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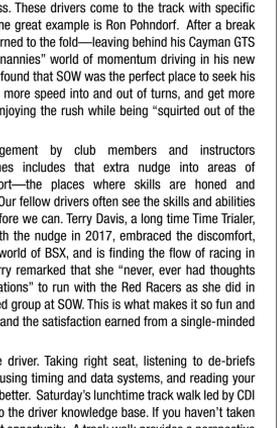
The Learning Never Stops

Our first article of the year, in our first Velocity of the year by **Rookie of the Year: Karen Robinson**

Energy and excitement filled the air like a mid-summer thunderstorm, but the weather was cool and clear, with just a slight breeze. What's up with that? It could mean only one thing: Porsche Owners Club members were on the loose for another year of learning and fun. POC's Season Opener at Streets of Willow Springs brings out at wide range of drivers from first timers to experienced racers, all with the same goals: learning and improving. And, having fun while we're at it.

As an added bonus, we were gifted with new, quite slippery asphalt. The Red Group, which included many seasoned racers, had the responsibility for marring the gleaming surface by laying down some rubber to enhance the grip. The morning temps were cold—in the 30s, and we wore tires and brains for the first session. It must have been the deft scouting out of trackside potholes. Let's just say, mistakes were made. Off road excursions were taken. Early candidates for this year's "John Deere Weed Harvesting Award" presented themselves for consideration and the weekend was off to a perfect start.

The Season Opener included the Club's first PDS-Performance Driver Series of the year and counted 34 participants, with over half of the group first-time-to-the-track drivers. Do you remember your first time on the track? I do, and still remember the intoxicating cocktail of excitement and fear that comes with the conflicting desires for speed and self-preservation. Most likely, I'll never forget the sweet satisfaction at the end of my first event when I looked back on how much I'd learned. This was the case for the new group of POC drivers who arrived ready to work with their instructors to learn about themselves and their machines on the highly technical, 1.8 mile SOW course. Build skills. Gain confidence. Have fun. Repeat. Adding to each driver's internal data base included classroom instruction by Don Matz. Off track sessions included an introduction to track terminology, flags, and protocols which builds a foundation in manageable bits, safety as the primary focus, and fun and improvement as the goals.



The excitement of the track is contagious. If you're reading this, it's probably too late for a vaccine. PDS included second generation drivers like Vanis Buckholz of "Two Tools Racing." No longer relegated to driving around the paddock, Vanis took to the circuit with instruction from his dad, Dave, and made impressive progress. Vanis shares his takeaways from the weekend, below, and they are an excellent reminder for all drivers that focusing on the fundamentals is important whether it is your first day on the track or your 100th.

Another first timer, Lee Perkins, came to the track with Steve Town who not only instructed, but loaned a car to him. Lee's many years of motorcycle racing served him well and he took to the track like a duck to water. Club member enthusiasm for the sport is infectious and it is not unusual to see friends introducing friends to the exhilarating world of motorsports. Every weekend should be a "Bring A Friend to the Track Day."

POC's racing pedigree means a focus on driver development. That next generation of racers has to come from somewhere. We aren't all born with the talent, but we can learn to drive better (and faster) with hard work and dedication. While not everyone aspires to race (or perhaps doesn't know they do...yet), the club provides an environment which allows each driver to progress at an individual pace and adjusts to different learning styles.

Time Trial drivers had a wide range of experience which was accommodated with two groups, including many very fast cars and open passing for those with solid track awareness. These drivers come to the track with specific goals for the weekend. One great example is Ron Pohndorf. After a break from driving, Ron has returned to the fold—leaving behind his Cayman GT3 PDK for the visceral, "no nannies" world of momentum driving in his new Gulf liveried BSR. With help from his coach, Ron found that SOW was the perfect place to seek his car's limits, play with the weight balance, carry more speed into and out of turns, and get more relaxed with the car—to the point of actually enjoying the rush while being "squirted out of the bowl and down the waterfall."



Encouragement by club members and instructors sometimes includes that extra nudge into areas of discomfort—the places where skills are honed and owned. Our fellow drivers often see the skills and abilities in us before we can. Terry Davis, a long time Time Trialer, went with the nudge in 2017, embraced the discomfort, left the world of BSX, and is finding the flow of racing in BSR. Terry remarked that she "never, ever had thoughts or aspirations" to run with the Red Racers as she did in the mixed group at SOW. This is what makes it so fun and brings us back: testing our limits, improvement, and the satisfaction earned from a single-minded focus.

Learning doesn't just happen when you're the driver. Taking right seat, listening to de-briefs between fellow drivers, classroom discussions, using timing and data systems, and reading your tires all give lessons and feedback that make us better. Saturday's luncheon track walk led by CDI Dwain Dement aimed to add more data points to the driver knowledge base. If you haven't taken part in a track walk, make sure you do at the next opportunity. A track walk provides a perspective that can only be gained at a 3 mph walking pace. You'll be amazed. Subtleties in elevation changes and camber, surface conditions, getting a bead on landmarks, and cueing a mark on the split-shiny resurfaced asphalt all help to keep our eyes up and better execute each turn.



The weekend's Red Group (a mix of Red and Orange Cup Racers) participated in a "fun race" on Saturday. The idea was to give a taste of the racing side of POC for new members and PDS participants. The start was a little ragged, but the race wasn't lacking for excitement. Despite the "fun" description, the green flag fell and the racers' competitive juices began to flow freely. With short straights, passing in the tight corners was an opportunity to take an advantage and excellent practice. There is no substitute for "seat time" and the valuable lessons gained. Ask any seasoned racer and you'll hear that the learning never stops.

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." — Henry Ford

Let's stay young.



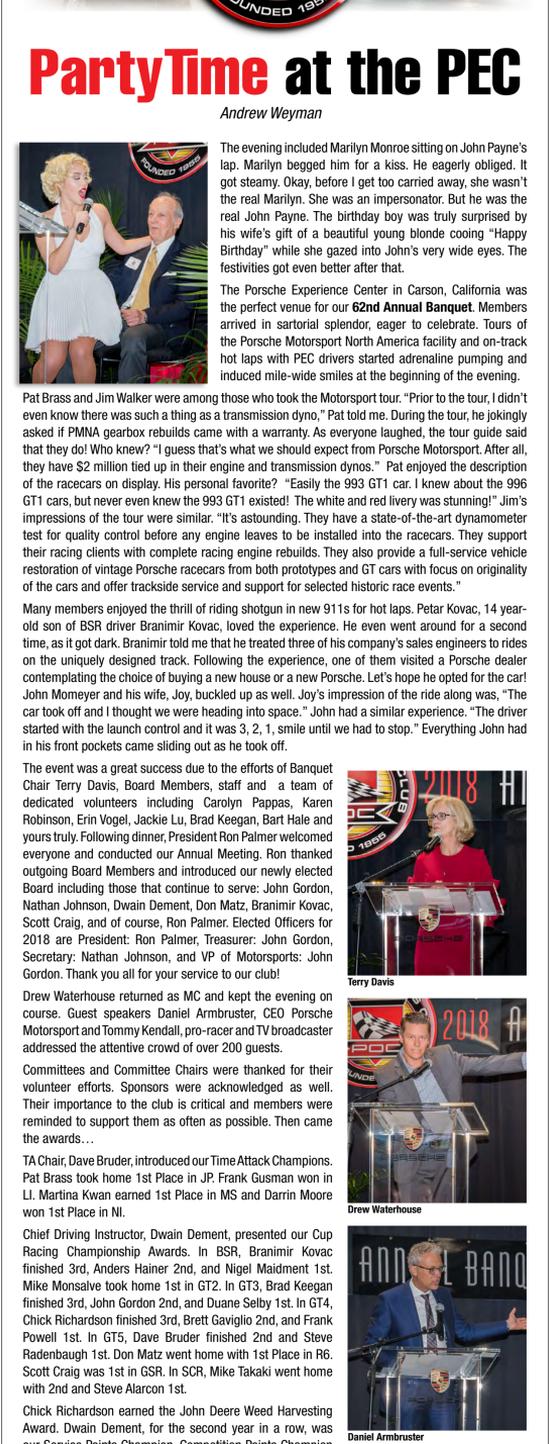
Gen2 Driver... Gen1 Boxster



My name is Vanis Buckholz and I have been coming to race tracks with my Dad and the POC since I was 7, about half of my life. There's nothing I love doing more. My first POC weekend of 2018 was extra awesome because it was my first time as a driver in PDS. Lucky for me I had a great instructor (my Dad!). He kept me really focused on the fundamentals. He kept saying "getting this right is all that matters." So, we concentrated on being aware at all times (using my mirrors), paying attention to the corner workers, conducting a proper pass and point-by, plus straight braking, hitting my turn-in, apex, and track-out points. The paddock experience is ALWAYS incredible for our team; we have a blast! But this weekend's on-track experience was a huge bonus. I was thrilled with how well my Boxster ran and can't wait until it's BSR transformation is complete. We'll be at WSIR in February and I'll be running in the PDS again. Our Team is "Two Tools Racing." My car is #262 and my Dad's is #263 (he has a 993 GT5). Our team has a pretty cool Facebook page that captures our entire ongoing story, please check it out. Looking ahead, my goal is to win POC "Rookie of the Year" someday. Until then, I just want to keep getting better and keep having fun!

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 - Highest Quality Rod Ends

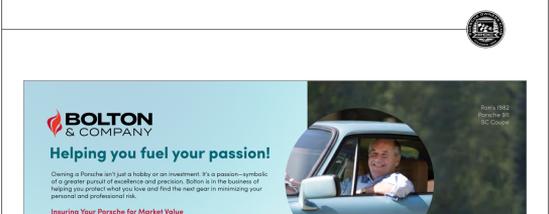


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Party Time at the PEC

Andrew Weyman

The evening included Marilyn Monroe sitting on John Payne's lap. Marilyn begged him for a kiss. He eagerly obliged. It got steamy. Okay, before I get too carried away, she wasn't the real Marilyn. She was an impersonator. But he was the real John Payne. The birthday boy was truly surprised by his wife's gift of a beautiful young blonde cooing "Happy Birthday" while she gazed into John's very wide eyes. The festivities got even better after that.

The Porsche Experience Center in Carson, California was the perfect venue for our 62nd Annual Banquet. Members arrived in sartorial splendor, eager to celebrate. Tours of the Porsche Motorsport North America facility and on-track hot laps with PEC drivers started adrenaline pumping and induced mile-wide smiles at the beginning of the evening.

Pat Brass and Jim Walker were among those who took the Motorsport tour. "Prior to the tour, I didn't even know there was such a thing as a transmission dyno," Pat told me. During the tour, he jokingly asked if PMNA gearbox rebuilds came with a warranty. As everyone laughed, the tour guide said that they do! Who knew? "I guess that's what we should expect from Porsche Motorsport. After all, they have \$2 million tied up in their engine and transmission dynos." Pat enjoyed the description of the racers on display. His personal favorite? "Easily the 993 GT1 car. I knew about the 996 GT1 cars, but never even knew the 993 GT1 existed!" The white and red liverly was stunning! "Jim's impressions of the tour were similar. "It's astounding. They have a state-of-the-art dynamometer test for quality control before any engine leaves to be installed into the racers. They support their racing clients with complete racing engine rebuilds. They also provide a full-service vehicle restoration of vintage Porsche racers from both prototypes and GT1 cars with focus on originality of the cars and offer trackside service and support for selected historic race events."

Many members enjoyed the thrill of riding shotgun in the new 911s for hot laps. Petar Kovac, 14-year-old son of BSR driver Branimir Kovac, lived the experience. He even went around for a second time, as it got dark. Branimir told me that he treated three of his company's sales engineers to rides on the uniquely designed track. Following the experience, one of them visited a Porsche dealer contemplating the choice of buying a new house or a new Porsche. Let's hope he opted for the car! John Motney and his wife, Joy, buckled up as well. Joy's impression of the ride along was, "The car took off and I thought we were heading into space." John had a similar experience. "The driver started with the launch control and it was 3, 2, 1, smile until we had to stop." Everything John had in his front pockets came sliding out as he took off.

The event was a great success due to the efforts of Banquet Chair Terry Davis, Board Members, staff and a team of dedicated volunteers including Carolyn Pappas, Karen Robinson, Erin Vogel, Jackie Lu, Brad Keegan, Bart Hale and yours truly. Following dinner, President Ron Palmer welcomed everyone and conducted our Annual Meeting. Ron thanked outgoing Board Members and introduced our newly elected Board including those that continue to serve: John Gordon, Nathan Johnson, Dwain Dement, Don Matz, Branimir Kovac, Scott Craig, and of course, Ron Palmer. Elected Officers for 2018 are President: Ron Palmer, Treasurer: John Gordon, Secretary: Nathan Johnson, and VP of Motorsports: John Gordon. Thank you all for your service to our club!

Drew Waterhouse returned as MC and kept the evening on course. Guest speakers Daniel Armbruster, CEO Porsche Motorsport and Tommy Kendall, pro-racer and TV broadcaster addressed the attentive crowd of over 200 guests.

Committees and Committee Chairs were thanked for their volunteer efforts. Sponsors were acknowledged as well. Their importance to the club is critical and members were reminded to support them as often as possible. Then came the awards...

TA Chair, Dave Bruder, introduced our Time Attack Champions. Pat Brass took home 1st Place in JP, Frank Gusman won in LI, Martina Kwan earned 1st Place in MS and Darrin Moore won 1st Place in NI.

Chief Driving Instructor, Dwain Dement, presented our Cup Racing Championship Awards. In BSR, Branimir Kovac finished 3rd, Anders Hainer 2nd, and Nigel Maidment 1st. Mike Monsalve took home 1st in GT2. In GT3, Brad Keegan finished 3rd, John Gordon 2nd, and Duane Selby 1st. In GT4, Chick Richardson finished 3rd, Brett Gaviglio 2nd, and Frank Powell 1st. In GT5, Dave Bruder finished 2nd and Steve Radenbaugh 1st. Don Matz went home with 1st Place in R6. Scott Craig was 1st in GSR. In SCR, Mike Takaki went home with 2nd and Steve Alanson 1st.

Chick Richardson earned the John Deere Weed Harvesting Award. Dwain Dement, for the second year in a row, was our Service Points Champion. Competition Points Champion Brad Keegan was awarded, once again, for accruing more Championship Points than any other member. The Most Improved Driver Award went to Malcolm Van Halen. Rookie of the Year, Karen Robinson, was shocked when her name was announced. The Joel Rattiff Memorial Spirit of the POC Award went to Andrew Dickson. The POC Member of the Year Award went home with John Payne. Nigel Maidment proudly carried the Bill Barteel Memorial Driver of the Year trophy home. A miniature trophy was presented to Branimir Kovac. He likes to refer to himself as the "People's Champion." His competitors thought it only proper that he be recognized as such. The trophy was so small it had to be viewed through a magnifying glass.

Raffle items included a beautiful Porsche Design 911 Sound Bar, gift bags from Hergesheimer Motorsports, and outstanding bottles of Cabernet from an anonymous collector. A spirited live auction rewarded members with Stand 21 gloves and shoes, as well as track time and instruction at Chuckwalla Valley Raceway. Stephan Alveo's newly released L'Adventure Rose and etched wine glasses graced the center of the dinner tables. The beautiful centerpieces were awarded to members based on fun, arbitrary criteria.

Many members carried home the hardcover Porsche Owners Club Year in Review 2017. It's a fantastic way to remember all the fun, competition and camaraderie that we enjoyed last year. If you didn't get yours, it's not too late. Copies are still available.

As the evening came to an end, members slowly made their way to the parking lot. The air filled with the sweet sounds of Porsche engines firing up. Volunteers stayed behind for a while to pack up and take a breath after a very fun celebration. I wonder what John Payne's wife will surprise him with next year...

More "Banquet" January 2018

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Accept this invitation to our Grand Opening on February 14th at 5:30pm and indulge in the beauty and power of the most iconic car on Earth. Enjoy complimentary gifts, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and curated collection of vintage models. Porsche Irvine has arrived, and it's time you meet.

We encourage everyone to attend the Grand Opening of our newest and very important Sponsor, Porsche Irvine.

This is going to be a big event with over 750 RSVPs already received, 150+ from POCers.

Join your friends and Hurley Hayward, Christina Nielsen, Jeff Zwart, Porsche Executives from Atlanta and Germany and other celebrities to celebrate the opening of what will be the largest Porsche dealership in the U.S.

There will be lots of food and beverage, live music, race cars from the Porsche Experience Center and POC, a raffle for all the ladies who attend and more! Yes, it's going to be on Valentine's Day but, it will be a great fun filled day to celebrate the evening. So, please bring your dearly beloved. And plan on spending some time enjoying the festivities and mingling with other Club members. We will have a great time!

If you have any questions, please direct them to John Payne, (Johninrsf@gmail.com).

But, RSVP now while you're thinking about it and Click on the graphic to the left!

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Check Us Out!

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