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01 PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As our driving season winds down, I want to give an immense shout-out to the awesome members who went above and beyond to throw some unforgettable events over the last few months!

Family Picnic, Potluck, and Porsches

A huge thank you to Kelley Hendrix, Tom Stewart, and Susan & Mike Hill for hosting us at Cinnamon Lake Lodge! It was the ultimate casual hangout with incredible food, endless sides, and Tom & Mike absolutely crushing it as grill masters. Nothing beats good food, great friends, and Porsche stories!

Back of the Dragon & Burke's Garden Drive

Major kudos to Susan & Mike Hill for putting together an epic two-day run through the Virginia mountains "The Tail of the Dragon". I couldn't make this one myself, but hearing everyone talk about it—the killer curves, endless mountain views, local eats and shopping—it's clear you all had an absolute blast!

Nauti Vine Thirsty Thursday

Shout-out to Joy Foss for stepping up as our first Member Host of a Thirsty Thursday Social! You picked a winner with Nauti Vine—perched right on Portage Lakes with great weather, stunning views, and plenty of laughs over food and beverages.

Cars & Coffee / Goodyear Tire Tech Session

Thank you to Steve Meyers for opening his gorgeous property to our crew! And a huge round of applause to Tim Miller and Matt D'Arienzo for their Tire Tech Session. These two were like a comedy duo at times while presenting a super informative, fun and engaging presentation from start to finish. If you missed it, catch the recap and copy of the presentation in this month's Tech Tip section!

Thanks to all,
Bruce

02 MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

FEATURED MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Chris and Shannon Johnson

Chris is from Salem, OH · Shannon is from Cincinnati

Chris and Shannon Johnson are the November members of the month. See the following insight into Chris and Shannon:

Chris and Shannon

What was the first Porsche you ever drove or owned? What do you drive now?

First Porsche driven was my neighbor's 2004 911 manual 4S, and that drive was to the EBR night at Gervasi. Our 2012 Porsche 911 Carrera S is the first Porsche we have owned. I really liked the body style of the 997, but also liked the more modern amenities like cooled seats in the 991. I would have been happy with a 997 or 991. My goal was to find a low mile 911 that had sport chrono, valved exhaust, PASM, not a black exterior, not a black interior, not a convertible. I was open to automatic or manual.

Is there a Porsche you sold that you still think about today?

Not yet. I think about the many muscle cars I have had in the past and what a different experience this is driving a true performance machine.

Is this Porsche your dream car or are you still chasing?

This Porsche is my dream car, based on limiting my budget to maintain mental health. I can already feel how once you have one, you have the urge to dive in deeper.

What prompted you to join EBR and when did you join?

My first experience with EBR was in 2023 at the annual Gervasi Porsche night. I found everyone to be very friendly and easy to talk to. Some car clubs can have a stigma around them, but I didn't feel any of that with the EBR group. At that time, I had recently purchased a restored 1969 Camaro RS/SS convertible that my wife had spotted five years earlier while we were dating. I had no idea at the time that I would soon be heading down the path of Porsche ownership. I had tried to buy a 2009 911 Turbo from Sarchione in late 2024, but had not sold the Camaro yet. That Turbo sold a month before I was able to sell the Camaro to make the purchase, so a new search began. After searching cars.com, cargurus.com etc, and stopping in at the regional Porsche dealerships, I decided to join PCA as a trial member so that I could gain access to the classifieds. I selected EBR as my region, and attended my first dinner in Kent in November 2025. Everyone was very welcoming, which aligned with all of my other interaction with EBR. After being the second caller on several classified listings on PCA, my anxiety was getting high about not being able to find a car. I then came across Fawsitt Motors in Medina and Joseph had "coming soon" what is now our ruby red 991.1! It was a great buying experience and knowing that the car is personally inspected and improved by the owner himself gave me great comfort. The car had new tires, brakes, PPF, service history and checked all the boxes of what I was looking for in a 911. I am still a novice and have so much to learn, but to think I could have bought a car out of state and had no idea what I was buying and what service may have been needed, purchasing locally was tremendous.

What is your most memorable trip in your Porsche?

One of the reasons I wanted a newer toy car vs 1960s muscle cars is so that I could drive it distance without worrying. We have two girls at Ohio State, one at Ohio University, and a son that owns a barber shop in Columbus. Now you can understand why I limit my toy budget...for now! My most memorable trip so far was to Columbus to attend a show with my son and his '23 Supra. He got the car bug from me and jumped right in.

Columbus

What is your favorite thing to do when you aren't behind the wheel?

I'm never sitting still, which I guess brings me happiness. My wife will tell me I need medication (in a kind of joking manner), but will also say that I am very productive. We walk a lot and enjoy fitness. She teaches Pilates on the side in the Lake Cable area. First class is free for anyone that wants to give it a try, just message me for details! When I'm not behind the wheel, I'm probably thinking about cars in one way or another. I enjoy helping others find a car or helping them sell a car. I enjoy attending cars and coffee events, as those are open to everyone and help keep the car hobby moving forward.

THIS OR THAT

Air cooled or water cooled? No experience with air cooled, but would likely pick water.

Coupe or Targa/Cabriolet? Coupe or Targa over a cab.

Manual or PDK? I know some have strong opinions on manual only, but I'm happy with my PDK.

Tail of the Dragon or Scenic Ohio Roads? Have not done the tail, and would probably do scenic Ohio.

Rear Engine or Mid-Engine? No experience with mid-engine. My only thought on the rear engine is that I can't truly hear the car's performance because the cabin is quiet.

Original Factory or Tasteful Modifications? The overall opinion seems to be that the cars are worth more factory original, but I'm not opposed to some tasteful modifications that enable you to change the parts back to stock if desired.

LIGHTNING ROUND

Best Driving Song: Rock...something like Aerosmith – Sweet Emotion

Dream Porsche, money no object: Probably a 911 Targa GTS

Bucket List driving destination: Renting a Porsche in Europe and touring

Essential road trip snack: There is no eating in the car!

Your Porsche in one word: happy-place

03 TECH TIP

Tire Care for High-Performance Tires

The presentation was prepared by Steve Myers, Matt D'Arienzo and Tim Miller for a Cars and Coffee event held on October 10, 2026. Topics included were:

- Decoding Tire Sidewall Information
- The Importance of Inflation Pressure
- Wheel Alignment
- Tire and Wheel Balancing
- Tips on Rotating Tires
- Tire Wear Conditions and Causes

The presentation has been summarized as a printable PDF available by clicking the link.

OPEN THE TIRE CARE PDF

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04 BE AN EBR MEMBER HOST!

EBR MEMBER HOST GUIDELINES

Thirsty Thursday and Winding Down Wednesday
PICK A MONTH. PICK A RESTAURANT. BRING THE FUN!

The EBR Board invites you to host a fun and casual Thirsty Thursday or Winding Down Wednesday gathering!

Choose an event location you think the club will enjoy, then visit EBRPCA.org/Events to select an available month. The second week of the month is preferred, but other dates may be considered.

Event details will be shared on the EBR Facebook page, EBR Newsletter and website so members can mark their calendars and join the fun.

What Your Restaurant Should Offer:

- Seating for approximately 20–30 guests
- A reservation at 6:30 p.m.
- Separate checks for attendees
- Ideally, no private-room fees or minimum spending requirements
- Off street parking is preferred.
- A welcoming atmosphere and great food, drinks, and conversation!

Once you've selected your restaurant and date, submit the details to the EBR Board to confirm. Then get ready for an enjoyable evening with friends, fellow members, and perhaps a few new faces!

See the EBRPCA.org website, Events Tab to EBR Social Event Hosts. Submit the selected month and location online or to Bruce Delagrange, Delagrange876@gmail.com or 330-703-2532. The board will provide support for your event.

Thank you,
Bruce

05 UPCOMING EVENTS

Thirsty Thursday

NOVEMBER 12, 2026

Rev up your appetite: Before the main holiday traffic hits and the turkey takes center stage, it's time to gather the crew, talk cars and lay down a few practice laps at the Brown Derby. Join us for a casual, high-octane evening of great food, good drinks and non-stop car talk. The Brown Derby offers a woodsy cabin vibe, the distinct smoke from the active wood-fired grill fills the space giving the modern yet classic interior a warm, cozy and rustic feel in the private library. Specialties include wood-fired steaks - hand selected and aged cuts such as ribeye and filet mignon.

RSVP to EBR Member Host Brad Buss by November 2, 2026. Text: 330-407-5562 or email: b4buss@gmail.com

Location: Brown Derby
5051 Eastpoint Dr.
Medina, OH 44256

Holiday Charity Dinner

DECEMBER 19, 2026 · 6PM

Drive into the holiday spirit with us! The EBR family is coming together to celebrate the season of giving at our annual Holiday Charity Dinner. Join us for an unforgettable evening of great food, wonderful company and festive cheer - All while supporting a fantastic cause!

Silent Auction and 50/50.

Location: Todaro's Party Center
1820 Akron-Peninsula Rd.
Akron, OH

RSVP by December 11, 2026 to Bruce Delagrange, text 330-703-2532, Delagrange876@gmail.com or FB. Please provide your choice of entree with your RSVP: Strip Steak $44, Bay Butter Salmon $34, Chicken Piccata $32, Eggplant Parmesan $32 Meals are served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad/dressing, Rolls/Butter.

Benefitting: A Community Christmas of Stark Co. and Pathway Caring for Children

FROM PCA NATIONAL

06 POST-EVENT GALLERY

Nauti Vine Winery - October 8, 2026

A beautiful evening to enjoy with great people and beautiful Porsches! A special thanks to Joy Foss for volunteering to be the EBR's first Member Event Host! Great Job Joy!

Cars and Coffee/Tire Care Tech Session - October 10, 2026

The Cars and Coffee with the Tire Care Tech Session was a tremendous success! Steve Myers was a gracious host who planned and coordinated the event. There was a large turnout of members on a gorgeous fall day. The Tire Care Tech Session was well-received and it provided a wealth of information that everyone could use. Thank you Matt and Tim for developing the presentation and sharing it with the group.

07 EBR GOODIE STORE

The Eastern Buckeye Region Goodie Stores are the place you can buy apparel/items with the EBR logo. We have two stores where logo items may be purchased: PCA EBR Regional Webstore and All Pro Sports & Creations (a local provider). You can show your support for the Eastern Buckeye Region with any purchase from our Goodie Stores.

We have teamed up with the PCA Web Store supplier and can offer a wide range of high-quality products. See (pcawebstore.org/regions/EBR), to purchase the desired items. In addition, All Pro Sports Creations offers a wide variety of logo items, including a bucket hat and ball caps. See below for the links to both sites.

PCA NATIONAL WEBSTORE

ALL PRO CREATIONS STORE

FROM PCA NATIONAL

08 CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

Join Our Leadership Team: We're Looking for an Activities Chair and Secretary!

Dear Members,

Do you love bringing people together, exploring new driving routes, and planning fun social gatherings? Our club is actively seeking a passionate, organized volunteer to step into the role of **Activities Chair** and **Secretary**

About the Role of Activities Chair

The Activities Chair is the heart of our club's social life. In this role, you'll help keep our event calendar full and engaging by organizing our signature events, coordinating with the driving tour chair, and gathering member input for new venues and experiences.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

Event Planning: Solicit fresh ideas for venues, and unique member gatherings.

Vendor & Venue Coordination: Act as the main point of contact for restaurants, event venues, and suppliers to manage contracts and reservations.

Budgeting & Board Liaison: Present simple event proposals and budgets to the Board for approval.

Communications: Maintain the events calendar and share details with our Webmaster and Social Media Chair to manage RSVPs via Facebook and email.

Designed for Success: The Member Host Initiative

To ensure the Activities Chair isn't overburdened, we've implemented the **Member Host initiative** for casual mid-week events (like Thirsty Thursday and Winding Down Wednesday). Member hosts manage these individual monthly dinners, allowing the Activities Chair to focus their primary energy on our major annual flagship events:

- 🌸 **Spring Banquet**
- ☀️ **Summer Party**
- 🎁 **Holiday Fundraiser Dinner**

About the Role of Secretary

- To record and preserve the minutes of all meetings of the membership and Executive Council and of all votes cast thereat.
- To read such minutes upon request.
- To receive all ballots, count them, cause to be published the results thereof and keep them for inspection for a period of thirty days

Upcoming Feature in PCA Panorama: McCann Racing & Simulator Experience

Be on the lookout for the December issue of the PCA Panorama magazine!

Our Eastern Buckeye Region event at McCann Racing and Track First is featured in national coverage. It was an incredible day for our region.

The From the Region will have the highlight of the event: our members testing their skills on the state-of-the-art racing simulator!

Grab your December copy when it arrives and see EBR in the national spotlight!

09 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 (e.g. JOHN SMITH).
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.

10 MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

EASTERN BUCKEYE REGION

3	341	201	542
NEW MEMBERS	PRIMARY MEMBERS	CO-MEMBERS	TOTAL EBR MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL NATIONAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP
172,116