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since December 2007. I joined after learning that you can actually drive your Porsche well above legal highway speeds in a controlled and safe track environment. The and act the same way about their cars as I do. It's very exciting news to me was that the Porsche Club of America allows, permits, enables and even encourages this behavior. This fact completely surprised me since— at the time I was 49 years old and I had owned a 944 for 20 years without ever knowing that I could drive my car on a world class track like Watkins Glen International (WGI) and participate in a High-Performance Driver Education (HPDE) program. I discovered PCA by chance after visiting WGI during a Porsche event when they were waving me onto the track. I did not drive on the track that day but joined PCA the very next day. The concept of driving my personal vehicle on the track completely intrigued me since it was something that I always wanted to experience.

over any other class in High School. The specific goal in my mind—at the time was to learn how to repair my 1965 Mustang so that I could learn how to drive it. It was simple math: One car guy plus his first car equals euphoria. The car would definitely be better than my bicvcle. At that time. I owned the Mustang which I bought for \$100 that I earned from cutting lawns around the neighborhood. I was too young for a driver's permit in New Jersey so I could not legally drive it for two years. My dad's mechanic recognized my automotive interest, took me under his wing, and provided an amazing amount of patience while

instructing me how to rebuild the engine, drive-train, brakes and pretty much everything else on the car. The Mustang did have over 113,000 miles and was pushing clouds of blue smoke out the tailpipe. In retrospect, this was the moment when I started down the road of my life that one day would lead me to the PCA. The Club provided me the opportunity to learn how to drive a Porsche well enough to be certified as a National PCA HPDE instructor.

The PCA has afforded me my ultimate dream of becoming one with the P-car in a magical dance between mechanical design and physics, melded completely with the human mind and physical control. I tell you this because, as I said, I am a car guy and my initial attraction to PCA was driving my 944 on world class tracks, participating in fall driving tours, competing in Autocross

I have been a Porsche Club of America (PCA) member the way I started to appreciate my new friends that I met through the CNY PCA. As it turned out these are not ordinary friends; they are Porsche friends, and they all think curious to me that after a full day of dealing with the daily routine and mundane tasks of life we can still find or to make time to enjoy our Porsche cars with Porsche friends. It's who we are, and together we enjoy these moments of camaraderie.

At this point I end my personal story and remove my favorite red Porsche Clash ball cap and put on my CNY Presidents hat. I don't have a physical president's hat, but you get the idea. We as CNY PCA members are a community of like-minded Porsche enthusiasts with very common interests, experiences, and goals. Collectively we volunteer our time and efforts for the common good of the club to enhance our Porsche driving and member experience. I became a car guy when I was 15 years old when the You now know my car story and we would like to know moment I first realized that I preferred the auto shop vour car story. We are currently soliciting CNY member



Art's first HPDE event with his 944 at Mont-Tremblant, Quebec on August 23, 2008

stories, articles, summaries, cartoons, pictures, advertising, tech information, and Porsche marketplace items for our club newsletter the "Redline Report".

This is the first issue of the *Redline Report* since 2017, and many members have asked me if the Redline Report will ever be published again. Yes. This is our renewed effort to rejuvenate the Redline Report, and I thought I would kick it off as editor. However, I must admit that it is not my forté.. Did I mention that I preferred auto shop in High School? We have put together a great team to manage the new *Redline*: Mark Williams as publisher, Eric Krohn, and Partick Doyle as editors. We need you as well. Let's see how many volunteers will step up and contribute to the Redline Report.

I'm taking off my president's hat now, grabbing my keys, events, and attending tech sessions. Somewhere along and planning to enjoy the drive and experience with you.

# **EVERYBODY HAS A FIRST**

the Porsche Club of America (PCA) owners about their experiences have in common; we've all had our and woes. Second, if buying used, first Porsche. How we arrived at that a pre-purchase inspection (PPI) decision—what model we chose, is never a bad idea. The cost of an what color we found—makes each inspection can be the difference story unique. Recently, a few friends between a smart investment and an have expressed interest in buying their first Porsche, leading me to reflect on key considerations: balancing cost versus mileage, selecting the perfect options, choosing between a manual transmission or the Porsche Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK), and ensuring a car's condition matches its description. But beyond these factors, a first Porsche isn't just a purchase it's a gateway into an incredible automotive community.

#### **Understanding Cost Beyond the Purchase Price**

We all know how to set a budget, but do we fully understand the costs that come after purchase? Maintenance, insurance, and upgrades can

There's one thing all members of Forums to learn from other Porsche expensive mistake.

### **Choosing the Right Model**

The good news? You can't go wrong—every Porsche has its merits. The bad news? Choosing can be overwhelming. Let your budget guide you and research thoroughly. Do you want a raw, analog experience (think 997 Carrera S with a manual) or a modern, tech-heavy ride (like a 992 with PDK)? Are you after a mid-engine balance (Boxster/Cayman) or rear-engine heritage (911)? Or are you looking for something more practical such as their Panamera sethe Cayenne and Macan?

With platforms like *Bring a Trailer* 

local Porsche dealership, if possible,

drive multiple models before making your decision—you might be surprised by what feels best.

#### The Porsche Community: More Than Just a Car Club

Unlike other car brands, Porsche dan? Or maybe one of their two SUVs, ownership comes with a built-in second family. It's not just about the precision engineering—it's about

> the people you share it with. For me, the CNYPCA has become an extended family. We drive together, dine together, learn together, and remember together. I'll never forget my first PCA rally, carving through scenic roads alongside air-cooled classics and turbocharged beasts alike. That day, I realized Porsche ownership is as much about the journey as the car itself.

So, the next time vou hear someone dreaming about their first Porsche, remember—it's more than

just a car. It's an invitation into shipping a Porsche from anywhere one of the greatest communities of people, heritage, and automotive excellence. And once they take that first step, their story will be just as



Mark Williams' first "new" 20 year old Porsche.

rims, a sport exhaust, or carbon-fiber intakes is real—will you drive

add up quickly. The allure of new and Cars & Bids, purchasing and has never been easier. But nothing in right away or take a pitstop? My beats seeing the car in person before advice is twofold. First, spend time buying, especially to confirm its conon *Rennlist.com* and *Pelican Parts* dition and service history. Visit your unique as ours.

**ABOUT THE PRECISION** ENGINEERING — IT'S ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU SHARE IT WITH.

IT'S NOT JUST

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# PCA at 70 A LEGACY OF PASSION, PERFORMANCE, AND COMMUNITY

The year 1955 was transformative, both globally and in the United States. The world was still rebuilding after World War II, the U.S. Civil Rights Movement was gaining momentum, and American consumer culture was on the rise. As Americans took to the roads in search of adventure and opportunity, Ray Kroc launched his first McDonald's franchise, Guinness published its inaugural Book of Records, and the American driver fell in love with the thrill of a Porsche 356 Roadster.

It's here that our story begins.

TODAY.

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**MORE** 

At Blackie's House of Beef in Washington, D.C., William Sholar, a commercial artist and Porsche enthusiast, sat down with a small group of like-minded owners. Together, they founded what would become the Porsche Club of America (PCA). By the end of 1955, the newly formed club had already reached 100 members—many of them servicemen returning from Europe with a deep appreciation for the German margue.

Today, the PCA is much more than an enthusiasts' club. With growing membership currently at 162,733 members from 148 regions across the United States and Canada, it stands as the largest single-marque car club in the world.

The organization can be seen at various driving events, driver education programs, and tech sessions, and it publishes the award-winning Panorama magazine. Its presence at the annual Porsche Parade, Concours d'Elegance, and numerous charitable initiatives continues to show their commitment to the "Porsche Lifestyle". Members enjoy a wide range of benefits and, more importantly, become part of a global community driven by passion and performance.

So, what exactly are we celebrating when we toast to the PCA's 70th anniversary?

We celebrate the fact that, for the last seven decades, American streets—and tracks—have been home to one of the greatest automotive brands still in existence. We recognize the PCA as the unwavering backbone of a social family of Porsche owners—educating, entertaining, and connecting us.

Whether you're a long-time member, a new Porsche owner, or simply someone who loves car culture, the PCA's 70th is more than a milestone. It's a celebration of what happens when passion meets community—and they ride together through time. Proving yet again that "it's not just the cars, it's the people".

We hope you join the CNY PCA as we celebrate with members at the "Wings and Wheels: Seaplane and Car Show" in Hammondsport, N.Y. on September 13th, 2025. Visit CNYPCA.org for more details.

PORSCHE VS. FERRARI
THE TALE OF TWO PRANCING HORSES

Time to pop the frunk on this one: designed the crest, placing Stuttgart's became the ultimate symbol of speed, Is there a real connection between iconic horse at its center. Surroundthe prancing horses of Porsche ing it, he incorporated elements and Ferrari? At first glance, their from Württemberg's historical coat emblems look strikingly similar, but their origins gallop down two very different roads. While one was born the region Porsche now calls home. from a German city's deep equestri- Today, the emblem is synonymous an roots, the other soared through the skies with an Italian fighter ace to the Le Mans-winning 919 Hybrid. before finding its home on Ferrari's legendary race cars.

#### Porsche's Stuttgart Stallion

man city of Stuttgart was founded as a hub for horse breeding. The city's name itself comes from the Old proudly features a rearing black to this equestrian legacy.

was crafting an emblem to represent its growing motorsport dominance. Engineer Franz Xaver Reimspiess

of arms—red and black stripes with stylized antlers—paying homage to with performance, from the first 356

### Ferrari's Cavallino Rampante

Meanwhile, across the Alps, Ferrari's prancing horse took a more dar-Rewind to 950 AD, when the Gering route. Its origins trace back to Italian fighter pilot Francesco Baracca, a World War I ace who had the rearing horse, their inspirations come from stallion emblazoned on his plane—a German word Stuotgarten, meaning tribute to his cavalry regiment. After ed in German heritage, the other in "stud farm," and its coat of arms Baracca's death, his parents suggested Enzo Ferrari adopt the emblem horse on a yellow shield—a tribute—for good luck. Enzo took their advice, adding the Cavallino Rampante (or Fast-forward to 1952, when Porsche "little prancing horse") to his race cars in 1932. He set it against a yellow background to honor his hometown of Modena, and over the decades, it

power, and Italian passion.

Ferrari's badge has since evolved, appearing in different forms on road cars and race cars alike. The Scuderia Ferrari shield, seen on its Formula 1 machines, adds a splash of Italian tricolor, while road-going models wear a sleeker version on their grilles and wheels.

#### **Coincidence or Connection?**

So, is there a direct link between Porsche's Stuttgart stallion and Ferrari's Cavallino Rampante? Not really. While both brands feature a rearing entirely different places—one root-Italian military history. But whether it's leading a Porsche across the Nürburgring or flying on the nose of a Ferrari Formula 1 car, one thing is certain: when you see a prancing horse, you know you're looking at a machine built for performance.

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DOMINANCE.



## CNY PCA sponsors our local Street Survival school October 5th in Rome, NY.

## Real world. Hands on.

When your teen driver attends a Street Survival school, we teach them to control your car in unpredictable situations based on its handling limits. They master the application of driving physics using their car. They learn how to make good driving decisions and react more quickly. They become more aware and learn how to begin anticipating the actions of other drivers.

Tire Rack Street Survival goes beyond typical high-school driver education programs, which put more focus on classroom theory and parallel parking than controlling a 2 ton vehicle at speed.

The primary emphasis of the Tire Rack Street Survival program is a hands-on driving experience in real-world situations. We use your own car to teach you about its handling limits and how you can control them.

The students will become more observant of the traffic situation they find themselves in. They will learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers. As the students master the application of physics to drive their cars, they will make fewer unwise driving actions themselves. They will understand why they should always wear their own seatbelts, and why they should insist that their passengers wear seatbelts, too.

The Tire Rack Street Survival school is a safe teen driving program, designed to go beyond today's required driver education and give teens across the U.S. the driving tools and hands-on experience they need to become safer, smarter drivers. The school provides trained and qualified in-car driving instructors as well as valuable classroom experience for each student.

Last year, over 5,000 teenagers died in motor vehicle crashes, the leading killer of American youths aged 16 to 19, accounting for more than 40 percent of fatalities in that age bracket. To reduce this number we developed Tire Rack Street Survival, a non-profit, national driver education program aimed at teaching teens the skills they need to stay alive behind the wheel.

The cost is \$125 per student. For more information go to StreetSurvival.org or contact Dennis Hesse to volunteer.

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## **Annual Planning Meeting**

**January 11** - We had 45 members attend our Annual Planning Meeting at Drivers Village. In attendance there were 43 people in person and 2 more via zoom. We reviewed the entire event schedule for 2025, made many corrections and added or clarified several new events with great engagement by all who attended. CNYPCA provided lunch and big thanks to Drivers Village for allowing the use of the Murphy conference room.



## First Annual Winter Driving Tour!

January 23 - Beautiful day for our 1st Annual Winter Driving Tour! Thank you Porsche Syracuse for the Cars and Coffee Event this morning and our CNYPCA members that were able to join us today! We had a great turnout for our Driving Tour plus a few more that met us at Heritage Hill for lunch. After lunch we made a stop at Green Lakes State Park, went to the Education Building to learn more about all the different types of fish in Green Lakes! Event story and pictures by Rebecca Lerman.



## **Family Bowling**

**February 8** - It was a beautiful February day for our CNYP-CA bowling event (for once it wasn't snowing and the roads were clear!). We had 10 bowlers and 3 non-bowlers arrive at the Baldwinsville Sports Bowl Saturday. Everyone enjoyed a couple of hours of friendly competition and cheering each other on when they got a strike or picked up their spare. Winter is long here in New York, and this was a great opportunity to have some fun and catch up with friends; many are looking forward to spring when we can get our cars out of storage and tour together again. Thank you Barbara Conley for organizing this event again this year! Photograph by Rebecca Lerman

## **Brunch & Banter - Food & Fire**

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the Sunday sun began to rise our frozen breath was soon replaced with smoke. Delicious, warming, summer-reminiscent smoke from the Food & Fire BBQ pit. Twenty members of the Central New York Porsche Club of America (CNYPCA) gathered in Binghamton for an afternoon of barbecue, craft pints, and Sweet & Tangy conversations. New members mingled with seasoned enthusiasts, sharing their passion for everything Porsche—swapping stories about their latest acquisitions, restoration projects, and summer driving plans. The event details were well stoked, with the club enjoying our own dining area and a server that paid attention to details like she was hired for a PPI. A sunny Sunday brunch easily became the highlight of the weekend and a forecast of future events. But its left to be seen if the establishment will create a new menu item, the Flat 6 Platter, as everything on our plate was

Summary by Eric Krohn and Photograph by Rebecca Lerman



## **Sweetrees Maple Farm**

**March 15** - Was a bright and sunny day to get together at Sweetrees Maple Products Farm! Owners Dan and Ruth Beasleys welcome us in the Sugar House and shared their story about the farm, maple trees, the process of maple syrup plus all the other goodies they make today with maple. Thank you, Dan, Ruth, Eric, Alexis, Tom, Kelly and the girls for their hospitality to CNYPCA members.

Jason took us on a beautiful non-PCA drive to Myers

Creek for lunch. We had amazing food, great conversations about Porsche's, and coming events. Thank you to our (10) CNYPCA members that were able to come out on Saturday. Thank you, Stephen Lerman, for setting up our walking tour at Sweetrees and Jason Newton for setting up a beautiful drive to the farm and Myers Creek for lunch! Summary and Photograph by Rebecca Lerman



## Breakfast & Banter - Marr-Logg

March 22 - Beautiful drive early Saturday morning to Utica. We had (22) participants gather at Marr-Logg House for Breakfast. Marr-Logg House was super friendly, very casual, with great comfort food. Thank you to all our CNYPCA members that were able to get together today. Wonderful conversations and great meeting a few new members as well. Thank you, Dick Jeffer, for setting up this event! Event summary and picture by Rebecca Lerman or rather Rebecca Lerman's cell phone and a very understanding waitress.



## Brunch & Banter - Food and Fire

**April 27** - The CNYPCA gathered on a Sunday with a welcome return to familiar terrain—smoked oak and hickory in the air, the symphony of flat-six engines in the background, and an energized gathering of both veteran members and new enthusiasts. Under clear skies and welcomed warmer conditions, the lot of Food & Fire BBQ quickly filled with Stuttgart's finest. Conversations spanned the full spectrum of ownership: detailing techniques, performance upgrades, preventive maintenance strategies, and the merits of factory-spec vs. aftermarket tuning. If the dialogue ever paused, it was only for the arrival of the pitmaster's gift to meat-eaters delivered

with the same attention to craft as a concours restoration. The tone was optimistic and future-focused. The chapter president's address outlined a robust calendar of driving tours, tech sessions, and auto events. And it would be an understatement to point out the importance of reviewing the event calendar with so many great experiences on the horizon. It was a gathering not just of cars, but of knowledge, experience, and a shared pursuit of auto excellence. And if we may indulge in one lighthearted closing note: you can pull the pork from the smoker, but you'll never pull the Porsche from our DNA. Big thanks to Patrick Doyle for coordinating the event and Eric Krohn for the event summary.



## Tire Rack Street Survival AFRL

May 4 - We had our Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) event at Griffiss Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) in Rome. This was a wonderful opportunity for twelve young drivers to learn crucial car control and safety skills in a controlled environment. Fifteen TRSS coaches and another fifteen volunteers and family members were available to provide full-time attention to the students during this event.

The weather was cool, cloudy with light rain and perfect for wet surface car control skill development. Big thanks to Dennis Hesse, TRSS coaches, and volunteers for coordinating and managing this event.



## Tech Session - Gil's Garage

May 10 - We had our Tech Session on Basic Service at Gil's Garage in Cazenovia. There were thirteen students in attendance with Gil presenting basic service & maintenance concepts & procedures for our Porsche's in a classroom environment. Gil covered how to locate service information, replacement parts and specialized

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## tools to perform the service work quickly and effective- every hue imaginable, ready to stretch their legs. The ly. To everyone's surprise, he then did in fact provide a hands-on demonstration on how to remove the front and rear bumpers from his own 2013 911. The removal of the bumper is required to perform the basic service on many of our Porsche's and was done in less than 15 minutes. Overall, this tech session provided a wealth of useful service information and was well received by all the attendees. Big thanks to Gil Wistrup for planning and presenting this tech event.

## **Opening Day Watkins Glen**

May 17 - Track Day Reverie: **CNYPCA Storms Watkins Glen in Style** 

The alarm rang at 5:00 a.m., and I rolled out of bed with one thing on my mind: Porsche. Armed with a strong cup of coffee and a playlist of engineering deep-dives on Stuttgart's finest, I was ready. Today wasn't just any drive—it was one of those days. The kind Porsche owners dream of. The CNYPCA was rallying in Ithaca, bound for the legendary tarmac of Watkins Glen International. Seventeen Porsches assembled under what might've been the most perfect weather upstate New York has seen all year. It felt like spring had saved its full bloom just for us—vibrant 911s, Caymans, and Boxster's gleaming in



energy was electric. As we gathered for a quick drivers' meeting, even a passing Porsche couldn't resist the magnetic pull—pulling in spontaneously for photos and club info. The drive was the kind of scene you'd expect in a Porsche commercial: a convoy slicing through the rolling hills, the exhaust notes bouncing off the lush terrain, the route clearly curated with passion and precision. By midday, just as the sun broke over the ridge, the silhouette of Watkins Glen International emerged ahead. This was the moment. Focus sharpened. Adrenaline surged. It was time to make memories. Lap one served as a refresher course in the rhythm of the track—respecting the lines, the weight transfer, the heritage beneath our tires. Lap two? That was pure club sport bliss. And just as the thrill peaked, WGI surprised us again—pausing the session so we could park on the finish line for group photos, soaking in the grandeur of this historic venue.

With a final, spirited lap, our Porsche parade came to a close. Smiles, photos, and handshakes followed. Some of us extended the day by retracing the original Grand Prix course through town, savoring one last taste of history. It wasn't just a drive. It was a pilgrimage. And for Porsche enthusiasts, it doesn't get much better than this.

Big thanks to Lin Hurd for planning the driving tour route and leading the way to WGI, Rebecca & Steve Lerman for managing the driving tour and lunch logistics, and Eric Krohn for this amazing event summary. Photos by Rebecca Lerman and Barb Conley



## **Brunch & Banter - Garland City**

May 18 - The rainy morning didn't deter a small group from traveling to Watertown for today's Brunch and Banter at Garland City Beer Works, Watertown, NY. OK, so Art and Barbara only traveled for 7 minutes, but we really appreciated the folks that made the trek. Good food, good beverages and great conversations!





# The year in review 2024

**Dec. 2, 2023** - We had our **Annual Toys for Tots Holiday party**. Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2023 Toys for Tots campaign. We had a great party at The Retreat in Liverpool on Dec 2nd. About (53) of you came out for the party and brought lots of toys. The food was free, the beer and spirits were not. Total cost to CNYP-CA was \$1367.00, money well spent. Many who could not make the party mailed checks to our Marty Pond to do their shopping. We collected a total of \$714.50 in cash and checks! Along with the toys that people brought to the party we were able to fill (3) huge boxes of toys that we delivered to the Marines! WAY TO GO!!!

Jan. 6, 2024 – We held our Annual Planning Meeting at the Carnegie Conference Center located at Drivers Village, Cicero. There were 38 members in attendance and another 2members logged on as we live streamed via Zoom. This event was the starting point to identify potential driving tours, tech sessions, DV concours, breakfast & banter, family picnic & bowling, annual race events at WGI, the dinner meeting and Holiday party. Many good ideas were discussed, resulting in consensus for further planning and/or approval by the BOD. We hammered out about 60 percent of the plans for the year.

**Jan. 14, 2024 – Breakfast & Banter** – Syracuse Denny's, Syracuse, NY (7th North) - Rush Pond organized the B&B at Denny's on Sunday Jan. 14th, 2024. (x) members attended this event.

**Jan. 24, 2024** – First of (6) **Board of Directors (BOD) Meetings**. CNY BOD had a Zoom meeting in which we transitioned from the 2023 BOD to the BOD for 2024/2025. President appointed the CNY Chairs & Co-Chairs, set goals, and priorities. The CNY 2024 Event Schedule was further reviewed and defined, and BOD voted on events requiring CNY finance or PCA insurance. BOD minutes of meeting (MoM) are available to any member if interested.

**Feb. 10, 2024 – Family Bowling**, at Baldwinsville Sport Bowl – Barbara Conley organized a Family Bowling Party with 2 hours of bowling, with pizza and soda included. We had (11) participants, and everyone had fun bowling 3 games, cheering each other on and catching up. The pizza was delicious. Was this the 1st Annual Family Bowling event?

**Feb. 26, 2024** – **Breakfast & Banter** – Cortland Diner, Cortland, NY – Rebecca Lerman organized the B&B at the Cortland Diner. This is a very small and busy location for the B&B, but we did have (5) members attend. The day was clear and sunny for travel, and we all enjoyed breakfast and time together.

**Dec. 2, 2023** - We had our **Annual Toys for Tots Holiday party**. Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2023 Toys for Tots campaign. We had a great party at The Retreat in Liverpool on Dec 2nd. About (53) of you came out for the party and brought lots of toys. The food **Feb. 28, 2024** – Second of (6) **Board of Directors (BOD) Meetings -** CNY 2024 Event Schedule was further reviewed and defined. BOD approved Member Survey with raffle for \$100 Amazon Gift card, procurement of a PA system for meetings, and (4) 2-way radios for driving tours.

March 2, 2024 – Breakfast & Banter – Country Kitchen Restaurant – Dennis Hesse organized the B&B at the Country Kitchen Restaurant. The weather was cold and wet, but the breakfast was great and the company delightful. This is a very nice location for the B&B. We had (9) members attend.



March 23, 2024 — Tech Session, Gil's Garage, Cazenovia, NY - On March 23rd a small group of (10) CNY PCA members braved the early morning spring snow to attend a tech session at Gil Wistrup's Garage in Cazenovia. This tech session on trans-axles and drive trains was well presented by Gil and followed up with a Q&A session to discuss typical drive line problems, maintenance, and repairs. This was a prefect venue for a small group tech session and was well received by all the attendees.

April 7, 2024, was Opening Day at Watkins Glen. We started the CNY driving season with the annual driving tour to WGI. The tour assembled in Ithaca and traveled to WGI where everyone enjoyed the touring laps around the track. We thank Lin Hurd & Rush Pond for planning and coordinating this event. I would like to give an honorable mention to Eric Krohns for his detailed and entertaining observation report that captured the moment for everyone.

**April 15, 2024,** was the final day to receive a completed **CNY PCA "Membership Survey".** The results of the survey have guided the BOD on event selection and funding. Members that completed the survey were entered into a raffle for a \$100 Amazon gift card. David McManmon's name was selected during the raffle at the Porsche Concours at Drivers Village. We only had 8.8% of the CNY PCA membership respond to the survey.

**April 20, 2024,** was the tech session by **Detail Johnny at Harvey's Garden**. We had (22) members gather at Harvey's Garden for a presentation by Johnny Cannizaro "Detail Johnny" on how to buff & restore car paint with hands-on opportunity. Toss & Fire opened at noon after the tech session was completed. This was an excellent ex-

perience for all attendees. Thanks go out to Rich Ertinger for scheduling and coordinating this event.



**April 28, 2024** – **Brunch & Banter at Food & Fire -** We had a great turn-out for Sunday Brunch (23) members gather at Food & Fire BBQ Taphouse, Johnson City, NY. To quote Eric Krohn "To honor the iconic brand while indulging in some savory barbecue". This was a fun social event, so thank you Patrick Doyle for planning and coordinating this event.

May 4, 2024 – Breakfast & Banter – Mapleview Restaurant, Parish, NY – Art Vanore organized the B&B at the Mapleview Restaurant. This is a very nice location for the B&B and the food was great. We had (9) members attend.

May 18, 2024 – Driving Tour to Meiers Creek Brewing – We had (22) members attend a driving tour from Chapman Park, Bridgeport, NY to Meier's Creek Brewing, Cazenovia, NY. This was a well-planned & executed tour (at the last minute) by Ben Hagadorn with guidance from Rush Pond (CNY Driving Tour Master). Incorporating the "one-way seasonal road" was a really nice experience for the group. Thanks Ben & Rush for volunteering for this event.



June 8, 2024 - We held our annual Charity Concours event with our host, Porsche of Syracuse at Drivers Village. The early morning rainy weather did not deter over (50) Porsche owners from preparing their cars to attend this event and vie for People's Choice awards in several different categories. Barbara Conley and the charity committee organized a great raffle and silent auction. Gift baskets and crafts of all types were donated by our members. Proceeds from this event were donated to the Broome County Humane Society. The event was a huge success.

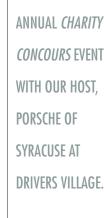
**June 14, 2024 - PCA Club Racing** returned to Watkins Glen for **THE CLASH**. This was a Zone 1 event, but many CNY members volunteered to help make it a success.

**June 16, 2024 – Eurocar 2024 – Classic European Car** & Motorbike Show – LaFayette Apple Festival Grounds – CNY PCA sponsored this event again this year and it was an ideal day! Dick informed me that Porsche's kept arriving and leaving, but he counted 25 on the field at one time. Thanks, Dick Jeffers, for planning and coordinating this annual event for the CNY members.



June 22 - 25, 2024 - IMSA returned to Watkins Glen. CNYPCA has for several years, secured the same campsites at the "Bus Stop" located at the end of the back straight. This year our hosts were for lunch on Saturday and on Sunday Ed & Lin Hurd. The weather was warm and sunny on both Saturday and Sunday. We had about 20 members enjoy the lunch and races. Thank you, Lin & Ed Hurd, for hosting this event.

**July 13, 2024** – We had a great turn-out for our **Annual CNY Food Bank Tour** to support the Food Bank of Central NY. The weather was clear, hot and dry for attendance by (34) members with (18) cars participating. Rebecca Lerman & Dick Jeffers prepared an entertaining driving tour stating at the Food Bank of Central NY. We all toured the Food Bank facility and learned all about the amazing operation of the Food Bank. The driving tour included



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a first stop at Heritage Hill Brewhouse for lunch with a brewery & farm tour. The second stop was Chittenango Falls State Park, then on to Williams Farm Stand in Cicero for ice cream. Thanks Rebecca and Dick for setting up an opportunity to donate to a terrific organization and experience a wonderful day of touring central NY. Eric Krohn submitted a picture and event information to Panorama August 24-25, 2024 - was Vintage Grand Prix Weekand was published in Oct last month's issue.

**July 15, 2024** – Third of (6) **Board of Directors (BOD)** Meetings - CNY 2024 Event Schedule was further reviewed and defined. BOD discussed the need for club to purchase pop-up tents for events like concours, family picnic, other outdoor events.

**August 2, 2024** – Binghamton, First Friday Event, **Art in Motion** – Organized by Dina Layish, Jill Vasina, & Jessica Krohn to display our Porsche's in the art district of Binghamton. The event was cancelled at the last minute due to some nasty weather. But I would like to acknowledge the planning efforts by Dina, Jill, & Jessica.

August 2, 2024 - CNYPCA Annual Family Picnic & **Gimmick Rally** - Whispering Hill Equestrian Center, Cazenovia., Jo & Tyler Stephenson invited us to hold our Annual Family Picnic on the front lawn of their beautiful equestrian center. CNYPCA provided a delicious Ale Carte Luncheon by Bella Domani with member supplied side dishes and a full array of tasty desserts. We had 38 beautiful Porsches & 1 McLaren on display and the weather was perfect. We created a nice group picture from the event for the website and everyone had a great day in camaraderie. Thank you, Jo & Tyler Stephenson.



CNY charity committee collected and donated \$350 from CNY members and friends who attended this Family Picnic for the Rome, NY - Tornado Relief fund.

Earlier in the day Dennis Hesse organized a Gimmick Rally to the picnic. The rally had four (4) teams starting at Burger King in Central Square and ending just in time for lunch at the Family Picnic. Mark & Janice Williams were the rallying team to beat with a perfect score, but all the teams won the day. Thank you, Dennis, for planning another entertaining Gimmick Rally.

August 19, 2024 – Fourth of (6) Board of Directors **(BOD) Meetings -** CNY 2024 Event Schedule was further reviewed and defined. BOD discussed Vintage Grand Prix WGI & September CNY Fall Tour. Meeting cut-short when Zoom meeting shut-down.

end at Watkins Glen. CNYPCA hosted a lunch and gathering area for the races on Saturday and Sunday. Co-Hosts for this weekend were Chris & Cathie White and Brian Daley. We were set-up at campsites at the exit of the "Bus Stop" at the end of the back straight. The members' attendance was (12) on Saturday & (16) on Sunday and



we had perfect weather for the weekend, 77-78 degrees and no rain. The hosts provided a great menu for the club lunches, Meatball Parm subs with fresh grated parm and Patisserie bread, Pork Tenderloin and various sides and desserts. Next year we expect the Vintage Grand Prix weekend at Watkins Glen International Racetrack to again align with the Grand Prix Festival at Watkins Glen, NY on Friday.

August 24, 2024 – Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS), ESTA Safety Park Dragstrip, N. Syracuse, NY. Dennis Hesse organized a TRSS event at ESTA Safety Park Dragstrip on Aug 25 for Teen-aged students. TRSS program improves driver competence in car control through hands-on experiences in real-world driving situations. This event had (6) students and was supported by member coaches from CNYPCA, Dennis raised \$244 for CNYPCA, Thank you, Dennis & CNY member coaches for volunteering your time &

**September 4, 2024** – Fifth of (6) **Board of Directors (BOD) Meetings -** CNY 2024 Event Schedule was further reviewed and defined. BOD discussed the September CNY Fall Tour & non-PCA event for driving tour to Alan Rosenblum car collection.

effort to support this very beneficial program.

September 6, 2024 – Grand Prix Festival at Watkins **Glen, NY** - This event was unfortunately lightly attended by CNY PCA members this year.

September 21-22, 2024 - CNY Fall Tour to Chautauqua Lake, NY - We had (42) members attend an outstanding 2-day fall tour this year. We started with 2 separate groups, one leaving from the Syracuse area and

one leaving from the Binghamton area. The 2 groups followed driving tour routes to Letchworth State Park and met at the Helena Pavilion which was previously reserved for Sep. 21st. Everyone enjoyed their own picnic lunch at the Helena Pavilion, then explored around Letchworth State Park (the Grand Canyon of the East.) We then



divided into 2 groups for the scenic drive to Chautauqua Lake. We set up an Octoberfest table arrangement in the hotel courtyard and enjoyed a happy hour beverage of your choice (or two) before the group dinner. Big thanks to Rush & Marty Pond and Ben Hagadorn for planning & driving this driving tour multiple times. This tour was a very enjoyable event for all who attended. Visiting Panama Rocks on Sunday brought out an unexpected and amazing adventure for (13) energetic seniors...

October 20, 2024 – Brunch & Banter – Garland City Beer Works, Watertown, NY - We had (21) members attend brunch on a warm and sunny day in Watertown before putting the cars away for the winter.

October 27, 2024 - New Member Social - Retreat, **Liverpool, NY** - We had (10) new members & (10) BOD / Chairs attend this new member lunch as an opportunity to meet & greet new members and learn more about CNY PCA.



November 13, 2024 - Six of (6) Board of Directors (BOD) Meetings - BOD discussed Annual Dinner Meeting and year end financials.

November 16, 2024 – CNY Annual Dinner Meeting, **Cincinnatus, NY** - I am happy to report that we had 59 members attend our Annual Dinner Meeting at the Hathaway house on November16th, 2024. As in previous years we all enjoyed meeting our Porsche friends and together appreciated an amazing dinner from Tony Tinelli and his staff. After dinner we started the annual dinner meeting. President acknowledged new members in attendance, then we received the annual Treasurers, Membership, Charity, and President's reports. President acknowledged Board Members and Committee Chairs for volunteering their time and effort and presented awards to Gil Wistrup, Rich Ertinger, Dick Jeffers, Dennis Hesse, and Rush Pond for member support with CNY Activities and Events above and beyond the Presidents expectations for many years. President provided a look ahead of activities for 2025. Big thanks to Mike Darminio for planning this dinner event with Hathaway House.

December 7, 2024 – Annual Holiday Party to benefit Toys-for-Tots, Theodor's, Canastota, NY About (42) of you came out for the party and brought lots of toys. The food was free, the beer and spirits were not. Total cost to CNY PCA was \$1183.00, which was money well spent. Many who could not make the party mailed checks to Marty Pond to do their toy shopping. We collected a total of \$820 in donations! With the mailed donations along with the toys that people brought to the party, we were able to fill more than (3) huge boxes of toys that Rush Pond delivered to the Marines!

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Porsche Club of America started in 1955 with 190 charter members. 70 years later, PCA has grown to over 167,000 members, across the United States of America and Canada, in 14 Zones and 148 Regions with thousands of events annually! PCA has big plans for our 70th anniversary including special events, activities and announcements!

Save the Date: September 13, 2025



## **EVENT CALENDAR**

For full details and to register for events go to cnypca.org/events

### JUNE

# June 6–8 Zonel Porsche Clash Watkins Glen International

2790 County Route 16, Watkins Glen, NY Friday to Sunday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

There is no better way to help support Zone 1, than by volunteering for this year's Clash at the Glen Club Race. Held at one of the best and most historic racetracks in the country, the Clash brings together club members for 3 days of fun and exciting racing, which you can be a part of.

#### June 14

## CNY Food Drive Driving Tour

7066 Interstate Island Rd, Syracuse, NY Saturday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

#### June 15

# Euro Car Show—Lafayette Lafayette Apple Festival Grounds Rte 20 Lafayette, NY

Sunday 8:00 am—5:00 pm Register with EMCCNY at europeanmotorclub.com

## June 21-22 IMSA Sahlen's 6hrs Race

Watkins Glen International 2790 County Route 16, Watkins Glen, NY Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

## June 28 1000 Islands Concours d'Elegance

Antique Boat Museum 750 Mary St, Clayton, NY 13624 Saturday 7:30 am—4:00 pm

## JULY

## July 12

Porsche Ascent Video (New Date and Time)
Fayetteville Library Community Room
300 Orchard St., Fayetteville, NY 13066
Saturday 10:00 am—12:00 pm

## July 19

Driving Tour from Lafayette to Frankfort and Meier's Creek Brewery

Start: Byrne Dairy, Lafayette, NY
Destination: Meier's Creek Brewery, Cazenovia, NY
Saturday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

#### **AUGUST**

# August 1 Art in Motion—

First Friday Binghamton
Binghamton, NY
Friday 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

#### August 9

Family Picnic & Charity Concours at Million Air Syracuse

Syracuse Hancock Airport 110 Air Cargo Road, Syracuse, NY 13212 Saturday 9:00 am—3:00 pm

## **SEPTEMBER**

## September 5

Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival Downtown Watkins Glen, NY Friday 11:30 am—6:00 pm

## September 6-7 Hillard US Vintage Grand Prix Race

Watkins Glen International 2790 County Route 16, Watkins Glen, NY Saturday - Sunday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

## September 13

Wings & Wheels: Seaplane & Car Show Depot Park, Hammondsport, NY Saturday 10:00 am—4:00 pm



## **OCTOBER**

## October 4

Cars & Coffee Drivers Village Driving Tour to Beak & Skiff Panera Bread (Fairmont Fair)

3401 W Genesee St, Syracuse, NY Saturday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

#### October 5

## Tire Rack Street Survival Griffiss AFR

306 Market St, Rome, NY Sunday 7:30 am—4:00 pm

Join us on Sunday, May 4th at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY, for a full-day Tire Rack Street Survival event. This is a wonderful opportunity for young drivers to learn crucial car control and safety skills in a controlled environment.

Register at www.streetsurvival.org

### **October 25–26**

CNY Fall Tour—Radison Corning
Radison Hotel

125 Denison Parkway East, Corning, NY 14830 Saturday—Sunday 8:00 am—5:00 pm Hotel reservations needed before September 25, 2025. Details to follow.

## **NOVEMBER**

### **November TBD**

## CNY New Member Lunch

The Retreat, 303 Vine St., Liverpool, NY 13088 Saturday 12:00—2:00 pm RSVP with Marty Pond

### **November TBD**

CNY Annual Dinner Meeting Hathaway House, McGraw, NY

Saturday 4:30 pm—8:00 pm

## **DECEMBER**

## December 6

CNY Annual Holiday Party and Toys for Tots Collection Theodore's Restaurant (Burgundy Room)

3231 Seneca Turnpike, Canastota, NY 13032 Saturday 12:00 pm—3:00 pm

## **TBD**

Detail Johnny Tech Session

Detail Johnny 101 Johnson Street, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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## THE CNY PCA "WELCOME WAGON"



2024 Annual Holiday Party to benefit Toys-for-Tots

## The CNY Region of PCA WELCOMES the following new members to our Club:

#### November 2024

Shawn Ryan, New Hartford, NY, 2001 Boxster S John Bock, Cazenovia, NY, 1998 Boxster

#### December 2024

Edward Keller, Skaneateles, NY, 2021 Boxster GTS Maurita and Michael Marley, Liverpool, NY, 2019 Macan S Robert and Eileen Jaquint, Baldwinsville, NY, 2006 Boxster

#### January 2025

James Stolo, Rome, NY, 2007 Carrera 4S Cabriolet Mark Gummer, Baldwinsville, NY, 2018 718 Boxster GTS

#### February 2025

James Carmer, Syracuse, NY, 2022 Macan S James Scherzi, Manlius, NY, 2020 Macan Turbo Michael Narus, Syracuse, NY, 2024 Macan

#### March 2025

Lee Okoniewski, Syracuse, NY, 2022 Macan Mark Bauer, Cicero, NY, 2023 911 Carrera GTS Donald Dinero, Chittenango, NY, 1972 914 1.7

#### **April 2025**

Anthony Catsimatides, Cazenovia, NY, 2014 Cayman S Joseph Deverell, Weedsport, NY, 1976 911 Jason Hill, Binghamton, NY, 2004 911 Turbo Cabriolet Richard Terpening, Syracuse, NY, 2024 911 Turbo S

#### May 2025

Ben Law, Lowville, NY, 2025 911 Carerra Stephen Stasko, Cicero, NY, 2022 911 GT3 Christopher Kovar, Skaneateles, NY, 1968 911 Jeff and Jenna Cole, Baldwinsville, NY, 2023 718 Spyder John and Varsha Emm, Vestal, NY, 2021 Cayenne GTS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following CNY Members who celebrated PCA membership anniversaries in January, February, March and April 2025:

**5 Years:** Mark and Janice Williams, Gurasis Dhesi, Jim del Toro, Peter Bayer and Danielle Hautaniemi, Mark Sponenburg, Joel Florczyk

10 Years: Simon and Lucy Smith, Marilee and Skip Taylor, Larry and Susan Rowlee, Joseph and Maria Ruggiero

15 Years: Anthony Mondo and Angela Antonello

20 Years: Ken and Carolyn Souser, Dennis Byrne and Marsha DeVita, Bruce and Lina Donohue, Timothy and Donna Schwender

25 Years: John and Georgia Vose, Raz Rahman and Samuel Birchenough, Paul Auletta and Mary Pat Spigel

**30 Years:** Dana and Sage Hart, Brian Daley and Melissa

Miller, James and Caroline Keetch

40 Years: Michael Niechwiadowicz 60 Years: William and Jean Noroski



Fifteen members from Niagara and Central New York regions gathered at 'Camp Niagara', Sebring International Raceway for the 12 Hours of Sebring in March. We all enjoyed four days of sunshine, racing, and camaraderie. The event highlight was witnessing the thrilling 1-2 finish of Porsche Penske

-ART VANORE, Central New York Region

# 12 Hours of Porsche: **A Triumph in Endurance**

forgiving bumps of Sebring's legendary circuit test both man and machine, the No. 7 Porsche Penske Motorsport Porsche 963 delivered a performance for the ages.

Under the sweltering Florida sun and deep into the humid, star-drenched night, Felipe Nasr, Nick Tandy, and Laurens Vanthoor executed near-flawless campaign. Coming off a dominant showing at the 24 Hours of Daytona, the trio returned to Sebring with one goal: to add another chapter to Porsche's storied endurance legacy. By sunrise, it was clear—they were on their way to securing the manufacturer's 19th overall victory at the endurance classic. its first since 2008.

For Nick Tandy, the win wasn't just another accolade it was history in the

making. With triumphs at Le Mans, never forget. Every grueling hour out endurance racing. the Nürburgring, Spa, Daytona, and there was worth it." Petit Le Mans already under his

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Hours of Sebring was more than just quer all six of the world's premier another win—it was a testament to endurance races. "It's incredible," endurance, engineering, and sheer he said, soaking in the moment. "To determination. In a race where join a club with legends like Phil Hill every second matters and the un- and Jackie Oliver—it's something I'll to build a crucial gap, his precision

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Porsche's victory at the 2025 12 became the first driver ever to con-manufacturers, particularly from Cadillac's V-Series.R, which pushed hard through the opening stints. The battle reached its peak in the final hours, as Nasr put in a string of blistering laps

> through Turn 17 over Sebring's infamous bumps showcasing Porsche's superior balance and setup. With perfectly executed pit stops and seamless teamwork, the No. 7 crew left nothing to chance.

Team vice Thompresident Laudenbach summed it up best: "Every member of our team, from the engineers to the drivers, delivered a performance without mistakes. We've built something special, and today, it showed in every lap."

As the checkered flag waved, Porsche not only back-tosecured back victories in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship but also made a resounding statement to the motorsport world. Their seamless 1-2 finish at Sebring reinforced their status as the benchmark in

**OVERALL WIN** 

OF SEBRING

The race was anything but a belt, Sebring completed the ultimate cruise to victory. Early on, Porsche endurance racing resume. Tandy faced relentless pressure from rival

For Porsche, for Tandy, and for endurance racing itself, this wasn't just another win—it was a defining moment.

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# **Keeping my Porsche Happy** How much should I spend on brake fluid?

twelve months or less if you take your car to the **track.** This seems like a good recommendation to keep fluid is hygroscopic which means it absorbs water from the air. When brake fluid absorbs water, its boiling point is reduced and this can lead to brake fade. Brake fade could be a soft pedal or in a worst-case scenario, you can lose all braking as the brake pedal can go to the floor. After attending many PCA Driver's Education events in the past. I have witnessed the worst-case scenario more than once. This scary experience was always due to neglected brake fluid changes. That is why they always require you to put the date of the last brake fluid flush on your PCA Driver's Education Tech Inspection sheet and the flush must be less than 12 months old.

The braking system on a modern automobile includes a module with many electronic solenoids and spool valves used for ABS and traction control. Most antillock braking system (ABS) modules are located in series with the conventional hydraulics of the braking system. The valves and solenoids in the ABS module are machined with very tight clearances and will not tolerate moisture or any other contamination in the brake fluid. Clean brake fluid will reduce the potential for problems with the ABS/TCS (Traction Control System) or Porsche Stability Management (PSM) as Porsche calls it.

Hopefully we have established that flushing your brake fluid is a good idea. Now the question is, what type of fluid should you get and how much should you spend on it? My owner's manual says "use only Porsche authorized DOT 4 brake fluid". A liter of Porsche DOT 4 fluid from the dealer will cost you about \$40.00. That seems pretty reasonable considering a liter is what you will need to flush your brake system. You are on your way to the dealer to purchase some Porsche brake fluid when one of your "Track rat" friends tell you that there are many brands of brake

> fluid that are superior to Porsche fluid. He might be right that there are better brake fluids out there, but do vou really need them?

The important specifications we are interested in to compare brake fluids are dry and wet boiling

**Porsche recommends that you change your brake** points. The dry boiling point is when the fluid is brand fluid every two years for normal driving and every new out of an unopened bottle and the wet boiling point is when the fluid has absorbed 3.7% water. DOT 4 minimum specifications for dry boiling point are 446 degrees your braking system in good operating condition. Brake F and wet boiling point of 311 degrees F. Let's compare some different brands of brake fluid that I found on FCP Euro's website.

Brand	Cost	Dry boiling pt	Wet boiling pt
Castrol SRF	\$78.99 (liter)	608°F	518°F
Motul RBF 660	\$27.29 (.5 liter)	617°F	400°F
Motul RBF 600	\$19.89 (.5 liter)	594°F	421°F
ATE Type 200	\$15.99 (liter)	536°F	388°F
Pentosin Super	\$20.03 (liter)	509°F	338°F
NAPA DOT 4	\$12.49 (Qt)	446°F	311°F
Porsche Super DOT 4	\$41.51 (liter)	At least 446°F	At least 311°F

If you compare the brake fluid samples from this chart, you can see that more expensive brake fluid tends to have a higher wet boiling point. The difference between the cheapest fluid's wet boiling point and the most expensive fluid is over 200 degrees F but the difference between dry boiling points is only around 160 degrees F. Is it worth it to spend twice as much on brake fluid when you never take your car to the track? Probably not. Remember that if you flush your brake fluid at the required intervals, you will never absorb enough water in the fluid to reduce the boiling point. If you drive your car on the street, even if you drive it hard, it is highly unlikely that you will ever approach the dry boiling point of regular DOT 4 brake fluid. What if you like to take your car to the track? Should you invest in the most expensive brake fluid? If it makes you feel better, then certainly spend the \$80.00 for a liter of brake fluid. If you read your owner's manual, Porsche doesn't think you need to use different brake fluid if you go to the track. They do tell you to flush the fluid more frequently with Porsche authorized fluid. All of the brake fluids that are listed on the chart meet DOT 4 specifications so I believe that they are all Porsche authorized.

Some key points to remember: Flushing your brake fluid at Porsche's required intervals with Porsche authorized fluid from a new unopened container is most critical. Fresh brake fluid has a significantly higher boiling point than old wet fluid. Expensive brake fluid like Castrol SRF could be considered cheap insurance if you take your car to the track. Porsche says that Porsche brake fluid will work just fine to use on the track and the street. Pentosin Super, ATE 200, or Motul RBF 600 are probably better fluids than Porsche Original Equipment (OE) for less cost. New NAPA DOT 4 brake fluid at \$12.49 per quart is better fluid than wet Motul RBF 660 at \$55.00 per liter.

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#### 1974 914 2.0L

**2.0L** \$80

Here is a 1974 914 2.0L barn find for sale. Last registration was back in 2003 with 99k miles on her. Brakes are free and engine turns over. Body is in pretty good shape rust wise, just the battery tray as normal. Located in Rome, NY. Has a binder with all maintenance records.

Reberta Loreto (315) 371-7038.



## **Porsche Market Insights: Spring 2025**

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As 2025 unfolds, recent auction data and market analyses confirm that Porsche's allure remains as robust as ever—even as buyers exercise increased selectivity. Early-year figures highlight a dynamic market where strategic investments in well-maintained, low-mileage examples continue to command premium prices.

#### **Recent Sales Trends and Modern Data**

January 2025 saw a steady start in the Porsche auction scene. According to the Florida Crown Region market recap, 561 Porsche models achieved a 69% sell-through rate, generating a total of \$41.1 million—although slightly lower than previous figures, this indicates sustained demand for high-performance icons. In recent auctions, standout transactions have reaffirmed the brand's investment appeal: a 2011 911 GT3 RS 4.0 set a record by selling for an eye-popping \$749K, while rare modern offerings like the 2024 718 Spyder RS Weissach achieved \$236K.

#### Market Predictions and Expert Insights

Industry experts are optimistic yet cautious as the year progresses. Hagerty Insider's recent analysis predicts that live auctions are expected to retake the lead in sales over online platforms in 2025, reflecting a return to more traditional buying behaviors as buyers seek assurance in physical inspections and transparent bidding processes. Oracle Finance's Classic Car Market Report 2025 further suggests that while vintage models from the pre-1980 era are experiencing a gentle decline, modern 911 Carrera variants and GT2 RS models are positioned to appreciate, thanks to their rarity and performance pedigree. Additionally, market indexes tracked by Hagerty remain

largely flat into early 2025, underscoring a cautious sentiment where disciplined investments in quality examples can still yield solid returns over the medium to long term.

#### Strategic Guidance for Investors

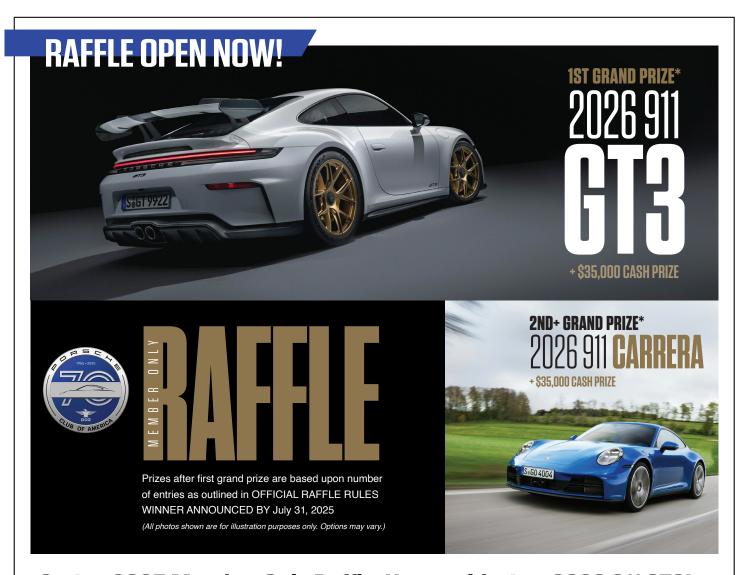
For buyers, the current environment offers opportunities—especially if due diligence is applied rigorously in verifying shipping details, import logistics, and overall auction transparency. A focused bidding strategy in live auctions may help capture rare, low-mileage models that historically outperform market averages.

Sellers, on the other hand, should consider timing their listings carefully and ensuring that all vehicle documentation (including any additional costs) is transparently provided to attract discerning collectors. With selective bidding and a cautious market backdrop, those who present well-documented and meticulously maintained vehicles are likely to secure competitive prices.

#### Lookina Ahead

While external pressures like supply chain challenges and evolving economic conditions remain in play, the consensus among market analysts is that 2025 will see modest growth in the Porsche segment. As buyers continue to prioritize authenticity and performance over mere novelty, the brand's legacy as a long-term investment remains intact.

In summary, the modern investment data—from January's robust auction numbers to current market predictions—indicates that Porsche's precision engineering and iconic models continue to offer compelling opportunities for collectors and investors alike.



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