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New Members Cars & Coffee

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Summertime!

It is a busy time of year with vacations, family gatherings, and neighborhood barbecues. The club is no exception. We had an amazing day for the New Members' Cars and Coffee! 90 Porsches showed up. It was quite a car show! I hope you all saw the pictures on the Facebook page. I really enjoyed seeing and meeting so many members, hopefully no one expects me to remember their names.

As I type this, I am getting ready for the garage tour this weekend. I cannot wait to see what Keith Inniss has set up for us! Don't forget the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Barbecue Rib Burn-off and People's Choice Car Show at the Garriga's on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is an Autocross event on August 25 and the Fall HPDE and Oktoberfest Dinner in September. I also know there are a few other events in the planning stages including something at the new Porsche of Beachwood and a chili cookoff.

I personally will be taking a trip to New Hampshire and Maine in early September. The back roads of New England should be fun!

It is a great time of year to be enjoying our cars!

Next Board Meeting(s):

Date(s): Monday August 5th;

Details: 7pm via Zoom (email with details to follow)

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### The Power of Volunteering Shines,

Last month there were a few requests for volunteers and since then, in NOR fashion, we have had people step up to answer the call. Thank you to those who have decided to; chair planned events, sign up to help at events, commit to chair new events, and contribute Guest Writer articles. These efforts will ensure our season continues strong and your newsletter flourishes.

Now to the newsletter, in our August edition we welcome a new Guest Writer who shares a story about their efforts to win a new 944 and a returning Guest Writer who is also our PCA Zone 4 Rep. We also continue with our "Puzzle Page" feature and we have another edition of the Stuttgart Market Report.

A reminder for our "Guest Writer" series, our cupboards are running low. We are always looking for writers. Since 2022 we have been featuring local NORPCA members with unique stories about their Porsche related experiences. You can submit articles, with photos, to [noreditor@pobox.com](mailto:noreditor@pobox.com).

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*Ben Driss,*

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Chris Hammerschmidt



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## NEW MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>
David Evans	1999 911 Carrera Cabrio
Alan Feikle	2002 Boxster
Marcus Bierbaum	2013 911 Carrera 4S Cabrio
Seth Meyers	2012 911 Carrera S
Gary Wagner	1987 911 Carrera Cabrio
Mark Antolik	2002 Boxster S

## TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership	1320
Member Totals	852
New	6
Transfer In	0
Transfer Out	2
Lapsed	13
Test Drive	13





## NORPCA Meeting Minutes July 1, 2024, 7:00 PM

Attendees: Bill Taylor, Eric Hansen, Greg Fife, Ted Stephens, Jeanie Radcliffe & Chris Hammerschmidt

**Approval of previous meeting minutes** – The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 2024 meeting. There was a motion for approval by Ted Stephens and seconded by Eric Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

### **President Update** – Bill Taylor

- **CIC Close Out:** Jeanie gave a wrap-up of the event. Thank you to Jim and everyone who made the event a tremendous success. Jim secured CIC on 7/19/2025 and we will have ten rooms reserved. (We can also have twenty rooms reserved on Friday night if we want to organize a group activity on Saturday during the day. Jeanie will talk with Jim about activities that would be available in the area.
- **Member Survey:** Jeanie discussed putting together a member survey to serve our members better, we would like to gauge what areas of the club our members value the most— activities (Cars & Coffee, driving events, holiday parties), driving schools, tech events, etc.... and what activities people would be interested in doing in the future. Hoping to get more people involved and willing to host an event.
- **Porsche of Beachwood event:** Chris will talk to Brad when he returns from vacation about possible weekend dates to host an open house at the dealership.
- **Outreach for events:** A board member must assist the event planner in ensuring all event details are taken care of before the event.
- **Merchandise Ordering:** Greg will add the NORPCA merchandise to the website soon. Members can purchase items directly from the website. Greg will need banking information from Lee.
- **Bill needs to have access to checks** when Lee is not available. Bill will talk to Lee about getting a couple of blank checks to keep if needed in the future.

**Treasurer Report** – Lee was absent. Eric will follow up with Lee on the IRS Status Form he received.

**Governance** – Eric will have the new members' lanyards available at the New Members Cars and Coffee event.

The club uses Adobe InDesign for the newsletter. The yearly subscription is around \$700. The club needs to change the billing email address to: [TreasurerNORPCA@gmail.com](mailto:TreasurerNORPCA@gmail.com).

Ted and Jeanie looked online during the meeting and they believe The Creative Cloud All Apps plan includes Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, After Effects, InDesign, and Acrobat Pro. You also get templates, cloud storage, and thousands of fonts from the Adobe Fonts library for \$59.99 per month. We

# Board Meeting Minutes

Jeanie Radcliffe



need to figure out what we are paying for. If the other programs aren't being used, we can get the InDesign program for \$22.99 per month or \$263.88 for a year (\$12 savings) which includes: InDesign, Adobe Express, Adobe Firefly, 100GB of cloud storage, Step-by-step tutorials, Adobe Portfolio, Adobe Fonts, Behance, Creative Cloud Libraries, Access to the latest features and 500 monthly generative credits. Eric will talk to John G. about switching the subscription email address and the Adobe package options.

## **Advertising/Sponsorship Coordinator:** No Update

**Membership** – Chris Hammerschmidt reported that the NORPCA had 6 new members join in June. There are 852 primary members and 468 affiliate members.

New Members Cars and Coffee will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> at Oak Grove Picnic Area in Brecksville at 9 am. Donuts/Pastries and coffee will be served.

**Club Communications** –Greg said there were 557 site members in June. He reviewed the yearly site behaviors. There has been an increase in visitors to the NORPCA website calendar, newsletter, and DE/Autocross pages. The board voted to limit all NORPCA merchandise to be sold with the new NORPCA logos as we are working on improving the clubs branding

## **Other Topics & Future Events:**

**Drives Education (DE)** –Lori said the Fall DE @ Mid-Ohio sponsored by Porsche of North Olmsted is September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. The event is selling quickly and will sell out.

Perma-Tune would like to be the DE Spring 2025 sponsor.

Oktoberfest Dinner: Ted will contact Kim and Kari to see if they are interested in organizing the event again this year.

**Autocross**—The following dates are reserved for Autocross events: Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> in Eastlake.

\*Nursing Home Drive-In Show: Greg is contacting the facility for available dates.

\*Bill and Felicia Moore would like to host a chili cook-off at their house in Chagrin. Jeanie will contact Bill and Felicia to finalize a date in the Fall.

\*Steve Springer volunteers at the Revs Institute and is willing to send the articles he has written on engines for the Revs Institute for our newsletter. Jeanie sent Ben his contact information during the meeting.

\*The Garriga BBQ is on 8/3/2024 from 4 pm-9 pm. Details are listed on the NORPCA website and in the newsletter.

\*Garage Tour sign-up via Club Reg is ongoing. Contact Keith to verify he doesn't need anything before the event.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 8:30PM**



## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual NORPCA BBQ Rib Burn-off And People's Choice Car Show

**August 3, 2024 4 pm - ?**

**Location: MIKE and SUE GARRIGA's  
8815 BRAMLEY DRIVE, INDEPENDENCE OH 44131**

**PLEASE YOUR RSVP IS REQUIRED NO LATER THAN July 25, 2024 via  
Email: [mikensuebbq@yahoo.com](mailto:mikensuebbq@yahoo.com) (preferred)  
(TEXT ONLY) Mike Cell 216-408-5652 or Sue Cell 440-476-1006**

**PLEASE RSVP and email answers to questions below:**

1. **What your drink choices are (so that we will have plenty on hand):  
Beer, Wine, (Red or White), Soda (regular or diet) or Water.**
2. **We need to know what you are bringing to share (as noted BELOW)**
3. **How many adults/children are attending.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SET-UP Saturday after 10am & TEAR-DOWN Sunday after 10am**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BARTEND, COOK/SERVE French Fries & Corn-on-the-Cob.**

There is a "People's Choice Car Show" with awards for top 3 Porsches and 1 for best "other" car.

Cars entering the Competition may arrive after 2pm to allow to prep cars.

**We invite everyone to bring their favorite meat to compete**

BBQ Ribs (Pork or Beef), Chicken, Briskets, Pulled Pork or whatever you want to bring. If you make a good sauce, bring that too, just be sure to label it, if it's "HOT". We have 2 large charcoal grills to cook or warm your BBQ meat.

**We encourage/invite everyone to bring appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share with the crowd.**

**We will be providing French Fries and Corn-on-the-Cob.**

Mike will be making a few slabs of his own famous ribs.

As in past years, we have a big tent and plenty of tables / chairs for comfortable dining.

**A special thank you to our sponsors:  
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## 2024 NORPCA Autocross Series



Like the swallows to Capastrano and the Buzzards to Hinkley, the Cones are returning to Northern Ohio in 2024. Welcome to John and Doug's Farewell Tour Circa 2024.

We have secured 4 dates as follows for events at the Classic Stadium parking lot in Eastlake and the IX Center in Berea:

**May 18 – IX Center**

**July 14 – IX Center**

**Aug 11 – Eastlake**

**Sept 22 - Eastlake**

General time schedule for events is from 9 AM to about 3 PM, dependent on number of entrants.

All registration and event payment will be handled thru Clubreg.org, same as last year. You can get steps for this process from the site or visit our website <https://www.norpca.org/>, under the Calendar tab. More info will follow before each event.

These events are designed for the beginner as well as the experienced autocrossers. We set up a course on a large parking lot with traffic cones. Your time to negotiate the course is how you rank with the others. All of this is done in a safe and fun environment. Your Porsche was designed to have this fun. We have people there that are willing to help out newbies and get you in the swing of things and enjoying your day.

So come out and participate with your other NORPCA members in some outside activity enjoying an Ohio summer.

Any questions contact: John Hulick [kingcone@aol.com](mailto:kingcone@aol.com) or Doug Bradley [75por914@gmail.com](mailto:75por914@gmail.com)



### A September to Remember

Grab your calendar, September has a fantastic weekend for you!

Your club is running a Driver's Education event **September 20-22** at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course and you are going to want to be there!

There is still some space in the event but don't delay if you want to drive, it is going to fill up soon and you won't want to miss this!

If you haven't already attended a Driver's Education event, it is the most fun you can have with your car! This is what Porsches are made to do!

Mid O is a 2.4 mile permanent road course that just hosted IndyCar as they have for many years and you can drive it too!

What could make this weekend any better? How about a traditional Oktoberfest style dinner trackside on Saturday? We'll have Schmidt's of Columbus catering again.

Volunteers are needed throughout the weekend for the track event and on Saturday for the dinner, please reach out if you can come to the event to help. No experience necessary, we'll show you the ropes and you'll see great cars and friends!

Questions?

[Lori.bryant@att.net](mailto:Lori.bryant@att.net)

See you at the track!



## OKTOBERFEST

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**  
**4-8pm**



Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course

NORPCA is planning the third annual Oktoberfest German dinner party on Saturday, September 21, in conjunction with our Fall Driver's Education event at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Everyone is welcome to join in, including neighboring regions, friends, and family!

We'll be dining on Schmidt's Old World sausages, traditional German sides, as well as their award winning cream puffs while enjoying festive entertainment. All of this and plenty of frosty beverages to wash it down!

Prior to dinner, the track will open for Parade Laps to those who would like to tour the circuit! This is a low speed, no helmet required activity for all. Passengers are allowed, so plan on bringing family for a unique experience!

Experience Mid-Ohio, amazing cars and enjoy great German food, drink, and live entertainment with good friends. Prost!

Cost is \$38 per person with pre-registration required so we can plan enough tasty German fare for all.

Event registration: <https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/14882> Event ID: 14882

Questions?

Contact Karri Patrick at [karri.patrick10@gmail.com](mailto:karri.patrick10@gmail.com) or Kim Lafortune at [klafortune@gmail.com](mailto:klafortune@gmail.com).



## The 944 That Was Almost Mine

Reading Dan Engle's great story in *Voices* about 50 years of Porsche ownership made me realize that it's been 25 years since we joined the Porsche family. While we got our first Porsche in 1999—a beautiful Sable Brown Metallic 944 purchased from NOR member and Porsche Guru Mark Taylor—my lust for the brand started many years before that.



My 84-yr-old aunt was one of the first to take a ride with me

In early 1984, my wife and I were four years out of college and living in Dayton, OH, where we drove “his and hers” Chevrolet Chevettes. Or as I liked to call them, “The 4-Door Vettes.”

One day that spring, local rock radio station WTUE announced a contest with the grand prize of a brand new, 1984 Porsche 944. They were giving away 100 keys to the car, and you could get a key by either submitting suggestions for a “Key Song of the Day” that WTUE would play a few times each day, or by being the first caller when you heard the key song of the day on air. After seeing the sexy, sleek, curvaceous 944—in Guards Red, of course!—on display at the Dayton Mall, I knew I had to score one of those keys and try to seriously upgrade my ride!

I figured that listening to the radio 24/7 and trying to be the first caller would be impossible. My best chance would be to overwhelm WTUE with so many awesome song recommendations that they'd have to pick one of my songs and give me a key to that beautiful 944.

So one evening, I sat on the floor in front of our turntable and scanned through our vinyl collection, listening to songs that I thought might possibly earn me a key. I wrote the songs down on a piece of paper with my contact info and mailed them away to the radio station, then began waiting hopefully. Much like Ralphie yearning for his secret decoder pin from Little Orphan Annie in *A Christmas Story*, I eagerly checked the mail each day for a letter from WTUE.

And then it finally happened: I got a letter in the mail from WTUE informing me that they had indeed selected one of my songs submissions as a Key Song of the Day. The song? Rockin' Down the Highway by The Doobie Brothers. The letter informed me that when the contest ended, I was invited to a party on Public Square in downtown Dayton. There, each of the 100 winners would pick a Porsche key out of a basket and then try the key in the ignition. The winning key would start the car, and that lucky person would drive home with a gorgeous new 944.

The day of the party arrived, and my wife and I eagerly headed to Public Square, where a crowd of several hundred people had gathered for the big giveaway. I checked in at the event table, presented my letter, and then drew a key from the basket. After all the keys had been handed out, the festivities began.



944 stock photo

Each keyholder's name was called to come forward, get in the 944, and see if the key would start the car. As each person tried and failed, my hopes rose! I knew that my odds got better every time someone else climbed dejectedly out of the car.

Finally, my name was called. I eagerly climbed into the car and, because I was SURE my key would start the car, pulled the seat belt out and buckled up. Then I ever so carefully placed my key in the ignition and prepared to turn it and hear my picture-perfect Porsche prize roar to life to the charming cheers of the congregated crowd.

Except the key wouldn't turn!

"Oh no!" I thought, I must not be turning it hard enough! I tried again and got the same result.

No rotation of the key. No dashboard lights leaping to life. No tachometer needle sweeping toward redline. No raucous roar from the furious four.

I was crestfallen.

I removed the key, unbuckled the seat belt and climbed out of the 944 wearing the same smile on my face that you see on anyone who receives the runner-up trophy at a sporting event.

A radio DJ thrust a microphone into the face of the guy whose key finally started the 944, and he blurted out "I don't know how to drive a stick." A few weeks later we heard that he had traded the 944 in for a pair of Chevrolet Celebrities. Blasphemy!

But all was not lost. My wife took pity on me and suggested that maybe I should get rid of my 4-Door Vette for something a little more fun. So I heeded her advice and bought a lightly used Rabbit Convertible, which provided many miles of smiles and exposed us to the joys of drop-top motoring. That first convertible led to a second (a Callaway turbocharged VW Rabbit with all the GTi fun bits), and then a Boxster S 550 Spyder.

After 15 years of owning the Boxster, last year we decided it was time for a 911. During my search, I found a Carrera S online that looked like the perfect car. When I showed it to my wife, she said, "But it's not a convertible. I'll be really sad if we don't have a convertible." So that narrowed my search significantly and led to the beautiful Carrera S Cabriolet that's now in our garage (thank you, Brad Kennett!).

But I never did fully forget about that beautiful Guards Red 944. That's why, in 2011, we picked up an '86 944 Turbo, in Guards Red, of course. It recently received a respray from Chris Moore and Mark Taylor and should be back on the road this summer.



In 2013, I gave a 10-year-old friend a birthday ride in my '86 944 Turbo. That car always makes people smile.

And I can't wait. Why? Because every time I look at that Guards Red 944 Turbo, it reminds me of that time 40 years ago when a special car sparked my passion for Porsches.



August 2024 NORPCA Calendar – Details & registration information is

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Saturday August 3, 2024	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ & Car Show	4 PM to ??? PM
Sunday August 11, 2024	Autocross	9 AM – 3 PM
Sept 20 to Sept 22, 2024	Driver Education at Mid-Ohio Race Course	All Day
Sunday September 21, 2024	Oktoberfest	4 PM – 8 PM
Sunday September 22, 2024	Autocross	9 AM – 3 PM
Sunday October 13, 2024	NOR Fall Picnic	12PM – 5PM
Saturday November ?, 2024	Annual Meeting	TBD
Friday December 6, 2024	Holiday Party	TBD

found under the Calendar tab on our website: [www.norpca.org](http://www.norpca.org)

LOCATION	NOTES
Bramley Drive, Independence, OH 44131	See ad in Voices
Classic Park, Eastlake, OH 44095	See ad in Voices
Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, OH	See ad in Voices
Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, OH	See ad in Voices
Classic Park, Eastlake, OH 44095	See ad in Voices
Oak Grove Picnic Area, Brecksville, OH	Details to come
TBD	TBD
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# Stuttgart Market Letter

June's Porsche market looked to strengthen as we head into the Summer auction season and it brought our highest sell-through rate thus far this year with 72% of the 590 Porsches on offer selling. And unlike last month, where the top of the market failed to produce results, all three million-dollar cars sold thanks to RM Sotheby's Dare to Dream collection running at no reserve.

Taking home top honors last month was the 3,500km (~2k miles) 2015 918 Spyder offered in the Dare to Dream collection. This Canadian-market example was finished in Liquid Metal Silver over an Onyx Black leather interior and featured a host of options, and although it was not equipped with the Weissach Package, the extended carbon fiber rear diffuser from the package was fitted to the vehicle using correct factory parts. It sold at a final bid of \$1,700,000 which was on par with comps without-Weissach.

Other notable sales from the collection included an 11,600km (~7k miles) 2004 Carrera GT that brought a winning bid of \$1,175,000 and a 1987 959 Komfort that hammered at \$1,525,000. The 959 was the buy of the sale to me as it was on the lower end of comps yet had been cosmetically restored and upgraded by Canepa to "Phase II" specifications at a cost of \$285,000.

While the 959 represented one of the best buys of the month, the 1965 356 Cabriolet Emory Special was probably my favorite car to cross the online auction block. This recently completed build was finished in a stunning Tropical



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Green Metallic paint over a Vine Green leather interior and featured a lowered removable hardtop, increased windshield rake, deleted bumpers, rolled rocker panels, and a louvered decklid. Out back, the Rothsport-built 2.6-liter flat-four was good for 260 horsepower, which is a ton for a little 356. It sold at a final bid of \$755,000, which was on par with a few Emory Specials as of late.

Speaking of 356s, the 20 cars on offer had a strong showing with a sell-through rate of 75% and a dollar volume of just over \$4m. Aside from the Emory Special, we had a number of other heavy-hitters sell with a 1959 356A Carrera 1600 GS GT bringing \$575,000, a 1957 356A 1600 Speedster hammering at \$450,000, a 1960 356B Coupe Emory Outlaw at \$385,000, and a 1958 356A 1600S Speedster selling for \$380,000 to round out the top five 356 sales of June.

On the newer side of the market, 992 GT3s appear to have had a rebirth as a number of Tourings found their way above the \$300,000 mark while winged cars continued to hold steady. 992 GT3 RS vehicles continued to be bid at just over \$400k with two out of three examples selling and 992 Dakar remained steady with both units on offer selling around \$350,000.

Other notable cars to cross the block last month included a 1981 924 Carrera GT that failed to sell at a final bid of \$81,500, a modified 1993 911 RS America that hammered at \$155,000 along with another RSA at \$181,500, and a 1995 911 Carrera RS at \$370,000. Overall, a very good month for Porsches at auction.

We'll see what July has to offer as we build up to the big month that is always August. We'll have two sales from Mecum next month along with all of our regular online sales so let's hope that the trend continues after the sluggish start to the year. Until next month.

- David K. Whitlock is a writer for The Stuttgart Market Letter, a daily market update for Porscheophiles, by Porscheophiles, delivered free to your inbox. To sign up, go to: [www.stuttgartmarketletter.com](http://www.stuttgartmarketletter.com)



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## Dave Stetson PCA Zone 4 Rep

The driving season is in full swing and we have had some wonderful opportunities to drive our cars in lots of places. Stephanie and I attended Porsche Parade in Birmingham, AL and we were impressed with how pleasant the northern Alabama countryside was as we participated in two driving tours. Several of the attendees from Zone 4 participated in those tours, in the TSD and Gimmick Rallies, and in autocross, and many of those participants came home with hardware. An attendee from Mid-Ohio Region, Rick Mershad, entered a 1964 904 into the Concours that came home with the highest point total of the event.

On the weekend after Parade, I had the great pleasure to participate in Alabama Region's Father's Day HPDE at Barber Motorsports Park. For any gearhead, this is a bucket-list destination and I may tick this item off of my list a few more times. I felt comfortable on this challenging track because it resembles Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in the technical ways, but certainly not in the aesthetics. The museum is a must-see collection of motorcycles, classic and race cars, bicycles, and, yes, outboard motors. George Barber is a lover of most things with motors!

Just this last weekend, Stephanie and I joined Rally Sport Region at their Porsches in the Park. It was a fun event, with your choice of a driving tour or a TSD Rally, followed by a Peoples' Choice car show, and a barbecue buffet. The weather cooperated and cheer flowed. Thanks to RSR for their hospitality.

As Zone Representative, it is my responsibility and pleasure to join you in your enjoyment of Porsches and good people. If your region is planning an event at which you'd like to me and Stephanie present, let me know and we will work it onto our calendar. I am here to help you all enjoy PCA in every way possible. I look forward to seeing many of you as the season wears on.



My partner Stephanie at the Barber Motorsports Museum

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