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# **Up Front**



By Greg Phillips

Well, I am back from Parade and now need another week to recuperate. It was a fun week with lots of Porsches and Porsche people in

beautiful Salt Lake City. In addition, I had family to visit with and see more of the city than I usually do when I visit for skiing.

For the full story, check out next month's report on Parade, but I should mention a couple of big winners. Skip & Leslie Shirley showed their 1963 356 T-6 to top honors in Restoration Class R1 and also took division honors as well as a Gmund award with their 298.1 points. Paul Young had a Triple Crown performance as he won his Concours class with Ruth Young, won the Equipped Rally class with Paul, Jr. and won his autocross class. He was found to be human however as he was only able to take 7th place in the Historical and Technical Quiz in a tough early 911 class, although he did have the best tie-breaker score with 9/10.

We had our first Krispy Kreme & Kars event while I was away at Parade on the second Saturday of July. It looked like a good turnout to start and we hope it will continue to grow through each month. I invite everyone to attend the August 11 event, that is unless you are planning on going to the autocross instead. We do have an event planned for the SE lot that day also.

We are moving forward for the planning and execution of the upcoming Buttonwillow Double Crown Event on November 3&4. In addition to our usual time trial at Buttonwillow, we have also added a PCA Club race. Since this is the final time trial event, the champions will be crowned in addition to the Club Race winners.

Also in addition Grand Prix Region has added a Friday Drivers Education event for November 2. This will allow the option of a 3 day event for a test and tune day for racers or time trialers in addition to drivers who are looking for a DE to enhance their driving skills. Start planning to attend now.

I was pleased and surprised to find an article in Panorama this month about the California Festival of Speed by Tom Brown. It was nice to see some publicity from this wonderful event. I also found out about some of the event I was too busy to get to while driving the event, like the autocross and concours. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a great

We have a new Witness advertiser this month in Garage Envy. They will also be exhibiting at the upcoming autocross to show their wares for those who are interested in upgrading or cleaning up their garages. Check out their website at www.garageenvy. com to see what they are capable of. Except for Keith Verlague's garage, most of us could benefit from their services, and even Keith may find a new trick for his

Check the website for upcoming events as we will be busy again in August. The board meeting will be in North County at the Gould's home on August 1, followed by a Monarch School dinner on August 3, and then our annual concours at Shoreline Park on Shelter Island on Saturday August 4. Whether you are showing your car in the concours or just coming down as a spectator to see the beautiful Porsches, you should plan to attend. The following Saturday, August 11, is the autocross and the next "Kripsy Kreme & Kars." The next day there will also be a Zone 8 autocross at El Toro put on by OCR. Thursday, August 16, will be the Encinitas Cruise Night with the SDR corral at Charlie's Foreign Car Garage. Saturday, August 18, will be a tech session that starts at Andre's Bad Ass Coffee at 8A.M. and then moves to Phil Thearle's Autowerks.

The month ends with the DeutschFest 2012: New Member Welcome / Volunteer Appreciation Party at the German American Society in El Cajon on Sunday, August 26. I missed last year's event by going to Laguna Seca so I plan to make it this year, and so should you. The final event is the Last Tuesday Social at King's Fish House in Mission Valley on August 28.

September will also be busy as we start with an autocross September 1 and finish with The Willow Springs Time Trial or the Coronado Festival of Speed on September 22 & 23. Check the calendar and plan accordingly.

# Events: August – Spetember 2012

## August 2012

## 01 Wednesday **Monthly Meeting**

6:00 - 9:00 P.M., dinner starts at 7 P.M. \$5 donation, BYOB 1548 Roma Dr., Vista 92081

## 04 Saturday **Zone 8 SDR Concours** d'Elegance

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Shoreline Park, Shelter Island Details online at pcasdr.net/events/ upcoming/

## 11 Saturday

### Krispy Kreme & Kars

8:30-10:30 а.м.

Come to socialize - 4180 Clairmont Mesa Blvd., 92117

#### Autocross

6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Qualcomm Stadium, West Lot

### 12 Sunday Autocross-OCR Zone 8

at El Toro

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Details, including directions to El Toro, online at pcasdr.net/events/upcoming/

## 16 Thursday **Encinitas Cruise Night**

4:00 - 8:00 р.м.

Downtown Encinitas Details online at pcasdr.net/events/ upcoming/

## 18 Saturday

## Cars & Coffee - Autowerks **Tech Session**

8:00 A.M. - Noon, Body repair, do's and don'ts of car care. Start at Bad Ass Coffee, 9878 Carmel Mtn Rd., 92129.

Program moves to AutoWerks at 10 A.M., 8809 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee 92071

## 26 Sunday

## **DeutschFest: New Member** Welcome/Volunteer **Appreciation Party**

5:00 - 9:00 р.м.

German American Society, 1017 S. Mollison Ave., El Cajon 92020

See flyer on page 18 for more detail

## 28 Tuesday Last Tuesday Social

6:00-8:00 P.M.

King's Fish House, 825 Camino De La Reina, San Diego, 92108

## 31 Friday **Monarch School Family**

**Dinner** 5:00-7:00 P.M.

To volunteer, contact Kathy Alnwick, imthekaps@yahoo.com

# September 2012

## 01 Saturday Autocross

6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Qualcomm Stadium, West Lot

## 05 Wednesday **Monthly Meeting**

6:00 - 9:00 P.M., dinner starts at 7 p.m. \$5 donation, BYOB

1805 Altamira Place, San Diego 92103

# 08 Saturday

Krispy Kreme & Kars 8:30-10:30 а.м.

Come to socialize - 4180 Clairmont Mesa Blvd., 92117

## 15 Saturday **Progressive Dinner**

6:00 - 9:00 P.M.,

Save the date and watch the website for details!

## 22 Saturday **Zone 8/SDR Willow Springs** Time Trial

Details and registration online.

### Zone 8/SDR Coronado Speed Festival

Details and registration online.

## 25 Tuesday Last Tuesday Social

6:00-8:00 р.м.

Avenue 5, 2760 5th Avenue, San Diego, 92103

For details and the latest updates, visit pcasdr.net/events/

# Guide to Using Clay on Your Car

By Bey Gould

The environment can be tough on the exterior of your car—acid rain, pollution, exhaust, salt, pollen, plus a plethora of other airborne contaminants. Over time, these surface contaminants make their way into the surface of the paint that regular washing doesn't remove.

To many, claying is a magical and mysterious process that only the professional detailers use. They have heard that using a clay bar will remove contaminants and provide a very smooth finish, but they are reluctant to try it. Claying is actually quite easy and not too time consuming, there are a few important steps to be aware of before trying it, but you'll have the hang of it in no time. Your first time might take about an hour, depending on the size of the car you're doing. How often you do it depends on how you use your car, but typically a couple times per years should do it.

You will need the following before claying the car:

- Clay bar fine grade: I use Zymol brand, but any good quality brand will work, I usually like to use the same brand clay and lubricant combination.
- Clay bar lubricant: I recommend using a clay lubricant over a spray detailer; the lubricant provides some cleaning power and little or no protective properties.
- Microfiber towels: Use good quality microfibers, not the big box all-purpose ones. Good quality microfibers will last you a long time and are softer on the paint.

Before using clay on your car, make sure it is washed and dried to remove the majority of contamination from the paint. Pull your car into a shady area, like the garage, to keep the surfaces cool. Next cut your clay bar into 4 or 6 pieces. Now take one of the pieces and flatten it out so it's easily held with about 3 fingers. One way to do this is to shape it into a ball and then flatten in your palm.

Working in a small area (example 18"x18") spray your clay bar lubricant over the paint surface you will be working on. Make sure the entire working area is covered with lubricant. This is needed to glide the clay bar over the paint—a little like a slip and slide. If you miss a spot, the clay will stick to the paint, so make sure you have coverage.

With light pressure, gently glide your clay bar over your working area, using overlapping passes going up and down or left to right. Make sure you go in the same direction for the other areas as well. You do not want to rely on a lot of pressure to clean the paint. You should allow the clay to absorb the contamination by gliding it across the paint. You can actually hear the difference between an area that has been clayed and one that has not. Keep the area you are working on moist, spray more lubricant on as needed. You always want to keep a fresh side of the clay on the paint, so be sure to inspect it often. Flip it over if it looks contaminated or after claying a section. You can also fold the clay a few times, knead it, and then re-flatten it out to make sure you have a clean piece. Make sure there are no heavy pieces of debris in it that could harm the finish. Typically the worst areas of the car are the horizontal surfaces, the back end, and the areas directly behind the wheels.

Continue working on an area until all the contamination is removed. You can tell this has happened because the clay will slide effortlessly across the paint. You can also use clay to thoroughly clean exterior windows and wheels as well.

Wipe off the excess clay lube with a microfiber towel. Once you have clayed an area, glide your fingers over the clayed surface and then over the un-clayed surface—you'll feel the difference right away. I like to do a quick wash afterwards to make absolutely sure that any debris is removed along with any leftover lubricant.

You've done it! Now the cars surface is clean of contaminants and very happy indeed. On the 911E, I used 2 pieces of clay, 3 plush microfiber towels, and a bottle of lubricant.

So what is next? After claying and rewashing the car, I move on to my next steps, which are paint cleansing and waxing. For paint cleansing I use a paint cleanser like Zymol's HD Cleanse or P21S's Paint Cleanser. These are non-abrasive cleaners that prep the paint for wax. Then I wax the car, again in smaller sections to eliminate over drying. There are so many brands out there all promising to do the same thing, so we offer those we have experience with. I like the results I get from Zymol, P21S and Einszett brands.

Bev Gould has been showing her cars for over 20 years. Her 1970 911E has won many awards in both PCA and non-PCA Concours d' Elegance shows. Bev is Vice President of TC's Garage which she co-owns with her husband Tom, and can be reached at bev@tcsgarage.com

# Member events: Swap Meet and Krispy Kreme & Kars!













One of two Boxster Spyders at Krispy Kreme & Kars

# 2013 Boxster 981 Arrives!

By Rich Fatuzzo

On, Saturday, June 30, the all-new Boxster 981 was revealed to the general public at the Hoehn Porsche Dealership, 6800 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad. Over 100 people attended this event, which was beautifully catered by Gino Catugda, Event Manager, and his staff of Bar-None Barbeque. At least half of the attendees did the test-drive. Porsche of San Diego will also be doing a Reveal at their dealership, 9020 Miramar Road, on Friday, July 13, along with a Tech Session for PCA-SDR members and guests, on Saturday, July 28th.

Prior to the Hoehn general public event, I had the opportunity to see three of these beautiful new Boxster S 981's, one black, one white and one silver, being unloaded from the auto transporter on the morning of Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. But what was even better for me was that at a Hoehn New Owner's Clinic that I attended the next morning, I was able to get "up close and personal" and photograph the new black Boxster S in the detail shop and then better yet, a Carrara White model Boxster S that was unveiled in the showroom to the enthusiastic Hoehn Porsche new car owners that attended their clinic that morning.

It has been 15 years since the debut of the original Boxster, a mid-engined Porsche sports car. And even though this vehicle has gone through a number of model changes over this 15-year period that included Limited Editions, Design Editions, and even a reconfigured version, the 2011 Boxster Spyder, this Boxster 981 is considered only the third-generation Boxster by Porsche Design engineers. But, there are definite design, styling and performance differences that make these mid-engined Boxster 981 vehicles distinctive from their predecessors.

So what makes this Boxster 981, so special? Well, at first glance, the uniqueness of this vehicle has to be its styling. This is most evident in the distinctively re-styled, larger and completely recessed, side air intakes, in a style similar to the 2004-5 Carrera GT Porsches. Larger air intakes are also evident on the front of the 981, giving this area a more powerful appearance. In addition, the wheelbase has also been increased, and with a lower, raked windshield design, this Boxster has a "longer and leaner" look. The large wheels, up to 20" in size, and the wider track on the 981 also reinforce the "sleeker look" of this model. Additional unique styling changes can be found in the door areas, providing improved airflow to the side air intakes; side mirrors which are now directly mounted to the doors; the overall improved aerodynamic lines from front to back; redesigned lower and wider, reinforced roll-bars; reconfigured, retractable rear spoiler in its own compartment; and redesigned LED taillights.

The uniqueness of this vehicle's styling is not just limited to the exterior. The interior has also been redesigned, and appears uncluttered and more fully functional to the driver. The instrument gauge cluster (3-ring) is distinctively Porsche, and to the right of these gauges is a redesigned, larger 4.6" TFT screen that shows an array of information from the onboard computer and the audio system. In addition, the ergonomically and multi-functional designed center console has been elevated towards the dashboard, along with the seat positions being lower, gives the driver, and even the passenger, the feeling that they are wrapped in a "cocoon-like" cockpit.



Where the Boxster 981 outshines its competition is in its upgraded performance. Even though the base model engine is now a 2.7L flat-six and not 2.8L, it still puts out 265HP, and with the optional PDK transmission does 0-60mph in 5.2 seconds. The Boxster S is even more impressive, with  $315 \mbox{HP}$  at 6700RPM with a maximum torque of 266lb.-ft. at 4,500-5,800 RPM, and with the 7-speed PDK transmission and optional Sport Chrono package is capable of 0-60MPH in a mere 4.5 secs. What also helps these new Boxsters in the speed department is the greater use of high-strength steels and aluminum parts in their construction, forming an aluminum hybrid bodyshell that is roughly 121 pounds lighter than its predecessors, but boasts 40% higher torsional stiffness. (Comparison: for those of you who are strictly impressed with just the horsepower number, the 2011 Boxster Spyder is 320HP @ 7,200 RPM and 273 lb.-ft., but is 0.1 sec. slower from 0-60MPH, even with the Sport Plus Option).

All of this extra horsepower on the Boxster S demands extra stopping power, and the front disc

brakes, finished in red, are 0.59 of an inch larger in diameter than on the base Boxster model, and provide unparallel braking capacity. The Boxster S comes with 13.0" vented rotors w/4 piston calipers front, and 11.8" rears. Porsche vehicles, year after year, are usually the leader in this category, and this vehicle seems to be no exception.

The ultimate part about admiring the release of a new Porsche vehicle is to be given the opportunity of taking one for a test-drive. I was able to take a new, black Boxster S on an extended test-drive on Monday morning, June 25th, with Roger Wood, an Ambassador Sales Professional with Hoehn Porsche. To put it mildly, I was thoroughly impressed with everything that this new Boxster S offers as a sports car. Its performance can only be described with superlatives, especially with the 7-speed PDK transmission and the optional Sports Chrono package. The steering is very tight and the overall handling is phenomenal in all shift modes, but is most enjoyable when the Sports Plus button is activated and this new Boxster S "launches you" with cheetah-like acceleration off the line. Although the model that I drove did not have the paddle-shifters (a \$490 option) these paddle-shifters were on the Carrara white Boxster S in the showroom.

The base price of the Boxster S is \$60,900. Major options that were listed on the Carrara White model in the showroom were Expresso natural leather interior \$3,895; Infotainment package \$3,800; Premium trim package \$3,860; PDK 7-speed transmission \$3,200; Sport Chrono package \$2,370; PASM \$1,790; Porsche Torque vectoring \$1,320; and 20" Carrera S wheels \$1,500. With other less costly options, the total MSRP of this vehicle is slightly over \$84,000. So, come and test-drive one of these "beauties" soon at a Porsche dealership near you. You will be glad that you did!









# Scenes from the 2012 Porsche Parade in Salt Lake City

























# Chuckwalla Desert Drive

By Greg Phillips

We thought the weather might be hot at the end of May, and it was. But it was still a great driving event, you just needed to bring your Cool-Suit. It was sunny when we left Dieter's in San Diego and headed north on the I-15. After a lunch stop, we started heading east for the desert. We drove past Indio and on to Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, as this trip we were not going to commute back and forth to Indio, but would be staying at the Casa de Dahlkamp at the track, along with Mark Rondeau.

Shortly after we got the 911SC off the trailer, Ethan arrived with our home and he was unloading his Boxster from the toy hauler. Mark was right behind and unloading his 944S. Although it was warm in the afternoon, as the evening approached it did cool off some, but the AC was a blessing in the trailer as we ate dinner from the BBQ.

The next morning was the real bonus as we saved the drive in from Indio and could roll out of bed and start getting the cars ready for the day. It was lucky we had extra time, as the SC did not want to start and we thought the battery was dead. But after being on the charger it was still no go until Steve checked the remote cutoff switch and found it was not working. He had to bypass it to get things running for the weekend. As we were preparing, the parking lot was filling up with the rest of the drivers, and it was soon time for the drivers meeting.

Jack Miller and Robert Baizer went over the safety and passing rules and reviewed the procedures, as we would be running CCW this time. They then assigned the students and instructors and I would be working with Rush Strong in his Eclipse again. Rush is a very good driver and handles the manual transmission car very well despite only having the use of his R arm. He had done well at Willow Springs and Chuckwalla last year and was back for more fun.

Steve was out first along with Mark and Ethan in Red run group in the cool of the morning. Steve took advantage of having run CCW with the BMW group and was able to run near the top of a fast group at 2:04.16 in the CC11 SC. Fred Yip (CC16) was picking up the pace in his 911 and led the group at 2:01.19, with Ethan (CC12) next at 2:02.06 and then Mike Gagen (CC16) at 2:03.21.

I was up next in Orange and was also near the front at 2:08.5, behind Michael Brown's CC15 Smurf, Charles Liu in SS10 at 2:07.56, Don Middleton's CC10

911 Carrera at 2:07.60. It felt like a new track with the change in direction. The uphill chicane out of the bowl was a fun section, and the back straight was now downhill and faster with the braking more important now before climbing back over the hill. It was soon time for our checkered flag and back into the pits. Now it was time to instruct with Rush. We buckled up and headed out onto the track for his Yellow session. He started slowly as we had yellow flag laps to start, and then he slowly began adding speed. He was near the bottom to start and it was Monte Griffith's Lotus and Mark Bray's 924S that were leading their pack, with Paul Romero, Andy Arvai, Doug Darlin and Tony Nufer close behind. We had some traffic and kept busy with point-bys, but he was keeping his line consistent until we were finally flagged off.

Red was up next and although it was warmer, the times were dropping quickly, as Jae Lee led the session with a 1:57.17, followed by Mike Gagen, Ethan, and Jad Duncan who were all under 2:00, and Fred Yip coming next at 2:00.81. Jack Miller's Lotus followed at 2:03.85, and then Steve at 2:04.11, and Jim Binford at 2:04.40. Chuck Sharp and Mark Rondeau were both close in their different 944's at 2:07.

I was up next in Orange, and Michael Brown (2:03.79) led the session over Jim Duncan (2:05.39). I was next at 2:06.10, just ahead of Don Middleton at 2:06.67, and George Taylor at 2:07.12. I had a good long chase to finally catch up to George and get the point-by in that session.

Rush was out next in Yellow, and he continued to improve, picking up about 4 seconds from the first session. His car control is impressive in a front-wheel drive car using one arm and also shifting manually. His consistency was also better this session.

By the 3<sup>rd</sup> session, the temperature was warm and only Jae Lee made much improvement in the heat as he dropped down to 1:55.49. Mike Gagen held steady at 1:58.36 and everyone else was above 2:00 for the session. Steve was holding steady at 2:04 but Chuck Sharp and Robert Baizer improved to 2:04 and Mike Van Zandt and Mark were down to 2:05.

In my session, it was time for the Cool-Suit to try and keep the temps down. Jim Duncan was on top at 2:04.31, and I was able to improve slightly to 2:05.52. The sweeping turns with short straights were well suited to my 911SC with its wing and relatively large tires. Craig Hill's GT3 was next at 2:07.57. In Rush's Yellow session he again dropped another 2 seconds to 2:26 in his Eclipse, although we were kept busy pointing by some of the faster cars in the 2:12 range,

with Monte Griffiths, Eduardo MezaPena and Jim Hicks leading the session.

Lunch was welcome respite from a busy morning and allowed time to rest and rehydrate. Some of the guests were out taking track tours to get a better look at the track. The rest of us were trying to stay out of the sun and keep cool with the trailer's AC.

After lunch the track temperature was even higher and the times were reflecting this, as no one in Red was under 2:00. Mike Gagen stayed consistent to lead at 2:01.69, then Ethan at 2:01.79 and Jad at 2:01.83. Mike Van Zandt's Turbo was improving despite the heat, and he was down to 2:03.09, and then Steve at 2:03.79. Steve was out with a passenger to instruct Leigh Rayner and help him with the line. The heat was also affecting my run group. Although I had slowed down to 2:07.21, it was the fastest of the group, with Jim Duncan at 2:07.24 and George Taylor 2:07.25 close behind, and Don Middleton following at 2:08.67. I came in a little early with the heat and only did 8 laps rather than the 10 available.

The rest of the afternoon went quickly with instructing, resting and then driving. The times did improve towards the end of the day as it cooled off some. Rush was doing well and he went out solo on his last run session, finishing the day at 2:22.74, almost as fast as his best lap of 2:22.62 in session 5. In the last Red session, Jae Lee had his best at 1:54.57, with Fred Yip next at 1:56.30, and then Jad at 1:59.53, and Ethan at 2:01.93 at the end of the day.

After the last checkered, there was still plenty of daylight as we checked over the cars and brakes, and Steve also spent some time on the electrical gremlins. Ethan and Mark had the BBQ going for dinner, and the sun slowly set in the west as we shared the paddock with the rest of the trailer folk.

The next morning was bright and sunny as we rolled out to start the day. We warmed up the cars and got ready as the paddock quickly filled up. I would be less busy today, as Rush would not be driving and I could rest a little more between sessions.

Red was out first again and I took advantage of the cooler air and nice light to take some more pictures. Steve improved to 2:02.46 and Fred Yip was guickest at 1:57.68, with Jad and Ethan behind, and then Jae Lee and Mike Van Zandt. There was also some excitement for Mark as he ended up being the meat in the sandwich between Jad and Ethan at the end of the back straight. Mark was late to the brakes and locked up, and then was swinging back across the track to the next berm. He was able to gather it up and Ethan got a good look at his car control skills before passing him on the next straight. It looks exciting on the video. My session was not so exciting, although the Hockett Boxster Brothers were picking up the pace as they put on their better tires and were down to 2:08 (Dan) and 2:09 (Dave), and Ralph Linares had improved to 2:12 in his Boxster. Jim Duncan was still leading at 2:04.74 and I was next at 2:05.84.

For the next Red session, Steve decided I needed another refresher course on rear-engine driving techniques and put me in the passenger seat for an E-ticket ride. It was a good reminder where I needed to push harder and there was more speed. It did help as I was able to run a 2:04.41 even as the heat and track temperatures were rising.

As we reviewed our tire wear, with the heat and lots of scrub on the sweepers, they were wearing faster than expected. We decided to skip a session and save some good rubber for timed runs, so we skipped the last session before lunch and just run a few laps in the last practice session. During lunch we had the drivers meeting and reviewed the timing procedures for the end of the day. We were not the only ones staying in as



the temperatures kept a few drivers in the pits to save their bodies, transmissions, tires and engines.

After the lunch practice sessions it was time for timed runs. The fastest remaining cars were lined up first to be flagged off, and no surprise that the top 4 were from that group. But the big surprise was for Fred Yip (CC16) to get his first TTOD with a 1:56.16 to nip Jad Duncan's CC13 996 at 1:56.83. Mike Van Zandt learned the track and got his CC16 944 Turbo spooled up to take 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:58.99, ahead of Ethan Dahlkamp's CC12 Boxster at 2:00.26. Jim Duncan was in a later group since he was sharing with Jad, and he ended up 5th at 2:02.32. Robert Baizer's Lotus Exige was next at 2:02.37 and then Steve Grosekemper (CC11) at 2:03.14. Rounding out the top ten were Paul Young (CC7) at 2:03.85 in his SC, Don Middleton (CC10) in his Carrera at 2:03.89 and Mark Rondeau's CC6 944S at 2:04.24!

After Steve finished his laps he came in and it was my turn to drive. After a short wait in the heat we were flagged off. My first lap was a 2:06 and I pushed harder on the second lap and ended up with a 2:05.91, following Steve in CC11 class. Rounding out CC11 were Philip Strong's C4S at 2:07.13 and Craig Hill's GT3 at 2:10.74.

In 944 Spec, Leigh Rayner (2:10.83) beat Debby Sharp (2:11.90) and Paul Romero, Sr. (2:12.27). In CC6 it was Mark Rondeau leading the Hockett's with Dave at 2:08.79 and Dan at 2:09.14. In CC7 Paul Young took the honors over Rick Sylvestri's 911 (2:06.55) and Ralph Linares' Boxster (2:11.09). In CC10 it was Don Middleton leading Michael Cornelius' 944 Turbo at 2:05.52, and Chuck Sharp's 944 Turbo at 2:10.49. In CC12 it was Ethan Dahlkamp followed by George Taylor's 911 at 2:06.35 and Doug Darlin's GT3 at 2:09.74. To see the full results as well as the lap details, check out the website at pcasdr.net.

This was the end of the first half of the season, as we take a summer hiatus from the desert heat before we reconvene at the big track at Willow Springs at the end of September, the  $22^{nd}$  and  $23^{rd}$ . The last TT event will be at Buttonwillow Raceway Park and will be in conjunction with the PCA Club Race, the Buttonwillow Double Crown. Start planning now!







# Adventures with Our 911s

By Victoria McMinn

I've owned and driven my Porsches since I was 23. It was 1970 and we had been married 2 years. John, whom I met on my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday weekend on a blind date arranged by my BFF, who flew for Eastern Airlines—yes, this was a while ago—was my true love and I his. Handsome and generous of spirit, John, a Naval Aviator (USN, Ret.), earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in 1967. Sadly, he passed in 2009 from a massive heart attack and was interred at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery with full military honors. End of story? Not at all—this story never ends because of incredible adventures and vivid memories—we just drive off into the awesome San Diego sunset in our Porsche—just like in the movies, but much better, because it was and is very real.

We were in the Porsche showroom in Naples, Italy—should we purchase or not? The year before John asked me where in the world I would like to live, and he would do his best to get us there. After studied deliberation, I responded Italy for its weather, romance and—well, just because it was Italy. (Neither of us was Italian, we just thought it would be great to live there.) John later received his requested shore duty orders to Italy. He would be stationed at NATO and the air base. During his tour at Naples he was awarded Gold Wings from the Italian government for multiple acts of heroism for the Italian people. I had just completed my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teaching position in my native San Diego and graduated the previous year from San Diego State University. But by now, I was teaching part-time at the American School for our Department of Defense in Naples, and also taking classes in town studying with John for a minor in Italian. (During a recent weekly Bible study of the Apostle Paul, I realized that our Porsche and I had been "daily drivers" in Peuteoli—Acts 28:13, 14—now called Pozzuoli, the port where Paul disembarked and then traveled on to Rome. This is where I taught almost daily at the American School. This incredible part of my life never ceases to bless, and I am so grateful. Apparently, my life task was to return John to joy and purpose after Vietnam. I thank God that being with me and our Porsche helped accomplish

We obviously made the right decision. Our new 1970 911 T Targa took us repeatedly through Naples traffic and roundabouts out to our favorite haunts—medieval hillside villages, amazingly fossilized Pompeii, and the stunning Amalfi Coast. There was only one other new 911 in town and it was owned by the soccer team goalie, who was also very friendly. No matter where or when, it was and always is enjoyable meeting other Porsche owners.

We were gone almost every weekend—up twisting hairpin turns and back-country roads to ancient villages, and then back down to town via another rugged rural route—our own Porsche Tour for two. Skiing in the somewhat nearby Apennines and Abruzzi, and longer trips to the Alps, with Kitz Buhl, Austria, and Davos, Switzerland, as our favorites. Our Porsche took snow chains like an accessory necklace: fits well, looks good, and enhances performance. There was really no road our Porsche did not navigate—I thank God that John was a great driver. The Auto strata and Autobahn were exhilarating—we could go 100+ mph—and we did—I remember our top was 125. Just get to the left lane, drive fast, and do it really well—there were no speed limits at that time. We loved just being together and enjoying the pure bliss of intimate Porsche driving, while enjoying traditional European sightseeing, museums, cathedrals, and grand cities, experiencing the villages, small towns, and countryside. It was more than I could have ever dreamed about and wished for.

That year we traveled south to the Targa Florio. After arriving in Palermo, we took a local taxi out to a curve we had staked out. In order to get way out there, the taxi driver actually drove us—we were there with another squadron couple—on to a meandering rural road that had become the race course track, with racecars speeding past us as they completed their practice laps! If we were not awake before, we were now! We then watched the race from behind hay bales—rural setting, yet intense and in-your-face. I still have my framed program noting Sieffert and Elford driving for the Martini and Gulf Porsche teams. That year we also traveled north—with the same couple—to the Monaco Grand Prix. Uber exhilarating, organized and urban, and less raw than the Targa Florio.

The first year we lived on the Bay of Naples, in the neighborhoods of Posillipo and Via Petrarca, with views of Mt. Vesuvius across the bay, and the second year on the water in Marina di Minturno (south of Rome and north of Naples), so I could teach full-time in the American School in Gaeta (6th Fleet Hdqtrs). We were the only Americans in our beach community and totally immersed. Only one other Navy family was our neighbor and we are still friends. We were continually Porsche "daily drivers" and loving it.

I was our tour guide for our adventures, and that spring we launched our major European tour: Rome, Florence, an afternoon delight (unplanned) in our Porsche in a farmer's field in Tuscany, Venice, and awesome driving through the countryside north to Stuttgart. I do remember listening, in appropriate

awe, to a precise line-up of Porsches, engines' full throttle, and then their collective contented and lion-like deep purr, outside the factory workshop. We aimed northwest through forests and lowlands—all great Porsche driving. We were focused on the intensity of our Porsche and us, together. We drove when we wanted and stopped when we wanted. We could not see everything everywhere, but we were young, in love, and had more of everything we ever wanted in each other and our Porsche.

Another evening we arrived in Calais too late for the ferry over the English Channel, so we decided to stay and wait for next morning's earliest ferry. We slept in our Porsche on the dock lined up with a few other cars; the seagulls' cacophony woke us more than the unusual sleeping arrangements. Soon we were on the ferry to Dover, then driving toward London, more roundabouts, and just pure Porsche joy touring historical sights. I remember our drives to Stratfordon-Avon and Stonehenge—at that time it was not cordoned off and we could actually lean on and feel the ancient structures—and driving our Porsche through picturesque English villages and verdant countryside en route to Edinburgh. Our hotel there had a gazillion stairs and no elevator, but we reasoned if our elderly bellboy could repeatedly go up and down them with luggage, then so could we. We cruised south toward Paris and into Spain. We loved staying in its historic Paradors—antique, castle-like, beautiful, serene, and romantic.

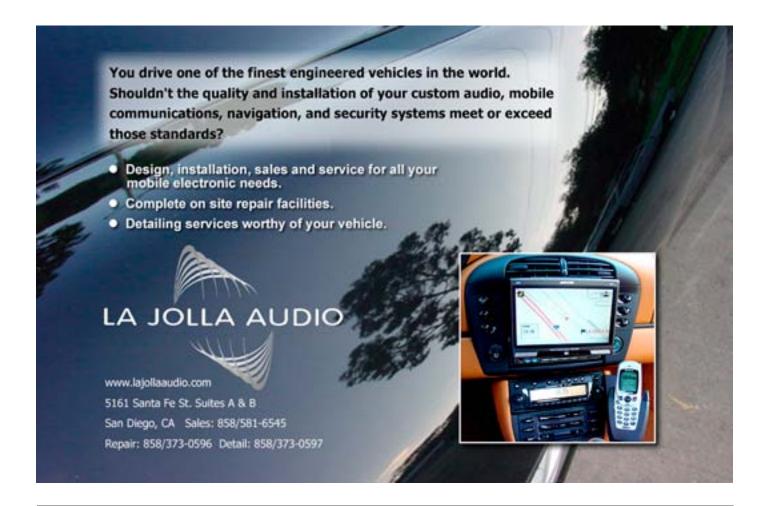
We relished the last of our Porsche tour along the Italian Riviera, after a second visit to Monaco. We aimed south along the Mediterranean, reminiscent now of our later Porsche drives along the awesome Pacific ocean and up and down the Pacific Coast Highway; a Big Sur getaway was our goal with John's USS Enterprise orders out of San Francisco. But by this time, we and our depleted bank account were on fumes: we were ready to come home. Did I mention that we had more than 50,000 miles of joy in our Porsche before it was shipped stateside?

The next stages of our lives were just as thrilling, but with more to live for and to love in our lives. We returned to the States pregnant, and with us came our Porsche. Then setting up new homes and new duty stations, and best of all, two sweet babies driven home from their delivery hospitals in the family car—our Porsche. Toward the end of my first pregnancy, John and I did the dutiful practice drive to the hospital in our Porsche. But on delivery day, he nervously made a wrong turn, going over rail road tracks (ouch) like a zany 1950's Lucy and Desi episode; our terrific son Johnny is now my PCA member partner. Later that

year, John was handed new duty orders assigning him from Norfolk, Virginia, to the Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, again at our request (and where we enjoyed a more primitive Laguna Seca). We subsequently shipped our Porsche westward. Our little family of three then camped across Canada via the Trans-Canadian Highway, where we were usually the only ones in the campgrounds, very secluded and at one with nature—ohm. Arriving in San Francisco, we were told by the shipping company that our Porsche had been stolen. Fortunately for us. it was later recovered by the FBI, and only minimally stripped because John earlier that year thought that maybe our Porsche could pull a small camping trailer. He had jerry-rigged his own (read: home-made) welded and bolted trailer-hitch frame under the car to distribute the potential pulled weight, thought twice about it, decided against it, but left the frame intact. Apparently, the thieves did not figure out John's custom Porsche project and could not quickly dismantle the engine and transmission—good job, John! Our Porsche lived guite the exciting life! With new clutches, transmissions, engines, and all the great labors of love John completed on our Porsche in the following years and its 250,000+ miles of joy and endurance—John always said we lived 10 pounds of potatoes in a 5 pound sack—it finally did retire, and in '03 we purchased our new silver Carrera 4S to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary. More recent adventures included our tours of the Great Smokey Mountains, Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah Valley, and '07 Porsche Escape into History; John especially enjoyed the Civil War Battlefields and Annapolis Tours—thank you Founders' Region! I treasure recollections of our Staunton, Virginia stopovers—romantic B & B's and their Shakespearean theatre. One of my favorite and more recent Tennessee Porsche memories is driving our wonderful daughter Jill's two young sons—precious grandsons Zachary and Jacob—in the backseats as I taught them the word "accelerate," done only when it was safe to do so—yippee!

Even though it has been 3 years now without John, driving our Porsche gives me peace (and appropriate thrills!) as I remember these and many more exciting adventures. I love the Porsche memories from then, and my life now with family and friends, especially when I'm driving—Andiamo! Let's go!

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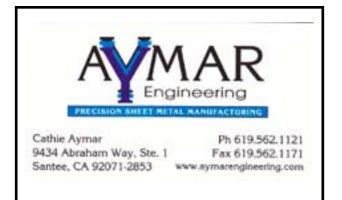
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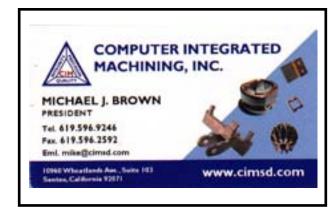
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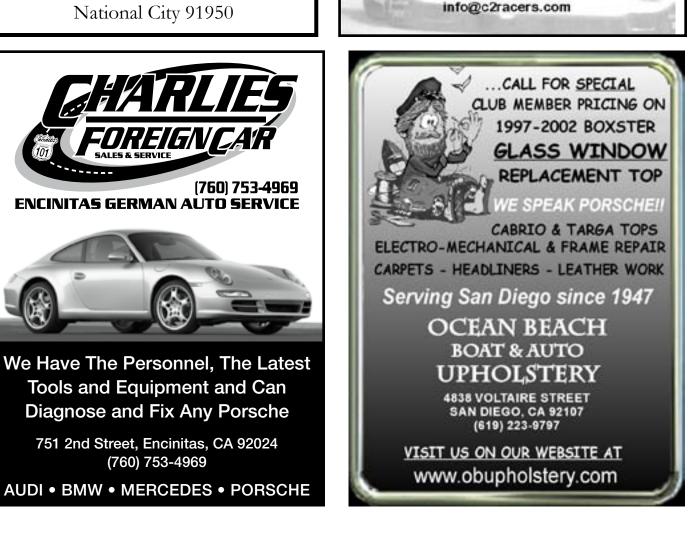
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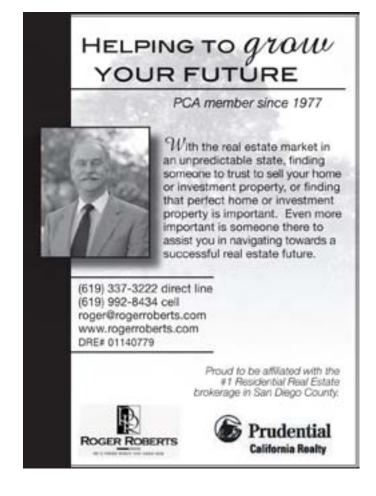


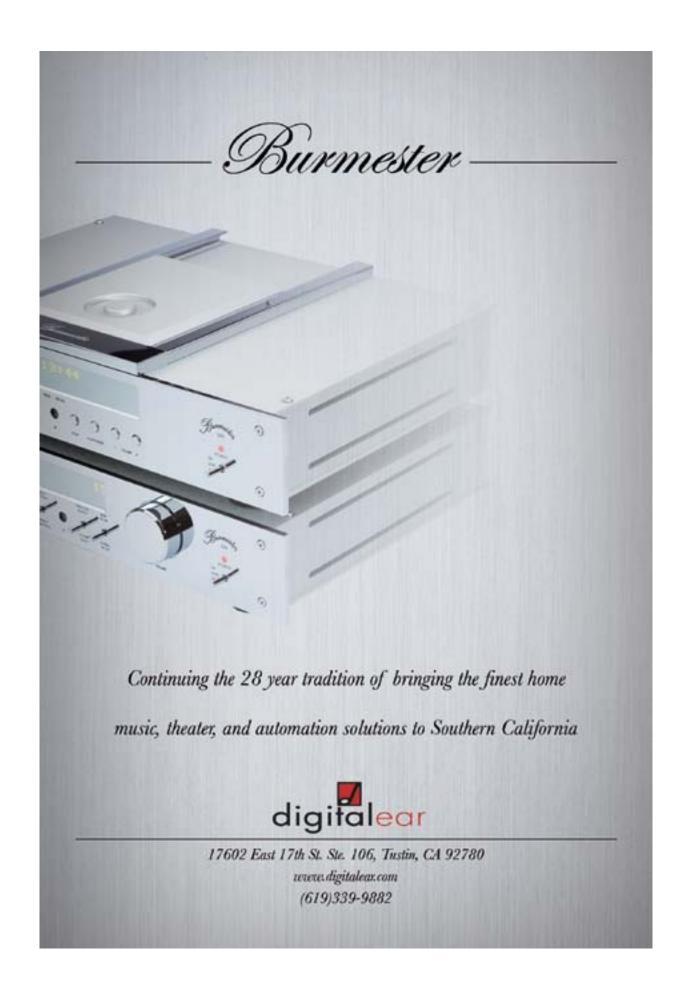












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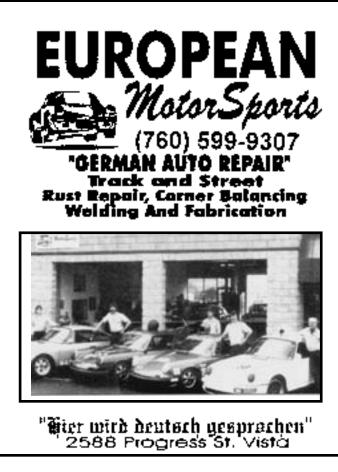
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