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I hope everyone is having a prosperous and enjoyable Spring. I know Hill Country Region (HCR) is off and running! As I said in my last column, our challenge is to maintain and grow the momentum HCR has established for providing our membership new and diverse activities, continuing growth and increasing our volunteer base. I want to update you on some of our initiatives.

Our Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work, and recently asked members to complete a survey designed to provide you an opportunity to comment on what we are doing now, and what we should be doing in the future. This survey is just part of the effort by the Committee to develop a plan on where HCR should go in the next one to five years. The plan will cover topics such as HCR leadership succession, updating our bylaws and identifying and implementing additional events for our members. I want to assure everyone that the membership will have an opportunity to see this plan and comment on it. Our goal is to submit the draft to the Board of Directors by July and then to the general membership in the fall.

Another initiative is to better document our Region's history going back to our founding in 1977. We want to be able to list on our website as many officers and committee chairs as we can, and document key events held in our Region. Speaking of our website- we are almost done with a very substantial revision. This has been a long and arduous process, but we have a great website team and are excited for the new release in the near future.

Vice President John Boutsikaris and I attended the 2018 Zone 5 President's meeting in Little Rock, AR. The primary topics were Insurance and Risk Management, Driving Tour Guidelines and Social Media Policy. As the discussions on these topics evolved, it became clear that all the Regions in Zone 5 face the same challenges as HCR. Risk Management is a particularly important topic- and it is worth reminding that safety during PCA events is the responsibility of every PCA member; not just the Region President, the Event Chair, the Safety Chair, or other

Region or Zone officials. All of us must do our part. You can read more details in the article in this edition of Horizons.

As we move forward into 2018, HCR is aggressively working to establish an Autocross (AX) program and a Rally Program. Our main challenge for AX is finding the appropriate space to hold the event. Our ultimate goal is to use the same space for AX and Teen Street Survival. Another challenge with AX is developing a cost structure that will allow us to break even on AX expenses and charge a fee that is acceptable to participants. We also want to bring new destinations into our Driving Tour program, new shop locations into our Tech program and reestablish our Concours/Show and Shine program that we started last fall.

One other important initiative is increasing the number of our volunteers. We are proud that our membership continues to grow so strongly, which means we need more volunteers to accommodate the expectations of our growing membership! We are fortunate to have an outstanding and dedicated volunteer cadre organizing and coordinating our events, but people do occasionally move on, or out of the Austin area, leaving us with vacancies. We want to be prepared to quickly fill the positions as they become available. Also, some of our programs have gotten quite popular over the past several years and having two people to coordinate them is an advantage.

One of the components of the recent survey was asking members if they would be willing to volunteer in some capacity. The Committee provided us a list of those who indicated interest. VP John Boutsikaris and I are contacting everyone personally to gauge and define their interest, and deploy them accordingly.

All in all, the state of HCR is just outstanding. Feedback from the membership indicates overall satisfaction with the direction we are taking. We welcome your feedback, positive or negative. If you didn't complete the survey but have comments, please contact me president@hcrpca.org. Thanks again for your support and involvement!

THE DRIVER'S SEAT

BY TUFFY VON BRIESEN



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY STEVEN GUZMAN



ANNIVERSARIES

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James Kim

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15 Years
Matt Hazlett

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Feb'18	Mar'18	Apr'18
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AFFILIATE MEMBERS	396	393	397
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**MEMBER PROFILE:
JOHN BRINDLEY**

INTERVIEW & PHOTOS BY JONATHAN HAGGAR





John Brindley entered his vintage Polo Red '66 911 in the concours event at last year's New Member Picnic and drove away with People's Choice honors. Brindley was kind enough to give us a closer look at his beautiful classic.

Horizons: When did you join PCA Hill Country Region?

JB: I joined in January 1999. I had bought my first Porsche, a Blue Boxster, from Beasley Porsche in September 1998, they signed me up thankfully.

Horizons: How and when did you acquire your 911?

JB: I always loved early 911s and I saw this car at a Porsche concours sponsored by HCR in the fall of 2003. I told the owner that I really liked his car and if he ever where to sell it, I hoped he'd give me a call. We talked several times as he was deciding who might be worthy to be its next owner. I guess he was impressed with my knowledge of early 911s and the fact that I owned another vintage car, a 1960 Corvette. He told me that he purchased this car in 1967 from a Physician that was acquiring a new 1967 S model. He was an engineer that kept incredibly detailed records on the car, noting every repair, oil change and even how often he waxed it! He sold it to me in December 2003 with the promise that I wouldn't attempt to flip it on Barrett Jackson or some other auction site.

Horizons: What is your favorite thing about this car?

JB: I love the originality of the car, it hasn't been restored, only repainted in the original color in 2000. I have every single document, including the original purchase contract, owner's manual and detailed service record from new along with an original set of factory service manuals. I had the engine rebuilt by David Moore at Moorespeed, keeping it original using NOS parts from the factory. David strongly encouraged me to keep it bone stock, however I added the Fuchs wheels because I like the look better than the stock chrome wheels.

I drive this car regularly, better to keep the Webers in tune. Each year in the spring I participate in the Texas Hill Country Rallye putting nearly 800 miles on it over the three day weekend. We have some of the best roads in the country in our backyard - nothing beats driving with other early Porsches on the twisties.

Horizons: Tell us about a notable drive or road trip?

JB: My favorite US road trip in a Porsche wasn't in this car, rather my 2009 Carrera S cross country to Laguna Seca to attend Rennsport IV. I joined several other friends as we mostly drove the backroads over 4 days to California, driving the Extraterrestrial Highway across Nevada at a very high rate of speed - an incredible experience.



Horizons: How did you become interested in Porsche?

JB: I always loved cars, as a kid I couldn't wait until the new models came out in September each year, I could quickly pick out all the body style changes and features of each make and model. A friend's older brother was into sports cars. From him I learned all about MGs, Triumphs, Austin Healeys and of course Porsches. I started going to club races and attended my first Formula One race at Watkins Glen in the late 60s....I was hooked.

I vividly remember the first time I saw and HEARD a 911, it was the summer of 1967 when one drove past our house. The sound of that engine at over 5000 RPM seared into my brain and I knew instantly that some day I had to drive a car like that.

Horizons: What do you love most about Porsche cars?

JB: I like the design and engineering - these were never the cars with the biggest engine or horsepower, but due to their light weight and exceptional handling they won races! My '66 is 52 years old, I never think twice about going on a 100 mile back road drive and worry about it breaking down, something I would never do in my '64 Corvette.

Horizons: Can you tell us about the other cars you own?

JB: I am blessed to own three other Porsches - a 1999 Boxster, 1987 911 Targa and a 2009 Carrera S, in addition to two Corvettes (1960 and 1964). My favorite is the '66 911. It seems I never sell my cars as I get too attached to them - I just keep building a bigger garage.

Horizons: Was there a Porsche that got away?

JB: In 1978, a college friend's father was selling his 1967 S Targa soft window that he had owned since new. It was perfect, low miles and no rust. It was offered to me for \$2000, but I





was in graduate school and didn't have the space or extra cash. That car today would be worth over \$225,000. Oh well.

Horizons: What is your dream Porsche to own?

JB: 1958 Speedster or a 1973 911 Carrera RS 2.7 Touring

Horizons: What is your favorite Porsche or PCA related memory?

JB: As a college graduation present for my son, we went to Germany and rented a 911 S from Fast Lane Travel. We toured every significant factory and museum of Porsche, Mercedes, Audi and BMW and drove the Autobahn for a week - we joined the 150 mph club (240 kph)!

Horizons: Do you participate in autocross, DE events, club racing or track days?

JB: I participate in DE events and track days when possible with my Boxster and Carrera S

Horizons: Has your car won other concours events?

JB: Yes, I've won multiple times for best of show and people's choice.



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HCR MEMBER PARTY

STORY & PHOTOS
BY JONATHAN HAGGAR



The annual Hill Country Region Member Party took place on Saturday, April 28. Guests were once again hosted by Jeff Mosing of Mosing Motorcars and Petrol Lounge Managing Partners Jack McCauley and Randy Whitten. Petrol Lounge is a special venue for any car lover, and the event enjoyed a capacity crowd, with tables decked in black, red and gold tablecloths and situated among the resident cars.

Ryan Langston, President of Austin Interiors, along with his wife Brenda and Shop Manager Clayton Cramer, provided dinner featuring tasty Brotherton's Black Iron Barbecue fare which was enjoyed amid beer, wine and other beverages. There was time for conversation and impromptu tours around the facility to view the varied cars on hand. Perhaps the

most unique Porsche was a silver example of the rare 959 supercar – regarded as the most technically advanced road car at the time of its 1986 introduction.

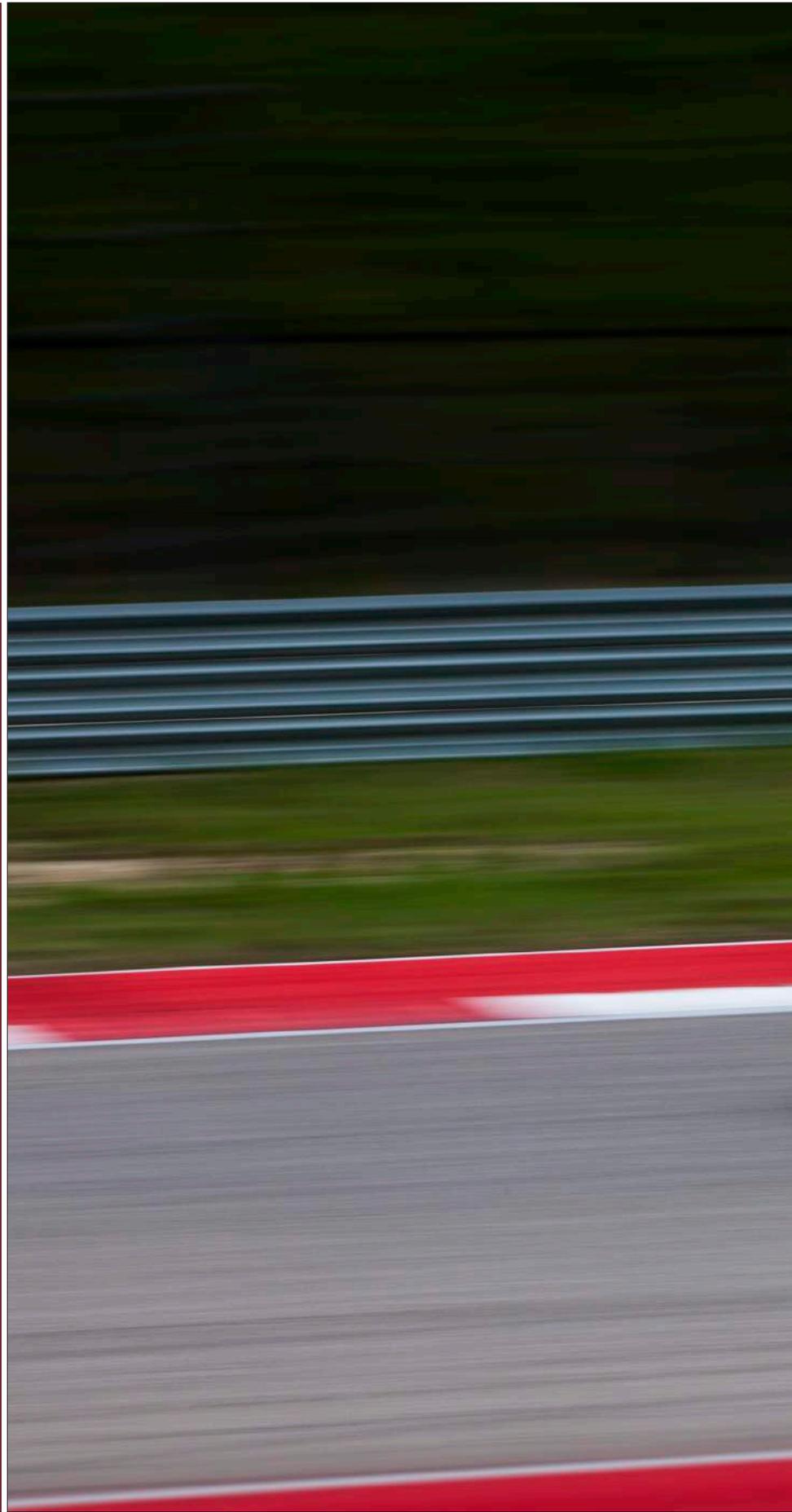
A raffle marked the highlight of the evening, where each guest had a chance to win Porsche swag, signed prints, a Porsche varsity jacket, tickets to FIA World Rallycross and the grand prize of two tickets to the upcoming United States Grand Prix. Mason Smotherton from Circuit of the Americas was on hand to announce the ticket winners.

The party provided a great opportunity to meet members, and connect with friends. Many thanks go out to Social Chair John Konakci for creating an enjoyable and memorable event in a special setting.





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CARRERA
OF THE AMERICAS:
CLUB RACE & DE

STORY BY TRACEY GROSS
AND PHOTOS BY JONATHAN HAGGAR





There's always a bit of excitement in the air each Spring when those of us involved in the Driver's Education (DE) realm of HCR gear up for our annual Carrera of the Americas Club Race and DE. This past March was no different.

For the 6th year in a row, the Hill Country, Lone Star and Maverick Regions of PCA teamed together to organize and sponsor this event. We had PCA members from around the country who signed up to participate in what was sure to be on their bucket-list: a chance to drive on the only Formula One circuit in the United States: Circuit of the Americas (COTA).

We had over 130 PCA Club Racers who vied for top positions in their respective classes. The event also included just over 100 DE participants who had an awesome weekend learning new skills with High Speed Performance Driver's Education.

For those who weren't driving and directly participating, we still offered an opportunity for them to actually drive their own car on the F1 track. During the weekend, we offered Parade Laps which supported our selected Region's charities. They came out to COTA, made a donation, and lined up for three lead-follow laps around the track. Of course, these aren't at top speed, but it still gave drivers an up-close view of the challenges that the DE and CR Driver's face.

Many thanks to our Club Race Co-Chairs: Michael Stein and Andrew Seifert and to our DE Chair, David Gross, for putting together a phenomenal event.

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AUTOCROSS OPTIONS IN CENTRAL TEXAS

BY JON HORNADAY

Although HCR currently does not offer an autocross program, these fun, relatively lower-key competitive events are available from both the nearby Longhorn Region as well as the Austin-based Texas Spokes Sports Car Club.

If you're not familiar with an autocross, it is usually held on a large parking lot, with a course laid out with pylons, and basically resembles a small road course. A slalom is almost always included. Handling and driving skills are bigger factors than outright speed, but it is far from a "slow-poke" event. Always a popular event at PCA Parade, it's a great way to improve your driving skills.

Each run is timed, with multiple runs, with only the best time used to determine the winner in each class. Cars must pass a basic safety inspection on-site, and helmets are required but loaner helmets are typically available for those not having their own.

Longhorn Region (San Antonio area) has two autocrosses remaining this year: October 6 at the Retama Park parking lot, and December 1 at Fiesta Texas. Six runs are planned (one practice and five timed), and instructors are available upon request. For more information and to register, contact Ron McAtee at rmcatee@satx.rr.com.

Longhorn Region also has Track Days at the Harris Hill Road track near Kyle, with two remaining this year: Sept. 22 and Nov. 17. These are not DEs, and are described as fun but lower key opportunities to drive your Porsche on a race course. Ron McAtee is the contact for more information on these events as well. They are limited to 24 entrants and usually sell out quickly.

For serious autocross competition, Texas Spokes Sports Car Club is the place to go. Multiple classes are available, including Novice and Street Tire, and competitors range from daily drivers to all-out race cars. Total entries usually are 100 or more. Spokes also has loaner helmets available.

There is an event each month, mostly outside of San Antonio and a few at the COTA parking lot H. Remaining dates for this year are June 9, June 23, July 22 (COTA), August 11 and 25, Sept. 22 (COTA), and Oct. 28, and Nov. 18.

For information, go to the Spokes website at Spokes.org. Check out the Newcomer Guide, where there is a video of the SCCA national autocross finals from last year. If you haven't tried autocross, do it. Or just go to watch one and see what it's all about. But just like DEs, it is far more fun to do than to watch.

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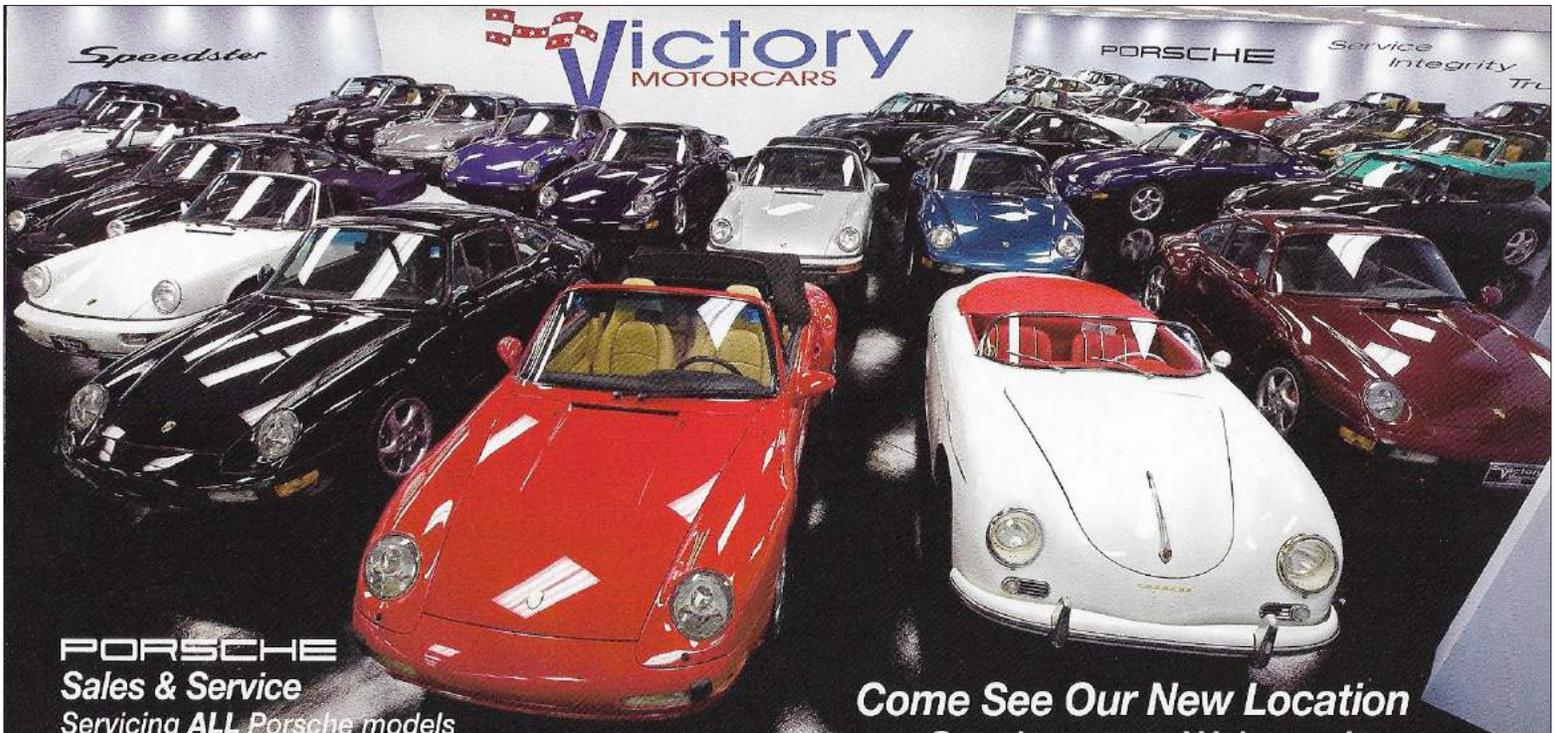


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ZONE 5 PRESIDENT'S MEETING

BY TUFFY VON BRIESEN

Before we get started, you might ask: what exactly is Zone 5? This is one of 13 geographic PCA Zones in the United States and Canada. Zone 5, which includes Hill Country Region, includes most of Texas and Oklahoma, and all of Louisiana and Arkansas.

You might also ask: what is a Zone Representative and what does he or she do? The PCA National Bylaws state the Zone Reps are "responsible for the welfare and progress of the Regions within their zones." Zone Reps are appointed by the PCA Executive Council with the consent of the Presidents within their respective Zone. Zone Reps facilitate communication between the Regions and PCA National, and the PCA Executive Council. They have no role in the operation or management of the Regions. Zone Reps are also responsible for facilitating and fostering communication among the Regions in their respective Zone. From that comes the requirement for a minimum of one Zone 5 President's meeting per year.

In adhering to that protocol, Zone 5 Representative Jon Jones, hosted the Zone 5 President's Meeting Saturday February 17 in Little Rock, AR. Hill Country Region (HCR) Vice President John Boutsikaris and I represented HCR at the meeting.

The Zone 5 President's meeting agenda includes topics of interest to the Regions and PCA National, updates by National Staff of various programs and policies, and updates

by the Region Presidents about activities within their Regions.

The first topic for our meeting this year was Insurance and risk management, presented by Ken Laborde, PCA General Counsel and National Insurance Chair. Ken shared with us that PCA carries event liability insurance with limits of \$10,000,000 intended to protect PCA from bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, or advertising claims arising out of a covered incident at a PCA moving car or non-moving car event. PCA has procured insurance for the Club and all its members, whether just members or serving as Board members or Officers (both National and Regional), as instructors, or in any other capacity.

All members are insured for liability arising out of Club functions. But Regions must do their part to obtain Certificates of Insurance as required and ensure waivers are properly completed to make sure coverage is in effect at each applicable event. He reminded us that there are some activities that do not fall under our National insurance guidelines and are not covered under the event liability insurance. Those activities include karting of any type, drones of any type at any time, bounce houses, carnival rides, thrill rides, fireworks, drifting and hill climbs. He stressed that safety and risk management are the responsibility of every PCA member, not just the Region President, the Event Chair, the Safety Chair, or other Region or Zone officials. All of us

must do our part.

Greg Halverson, PCA National Driving Tour Chair discussed the new PCA Minimum Driving Tour Standards. These include requirements for specific designated tour roles such as Tour Leader and Sweeper; insurance waivers, safety briefings and post-event reporting. He said the purpose of these Standards is to provide each Region with a consistent foundation on which to build their own Region Driving Tour program. The PCA Standards were designed to be minimal in nature, so any Region can have more stringent or detailed rules.

He also stressed that any Region conducting a driving tour must meet all the Minimum Driving Tour Standards.

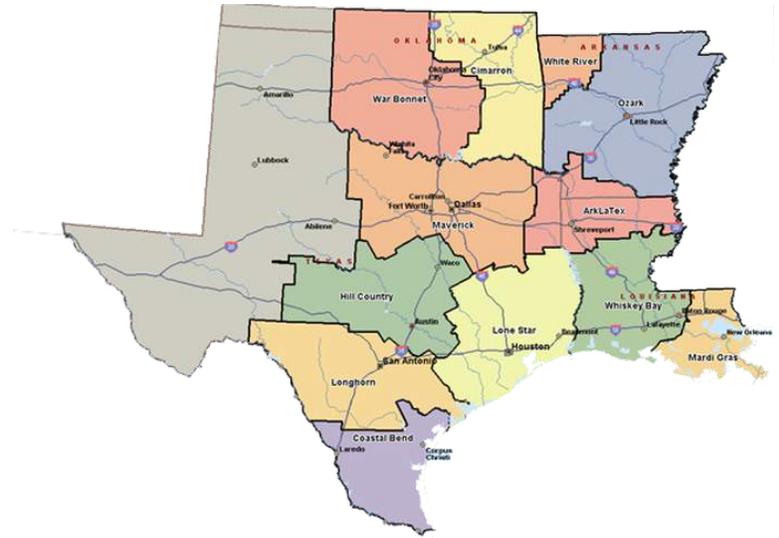
The last topic was a presentation by Maggie Garnett, PCA Social Media Chair. She said that over the last ten years social media has become more and more important to both PCA National and the PCA Regions. PCA should use social media to communicate information about activities to members and foster friendly interaction among Region members. She said the Regions must follow guidelines that are meant to keep discussions from becoming adversarial and to avoid creating libelous and liability related issues from arising.

Regions must monitor their web sites and social media platforms frequently since anything posted on social media

becomes part of the public domain. She said any Region that uses social media should appoint a Social Media Chair. HCR has complied, and Jen Andersen is our Social Media Chair. PCA has developed and recommends that each region create their own "Region Social Media Policy."

All in all, it was a great opportunity to meet with Region leaders from throughout the Zone, especially the Presidents from Lone Star, Maverick and Longhorn Regions since they are adjacent to us. These three Regions and HCR have a close working relationship. We coordinate and host several events with Lone Star and Maverick. Our mutual goal is to increase the number of events we enjoy together

For more information about any of the above topics, please go to the PCA Website and access the Region Program Manual located under Forms and Documents.



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HILL COUNTRY REGION INITIATIVES

Your Hill Country Region Board of Directors has identified three important initiatives to continue to improve operations and service to our membership. These projects are well underway, with completion expected during the upcoming Summer months.

Strategic Planning Committee

Serving our Membership for Years to Come

The HCR Board of Directors have undertaken the responsibility to update our Strategic Plan with a view towards the next 3-5 years. Our HCR Region membership has grown dramatically in the last 3 years, and this is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. To that end, the Board is proactively addressing this growth through the Strategic Planning Committee.

Our Mission for this Strategic Planning Process is to Engage, Satisfy, and Grow the Hill Country Region membership such that the greatest numbers of PCA members are happily participating in HCR events of their choosing, and potential eligible members see value in joining HCR.

The Committee consists of [alphabetically] John Boutsikaris, James Dilling, Gordie Robbins, Jeff Moore, and Rob Price. The team has been tasked with defining the Strategic Plan that will proactively guide the HCR Region into the future, and ensure that we are planning for and implementing events that engage our members. A key part of this process is to solicit the feedback and views of the membership. The recent SurveyMonkey is a portion of that feedback. The team is also proposing updates to the Region's Bylaws.

The Committee is scheduled to present its findings and recommendations to the Board at the July Board Meeting, after which a finalized version will be presented to the Region membership as a whole.

HCR Region History Archive

Documenting our Region's History

Records of Hill Country Region's 40-year history are scant, so we're working to research and document that history. Jonathan Haggar, Jon Hornaday and Gordie Robbins have been connecting with members involved in years past as well as paging through Horizons back issues and early Region formation documents.

We intend to make the archive accessible from our region's new website and continue to update it as we move forward. We're also looking for a volunteer to fill the new role of Region Historian. This individual would be responsible for maintaining, updating and building on the historical archive going forward.

We'd love to hear from anyone with knowledge of region officers, notable events, membership numbers or key milestones prior to the year 2000. Please contact Jonathan, Jon or Gordie if you have something to contribute or know someone who does.

HCR Website Redesign

A Fresh Look and Greater Functionality

The Hill Country Region Website Redesign Project started in January 2018. The current time line is to have an initial (proposed) website available for review by the June Board meeting. We will solicit feedback and make additional changes prior to a target deployment in July 2018.

John Deviney is leading the project with assistance from Mary Ann Cooper, Satya Miller, Alex Suarez and Heide Osborn.

Goals for this project include the following:

1. *Design a new website that is aesthetically pleasing while providing up to date content and club event information to members.*
2. *Select a new technical platform that is affordable and maintainable by non-technical people.*
3. *Implement an easy process to keep the website up to date with interesting content, club activities and event information.*

The website redesign process includes the following:

1. *Technical platform review and selection.*
2. *Review of similar projects and websites from other PCA regions.*
3. *Review of the PCA National Website Contest Guidelines.*
4. *Requirements definition and review with Board of Directors*
5. *New website implementation.*
6. *Review initial website with Board and solicit feedback.*
7. *Incorporate changes and deploy to the public.*

The web team looks forward to providing members with a new website that looks great, is easy to navigate and gives members access to up to date content and event information.

HILL COUNTRY REGION FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2017

Our Hill Country Region Treasurer, Bruce Harris, has completed the 2017 annual financial reports. These include Profit & Loss Statements for each HCR account, bank statements, and a detailed transaction register for income and expenses for 2017. The HCR internal audit committee has reviewed these documents in accordance with PCA requirements. Presented below is the summary of the P&L statement:

Profit and Loss Standard | January through December 2017 Ordinary Income/Expenses

Income

Admin Income	137.96
Advertising Income	7,365.50
Charity Donations	1,334.25
Rebates	17,175.70
Social Income	15,796.47
Sponsorship	500.00
Track Income	99,206.75
Treffen Income	7,152.96

Total Income **148,669.59**

Expenses

Administration	4,782.60
Charity Expense	3,355.92
Holiday Party 2017	18,381.93
Nametags	2,398.38
Supplies	730.77
Tech Sessions	1,335.85
Track Events	68,966.20
Social	19,165.86
Newsletter	22,459.94
Storage	1,730.28
Treffen	7,137.19
Website	457.90

Total Expenses **150,902.82**

Net Income **-2,233.23**

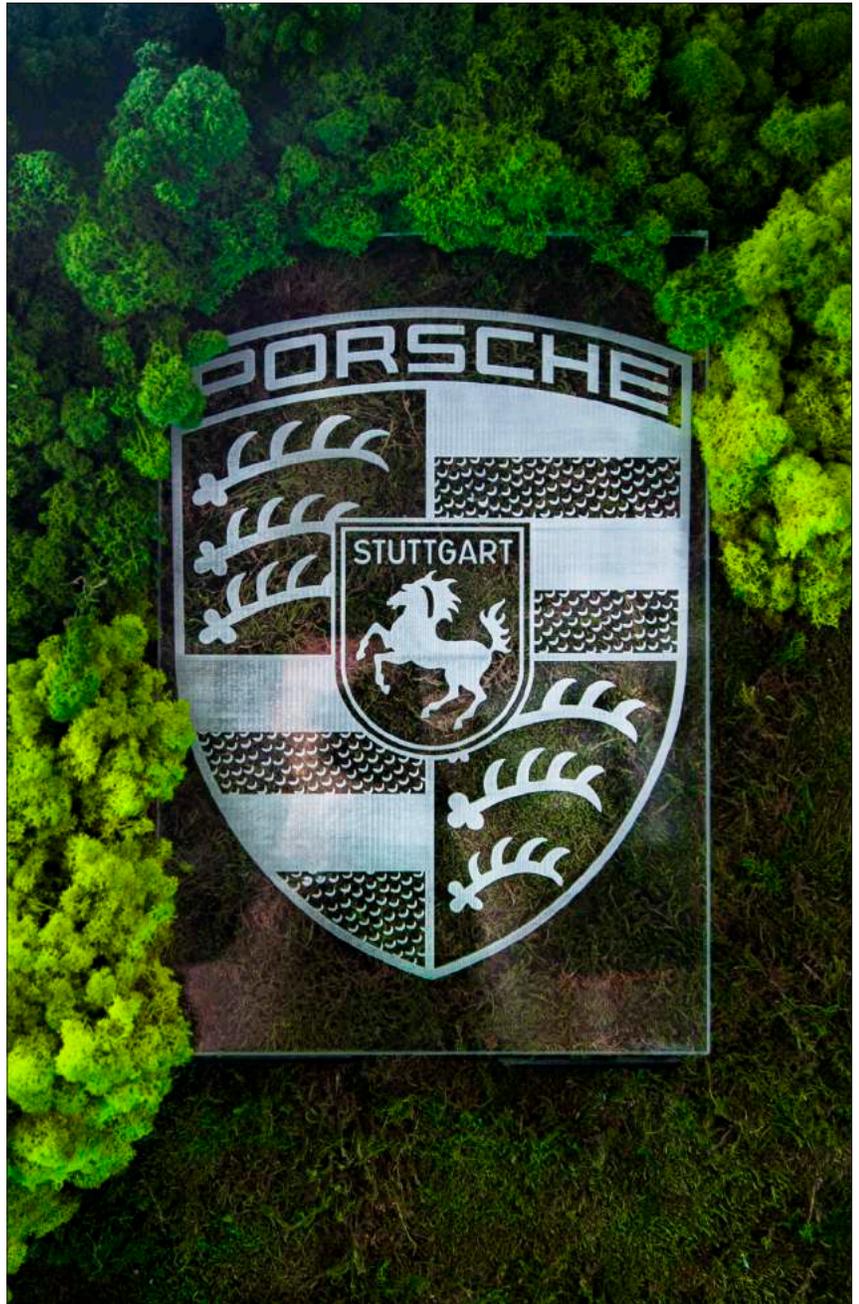


PANAMERA LAUNCH EVENT

STORY & PHOTOS
BY JONATHAN HAGGAR

Porsche Austin held a special event to celebrate the launch of the new Panamera Sport Turismo and E-Hybrid models on April 18th. An example of each model was available and afforded guests the opportunity to explore and ask questions while enjoying food and drinks.

Also on display was a piece of artwork created for the Garden City Mega City exhibit at Austin Public Library in February. The exhibit was put on by WOHA, a



Singapore based architectural practice, to demonstrate the architecture and engineering of a more green future.

The piece is comprised of preserved moss on canvas with an acrylic Porsche shield. Creators Eastan Croson and Malee Hughes of Porsche Austin found that WOHA's architecture mirrors the principles and caliber of design consistent with Porsche's values for the Mission E

electric concept car: lightness, openness, purism, clear architecture, forward thinking and everyday usability.

In celebration of Porsche's 70th Anniversary, Porsche Austin is planning a Sportscar Together Day with food, drinks, live music and Porsche cars. The location is yet to be confirmed, but make sure to save the date.

LOCAL RACING NEWS: PWC PARTY AT MOORESPEED



David Moore of Moorespeed once again threw a fantastic welcome party on March 22 ahead of the Pirelli World Challenge. The race weekend saw Moorespeed driver Will Hardeman compete in the Radical Cup North America series at Circuit of the Americas, and score a second place in Race 1 and victory in Race 3!





ZONE 5 REPRESENTATIVE'S MESSAGE

BY JON JONES

As a 14-year member of PCA, I have never attended Parade as a member. I was at Spokane last year as the Zone 5 Representative, but I had no car having flown in for the Board Meeting and didn't stay until the end. This year will be the first year I will attend from start to finish, accompanied by my lovely wife Joy – her first Parade, too.

Why? As I have noted previously, Parade was not the primary reason we joined PCA. We were mostly focused on technical information and contacts within the club to expand our knowledge of all things Porsche. We are both racing enthusiasts, and have been focused on Porsche's racing exploits since the '70s when we courted.

Many days at Lime Rock, where we grew up, were spent watching the Greggs, Holberts, and Keyzers of the Porsche world triumph over all comers. The history of Porsche in motorsport is truly legend, and we are thrilled to be part of it through PCA, if only in a miniscule way.

This year we decided to go all-in and experience our first Parade, mostly because it is in our backyard. Osage Beach, MO, is close by and the Tan-Tar-A resort looks great. We registered early (#53!), and we began thinking about what we wanted to do

event-wise. I plan on driving my '79 911 which is in pretty good shape, but at 39 years old you never know. So we decided to take it easy on the old girl, and focus more on volunteering to help make the Parade experience better for everyone. So far, we have signed up to volunteer for the Rally, Concours, and Autocross. We both enjoy the volunteer experience and are looking forward to meeting new PCA friends.

While volunteering is important to us, I could not resist the opportunity to enter the 911 in the Concours. I have no illusions about the condition it is in, but I wanted to have the one-time experience of preparation, presentation, and judging. As with most Porsche owners, I love my car and want other people to love it, too. We'll see what the judges think.

We found the registration process easy. I've heard there have been some problems in the past, but we had an easy time. We selected the dinners we wanted, the activities, and the volunteer opportunities in a simple, straightforward way.

One thing we were cautioned about from veteran Parade-goers was not to overload ourselves. As we found out with the registration process, Parade offers so many

activities, options and events that it is easy to get carried away with fun things to do. Since Parade is also our summer vacation this year, we tried to pick one or two activities per day and allow for some down time to just enjoy the resort.

On the Zone front, we will host a Zone 5 party for all of the many Zone 5 people attending Parade. I will send out a separate email to the Region Presidents soon, but it will be at 4:30 on Sunday, July 8th, in the Grand Foyer of the Wingate Plaza. We'll offer light snacks (the Welcome Dinner follows), and a cash bar. We hope you will join us and your fellow Zone 5 PCA members.

One other note - if you are looking for information from PCA, the website pca.org is a great resource. There are links to almost every topic, and HQ continues to work on upgrades to make it easier to use.

If you do need to call PCA Headquarters, remember that the wonderful staff is there to help you, but not necessarily to listen to you vent. If you have a problem, please start with your Region President and then me. I can be reached at 918 740-7951 or jonesjon843@gmail.com.

See you at Parade!

SURVEYMONKEY RAFFLE WINNERS!

Our thanks to all of our Members who took the time to answer the SurveyMonkey questionnaire last month.

Your participation and feedback are very appreciated and important, and will help guide the direction and activities of HCR as we move forward.

As promised, we have raffled off a number of prizes, and the winners and gifts, are listed below.

Please contact John Boutsikaris at vp@hcrpca.org so that we can close the loop and make sure that you receive your gift.

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TECH SESSION AT WERKS11

STORY & PHOTOS
BY JONATHAN HAGGAR



On a rainy February 24th, many members traveled well north of Austin for an informative technical session to learn about the process of restoring a Porsche.

Region technical chair Winslow Mankin arranged the session with vintage Porsche specialist Julian Avent, owner of Werks 11, located in Temple, Texas. Avent's staff includes air-cooled specialist Jason Carr, and transaxle expert Cale Baharovich. Werks 11 does OEM and modified builds with nearly all work performed in-house.

Avent began building cars at age 17 and has been doing Porsche maintenance and restoration for over 20 years. He spoke about car selection, shop selection, planning and execution to over 50 members - including a few from neighboring Maverick Region.

When selecting a car, a bare body shell is least expensive to purchase but costs add up with many parts to buy. Complete cars cost the most, require more teardown and often harbor hidden issues. Avent prefers something in the middle.

While a Porsche specialist will charge more per hour than a general restorer, experience should make them more efficient and able to perform work correctly the first time. A specialist may also have hard-to-find parts on hand.

Avent advocates building a relationship with your restorer and spending time planning and defining your end car. This sets realistic expectations, minimizes over-runs and helps inform car selection.

The session was held in the middle of Werks 11's large shop where guests were surrounded by several vintage cars. These included a factory race inspired 1969 912 with 2.7-liter engine upgrade, an OEM 1967 911 Targa and a 1978 911 SC 3.0 built for both street and track use.

The venue and technical content provided an excellent learning opportunity with very positive member feedback.





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WHEEL CLEANING

BY VIPUL DARJI



Cleaning your wheels and tires should be a regular part of your vehicle's appearance maintenance program. A proper cleaning program is vital for your vehicle because it prevents long-term damage to your wheels and tires, maintains overall appearance and value of your Porsche, and contributes to maximum performance while driving. In this tech tip article, we'll review what contributes to dirty wheels, the right tools and chemicals that you'll need, and the process that will give you the best results every time.

DIRTY WHEELS

Brake dust, road grime, dirty surface water, and a host of other road surface contaminants will all make their way onto the surface of your wheels and tires over time. Among these, brake dust is one of the more caustic agents that will dirty and damage your wheels. A good cleaning regimen will help to prevent brake dust buildup, which can stain or damage your wheels and tires. This buildup can also contribute to decreased brake performance and excessive heat produced during hard driving.

Brake dust is made of adhesive and carbon fibers that come off the brake pad and tiny metal shavings from the rotor. The intense heat and friction

generated by the wheels makes this mixture highly corrosive. Because you probably drive every day, more brake dust is constantly being made. It penetrates clear coat quite easily and leaves wheels looking speckled with black spots where the brake dust has pitted the finish. Additionally, chrome is soft. Brake dust can penetrate and pit chrome wheels in no time. Frequent cleaning is the only way to keep your wheels safe.

KNOW YOUR WHEEL TYPE

The first thing that you will need to do is know what kind of wheels you have on your vehicle. There are many different metal and finish combinations available and your cleaning technique and materials should be tailored to fit your specific application.

Chrome

Chrome wheels are among the most popular aftermarket additions people make to their vehicles. Chrome is a very soft metal. It's used to coat other metals because of its beautiful finish. But you'll never see anything made entirely of chromium because it just wouldn't hold up well. However, because chrome is relatively soft, it responds very well to polishing. Your elbow grease will be rewarded with incredibly shiny, reflective chrome wheels (or exhaust tips, trim, and

any other chrome surface).

Metal Alloys

Alloy wheels are the most common type of wheels on the road today. Most vehicles coming off the assembly line have clear coated alloy wheels, but many drivers enhance their vehicles with aftermarket polished alloy wheels. So, while the wheels may be aluminum alloy, the finish on top is what you should consider when choosing a wheel cleaner.

CHOOSING A CLEANING AGENT

Choose a cleaner that is appropriate for the type of wheels you have. Roughcast aluminum and chrome can withstand stronger cleaners than coated, painted, or anodized wheels. The cleaner will say what it is suited for on the label. If you are not sure what kind of wheels you have, use a cleaner that is safe for all wheels. However, for best results you should use a cleaner that is specific to your wheel type. Most auto supply stores sell multiple types of cleaning agents for you to choose from. You might also consider a separate cleaner for your tires instead of an "all in one" solution.

Also, keep in mind that you can order from online supply stores that outfit detailing shops, such as Detail King or Chemical Guys,

and others. Often, there is an advantage in purchasing from these online retailers in price per volume, and range of what they can offer. Be on the lookout for wheel cleaning kit deals that will sell brushes and sponges along with the cleaning agents.

If your wheels have not been cleaned in a long time or there is severe caking of brake dust or other oils/road grime, you might need to consider a stronger cleaning solution with a light acidic level. Don't be intimidated by these options, follow the instructions carefully and you should have good results. NOTE: for any solutions of this kind, wear a chemical resistant glove during usage. Brown tires are all too common, especially when caustic degreasers have been used to clean them in the past, or if they've never been protected with a tire gel - so don't use this agent on your tires!

Tires contain antiozonants, rubber conditioners, and UV absorbers that help keep the tire flexible. The wrong cleaner will cause the antiozonants, rubber conditioners, and UV absorbers to leach out of the tire, resulting in browning, discoloration and cracking of the tire. If you see this happening consistently to your tires, you are using the wrong chemicals on them.

BRUSHES

There are a host of options for tire and wheel brushes out there. Basically, you want to look for a brush with feathered and softer bristles for the wheels. This will prevent scratching. I typically use three different types of brushes – one long and thin, a lug-nut brush, and one with shorter and wider bristles. The main consideration is to find the kinds that work best with your wheels, just ensure that they have soft bristles to avoid

scratches. It's always worth a little extra time and scrubbing to avoid causing scratches to your wheel surfaces. Tires, however, require a stiffer brush to really scrub the rubber. Don't be afraid to put a little effort into it, particularly if your tires have layers of old dressings on them. These layers will turn brown and make your tires look worn out if you don't remove them.

Also, don't forget to get a brush to clean the wheel well surfaces. These usually have very long handles and have stiff bristles to clean the well surfaces.

CLEANING YOUR WHEELS

When you wash your car, clean the wheels and tires first. This will prevent overspray or grime from splashing onto already-clean panels. Always clean your tires and wheels one at a time to prevent the cleaning agents from drying onto the surfaces.

1. Rinse wheels to remove loose dirt and brake dust. Use as strong a stream of water as possible. If using a pressure washer, be very careful to use the most diffuse nozzle. The water pressure will already be very strong, and a highly concentrated water stream from a higher focus nozzle that is held too close to the wheel, can strip away the coating or chrome layer.

2. Clean the tires first. Apply the appropriate cleaning agent and scrub with your tire brush. Rinse and repeat if necessary.

3. Apply the cleaning agent to the wheels according to the directions provided. Use your soft bristled wheel brush(es) to agitate the wheel. Reach through spokes to clean each wheel front to back. Don't forget the lug nuts. Brake dust hides wherever it can. Use a lug nut brush to clean around

the lug nuts and inside the lug nut holes. While you're working with the brushes, the wheel should remain wet. The water and wheel cleaner help loosen grime, but they also lubricate the wheel surface to prevent scratching. You never want to let a wheel cleaner dry on the wheel because it will spot the finish. Rinse and repeat if necessary.

4. Clean the wheel wells, a.k.a. fender wells. A lot of dirt and mud is kicked up in the wheel wells as the tires roll. You might need something a bit stronger than what you used on the wheels. Spray the wheel well generously with an all-purpose wheel cleaner. Do not use your soft wheel brush on the wheel wells. Likewise, do not use the wheel well brush on the wheel itself. Think soft and gentle for wheels, strong and sturdy for wheel wells.

5. Do a final rinse of the wheel and wheel well, including the lug nut holes and between the spokes. Move onto the next wheel until you complete all of them.

6. Dry each wheel. I prefer to do this immediately after the final rinse of the wheel before moving onto the next one to avoid water spots. Use microfiber towels, changing surface often and changing to a new towel as needed when moisture starts to build up in one. To avoid cross-contamination, use this towel only on wheels and wash it separately from your other microfiber towels.

POST CLEANING STEPS

These steps are optional or mandatory depending on whom you ask. You will need to perform the one appropriate to your type of wheel.

Clay Clear Coated Wheels
Detailing clay is a fantastic

tool for removing embedded contamination from wheels. There are products that make a clay specific for wheel detailing. Always use wheel detailing clay after cleaning the wheel but before polishing or waxing.

Wheel Polishing

You should pick the wheel polish based on what's on the surface of the wheel. If your wheels are metal alloy with a clear coat, use a clear coat-safe polish. A clear coated wheel requires a less aggressive polish than a bare aluminum alloy wheel. The clear coat on the wheels will respond to a paint polish just like the clear coat on the auto body. (Even so, do not use applicators and tools on the auto body that have been used on the wheels. You do not want to transfer brake dust to the body paint!) For the best results, apply wheel polishes to the wheels with a polishing tool.

Wax Clear Coated Wheels

Once your wheels are clean and dry, apply a quality wheel protectant like a glaze or wheel wax to seal the wheel surface. These products work just like car wax. Apply them to each wheel with an applicator pad and then buff the wheel. They keep your wheels looking shiny, and they prevent brake dust adhesion so your wheels look cleaner longer. You should reapply these products weekly, but it's better than scrubbing your wheels every few days. The good news is, if you use a wheel wax as recommended, water is often the only thing you need to clean your wheels between waxing.

THE FINAL TOUCHES

Choose your tire dressing carefully. Old-fashioned tire dressings contain silicone, which produces a glossy shine, but it turns your tires brown over time. In fact, shiny silicone

tire dressings can attract dirt. These dressings deplete the rubber's plasticizers faster, causing it to age prematurely. Newer formulas are water-based and less shiny, but less shiny is the concourse look you want. These dressings create the look of new tires with a semi-gloss sheen that doesn't turn brown. You can often layer water-based dressings to get a glossier shine.

Follow the directions on the label carefully. Always apply thin coats and allow drying time before you drive your vehicle. Even the best dressing will sling off if it's on too thick or it doesn't have time to dry. Avoid pooling of the dressing around raised letters and white walls.

Finally, here are some pro tips and preliminary items to keep in mind when cleaning your wheels and tires:

- Prepare your workspace: have all your hoses, cleaning tools, chemicals, waxes, and other items ready and within reach before you start to ensure a smooth and consistent process.

- Don't clean wheels when they are hot: the ideal time is first thing in the day before the car has been driven. Hot wheels will potentially burn your hands, and cause chemical scarring of the wheel surfaces when substances are applied. Spraying down hot wheels with water temporarily cools some of the surface areas and will not ensure an even and consistent cleaning process.

- Get comfortable: a small chair with wheels or an upside-down empty bucket are great back saving tools to have on hand.

- Invest in the proper cleaning tools: having the appropriate combination of brushes, sponges, scrubbers, etc. is an investment

that pays for itself quickly. Proper brushes will save your hands and fingers and ensure that you can reach into all those hard to reach spots. Sponges and brushes that are surface appropriate ensure that you won't inadvertently damage your wheel's surface with micro-scratches and enables a thorough and proper application of the cleaning agents.

- Use gloves: they will help protect your hands from the harsh chemical agents and dirt that you will be exposing them to. Any good vinyl or latex glove will work fine, shop gloves are okay too.

- When cleaning your wheels, take some time to notice/measure the overall condition of your tires, tread depth, and tire pressure.

- Develop a routine: get into a routine that you follow consistently to ensure that you cover all the steps for each wheel and are consistent every time.

- Clean your tires before you clean your wheels. Cleaning your tires after your wheels can result in water spots and grime on your wheels as well as undesirable results.

Good luck and keep those wheels looking sharp this driving season!



HILL COUNTRY REGION CALENDAR

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					JUN 2018 SCHNELL FEST DE @ C.O.T.A.	2 SCHNELL FEST DE @ C.O.T.A. HCR CARS & COFFEE @ 09:00
3 SCHNELL FEST DE @ C.O.T.A.	4	5 HCR BOARD MEETING @17:30	6	7	8	9 SPORTSCAR TOGETHER DAY - @ 10:00 - 13:00 BARTON CREEK MALL
10	11	12	13	14 LUNCH BUNCH @11:30	15	16 HCR TECH SESSION
17	18	19	20	21 SW HAPPY HOUR @17:30	22	23 HCR DRIVING TOUR #5
24 F1 WATCH PARTY @ 13:00	25	26	27	28 NC HAPPY HOUR @17:30	29	30
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