

EBR Newsletter



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President's Corner

It was great to watch endless winter sport competitions during the recent Winter Olympics in Italy.

This year's PCA Parade returns to Lake Placid to the two-time home of the Winter Olympics where PCA will host one of their finest week-long events, June 14-20, 2026. The small mountain town will be filled with all things Porsche with Porsche cars literally everywhere. At parade, you will see and meet some amazing people who all share a common love for Porsches. Events offered will include:

- Destination Drives, Driving Tours, Rallies
- Art Shows, Sim Racing, RC Cars, Concours d'Elegance, Autocross, Tech Quiz, Tech Tactics
- Golf Outing, Ice Cream Social, Vendor Booths, and more

There is something for everyone, young and old!

If the Porsche related events don't excite you, maybe one of the tours through the Lake Placid Olympic venues will or sign up to participate in Curling lessons!

If you have never attended a PCA Parade, I would recommend signing up for as many days as fits your schedule. There is no requirement to sign up for a full week.

Hope to see you there,
Bruce Delagrang
EBR President

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The One That Got Away

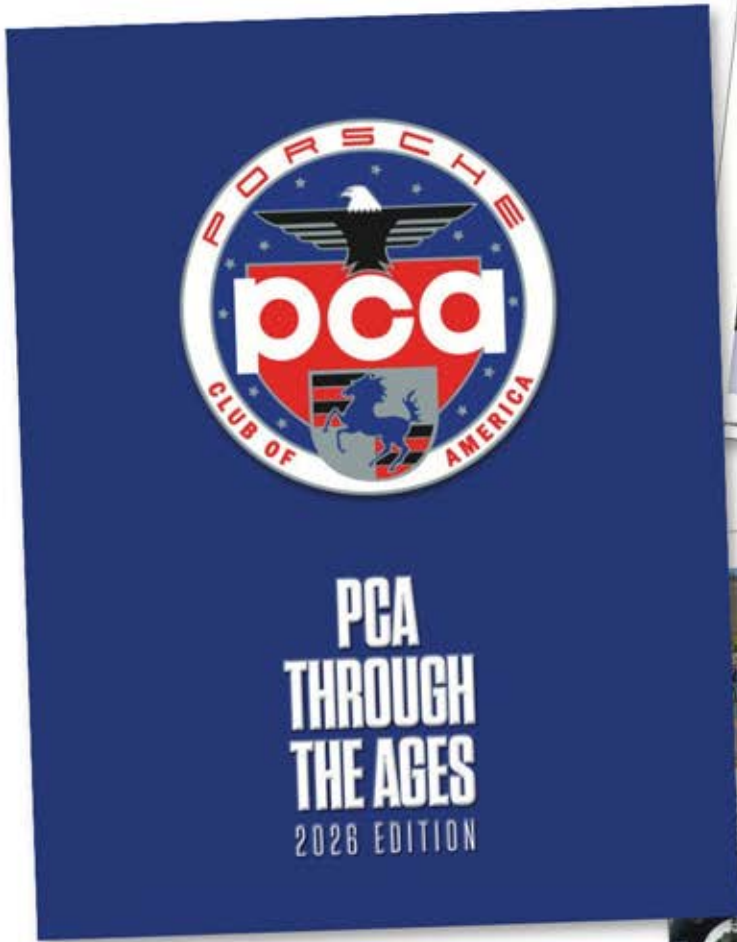
By Walt Sodik, EBR Historian

This morning, I opened the latest issue of Panorama, February, 2026 - and there it was. The 1953 Porsche 356 A that once resided in Harry Mershimer's garage. I had not seen the car in years. After Harry passed, I heard it was purchased by someone from California almost immediately. Decades earlier, I had told him, "When you're ready to sell it, call me." He smiled, and we both understood. Yet life does not honor informal agreements.

I met Harry in the early 1980's, when our local Porsche club, EBR, was still finding its footing. Harry embodied that era perfectly; machinist by trade - precise, disciplined - yet also a free thinker, always experimental, who could never leave well enough alone. His 356 reflected this tension between exacting precision and restless curiosity. I can still picture him with the engine lid raised, explaining the supercharger he engineered into the flat-four. He spoke of pulley ratios, boost pressures, and internal stresses - not with bravado, but with meticulous consideration. He respected car's limits but was never content simply to accept them. That combination of precision and experimentation made the car uniquely his.

Some cars you acquire. Others stay with you anyway. Seeing the 356 in print today stopped me. Its current owner resides in Canada, and it belongs to someone else's story now. But as EBR's historian, I reflect on how these cars move through time. Ownership is temporary. Stewardship, even more so. The metal endures, we orbit around it briefly. I never owned that 356. I never drove it home/ But stood beside it while its caretaker explained exactly why it was the way it was - and why he could not resist making it just a little more interesting.

Updated & Online Now!



PCA History Book

Updated for 2026, the Porsche Club of America History Book is online now. Inside, you'll find a comprehensive look at the club's journey, detailed sections on key milestones, a showcase of events, and prominent National Awards, complete with descriptions and past winners.

Read the updated book here: <https://ww2.pca.org/pca-history>



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA



Upcoming EBR Events



March 12, 2026

Thirsty Thursday
Mulligan's Restaurant
& Pub
4118 Belden Village St.,
Canton
6:30pm



April 9, 2026

Thirsty Thursday
Bistro of Oakwood
2664 Easton St., NE
Canton
6:30pm

[Click Here for EBR Web
EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

Cambridge Spring Drive April 25, 2026

It's time to kick off the driving season! Join us as we head toward Cambridge for an afternoon of great views and food. While the drive is open to all members, restaurant attendance is limited to the first 30 people to sign up.

[The Route](#)

Starting Point: Meet at the Bell Store, 201 Schneider Crossing Rd, NW, Dover OH 44622 at 11:00 AM. Drive time to the restaurant is roughly 50 minutes, Central Station Steak and Ale to Brewster, for ice cream, will be roughly an hour and 20 minutes. Total estimated mileage 115.

[Lunch Destination](#)

Central Station Steak & Ale. 2281 Central Ave, Cambridge, OH 43725. The Food: Known for the finest steaks and seafood in the area, Central Station offers everything from unique appetizers to mouth-watering burgers and pasta. [Check out the menu here.](#)

Sweet Finish

After lunch, we'll cruise over to [Just Ice Cream and a Bit More](#) in Brewster.

Location: 213 Wabash Ave S, Brewster, OH 44613. Choose from 66 flavors of hand-dipped ice cream or their famous soft serve. It's the perfect way to cap off our first outing of the year!

RSVP: Please let us know if you're coming by April 16, 2025 so we can give the restaurant an accurate headcount. Contact Information, Susan Hill phone: 330-714-8873

Email: Beachbums5259@yahoo.com.

PCA TECH TIPS

10 Things to Remember When a Porsche Comes Out of Hibernation

Many members in various parts of North America have either pulled their Porsches out of storage or are preparing to do so. Here are ten things to remember to do when awakening your Porsche out of a long winter hibernation. Once these are done, go out and drive your Porsche!

Click for: [10 Things to Remember](#)



Name Badges

Members May Now Order Their Own Name Badges

Ordering Instructions: Best Name Badges

1. Send an email to the following: CS@bestnamebadges.com
2. Reference Invoice #: 459200
This can be noted in the subject of the email or in the email body itself.
3. Specify the Name and Last name for the badge.
Please note that badges are printed exactly as the text is provided. The text needs to appear in all capital letters.

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4. Please note the address where you would like to have the order shipped.
5. Templates will be sent for approval. Once it has been approved an invoice will be generated. The name badge is \$10.19 plus \$4.50 for shipping. If ordering two name badges, the \$4.50 shipping fee will only be applied once.



Calling ALL PORSCHE Enthusiasts!

The EBR Newsletter will be featuring a member's pride and joy Porsche every month. If you are interested in having your Porsche featured, please submit a photo, identify the make/model/year of the car and a brief summary of why your car is special to you.

THANK YOU!

Editor Search

EBR is searching for its next EBR Newsletter Editor. The skills needed are:

Great Project Management

Great Communication Skills

Photoshop

Acrobat Pro

Familiarity with Dropbox

Each monthly newsletter takes about 20 hours per month to sort through photos, gather text from board members and contributing columnists and complete the design/layout. If this position sounds like a fun way for you to contribute to, contact Mary Ann Delagrange at Nutrilady@att.net

Thank you