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Trident Technical College Annual Car Show

BY Cliff Hudson



This year is the 25th anniversary of the show and in celebration of this milestone the Hendrick Automotive Group of Charleston has signed on as a major sponsor and has covered all the registration fees! So as a participant, there is no entry fee this year. However, if the car count in a particular class is low the college will be combining classes. For example, if only a handful of Porsche's register then they will have to compete in the Import European class. This shouldn't be a problem, as for several years there have been more than enough Por-

sche's in attendance to support a stand alone class. But the show is limited to 300 entries and with no charge to register. The college expects the show to fill fast!



February 22 UPDATE: the school has alerted me that the show is already 1/3 filled and the only Porsche so far is Dr. Joe.

Please use the link below to get your Porsche registered.

http://www.tridenttech.edu/academics/divisions/iet/iet_autospin.htm

Veterans Victory House Car Show

Porsche - Corvette Challenge

BY JACKIE DASEN

2017 WILL BE THE YEAR OF THE PORSCHE! But only our club members can make it happen. We really need folks to bring those P-cars out to the Veteran's Victory House Car Show in Walterboro on Saturday, May 13th. We will already be down by at least 4 Porsche's. In normally takes around 20+ to beat out the Corvettes. Ken and I will be returning from Italy on the day of the show. We do have someone willing to bring our 944. Normally we supply at least 3 cars. So, we need help picking up the loss especially since Nicole & JB Lefebvre will be with us that makes us down another Porsche.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and bring that trophy back to the car club it should be with. Most of all remember this isn't about really winning a trophy, of any kind, but raising money for the Veteran's. The men and women that have sacrificed for YOUR freedom. This is one of the events they all look forward to each year. Let's have the greatest sports car club in the country make this a banner year, and win back our trophy.

Bailey's Bistro Bites

by Baily Basen



There is a tasty little chocolate candy that is very popular around Christmas time called Marzipan Kartoffeln. This delicious little ball of delight is made with marzipan. Marzipan is a confectionery of ground almonds, sugar and depending on the origin, accompanying aromas. The mass made from blanched and peeled almonds and sugar is called marzipan cream. The Lubeck marzipan, the Mazapan de Toledo and the Konigsberger marzipan are world renowned.

The Kartoffeln got its name from its external similarity with potatoes. On average, the diameter of each ball is between 1.5 cm and 2 cm. The balls are shaped from marzipan and are dusted with a cinnamon-coca mixture, which also makes the typical taste of the marzipan potato.



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President's thoughts



I had the opportunity last week to speak with a former Palmetto Region member who was a non-renewal and would like to share the highlights of the conversation. The bottom line was, that after five years, the member had sold his car and having only attended 5-6 events in that time, was not that attached to the club. He did mention feeling that despite having had positive encounters with Jennifer and Nicole, our past President and Treasurer, he had not experienced a level of "Welcome" commensurate with his experience in other regions he had been a member of. What he was speaking of are the simple gestures of

making sure that new members are never seated by themselves at social events, obtaining and wearing our name tags (\$12 on the website, About>Club Store) and just remembering what it was like to be the new kid in school. If at a loss for words, just ask about their car. Dr. Bob and I are calling new members as we get the info from National but this is just a small first step and we need the membership to just be their normal outgoing selves in just a slightly wider circle to include those who will be the future leaders of Palmetto Region.

On another note, Richard Boxx and I have had a series of meetings with Lee Clagett, Sales Manager and Megan Busch, Events and Content Manager at Baker Porsche. We have received a commitment for: a tech presentation on the new Panamera to be held at the dealership in April,

hosting the send-off for the Rallye Mick Duck has planned for April 15th AND Baker providing new Porsche purchasers their first year of PCA membership! We are in discussion looking at ways for Palmetto Region and Baker Porsche to have a mutually beneficial relationship as the good health of the Porsche dealer network cannot help but make for a stronger club. Lee reports that the new Porsche facility project is moving along but no date yet as to when we will see dirt being moved.

As a reminder, the Trident Tech Car Show (29 April, free, limit 300 cars) and Veteran's Victory House Show (13 May) are coming up and both support worthy causes and have awards for club participation.

The sun is out, I'm going for a drive...
Joe

Photo of the Month

by Jackie Dasen

Please feel free to submit any Porsche related photos you have taken to me for publication in the newsletter. The photos can be of your car, someone else's car, Porsche memorabilia, club members engaged in a Porsche event. Basically anything related to Porsche.



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Follow up on CARMINE'S PHOTO DRIVE AND DINE

by Jackie Dasen

Saturday, March 4th, 5 Porsche's set out from the Publix on Highway 17 in Charleston for a photo drive and dine. The photo destination: Whitehall Plantation in Colleton County. Despite it being a little chillier than the previous days the sun was bright and warm and made for a really pleasant drive. The location was beautiful as well as quiet. After each car was individually photographed we did a group shot. Then it was off to Carmine's Trattoria Ristorante in downtown Walterboro for a great Italian dinner. It was a great day with Porsche friends. I will say the highlight of the event wasn't the photo location, the dinner but what one little boy said afterwards.

As we were heading to the city parking lot, where our Cayenne, Joe Carastro's Cayman and Elliott Barrow's 911 were parked, a little boy comes running up the side walk. "There are three Porsche's parked over there," he excited exclaims as he points down the street in the direction of the parking lot. As we pass by him and his family Ken points back towards where we'd just come from and says, "There's 2 more back there". Heads started turning, looking around for the Porsche's.

It's a good feeling to know your car can make someone's day, especially a child's. Joe even offered the little boy a ride. Unfortunately they were off to meet up with someone so he had to pass up the offer. But seeing his huge bright smile as he looked inside Joe's car was definitely the highlight of the event.



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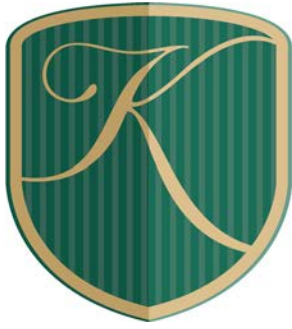
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KIAWAH ISLAND MOTORING RETREAT

Although the main Sunday event will not be occurring this year, the Kiawah Motoring Retreat is hosting a club-level "Cars on Kiawah" event on May 6th. So that we can be grouped together, please send me an e-mail (drjoesc@gmail.com) so that I can give you an assigned number – we have 6 of our 10 allocations remaining. After you get your Palmetto number you go to the Kiawah site: <http://kiawahconcours.com/exhibitor-entry-form/> to register.

This has been a delightful event in the past and give us a chance to rub shoulders with the similarly afflicted who drive other marques. Bring folding chairs and blankets and be prepared to have a lovely day!



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March Monthly Social—March 14th

The monthly social for March will be at Graze in Summerville on Tuesday the 14th at 7pm. Come join for some great food and socializing with fellow Porsche club members. Graze is located at 115 E 5th N St, in Summerville. www.grazecharleston.com/summerville-home

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Autocross is a sport of trying to navigate your car through a defined course of pylons (aka "cones") usually on a large parking lot, faster than your competition. Autocross courses are set up using soft orange traffic pylons which will not damage your car.

Events are run at speeds usually between 30-60 MPH, usually in 2nd gear. Autocross is a "performance

driving event" and a safe way to learn how to drive your car at its limit. You not only learn how to handle your car at speeds that you drive daily, but you also:

- Gain confidence in your driving ability
- Learn the limits of your car's brakes
- Learn correct seating, hand, and feet positions

Learn the limits of your car's tire adhesion
A Snell M rated helmet is the only piece of safety equipment that is required and there are typically loaner helmets available. Vehicles that are 100% stock can compete and no roll bars are required for convertibles.

It is like being in a movie chase scene, only you are holding onto the steering wheel instead of a box of popcorn!

Finally, Autocross is a social gathering of new and old friends and **LOTS OF FUN!**

If you ask nicely, many drivers will take a passenger along for a ride. Here is a link to Joe Mills giving a ride to a curious spectator at a North Charleston Coliseum Autocross.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCwFqPiv5qI>

Also, here's another YouTube video that gives a good overview. It is a more open (larger

space) and faster course that what we usually experience around here, but it will give you an idea of what goes on.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cDsmBexSd8>

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Dirty Details

Many events are hosted by the SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) or other specific car clubs. The South Carolina Region SCCA hosts an event approximately once per month all over South Carolina. The Buccaneer Region SCCA (Savannah based) hosts an Autocross approx once per month (figure 1.5 hours from West Ashley).

Tech Session: to drive, you'll remove items from the inside of your car and trunk (i.e. umbrella, cell phone, CD's, etc. You don't want that stuff flying around as you make a corner. Once you find a parking spot, just pull out your front floor mats and stack everything on them (you'll see others doing the same). A rep from the organization will check the car to make sure your tires are on securely, battery secure, everything in the engine compartment is bolted down, etc. No worries for most cars. J Also, you will need to put a number and car class designation on the side of the car. Painters tape works well for this and usually someone has some extra if you don't have any at home.

If you drive, you will also "work" during one run group (if there are 2 groups, one runs, the other works. If there are 4 groups, it will alternate). It's not difficult and just a part of the experience. As a Novice, they will likely pair you with experienced workers and they will teach you the limited responsibilities (can you waive a flag or work a walkie-talkie?).

Things you might want to bring (remember you're standing in a parking lot most of a day – you can leave and return, but you may not want to!):

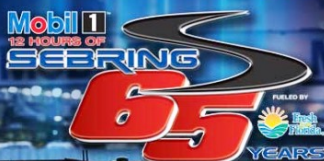
- sunglasses/hat/sunscreen
- water/cokes and snack/lunch (no alcoholic beverages allowed)
- camping chair

Upcoming event info can be found here: <https://scsportsocar.com/solo/solo-results/2017-schedule-and-results/>

<http://www.buccaneerregion.com/soloevents.html>















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Calendar: Upcoming Events in our Region and BeyondFor more information and event listings go to: <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/index.php>

	Sat, Mar 04	4:00 PM	Photo Drive & Dine	Walterboro, SC
	Details on website. Photo Drive & Dine, dinner will be at 4 pm at Carmine's in Walterboro. RSVP by February 25 on the website. Contact Jackie for more info.			
	Fri, Mar 10	Sun, Mar 12	Concours D'Elegance	Amelia Island, FL
	Tickets are now available online for the 22nd Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, 3-day even at the Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island Resort, Amelia Island, Florida. Go here for more info: https://www.ameliaconcours.org/			
	Tue, Mar 14	7:00 PM	Monthly Social	Graze, Summerville
	Join us at Graze in Summerville (115 E 5th N Street, Summerville, SC 29483) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	Sat, Mar 18	9:00 AM	Sea Island Cars & Coffee	Freshfields Village, Kiawah
	Arrive in your favorite ride and join us for Cars and Coffee at the Freshfields Village at the crossroads of Kiawah, Seabrook and Johns Islands. The event will run from 9:00 to 11:00 am and will feature antiques, classics, exotics, concepts and any other cool cars.			
	Sun, Mar 19	11:30 AM	Drive & Dine	Myrtle Beach Area
	Monthly Drive & 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 celebrate St. Patty's day to O'Keefe's Irish Pub in Murrells Inlet.			
	Sat, Mar 25	Sun, Mar 26	Driver's Education at Roebing Road	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 .			
	Tue, Apr 11	7:00 PM	Monthly Social	Cuoco Pazzo, Mt Pleasant
	Join us at Cuoco Pazzo (1035 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	Sat, Apr 15	8:00 AM	Scandinavian Driving Tour and Rally	Baker Motors to HHI Porsche
	Please join your local Porsche Club friends for a driving tour of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, with a bonus tour of Switzerland. Start at Baker Motors, end at Porsche of Hilton Head for a free delicious German luncheon and awards ceremony. Sign up online.			
	Thu, Apr 20		Panamera Launch	Baker Motors
	Save the date, details to come.			
	Sat, Apr 29		Trident Tech Car Show	North Charleston, SC
	Save the date for the Trident Technical College Annual Spring Spin-Off Car Show to benefit Auto Program Scholarship Fund.			
	Sat, May 06	10 AM - 3 PM	Cars on Kiawah	Kiawah Island, SC
	Mini-event of the Kiawah Island Motoring Retreat to be held in 2017. Details can be found here: http://www.kiawahconcours.com/			
	Mon, Mar 13	10:00 AM	Veterans Victory House Car Show	Walterboro, SC
	Annual Veterans' Victory House Charity Car Show sponsored by the Walterboro Cruisers. Info here: http://www.walterborocruisers.com/			
	Sun, May 21		Drive & Dine	Huntington Beach State Park
	Save the date for the Annual picnic at Huntington Beach State Park, expect fine food - no one has ever left hungry! More details to come!			
	Sat, Jun 03	Sun, Jun 04	Driver's Education at Roebing Road	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 .			

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

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

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 April 11 - Monthly Social– Cuoco Pazzo
April 15 - Scandinavian Driving Tour & Rally
 April 20 - Baker Motors Panamera Launch
April 29 - Trident Car Show
 May 6 - Cars on Kiawah
 May 9 - Monthly Social– Bay Street Biergarten
May 13 - Porsche Corvette Challenge
 May 21 - Annual picnic @ Huntington Beach State Park

Scandinavian Driving Tour and Road Rally



Please join your local Porsche Club friends for a driving tour of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, with a bonus tour of Switzerland on April 15th 2017.

There is no charge, other than the \$5.00 events fee for this driving tour and spots are limited so register as soon as possible! The driving tour and rally will depart from Baker Motors promptly at 8:30am so please arrive by 8:00am for coffee and car staging.

We will drive through scenic Norway, Sweden and Denmark, South Carolina, then on to Switzerland, South Carolina and will conclude the drive and rally at Porsche of Hilton Head for a free delicious German luncheon and awards ceremony.

This drive and road rally is limited to the first 50 people who register. This can be a combination of 25 cars with two people or 50 cars with one driver, or 10 cars with 5 people but please bring your Porsche along!

There will be a rally quiz along the way with memorable prizes for first, second and third place.

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