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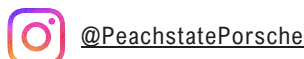


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# FROM THE ROAD

MIKE GIAMMARCO - PEACHSTATE REGION, PCA PRESIDENT

Please know you are part of something special. Peachstate PCA has been around for quite a long time, it's Club Charter granted in early 1960 with about ten initial organizers. Here we are now, in 2026, with nearly 4,500 primary and secondary members and about 40 dedicated volunteer Board Members.

It's not hard to think about how amazing that is in the context of all the membership, club activity and societal changes that occurred throughout those years. Yet, we still manage to be a fun, engaging, and thriving "family" of enthusiastic Porsche owners here in Peachstate PCA territory - mainly the northern-third of the great state of Georgia.

Can't talk about the Club's success over the years without acknowledging our dedicated and forward-thinking volunteers that worked their way through so many challenges, all to ensure that every member experiences fun, friendship and opportunities to learn. Challenges, as we know, can create opportunities. It's a priority for us to face those challenges to ensure the future of Peachstate.

## **OUR CULTURE IS SIMPLE**

Continue to celebrate the traditions, efforts, experiences and wisdom of our past volunteers and members as we evolve to meet the changing needs and expectations of our members moving forward.

What does that mean in an era of hyper-busy lives with information overload, feeling lost in the crowd and yes – everything still seems to cost so much more?

Well, how about innovative ways to communicate and keep you informed in a simple and effective manner? Making you feel welcome and appreciated at all club activities? Hosting innovative and gratifying events for your dollar? Just to name a few, of course.

## **AS YOU READ THIS, YOU MAY ASK, "WHAT CAN I DO?"**

A lot, actually. Come on out and enjoy the many events, social gatherings and experiences we have to offer as a thriving, top-tier Porsche Club Region. Bring a friend. Bring a younger family member to inspire them for the future.

Along the way, be sure to thank the volunteers that worked so hard to plan and host. You can easily reach them. Go to the "About/Our Team" drop down on our website. Near each Committee / Board member name is a little blue envelope icon. Click it!

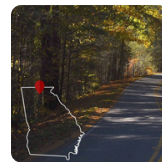
We welcome constructive feedback, your innovative ideas and best yet, a request to join us if the volunteer spirit calls you. You will be welcomed and appreciated as a proud new volunteer-member. You also get to be an official part of the legacy of Peachstate PCA.

**ON BEHALF OF YOUR PEACHSTATE PCA VOLUNTEER TEAM, WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!**



# 2026 EVENTS COMING UP

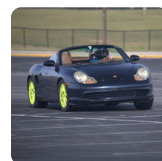
**JUN 6<sup>TH</sup>** **Barnsley Gardens / Lookout Mountain / Chattanooga Tour**  
An epic driving tour through North Georgia to Chattanooga, Tennessee.  
Visit historic Barnsley Gardens and drive the scenic roads of Lookout Mountain.



**JUN 8<sup>TH</sup>** **Monday Drive-N-Dine**  
Dreamland BBQ / Roswell, GA  
Join us for dinner at our monthly Drive-N-Dine @5:30PM



**JUN 14<sup>TH</sup>** **Autocross #3**  
Echo Park Speedway / Hampton, GA  
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**JUN 16<sup>TH</sup>** **Down South Social**  
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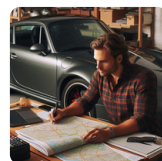
**JUN 20<sup>TH</sup>** **Advanced Suspension Design**  
Motion Control Suspension / Alpharetta, GA  
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**JUN 27<sup>TH</sup> 28<sup>TH</sup>** **Summer HPDE**  
Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta / Braselton, GA  
Join us for two days of spectacular driving!



**JUL 12<sup>TH</sup>** **Wino You Come and Rally**  
Kaya Vineyards and Winery / Dahlonega, GA  
Join us for the always popular rally event. Online rally school on July 8<sup>th</sup>.



**JUL 13<sup>TH</sup>** **Monday Drive-N-Dine**  
Marlows Tavern / Brookhaven, GA  
Join us for dinner at our monthly Drive-N-Dine @5:30PM



**JUL 18<sup>TH</sup>** **944 Barn**  
Blairsville, GA  
Join us at a shop dedicated to preservation & restoration of transaxle Porsche models.



Check out our Calendar at <https://www.peachstatepca.org/calendar>, our [Facebook Page](#), [Instagram](#) or the Presse Weekly e-blast emails for the latest schedule and full details - and be sure to come out and see us!

# FEATURE LANE

STORY: SHONODEEP MODAK, INTERVIEW WITH JO STUBBS & KENYATTA STUBBS / PHOTOS: KENYATTA STUBBS



## HOOKED FROM THE FIRST REV

HOW 12 YEAR-OLD TURBOJO'S LOVE OF CARS IS FUELING BIG DREAMS

### THE FIRST REV

Most car people can tell you about the moment it started. Not the purchase. Not the first track day. The *moment*.

For Jo, that moment wasn't behind the wheel. It wasn't even in the driver's seat. It happened in a parking lot, with a black Corvette C8 rolling away and revving its engine just once, just enough.

"That sound," Jo told me. "That was it."

From the outside, Jo looks like a kid who loves fast cars. Five minutes into a conversation with him, you realize something deeper is going on. He isn't just watching cars pass by—he's studying them. Listening. Wondering why the car doesn't lift at speed, how airflow stays planted, what makes one spoiler functional and another just decorative.

Jo Stubbs is known online as TurboJo, an Atlanta-area 12 year-old, energetic and host of his growing YouTube channel where car shows, rare sightings, and owner

conversations unfold through a lens of genuine excitement. He asks owners real questions. He notices calipers. He notices wings. He notices details that many adults walk past.

And that's why we wanted to talk to him.

At Peachstate PCA's Presse, we're always interested in stories about miles driven and roads taken. But every once in a while, a story comes along that's less about miles already traveled—and more about the road just beginning. When we heard about Jo and his mom, Kenyatta, we knew this was one of those stories.





### A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE AND THE SHAPE OF WONDER

Jo's Corvette loyalty was firmly established early. American muscle. Big speed. Big sound. But Porsche entered the picture in a quieter way through a birthday surprise planned with care and precision by Kenyatta. She didn't tell Jo where they were going.

On the drive, he watched the original Cars movie. When they pulled into the Porsche Experience Center Atlanta, he noticed the address, noticed the cars outside, but didn't yet suspect what was waiting inside.

Then the doors opened. Full-scale models of Lightning McQueen and Sally Carrera stood right there inside the museum, exactly where Jo could see them first. He froze. That moment—wide-eyed and silent—did something subtle but lasting.

They walked the exhibits. Jo sat in a Porsche. He climbed into the simulator. He watched cars on track, not as entertainment but as moving systems—speed, grip, balance, force.

On the ride home, he said it out loud for the first time.

"Porsches are moving up." Not replacing the Corvette. But climbing.

For Kenyatta, the moment was revealing in a different way.

She'd seen her son develop interests before strong interests, but this one didn't fade. It deepened. Instead of just liking how cars looked, Jo wanted to know how they worked. Why they stayed grounded. Why they didn't flip. Why speed required restraint, not just power.

**Curiosity had found traction. TurboJo TV: Passion With a Purpose.** (<https://www.youtube.com/@TurboJoTv>)

Turbo Jo's YouTube channel didn't begin with algorithms or ambitions of internet fame. It started with a goal that made perfect sense to Jo. "I've always wanted my own Corvette," he said. "So I started a YouTube channel to help save up."

### SIMPLE. HONEST. FOCUSED.

Each episode follows the same core idea: Jo attends a car show, walks the rows with open enthusiasm, and shares what excites him most. Sometimes it's the design. Sometimes the engineering. Sometimes it's simply the sound when the hood opens.

When it comes time to edit, Kenyatta steps in—cutting footage, adding effects, helping ensure the finished product reflects Jo's excitement without overwhelming it. It's a partnership built on trust and encouragement.

"How do you decide what to film?" I asked Jo.

"My mom tells me what shows are coming up," he said. "And then I think about which ones feel right." What does he want viewers to feel? "The excitement," he answered without hesitation. "The rush."

Comments started coming in. Encouragement. Praise. Stories from adults amazed by Jo's depth of knowledge. Owners offering to open hoods just for him. One person joking that if you want to see a rare Shelby up close, you'd better bring Jo with you.

Through it all, Jo's focus hasn't shifted. He's learning. Watching. Filing facts away for later use—especially in sim racing, where physics and feel come together. "All the stuff I learn," he explained, "it turns into advice in my head." That advice becomes tuning changes. Adjustments. Better decisions at speed.

### **MORE THAN CARS**

Spend enough time with Jo and Kenyatta and you start to see that this story isn't really about cars. It's about what happens when curiosity is nurtured instead of redirected.

Jo is on the autism spectrum, and like many parents, Kenyatta has learned to recognize the difference between interests that pass and interests that stay. Cars stayed. More than that—they grew.

Instead of limiting exposure, Kenyatta expanded it. Carefully. Thoughtfully. She helped Jo learn not just what a car could do but why it behaved the way it did. Physics entered the picture. Engineering followed. Downforce became a favorite topic. Suddenly, car shows weren't just fun, they were classrooms.

Jo doesn't talk about brands the way marketers do. He talks about function. About why a GT3 RS spoiler matters. About airflow. About why race cars "feel right" at speed.

When asked where he sees himself in the future, he didn't hesitate: "Formula One." Preferred team? "McLaren."

Because Jo isn't just dreaming about speed. He's studying it. And that's what makes his story resonate with the Porsche community. We understand machines that reward learning. Cars that reveal themselves slowly. Passion deepened through experience. Jo is getting that lesson early.

He reminds us that enthusiasm doesn't have an age requirement—and that the future of car culture isn't just loud. It's curious. It's thoughtful. And it's already paying attention. So if you see TurboJo at a car show asking questions, smiling wide, listening intently, take a moment to answer him.

### **YOU MIGHT JUST BE PART OF HIS NEXT REV STORY!**



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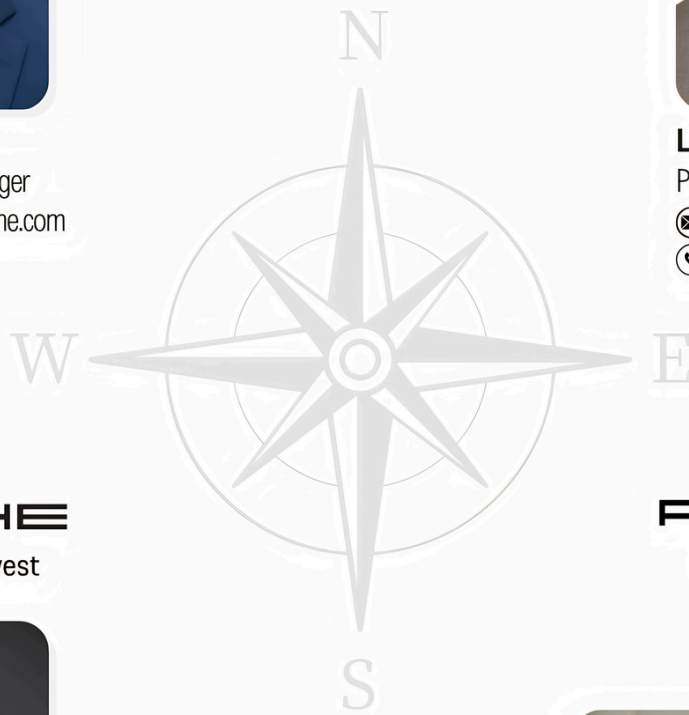


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# 2025: A YEAR IN REVIEW - AUTOCROSS

STORY: DENNIS DAVIS / PHOTOS: STEVE LYONS, LEE KNUTH

Before pressing the accelerator on this year's Autocross Season, we would like to post the results from the 2025 Season. Without further interruptions, here are the 2025 Autocross Championship Winners!

## GRAND CHAMPION

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## CLUB CHAMPION

Ian Hunter

## I02

1st - Clay Horste  
2nd - Tyler Edwards



## P02

1st - David Friesen



## P06

1st - Lee Knuth  
2nd - Sherry Knuth



## P07

1st - Vince Spatafora  
2nd - Robert Blad



## P08

1st - Andrew Ellsom  
2nd - Zach Ramos



## S06

1st - Ian Hunter  
2nd - Steve Lyons  
3rd - Laura Holmes



## S07

1st - Robert Jett  
2nd - Andrew Weeks  
3rd - Mike Wilson



## S08

1st - Scott Jackels  
2nd - Dennis Davis



In Autocross all cars are divided into different performance classes. For a detailed explanation, check out the Autocross page on the [Peachstate PCA website \(www.peachstatepca.org\)](http://www.peachstatepca.org).

# 2025: A YEAR IN REVIEW - CONCOURS

STORY: DAVID BLOOM / PHOTOS: DAVID BLOOM

Peachstate Members enjoyed the camaraderie, beautifully prepared Porsches and friendly competition of a season of Concours events. Attendees to these Concours were treated to a variety of “new to Concours” Porsches, as well as the engaging assortment of perennial contenders. Nearly every model and type was shown during the season, including several rare and limited production cars. 2025 was truly a feast for the senses.

## THE RIDE LOUNGE

Peachstate Concours kicked off the season at Atlanta’s newest collector car facility, the **Ride Lounge**. Located in Peachtree Corners, the Ride Lounge boasts 18,000 sq. ft. of climate controlled, secured storage for up to 65 Porsches, as well as vehicles made by other manufacturers. Moreover, the Ride Lounge offers social membership and hosts weekly Friday happy hour gatherings, along with monthly Saturday events featuring a rotating list of featured marques, in addition to regular watch parties for Formula 1 races. With occasional light passing showers, we were grateful to be indoors for this Concours, taking over the inner area of the facility. Upon entering our Members were greeted by three 914s, including Marc Ruben’s “917 Hippy-livery” build, Philip Wagner’s Copper Brown 1974, replete with period-correct ski rack and skis, and Al Meredith’s class-winning Gulf Blue 1973 914-4. Other Competitors showed cars ranging from early 911s to 992 models, along with two generations of Boxster Spydors.

## PORSCHE ATLANTA NORTHEAST

Multi-decade Peachstate PCA sponsor, **Jim Ellis Porsche Atlanta Northeast** hosted Concours #2 with an exciting twist by inviting our Members to show their Porsches on the showroom floor! This was in addition to traditional show field utilizing their vast service area.

Moreover, the Jim Ellis team brought two food trucks and a Kona Ice truck to cap the event off. Jim Ellis also sponsored a “Best of Show” award which was earned by **John Gibson** with his **918 Spyder** that boasted an almost perfect score of 234.8 of 235.0 points available! John treated the crowds by also showing his 1996 993 GT2 Tribute build, resplendent in Aventura Green Pearl, that scored 139.5 of 140.0 points available for the Street category.

The most competitive category of the show was among the five 991/992 generation cars of Class 12-S. Richard Maury and his Basalt Black 991.1 turbo S pipped Tom Minner’s GT Silver 991.1 Targa, 139.7 vs. 139.6 of 140.0 perfect score.



914s (L to R) of Marc Ruben, Al Meredith and Philip Wagner



1998 993 GT2 Tribute of John Gibson



2015 918 Spyder of John Gibson



1988 944 of MaryBeth Holec



(L) 1988 944 turbo S of Michael Ledwitz and (R) 1986 944 turbo of Mitchel DeFrancis



2012 911 Speedster of Carl Boegner



## HENNESSY PORSCHE NORTH ATLANTA

Core partner [Hennessy Porsche North Atlanta](#) hosted our annual summer Concours, which is also an indoor, rain or shine event that our members love. Treated to an even mix of air-cooled and water-cooled cars, there were cars for everyone to enjoy. From George Word's Burgundy 1969 911 E Targa, a pair of silver 356Bs in coupe and cabriolet bodies, a pair of 930 turbos and both a 993 C4S and 993 turbo. Rare, water-cooled Porsches were also on display a featured two generations of Boxster Spyder and their enclosed cousin, the Cayman R, a full complement of transaxle cars (944, 944 turbo and 944 turbo S) and one of the rarest 997s, the 2012 Speedster. Southern Crust returned with their mobile pizza truck serving piping hot, wood-fired pizza to all who attended.



(L) 1986 911 turbo of Terry Sullivan and (R) 1987 911 turbo of Michael Clever



(L) 1998 993 turbo of Steve Maloof and (R) 1997 993 Carrera 4S of Leon Burcum



(Left) 1963 356B Coupe of Katie Morgan / (Center) 1962 356B Cabriolet of Mike Thies / 1971 911E Targa of George Word



1988 944 of MaryBeth Holec



2016 Boxster Spyder of Steve Hallock



Black 2011 Boxster Spyder of Lewis Broyles and Carrera White Cayman R of Ernie Cabrera



2011 Boxster Spyder of Lewis Broyles



Southern Crust Pizza !

Class 12-T saw Bill Caldwell's Racing Yellow 992.1 Coupe take the win over Jeff Frye's Carrera White Metallic 2018 991.2 Targa. The Judges' Choice was awarded to Scott Marshall with his Platinum Metallic 1981 911SC Coupe.

## RENNFEST

The Rennfest Concours is always a special event for Peachstate as it is the kickoff event for the multi-event, multi-region weekend. This year Concours attendees were treated to a trio of 356 Coupes. Katie Morgan wowed the crowd with her perfectly prepared Silver 1963 356B that earned 235 out of 235 in Tour Class! Our attendees were looking for a pop of color this year and awarded People's Choice to the Irish Green 1964 365C of Lee Fowler. "One-tenth" was the talk of the day, as a few classes were decided by just that one-tenth deduction difference. The early G-body cars of Class 04-S saw a head-to-head battle between long-time Rennfest attendees, Clyde Peery and Lynn Kessler, with Clyde's Silver 1977 911S Targa edging out the Black 1974 911 Carrera of Kessler. The 991/992s of



1963 356B Coupe of Katie Morgan



2018 991 Targa 4S of Jeff Frye



1974 911 Carrera of Lynn Kessler



2018 1979 911S Targa of Clyde Peery



(L) 1977 911S Targa of Clyde Peery and (R) 1974 911 Carrera of Lynn Kessler

We applaud each and every competitor from the 2025 Year for their hard work in preparing their cars and their love for sharing them with our Members and their guests. We look forward to seeing these and other cars during the upcoming 2026 Concours Year.



Rennfest 2025 People's Choice Winner – Irish Green 1965 356C Coupe of Lee Fowler

### YEAR-END CLASS WINNERS

Al Meredith	02-S	1974 Gulf Blue 914-4
George Word	03-S	1971 Burgundy 911E Targa
Jason Taylor	04-S	1985 Guards Red 911 M491 Coupe
Mike Giammarco	07-S	1987 Black 928S4
Lewis Broyles	13-S	2011 Black Boxster Spyder
Dan DeRiemer	15-S	2013 White Cayenne GTS Coupe
Katie Morgan	01-T	1963 Silver 356B Coupe
Philip Wagner	02-T	1975 Copper Metallic 914-4



Rennfest 2025 Judges' Choice Winner – Platinum Metallic 1981 911SC Coupe of Scott Marshall

### WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE FOLLOWING 2026 CONCOURS EVENTS

Sunday, May 17, 2026: Jim Ellis Porsche Atlanta Perimeter Concours (Indoors, Rain or Shine)

Sunday, August 16, 2026: Hennessy Porsche North Atlanta Concours (Indoors, Rain or Shine)

Saturday, September 5, 2026: Rennfest Concours

Sunday, October 18, 2026: Surprise Concours

# 2025: A YEAR IN REVIEW - RALLY

STORY: GARY SAMOLUK / PHOTOS: ANDREW ELLSOM, BRITT SMITH, NORM FOLLIS, WILKO HEINRICHSORFF

The 2025 rally season delivered exactly what makes this community special—precision driving, camaraderie, and a deep appreciation for the road. The season kicked off in style with a wine tasting at **Kaya Vineyards and Winery**, setting the tone for what would be a memorable year both on and off the road.

This year's routes took us through some of the most scenic backroads in North Georgia, where elevation changes, sweeping curves, and technical segments tested both driver skill and navigator discipline. We also explored new territory, including the beautiful horse country around Milton, adding fresh character and challenge to the season.

Competition was particularly strong across both the Tour and SOP classes. Consistency, timing accuracy, and strategic execution separated the top finishers, with several rallies coming down to narrow margins. The SOP class saw an outstanding performance this year, with top honors going to **Jack Baker and Kathy Baker**.

The season also brought us to some excellent venues, including **Reformation Brewery, Kaya Vineyards and Winery, and Yonah Mountain Vineyards**—each providing a perfect setting to unwind and connect after a day on the road.

Beyond the results, the season reinforced what makes these rallies meaningful: shared experiences, well-run events, and a passion for driving that goes beyond the ordinary.

**A special thank you to our sponsor, [Kaya Vineyards and Winery](#), for their continued support.** Their partnership helps elevate the experience and brings a fitting close to days spent on the road.

We look forward to building this momentum in the upcoming season.



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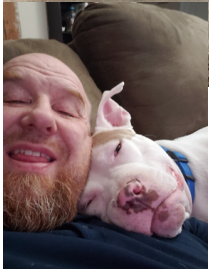
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# UP TO SPEED - WELCOME TO PEACHSTATE PCA

DUANE HAMPSON, DEWEY NEESE, DR. REBET JONES, JENNIFER CAPOUYA, QUENTIN KASSEH, DAVID SPERANZA, PAUL KENT, MAURICIO ANDERSON, JOSHUA COMITER, BAO LE, LARRY LAMON, CHRISTIAN MAUSER



## WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?

"I am from the UK, I grew up with euro sports cars, my first being an MGBGT. Always like the styling and Porsche seemed like a natural evolution. I wanted a daily drivable but fun car and the Cayman fit the bill."

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?

"I look forward to socializing with people with common interests. Hopefully some fun drives!"

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?

"Honestly, that first drive. It's like nothing else. Sure, it's just a base, but it's still an amazing experience."

DUANE HAMPSON

## WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?

"I remember seeing a white 911 in Gatlinburg, TN in 1984 parked at a restaurant while on a trip with my girlfriend. I took a picture standing next to it and was hooked. I think I had that picture on our refrigerator for 10 years."

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?

"Meeting some folks, tracking a few days. Learning more."

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?

"Track days at Road Atlanta."

DEWEY NEESE



## WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?

"Quality, Durability and Style. "

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?

"I'm looking for like minded Porsche enthusiasts who share the same passion as I do."

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?

"Buying that first Porsche and getting the feeling I'm in a different Class of cars."

DR. REBET JONES



## Be Our Next Featured Member!

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**WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?**

“The beauty and engineering!  
I’ve admired their cars for a long time and when I decided to move to an EV, the Taycan immediately stood out. Porsche’s approach to electric doesn’t compromise and feels very on brand to me. The ability to build and tailor my car in very specific ways was also hugely attractive. I’m a very detail focused person, and this made my purchase experience even more meaningful — my car feels genuinely personal to me rather than mass-produced. I’m also impressed by the company’s sustainability goals and support of women in motorsports.”

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?**

“This is my first Porsche and my first EV, so I have a lot to learn. I’m especially looking forward to the driver education and connecting with people nearby who share an enthusiasm for these cars.”

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?**

“I hope my favorite Porsche memory is still ahead of me, but it will be hard to beat a recent drive around the No. GA mountains. I really got to know my car on those roads!”

JENNIFER CAPOUYA



**WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?**

“It’s been ingrained in me since I was a kid. I grew up watching the 24 Hours of Le Mans and reading about the Targa Florio, and Porsche always stood out. To me, the 911 was the car to rule them all. There’s also a personal twist: I was born on 9/11, so my friends have always known the car I’d eventually drive had to be a 911.”

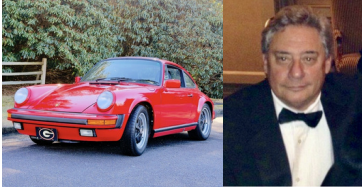
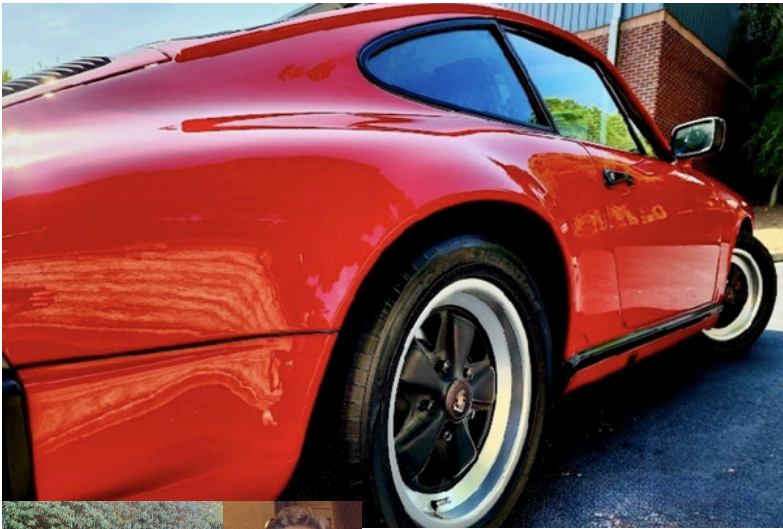
**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?**

“Connecting with fellow enthusiasts, sharing the love of the brand, and getting out to drives and events around Georgia.”

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?**

“Two come to mind. The first was seeing a Targa in person for the first time in my twenties, after years of admiring 911s in magazines. That was a defining moment. The second was being invited to Porsche NA’s headquarters in Atlanta for a business event. It turned out to be an unforgettable day, full of driving experiences and capped off by an auction featuring some incredible cars, including a Spyder. I posted that day on my Instagram page.”

QUENTIN KASSEH



**WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?**

“Ever since high school when I rode in a friend’s Porsche, I knew one day I’d have one. So, in 1987 when living in Stockton, CA I decided to buy my Carrera from the local Porsche dealership.”

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?**

“Meeting other Porsche owners and enjoying the many events.”

**WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?**

“Back when I bought my Carrera, I vividly remember my sales guy telling me that if I ever found myself entering a curve too fast, never apply the brakes, just punch it, which I did and was amazed how the car performed flawlessly 😊. This was on Hwy 1 in Northern California.”

PAUL KENT

**WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?**

“The heritage of the brand and the purity of their products - naturally aspirated manuals!”

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?**

“Meeting local enthusiasts and building lasting memories with like-minded individuals.”

**WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?**

“Taking delivery of my 992.2 at the Atlanta experience center in March 2026.”

DAVID SPERANZA



**WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?**

“What drew me to Porsche is simple: I’ve always wanted a 911. When I was younger, it felt unattainable, so I explored other brands, primarily Japanese manufacturers. About 16 years ago, I made the switch to Audi and Volkswagen and haven’t looked back. After selling my show car, I came across a local 996 and decided to make the leap. It’s been an excellent car to own and drive.”

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?**

“Through the PCA, I’m looking forward to attending more events and gatherings. I’m already fairly active due to my long-standing involvement in the car scene here in Atlanta, but I always enjoy networking and connecting with new people.”

**WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?**

“My favorite Porsche-related memory would be the first event I attended that was hosted by Nash from Autohaus Social in North Georgia. I can’t recall the name, but it took place on a large property and featured a wide range of Porsche models set against a beautiful backdrop. I really enjoyed that experience.”

MAURICIO ANDERSON



**WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?**

“My best friend, Justin, has owned multiple Porsches since our college days. Growing up, the two of us were obsessed with manual transmission cars. Over ten years ago, we decided to backpack across Europe, and Justin made sure one non-negotiable stop was on the itinerary: a high-speed drive on the Autobahn from Munich to Stuttgart so we could visit the Porsche Museum. That drive and the experience of visiting Porsche in Stuttgart drew me to the brand.”

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?**

“Looking forward to Porsches and Coffee around the Atlanta area and driving the North Georgia mountains on all the backroads / through the mountain towns on the weekends.”

**WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?**

“My favorite memory (other than visiting Stuttgart) is driving the car back from the dealership to family in South Florida. The car is getting some work done now but looking forward to the next favorite memory being the road trip up from South Florida back to Atlanta in the next couple of weeks.”

JOSHUA COMITER



**WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?**

"I currently own a 911 Carrera (992.2) and a Cayenne Coupé. I really appreciate the balance of performance and comfort these cars offer."

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?**

"I'm passionate about Porsche and enjoy both daily driving and occasional track experiences."

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?**

"I joined PCA to connect with fellow Porsche enthusiasts in the Atlanta area and to be part of local events."

BAO LE

**WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?**

"When I was young, my father subscribed to Car & Driver and also Autoweek magazines, and I read both issues cover to cover every week. C&D featured Porsches often, and Autoweek covered sports car racing as well. From an early age, I dreamed of owning one, and was lucky enough to go for a ride in a 930 Turbo when I was in high school. From that moment on, I was truly hooked. When I was 21, I test drove a dogleg 911 that had been updated to an RSR replica, but couldn't commit to the purchase at that time. Took me 12 more years, but I finally bought an '84 944. I've owned 14 other Porsches since then - all of them were previously-enjoyed models ranging from a '74 911 Targa to an '87 911 Carrera cab to several 981 models."

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?**

"I'm looking forward to meeting some new people at social events and spending more time on the North GA/NC mountain roads."

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?**

"Favorite memory - that's a tough one. Hard to choose between Werks Monterey 2015, Werks Amelia 2016, the last Rennsport Reunion, mountain drives with PCAR Touring, working and driving ALPCA HPDE's at Barber, restoring/selling some of the neglected Porsches I've purchased, or taking delivery of the Porsches I've purchased."

The memory that makes me smile the most is the time I drove a new 981 Boxster GTS on an autocross course at the Fontana Festival of Speed, and the car felt like it was attached directly to my brain. At the end of the lap the instructor shook my hand and said "You've had some training, haven't you?" Absolutely made my day. Porsche graciously also provided a Cayman GTS, a 991 Carrera, and a 991 Carrera GTS for AX drives that day, and I was lucky enough to drive them all. That one will be hard to top, but there's a massive tie for second place!"

LARRY LAMON



**WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?**

"I've always loved German cars—I started with BMW, but over time I really fell in love with Porsche. My father was a big influence as well; it was always his dream car, which made it even more meaningful for me."

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?**

"Meeting new people, building friendships, and getting out on some great mountain drives."

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?**

"Taking my father to the Porsche Driving Experience for his retirement. It was a special moment to share something that meant so much to both of us."

CHRISTIAN MAUSER



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# AUTOCROSS

STORY: DENNIS DAVIS / PHOTOS: FORT GORDON BOSS



## KICKING OFF THE 2026 AUTOCROSS SEASON

FORT GORDON BOSS (BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SERVICE MEMBERS) AUTOCROSS EVENT

The 2026 Autocross Season is underway. We have had our Car Control Clinic, Autocross 1 and a special Fort Gordon BOSS (BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS) Autocross event. Special thanks to the awesome team that pulled the event together:

**LTC Luke Maffey** Army Command Liaison, Event Coordinator  
**Cathy Shimkus** Course Setup, Event Volunteer Coordinator  
**Frank Liang** Course Setup, Timing and Scoring, Instructor  
**David Friesen** Course Setup, Instructor  
**Mike Wilson** Course Setup, Instructor  
**Wilko Heinrichsdorff** Course Setup, Instructor  
**Sabrina Heinrichsdorff** Course Setup, Timing and Scoring  
**MWR BOSS Volunteers** On Post Support

Without these awesome people, events like this would not be possible. The Peachstate PCA Autocross team and the MWR BOSS team put on a great autocross event for service members of Fort Gordon. We did a full 10 runs for each registered driver and then let the instructors take people out in their cars. I think the most interesting car was the Jeep CJ7, driven by Frank Liang, kicking out a full-on drift around the back sweeper. I had no idea a Jeep could move like that!

LTC Luke Maffey got a lot of great feedback, and this feedback has encouraged the Army to request us back in the near future (date not yet decided). Check out the comments left by the service members that attended:

**“It was amazing. I really hope there are more in the future!”**

**“It was awesome. Great place for families to watch. Well organized with volunteers.”**

**“This was by far the best BOSS event I've ever attended.”**

**“I hope there will be more in the future!”**

**“I think it will contribute to having less speeding on and around post if there continue to be safe outlets for performance driving.”**

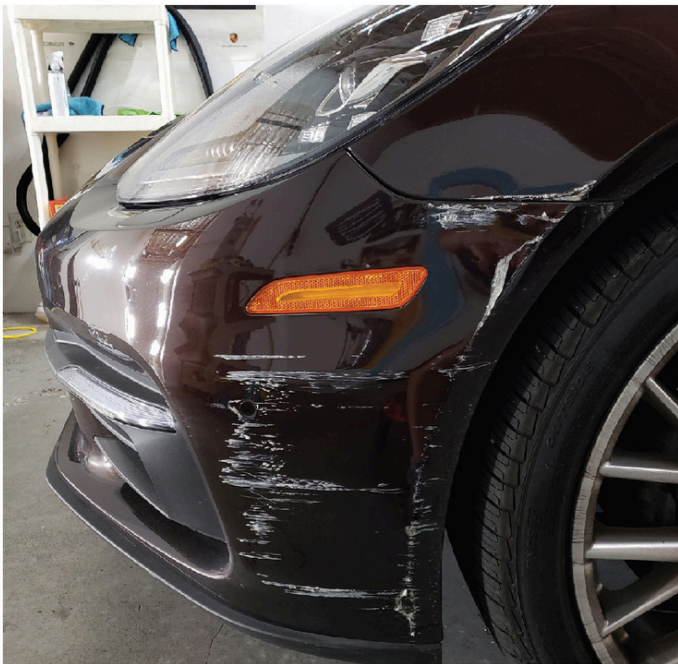
It was an awesome event! The Peachstate PCA has awesome people that just know what to do in order to make events like this a huge success. Kudos to all the people that helped set up the course, time for the event, and instruct the drivers. The comments I got from the volunteers from BOSS and from individuals attending the event made me proud to be a part of this organization.



To find out more about Fort Gordon BOSS Program, their events and a full gallery and videos from the event, visit their [Facebook Page](#).



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# CONCOURS

STORY & PHOTOS: DAN DERIEMER



## WHAT TO EXPECT AT A CONCOURS

ARE YOU READY TO SHOW YOUR CAR OFF AT A CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE?

So, you have spent the better part of the last month or so getting your car washed, waxed, and cleaned. Now you are ready to show your car off at a Concours d'Elegance. But as you get ready to go to sleep, you wonder how ready you are and what to expect tomorrow. Are you really ready?

As you prepare your car for a Concours, you will use many different products. Cleaners, polishes, waxes, solvents, window cleaners, and leather treatments are just a few of the many items you will use to get your car to look its best. To be ready to show your car you should have prepared yourself some kind of kit that has small bottles of each of these products as well as towels, rags and even Q-tips. Being prepared will make the day of the show go much more smoothly. Talk to friends who have been to shows and find out what they bring. Also, think about comfort-like bringing chairs, an umbrella for shade, and a cooler for drinks. It can get pretty hot waiting for those judges to show up. I know that is a lot to get into a Porsche, but modern technology makes some great fold-up compact chairs, etc. One last consideration to prepare for is getting



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the car ready for the trip to the Concours site. If you have a trailer, you are lucky. Most participants do not. In fact, unless you are showing in major Concours d'Elegance (Amelia Island, Hilton Head, Pinehurst), you'll probably drive to the event. You may want to consider covering parts of the car with removable vinyl pieces or tape to prevent chips and other damage on the way over. These products are available from many sources: some are even at your local hardware store.

OK, so the morning is here. You are on your way over. You have left early so you will have plenty of time to drive over and avoid those water puddles. You also want to have as much time as possible to prepare your car once you arrive. Know what time car placement starts and plan on being there by that time. Once you arrive you will be directed to the entrance of the Concours site. A volunteer will direct you to the place where your car will be on display for the day. Quite often a great deal of thought has gone into where the cars are placed, so be patient and understanding as you are directed to your spot. In the grand scheme of things, it makes sense. Once in place, unload your car: the chairs, umbrella, detail kit and cooler. Then take a moment to get organized. Take a moment to review your score sheet package. The front sheet holds the most information: your name, car model and type, as well as the Class you are competing in. The other pages are the judged area sheets and will just show your name and Class. As a courtesy to the judges, remove the staple. The placard and score sheets should be placed on the front windshield, take a deep breath and get ready for the final preparations.

If you arrive early, you should have around two hours to get your car ready. That may seem like a long time, but it is never enough time. Think about all the things you did over the last few weekends while you got the car ready, you now have to do all those things over again in an abbreviated fashion. Start with the area of the car that will need the most attention - if you are in the "Touring Class" that is probably the engine, for the "Street Class," it's probably the exterior. The storage compartment should need the least attention so leave it for last. Think about the areas that took extra work while you worked on the car during the previous weekend. Those are the areas that will need special attention again. Did you find a small oil leak in the engine compartment? Make sure you give that area special attention this morning. Did you have a problem with the glass streak - you will again this morning. Be systematic. Take each judged area one at a time.

Finish one area, close it up and go onto the next. The interior should be near the end of your list because you will need to open it up to open up the other areas - engine compartment and storage. As you finish the interior, give it one last look around for what the wind might have blown in and close the door. Now give the exterior that last walk

around detail. Remember the score sheets and placard and place the package on the dash and place the judging sheets under the windshield wiper. Right about now you are going to hear someone saying, "light dusting only." Once you hear "light dusting," it is time to relax. All you can do now is lightly dust the exterior of the car and wait for the judges. At some point the volunteer judges are going to make it to your car - you might be first, you might be last, but your time will come. When they show up, they will introduce themselves to you and ask for the score sheets. Remove the score sheets from under the wiper and hand them to the head judge. The head judge will distribute them to the other judges on the team. At that point, the head judge gets as long as needed to walk around the car. This is when the head judge is looking for fit, finish, and general presentation of the car. Usually this doesn't last more than a minute. Now take a really deep breath because the judging is about to begin.

The head judge will ask you to open all the doors of the car. You will find this easiest if you do it in a logical sequence. Open the driver's door, while in there release the storage and engine compartment lids and gas cap lid if you have one. Now go open the engine lid all the way, open the passenger's door and finally the storage lid. The head judge will instruct the timer to start the 5-minute Judging period. You will now get to spend the longest five minutes of your life. You get to watch these Judges probe and poke your car like some kind of thorough physical exam. This is not the time to relax. Watch what they are doing. See where they are inspecting. They know where to find problems. So, take from their experience and learn new areas to clean you might not have thought of before. You should not talk to the judges during this time, but you can learn a lot by watching. When judging ends the judges will fill out their score sheets. Usually, they will take the time to show you what they found and maybe even offer suggestions. If they do not, it is perfectly acceptable for you to ask. Do not be offended if they are brief - they do have many more cars to judge.

Now you really can relax. Take a moment to stand back from your car and see how great it looks. This is the biggest reward you are going to get for all your work. You now have a car that will really turn heads. Once you do that, take time to walk around and look at the other cars, talk to the other participants, find out their secrets. Most people who are involved in the Concours series will be more than happy to share their techniques with you. Sometime after lunch, the awards will be handed out. Come over and congratulate those who did well - who knows, you may be one of them! Offer thanks to those who took hours and days of their time to organize the event. The day has now come to an end. Pack up everything and enjoy driving your beautiful car home. Oh, you might want to confirm when the next event is so you can do it all over again!

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# DRIVING TOURS

STORY: STEVE PERA / PHOTOS: WES YOUNG, SCOTT TROTTER, MARK MCCLURG



## NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAINS DRIVING TOUR

A FANTASTIC ROUTE TO BLAIRSVILLE WITH A NICE TRIP AROUND NOTTELY LAKE

Our March 21 tour began at Publix in Dahlonega under cool and partly cloudy skies. This tour attracted 42 cars and 67 total attendees, many of whom were first-timers. Guest tourmeister Marc Ruben planned a fantastic route and worked with Nani's to secure their entire restaurant in Blairsville to host our large entourage.

Participants were organized into four driving groups and after checking in, we held a short participant meeting that covered the day's driving plan and important safety information. The route headed in a northwesterly direction toward Morganton before heading to Blairsville with a nice trip around Nottely Lake. The tour was all about the drive this time with lots of elevation changes and twisty bits keeping everyone engaged. Nani's welcomed our group and served up some authentic Cuban cuisine for us to enjoy. Many took the planned return route back to Dahlonega and points home, while others enjoyed the afternoon in the mountains.

Special thanks to leads Sam Mosley, Marc Ruben, and

Michel Belland, and sweeps Jim Terrell, Wes Young, Mike Giammarco, and Phil Myers for keeping our groups together and safe on the tour. Our events would not be successful without the continued support of our dedicated member volunteers.



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## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Firsthand perspectives and quotes from members who participated

### RJ WELLS

"I recently became a PCA member and participated in the spring tour as my first event. Immediately I was greeted by and conversed with a handful of members that shared excitement being a car enthusiast, but above all, a Porsche owner. The drive through the North Georgia mountains had plenty of twists and turns which made it very enjoyable from start to finish. Big thanks to all that organized the event, well done! Hoping for many more tours in the future!"

### SCOTT WICKER

"What a great drive we had on Saturday. Very well organized, great members showed up and then we drove on some outstanding roads up around Lake Nottely. Lunch at the Cuban Restaurant in Blairsville was so good. Met some other nice members and just had a great day."

### SCOTT TROTTER

"The perfect way to kick off the first Saturday of Spring—behind the wheel of our 997.1 Turbo with the top down, carving the N Georgia mountains with fellow PCA members!"



### NICHOLAS AND RENE GIANNOPOULOS

"My wife and I were very excited as first time participants of a PCA tour, and very happy after the conclusion of it. We met great people, the tour was extremely well organized and the road selection and directions superb! Nicely done by the organizers! Looking forward to the next one!"

### GARY L FRENCH

"Friendly people, fun roads, excellent organization, and outstanding cars. Who could ask for more. It was a great day with beautiful weather and excellent food, too."

### DENNIS SKARADZINSKI

"My wife, Sondra, joined me on the drive yesterday. I've been a PCA member for about 13-months and this was my first Peachstate PCA event to attend. All I can say is Wow! We were in group 3 in our aventurine green, blue rag top, 2025 718 Boxster S. I bought the car Jan 2025 and as of yesterday only had 3700 miles on the vehicle. Many kudos to Michel our group leader and Mike G. Our group sweep. What a blast and a highly intense drive. Congratulations to all the organizers that planned, created the drive and provided a wonderful experience. And the weather couldn't have been better!"

# DRIVING TOURS

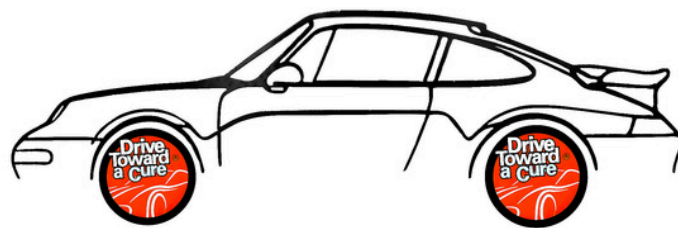
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## DRIVE TOWARD A CURE RANDY POBST MEET AND GREET DRIVING TOUR TO ATLANTA MOTORSPORTS PARK, PARADE LAPS AND

Peachstate PCA has a long-standing association with Drive Toward a Cure. This charity provides support for research to find a cure and provides support to victims of Parkinson's. Past donations have gone to Emory's Udall Parkinson's Center right here in Atlanta. In the past, we have held charity tours to interesting venues such as the Savoy Auto Museum, the Brumos Collection, American Muscle Car Museums, and to the private Ingram collection. This year we wanted to do something new. We wanted to do a tour to a track, have lunch, drive parade laps on a track, and have a famous person come and address our

group. We secured three sponsors, [Wolfpen Auto Repair](#), [Forgeline Performance and Racing Wheels](#), and [Moto Escape](#). They each agreed to pay a speaker's fee for the right personality. Peachstate PCA's board agreed to pay up to \$1,500 toward lunch for the tour participants, if the club approved it at a membership meeting. A vote approved this expense at a monthly social. We decided that we would also have to charge a \$15 per person registration fee to augment Peachstate PCA's support to cover all the expenses. By doing so, we would be able to provide 100% of the donations to the [Drive Toward a Cure](#) charity.



Randy Pobst is a well-known record setting race car driver and YouTube star who lives in north Georgia not far from Atlanta Motorsports Park. He presented to our group back in 2022 and that event proved he was a very entertaining speaker, so we really wanted to bring him back again. The only date available for us at Atlanta Motorsports Park was Saturday, April 4 – Easter weekend, which was part of Spring Break for many of the schools in the area. I was concerned this would impact attendance, but Randy was available, so we forged ahead. We set a goal of \$5,000 in donations, a \$100 minimum donation per person plus the registration fee. We set a limit of 50 people because that was the capacity of the track's classroom. Even with some late cancellations, we ended up with 40 cars and 54 participants, and we raised a little over \$6,000. I am very proud of the Peachstate PCA member's support.



The tour began at Wolfpen Auto Repair, which has a very nice lounge area, and they provided coffee and pastries in addition to their sponsorship towards the speaker's fees. This was a perfect location for us to begin the tour.



Randy came and interacted with our group prior to the drive to the track as everyone was signing in. After the participants briefing, we separated into four driving groups with volunteer leads and sweeps. Each of our sponsors participated in the tour by also serving as group leads or sweeps. I must point out that we could not do tours without volunteers, and we are always looking for more people to help, so if you are interested let us know. The route included some nice mountain roads, which took us into some low hanging clouds, making the drive more interesting. Randy drove the tour with us.

After arriving, we had a chance to watch some of the AMP members drive on the track before we had lunch. AMP did a fantastic job of providing salads and a variety of meats for sandwiches, along with soft drinks and desserts. Then, Randy lead us in the parade laps on the track. We were allowed to stop the entire group near the start/finish line for a photo opportunity. Then, Randy regaled our group for approximately 2 hours with stories from his career and answered questions presented by the group. The event was a hit with all who attended.

Want to see more photos from the event? Check out the full Gallery at <https://peachstatepca.org/gallery>.

# RALLY

STORY: GARY SAMOLUK / PHOTOS: WILKO HEINRICHSORFF

## PEACHSTATE'S 3RD ANNUAL WINE TASTING AT KAYA VINEYARDS AND WINERY TWENTY-TWO PORSCHE ON A SUNNY FEBRUARY AFTERNOON

On a brisk, sunny February morning with a stiff wind blowing, twenty-two Porsches rolled out for Peachstate's 3rd Annual Wine Tasting Tour — destination: [Kaya Vineyards and Winery](#), tucked into the Georgia countryside.

The drive itself was half the fun, winding through the kind of roads that remind you why you bought the car in the first place. Upon arrival, Kaya had us well sorted with an outdoor tent warmed by heaters — a welcome setup that kept the afternoon comfortable and the spirits high.

Kevin Kennedy, Kaya's Tasting Room Manager and our gracious host, guided the group through three carefully selected pours. We opened with a light, sweet blush carrying lovely hints of grapefruit — the kind of wine that has summer grilling written all over it, especially alongside fresh fish. Next came a robust American Cabernet Sauvignon with beautiful legs, a rich body, and an inviting aroma that paired perfectly in the imagination with a serious burger or a well-marbled steak. We finished with a crisp, bright Pinot Grigio that was a genuinely delightful way to close out the formal tasting.

The afternoon added a lucky dimension with a drawing for three bottles of red. The prizes were nothing to dismiss — a 2022 Sangiovese Reserve, a Grenache, and the crowd-pleasing Trifecta Bordeaux Blend, a delicious marriage of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Merlot. Congratulations to our winners: **Daffnet Swint, Jeff Strane, and Tom W.**

After the formal tasting, many guests lingered — always a good sign. Kevin then offered a small group a rare treat: a hands-on introduction to the art of blending. Working with Merlot as the base and adding measured touches of Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon, the group created something genuinely interesting on the spot. It was the kind of experience that turns a pleasant afternoon into a memorable one.

A heartfelt thank you to Michele Belland, our Tour Chair, for the seamless coordination that made the drive and the day run so smoothly. And a very special thank you to Kevin and Talulah for their warmth, generosity, and hospitality — as always.

This year marks the fifth consecutive year that Kaya Vineyards and Winery has served as Peachstate's official Rally sponsor. That kind of partnership doesn't happen by accident, and our rally program is genuinely better for it. Our sincere gratitude to Kaya for their continued and generous support.

**SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT WINO YOU COME AND RALLY ON JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>.**



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# SOCIALS

STORY: MIKE GIAMMARCO / PHOTOS: MICHAEL COFFEY, WILKO HEINRICHSORFF

## MEMBERS' PARTY AT THE F1 ARCADE

ATLANTA IS A TOWN FULL OF NEW VENUES AND THE F1 ARCADE DID NOT DISAPPOINT

Our Members' Party tradition is to give back and show appreciation to all of our Members, both existing and new to the club, as well as celebrate prior year club event winners and Member / Volunteer honorees.

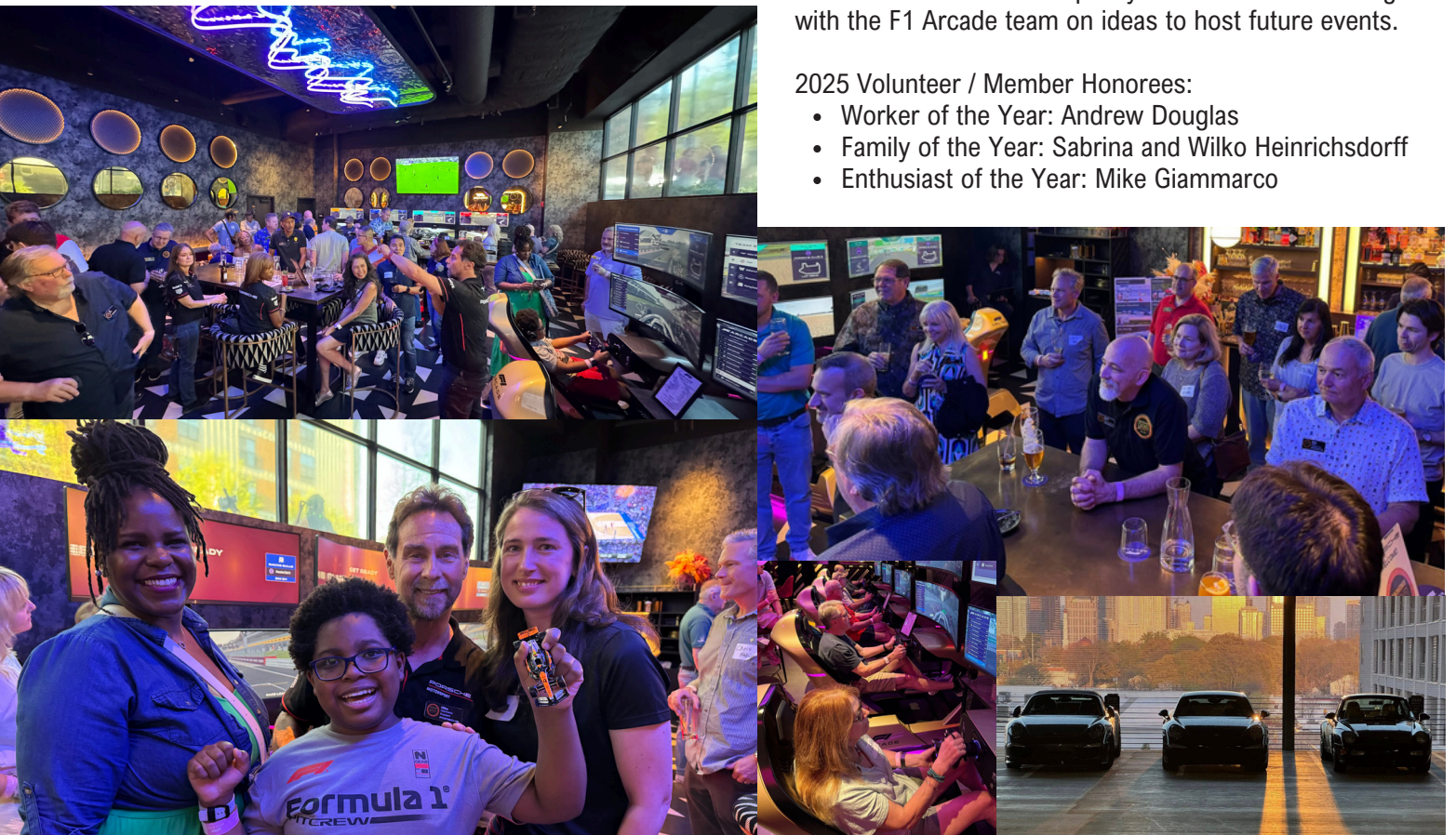
On March 22nd, a capacity Peachstate PCA crowd arrived at the brand new F1 Arcade and experienced a fun, exciting and innovative event. We enjoyed our own private social, dining and gaming area that included what seemed like an endless parade of food, a private service bar and a substantial array of state-of-the-art F1 simulators personalized with a Peachstate PCA welcome. Everyone was able to grab their bites at a high-top or private table, enjoy a beverage, hit a SIM and socialize throughout our dedicated space. The staff was easily one of the best service teams we ever encountered. Their attention to personalized service for every guest was noticed and appreciated by everyone.

All ages were welcome, including our guests of honor, "Turbo Jo," a young, local YouTube influencer and his mom, Kenyatta. Jo is definitely a "gamer" with a passion for cars and a dedication to support Autism causes. His mom, Kenyatta, is an inspiring example of positive support for her amazing son. See Jo's YouTube channel at: [TurboJoTv - YouTube](#). Check out the video short on his trip to the Porsche Experience Center where he got to see Sally and Lightning McQueen on full display – he also loves Corvettes. The clip is priceless. Given Jo's growing popularity in the greater Atlanta car community and an appreciation for Porsche, we're looking forward to having him join us again, soon.

Special thanks to Frank Tueckmantel, our Social Chair and the entire Social Committee team for finding this location and putting together an innovative, seamless and highly enjoyable evening for our Peachstate family. Couldn't join us due to limited event capacity? No worries. Working with the F1 Arcade team on ideas to host future events.

2025 Volunteer / Member Honorees:

- Worker of the Year: Andrew Douglas
- Family of the Year: Sabrina and Wilko Heinrichsdorff
- Enthusiast of the Year: Mike Giammarco



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# TRACK

STORY: MIKE WILSON / PHOTOS: BRIAN WONG



## CLUB RACE & SOLO HPDE: A MEMORABLE WEEKEND AT ROAD ATLANTA DRIVERS TESTED THEIR SKILL, SPEED, AND ENDURANCE

Motorsport enthusiasts gathered at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta from April 10 to 12, 2026 to take part in a club race/solo HPDE that delivered excitement, camaraderie, and fierce competition. The event offered participants both skill-building and high-adrenaline track action across a memorable weekend. Drivers from across the U.S. and Canada with various backgrounds arrived ready to challenge themselves on the iconic circuit, famous for its flowing corners and elevation changes.

HPDE drivers enjoyed three full days of driving, making the most of the track with an absolute minimum number of on-track incidents. The smooth progression of sessions allowed participants to focus on refining their abilities and savoring the driving experience.

Friday was dedicated to practice and qualifying rounds, allowing racers to familiarize themselves with the track and fine-tune their vehicles. These sessions laid the groundwork for Saturday's action, when competitors faced

off in four thrilling sprint races. Each sprint brought intense battles, strategy, and opportunities for drivers to showcase their speed and adaptability in short, high-stakes contests.

As a private event, the club race unfolded in an intimate atmosphere, letting participants focus fully on their performance and the camaraderie within the Porsche club community. The excitement on track was matched by the spirit of sportsmanship off it, with drivers sharing tips and encouragement throughout the paddock.

Saturday night brought racers, HPDE drivers, and guests together at the Michelin Tower's Podium Club for a lively social gathering featuring a German buffet. The event was made even more special by the presence of Pam and Bob Barker—Bob, who helped introduce club racing to the region in the early 1990s, and Pam, the creator of the first DOS-based timing and scoring system.

During the evening, sprint trophies were presented to the

weekend's top performers, capping off a full day of competition on a celebratory note. It was the perfect setting to unwind, connect, and share stories after an exciting day at the track.

Sunday brought a new challenge with Enduro racing, adding endurance and teamwork to the mix. Drivers tested their stamina and strategy in longer races, pushing both themselves and their cars over extended periods. Enduro racers were able to collect their trophies at Peachstate Central, located at the base of the Michelin Tower, following the conclusion of their race.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our National Staff, Track Committee, and the many volunteers whose time and energy ensured the event was successful. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to our sponsors—Porsche Atlanta Northeast, Hennessy Porsche, and David Murry—whose vital contributions made this weekend possible. Sincere gratitude is extended to everyone involved, for making the Club Race/Solo HPDE at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta a truly memorable experience.

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