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# The Nor'Wester

**Newsletter of the Olympic Peninsula Region**

Porsche Club of America

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# PCA Olympic Peninsula Region 2019 Event Calendar

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## January 2019

- 12<sup>th</sup> – 12P/1P – **Lunch/Calendar Planning Meeting** at Timberhouse Restaurant in Quilcene
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 6P/7P **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Clubhouse, McCormick Woods in Port Orchard
- 16<sup>th</sup> – **PCA Spring Treffen** in Santa Barbara, CA registration opens
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 3P **Heritage Distillery Tour** in Gig Harbor
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 5P - **Dinner** at El Pueblito Restaurant in Gig Harbor
- TBD – **PCA Parade** Phase 1 Registration Opens

## February 2019

- TBD – noon/1P – **Lunch/Member & Board Meeting** Need someone to plan on West side of Hood Canal!
- 15<sup>th</sup> – **March/April Nor'Wester Deadline**
- TBD – **Social Event** – Need someone to plan!

## March 2019

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby & Car Show** in Gig Harbor
- 8<sup>th</sup> – **PCA Werks Reunion** on Amelia Island, Florida
- TBD – noon/1P – **Lunch/Member & Board Meeting** Need someone to plan on West side of Hood Canal!
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 2P **Chili Cook-off** – at Elwell's in Gig Harbor

## April 2019

- 3<sup>rd</sup>– 6<sup>th</sup> – **PCA Treffen** in Santa Barbara, CA.
- TBD – **PCA Parade Phase 2 Registration Opens**
- TBD – 9:30A – **Tech Session** – MAXRPM in Bremerton
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 6P/7P **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Clubhouse, McCormick Woods in Port Orchard
- 15<sup>th</sup> – **May/June Nor'Wester Deadline**
- TBD – **Social Event** – Need someone to plan!

## May 2019

- TBD – noon/1P – **Lunch/Member & Board Meeting** Need someone to plan on West side of Hood Canal!
- TBD – **Spring Tour** - Need someone to plan!
- 25<sup>th</sup> – **SOVERN Pacific NW Historics** Car Corral ticket ordering deadline

## June 2019

- TBD – **Olympic Loop Tour** – Robert Bernardo
- TBD – noon/1P – **Lunch/Member & Board Meeting** Need someone to plan on West side of Hood Canal!
- 15<sup>th</sup> – **July/August Nor'Wester Deadline**
- TBD – **Rally** – Robin Hake & Bill Corrigan

## July 2019

- 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – **SOVERN Pacific NW Historics Races**
- 10<sup>th</sup> –6P/7P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Clubhouse, McCormick Woods in Port Orchard
- 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – **PCA Parade** in Boca Raton, Florida
- TBD - **Tour Weekend on Vancouver Island Region**

## August 2019

- TBD – noon/1P **Lunch/Member & Board Meeting** Need someone to plan on West side of Hood Canal!
- 15<sup>th</sup> – **September/October Nor'Wester Deadline**
- 16<sup>th</sup> – **PCA WERKS Reunion** – in Monterey, CA
- TBD – **Summer Tour** - Need someone to plan!
- TBD – noon – **New Member Welcome Picnic**

## September 2019

- 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – **PCA Treffen** in Green Mountains of Woodstock, Vermont
- TBD – noon/1P – **Lunch/Member & Board Meeting** Need someone to plan on West side of Hood Canal!
- TBD – **Fall Tour** - Need someone to plan!

## October 2019

- 10<sup>th</sup> – **2018 Board/Chair Nominations Due**
- 9<sup>th</sup> –6P/7P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Clubhouse, McCormick Woods in Port Orchard
- 15<sup>th</sup> – **November/December Nor'Wester Deadline**
- TBD – **Social** - Need someone to plan!

## November 2019

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **Holiday Party RSVP & Payment Due**
- TBD – noon/1P **Lunch/Annual Meeting** Need someone to plan on West side of Hood Canal!
- TBD – **Movie Night**
- 25<sup>th</sup> – **2019 Board Election Ballots Due**
- 30<sup>th</sup> – **Silent Auction Donation Responses Due**

## December 2019

- TBD – **6P/7P – Cocktail Hour/Holiday Party**
- 15<sup>th</sup> – **January/February Nor'Wester Deadline**

## ... CALENDAR DETAILS ...

## January 2019

- 12<sup>th</sup> – noon Lunch/1P Calendar Planning Meeting** - Join us for lunch at noon followed by the 2019 OPR calendar planning meeting at the Timberhouse Restaurant located at 295534 U.S. 101, Quilcene, WA 98376. For those on the east side of the Hood Canal Bridge, meet at 11A at Poulsbo McDonalds (20533 Viking Ave NW) to drive up with the group. We will be eating and meeting in their private dining room in the back of the lounge. We need to give them a head count, so please RSVP to Maryann Elwell at [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003 by 1/4/18 with where you plan to meet. If you cannot attend, but are interested in planning an event for 2019, please contact Maryann, our social & event chair, preferably before the meeting.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – noon PST - Treffen Santa Barbara Registration Opens** - For more details and to register go to <https://treffen.pca.org/index.cfm?event=main.showcontent&page=54>. Event runs April 3-6, 2019 in California.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 6P Dinner/7P Member & Board Meeting** - Join us for a 6P dinner followed by the monthly Member/Board Meeting at 7P at the Clubhouse Restaurant at McCormick Woods located at 5155 McCormick Woods Drive SE in Port Orchard. We will be meeting in the back room, no RSVP required.
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 3P Heritage Distillery Tour** – Join us for a tour and tasting at Heritage Distillery dinner t 3P prior to dinner at El Pueblito Mexican restaurant. The tour will take place at their Flagship location next to the Inn of Gig Harbor, located at 3207 57th St Ct NW. We need to give them a head count ahead of time, so please RSVP to Maryann Elwell at [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003 by 1/19/19.

**26<sup>th</sup> – 5P Social Dinner** – Join us for dinner at 5P at El Pueblito Mexican restaurant for some home-style Mexican food. The restaurant is located at 3226 Harborview Drive in Gig Harbor. We will be eating in the back room behind the lounge. We need to give them a head count ahead of time, so please RSVP to Maryann Elwell at [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003 by 1/19/19.

**TBD – PCA Parade Registration Opens** – This year's Parade will be held July 21-27, 2019, at the Boca Raton Resort and Club in Boca Raton Florida. Parade activities include Concours, autocross, time-speed-distance and gimmick rallies, destination tours, and so much more! Join us as we explore the Florida Coast and at this weeklong gathering of people and Porsches from all over the world! Additional information including registration dates for housing and activities can be found soon [porscheparade.org](http://porscheparade.org).

## February 2019

**TBD – Lunch and Member/Board Meeting** – If interested in planning this meeting on the West side of the Hood Canal Bridge, please contact Maryann by 1/10/19 via email [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003.

**15<sup>th</sup> – March/April Nor'Wester Deadline** - Have a story or pictures to share? Provide all articles, photos, or classified ads to our newsletter editor, Thomas Micka, via email at [m3micka@gmail.com](mailto:m3micka@gmail.com).

**TBD – Social Dinner** – If interested in planning this event please contact Maryann by 1/15/19 via email [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003.

## March 2019

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 8A-2P Boy Scout Pinewood Derby** – The Gig Harbor cub scouts invited us to bring our Porsches to their our Pinewood Derby & Car Show on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Discovery Elementary School located at 4905 Rosedale St NW in Gig Harbor. We need to give them a car count ahead of time, so please RSVP to Maryann Elwell at [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003 by 2/20/19.

**8<sup>th</sup> – Werks Reunion Amelia Island 2019** – Registration opened on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Porsche Club of America (PCA) welcomes all Porsche clubs, owners, and enthusiasts to the third annual Werks Reunion Amelia Island on March 8, 2019, the Friday preceding the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Event will take place at 39 Beach Lagoon Road, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. For schedule and details go to <http://werksreunion.com/amelia.cfm> and to register go to <http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/porsche-club-of-america-werks-reunion-amelia-2019-omni-island-plantation-365540>.

**TBD – Lunch and Member/Board Meeting** – If interested in planning this meeting on the West side of the Hood Canal Bridge, please contact Maryann by 1/10/19 via email [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003.

**24<sup>th</sup> – 2P – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off** – Have a favorite Chili recipe, like to compete? Bill & Maryann Elwell will host this event at their home in Gig Harbor. Please know that there is no requirement to bring anything other than yourself, but some people like to bring something, even if they are not competing with chili. RSVP by 3/15/19 to Maryann & Bill via email at [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net) or phone (253) 853-4003 and mention if you are making chili, cornbread or a dessert, so we can coordinate the food.

## Other Region and Car Related Events

1/5 – 8A – **Caffeine & Gasoline** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38<sup>th</sup> Street in Tacoma. Theme: Corvette.

1/8 – 11:30A-12:30P – **If Cars Could Talk** - Racing in Tacoma at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.

1/12 – 7:30A-4P – **PNWR Winter Driver Skills** at Bremerton Motorsports Park. Driver Skills is a one-day clinic on the fundamentals of performance appropriate for novices and experienced drivers alike, to make you a safer, more competent driver. Working 1:1 with our instructors, students rotate in small groups through the following educational segments: classroom, slalom, wet skid pad, threshold braking and accident avoidance, handling oval and autocross. Together, the segments improve your ability to look ahead, place the car precisely, control weight transfer, steer with the throttle, and brake effectively. Run groups are small, which means that wait time between runs is minimal. At the end of the primary sessions, students

- are encouraged to apply the lessons of the day in an optional segment on a large maneuvering course. The Driver Skills participation fee is \$130, including a hot lunch. Limited helmet rentals are available for \$25, with the fee waived for those participants under 21 years of age. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org> or register at [www.pcapnwr.motorsportreg.com](http://www.pcapnwr.motorsportreg.com).
- 1/19 – 9A-4P – **PNWR Winter Waters Tour** - meet at Starbucks 17101 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Marysville, WA. For details and to register go to <http://www.pnwr.org>.
- 1/19 – 12-4P – **Family STEAM Day: Pinewood Power** at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 1/26 – 8:30A-12:30P – **PNWR TechEd** at Metropolitan Detail's new shop Garage Mahal located at 7410 185<sup>th</sup>Ave NE in Redmond. Tour the new shop, Unwrap a new Porsche and Show and Tell: Clear Bras, Scratch Removal, Paintless Dent Removal, Paint Correction, and Paint Protection. For details and register online go to <http://www.pnwr.org>.
- 2/2 – 8A – **Caffeine & Gasoline** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38<sup>th</sup> Street in Tacoma. Theme: Hot Rods.
- 2/2 – 6P-10P – **PNWR Annual Meeting & Awards Celebration** at Cedarbrook Lodge located at 18525 36<sup>th</sup> Ave S in SeaTac. Tickets are \$65/person and rooms at lodge available for \$1129 + tax if booked by 1/4/19. For details on registering go to <http://www.pnwr.org>.
- 2/12 – 11:30A-12:30P – **If Cars Could Talk** – Collector Conversations at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 2/16 – 12-4P – **Family STEAM Day** – Custom Car Creations at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 2/16-17 **Early Bird Automotive Show & Swap Meet** at Puyallup Fairgrounds. Enter at Blue or Gold Gate. Saturday 8am–5pm and Sunday 9am–3pm. For details go to <http://www.thefair.com/fun/details/early-bird-model-t-show-swap-meet>.
- 2/23 – 8A-4P – **PNWR Autocross Practice** – At Bremerton Motorsports Park located at 7500 Old Clifton Rd. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org>. Cost is \$35 or \$30 for those who pre-register and pay online. Optional dinner and debrief afterwards.
- 2/23 – 9:30A-12:30P – **PNWR Porsche Tech Session** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38<sup>th</sup> Street in Tacoma.
- 3/2 – 8A – **Caffeine & Gasoline** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38<sup>th</sup> Street in Tacoma. Theme: Ferrari.
- 3/12 – 11:30A-12:30P – **If Cars Could Talk** – Women in the Automotive Field at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 3/16 – 8A-4P – **PNWR Autocross #1** at Bremerton Motorsports Park. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org> or register at [MotorsportReg.com](http://MotorsportReg.com).
- 3/16 – 12-4P – **Family STEAM Day** – Bridging the Gap at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 4/3-6 – **PCA Spring Treffen** in Santa Barbara. Registration opens 1/16/19 at noon PST - For more details and to register go to <https://treffen.pca.org/index.cfm?event=main.showcontent&page=54>. Event.
- 4/20-26 – **Spring Treffen Stuttgart, Germany**. Drive a new Porsche throughout Germany, including visits to Mercedes Museum, RUF facilities, and ending with Porsche Factory and Museum tours. For details go to <https://www.fastlanetravel.com/index.php/thetoursv5>.
- 4/22-5/1 – **Spring Treffen Plus Stuttgart, Germany**. Drive a new Porsche throughout Germany and Austria, including visit to Mercedes Museum, RUF facilities, and Porsche Factory and Museum. For details go to <https://www.fastlanetravel.com/index.php/thetoursv5>.
- 7/21-27 – **Porsche Parade** – Parade this year will take place at the Boca Raton Resort and Club in Boca Raton Florida. Activities include Concours, autocross, time-speed-distance and gimmick rallies, destination tours, and so much more! Join us as we explore the Florida Coast and at this weeklong gathering of people and Porsches from all over the world! Additional information including registration dates for housing and activities can be found soon [porsche-parade.org](http://porsche-parade.org).
- 9/4-7 – **PCA Fall Treffen** in Green Mountains of Woodstock, Vermont – For details go to <https://treffen.pca.org/>.

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# *Fire at the Narrows* *15th Annual Chili Cook-off*



**When: 2:00P March 24th**

**Where: Elwell's in Gig Harbor  
135 Pt. Fosdick Cir. NW**



**Awards for  
1st - 3rd place**



**RSVP to Bill or Maryann by 3/15/19 at  
(253) 853-4003 or [maelwell@centurytel.net](mailto:maelwell@centurytel.net)**

## From the President's Desk

### Bill Elwell

As I'm sitting here writing this, our **Holiday Party** was less than a week ago and the memory is fresh in my mind. This annual event is always one of our best attended and this year was no exception. We even had a couple of new members and one guy that wanted to "give us a try" before joining. I guess he liked us because I got his new member notice from PCA National on Sunday morning, the day after the party!

Our **election results** are always announced at the Holiday Party. This year didn't bring many changes. I will continue to be the Club President for the next 2 years and Bob Becken will continue to be our Treasurer. The one change is that Brooks Hanford will take on the role of Member at Large. The roles of Vice President and Secretary were not up for election. You can see the complete lineup of the board members and the chair positions elsewhere in this newsletter.

During the Holiday Party, I forgot to announce that at the November Board Meeting, **the board voted not charge region dues in 2019**. Some years ago, the club started charging region dues to offset the costs of our printed newsletter. Over the years we have been building a tidy sum of money in the bank. Since we stopped printing our newsletter, our bank account balance has grown at a faster pace. To put it bluntly, we now have a safe sum of money in the bank and the balance continues to grow. Since we don't have a plan for the use of that money in the future, we voted to discontinue the region dues in 2019.

I want to make two things clear. We are in a very nice financial position now. But, many of us who are charter members of the region remember the early days of the club when we had almost no money in the bank. We used to charge \$5 per car at all the events in order to keep the club solvent. Thankfully those days are behind us. The second thing that I want everyone to remember is that down the road, future boards may find it necessary to bring back the region dues. But for now, the dues are gone!

I hope to see you at one of our next events.

## Where Will Our Next Club Leaders Come From?

### Bill Elwell

Let's set the stage for what I'm about to write. This year, the positions of President, Treasurer, and Member at Large were up for election. We only had one person step up for any of those positions. Brooks Hanford put his name in to run for member at large. That's it! Nobody else! No interest in either the position of President or Treasurer. Silence. Crickets. REALLY? SERIOUSLY?

Let me state the obvious. This club doesn't run by itself. It takes volunteers to make it all work. For the last 15 years, the club has been run by a group of people in the Kitsap and Pierce County area that, for the most part, helped form the club. Over the years, those people have, one by one, left the area, stepped away from club commitments because of health issues, or simply burnt out.

Over the past 2 years, Maryann and I have made a deliberate effort to move half of the board meetings and more of the events up to Clallam and Jefferson counties. That was our way of saying that the club isn't controlled in Kitsap County to the exclusion of all others. Our hope was that we would start to see some participation in the management of the club from those counties. But with the exception of one person, that hasn't happened.

As I wrote earlier in this newsletter, I will continue on for a second term as President and Bob Becken as Treasurer. But folks, this situation can't continue. The bylaws have a 2 consecutive term limit for board members.

So that begs the question, where will our future leadership come from? The first milestone comes at the end of 2019 when we will need to replace the Secretary, Vice President, and Member at Large.

**Which one of you is going to step up and take your turn on the board?**

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## Member of the Year – David Ferguson Bill Elwell

Each year at the Holiday party, awards are given out to recognize those that contributed to the operation of the club. There are no written rules about what awards are given or who receives them. But nearly every year, that I'm aware of, there has been a "Member of the Year" (MOY) award. Some years, MOY is given to someone that, literally, puts in more time and effort than anyone else and clearly deserves recognition. But in a small group like ours, it's often the same 2 or 3 people that put in most of the effort simply because they love what they do. So many times we look for other behaviors that make someone stand out from the crowd.



This year I chose the person that received the MOY award. I knew from the start that this couldn't be a year where we gave MOY to the hardest worker. That had been done too many times before. As soon as I started to think about who else would deserve such significant recognition, there was no doubt in my mind that it was Dave Ferguson. As I bounced my recommendation off the other board members, everyone agreed that it was the right choice.

I have to tell you, though, Dave was pretty puzzled as to why he was chosen as Member of the Year. If he was puzzled then maybe you are too. So, I'll explain the decision.

When I first took over as President, we were in the process of losing all of our chair people with the exception of Social and Auto Events. I wasn't a happy camper. About then, Dave approached me at an event and said that he would be happy to take over the role of membership chair. Now, you have to understand that Dave is generally a pretty quiet guy. I've always seen the membership chair filled by a bit of an extrovert. I scratched my head and figured that a quiet membership chair was better than none at all. Dave got the job. Fast forward to the present day. Dave has done more as membership chair than any other person that has filled that job in the 15 years since the club was formed. Period. End of story. Mic drop!

OK, maybe it's not the end of the story. Dave is puzzled because he doesn't spend a ton of time doing the job. What does he do? First, when we get a new member, he calls them to say hello and to get the information that will go onto their free name badge. We average 5 new members a month, give or take. That's maybe 30 minutes. When their name badges come in, he mails them out. OK, I'll give him an hour there. When a member doesn't renew, he calls them just to make sure they didn't forget to send in their payment by mistake. I think we get 3 or 4 non-renewals per months. Let's say that's another 30 minutes. Then he provides a list of new member names to the newsletter editor every month. If that takes more than 5 minutes, I'll eat my hat! Dave also comes to every single board meeting to report the current membership status. You might say that this is the most time consuming thing he does with driving to and from the meeting and 2 hours at the meeting. But he would probably attend most of the meetings anyway. So I don't know how much time to count for this. In my opinion, Dave spends maybe 2 hours a month on membership chair stuff.

Does it mean that there aren't other members spending more than 2 hours a month on club stuff? No, not at all. I can name at least 4 jobs in the club that take more than 2 hours a month. Dave stands out for 4 reasons. First, he had never been involved with the club leadership before. Second, he took on a role that nobody else wanted. Third, he invested time (2 hours a month) that nobody else has ever spent on that job. Fourth, he is absolutely reliable and delivers top notch results. Because of those four things, he is completely deserving of the Member of the Year award. As club president, I wish I had 5 more Dave Fergusons. If I had 5 more "Daves" I wouldn't be wondering who will fill our future board positions.

So, Dave, thank you SO MUCH. Please, please, please don't stop what you're doing. Your efforts make our new members feel welcome (we know because they tell us). With just a few hours a month, you make a big difference and you deserve every bit of this award.

For everyone else reading this. Use my outline of what Dave does as a reference. All it takes to give back to the club in a BIG way is a few hours a month. So if you don't have children at home and/or if you don't have a full time job, can you look me in the eyes and tell me you don't have 2 – 4 hours a month that you could give back to the club?

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### **Welcoming New Members to the Olympic Peninsula Region of the PCA**

Jason and Marlene Scheffer, Tracyton, WA, 1973 Red 911E

James and Debbie Peek, Bainbridge Island, WA, 2006 Cayman S

Mike Samodurov, Port Ludlow, WA, 1997 Grand Prix White 911 Targa

George and Julie Edwards, Poulsbo, WA, 2008 Macadamia Metallic Cayman S

Jarl Priest, Westport, WA, 1972 Blue 911E

Bryan Bosveld and Jennie Wetter, Gig Harbor, WA, 2001 Silver 911 Turbo

John Ewart and Carol Ewart, Gig Harbor WA, 1999 911 Carrera Black.

## Farewell to Glenn Diefenderfer – by Maryann Elwell

It is with a heavy heart, that I write this. I am sorry to say that one of our members and friend, Glenn Diefenderfer, passed away after a long battle with cancer. Most wouldn't have known it, based on the number of events that he and Jill attended in the past couple of years. They even attended this summer's Oregon Coast tour, where Glenn drove the entire trip down to Florence, OR and back in his 911. One thing is for sure, he really loved to drive his car.



What you may not know about Glenn is that he served as a pilot for the Marine Corp and then commercially, before his last job, working for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He was also a world class sailor and offered a boat tour of Puget Sound on their yacht as an auction item for the 2017 Charity Silent Auction.



The Marine Corps came to Jill's home to provide a military flag ceremony for Glenn a few weeks ago, that was really special. Many of us will remember the good times we shared with Glenn at Porsche club events.

Our sincere condolences go out to Jill.

## Movie Night

Bill Elwell

Movie night is a pseudo-tradition that goes back to the formation of the club. When we started out, we picked a car themed movie, typically from the 70's. We watched the original *Vanishing Point* one year. *American Graffiti* made it in there somewhere. I remember *The Cannonball Run*. The food was simple. Typically we ordered pizza. For many years we used the Clubhouse at Bill Bonsel's housing development. For a few years we held the event at the Brownsville Yacht Club Clubhouse. And I think the tradition went dark for a few years.

Well, movie night is back but it's nothing like the movie nights of old. Don & Sue Knievel hosted the event at their house last year and again this year. They provided the food. Oh the food! This year the Knievel's put out a killer barbeque spread. Then there were the movies. Yes, I said, "movies" – plural. The ladies watched *Five Flights Up* with Morgan Freeman and Diane Keaton. The guys watched *Deadpool* with Ryan Reynolds. If you've never seen *Deadpool* (which I hadn't) WOW... I don't even know where to start. I loved it. If you haven't seen it before, I have to warn you that there is a LOT of gratuitous violence. I loved the movie and everyone else there said they did too. Personally, it was a pleasant change from watching crappy old 70's B-movies with some sort of automotive theme.

A huge thanks has to go to Don and Sue Knievel. They put a lot of time and effort into the meal and they opened their beautiful home for our event. If you're looking to try out an event and you want something low key where there's not a big crowd of people, movie night next year might be just the ticket.

## PCA Olympic Peninsula Region 2018 Holiday Party

held at the Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock

by Maryann Elwell



### Our club holiday makers lift a glass to our departed friend Glenn Diefenderfer

Of all our events throughout the year, the Holiday Party is always the one I look forward to the most. As usual it was one of our highest attended events, with 51 RSVPs. The Holiday Party is a chance to shake hands with or give a hug to all those folks that I've gotten to know through the years and to wish them the best in the holiday season. The Holiday Party is more than just eating, drinking and socializing. We announce the awards for the year, we announce the new board members for the coming year, we have a gift exchange, and the silent auction to raise money for charity. So if you weren't there at the party this year, let me catch you up on what happened.

The 2018 party was held at the Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock. All the hotel rooms I had a chance to see were quite large with a balcony that overlooked the Port with Indian Island in the distance. Our banquet room was spacious with a fireplace at one end and space to present a slide show of photos from the year and show off our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banner, one last time. Thanks to my husband Bill, who took most of the photos as well as putting the slide show together. The food was terrific and the staff was warm, friendly, and helpful. Thanks to Robert Bernardo for suggesting the Old Alcohol Plant and to Debbie Raphael and Bob Becken for handling the Silent Auction setup and collections. Also thanks to everyone who donated items for the auction, including Roger Jobs Porsche and Griot's Garage. The items that brought in the most money were a Kaleidoscope made by Dave & Adrienne Loser that had a Porsche in it, a painting by Anna Hoey, and Bob's famous cookies. He ended up having to double down and make a second batch a few days later to stop a last minute bidding war as the auction came to a close. Also a special thanks to Judy Berrian for making us 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary OPR Christmas ornaments and the Bob and Bill for helping pack and ship them to those who were unable to attend the party.

During the evening, the new board members and chair people were announced. You can find those results in the "From the President's Desk" article. Our annual awards were given out at the party as well. Congratulations to this year's Member of the Year, David Ferguson! Bill also thanked our 2018 board members and chairs and presented an award to our outgoing Member at Large and Election Chair, Brett Burroughs. Members who organized any club activities were awarded gift cards and those people included: Alex & Debbie Raphael, Bill & Maryann Elwell, Brett Burroughs, Don & Sue Knievel, Brian Forde, Brooks & Barb Hanford, Michael Friend, Bill Corrigan, Kip Sparber & Anna Hoey, Pete Bonfrisco, Chris Wierman, Dave & Patty Meyers, Kathy and Steve O'Rorke, Robert Bernardo, Rob Connelly, Tessa Gillespie and Jeanne Martin.

The holiday party is also the center of our charitable activities. Bob Becken announced that from the 2017 charity auction funds, we donated \$500 each to Wild Felid Advocacy Center, (large cat) Sanctuary on Harstene Island and Welfare for Animals Guild (WAG). Also the board voted to increase the amount to \$2,000 for the YWCA Adopt-a-Family at Christmas program, since they had 6 families/14 people they needed us to adopt. Earlier in the year the club donated \$50 for a commemorative brick for the Veterans Memorial Veteran's Memorial built in front of Lakewood City Hall, located on Main Street. This year, sales at the auction totaled roughly \$1,645. That money will be held until next holiday season when we will identify two to three charities that the club will support.

**Below, Brett Burroughs is captivated by photos of 2018 club activities on the projector while Debbie and Alex Raphael encourage others to "Party On"!**



**Our President Bill (below right), has a future so bright he's got to wear shades!  
His future is bright because he is our President for another 2 years!!**



**Dave Miller (above left) has to figure out what to do with the toilet paper gun he got in the white elephant gift exchange — lucky Dave!**

**The table (right) contains but a small sample of the items in the silent auction to raise money for club charity efforts.**



## Travel Report, Continued: Bill Corrigan's Rick Steves Tour of Eastern Europe

This is the next installment of my Porsche visits will be about their operations in Leipzig. Before the German unification on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1990, Leipzig was a very important industrial center and part of the old East Germany.

### Discover Porsche In Leipzig

The last installment of my trip to most things Porsche in Germany detailed Stuttgart/Zuffenhausen. My second Porsche destination was their production and customer-centric facilities at Leipzig in Germany's eastern state of Saxony. A three-and-a-half-hour train ride from Stuttgart got me to Leipzig. If you plan a European delivery for your new Porsche (called 'factory collection' on the web's build site), choose Leipzig no matter the model purchased. Leipzig's Porsche facilities are more varied than Stuttgart, and Leipzig has amazing history and sights. Rick Steves 'Germany 2018' doesn't even have a section on Stuttgart ... that may say something. Go to Stuttgart for the museum, but then hop the train to Leipzig to pick up your car. You can do your own Leipzig research but suffice it to say, my days were full, and the people of Leipzig were wonderfully welcoming and friendly hosts. The city center was vibrant and pedestrian friendly with very good and reasonably priced hotels just a five-minute walk from the Leipzig Hauptbahnhof (train station), one of the largest in Europe. The Euro also goes further in the eastern German states than the western ones.

You may not be familiar with Leipzig, but after the reunification of Germany in 1989 it became an important center of Porsche manufacturing. Two of my Porsche's were built there so it was a required stop on my European wanderings. Since I'll never track my cars, Leipzig was a perfect place to track the same model belonging to someone else. I chose the most immersive experience offered among many at Porsche Leipzig called, 'Discover Porsche in Leipzig'. It consists of an informal reception and orientation to the



Customer Center, track time, on and off road, a factory tour, and a 4-course lunch on the third floor the Customer Center with panoramic views of cars zooming around the track.

The '[Discover Porsche in Leipzig](#)' package requires a reservation. The English offerings are even rarer than in Stuttgart so plan your trip around the available dates. The schedule is available on-line about six months in advance. At the time you make the reservation you must select your track vehicle. For the off-road experience you can wait until you get there to choose the Macan or Cayenne. Just about every Porsche model is at the experience center for use on the track, so request what you want, they'll have it. I requested a Panamera E-Hybrid since that's my latest, and I was right, I'll never drive mine like we drove that one. The cost varies with the vehicle chosen. Check the web-site for pricing. Porsche has a very useful app with information on the packages, facilities and events. It includes lots of photos and Google Streets-like views of each floor of the Customer Center. Called, "Porsche Leipzig", it's easy to search for on the app store. Here's another good place to look at an overview of the Leipzig offerings, <https://www.porsche-leipzig.com/en/service/downloads/>

### Getting to the Plant

In keeping with my public transportation theme, I used regional rail and bus to the facility from my city center hotel. Porsche has some public transportation suggestions on their website, but it was easy to figure out with a couple of iPhone apps. Those of you yet to experience Germany, or Europe in general, will be amazed at what I call their "public transportation in depth." In most large Germany cities that includes all the following; buses, trams, subway (U-Bahn), regional rail (S-Bahn) and intercity rail (IC or ICE, 'E' for express, and that's up to 185 MPH). You can take a tram and bus to the Porsche plant, but I took the faster S-Bahn (S-3) to Wahren (pronounced Vahren) and then bus 91 to the Porsche north gate (Tor 1, GVZ Nord/Proschestrasse). I finished up with a 13-minute walk to the Porsche Customer Center, the Diamond, or the 'UFO' as the locals call it. The train/bus one-way cost to the plant was 2.90 Euro versus 45 Euro for a taxi. To get through the security gate about 2/3 of the way to the Customer Center your name must be on their visitor list.

Some interesting facts about the undeveloped portion of the property. Porsche professes a social commitment to the environment and has quite a bit of grassland adjacent to the off-road course. They populated it with 25 wild horses, 75 Aurochs (cattle) and three million honey bees in 50 colonies. Porsche even sells the honey in the factory goodie store when available, at Porsche prices. Like us, east central Germany experienced a dry summer this year, and they already had to feed some of the winter hay as the grass just wasn't keeping up.

One of the driving instructors heading to work was nice enough to offer to walk with me from security to the Customer Center. From there I signed in and was directed to the first-floor lounge area. Remember, floor zero is the ground floor in Europe. The

program was scheduled to start at 9:00AM, and I arrived early at 8:30AM.

Coincidentally, the lounge desk was manned by an American ex-pat (citizen now living full time abroad). He came to Germany 10 years ago to play semi-pro football and got injured. American football is big in Europe ... news to me. He liked Germany so much he decided to learn the language, marry his American sweetheart who already worked in Germany, and stay.

In the lounge were pastries, a couple of amazing espresso machines, and lots of brochures on everything Porsche. Here I met other folks who either signed up for the driving programs or who had opted for factory collection of their vehicles.

Coincidentally, two of the four couples collecting vehicles (a Panamera and GT3) were from the Seattle area and members of PNWR, another was from elsewhere in the US and the final from France.

### Behind the Wheel

Right at 9:00AM a white Panamera E-Hybrid climbed the long ramp from the ground floor and parked in front of the lounge. My instructor met me there and provided a brief overview of our driving events; track and off-road. If needed, they provide a more detailed introduction to the vehicle you choose.

We entered the track just below the Customer Center. The instructor started with a launch control demonstration then drove one lap to show me the sections set up for us that day, turn entry and exit cues, then pulled back into the pit area and we switched seats. If you've looked at the track on Google Maps, then you'll see the driving experience can be modified in many ways just by closing or opening intersections. The track is also used for new model testing, and of course a test lap for each car off the line. They use a separate section, but more about that later. When we came in to switch drivers we parked just across the lane from a highly 'disguised' Taycan (pronounced TYcan). The door was open, but the inside was disguised as well, rugs lying all over the dash. I was told they were using the highly banked portions of the track to test sensors related to body roll and lateral Gs to fine tune the stability control system.

After an hour on the track we switched to a Cayenne for another hour on the off-road course. As I said, you can choose either the Macan or Cayenne, but while the road clearance between the two is within nine centimeters the ability to ford deep water is significantly higher in the Cayennes due to how low the engine is mounted in the Macan chassis. The deep-water traverse is off limits to the Macan.

### Factory Tour

After the off-road experience those of us taking the factory tour assembled again in the customer lounge to meet our factory guide. Our first stop was just downstairs where lockers are provided to leave all cell phones and cameras, a mandatory step. Across the street was the Administrative Center. The lot in front was crowded with E-Hybrid

vehicles backed up to charging stations. The tour started with a walk-through of the Administrative Center where all offices are open topped and glass walled. Of course, the complex had a few Porsches displayed on pedestals just inside the entrance. The ceiling was about 30' high and the glass outer walls really brightened the interior. We entered the vehicle assembly line through a large, vehicle-size door from the Administrative Center.

This is a much more open and spacious plant than Stuttgart thanks to the acreage they had to work with and the modernity of the facility. There are more protected walk areas for us tourists and fewer of the robotic transport devices to compete with than in Stuttgart. With all that clear floor space there was room for mini street sweepers that regularly swept by cleaning the open spaces.

Some overall facts about the Leipzig factory. All Cayennes are now produced in Bratislava, Slovakia. Currently Leipzig produces all versions of the Macan and Panamera. That's kind of ironic since the first line in Leipzig was made for the Cayenne. We were told Leipzig turns out about 500 vehicles per day with a capacity to produce 550. As you might expect, the clear majority are Macans, but we weren't told what the percentage is. The line runs three shifts a day with the last weekly shift on Friday. Weekends are for maintenance as needed. All vehicles leaving the production line are driven around a portion of the track that has different road surfaces; cobblestones, rough asphalt and some higher frequency undulations. If they pass that test they are parked for wrapping and shipment. The main port of overseas transshipment is Emden. Check it out on Google Earth and you'll see thousands of cars parked about the port awaiting shipment.

Although this is a single level production plant, several times we walked under Macans and Panameras passing by overhead on their way to another part of the line. All Macans being produced during my visit were 2019s destined for China. China is now 35% of Porsche's market. The US is 28% and Germany 12%. That 12% is remarkable given the population of the US is four times that of Germany.

The Leipzig plant has undergone four expansions since the original Cayenne line was opened and is in the midst of number five.

It was immediately apparent that the line has many more robots than Zuffenhausen. The line uses the same team concept as in Stuttgart. When hired, workers are placed where an opening exists, not where they might prefer, and begin an apprenticeship lasting 3.5 years. When a new employee is hired for the line he/she is given a week of training before their first exposure to production. On the line they work with a senior team member until they have the processes and timing down. Then their work is checked frequently until the team lead is satisfied. Each station is given a specified period to complete their tasks. The longer the task the longer the station length, but the average is 2.5 minutes per station. A car takes about 48 hours to complete production. That includes fabrication and body painting.

One interesting use of computers in a manual, computer assisted manufacturing process was evident where the Macan's panoramic sunroof was installed. Being so large it is installed with the aid of a hydraulic overhead lifting aid, and before the windshield is mounted. The assembly is inserted through the windshield opening and pushed up into the roof opening. Two workers, one on each side, sit in the car and install four bolts each. A sensor records the installation of each bolt, its presence and final torque. If the vehicle reaches the end of the station without all eight being installed to the correct torque the whole line stops and the issue highlighted on a screen. Once corrected, the line restarts. This is just one example of how computers aid quality control at the point of manufacture rather than through failure analysis later. There were many similar examples pointed out during the tour.

Another robot that stood out was the one that installed the windshield and rear window. Remember, this is a mixed line with all versions of the Panamera and Macan being built at the same time. The glass panels in the Panamera are arguably the largest Porsche installs. The glass is delivered in vehicle order to the line. It's quite disconcerting to see this robot handling the glass with the speed and accuracy that it does. One arm holds and turns the glass, quickly and in three dimensions, while another applies glue to the inside edge. In concert with that process another arm scans the window frame of the vehicle moving through the station with a blue laser to define its precise position on the line. Blue because that color contrasts well with every vehicle color. That position information guides the robot with the glass as it whips it down toward the body. It stops just when you think it can't and presses the glass into position and holds it tightly in place for about 15 seconds, then releases and prepares the next piece of glass.

The wiring harness station is supplied in large duffel bags with two strap colors, one representing the Macan and the other for the Panamera. From what I saw, other than differing model to model (the Panamera harness was visibly bulkier), they do not differ within the model range based on options selected by the customer. After being retrieved from a continuously replenished supply, the bags were placed with a front to back orientation between where the seats are later installed, making it easy to lay them out and string the bundles to the appropriate location in and through the body sections.

One technique Porsche employs at Leipzig and Stuttgart to deal with the myriad of customization choices we have was the delivery of 'trolleys' to the beginning of certain stations containing that station's small parts unique to the vehicle moving past. Each trolley had a bar code that married it to the bar code on a specific vehicle body. The trolleys were attached to a part of the assembly line that the vehicle or subassembly (engine, chassis, etc.) was on. As it passed through the station workers retrieved and installed parts from the trolley. At the end of the station the empty trolley was disconnected and retrieved by the logistics group to be outfitted for another vehicle.

As mentioned before, Stuttgart has only four hours of parts on hand. Leipzig has the luxury of space and has four days of parts on hand, but still requires many of its

suppliers to maintain stock within 100km of the plant. Connected to the assembly building is a huge parts and logistics warehouse that had aisles looking like the interior of a Costco, parts layered on shelves 20-25 feet up. This building is where all parts are received and where the vehicle specific trollies are outfitted for in-time delivery to the line. Of the 5,000 employees in Stuttgart, 4,000 are Porsche and 1,000 are sub-contractors, most of whom work for the logistics company.

Two new Macan colors were on the line, Miami Blue and Mamba Green Metallic. At that time these two colors are only available on the base 2019 Macan. A popular interior color combination for China is Black/Garnet Red and is even an option on partial leather seats. According to our guide, red represents good luck in China. The updated 2019 Macan is being produced at this time but the production is all destined for China. US production will start soon. One reason Porsche offers so many 4-door vehicle/engine variations at 2.9 liters is that Chinese purchase taxes rise significantly for engines at 3.0 liters and above.

The final assembly point we stopped at was the station where the body and chassis are married. The bodies were on an elevated conveyor and the chassis on a ground-level conveyor. Here the two assemblies are slowly merged, and robotic arms moved in to bolt them together. Just a little further along a worker got into the car, fired it up and drove it to a final stop. This was the quality inspection area. Obvious on the paint of some of the vehicles were small white marks we were told are grease pen marks. The marks were exterior imperfections found in body panel tolerances or paint. Once corrected, appropriate coaching or retraining is provided to the responsible teams.

### Europe is Energy Conscious

My driving instructor and factory guide noted when discussing Porsche's future electric plans, that there is much less resistance to electric vehicles in Europe than in the US. Over the five weeks I was wandering I noted many electric models from Skoda, Renault, Mercedes, Peugeot, and others that obviously are not imported into the US. Very large wind turbine and solar panel farms dotted the landscape throughout Germany, Slovenia, France, Croatia, and others. Everywhere I went in Europe there was evidence of energy and resource conservation. Many of the hotels had motion sensors in the hallways that kept things at an emergency lighting level until you came out of your room, or the elevator/stairwell. In Germany fines can exceed 800 Euro for not recycling or recycling incorrectly ... they're serious.

### The Customer Center

The finale of the Porsche Experience in Leipzig was a 4-course lunch on the third level of the UFO/Diamond/Customer Center. A wonderfully gourmet experience made even more memorable as we all had a bird's-eye view of Porsche enthusiasts tearing around the track, the Taycan on slow test passes through the high banked section, and new

Porsches fresh off the production line taking a short test drive before heading off to waiting buyers.

I mentioned in the first installment that the Customer Center has a small but very intriguing collection of Porsche automotive history on the fourth level. You can check it out before your day's activities or after lunch. One display I did not remember from the Stuttgart museum was a Carrera GT "rolling chassis." This is a complete chassis minus the body, revealing the amazing integration of suspension, engine and carbon fiber structural members. Also part of the collection is a police-configured 356, a retired 919 LMP1-H racer and a Cayenne-based fire brigade vehicle used at the Porsche Development Center in Weissach. There are about 30 historical vehicles and representatives of most of the current models.

If you have any questions about the Leipzig experience center, the factory tours in Stuttgart or Leipzig, or what I wrote about in these articles, please let me know. Oh yes, I finally learned how to pronounce Porsche. We all know it is two syllables, but to sound like a native you must swallow the 'or' while simultaneously clearing your throat. Demonstrations on request!

### **The Carrera GT "rolling chassis"**



## Leipzig track from the dining level



## Overview of Porsche Leipzig



**Cayenne traversing a water hazard**



## Recent Observations by Thomas Micka

GT3 duet visiting Port Townsend for the day... nice!



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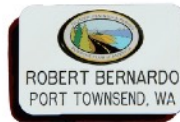


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