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A New Year Is Upon Us

The holiday season is over in Absaroka Region. We hope you found time to be with loved ones and celebrate this time of year with your family's favorite traditions.

The new year will be bring us new challenges, adventures and laughs.

Let's make some more memories in our Porsches.

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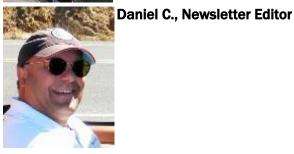
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2022 Carrera Targa 4S
PHOTO BY: Dan Cole, Absaroka Region





President's Message

Lynnsey S. — Outgoing President Absaroka Region

Hello All.

I can't believe that it is already 2024!

The past year has had some great moments. As always, I have enjoyed spending time with you all. Some of my favorites were the Big Horn Loop Drive, the Red Lodge Car Show, our own All European Car Show, the New Member Party and our Christmas Party. There's always fun to be had when we all get together and celebrate our car enthusiasm.

In 2024 I am sure our club will grow I look forward to seeing the club and have many more memories added to the books. I am proud to pass the torch to our new officers. I want to thank the officers who have Happy New Year! Cheers, worked with me the past four years for their work now and always—you have made this club run seamlessly.

And, most of all, I want to thank the whole club. Absolutely none of this would be possible without all of you and your love for our cars. It really is not just the cars, it's the people.

grow this year, and I'll see you on the road!

Lynnsey D. Slanina





Pushing Limits

Daniel C. — Absaroka Arrow Editor



The new year is always an exciting time for me and the Absaroka Arrow. Each year I wonder about what stay home) In addition to our club sches and what we can capture from those adventures in photos and words.

This year is no exception. Our officers change around which keeps ideas fresh and exciting and those that did all the work the past 4 years can kick back, rest and enjoy the fun ahead rather than worrying about if the event will be a success and well received.

On PCA's Boxster Register where I'm an Admin, we had a post last January 1 on how many miles we'd put on our Boxsters for upcoming year. For me, miles equate to memories. Together my Boxster and I drove 5,413 miles. (I said my Box-

ster and I; one trip was for work and the other a boy's trip. Jo decided to fun adventure we'll go on in our Por- drives, in May, we drove to southern Colorado and Utah on the Million **Dollar Highway, past Arches Nation**al Park and a then in September, to Rennsport Reunion VII and WeatherTech Raceway Park in Laguna Seca, California.

> In our Macan S, I've put over 10K miles on it since I bought it in April. The Macan is a whole different type of fun, but it's PURE Porsche. I'll have to find a fun trip to do in it this summer. Maybe through the wilds of northern Idaho's Magruder Corridor and Lolo Motorway with my fraternity brothers on leg three of our "Pavement is Lava" trek.

> In this issue of the Absaroka Arrow. we have a nice article about our

new VP's experience buying his Targa. It's always fun to learn what happens behind the scenes and to share in such a fun event. Thanks, Richard, for submitting and sharing.

There's a nice story from Porsche AG about making kids' dreams come true and in the same vein a thank you from the Michael J Fox Foundation for our recent donation.

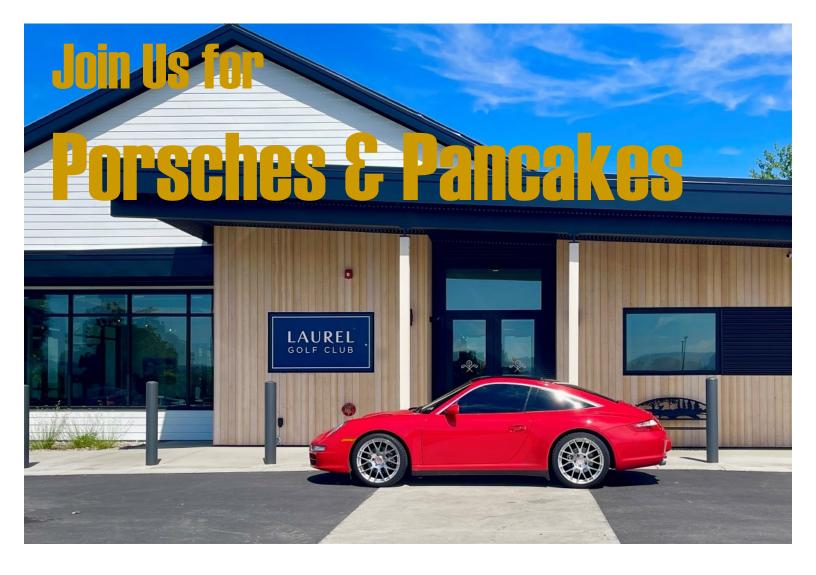
A calendar is still in the works for our driving activities so stay tuned.

Cheers and let's make a fun 2024 together in our Porsches.

Dan







January and February's venue for Porsche & Pancakes is the Laurel Golf Club located at 1020 Golf Course Rd, Laurel, MT 59044 Please join us for a cup of coffee, or a hearty breakfast.

We meet at 9:00 AM, for good food and spirited conversation. It's a great opportunity to meet other club members, look at an ever-changing collection of Porsches, and enjoy a tasty meal. It is also a very good reason to get out of bed on a Saturday morning and meet the folks before tackling the honey-do list!

Join us at: Laurel Golf Club, 1020 Golf Course Rd, Laurel, MT 59044

When: Saturday, November 11, Saturday and December 9, at 9:00 AM

Don't be shy, come join us!

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Absaroka Committee Reports

Board of Directors

 Sept 2023, Election of new officers for 2024—2026 was held at the Annual New Member Party in Roberts, MT

All Euro Car Show

Nothing to report

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Absaroka Membership Updates

Primary Members/Associate/Total: 67/46/113 1 **New Members:** John B. Billings, 2003 Carrera 5 David V. (40), Christopher B. (2), Bruce W. (39), Stephanie Renewals (YFARS) H.(13), J.S. Heck (32) -1 Out — William B. to Arizona Transfers (In/Out): 0 Non-Renewals: 2 **Test Drive:**

State
Arizona
California
Minnesota
Montana

PCA Juniors

State	City	Count	Porsche Model	Count
Arizona	Scottsdale	1	356	2
California	Mill Valley	1	944	5
Minnesota	Edina	1	718 Boxster	1
Montana	Belgrade	1	911 Carrera	10
	Big Timber	1	911 Carrera 2	1
	Billings	31	911 Carrera 4	1
	Billings	1	911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet	1
	Bozeman	6	911 Carrera 4S	6
	Edgar	1	911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet	2
	Gallatin Gateway	1	911 Carrera Cabriolet	2
	Hardin	1	911 Carrera S	1
	Laurel	2	911 Carrera T	1
	Livingston	1	911 GT2	1
	Medicine Lake	1	911 GT3	2
	Molt	1	911 SC	2
	Pompey's Pillar	1	911 Targa	1
	Red Lodge	3	911 Targa 4S	1
	Roberts	1	911 Turbo	2
Texas	Houston	1	911E	2
Wyoming	Cody	1	911S	2
	Gillette	1	914 1.7	1
	Greybull	1	914 1.8	1
	Powell	1	914 2.0	1
	Riverton	1	928 S4	1
	Sheridan	3	928S	2
	Worland	2	Boxster	4
			Boxster S	4
			Cayenne	2
			Cayman	1
			Cayman S	3
			Taycan 4S	1

Here's a little bit about our members. As you can see our members mostly live in the Billings area. As for our cars, it's mostly 911 variants as one would expect. The vehicle list isn't 100% accurate as some members haven't updated their "Garage" as cars have came and went.

If you need to update your PCA profile, log into PCA, and you can easily do it.

Another thing to update while you're at it is if you have an associate member (aka spouse) who doesn't have an email on PCA, you can add them as well so they don't miss out on our newsletter and other announcements.

Dan C.

Membership Chair



ABSAROKA REGION — Calendar Of Events

Porsches & Pancakes — 2nd Saturday of Each Month

Event Type: Social

When: Monthly on the 2nd Saturday, 9:00 AM Where: Various locations check for details Contact: Lynnsey S. — Tel: 406.860.0984

Details — Porsches and Pancakes takes place every 2nd Saturday of the month. We meet at 9:00 AM and wrap up a little after 10:00 AM, Sometimes we go for a drive, if there's interest. Come join in the conversation.

January 13 July 13 Breakfast Breakfast

February 10 **Breakfast July 27-28 Red Lodge Car Show**

February 24 Baked Potato Party **August 10 Breakfast**

August 17 March 9 **Breakfast** All Euro Car Show

March ?? **August 24-25 HPDE Lewistown Zone 14—President's Meeting**

September 14 April 13 **Breakfast Breakfast**

September ?? **April 20 Opening Drive New Member Party**

October 12 **May 11 Breakfast Breakfast**

May 18 October ?? **Big Horn Loop Drive** Photo Safari/Gimmick Rally

May 26 or 27 Beartooth Opening Day Drive November 9 **Breakfast**

November ?? .lune 8 **Breakfast Art House Cinema**

Porsche Parade, Birmingham, AL December 14 June 9-15 **Breakfast**

June 22 ?? December ?? **HPDE Lewistown Christmas Party**



The Absaroka officers planning out the activities for the new year.



Treasurer's Report

Stephanie B. — Outgoing Treasurer Absaroka Region



TREASURERS REPORT Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2023

Beginning Balance:

\$8234.95

Income:

Qtly Rebate \$ 434.00 New Member Party Subsidy \$ 500.00

Total Income \$934.00

Available Funds \$9168.95

Expenses:

MJF Foundation Donation \$1500.00 City College Scholarship \$1050.00 Toys for Tots \$279.38

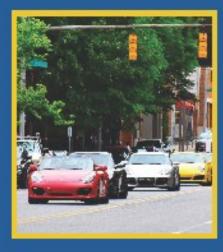
Total Expenses: \$2829.38

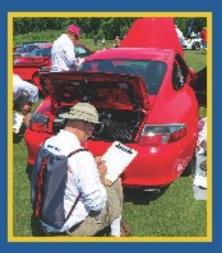
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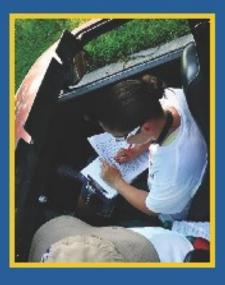
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...Be a Part of It!

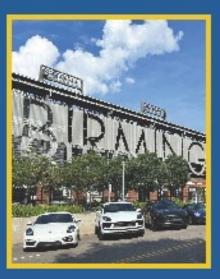












Phase 1 Registration Opens Wednesday, 1/31/24 at 12:00 pm ET





June 9-15, 2024
Birmingham Convention Center
Birmingham, Alabama
www.porscheparade.org

Absaroka Region News

Meet the New Absaroka Region Officers 2024-2026



Jack B. President

I have been a PCA member since 2007. I have had an interest in Porsche since high school. In high school I worked at an ice cream stand in the Boston area. My boss and owner of the stand would occasionally come to work in a Porsche. It was in the late 60s. I don't know if it was a 911 or 912. I could see the car as I worked parked outside. I would daydream about one day owning a Porsche myself. The first car I owned was a VW Carman Ghea. It was a 1970 orange convertible. When I bought it (from my sister) it was a year old. I regrettably sold the Ghea after owning it for ten years. When the 914 came out, a Ghia in disguise, I wanted one very badly. Family, children, and career prevented me from purchasing one. 30 plus years later (2006) my mid-life crisis hit. I bought a motorcycle. I crashed it and broke my hands. It was time to look for an alternative mid-life crisis adult toy. My wife suggested I fulfill my dream and buy a Porsche. We lived in Milwaukee at the time. Our neighbor across the street from our house had a son Grant. Grant lived in Germany and would frequently come back to the states to visit his mother. When Grant was home, we would visit about family and cars. We always knew when he was home because there would always be a Porsche in our neighbor's driveway. I began to talk with Grant about which Porsche (used) to buy. Grant always mentioned different year 911s air-cooled would be a great purchase. I looked for a 911 but I kept going back to thinking about buying a Boxter. After all, Grant was Grant Larson, the designer of the Boxster. I bought a 1998 Boxster in the summer of 2007. I joined PCA right away and started my PCA journey. Patty and I have had our Boxter in four states. We have tried to be active in each region. The Absaroka region has been the best. We are a small group of 50+ members. We are social, love cars, and the roads and unique places in Montana.



Richard H. V. President

After a multi-year wait, Richard finally took delivery of a 2022 Gentian blue Porsche 911 Targa 4S in a snowstorm on Valentines Day 2023 with just 275 miles on the odometer. The car had originally been sold in southern California to a former Porsche employee who specced it very nicely (exclusive design touches). It was then sold at auction to Porsche Delaware and trucked cross country. It sat on the dealership floor for nearly a year in Delaware before Richard purchased it and had it trucked back west cross country to Billings. He has now just about put more miles on the actual car than it has been driven on the back of a truck.

Richard hails from Bristol in England. He came over in 1995 to work for the first web startup, Netscape, and worked as a product manager in the trenches of Silicon Valley for various startups, as well as Sony, Dolby and Autodesk, before coming to Billings in January 2021. He currently works for J.D. Power as their Head of EV Products promoting the next generation of vehicles that use electric motors and not gasoline engines. He is married with a wife Amy and two children - one at Gonzaga and another who is a senior at Billings Central.

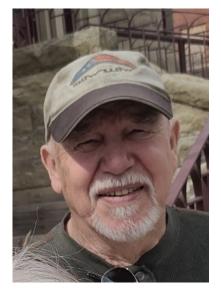
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Francie H. Secretary

We have been interested in Porsche for 50 years. We bought a new 1974 914 on the way back from our honeymoon. In those days, 914 was considered by many as not really a true Porsche. We didn't mind, we had a lot of fun. It cost \$6,600. Our next Porsche was a 1954 356 that Jim put back together from pieces. Our current car is a white 2013 911. I have been a nurse for 50 years. I retired 3 years ago. I like animals, traveling, reading, movies, and taking care of people. We have been members of PCA since 2011.



Duane H. Treasurer

I was born and raised in Billings. Back in the early 70's got to drive a friend's 914 in the mountains, I was hooked. It handled like nothing I had driven before. Finally, in 1982, I found a 1975 914 1.8 and have owned it ever since. I have driven it approximately 150,000 miles all over the western United States. I had to rebuild the engine 2 years ago. I probably would have joined the local Porsche club a long time ago but I found another interest. In the early 80's, I was introduced to hang gliding, which took up most of my free time in good weather for about 30 years. I sold the small business I owned for over 45 years about 2 years ago and retired. Then in August of 2022 someone dropped an invitation card to the local Porsche club in my 914. The rest is history. I met a great group of people. But, the 914 was having trouble keeping up with some of the other cars during a run So.. here I am with a 2nd Porsche. It is a 2005 987.1 Boxster S. It is such a blast to drive.

Absaroka Region News

Absaroka Giving Back — Thank you from the Michael J. Fox Foundation



December 6, 2023

Porsche Club of America 729 Aronson Ave Billings, MT 59105-2805

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Thank you for supporting the urgency of our mission to find a cure for Parkinson's disease (PD) and your October 20, 2023 gift of \$1,500.00 to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF). Your support of Team Fox is accelerating the development of new and improved therapies and advancing novel curative approaches, helping us move closer to the day that PD is a thing of the past.

People with Parkinson's and their loved ones are relying on us to deliver much-needed improvements in therapeutic options and most importantly, a cure. That's why MJFF honors your generosity by putting your donation to work right away for immediate impact.

Since day one, we have maintained an uncompromising pace — catalyzing the Parkinson's drug development pipeline by placing bets on smart ideas and promising therapies that face major obstacles. To date, MJFF has invested over \$1 billion in the field of Parkinson's research, funding high-impact work that builds the case to promote promising drug targets and attract follow-on funding. Our aggressive strategy has resulted in more drugs progressing to late-stage testing than at any other time in the history of PD research.

And 100 percent of all Team Fox proceeds go directly to the Foundation's programs to speed a cure.

We are that much closer to addressing the greatest unmet needs of the patient community because of your support. You enable us to scale our efforts and make progress happen faster and smarter. And we are grateful for your commitment to our shared goal — a cure for Parkinson's disease.

With warmest regards,

King Name

Liz Diemer
Vice President, Community Fundraising

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Are you making plans to attend Parade?

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Limited seating is available for PCA 2024 Porsche Parade participants to register for the June 11-12 Porsche Track Experience Performance course. PCA members must call to register with their PCA membership ID number to receive a 10% discount. Drivers must be 21 years or older to participate and possess a current, valid driver's license. Registration ends February 13th. Call 770-290-7000.





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News from The World of Porsche

From Porsche AG

Porsche makes kids' dreams come true



19/12/2023 Together with Make-A- all around the world. Wish, the sports car manufacturer is making dreams come true for children around the world who have critical illnesses. The first 75 wishes have already been fulfilled.

To mark its '75 Years of Porsche Sports Cars' anniversary, Porsche donated 1.8 million euros to Make-A-Wish. Since being founded in 1980, the foundation has fulfilled the wishes of more than 550,000 children in 50 countries. In reference to the first Porsche - the Porsche 356, Porsche's donation will contribute to fulfilling the wishes of 356 children with critical illnesses

"Porsche is synonymous with dreams. And for us, financial success and social responsibility go hand in hand", says Chairman of the Executive Board Oliver Blume. "Together with our partner Make-A-Wish, we want to give children and their families an extra boost of hope at a difficult time."

"We are honored to be included in Porsche's 75 anniversary celebrations, marking our longstanding partnership. In 2023 alone, Porsche has helped transform the lives of 75 children who are living with critical illnesses, with plans to reach

many more over the coming years. We look forward to continuing to work together, inspire each other and most importantly - to make wishes come true", says Luciano Manzo, CEO of Make-A-Wish International.

The first 75 wishes have already been fulfilled through the cooperation between Make-A-Wish and Porsche. Here are four examples:



Leon, 17, Germany

After being diagnosed with brain cancer, Leon refused to give up. He loves nature and now a big wish has come true: a real survival training experience in the forest. With an outdoor guide, the 17-year-old learned how to make fire on his own and orientate himself in the forest. The following day, Leon and his family went to the Porsche Experience Centre Hockenheimring. There he was able to experience the off-road course and test his own driving skills in the simulator.



Evan, 18, USA

Evan had a rough time with weekly chemotherapy treatments. The 18-year-old was diagnosed with Langerhans cell histiocytosis. Especially during this time, he dreamt every day of restoring his first car, a Porsche 944. With the support of Porsche, his dream came true. The sports car became Evan's emotional lifeline, providing the young car enthusiast with motivation and a reason to get out of bed even on the painful days of chemotherapy.



Jung Jaeung, 11, South Korea

Jung Jaeung's sister wanted to make her own music video, so Jung Jaeung decided to film the video himself. The 11-year-old suffers from acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Director Lee Ho Yeol and Porsche Korea fulfilled his great wish: to learn how to fly a drone and edit the videos. Jung Jaeung had the opportunity to film a Porsche Taycan with a drone and then edit the material himself.



Jeanne, 8, Switzerland

A cuddly toy in the shape of an owl is Jeanne's constant companion. The 8-year-old girl suffers from leukemia. Especially when hospital stays are pending, the owl gives her strength. It was therefore a lifelong dream of Jeanne's to see an owl fly and hold it in her arms. With Porsche and Make-A-Wish, this dream became a reality. At the zoo, she was able to experience the animal up close together with the zoo's falconer. Jeanne's father: "It was an experience that Jeanne will carry in her heart for a very, very long time to come. By the way, at the end of the day, Jeanne had decided that she wanted to become a falconer."

Embarking on the Porsche Odyssey

Richard H. Vice President, Absaroka Region

(Who can neither confirm or deny that he might have used Chat GPT to spice it up a little)

A thunderous roar echoed through the snowy landscape as, after an agonizing two-year wait, the pinnacle of automotive excellence, our 2022 Porsche 911 Targa 4S, arrived. In an instant, we transformed from eager enthusiasts to proud members of the elite Porsche Club of Absaroka.

I envisioned a masterpiece - gentian the waiting game, especially for the blue exterior, a Targa roof painted in the same hue, and the premium pack, unlocking the auditory pleasure of a Bose stereo, the 360camera view, and the luxury of retractable door mirrors, a common feature for regular vehicles, but as we all know everything is an option

rare Targa 4 model. Frustration mounted as Porsche of Spokane's waitlist seemed interminable. A revelation came when a business contact unveiled a potential solution switching myself to the wait list at a dealer in Long Island, New York, who promised an allocation by the fall, within just nine months. The die was cast, and the journey took an unexpected turn.



A battle between dealerships unfolded, revealing the stark contrast in allocation numbers. The dealer on Long Island boasted a generous 13 cars a quarter quota, while Porsche of Spokane struggled with a meager three 911 allocations per quarter. It became clear - my pursuit of the Targa 4 was an almost quixotic journey. I switched from being first in line at Porsche of Spokane, which had generated no results to being 7th in line at the Long Island dealership.

Unexpected Twists

Many months passed, then in early January 2022 My company was bought by J.D. Power bringing newfound hope from being an auto industry insider and getting my order fast tracked, but the reality was harsh. Despite industry connections, acquiring the elusive Targa 4 remained elusive. The account man-



The Long Journey of Desire

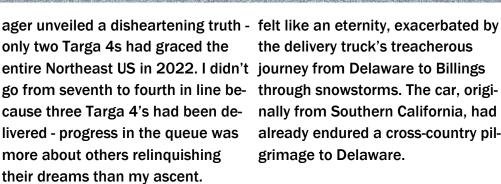
The odyssey began in August 2021 when I, fueled by the burning desire to possess automotive perfection, placed a meticulous order with Porsche of Spokane for the elusive Porsche 911 Targa 4. I had obsessively configured every detail of the vehicle using the Porsche car configurator, etching the specifications into my memory.

on Porsche 911. The sports pack was essential, adding the guttural snap and pop exhaust from the exhilarating power summoned by the "launch control" via the sport response button, propelling the 911 from 0 to 60 in a mere 3.5 seconds. A mere press of a button unleashing 20 seconds of unbridled power a thrill beyond compare.

The Prolonged Struggle

As months dragged on, I scoured forums for morsels of insight into





The Culmination - A Dream Unveiled

In the throes of desperation, a call to an east coast car broker altered fate. The car destined for me, a Gentian Blue Targa 4S, materialized. Originally, I had ordered a 379 bhp Targa 4, with 443 bhp but costing a few more dollars, it surpassed expectations, adorned with the sports and premium packs, a sport design package, and exclusive design tailpipes. It was not just the car I had ordered nearly two years prior; it was a masterpiece of power with unique aesthetic allure.

The Pinnacle - Delivery Day

The final two weeks of anticipation

the delivery truck's treacherous through snowstorms. The car, originally from Southern California, had already endured a cross-country pilgrimage to Delaware.

A snowy Valentine's Day marked its arrival, dirty from the journey but still an epitome of beauty. The metallic blue paint, the wide rear hips, and the silver Targa bar crowned



A snowy day in February - the car finally arrives.

this triumphant journey, concluding with the 911's arrival in Montana. its new home.









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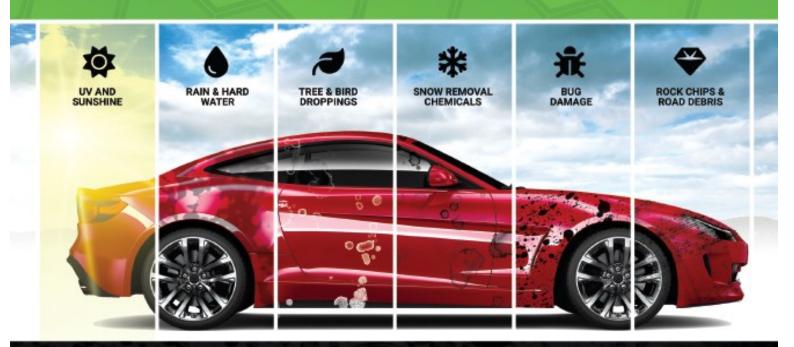
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