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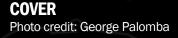
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Events

June	6/30	Brunch and viewing of F1 race at The Bierhaul Farmhouse in Thorndale, PA
July	7/5-7	DE @ Watkins Glen International Raceway, Watkins Glen, NY
July	7/12-14	Hudson Valley NY Road Trip
July	7/14	Street Survival at Temple University Ambler Campus, Ambler, PA
July	7/17	Membership Meeting at FabSpeed, Ambler, PA
July	7/21	Autocross at Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, PA
August	8/25	Autocross at Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, PA
September	9/8	Street Survival at Montgomery County Community College Campus, Blue Bell, PA
September	9/13-15	DE at Pocono Raceway SE Course, Long Pond, PA
September	9/15	Autocross at Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, PA
October	10/5	Oktoberfest at Valley Forge Picnic Grove, Phoenixville, PA
October	10/5	Street Survival at Temple University Ambler Campus, Ambler, PA
October O	10/11-13	DE at Summit Point Motorsports Park, Summit Point, WV

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RTR Member #'s June 2024:

Total Primary Members **1904** Affiliate Members **994** Total Region Membership **2989**

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Joseph Nicoletta	2001 911 Carrera
Brian Augustine	2024 911 Carrera T
Barbara Augustine	
James Reiser	2006 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
Thomas Holden	2005 911 Carrera
Cierra Holden	
Jonathan Lytle	1987 924S
William Hopkins	2021 718 Cayman S
Doug Rafeld	2018 718 Boxster S

Vom Präsidenen

SO RECENTLY, I HAD A PHONE CALL WITH ONE OF OUR FORMER MEMBERS WHO MOVED to

Florida, Marty Kocse, our previous track chair. He said he misses our Riesentoter Region because his region has very few events. They do a membership meeting at the same two places, they only do 2 DE's at the same place and maybe one autocross, and maybe a drive once a quarter and that's about it. Compare that with our calendar...go ahead, I dare you. We have a plethora of events and all you do is have to participate. We have a ton of volunteers and board members who take precious time out of their lives to give you an array of events. Take our driver's education - we do about 6 a year and not just at the same track. We do the famous Watkins Glen, we do Pocono, close to home New Jersey, and Summit Point. Do you know what it takes to put on a three-day event like that? First, the time and coordination would make your head spin. You have to work with trying to find the track time, then read and sign all the contracts, put a huge down payment, then pray we at least break even. We have to get instructors, corner workers, tech cars, register drivers, and plan on making everything safe. Then we coordinate with PCA National for insurance. There is so much to do that's why we have a speed council who again take time out of their busy lives so our members can learn how to drive at speed on a track.

We now have 4 autocrosses a year at Pocono....again this takes a huge amount of effort and coordination between 3 regions and again only for our members. How about we throw in the social aspect. This takes a huge amount of time to plan as well. Funny, we received an email asking us to change the date of the Drive-in movie because they said it didn't agree with them and that Father's Day was the next day. We suggested bringing your father to a movie. Do you know what it takes to come up with a date in the first place? We have several functions that take a full year to plan and save the date. So, in the case of the drive-in movie, we have to coordinate the screen vendor, the hot dog vendor, and the facility and bartenders. Each of these pieces are moving targets. If one-piece falls, we need to try and shoehorn the missing piece into our current date - never an easy feat. So, when all the parts are in place, we just can't move it because you can't make it. Open our calendar and plan ahead. Yeah, you are not going to be able to do everything because that's just the way life rolls.... but at least try to come out to some events.

Also, for the last time, I do not want to hear..."there is too much to do", and many people have said this to me in the past. Really? We'll then move to a region that only does a membership meeting once a month in the same location. When I became president, we were holding steady at about 1600 members, we are now closing in on 3000 members and I do not take any responsibility for the growth - it's our board members and volunteers that help retain our membership and apparently what they are doing is working. As I said, we are closing in on 3000 members and the majority of those really don't show up at events....listen you don't even need to drive your Porsche to any of our events you just need to show up and there has to be something on our calendar that sparks your interest - after all you own a Porsche and so do we...and it's not just about the car, it's truly is about the people.

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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER 2024 ISSUE OF DER GASSER! I hope you continue to enjoy all of the articles and updates that have been provided by members in our Region. My thanks to all who contributed to making this issue possible.

Our cover photo for this Summer issue was shared by George Palomba. On a recent visit to see the Battleship New Jersey in dry dock one Sunday afternoon, he captured the ship and his 911 for a really cool photo that graces this month's cover. My thanks to George for sending this photo my way!

For some of you who enjoy photography, I'm sure you have captured many amazing photos in your Porsche travels...some planned and others the unexpected gems that make us smile. With social media posts plentiful these days, sharing photos and posts is second nature. Der Gasser is another vehicle for you to share pictures and written memories with the RTR community. I encourage you to reach out as we are always looking for content to continue to make each Der Gasser issue an enjoyable read. Who knows, there may even be a cover photo in your future :).

With the hotter temps, longer days and lots of driving activities on deck for this summer, I hope you plan to participate in as many RTR and PCA events as possible. To close on this issue, I'd like to again thank all the contributors for their write-ups and photos. To the RTR community, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any feedback, questions or ideas at <u>editor@rtr-pca.org</u>. Our next issue will be released in September. Have a great summer!!

Rita Hancock McKeown

March Membership Meeting

WE WELCOMED SPRING WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON MARCH 20 at Tint World in Springfield, PA. It was our first time having a meeting at Tint World, and it was the first time in a very long time that we held a membership meeting in the Springfield area. So, we had plenty of new faces as well as old friends in attendance.

Our March meetings typically kick off the beginning of driving season. HPDE and Autocross schedules are set. Rallies are on the calendar and even some preliminary details around the annual Phil-a-Trunk event are available. So, we had plenty of things to talk about once the meeting got started. Before that however, it was time to socialize and explore the Tint World location a bit.

With a name like Tint World, you would expect the place to offer vehicle tint solutions. And you would be correct. But they also do so much more, from stereo and lighting upgrades to full PPF and ceramic coating services and vehicle details. I had no idea they offered so many services and neither did most of the members that began to trickle in around 6:30 PM. On this night, Tint World offered something more, a nice selection of sandwiches and desserts for us to enjoy. Later the night, there was a raffle where several of our members won some really cool products. This is why you always want to try to come out to our membership meetings. Free food and prizes, how can you not like that?

Anyway, after I mingled with our members for a while and stuffed myself with some cookies, I called the meeting to order around 7 PM. I quickly handed the floor to Jeff, our club President. He spoke to a number of club events that are coming up this year, and that included the return of our weekend road trip. By the time you read this, the road trip will likely be sold out. Hopefully you were able to secure a spot because these are always one of the highlights of the year. And thanks to covid this is the first time we are doing this since 2019 so we are all more than eager to hit the road.

Next up we dove into all of the driving events that we have coming up in 2024. Jack Cooney, one of our Chief Instructors, spoke about our incredible HPDE program. In 2024 we will be hitting Waktins Glen TWICE! John Gaydos was on hand to speak about our involvement in the Street Survival program. We plan to have four of these wonderful events in 2024. We are always looking for additional coaches and volunteers, so we would love your help. To learn more about this program visit our website: www.rtr-pca.org/index.php/menu-activities/menu-street-survival

The driving events discussion was not over. Our Autocross Chair, Dan Ruble was at the meeting to talk to everyone about the joys of autocross. We have four awesome events scheduled for this year at the Pocono Raceway. The Pocono event is loved by autocross veterans and newbies as well. And speaking of newbies, if you have never run an autocross with us before, the club will cover the cost of your first event. Jared Rodeheaver was also in attendance, and he was kind enough to speak to the crowd about the world of SIM Racing. The PCA has a robust and competitive racing league that you can take part in. Give it a shot. But we warn you, it is just as addicting as racing in real life.

I then spoke for a bit about Der Gasser. This wonderful magazine is made up of contributions from our members. Each issue we look to stuff in as much member-provided content as possible. We can't do that without you. If you have an idea for a story, please reach out to our editor at editor@ rtr-pca.org

New Member Chair Roy Blumberg was in the house, and he spoke next and asked the couple of new members we had in attendance to stand up and introduce themselves. Roy explained to the new folks that they had just joined the best car club around. Hopefully the new members will believe that Roy is not kidding when he says that, and they will join us for more events.

I then turned things over to Brad Lloyd from Tint World to talk a little bit about his shop. Then it was time to hand out some cool raffle prizes and wrap up the meeting. Thank you, Tint World, for hosting, and thank you members for coming out. Drive safe everyone, and we hope to see you at another event soon.

Joe Kucinski



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Spring Road Trip

IT WAS A WINDY, BUT DRY, SATURDAY MORNING IN LATE MARCH when we left for Harpers Ferry. Thanks to our in-laws, my wife and I had a rare night to ourselves while they hosted our kids for a sleepover. We took advantage of the opportunity by planning an overnight trip where we could enjoy driving back roads, experiencing history and hiking trails. From our home in East Brandywine, Harpers Ferry appeared to be an ideal destination. In the spirit of a "s24o" (sub-24hrovernight) borrowed from our previous bikepacking adventures, we threw a couple of small bags in the frunk and took off towards West Virginia.

There are many great driving roads between southeastern Pennsylvania and northeastern West Virginia. So many that it's easy to get sucked into looking at them on Google Maps while your coffee gets cold. Rather than plan a cue sheet for our route I simply configured the system to avoid highways and tolls. These settings turned an efficient 2 1/2 trip into a nearly 4 hour adventure that we were looking forward to experiencing in the 911.

I purchased my '99 996 in October, 2022. An "early build 996" date of 4/98, it is an example that I sought for its adjacency to the end of 993 manufacturing and its "analog" Porsche driving experience, but at a fraction of the cost of an air-cooled 911 today. I had the original 24-year-old IMS bearing replaced immediately. In preparation for the trip, I took the car back to Eric at Main Line Motorsport who recommended that the original shifter cable be replaced, and got it done quickly after ordering the OEM part.



We took off for WV with a few of our favorite cassette tapes in the console and a rediscovered sense of adventure together. Southeastern Chester County has a wealth of great driving experiences rivaled only by its views, and wind depending, its smells. Our first stop was for lunch in Red Lion, PA, at Sign of the Horse Restaurant. If you are interested in music, there is a record store and a musical instrument store there on Main Street that I recommend visiting.

After lunch we continued on a fantastic stretch of driving that led us down beautiful roads in PA and MD. During this portion of the trip we experienced truly amazing driving. Past Gettysburg and into Catoctin Mountain Park was particularly brilliant. While ascending one narrow mountain road we traded places with oncoming vehicles before coming across several

MSP motorcycle units, undoubtedly having a great day, riding over the ridge. These chip seal roads were the highlight of our trip and should not scare any Riesentoter drivers away.







We stopped at Antietam National Battlefield before we arrived at our hotel for the night. It was remarkably windy, which made for a "special" visit to this historical site. The observation tower there was fun to have to ourselves for a few minutes. After a short drive we arrived at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, WV. We booked a room with a view of the Potomac river at this kitschy but comfortable hotel and enjoyed a nice meal before retiring for the evening. If you visit, be sure to check out the "speakeasy" accessed via an arch top door in the lobby.



Early the next morning we were greeted by clear skies and a frosty Porsche eager to warm up during the short drive to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. A quick clockwise twist of my left hand and the cold engine awoke. Orange hues of morning light refracted through crystalline windshield ice as we exited the parking lot and headed south.

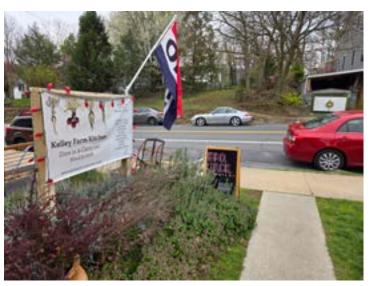
It was 7:15 AM when we arrived at a small lot in the park. Rather than drive further into downtown Harpers Ferry, my wife and I decided to park here at the river access lot (beware, there are only 36 spots!) and hike our way into town. Our reward for doing so was an easy and pleasant walk along the Shenandoah River among early spring greens and plentiful bluebells. We explored the town for a bit while waiting for the cafes to open at 8 AM. After coffee & breakfast we headed out to hike a small portion of the Appalachian Trail.

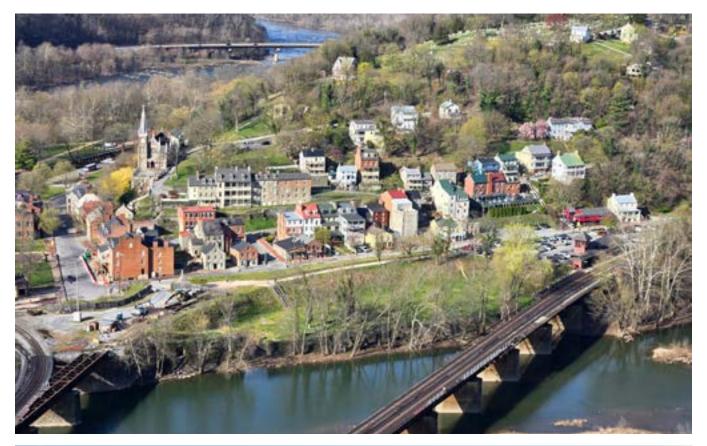
The Maryland Heights Trail is a strenuous hike but highly recommended. Upon reaching the overlook we rested in the company of a few other early hikers while buzzards sailed on the winds buffeting off of the nearby cliff face, in search of carrion. The sunlit town below us resembled a Hollywood film set miniature model.

After hiking back down the trail, we visited the park gift shop before driving to a well-earned lunch break. Kelley Farm Kitchen is a small establishment with a fresh, diverse menu of local ingredients, and comfortable outdoor seating. Just after noon we got back into the 911 and began our journey home. Reversing our directions from the day before was an easy decision. We enjoyed

the drive north just as much as we did the drive south only hours before.

Dodging rain clouds, we encountered wet roads but no rain. On this Sunday there were more buggies out clopping down the back roads through farm country. Arriving home around 4 PM, the trip had taken us just over 24 hours, 325 miles (at 23 m.p.g.), and up and down an enjoyable segment of the Appalachian Trail. If you're looking for an overnight getaway and an excuse to explore some great mountain roads, take a look at Harpers Ferry!











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April Membership Meeting

THE CHALLENGE WITH SETTING UP OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS is not just finding places that I think our members would really enjoy. But also finding places that are located in different areas of our region. Our April meeting was a homerun on both fronts. On April 17 we met at Gratr Garage / Vollux Autowerks in Schnecksville, PA. Not only is it an amazing shop but it is located 63 miles north of the location of our March meeting. So, we went from the southern tip of our region to the northern tip in back-to-back months. And I must tell you that Gratr Garage / Vollux Autowerks would be worth a visit no matter where it was located.

This place is one of the most unique businesses to ever host one of our meetings. When you walk through the front door you enter an impeccably clean retail store that sells a full range of car care products on one side. On the other side is an art gallery. A rotating selection of fine art produced by local artists is on display and up for sale. Pretty cool, but that is not the main event. Walk to the back and you enter the shop. A shop that tonight happened to have a beautiful 991.2 GT3 RS strapped to the dyno. More on that later. There was also a selection of Porsches, Lamborghinis, and other exotics in for various types of service.

And set up right in the middle of all this mechanical goodness were tables, chairs and a delicious assortment of sandwiches, chicken wings, salad, soft drinks, and beer. Not a bad place to spend an evening.

After we had our fill of food and beverage, we called the meeting to order and began to do our usual rundown of all the club activities. And with this being the start of driving season, there were a lot of activities to cover. I started off by covering the details of our road trip. After a five-year hiatus, our annual road trip is finally back. We are heading to the Hudson Valley area and we have some great activities planned during the long weekend.

I then turned the focus of the meeting towards our driving events. We offer everything from SIM Racing to Street Survival for teens, to Autocross and High Performance Driving Education. If you want to learn to drive your car the way it was meant to be driven, we offer many ways for you to do so. I cover this same section in all of our meetings, and several are covered in this issue. So, to avoid being repetitive, let me just say that all of the programs are top notch, and you really need to give them a try. More information can be found on our website.

After the driving activities were covered, I gave my usual speech about Der Gasser. Yes, you will see my name a lot in the table of contents, but this is YOUR magazine. If you have ideas for a future article, please send it to us. This magazine is at its best when we get contributions from our members. Don't be shy. Our editor is very friendly, and she can be reached here: <u>editor@rtr-pca.org</u>

Next up we greeted our newest members. We had a couple of new folks in the crowd that we asked to stand up and introduce themselves. Welcome new members! We hope to see you at many future events.

It was now time for the main attraction. Time to fire up the GT3 RS and let her have a go on the dyno. This is no ordinary GT3 RS either, as this one is extensively modified. It is fast and LOUD. Loud as in, put on ear protection loud. After letting the car get up to temperature for a few minutes it was time to unleash the beast. You can watch a clip of it that I captured here: https://www.youtube.com/shorts/5h4l0krQJbk Let me tell you, the video does not do it justice. My ears were ringing for a while after. In fact, I was so caught up in the sound that I forgot to look at the actual power numbers.

Once the dyno runs were over and our hearing slowly returned, we wrapped up the formal portion of the meeting. But there were still some more surprises in store. The Vollux Autowerks team had some service coupons for everyone. 20 percent off factory scheduled maintenance, 20 percent off retail products and a free state inspection and emissions test. No strings attached on that free test. Good for any car and you don't have to buy anything else. Free really means free.

Overall, it was a great night and another successful meeting. Thanks to all that came out and to our wonderful hosts. See you all at the next one.

Joe Kucinski





The Snake

THERE'S A SNAKE IN MY CAR AND I NEEDED TO GET RID OF IT. So, I called up our Tech guy Myles Diamond and on April 13th he brought along Jack Cooney to rid the beast. We showed up at Meenan Transmission 1938 North Broad Street Lansdale, PA 19446i, owned and operated by Steve Meenan - a long time RTR member and hell of a guy, if you are ever in need of transmission work - I highly recommend him. I showed up with a car and donuts in hand and two boxes of Java from the local Dunkin. Around 9 AM, about 15 of our members showed up as well to watch us get rid of the snake. Now when I say snake, I actually mean serpent....the serpent that is wrapped around the entire front of the engine...I'm talking about the serpentine belt. Porsche recommends changing this every 70,000 miles and since my Cayman had just a little over that...it was time. Normally this is about a \$700 to \$1000 job at the dealership mainly due to the upsales of - "hey while we are in here we should x,y, anc z" and then your bank account starts to dwindle at an unprecedented rate.



Well with one call to FCP Euro, I got the part for \$20 (not oem mind you) and it's guaranteed for life....anything they sell is guaranteed for life unless it comes in an aerosol can - even brake fluid.

With belt in hand and a world full of tools plus a lift at our disposal, we were ready....although we didn't need the lift, only a few short views on the old YouTube to see the "how to's." The first thing was to remove 4 bolts from each of the seats and undo the one clip for the electronics to the seats, stuff like, heater, airbags, and position controls. Now we didn't have to remove the seats, listen to me "we" I mean Myles and Jack, where I mainly just watched. Now you don't have to remove the seats - they (much better) did it so everyone could see what they were doing - you could just move forward as much as possible. Second thing and the most time consuming of all the processes, was to remove the trim and rug along the firewall. Most of these pieces don't have any screws, they have plastic clips which can break easily so use a trim removal kit and take your time - they pop off with just the right amount of force. You'll also need to remove the metal bar between the seats and then onto the carpet. The carpet is pinned by a little clamp at the top dead center and with a little tug it can be removed.

The bulk of the hard stuff is done.

Next you need to remove the hard shell on the firewall that is held in by 6 or so screws. Please put the screws in a safe place or you'll spend the majority of your time hunting for that one that got away - they spent 20 minutes looking for one. Once the shell is removed, you can see the front of the engine and the belt. Looking at the front of the engine, look towards your left and find the top pulley, directly under that pulley is a nut - this nut is the tensioner. You will need to loosen this tensioner in order to remove the belt. Once this bolt is loosened you can unsnake the serpentine belt from all the pulleys. Now you can resnake the new belt and start to work in reverse.

One thing they did before they replace the firewall cover, they turn on the car to if everything was right with the world...it was BUT there was a side effect, the car later threw an airbag light because when the car was started the seats were not plugged into the car...remember this little tidbit if you do decide to remove the seats to get a better working area. I needed to clear the code later by hooking up my duramatic cable (a good investment) which I bought a while ago - saves from having to go to the dealers and get charged \$100 for something that takes under 5 minutes.

Working in reverse should be quick. Again, just be careful when replacing that trim. I'd say first time through, if you don't lose any parts and the tool fairies don't misplace your tools, you are looking at about an hour from start to completion. One hour of your time and you'll have at least \$680 left in your pocket for when you want the dealer to check the air in your tires.

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May Membership Meeting

DO YOU KNOW THAT FEELING YOU GET WHEN SOMEONE TELLS YOU SOMETHING that

makes you realize how quickly time flies by? Little Jimmy graduates from college this month. No way! Didn't I just go to his first little league baseball game last week? Well, that is how I felt when Ryan Diehl, the owner of Dougherty Automotive, told me that it had been over six years since we had a membership meeting at his facility. How can that be? We are at Dougherty Automotive all the time for our HPDE car inspections. But we have not had a formal meeting there in many years. On May 15, 2024, it was time to finally return to one of the best Porsche shops in the area for our May membership meeting.

Not only is Dougherty Automotive a fantastic place to have your car serviced, but its location in West Chester helps me with my personal goal of holding a membership meeting in every corner of our region this year. From Conshohocken to Springfield to Schnecksville to West Chester, our first four meetings have covered some ground.

Ryan and his team made sure that our return to Dougherty Automotive was first class. Delicious sandwiches, tomato pie, veggies, salad, and desserts from nearby Carlino's Market were all available to us. At the bar there was a nice selection of beer, wine, water, and soft drinks. All the serving, setup, and cleaning was handled by a professional event staffing company that really made the evening more enjoyable.

Besides the impressive food and drink, the shop itself had plenty to see and do. This meeting was held two days before our HPDE event at Watkins Glen. In the showroom a driving SIM rig was loaded up with the Watkins Glen track for anyone that wanted to get in a little virtual practice before the actual event. Of course, many were too distracted by all the amazing vehicles in the shop (several of which were for sale) to focus on driving.

We had a solid turnout with about 75 members joining us for the evening. And that included a decent number of new members. As usual, everyone drove their beautiful cars so there was plenty to look at both inside and outside of the building.

As much fun as everyone was having, I had to pull us all together to get the formal meeting kicked off at a little past 7 pm. I started off speaking about our RTR road trip to the Hudson Valley region. At the time of the meeting only one or two rooms were left, but there was still a chance for a couple of folks to make a last-minute decision to join us. I also spoke about our drive-in movie night that will be held on June 15. The movie we will show this year will be the outstanding 2013 film Rush.

Now it was time to focus our attention on all the wonderful driving events we have lined up for 2024. Dan Ruble, our autocross chair started us off by giving an overview of our autocross program and schedule for the year. Remember, if you have never run an autocross with us before, the club will pay for your first event. I then had John Gaydos come up and cover both HPDE and Street Survival for us. He then turned the meeting over to Jared Rodeheaver to talk about the PCA SIM driving program. I am not covering any of these driving events in much detail here as it is covered in other meeting recaps in this issue. I will say that we have a lot of information on all these programs on our website. And every single one of these is fantastic and you really need to try them.

I took the podium again and put my Der Gasser editor hat on. I made the same speech I always do, which is please send us some stories. You don't need to be a professional writer. But if you have

a cool Porsche story to share, we would love to read all about it, so please write it up and send it in.

My next hat to wear was that of a membership chair. I asked if we had any new folks in the crowd and we had probably five or six people raise their hands. Excellent. I asked them to stand up and introduce themselves. Everyone had a great story, and most are really interested in our HPDE and autocross programs which is great to see. It really is the only way to experience driving your car the way it was meant to be driven.

I then asked Ryan to come up and say a few words about Dougherty Automotive. If you are looking for a place that you can trust to work on your Porsche, VW, Volvo, Land Rover, Mercedes, or just about anything else, this is the spot. And they are beginning to sell cars now and they even offer vehicle storage should you need that. There is a reason we use this place for HPDE tech inspections. These folks know what they are doing.

After Ryan gave his overview, it was time to formally wrap up the meeting. Some folks stayed for a while and chatted and/or had more to eat. Some even packed up some leftovers to enjoy later. Overall, it was a great evening. We all got to hang out with some old friends and make a few new ones. We will not be waiting another six years to have our next meeting here.

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The official Grand Opening was on Sunday, May 12, but we were invited a day earlier to kick off the festivities. We had nearly 60 Porsches registered for the event, and it sure seemed like every single one of them showed up on this beautiful Saturday morning. As usual, we had a wonderful mix of cars filling the parking lot. We had early 911s, 356s, 914s, 944s, early Boxsters and Caymans. On the more modern side we had GT3s, GT4 RSs and everything in between.

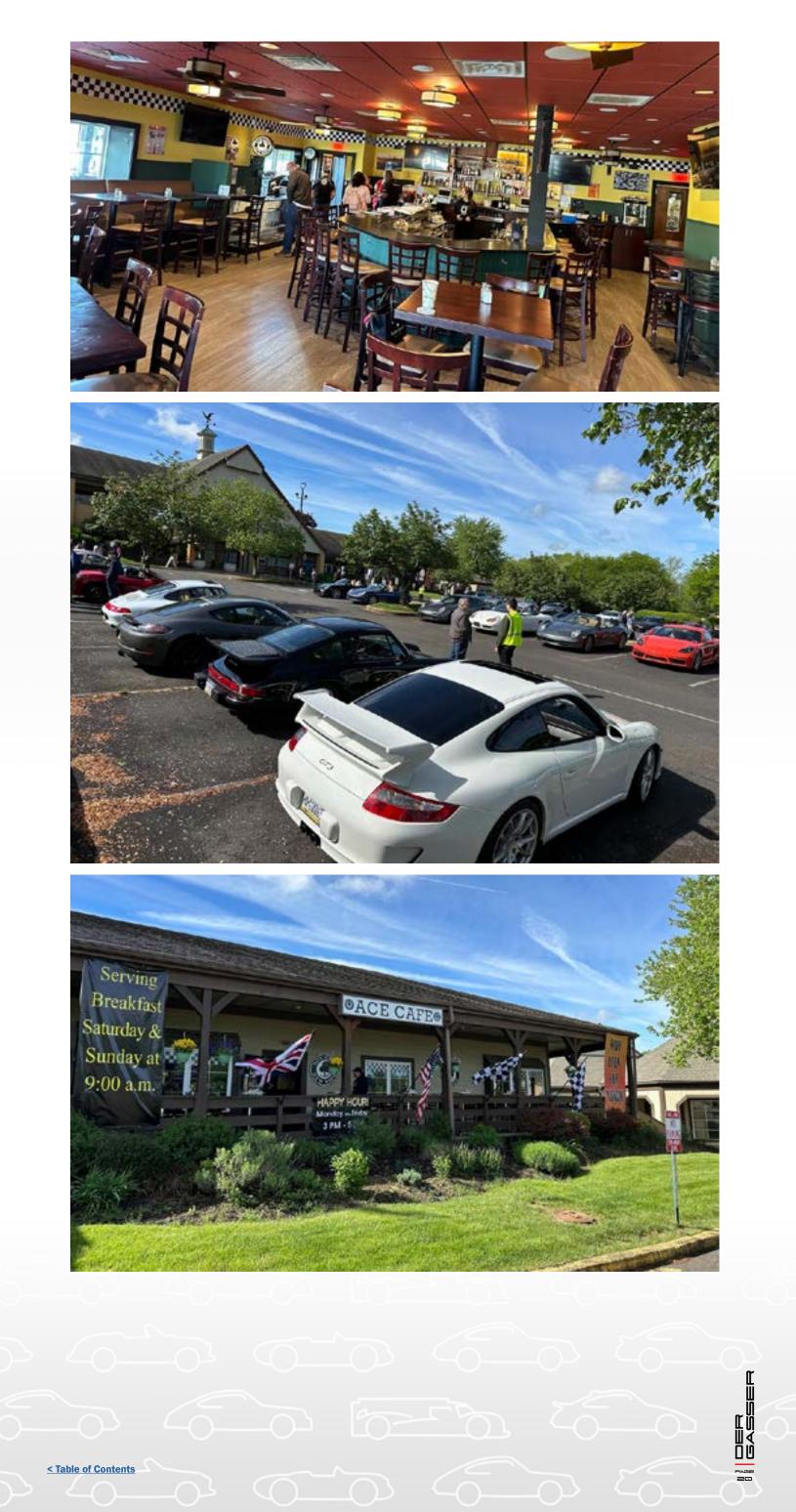
The Café was open for us, and the team had coffee, tea and doughnuts waiting for us. I am never one to pass up a free doughnut, so I made my way inside to make myself a little fatter and to see the new space. As you would expect, it has plenty of Ace Café London vibes. From the motorcycle parked inside to the black and white checkered flag design motif you knew you were in an Ace Café. There is a full bar inside, and the breakfast and lunch menu were available so we could try out the food.

Before I ordered breakfast there were more cars to see and people to meet. Club members kept pouring in and I wanted to speak to them and see their cars. Parked all together under the bright sunshine in front of the Ace Café, the cars and the people inside them all seemed to be happy. This looks like it will be a wonderful place to meet up for club events in the future. But, you don't need to wait for that to come visit the place. It is in a great location in Logan Square Shopping Center which is right between Main Street New Hope, and Peddler's Village. There are also plenty of great driving roads in the area.

I finally got to actually meet Matt from the Ace Café marketing team. He was the person I worked with to coordinate this event over many texts, emails, and phone calls. I spoke to Jimmy, the owner, and George who was from the London location but came into town for this event. All of them were great folks who have a real passion for what they are doing. Jimmy owns a few Porsches and should be one of our newest RTR members by the time you read this. George told fascinating stories about the London site, and how they would restrict parking back in the day by allowing just British motorcycles to park at the café. Any motorcycle that was not British and was caught in the parking lot would be tossed into the river behind the café!

After chatting for a couple of hours, it was time to order some food. I sat at the bar with my fiancé Deb and Jeff, our club president. Jimmy suggested I try the sausages, so Deb and I ordered the Big Breakfast and Jeff went with a burger. We all enjoyed the food and there was enough sausage to take home as leftovers for breakfast the next day.

Good food, cars, roads, location, and great people. What more could you ask for? We wish the Ace Café crew all the best of luck and we are sure that this will not be the only time they see RTR members and our cars.



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June Autocross Brings Sun, Smiles. and Trophies

WE KICKED OFF OUR FIRST AUTOCROSS EVENT OF THE YEAR AT POCONO RACEWAY ON June

2. For the past five years, the Riesentoter, NNJR, and Central Pennsylvania regions of PCA have been joining forces to put together a spectacular series of autocross events at Pocono Raceway (which is an EPIC venue for autocross). Our June 2 event was oversubscribed, with more than 100 registrants, including a very strong roster of RTR drivers, both experienced and new. Despite the heavy roster, we ran an efficient event, with six long, action-packed runs per driver. For those counting, that is more than 600 runs in total!

For the 2024 season, we've re-introduced a fan favorite: trophies! At the event, we awarded 15 trophies across the twelve competitive Porsche classes and the non-Porsche X class, with winners including RTR's very own Anthony Verratti (S4), Prajwal Kasturi (S5), and Otoniel ("OT") Figueroa (M1). Congratulations to the trophy winners! These awards were supported with assistance of our event sponsor, Jack Daniels Porsche in Upper Saddle River, NJ.

Most notably, we had a very large group of first-time autocrossers, which was awesome to see. I personally instructed a number of first-time drivers and even gave a handful of instructor ride-alongs; and let me tell you, there is nothing quite like seeing the shock and excitement on a new driver's face when you take them through a fast and exhilarating course at a competitive pace. With every controlled rotation (some may call it a slide) through a corner, heads-up pivot through a slalom, or belt-stretching braking input heading into a turn, the smiles keep getting bigger and bigger. I have no doubt that many of these first-time autocrossers have caught the "bug" and are now hooked to this amazing sport like the rest of us!

Our next event is on Sunday, July 21, again on the southeast infield course at Pocono Raceway. If you haven't auto crossed before, come on and out and join us; our instructors and friendly PCA members will help you get acclimated quickly! If you have been to an autocross event, but haven't been to one at Pocono, you have NO IDEA what an amazing treat is in store for you! Please register early. The June 2 event was oversubscribed, and we want to make sure you have a spot. If you can't make the July event, we also have Pocono events on August 25 and September 15. Registration for the July event is now open at Motorsportreg.com, and you can find the link, in addition to other helpful information, in the Activities and Calendar pages of <u>rtr-pca.org</u>. And, of course, please don't hesitate to email me directly at <u>autocross@rtr-pca.org</u> with any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you in the grid!

Daniel Ruble 2024 Autocross Chair



Pictured Left to Right: RTR Members Anthony Verratti, Chris Askin, Dennis Murphy, Daniel Ruble, and Otoniel ("OT") Figueroa. Just look at the smiles on those faces!

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Tifosi Motors to Sunset Hill Brewing

IT WAS EARLY DECEMBER 2023 WHEN MARTIN GIBBINS from Tifosi Motors, Morgan Davidheiser from Sunset Hill Brewing Company and I sat down at the brewery and hatched an idea for an RTR PCA rally between those two locations. We came up with what we all thought would be a really fun event. We would meet at Tifosi Motors in Downingtown for a light breakfast, then take a nice 45-minute backroad drive to Sunset Hill Brewing Company where we would have the entire place to ourselves. Over the next few months, we fine tuned the details.

We picked May 5 because it was the day of the Miami Grand Prix, and we thought folks would enjoy watching that at the brewery. We then selected the Surf and Turf food truck and booked them months in advance. Then, Martin and I worked on the specific rally route. I drove it several times in advance of the rally date to ensure it would be enjoyable and easy to follow. Martin was generous enough to not only supply breakfast at the start, but also to buy everyone their first beer at the brewery. Morgan kindly gave us the entire brewery parking lot and reserved the first hour of business just for us. We opened registration for the event and quickly sold out with 40 cars signing up. This was going to be fantastic. It was a lot of work to pull together, but it was going to be worth it. I couldn't wait. And then I opened my weather app.



The Sunday before this event it was sunny and 80 degrees for Paula's excellent winery rally. Perfect. But the forecast was not looking nearly as favorable for May 5. That's OK. It is still a week away and the forecast can change. And it did change. As we got closer to the day of the rally, the chance of rain increased, and the forecasted temperatures decreased. Ugh. My poor fiancé had to deal with me whining every five minutes about the awful forecast for the days leading up to the event. The weather on the day of the rally

didn't disappoint. It was cold and pouring rain. Absolutely miserable. But, you know what else didn't disappoint? Our incredible members.

After all this planning and effort to put this together, was the rain and cold going to keep people home? Nope! We had one or two people cancel but nearly everyone that registered showed up and they all drove their Porsche. Porsche drivers are a hardy group. We invited a couple of Ferrari friends to join us, and they all bailed out because of the rain. Martin and I lead the rally in our Ferraris to prove to the world that they don't melt. But behind us were nearly 40 Porsches, including some classics, that tackled the wet and cold backroads like champs. I was thrilled to see this.

Now that I spent four paragraphs talking about the weather, I can get to the event itself. Our meeting point was Tifosi Motors. The site of our May membership meeting in 2023. And like our membership meeting last year, the two businesses that sit on either side of Tifosi Motors were also open for our event. On one side is Richard Mullin Coachbuilding. This is a spectacular workshop that preserves and restores cars with vintage tools and equipment, such as the English Wheel and Power Hammer. Inside was an early 911, a Lamborghini Countach, a Lamborghini Miura and a few other blue-chip collectables being restored. On the other side is Scuderia Performante. A shop that specializes in Ferrari repair and service. And that is where we had breakfast setup so we could eat and chat as we gazed upon some Italian exotics. Tifosi Motors offers car storage and sales and as usual had an incredible selection of vehicles to look at that morning. If you are a car person, this building, with these businesses is heaven.

After about an hour or so of chatting with members and wandering around the expensive machinery I held a brief driver's meeting, and we made our way to our cars. This was a follow-the-leader style rally. I gave everyone turn-by-turn directions and the address to the brewery to ensure we all arrived at roughly the same time. Our route was twisty and fun and included a covered bridge along the way.



Even with the weather, it was an enjoyable drive. About 45 minutes later we began to arrive at Sunset Hill Brewing. We all got rock star parking as we filled up the entire lot.

We headed into the brewery and handed in our tickets for our first free beer. The food truck was already on site and ready to take our orders. In the back there was a large party tent set up with tables, chairs, and heaters. Despite the weather conditions, it was actually quite comfortable in the tent. It was about noon by the time we got to the brewery. The Miami Grand Prix didn't start until 4 PM, so we had plenty of time to socialize and enjoy food and drink before the race. Many folks chose to leave before the start of the race, but some of us stayed through the end. We were rewarded by seeing Lando Norris win his first-ever Formula One race.

I want to thank everyone that came out and spent the day with us. Rain and cold doesn't keep us down. We will have future events where we will be as unlucky with the weather. However, we proved at this rally, it doesn't really matter. We still gather, drive, chat, eat, drink, and laugh. That is what this club is all about. Rain or shine.

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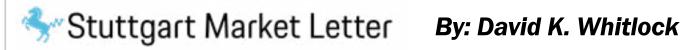
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MAY 2024 HAD A SELL-THROUGH RATE OF 71% OUT OF 608

PORSCHES offered at auction for a total dollar volume of \$32,092,618 compared to 70%, 585, and \$31,309,017 the previous year. And while May's metrics all beat May of 2023's, this month was all about "what could have been," especially at the top end of the market.

For cars that could have potentially crested the million-dollar mark, only one of the nine \$1m cars sold, and it sold at a final bid of \$925,000, which was not quite on the money. That car was a 1992 911 Carrera 2 Coupe Reimagined by Singer. Known as the "San Diego" commission, the car was finished in Blue with Pale Blue stripes and Red Porsche

script on the side and featured a beautiful Red leather interior. Out back, this Singer had a 3.8-liter Cosworth developed engine, which was the culprit, as recently it takes a 4.0-liter engine to get Singers up past the million-dollar mark.

Other million-dollar-potential sales included not one, but four Carrera GTs, all of which failed to sell. Coming off a very successful Carrera GT sale last month at over \$1.7m all-in, one would think that success would carry through the market. Bids ranged from \$1.1m to \$1.35m on one Black, two GT Silver, and one Seal Grey example. The \$1.1m car was finished in Seal Grey Metallic and showed just over 13,000 miles on the odometer. But internet sleuths recognized the car as having once belonged to a YouTuber who isn't known for being "easy" on their cars. History aside, \$1.1m was probably all the money given the miles.



Another notable no-sale was a 1959 718 RSK, chassis 718028. This rare Spyder was one of a handful of RSKs produced in a center seat configuration, and it failed to sell at a final bid of \$3,400,000. If you think you've read that sentence before, it's because you most likely have as this is now the fifth time the car has gone unsold at auction since 2019, with bids consistently in that range. I hate to use the phrase "the market has spoken," but in this case, I think it has.

Early Porsches, those sold in the '50s and '60s, fared a little better than the uber-expensive cars with a sell-through rate of 59%. The most notable cars being a 1967 911S Soft-Window Targa that hammered at \$265,000 and a 1957 356A Speedster at \$305,000. The Soft-Window Targa was a very nice example finished in Polo Red over Black leatherette with patterned seat inserts. It sold at a final bid of \$265,000, which was good enough to be the second highest price paid for the model in the last twelve months. The 356A Speedster, on the other hand, sold at a below-average price of \$305,000. Although the Green over Tan color combination looked great, the fact that it wasn't finished in its original combo and a non-numbers matching engine meant this one was sold about right.

Other notable sales this month included a 2012 Cayman R 6-speed that sold for a strong \$76,500, a GT3 RS 4.0 at \$762,777, and a number of 996 Turbo Cabriolets, all with the X50 package, and all selling in the low \$60s. The Turbo Cabs. were quite interesting as they represented a bit of a rise in 996 Turbo pricing, even when you factor in the rare X50 package.

Overall, May was a pretty solid month, unless you were trying to sell a Carrera GT. June kicks off with a number of million-dollar-plus Porsches at RM Sotheby's Dare to Dream sale. Let's hope they fare better. Until then!

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I can't imagine cruising on the Autobahn at 170 miles per hour looking down at the gas gauge and going...."Hmm, I better put it in electric mode to save a bit of coin."

Yeah, yeah yeah....I get it - it's about the extra torque you get from the electric motors - the things that help you propel to under the 3 second mark for zero to sixty. I get that. But really...a hybrid? Why not just go all in with an electric version like the Taycan. I get that too...probably because they don't want their marquee sports car taking up all the lifts at your dealerships...but a hybrid? Come on Porsche.

Sure this Porsche is not a Prius. The 911 hybrid is an entirely new thing.....a new engine to boot... now with a plastic oil pan, just wait until you crack one of those open on a rally road of Jeff's choosing. Yep, an entirely new engine, where the water pump is now inside the engine and the AC compressor is run by electricity and the starter and generator are now a single identity. Yep, a lot of new fandango tech in the new 911 so when it's time to replace a part it should be cheap as chips in the future.

I will never get my head around a 911 hybrid. The 911 is not made to sip gasoline like the King sipping tea with his scones. The 911 is meant to suck that gasoline into its 6 cylinders and turn that gasoline into a howl of pure adrenaline and excitement. No one ever said..."shhh...do you hear that? No....Exactly sounds just like a 911"

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