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STEVE WALLER
PRESIDENT/EDITOR



It feels great to have a Roadrunner Region signature event back under our collective belt. That was the general sentiment after Roadrunner Roundup wrapped up successfully a couple weeks ago. Without Roundup, the region lacked a show and shine Porsche event.

A big thank you goes out to Lee and Kim Stauffacher for opening up their East Mountain property for our group. Our first visit to their homestead took place last March. Lee and Kim walked our group around the area to point out places where cars could be parked. Lee is a man of talent and equipment so he assured us the venue would be as level as a foothills property could be. On the Saturday of the event the hot temperatures had broken and the August monsoon had not yet moved in. In a word-perfect.

There was the familiar "Featured car" from Roundup's past. This year it was Harry Season's 1982 911SC back-dated to an early 70's long hood. It was a special feature since just a week

before the car had earned second place at the prestigious WERKS Reunion Sports Purpose class in Monterey, Ca. This was the first chance many Roadrunners had to see this restored beauty.

The Roadrunners who put in the time and elbow grease included, Bruce Phillips, Mark Gordon, Steve Fallon, Stephen Jones, and Harry. They branded the car "Built not Bought" at the Monterey show. Congrats to Harry and all the members who brought this car to life.

The Roundup organizers suggested members bring a picnic lunch to enjoy under the pines. Nearly everyone did, and that added to the informal and fun social part of the event.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped organize the Roadrunner Roundup 2024.

At the new member social earlier this summer I met a 914 owner who expressed an interest in organizing a 914 and early air cooled car drive. We've set it up and it will take place this Saturday...9/14 naturally. Contact Leonard

Note: The Ramblings editor reserves the right to edit member and other outside submissions for space and content. If there is a reason to publish an article exactly as submitted please let us know.



Coloccia at lcoloccia4077@gmail.com. I talked with another member about doing some background research into organizing a high performance driving event (HPDE) sometime in 2025. He had attended HPDE's in the Alpine Mountain region and thought there would be an interest in Roadrunner region. I'm not sure one has been held here for many years. We'll see if an HPDE could be added to the club calendar in 2025.

Also, coming up at the end of the month is a first time Roadrunner Oktoberfest. Oktoberfest will kick off at Hops Brewery on north Fourth Street, on September 28th at noon. Registration is open on [Motorsportreg.com](https://motorsportreg.com). All of these events were suggested and are being set up by members. Thanks for stepping up.

One fly in our club's motor oil is the club's relationship with Porsche of Albuquerque. The dealer will not be hosting our Balloon Fiesta breakfast event this year. There will be an event but the ownership has decided to make it a customer event, not a club event. Thus, members may get an invitation if they are a current customer. If you don't get an invitation from P of A don't just show up. You will not be allowed to attend. Members can decide for themselves if they get an invitation to attend or not. If I get one I will not be attending. We are currently looking for an alternative venue to host the event. Stay tuned, we've got some practice in generating new events and new venues.

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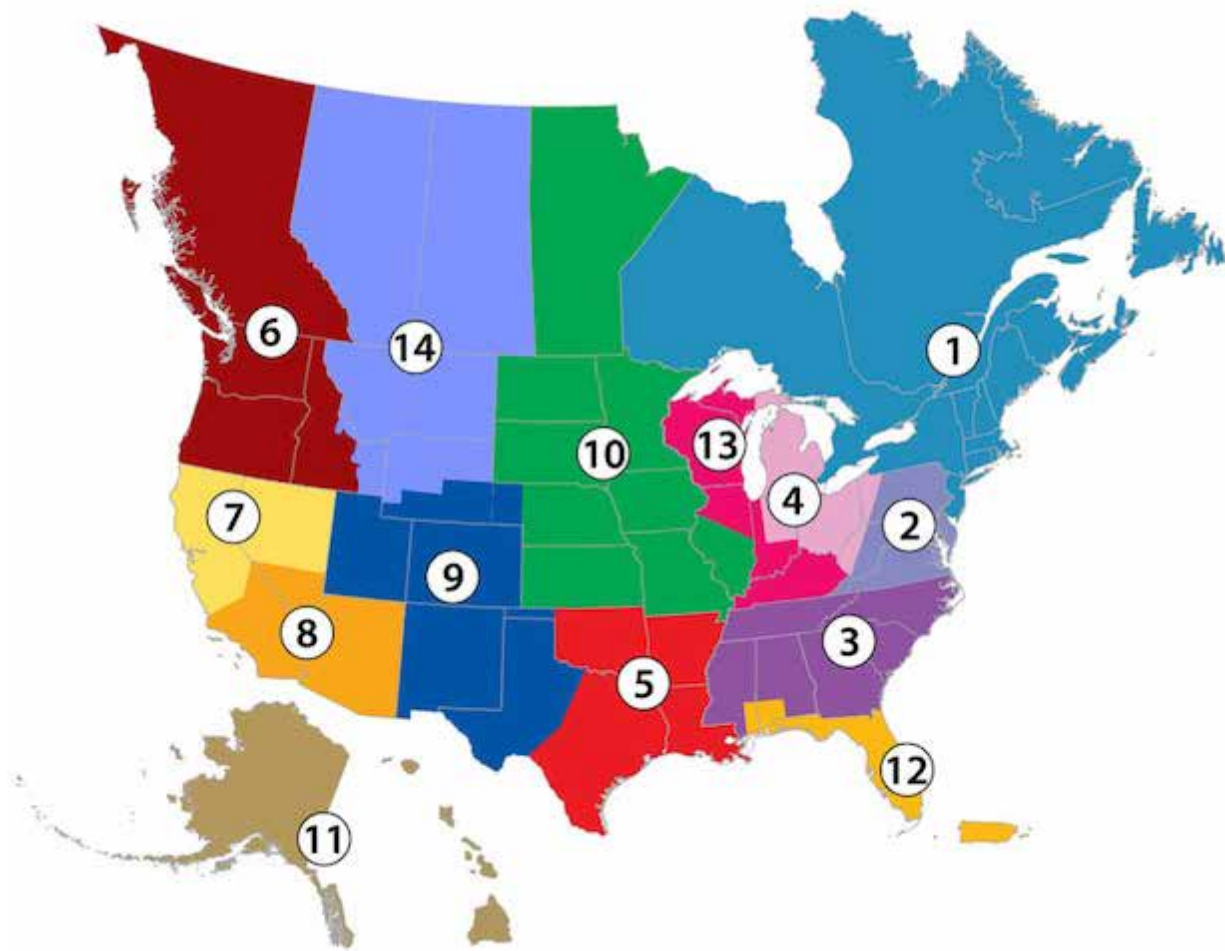
PCA Regions - USA and Canada

Meet Your Neighbors

The Roadrunner region of Porsche Club of America is a part of Zone 9. Zone 9 encompasses all or parts of the states of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. The largest region by members is Rocky Mountain region, headquartered in Denver. The smallest region is Llano Estacado in Amarillo, TX. In fact, the Llano Estacado region is the smallest region in PCA. There are 147 regions across America and Canada.

Zone 9 Regions

Region Name	Location
Alpine Mountain	Colorado Springs, CO
Carrera	El Paso, TX
Intermountain	Salt Lake City, UT
Llano Estacado	Amarillo, TX
Roadrunner	Albuquerque, NM
Rocky Mountain	Denver, CO
West Texas	Lubbock, TX





In 2024 the Board / membership meeting will be held online only via ZOOM. Any member can participate. Contact Roadrunner Region President Steve Waller for access. president@rrrpca.com. The Wednesday lunches at the Owl Cafe start at 11:30am.

SEPTEMBER		
Tuesday Sept 3	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Tuesday Sept 10	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Tuesday Sept 11	RRR Board meeting	ZOOM
Wednesday Sept 12	RRR Wednesday lunch	Owl Cafe / Albq
Saturday Sept. 14	914 Drive Tour	Roots Farm Cafe / Tijeras
Tuesday Sept 17	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Saturday Sept 21	RRR Drive out	East Mountains
Tuesday Sept 24	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Wednesday Sept 25	RRR Wednesday lunch	Owl Cafe / Albq
Saturday September 28	Oktoberfest	Hops Brewery / Albq
OCTOBER		
Tuesday Oct 1	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Tuesday Oct 8	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Wednesday Oct 9	RRR Wednesday lunch	Owl Cafe / Albq
Tuesday Oct 8	RRR Board meeting	ZOOM
Saturday Oct 12	Chili Cookoff	Waller Home
Tuesday Oct 15	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Saturday Oct 19	RRR Drive out	Bobcat Pass/Eagles Nest
Tuesday Oct 22	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Wednesday Oct 23	RRR Wednesday lunch	Owl Cafe / Albq
Saturday Oct 26	RRR Autocross	Expo NM Fairgrounds
Tuesday Oct 29	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill



NOVEMBER		
Tuesday Nov 5	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Wednesday Nov 6	RRR Wednesday lunch	Owl Cafe / Albq
Saturday Nov 9	RRR Autocross	Location TBD
Tuesday Nov 12	RRR Board Meeting	ZOOM
Tuesday Nov 12	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Tuesday Nov 19	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Wednesday Nov 20	RRR Wednesday lunch	Owl Cafe / Albq
Tuesday Nov 26	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
DECEMBER		
Tuesday Dec 3	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Wednesday Dec 4	RRR Wednesday lunch	Owl Cafe / Albq
Tuesday Dec 10	RRR Board Meeting	ZOOM
Tuesday Dec 10	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Sunday Dec 15	RRR Holiday Party	Santa Ana Star Casino
Tuesday Dec 17	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Wednesday Dec 18	RRR Wednesday lunch	Owl Cafe / Albq
Tuesday Dec 24	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill
Tuesday Dec 31	Santa Fe Car lunch	Capitol Grill

STEVE'S SCENIC DRIVE OUT

Roadrunners enjoy some cool fresh East Mountain air and join your touring Porsche besties on Steve Johnson's Scenic drive. This drive will explore the ups and downs and curves roads of the East Mountains. It's a whole new world east of the Duke City.

Here are the details:

When: Saturday September 21, 2024

Where: Smith's parking lot, Central and Tramway

Time: Arrive 9:00am, Drivers meeting 9:15, Depart 9:30.

Lunch: Chili Hills Restaurant

Get ready to get outta town.

RSVP to Steve Johnson. stevelee944@gmail.com



2024 Roadrunner Chile Cookoff!

Same location...same great food.

WHEN

October 12, 3:00-7:00pm

Rain or Shine or Dark (Sunset will be at 6:17pm)

Hosted by Steve & Ann Waller

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This is a pot luck event, with prizes for the best New Mexican type chile dish in each category. All members in attendance will be asked to sample and vote on their favorites. Great Prizes are awarded in all categories. **Plan to bring your special chile dish ready to eat.** We'll have the party set up with room for slow cookers, counter space and tables. This is a BYOB (adult beverage) party. Soft drinks, water, partyware/plates, bowls, cups and ice will be provided by the Club.

Please RSVP to ann@annwaller.com by 10/7/2024 with how many people and what you intend to bring.

AWARDS

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| 1. Best Green Chile Dish | 4. Best Appetizer with Chile |
| 2. Best Red Chile Dish | 5. People's Choice |
| 3. Best Dessert Dish made with Chile | |

Remember: If you do not eat Chile then bring a dish to share you enjoy. It will not be judged for prizes but variety is the spice of life!

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ROADRUNNER ROUNDUP!

Porsches in the Pines

STORY BY SOCIAL EVENT CHAIR BECKY SCHREIBER
PHOTOS BY ANN WALLER, STEPHANIE MORGAN, & TOM THOMPSON



What a fabulous day! The resurrection of the Roadrunner Round Up was so much fun. The event was held at the home of Lee and Kim Stauffacher in Tijeras; and in the tradition of Dave Stinchcomb and Bruce Philips, Lee & Kim opened their beautiful property to 70 gorgeous Porsches of all models on a perfect New Mexico summer day. Club members brought their own picnic lunches and set up their car rally chairs under the shade of the Ponderosa Pines, and enjoyed socializing with their fellow enthusiasts, meeting old friends and making some new ones.

Steve Waller, club President, welcomed members and shared appreciation to Lee for his generosity in hosting this event. He also thanked the volunteers who helped Lee get ready for Round Up. We had about 15 cars

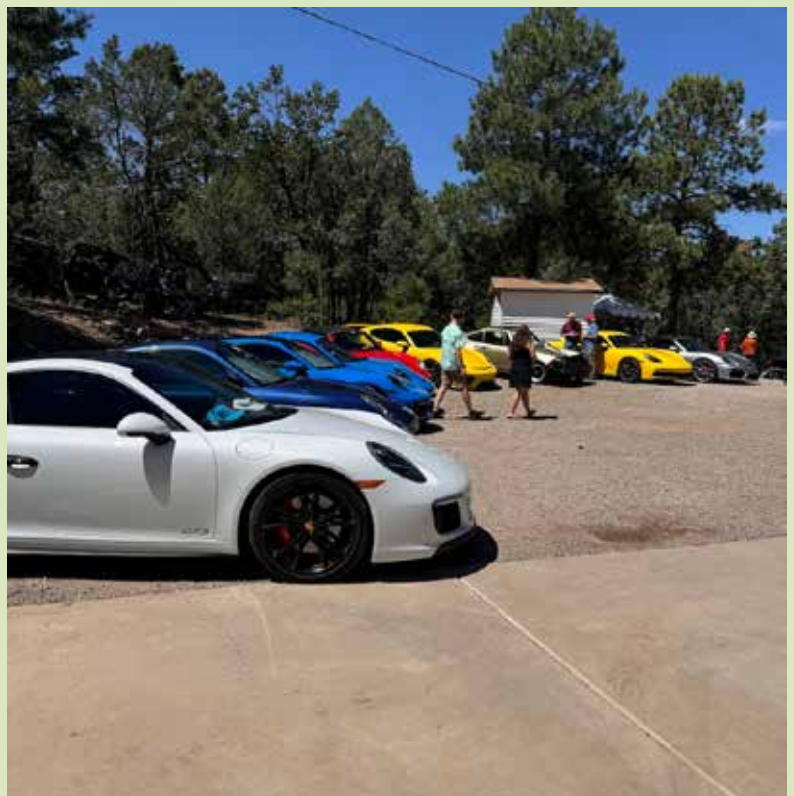
from Santa Fe. The drive on old route 66 from Albuquerque and the drive from Santa Fe along the Turquoise Trail to get to Tijeras are both great roads.

Harry Season shed a spotlight on a year-long labor of love to convert his model 1982 911 SC Porsche into an early 70's style long hood, with the help of his friends Bruce Philips, Mark Gordon, Steve Fallon, and Stephen Jones. The car won second place in its class at the WERKS Reunion in Monterey. Harry told the story with much appreciation, acknowledging that he could never have done it without the skills and persistence of his friends. He reckons that the group spent more than 2000 man-hours; and is grateful that the friendships stood up to the test.

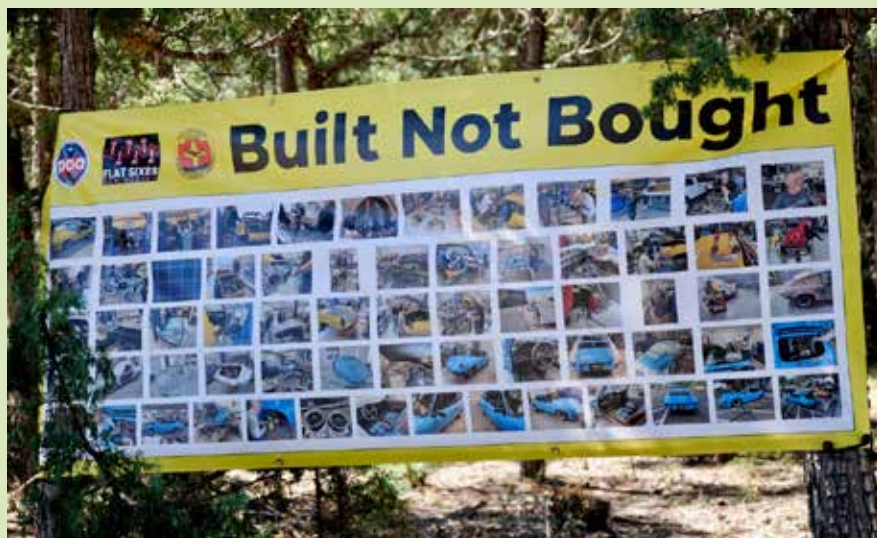


Becky Schreiber, Social Chair, hosted a raffle to benefit the Veterans Integration Center in Albuquerque whose purpose is to enable Veterans and their families to achieve stable housing, financial security, and a renewed sense of community. PCA Roadrunner Region has selected VIC to support for this year. Items for the raffle are donated by members; and there were some good ones! We are pleased to report that the Round Up raffle raised just over \$1000 for the Center. Thanks to all of you who contributed generously for this worthy organization.

The Club's Octoberfest is coming up Saturday, September 28, and The Chile Cook Off has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 12. Chris Marquez, 35 year veteran police officer and certified trainer, has offered to present a 2-hour class in keeping safe in Active Shooter events. He will also update us on new traffic laws. Watch for scheduling.





















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OUTSTANDING DRIVE OUT TO LA VENTANA ARCH

STORY & PHOTOS BY BY RAUL PEÑA

The Roadrunners had an excellent drive out to the La Ventana Natural Arch. Our day included a stop at the Ranger Station in the El Malpais National Conservation Area where we saw an educational video of the area. The Ranger Station was a mini museum and an excellent source to better understand the geology and indigenous people of this area. We then made our way to

La Ventana Natural Arch. The small hike to the arch and social time was enjoyable. The stop was also a great opportunity for photos and Porsche admiration. We then concluded the drive-out at the Great American Diner for lunch. Thanks to Steve Johnson for all his work and leadership that made this an enjoyable event.





Native American tribes maintain important cultural ties to the El Malpais region.

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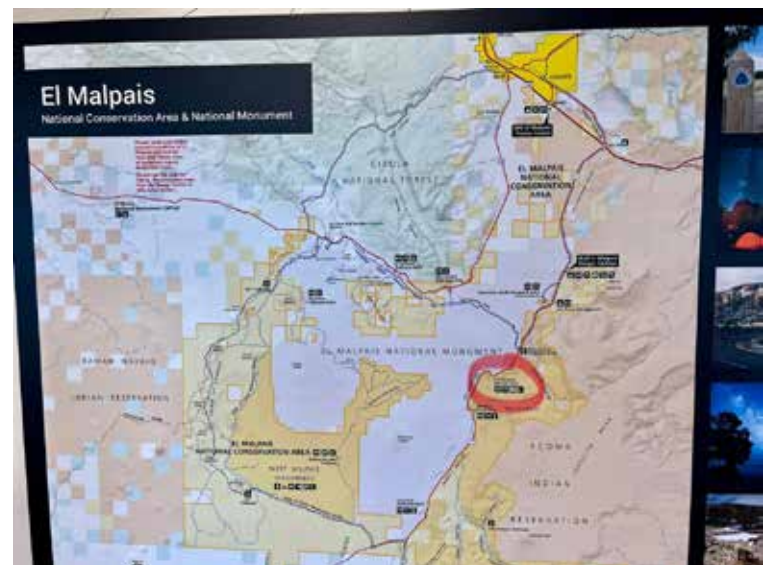
Modern Reservation Boundaries

Modern reservation and county boundaries shown for reference. It should be noted that the boundaries of the El Malpais region are not always the same as the boundaries of the reservations, counties, and more than a thousand years of human history.

The El Malpais region is currently home to four unique Native American cultures, each with their own religious ceremonies, rituals, forms of governance, home life, and often language.

Zuni, Acoma, and Laguna people traditionally lived in small farming villages in summer and returned to their pueblos during the winter for celebrations. Today, the pueblos are lived in year-round.

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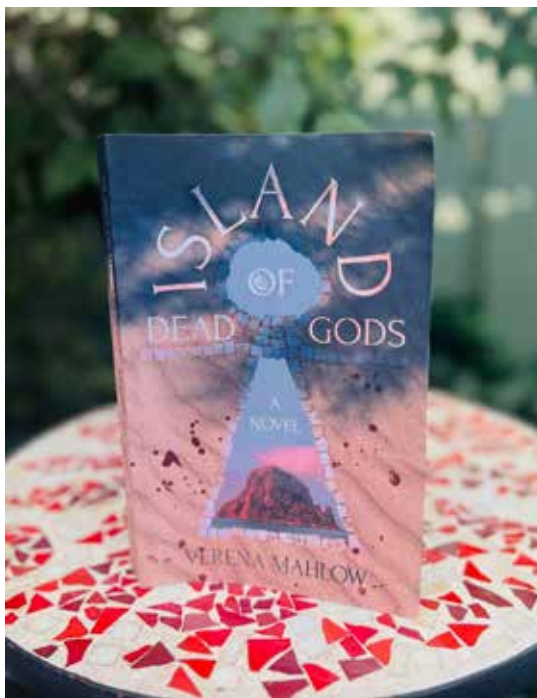
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Verena Mahlow's Book Island of Dead Gods

BY LISA PEÑA

My husband Raul and I met Verena's husband Alan at a Maverick (Dallas/Ft. Worth) Porsche Club event when they lived in Dallas. They moved to Santa Fe at the end of last year and then we met Verena. They are lovely people and we have enjoyed getting to know them. Verena has some very impressive credentials that you'll note on the author page attached. When I found out she wrote a novel, I couldn't wait to get it on Amazon to read it. Below is my review.

Verena Mahlow wrote a compelling, highly entertaining story with her novel: *Island of Dead Gods*. I really enjoyed everything about this book. Exotic island location, murder mystery, love story, friendship and betrayal are only the start! Since Verena lived

on the island of Ibiza off and on for years, she has the insider knowledge to weave in the history and mythology of the place, as well as drawing you into its culture and beauty.

The book is thought provoking and a timely commentary on issues such as gender inequality. The plot thickens when the activities of a secret brotherhood of wealthy men and a group of women worshipping the goddess Tanit come into focus. Lots of plot twists that will keep you guessing until the end, I highly recommend this book.

I hope you get a chance to meet Verena and Alan at a Roadrunner event soon.



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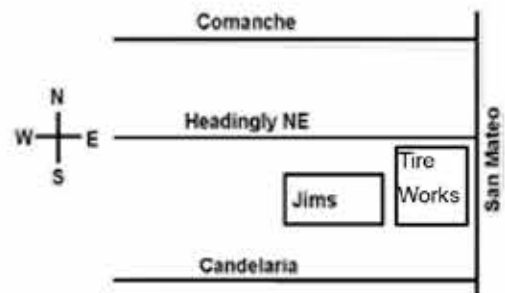
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JANE AND TOMMY... HALF A CENTURY OF PORSCHE FUN!

STORY BY LILIA CHACON, PHOTOS COURTESY OF JANE AND TOM THOMPSON



Sometimes life imitates art. But first we have to be willing to call romantic comedies an art form, and, for the purposes of this RoadRunner Ramblings interview, we are. Jane and Tommy Thompson are a long-time Porsche couple with the greatest meet-cute story this side of "Sleepless In Seattle".

You could call it "Driven To Attraction".

"Jane bought her first 914 new in 1970. She was driving it when I parked next to her in a Philadelphia-area hotel parking lot," says Tommy. "It was June 8th, 1976, about 5:15 in the afternoon, but who's counting?"

Jane and Tommy Thompson have been two-for-the road ever since that fateful keep-it-between-the-lines rendezvous 50 years ago, although Tommy notes that it took a while for him to convince Jane they were right for each other. They are two of the most active and longest-standing Porsche Club members in the Roadrunner Region and other cities. Both are retired now and have been motor car enthusiasts since they were old enough to mash a clutch pedal.

RR: Before we talk about your car life ... what other lives do you lead?

T and J: Both of us are retired from business careers. Tommy retired as a CPA and corporate executive in 2010. Jane taught sixth grade for a few years and then spent 23 years in an award-winning career selling Yellow Pages advertising. She retired in 2001.

RR: And now you're both cruising in the slow lane?

T and J: Heck no! Today, Tommy volunteers for the SCORE Association, a small business coaching organization where he mentors entrepreneurs who want to buy or sell businesses. He volunteers for KUPR-FM, a community radio station in Placitas, and for New Mexico Newsline, a reading service for the blind and disabled. He plays baritone saxophone in the Rio Grande Symphonic Band. He cycles in the summer, skis in the winter and takes photographs along the way.

Jane spends her time traveling with Tommy, exercising with her sizeable group of friends, and exploring new crafts such as tinsmithing and fine cuisine. She also manages our timeshares, which we use to travel new places and visit friends across the country and the world.

RR: Was there anyone who was a car influence in your lives?

T and J: Jane's cousin Jack Hattendorf owned a Jaguar XK-150 for several years when she was young. That spurred her interest in sports cars. Her father also owned a '62 Thunderbird for a while. In college she ogled a professor's Karmann Ghia for its lovely lines. She owned a Plymouth Barracuda for a few years before buying her first Porsche, a white 1970 914.

RR: That Barracuda was an iconic car with that huge wrap around rear window. Did you know Plymouth wanted to call it the Panda? We digress...





T and J: Tommy doesn't remember a time when he wasn't crazy about sports cars generally, and Porsches in particular. His first passions were 356s, then 911s. His interest was "home-grown", so to speak, since his school teacher parents weren't really into cars.

RR: Other than Porsche, any other cars you owned that were special?

T and J: Tommy's first car after college was a used 1973 Datsun 240Z. He loved the performance, but hated the rust.

Other "family" cars have included a Saab 99 EMS sports sedan, an Audi 4000 "5+5", a pair of VW GTIs, a VW Jetta GLI, and a series of Audi sedans, culminating in a souped-up 2015 Audi Allroad. That was replaced last February with a 2024 Porsche Macan.

RR: So it's true that Allroads lead back to Porsche! What was the first Porsche you purchased?

T and J: Our first Porsche bought together was a 1968 911 Targa we got in 1978. Since then, we've owned two 944s, both of which are still in the family, two 911 Carrera 3.2 Targas, a 2007 Cayman "S", and recently that 2024 Macan I mentioned earlier.

RR: Tommy had a pretty hairy story of survival in that Datsun 240Z.

T and J: One night in 1975 Tommy encountered a white-out of a blizzard while driving from New York City to his hometown of Lake Placid, NY, some 287 miles north. The "Z" car confidently fish-tailed through up to 7" of new, unplowed snow for more than 70 miles at one point in the trip.

RR: Other indelible car memories?

T and J: For Jane, it was the time a policeman tried to give her a ticket for parking the 914 the wrong way on a one-way street. He mistook the rear of the car for its very similar-looking nose.

RR: Any other interactions with law enforcement regarding your rate of travel?

T and J: Tommy got two speeding tickets in the first month of owning his 240Z. He's gotten two or three others over the past 45 years. Jane has gotten just one speeding ticket, for passing a much slower-moving car towing a trailer back in the 1980s.

RR: Is there a new model Porsche that would look good in your garage?

T and J: There is, and it's there now. We bought a "used" 2024 Macan 4-cyl, formerly a dealer demonstrator, late last winter. As to fantasies of "new" models? Sure! A new Lava Orange GT3 would look great in the garage! Jane would be thrilled if that GT3 were white, with a Targa roof and a bright red leather interior.

RR: You're going to need his and hers garages. How long have you been in the Roadrunner Region?

T and J: Jane will mark 50 years of PCA membership next spring. Fourteen of those years will have been in Roadrunner Region, 32 in Hudson-Champlain Region, and the rest scattered among Florida Citrus and Chesapeake Regions. Tommy joined when they married in 1978.

"Dragged in, kicking and screaming", is how he describes it. Jane says she told him, "I learned to ski on the honeymoon for you. You can come to a Porsche Club meeting." She also notes, "He's

far exceeded my expectations for participation." Tommy's membership is split between 13 years in RR Region so far, and 32 in Hudson-Champlain.

RR: Do you attend Porsche Parade or other big car events?

T and J: We've attended 8 Parades, most recently Monterey in 2014. We have firm plans to attend Oklahoma City next year and Lake Placid (Tommy's home town) in 2026.

But wait, there's more! We've done numerous High Performance Drivers Ed events including the PCA Zone I 48 Hours of Watkins Glen and many events at Lime Rock Park. Tommy attended one SWMotorSports driver education event here at Sandia Speedway shortly after we moved here. He also completed the PCA National HPDE Instructor program after several years as a designated Zone I Driver Instructor.

You might have seen us volunteering or attending most Roadrunner Region Fiesta New Mexico events since moving to the Region. Tommy also emceed the 356 Registry's West Coast Holiday in Santa Fe a few years ago.

We've also been active in the nuts-and-bolts of Region governance in Hudson-Champlain and since moving to RR in late 2010. During the 1980s, we held several officer and committee chair positions in Hudson-Champlain Region. Here in New Mexico, Tommy has served a term on the RR Board and been active in planning and volunteering for Treffen Tamaya in 2018. He has also contributed photography to the RR Ramblings newsletter and presented a Tech Session on Concours car preparation.

RR: Any advice for new members of the club?

T and J: Yes. Jump in with both feet! While PCA is for people with fine cars, it's as much about the people as the cars!

We've come to know so many wonderful people through our membership, some of whom we met as long as 46 years ago. Our lives have diverged over time, but we still have Porsches and many other interests to keep us happily engaged.

As much as you give, you will find you get more back in new friends, new ways of using or looking at your car, and new things to challenge your mind and hands.

RR: Thanks Tommy and Jane for showing us how to get the most from cars and club membership as you motor down life's highways together.





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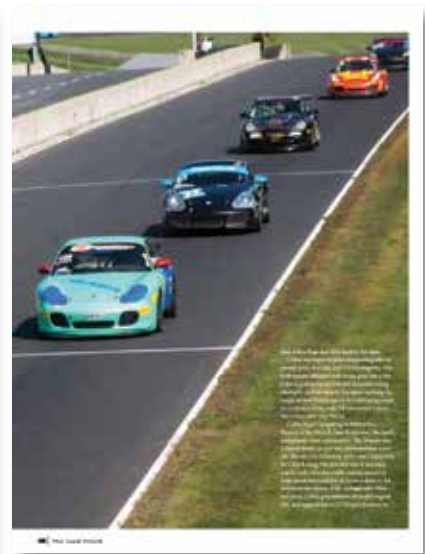
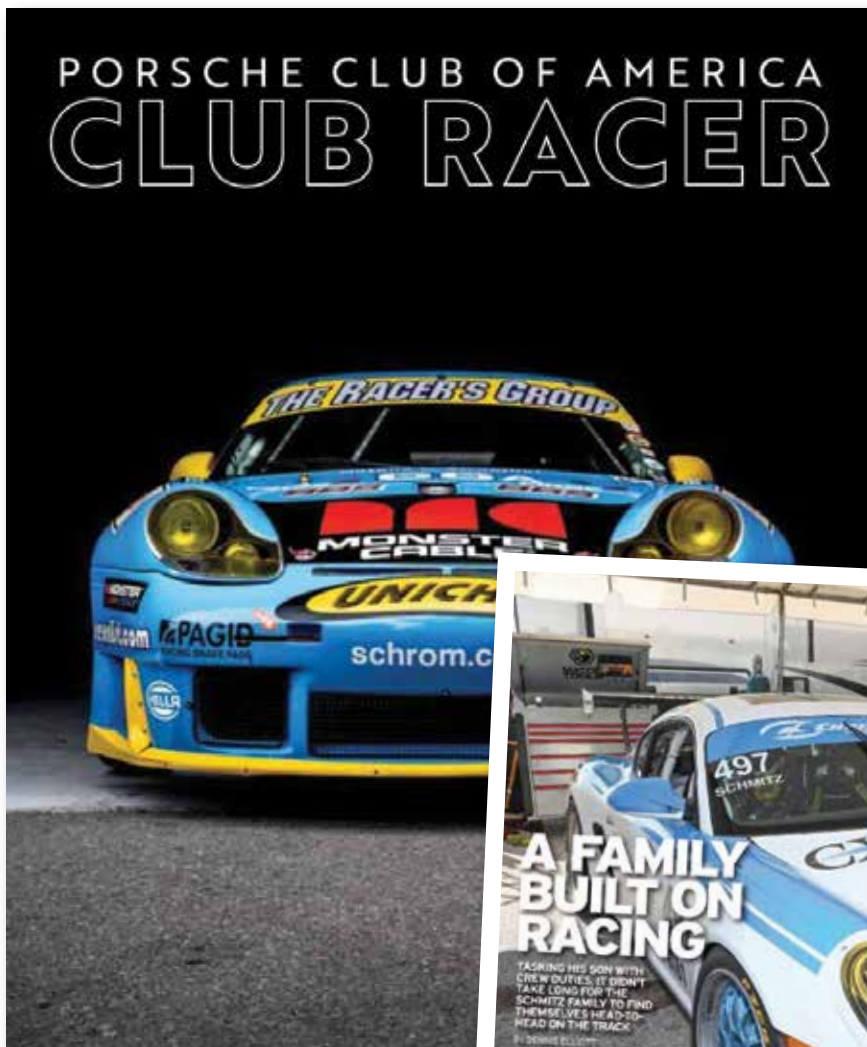
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AUTOCROSS



EVELYN WATKINS
AUTOCROSS CHAIR



Who would have guessed that autocross in mid-August was cooler than in June or July! It was summer, but the temperatures were (only) in the mid-nineties, and we were blessed with an overcast sky and a few breezes to make it feel cooler. Three first-time autocrossers came out and it only took them one lap with an instructor to show us they knew what to do and place very competitively in their classes. Congratulations to Kathy, Derek and Jayden!

Our next autocross will be at EXPO NM on October 26. (The State Fair midway will occupy our venue in September.) The weather should be much cooler, and we expect we will have a great turnout to drive and to watch. Hope to see you there then!

There were 31 drivers, 312 runs and the average time for all laps was 41.191 seconds. Jim Garton had designed a short course so overall raw scores (that is, not by class) in many cases were very close. Fastest time of the day was 35.640 seconds, by Paul D in his over-25-year-old Porsche 993 C4S. Fastest times by class are reported below.



Photo by Mike Courtney



--P02 Pro-----					
1	Paul D	Porsche 993 C4S			35.640
-- P03 -----					
1	Alan I	Porsche 911			37.931
2	John W	Porsche Boxster S	40.392	(2.461)	
-- P04 -----					
1	Russell J	Porsche Cayman GTS			36.048
2	Audrey L	Porsche Cayman GTS	37.823	(1.775)	
3	Ivan S	Porsche 911 GTS	38.198	(0.375)	
4	Kathryn M	Porsche 718 Cayman GTS	39.265	(1.067)	
5	Evelyn W	Porsche Boxster Spyder	39.383	(0.118)	
6	Roland W	Porsche Boxster S	41.173	(1.790)	
-- P05 -----					
1	George S	Porsche 718 Cayman GT4			38.329
2	Tori G	Porsche GT3 touring	39.107	(0.778)	
-- M01 -----					
1	Damian K	Porsche Cayman S			36.167
2	Scott W	Porsche 911 Carrera 3.2	41.447	(5.280)	
-- X01 -----					
1	Brian D	Mazda MX5 Miata			36.402
2	Jim G	Mazda MX5	36.435	(0.033)	
3	MaryLou H	Mazda MX-5	37.020	(0.585)	
4	David H	Corvette C7	38.001	(0.981)	
5	George W	Caterham SV	38.166	(0.165)	
6	Matthew W	Mini Cooper S	38.173	(0.007)	
7	Derek H	Subaru WRX TR	38.370	(0.197)	
8	RonJo C	Cadillac CT4V Blackwing	40.237	(1.867)	
9	Ken R	Hyundai Kona N	40.397	(0.160)	
10	Matt M	Ford Mustang GT	41.302	(0.905)	
11	Jayden McD	Toyota Celica GT	41.374	(0.072)	
12	Nathaniel M	Honda Civic Si	42.312	(0.938)	
13	Melanie D	Mazda MX5	42.363	(0.051)	
14	Cara B	Subaru BRZ	42.504	(0.141)	
15	Kenneth M	Ford Mustang GT	42.879	(0.375)	
16	Dominic C	Mazda Miata	43.150	(0.271)	
17	Leo H	Honda S2000	45.453	(2.303)	
-- X02 -----					
1	Michael C	Porsche Cayman GT4			36.318



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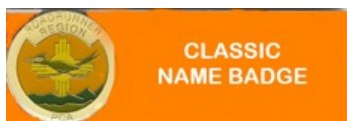


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SEPTEMBER 2024

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Affiliate Members	322
Total Region Membership	826
Test Drive Participants	4
Test Drive Conversions	0
PCA Juniors	19
Renewals	30
Late and deleted renewals	4

PCA National Membership:

Primary Members	106,343
Affiliate Members	55,725
Lifetime Members	23
Total	162,091

New Members:

Panayioti Kitsos – Albuquerque – 2021 Macan GTS

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Len Coloccia/Linda Pellitteri – Edgewood – Northern New Jersey – 1974 914 1.8

William L. Moon – Albuquerque – Heart O' Dixie – 1983 911 SC

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Tech Tips from Pedro

CLUNK! ...

by Pedro P. Bonilla GCR PCA

A clunk is very different from a tick, which has nothing to do with a hiss, a click, a squeal, a knock, a pop a rattle or a bang.

All of the above are sounds that you don't want to hear coming from your beloved Porsche.

But if you do, we'll try to steer you in the right direction.

There are hundreds of different sounds a car can make. Some good, others not so much.

Also, please keep in mind that a bad component may make more than one sound, and what I describe as a clunk, you may think it's a knock.

It'll be difficult trying to verbally describe the sounds, but here we go....

Clunk:

That's the most common one and usually comes from the front end.

If it happens when driving on bad roads it's usually a ball joint that's worn.

Ball joints have a flexible dust boot to protect the joint. When the boot tears it can allow grease to escape and road grime to come in doing damage to the joint.

Usually the drop links are the first to go, but control arms, trailing arms, steering arms, etc., all have ball joints that wear out with time and mileage.

If it happens when driving over bumps, it could be an issue with the suspension, such as a bad upper strut mount or even a bad strut itself (it happened to me recently).

If it happens when you're turning a corner, it could be a problem with the steering rack, or a worn out wheel bearing.



Squeak:

I mention squeaking here because many times it's a precursor to clunking. If your car starts squeaking when the suspension is depressed, it may be one or more of the ball joints that has dried out and is letting you know. If you determine which one it is check the condition of its dust boot. If intact, you can try to inject some lubricant (high quality lithium grease) into the boot with a syringe or with an aerosol straw tube. If it quiets down you know it need replacement soon.



Tick-Tick-Tick:

So many things can tick!

Generally ticking sounds are heard coming from the engine itself.

First check if the ticking varies with engine speed or car speed. That'll tell you if it's coming from the engine as you rev it with the clutch in or if it's from the drivetrain as you accelerate.

The fuel injectors (all 6 of them) can tick quite loudly.

The lifters, especially if the oil level is low can tick-tick-tic.

A shredding poly-ribbed belt can tick as it goes around.

Believe it or not, a very loud, metallic sounding tick can also be caused by a loose sparkplug.

If you can get the car on a lift, with the engine running, try to determine the general area where the ticking is coming from. The best listening device I use is a long screwdriver. Place the butt end against your ear and touch with the tip where you want to listen. You'll be surprised how great a stethoscope it is.

Knock-knock:

If you can hear knocking sounds from your engine, get it checked out ASAP, something could be seriously wrong. A knowledgeable technician can tell you if it's serious or can be easily fixed.

What's generally called engine knocking really sounds more like clattering and is generally due to using a lower gasoline octane rating than what's recommended. On high compression engines, you need to use high octane to avoid pre-ignition and knocking which can damage the engine. Fortunately most modern Porsches have automatic knock sensors that will retard timing to avoid pre-ignition (but you will lose power).



Bang!, Pop!:

A loud bang, like a gunshot, is usually a backfire. Backfiring happens when unburnt fuel comes out of the engine and gets ignited in the exhaust pipe. This could be due to a vacuum or exhaust leak or a problem with one of the catalytic converters.

The bang can also happen in the intake at the throttle body and could indicate an issue with the fuel and/or the ignition system, caused by a blocked fuel filter, bad spark plugs or damaged catalytic converter.

Grinding or whirring:

If the grinding happens when shifting, you probably have an issue with a synchro in the transmission which makes your gears not mesh at a synchronized speed and therefore grind.

A dried-out CV Joint (drive axle) or a failing wheel bearing can also grind quite loudly.

If you hear grinding while applying the brakes, your brake pads are probably worn or you may have some debris caught between a disc and its pad.



Hissing:

A vacuum leak while accelerating makes a loud hiss.

A fluid leak getting onto a hot engine surface and also hiss.

Rattling:

Rattles under the car means that something is loose and making noise as it vibrates. Generally a heat shield in place over the catalytic converters is one of the most common culprits. They are mounted with hardware that deteriorates in time and allow them to vibrate and create rattling.

Whistle (Coke bottle whistle):

A very distinct and loud "coke bottle" whistle is most likely the air-oil separator (AOS). If the inside membrane tears, it can create this unique sound.



Roar:

Most of our cars produce a beautiful roar as we accelerate (some call it the symphony in flat-6) but if your exhaust note changes all of the sudden to a loud roar, something happened to the exhaust system. The exhaust manifold may have cracked or one of the gaskets is allowing exhaust to freely escape. The muffler may be damaged or an exhaust pipe clamp could have rusted out and become loose.

Squeal:

A loud squeal when you rev the engine, especially when cold, is one of the easiest to diagnose. The belt is most likely loose and slipping on the pulley. It could be worn and in need of replacement, or the tensioner pulley may have lost its tension.



If the squeal is coming from the wheels without using the brakes, you probably have some debris between the disc and the backing plate. If it happens when applying the brakes, then your brake pads may be worn out....

... and, if it's coming from your tires, back off the gas pedal!

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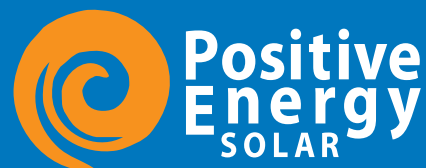
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