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2023 Werks Reunion, Amelia Island
(see story on page 13)



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From the Front Seat

By RSR President Peter Grant



Friday night at the Grant domicile. St. Patty's Day. There's no green in sight, and no Irish here...not even a green car in the garage. Bummer. Always amazing how many folks of Irish decent suddenly appear on this day...St. Patrick's Day...every year. Pretty prolific bunch of folks for such a small little island nation. Indeed, being Irish might have some perks to it that aren't so obvious to us "non-Irish" people!

March 21, coming right on the heels of St Patrick's Day, marks the official start of Spring, and with spring come thoughts of warmer weather, clear roads, and dusting off our hibernating Porsches to get them ready to RIDE! But wait a minute. If you read my missive last month, you know that because of the crazy weather we've had, I've already been out blasting around in the 911 on those days when the roads were clear and the sun was (sometimes) shining. Interestingly, when you think about it, the majority of Porsches are only driven in the best clear, summer weather, some not even venturing out if there's rain in the forecast. You never know...they might melt! 😊

Fact is, they can be incredibly comfy in the cold weather. My '09 Cab not only has a surprisingly intelligent auto heat function, it also has great (fast) working heated seats and a heated steering wheel (my favorite!)... all features never explored if you don't take a drive in the cold! Probably need to put in a disclaimer when it comes to the earlier air-cooled cars. The complexity of their HVAC systems made their ability to keep the cabin warm/cold suspect even when new. Put 20-30+ years of age and "use" on them and I suspect all bets are off for cold weather driving in these.

While I've been able to take the 911 out for so many fun drives on these clear days, my poor 944 has been sulking over in the corner of the garage, pushed there while sitting on its Harbor Freight rollers while waiting for its transaxle to return and be bolted into place. Well, just as spring starts peeking around the corner, the transaxle has returned and been successfully bolted back in place. Down it comes off the rollers... poised and ready for another one of those clear days.

As of this writing, we have in fact had some clear days, and it's been great to row through the gears on the 944. It doesn't have heated seats or a heated steering wheel, but it does hold a nice steady temperature and is a pleasure to drive. Interestingly, the 944 being my track car, the summer tires on it are even more "extreme" than the ones on the 911, stopping

just short of being DOT slicks (aka – Hoosiers). So while I confirmed that I was not going to damage them if I drove them in the cold, I was very careful not to press too hard on the limit of adhesion which, in the cold, is pretty low on these tires.

Talking about all these creature comforts that can keep you comfortable in the worst weather always makes me think about whether or not a "sports car" should provide such comforts? Visions of diehard sports car enthusiasts blasting through a blizzard in an open cockpit sports car...teeth bared (and chattering, I would guess)...dance in my head. Multiple Porsche models have been produced over the years that brag about all the "deletes" they have that make them lighter and faster...no AC, fixed back seats with no power, no audio, etc... all the while also taking away those creature comforts we've come to know and love. Must be a "true" sports car. Really? For those who read my column regularly, you know I've made my thoughts known on this already...been there, done that. I like my creature comforts, and I'll keep the top up and the heat on if it's cold, and the top up and AC on if it's blistering hot. Thank you very much.

What I find even more interesting is that a modern day 911 has an incredibly complete list of creature comfort "stuff", making them a truly pleasant car to drive in any season, in any weather. Yet, in spite of the added weight and loss, perhaps, of true "sports car status", they manage to go faster around the Ring each and every model update. So, hats off to the designers and engineers in Stuttgart, and no matter how basic or plush your Porsche might be, the most important thing is to get out and drive the heck out of it. Happy St Patrick's Day, and happy Spring everyone! See you on the road.

Finally, our tireless Bahn Stormer Editor made a really great suggestion that, as President, I take a moment at the end of each of my "From the Front Seat" articles going forward to highlight and thank a member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in their efforts to help the club. All of us should be both humbled and grateful that our organization runs, and runs well, entirely through VOLUNTEER efforts by many, many dedicated Porsche folks. So thank you for the great suggestion, and for my first "thank you", I'd like to thank you...Mike O'Rear...for your continued and ongoing efforts to publish a well-organized and enjoyable magazine each and every month...and include a special thanks also to your "behind the scenes" editor, Kathy O'Rear. You guys are the greatest! A big RSR THANK YOU for all you do.

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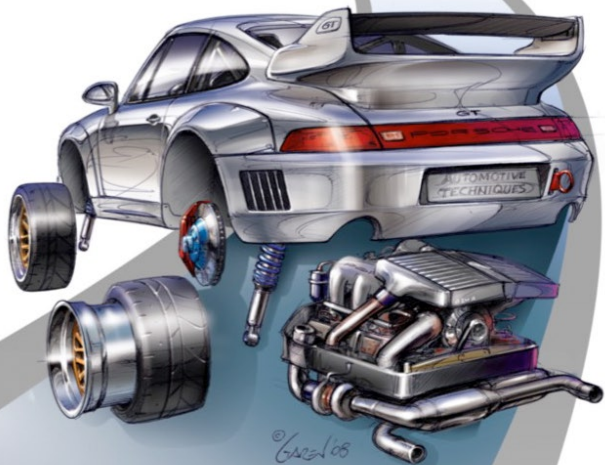
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RSR Calendar of Events

April 3 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

April 22 (Sat.) 10AM-2PM: PCA Multi-Region Swap Meet, Car Show & Tech Quiz, Potiac, MI (see ad on page26)

May 1 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

May 6 (Sat.): New Member Party (details to follow)

May 16 (Tue.): Beginners' Day HPDE at Waterford Hills

June 5 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

June 9-11 (Fri.-Sun.): HPDE Weekend at Grattan Raceway.

June 10 (Sat.): Grand Rapids Garden & Track Tour (see ad on page 10)

July 12 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

July 15 (Sat.) 1:30-8:00 PM: Porsches in the Park -- German Park (5549 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor) (see ad on page 8)

August 7 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

September 11 (Mon.) 7:00: PM RSR Board Meeting -- NCMS Building, 3025 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor

September 30- October 1 (Sat.-Sun.): HPDE Weekend at GingerMan Raceway.

Other Events of Interest

Second Saturday of every month, 9:00 AM: The Gathering At Rennstatt (669 State Circle, Ann Arbor) (see page 23)

January 1 -- April 2, 2023: Porsche 911: The Evolution of an Icon -- The Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum (10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106 (Details at www.thecrawfordmuseum.org)

Third Saturday of every month April thru October, 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM: Ann Arbor Cars and Coffee. Zingerman's Road House, Ann Arbor (see page 25)

June 2-4 (Fri.-Sun.): Motor-Stadt 50th Anniversary Event -- Bavarian Inn & n edge, Frankenmuth, MI (see ad on page15)

June 18-24 (Sun.-Sat.): PCA Parade -- Palm Springs, CA.



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Since joining Rally Sport a few years ago Charlie has become someone who just makes things happen. He has hosted several fun events including last year's Color Tour, 2019's drive to Kalamazoo's AirZoo Museum and 2021 drive to Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners Michigan. If that weren't enough Charlie has assumed the role of Registrar for our track events and helped with registration of several social events. In spite of this workload Charlie is always the most cheerful participant in any RSR event that he attends. We couldn't do all that we do without him.



Charlie Brown III



Gathering of 200+ Porsches – Time Speed Distance Rally
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Saturday, July 15th
1:30 – 8:00ish pm
German Park, Ann Arbor, MI



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Informal gathering – Friday July 14th (details coming)

Ann Arbor Cars & Coffee – Saturday July 15th 7:30 – 9:00 am

Porsches in the Park 2022 – Saturday July 15th 1:30 – 8ish pm

Porsches from all over Zone 4 PCA will gather @ German Park (5 miles north of Ann Arbor) for a great afternoon & evening of activities and socializing.

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September 12th—Waterford Hills

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Grand Rapids Garden & Track Tour Saturday, June 10th

Departing Saturday morning join us for a fun afternoon in Grand Rapids. We'll begin with a relaxing tour of the Frederik Meijer Gardens.



We'll then take a winding drive out to the Grattan Raceway where we'll drive "parade laps" on one of Michigan's most challenging road courses. Don't worry, parade laps are driven at normal public road speeds with no opposing traffic).

Finally, we'll join the enthusiasts who have spent the day driving the course at speed for the Saturday dinner on the site.

The cost for all events is only \$60/person. For more information contact Kevin Kral (kevinjkrall@gmail.com) or msreg.com/23RSPGarden to register by Saturday, June 3rd.

Rally sport Region's 2023 HPDE Schedule Details

By Track Registrar Charlie Brown III

Good March Madness to All who've run our Rally Sport Region PCA High Performance Drivers' Education events over the past couple decades or just haven't gotten around to it, yet! Our Madness is more for four round tires than orange balls and hoops.

Our 2023 HPDE schedule is locked and loaded with **FOUR** driving schools scattered across three road racing circuits in Southern Michigan, including a new location -- well truth in advertising someplace we haven't been to in a LONG time! All of the events are currently posted on the MSR (MotorsportReg) website with all of them open for Registration. So, grab your favorite beverage, your 2023 calendar or cell phone, and read on. Spots are starting to fill, but there's plenty of room for YOU to join us.

Tuesday, May 16th at Waterford Hills, north of Detroit, MI. Waterford is a fun and challenging 1.4-mile circuit stuffed with 13 turns and Hill Top turn that's a mirror image of Mid Ohio's Turn 7 -- turn-right-over-the-hill, stuff your right foot into it and hang on! It's a great upper-body workout with no Pilates balls involved!! We'll supply continental breakfast, pay for your lunch at the Track Grill and supply some of the best instructors in the business. This is traditionally beginner/novice-centric, but there's time and space for drivers of all levels, with plenty of instructors available for all -- never know, you may learn something, too! Here's the MSR link:

[May 16th Waterford HPDE](#)

Friday - Sunday, June 09-11 at Grattan Raceway, NE of Grand Rapids, MI

Grattan is 2 miles of chocked full of ups & downs, rights & lefts, on-camber & off-camber, a yump and a 3,200-foot slightly uphill front straight to stretch you/your car's legs. Friday the 9th is reserved for Instructors and Advanced Solo drivers to enhance their skills. MSF Level 2 training will also be available on Friday. Saturday & Sunday are a traditional HPDE/driving school where you'll be paired up with one of our experienced instructors to learn and/or hone your skills. Camping is available as are garages -- details in the MSR registration docket. We've reserved a block of hotel rooms in nearby Greenville at the AmericInn. There will be an al fresco upscale Mexican buffet Saturday evening (with circus tent and chairs) after the last checkered flag **AND live entertainment both Friday & Saturday evenings**. Here's the MSR link:

[June 09-11 Grattan HPDE](#)

For those of us who won't succumb to the lure of Drivers' Education events this year you can still enjoy the camaraderie of fellow club members, the great food and entertainment on Saturday evening at the Grattan Track, following a tour of the beautiful Meijer Gardens. See the details of the facing page.

Tuesday, Sept. 12th we're back at Waterford for our traditional fall wrap-up HPDE.

Same hype as the May 16th HPDE, but a chance to fine tune things before the dreaded Michigan winter sets in. Here's the MSR link:

[Sept. 12 Waterford HPDE](#)

But wait, there's more!!

We found a spot on GingerMan's busy schedule so we're returning after a long hiatus for a **GingerMan 2-day HPDE on Saturday & Sunday Sept. 30/Oct. 01**. GingerMan is 7 miles due east of downtown picturesque South Haven, MI in the rolling hills of the State of Michigan's southwestern shore. We'll be running GingerMan's long track: 2.14 miles with 11 turns. The back-straight is 1,700-feet long to stretch out and catch your breath. A block of rooms are 8 minutes west of the track on the outskirts of South Haven where there are plenty of opportunities for evening dining. Camping and garages and even golf carts are available at the track -- see registration link. Here's 'tis the MSR link:

[Sept. 30/Oct. 01 GingerMan HPDE](#)

Well, did any of this shake off the winter doldrums and get you thinking about burning some fossil fuels in your favorite ride rather than in the snow blower? If any/all of this looks tempting, PLEASE click the links and explore the details therein. Updates will be as needed, and E-mails will be sent by yours truly as we near each event's opening day. If you have ANY questions there's contact info on each link, or you can reach me via contact info below. I'm retired, so plenty of time to answer most questions -- and I'll refer to the anyone else in our region to find those few I don't know -- but **PLEASE** this old guy needs as much beauty sleep as possible (some may say it won't help) but try to keep phone calls to 9am to 10pm. If I don't answer, I'll get back to you within 24 hours (I hope).

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2023 Werks Reunion on Amelia Island

Story & photos by Sebastian Gaeta & Glenn Trapp

The fact that I was able to attend Werks Reunion 2023 on Amelia Island was pure luck and coincidence. I had a business meeting in Raleigh and decided to drive there so I could visit mom in NE Florida afterwards. Reading some items in Panorama I saw the announcement for the Werks Reunion and put it on my list.

Former RSR member and good friend Tim Buko lives 20 minutes from my mother, so I made plans with him to make the trip up to Amelia. He had attended the last several so knew the layout which was a great help. Parking was a breeze and we were able to walk to the display area quickly. Once we entered it was like a Porsche fantasy land, immaculate cars everywhere in an immaculate setting.

I ran into several people I knew which was quite a nice surprise, including Mark Pribanic. If you are not familiar with Mark, he is a Jacksonville native that drives his '58 356A cross country on a regular basis to attend different Porsche events and is well known on social media. Honestly, I have a feeling he is paid by Porsche to do this as he is at every single significant Porsche event and posts about his travels regularly. He is a great guy on top of that.

Let's you think the event is all vintage stuff I can tell you the newer cars were well represented. The oldest car there was a '55 coupe and the newest cars on display still had their window sticker on them.

There are a couple of ways to display your vehicle at Werks; one is to register for the Car Corral which had a few hundred cars displayed and the other is to be invited to be in judged display. I like this concept because no one is shut out from showing their car.

Werks Reunion is just one component of the Amelia weekend. There is lots of general cruising going on Wednesday and Thursday, Werks is on Friday, Saturday there is a car show that you must register for (all makes) and the big event is Sunday, the Amelia Island Concours which of course your car must be invited. All the while the big auctions are going on at the resort hotels, Bonham's, RM-Sotheby's, Barrett Jackson etc.

If you are interested in attending next year, it is about an hour's drive from Jacksonville and there are plenty of hotels on the outlying areas.

That weekend is definitely on my calendar for next year, let me know if you are going!



(More photos on page 15)

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(Continued from page 13)



Glenn Trapp, Club Membership Chair and Historian, with his former loyal track 914 "Fritz," now fully restored by new owner Steve Yeager of the Central Indiana Region and winning 2nd place class award at Amelia Island.



Motor-Stadt 50th Anniversary Event

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The 944 Chronicles

By member Skip Kuhn (see other articles by Skip at <http://exclusive.multibriefs.com/author/skip-kuhn>)

I found this auction on Bring a Trailer yesterday for one of the actual Escort Endurance series race cars <https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1987-chevrolet-corvette-coupe-14/>. For those of you who are unfamiliar with racing in the 1980s professional Showroom Stock endurance racing was very big. SCCA and IMSA both had pro series where the manufacturers could compete with essentially “stock” production GT models that had a roll cage, race seat, belts, and a fire system added. Full interiors and production trim were the rule along with “production” (wink, wink) engines, chassis, and spec tires.

Several series existed including the SCCA organized Playboy United States Endurance Cup which eventually became the Escort Endurance Championship. IMSA (the primary SCCA competitor) had the Firestone Firehawk Endurance Championship which of course raced on spec Firestone tires. Race lengths varied from 4 to 24 hours hence the reason all of the series were titled endurance series. At the amateur level, SCCA offered the Showroom Stock classes where the primary car prep was in theory only safety related but of course the better the budget the more “stock” the car would be. I couldn’t afford to build a competitive showroom stock car, so I ended up running an E-Prod MGB instead.

Before the pro series there was the amateur 24 hour showroom stock Longest Day of Nelson Ledges. A Porsche 924 won the inaugural Longest Day of Nelson Ledges in 1981. That same race later became one of the stops in the SCCA Playboy and Escort endurance series continuing as one of their feature races until 1987. 944s and 944 turbos were important players in all of these series. They chalked up quite a few class wins and developed a winning reputation both as (Naturally Aspirated) NA and turbo cars. The turbo cars ran well against the C4 Corvettes of the day. Here are some random internet pics of two of the pro level 944s that ran in those race series.

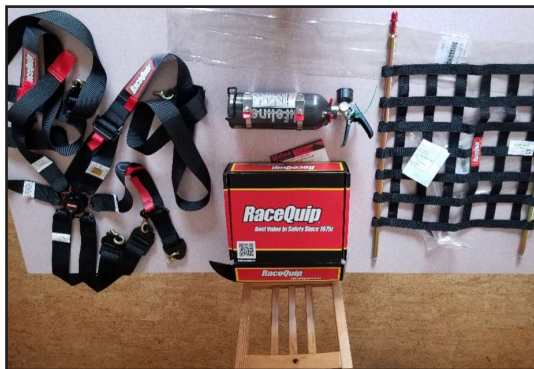


If you want to see more photos, a lot more photos, go to Mark Windecker’s site at https://pbase.com/mwphoto/1986_nelson_ledges_escort. He has an extensive data-

base of photos from the pro showroom stock racing battles of the 1980s. He also happens to be one of the photographers that covers the current WHRRI race weekends.

So back to today. The preparation of my vintage Formula Ford is progressing but not quickly enough to make any kind of on track appearance this year. What started as a simple clean up and refresh has progressed into a nearly nut and bolt restoration including a transmission rebuild, fresh engine, and re-engineering of the engine mount system. However, I do have my 1984 Brown 944 which is not getting nearly enough drive time of any sort. It’s vintage racing legal, and it’s essentially stock. Why not race it as an Escort Series race car tribute? Other than safety equipment it is fully prepped and ready to go. It has a manual steering rack, A/C delete, turbo sway bars, and urethane bushed suspension. It is an ideal candidate to recreate a showroom stock 944 from the eighties. No need to strip the interior or install fancy aftermarket suspension parts. In fact, that would not be allowed and would be entirely inconsistent with how the cars were competition prepped at the time. Everything safety, including the roll cage, can be installed, and later removed without any real permanent damage to the car. The 944 is also way easier to get in and out of than the Formula Ford. I’m not giving up on the Ford, just taking a little detour that will hopefully get me back on track and vintage racing a little sooner. Besides, the 944 is a really fun car to drive on track.

Like so many car projects, my primary tool to date has been my check book. Here is what I have accomplished so far.



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Caymans & Commentary

By member Randy Beikmann

The Storm Before the Calm

"Plans are nothing; planning is everything."

-- Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Now is not the time to panic" is a quote you've probably heard in an action movie or two. It's a good thing to remember if, as a track rat, you have asked your tires to do something they can't, and you find yourself headed somewhere you didn't plan to. This isn't a good time to panic, but when is?

Right now would be good. Well, don't exactly panic, but imagine the situation and think about what you would do. Of course, most people really don't want to think about bad things that could happen. Some might even consider visualizing going off the track as negative thinking or planning for failure.

But our brains are much, much better and faster at executing pre-planned maneuvers than making them up on the fly. And we stay a lot calmer, keeping our ability to adapt instead of freezing up. That's why we have fire drills, tornado drills, CPR training, and outfielders back up infielders in case a throw gets past.

Eisenhower, despite being a master planner, knew full well that no military operation is exactly choreographed. You don't know the plans of your adversaries, who have a very different idea about how the action should develop, and will try to avoid being predictable. Many other factors, like the capabilities of your own troops, reliability of your own intelligence and equipment, and the weather, add to the likelihood that what you plan won't exactly happen. So, "Plans are nothing."

But even though events rarely unfold according to plan, "Planning is everything." Planning forces you to imagine many scenarios, options to choose in reacting to each, which options could improve the situation, which could make it worse, and which could make it a lot worse.

For example, when you drop a tire off the pavement exiting a curve too wide, your first reflex might be to save your pride and immediately turn back on to the track. So it could improve things, slightly. I guess.

But your steered front tires will reach pavement first and will have more traction, and that might spin you sideways. If you're still more unlucky, you could catch a tire on the edge of the pavement, and you might roll. Or you might hit another car.

It's usually a lot safer to go with it and ride it out. Keep the car straight, drop your speed, make sure the track is clear, and get back on gradually. Slight embarrassment is a lot better option than trashing your car and endangering yourself or others.

What if, as in certain corners, there is a guard rail instead of grass at the exit? Maybe plan ahead by moving your apex a touch later, so you're on the throttle early at exit and you can reduce how wide you go by using less, rather than being carried out at the mercy of your momentum.

I have found that dealing with fears ahead of time actually makes them disappear once I'm on the track. The action plans, or at least adaptations of them, quickly come back when needed.

Saturday at Grattan last year, I was having trouble finding the right approach to Turn 11, the sharp and blind right-hander on the uphill back stretch (don't we all?). I kept taking it too wide and it was costing me speed through Turn 12 and the front straight. I kept tinkering with the entry, but also became curious about what the off-track area was like inside 12, just in case, and decided I should do the track walk that evening and find out.

On one lap I came over the rise before 11 and my right tires were headed about two feet to the right of the pavement inside the apex. That is a nasty dip and would almost certainly have damaged my car if I had hit it.

I really had no choice but to straighten out some by steering a bit more to the left (less to the right really). I avoided the off-track dip, but then there was no way I could make Turn 12. So I was off-roading well inside its apex and riding it out as I kept it straight. I ended up with a lot of grass stuck into the underbody of my one-year-old car, but no structural damage.

In retrospect, I should have found out beforehand what the run-off area was like, so I could have had more confidence that bailing out to the inside of 12 was indeed the better choice. Now I know (and it was a great time savings because I didn't need to do the track walk that night). As for my pride, at this point in my life I've made so many mistakes that it takes more than that to embarrass me!



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Ramblings From a Life With Cars

By Regular Contributor and SEM-PCA Member Tom Fielitz

History of Style

Porsche is celebrating 50 years of Porsche car design and marking it with a special edition run of Carrera 4S Targa cars plus a custom chronograph Porsche Design watch and a one-off build of a new 1972 S Targa destined for the Porsche Museum, all cars presented in black with hounds tooth interior.

The history of industrial design goes much further back. Industrial design also known as Werkbund is credited to Peter Behrens in 1907. Design style was applied to every day used household and industrial pieces. This opened the revelation that the style design of an item could add to its value beyond its functionality. In the US that industrial design was mostly credited to Raymond Loewy. He was born in France in 1893 and died in Monaco in 1986. He was credited with a wide variety of design of items from the Coke bottle to streamlined trains and many daily used kitchen utensils. In the automotive world he primarily worked for Studebaker with his most famous car design of the Avanti.

Porsche car design started with the Porsche 356 designed by Erwin Komenda in 1948 in Gmund, Austria. By the time 356 production ended in 1964 76,000 cars had been produced.

Design responsibility was relocated to Zuffenhausen in 1950 and when Porsche decided to design a replacement for the 356 they turned to Studebaker in 1953. Studebaker proposed a totally new design of front engine prototype they designated as the Porsche 542 or Studebaker design Z-87.

Porsche rejected this design and turned to Ferdinand Porsche to come up with a fresh design that included styling links to the 356. His design of the 911 became the original shape which even the most recent 911's shape can be recognized as descended from the earliest 356 design. Ferdinand is also credited with the design of the 904 and the F1 racing car the 804. His other major contribution was adding the Targa bar for the 911 in answer to the government ban on convertible cars.

But Ferry wanted more design control so in 1972 he founded Porsche Design. In 2003 this became a subsidiary of Porsche AG combining with Porsche Design Group based in Zell Am See Austria. Separating from the family managed Porsche AG, Ferry was free to expand Porsche Design to a variety of project designs ranging from consulting work with other major companies such as Bosch. Porsche Design Select covers such projects as men's and ladies' fashion

jackets, gloves, watches, luggage, key fobs and so on. He has even designed a yacht. Porsche engineering has always provided engineering consultation to other manufacturers although on a very secretive basis.

Today Porsche car design is run by Managing Director and Chief Designer Roland Heiler working from Design Studio F. A. Porsche. Like most manufacturers, all of the company's car lines contain style elements that provide a common link between models. Unlike virtually all other manufacturers, Porsche has maintained its key styling threads linking all of its design generations for more than 75 years and thereby "locked" the brand in the public's consciousness.



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(944 Chronicles from page 17)

I already had the race seat. Just the driver seat gets updated as the passenger seat remains stock just like back in the day. I'm still waiting on the external kill switch and the optional tow straps. I also have the roll cage on order and with any luck may see it in 2 weeks. Then comes the assembly and fitting to the car followed by the welding of various mounting points for the net and the bolt down cage attachment plates. I spent a lot of time reading and re-reading the various vintage organizations' rule books as well as the SCCA GCR rules for Improved Touring (IT) to make sure my prep covers the safety requirements of the organizations I plan to run with. If you are thinking of doing or have done a similar project, give me a call and we can share notes.

As an admitted professional procrastinator and serial dil-
ettante completion time is TBD but ASAP. That assumes I don't get distracted by some other new and better idea before the car prep is complete. Will it be done in time for the VSCDA driver school in May, hopefully but worst case is build and test this year at Waterford bracket races and race next year on the vintage circuit. With any luck I'll have some updates with pictures next month.

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Rally Sport Region -- Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 6, 2023

Peter Grant: President.....Present
Jon Heidorn: Vice-President.....Present
Tim Pott: Previous Past PresedentAbsent
Burghard Linn: Treasurer.....Present
Kevin Kral: SecretaryAbsent
Charlie Brown III.....Present

Dave Finch.....Present
Sebastian GaetaAbsent
Alex Green.....Absent
Wally Haley: Insurance ChairPresent
Matt HuberPresent
Riley McKeownAbsent

Members & Visitor Present: Mike O'Rear (Editor), Tom Neil, Phil & Francie Kish, Nick Bleau, Jim Glenn, Sue Sarin, Arnie Spieker, David Walker, Tim Boertman, Dan & Mary Ann Kantrow,

Call to Order: Peter called the meeting to order at 6:58PM at the NCMS Building, Ann Arbor.

President's Report: addressed in other areas below.

Meeting Minutes: February meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion: To approve meeting minutes passed unanimously by show of hands.

Treasurer's Report: Burghard reviewed the February financial report. Getting \$334 from PCA National from their "excess." Motion: To approve all financial reports passed unanimously. REMINDER: The Treasurer's Report is available to club members. Email Burghard Linn at burghard.linn@gmail.com

Insurance Report: no report per Wally as no events imminent

Sponsorship Report: Tim Pott has resigned as Sponsorship Chair. Peter reported: HPDEs doing well; PiP not so well.

Social Committee Report: by Jon Heidorn. He handed out a 1-page summary of 2023CY RSP events.

- New member meeting. Sebastian is targeting April.
- Scrambling to find sponsorship for PiP.
- Need new Registrar & Peoples' Choice Concours chair for PiP.
- No Rolling Sculpture – road repairs in AA. Looking to replace with social event Friday evening.
- Looking for Volunteers for leading a drive to go with the Grattan Entertainment Event 6/10.
- Matt is looking to add Flash Drives back and going to the LaFontain Classic Dealer as one of them.

Advertising Report: no report, other than Burghard reporting earlier that all Bahn Stormer advertisers paid except one = pending

Membership: Glenn Trapp, through Peter, confirmed our status is up to 335 members.

Track Report: all HPDEs are open on MSR with entries coming in for all; most for Grattan.

Newsletter: Mike set the deadline for content March 19th.

Website: no report

New Business: no report

Old Business: no report

Motion: To adjourn the meeting passed unanimously at 7:38PM. Minutes taken by Charlie Brown, Track Registrar.



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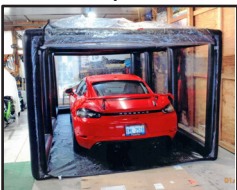


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I also have most of a 1.8 914 engine (EC037544) with a matching transmission. The cylinder jugs and one piston are missing but everything else (I think) is there including flywheel, fan, and fan shrouds. Not for free but the goal is to get them out of my pole barn so make me an offer.

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