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Porsche Club of America

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PCA Olympic Peninsula Region 2019 Event Calendar

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September 2019

- 4th-7th – **PCA Treffen** in Green Mountains of Woodstock, Vermont
- 13th-15th – **Hood River Winery Tour** – Brett Burroughs
- 21st – noon/1P – **Lunch/Member & Board Meeting** at Totem Room in 7 Cedars Casino – Sequim -Meyers

October 2019

- 9th –6P/7P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Clubhouse, McCormick Woods in Port Orchard
- 10th – **2020 Board/Chair Nominations Due**
- 12th-14th – **Gals Getaway Weekend** – Jill Diefenderfer
- 15th – **November/December Nor'Wester Deadline**
- 26th – **Social Dinner** – at Panda Inn in Bremerton

November 2019

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

December 2019

- 7th – **6:30P/7P – Cocktail Hour/Holiday Party at Port Ludlow Resort**
- 15th – **January/February Nor'Wester Deadline**

CALENDAR DETAILS

September 2019

13th-15th – Hood River Winery Tour – weekend Hood River Wine Tour. We will be staying at Best Western Plus Hood River located at 1108 E Marina Dr. in Hood River, OR. Call hotel Front Desk at (800) 828-7873 ASAP, request Olympic Peninsula Porsche Club rate. Per night cost: 1Q \$161, 2Q \$188, 2Q View \$215 + tax, 1K View \$206, Exec. 1K View \$233 + tax. For drive down on Friday 9/13, we will be leaving Gig Harbor McDonalds at 9A for a scenic tour to Hood River with a stop for lunch. When we get close to Hood River, there will be an optional Mary Hill Winery tasting for \$20/person. We need to pre-order lunch on Friday, so go to https://www.beaconrockgolf.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/7320/2019/03/Menu-2017_jm.doc and pick off menu and let Brett know your choice(s). Brett will provide an area restaurant list for dinner on your own Friday night. Saturday bus

Winery Tour cost is \$162 per person which includes all taxes and gratuity, transportation to 3 Hood River Valley Vineyards, all tasting fees and snacks. The bus will pick us up at 11A at the hotel and we'll also have a Poker Rally during to bus tour. The base event fee of \$20 per person, includes goodie bag, Tech Quiz & Poker Rally awards. Must RSVP to Brett Burroughs via email with how many will attend the event, how many for Mary Hill Winery, and how many for the Saturday Winery bus tour via email: dlburroughs@comcast.net or phone: (360) 710-6831 ASAP. Payment for event fee and bus tour (checks written to "OPR-PCA") must be provided to our Treasurer, Bob Becken, or mailed to OPR-PCA, P.O. Box 3572, Silverdale, WA 98383-3572 ASAP.

21st – Lunch/Member & Board Meeting – Join us for lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by the monthly member/board meeting at The House of Seven Brothers, the new restaurant located inside the 7 Cedars Casino, 270756 Highway 101 in Sequim. We have reserved a private room called the Totem Room. Members can order anything on The House of Seven Brothers lunch menu. There are lots of good items from which to choose. We need to give them a headcount in advance. Please RSVP by 9/18/19 to Patty Meyers at pmeyers@bellhill.net or (360) 681-4947. Let us know if you plan to meet at the restaurant, or if you want to drive with the group from East of the Hood Canal. They will be meeting at 11:00 a.m. at Kitsap Park & Ride Transit center (21992 Viking Ave NW in Poulsbo diagonally across from Sonic Drive-In). Don't forget to bring your Totem Rewards card to receive a discount on your meal.

October 2019

9th – 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.

10th – 2020 Board/Chair Nominations Due – If you or someone you know is interested in being a board member we have the following officer positions open: Vice President (2 year term), Secretary (2 year term), and Member at Large (1 year term). Description of duties can be found at <http://www.opr-pca.org> and in the September Nor'Wester. Please provide all board nominations to our Election Committee Chair, Don Knievel at dknievel@centurytel.net or phone (253) 858-6902 by 10/10/19, so that ballots can be prepared and sent out. If you are interested in one of the chair positions, please contact our president, Bill Elwell via email billelwell@hotmail.com or phone (253) 853-4003.

12th-14th – Gal's Getaway Weekend to Bellingham, WA. Imagine it ... A stunningly gorgeous fall-season drive to Bellingham via scenic Chuckanut Drive. Arriving at Hotel Bellwether, a luxury, boutique hotel situated on Bellingham Bay steps from Squalicum harbor. Enjoying the indulgent luxury of the Hotel Bellwether's signature rooms and suites with private balconies, jetted bathtubs, crackling gas fireplaces and stunning sunsets. And complimentary underground secured parking for our Porsches! And as a special treat, we will have a private dining experience in the Wine Cellar! We have been offered a discounted room rate of \$199/night for the Executive Plaza Rooms (a \$90/night discount) or \$259/night for

the Executive Waterview Rooms (a \$100/night discount) if we book a minimum of 10 rooms. Please RSVP to Jill [Diefenderfer at diefster3@att.net](mailto:diefster3@att.net) and book your rooms at Hotel Bellwether under "Porsche Club" at (360) 392-3172 or www.hotelbellwether.com.

15th – November/December 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.

26th – 7P - Social Dinner - Barb & Brooks Hanford have put together dinner for us at the Panda Inn in Bremerton, located at 5050 WA Hwy 303 NE, Suite 125. We need to give them a head count, so please RSVP to Barb & Brooks Hanford at hbhanford@gmail.com or phone (360) 710-1000 by 10/18/19.

November 2019

TBD – Movie Night – We are planning a movie night at Don and Sue Knievel's new home in Gig Harbor. Food and beverages will be provided. More details for come!

TBD – Annual Meeting – We are looking for someone to plan on northwest side of the Hood Canal. If interested, please contact Maryann via email maelwell@centurytel.net or phone (253) 853-4003.

25th – 2020 Board Election Ballots Due – Ballots will be available after nominations close on October 10th.

30th – Holiday Party Silent Auction Items Wanted - Each year our club raises fund for a local charity at our Holiday Party via a Silent Auction. We are now seeking donations and request interested parties to contact Debbie Raphael by 11/30/19 via email at draphael@copiersnw.com or phone (360) 340-1583 and bring your items to the party.

December 2019

7th – 6:30–10P Holiday Party at the Resort at Port Ludlow. Rooms can now be booked at our group discount rate of \$149+tax/night using Group Code 127895 online at www.portludlowresort.com or by phone at (360) 437-7000. More details to come!

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Other Region and Car Related Events

9/4 – 4-7P – **Cruise In Bremerton Airport** at Bremerton Airport on Hwy 3.

9/4-7 – **PCA Fall Treffen in Green Mountains of Woodstock, Vermont** – For details go to <https://treffen.pca.org/>.

9/7 – 8A-4P – **PNWR Autocross #8** at Bremerton Motorsports Park. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org> or register at MotorsportReg.com.

9/7 – 7:30A-4P – **PNWR Drivers Education** at The Ridge Motorsports Park in Shelton. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org> or register at MotorsportReg.com.

9/7 – 8A – **Caffeine & Gasoline** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma. Theme: Italian Cars

- 9/7 – 6:30-11:30P – **Wheels & Heels Annual Gala** - at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 9/8 – 8A-3:30P – **Car Show – Northwest American Muscle** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma.
- 9/8 – 7A-3P – **PNWR All Porsche Grand Display** at Carillon Point at Kirkland. Limited to 110 cars - 5,000 people. \$15 for car & driver participant and \$10/ spectator or passenger. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org>.
- 9/10 – 11:30A-12:30P – **If Cars Could Talk** – Car Radios: Making Cars Talk at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 9/11 – 4-7P – **Cruise In Bremerton Airport** at Bremerton Airport on Hwy 3.
- 9/13 – 5:10P – **Concours d'Mariners at T-Mobile Park** - Join fellow car enthusiasts and LeMay – America's Car Museum for a pregame-selected display of cars on the Mariners Garage Plaza featuring a variety of classic and exotic vehicles, then head inside for some exciting Major League Baseball action at T-Mobile Park. For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 9/14 – 8A-2P - **PNWR Womens Tour to Port Townsend** – Meet at 7:45A for drivers meeting at Gig Harbor McDonalds (Olympic Village Shopping Center 5500 Olympic Dr.). The tour roads are awesome and the views even more so through Mason, Kitsap, and Jefferson counties on the Olympic Peninsula. Before our tour ends at Port Townsend Winery, we will take a 30-minute break in the quaint town of Port Gamble, a US National Historic Landmark. Port Gamble is one of the nation's best-preserved western lumber towns and the community has a wide range of shops. Metro Bagel box lunch at the Winery. To register and order lunch go to https://www.pnwr.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=502548&item_id=924659. You will need a Motorsport.reg account of can set one up during registration.
- 9/14 – 8A-3:30P – **Car Show – BMW M-Day** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma.
- 9/18 – 4-7P – **Cruise In Bremerton Airport** at Bremerton Airport on Hwy 3.
- 9/19 – **PNWR Reverse More Smiles to the Mile mid-week Tour**. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org>.
- 9/21 – 7:15A-4P – **PNWR Drivers Skills** at Bremerton Motorsports Park. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org> or register at MotorsportReg.com.
- 9/21 – 8A-3:30P – **Public Garage Sale** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma.
- 9/21 – 10A-4P - **Electric Vehicle Ride & Drive with Tacoma Power** - For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 9/21 – noon-4P – **Family STEAM Day** – at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 9/25 – 4-7P – **Cruise In Bremerton Airport** at Bremerton Airport on Hwy 3.
- 9/26-30 – **PNWR Canon Beach Tour** - For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org>.
- 10/5 – 8A – **Caffeine & Gasoline** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma. Theme: Race Cars

- 10/8 – 5P – **PNWR Happy Drive & Social to Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse Tour** - For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org>.
- 10/8 – 11:30A-12:30P – **If Cars Could Talk** – at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 10/12 – 8A – **PNWR One Last Pass Tour** - For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org>.
- 10/12 – 8A-4P – **PNWR Autocross #9** at Bremerton Motorsports Park. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org> or register at MOTORSPORTREG.COM.
- 10/19 – 7:15A-4P – **PNWR Drivers Skills** at Bremerton Motorsports Park. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org> or register at MOTORSPORTREG.COM.
- 10/19 – noon-4P – **Family STEAM Day – It's Electric** at America's Car Museum (2702 East D St. in Tacoma). For details go to <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>.
- 10/26 – 9:30A-1P – **PNWR Porsche Tech Session** with Hurley Haywood at Chris's German Auto Service in Redmond. Doors open at 8A. \$59/person, limited registration, so pre-register and pre-pay. For details go to <http://www.pnwr.org>.
- 10/26 – 11A – **Trunk-or-Treat** at LeMay Collections at Marymount, 152nd Street East in Tacoma. Setup 11A-1P, Trunk-or-Treating begins at 1P. Register to be a trunk host at <https://www.lemaymarymount.org/lemay-halloween-trunk-or-treat>.
- 11/2 – 8A – **Caffeine & Gasoline** at Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma. Theme: German Cars
- 11/16 – 6-10P – **Annual Benefit Dinner & Dance** at LeMay Collections at Marymount, 152nd Street East in Tacoma. For tickets go to <https://www.lemaymarymount.org/lemay-sock-hop-benefit-dinner-dance>.

Hood River Wine Tour



Sep. 13th - 15th 2019

Depart Friday - Driving Tour & MaryHill Tasting

Sat bus Winery Tour, Poker Rally, Tech Quiz

Sat. night Awards Dinner

Return Sunday



Book room Best Western Plus Hood River

(800) 828-7873 ASAP, request Olympic

Peninsula Porsche Club rate. Per night cost:

1Q \$161, 2Q \$188, 2Q View \$215 + tax

1K View \$206, Exec. 1K View \$233 + tax

Base event cost \$20/person (incl. goodie bag, Poker Rally & Tech Quiz awards), MaryHill Wine Tasting \$20/person,

Sat. Bus Tour \$162/person (incl. bus, tastings & snacks)

**Must RSVP to Brett Burroughs ASAP for Fri. lunch,
Fri. MaryHill wine tasting, & Sat. bus tour via phone:
(360) 710-6831 or email: dlburroughs@comcast.net**

OPR-PCA

Gals Getaway Weekend

***October
12-14***

***Hotel
Bellwether***

***Bellingham
WA***



**RSVP to Jill Diefenderfer 925-577-0033
or diefster3@att.net**

Ladies, imagine it...

Driving to Bellingham via scenic Chuckanut Drive during the stunningly gorgeous fall-season.

Arriving at Hotel Bellwether, a luxury, boutique hotel situated on Bellingham Bay steps from Squalicum harbor. To the East are the spectacular Cascade Mountains featuring the majestic Mt. Baker, the 10,750-foot snow-capped peak known for the brilliant colors it turns during morning sunrises and world-record snowfall. To the West are the world-famous San Juan Islands.

Enjoying the indulgent luxury of the Hotel Bellwether's signature rooms and suites with private balconies, jetted bathtubs, crackling gas fireplaces and stunning sunsets. And complimentary underground secured parking for our Porsches!

Pampering yourself with an in-room massage or at a day at the Salon Spa. Or trying something new: flotation therapy that will dramatically change the way you feel and empower you to attain a new level of health. Attain a new level of peace with a 60-minute sensory deprivation flotation session.

Dining at the Lighthouse Grill with gorgeous waterfront views and "possibly the most elegant ambiance of any restaurant in town". And as a special treat, we will have a private dining experience in the Wine Cellar on **Sunday evening!** This luxurious European-style dining room is furnished with imported Louis XIV-style chairs, a rich mahogany-stained table, and an extensive wine collection featuring selections ranging from local favorites to exotic treasures. This 300-square-foot room can accommodate **up to 14 people, so please let us know if you wish to participate in the experience ASAP!**

Other activities at the hotel, or nearby Bellingham, include a putting green, live music, shopping, hiking and biking, kayaking, whale watching, wine tasting, breweries and tap houses, and the vibrant art scene.

We have been offered a discounted room rate of \$199/night for the Executive Plaza Rooms (a \$90/night discount) or \$259/night for the Executive Waterview Rooms (a \$100/night discount).

Please RSVP to Jill Diefenderfer at diefster3@att.net and book your rooms at Hotel Bellwether under "Porsche Club" at 360.392.3172 or www.hotelbellwether.com.

Welcoming New Members to the Olympic Peninsula Region of the PCA

John Simpson, Port Orchard, Blue 1999 Boxster

Marcus Tillson, Gig Harbor, Agate Grey 2015 Cayman GTS

Donna Cryder, Port Orchard, White 2016 Cayman S

Robby Carver, Bainbridge Island, Grey 2013 911 Carrera S

Niele Gillooly, Bainbridge Island, Polar Silver metallic 2001 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet
with Metropol Blue leather interior

Bob and Andi Pistay, Port Ludlow, Nepal Orange 1974 914 2.0 L20C

William and April Heart, Bainbridge Island, Chalk 2018 Panamera Turbo S Turismo
and 2012 911 Carrera S Cab

Gary and Judy Blockhus, Bremerton, 2019 911 Carrera 4 GTS

From the President's Desk

Bill Elwell

First, let me say thank you to a few people. Steve & Kathy O'Rorke hosted a lunch at their house in Sequim back in July. Steve & Kathy always throw a heck of a party and this was no exception. Dave & Patty Meyers have been an enormous help since we've been holding more of our board meetings up in Jefferson and Clallam counties. They have been helping us secure a great meeting room at the 7 Cedar's Casino. When it comes to throwing a great party, the O'Rorke's aren't alone. Fred & Christy Mitchell do an incredible job as well. We had our annual newcomer picnic at their property. What a wonderful event with a huge turn-out. Thank you all. You are the heart and soul that keep clubs like ours running.

I'd like to talk a little bit about the concept of service in this issue. The word "service" can be used as either a verb or a noun. When your car is in the shop you probably tell your friends that your car is in for service. That is the context in which we most frequently see this word used as a verb. As a noun, there are a couple ways to use "service". For example, "I know a handyman who performs many services including yardwork, home repair, painting, and more." But the part of the word "service" that I want to talk about is the one that has to do with the action of helping or doing work for others without any material compensation in return. Some think of this sort of thing as volunteering but that term isn't broad enough. I like service better.

The only way I know to talk about this subject is to talk about my experience with it. When I was growing up, my parents weren't involved in any sort of community activity. My mother was very active in the church but that ended before I was born. So I don't know why I started volunteering with service organizations.

In high school, I was an officer in the Interact Club which is a student arm of the Rotary Club. If you aren't familiar with the Rotary Club, it's an organization of business leaders who provide service to others, among other things. The Interact club ran a local toys for tots campaign and collected newspaper and cardboard which was sold to a local company to raise money. I don't know why or how I got involved with Interact. My friends were involved, so I guess I followed their lead.

I can't even begin to list all the other things I did for my high school for free or for such small compensation that it might as well have been free. Many of those activity lead me down the path to becoming an electrical engineer but that's a completely different story. At the time, I really didn't think about whether I should or shouldn't do all these things. I saw the opportunity, it looked like fun, so I jumped in with both feet and got involved. These service activities weren't all that I did. I had a life. I had girlfriends. I went dancing with a group of friends every Friday night. I ran track in the spring and cross country in the fall. It's just that some of the things I did were service related activities.

Looking back, I took a break through college and on into my early years of marriage. But along around 2002, the bug hit me again. Again, I honestly don't know where it came from but I decided to get involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America. After the extensive background check, I was pretty quickly matched up with a little brother.

The 3 years I spent with my little brother were challenging. They were so challenging that I've been reluctant to repeat the experience.

In 2004, I started getting involved with the newly formed Olympic Peninsula Region Porsche Club. For the longest time, pretty much all I did was run the web site. Honestly, I've purposely kept out of the operation of the club. But after being let go from Intel, I had time on my hands and no excuse not to give back to the club. I jumped in as vice president and then quickly took over as president. You also know that during my early years as president I also ran the website and newsletter. Thankfully those responsibilities are in more capable hands now.

I've got other irons in the fire right now as well. I'm the speaker coordinator for Al-Anon in Pierce County. If you're not familiar, Al-Anon is a 12 step program for family members of addicts and alcoholics. Al-Anon is volunteer organization, just like PCA. They need people to make the system work. They need the help and I am more than capable, so there's absolutely no reason I shouldn't roll up my sleeves and help out. If that's not enough, over the past couple years I've been the driving force behind some badly needed road maintenance and paving activities in our homeowner's association.

I'm the first to admit that I'm not typical. Most folks aren't as active as I am. And I'll admit that I'm looking forward to scaling back a bit in the near future. I've got a radio controlled model helicopter kit out in the garage that I really want to build, but I haven't gotten to. Even though I might scale back a bit, I'll always be there if someone needs help.

Have you ever been in a room where someone asks for volunteers to help out with something and a sudden silence falls over the group? Maybe you get that mix of emotions where you feel like you should offer to help, but you feel bad as you hear yourself make excuses why you can't. Maybe you're hoping that nobody asks you specifically so you don't have to say, "No" out loud. I've been there at times in my life. You know what solves that? Getting involved with something. That way when someone asks for volunteers you can sit back and say to yourself, "I'm good, I'm already doing my part."

I'll close with a request for support to help run the club. This year we need to elect a new vice president, treasurer, and member at large. Next year will be my last as president, I would really like to have a vice president who intends to take the role of president and will join me at the Zone6 Presidents Meeting in 2020. I'm looking for that person. If you think you're interested, let me know.

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

Position Descriptions for the 2019 Board Elections

Bill Elwell

It's tough to imagine reading this newsletter or coming to our events lately without hearing me talk about the need for replacements for our current board members as their terms end. The time for talk is just about over.

We are accepting nominations for the 2018 elections for the Vice President, Secretary and Member at Large offices. You can find descriptions for these positions below. It's time for you to step forward and submit your name for an office by contacting our Election Committee Chair, Don Knievel at dknievel@centurytel.net or (253) 858-6902 by Oct. 11th, so that ballots can be prepared and sent out in October. Let me be blunt. This club doesn't exist without the volunteers that run it.

Vice President (2 year term):

The Vice President (VP) has two jobs, one involves a little online work and the second doesn't require much effort at all. First, the VP is responsible for requesting Insurance coverage for all moving car events (tours, rallies, tech sessions, etc.) and ensuring the completion of Post Event and Observer's Reports for these events. Like I said, this work starts online a few weeks before each moving car event. After the event, the appropriate release and insurance forms are collected and filed for storage. The second role is to serve as a backup to the president. In the absence of the President, the VP presides over Board/Membership meetings, prepares the agenda, and directs the discussion during the meeting. It is a two year position. As one of five Board member positions, the VP is required to attend the monthly Board/Membership meetings and the Annual Membership meeting. In a perfect world, a VP is chosen who intends to move on to become president. But this isn't an absolute requirement. Our current Vice President is Don Knievel if you have any questions.

Secretary (2 year term):

The secretary records, publishes, and preserves the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and membership, including the Annual Meeting and provides a copy to the Webmaster for publishing. This is a two year position. As one of five Board members, the Secretary is required to attend the monthly Board/Membership meetings and the Annual Membership meeting. Our current Secretary is Brian Forde if you have any questions.

Member at Large (1 year term):

If you cannot decide which of the above positions you would like best, perhaps the Member at Large is for you. The Member at Large fills in where he/she is needed, either through direct tasking, or through his/her own initiative. Best described as "A Helper", the Member at Large assists with special events, understaffed board members, or over tasked chair people. As one of the five Board Members, the Member at Large is required to attend the monthly Board/Membership meetings. This is a one year position. Our current Member at Large is Brooks Hanford if you have any questions.

Will you be stepping up to take an office? Or will you be waiting for me to come knock at your door to tell you which office you'll be filling next year?

It is in the Details — *You Should Have a Can of This Stuff – Really*

Bill Elwell

You haven't heard me talk about detailing lately. But a couple things happened that made me think I should tell you about a product that nearly every detailer keeps in his or her shop and I think you should too. Just for grins and giggles, let me tell you a couple stories first.

I was at O'Reilly's buying a starter motor for my F-150. While I was at the counter I overheard one of the staff talking to a customer in front of the detailing products telling them something like, "Just use a soft cloth..." I told myself to stay out of it and keep my mouth shut. I walked out with my starter. Oh, I didn't tell you. I was driving DRAWMA, my 928. If you haven't seen my 928, it stops traffic (thank you Alex). The car next to me was a beautiful BMW that I had never seen before. If I had to guess, I'd say it was a fairly new 6 series. There was a young kid... ok... probably late 20's or early 30's standing next to the car with the detailing products he just bought trying to do something to the hood of the BMW. He turned around and complemented my car. Now I couldn't keep my mouth shut any longer. I asked him what he was trying to do. He said he was trying to get some tree sap off his hood. I got out of the car. He bought a bottle of Turtle Wax bug and tar remover, a tiny bottle of Goo-Be-Gone and a pack of microfiber towels. There were half a dozen nasty big blobs of almost rock hard clear tree sap on his hood. I've had it on my Prius before. Instantly, I knew that he wasn't going to get that crap off with the stuff they sold him in O'Reilly's and I told him so. I told him I was a detailer and if he was willing to follow me down the road 5 minutes I would take the sap off his car. I guess the beautiful 928 I was driving convinced him to trust me. He followed me home. I pulled out a few old socks and a can of 3M General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner and we both went to work. This particular sap was nasty and it took about a minute to dissolve each blob but eventually we got it all off the car. I gave him a business card. He insisted on giving me all the stuff he bought at O'Reilly's. I honestly felt bad for that car. It is an absolutely beautiful car but the kid has no clue how to take care of it. A couple days later he called me to ask what the stuff was that I used because his other car was now covered in the same sap!

My second story has only Porsches in it. A club member asked me for advice. He had been working on his car (a Porsche, of course). He draped an old extension cord over the fender. After the work was finished, he found that the cord had left a bunch of black marks on the fender. He tried buffing the marks out with a buffer and some polish. I wasn't surprised that buffing didn't work. It probably only made a bigger mess. Based on his description alone, I knew that a can of Adhesive Cleaner would have been the solution to his problems. Why wouldn't buffing work? Imagine trying to remove soft chewing gum with sand paper and you'll get the idea.

Here's the deal. When you're trying to remove stuff that isn't water soluble, the game is to pick a solvent that will dissolve the material you want to remove without damaging the paint. 3M General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner is paint safe. Yes, it will remove the wax in that spot (assuming you have any wax at all). But you've got a couple choices of wax kicking around on your shelf, right? I've used Adhesive Cleaner to remove adhesive, tar, asphalt seal coat, sap, oil, and stuff that I can't identify. Sometimes it can help with bugs and it's supposed to work on some epoxies, but I'd have to see that to believe it. I've used it on painted surfaces, glass, leather, and fabric. I get nervous using it on fabric, but it's advertised as vinyl and fabric safe. It's not advertised as leather safe but in very small quantities, I've used it there as well. If you want to use it on upholstery, try a test spot first before committing to using it in an area that is visible.

This product comes in aerosol cans and 1-quart cans with a screw top. It's 3M General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner (08984 is the quart can, 08987 is the aerosol can). Be careful not to confuse General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner with Specialty Adhesive Remover. The Specialty stuff is intended to remove adhesives that require a hardener or catalyst in the bonding process. It's not advertised to be used on painted surfaces and I wouldn't trust it not to damage paint. There is another, less aggressive, version of the product, 3M 38983. It goes by a slightly different name, General Purpose Adhesive Remover. Remover vs. Cleaner. 38983 is a bit less aggressive and is advertised to remove masking residue.

When you use the Adhesive Cleaner, have a clean old rag in one hand and the can of product in the other. If you're working a large area or a tough material like sap, spray the product directly on the stuff you want to remove. A little goes a long way. Give it a moment to do its magic before taking your rag to it. Now, wipe with your old rag. Some materials will dissolve as soon as you hit it with the spray. Other materials, like sap, will take time. This stuff evaporates quickly so if you're working a material like sap get some product on your rag and on the drop of sap and then put the rag on the sap. Give the back of the rag a spray of product every so often to keep it damp. With time and gentle agitation the material will soften and melt away.

After you've got the gunk off your car, you'll need to do a soap and water wash to the general area you just used the adhesive cleaner on. Then, at a minimum, hit the area with some spray wax. As far as clean-up goes, I recommend you leave the rag you used outside the house for a day. It will STINK! One time I made the mistake of putting a rag I used adhesive cleaner on into the washing machine. Everything in that load of wash smelled like solvent (not good) and the inside of the washing machine smelled like it too. After a day outside, the rag won't smell any more.

Where can you buy it? Griot's used to sell it, but apparently not any more. Any auto store that carries auto body repair materials usually has the stuff on the shelf. There are a million places online to buy it. The quart cans run \$25 - \$30. The aerosol cans seem to run about \$15, give or take.

No, I don't own stock in 3M and I don't get a commission on the sale of these products. I simply had 3 opportunities where I had to put it to use inside of 1 week. That suggested that I ought to tell you folks about it.

Hey, maybe in the next issue I'll talk about my experiences with rinseless car wash products. I've been using Optimum No Rinse, Wash & Shine for a while when I want to clean up a car that's not too dirty and I don't want to break out the hose and bucket.



Then just before Maryann and I went up to Whistler, I tried Griot's new Rinseless Wash & Wax on the 911. Both are variations on the same theme. With 2.5 gallons of water, about an ounce of their product, and the appropriate microfiber product(s), you can wash a car that's not very dirty. Just let me know either in person or by email if you want to hear about my experiences.

Keep it clean and I'll catch you later.

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Farewell to Susi James – by Maryann Elwell



It is with a very heavy heart, that I write this. I am sorry to say that one of our charter members and longtime friend, Susi James, passed away after a 5 month battle with pancreatic cancer. John and Susi James have been Porsche Club members since 1979. The James' generously hosted our club for picnics at their home in Gig Harbor and on Mason Lake and Susi made sure everything was perfect.

John & Susi accepting the Concours award at the Portland PCA Parade (left)

Susi was born in San Francisco, and after WWII ended, the family returned to the Bronx in New York City. When Susi was almost five years old, they moved to Massapequa on Long Island. Susi graduated from Massapequa High School in 1962. On September 4, 1965 Susi married John, and in 1969 they moved to Tacoma, WA. She attended several nursing schools, but the most significant part of her nursing resume was the twenty three years she spent at the Tacoma Lutheran Home. She enjoyed working with the elderly and was well liked and respected for her professionalism. Following a fight with Breast Cancer in 2000, which she won, she

retired to spend more time with her husband, John James, and her three sons, Douglas, Jason, and Brandon and her and grandchildren.

Susi was the sweetest and most positive person. She always saw the best in people. I visited her multiple times while she was in rehabilitation at Cottesmore and Penrose Harbor in Gig Harbor between hospital stays. I will always remember how upbeat and positive she was even with all of the health issues she was dealing with at the time. She was an avid animal lover and rescued five dogs and countless cats over the years. She also assisted with the bunny haven in Gig Harbor for four years. She had a great outlook on life and a beautiful smile.



Susi and Debbie at Porsches on the Pier (left)

and Susi at an OPR Holiday Party, bottom right.



Remembrances may be made to the Shelton Adopt a Pet, The Purdy Correctional Pet Prison Project, the Tacoma/Pierce County Humane Society or the Charity of your choosing. Her obituary can be found at <https://www.havenrest.com/notices/Suzanne-James>. Susi will surely be missed and our heart-felt sympathy goes out to John and family during this sorrowful time.

New Member Welcome Picnic - by Maryann Elwell, Photos by Bill Elwell and Ron Knievel

We had a new venue this year for our annual New Member Welcome picnic. Christy and Fred Mitchell volunteered to host us at their farm in Sequim. The farm has been in Christy's family for 70 years and their children and families also live and work on the farm with them. The farm is 80 acres with half dedicated to raising organic cattle and the other have for growing hay. Porsches in the pasture with some of the cattle in the background (right).



Christy arranged for a friend who used to be a caterer to make smoked pork for us. When I checked in with Christy and Fred the night before, they informed me that they had a refrigerator go out that week, but luckily had an extra one available out on the porch. The smoked pork needed to be heated on slow heat for 12 hours, so Christy started it the night before in a low oven. Upon waking up that morning, to her horror, the oven had shut off during the night. Luckily, she noticed early enough and it turned out great!

Gene Stahl, Christy Mitchell chat with new members, Jill and John Parker with new member Doug Farrar in the background (right).



We arrived at the Mitchell's around 10A to help with set up. Her family had taken care of setting up all the tables and chairs, so there wasn't too much to do. Their daughter also made beautiful centerpieces for the tables from peacock feathers from their birds, plants, weeds and crabapples she picked on the farm and in the local Sequim area (see photo right). We had everything all set up when members began arriving around noon. In addition to the pork, Christy also made some delicious baked beans and a cabbage salad and had all the fixins for pulled pork sandwiches and tacos. Several other people made side dishes and salads and there were plenty of desserts, including a Porsche cake that Corby Somerville and

Jeannie Martin brought. I especially liked Joan Miller's chocolate zucchini cake. There was plenty of great food to go around and no one left hungry!

Amy Bonfrisco and Louise Fry enjoying lunch (right).



Bill Roberds, Fred Mitchell, Robin Hake and Bill Corrigan (below).



Welcome to the following new members who joined us at the picnic this year; it was great to meet all of you: Mark Wilson and Elisabeth Kierkegaarde of Rollingbay drive a 2009 red Cayman S, Doug Farrar of Port Ludlow drives a 1980 Black-Metallic 928, and Jill and John Parker of Gig Harbor drive a 1986 blue 911 Carrera. Thanks to Christy and Fred Mitchell and their family for being such gracious hosts and to everyone who attended!



The Knievels get to know new members, Mark Wilson and Elisabeth Kierkegaarde (left)

Sandra Burkett and Jill Diefenderfer catch up (right).



Thom Micka, Dave Meyers and Pete Bonfrisco talk cars (left)

Corby Somerville surveys the beautiful Porsches on display (right).



Everyone's Porsche on display in the Mitchell's pasture (below).



Jill and John Parker with Jill Diefenderfer (left).

and John Cuny with Mark Wilson and Elisabeth Kierkegaarde (right).



Social Luncheon at the O'Rorke's in Sequim – by Maryann Elwell, photos by Bill Elwell

Once again this year Kathy and Steve O'Rorke volunteered to host a luncheon at their beautiful home and orchard in Sequim on July 13th. Although Sequim is known for having the most sunny days in the Northwest, there was a forecast for showers that Saturday. Luckily, the forecast didn't come to fruition, at least while we were there enjoying ourselves. Steve's 911 graced the front lawn upon our arrival. It sure looked great!



A number of us from the south/east end of the Peninsula met at Kitsap Park & Ride Transit Center in Poulsbo around 10A to head out for a scenic drive up to Sequim. Bill, Don Knievel and I met up with Jan Putman, Brooks and Barb

Hanford, Becky and Jim Harlin, Kip Sparber and Anna Hoey, and Chris and Shannon Wood. We drove through Poulsbo along the waterfront and through historic Port Gamble before heading across the Hood Canal Bridge. We picked up new members, Bob and Andi Pistay in their Nepal Orange 1974 914 2.0 L20C at our rest stop at the Port Ludlow Village Store. After hitting the rest rooms and picking up a couple of snacks, we headed through some scenic farm roads through Jefferson County. We then made our way into Sequim and drove out



along the Sequim Bay area. After finding part of Woodcock Road closed for construction, we made a short detour and made it to the O'Rorke's just after noon. Thanks Kip for taking the lead and getting us there safely!

Chris Wood gets to know new member Bob Pistay (right).



Again this year, the O'Rorkes outdid themselves with enough food and drinks to feed an Army. For those who didn't know, Kathy grew up in Hawaii, so the featured dish was teriyaki hamburgers that were home made from her family's recipe. Boy, were they delicious! There were also plenty of side dishes and fresh fruit on hand, including cherries fresh picked from the O'Rorke orchard. For dessert, Kathy made Cherry Cobbler, brownies and several lemon chiffon cakes. Everything looked so good, that I had to try some of everything! The RSVPs were slow to come in, but I believe we ended up having around 34 members and guests in attendance. There were plenty of people that I hadn't seen in a while and it was nice to catch up.



Thomas Micka and Bill Corrigan (right)



Sue and Dan Kalinski's beautiful 356 (left).



Corby Somerville and Kip Sparber (left)

Becky and Jim Harlin (right).



Recent Observations

by Thomas Micka

Ferdinand Karl Piëch a grandson of Ferdinand Porsche, died on 25 August 2019 at age 82 years. Piëch started his career at Porsche in 1962 after receiving a degree in mechanical engineering. Earning the Diplom degree with a thesis concerning the development of an F1 engine. Obviously, Piëch was well-positioned at Porsche due to blood-line and Porsche's participation in F1 with the 8-cylinder engine for the Porsche 804. The 804 was an open-wheeled race car competing but one season in the 1.5 liter formula. Ferdinand Piëch stayed on with Porsche until 1971. From 1963 to 1971, he worked at Porsche in Stuttgart participating in the 906 program and following models leading to the successful Porsche 917 program and developments in the 901 program which gave us the Porsche 911.

Apparently, an agreement stipulating that no member of the Porsche-Piëch families may be involved in the day-to-day operations of the Porsche company prompted his departure for Audi. He eventually became the head of Audi and ultimately the chairman of the executive board of Volkswagen Group from 1993-2002 and the chairman of the supervisory board of Volkswagen Group during the years 2002-2015. At the time of his death, Ferdinand Piëch owned exactly ten percent of Porsche.

Ferdinand Piëch used his partial ownership of Porsche SE (Porsche-Piech family holding company that controls VW) often in angry disputes with the Porsche family. Most recently in a dispute with the family growing from VW's diesel emissions screw-up. Piëch testified to prosecutors in a criminal investigation that as head of the supervisory board he notified key VW directors in February 2015, including cousin Wolfgang Porsche, of an impending scandal. Conveniently, perhaps, and shortly before losing a power struggle with CEO Martin Winterkorn and stepping down from the supervisory board. VW's board disputed that Piëch warned them about the crisis, claiming to investigators that they and Winterkorn became aware of the diesel problem at the start of September 2015. The Porsche family found this too much — Piëch's claim was the final straw. For years, the family put up with Piëch's domineering arrogance since he was the only one who knew anything about running a car company. However, his direct testimony against a cousin in a criminal investigation, solidified the resolve of his relatives, they had enough.

Over the years prior to this, Piëch flexed his substantial influence over the development many significant cars: Porsche 911, Audi Quattro, VW Phaeton and the dramatically engineered Bugatti Veyron. Due to his influence on the automobile industry, Piëch was named the Car Executive of the Century in 1999 and was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 2014.

The Piëch influence at VW and Audi spanned the full spectrum of automotive offerings. At the bottom end was the VW Lupo 3L. The meaning of 3L (three liter) conveyed the European way of specifying fuel economy, that is, a number of liters of fuel to cover 100 kilometers of driving. Three liters per 100 km equates to 79 miles per US gallon.

However, many so-called “hypermilers” demonstrated over 100 miles per gallon runs with Lupo 3L.

The top of the automotive food chain was facilitated by Piëch in the form of the Bugatti Veyron EB 16.4. The Veyron was named after the racing driver Pierre Veyron and is a mid-engine sports car, designed and developed in Germany by the Volkswagen Group and manufactured in Molsheim, France, by French automobile manufacturer Bugatti. The original version Bugatti Veyron was powered by a 1001 horsepower W16 engine and exhibited a top speed of 253 mph (407 km/h). At this top speed the Veyron gulped 5.3 liters of fuel every minute — covering about 4.2 miles in that minute! The standard Bugatti Veyron also won *Top Gear’s* Best Car Driven All Year award in 2005.



Cameron Micka, above, poses with the Bugatti Veyron EB 16.4

Piëch put a good deal of his engineering instincts into the development of audacious vehicles many of which were not loved by the auto industry analysts. One such vehicle was the VW Phaeton. The Volkswagen Phaeton was a luxury car imbued by Piëch with ten vital parameters to be met. Tantalizing among the ten vitals was the capability to be driven all day at 300 km/h (186 mph) with an exterior temperature of 50 °C (122 °F) while the interior temperature remained at 22 °C (72 °F). Piëch requested this even though the Phaeton's top speed was electronically limited to 250 km/h (155.3 mph) — likely due to the tire safety requirements in various markets worldwide. The Phaeton lasted two years in the US market, 2004-06. Production ended worldwide in 2016. It is speculated that an all-electric VW Phaeton may appear in the next few years.

The Piëch leadership style has been criticized as “old fashioned” as he was known for dismissing subordinates like Volkswagen CEO Bernd Pischetsrieder and Porsche CEO Wendelin Wiedeking for repeating the same mistake twice. He used his reputation to threaten and intimidate subordinates to meet his audacious goals, often to the betterment of the corporations he influenced. “Mad genius,” “autocrat’s autocrat” whatever he was called, the Piëch leadership was respected despite an atmosphere of dread which was of his making. Bob Lutz, the Swiss-American auto executive who served on executive boards of Ford, GM and Chrysler, and knew Piëch well, hypothesized in the documentary TV series *Dirty Money* that the Volkswagen diesel emissions scandal was a by-product of Piëch’s reign.

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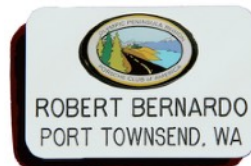


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