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Porsche 4th of July

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUL.
8TH**

Tuesday, 6:30pm:

MONTHLY PALMETTO SOCIAL

The July social will be held at **Rancho Lewis** on King St in Charleston.

**JUL.
26TH**

Saturday, 2:00pm:

Palmetto Pickelball outing

Get ready to hit the courts! Join the Palmetto Region for a fun pickleball outing at Crush Yard.

**JUL.
27TH**

Saturday, 11 am:

Ale and Octane Car Show

A monthly exotic car show on Daniel Island. Each month benefits a different charity.

**AUG.
12TH**

Tuesday, 6:30pm:

MONTHLY PALMETTO SOCIAL

The August social location will be announced soon.

**AUG.
16TH**

Saturday, 5 pm:

Tuggy Memorial Drive & Dine to Harold's

Drive and Dine to Harold's Country Club with the Coastal Empire Region.

**AUG.
24TH**

Saturday, 11 am:

Ale and Octane Car Show

A monthly exotic car show on Daniel Island. Each month benefits a different charity.

Can you attend this months Palmetto Social?

Yes, I'll be there

Sorry, can't make it

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Presidents Column

Welcome to the revival of Palmetto Pipes! After our long hiatus, I'm thrilled to bring you a freshly minted newsletter, packed with events, stories, and everything that makes our Porsche community hum.

Upcoming Events

- July 8 • Monthly Social at Rancho Lewis (Charleston) Join us for tacos, margaritas, and Porsche camaraderie at Rancho Lewis's.
- July 26 • Pickleball Outing (Mt Pleasant) Courts reserved for all skill levels—paddles provided—and spectators are welcome.
- August 16 • Rally to Harold's Country Club (Yemassee) Scenic Lowcountry drive to Harolds Country Club in Yemassee

Want to be featured in the newsletter? We're looking for you:

- Event Ideas: Share details for local gatherings, drives, or track days via our website's event submission link (above the Calendar).
- Photos: Submit your event photos through the link above the Photos page on our website.
- Porsche Stories: Tell us about your Porsche journey, memorable trips, or what your car means to you. Use the new submission form button on page two of the newsletter.

Your submissions help shape Palmetto Pipes and bring our community closer!

Thank you for reigniting our club's spirit. I can't wait to see you all at Rancho Lewis on July 8th!

On a more somber note, we were saddened by the recent passing of valued fellow Palmetto member Vick Crawley. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family during this difficult time.

Keep the wheels turnin -
Ken Dasen



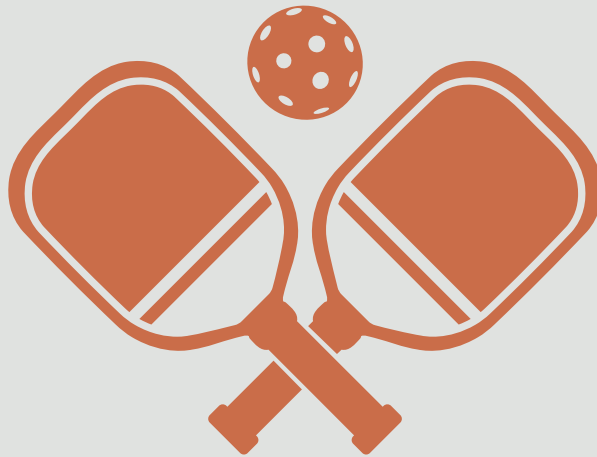
VICK CRAWLEY



Palmetto Region

PICKLEBALL OUTING

**\$10/
Person**



**Free for
Spectators**

[Register Here](#)

JULY 26TH 2PM - 4PM

Get ready to hit the courts! Join the Palmetto Region for a fun pickleball outing at Crush Yard. Players and spectators need to register in advance so we have an accurate count.

CRUSH YARD

3365 S Morgans Point Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC



PALMETTO



SPELLING BEE



RALLY

Are you ready for the Palmetto Region Spelling Bee Rally?

You might be wondering—what exactly is a Spelling Bee Rally? Let us tell you: it's a fun and unique adventure designed to be enjoyed at your own pace (you have until December to finish it), whether you're going solo or with friends.

What is a Spelling Bee Rally?

The Spelling Bee Rally is an exciting tour where participants visit towns and cities of their choice, covering a required number of locations. Here's the twist: you'll be given a special phrase, and for each letter in that phrase, you must visit a town or city whose name starts with the corresponding letter.

For example, if the phrase contains the letter "S," you'd visit a town like Summerville. You'll take a photo as proof of your arrival—it's as simple as that!

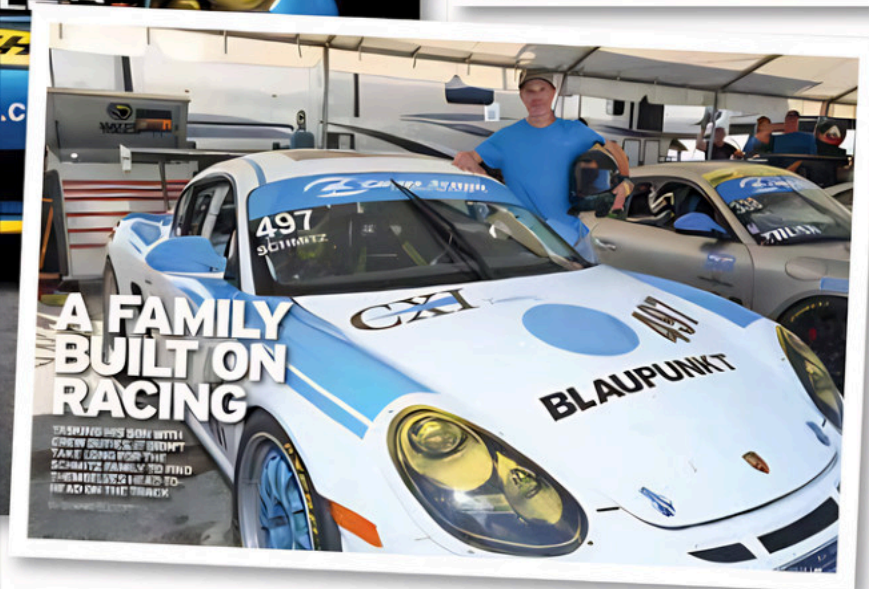
Whether you're looking for a relaxing drive or a creative challenge, this rally has something for everyone.



**Palmetto
SPELLING
BEE RALLY**

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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

Drive & Dine to Harold's Country Club

Get ready for our annual Tuggy Memorial Drive & Dine to Harold's Country Club in Yemassee on Saturday, August 16th! This year, we're teaming up with the Coastal Empire Porsche Region for what promises to be another fantastic evening of scenic driving and delicious food.

Harold's Country Club is famous for its steak night, and for just \$26 per person, you'll enjoy a steak (or chicken for \$19), access to the salad bar, a baked potato, and coffee or tea.

Please register and pay by August 13th. When you register, be sure to let us know how you'd like your steak cooked and if you'd like to add dessert for an additional \$1.



Driving Together from Johns Island

For those in the Charleston area who'd like to drive to Yemassee together, please meet at the South State Bank at 3628 Savannah Highway on Johns Island (next to Publix Market). We'll depart promptly at 5:00 PM. Dinner at Harold's Country Club begins at 6:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there for a memorable drive and a wonderful meal!

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PORSCHE AT LE MANS: A LEGACY OF SPEED, ENDURANCE, AND INNOVATION

"Never give up" - Porsche



For nearly a century, the 24 Hours of Le Mans has stood as the ultimate test of automotive endurance and speed. In this grueling arena, one manufacturer has etched its name more deeply and successfully than any other: Porsche. With a record 19 overall victories and an astounding 108 class wins, the Stuttgart marque's history at the legendary French race is a compelling saga of engineering prowess, legendary drivers, iconic racing cars, and relentless innovation.

The Early Forays and a Landmark First Triumph

Porsche's journey at Le Mans began in 1951, just three years after the company's founding. The lightweight, aluminum-bodied Porsche 356 SL made an immediate impact, securing a class victory and signaling the brand's inherent motorsport DNA. These early years were characterized by a focus on smaller displacement classes, where Porsche consistently demonstrated reliability and efficiency.



The relentless pursuit of overall victory culminated in 1970. The mighty Porsche 917K, a machine that would become a legend in its own right, delivered the coveted first overall win for Porsche. Driven by Hans Herrmann and Richard Attwood, the 917K, with its powerful flat-12 engine and advanced aerodynamics, thundered to victory, marking the beginning of a new era of dominance. This triumph was quickly followed by another overall win in 1971, cementing the 917's place in motorsport history.

Eras of Dominance: The Unforgettable Winning Streaks

The 1970s and 1980s witnessed Porsche establishing an unparalleled reign at Le Mans. Following the success of the 917, the Porsche 936 claimed victories in 1976, 1977, and 1981, showcasing the brand's mastery of turbocharging technology, which was then a groundbreaking innovation in endurance racing.

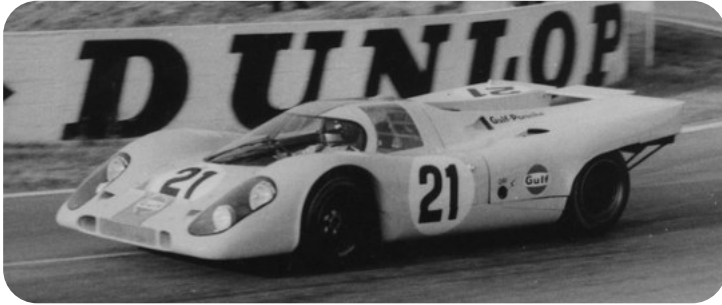
This period of supremacy reached its zenith with the iconic Porsche 956 and its successor, the 962. These Group C powerhouses were virtually unbeatable, securing an

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"The 911 is the only car you can drive from an African safari to Le Mans, then to the theater" - Ferry Porsche

astounding seven consecutive victories from 1981 to 1987. The Rothmans-liveried Porsches became synonymous with Le Mans, and the engineering brilliance behind these cars, including early examples of the Porsche Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK) dual-clutch transmission, set new benchmarks. The 1983 race was a particular highlight, with Porsche 956s occupying nine of the top ten finishing positions – a demonstration of dominance rarely seen in motorsport.



After a period of focusing on GT racing, where the venerable Porsche 911 in its various racing guises continued to accumulate class wins, Porsche returned to the top step of the overall podium in the late 1990s. The Porsche 911 GT1-98 secured a memorable 1-2 finish in 1998, coinciding with the company's 50th anniversary.

The 21st century saw Porsche embrace a new technological challenge: hybrid power. The sophisticated Porsche 919 Hybrid heralded another golden era, capturing three consecutive overall victories from 2015 to 2017. These wins underscored Porsche's ability to adapt and conquer in the face of evolving regulations and intense competition, showcasing cutting-edge hybrid powertrain technology and energy recovery systems.

Iconic Cars and Legendary Drivers: The Architects of Victory

Porsche's Le Mans legacy is intrinsically linked to the iconic racing cars that carried its banner and the legendary drivers who piloted them to glory. Beyond the already mentioned 917, 936, 956/962, 911 GT1, and 919 Hybrid, numerous other Porsche models have left their mark in various classes.

The list of drivers who have triumphed with Porsche at Le Mans reads like a who's who of motorsport. Names like Jacky Ickx (a six-time Le Mans winner, four of which were with Porsche), Derek Bell (five wins, four with Porsche), Hans Herrmann, Richard Attwood, Hurley Haywood, and Al Holbert are forever etched in Le Mans and Porsche history. These drivers, known for their skill, endurance, and tactical acumen, perfectly complemented the engineering excellence of the machines they drove.

Congrats to Team Penske on their 2025 second-place finish in Hypercar class and to **Team Manthey** on their first-place win in the LMGT3 Class



CLIFF'S CORNER

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE PART 2

By Cliff Hudson



A customer calls and the conversation goes something like this:

Caller: “Cliff, I’m still having that same problem that I paid you to repair!” (I look in the history to discover that we last had the car a year and a half ago.)

Me: “OK, the flashing check engine light that was being caused by a failed ignition coil? That has been occurring and or you have been driving the vehicle with that symptom for 18 months??!!”

Caller: “Well no, the check engine light isn’t flashing, but it just hasn’t run right since I got it from you.”

Me: “OK, we certainly had a check engine light and an engine misfire, but we know that the new coil remedied that, so what is occurring now?”

Caller: “I’m not sure, but it just isn’t right and didn’t even run right on the way home when I picked it up.”

Me: “OK, well why has it taken 18 months to report it?”
The caller did not anticipate this question (remember my article titled “I ask the hard questions?”), so after a pause, the response is always:

Caller: “Well, I have just been SO super busy!”

Here is the problem. The caller states that the vehicle didn’t run right even driving home from my shop, but they have been too busy to call me. But interestingly, I can tell from the background noise that they are driving the vehicle as we are talking, which means that they aren’t ‘busy’ right now (other than driving) and they are talking to me on the same cell phone that was in the vehicle when they were driving it home from the shop at which point they were also not ‘busy’ and supposedly, it wasn’t running right. Nor were they busy the next morning when driving the car, or that evening after work, or the hundreds of other business days that they were driving the vehicle over the last 18 months. The point here is that the customer isn’t convincing because they have waited so long to report an issue. Sometimes their claim is in hope of getting a free diagnosis by stating that this is related to what the shop did last. So to be convincing, report ANY issues with ANY product or service (automotive or otherwise) AS SOON as is possible. Immediately is a great target!

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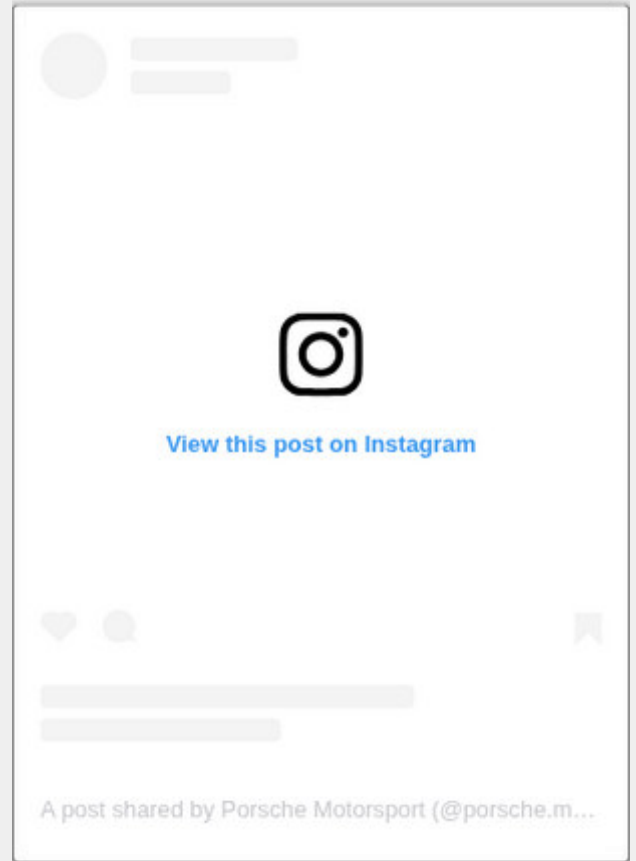
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963 RSP Revealed: Meet Porsche's Street-Legal Le Mans Hypercar

Despite niceties like a fully trimmed interior and silver paintwork, this is an honest road-going race car.

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Is Porsche Bringing Back the Slantnose? Meet the Possible 911 Flachbau RS

Porsche might be ready to unleash a new special edition model, the Flachbau RS.

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The Porsche 911 S Outfitted With A 'Roo' Cage That Completed The 1968 London-Sydney Marathon

In 1968, three Porsche 911 S' were equipped with an exterior cage and extended exhausts for a 10,000-mile marathon rally from London to Sydney

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