollar and unit volume as compared to last January with \$44,026,566 sold from the 592 Porsches offered.

Of those 592 Porsches offered, collectors had the opportunity to complete the "holy trinity" of hypercars as we saw several 959 Komforts, Carrera GTs, and 918 Spyders throughout the month. Of the seven examples of Porsche's hypercars offered, only three managed to find homes.

The 1987 959 Komfort offered at Mecum's Kissimmee sale was a 15,000-mile example that hammered for \$1,700,000, right on trend with other 959 sales we saw last year. On the other hand, the 2005 Carrera GT offered at Barrett-Jackson topped average sales prices selling for \$1,700,000 as well. This was due to the car having just 3,500 miles and being finished in the rare, and much sought-after, color combination of Fayence Yellow over Ascot Brown. The 918 Spyder, also auctioned by Barrett-Jackson, sold just below the market average at a final bid of \$1,625,000. Failing to sell were two other Carrera GTs with high bids of \$1,252,000 and \$1,370,000 along with a 959 Komfort at \$1,500,000 and a 918 Spyder at \$1,650,000.

Also, at the top end of the market, we saw another sale of Porsche's track-only 935/19, this time setting a new record at a final bid of \$1,626,000. We also saw a 911 Reimagined by Singer return to the million-dollar club for the first time since August of last year, with a Namibia Yellow over Bone White leather example sporting an Ed Pink-built 4.0-liter hammering down at \$1,025,000. But

that wasn't the most impressive modified Porsche on the market last month. That honor goes to a 1957 356A built by Rod Emory of Emory Motorsports. This Light Ivory over Green Vine leather "Emory Outlaw" features a 2.6-liter Emory-Rothsport "Outlaw-4" engine reported to produce 260 hp and sold at a final bid of \$675,000.

The overall 356 market looked strong bringing in a total dollar volume of just over \$3m with a 75% sell-through rate. Aside from the Emory Outlaw, Speedsters and Cabriolets dominated the top 5 spots with a beautiful Black on Black matching-numbers 1958 356A Speedster selling for \$315,000 followed by a 1958 356A Cabriolet finished in Ruby Red with a Black hard top selling for \$292,000. While the Speedster looked to be quite the deal, the Cabriolet sold well above comps thanks to its known history and great presentation at auction. Of the cars that failed to sell, I was surprised to see this 1962 356B Carrera 2 GS on the list. Having just been restored, it was in absolutely pristine condition and only showed a handful of miles on the odometer since restoration. It failed to sell at a final bid of \$300,000, quite a way off of what it would take to bring it home. The lack of interest was most likely due to the auction venue of choice and would most likely have brought all the money at a legacy auction or top online auction house.

Another surprise from January was the fact that 914/6s continued to struggle. Out of the five cars on offer, only two found new homes, both selling under the \$100,000 mark at \$90,000 and \$80,000. Two other standard 914/6s failed to sell at final bids of \$83,500 and \$110,000, the latter of which should have taken the bid in this market. Also failing to sell was a 1971 914/6 built by Brumos Racing in the '90s for a customer racing program in the HSR series. It failed to sell at a high bid of \$110,000.

While 914/6s slid, one market that has been on fire over the last few months is the 993 Targa market with its pricing trend line almost pointing straight up. Prices have gone from an average of \$90,000 at the beginning of last year to over \$120,000 today with three examples selling for \$115,000, \$164,000, and an impressive \$180,000, which set a new five-year record for the model. That 1996 993 Targa 6-speed was a special one though, as it was customized by Jason Castiota, famed automotive designer whose work includes the Ferrari 599, Maserati's GranTurismo, and the one-off Ferrari P4/5 by Pininfarina.

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The Fall Metro Oktoberfest will come back to the Vanderbilt Museum in October. We even have a rain date this year.

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(January continued) Pino Vitale Manhasset 2018 911 GT2 RS

William Von Brook Melville 1985 944

Ronald Vulpis 1/20/24 Kings Park 1983 944

FEBRUARY

Santhosh Chandra New York 2018 911 GT3 Touring

Barry Clark Bronxville

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2014 911 Carrera S

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2023 718 Boxster GTS 4.0

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2020 911 Carrera S

Alix Michel New York 1985 944

Brandon Neider Yonkers 2024 Macan GTS

Sean Ng Pack (transferred

from San Diego) Long Island City 2015 Boxster

Eric Rickerson New York

2020 911 Carrera S

Stephen Rogers Kings Park 2018 911 Carrera 4S

Richard Salles Yorktown Heights

2024 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

Salvo Scire-Banchitta

Wantagh 2009 Boxster

George Sweeper Brooklyn 1999 911 Carrera

Yannis Tsavalas

(transferred from Northern

Ohio)

Sleepy Hollow 2019 911 GT3 RS

Ranjan Verma Melville

2016 911 GT3 RS

Viewpoint from Tom Kanes - Metro Member

Like a lot of us, European Delivery is high on our bucket lists with the accompanied pickup of our dream Porsche running through our heads as we hit the pillow. But after having that experience in December, I can honestly say it will change the way you look at Porsche and car manufacturing in Stuttgart. Two thoughts that come to mind are Ultimate Precision and a Car Building way of life.

Watching the precision and mechanical ballet within both the 911 and Taycan assembly lines is a sight to behold with everything exactly where it's supposed to be at the right time with the human element coming in as a great ally to this amazing process. Think of the entire factory as the back of a mechanical watch with the mainspring, bridges, and hairsprings all doing their jobs. Makes each car seem like a real marvel of precision (unfortunately no cameras allowed).

Add to that the two of the most famous car makers in the same smallish city with their amazing factory footprints and off-the-top museums and you see that it's a bit hard to classify Porsche or Mercedes as just a company or

Instead, they are both great sources of enormous pride and sophistication. One walk around the six-story Mercedes Museum and a look at one of the first 901's at the Porsche Museum lets you know an amazing history is present and still evolving. All this is before you get to your car and test the recommended 4000 rpm on the Autobahn (112 mph in 6th gear in my case). All in all, hard to pick a better experience and the 718 GTS 4.0 was right at home





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This one-of-a-kind example was finished in a Dark Brown Metallic with a gold rear Targa badge, gold-colored brake calipers, a Turbo front bumper, and a split-grille rear decklid borrowed from a 993 Carrera 2S. On the inside, the car featured a custom handcrafted interior appointed with classic beige German square weave carpeting and a combination of chocolate brown and ivory leather upholstery. An absolutely stunning example for sure. Based on January's numbers, I'd say that the overall Porsche market has stabilized, and expect to see it continue into the spring. Although some models appear to be softening, I think it's more a case of them coming back down to reality after the insanity we saw in 2022.

Our next batch of major auctions isn't until early March with the Amelia Island sales, so February will give us a good look at how the online auction houses are performing on their own. Until then.

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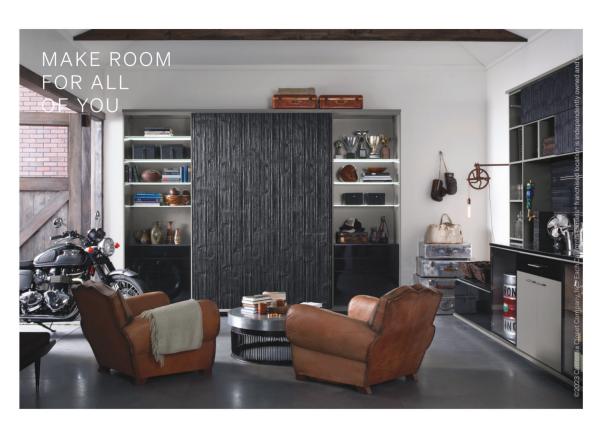
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