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April 2009

Day  April
  1  Board Meeting
  5  Autocross #2 - Penn
 14  Lewisville Lunch
 16  Happy Hour
 18  Time Trial #2 - MW
 19  Autocross #3 - MW
 23  Grapevine Lunch
25-26  Drivers’ Education - MSR

Day  June
  3  Board Meeting
  6  Autocross #5 - BISD
  9  Lewisville Lunch
 14  Time Trial #4 MSR
 18  Happy Hour
 25  Grapevine Lunch
29-04  PARADE 2009

May 2009

Day  May
  2  May at Mayo’s
  6  Board Meeting
  9  Time Trial #3 - MW
 12  Lewisville Lunch
 16  Rally around Italy
 17  Sunday Drive & AX #4 Penn
 21  Happy Hour
23-25  DE Club Race - ECR
 28  Grapevine Lunch

Day  July
29-04  PARADE 2009

Day
       Sun   Mon   Tue   Wed   Thu   Fri   Sat
Day
Sun  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25  26  27  28  29  30  31
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BISD - Birdville Ind School District, NH
DE - Drivers’ Education Event
EC - Eagle’s Canyon, Slidell
MW- Mineral Wells Airport, Mineral Wells
MSR - Motor Sport Ranch, Cresson
RS - Ranger Stadium, Arlington
TMS- Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth
Pen- Pennington Field Stadium, Bedford

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Get Out and Drive

by Bryan Bell, Vice President

Two months ago, Mike Brodigan asked if I would write an article for Slipstream while he was out of town in the month of March. I thought “Sure, no problem, I have lots of time to get that done”. As I sit here - the night it is due – I am thinking about what I have been doing the last few months. Well, with PCA, I have enjoyed a number of things this year. So far: Board meetings, New Members Party, DE at ECR, AX & TT schools and even a Zone 5 Presidents’ meeting. This is just the start of the Spring driving season that I love so. With DE’s, Sunday Drives, Rallies, AX & TT’s – Bring it all on!

Then I started thinking about why I love driving a Porsche so much... While I have met a large number of great people in PCA and more than doubled the list of friends I have in this world, that is not the only reason I love to drive. When I first bought my 911, I would get up early on Saturday morning and go for a drive in the country alone with my car and the not so traveled roads of North Texas. Then I found driving on a track was an escape from the rest of the world. I relate it to a lot of other diversions in life, like golf, just with more adrenalin involved! Turning in to the apex of a corner on a track is much like doing a back swing in golf. You can’t think about anything else in your life at the moment! Now I get that same feeling seeing & helping others have that same experience that I love. So whether you have had your Porsche for 30 years or 30 days, do yourself a favor and get up early tomorrow morning and go out for a drive. ⚡

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April 12th
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Bryan bought a 1999 966 and joined PCA in 2003 after longing for a 911 his whole life. Then fell in love with driving one! He is active in Drivers Education, Autocross and Time Trial. Bryan works at Digital Print, Inc. located at MotorSport Ranch in Cresson.

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Jim just joined Maverick Region in August, 2008. He drives a 1992 968 cab and has recently enjoyed several social events. Jim is looking forward to participating in all the driving events.

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Please help us to keep growing!
For anyone north of the Mason Dixon line this might sound a little crazy, but down here in Texas, Spring is in the air! To start off, let me fill you in on the newest little member to the region. Maggie Grace Platts was born to Matt (one of my biggest supporters as editor) & Hollie Platts. Maggie arrived February 24 at 4:59PM in the delivery room of Fort Worth’s Baylor All Saints Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs 15 oz, and was 17.75” long. Congratulations from all of us, well done!!!

What a way to begin life... in Spring when the air is full of sweet fragrances. Excitement you will not soon forget as life begins to bloom, as it will for all in attendance in our annual Bluebonnet run to the Ennis with Clint Blackman and his Sunday Drive followers. This has become an annual event that is hard to beat so sign up and enjoy a casual drive through our beautiful countryside. You will be hard pressed not to enjoy the day with like-minded friends.

Another area that is full of fun and longs for participation is in our Drivers Education (DE) program. Toward the end of April, we will be lucky enough to have the privilege in spending time with a former CEO and President of Porsche AG. Peter Schutz will be in attendance on Saturday at the Park Place sponsored DE at Motor Sport Ranch (MSR) to share his lifetime of experiences with any and everyone interested. Talking about a lifetime, this could be, and probably will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. How often do we have an opportunity like this knocking on our doors? Even if driving your car the way it was intended to be driven isn’t your thing, come out and support Mr. Schutz, you won’t regret it.

As the Platts grow into their new family, think about the fun and excitement they will have. Now, contrast that to the fun and excitement you could have when you join the PCA family at Parade this summer. It’s all about families young and old growing closer, enjoying life to its fullest. PCA is thrilled with the response to their three day Parade Registration, but would like us all to remember registration remains open until June 15th – so if you have not already done so – feel free to do it at any time. You’ll need your user name and password to register online at www.pca.org. If you do not have your user name or password, contact the PCA National Office at admin@pca.org and they will be more than helpful. Talk to your friends and make plans today!

Finally, I would like to thank each and everyone that has been proactive in helping fill these pages each and every month. I have been honored to have had at least one article submitted by one of our members in each issue. So please continue these efforts and share your personal experiences with the rest of the Maverick family. Without your help, Slipstream will never be as good as it can be.
May at Mayo’s  Saturday May 2nd

Food
catered by
Babe’s Chicken:
taters & gravy, biscuits,
salad, peach cobbler
Beer of all kinds,
Sodas for the kids (and wannabe’s)...

Dinner 6:00pm

YES!!
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MACHINE!

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O ur illustrious Vice President Bryan Bell led our March meeting due to the President being out of town. The meeting began around the 7:00ish hour. Bryan reported that the AX101 went very well. Andrea (Bryan’s wonderful do everything wife) sent out survey’s and she received good input about the school. AX102 and TT103 will be held on March 13th -14th in Mineral Wells. Bryan also reported that insurance is covered for the upcoming events for about a month. Bryan also attended the Zone 5 Presidents Meeting and he is very excited about trying new things to try to get new members involved in the club. He thinks that a Car Show would be fun. The Car Show could be held at a mall and kids could vote “Best in Show” and a Demo AX could be set up to give members rides to get a feel of what an autocross is really like.

Lisa Steele continued to write and had nothing important to say, believe it or not!

Christy Payne was very excited that there was going to be a Rules Committee meeting after the General Board Meeting. Denny Payne reported that the web page is going good and he has received many compliments on the Google calendar. WooHoo!!

Teri Davis reported on some changes for Round Up. The date for this event is now August 21-August 23rd. The site for Round Up is now the Lodge of Granbury which has a good price range for rooms. Some things on the schedule of events are a Tech Quiz, Gimmick Rally, shopping, and the Windmill Farm. If I know Teri, this is just the start of what will be a fantastic weekend filled with lots of fun for the whole family.

Charlie Davis only had ONE thing believe it or not. He handed our treasurer an invoice for fire extinguisher maintenance.

Bob Lewis reported that the March Happy Hour will be at Go Fish in North Dallas by the Galleria.

Jan Mayo was excited about adding 2 new advertisers to Slipstream. We welcome All State Insurance and Mullenix Motorsport! Richard Bradley would love to have an article from anyone who attends the Lewisville or Grapevine Lunch each month.

Jim Falgout shared with the group that the Ferrari Club is interested in joining MRPCA to try and revive their club. I personally would welcome the Ferrari Club with open arms! Oh yeah, Jim also reported that “we have money.”

Chuck McCoy joined the meeting to listen and learn (I think he was at the wrong meeting if he wanted to actually learn something).

Tracey Gross is trying to set up a Golf Tournament for all members to participate in.

Wendy Shoffit “Woman of Many Hats” congratulated Matt and Holly Platts on the arrival of their new baby girl Maggie Grace…can’t wait to see the beautiful pictures!! Wendy reported that the Directory is almost ready. Wendy has also been working on the Brochure which will be a quad fold on legal size paper. She is going to get a couple of quotes for the best printing price for about 500-1,000 copies. As the Social Chair, Wendy reported that Babe’s Chicken will be served at May at Mayo’s. She is looking into a wine tasting at the Delaney Winery. Clint Blackman announced that there will be a Sunday Drive on March 22 in Denison.

James Shoffit had a couple of things to report from his National Board Meeting in New Orleans. Can you imagine the minutes from that meeting? For all you Club Racers, James reported that the 13/13 Rule for single car accidents has been taken away. This year’s raffle in Panorama will be the new 911 with the Tech Package. At his Zone meeting, James got great compliments on our Google calendar… everyone give Denny a pat on the back when you see him. James also had a couple of Risk Management issues to share. We must have waivers at every event and everyone attending the event must sign the waiver. We should be doing an observers report at each event. This should be completed by someone other than the chair person in charge of the event.

Carey Spreen will be going to Italy…Italy, Texas, for his great rally that he is planning. Robyn Howard passed on making any comments. Travis Howard reminded the group that the first Time Trial is the 28th of March. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM…way to run a meeting Bryan!
Little Horse

by John Hamilton

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
By Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know,
His house is in the village though.
He will not see me stopping here,
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer,
To stop without a farmhouse near,
Between the woods and frozen lake,
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake,
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound’s the sweep,
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

The “little horse” in the photo was my grandfather’s 1960 356B which he bought used in the early 1960’s and kept until the late 1970’s when he was no longer able to drive. He sold it for a song to people “who would give it a good home.” The “Woods” were along a roadside in New Jersey where we lived.

This is how Porsches got into my blood. I’d go over to Granddad’s house to help him clean and polish his car in exchange for a “black and white” soda. He entered his car into several concours d’elegances and once won second at the concours in New Hope, Pennsylvania. We also took his car on many road rallies with the Northern N.J. Porsche Club. He was the driver and I was the navigator (I wasn’t old enough to drive, nor would he let me!). My equipment was two stop watches, a Halda trip odometer and a mechanical Curta (peppermill) computer, which has been handed down to me.

This wasn’t the last of Granddad’s Porsches. In 1968, he bought a 1965 356SC Cabriolet, red over black, which he also kept in pristine condition.

So now you know how it got started for me. I’ll bet there are others who have similar stories.
Sometimes it is very difficult to explain an event that touches you in a magnifying way. I have always dreamed about being a race driver. I guess it was a child dream, and I have come close to realizing this dream with the adrenaline and joy I experienced in the most recent Porsche autocross. I was not always a big Porsche fan when I was a kid. I recall my brother being the passionate one about Porsches and I was the one who loved cars. I was able to tell you the year and make of any car with the attention to detail that I once had. Why I share with you all these reminders of my past is because I felt everything come alive and those precious memories being so vivid that I could feel them. I was able to obtain such a feeling of fulfillment that a race driver would perhaps feel at every race. So one can deduct that I did reach one of my dreams. This is one of those feelings that should be on your “bucket list” and cherished forever.

“Hi, Jan!” “Eddie, this is Richard, our editor.” “Are you a writer?” My mind was so distracted that I could not think straight or even make out the question. You can say that my mind of reference was completely engulfed in noting the times from other drivers and how the course was laid out. How can I improve my times? What if I accelerate a bit at this corner? Could I gain a few tenths of a second if I down shift at the last corner? Am I taking the correct line on the turns? How close to the cones did I come? Could I accelerate a bit more at any place of the course without jeopardizing control? Did I feel the rush and excitement? You bet, as I was enjoying every single moment of the event.

Now back up a little and try to think straight. I first bought my car back in ‘06 and became a PCA member a month or two after I registered the car. I have been receiving Panorama and Slipstream ever since becoming a member and reading their articles, but most of all looking at every photo in which a Porsche is illustrated to perfection.

I always thought that only guys with the fastest Porsches around town are part of the Autocross segment of the club or other race-like events. I was completely wrong, and I’m proud of it. It did take some thinking out of the box to get me out to my first autocross. I was a bit nervous as I didn’t know if I needed a suit, shoes, helmet or anything that could be needed. Relax, if you are reading this you already have what it takes to join us on the next autocross. You don’t need any special suit or shoes. The only thing you need is to...
come out and join us as the organizers of the event have loaner helmets and helmet socks. Did I mention you need a Porsche? Well guess what, it does not have to be the fastest, or even a Porsche. You just need to have the “desire” to have fun. What about the events and the meetings? The event is the event of you being at the autocross. It’s like this great country. Without the great people of this country we would not have this great country. So I say, we make the event what it is. The meetings are downright to earth and a reminder that we are under a controlled environment in which we still must abide by some rules. Rules are just a reminder of our limits! Believe me, even on my first day I didn’t even get close to bending any of those rules. Just very close to some cones and knocking a few down which are not part of the rules I was referencing!

The day started with a drive out to the event. You can drive your car out there as you do not need a special trailer to haul your car. If you enjoy driving your car on a regular basis you will definitely have fun. A brief doughnut session and a gathering of people to see who is in attendance is the first thing at the event. We then get to meet our instructors. Our what, you say? Our instructor for the day. Carey, my instructor, has been with PCA for a long time, and I knew that I had a lot of learning to do and he would pour his knowledge into me. The last driving instructor I had was back when I was a teenager at a driving school. Carey did not remind me of this person, instead he was there to give me insights on how we could do things better and still have fun doing it. My brain worked like a sponge that day as I was soaking up everything Carey was commenting and making corrections on some bad habits that I had accumulated over the years. I was giving him feedback so he could correct me or provide a bit more insight on the scenarios. What a feeling, oh by the way, those are the majority of the meetings. Make sure you ask questions as I’m sure that all the instructors have a great understanding of the cars and how you can improve your performance. You will first start in understanding the abilities of your car, and I don’t mean how fast you can take off the starting line. This is not what Porsches are about; they’re about the journey through the course that makes them fun! The driving education session helped me to prepare for the afternoon session. The course was made up with cones that had definition in the direction you needed to go. After our lunch we got the opportunity to visit the laid out course first hand and make comment to our instructor of what we needed to do at each section to be successful. We then took a couple of laps as passengers in our own cars to understand and experience the feeling of completing the course and the abilities of our cars. All these twisting and turnings were abilities you had pumping through your Porsche blood as you and the car became one. I will never forget the first lap in which I was clocked and the amount of things that went through my mind and the processing speed I had to achieve to think straight; I mean of the next corner! The remainder of the day was so awesome that I didn’t want it to end. It reminded me of the time that I was a kid and my mom called me in for dinner and I didn’t want to leave my friends. This was the real thing and I enjoyed every minute of it as if it were the last thing I was going to do! Would I do it again and enjoy it again? You bet I would.

I’m sorry, Jan, I thought you meant did I write. Yes, that is what was asked, but again I could not even make out what was being asked until I got my brain into “neutral” and stopped thinking car and track. I don’t really write much beside emails at work, but when I realized the question at hand I jumped on the opportunity to share my experience with anyone that would embrace it.

What are the diminishing factors involved when driving a Porsche? Time, you just can’t have enough of it to experience every little bit of it. One can say I’m passionate about the experience. I will probably never be able to gain as much fame as our great American Formula 1 champions, Phil Hill or Mario Andretti, but I’m sure that I had as much fun as they did on the course. Let’s do it again!
Parade IS for Families

by Wendy Shoffit

What do you mean, “Take my family to Parade for vacation?” As if they could possibly have a good time and not hate me for the rest of the year. If that sounds like you, keep reading. Our family has a great time at Parade every year! That includes our 11-year old daughter and whatever friend she chooses to bring along!

10, 20, 30 years ago I’ve been told Parade was different from what it is now. Kids were not really included in the week’s activities. Sure, they could meet others their own age and if they were outgoing enough, actually develop friendships. Of course, that meant the parents would need to bring them year after year to build the friendly bonds with the kids from across the country. Communication now for teens, pre-teens, tweens, and any of the kids old enough is for their parents to buy them a cell phone, which is much easier (and cheaper). Long distance calls and texting are extremely inexpensive and email is downright free (if your household already has internet service, which let’s admit... most households with kids nowadays do). But I’m getting ahead of myself here.

Let’s address how kids are included in Parade activities. First of all, there’s usually now a chairperson on the committee to deal specifically with including kids! This person’s sole responsibility is to make sure kids of all ages have a good time while their parents are, too. For the past few years (and for the foreseeable future), there’s a Kids’ Hospitality room. Kids can come there to play video games, watch movies, do craft activities, and so on. It’s a place for them to meet and greet each other casually while doing something they enjoy doing. In Charlotte, there was not just one room, but two of them! One was for kids probably 9 and younger and the other one for older kids. The younger room had things like the Candyland board game, crayons, and Thomas the Train videos. The older room had XBoxes with games like Rock Band and Guitar Hero. If your tween is anything like mine, she could probably spend most of the day playing video games (if we let her). When she was younger, though, she truly loved working on the arts and crafts and watching movies. Let me caution, though, the rooms aren’t a drop-off babysitting service, particularly for the younger ones. Parents need to stay with the kids, BUT it gives them something to do that’s not in their sleeping room! Activities change often, so they don’t get bored.

Speaking of getting bored... Have you ever taken your child to the Concours or Victory Banquet? Both dinners can be exciting for those winning trophies, but they’re relatively long and kids can tire easily. Besides, spending THAT kind of money for kids to turn their noses up to Beef Tenderloin and Prawns seems wasteful. Parade of old would require parents to find a private babysitter for those nights, which can be iffy and pricey. Now, Parade offers reasonably priced babysitting for the kids during these times, often involving food they love - pizza, chicken fingers, and ice cream sundaes. Food that is much more suited for their tastes. These services utilize trained professionals, so you don’t have to wonder if Brittany the teenage babysitter is inviting her boyfriend over and eating all your bonbons. One less thing to worry about! Now, on to the really exciting events for the kids. You might not think much about remote controlled (RC) cars, but what about your kids? There’s an RC competition that can get a bit emotional for the contestants. No self-respecting adult wants to be shown up by a 7-year old little girl and no self-respecting 14-year old boy would be caught dead getting beaten by a 60-year old grandfather. It can get a little dicey. *wink* But, it’s always in good fun. If your kid doesn’t have his or her own RC car, not to worry... the loaners are GREAT! In fact, most people use them anyway!

Competition for the little ones continues at the Kids’ Autocross. Kids of all ages hop on bikes, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, strollers and just plain ole running shoes to compete with kids their own age. They get a taste of what the grown-ups experience on the autocross course. Again, if your 911 doesn’t happen to have a bike rack installed on top, there are plenty of loaner “vehicles” available. One year, a girl’s talent was cartwheeling, so she cartwheeled the entire course. While it may not have been the fastest way around, I’ll bet she had the most fun AND was the most fun to watch! I’ve seen many a parent also put their wee little ones in the stroller and give that kid the ride of his or her short little life. Yes, the red mist comes even while pushing a baby stroller. Who knows what long-term benefits learning an autocross course at an early age will have on these kids. When they reach age 16, they can get into a REAL Porsche and compete in the Junior Participation Program (JPP). Trust me when I say that Daddy will feel much more comfortable if Junior has some idea of what an autocross course looks like when he hands the keys to HIS baby over.

Not only can the older kids compete in the JPP Autocross activity, but they can also be great partners in the rally competitions. Dad and daughter, J and Jessica Toney, have proven to be quite a great TSD rally team, as have Tom and Lisa Gould. Teach them right while they’re young and the sky is the limit!

Kids can be shy at times and might not be quick to get to know other, which is why there are so many opportunities during the week for them to meet each other. They start the week off at either a teen mixer for the older ones or a simple kids’ mixer for the younger ones. This puts everyone in the same place so when they see a familiar face at the kids’ food table at the welcome banquet (seriously, how many 6 year olds eat sauerkraut?), they can feel a tiny bit safer at saying hello. Trust me, by the end of the week they’ll have made at least one best friend. Which brings me back to my first point about improved communication. If they meet a friend one year, spend a little effort communicating with them during the next year, when you bring the family back to the next Parade, the instant friend makes both families a lot happier! Just ask Aubrey Sutton and Jess Holzer, who grew up thousands of miles apart, but were/are best friends because of Parade. Imagine how much easier that friendship would have been with kids’ activities and text messaging?

So, please don’t shy away from Parade as a summer family vacation. Kids of all ages will have a fun week of activities. Make driving there part of the fun and you’ll have them hooked for life. What better way to raise the next group of Porsche enthusiasts and perhaps the future President of PCA! You just never know. See you AND your kids in Colorado!
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Das Neue Porsche-Museum

by Clint C. Blackman III

There is the New York Museum of Modern Art, the Louvre in Paris, and scores of other fine museums of art, but for a Porschephile, the New Porsche Museum in Stuttgart is the finest museum in the world. On Friday, January 30th, 2009, Porsche unveiled the newest and finest car museum in the world. In true Porsche fashion, the museum was opened first to its family ...the stockholders. I had the good fortune to be able to attend the stockholders’ meeting at the new Porsche Arena in Stuttgart and hear Dr. Wolfgang Porsche deliver his presentation of the success of Porsche with Dr. Wiedeking, the CEO of the company. A Porsche stockholders’ meeting is like no other. We were feted to a grand buffet of brunch with displays of all of the 2009 model cars. The new PDK transmission was on display with factory employees to explain the cut-away model. There were several other displays of unique special vehicles and a display of workers making those special Porsche seats that we all so delightfully sink into every time we start our cars.

As an American in Stuttgart, Germany, attending a very German business meeting it was a most unusual experience compared to an American stock company. Stockholders in Porsche Holding SE own “the right” to share in profits of the company, but the voting control of the company remains with the family and key personnel. Porsche is a collection of many, many companies. Not only does the Porsche family own more than half of Volkswagen, they own the Bentley Automobile Company and many other fine automobile related companies.

At the conclusion of the stockholders’ meeting we were taken by private bus to the new museum. The new museum is located in the factory area of Stuttgart called Zuffenhausen. Professor Porsche was always a very practical man and he located his factory in the “working man’s” part of Stuttgart. This area of town is not the glitzy area where Daimler is located. Porsche is located in one of the oldest parts of Stuttgart and is where fine cars of many marques have been made for years. The museum is nestled among the oldest and newest factory or “werk” buildings that make up “Porscheplatz.”

The architecture of the new museum is quite literally stunning. This huge monolithic structure of 60,250 square feet is an angular wedge of contemporary design that sits on three “dual vee” pillars of steel and concrete. The visual effect is a striking and bold reflection of the cars we love to drive. As you walk to the entrance of the museum off the traffic circle you walk under almost a third of the museum that looms out over the area. What you don’t see is that this structure has more steel than the Eiffel Tower in Paris. When the design for the new museum was created...the experts said it could not be built. Like so many Porsche designs before...experts said it could not be done...yet Porsche proved them wrong. Entering the museum, the reception area is “front and center” to greet you and start you on your automobile history tour. Personal audio tour guide equipment is available in seven different languages. To the right are two giant escalators that take visitors into the museum and return them to the lobby. Before you take the escalator up, notice the glass wall to the left where a collection of 356 restored autos are stacked one on the other. Behind the glass you can look into the new Porsche racing auto restoration shop. There you will see actual race cars being repaired and restored to factory standards. When I was there, I saw Vic Elford’s Martini 917 on the chocks for a re-fitting.

The escalator takes you up into the great monolith of automobile history. It is only fitting that the tour starts with the first all Porsche designed racing car, the type 64. As you arrive, you are struck with the shining outline of the first Berlin to Rome racing car designed and produced by Professor Porsche. Like it’s contemporary surroundings, you start with a contemporary presentation of that famous car and the shape we all know as a Porsche. Turning to the left you see that like Daimler, Porsche has been a company that takes you “up” level by level to the present day history of the Porsche automobile. This museum is a display that focuses on the autos. The white floors, walls and ceilings direct your attention to the cars. After all, you came to see the world’s finest sports cars. Many visitors are surprised to learn that all but a couple of these fine cars are started and driven on a regular basis. Do not be surprised if you hear a Porsche “reving up” in this museum.

As you walk past the famous Volkswagen Beetle you are reminded that Professor Porsche created that “People’s car”, and the Beetle is closely related to his first production sports car, the 1948 Porsche No. 1, a 356 split windshield roadster. The lessons learned in the air-cooled Beetle were the foundation of his first air-cooled sports car. As you walk up the levels of history, you pass the first Gmund car. Only 52 of these cars...
Das Neue Porsche-Museum, cont.

were made in Austria and you will recognize the distinctive 356 shape. The cars are all arraigned on either side of the walk. You pass the first Zuffenhausen production car, the “Ferdinand 356”, followed by the America 356 roadster that was first built in 1953. It only weighed a little more than 1100 pounds.

The museum is not entirely limited to the cars. You will see small exhibits housing a variety of little known artifacts including Vic Elford’s Targa Florio racing shoes and balsa wood gearshift knobs that have been a Porsche racing tradition...because they were light in weight! Also unique are special exhibits with “sliding light boxes.” On several low dividing walls throughout the museum you will see these light boxes that can be maneuvered by hand to highlight additional print information about cars in the area. Don’t miss the Targa Florio film or the film interviews with Vic Elford, Derek Bell and many of the famous Porsche race drivers.

The museum is also divided into sections or ramps that display certain themes. You will first encounter the “innovation” ramp that displays the first forerunner cars for the 911 and the Boxster. The first 912 sits near the first Boxster. Other “innovation” exhibits display the Porsche cooling fans, Porsche brakes and the Boxster engine. Nearby a 956 racer hangs upside down to highlight the fact that this car was designed to literally “suck the road” for greater traction. All exhibits are fully explained in both German and English.

As you walk on, you enter the “Speed” ramp. This is the area where the most famous modern racers are on display. The 962, the 961, the 911 and the 924 are all present...today. Visitors should note that this museum is ever changing and it is a part of the Porsche “museum on wheels” museum, where cars are often displayed not only in Zuffenhausen, but around the world.

The next ramp is entitled the “Stark” ramp or in English...the strength ramp. There you will see the engines that have powered Porsche to victory and financial success. From automobile motors, to aircraft motors, to “bootsmotors”, all are on display. My favorite is the ever famous Boxster motor.

Nearby is the Trophy display where the “fruits of victory” are presented in an imaginative display of hundreds of hanging trophies. Le Mans, Targa Florio, Sebring...you name the race...there is a trophy won by Porsche drivers. Also nearby is the 917 racer section. My favorite, the Gulf Blue 917, is here along side the Pink Pig, the Martini racers, and other famous 917s. The floor and background wall in this area are notable because they are made up of over 200,000 lights that display messages like a TV screen!

While the race car sections dominate parts of the museum, the other areas display so many of the cars that most visitors have only seen in photographs. A 968 convertible is here, a 909 Bergspyder, a 911 Polizei coupe, a 911 GTI. One of my favorites is a “lapis green” 356 that looks as if the body was made of fine green gemstone. Stop by the Design/Production displays. Several “cutaway” cars show the design innovations that make our cars safer and faster. I enjoyed the Production film that covers what is seen on a factory tour. Nearby are the 914, a 911 GT1, and a Carrera GT.

On the top floor is what I call the “911 Turbo Ballet.” Five representative 911 models are on synchronized turntables to show the development of these models. Starting from earliest to latest...you will see an 901, a early 964, a later 964, a 993, a 996 and a 997. Nearby is the Porsche “outline” wall where you will see how the outline shape of Porsche has changed from 356 to 997. The 911s are followed by most, if not all, of the current Porsche models. Look at the wall box displays of Porsche designed sunglasses, pipes, and other unique Porsche inspired goods that carry this distinguished logo. The original “prancing horse” logo drawing is on display near the first Porsche club magazine. As you conclude the tour, you walk past ceiling cones that when you step inside...you hear the famous engine sounds we all know and love. Nearby is a display of Porsche model car toys. I saw a few I wish I had.

The tour ends with a literal “return to earth” down a long escalator. I spent over four hours in the museum, but most will probably spend a couple of hours. On the ground floor is the museum shop run by my friend, Nadine Katz. If you collect Porsche toy model cars, the store has a collection that is “second to none.” Enjoy shopping for souvenirs and Porsche Design items. You will also find a great collection of Porsche books written by Porsche archive historian, Dieter Landenberger, including the Museum catalog book that has photos of the exhibited cars. Nearby is the Museum café that has scrumptious snacks and thirst quenching drinks. If you have more time, go to the top floor and enjoy a 5 star Swabian meal at the Christopherous restaurant. This museum is a must for all Porschephiles. Museum director, Herr Achim Stejskal invites us “one and all” to visit our favorite place of automobile history. ☺
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4. How much does it cost to rent a Porsche GT3-RS for a full day at Nürburgring?  
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We had our usual back room, but there were at least 16 other people there with us. Some noticed the large number of people they didn’t know, and asked where they came from. I informed them they were on their own, partaking in iFratelli’s promotional happy hour.

This month we had some folks come by the Happy Hour on their way to a Stars Hockey Game. They took time to eat and visit before proceeding to the hockey contest. You may notice my slam at hockey. I consider it to be wrestling on ice. I know it is a popular sport, but I have failed to appreciate much more than the obvious strategy of getting the puck in the opposition’s net without being off sides. Big deal!!

I was so busy taking pictures that I did not stop to count our attendance. However, I would estimate it at around 30.

New to Happy Hour were Pote and Alisa Pruettiangkura. I bet you think this is one name that my spell checker will come to a grinding halt upon. But I got them to write/print it out for me. There are not many last names containing 14 characters and no punctuation. I think that Brian Bolton is new to Happy Hour, too. Recently we have missed members Denny and Christy Payne. At least this week she decided to use her husband’s last name, instead of Christy Dominick, the name we all know and love. Other members that attended include the Bambinas (Alan & Linda), the Minnellas (Tom & Barb), the Ramseys (Larry & Donneta), the Brodigans (Mike & Judy), Kay Leibel, Randy Csanadi, Mike Lockas and the Shoffits (James, Wendy, & Jasmine). If I have left someone out you will know that my spell checker is still working on Pote and Alisa’s last name.

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