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## GRAND PRIX REGION & ZONE 8 CLUB CALENDAR

### March

- 2 Sat F1 Bahrain
- 9 Sat F1 Saudi Arabia
- 9 Sat GPX Breakfast Meeting, Glory Days Seal Beach**
- 12 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**
- 13-16 Wed-Sat Twelve Hours of Sebring
- 16 Sat GPX Tour to Santa Monica Mountains**
- 18 Mon GPX Day Away from Work at Streets of Willow**
- 22-24 Fri-Sun PCA Club Race VIR
- 24 Sun F1 Australia

### April

- 1 Mon Cesar Chavez Day
- 6-7 Sat-Sun PCA Club Race Thunderhill
- 7 Sun F1 Japan
- 9 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**
- 12-14 Fri-Sun PCA Club Race Road Atlanta
- 13 Sat GPX Breakfast Meeting, Glory Days Seal Beach**
- 19-20 Fri-Sat PCA Club Race Lime Rock
- 19-20 Sun Long Beach Grand Prix
- 21 Sun F1 China
- 21-25 S-Thu Treffen Wine Country (Napa/Sonoma)
- 27 Sat GPX Tour to Tehachapi Loop**
- 27-28 Sat-Sun PCA Club Race Ozark

### May

- 4-5 Sat-Sun PCA Club Race Buttonwillow
- 5 Sun F1 Miami
- 10-12 Fri-Sun Course De Monterey, IMSA Laguna Seca
- 11 Sat GPX Breakfast Meeting, Glory Days Seal Beach**
- 14 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**
- 18-19 Sat-Sun PCA Club Race Hastings
- 19 Sun GPX Concours at Lakewood Country Club**
- 19 Sun F1 Emilia Romagna
- 25-26 Sat-Sun PCA Club Race Eagles Canyon
- 26 Sun F1 Monaco
- 27 Mon Memorial Day

### June

- 31-1 Fri-Sun Detroit Grand Prix
- 8 Sat GPX Breakfast Meeting, Glory Days Seal Beach**
- 8-9 Sat-Sun PCA Club Race UMC
- 9 Sun F1 Canada
- 11 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**
- 14-16 Fri-Sun PCA Club Race Watkins Glen
- 9-15 Sat-Wed Porsche Parade, Birmingham, AL
- 19 Wed Juneteenth
- 20-23 Fri-Sun IMSA 6 Hours at the Glen
- 23 Sun F1 Spain
- 29-30 Sat-Sun PCA Club Race Sonoma
- 30 Sun F1 Austria

### July

- 4 Thu Independence Day
- 7 Sun F1 United Kingdom
- 9 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**
- 13 Sat GPX Breakfast Meeting, Glory Days Seal Beach**

If you have suggestions about other events that you think our members would be interested in seeing on our calendar, please let me know

- 12-14 Fri-Sun IMSA Canadian Tire Motorsport Park
- 12-17 Fri-Sun PCA Club Race Brainerd
- 21 Sun F1 Hungary
- 28 Sun F1 Belgium

### August

- 2-4 Fri-Sun PCA Club Race CTMP
- 2-4 Fri-Sun IMSA Sportsscar Weekend, Road America
- 10 Sat GPX Breakfast Meeting, Glory Days Seal Beach**
- 9-11 Fri-Sun PCA Club Race NJMP
- 11 Sun GPX New Member Party, 1-4pm**
- 13 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**
- 25-26 Sat-Sun IMSAGT Challenge at VIR
- 25 Sun F1 Netherlands

### September

- 30-2 Fri-Sun PCA Club Race Road America
- 1 Sun F1 Italy
- 2 Mon Labor Day
- 10 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**
- 14 Sat GPX Breakfast Meeting, Glory Days Seal Beach**
- 13-15 Fri-Sun PCA Club Race Summit Point
- 15 Sun F1 Azerbaijan
- 20-22 Fri-Sun IMSA Battle on the Bricks, Indianapolis
- 21-22 Sat-Sun PCA Club Race High Plains
- 22 Sun F1 Singapore
- 28 Sat GPX Mt Wilson Telescope Night Viewing Tour**

### October

- 5 Sat GPX 3rd Annual Poker Run**
- 8 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**
- 9-12 Wed-Sat IMSA Petit Le Mans, Road Atlanta
- 12-13 Sat-Sun PCA Club Race Eagles Canyon
- 12 Sat GPX Breakfast Meeting, Glory Days Seal Beach**
- 14 Mon GPX Day Away from Work at Streets of Willow**
- 14 Mon Columbus Day
- 18-20 Fri-Sun PCA Club Race Carolina Motorsports Park
- 20 Sun F1 USA
- 27 Sun F1 Mexico

### November

- 3 Sun F1 Brazil
- 9 Sat GPX Breakfast Meeting, Glory Days Seal Beach**
- 11 Mon Veterans Day
- 12 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**
- 23 Sun F1 Las Vegas
- 28 Thu Thanksgiving

### December

- 1 Sun F1 Qatar
- 7 Sat GPX Holiday Party at Old Ranch, Seal Beach**
- 8 Sun F1 Abu Dhabi
- 10 Tue GPX Board Meeting via Zoom (2nd Tuesday)**

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## Gearheads Corner, by Eric Peterson

Wow, this year is going fast. April already. The Club had a great March with our usual monthly Breakfast meeting at Marni's in Seal Beach. We also had two other great events in March, the Santa Monica Mountains Fun Run to Paradise Cove in Malibu and our HPDE Day Away event at Street of Willow Springs Raceway.

The Santa Monica Mountains Fun Run to Paradise Cove was another great tour event. Jeff and Francis put together a different course from our usual direction. We started this one north-west off of the 101 freeway in Westlake and headed through the Santa Monica mountains for a great drive towards Malibu and finally Paradise Cove. What was different with this tour was that we started inland and drove over the mountains from the 101. Traditionally, we start off PCH and stay on the ocean side of the mountains ending at Paradise Cove. Once again, the Paradise Cove Restaurant kindly hosted all of our tour groups for a late breakfast/early lunch. We all had a great time. Thanks, Jeff and Francis for all the planning and organizing this tour.

We had another great Day Away High-Performance Drivers Education event at Streets of Willow track. The turnout for the event was very good, with just enough instructors. Because of



the attendance, we switched to a 5-run group schedule (instead of our typical four) and four 20 minute sessions. The event was so well organized and coordinated, that we were able to add a 5th bonus session at the end of the day. We still finished the event on time before 5 pm with no issues. Thank you to all of you that came out for the event. We'll see you again in October for the next Day Away event. Special thanks to Skip and Suesan for all the hard work to organize and execute the event. Lastly, thank you to all the instructors that came as well making this another successful event.

April is another action-packed month. April 13th is our monthly Breakfast Club meeting in Seal Beach. Please check our weekly flyers for more details. The Tehachapi Loop Driving tour is on April 27th. And we also have the Long Beach Grand Prix April 19-21. I'll be there all three days. I hope to see some of you at the race.

Lastly, please don't forget the Porsche Parade in Birmingham June 9-15th. The GPX Region's Concours de Elegance at the Lakewood Country Club on May 19th.

Have fun  
Eric



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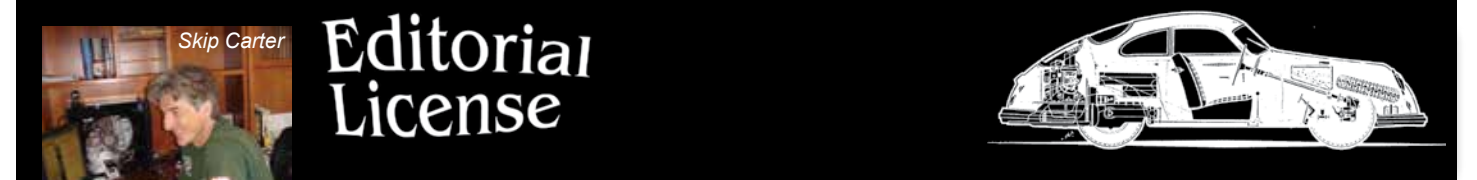
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It's been a good start for GPX in 2024. Averaging 2 to 3 events a month, our gang has been busy. Take a look at the Calendar on page 3. And that's just Grand Prix region events. There are other regions around us that also put on tours, driving and social events. PCA members are welcome to attend any of these from what I've seen.

### Off Road Tour idea

Owning a Cayenne since 2014, it didn't take long for my good friend, Vince Knauf (also a proud Cayenne owner) to start thinking about giving them some off road exercise.

Half the fun for Vince was scouting out routes for these tours, and soon he had build up a library of "local" off road destinations. Nothing on these tours approached "dangerous" (at least, not by our definition). Essentially we were just driving on dirt roads, often through some pretty remote areas.

In scouting these tours he'd often find locked gates. He always managed to find out who had control over the gates and got permission to open them (or had them opened for our tours). I can tell you that EVERY one of those tours was well worth participating. We always went places that you would just never see or otherwise experience without a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Now, even though we were thinking Cayennes, anyone with a different 4- wheel brand was welcome to participate.

Unfortunately, a few years ago Vince passed on, and the idea of these tours got put on a shelf. A San Diego region member interested in what Vince had been doing, Garrett Guess, picked up the task and has been producing several of these tours every year for San Diego region

Always in the back of my mind, I am wondering how many of you out there have a 4-wheel drive vehicle and would be interested to getting involved in one of these. I'm only thinking of one a year, but if any of you want to jimp

in to help do the first one and see where it goes from there, please give our President, Eric Peterson, or myself a call/ email. We'd love to get the ball rolling.

### Day Away from Work Driver's Education

On Monday, March 18 we are putting on our first of two of these driver education events at Streets of Willow. For those of you not familiar with Streets, it is located in Rosamond, about 20 minutes from Lancaster. There are several race tracks here. Big Willow is a world class race track that had been around for a long time. Streets is a smaller training track that we rent twice a year.

We've been doing two of these a year for probably more than 20 years. The whole idea is for people like you to bring your Porsche to this event and, with the assistance of an instructor, start to show you a little more of what your Porsche is capable of.

We call this Driver's Education because that's exactly what it is. IT IS NOT RACING. Talk with anyone who has done these and you will hear things like:

1. It taught me to extend my vision so that I am more aware of what other drivers are doing around me so I can better react if I need to
2. One of the best safety devices on a Porsche is the braking system. In our daily driving you might find yourself in a situation that requires extreme braking. It is important to experience this level of braking so you know what your car is capable of. It's a tool you may never have to use but, if needed, you want to have some experience.
3. You will have an instructor working with you throughout the day. Their job is to get you to slowly expand your experience of driving so you become a smoother and safer driver, so that you are more aware of what other cars are doing around you.

We train a lot of novices. We love to see the smiles on drivers after they begin to experience what they and their Porsche are capable of.

Registration is open for this event.  
Go to <http://pcagpx.MotorsportReg.com>

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# DAY AWAY FROM WORK DRIVERS EDUCATION

STORY BY SKIP CARTER; PHOTOS BY SKIP CARTER & JIMMIE MITCHELL

Well, our March Day Away from Work was a great success. The day went unbelievably smooth. It was the first time I can remember that, at 9am, once the first group was on the track there was nothing for me to do.

This was not a bad thing. It was actually a testament to how well our team works together (along with cooperation from the weather). Honestly, from the Ground School on Sunday afternoon (led by Ian Anderson and Glenn Crawford), to Tech Inspection both Sunday afternoon and Monday morning (led by John Quick), to our Grid Marshall (Alfred Abken) and our Registrar (Suesan Carter) and all the other volunteers who helped.

Suesan (my wife) has expanded this event to include not just Grand Prix region, but Santa Barbara, California Inland, and Los Angeles regions. Those

people already mentioned are from Grand Prix, Santa Barbara, Cal Inland, Cal Central Coast and Los Angeles regions. I don't believe there is another region in PCA that can boast this kind of cooperation and participation from other regions.

I also want to mention our GPX president, Eric Peterson, CDI, Nick Perdilaris and Michael Dolphin. Suesan and I needed to leave early afternoon and these three covered the afternoon for us.

Anyway... although it started off very chilly in the morning, by 10am it was comfortably warm and the wind, which can show up anytime, never did. Last March the wind got so fierce we had to shut down the track for awhile because the dust made it impossible to see.

But this year you could not ask for better conditions. Let's see what we get in October when we are back.

Jimmie Mitchell, our ever vigilant photographer, shot over 700 photos, which can be seen on this link (along with photos of the other events Jimmie has documented for us). [www.flickr.com/photos/168187975@N07/albums/72177720315574475/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/168187975@N07/albums/72177720315574475/)

We had our typical large number of novices and an equal number of instructors to work with them.

As the registrations approached 80 drivers I had to switch to a 5 run group schedule from our normal 4 groups. While this means that the drivers get four instead of five 20 minute track sessions, it also gives the instructors a breather between theirs and their students run groups. We also had seven instructors who were not also driving, many of them taking two students. Personally, I prefer the 5 group schedule. There is a lot more

room on the track and more enjoyable as far as I'm concerned. It may have had something to do with the more relaxed and smooth event we experienced.

Several years ago, with the 4 group format, we tired 20 drivers in a couple of groups. We had a lot of complaints about how crowded the track was... I won't let that happen again. Lesson learned!

And from the feedback I've received, the 5 run group / 4 driving sessions format had nothing but compliments. It made for a more relaxed, less rushed day. And the group that it helped the most were the instructors who also drove. With four groups you were often getting out of your car and rushing to get in with your student.

David Witteried (yellow car 81 on the right) made that last comment.

Monday, October 14th is our next Day Away event.

## WE ARE NOT RACING

I occasionally have to remind people that what we do at Streets is Driver's Education... NOT RACING. This is a very important distinction. I've been told that most car insurance companies exclude racing from your coverage, and that some of them actually search the web looking for references that might indicate that what we do is racing. You will also notice that some drivers put blue tape over their license plates, as further protection.

Now, our safety record is incredible. It's hard to remember the last time cars were damaged at Day Away. At least 10 years. The two incidents I recall were both Red Run Group, very experienced drivers/instructors.

The first was coming down the waterfall in a very fast 944. As he passed the corner worker station he momentarily glanced at the corner worker waving a blue flag. That loss of concentration at caused him to lose his reference and his car went into the dirt, coming to a stop almost completely across the track.

The second incident was also a very experienced driver in a new 911 Turbo. On the first "warmup" lap, counter-clockwise, his cold tires lost grip downhill on the front straight. He was off into the weeds doing damage to the lower bodywork. He was very unhappy with himself. We try to teach our novices what not to do







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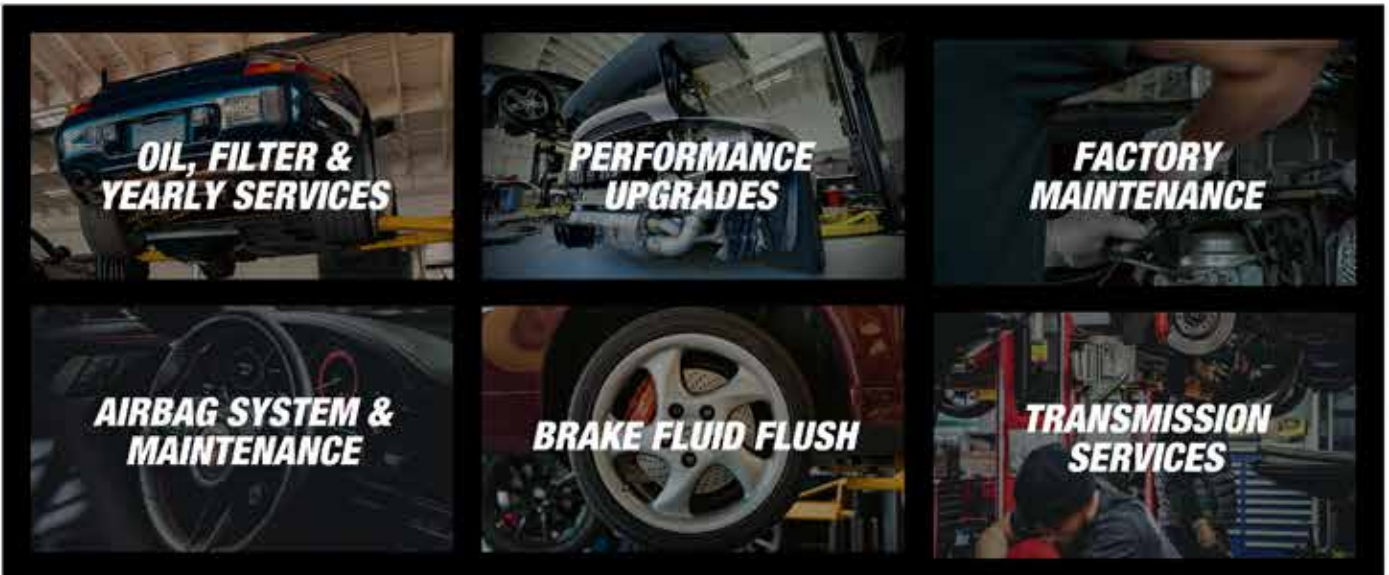
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# DAY AWAY FROM WORK FEEDBACK

THANKS TO THOSE BELOW WHO RESPONDED TO MY QUERY

I have been to 3 HPDE events with Skip Carter at Streets of Willow and each time has been better than the one before! I have loved all of them as they are super informative, focus on safety and very organized. I started a year ago as a novice and have learned so much about driving, my 911 and just being a part of an amazing community of motorsport and people who love cars, especially Porsche!

I really enjoy the driving school the night before the track and always learn something new. The track days are the best days as everything flows smoothly, the group of people are so nice and friendly and skilled! I drove on my own this past time and was very comfortable with all of the training I had the previous two times with the coaches that have worked with me...I have also made great friends. I look forward to the October event and I am very happy I am a part of PCA GPX even though I am with the LA region. It feels like family and a great event!

Thank you, Lisa Kline

Another great event at Streets, which I have been attending whenever possible since 2016. This recent event was the first since qualifying as an instructor and this allowed me to ride along with my son who was sharing my GT3 for the day. Knowing both the car and the driver made it a nice warm-up for this new instructor. It was also my first time running in the red run group. Normally I would run in yellow but my son (having attended in the past) was running in yellow and Suesan encouraged me to move up to red. Running in red was great fun and allowed me to push myself and the car to the next level. I held my own and learned a great deal from the exceptional drivers that run in red.

It was a hectic and fast moving day with me running in red and my son in yellow. I would come off the track, where my son would take the drivers seat and I would switch to the passenger/instructor seat and then it was right back on the track. The car performed flawlessly and the relatively cool temperatures allowed the tire pressures to be controllable. Not sure if this would have been possible on a hot day.

The nature of DE, and especially DE events run by GPX, are more about learning and safely enjoying the experience. This was especially the case during the recent event. What a great turn out and a great group of people. I am looking forward to the next event and the possibility of instructing.

Gerald Gibson

My husband and I attended the day away from work event and it was awesome. We met lots of new people and reconnected with friends from past events. Everyone was there to have fun on the track and talk about their cars. It was a well organized event and by the end of the day we were all exhausted but smiling and happy.

Suzanne and Fred Schuman

This was my first Day Away from Work in roughly a decade. My instructor, Dave, was fantastic, re-orienting me to the track and driving at a level above and beyond ordinary street driving that will nonetheless translate back into better safety on the street. The entire event was flawlessly organized, from planning all the way through execution, despite all the moving parts involved in an event like this. Everything ran on-time, the ground-school the night before was the best I've ever attended, and any help I needed or question I had was handled right away. The corner-workers were great as always, and I really appreciated Nick Perdikaris' approach as Chief Driving Instructor. A huge "thank you" to the organizers for an incredible Day Away!

Cheers,  
Robert Shanklin

In no particular order:

Sunday afternoon tech & Novice training followed by dinner went very well.

Morning coaches meeting was fine but drivers meeting seemed random and slightly chaotic. I think this led to some things on track not being done quite right. Alligator or T-Rex arms really was my only gripe. Sessions ran very nicely. I don't even remember more than one minor off. Corner workers were very good, as usual.

Both my students had a great time. Dustin, first timer, in his Cayman did great, Michael in his Camero SS had more experience and drove much harder. He needs to smooth out but also did a good job and is probably close to being signed off to solo.

Thanks for all you and Suesan do!  
Much appreciated.  
Glenn A. Crawford

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STORY BY SKIP CARTER







# Book Reviews for Porschephiles

by Bruce Herrington

**U.S. Route 395** by Michael R. Newlon. Travel America's "Three Flags Highway in a 1969 912"  
Published by Outskirts Press, Denver, CO

Bruce Herrington

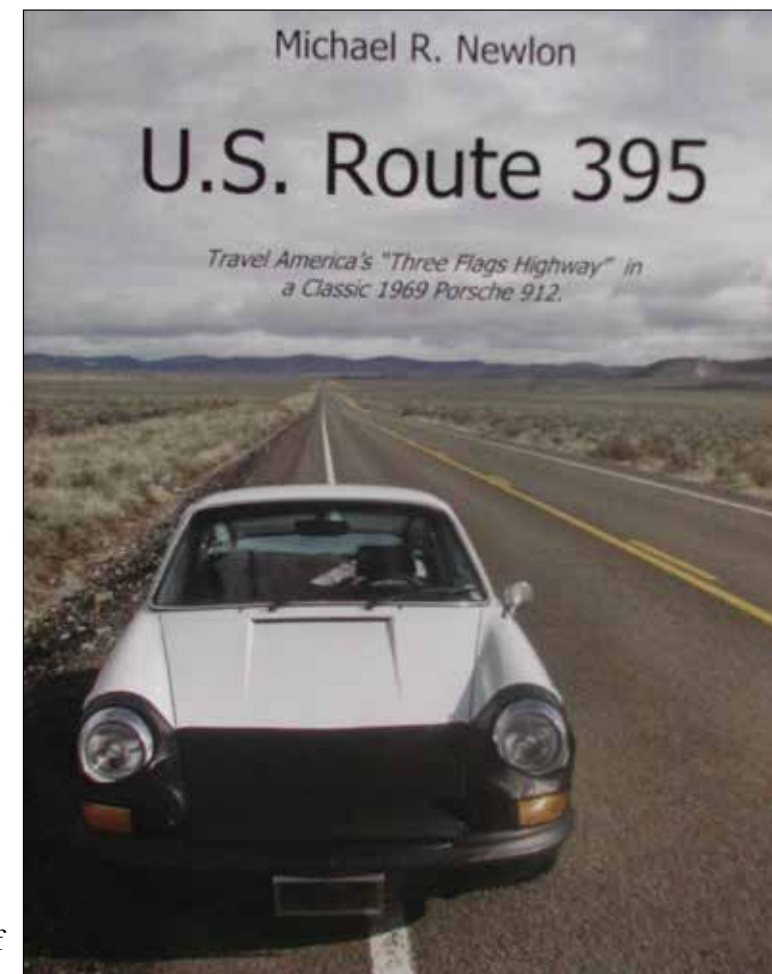


Most all Southern Californians are aware of U.S. 395, the inland route to Mono Lake, Yosemite and Lake Tahoe. Though the signs make it clear that 395 is a US Highway, this reviewer never thought about it being more than just an old road through southern California. After all, going south, it just plain stops in Hesperia. It seemed reasonable to assume that going north it just plain stopped at Tahoe or, I guessed, it was actually Reno. It turns out there is/was much more to it that my current perception.

road hazard flat with a virtually new tire?

Continuity of the narrative is greatly enhanced by periodically including images of a road atlas, annotated to show highlights of the trip. The fact that the atlas used was a 1959 edition (even older than the car), pre-dating the Interstate Highway system, completes the sense of time travel back to the good ol' days that pervades this book.

In actual fact, 395 goes all the way to (comes all the way from ?) the Canadian border, and here is the book to prove it. The appellation "Three Flags Highway" comes from the original intent, never quite realized, to connect the Canadian border to the Mexican border. Conceptually established (and numbered) in 1926 with the establishment of the Federal Highway System, the US 395 label was first placed on a roadway north of Spokane, Washington to the Canadian border. Ultimately, 395 reached 1490 miles, but its length was reduced to 1305 miles when it's southern most rights of way were co-opted by pieces of Interstate 15 and 215.



Lavishly illustrated with both driver's eye and "this is what it looks like" pictures, it is easy to become engrossed in the author's experience as he makes his pilgrimage down the old highway. Old as it is, much of the road appears to be a driver's dream, with good pavement, wide open spaces and virtually no traffic.

The author has taken the time to stop and photograph many of the significant buildings, historic markers and information signs that most of us just sail by. It turns out that these things really are interesting!

Other items overlooked by most travelers, like

geologic features, are described and presented in large, full color photographs.

U.S. Route 395 is a unique document. It describes a drive of the entire length of US 395 from the Canadian Border to its current end in Hesperia. But it is not a detailed route map (like a AAA TripTik), it is not a detailed guide to the places along the way (like a Fodors). Instead, it is a friendly, human report of a fascinating drive in an old Porsche. More a diary than a set of driving instructions, it deals with all the fun of making a real trip. What other 'trip guide' would describe the experience of having a

U.S. Route 395 may be available for \$24.95 at your favorite bookseller (ask for it) or directly from the author at <http://www.michaelrnewlon.com>.



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# MARCH BREAKFAST

MARNI'S (RENAMED FROM GLORY DAYS BEACHSIDE GRILL)

BY SKIP CARTER, PHOTOS BY JIMMIE MITCHELL & SKIP CARTER

Our monthly breakfast meetings continue to have a great turnout. The number and variety of cars that show up, not always Porsches, makes walking through the parking lot something not to miss.

The change in ownership and name change from Glory Days Beachside Grill to Marni's did not change anything for us. The new ownership seem very happy to have us there every month,

If you've been in the club for awhile you will probably remember some of our earlier breakfast locations. The Tilted Kilt was the last one. They tried hard, but we were broken up into several "rooms" and the parking lot was not close.

Friscos in Seal Beach was before that. We really liked Friscos and even had one or two of our annual Holiday Parties there.

Before Friscos was Ricky and Ronnie's in Torrance area. We loved that place, especially because the glass roll-up doors between where we ate and the parking lot always made it feel like the cars were right with us.

The first Breakfast location I went to was a small restaurant in Redondo Beach. You had to park on the street with parking meters. Parking was not always close, but it didn't matter much. This was my first experience with GPX breakfast events. There were never more than a dozen people in attendance.

But things change. Having been a PCA member since the

late 1980s and the Grand Prix region for about half of that, the process of getting older seems more "in your face" (OK, in MY face) all the time. It's a natural process.

My first 10 PCA years was as a San Diego region member. Editor for those 10 years, I held many jobs (including president, autocross chair, charity chair and several other positions before switching to GPX).

As editor during those years I interviewed several of the oldest/earliest leaders of the region. I was surprised. None of them were still active members, and they each mentioned when the club stopped being fun. The founder of the region said it was when membership got to about 30 and when *anyone* with a Porsche could join (I won't say more about that). A generation later the club stopped being fun for this guy when they got to about 125 members. He said "before that you could look at the room and know whoever wasn't there."

Well, I was surprised at those attitudes, and I've always hoped that I would not become one of those curmudgions who would say "It stopped being fun when..."

So far, so good.

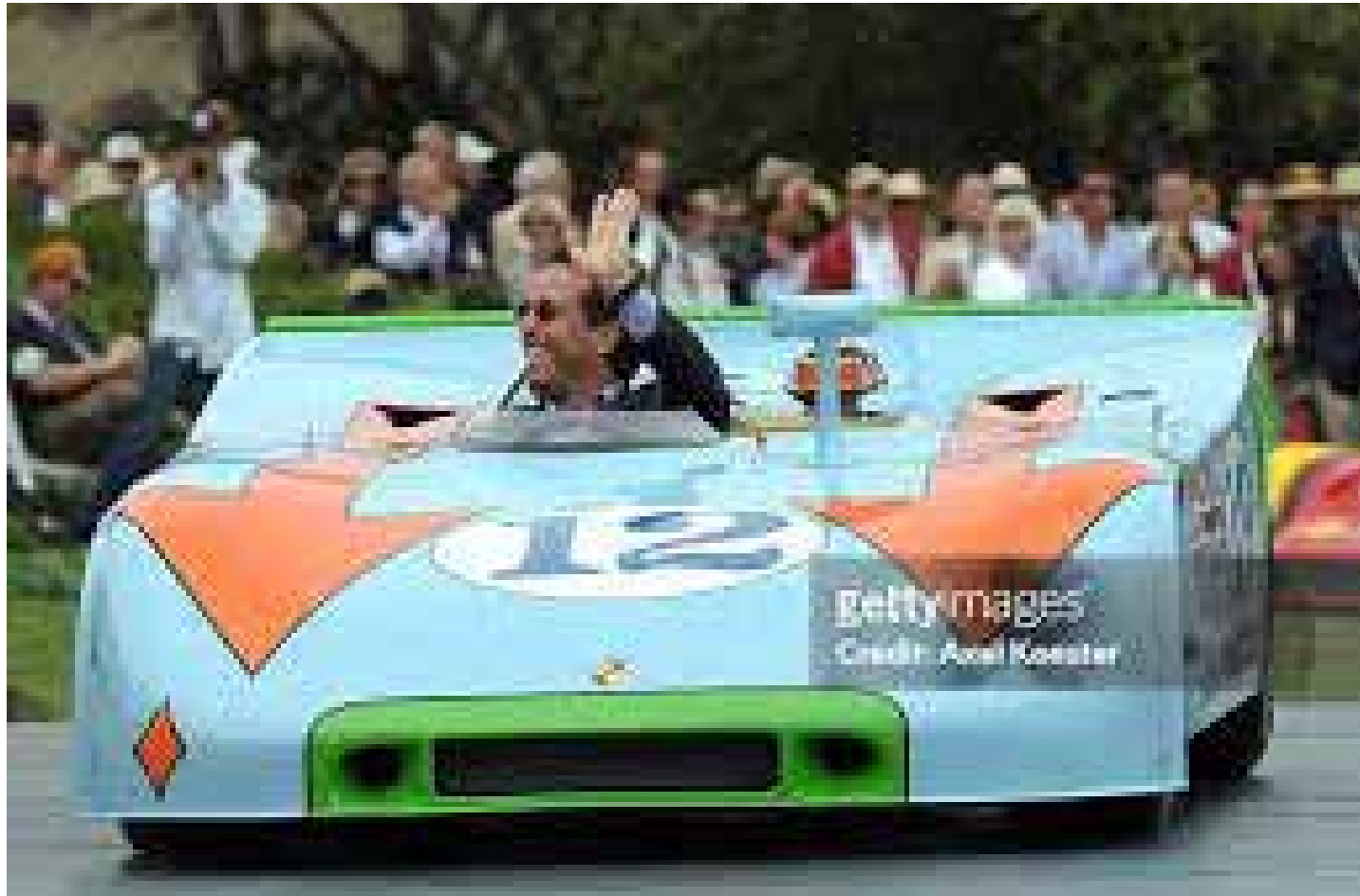


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Bottom: Tour co-chair Jeff Peck**

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Top: New member Terie Salinas  
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Bottom: 50-50 raffle winner Doug Bruce**

# THE REMAINDER BIN

STORY BY DANIELLE BADLER



So I was meandering through my local Barnes & Noble. I had already cruised through the car magazines, noting once again the amazing fact that Jolly Olde, a country the size of New York State, still dominates the car mag shelf space. I counted four Porsche-only monthly Brit titles. How can that be?

No matter. On to the remainder shelves. And there, amid the 50% off titles on the top ten killer submarines of the world, how to cook a soufflé like Julia Child and gardening secrets of the pros... There it was... Really? Could it be? Yes indeed! "The Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee Book."

I'm a big Jerry fan. Late night, when Stephen and Jimmy and Jimmy are on hiatus, I watch Seinfeld reruns. And they hold up. The puffy shirt, the bubble boy, yada-yada-yada, the soup Nazi, Festivus. They're timeless. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

It also doesn't hurt that we're both from the same general neck of the woods, Lon Ghiland. Which the natives

shorten to The Ghiland. You have to hit that G, hard. I even had a very distant brush with fame once – a guy I used to play golf with, whose business was drilling precise holes for elevator shafts, told me he once drilled shafts for Jerry's converted car garage on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Yes, that's right! Although I never got an invitation to see the result of his work.

At first, I thought the book was a joke. Because it reminded me immediately of one of my favorite bits on the series, Kramer's coffee table book on coffee tables. But that's another story. You see, I've seen every bite-size episode. I love it. The cars, the guests, the chatter, the revelations.

Of course, I've buried myself in the tome. And I'm proud to share some take-aways. Because God only knows how many copies of Comedians are out there, anywhere. Here's just a scrape of crema from the surface of the cup.

Jerry wrote an introduction to the book. "What if I figured out a way to bring the viewer along on a bit of com-



edy hang time but mostly the jokes and whatever else has some thought value? I'm not much for podcasts. I think virtually everything could do with a good edit... A beautifully put together stand-up set is... 'I have a lot of funny and interesting thoughts. Here's the best ones.'"

The episode with President Obama; "We did the phone call first. The President was like 'Yeah, come on over.' After Obama hung up the phone, he said to the Secret Service agent who was in the office with him, 'He's going to knock on the window. Don't shoot him.'"

On relationships. Jerry to Bill Burr; "If I could give you three words of marriage advice? I'm married 14 years." All right. "Never stop apologizing."

More on relationships. Jerry to Ali Wentworth; "I'll tell you, your husband (George Stephanopoulos) has got one of the greatest husband lines I've ever heard. 'So you've moved to this new place on 72nd. Are you happy there? And he says I hope we are.'"

On TV and movies. Mel Brooks; "It's got to please you. You're the only audience. If it pleases you, it will please them. If you don't laugh, they're not going to laugh. If you don't cry, they're not going to cry."

On other comedians. Jay Leno; "When you're hot, whatever you do: 'Oh, ho, ho.' People laugh at everything you do. Then after they've seen you a few times, it gets a little trickier. Taste is what's left."

More on other comedians. Jerry to Howard Stern; "Listen, a great stand-up is a victory over the self. And you are as great an example as exists. Your career is a victory over the self. The greatest obstacles are the self. It wasn't the business. It wasn't other people. It wasn't relationships, your wife, whatever. None of that was the biggest obstacle.



It was you. You conquered yourself."

Still more on other comedians: Robert Klein to Jerry about Rodney Dangerfield; "We'd hang around." Where? "His place, first on 86th. (In accent) I'll tell ya, I got an apartment on 86th, between Columbus and Puerto Rico. I got mugged there. The guy had a razor. It was an electric razor. It was my own fault. I was standing close to an outlet."

Back to Jerry's intro, on the cars; "... If you're not an automotive enthusiast, cars are an unbelievably boring subject... How a person could not be interested in cars, I'll never understand. They're such large, important, fascinating objects... They're such a perfect fit with the comedians and the coffee. The reason I love cars is each one's personality always expresses a moment in mechanical history and culture... Every car is so unique to me. And so much like a person. Always trying to please, so often failing...."

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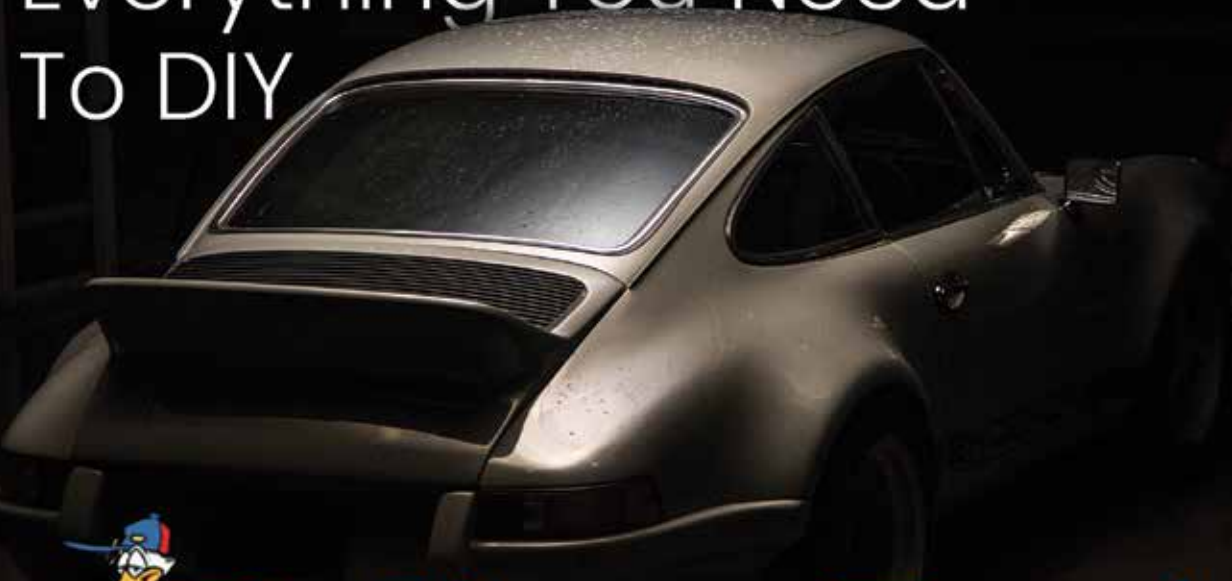
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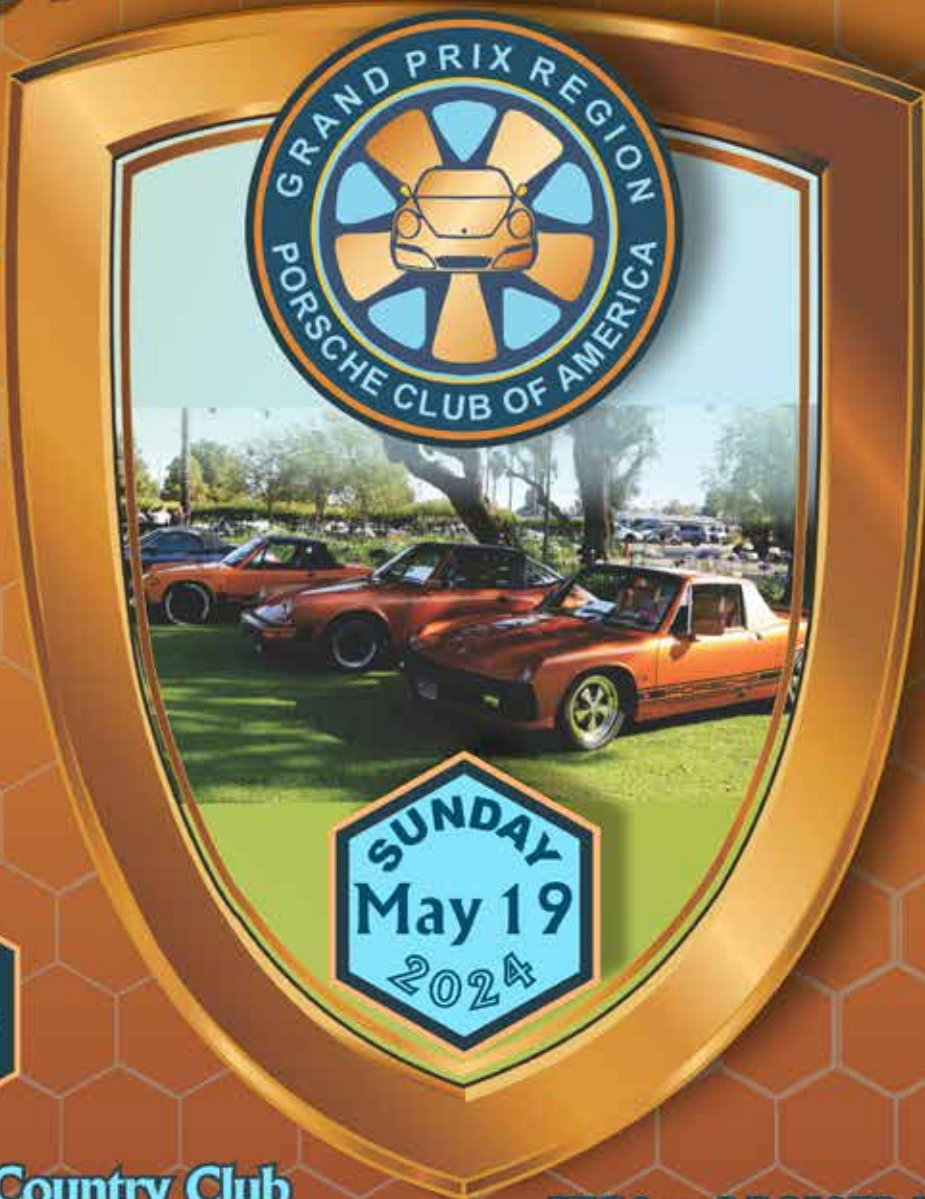
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Pictured here are Nick Perdikaris and Michael Dolphin.

Nick is the Chief Driving Instructor for Grand Prix region and has been in that position for over ten years. He shared the job with Dave Hockett until Dave "abandoned" us for a retirement home in rural Idaho.

Michael has held most every job in GPX. He was president and single handedly running the Day Away from Work program when I became a GPX member (probably 20 years ago). Michael continues to be a great supporter of the event, the region, the zone and PCA national. He is part of the photography team every year at Porsche Parade. He and Jimmie Mitchell are both part of the Parade photo team.

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