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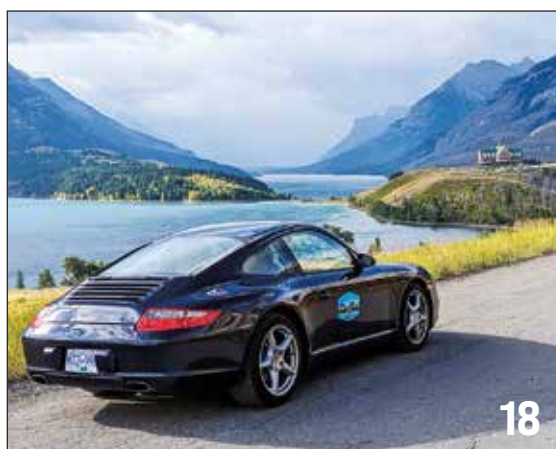
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A dark blue Porsche Cayenne is driving on a wooden bridge over a forest. The car is in the center of the frame, moving towards the viewer. The bridge is made of wooden planks and has a metal railing on the left side. The background is a dense forest with tall trees and green foliage. The Porsche logo is visible on the front of the car.

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## A Historic Milestone

Dear Members:

I am delighted to announce that we have reached a historic milestone of having over 1,000 primary members, which makes us a more diverse community, adapting to the changing world. In this edition, we have created a modern and sporty masthead to update the club's image in PCA's community. We would love to hear your feedback and kindly request that you forward it to President Matt Stogryn.

Our winter edition cover story is all about Celebrating Gran Turismo Style. The article reviews our Grand Tour last September, which covers an epic journey across two provinces and three states. It also features my hopeless pursuit of a Porsche GT3.

If you desire superb farm-to-table dining experiences and exquisite wine selections, I highly recommend reading about the Osoyoos Mid-Summer Tour held earlier this year.

With the year's last edition, we take pride in featuring two significant fall events. First is the annual Porsche Pink Parade, where our female members have organized a fundraiser for BC Cancer Foundation for several years. Secondly, we had our inaugural Movember Porsches with Mustaches event to raise awareness and funds for men's Prostate cancer research and mental health.

Lastly, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to President Matt Stogryn for his unwavering support during my tenure as Editor. I wish him and Linda all the best in their retirement and new home. I also want to thank the Executive Committee, contributing writers, photographers, and advertisers for supporting our Porsche Club magazine.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

*Edward Quan*

Edward Quan  
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# **A Fond Farewell and Exciting Future for Our Club**

Dear PCA Members:

As I reflect on our club's journey in 2023, I am filled with a profound sense of pride and gratitude. The myriad of events we've organized and participated in showcases the unparalleled spirit of our club. This year, I've had the pleasure of forging lasting friendships with many of you, enriching my membership experience beyond measure.

Looking ahead to 2024, I am confident that our club will continue to thrive, setting the bar high within PCA. The sheer volume of events we plan to host is a testament to our commitment to member engagement, and I believe we stand a strong chance of clinching the prestigious title of PCA Region of the Year.

My eight years with the club have been an incredible journey, during which I've had the privilege of serving in various roles. While each position has had its unique challenges, being the Tour Director stands out as a particularly enjoyable and rewarding experience. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our past Presidents whose dedication has paved the way for our club's success.

Now, as I approach the culmination of my 52-year-long working career, Linda and I are embarking on a new chapter. Retirement, or perhaps a semi-retirement, awaits, ushering in a period of relaxation and downsizing. Regrettably, this move to the Interior means I'll no longer be eligible for an executive position in the Canada West Region. We will dearly miss each one of you, our cherished friends, whose paths we might never have crossed were it not for PCA.

I leave with complete confidence in the capable hands that will guide our club into the future. We have implemented significant improvements in event organization and financial management, ensuring the continuity of our club's success. As I step down, our executive team will undergo a seamless transition, with Brad Bushell assuming the role of interim President, supported by our dedicated Executive team.

Serving this club has been an honor and a privilege. I am certain our paths will cross again, somewhere down the winding roads of the future.

Warm regards,

Matt Stogryn  
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**Lyndon+Madeline Hanson**

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**Linda Dorval+Randy Fletcher**

19 years

### DECEMBER

**Terry Dale**

47 years

**Steve+Gail Lodge**

43 years

**Greg+Lois Bismeyer**

34 years

### DECEMBER

**George Jones+Joan Chocholik**

34 years

**Mike+Andrea Aird**

28 years

**Rodney+Chloe Kopman**

25 years

**Larry Fuline**

16 years

## Welcome New Members!

**Desmond Mok, Richmond**

2023 718 Spyder (Black)

**Matt Chan, New Westminster**

2003 911 Turbo Coupe (Arctic Silver)

**Anousheh Azizi, Vancouver**

2020 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet

**Bryan Smith, Garibaldi**

**Highlands**

2010 911 GT3

*Transfer from Vancouver Island Region*

**Scott Auringer, Victoria**

1979 911SC Coupe (GT Silver)

2020 Cayenne Turbo (Gray)

**Tommy Kim+Juan Tang,**

**West Vancouver**

2023 911 Turbo Coupe (Agate Grey)

**Edmund Domingo, Port Moody**

**1000th CWR Primary Member!**

2006 Boxster (Cobalt Blue)

**Will Chow, Surrey**

2022 25th Anniversary Boxster (GT Silver)

2024 Taycan GTS (Carmine Red)

2024 911 GT3 Touring (Chalk)

2019 Cayenne Hybrid (Meteor Grey Metallic)

**Jim+Judy Mitchell, Surrey**

2005 Boxster S (Black)

**Richard Bahnman, Vancouver**

1998 911 Carrera Cabriolet (Black)

**Jeremy Wu, Burnaby**

2010 911 Carrera Coupe (Guards Red)

**Mario Grant, Coquitlam**

2008 Cayman

**Sean Jack, Surrey**

2015 911 Turbo S

**Tim Kelly, New Westminster**

2005 911 Turbo S Cabriolet (Seal Grey

Metallic)

**Jamie Whitley, North Vancouver**

2015 Macan S

**Dan Wasylyk, Port Coquitlam**

2009 911 Carrera

**John Lee+Heidi Neufeld-Lee,**

**Surrey**

2012 911 Carrera S

**John Blomfield, Vancouver**

1977 911S

**John Alebras, Vancouver**

2007 911 Turbo

**Roger Sharma, Vancouver**

2005 911 Carrera S Coupe (Black)

**Kevin Chang, Burnaby**

2020 911 Carrera 4S Coupe (Silver)

**Biao Li, Burnaby**

2022 718 Spyder

**Matthew+Linda Lam, Vancouver**

2013 911 Carrera 4S Coupe (Agate Grey)

**Jonathan Fok, Burnaby**

1999 911 Carrera

**Paul Zoeller, North Vancouver**

2023 911 Targa 4S

**Antony Halcrow, Chilliwack**

2020 718 Cayman GT4

**Evgeny Osintsev, Surrey**

2002 911 Carrera Coupe (Seal Grey)

**Tony Freeman+Lei Huang,**

**Maple Ridge**

2000 Boxster (Silver)

**Garth Stiller, Vancouver**

2002 Boxster S (Arctic Silver)

**John Mclean, Yellowknife, NWT**

2021 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet (Gentian Blue)

**Greg Hoing, Surrey**

1990 928 S4

*Transfer from Upper Canada Region*

**Kylie Ivers, Burnaby**

2017 718 Cayman S (White)

**Tina Tam, Vancouver**

2018 Macan GTS

**Kevin Hayes, Langley**

2017 Macan GTS (Volcano Grey)

**Christopher Britten, Abbotsford**

1982 911SC

**Mubina+Nick Kabani, Richmond**

2023 911 Targa 4 GTS (Guards Red)

**Sarah Ter Keurs, Delta**

1982 911SC

**Garry Nip, Richmond**

1992 911 Carrera 4

**Bryon Whiteley, White Rock**

2006 911 Carrera 4S

**Kevin+Eva Turner, Vancouver**

2012 911 Carrera GTS Coupe (White)

2017 Macan GTS (White)

2004 Boxster S (Silver)

**Brea Sami, Burnaby**

2021 Cayenne (White)

## MEMBERSHIP

### Welcome New Members!

**Peter Zeng, Surrey**  
2008 Cayman (Meteor Grey Metallic)

**Andy Blackmore, Langley**  
2015 Cayman (Black)

**Thomas Choy, Richmond**  
2001 911 Carrera Cabriolet (Grey)

**Michael McConnell,  
North Vancouver**  
1979 911SC

**Gordon Matheson, Vancouver**  
2016 911 Carrera (Arctic Silver Metallic)

**Tom Routh, Pemberton**  
1979 911SC

**Duncan Cumming, Vancouver**  
2001 Boxster

**Victor Bogatch, Squamish**  
2010 Cayman S

## ROAD AHEAD

### December

- 2** Christmas Toy Drive
- 3** Jeff's Coffee & Curves  
weather dependent
- 8** Christmas Party at the  
Terminal City Club
- 16** Jeff's Coffee & Curves  
weather dependent



To learn more about our upcoming club events, visit [pca-cwr.org](http://pca-cwr.org)



**November 2023**

John P Sommerwerck  
PCA Zone 6 Rep

Normally, I struggle to find content at this time of the year, not so this time. I am happy to report that the PCA Executive Council (EC) has appointed me to serve a 2nd two-year term as the Zone 6 Rep. We look forward to working with the ten Zone 6 regions in the coming months. While this is normally the time, I am bemoaning the need to store my 911, this year I can celebrate our newly acquired 2024 Macan GTS. While Nancy is upset she is trading her beloved 2018, I think she will soon be just as in love with her new Copper Ruby Metallic car. A quick drive up and back to



Seattle sealed the deal. As is normally the case, we drove our beautiful clean car out into a rainstorm.

Did you get your digital membership card? I did and it was easy. Now, no more misplaced cards. For more information, please go to [PCA.org](http://PCA.org).

Upcoming Treffens: Spring Treffen 2024 will be held in Sonoma, California,

at the Mission Inn. Registration for the Spring Treffen will open on January 10th. Register early as this event is sure to sell out. The location for the 2024 Fall Treffen was just announced, it will be held at the Omni Bretton Arms Inn at Mt Washington. Stay in touch with all things at Treffen North America.

Zone 6 2024 events are already popping up on the calendar. Nancy and I will be attending Vancouver Island Region's Wochenende on the last weekend in May. I am told that this event is nearing capacity, please sign up soon. Zone 6 signature events can be found at Zone 6 abounds in great roads to drive and great automotive venues.

As we head into the upcoming holiday season, we wish you and yours the very best and happiest of holidays. Happy New Year!

Stay healthy and we will see you in the Zone.

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# Porsche Pink Parade

*Three PCA regions are collaborating to raise funds.*

Story by Nancy Mao, Director at Large  
Photos by William Masimira

## It takes a village...

This past autumn, three PCA regions joined forces to raise funds for The BC Cancer Foundation. BC Interior Region held their first Porsche Pink Parade on Sept 23rd while Vancouver Island Region had a Pink Repast on Oct 15th. Our very own Porsche Pink Parade was held on Oct 7th, and together we raised over \$22,000 for the BC Cancer Foundation.

Canada West Region's 41 participants - including four gentlemen as co-pilots - in 23 Porsches of various models and vintage drove around the perimeter of the City of Vancouver and climbed up to SFU and then to Chinatown for a sumptuous dim sum lunch to wrap up this year's event. As you can see from the photos, we had perfect driving conditions.

The weather also cooperated for BC Interior Region's first-ever Pink Parade as evidenced by the open tops. Participants and sponsors alike were super stoked for the event, and all wore something pink!

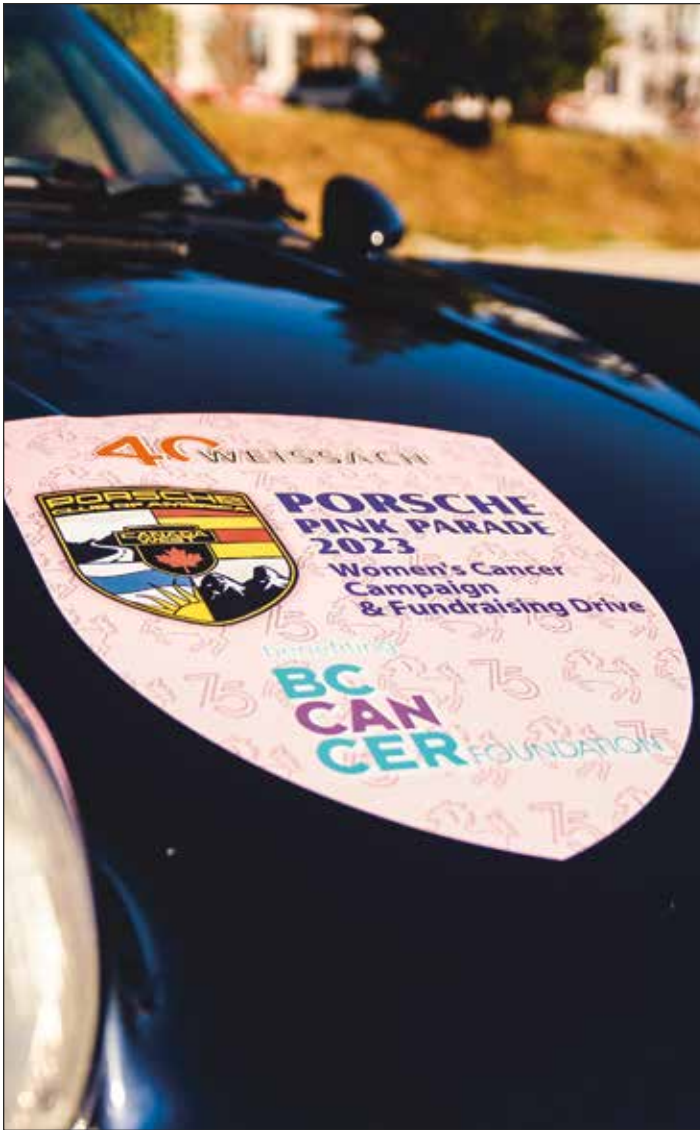
Vancouver Island Region held a non-driving event this time around called Pink Repast. Even so, all participants donned something pink for the lunch with registration fees collected and donated to the BC Cancer Foundation.

Yours truly was met with great enthusiasm when the idea of holding the 2023 Porsche Pink Parade concurrently was presented to Karina BCIR, Garth VIR, and Pamela PNWR in June. Alas, PNWR had to bow out due to event scheduling difficulties, but I am promised they will be on board next year and of course, raising funds for their American Cancer Society of choice.

In 2024, it will be a milestone year as we will be holding our fifth Porsche Pink Parade, and it will be a special one! A big "thank you" to our event sponsor Weissach for their generous and continued support. CWR ladies, please stay tuned for the October 2024 event.

Together with our PCA sisters, we can "drive for the cure!"





# Porsches with Mustaches

*Raising awareness for men's health.*

Story by Edward Quan | Photos by William Waung

When you spot a Porsche with a mustache on the frunk, you know it's Movember, raising awareness for men's health organized by the Canada West region.

Our inaugural Movember event took place in early November at Porsche Centre Richmond which attracted nearly 20 club members.

The initial idea for the event began with Gerald Pietrykiewicz, who received encouragement from fellow club member Stella Tang. While discussing it casually at the OkTurboFest, Gary Herman, who happened to be standing beside them, made an amazing remark. "Hey, last year I raised \$3,500 for Movember". Stella Tang suggested that they all should collaborate to create an event for our club to raise funds for this important cause.

At the afternoon event, drivers attached black or white mustaches to their Porsches before heading inside the dealership. Attendees received a presentation from Movember Canada founder Mitch Hermansen, who shared the history behind the event which originated in Australia. The goal of the event is to raise funds and awareness for men's mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer. Since 2006, the organization has funded the creation of 54 inventions, 70 therapies, and 107 diagnostic tests for prostate cancer, as well as cancer research programs in Vancouver.

Gary Herman gave a personal testimony on his personal battle with cancer and was living proof of the good works of Movember. He strongly believes that open discussions on men's health with your doctor, friends and family will save future lives. As of mid-November, our membership has raised over \$7,000 for this important charity.



After a light lunch, the members' vehicles posed for photos and had parade laps around the Richmond Auto Mall. Special thanks to the women of our club for their support, and to Adam Isman, Marketing Manager of Porsche Centre Richmond for supporting our charity event.

There are now plans for an annual Movember event featuring an extended driving tour with more Porsches sporting mustaches.

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TOP: Porsches with mustaches at Porsche Centre Richmond.





# Celebrating Gran Turismo Style

*Experiencing a great motoring tradition and a ghostly GT3.*

Story by Edward Quan | Photos by Steve Grimaldi & Baird Tewksbury

**ABOVE:** Bayshore Inn Resort & Spa, Waterton, AB.

I recently had the pleasure of participating in a seven-day Grand Tour, joining over two dozen Porsches, including a GT3, a Targa, and a Macan, along with 911s, Boxsters, and Caymans. We roamed across two provinces and three states, covering over 2300 km, and enjoyed overnight stays in Oliver, Rossland, Waterton, Spokane, and Winthrop.

Our tour leader, Wayne Shalagan, described our Grand Tour adventure as Gran Turismo. This is an Italian term referring to driving a sporty, yet luxurious automobile over a long distance. Back in the 50's and 60's, this required a powerful engine, a comfortable ride, and a lavish interior, all wrapped up in stylish bodywork. Gran Turismo is how the wealthy and aristocratic crossed the European continent: at high speed, yet with the ability to easily tackle a twisty alpine road.

Our venture into Gran Turismo began on a bright Sunday morning last September. Our Porsches converged in Abbotsford, where we received our driving route handbooks and installed our Grand Tour decals on both doors and a third decal, with the names of each car's driver and co-driver, at the top of each left door.

To start, our route took us eastbound along the scenic Highway 3 to our first stop at Manning Park Resort where we were greeted by several travelling motorcyclists. It was on this route leg of the journey that I learned that when motorcyclists pat their helmets, that means 'law enforcement ahead'. A handy tip for future drives!

Hedley, a small mining town with a population of 250 was our next stop. There, we learned about the history of the region. From 1850 until the 1960's, there was plenty of

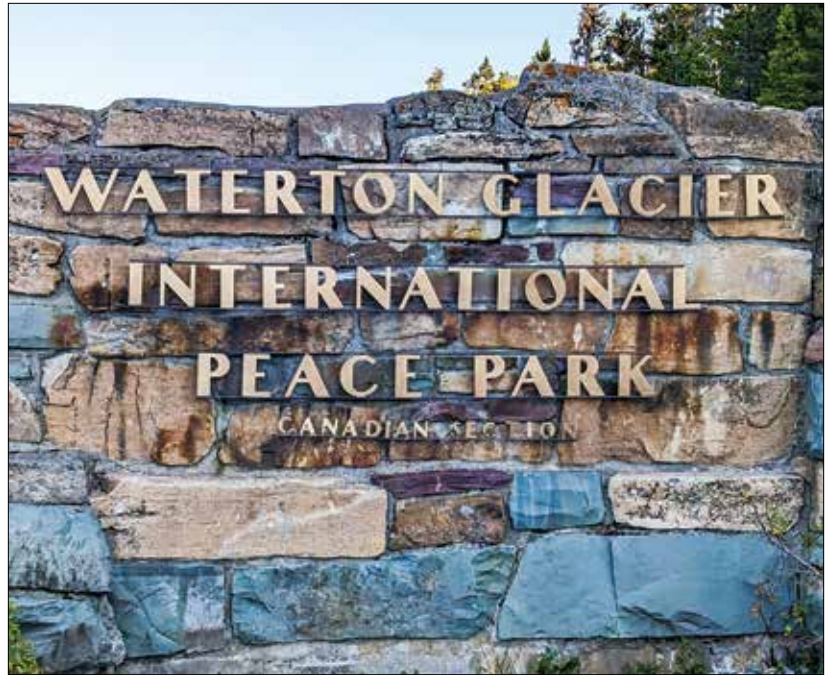
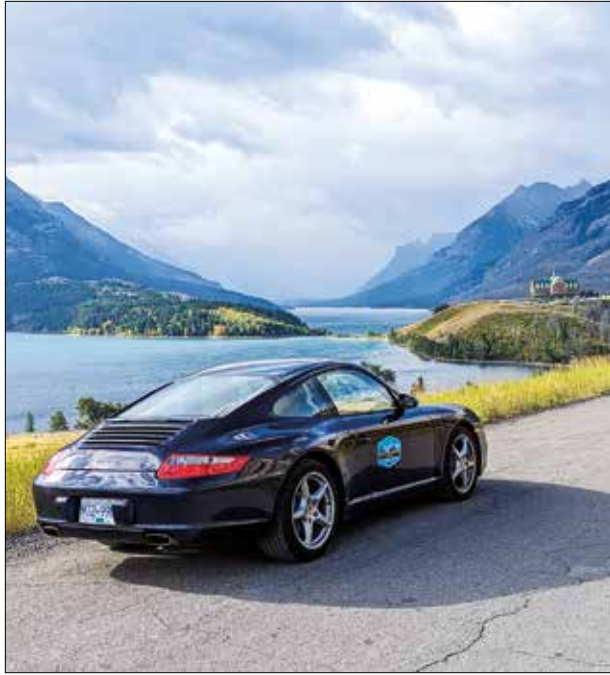
gold panned around Hedley. Even today, people still pan for gold in the Similkameen River; they say no one has yet found the original mother lode and hope springs eternal.

On Monday morning, we all departed from the Oliver Coast Hotel and headed east to Rossland after refueling. On this part of the trip, we participated in the first of a three-part rally challenge: the fuel economy challenge. A proper mileage and fuel consumption reading were required upon arrival at Rossland.

As we departed Osoyoos, we stopped at Anarchist Mountain Lookout which offers a panoramic view of both Osoyoos Lake and Washington State. Taking in this view brought back fond memories of my last visit to Penticton and Osoyoos for a winery tour story published in our club magazine in the fall of 2022. Our distance to Rossland from Osoyoos was 241 km, the shortest day drive of the tour, which left us with plenty of time to explore Grand Forks during lunch.

Upon arrival at the Josie Hotel at Red Mountain Resort on the outskirts of Rossland, we discovered a unique boutique property offering comfortable accommodations and secure garage parking for all our Porsches. The group met up for cocktails and a dinner banquet which was a terrific way to end our day.

The Average Speed Challenge, the second of three rally challenges on our adventure, was held on Tuesday morning. Each Porsche departed Red Mountain Resort at staggered times and we each attempted to maintain an average speed of 82 km/hr until we found Wayne Shalagan's Speed Yellow 911. Interestingly, we were not told the distance between our hotel and Wayne.



A few of the participants were operating GPS systems programmed to take them to our next destination, Waterton. Unfortunately, GPS took the drivers off Highway 3 resulting in them missing checkpoint Wayne and receiving a DNF score.

During the day, we visited the small towns of Creston, Fernie, and Sparwood en route to our destination, Waterton Lakes National Park. With two nights' accommodations in the National Park, we had a full day to experience the natural wonders of one of the most beautiful destinations in the Canadian Rockies.

On Wednesday morning, we all began to wash and prep our Porsches for our Show 'N' Shine in the hotel parking lot. Held in collaboration with the Vintage Sports Club of Calgary, we received a warm welcome by Chris Durnall President.

A group of us enjoyed High Tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel, overlooking Waterton Lake, which I highly

recommend. Built in 1927, the dramatic hilltop site above Upper Waterton Lake was identified as the ideal spot for the lodge in 1913 by a railway baron and President of the Great Northern Railway, Louis Hill.

If you visit today - and I recommend you do - the hotel staff are uniformed in Scottish kilts, and guests use brass door room keys. As in old London, the hotel's single elevator has an operator and is less than a square meter inside.

At noon, we all boarded a Waterton Shoreline Cruise to explore the upper and lower Waterton Lakes which cross the US-Canada Border. No passports are required for a cruise around the lakes. We learned from our tour guides about the local wildlife. We were also told that the lake freezes over in winter months, with the melting snow replenishing lake water.

On Thursday morning, we were scheduled to depart for the Going to the Sun Road, an 80 km route in

**BOTTOM: Prince of Wales Hotel, Waterton, AB.**

TOP: Sun Mountain Lodge, Winthrop, WA.

northern Montana. Unfortunately, we learned that construction had resulted in several kilometres of our chosen path being loose gravel. With great disappointment, most of the group decided to reroute south. However, a few Porsches did choose to drive the Going to the Sun Road.

Around noon, several Porsches converged on a local Chick-Fil-A for take-away lunch and followed that with a quick rendezvous with Trevor, President, and Christi, of PCA - Inland Region at Woodland Park. After a group photo, other Inland Region members escorted us through Montana and Idaho to our destination in Spokane, Washington.

On the interstate, I was following a Porsche GT3 which I could hear but could not see. The engine note told me when it was accelerating; I tried to keep up to no avail. After a long day's drive chasing the ghost GT3, I looked forward to a pleasant evening in downtown Spokane.

Friday began with a Gimmick Rally, the last of our three challenges. For this challenge, we departed at staggered times and were required to answer 13 questions; such as what is the cost to get into the brothel at the motel in Davenport? After we answered the first 11 questions, one of the best parts of our driving tour was before us.

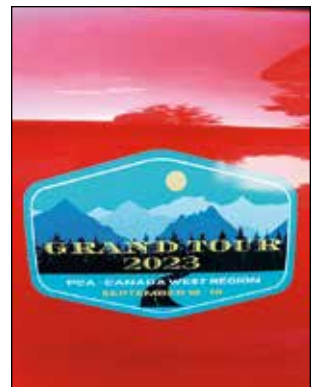
Located just north of the Grand Coulee Dam, we turned onto Columbia River Road. This quiet, twisty, hilly valley road took us into an area with hardly any inhabitants other than a few cattle and horses. This 60 km route, following the base of a rocky valley, nothing but a desert landscape with sagebrush on both sides, gave us an opportunity to experience the exhilarating dynamics of driving a Porsche.

Sun Mountain Lodge, located high above the old western town of Winthrop, was our final night's accommodation. There, we enjoyed our closing banquet and the announcement of the rally challenge winners.

Early Saturday morning, we all departed Winthrop for Sedro-Woolley, where we met up with PCA – PNWR's Vice-President Gary Barklind and viewed some of their members' Porsches. The terminus of the Grand Tour was at Scotty Brown Restaurant in Bellingham where we all said our final goodbyes.

Gran Turismo is a part of automotive history in which I am proud to have taken a part. Porsches were built for epic cross-country journeys, and we Porsche owners ought to continue celebrating the great roads, great food, and great people of our region with the Gran Turismo gusto of generations past.

But, having said that, I may need a faster Porsche; now which direction did that GT3 go?



## GRAND TOUR 2023 RALLY

### 1st Prize

Dan and Shelley Larson, Car #18, 2022 Boxster T

### 2nd Prize

Nuno and Sean Cardoso, Car #23, 2017, 911 Carrera S

### 3rd Prize

Zsuzsanna Byers and Mike Markstein, Car #21, Cayman

## GRAND TOUR 2023 AWARDS

### Spirit of the Tour Award

Michael and Mary Chiang, Car #5, 2017 911 4GTS

### Iron Man Award

Baird Tewksbury, Car #8, 2005, 911

### Hard Luck Award

Brian and Teresa Fournier, Car #10, 2023 Cayman GTS

### Bad Timing Award

Francis Chin, Car #13, 2007, 911 GT3RS



**BOTTOM:** Gran Tour participants meet with the members of PCA-Inland NW Region.



# Osoyoos Mid-Summer Tour

*For members who desire superb food and wine.*

Story by Jon and Teri Sunderland

**Cars started rolling into our favorite Starbucks in Hope B.C.** We were delighted to see many familiar faces as well as welcoming new ones. Once again, we were joined by a father-daughter duo which is so refreshing, a younger Gen Z joining us.

We all gathered under the Dollarama sign to be introduced to each other and then received an overview of our tour with its itinerary of events followed by our safety driving instructions.

Nine cars grouped together headed towards Manning Park for our first stop. We caused quite a stir as we arrived in unison to this busy rest stop. With a good variety of 911s from Targas to convertibles, to coupes with all ages and colours including an older silver 1988 928 S4, all demonstrating a great collection of varying engine power that performed flawlessly during the entire tour.

The group carried on to Cawston, the organic capital of Canada, where we had reservations at our favorite restaurant Row Fourteen at Klippers Organic Acres. We were joined by our tenth car coming in from Predator Ridge for the second year in a row. Just prior to our reservation we toured the general store; Klippers Marketplace and Café, located at the entrance to the property, taking in the variety of local goods. A number of purchases were made. Down the road on the same land is Row Fourteen, where we were seated for lunch.

The Chef customized a menu for our twenty guests designed with local sustainable organic products. A number of creative courses were enjoyed paired with ciders from their cidery and tasteful local wines.

To quote Klippers: "A table on a farm in the heart of the Similkameen Valley, cuisine from the earth the way nature intended." Row Fourteen is situated on Klippers Organic Acres in Cawston B.C. bringing the term farm to table to a new level.

This was a great opportunity to get to know one and other sitting outdoors enjoying the beautiful surroundings. After experiencing a leisurely lunch, we departed Cawston on Highway 3E to carry on to the Watermark Beach Resort. Interestingly but not thoughtfully planned, travelling mid-week allowed us the opportunity to group together and stay together enhancing spirited driving while the spectacular views unfolded.

Approaching Osoyoos on a very hot day many of the open aired cars began to close their roofs, with the exception of one or two including the leader of the pack, who just love the sun.

As we approach the Watermark Beach Resort, we are greeted by beautiful vistas of the mountains and water. Members are able to walk, swim, explore main street, or settle into their rooms. That evening we went impromptu to a local restaurant where we thoroughly enjoyed

**BELOW: Watermark  
Beach Resort,  
Osoyoos, BC.**





delicious cuisine and many laughs, while getting better acquainted.

Thursday morning, we were up and at 'em, for a 9:45 a.m. meeting in the lobby to prepare our group for the feature drive to Telegraph Hill. We drove past Oliver seeking White Lake Road to gain access to the quieter roads of Highway 3A - also used by the Ironman cycle training. What started out as a Sunday-type drive from Osoyoos to Oliver quickly - in more ways than one - became an invigorating delight of open twisty roads ahead. We let the cars show what they're made of by putting them on sport mode. Fortunately, again, being a weekday made us all more comfortable to open up our automobiles. We had the place to ourselves. Together we conquered smooth winding, scenic roads at a spirited or was it a very spirited pace, you be the judge.

Climbing up towards what we at PCA call Telegraph Hill - because there exists significant groupings of telecommunication panels and equipment. We zoomed on past continuing our hill climb to Twin Lakes where we then turned around - in case there were gravel roads ahead - and headed for the full downward drive of highway 3A taking it all the way to the notable Fairview Mountain Golf Club. Everyone was treated to amazing views and perfect roads that became the highlight of our driving tour.

Following this fun and settling our adrenaline, we searched out Phantom Creek Winery to walk the property and take in its splendor of architecture and sculptures.

We left Phantom Creek Winery for Burrowing Owl where we had a scheduled private wine tasting. Steven, their Director of Marketing or better known as their

brand ambassador, walked us through five varieties of their wines providing a very engaging, humorous, and informative presentation. During our presentation we were served personal charcuterie boards created by the chef at Burrowing Owl.

Following our tasting, the Porsche convoy rallied to the Pioneer Car Wash to detail and debug their cars for the 3 p.m. beachfront 'Show and Shine.' The chance to display our cars to the local community with our own appreciation for the community. It was such a scorching hot day, that the drivers congregated under the largest tree to enjoy a cold beverage. We literally had to ply the drivers out from under the shade for photographs with each member standing by their own personal car.

The main event of the entire tour and the foundation for building this tour is scheduled for six o'clock is the Backyard Farm Chef's Table located in Oliver B.C. Our group was picked up by prearranged transportation in private coaches to take us to the farm. The whole concept of this trip was based on a reservation made one year in advance at the home of Chef Chris Van Hooydonk and his team. Chris is the owner and Chef, originally from the Okanagan who spent much of his career creating cuisine for luxury hotels of Chicago.

This private event is specifically designed for us where only 20 guests can be accommodated. Upon arrival we are greeted with a glass of sparkling wine and brought out onto their beautiful backyard terrace. After about an hour of socializing the Chef invites us into his home to begin the experience. A three-course menu filled with local produce and garden fare.

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Starting off with the Sous Chef who explains the variety of handcrafted breads baked on premise. The first course is a Haida Gwaii halibut followed by a main course of smoked Cache Creek beef. Each course is accompanied with farm fresh local herbs and vegetables, sourced through trading with the local farmers, balanced with produce grown on their own property,

To complete our evening the house made dessert beautifully presented and consisting of a milk chocolate panna cotta with caramel coffee meringue. Coffee and tea were offered where the tea was actually cut fresh from their own garden.

Please note that our wine glasses were never empty throughout the evening of Burrowing Owl's Viognier and Cabernet Sauvignon. A great thank you to the fabulous servers.

Our private coach picked us up to return us to the Watermark Hotel where we bid farewell to all our guests. Our Tour ended Friday morning where some members continued to the Okanagan and others returned home.

Many accolades and compliments were expressed by the group.

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# Oom Pah Pah, OkTurbofest

*Brass band, bratwurst, and beer.*

Story by Edward Quan | Photos by William Waung

It's October and what do Porsche club members celebrate this month? OkTurbofest: an evening of Oom Pah Pah music, BBQ bratwurst, pretzels, and cold beer. Some members even dress in traditional German attire.

Hosted by Porsche Centre Vancouver, nearly 75 members celebrated OkTurbofest in their spotless service centre where a dozen picnic tables were placed in a single line down the middle of the room with Porsches up on lifts on either side.

As we all enjoyed our bratwurst, potato salad, and enormous pretzels, many of us took the opportunity to catch up with old friends as the German band played in the background.

Porsche Centre Vancouver's General Sales Manager, Peter Wong, provided members with a private viewing of three very special Porsches.

First was the all-new 2024 Porsche Cayenne S Coupe, with a new V8 engine, in Arctic Grey. Powered by a 4.0-liter biturbo V8 engine, the Coupe has a maximum power output of 486 HP, and a drag torque of 442 lb-ft. And who doesn't love the smooth power and sound of a V8 engine?

Next up was a 1997 Porsche 911S 2.7 L Safari, undergoing a 4-year restoration. This was a full nut-and-bolt restoration, with a custom black and green tartan interior, Irish green wheels, and highlights over the new

Grand Prix white paint. With a high compression 2.7L engine with 964 cams and SSI exhaust, Keen project MCS suspension struts with sway-a-way torsion bar springs, and a Rennline vintage roof rack made with cut oak strips and curved to follow the form of the roof, a Porsche classic navigation radio tops off the upgrades to this classic car.

Finally, we viewed a 2023 Porsche 911 Dakar limited production #297/2500 with Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur decals of orange and light and dark grey, associated with the Martini Racing Team. The competition number of 14 was that of Vic Preston Jr's second-place finish at the Safari Rally, 1978.

One of the most exciting parts of the evening were the dozens of raffle prizes available to be won, with ticket sales supporting the club's charity fund. Evening entertainment was provided by the Rheinlander Band, and Tracy Rowand, Chef and Owner of Taste to Savour, provided plenty of tasty bratwurst, salads, and beverages for everyone.

For several years now, OkTurbofest has been an annual club tradition that always attracts a broad range of members. With its unique blend of German culture and unique Porsche vehicles, I expect this spectacular event will continue for many years to come.

TOP LEFT: 2023  
Porsche 911 Dakar  
Limited Edition at  
Porsche Centre  
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# Escape to Palm Springs

*Porsche Adventures: Making new PCA friends.*

Story and Photos by Edward Quan

During a recent visit to Palm Springs, I discovered that this beautiful desert city, long considered a playground for Hollywood's elite, now has its very own PCA Region. A hideaway for celebrities such as Marilyn Monroe, the Rat Pack, and Lucille Ball, Porsche club members can now add their names to the list of Palm Springs' special guests.

For decades, Palm Springs has been a popular vacation spot for Canadians escaping the winter season, seeking sunshine, golf, and mid-century modernist architecture. Now, as I learned on my recent trip, Porsche club members can add driving tours to the list of delights Palm Springs offers.

To learn more, I met with Jeff M Berzon, Carl Laufer, and Sandi Dennison-Laufer, President, Director at Large, and Membership Chair of the PCA Palm Springs Region respectively, who dropped in with their speed yellow and aqua-blue metallic 911s. This made for the perfect Palm Springs photo op, so I snapped a quick picture in front of Alcazar Palm Springs Hotel.

The Palm Springs Region club may be new, but they are currently planning driving tours for almost every weekend in the new year. Unlike here in the Pacific Northwest, residents of the Coachella Valley, in the Colorado Desert, enjoy year-round driving. Starting a new Porsche club is no easy task, but their warmth and friendliness, which I experienced firsthand during our visit, will no doubt drive their success.

If you haven't visited Palm Springs recently, it's no longer the quiet town, attracting LA retirees and Canadian snowbirds. It has become a world-class destination, attracting plenty of European visitors to its shops, restaurants, and hotels.

Robert Hunt, General Manager of the Alcazar Hotel informed me that the 2016 Louis Vuitton Cruise Show held at The Bob and Dolores Hope Estate, overlooking



LEFT: Entrance to the Alcazar Hotel Palm Springs.



the entire Coachella Valley, has put Palm Springs top of mind with European travellers.

For myself, authentic travel is what I seek – as much as I possibly can, I like to become a local. I find that what makes Palm Springs so unique is the wide range of small boutique hotels such as the

Alcazar hotel. Located in the heart of the bustling Uptown Design District, along North Palm Canyon Drive, here you will discover dozens of

consignment, resale and antique boutiques that focus on mid-century modern art, furniture, housewares, fashion and accessories.

The Alcazar offers 34 guest rooms that are spacious, modern, and chic. All rooms are well-appointed with luxurious beds with super soft Italian linen; mine even had a large soaker tub. Guests are treated to a European-style complimentary espresso, fresh juice, and pastries each morning. Plus, the hotel offers complimentary Townie bikes to explore the neighbourhood. I suggest you take advantage of those during the early morning or early evening to avoid the daytime heat.

With summer daytime temperatures reaching 40C, you'll want to consider cooling off in the Alcazar's saltwater purified pool and gazing at the San Jacinto Mountains from the comfort of the jacuzzi. Or relax in the garden courtyard with an evening drink next to the outdoor fireplace against the backdrop of the tranquil nighttime desert sky. Alcazar is a member of Palm Springs Preferred Small Hotels and Stash Hotel Rewards so you can rack up the points towards future free hotel stays.

My trip to Palm Springs proved to me that this desert oasis is still alive with activity and ready for visitors. The next time you long to escape the rain coast, consider Palm Springs. Bring the Porsche, sign up for a Palm Springs Club weekend driving tour, and live the life of a Hollywood celebrity.

# Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

*Honouring the volunteers who make our club possible.*

The Canada West Region club is completely run by volunteers. These volunteers are the backbone of the organization, and we are grateful for their hard work and dedication.

Every fall, the Executive Committee hosts an appreciation dinner to thank and honour these volunteers. They are responsible for planning and leading tours, assisting at the club's information booth during events, and

supporting many important administrative tasks behind the scenes. Without them, we wouldn't be able to offer many of our programs and events.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held at Burnaby Mountain Clubhouse and was well-attended. We want to express our sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who make our club possible.

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# Tech Talk: Winter Storage

*Helpful tips for storing your Porsche during the winter months.*

By Darren Batstone, PCA-CWR Technical Chairperson

It is that time of year when the weather turns, and many P-Cars go into hibernation or Winter Storage. There is always a lot of discussion on whether this is good for the car or not. Let's not over think this, cars are resilient machines. They will be just fine after sitting for a few months. That being said, there are things that can make their down time much easier on them.

Let's go over some items you will want to do to park your car for the winter months:

**Oil:** Do a complete oil change prior to parking the car. Get the old dirty oil out and replace it with fresh clean oil.

**Coolant:** If the car is parked outdoors or susceptible to freezing temperatures, it is not a bad idea to change out the coolant, or at least top it up.

**Wash the Car:** You do not want to put a car away dirty especially if you are going to put a cover on it. Waxing prior to storage is beneficial but at the very least make sure the car is washed. Clean the interior. There is no point in getting into a dirty car in the Spring. After washing, make sure the car and the brakes are completely dry before parking it. The trip to the gas station we will discuss can help with this!

**Fuel:** Our fuel contains ethanol which creates moisture in our tanks and fuel lines over time while sitting. You will want to add a fuel stabilizer to your fuel. Make your last drive prior to parking the car to a gas station. Do your oil and coolant prior to this trip to cycle the fresh fluids through your engine. Once you have a full tank of gas, add the stabilizer. It is approximately 200ml to 60 litres of gas. The stabilizer will help eliminate that moisture from forming. Also having the tank 95% full will help with this as well. Drive the car or run it for about five minutes after the stabilizer has been added to your fuel. Fuel Stabilizer is available at any auto parts store i.e. Canadian Tire or Lordco.

**Tires:** While sitting tires can develop flat spots. To prevent this, prior to parking the car over inflate the tires by 5-10 psi. This can also be done at the gas station if you don't have access to an air compressor at home. If parked in a cold garage, put a piece of carpet, or matting under each tire. This will help prevent the tire from losing a small amount of pressure while sitting.

**Battery:** To prevent your Battery from going dead, disconnect the negative terminal. You can hook up a battery tender to your battery while in storage. Tenders will monitor the battery level and charge it back to full when it drops. There are many brands of tenders, please research a brand or model ideal for your car. Some tenders have caused problems, so please research this before doing. If you don't want a tender hooked up all



the time, use a trickle charger for 24 hrs or as needed once a month. This is the method I use for my car. I set a monthly reminder in my phone and put the charger on the battery for one day a month.

**Cover:** If you use a cover, make sure it is clean and dry prior to putting it on the car. Research a recommended cover for your car. If the car is outside for storage, it is recommended to use two covers. Use an outdoor car cover recommended for your car. Over top of that cover, put a heavy-duty tarp over the car. No matter what a car cover may claim, many of them are not up to handling a full winter of weather. Again, put the covers on when the car is dry. The two-cover method is your best defense against winter weather if parked outside.

**Starting the Car while in Storage:** Some think starting the car up for a few minutes a few times throughout the winter is good to do. I don't know if it is or isn't good for the car and may depend on the engine you have. From my knowledge of engines when they haven't been running for a long time, if you do start it, run it long enough to get the engine up to operating temperature. When engines are started from stone cold, they create a lot of heat instantly. Which causes components to expand instantly. Let the temperature stabilize at operating temperature to allow for adjusting to this heat and expansion. If not, you can cause a shock cooling effect, which can cause cracking or damage to metal and plastic components.

If you are putting your car away for a few months, hopefully these tips will help!

If there is a Tech Topic you would like to read about or have a question, let us know and we will try to cover it. We would also all love to read about any DIY Projects you have going on!



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Photo: Edward Quan



## *In Memoriam*

Karl Schön, a member of PCA-CWR since February 1977,  
passed away at 1:14 a.m. on November 5, 2023.

Karl is survived by his wife, Karin and son, Tristan.

Karl served as CWR Vice President in 1986 and President in 1987.

He was also the Concours Chairman for many years.

Karl's beautiful 1964 356C Cabriolet was well-known within PCA!

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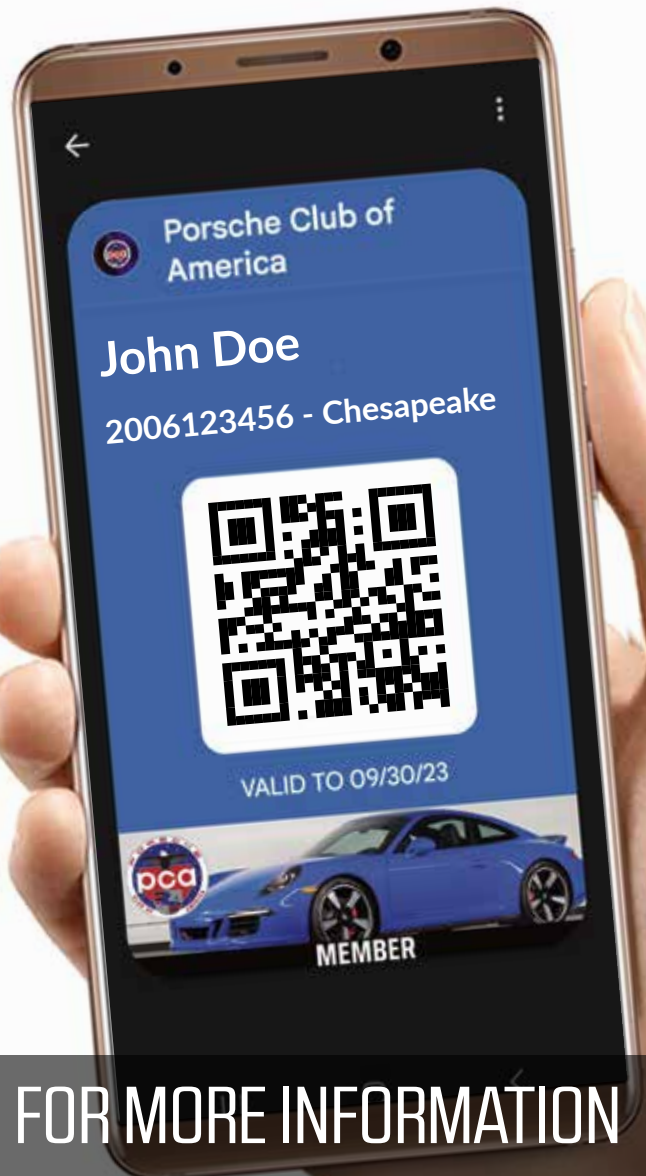
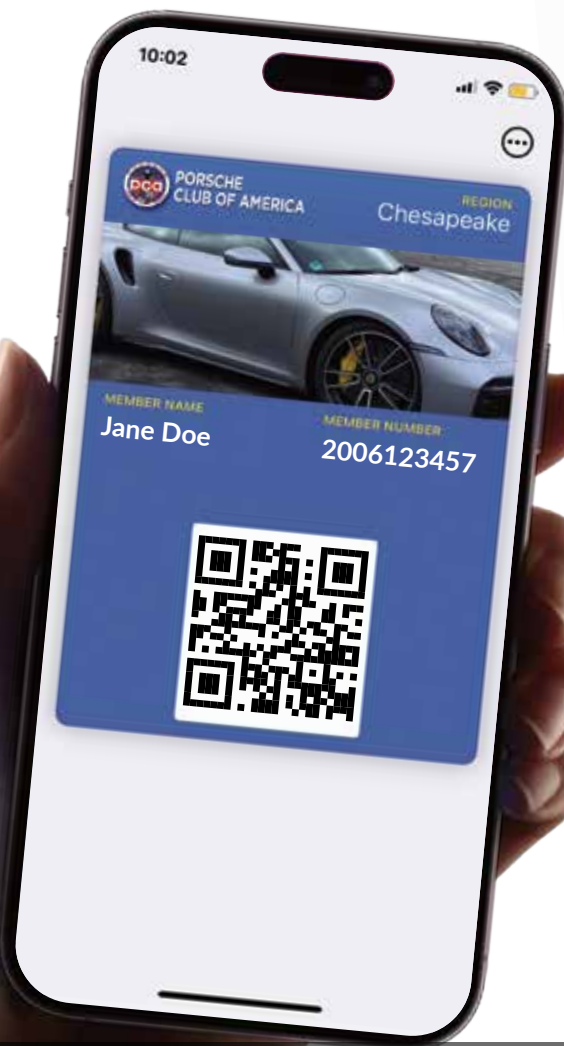
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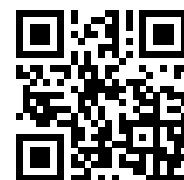
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