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FROM THE ROAD

MIKE GIAMMARCO - PEACHSTATE REGION, PCA PRESIDENT

We made it! Welcome 2026 and all our Peachstate PCA friends and family to a new year! One thing a new year can bring is change. Some fresh faces among our members, as well as our devoted Board and Committees. Rest assured, we look forward to a new year full of fun, engaging experiences and friendships.

My story? The Porsche passion is a very real thing. For me, it began when I opened the new April '76 issue of Road and Track Magazine to an ad introducing the Porsche Turbo Carrera. Game over. I actually still have that magazine, though it's a bit tattered from the years. My first Porsche? Right after my first year of college in New York. Found a '70 914 that was crying for help, hit in the right front. I actually tied the passenger side suspension points between two trees and pulled the unibody back out (almost) so I could drive it as I worked on it. My mom has a polaroid of that somewhere. My father was not happy.

After college and relocation to Florida, first child came along, which required practical sedans but I couldn't help it. I came across an '81 928 5 speed and grabbed it to relive the simpler times, though in my defense, the rear seating DID fit a child car seat! One year later, a second child on the way – priorities. Sold it and returned to practical sedans once again. Third precious child arrived and so did the purple Dodge Caravan which lasted long enough for my young ones to name it “the grape.” I behaved for such a long time. I did...but once I was getting close to the empty nest stage, there she was in the Autotrader. In 2004, I found my '87 928 S4 5 speed, black with linen interior, 79K on the odometer. I spent the following years as a happy member of Suncoast Florida Region PCA, the national 928 Owner's Club and a VERY engaged Florida 928 goup, enjoying countless adventures and friendships. A 2004 Cayenne S was later added to the garage.

Late 2012, I got word from my employer—“you're relocating to Atlanta—you have 30 days.” Made my way north on Hwy 75, my 928 S4 packed full to the hatch. One fine spring afternoon, I took her out for a drive and found myself near Lillian Webb Park in Norcross. Nearby, I saw a lot of Porsches in a parking lot, a Peachstate PCA Logo and nice folks enjoying the moment. I'm not shy. I pulled over and was overwhelmed by so many warm greetings. I knew right away that I discovered my new Porsche family and processed my PCA club region transfer. Check our Presse archive Spring 2013 issue, magazine page 16—that was the day! That's what Peachstate PCA does.

Spent some years focused on new club friendships, attending events and enjoying tours and drives in my 928, with nearly 250,000 miles worth of amazing memories to date. This included my Atlanta 928 friends - all Peachstate

PCA members, too. I still have the 2004 Cayenne S, now over 250,000 miles. Hey, I work on my own cars and you might say, I get attached! Recently, a beautiful Diamond Blue / Linen 1988 928 S4 Automatic with 68,000 miles came home with me, as did a 2018 Macan GTS, Black / Black & Red Trim Interior. I know what you're thinking—Porsche passion run amok. It's true!

I definitely heard the hopeful whispers about getting involved and doing my part. I listened. I took on Tech Co-Chair, then Vice President and here I am. I am so profoundly appreciative, humble and grateful for this opportunity to follow over 65 years of the incredible dedication, passion and tireless work of so many prior club members, volunteers and leaders.

On behalf of myself and our team of volunteers, we're all dedicated to the traditions of the Peachstate PCA legacy which includes our simple core purpose of fun, instruction/learning and friendships, as well as committed to help our members feel like Porsche family.

We will work hard to evolve and meet member expectations by delivering all the benefits and value our club can provide. You deserve it.

HEARING “THE HOPEFUL WHISPER” YET?



CRUISE ON IN FOR A NIGHT OF CARS, FOOD & FUN!

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MONDAY

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MONDAY NIGHT!



GOOD TIMES & GREAT RIDES!

2026 EVENTS COMING UP

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START YOUR ENGINES: 2026 IS FULLY LOADED

What's on the starting grid for 2026? A packed calendar of incredible events and truly, there is something for everyone. New to the club, a longtime member, or not quite sure what all of the events are? Curious, but maybe intimidated by terms like Autocross, HPDE, or Rally?

We invite you to browse our incredible catalog of events (thank you, volunteers!) and find your people. Whether you're here for speed, scenery, social time, spotless cars, or all of the above, we have something for you!

FOR THE EARLY-MORNING CROWD & THE SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES

PORSCHE & COFFEE ("PEACHSTATE KAFFEE")

Low commitment, high reward - and great conversations before noon.

No registration is required, just bring your Porsche to spend a couple of hours on a Sunday morning to relax, chat, and catch up with fellow enthusiasts.

- Casual, friendly atmosphere
- Amazing photo opportunities
- Your Porsche among 50+ other incredible cars

Come for the cars, stay for the people.

SAVE THE DATES:

- »»» 03/28 - @BMW Motorrad / Roswell
- »»» 05/16 - Save the Date / Location TBD
- »»» 10/10 - Save the Date / Location TBD



MONDAY DRIVE-N-DINE, MEET-UPS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Where friendships are made and plans are born.

From monthly dinner socials, "Monday Drive-N-Dine", to casual brewery meet-ups, these gatherings are at the heart of our community.

- Catch up with friends old and new
- Learn about upcoming events
- Find your next Tour group or Rally partner

Highlights include:

- Members Party: Celebrating our members and winners from last year's competitive events
- Holiday Party: Great food, fun themes, prizes, and a festive way to wrap up the year

If you're looking to connect and catch up, this is where it happens.

SAVE THE DATES:

- »»» 03/22 - Members Appreciation Party / F1 Arcade Atlanta
- »»» 03/24 - South Social @Taco Mac / Peachtree City
- »»» 04/13 - Monday Drive-N-Dine @Bold Monk Brewing
- »»» 04/21 - South Social / Location TBD
- »»» 05/11 - Monday Drive-N-Dine @Superica Buckhead
- »»» 05/19 - South Social / Location TBD
- »»» 06/08 - Monday Drive-N-Dine / Location TBD
- »»» 06/16 - South Social / Location TBD
- »»» 07/13 - Monday Drive-N-Dine / Location TBD
- »»» 07/21 - South Social / Location TBD
- »»» 08/10 - Monday Drive-N-Dine / Location TBD
- »»» 08/18 - South Social / Location TBD

Questions? ✉ social@peachstatepca.org

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FOR THE SPOTLESS CROWD

CONCOURS

Show off your Porsche or simply admire the best of the best.

Concours events celebrate the beauty, history, and craftsmanship of your Porsche.

- Open to all Porsche owners
- Modified cars and race cars welcome
- Competition within every type and class of Porsche

It's a fantastic social event and an opportunity to:

- Share your car's story
- Receive feedback from judges and spectators
- Connect with other owners and local dealerships, service centers and businesses hosting the events

SAVE THE DATES:

- »» 03/15 - Concours Judge's Training @Ride Lounge
- »» 03/22 - Concours 101 @Ride Lounge
- »» 10/10 - Save the Date / Location TBD



Questions? ✉ concours@peachstatepca.org

FOR THE HANDS-ON CREW

TECH SESSIONS

Learn more about your car - no greasy hands required.

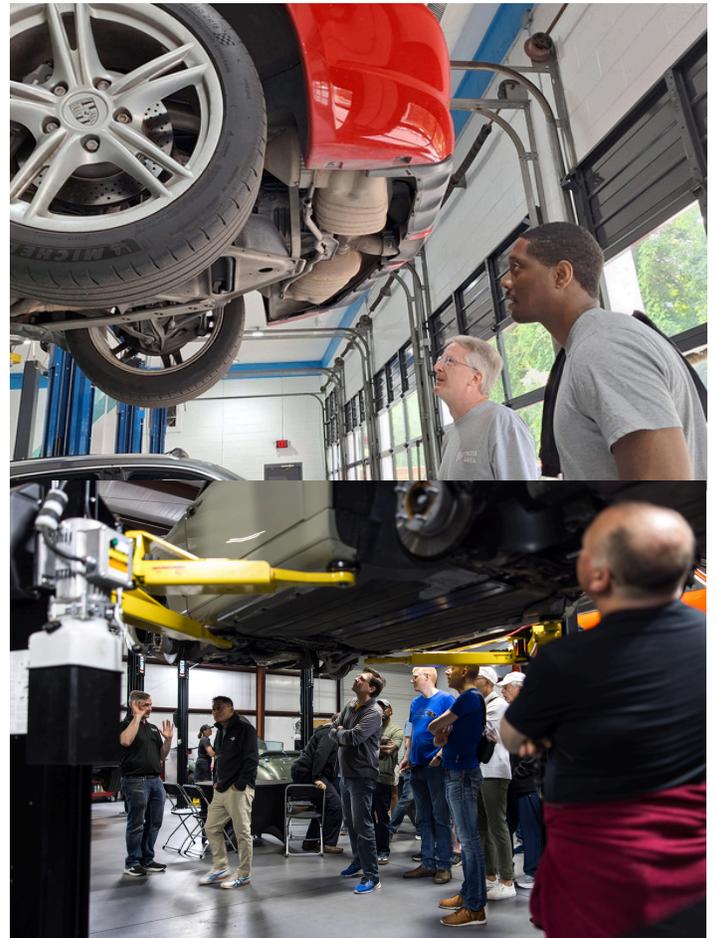
Tech Sessions are a fantastic way to:

- Get to know local shops, dealerships, and service departments
- Learn from experts on topics like DIY maintenance, tires, and model-specific insights
- Ask questions in a relaxed, social setting

These sessions are driven by member interest, so your feedback matters. Have a question? We may know someone who has the answer.

SAVE THE DATES:

- »» 04/25 - DIY Tech Session @Moto Escape Chamblee
- »» 06/20 - Advanced Suspension Design @Motion Control Suspension



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FOR THE ROAD-TRIP DREAMERS (WITH OR WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE EDGE)

DRIVING TOURS

Scenic driving, great destinations, and even better company.

Not interested in competitive driving? Prefer to enjoy Georgia's stunning back roads at a relaxed pace? Tours are for you.

- Carefully selected scenic routes through Peachstate
- Multiple groups, each with a lead and a sweep
- Leave together, arrive together—no one gets left behind
- Stops to refuel, both for the cars and the drivers

Destinations are always memorable:

- Museums and factory tours
- Track laps or charity laps at renowned circuits
- Wineries and other unique local gems

If your car is ready for the Georgia mountains, you're ready to join. Just be sure to register early, as Tours are very popular and fill up fast.

SAVE THE DATES:

- »»» 03/14 - Talladega Speedway Track Laps
- »»» 03/21 - Spring Mountain Tour / Dahlenega to Blairsville
- »»» 04/04 - Randy Pobst at AMP / Drive Toward a Cure
- »»» 04/18 - Pirelli Factory Tour / Rome
- »»» 05/08 - Wolf Mountain Vineyards & Winery Tour
- »»» 05/16 - Booth Museum Tour / Cartersville
- »»» 06/06 - Barnsley Gardens, Lookout Mountain & Chattanooga Tour



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RALLIES

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Precision, teamwork, and fun while exploring scenic Georgia routes

This is not the rally you see on TV. Our TSD (Time-Speed-Distance) Rallies are a fun and competitive way to enjoy Georgia's mountain roads—on public roads and never above the posted speed limit.

What you need:

- Navigator: If you don't have one, we'll help you find one
- Driver: 16+ with a valid license

Who's got the tougher job? That depends on who you ask.

- Navigator: Calls out distances, turns, and target speeds
- Driver: Follows instructions precisely - while resisting distractions from the beautiful scenic roads

The goal: pass checkpoints as close as possible to the predetermined time. Too early or too late, both add penalty seconds to your score. Lowest score wins (and yes - there are prizes).

Bonus: the drive home is the perfect time to debate whose fault it was for missing that one turn.

SAVE THE DATES:

- »»» 04/22 - Online Rally School
- »»» 04/26 - Die Frühlingsblumen Rally / Location TBD
- »»» 07/08 - Online Rally School
- »»» 07/12 - Wino You Come and Rally / Dahlenega
- »»» 11/04 - Online Rally School
- »»» 11/08 - Die Herbstfarben Rally / Location TBD



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FOR THE CONTROL-FOCUSED & THE SPEED-HUNGRY

AUTOCROSS

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The best way to truly get to know your car in a safe, controlled environment.

Autocross lets you explore your car's handling and improve car control by navigating a cone-marked course in a large parking lot—all while chasing your best time.

- Open to drivers 16+ with a valid license
- Drivers of all abilities and any street-legal cars are welcome (not just Porsche!)
- Beginners are encouraged to participate
- Instructors and loaner helmets are available

Our season kick-off features a 2-day event:

- Saturday: Car control clinic, test & tune, and preseason practice
- Sunday: Full day of Autocross competition

Often called the gateway to the track, Autocross doesn't just make you faster—it also makes you a more confident daily driver.

SAVE THE DATES:

- »»» 03/28 - Car Control Clinic, Test & Tune, Practice AX
- »»» 03/29 - Autocross 1
- »»» 05/03 - Autocross 2
- »»» 06/14 - Autocross 3
- »»» 07/19 - Autocross 4
- »»» 08/23 - Autocross 5
- »»» 09/27 - Autocross 6
- »»» 11/15 - Autocross 7

»»» Each round of our 2026 championship will take place at Echo Park Speedway, Hampton, GA



Questions? ✉ autocross@peachstatepca.org

HIGH-PERFORMANCE DRIVER EDUCATION

A no-brainer if you want to experience the full potential of your car.

HPDE delivers the thrill of speed in a safe track environment, with a strong focus on learning, skill development, and camaraderie.

- Open to drivers age 18+ with a valid license
- Street and race cars in good mechanical condition are welcome
- All cars must pass track inspection
- Helmet required meeting safety standards (Snell M, SA2015 or SA2020)

First time on track? No experience? No problem.

You'll start in Group 1, with:

- Mandatory classroom sessions covering track rules and safety
- The same driving instructor in the car with you all weekend
- Multiple on-track sessions designed to build confidence, skills, friendships, and unforgettable experiences

Seasoned enthusiasts and first timers alike will tell you: HPDE is as welcoming as it is exhilarating.

SAVE THE DATES:

- »»» 04/10 - Solo HPDE at Club Race / Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta
- »»» 06/27 - Summer HPDE / Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta
- »»» 10/09 - Oktoberfest HPDE / Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta



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BECOME A PEACHSTATE VOLUNTEER

WANT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PEACHSTATE 225 CLUB RACE IN APRIL

Join Peachstate Region at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta in Braselton, GA! A great opportunity to see the cars, people and logistics of Club Racing and High-Performance Drivers Education up close.

- **April 10, 11 & 12 (Fri - Sun)**
- Half day and full day shift opportunities
- No experience needed, but it is a busy environment
- Rain or shine and you are on your feet

You will be assigned to help with areas of traffic management to maintain safety, directing cars into the correct spots, pushing cars onto the scales and other tasks to run a smooth event. Shift times & assignments will be confirmed as we get closer.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!



REGISTER HERE:



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DMTD 2026

Jan 27-28	SEBRING	Before PCA	Aug 10-11	VIR	25 Car
Feb 23-24	SEBRING	+ Night	Aug 26-27	INDY	25 Car
Mar 18-19	VIR	Before PCA	Aug 29-30	INDY	25 Car
Apr 08-09	ATLANTA	Before PCA	Sep 02-03	ROAD AM	Before PCA
Jun 01-02	WATKINS	25 Car	Sep 22-23	ATLANTA	25 Car
Jun 03-04	WATKINS	25 Car	Sep 24-25	ATLANTA	25 Car
Jul 20-21	ROAD AM	25 Car	Dec 14-15	DAYTONA	25 Car
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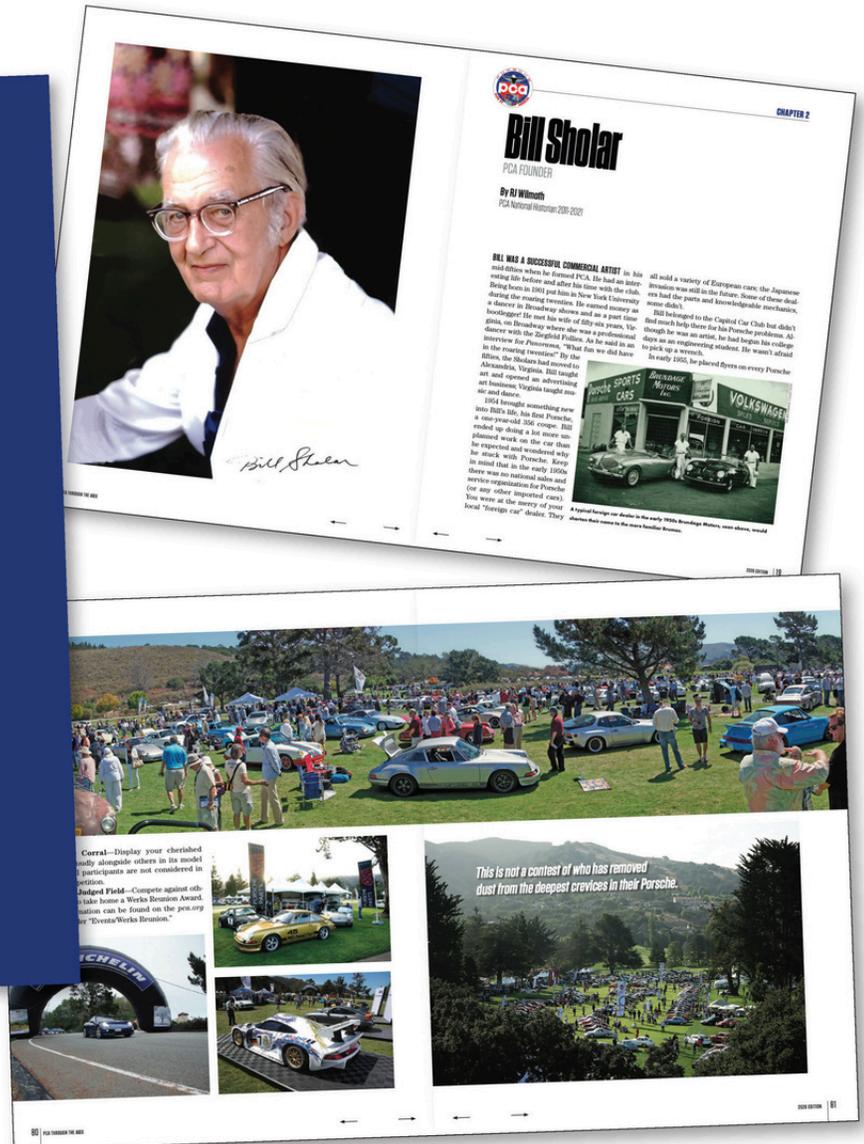
PCA History Book

Updated for 2026, the Porsche Club of America History Book is online now. Inside, you'll find a comprehensive look at the club's journey, detailed sections on key milestones, a showcase of events, and prominent National Awards, complete with descriptions and past winners.

Read the updated book here: <https://ww2.pca.org/pca-history>



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HEART OF PEACHSTATE

STORY: PENNY GILDERSLEEVE



OUR CHARITABLE MISSION

MEET PEACHSTATE PCA'S NEW CHARITY CHAIR, PENNY GILDERSLEEVE!

Service is not just a choice for me; it is a family legacy. Raised in a military family and inspired by a mother deeply committed to community work, I learned early on that leadership is inseparable from giving back.

This philosophy carries directly into my professional life, where I prioritize the development of others and use my leadership capacity to uplift those around me.

I believe that everyone has a "Why"—a unique purpose that drives the desire to make a difference. I see myself as the bridge between that purpose and the people who need it.

As the Charity Chair for Peachstate PCA, I am dedicated to building connections that matter. My mission is to:

- help our members uncover their personal sparks
- connect them with their specific passions
- bridge the gap between individual intent and collective impact

By fostering these relationships, we ensure that the charitable work of Peachstate PCA is not just a service, but a movement that rewards and empowers the givers and the community alike.

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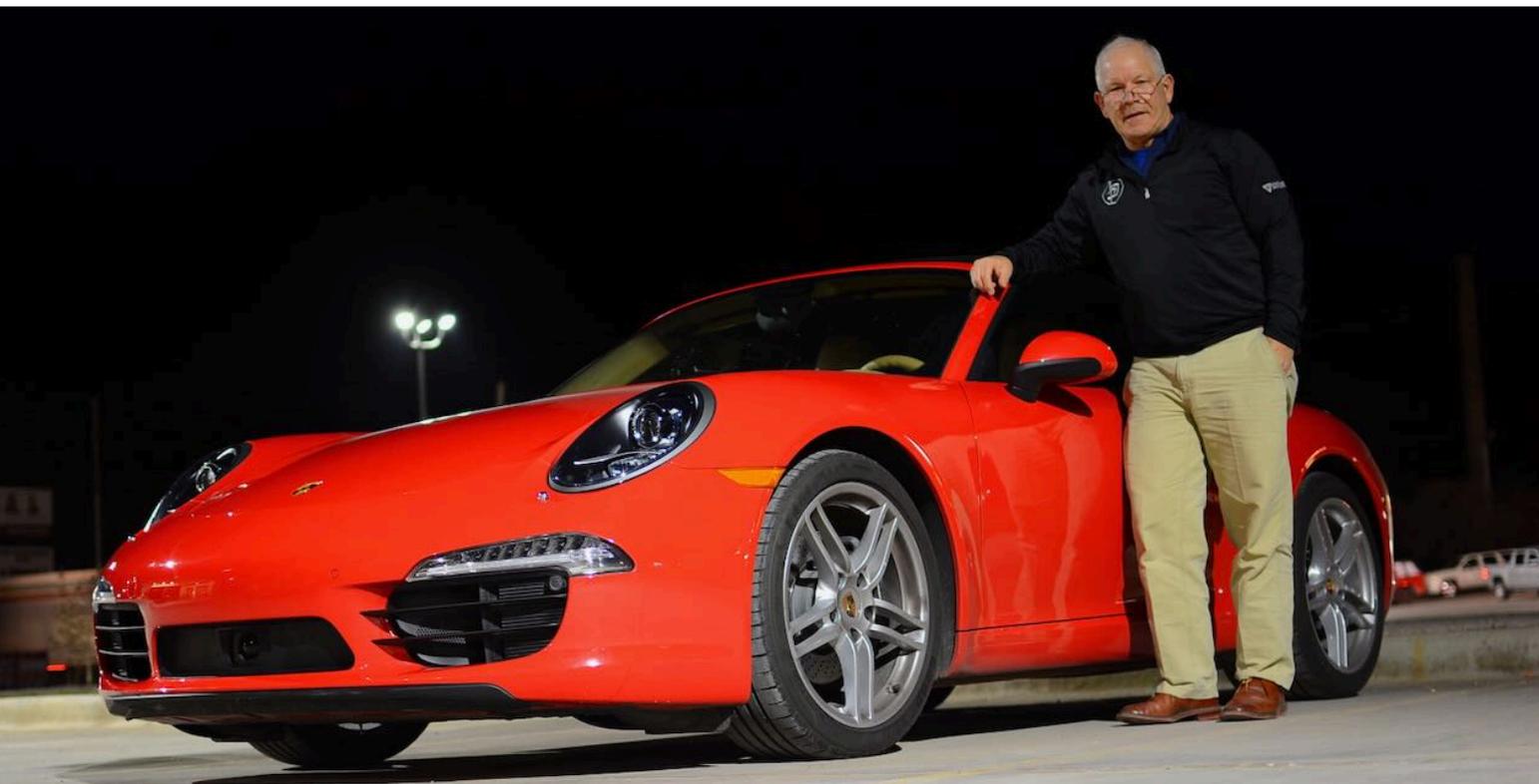
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MILES & MEMORIES

STORY: SHONODEEP MODAK, INTERVIEW WITH WES MCCANN / PHOTOS: WES MCCANN (TOURINGCARTRAVELER@GMAIL.COM)



THE TOURING CAR CHRONICLES ONE GUARDS RED 911 AND THE ART OF GOING EVERYWHERE

THE SCORECARD

Most people look at an odometer reading of 220,000 miles and think: retirement. Time to trade in. Maybe donate to charity and take the tax write-off.

Wes McCann looks at 220,000 miles and thinks: scorecard!

His 2014 Guards Red Porsche 911 Cabriolet—affectionately known as the “Touring Car”—isn’t winding down. It’s just getting started. While most Porsches spend their golden years tucked safely in climate-controlled garages, seeing sunlight only on perfect Saturday mornings, Wes’s has crossed the Great Plains in subzero cold, traversed dirt roads in Mississippi, and logged more highway miles than some commercial truckers.

And here’s the thing: Wes isn’t a collector. He’s a traveler. For him, miles aren’t depreciation—they’re memories. Every thousand miles represents another gas station conversation, another stranger sitting in the driver’s seat grinning for a photo, another historic marker on some backroad, another story.

“A stop in Lemesa, TX on the way to a Nat Geo workshop in Santa Fe, NM. I just had to take advantage of the motel’s parking area lighting. It was like being in a photo studio.”



FROM TWO WHEELS TO FOUR

Before there was a Touring Car, there was a motorcycle. Actually, several motorcycles.

For twenty years, Wes crisscrossed America on a series of BMW GSs, racking up epic miles on two wheels. His first touring bike—a 1996 GS that still sits in his garage—has 210,000 miles on it. That’s not a typo. Two hundred and ten thousand miles of national parks, civil rights landmarks, Revolutionary War sites, and something called the Iron Butt Association’s Master Traveler award, which requires visiting 50 national parks or monuments across at least 25 states in one year.

It took Wes three tries to complete the Master Traveler tour. The first time: missed a state. The second time: had all the states, missed a few sites. Third time: nailed it. But he didn’t mind the do-overs. “I got to see more of the country,” he says, like repeating a cross-country scavenger hunt is just part of the fun.

Then came 2016. Wes decided it was time to retire from motorcycles. In anticipation of that moment, he and his wife bought the 2014 911 Cabriolet. Brand new. Guards Red. Two seats. Convertible.

WHY A 911 MAKES THE PERFECT ROAD TRIP CAR

When I asked Wes what makes the 911 work so well for long-distance travel, he didn't hesitate.

"I wanted to stay close to the motorcycling experience," he explained. "You're out in the elements. You don't carry a lot of stuff. Sometimes it's comfortable, sometimes it's not—but that's part of the adventure."

They looked at a lot of cars, but the 911 Cabriolet checked every box: two passengers, convertible, and being "bulletproof." The deal was sealed.

Their Touring Car has traversed dirt roads, country roads and interstates. It's climbed mountains, descended into Death Valley, where it endured 117 degrees temperatures and never once left him stranded. It gets 30 miles per gallon—and maintenance costs are shockingly reasonable.

"I treat it like an airplane," Wes says. "Every 10,000 miles, it goes in for service. If I'm late getting it done, the next time it hits 10,000 miles, it goes right back in."

But the real selling point? "It's just a plain kick to drive."

THE TOUR OF HONOR: FOCUS THROUGH TRAVEL

For the past fourteen years, Wes has participated in the Tour of Honor—a self-guided motorcycle and car tour of designated veteran and first responder memorials in all fifty states. Each state has seven memorials. Most years, Wes visits around a hundred of them.

At the end of the year, if you've completed enough sites, you get a pin about the size of a quarter and a printed certificate. That's it. No prize money. No trophy. Just a pin and a piece of paper.

And Wes loves it.

"What I like about Tour of Honor is that I get to see a lot of the country, and I go to places I wouldn't have gone, but for the Tour," he says. "What I've learned—well, I knew this already—but we live in a vast and beautiful country. The people here are genuinely nice."

The Tour of Honor provides what Wes calls "focus"—structure in a world of infinite roads. He's always had themes for his travels: the Civil Rights Movement, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, national parks, Blues music, town murals. The Tour of Honor is just another lens through which to see America.

"You don't have to go across the country to have a good time," Wes points out. "Just in Georgia alone, there's so much to see."

But let's be honest—the man has also been to Nebraska, Iowa, Death Valley, Glacier National Park, and literally every corner of the lower 48. So when Wes says you don't have to go far, he's earned the right to say it.

THE MAN FROM ALLIGATOR

If you want to understand what the Touring Car means to Wes, you need to hear about Albert Lea.

It was 2025, and Wes was finally checking off a bucket list trip: the Mississippi Blues Trail. This wasn't casual sightseeing—this was a pilgrimage. Wes had spent years reading about American Blues, and the Mississippi Delta is where it all began. The state had erected a historic trail with markers celebrating legends like Muddy Waters and Son House, and Wes was determined to see them all.

Top down. Ninety degrees. Blues Highway 61. Life was good.

Then he rolled into Alligator, Mississippi—a town so small it barely qualifies as a dot on a map. Wes pulled over to photograph the Alligator Blues historic marker, tired and ready to move on. It was late in the day.

And then Albert Lea ambled by. "Hey, nice car," Albert said.

Wes was tired. He wanted to keep moving. But something about Albert's presence made him stop. They started talking.



"Pledge of Allegiance" mural at J3 BBQ in Bainbridge, GA



"I've been 'collecting' town murals for years. I drove to Bainbridge specifically to get a photo of this mural for the Tour of Honor for potential use in the 2026 Tour."



Twenty minutes later, they were still talking.

They talked about faith. About Albert’s outlook on life and what he was hoping for down the road. Wes—a guy who’s met hundreds of strangers in gas station parking lots—was genuinely moved.

“I don’t know why I was surprised,” Wes admits. “I shouldn’t have been surprised. But this guy, where we were—and just having this deep, touching conversation about life.”

Before he left, Wes did what he always does: he offered Albert a tour of the car. Albert slid into the driver’s seat, grinning. “I’m sitting in a PORSCHE!”

Wes snapped a photo. When he drove away from Alligator, he had a big smile on his face and—he’ll admit it—a tear of happiness in his eye.

“Meeting Albert Lea was one of the high points of 2025’s travels,” Wes says.



Alligator, MS
Meeting Albert Lea on the Mississippi Blues Trail.



Parkers Crossing National Cemetery
Parker’s Crossroads, TN



“I’ve visited close to 150 State and National Veteran Cemeteries over the past four years. They are all very peaceful and all are immaculately and lovingly maintained. Our Veteran Cemeteries are truly gems of our national heritage.”



“Flying Across Going-to-the-Sun Road”,
Glacier National Park.

“Our first Touring Car road trip, 16 days, +/- 7000 miles”

THE TOURING CAR'S TRUE PURPOSE

Here's what Wes understands that most people don't: the Touring Car isn't about the car.

It's about Albert Lea in Alligator. It's about a stranger at a gas station in Montana getting to sit in a Porsche for the first time. It's about seeing the country not from a window seat at 35,000 feet, but from a driver's seat with the top down and the wind in your face.

For 2026, Wes has set an ambitious goal: 20,000 miles. "After I got to thinking about it, I'm thinking, oh gosh, that's a lot of miles. I had to open my big mouth," he laughs. "But yeah, that's kind of part of the reason I put it out there—now I don't want to back out." I am even hearing rumors that a Touring Car travels YouTube channel is in the works.

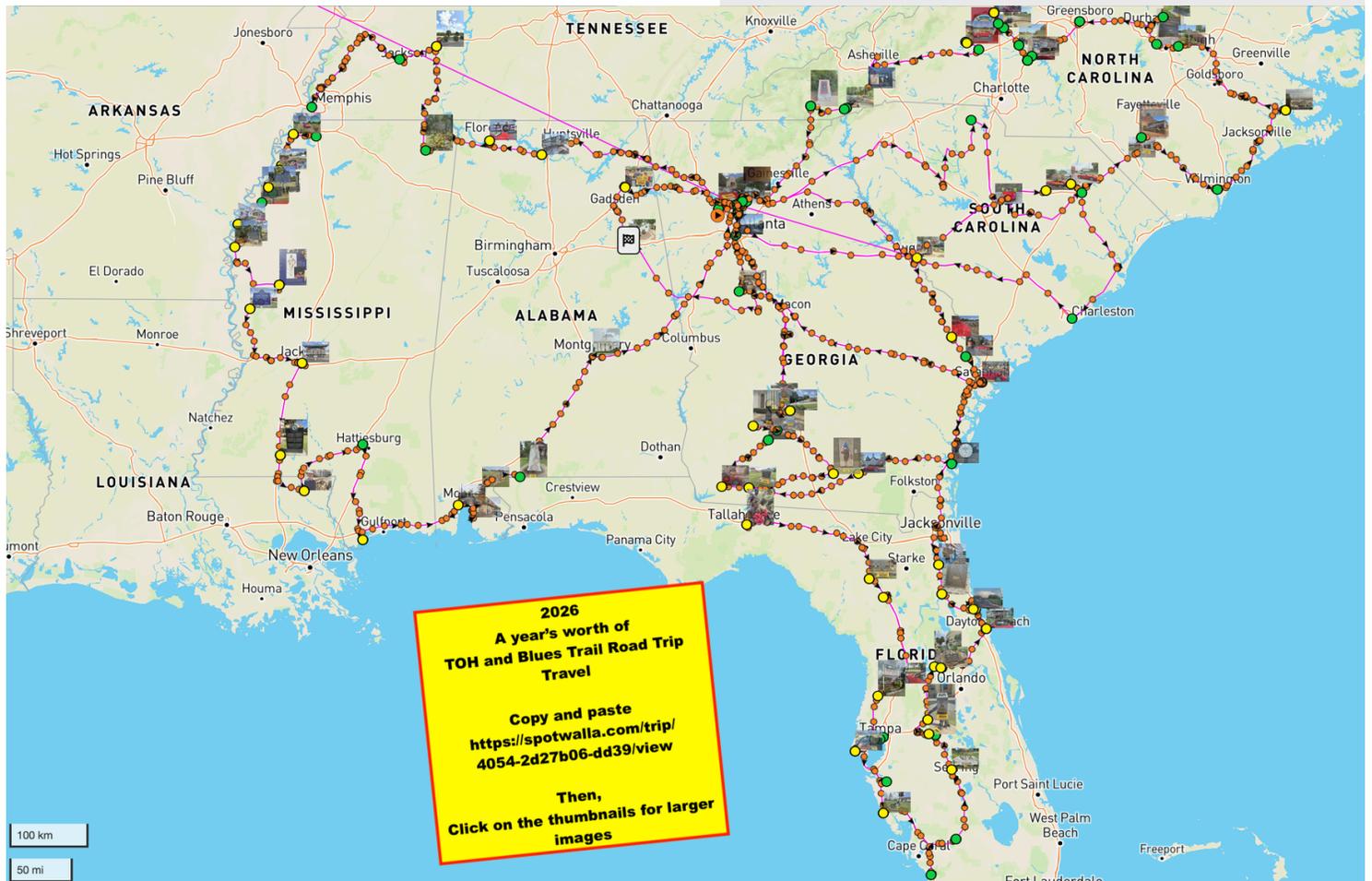
So if you see a Guards Red 911 Cabriolet at a gas station somewhere between here and everywhere, and a guy offers you a tour—take it. Sit in the driver's seat. Let him take your picture and have a conversation. Because it's not just a car, it's a Touring Car.



"Down the Mississippi Blues Trail. North to South from Memphis to Jackson along Blues Highway 61. This was the first stop, the Son House Blues Trail Marker near Robbinville, MS."



"The 'Touring Car' traveled mostly in the South in 2025. This is the satellite tracker map. Copy and paste the link to access the map and photos."



Every mile tells a story. Your journey might inspire the next one!

Whether it's a scenic mountain drive, a cross-country road trip, or a weekend escape, every journey comes with its own story to tell. We'd love to feature your adventures in Miles & Memories—from stunning photos and memorable moments to the unexpected detours that made the trip unforgettable. Send an email to presse@peachstatepca.org and share your travel highlights, favorite routes, or simply a few snapshots and notes, and we'll help bring your story to life in an upcoming issue.

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More information: pca.org/events/treffen-at-sea-2026-pacific-wine-country



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

GRUPPE AMBASSADORS

STORY: MIKE GIAMMARCO / PHOTOS: MARC AJELLO



INTRODUCING PEACHSTATE PCA “GRUPPE AMBASSADORS” MEETING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR PORSCHE MODELS

Some of us have one beloved Porsche model, others are fortunate to have a stable full of Porsche joy. Either way, Porsche models are wonderfully diverse and have their own lifestyle—just like their owners!

We are dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our members and thought it might be fun and rewarding to not only mix with other Peachstate PCA club members at so many activities and events but also connect with club members who also share your unique model passion.

INTRODUCING “GRUPPE AMBASSADORS!”

The plan is to have volunteer “Ambassador(s)” who can be your point of contact, advocate and source of engagement for your “Gruppe” of choice within our club.

They will coordinate with our Committee Chairs to find opportunities to share and promote your “Gruppe” Porsche passion with other like-minded members.

MORE TO COME—WATCH PRESSE WEEKLY!



MEET MARC AJELLO!

GRUPPE AMBASSADOR 924, 944, 968, 928

Marc is the proud owner of a beautiful 1993 Porsche 968 Cabriolet with the desirable Sport Suspension option. He named his car “Baby Shark,” and has been a very welcome and active participant in national 928 Owners’ Club events. During the summer of 2024, his 968 operated perfectly on a two week, 5,500-mile round trip adventure to Glacier National Park in Montana, along with his Atlanta 928 Posse. Living his Porsche Gruppe Passion!

Interested in becoming a “Gruppe Ambassador”—or have ideas or questions for your Porsche model?
Reach out to Marc.Ajello@peachstatepca.org and help shape the experience for members who share your passion.

UP TO SPEED

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS OF PEACHSTATE PCA: GINGER ASHTON, JESSE TILLY, JEFFREY LANCASTER, ALONZO WHYTE, TIM MESSMAN, CHRIS HUBBARD



WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?

“Well, what’s not to love. I think they are beautiful cars but wanted a Macan from the moment they came out. It was Porsche but still practical for an everyday car. Even though it’s a small SUV—It’s all Porsche.”

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?

“I like seeing the cars and would love to attend events in the future.”

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?

“I took mine on The Tail of the Dragon within a few weeks of buying it.”

GINGER ASHTON

WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?

“I had a Lexus. Then a Mustang Mach e and I decided I wanted luxury again with an EV. All signs pointed to Taycan and Macan. I always have loved the look of the Porsche “turtle”. From the earliest 911s to the current batch of 992, Carreras, Panameras, etc.—and so, I set my sights on a Taycan. And landed one!”

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?

“With PCA, I’m looking to connect with other owners with real world experience. And real-life connections. Not just online and anonymous. It’s way too easy to get jaded about the car based on a bunch of Reddit posts.”

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?

“Favorite memory so far? Picking up my Scarlett baby! Although funny enough, I do remember falling in love with the 911 look from a 1981 movie called Condorman. I was about 6-7. And Condorman got chased by a half dozen beautiful black 911s.

I loved those cars, and along with the 308 GTB (yes, Magnum), those were the sports cars of my childhood dreams.”

JESSE TILLY



Be Our Next Featured Member!

We’re always excited to welcome new faces to the Peachstate PCA community. If you’d like to be introduced in an upcoming issue, simply answer the questions from the **Up To Speed** feature in an email to presse@peachstatepca.org, and don’t forget to include a favorite photo of you and your car!

WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?

“My dad was in the army in the early 70s and has always been a car enthusiast, especially Porsche. In 1984, he bought his 1966 911 with the plan to restore it, and I was just 14 at the time. He took the car apart and completely rebuilt the engine. Sadly, he had a stroke about 5 years ago and is now in my care, along with the car, which I took over and restored completely.”

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?

“Going to events with my wife, like the KAYA wine tasting coming up in February.”

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?

“Bringing the car home and going to car shows and swap meets for parts. It’s always been a great conversation piece, especially now that it’s done.”

JEFFREY LANCASTER



WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?

“Like many other kids, going to car shows with my dad was always an awesome experience. Of all the fast cars, Porsche's design language always spoke to me the most.

My appreciation for Porsche grew when for my first Father's day, my wife gave me a trip to the Atlanta Porsche Experience. Wow! That was my first time on a track and I loved it. Every time I go back to PEC Atlanta the experience always puts a smile on my face.”

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?

“Seeing other people's cool cars!”

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?

“When I brought my Taycan home, my kids (4&2) immediately named it Lightning McQueen and had a blast driving around in it.”

ALONZO WHYTE



WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?

“Porsche is an iconic brand known for its performance. I have always loved the design of the vehicles.”

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?

“Meeting other people with similar interests and attending fun events. We were at a winery the same day a PCA group was there. We met some really nice people and had a great time. They told us about PCA and we joined. We are looking forward to reconnecting.”

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?

“I bought my car out of state and had it delivered. It arrived on the morning of my wife’s 50th birthday and my neighbors thought I bought my wife a Porsche for her birthday. My wife knew about the car, but I still felt like a jerk! Bad timing for the arrival. Definitely a memory I will not forget! We did have a great time going to dinner that evening in it!”

TIM MESSMAN



WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PORSCHE BRAND?

“I’ve been a fan of Porsche since I was a kid. It wasn’t until I actually rode in my friend’s 964 that I HAD to have one. Well, one turned into many and my love for the brand continues to grow.”

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST WITH PEACHSTATE PCA?

“Looking forward to connecting with more local Porsche enthusiasts!”

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PORSCHE-RELATED MEMORY?

“I can’t think of just one specific Porsche moment that’s my favorite, but I think every time I drive my 911R the joy that I feel is unmatched. Hard to believe a car to do that to a grown man.”

CHRIS HUBBARD

SOCIALS

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GOOD TIMES, GREAT COMPANY

A LOOK AT RECENT DINNER SOCIALS, MEET-UPS, AND MOMENTS AROUND THE CLUB

DECEMBER 5TH - HOLIDAY PARTY @EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON ALPHARETTA HALCYON

On Saturday, December 5th, Peachstate PCA celebrated our annual Holiday Party at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Alpharetta Halcyon.

Over 100 members and guests joined together to celebrate the year and the holiday season. The theme for the event was Porsches and Bingo! We began with a fun “get to know you” bingo card that asked participants to find members at the event that had participated in various events, owned certain Porsches or other trivia to get their bingo card space filled in. Once the players had a bingo, they turned their card in for a raffle ticket. Everyone enjoyed the game and the conversations.

Opening remarks were made, and our sponsors, [Hagerty](#) and [Wolfpen Euro](#), as well as our special guests from charities [Tommy Nobis Foundation](#) and [Second Wind Dreams](#) were recognized. Peachstate PCA presented donations to both charities. Then, dinner was served! We had a wonderful buffet of gourmet food in line with the

holiday theme. The dessert table was full of goodies for all to complete their meal. After dinner, it was time for Bingo! President Sherry Knuth called out numbers as each member scanned their bingo card. When a bingo was scored, a shout went up and more raffle tickets were given out.

After multiple exciting games, it was time to move on to the raffle. Many fine prizes were available, including Porsche Motorsports jackets, Porsche Lego sets, Peachstate certificates for HPDE, Autocross, Tour, Concours, and Rally. There were a lot of happy winners.

Finally, it was time to call it a night, and we said our goodbyes for 2025!

We wanted to thank our volunteers, who helped so much in putting this event together: Joe and Julie Ogrinc, Clayton and Marjorie Pond, Andrew and Cyndi Ellsom, and all the others that gave their time to help make the Holiday Party such a success!

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

**JANUARY 4TH - PORSCHEs & COFFEE @FUEL COFFEE,
ALPHARETTA, GA**

4th year running with a January Porsches & Coffee at Fuel Coffee in Alpharetta! Great turn out with more than 100 Porsches!

Awesome Peachstate community and what a great variety of Porsches including air cooled to modern! Six 993's; the GT3RS's roared impressively; the examples of 4-doors were amazing including a Taycan GTS "volts wagon"! Stunning Targas; the 718 platform well represented with a Spyder RS sitting next to a GT4RS; beautifully maintained 968; "Hippie" paint Martini 914 and every flavor of 911!

The Peachstate region donated to several charities in 2025 and we took this opportunity to celebrate the [Atlanta Community Food Bank](#) with the big check presentation.

**WHAT A GREAT WAY TO KICK OFF 2026! SEE YOU OUT ON
THE ROADS**



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!



2026 HPDE INSTRUCTORS' KICKOFF MEETING

Under a heavy veil of gray clouds, Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta was drenched in steady rain. While the conditions were far from ideal for a day on track, our purpose was comfortably dry and well above it all—in a penthouse suite atop the Michelin Tower.

We were fortunate to spend the day with renowned professional driver and coach [David Murry](#), who generously shared his Saturday with our instructor corps. David led an engaging discussion on the finer points of instruction, returning us to fundamentals and demonstrating that there is never just one way to convey information. Effective instructors, he emphasized, must recognize how each student learns best. Because no two students process information the same way, the instructor's role is to adapt, connect, and unlock understanding in a way that resonates with the individual.

Chief Driving Instructor Carmine Reppucci followed with his vision for the 2026 season. He fielded numerous questions and underscored the importance of completing Student Evaluations after each event—an essential tool for improving both student development and program quality.

Adding to the day's highlights, a drawing was held for a \$200 Discovery Parts gift certificate. David Murry selected the winning ticket, which belonged to Jim Roberts, who had traveled all the way from Birmingham with the Alabama Region to attend the meeting. Lunch was expertly catered by Proof of the Pudding, giving instructors a rare opportunity to relax, eat, and share stories from their track experiences. During events, instructors are typically too busy hopping in and out of cars to connect with one another—making this time together especially valuable.

The kickoff meeting was thoroughly appreciated by all who attended, leaving us energized, aligned, and ready for the 2026 season. If you've been waiting for the right moment to get to the track, now is the time. Our enthusiastic instructor corps is ready and eager to help you get your wheels rolling.

SEE YOU AT THE TRACK!

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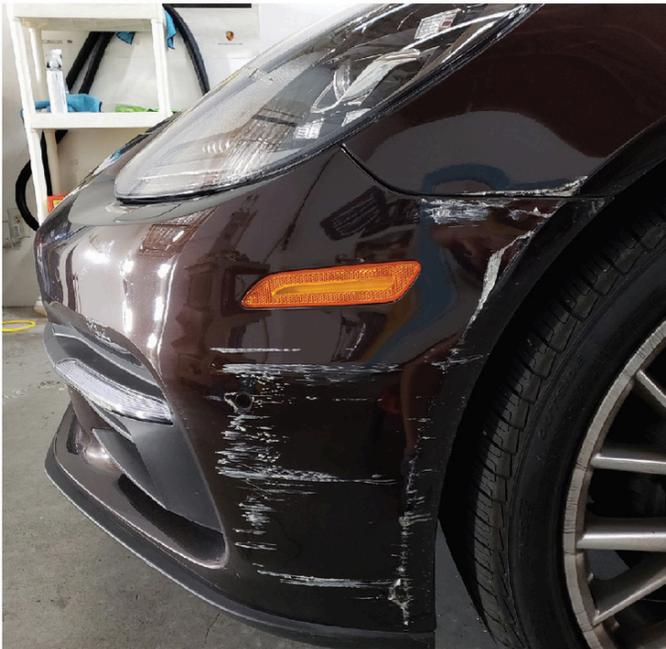


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RALLY

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FALL COLORS, TWISTY ROADS, AND ONE LAST DASH TO THE FINISH! WHAT A PERFECT WAY TO WRAP UP ANOTHER FANTASTIC SEASON OF RALLYING

Our Fall Rally had it all—26 cars, crisp autumn air, and some of the best curvy roads North Georgia has to offer, all splashed in the golden hues of fall. Even better, we welcomed 13 first-time rallyists who proved that “rookies” can keep pace with the best of them!

The weather gods were on our side this time—cool temps, dry pavement, and rain that politely waited until we were done (thank you, weather app). With checkpoints packed close together early on, those first scores were tight—single digits tight—making the competition as fierce as a double espresso on a cold morning.

Then came that final leg—a true test of focus, timing, and nerves. A high CAST speed over a short stretch, mixed with a dash of weekend traffic, made for a thrilling finish. Everyone earned their post-rally glass of wine on that one!

We rolled into Yonah Mountain Vineyards to the warm glow of fire pits, the smell of great food from the waiting food truck, and plenty of laughter as the stories started flying faster than our rally times.

In **SOP Class**, the competition was neck and neck right down to the wire. **Michael and Alysun Laskowski** pulled off a narrow victory with a score of **226**, just edging out **the Bakers** for the top spot. Well done—that was a squeaker worthy of a photo finish!

In the **Tour Class**, things were just as close. **Todd Jarman and Matt McKibbin** took home 3rd — and a lovely bottle of Rosé from our generous sponsor, **Kaya Vineyards**. **Brandy and Steve Campbell** snagged 2nd, just **35 seconds** shy of the win. But top honors (and bragging rights) went to **Steve and Lonnie Pera**, who posted an excellent score of **258** in a perfectly driven rally. Nicely done!

And with that, we close the books on another incredible year of rallying around North Georgia. Huge thanks to everyone who came out to drive, navigate, laugh, and occasionally scratch their heads at a tricky instruction. And of course, a big toast to our sponsors at Kaya Vineyards and Winery for keeping our spirits high and they continued support.



Mark your calendars—we'll be back this February with another wine tasting kickoff event to launch the 2026 Rally Season. Until then, keep those engines warm, your odometers zeroed, and your sense of humor tuned.

**SEE YOU ON THE NEXT TWISTY ROAD!
– YOUR RALLY TEAM**

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DRIVING TOURS

STORY & PHOTOS: SAM MOSLEY



PENSACOLA TOUR OCTOBER 2025

TURNING A CHANGE OF PLANS INTO A MEMORABLE COASTAL WEEKEND

I had wanted to take a tour to the Naval Air Station Museum in Pensacola for several years, but it had been closed to the public since Covid hit in 2019. It finally re-opened to the public in 2025, so the original plan for this weekend tour was to finally visit the Naval Air Station Museum, which is home to the Blue Angels, along with having a weekend at the beach.

Our government had other plans. Due to the budget impasse in Congress the government shutdown, which in turn shutdown the Naval Air Station Museum. We decided to go ahead with the weekend at the beach, eat seafood at several Pensacola Beach restaurants, and to visit the USS Alabama in Mobile, AL.

We had a few cancellations, but those who went had a great time, and really bonded. We had plenty of time for socialization, as we had a lunch together on the way down in Eufaula, AL, dinner together that evening, and lunch and dinner together the day of the USS Alabama visit.

For those who don't know, the USS Alabama is a World War II battleship, but it is in a park with over 30 aircraft, a submarine and a Korean War Memorial as well, so there was lots to see. I highly recommend it if you find yourself near Mobile and have never visited this park.

It is my hope that we will get another chance to see the museum at the Naval Air Station as it is truly fantastic.



TECH

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YOU HAVE A PORSCHE PRO! BECAUSE NO ONE REMEMBERS EVERYTHING FROM DELIVERY DAY

Let's be honest: you got a new, CPO or preowned Porsche at one of our four Porsche dealership locations in the Atlanta area. You were so excited about your new purchase, your Sales Ambassador or Porsche Pro did their best to walk you through the many impressive but sometimes complex features of your new prize, but...you kind of half-heard or forgot what they told you. So, you drive off and spend the next few days meandering through the many buttons and gadgets, as well as the many submenus of your touch screen, maybe flip through the manual a bit, then decide to just settle on the basics. You're not even sure about the incredible ready-for-the-track, mountain-twisty or safety capabilities of your car. You are not alone.

Porsche vehicles are state of the art wonders, and the diversity of model lines has been ambitious, especially over the last two decades. With these tech advances, I'm sure engineers in Stuttgart do all they can to simplify things for the average owner, but differences among models are clear and likely create some challenges. Want to compare a 911 GT3, Panamera, 718 Boxster or Cayman, Cayenne Hybrid or Macan GTS? Let's not forget the Taycan and pure electric magic within several of the model lines.





Trade-in day can also be challenging for Porsche buyers, especially if they switch to a completely different platform.

HELP IS AT HAND

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Porsche Design Unveils the Chronograph 1 – PCA Member Edition

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