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## Brookgreen Gardens Tour

Join the Hurricane Region for a tour of the Brookgreen Gardens near Murrell's Inlet, SC. We are planning on joining up with our fellow PCA members from the north on **July 22nd**, for those members in the Charleston area we will be leaving from the Kohl's in Mt. Pleasant at 8:30am. If you are planning on attending this event, you must register online here, [www.eventbrite.com/e/brookgreen-gardens-day-tour-tickets-34665248692](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/brookgreen-gardens-day-tour-tickets-34665248692)

Brookgreen Gardens is a sculpture garden and wildlife preserve, located just south of Murrells Inlet, in South Carolina. The 9,100-acre (37 km<sup>2</sup>) property includes several themed gardens with American figurative sculptures placed in them, the Lowcountry Zoo, and trails through several ecosystems in nature reserves on the property. It was founded by Archer Milton Huntington, stepson of railroad magnate Collis Potter Huntington, and his wife Anna Hyatt Huntington to feature sculptures by Anna and her sister Harriet Randolph Hyatt Mayor along with other American sculptors. Brookgreen Gardens was opened in 1932, and is built on four former rice plantations, taking its name from the former Brookgreen Plantation. Entrance fee into Brookgreen Gardens is \$12 per person. In addition to exploring the gardens, there are a variety of activities for participants.

For a short video on Brookgreen Gardens, please click on the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdySFmx3Ceo>





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## Austrian Police Will Chase Speeders With Porsche

911

Woop, Woop, Vroom! That's the sound of this Porsche 911 police car BY: **CHRIS BRUCE**, Editor Motor1.com

A couple of Austrian police officers will be riding in style in a Porsche 911 while keeping an eye out for traffic offenders. The *Polizei* will be using the sports car through October.

The cops' 911 is ready for duty with flashing lights and a radio. Plus, it wears dark blue, red, and silver livery of the Austrian *Polizei*.

"Our partnership with the police force has a long tradition," Dr. Helmut Eggert, director of Porsche in Austria, said. "In the 1960s and 70s, it was not unusual to see a Porsche police or gendarmerie vehicle with a flashing blue light. And in 2006, the [Austria's] Federal Ministry of the Interior received a Porsche 911 to use for motorway policing."

The Dutch *Rijkspolitie* have been particularly fond of using Porsches to patrol the country's roads. It started in 1960 with a single Porsche 356 Cabriolet that eventually grew to a fleet of about 40 of the high-performance droptops. Later, the cops in the Netherlands switched to 911s, and they seemed specifically to prefer Targa models.

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### Photo of the Month by Porsche



mafia-impounded Ferrari 458 Spider is in service in Milan. Meanwhile, the highway patrol in Bologna has a Lamborghini Huracán for first aid duty and delivering organs. Alfa Romeo also handed a pair of Giulia Veloces to the country's *Polizia di Stato* for performing rapid courier work.

Dubai's police force is famous for having an extravagant fleet of patrol cars that includes vehicles like a Porsche 918 Spyder, Lamborghini Aventador, Aston Martin One-77, Bentley Continental GT, Mercedes-Benz SLS, and Bugatti Veyron. Elsewhere in the world, cops in Italy have some exciting choices when it's time to go on patrol. For example, a



# President's thoughts



So, is it just my imagination or has half of 2017 slipped by already? For various reasons, I have been doing a lot of driving around in the last couple months and have made some observations. Firstly, apparently very few of our fellow citizens are aware of the effect cell phone usage has on driving. Numerous studies have demonstrated that just speaking on the phone (hands free) reduces driving ability to that of someone

over the legal limit for alcohol (interestingly by affecting a different part of the brain), holding the phone adds the aspect of driving with one hand and texting reduces your ability to a one handed drunk periodically closing his/her eyes! Even more shocking is the number of adults displaying these behaviors with children in the car. I sometimes wonder if the neighbor showed up to take the kids to school drunk (the neighbor, not the kids) if it would be OK.

This observation dovetails somewhat with the sign of I-26 showing the current statewide highway fatalities(484 as of today) and the current news that SC's rural roads are the deadliest in the nation (having lost the #1 spouse abuse rating, at least we're #1 in something).

Realizing that this is mostly just preaching to the choir, I guess I just want to remind members that one aspect of PCA membership is exhibiting good driving skills and encouraging their use by others. Additionally, I am very interested in seeing all of you around at the end of 2017 and not being among the roughly 1000 South Carolinians who didn't survive their year on our roads.

Paraphrasing Magnus Walker "Get out and drive (and leave the call for later)."

Joe



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**Calendar: Upcoming Events in our Region and Beyond**For more information and event listings go to: <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/index.php>**Sun, Jul 09    Sat, Jul 15    Annual Porsche Parade    Spokane, Washington**62nd Porsche Parade in Spokane, WA for PCA's annual, weeklong event enjoyed by several thousand of your fellow members. Find details here: <http://parade2017.pca.org/>**Tue, Jul 11    7:00 PM    Monthly Social    TheAmericano, Mt. P**

Join us at TheAmericano (819 Coleman Blvd, Mt Pleasant) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.

**Sat, Jul 22    8:30 AM    Brookgreen Gardens    Murrell's Inlet, SC**

A day with our friends from the Hurricane Region. Their ETA at Brookgreen is 10 am, so Charleston crowd to depart the Kohl's in Mt. Pleasant by 8:30 am. Please register online.

**Sat, Jul 29    11:00 AM    Tech Session at Autometrics    1913 Belgrade Ave, Charleston**

Join Palmetto Region as we visit Autometrics Motorsports Belgrade Ave. at 11 AM on July 29th for a technical presentation. Cory Friedman will discuss the steps necessary to prepare a track car and present information on the different levels possible as drivers move up in track experience. Track prepared cars will be available for examination and a question and answer period will address member inquiries. Additionally a pre-event checklist will be demonstrated for owners taking their street cars to track events.

**Tue, Aug 08    7:00 PM    Monthly Social    West Ashley Crab Shack**

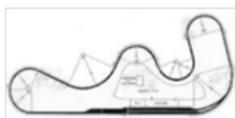
Join us at the West Ashley Crab Shack (1901 Ashley River Road, West Ashley) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.

**Sat, Aug 19    Drive & Dine    Harold's Country Club**

Save the date for this ANNUAL EVENT to Honor Harold "Tuggy" Mathisen. Details and sign up to come.

**Sun, Aug 20    Drive & Dine    Myrtle Beach Area**

Monthly Drive &amp; Dine from the Myrtle Beach Area. We will gather at Ollie Bargain Outlet, Carolina Forest (2100 Oakheart Rd, Myrtle Beach) at 11:30, drive starts at noon to Quigley's Pint and Plate in Litchfield.

**Sat, Sep 02    Sun, Sep 03    Driver's Education at Roebling Ro    Florida Crown Region PCA**The Driver's Education program provides a safe, structured, and controlled learning environment for your high performance auto. Track near Savannah, GA. Register at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net).**Tue, Sep 12    7:00 PM    Monthly Social    Logan's Roadhouse, Summerville**

Join us at Logan's Roadhouse (211 Azalea Square, Summerville) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.

**Sat, Sep 16    Sun, Sep 17    Driver's Education at Roebling Ro    Coastal Empire Region PCA**The Driver's Education program provides a safe, structured, and controlled learning environment for your high performance auto. Track near Savannah, GA. Register at [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net).

Breakfast with Dr. Bob, Sunflower Café, West Ashley, 8 am.

Monthly Social, Second Tuesday of each Month, Location TBD. Check website for details.

**Note: Calendar events in bold type earn points toward the Palmetto Region Competitor of the Year Award.**[For additional information and events outside of the Palmetto Region go to:](http://www.pcapalmetto.org/calendar/)<http://www.pcapalmetto.org/calendar/>



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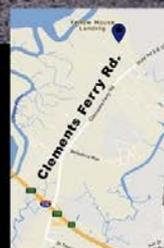
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## Porsche Overcomes Hour-Long Repair to Win Le Mans

The last hybrid standing was 19 laps down with six hours to go. Aston Martin Racing, Jackie Chan DC Racing, and the JMW Motorsports Ferrari join the #2 Porsche 919 Hybrid as class winners.

With Toyota setting a lap record and taking pole by nearly three seconds, many expected this year's battle for the overall win at the 24 Hours of Le Mans to be little more than a formality, a coronation for a Toyota program that has patiently waited for its turn to win here since returning in 2012. The race was supposed to be straightforward, and even if one Toyota had issues, they were bringing three TS050s. Unfortunately for that program, what followed was a race that was equal parts unexpected and unpredictable, one that unfolded in three acts.

Before sunset on Saturday, Toyota comfortably lead the field. The #2 Porsche 919 Hybrid had trouble early, and the blazing speed of the #7 TS050 seemed like more than enough to dampen any hopes the Porsche team still may have had for their quick #1 entry. As night fell, disasters picked cars off one by one. First it was the #8, which spent nearly two hours in the garage undergoing hybrid system repairs in the early evening. Hours later, it was the leading #7 that fell, as a clutch issue that started as the car entered turn 1 got progressively worse over the course of the 8-mile trek back to the garage. Just a few short minutes later, the #9 car made contact with an LMP2 car in the same corner, with the damage sustained causing suspension damage (and, eventually, a fire) as it dragged on over the same journey home. The #8 was able to salvage a finish nine laps down, but by hour 12, Toyota's race was all but over. That left Porsche's #1 in a lonely position throughout the night. With the

lone privateer LMP1 car retired by lap 2 and the admittedly-quite-fast LMP2 field more than ten laps behind, the #1 had no real reason to run at a hard pace. However, the car's conservative drive to victory wasn't enough to stop it from an engine issue. With four hours to go, that car's telemetry reported a significant issue with the car's traditional source of power, a problem that would prove to be more catastrophic than the hybrid system issues on the #2 when it forced the #1 to retire. Twenty hours in, the LMP2 leader from Jackie Chan DC Racing was leading overall, and Porsche's race seemed run.

However, the #2 lost just nineteen laps to the overall leader during its early repairs and never got off pace to catch the LMP2 leader, a goal the team initially had solely to grab as many FIA World Endurance Championship points as possible. Once the Toyotas faltered, that team kicked into high gear, and the projected time for that car to pass the LMP2 leader moved from the end of the race to the middle of hour 23. Thanks in no small part to minimal safety car interruptions throughout the race, long-tenured factory Porsche driver Timo Bernhard closed a gargantuan gap and passed the Jackie Chan DC Racing Oreca with just over an hour remaining. Bernhard, along with teammates and New Zealand natives Earl Bamber and Brendon Hartley, has taken what is the third consecutive win at Le Mans for Porsche's 919 Hybrid platform. That car now joins the 936, 956, and 962 in the pantheon of Porsche prototypes that can boast three or more overall wins at the 24 hour classic, and fitting

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While the reliability concerns of all six LMP1 entries made for an interesting and unique race for that class, the greatest beneficiaries of the situation were the top contenders in LMP2. The class, running a new set of regulations in 2017 that requires all manufacturers to use the same powerful Gibson engine, had proven both faster and more reliable than in past years, and while many GT drivers lamented the overall speed of cars designed to be driven by amateurs, it was that speed that allowed the top LMP2 cars in the field to contend for an overall win when the #1 Porsche retired. Separation in the field meant that the #2 had to pick those cars off one-by-one over the race's final four hours, with each contender acting like a new folk hero that bravely stood against a titan despite knowing the inevitability of its demise.

While the #38 Oreca of Jackie Chan DC Racing, a program run by veteran LMP2 outfit Jota Sport, wasn't able to secure the overall win, that team does have the honor of being able to claim that it led Le Mans all the way to the end of the 23rd hour, finished second overall, and won its class. Ho-Pin Tung and former Audi driver Oliver Jarvis were impressive in the car, but the team's most outstanding driver was surely the Silver-rated rookie Thomas Laurent, who consistently put down laps within a second of his car's fastest lap time while leading overall in a race where his team wasn't so much as expected to contend for a win in-class. The #13 Rebellion Oreca joins the #38 on the overall podium, while the #37 Jackie Chan DC Racing car completes

the LMP2 podium in fourth overall.

While the high attrition Prototype classes proved unpredictable, GTE-Pro proved to be exactly the close, fantastic race it was expected to be. After the #95 Aston Martin that led the majority of the race hit a wall and lost contact with the leaders early Sunday morning, each of the five manufacturers in the field were left with exactly one car on the lead lap and equal chance to take the class win. It was ultimately Aston Martin and Corvette that played their strategies best, with Cor-

vette Racing's Jordan Taylor leading the #97 Aston Martin with three laps to go.

This was when Aston Martin driver Jonathan Adam made his move into Arnage, the slowest corner on the track. He made light contact with the #63 Corvette and grabbed the lead, but he couldn't hold onto it and lost the position before the next corner. The contact, however, created a slow puncture for the Corvette, and though Taylor was able to keep Adam behind him for a lap and a half, he finally lost control as the two went to take the white flag. Adam is joined on the top step of the illustrious GTE-Pro podium by teammates Daniel Serra and Aston Martin stalwart Darren Turner. The #67 Ford GT would ultimately end up second, with that late puncture pushing the #63 Corvette C7.R down to a final finishing position of third.

With three unpredictable classes producing three wild results, GTE-Am provided some stability throughout the 24 hours. JMW Racing's Ferrari 488 GTE took the lead early and held it throughout the day, and when early trouble hit Aston Martin Racing's #98, it had little to no competition for the position. Their drivers, Robert Smith, Dries Vanthoor, and former Manor Formula 1 driver Will Stevens, drove a clean, smooth race in a class that is sometimes thought to carry a stigma for unforced spins and ill-advised passes. The class podium was all-Ferrari, with Spirit of Race #55 and Scuderia Corsa #62 finishing the order.

The race saw just eleven retirements and three safety car periods, relatively low numbers for what often felt like true race of attrition. Notably, four of the six LMP1 contenders were among those to officially retire.

The FIA World Endurance Championship, the series that the majority of the contenders in this race run, returns in just under a month for the 6 Hours of Nurburgring.

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# Upcoming

- July 11 - Monthly Social - TheAmericano
- July 22 - Brookgreen Gardens w/Hurricane Region
- July 29 - Tech Session at Autometrics
- Aug 8 - Monthly Social - W/Ashley Crab Shack
- Aug 19 - Drive and Dine to Harold's
- Sep 2-3 - DE at Roebling Road Raceway

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