

# The Roundup

Longhorn Region  
July-August 2025



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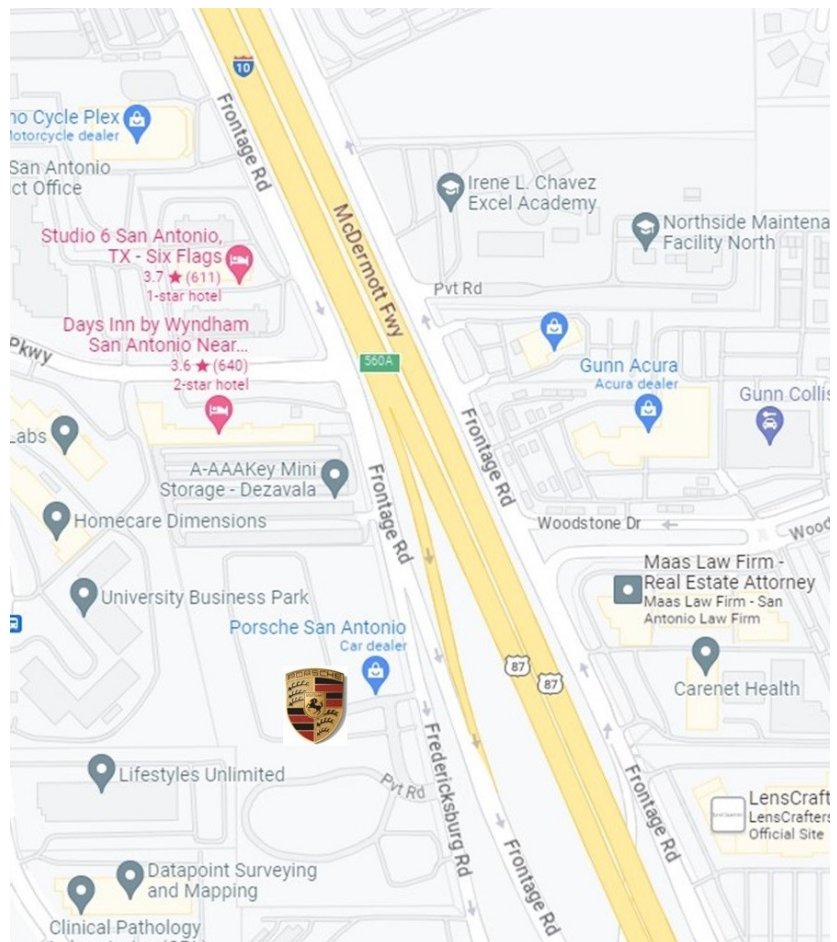
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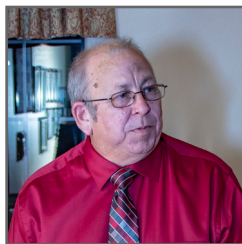
Cindy Elizondo, along with Dan Alwood and Chris Royter, presented the Center Point Volunteer Fire Department a check from LHR. On their trip they stopped by Kerrville to see the memorials to the flood victims. See the article on Pages 11-13.



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# 2025 Calendar

## Longhorn Region Events

### PCA/Other Region Events

#### 2025 Calendar

##### August:

7 - Dinner Meeting - TBD  
22 - Bunco & Burgers - Bigz Burger Joint  
16 - Bandera Tour - OST Breakfast  
30 - Sept. 6 - Treffen at Sea

##### September:

4 - Dinner Meeting - Chester's Hamburgers  
5-7 - Boxstoberfest - Fredericksburg  
13 - PCA 70th Anniversary event & Fall picnic  
20 - Autocross - The Tree of Life Church  
13 - RAIN DATE: PCA 70th Anniversary event & Fall picnic

##### October:

2 - Dinner Meeting -  
4 - Brewery Tour  
9 - New Member Social - Bigz Burger Joint  
25 - Autocross - The Tree of Life Church

##### November:

6 - Dinner Meeting - TBD  
5-9 - Multi Day event - Palooza Arkansas  
15 - Autocross - The Tree of Life Church

##### December:

4 - Christmas Party - Canyon Springs Golf Club



*Dates and locations could be subject to change. Please check the website calendar for the most up-to-date information at [longhornpca.org](http://longhornpca.org).*





July was a catastrophic month for our beloved Hill Country area. Our hearts go out to the families, friends and neighbors affected by the flooding. Providing charitable support to our communities is an important cause in all PCA regions. LHR Board and Council met to discuss how our region could collectively contribute to the recovery needs. Rather than contribute to a general fund, we decided to focus our efforts on a single cause. With the suggestion and information provided by Cindy Elizondo, we agreed to directly support the Center Point Volunteer Fire Department. Their fire station was gutted by flood waters, ruining equipment, fire gear, furniture, supplies and a stockpile of food purchased for their big July Picnic fundraising event. With your generous support, LHR members donated \$4665 to this charity drive. We added \$2500 from our LHR funds for a total contribution of \$7165. On August 1st, we drove out to Center Point and hand delivered our LHR donation supporting their Fire Station rebuilding needs. Thank you to all for supporting this fundraiser. It will certainly make an impact on their Fire Station recovery.

Gather with PCA friends on September 13th to celebrate PCA's 70th official anniversary date. The Weiswurm's will host our Oktoberfest themed Picnic Celebration at their beautiful property in Garden Ridge. We'll enjoy a smokehouse assortment from True Texas BBQ along with side dishes and desserts provided by our members. There will be refreshments of course and Lone Star DJ will provide the party vibe with German Bier Garden music. We will highlight the day with a Porsche Showcase car show. This will be a People's Choice car show where members simply vote for their favorite Porsches on display. Park and display your Porsche as you wish. Awards will be presented for: Best in Show, Best Rear Engine, Best Mid-Engine and Best Front Engine. Hoping for a nice historic display of Porsches to highlight the last 70 years of Porsches and PCA. There is a Special Edition T-shirt available to order to commemorate the day.

We have some fun Driving events coming up. This August Michael Sorbera is leading a Hill Country drive through twisty mountain roads ending in Bandera for lunch at Old Spanish Trail. We're looking forward to Boxtoberfest in September. This multi region event enjoys a huge turnout of PCA members from Zone 5 and beyond. Chuck Bush and the Boxtoberfest Team coordinate many exciting drives and social events over the weekend. This year they have added some new elements including Breakfast tacos-n-coffee Saturday morning and an evening reception at the Hanger Hotel with appetizers, cash bar, awards and door prizes.

Autocross events are back on the schedule starting in September. We will have three dates at Tree of Life Church this fall. Our events are friendly, welcoming and everyone gets involved running the track. Bill Dorsey lays out a different course for each event and typically takes 60 seconds to complete. Irene Camacho runs the lap timing so you can see your results. These events are open to all levels of experience, from absolute beginners to seasoned racers. We have several instructors who provide in-car coaching to help new drivers get comfortable with the course and their car's capabilities.

While many of our activities revolve around driving events, social gatherings are a cornerstone to PCA enjoyment. Our Social committee hosts Bunco & Burgers at BigZ Burger Joint on the third Friday at 11:30am. Great event for members to mingle, catch up with friends, and meet new people within the club. For those unfamiliar, Bunco is a simple dice game that requires no special skills or complex strategy, making it enjoyable for everyone. Players typically sit at tables of four, rolling dice and accumulating points, rotating partners and tables while playing. The ease of playing Bunco provides for conversation and laughter. Join the fun, sign up on Club Registration.

Happy Drives,  
Chris Royter



# Editor's Notes

by Shelley Matthews, Editor

**Our hearts go out to the people of the Hill Country who experienced devastating floods over the July 4th weekend.** Many lives were lost and billions of dollars worth of damage was done. Our club has many members in the Kerrville, Comfort, New Braunfels, Seguin, and Hunt areas which were affected by the floods. We have many of our drives through these areas which we've always enjoyed. Much money has been collected for the flood victims and first responders but it will be many months - even years if ever - before life will be back to somewhat normal for these communities. As Chris mentioned in his column, the board spent a lot of time trying to figure out the best way for us to help. Thanks to Cindy Elizondo, we decided to focus our energies on the Center Point Volunteer Fire department. This is an area we drive through often and their need is immediate to get their volunteer fire department back up to running to support their community. Our hope is that our contribution will help them achieve that goal. Thanks to all our members who contributed and thanks to the club for pitching in also.

Things tend to slow down in the summer due to the Texas **heat**. But we're **busy making plans** for fall events. Those will include LHR's celebration of PCA's 70th anniversary picnic in September, a New Member Social in October, drives to Three Sisters, Breakfast at Bandara, and a brewery tour. Sprinkled in are Wednesday lunches, monthly meetings, monthly Bunco, and autocrosses so we have a fall with something for everyone! And don't forget the non-LHR events such as Boxtoberfest in Fredricksburg, Austin Schnell Fest, and Porsche Palooza in Arkansas.

We'd like to welcome a **new sponsor** of our club - Import-Euroworks - in Selma! They offer service on electrical, suspension, and AC systems, along with engine, transmission, and cosmetic repairs. Check out their ad on page 20 and please support all our sponsors.

**Elections are coming up soon.** Want to run for an office? Want to nominate someone? Want to know the duties of that office? Talk to any of the current or past officers. All elected positions are open - President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Mike Vriesenga will be sending out an email to tell you all about the elections. Great way to get involved.

Also - want to be involved but not hold an office? Then **volunteer** to chair or participate in one of our many committees. Look on page 4 of the Roundup for our existing committees. Don't think you have the time? You can become a member of a committee and be as involved as you want or have time for. Have questions? Just talk to the committee chair or any of the officers. It's fun and a great way to get to know your fellow Porsche enthusiasts.

Speaking of volunteers - **I cannot create the Roundup without all of YOU!** I produce these issues for our region and I want to give you a magazine that you're interested in. I count on the membership to write articles and take pictures at events. I'm not someone who will constantly bug people - except Chris of course - sorry Chris - but I really do need your input and assistance. Articles don't have to be long (although they can be), don't have to be related to events we've held in the last month or two or even our events. They can be of a trip you took in your Porsche, a repair or restoration you've worked on, a funny story, a review of a particular car, driving tips, etc. I just ask that they are Porsche related. I also welcome ideas and constructive criticism. This magazine is for you! Help me make this a magazine you'll look forward to seeing. Don't be shy - if I can write articles so can you!! And I see lots of people taking pictures at events. Send them to me - I'll add them to an article someone else writes - or a picture page.



## PCA-Longhorn Region Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 3/25/2025

**Location:** Zoom Mtg

**Called to Order:** 8:02 PM by Chris Royter

**Attendees:**

Chris Royter President

James Bricken, Vice President

Ignacio Fortuno,

Treasurer Dan Alwood, Secretary

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Old Business**

2/3/2025 BOD meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

3/3/2025 BOD meeting minutes reviewed and approved after agreeing on a spelling change.

- **New Business**

- Reviewed the 2025 Fiesta Challenge revenue (\$6708) and expense (\$2615) details. Net funds raised: \$4093.
- Discussed adding \$907 from general funds to the Net Funds Raised to make an even \$5000 available for charity contributions.
- Dan Alwood made a motion that the BOD allocate the \$5000 to be split evenly between the two charities (Meals on Wheels and New Braunfels Food Bank). The BOD unanimously approved.
- Chris Royter said we have one white hat left from the earlier order of 60 hats. He intends to order 45 more hats for approx. \$600.
- The official PCA 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary is September 13, 2025. PCA is asking all regions to celebrate in some way. Perhaps we can have our annual Fall Picnic at that time.
- Time of adjournment: 8:29 PM

## PCA-Longhorn Region Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 6/30/2025

**Location:** Zoom Mtg

**Called to Order:** 8:03 PM by Chris Royter

**Attendees:**

Chris Royter President

James Bricken, Vice President

Ignacio Fortuno, Treasurer

Dan Alwood, Secretary

**Quorum Present, Yes**

**Old Business**

- Minutes from the 3/25/2025 BOD meeting were presented and read. Motion and voted to approve as written.

**New Business**

- Reviewed the current income statement and balance sheet. It was noted that the CD actually matures in September 2025 instead of March.
- The Board approved the financials.
- Reviewed upcoming revenues & expenses, including for September picnic and October new member social events.
- The year-over-year cash balance has been increasing little by little over the last three years.
- Considered other investments for our cash besides a CD.
- We're having two new member socials this year, as planned. James suggested having them more frequently.

**Time of adjournment:** 8:50 PM

# PCA-Longhorn Region

## Executive Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 7/15/2025

**Location:** Zoom Mtg

**Called to Order:** 8:00 PM by Chris Royter

**Attendees:**

Chris Royter President

James Bricken, Vice President

Jud Walford, past President

Stephen Mitchell, insurance chair

Shelley Matthews, news/member chair

Mike Matthews, social media

Irene Camacho, Social Chair

Dan Alwood, Secretary

Cindy Elizondo, co-membership

Don Coronel

**New Business**

- Consider options for donations related to July Kerrville area flood damage.
- Recipients considered:
  - Salvation Army.
  - Hill Country Daily Bread (they have list of specific needs).
  - Kerr county sheriff via web site.
  - Center Point volunteer fire department. They will be contacted to assess their need.
- Cindy proposed we have a night of movie fun, and collect funds then. Renting an entire theater is too expensive. Maybe a time and place could be selected, and all just show up.
- Different member donation forms were considered:
  - Club reg. This is the most practical way to manage money, but costs 4% to use.
  - Bill said that Ignacio can set up Venmo and Zelle for the donations. However, tracking the individual donations would be manual, and more difficult.
- A question of tax deductibility came up. It was decided that it isn't material considering the individual amounts likely to be donated.
- We'll target donations all be made by July EOM. We may consider additional donation "drives" in the future.
- It was proposed that \$25 be the minimum suggested amount.
- Expect a follow-up email(s).

Time of adjournment: 9:00 PM

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Called to Order:** 8:58 PM by Chris Royter

(meeting took place during the same call)

**Attendees:**

Chris Royter President

James Bricken, Vice President

Dan Alwood, Secretary

**Quorum Present: Yes**

**New Business**

- James moved our region donate a limited match \$3000 to a Kerrville charity.
- After some discussion, Dan moved we donate up to \$2500. This was seconded and approved by the Board.

Time of adjournment: 9:00 PM



PCA LONGHORN REGION INC										
Profit and Loss by Category										
January 1 to August 5, 2025										
	Autocross	Christmas Party	Drives	Fiesta Challenge	Meetings	New M Social	Newsletter	Picnic	General & Admin	TOTAL
<b>Revenue</b>										
Donation Income				561					365	926
Driving event receipts										-
Fiesta Challenge										-
Meeting Receipts				1,826						1,826
Interest										-
Newsletter receipts							4,450			4,450
PCA National				750		500			9,959	11,209
Receipts from Club Registration	5,846		2,296	3,669					4,154	15,965
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,846</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,296</b>	<b>\$ 6,807</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 4,450</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 14,478</b>	<b>\$ 34,377</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>										-
Advertising & Marketing						632			1,479	2,111
Bank Charges										-
Donation	561			5,000					7,165	12,726
Insurance										-
Meals & Entertainment	137							272		408
Member Gifts/Raffle items				534	779	185				1,498
Merchandise									460	460
Misc Awards/Trophies				908		99				1,007
Newsletter printing							595			595
Office Supplies & Software	744		111	108			571		466	1,999
Other Business Expenses									791	791
Rental Fees, Catering	2,500	156	2,218	1,174						6,048
Repairs and Maintenance										-
Taxes & Licenses										-
										-
										-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,942</b>	<b>\$ 156</b>	<b>\$ 2,329</b>	<b>\$ 7,724</b>	<b>\$ 779</b>	<b>\$ 916</b>	<b>\$ 1,166</b>	<b>\$ 272</b>	<b>\$ 10,361</b>	<b>\$ 27,644</b>
<b>Net Operating Results</b>	<b>\$ 1,904</b>	<b>\$ (156)</b>	<b>\$ (33)</b>	<b>\$ (917)</b>	<b>\$ (779)</b>	<b>\$ (416)</b>	<b>\$ 3,284</b>	<b>\$(272)</b>	<b>\$ 4,117</b>	<b>\$ 6,732</b>

PCA LONGHORN REGION INC		
Statement of Financial Position Comparison		
As of the end of:		
	Total	
	August 5, 2025	August 5, 2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Checking Account (3036)	\$ 18,171	\$ 12,421
Accounts Receivable		-
CD, Matures September 2025	20,900	20,000
Total Cash and Equivalents	39,071	32,421
Deposits	1,000	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 40,071</b>	<b>\$ 33,421</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 744	\$ -
Donations payable	-	
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	39,755	39,755
Retained Earnings	(7,161)	(12,787)
Net Revenue	6,732	6,453
Total Equity	39,327	33,421
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 40,071</b>	<b>\$ 33,421</b>

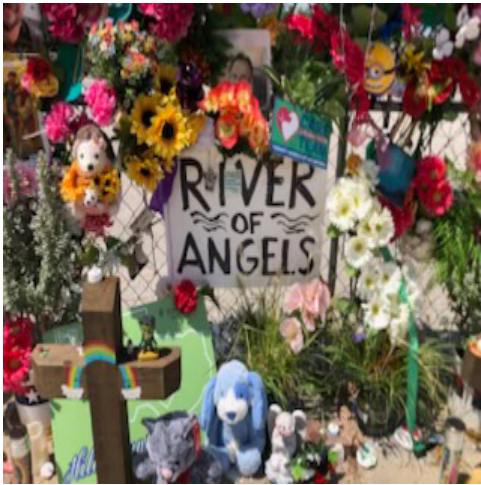
Financials

Provided by Ignacio Fortuno, Treasurer

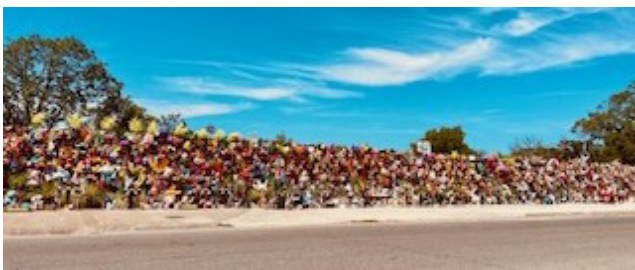
# Flood Relief ~ Center Point Volunteer Fire Department

Article and Photos by Cindy Elizondo

Friday morning August 1 was the perfect day for a ride to present the Center Point Fire Dept. our Longhorn Region donation. President Chris Royter led the ride accompanied by his wife, club secretary Dan and Rick & myself made up the small group. We met up at 1604 & 10 to travel to Center Point. The closer we got to the Fire Dept the more we could see evidence of the flooding. Trees & debris were everywhere. As were signs saying, "Hill Country Strong", "Thank You Volunteers" and green ribbons around many trees and poles.



We were a little early for our meeting with Chief



Holt, so we traveled on to Kerrville. Our first stop was the memorial that stretches a block on an installed fence for this purpose. While it was hard to look at all those lost, I felt honored to be able to see them and acknowledge their loss. You may leave notes, pictures

or other items at the memorial. We then went to a local restaurant and had a delicious meal with great ice tea! We headed back to meet and present the club's check to Chief Holt. We were fortunate to also meet Firefighter Doke who talked about his driving a Porsche when he was in the military at a base in Germany during the 70's. His Commanding Officer owned one but was afraid of it so once a month he would ask him to take it out and open it up to make sure it ran well.

Chris brought Longhorn region hats which we presented



to Mr. Doke and Chief Holt. Then we presented the check with our donations to Chief Holt. He thanked us, discussing how they are getting the Fire Dept. back in shape and the equipment they lost but planning to be prepared for disasters of this nature by looking towards an Air Boat, Sherp with trailer, Zodiac swift water rescue boat with motor & trailer and a pickup truck suitable for gooseneck towing. At 4 a.m. on July 4th while rescuing people in Hunt, TX the team knew Center Point would be hit hard soon so they sent word to the remaining staff to be aware and evacuate as best as possible, which they did. The evidence of the flood was everywhere around the Fire Dept. We were honored to be able to present these deserving first responders with the Longhorn Region donation. If you would like to support them in their needs you



may donate by check to: CPVFD Attn: Susan Walker, Treasurer P.O. Box 494 Center Point, TX 78010.

Venmo: Center Point Volunteer Fire Dept. User ID: CPVFDTX. (There are several fraudulent accounts. Make sure that you use the User ID provided. There is a business account.)

In partnership with the Cajun Navy there is now a live GOFUNDME to help CPVFD to rebuild what was

lost or damaged in the flood at: [gofundme.com/f/ezeq8r-support-center-point-volunteer-fire-dept](https://gofundme.com/f/ezeq8r-support-center-point-volunteer-fire-dept)

The volunteers are still working tirelessly but as we thanked them, we could see not only the toll it was taking on them but also their determination to stay "Hill Country Strong". As a fellow Texan I could not be prouder that we stepped up to help our fellow Texans.

Till next time tales from a navigator-Cindy Elizondo.



Fields that were lush and green on July 3 were now left with broken trees, silt and debris. These pictures were taken several weeks later. The debris remains.



Hundreds of first responders and experienced search and rescue personnel rushed to the scene to rescue survivors. Then they had the grim tasks of finding victims.



Many cars and RVs were washed down stream. Along with houses, animals and people.

The communities of Kerrville, Comfort, Center Point, Hunt, New Braunfels, and Seguin will never be the same.



Life along the Guadalupe River will never be the same. But those communities and surrounding towns which were not affected came together as one and are working to making central Texas strong!



Water level  
in Center Point

Rick pointing to  
water level in  
fire station  
during flood



Trees left standing



LHR caravan

Damaged wall in firehouse



# A Dog's Tail

Article by Rebecca Yard

My favorite part of PCA road trips is traveling the back country roads. Our recent trip to Llano provided many a twist, turn, cattle guard, narrow bridge, and a close encounter of the canine kind!

Chuck Bush was leading our group as we approached a narrow bridge. A pickup truck was waiting politely on the other side. Stretched out in the middle of the road was a yellow labrador type dog. Fearing the worst, Chuck immediately stopped, and we all pulled off to the side behind him. Chuck approached the dog, who raised its head as if to say, "Howdy! How ya'll? Can I help you?"

Chuck said he initially worried the lab was lost or abandoned, however, it had a collar, was well fed, and appeared to be taking advantage of the beautiful morning with a nap in the sun.

As the rest of us exited our cars to see what was going on, the lab's friend, a gray and black

great Dane type, approached us wagging his tail happily. He immediately walked over to one of the cars and took "possession" of the tire, if you know what I mean.

Several of us scolded him for his bad manners. He hung his head in shame, but immediately walked across to the waiting pickup truck, and took "possession" of one of his tires as well! Meanwhile, Chuck had encouraged the lab to stand up and the two dogs trotted happily up their driveway. We returned to our cars and continued the drive with smiles and laughter.

Lesson of the day; always carry dog treats! You never know when or where you will make a new friend at a PCA event. It's all about the people and, apparently sometimes, the dogs.



# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Primary members:	639
Affiliate/Family members:	330
<b>Total:</b>	<b>969</b>

## New Members as of August 1, 2025

Kristi Anthony	2025	Cayenne S
Todd Brauckmiller	2018	718 Cayman S
Matt Butler	2012	911 Carrera GTS
Augustin Cardenas	2015	911 Carrera 4S
Don Carr	2002	911 Turbo
James Cloyd	2025	911 Carrera
Robert Feerst	2019	718 Cayman S
Rodney Franklin	2022	Macan
Dylan Garza	2020	718 Cayman S
Ryan King	2025	718 Boxster GTS 4.0
Jeff Kleck	2014	911 Carrera
Ray Kutner	1983	944
Brendan & Jeff Logsdon	1984	911 Carrera
John Paulson	2015	Cayman
Arturo Perez	2015	911 Turbo Cabriolet
Kevin Ratliff	2002	911 Turbo
Pete Rivera	2018	911 Turbo S Cabriolet
William & Liz Shumpes	2023	911 Carrera T
Alex Solis	2014	911 GT#
Thaddeus Suter	1978	911 SC Targa
Willard Teel	2012	911 Carrera S
Timothy Tong	2024	718 Cayman S
Emily & Corey Wogtech	2016	911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet

## Transfers In:

Alex & Michelle McDowell	1986	911 Carrera
Jorge & Diana Varela	2018	718 Boxster S

## From:

Gold Coast  
Maverick

## Transfers Out:

Albert DeLauro	2014	911 Turbo S Cabriolet
Scott DiGioia	2021	Macan S

## To:

Rocky Mountain  
Alpine Mountain

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## Anniversaries

### July 2025:

#### 20 years

Phoung LeLam & David Groff  
Greg & Judy Collins

#### 15 years

Helene & Alex DePeralta

#### 10 years

Charles Reis  
Franklin & Margo Adams  
Geoffrey Crabtree

#### 5 years

Robert & Rebecca Yard  
Howard Skillrud

#### 1 year

David Valdivieso  
Christine & Shannon Harrison  
Ronald Kubasak  
Paul Orozco  
Wendy & Andrew Glick  
Wes Weiner  
John-Paul Bonansinga  
Rob Nickell  
David & Jill Finnie  
Chris Waggy

### August 2025:

#### 20 years

Joaquin & Joaquin Mejia

#### 15 years

Morton Kahlenberg & Robert Sloan  
Michael & Sharon Vriesenga

#### 10 years

Thomas Blackburn  
Duane & Brenda Helm

#### 5 years

Daniel Cernoch & Shannon Abney  
Flor Tallman  
David Calzada  
Martin Peake

#### 1 year

Kirstin Silberschlag  
Clifford Ocampo  
Paul Winters  
Benjamin Mcvey  
Arik & Conselo Turmes  
Darlene & Truco Fuhst



# TSD Rally

Article by Mike Vriesenga      Photos by Mike Vriesenga and Sherry Sorbera

On Saturday, June 7, 2025, 9 cars and 17 people from Longhorn PCA participated in a Time, Speed, Distance (TSD) Rally from Bergheim to Driftwood.

A TSD Rally presents unique challenges to the driver and navigator. In addition to following the route laid out in the directions, each team must manage its speed to arrive at the timing locations as close to the planned time as possible. Given the vagaries of traffic, construction, traffic signals, and other unpredictable factors, this is a dynamic challenge requiring close measurement, good calculation, clear communication, and lots of flexibility. To add complication (simplification?), we used the Richta Rally application for the first time, to track cars via GPS and calculate scores automatically.

The overall route ran generally through Kendalia, Sisterdale, Fredericksburg, Johnson City and Dripping Springs. The roads varied from the sweeping turns and vistas of FM 473 and 1323, to the relatively twisty and rural Old San Antonio Road, and the rough but beautiful and challenging Fitzhugh Road south of Pedernales State Park. Because of the recent rains, the Texas Hill Country was delightfully green and lush. Even the unobservant could see Cenizo bushes in full blush, a regular post-precipitation treat in south-central Texas. Flat Creek flowing over Fitzhugh Road was good for a splash and a smile, although easier in a Cayenne than a 911.

We ended the day at Vista Brewing in Driftwood. They generously provided VIP roped off parking, a long, reserved table, good burgers and beer. The seasonal Victor Bravo West Coast Imperial IPA was quite tasty.

The final results in the Richta Scoreboard showed

Chuck Bush and Mikel Matthews in 3rd place with 501 points,



Steve Bonnette and Gregory Arnold in 2nd place with 336 points, and

David and Kortnee Valdivieso in 1st place with 304 points.



Win or lose, everyone was smiling.

If you are interested in combining a beautiful drive, a little competition, and a great destination, please join us on the next TSD Rally.



***Mike V. gives instructions to the Rallyers.***





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# The Porsche Macan ..... it grows on you

Article & Photos by Jack Merrill

Let me introduce this by saying when the Macan first came out, I wanted very much not to like it as many have asked the question, why does Porsche, a sports car company, need yet another SUV and a smaller one at that? Over the years, my opinion has changed. I've driven probably every different model of the Macan and finally I am convinced, it's a pretty nice vehicle and a sporty one at that.

Well, last year after I broke my hip (another story) and had to have it replaced the doctor said that I probably shouldn't try to get in my recently purchased 2018 911T for at least 4 to 6 months. So somewhat down, my good friend Dan Faerber, the general manager at Porsche San Antonio, suggested I look at a Macan GTS, which I did and bought one. Naturally, anybody that knows me, knows I've got to have all the performance goodies, leather interior, 18 way seats, sport chrono plus etc. and we found one and in blue.... even better.



Also owning a Cayenne, I was able to compare one to another. The Macan is smaller, has less head and leg room in the rear seating than the Cayenne and less luggage space in the rear however, if you don't normally carry large adults in the rear and want a more sporty vehicle, the Macan may just fit your bill. It did mine.

The Macan is lighter and much more nimble than the Cayenne, which is a very nimble SUV. If you get the GTS version of the Macan with all the performance options, you can change ride height and shock setting on the fly as well as transmission programming.

I drive mine at least 50 to 75% of the time in manual mode and love it. Of course, I added a set of GT 3 RS paddles which makes the experience even better. While nothing is

perfect, and if I could dream, the Macan GTS with a third pedal and six speed manual would come close. And how about Porsche ceramic brakes. We could label it a Macan RS.

Speaking of driving and we were, while the Macan is not a 911, it comes pretty darn close on twisty roads and is pure fun to drive. The brakes are adequate (PCCBs would be better). The acceleration, with over 400 hp in a six cylinder twin turbo engine, is more than adequate - in fact it's great.

So what don't I like about the Macan? Mine is a 2024 GTS and I'm definitely not a fan of adaptive cruise control. I would much prefer basic cruise control. Other than that, there is nothing I don't like. It's quiet and it's nimble with very good acceleration and braking. It's easy to park and easy to maneuver. If my neck wasn't so bad I'd love to take it on the track. Yes, if available I would've ordered PCCB brakes.



The Macan base and S are also both good cars with four-cylinder engines, which I'm not a fan of, and are enjoyable transportation and for many will fill the bill when a 911 just won't do it with small kids. That said I'll have to admit that fifty years ago Sandy and I went from Florida to Arizona with our two small kids in our 1966 Porsche 912. Today we would consider that foolish but back then we were young.

Now, if you think you might want a Macan, don't delay because the word is Porsche will quit building the gasoline engine version of the Macan next year and after that only the all electric will be available. Probably not the smartest decision since the Macan sells so very well, but then what can I say? It's their company. So there you have it - one man's evolution from not liking the Porsche Macan to owning a GTS version and very happy with it.



# Schnell Fest at COTA

Article and Photos by Jon Daubert

The Austin Schnell Fest is hosted by the Hill Country, Lone Star, and Maverick Regions of PCA, along with the Houston Chapter BMW - CCA, and takes place twice a year at Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in the spring and fall. Details can be found on [austinschnellfest.clubregistration.net](https://austinschnellfest.clubregistration.net). Schnell Fest is open to drivers of all makes of cars and experience levels. What makes this event especially great for drivers who are new to the track is the Intro to High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) that is offered to new drivers only.

Space is limited, and I was lucky enough to get a slot for Intro to HPDE. I was assigned to the Noon – 5:00 PM slot on Saturday, March 8, 2025. I was also fortunate to be assigned to Hank Smith, a Chief Driving Instructor,



whose instruction was truly exceptional including radios and hand signals. As the day progressed, I became more confident and comfortable. With his instruction and guidance, I ended the day with so much fun and

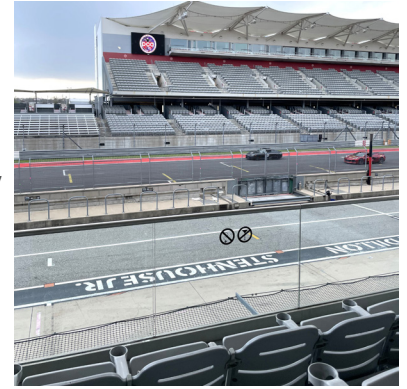
understanding of track driving and the dynamics of my car.

I had an exhilarating, fun, educational experience in the Schnell Fest driving the 3.4 mile circuit at COTA in my 2024 Porsche 718 Cayman GTS 4.0.

The day started with my tech inspection. My license plate was marked with a yellow cross to let all drivers know I was a track novice. The hosting regions hold a parade lap open to all drivers for a donation. It was fun to drive on the track with my wife, Mindy. Then, on



to classroom for about 45 minutes to learn safety protocol, track features, track etiquette, and general familiarity. Then, hopping into my car with Hank, lining up on the grid, and blasting around the track for a couple of hours.



Another exceptional part of the experience was having unlimited access to the paddock and lounge and bleachers. The whole COTA facility was open for exploration. Many participants rent garages, and those are open to everyone to walk through. I would not hesitate to bring family or friends to this event. My



wife was able to watch the cars on the track from the bleachers on the front straight. I did not spend much time in the lounge as I was spending most of my time in the car or walking around the

garages and loving all of the incredible cars and talking to car enthusiasts.

My costs were:

- \$399.00 Intro to HPDE
- \$275.00 Tech Inspection Form (performed and signed by Porsche of San Antonio)
- \$788.67 track insurance with Jacob J. Katz and Company for \$110,000.00

The next Schnell Fest will be held November 22 - 23, 2025. Check [austinschnellfest.clubregistration.net](https://austinschnellfest.clubregistration.net) for full details and registration dates. See you on the track.





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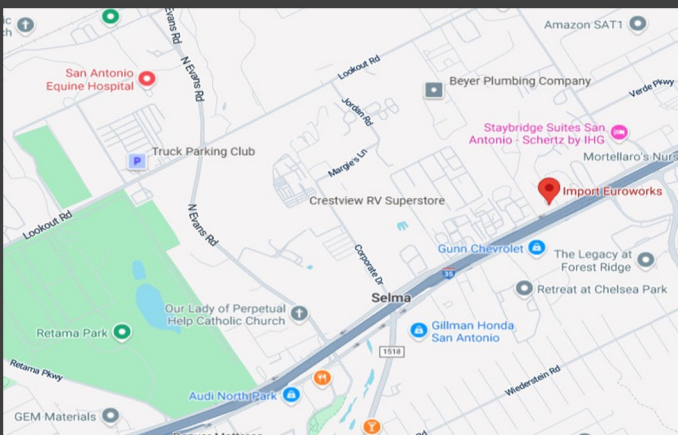
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# Porsche of San Antonio Open House

Article and Photos by Shelley Matthews

On a cloudy but warm Thursday night in June, Porsche of San Antonio hosted an Open House at their new dealership. The large crowd enjoyed drinks and appetizers, and the



Doc Watkins' Jazz Band entertained a room full of Porsche enthusiasts. It was a very nice event.



For some background - the Porsche dealership in San Antonio was originally combined with the Audi dealership. Porsche was then acquired separately in 1990 and became the Porsche Center on September 19, 1990. They then acquired the former Porsche Audi building and their Volvo dealership joined them shortly afterwards. Throughout the next decade, sales grew steadily. In 2001 the Porsche Center moved to

Fredericksburg Road and sold Porsche's exclusively. Over the next decade new models were introduced including the Cayenne, Carrera GT, and the Panamera. Then, in 2011, Porsche Center was renamed Porsche of San Antonio. To add to the excitement of the new name, they were named the first LEED Gold Certified Porsche dealership in the world! (LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – a green building rating system). Three years later in 2014, the Macan was introduced followed by the 918 in 2015. As sales continued to climb, they quickly ran out of room. So, construction began on a new building on H-10 West and was completed in 2023.

The new dealership is larger, and they have added more service bays to accommodate the demand from Porsche owners. Thanks to Don Faerber and his team for hosting a wonderful event and for Porsche of San Antonio being a long-time sponsor of LHR.



While Valets parked cars, party-goers enjoyed the band, refreshments and the company of Porsche enthusiasts.



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## Time travel: Porsche presents selected cars at Retro Classics

**13/02/2025** Porsche invites Retro Classics 2025 visitors to an exciting journey that combines the past, present and future of the sports car. From 27 February to 2 March 2025, the company from Zuffenhausen will set up in Hall 1 to present a carefully curated selection of cars that not only make the captivation of the Porsche brand tangible, but also provide deep insights into the Porsche Heritage and Museum areas.

Retro Classics in Stuttgart is not just a trade fair – it is a meeting place for classic car fans and sports car enthusiasts from all over the world. From Thursday, 27 February to Sunday, 2 March 2025, Porsche will be represented at the Stuttgart exhibition centre with a special selection of exhibits. The exhibition creates a tension between the past of the brand and its innovative present. "Our work in the Porsche Heritage and Museum department is aimed at making the past ready for the future, today. The iconic models at the centre of the Porsche trade fair stand impressively demonstrate how closely the history of the brand is linked to its future," says Achim Stejskal, Head of Porsche Heritage and Museum. "We also invite visitors to get to know our Porsche Heritage and Museum team better."

## Light weight and with a naturally aspirated V10 engine

On Sunday, 2 March 2025, the Porsche Museum invites you to a panel discussion with prominent guests at 11:00 a.m.. Le Mans winner and brand ambassador Timo Bernhard and former racing engineer Norbert Singer talk to Armin Burger, Coordinator of Historic Motorsport, about the long-distance racing successes of the Porsche brand and a special project that was brought back to life a few weeks ago: the Porsche Le Mans Prototype 2000, LMP 2000 for short. Originally designed to win at Le Mans, the ambitious project was discontinued 26 years ago during the development phase for cost reasons. After 78 test kilometres, a tarpaulin was thrown over the car in 1999 and it went into storage for more than two decades. That was until the Porsche Heritage and Museum team got the LMP 2000 ready to drive again a quarter of a century after the first rollout. The facts about the LMP 2000, which was once developed for the Le Mans prototype class LMP900: 452 kW (615 PS), 5.5 litre displacement, V10-cylinder naturally aspirated engine. The presentation at the trade fair stand is its first official appearance after the car was presented last year.

The Porsche Carrera GT, which is celebrating its 25th birthday this year, is no less impressive. The study of the mid-engine sports car was presented in Paris in September 2000. The Carrera GT shares not only the V10-cylinder naturally aspirated engine, which can also be seen on the Porsche stand, with the LMP 2000, but also the idea of an innovative lightweight construction. The body and monocoque chassis of the Carrera GT are made of carbon fibre and carbon-fibre-reinforced plastic. With its design and performance, the Carrera GT embodies Porsche DNA: a combination of racing technology and driving experience. Together with the LMP 2000, it shows how closely innovation and tradition are linked at Porsche.

## The Porsche 959 celebrates its 40th birthday

With the Porsche 959, the company not only set another technical milestone, but also pushed the limits of what is technically feasible in automotive construction. Between 1986 and 1988, only 292 models of the super sports car, with its groundbreaking aerodynamic properties, were produced. Its 2.8-litre biturbo six-cylinder engine delivered 331 kW (450 PS) and was capable of a top speed of 315 km/h. This makes the 959 one of the fastest series production cars of its time. With its blend of groundbreaking technology and luxurious equipment, the 959 is not only a super sports car, but also a technology champion that embodies the manufacturer's engineering skills. The 959 has long been a legend that laid the foundation for modern super sports cars in the 1980s.

## Sixty years of the Targa success story

Another attraction at Retro Classics is the Targa Duo, which Porsche is using to celebrate the 60-year success story of this iconic body variant. At its trade fair stand, the sports car manufacturer will present a Porsche 911 2.0 Targa "soft window" from 1967 and the current 911 Targa 4S Heritage Design



Edition of the 992 generation. Both demonstrate how Porsche combines tradition and modernity. In 1965, Porsche exhibited the second body variant of the 911, which was still young at the time, at the International Motor Show in Frankfurt. To this day, the idea of the Targa continues to weave its way through all generations of the 911. With the models of the Heritage Design Edition, it is important to preserve the tradition of the brand and to reinterpret it for the future. Each edition dips into the history of Porsche with design features – and interprets them in a contemporary way.

## Porsche provides insight into historical work

Over the four days of the trade fair, Porsche will not only present special exhibits, but also explain what the motto “Mission Future Heritage” means. The Porsche Heritage and Museum team will present all aspects of their area. In conjunction with this, a very special talk will be held on Saturday, 1 March 2025, at 14:00. With Timo Bernhard as presenter; Alexander Klein, Head of Heritage Operations and Communications; Frank Jung, Head of Corporate Archives and Collections; and Denis Behn, team coordinator visitor services, will give insights into their work. This way, guests can find out firsthand what is happening behind the scenes.

In addition, Porsche invites visitors to experience history and innovation first-hand and interactively. A screen allows interested fans to “get into” cars or stroll through the museum shop. In addition to this 360-degree tour, Porsche will also present the company archive at the stand. The Porsche Heritage and Museum team will be showing selected archive exhibits to match the cars on display. Visitors can look forward to design models of the Porsche 911 Targa and Porsche 959, as well as posters, drawings and the helmets and racing suits of motorsport stars such as Stéphane Ortelli and Allan McNish. Based on the motto “Heritage Worldwide”, the museum uses a large world map to show where the cars from the collection are currently located: at driving events, rallies and as part of the Heritage Experience event programme. To complement the map, the Porsche Museum shows pictures and films of the missions. The museum shop incorporated into the exhibition stand offers visitors selected products from the brand – a souvenir of a special day at Retro Classics.

At this year’s Retro Classics event in Hall 3, Porsche is presenting selected 911 models. The new platform RARE.SPHERE creates space for real encounters and is intended to represent the “zeitgeist” / spirit of the age of the younger generations. Here, the sports car manufacturer will exhibit the 911 Turbo RSR 2.1. The exhibited 911, from 1974, was the first of its kind with a turbocharger and the first Porsche racing car with a turbo engine at the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

On 27 February, Porsche will be represented at the trade fair from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. From 28 February to 2 March, guests will be welcome from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

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