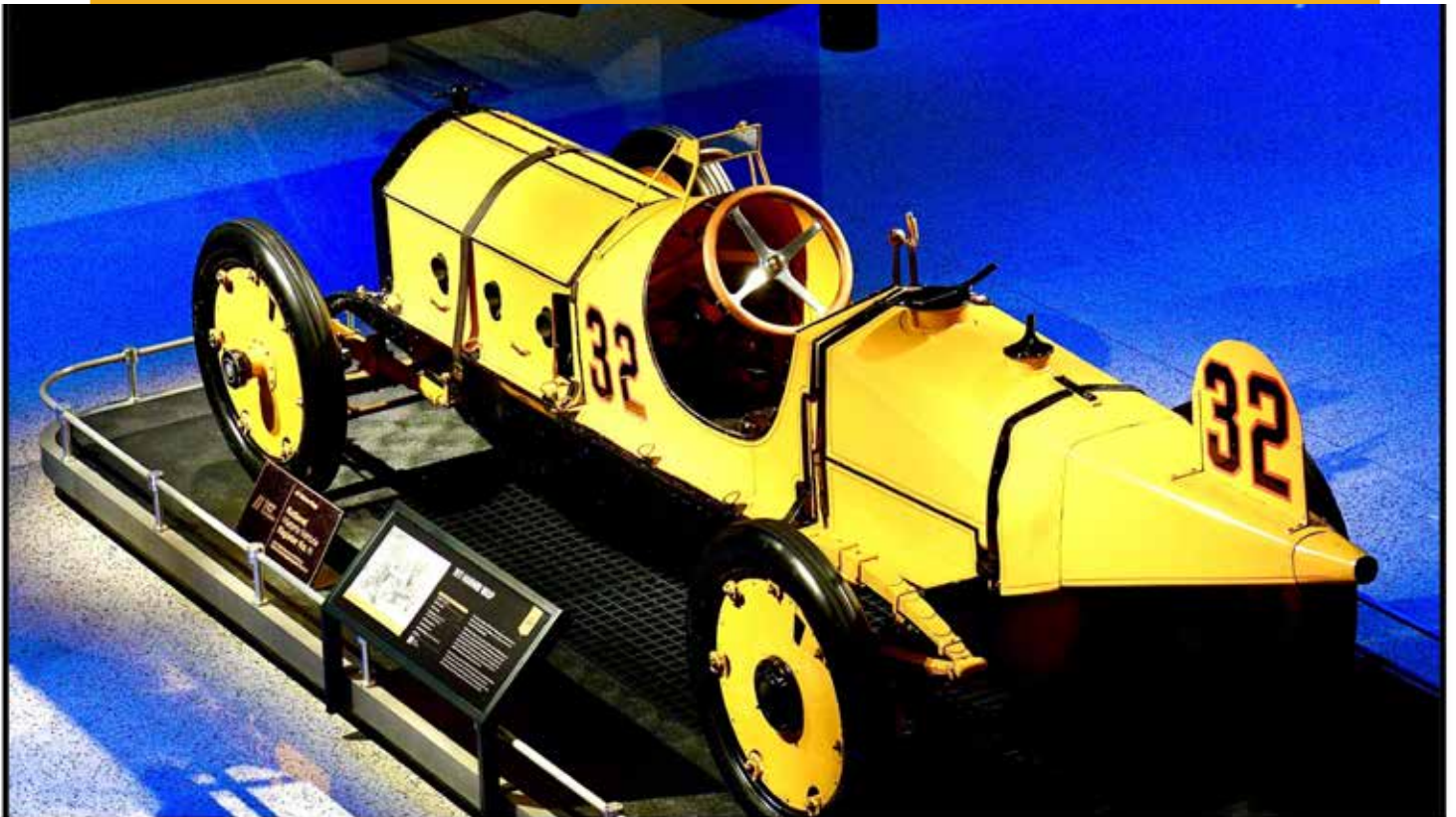


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DER PASSAGIERSITZ

The Passenger Seat

DEBRA STONER
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I have many fond memories of summertime as a kid. While I never had much interest in cars—other than making sure they got me from point A to point B—I did always tune in for the Indy 500. Several Memorial Day weekends, my cousins would drive 400 miles to visit, and the race was always on TV, whether we were watching intently or just passing by with a popsicle.

The start of the race was my favorite part—probably because that's when all the chaos seemed to happen. I swear, there were always accidents in those first few laps (or maybe that's just how my childhood memory

recorded it). I'd cheer for whoever my dad was rooting for—team loyalty by proxy!

One year, my uncle couldn't watch the race live, so we recorded it (on VHS, of course). Let's just say... we learned the hard way that spoiling the winner is not a victimless crime. Sorry, Uncle Jack.

Fast-forward about 40 years, and somehow I found myself at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Who would've guessed? In this edition, thanks to Steven Clinton, you'll enjoy a look at the Indy 500 and the museum through his childhood eyes. And the photos? That's Mike and me—he with his first track car in Gasoline Alley, and me squeezing into a race car at the old museum, discovering just how not roomy those things are.



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Reflections on Porsche Motorsports Steven K Clinton



Driving home from Indianapolis on the evening of May 25th, still on an adrenalin rush after the 108th 500, I reflected upon my very first journey to the renowned brickyard 66 years ago. I had vigorously petitioned my father to take me (meaning a pesky 6-year-old pleading, nagging, and harassing), while demonstrating my knowledge and interest by teaching myself to read “big books” over previous months, thanks to my immersion into the famous Floyd Clymer Indianapolis 500 Yearbooks on my father’s bookshelf. My father had been going to The 500 since entrepreneur Tony Hulman purchased the track and resurrected the renown Memorial Day classic after the 4-year closure necessitated by World War II. A troop ship sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge in January of 1946, my father, a Marine was on his way back to American soil

from Guam, perhaps saved by President Truman’s use of the atomic bombs, making the invasion of Japan unnecessary. During his return to the states, without concerns for a torpedo sending him into the ocean as the only Marine who could not swim, he had contemplated his future and made what we now know as a “bucket list.” On this list was attending the Indianapolis 500. He was hooked after his first experience a few months later.

My pleading in the spring of 1959 was a success, and we loaded up the 56 Ford Fairlane and early the next morning left our Western New York home before sunrise, with maps of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana in hand so as to navigate our way west in an era of two-lane roads, as the Eisenhower interstate system was still only bits and pieces. I remember Cleveland to Columbus on Route 42 and then catching US 40 to Indianapolis. We arrived in time to spend the day prior to the race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and then catch the annual downtown parade with



The first iteration of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum in 1956

spectacular floats, bands, antique cars, and more. It was far more grandiose than my small-town Memorial Day parade with the school band and one firetruck.

The initial museum was constructed in 1956 right on the corner of 16th street and Georgetown Road next to the main gate to speedway. One half was the ticket and

administrative offices and the other housed the display of about a dozen cars. The museum was a feast for my youthful eyes. Firstly, everything was in color! The books and magazines that I had devoured were all in black and white. The bright yellow of Ray Harroun's 1911 Momon Wasp replaced the vague shade of gray I had seen in the books. The deep burgundy of Wilber Shaw's 1939 and 1940 winning Maserati remains one of my favorites. Over the subsequent decades, a stop at the Museum has continued as one of the enduring annual traditions.



A grand new venue for the enthusiast

The mission of the museum is to carefully preserve and celebrate the history behind the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indy 500. Over the years, the cars accumulated, typically due to donations and by the mid-1970s a new facility was much needed and opened inside the speedway in 1976. The Museum is a not-for-profit enterprise and a separate entity from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was not included in the purchase of the speedway by Roger Penske in 2020. With continued growth, the museum closed in 2023 for re-imagining of displays and a massive two-year renovation project, culminating in a grand opening in April of this year. Upon my first visit I can attest that it is one of the world's premier motorsports and automobile museums.

You first move down through "Gasoline Alley" with 7 cars in period perfect garages. The passion is palpable throughout this display, with period-appropriate tools and other decorations in each garage, even the square head nails on the walls in the first display housing Columbus native Eddie Rickenbacker's #10 1913 Firestone-Columbus racer. In parallel, they have a remarkable collection

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of programs, banners, tools, posters, helmets, suits, trophies, engines, and other memorabilia throughout the galleries reflecting the spirit and many layers of American racing heritage. You enter the Starting Line Experience next, placing you on the main straightaway ahead of the race to experience all of the pre-race festivities, starting with the cannon blast and fireworks opening the gates at 6 AM and ending



with the green flag. It is an 8-minute show with exceptional sound, lighting effects, and surrounding video plunging you into the kaleidoscope of color and the symphony of sound of race morning, one of the most emotionally charged moments in sports. The rest is a treasure trove of history and just magic to the eyes. One of the principal areas of change was to attract and keep the attention of a younger audience with driving simulators, pit stop experiences, reaction time challenges, and other options bringing the racing up close and personal. Do yourself a favor and go visit, an unforgettable experience, perhaps during the fall IMSA event, which will feature another opportunity for Porsche to win at Indianapolis and contribute to the history of the speedway. You will not regret your trip.





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MORPCA BOARD MINUTES

Jen Reynolds
Secretary

MORPCA Business Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mike Stoner, Vice President, at 6:31 p.m.

Attendees: Steve Eisenbrown*, Mike Stoner*, Debra Stoner*, Kevin Hennessy*, Patrice Hennessy, Dave Stetson*, Stephanie Bahr, Jose Isern, Linda Grossglass*, Hal Grossglass, Bob Long, Jennifer Reynolds*

* Indicates voting members

President's Report by Steve Eisenbrown, President No news to report.

Treasurer's Report by Vicki Kilbourne, Treasurer Vicki couldn't attend the meeting but sent her report. Engagement letter has been signed and sent to CPA along with all the reports and information they requested. They have acknowledged receipt of everything and will proceed in the preparation. Vicki is accepting registration funds for Great Drives and Fall HPDE. She is waiting on Spring HPDE expenses to be finalized.

Advertising by Akash Vaswani, Chairperson - Akash couldn't attend the meeting; however he is following up with advertisers about payments due and in discussions with Undent Ohio and Detail Pro as possible advertisers.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership by Linda Grossglass, Chairperson - Linda reported 10 new members, three transferred in, none transferred out, and seven lapsed for a total of 1157 members. Linda shared with the group that a member is coming up on their 65-year anniversary. Discussion involved obtaining an article in DOS to be written by past PCA President Jim Perrin.

Newsletter by Debra Stoner, Editor - Debra thanked members and chairs for the content that has been submitted and encourages more. In addition to creating the newsletter, Debra is uploading and emailing it to members, which relieves Kevin of that duty. If anyone knows of a member to profile or you would like to be profiled, please let Debra know as she is trying to compile a library of articles.

Communications by Kevin Hennessy, Chairperson - Kevin thanked Debra for taking on the email delivery of the newsletter to members. Announcements for social activities and registration emails are on track. Ticket Tailor continues to work well for registration. All email blasts are being sent on schedule.

Social Activities by Frank and Melinda Todaro - Frank

and Melinda couldn't attend but sent their report. The Third Saturday Social will be held at Executive Storage Estates on Saturday, June 21st. A Porsche corral will be held at the nearby Color Fast Automotive for the club's parking. The July social will be held Thursday, July 24th, at Performance Luxury Sport in Marysville. Planning is ongoing for future social events.

Concours/P2O by Mat Allison, Chairperson - Mat wasn't able to attend the meeting, his report focused on the Arthritis Foundation car show coming up in July. Mat sent an email for Debra to share in the newsletter a new link to a new registration page.

Driving Events by Kevin Hennessy and Mike Stoner, Co-Chairpersons - The Spring HPDE expenses are still coming in and the rates at Mid-Ohio increased and all will be split with NNJR. MOR and NNJR will discuss HPDE at Mid-Ohio for Spring 2026.

Fall HPDE: registrations are coming in. This will be Friday for solo drivers and Saturday and Sunday with instructors.

Maria's Message: events at the Safelite campus are on the calendar with MOR instructors scheduled.

Autocross: Safelite is a future possibility.

Drive & Dine: The next event scheduled is a bridge tour that ends at the July social event. American Packard Museum details are coming together. This will be a social event. A save-the-date announcement with links will be coming via Facebook.

Great Drives: registration is closed with 44 attendees in 22 cars. Parade laps at Watkins Glen are reserved. The hotel registration quota is fulfilled. The final plans are coming together well. One member from NORPCA is attending.

Safety by Chip Henderson, Chairperson - No report.

Technical by Jeff Brubaker, Chairperson - No report.

Philanthropy by Mike Stoner, Chairperson - No report.

Old Business by Steve Eisenbrown - Bob Long reported that Brian Peterson is available to help with club member nametags. The team discussed the logistics and communication for nametag coordination.

New Business by Steve Eisenbrown - There was discussion at the national level about driving events and insurance along with safety committees and safety officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



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By Akash Vaswani, proud dad and Porsche enthusiast

When my wife Bridie and I took delivery our 992.1 911 Carrera in January of 2022, we were fully committed to the dream: twisty backroads, club drives, and that unmistakable flat-six symphony. What we didn't expect was a new passenger joining the journey not long after—our son Ziyaan, born September, 2023.

We found out we were expecting in December 2022, and while Bridie was calmly prepping nurseries and reading baby books, I was deep-diving into Rennlist threads and Google rabbit holes, determined to not give up the 911. Sure, most people wouldn't call a two-door sports car “family friendly,” but I saw it as a challenge. And as any Porsche driver knows, challenges are meant to be driven straight through—preferably in Sport Plus.

The first step: car seat logistics. We started with the Cybex Aton G infant capsule—one of the most compact rear-facing seats on the market. It fit snugly in the back seat, but it did mean the front passenger seat was pretty much reserved for... no one. Thankfully, we had a dock in our Cayenne too, which gave us flexibility (and the ability to bring Mama along for drives).

As Ziyaan outgrew the capsule, we upgraded him to the forward-facing Wayb Pico. He loves being able to see the world zoom by and now excitedly announces “more!” every time I hit the gas. The Pico also doubles as our travel car seat—super lightweight, fits in a backpack, and goes in the plane's overhead bin like it's part of the carry-on crew.

Daily drop-offs to daycare? No problem. The 992's ISOFIX anchors made installation a breeze—no modifications, no drama. I even decked the interior out with the official Porsche Child Seat Mat and Backrest Protector (because

nothing ruins the driving experience like muddy shoe prints). For the colder months, I keep a set of dedicated winter wheels and tires—because being the envy at drop off is a year-round commitment.

Stroller? You bet we thought of that too. The UP-PAbaby Minu V2 slides perfectly into the frunk like it was designed in Stuttgart. And yes, there's an official “Baby Not Bored” sign in the rear window, because if any toddler is enjoying his ride, it's Ziyaan.

He's already a club regular—attending Third Thursdays and even a recent Dine & Drive. At home, he plays with his Porsche Hot Wheels cars and insists that “Papa's

car” is way cooler than Mama's Cayenne. I can't say I disagree.

Owning a 911 with a baby in tow hasn't just been possible—it's been fun. With a little creativity and the right gear, I've learned you don't have to give up the car you love just because you've added a car seat.

So to all the soon-to-be parents in the club: don't panic. There's room for two doors and diapers. And if anything, it only adds to the experience.

See you at the next event—with my co-pilot in back yelling “**vroom vroom!**”





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Member Highlight - Alan Shultz 25 Years of Membership -- and Still Going Strong

If you've attended a MORPCA event over the past couple of decades, chances are you've benefited from Alan Shultz's presence — even if you didn't know it. That's because Alan is often behind the lens, capturing the memories rather than appearing in them. Along with his wife Cindy, Alan has been a dedicated MORPCA member for 25 years!

We asked Alan to answer a few of our favorite Porsche questions — here's what he had to say:



What Porsche do you park in your garage?

♦ **2005 Boxster**

When did you join the club and attend your first event?

♦ **Joined 2000**

First event:

♦ **An autocross held on the site of what is now the downtown arena.**

What was your first Porsche? What might be your next ?

♦ **First – 1973 914 2.0 liter**

♦ **Next – (maybe?): 981 Boxster**

What car did you use for your driver's license test?

♦ **Probably a Chevy Nova -- his mom's car!**

First Car:

♦ **1963 Beetle**

Worst Car:

♦ **Renault Feugo**

Best Car:

♦ **Silver '83 911 SC track-prepped by a club race shop in Kalamazoo MI.**

Lottery Dream Car?

♦ **Carrera GT or 918**

Favorite Car Event?

♦ **Rennsport**

Other Interests?

♦ **Primarily cycling, especially off-road**

Thank you, Alan, for your years of dedication, your eye behind the camera, and your commitment to the club. Here's to many more miles — and memories!



Lightning McQueen round:

How you pronounce Porsche? "Porsch-a"

Prefer your Top: Any

Prefer your Go: Any of these RWD,FWD,AWD, 4WD

Prefer your Control: From here on out with paddles

Prefer your Cooling: Either Air (oil) or Water

Prefer your Engine: Front, Middle, or Rear (So many great choices with each)

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Drive and Dine

by Jose Isern

Two-for-One Saturday Drive & 3rd Saturday Car Corral – June 21

Join us for a special two-part Saturday event on June 22, organized by Jose and Kathy Isern!

We'll kick off the day with a scenic Covered Bridge Tour, starting in Shawnee Hills and winding through the beautiful countryside to visit eight historic covered bridges in Northwest Ohio. The drive ends at the 3rd Saturday Car Corral location in Plain City, where you'll have the chance to relax, socialize, and enjoy a bite to eat.

Meals are available for purchase at the destination.

Space is limited to 40 cars, so be sure to RSVP by June 18 to reserve your spot!

If you plan to stay for the Car Corral, don't forget to RSVP for that separately as well.

Save the Date: July 13

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Third Thursday Moves to Saturday – June 21st

Melinda and Frank Todaro invite MORPCA members to attend the Third Annual Open House at Executive Storage Estates (ESE) on **Saturday, June 21st from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.**

This exclusive, invitation-only event will feature open doors to over 100 car condo units—each showcasing incredible car collections. Enjoy live music and a variety of food trucks throughout the evening.

How to Attend:

As always, Third Thursday tickets will be available through **Ticket Tailor**. Upon arrival, check in at the Todaro condo (Unit 702, 8450 Estates Ct., Plain City, OH 43064) to receive your wristband. From there, grab your favorite beverage—beer, wine, soda, or water—and enjoy touring the facility.

Porsche Parking Corral:

We've arranged a dedicated **Porsche-only parking** corral just across the street at **Color Fast Automotive Paint and Dent Repair** (8435 Estates Ct.). Please plan to arrive and be parked by **3:30 PM**. You'll have time for a quick tour of Color Fast before walking across to Unit 702 to

check in.

Optional Drive & Dine:

Join Jose earlier that afternoon for a scenic **Drive & Dine**, beginning in Dublin and ending at Color Fast by 3:30 PM.

Parking is limited, so our exclusive corral is a major plus. Don't miss this fun-filled day with fellow club members!

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JUNE 2025 ANNIVERSARIES

70 YEARS

James S. & Brenda Perrin, 65

50 YEARS

Dick & Jeanna Burrell, 43

40 YEARS

Timothy J. & Nancy T. Bechtold, 39

Michael J. Duffy, 35

30 YEARS

David & Rachel Dinning, 25

Alan & Cindy Shultz, 25

John B. DeWert, 24

James L. & Sharon Benadum, 23

Brian W. Schmidt, 23

John D. & Ann Claire Walters, 22

Robert J. & Carol Balchick 21

Raymond J. & Jan Kobus, 21

James C. & William Flinn 21

20 YEARS

Gregory S. Pope, 17

Don & Barbara Robinson, 17

Jordan & Andrea Reid, 16

Andrew P. & Amanda Simpson, 16

Jose F. & Kathleen Isern, 13

Mark H. Hannum, 12

Kevin E. & Scott Smith, 12

Kevin S. & Adam McJunkin, 12

10 YEARS

Larry & Cheryl Winner, 10 years

Gabe & Alice Moulton, 9

JP Marshall, 8

Nathan & Melody Keenan, 8

Phil Chahine, 7

Trevor Donaldson, 7

Seth Kleinman, 6

NEW MEMBERS

Russell Covarrubia, Columbus

Debra L. Joseph, Delaware

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Delmus D. & Donna Parsley, Ashville

Jerry G. Plaster, Columbus

Christopher S. Plummer, Columbus

Daniel Shields, Marion

Josh Simon, Powell

Gregg P. Simpson, Dublin

Randy Trott, West Jefferson

TRANSFERS IN

Jim & Walene Borowske, from Arizona (AZ)

Mitch Eiting, from Ohio Valley (OHV)

Andrew P. & Amanda Simpson, from Ohio Valley (OHV)

C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

UPCOMING EVENTS		
DATE	START	EVENT
Sat Jun 14		Maria's Message Safelite AutoGlass Headquarters, 7400 Safelite Way, Columbus, OH 43235
Sat Jun 21	12:00 PM	Drive & Dine to 3rd Thursday Executive Storage Estates Plain City, OH 43064
Sat Jun 21	5:30 PM	3rd T on Saturday - Suite 702 8450 Estates Ct Plain City, OH, United States
Sat Jul 12		Maria's Message Safelite AutoGlass Headquarters, 7400 Safelite Way, Columbus, OH 43235
Sun Jul 13		Drive & Dine w/ OVR 420 S. Ludlow St. Dayton, OH 45402
Mon Jul 14	6:30 PM	Business Meeting Tentative Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern, Easton
Sat Jul 19	9:30 AM	Arthritis Auto Show Metro Center Dublin Ohio
Thu Jul 24		Great DRIVES - July 24/28 Finger Lakes, NY
Thu Jul 24	5:30 PM	4th Thursday (w/ BMW CCA) Performance Luxury Sport 750 Colemans Crossing Blvd, Marysville, OH 43040
Mon Aug 11		Business Meeting Tentative Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern, Easton
Sat Aug 16		Maria's Message (TRSS) Safelite AutoGlass 7400 Safelite Way, Columbus, OH 43235
Thu Aug 21	5:30 PM	3rd Thursday Horsepower Farms 4301 Home Rd, Powell, OH 43065
Fri Aug 29	12:00 AM	Fall HPDE @ MOSCC Aug 29/31 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, 7721 Steam Corners Rd, Lexington, OH 44904
Sat Aug 30		Drive & Dine Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course 7721 Lexington Steam Corners Rd, Mansfield, OH 44904
Mon Sep 8	6:30 PM	Business Meeting Tentative Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern, Easton
Sun Sep 14		Oktoberfest Horsepower Farms 4301 Home Rd, Powell, OH 43065, United States
Thu Sep 18	5:30 PM	3rd Thursday Rife's Autobody 2300 Cardigan Ave, Columbus, OH 43215, United States
Sun Oct 12		Drive & Dine Hocking Hills State Park 19852 SR-64 S, Logan, OH 43138,
Mon Oct 13	6:30 PM	Business Meeting Tentative Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern, Easton
Thu Oct 16	5:30 PM	3rd Thursday - placeholder TBD

For more Event details, see <https://mor.pca.org/calendar/>

Event planning for the 2025 calendar subject to change.
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