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Happy New Year, Roadrunners!

I hope you had a great 2017, and I look forward to having a great 2018 together with all of you. Thanks for entrusting me with the presidency this year. Those of you who have been in PCA leadership know that it’s a shared job. We all benefit from the club and its activities, and they don’t happen unless we make them happen. So we take turns doing the work behind the scenes that make those things possible. I’m glad to pitch in and pull my oar for a while to make sure that continues.

One of the cool things that happened in 2017 was that webmaster Ann Mulhern found an easy-to-use and reasonably-priced online voting program. The board has been kicking around electronic voting for years (it’s been in the bylaws since I can remember), but it just didn’t seem practical until now. This new program allowed us to add another, easier voting method which in turn tripled the number of votes, compared to previous years. Giving more members more ways to be involved is something the board is always eager to do, and this one seems to have paid off handsomely. Thank you all for voting!

The groundwork for the vote is done by the Nominating Committee, by the way. Their work is extremely important, since they identify and solicit the people whose names appear on the ballot. This year Patty Blackwell, Bob Blackwell and Paula Sears were the nominating committee. Thanks, you all!

We had a pretty good turnout for the 2018 calendar planning session on December 12, and you can see the cool things that came out of it on the web site now. (Go to rrrpca.com and click on “Calendar” at the top.) But that’s not the end of calendar planning. If you have an idea for a club activity – a drive-out (short or long) that you want to lead, a social event you want to host, a tech session to suggest – just let us know. PCA is all volunteer, so whatever we get going comes from our own imaginations.

Remember, there is a general membership and board meeting the second Tuesday of every month, and all members are invited and welcome to attend. There’s a business meeting, which we try to keep efficient and short, then most of us adjourn to have dinner and a drink at a nearby restaurant. Sitting through the meeting is not a burden, but it’s also a good excuse for good food and conversation afterward. Join us any time.

So, off we go into 2018. Turn on Sport Plus mode, step on the brake, floor the accelerator, and LAUNCH yourself into the new year with the Roadrunners!

Vance Bass - President
Roadrunner Region PCA
Before we close the door on 2017, just a couple quick notes about Porsche, and the brand’s performance last year.

Many of us probably heard of the Consumer Reports customer satisfaction survey of automobiles that made the news toward the end of December. My ears perked up when I heard that Porsche was in the number two spot behind Tesla. This survey is taken of customers who have owned their cars for at least three years. While I don’t have the entire methodology of the survey, the thoughts I had around the expectation the buyers of these various makes of car would have when driving off the dealer’s lot. The expectations of Porsche buyers and drivers would have to be totally different and higher than that of many other car owners. After all, these are performance cars. So, to have Porsche buyers rate their cars at nearly the top of the list really says a lot about their ownership experience exceeding their high expectations. This also translates to Porsche’s bottom line. In 2017 through the third quarter Porsche’s operating profit, revenue and car deliveries were all up.

The January issue of Ramblings is always important for the first look at the 2018 calendar. The Roadrunner planning group gets together and lays out the meetings, socials, autocross, drive outs and other assorted events. For those members who like to plan ahead, feel free to print the calendar pages out and attach them to the fridge or wherever. The most significant event on the calendar for the first half of the year is the Tamaya Treffen.

Publicity for the Treffen will be starting shortly from PCA. For Roadrunners, the lead up to the event will involve several drive outs to run through each tour. The tour committee wants to make sure there are no unforeseen surprises for these drives. So, there may be some additional drive outs in the first few months of the year that are not on the schedule. The tour committee will use social media, email blasts and the website to alert members to the changes.

Also importantly, the Treffen committee headed by Harry Season is always looking for volunteers. This issue of Ramblings had a full page ad recruiting volunteer folks. The contact information for various members involved in Treffen event planning is in the ad.

Several Roadrunners took a spirited run down to Scottsdale, AZ for the monthly first Saturday Cars’n Coffee. Willard MenNe was among the group and he sent along a nice article and many great pictures of the event. Outside of the Porsche world, how often do you see a 1913 Bugatti roadster parked next to a 2015 Bugatti Veyron? Look for Willard’s article and pics in this issue. Thanks Willard.

One of the most popular social events of the year is the Holiday Christmas Party. Nearly 50 Roadrunners and guests enjoyed a great Holiday luncheon buffet at El Pinto. I was there, and even won a raffle prize, which never happens. Look for the recap and many pictures from Willard and Ann Mulhern Waller.

So that will start us out for a new year…2018. We hope you have a very safe and healthy New Year.

Steve Waller
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## 2018 Calendar of Events

Please note: Membership meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. The location is the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd NE. Our meeting room is in the education wing on the south side of the church. The meetings will start at 6:00pm. Don’t forget to attend the weekly lunch, every Wednesday at 11:15am, and the monthly breakfast the last Sunday of every month at 9:00am at the Owl Cafe, 800 Eubank Blvd NE.

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Our first Meet & Greet of 2018 will be at The Range Café, located at 925 S. Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo. We will be in the bar, which seems like the perfect place to kick off 2018! If you’ve not been to The Range, you can check out the menu at: www.rangecafe.com. As usual, you can select from the full menu and have separate checks. Parking is located behind, in front of, and across the street from the restaurant.

*Please RSVP to Marsha MenNe @ mmilmen@gmail.com by January 19th.*

I hope you can join us for the first official get-together of 2018.

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The 2018 Roadrunner Region Christmas Party was held at El Pinto Restaurant this year. This is our second time to celebrate the Holidays with a luncheon buffet at this iconic restaurant. Surrounded with Christmas decorations from the moment you enter, it doesn’t take long before the holiday spirit is with you. The banquet room was filled with Christmas wreaths, big red bows, and a Xmas tree with plenty of lights.

Yvonne and Dolores welcomed members with tickets for our door prize drawings, and everyone received gift boxes of See’s chocolates (delicious). The gift exchange table filled quickly with wrapped presents for those who were nice this year (not caught being naughty for some), and another table was covered with door prizes.

Christmas music played in the background as president Mike Suttle welcomed everyone to this year’s party. The buffet serving lines were opened, and we were treated to the food dishes we all crave for…the ones that require a “red or green” choice while being served. The desserts were bought in from a local independent bakery just down the street from El Pinto. Thanks to everyone who helped put the Christmas party together. Willard and Marsha MenNe especially for their time and effort. Have a safe and healthy 2018 everyone.
In the Zone

Rich Sanders
Zone 9 Rep

An important Zone 9 milestone slipped by in the past two months. I have no way of knowing exactly which day or month, but the combined number of members plus co-members in Zone 9 crossed the 5,000 mark! Congratulations to regional membership chairs and the rest of you who act as “ambassadors” for PCA in your everyday interactions. It’s a nice benchmark to finish 2017.

December seems to be Holiday party time throughout the zone. I managed to get to three of them prior to the conclusion of the year. One was here in my home region. Always nice to be home for a real tradition. The other two were both in Texas regions, Llano Estacado and West Texas. For my first zone rep visit to these two Texas regions, my wife Julie elected to join me. I think she felt sorry for me going solo to events that were mostly couples, and where I hadn’t met many of the members yet. We both had a great time and want to thank the leadership of both regions for their Texas hospitality and fun drives. Fun drives on for a Holiday party? Yep. Texas does it big. The West Texas region combines their Holiday party with a three day drive out. This trip was to all the way to Fort Davis very close to the Mexico border. Close enough to the border that the DHS TARS radar blimps could be seen keeping an eye on things Porsches.

This monthly letter is being written just hours before the ball drops us all into 2018. In the next month, most regions that have not already done so, will be locking down their annual activity calendars. That means a lot of volunteer coordination, finding parking lots and runways for autocrosses, making deposits, locking down dates at race tracks for HPDEs and Club Races, and similar work planning socials and driving tours. In the Roadrunner region specifically, there’s a particularly complex level of work finalizing the planning and staffing for Treffen Tamaya from April 25-29. Registration is currently scheduled to open around mid-January.

As I came into the zone rep role, one of my planned activities was to introduce a much improved zone website. Work on the website is beginning now, and I hope to have it live before the end of the first quarter. One of the goals for the website will be to make it very easy for webmasters from each individual region to easily upload their own calendar events, allowing all of us to more easily see the full scope of activities throughout the zone and to perhaps encourage some extended travel plans for PCA members.

All of the region calendar planning happening now, the national event planning for Treffen in New Mexico, and the support that I’m receiving to pull together a new zone website, comes 100% as the result of a LOT of dedicated volunteers. If you are reading this, please ask yourself how you might get involved a bit more in 2018. Ask a regional committee member how to help. And if you don’t find a way to engage locally, then consider going online to pca.org and then type “National Volunteer Form” into the search bar. As you scroll through the form you will find a long list of national committees. These committees don’t just need leads. They also need members that are representative of different parts of North America to support the leaders with their own special knowledge or skill. So if you really enjoy autocross for example, then you can sign up to join the autocross committee. Just fill out the form, check autocross, and add a comment in the “additional information” box indicating that you want to be a member on the committee rather than leading it. Most committees meet by phone, travel not required. National committee membership can be a fun way to dip your toe in the water without a major commitment. Think about it. Can you do just a bit more to support PCA in 2018?

Rich Sanders
Zone 9 Rep
FEBRUARY 2018
MEET & GREET

Thursday, February 15th, 6:00 pm
Tomasita’s Albuquerque

It’s so exciting to have a Tomasita’s location in ABQ. Let’s go there for the Meet & Greet in February! The address is 4949 Pan American Fwy., NE, which is just south of Pappadeaux’s. You can check out the menu at www.tomasitas.com. Be sure to check the ABQ location as I think there are some differences between the ABQ and Santa Fe menus.

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Tech Live Look

Story and Photos Courtesy of Porsche Newswire

Porsche Announces Introduction of “Tech Live Look” Augmented Reality Smart Glasses in Dealerships

Atlanta, Georgia. Porsche Cars North America, Inc. (PCNA) today announced the introduction of “Tech Live Look,” an Augmented Reality (AR) technology designed to improve technical services at Porsche dealerships in the United States.

“Tech Live Look” uses the AiR Enterprise™ software platform from Atheer, Inc., a leading provider of AR solutions, in conjunction with lightweight smart glasses. These high-tech spectacles feature the latest in projection technology and come equipped with a high-resolution, auto focus camera that shows even fine details such as threading on screws. The glasses include a powerful LED to illuminate dark spaces in the engine compartment or under the car.

How does this technology work? When a service technician at a dealership in Los Angeles dons this specialized eyewear and connects through the software with the Atlanta-based Porsche technical support team 2,200 miles away, it allows the support team to see exactly what he is seeing, in real time. This “see what I see” video-conferencing capability with instant access to remote experts allows both parties to quickly identify and resolve technical issues. It can also help decrease service resolution time by up to 40 percent, based on the findings of a pilot program undertaken in July 2017 at eight Porsche dealerships in California, Florida, Indiana, New Jersey, and Washington, along with one in Canada.

“Tech Live Look” can do much more than just provide real-time video capability. It allows the technical support team to take screen shots or send technical bulletins and instructions onto the projection surface of the glasses while the service technician is working on the vehicle. This type of information exchange is far more efficient than sending emails and photos or explaining complex technical issues over the phone.

“Our main goal is to provide a better overall experience for our customers. Tech Live Look allows us to be more efficient and helps get vehicles back in the hands of our customers faster, all while still delivering exceptional service quality” explained Klaus Zellmer, President and CEO of PCNA.

“Tech Live Look” will officially launch in dealerships in North America in 2018.
All that I had heard about the Scottsdale, AZ Cars & Coffee was that it is big, has lots of cool cars, and only occurs on the first Saturday of each month. The best way to find out if all that was true…a fact-finding road trip!

Six of our club’s finest left from Porsche of Albuquerque on a Friday morning to find out if this Saturday morning “Cars & Coffee in the Desert” lived up to the hype. Club members and navigators left ABQ on I-40 headed west to Holbrook AZ in two powerful turbos, a bright red GT3, a Carrera SC, a Boxster S, and a ’72 long nose named “Putty”. From Holbrook to Payson lies a great stretch of wide open Porsche roads, and from Payson to Scottsdale we drove long and smooth “twisties” down into the Valley of the Sun.

We arrived Saturday morning at the 101 & Scottsdale Shopping Center parking lot at 06:45…still a very dark time of the morning. Scottsdale police were just arriving, but the volunteers in those brilliant green vests must have been here a lot earlier to set up this much signage. As we worked our way to the designated Porsche parking area, we drove past a kid doing a live web broadcast. The top was down, and I could hear his comment: “And here comes another beautiful line of Porsches”. The kid has good taste.
Cars were grouped for the most part by manufacturer, however, we were parked next to a row of early 1940-60s English models of Triumphs, Jaguars, and MGs. I was in that row for a long time…the conversation and coffee with the owners was beyond enjoyable. Moving on to the next row I found not one, but three Panteras, a couple of DeLoreans, and an Aston Martin. Next, an entire row of McLarens. I’ve never seen so many McLarens in so many colors. Then a slow walk through a sea of Ferraris and Lamborghiniis pays off big-time when I end up in front of a spectacular Guards Red Carrera GT. This car was so beautiful I found it hard to walk away.

But walk I did when I spotted something very special. Parked before me was a 1913 Bugatti Racer beside a Bugatti Veyron. It was like the super old next to the super new. Note the picture of the spare plugs for the 1913 model. I spoke with the owner of the Veyron. His top speed was 251 mph…said it felt better there than at 90 mph. He is the original owner, the car is 8 years old with 11,000 miles (he drives it), tires $28,000 (one set per year), annual maintenance (plugs, oil, change, etc.) $20,000, yearly insurance $10,000, extended warranty $10,000 yearly, and it beats everything every time.

Before I knew it, it was 10:30 and cars were beginning to leave. That’s when I noticed the ruby red metallic 918 driving away. Where was that parked? And I regret I never making it to the custom hot rods or to the American muscle cars. This really is an amazing cars n’ coffee…we gotta come back.
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In preparation for the upcoming autocross season the Tech session group is planning an event in late January. James Wilson, autocross chair will be leading the group on how to use the computer software for autocross registration, gridding, and timing. You can support the Roadrunner Region autocross drivers by helping with the computer system. Join the fun and camaraderie that is autocross.

THURSDAY
JANUARY 25, 2018
6:00-8:45 PM

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Important Documents available in the Members Only section of the website.

- Current Roadrunner Financials
- Minutes from All Board Meetings
- Current Membership Directory
- Region Deadlines and Information

You don’t need a login to download the Ramblings. Refer to your “welcome new member” email OR the “new website” email for the security password required to view any member documents or member information. OR contact ann@mulhernadvertising.com Thank you!

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**Ramblings** is always looking for PCA members’ contributions! Got anything you think might be interesting? Send it in to Ann Mulhern at ann@mulhernadvertising.com

**We’d love to see it!**
ATTENTION ALL ROADRUNNERS!

We need your help in support of the PCA Treffen Tamaya to be held at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa April 25 - 28, 2018.

You do not need to register for the Treffen in order to volunteer, and you may volunteer and get reimbursed for multiple tasks!

**TOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
All tour volunteers get free lunch and a t-shirt!

- Tour leaders needed for Thursday & Saturday
  $100 reimbursement
- Tour mids needed for Thursday & Saturday
  $50 reimbursement
- Tour sweeps needed for Thursday & Saturday
  $50 reimbursement

Contact Willard MenNe for Information or to sign up:
wmenne@cableone.net

**PARKING LOT ASSISTANTS**
All parking lot assistants get a free t-shirt!

- Thursday & Saturday Tours
  Shifts from 7:00am to 10:00am
- Stage cars at Tamaya Resort
  $50 reimbursement

Contact Mike Suttle for Information or to sign up:
mp71602@gmail.com

**INFORMATION DESK VOLUNTEERS**
All information desk volunteers get a free t-shirt!

- Four-hour shifts at an information desk in the lobby of the Tamaya Resort
- Staffing is needed from Noon on April 25, 2018 to 4:00pm on April 28, 2018
  $50 reimbursement

Contact Yvonne Teske for Information or to sign up:
yteske@gmail.com

Our members get first chance to be the event volunteers. If you are planning to attend this Treffen you can still be a volunteer or Tour Leader and get a t-shirt and cash!

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As Membership Chair I would like to welcome the new and transferred in members to the Roadrunner Region.

I would like to invite all the membership to “try us on” at one of the many club events scheduled soon at a local venue near you!

You can find the schedule of upcoming events on the Roadrunner website at www.rrrpca.com.

### NATIONAL STANDINGS FOR DECEMBER 2017

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### NEW MEMBERS:

- **Lewis Allen**
  - 2006 Cayman S
  - Arctic Silver Metallic

- **Kenneth Richardson**
  - 2006 Cayman S
  - Seal Grey Metallic

### REGION STANDINGS FOR DECEMBER 2017

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### TRANSFERS IN:

None

### TRANSFERS OUT:

None

I would like to extend an enthusiastic welcome these new members and those who have joined us from another region! Additionally farewell to those transferring to other regions….we hope to see you soon at a regional or national event! Again check out our great Website at www.rrrpca.com for all the scheduled events and come on out and have some fun! Please be safe in your travels….. we will see you at one of our many scheduled Regional events hopefully soon!
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A lot of hot air is what can save your life in case of a frontal crash if you have one of the earlier Porsche Airbags.

Actually, hot nitrogen, produced by a chemical reaction in the Airbag.

Have you ever wondered how airbags work? What if any is their maintenance? or, Have you heard that you shouldn’t use a full face helmet in conjunction with an airbag?

Keep on reading and we’ll fill you up, I mean fill you in ;)

The goal of an airbag is to slow the passenger’s forward motion as evenly as possible in a fraction of a second when a crash occurs, because as we all know speed doesn’t kill, it’s the sudden stop that gets you.

In 1987 Porsche introduced the first automobile in the world to have as standard equipment driver and passenger airbags. That car was the 944 Turbo. The 944 and 944 S offered Airbags as optional equipment that same year.

Eleven years later, in 1998, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) mandated as standard equipment dual frontal airbags in cars and a year later in light trucks as well.

The airbag’s inflation system reacts potassium nitrate (KNO3) with sodium azide (NaN3) to produce nitrogen gas which inflates the bag.

Think of the airbag inflation system as a solid rocket booster. The airbag ignites a solid propellant which burns very rapidly and creates a large volume of gas to inflate the bag. The airbag actually bursts from its storage at up to 200 mph. A second later the nitrogen gas dissipates through small holes in the bag which completely deflates it.

Today, the technology has evolved to also include side impact airbags, curtain airbags, side tubular airbags, knee airbags and others to further protect the vehicle’s occupants. The technology also changed so that today’s airbags produce cool nitrogen, not hot gas.

From impact to full deployment, a driver’s airbag takes approximately 30 - 40 milliseconds (0.030 - 0.040 second) - an eye blink takes 0.2 second - while the passenger airbag, which is larger, takes 40- 80 milliseconds to inflate.

Side impact airbags must inflate and deploy much quicker because there is no crumple zone and very little space between the passenger and the door. Side-collision detection must take place within 3 milliseconds (0.003 second) and complete deployment of the side or curtain airbags must happen within 10 - 15 milliseconds (0.010 - 0.015 second).
These side airbags can deploy much quicker because they don’t depend on a chemical reaction as with the frontal bags. They have their own high-pressure gas canisters and the gas is released cold.

Porsche uses a combination of airbags in their vehicles to protect its passengers:

Aside from the frontal driver and passenger airbags, the Porsche Side Impact Protection (POSIP) system on the sport cars comprises side impact protection elements in the doors and two airbags in each side.

Porsche recommends inspecting the airbag system eight years after manufacture and every two years thereafter for the life of the car. Porsche does not recommend replacing airbags at any specific time interval, only when, if ever, they are inflated.

And the one about not using a full-face helmet in conjunction with an airbag.

Myth or fact?

If you are using a three-point restraint (shoulder/lap seatbelt) such as on a DE or AX there is no problem in using a full face helmet.

If you are using a racing seat with a five or six point restraint harness you should not have an operational airbag.

The reason is that with a 3-point seatbelt, in a frontal crash, your torso will move forward as the belt tightens and stretches a bit, aligning your chest with the inflating airbag, as it was designed.

With a 5 or 6 point restraint your torso will not move forward appreciably, just your head. This puts your chin in line with the inflating bag which can catch the edge of the helmet’s chin protection area and snap your head back!

That’s why you don’t find airbags in racecars.

Also remember that the airbag system is not a substitute for seatbelts. They both work together making your car safer for you and your passenger(s).

For more information on airbags and more, please visit my website: www.PedrosGarage.com.

Happy Porsche’ing,

Pedro

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