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## Spring in the Absarokas!

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 bring us new challenges, adventures and laughs.

Let's make some more memories in our Porsches.

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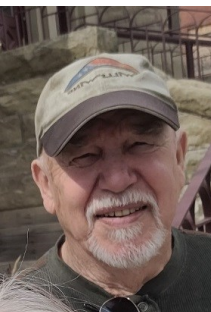
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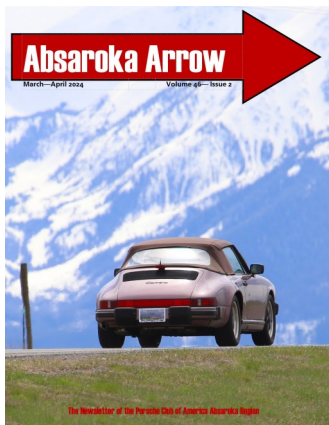
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# President's Message

## Jack B. President Absaroka Region

Spring seems to be coming, but this is Montana. I can't be naive, wishful thinking! There have been days in February, I wished the Boxster was not in hibernation.

I want to thank Francie and Jim Hasbrouck for hosting the potato party on short notice. Originally, scheduled at Burke's, COVID hit our house, so we had to move the event. I heard from quarantine that it was a great event.

We have three new members to welcome. Thomas and Kim Troop from Billings (Cayenne) and Bill Nevius from Red Lodge (Cayman S). Hopefully we will meet them at our breakfast on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Laurel Golf Club at 9 AM.

A couple of our members have asked that I confirm dates for a few upcoming events. Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> will be our first official driving event. It's been suggested that we take a day trip to Chico Hot Springs, have lunch in the tavern and head home.

We also have a drive planned

for the opening of the Bear-tooth Pass in May. The pass opens on Friday (May 24<sup>th</sup>). We have the drive on the event calendar tentatively scheduled on Sunday (May 26<sup>th</sup>). We would meet in Billings, and drive up the pass, have lunch in Red Lodge and return home. I have been wondering if the drive should be the Sunday or Monday, Memorial Day.

There are pros and cons to both days. Traffic on the pass may be a bigger issue on Sunday. I would like to hear back on any preferences.

On the topic of preferences, I have been thinking about how we can get feedback from all of you. We are a group of 70-plus primary members, 46 co-members and 8 juniors. I recently contacted Jim Hemig, Marketing Director, PCA National. Jim has shared with me examples of surveys other regions have used. My goal is to edit one of the surveys and have it sent out to members in the next month.

High Performance Drivers Education (HPDE) is tentatively

scheduled for the last full weekend in June and August. The Big Sky Region will be confirming the dates in the coming weeks. Michael Handelman, President of the Big Sky Region will let us know the confirmed date.

In April, I would like to try having a short drive after our Porches and Pancake Breakfasts. To accomplish a drive, we will have to meet all insurance requirements for PCA. We would start from our breakfast site and return to the breakfast site. Any ideas where we would go?

That's about it for now. Get ready for spring! See you Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM at the Laurel Golf Course.

Jack



# Pushing Limits

**Daniel C. — Absaroka Arrow Editor**



So far in Absaroka Region, winter has been mild to say the least. I've been able to enjoy my Boxster on numerous occasions and each time she puts a smile on my face. I just love driving that little car.

My Porsche-related New Year's resolutions are to drive my Boxster more. Last year was a good driving year with trips to southern Colorado and Utah and Rennsport Reunion VII in California in addition to our club activities. In total I drove it 5,413 miles. To drive the Boxster more this year, here are some things I'm working on:

- An all Boxster outing this summer for "*Boxster Bash in the Beartooths.*" Something I'm pondering and working on as part of a PCA's Boxster Register activity.
- An afterwork short getaway to maybe find the best Ruben sandwich or burger outside of Billings.

In the Macan, my outings are looking like the following:

- Jo and I have talked about

a return trip to the Fort Peck Theater at Fort Peck in June to see the "*Sunshine Boys*" production.

- A long weekend exploring the ghost towns of Granite, Coolidge, and Bannack, Montana over a couple days. I'll make a base camp in Butte. This should allow some easy exploring "off-road" in the Macan.
- Speaking of off-road, I'm still debating about driving my Macan on this year's segment of the Idaho's Backroad Discovery Route through the Magruder Corridor and Lolo Motorway with my fraternity brothers. Will see, I wouldn't want to show up my fraters in their fully decked out Toyota Forerunner TRD Off-road Pro and Jeep Wrangler Rubicon with my stock Porsche Macan S!

In this edition of the *Absaroka Arrow*, we have:

- Baked Potato Party at Jim

and Francie's home

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Porsche Turbo from Porsche AG
- Recap of the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona from Porsche AG

Again, please feel free to send me your contributions to the newsletter if you want. I love stories, photos of your drives, anything to share with the membership on the fun you experience with your Porsche.



**Join Us for**

# **Porsches & Pancakes**



March and April'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, March 09, Saturday and April 13, at 9:00 AM

**Don't be shy, come join us!**

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## All Euro Car Show

- Nothing to report

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**Primary Members/Associate/Total:**

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**New Members:**

**3**

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**Renewals (YEARS):**

**5**

Gary & Donielle S. (3); Jerimiah Y. (1); Richard and Amy H. (1); Tim H. (3); Charter Members Tom & Sara N. (45);

**Transfers (In/Out):**

**-1**

Marc C. to Lone Star Region

**Non-Renewals:**

**0**

**Test Drive:**

**2**

**PCA Juniors**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**March 9**

Breakfast

**August 10**

Breakfast

**April 13**

Breakfast

**August 17**

16th All Euro Car Show

**April 20**

Drive to Chico Hot Springs

**August 24-25**

BSR - HPDE Lewistown

**May 11**

Breakfast

**September 14**

Breakfast

**May 27**

Beartooth Opening Day Drive

**September ??**

New Member Party

**June 8**

Breakfast

**October 12**

Breakfast

**June 9-15**

Porsche Parade, Birmingham, AL

**October ??**

Photo Safari/Gimmick Rally

**June 29/30**

BSR — HPDE Lewistown

**November 9**

Breakfast

**July 13**

Breakfast

**November ??**

Art House Cinema

**July 27-28**

Red Lodge Car Show

**December 14**

Breakfast

**December ??**

Christmas Party



# Don't Just Attend Porsche Parade... ...Be a Part of It!



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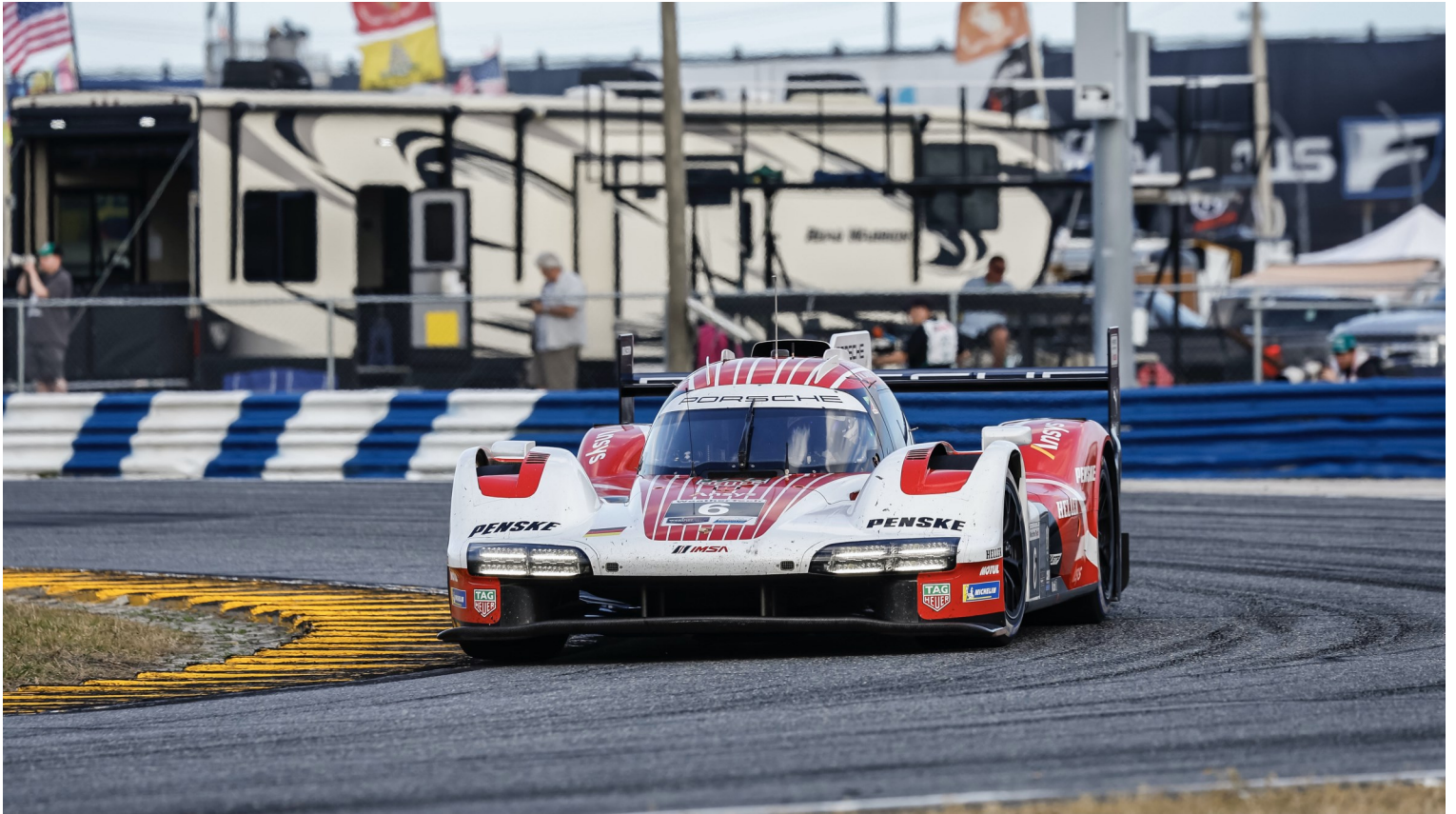


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# Porsche 963 of Porsche Penske Motorsport Victorious After Gripping Finale

28/01/2024—Porsche AG



The No. 7 Porsche 963 fielded by the Porsche Penske Motorsport works team has won the 24 Hours of Daytona. Works drivers Felipe Nasr from Brazil, Dane Cameron from the USA and Matt Campbell from Australia as well as American IndyCar star Josef Newgarden extended Porsche's record number of victories to 19. The No. 6 sister car finished fourth with works drivers Mathieu Jaminet (France), Nick Tandy (Great Britain), Laurens Vanthoor (Belgium) and Kévin Estre (France). The Porsche 963 campaigned by the formidable customer teams Proton Competition and JDC-Miller MotorSports followed directly behind. In the GTD Pro class, AO Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 R secured second place.

In an action-packed race witnessed by a record crowd, the two Porsche Penske Motorsport's 519 kW (706 PS) Porsche 963 traded places at the front of the field with the No. 31 Cadillac. Shortly after sunset on Saturday evening, the No. 6 car took the lead for the first time. However, several penalties kept throwing the car shared by Jaminet/Tandy/Vanthoor/Estre back down the field. Kévin Estre's small slip in the pit lane exit on Sunday morning dampened the hopes of victory for this hybrid prototype.

In a nail-biting race between the manufacturers in the top GTP class, the last of 15 caution phases pushed the suspense to the edge: in a 32-minute duel, the final battle to glory went down to the wire be-

tween Felipe Nasr in the No. 7 car Porsche and Briton Tom Blomqvist at the wheel of the Cadillac. In the last sprint, the Brazilian struggled with deteriorating tyres but successfully fended off his rival's attacks. To the surprise of the spectators, the chequered flag came out around 1:30 minutes before the end of the race. Porsche's first overall win since 2003 and the sports car manufacturer's 19th victory at Daytona was safely in the bag.

"What a fantastic win to start the year," says a delighted Michael Steiner, Member of the Executive Board for Development at Porsche. "The entire Porsche Penske Motorsport works team and everyone at the development centre in Weissach have worked extremely hard to lay

the foundations for this success. My sincere thanks to all of our employees. We never gave up and didn't let the tough setbacks from last year rock us. Now, we're reaping the rewards of our hard work. In the final phase, the duel on the track made the unrivalled passion obvious. Nobody gave up, nobody backed off until the chequered flag. I found that absolutely thrilling, as I'm sure it did many motorsport fans around the world."

"It's difficult to put the emotions into words. We won the 2024 Daytona – amazing," says a delighted Thomas Laudenbach, Vice President of Porsche Motorsport. "I've never experienced such a heart-stopping battle. We won one of the really big races today. Our package worked. Four Porsche 963, two from Porsche Penske Motorsport and two from our strong customer teams, made it through without any major technical problems – that's quite a feat in itself. This was only possible thanks to the incredible work of everyone involved. Thank you so much! Second place for the Porsche 911 GT3 R from AO Racing in the GTD Pro class is also absolutely fantastic. Daytona was definitely worth the trip for us."

"An amazing day for the entire Porsche Penske Motorsport organisation," said Roger Penske, Founder and Chairman of the Penske Corporation. "Both of our Porsches had great speed but more importantly, the reliability and the execution by our team allowed us to secure the overall win for the first time since 1969. Congratulations to the entire

Porsche and Penske organisation on this monumental victory."

### **Strong results from customer teams in the top GTP class and GTD -Pro class**

Finishing fifth and sixth, the two Porsche 963 fielded by the Proton Competition and JDC-Miller Motorsports customer teams rounded off the banner result in the top GTP class. At times, both race cars were even on course for the podium. The seasoned drivers and the youngsters at the wheel of No. 5 and 85 cars put in commanding drives with blistering lap times and clean performances.

In the GTD Pro category, AO Racing secured the second podium step with the Porsche 911 GT3 R. At the wheel of the No. 77 "Rexy" race car, works driver Michael Christensen from Denmark, former Porsche Junior Laurin Heinrich from Germany and Sebastian Priaux from the UK drove a flawless race – as did the entire customer outfit from the USA. "This year's 24-hour race once again underlined that you have to fight to the end. AO Racing kept its cool during its debut race in the GTD Pro class and secured a terrific result with second place," commented Sebastian Golz, Project Manager Porsche 911 GT3 R. "All of the cars reached the finish line. Wright Motorsports managed to finish seventh in this gruelling race and highly competitive field. That was obviously the maximum." The identical 911 campaigned by Andretti Motorsports, Kellymoss with

Riley and MDK Motorsports finished the race in ninth, eleventh and twelfth place.

### **Porsche kicks off the new IMSA season at the top of the table**

With this win in the prestigious classic in Florida, Porsche has taken the lead in the manufacturers' championship. After the season opener, the victorious drivers of the #7 car are also at the top the drivers' leaderboard. Round two of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship is set to be another highlight: the traditional 12 Hours of Sebring will take place on 16 March. The endurance race also counts as the second round in the Michelin Endurance Cup.

### **Drivers' comments after the race**

#### **Felipe Nasr (Porsche 963**

**#7):** "Wow! Right after crossing the finish line, I had to take a moment and let it all sink in. To have the decision in a 24-hour race come down to the very last few metres in a head-to-head duel – unbelievable. The Cadillac was very strong, especially in the final phase as temperatures rose. We gave everything tactically and driving-wise to take this victory. It worked. I'm super proud of everyone in the team."

#### **Matt Campbell (Porsche 963**

**#7):** "We won the 24-hour race at Daytona – that's just phenomenal! I can't thank my colleagues Josef, Felipe and Dane enough. The team as a whole was simply perfect. We had an absolutely crazy battle with the Cadillac. It was back and forth





over the entire distance. It was intense, exciting and exhausting. Now, it's time to celebrate our success."

**Dane Cameron (Porsche 963**

**#7):** "A fantastic day for us all. The Porsche 963 was extremely strong in today's race and showed that we've made the necessary progress in terms of reliability over the winter. I'm proud of everyone who enabled us to achieve this. Our team simply worked flawlessly. This is the first victory for the 963 in one of the really big races, and my first overall victory in the 24 Hours of Daytona – it couldn't be better."

**Josef Newgarden (Porsche 963**

**#7):** "I'm over the moon and extremely proud. We had an outstanding car. The combination of Porsche and Team Penske was the perfect package. A massive thanks to everyone who helped us on the way to this huge success. A 24-hour race like this requires months of intensive preparation. I think we deserved to win. It's a perfect start to the year. I wish the team a super successful season."

**Alessio Picariello (Porsche 963**

**#5):** "I'm completely exhausted, but also relieved and delighted. It's been a very intense weekend, and I learned an incredible amount. On top of that, I still had a fever on Friday. It doesn't matter: when I got in

the car, the adrenaline took over. I didn't make any mistakes, kept our number 5 on course and so I'm satisfied with my performance."

**Richard Westbrook (Porsche 963**

**#85):** "There are plenty of positives. On the one hand, we're all thrilled to have the first 24-hour race with the Porsche 963 behind us and to have scored lots of points in the process. The fact that we made it over the distance so well is also due to the great kit and the good support we received from Porsche. Unfortunately, a few minor things set us back a bit at the very end. Now, I'm looking forward to Sebring like a kid on the way to the candy shop."

**Michael Christensen (Porsche 911 GT3 R #77):** “I’m very pleased. Despite having started the race from pole position, second place was the best result we could achieve in this competition. We knew after the first hour that we weren’t quite fast enough. We had to drive perfectly, deliver flawless pitstops and choose the best strategy. That’s exactly what we managed to do over the entire distance and we all put in a first-class performance.” “Ready to go!” for the new season!

## Race Results

### GTP class:

1. **Cameron/Nasr/Campbell/Newgarden (USA/BR/AUS/USA), Porsche 963 #7, 791 laps**
2. **Derani/Aitken/Blomqvist (BR/UK/UK), Cadillac #31, -2.112 s**
3. **Taylor/Deletraz/Herta/Button (USA/CH/USA/UK), Acura ARX-06 #40, -14.989 s**
4. **Tandy/Jaminet/Estre/Vanthoor (UK/F/F/B), Porsche 963 #6, -15.387 s**
5. **Bruni/Jani/Picariello/Dumas (I/CH/B/F), Porsche 963 #5, -44.479 s**
6. **Van der Helm/Westbrook/Hanson/Keating (NL/UK/UK/USA), Porsche 963 #85, - 2 laps**

### GTD-Pro class:

1. **Serra/Rigon/Pier Guidi/Calado (BR/I/I/UK), Ferrari 293 GT3 #62, 733 laps**
2. **Heinrich/Priaulx/Christensen (D/UK/DK), Porsche 911 GT3 R #77, -34.999 s**
3. **Sellers/Snow/Verhagen/van der Linde (USA/USA/USA/RSA), BMW M4 GT3 #1, -2 laps**







## The year 2024 is all about the 50th anniversary of the 911 Turbo

- Porsche AG

The story of the turbocharged Porsche 911 began in 1973. At the IAA in Frankfurt, Porsche presented a silver 911 Coupé as the prototype of a turbo version of the 911. It stood at the show as the herald of a new era: the age of high-performance sports cars had begun.

After a world tour in 1975, the turbo 911 prototype was converted at the Zuffenhausen factory into a race-ready RSR for Australian racing driver Alan Hamilton, after which it remained in private ownership for a long time. To mark the anniversary, the car has been restored to the condition in which it was exhibited at the 1973 Frankfurt Motor Show.

"We at Traumwerk are delighted to be able to exhibit this first Porsche 911 Turbo prototype exclusively for the German-speaking world at Anger until April," says Sven Bössow, the new Managing Director of Hans-Peter Porsche Traumwerk. Coming from the Porsche-Diesel Club Europe, Sven is no stranger to the

global Porsche Club scene. He has been in charge of the Porsche Junior Project for several years. Together with Peter Daniell Porsche, who has also joined the Traumwerk management team, Sven aims to bring a breath of fresh air to the Traumwerk. Their vision is to anchor the Traumwerk in the region together with the Fahr(t)raum in Mattsee and Gmünd and to make it a central meeting point for Porsche Clubs and communities – with Sven Bössow, the Porsche Clubs now have one of their own as a contact person in Anger.

Back to the 911 Turbo, however: "It will be on display here until April before embarking on its two-year journey to Italy, California, Florida, New York, Goodwood and Australia. If you can, you should definitely come and see it. We have presented it exactly as it was at the IAA. With the turntable and the panels". But Sven is already looking to the future. "We are going to continue with a warm-up meeting for the

95th anniversary of the Gaisbergrennen on the 4th of May 2024".

### What other important anniversaries are coming up?

The Porsche Museum is celebrating its 15th anniversary. It is the center of the Porsche brand and its historical backbone. The museum opened in 2009 and will celebrate its birthday from 30 June with a special exhibition on "50 Years of the Turbo". Every year, 1,000 Club members from 30 Clubs and 15 countries alone take advantage of the factory visits and museum tours offered by Global Community Management. The Porsche Museum has become the central point of contact for the global brand and Club community.

### In the Club world, many Clubs are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year.

The Porsche Club Zurich is the second Club in Switzerland and the eighth worldwide. It was founded in 1954, one year after the Porsche Club Bern. Switzerland was one of



the first markets for the young Porsche company. The first 356 was presented to the public at the Geneva Motor Show in 1949, and in 1951 the Swiss company AMAG became the first foreign importer. The Swiss love affair with Porsche continues to this day.

The first Classic Clubs were founded in 1974. At that time, the Porsche 356 had been out of production for about 10 years and was now a collector's item. The Porsche Classic Club Belgium was founded 50 years ago, the Porsche 356 Klubb Sverige in Sweden and the 356 Registry in the USA. With around 8,600 Club members, it is the third largest Club organization in the Porsche world. One year after production of the Porsche 914 ended, the first Club for the 914-6, the rarer 6-cylinder version of the Porsche classic, was founded in Germany. 50 years ago,

the Porsche Clubs of Ticino, Tyrol, Salzburg and Queensland were founded.

### **What events are coming up in 2024?**

The F.A.T. Ice Race in Zell am See was a successful start to the season. In April, the Collectors Day will take place at the Porsche Classic Centre Gelderland in Heteren. Anyone who has been there knows how rewarding a visit to the Mark Weghs dealership can be. No wonder that the number of international Club visits and rallies to Heteren have steadily increased in recent years. Our secret tip – for now! At the same time, things will get sporty again at the Porsche Club Francorchamps Days in mid-April at the Circuit Spa-Francorchamps, and in June the 68th Porsche Parade USA of the Porsche Club of America will take place, this year in Birmingham,

Alabama.

The 914 meeting will be held in Belgium this year and the 356 Parade in Portugal. We look forward to the first air-cooled meeting in Norway, Fjordluft, organized by Porsche Norway and Porsche Club Norge. Classic at the Castle will also be particularly interesting this year. A new concept and the involvement of the Porsche Club Great Britain promise a new highlight in the Club world. The International Porsche Days in Zell am See will be the central event of the Club community this year. The Porsche Days will be held for the sixth time in the home of the Porsche family and under the patronage of Dr. Wolfgang Porsche. The Icons of Dubai will follow in December – they are increasingly becoming a must-attend event for the Porsche community.



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# 15 Years of the Porsche Museum – Then and Now

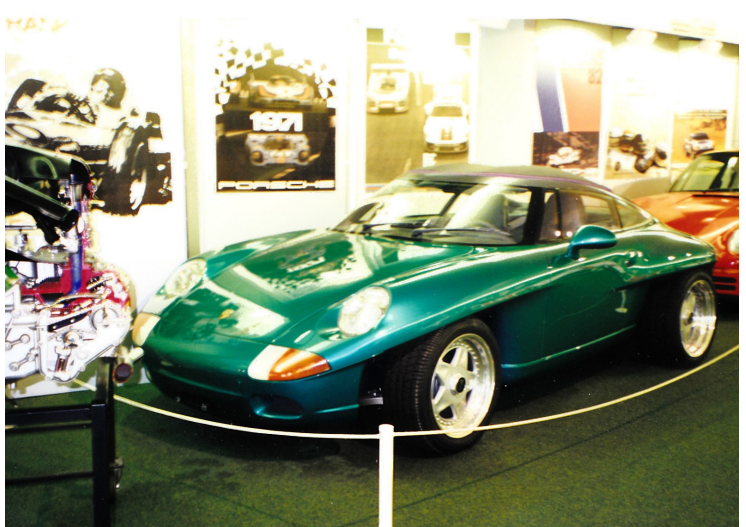
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Back not so many years ago, I used to travel fairly frequently to Germany to my company's office outside of Stuttgart. I always made an effort if time allowed to visit the Porsche factory and museum to see the cars. The museum back then was nothing more than a long, room of Porsche greats that they rotated on some frequency.

Now the Porsche Museum is a new modern attraction that welcomes more than a half million visitors a year. I've never been to the new Museum, but I have seen all the great cars at Rennsport Reunion VI and VII at Laguna Seca and that's even better!

Looking at the picture, its more years ago than I thought!







The new Porsche Museum in Zuffenhausen is a modern architectural masterpiece. Gone are the days of a single room museum and a dozen or so cars on display. Now, it's a journey back in time with all the great Porsches of the past, in a building with a restaurant, and a goodie store.

If you look closely the Sunoco 917 is still there.

The green concept car is the Panamericana. It was designed by Harms Lagaay who was also part of the Boxster team with Grant Larson and Pinkie Lai.

If you want some fun and unique Porsche goodies, the Porsche Museum Shop is a great place. It has lots of items that are only available there. My grandkids are fond of the racing ducks!

If you ever get to Stuttgart, the Porsche Museum is a must-see attraction.

Dan





# Baked Potato Party XII – A Change of Venue to Jim & Francie’s

Saturday, February 24, 2024



Billings to Frankfurt, Mumbai, Delhi, Seoul, San Francisco, and home. The world is a big place to fly around.

There was a new Porsche in attendance as well, a 2016 Dark Blue Metallic Macan S congratulations to the new owners. Perhaps we should have a new Porsche shower?

Unfortunately, we didn't have a membership meeting; maybe next month.

Once again, thank you to Jim and Francie for opening their home at short notice. It's appreciated.

The Baked Potato Party once again did not disappoint with laughs and good food. Due to a COVID outbreak the board had to decide whether to cancel, reschedule or find another venue. Absaroka Region Secretary Francie H. stepped up and volunteered to host the gathering. Jim and Francie are always there when needed and their generosity and willingness to host a party at short notice is very much appreciated by all.

We had a good turnout with 16 Absaroka members taking part.

The baked potato party is always fun because there is lots of food and the toppings are always exciting. There are the staples of butter, sour cream, bacon and chili, but there's the other stuff that makes it fun, like two types of delicious meatballs, one Swedish style and one more BBQ. Then there are desserts, a delicious poppy seed cake and some wonderful chocolate cookies. No one went away hungry, but folks did take away extra bakers which made for a yummy breakfast on Sunday morning.

Absaroka Vice President, Richard, overcame his around the world tour, jet lag, and made it to the party. He circumnavigated the globe on a business trip that took him from



**Top Left:** Jack sent a photo! He and Patty couldn't make it to the Party, but they were there in spirit.

**Above:** Lance and Richard doctoring up their bakers.

**Left:** Friendly conversations all around with Stephanie, Barbara, Duane, Judy, Rick and Buddy .





# Are you a Boxster Owner? Join PCA's Boxster Register

The Boxster Register is unique amongst Boxster forums found online in that all Boxster register members are members of the Porsche Club of America. With that common bond, we have a basic of love of the Porsche marque, and a shared set of values. This uniqueness let us interact as a "family". Many of us have met each other over the years at the Porsche Parade and Boxster events. Join us!

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**Top Left:** Boxster drivers meet in Space Coast Region for a Boxster Register gathering. **Top Right:** Parade laps Rennsport Reunion VII, **Bottom Left:** The top of the world on the Beartooth Highway, **Bottom Right:** BR Member "Phat Hippy" at the "Tail of the Dragon" in "Pikachu"





# Road to Chico Hot Springs

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

The annual Absaroka Region's season kick-off drive is almost here! Come and meet up with friends, old and new and wake your Porsche up from a long winter slumber.

Join us on Saturday, April 20 for a beautiful drive through Montana's Paradise Valley to Chico Hot springs Resort. East River Road provides a twisting, turning road that is perfect for real sports cars like ours. The natural beauty of the Paradise Valley, our namesake Absaroka Mountains, and Yellowstone River accompany you along your drive. Lunch for the group will be at Percy's at Chico Hot Springs Resort

For more details call Dan at: 208.859.4608

## Itinerary

**09:00** Laurel Golf Club – 1020 Golf Course Rd, Laurel, MT 59044

**09:30** Depart Laurel

**11:30** Drive to Chico Hot Springs, Montana via East River Road

**12:00** Lunch location Percie's Poolside Grill at Chico Hot Springs Resort

**13:30** Quick membership meeting

**14:00** Free afternoon — Drive to Yellowstone National Park or enjoy Chico Hot Springs

Springtime weather in April is always problematic. It might rain, snow, be sunny, or all of the above, in any case, it's going to be a fun day and the start of a fun driving season in the Absaroka Region (Porsche or not).









# Beartooth Pass Opening

## Memorial Day Drive, May 27, 2024

**This drive is prefaced with weather permitting!**

The Beartooth Highway, our region's crown jewel of a drive generally opens on Friday of the Memorial Day weekend. With that in mind, we are going to try and make a drive up on Memorial Day. If you have never been to the summit of the Beartooth early in the season, you've missed out. The amount of snow is astounding! It can still be chilly, there are spots that are wet and patchy with some ice, so hustling your Porsche along isn't the best option. Kick back and enjoy the journey like the others likely out for an adventure as well.

This will be an abbreviated trip to keep the day somewhat shorter. We'll go from Red Lodge and as far as the "Top of The World Store" and then back to Red Lodge, rather than completing the

complete loop of the Beartooth Highway and Chief Joseph Scenic Byway. We'll tackle that piece later in the driving season.

After departing Billings, we'll stop in Red lodge for a pit stop before heading up the mountain.

Planned stops will be at Vista Point Overlook, the summit turnout, and the turnaround spot at The Top of the World Store. We may have some photo stops for the group if that can be worked out.

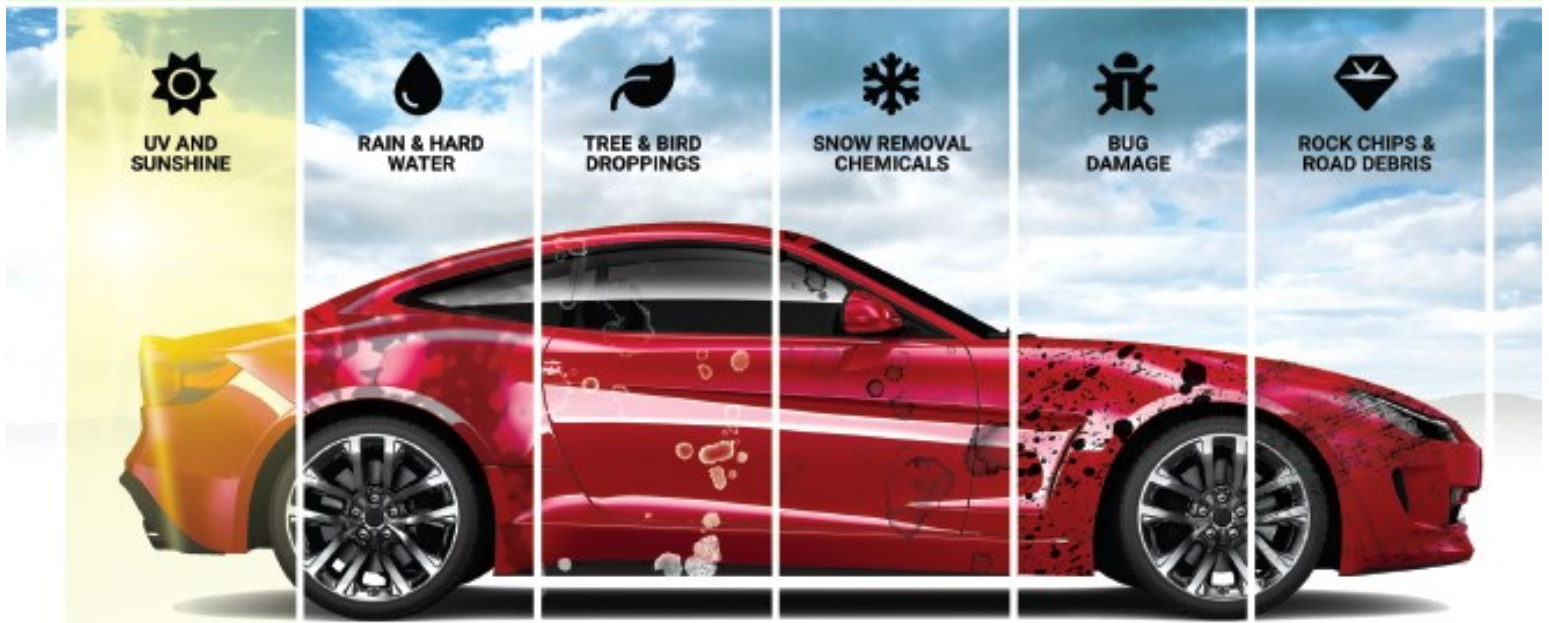
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