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Dear Members:

For myself, buying a Porsche marks the start of a lifelong adventure.

I soon realized that connecting with fellow enthusiasts is essential to appreciate Porsche's ownership fully. The Porsche Club of America is the largest automotive club in the world, with over 160,000 members. You don't just own a Porsche; you are part of a community that shares your love for driving excellence.

C2Sky Magazine is a part of our Porsche journey in Western Canada. You can explore captivating tales about our members' automobiles and learn about local service and sales providers. Discover exciting driving tours and social events tailored for you in our club's exclusive magazine.

Our Road Ahead calendar is jam-packed with track days, tech workshops, multi-driving tours, and casual neighbourhood meet-ups as we begin a new year. Take advantage of the upcoming Porsche club events this spring.

Inside our Spring Edition, we are excited to share the good deeds accomplished through our annual Christmas Toy Drive. Read our story from the Christmas Party, where we enjoyed delicious food, wine, and an exclusive classical piano performance.

In addition, we have news from the Canadian International Auto Show, the 50th Anniversary of the Porsche Turbo, and the 15th anniversary of the Porsche Museum.

Join us as we share inspiring moments of the Porsche Club here in Canada's West Region.

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Edward Quan  
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# Surprise!

## You're the new President of our car club

First question: What do you want your term to be about?

If you're like me, the first thing that comes to mind is honouring and respecting our nearly 50-year history and thanking all those amazing volunteers and club executives who paved the way. In my case, I especially thank President Matt Stogryn (and First Lady Linda) for their friendship and outstanding efforts in growing the club to over 1,500 members. I've learned almost everything from Matt and past Presidents like Jeff Rebiffe, Joel Parker, and Ray Gumbal.

Looking forward, the two words "Experiences" and "Engagement" sum up what this club has to be about.

For experiences, visit our Club Website's Event Calendar pages, and you will agree we have experiences well covered with a full year's worth of Driving Tours, Day Drives, Track Days, Autocross, Tech Nights, Car Shows, not to mention all our charity Good Works and Social Events. CWR is well known for offering

more experiences than any other club our size in Porsche Club of America, which is amazing. As members of Canada West Region, you really can "Choose Your Own Adventure," and we hope you will enjoy some great experiences this year.

Let's talk engagement because our club's motto is, "It's not just the cars...It's the people." The hope is that by offering great experiences, we earn your engagement. Engagement comes in many forms and usually starts by coming out to events and being warm and friendly ambassadors for our club while sharing your enthusiasm for car culture (especially as it relates to Porsche).

Engagement grows by helping others have great experiences and adventures in addition to your own. Make an effort to thank those volunteers and event hosts who make it possible, and give some thought to what kinds of events others would like to experience and how you can assist. We

run on ideas and volunteer effort, and we always need more volunteers.

Also, I hope you will join me in thinking about our club's future just like Porsche and PCA are thinking about their own. Looking forward to our club's 50th Anniversary next year, let's consider how our club will grow and thrive for decades to come. Thinking about the future means thinking about what experiences our newest, youngest and even more diverse club members need to engage with PCA-CWR and make room for their involvement.

As your new Club President, I look forward to meeting many more of you this driving season and hearing your ideas for the future of our club. Now, let's start our engines!

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**David+Susanne Sanderson**  
31 years

**Adrian Alleyne**  
30 years

**Ryojo+Kiyomi Akagami**  
22 years

**Susan Gratien**  
22 years

### FEBRUARY

**Karl + Karin Schön**  
47 years

**Craig + Leslie Sanderson**  
33 years

**Michael Sanderson+Martha Welsh**  
17 years

**Christopher+Christine Bush**  
17 years

### MARCH

**Otto+Janet Klement**  
46 years

**Darrell Sommer**  
23 years

**Ralf+Helga Schmidtke**  
22 years

### APRIL

**Jim Spalding**  
54 years

**Special Congratulations Jim!**

**Jack+Nicole Habart**  
48 years

**Sid+Hazel Jones**  
31 years

**Kevin+Irene Pickell**  
29 years

**Mike Juzenas**  
28 years

## Welcome New Members!

**Franklin Xu, Richmond**  
2018 911 GT3

**Jackson Tse+Jackie Beilun Cui, Burnaby**

*Transfer from Pacific Northwest Region*  
2002 911.996 G4S (Silver)  
2021 911 Targa 4 (Satin White)

**Russell Cho, Langley**  
2011 Cayman S (Basalt Black Metallic)

**Sean Kennedy, Surrey**  
1978 911SC

**William Deng, Vancouver**  
2019 Panamera 4S (Matte Grey)

**Roop Mundi, West Vancouver**  
2022 911 Carrera 4 GTS Cabriolet (GT Metallic Silver)  
2022 Taycan 4S (Black)

**Mauro Palumbo, Vancouver**  
2012 911 Carrera

**David Maglio, New Westminster**  
2021 718 Spyder (GT Silver)

**Oliver Keane, North Vancouver**  
2009 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet (Black)

**Stephen Roberts, North Vancouver**

2010 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet (Atlas Grey Metallic)

**Stuart+Kirsten Morrison, North Vancouver**

2022 911 Turbo (Dolomite Silver)  
2021 992S Cabriolet (White)

**Peter + Derek Hemmes, White Rock**

2012 Boxster (Silver)

**Arnold Bernardo, Vancouver**  
2020 911 Carrera Coupe (Agate Grey)

**Richard + Ming Fung, Surrey**  
2023 Cayenne Platinum Edition (Chalk)

**Albert Herback, Chilliwack**  
2015 Boxster (White)

**Pete Paraskevacos, Vancouver**  
1975 914 2.0

**Lars Van Linge, Surrey**  
2006 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet (Black)

**Vanessa Rose, Port Moody**  
2022 Macan GTS (Chalk)

**Richard Kraft, Surrey**  
2024 718 Boxster GTS 4.0 (Ice Grey Metallic)

**Iqbal Ahmed, Vancouver**  
2011 Panamera 4 (White)

**Tyler + Sterling Ginther, Surrey**  
2012 911 Carrera S

**Julian Craddock, Whistler**  
2018 Macan GTS

**Paz+Lisa Fernando, Surrey**  
*Transfer from Red River Region*

2012 Panamera (Gray)  
2010 Cayenne (Blue)

**Trevor Hansen, Pitt Meadows**  
1998 Boxster (Arctic Silver)

**Martyn Hare, Delta**  
2009 Cayenne S

**Christopher Byrne, Vancouver**  
2017 911 Carrera S Coupe (White)

**Brian Charles+Chris Garrett, Surrey**  
No car listed

## IN THE ZONE



**February 2024**

**John P Sommerwerck**  
PCA Zone 6 Rep

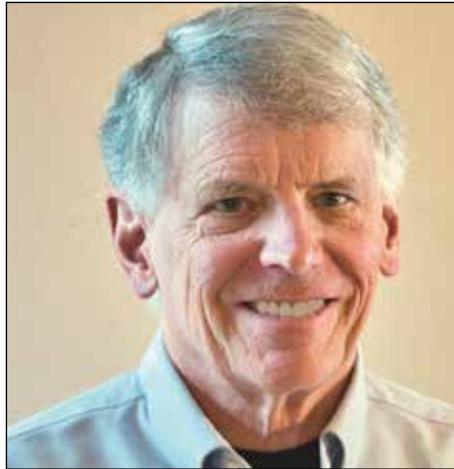
This past weekend, I participated in the annual PCA Winter Meeting in Los Angeles. The winter meeting is a day-and-a-half get-together that includes the PCA Executive Council (EC), Zone Reps and National Chairs. Discussing common issues and ideas with my fellow Zone Reps and the National chairs was great.

The visit culminated in a visit to Singer Vehicle Design. Their tagline, The Porsche 911 Restored - Reimagined - Reborn, does not adequately prepare one for what is being done to the 964 911.

### Upcoming Treffens

Registration for the 2024 Treffen at Sea Cruise, departing from Seattle and traveling to Alaska, is now open. Learn more at [pca.org](http://pca.org).

The 2024 Spring Treffen will be held in Sonoma, California, at the Mission Inn. As



Singer 964

expected, it sold out in minutes. Nancy and I were lucky enough to make the cut, and we hope to see many of you in Sonoma.

The 2024 Fall Treffen will be held at the Omni Bretton Arms Inn at Mt Washington, NH. This should be in the midst of New England's fall foliage season. Stay in touch with all things Treffen North America at [treffen.pca.org](http://treffen.pca.org).

Porsche Parade 2024 will be held in Birmingham, AL. I hope you have registered and secured accommodations if you plan to attend. I have. As usual, it will be a two-part registration process. To register for Parade and secure housing, visit [pca.org/pca-login/parade-registration](http://pca.org/pca-login/parade-registration).

Then, on April 3rd, we will sign up for banquets, tours, and events. For Parade 101, please go to [porscheparade.org](http://porscheparade.org).

I noticed that the calendar is already filling up with events for Zone 6 in 2024. Nancy and I will attend Wochenende in the Vancouver Island Region at the end of May. Zone 6 signature events can be found at [zone6.pca.org](http://zone6.pca.org). There are plenty of fantastic roads to drive on and great automotive venues to explore in Zone 6.

Stay healthy, and we will see you in the Zone in 2024!

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



My father was an early member of our chapter, and I remember riding with him on demo laps at Westwood circa 1979 in the 356 S90. I have always been happy to support the club as a business owner, and I have done so over the years as an Autocross Chair and in other volunteer activities.

Thanks to all of you who currently volunteer your time to make the club what it is. I tip my hat to those who put the time and effort in for the benefit of the membership.

Cheers,

Jeff Alton  
President  
Turn3 Group of Companies  
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## My father's red Porsche

When I was 16, I took my driving test in my father's Porsche.

Story by Harley Sinclair, Insurance & Safety Chair

In 1965, when I was a young boy, my father came home with a brand new bright red Porsche 356C.

That was a very special car at that time, especially in Regina, SK! My father was in love! Me too! Several years later, my father taught me to drive that car. When I turned 16, I drove the Porsche for my driver's test. Wow! That was special!

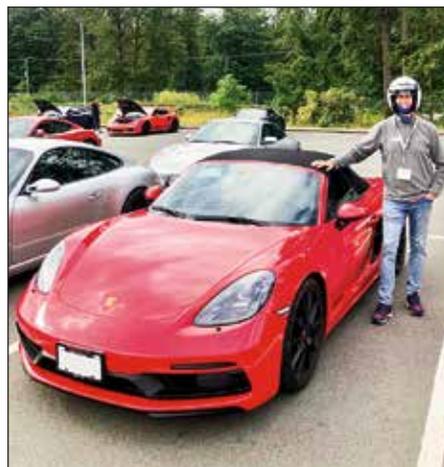
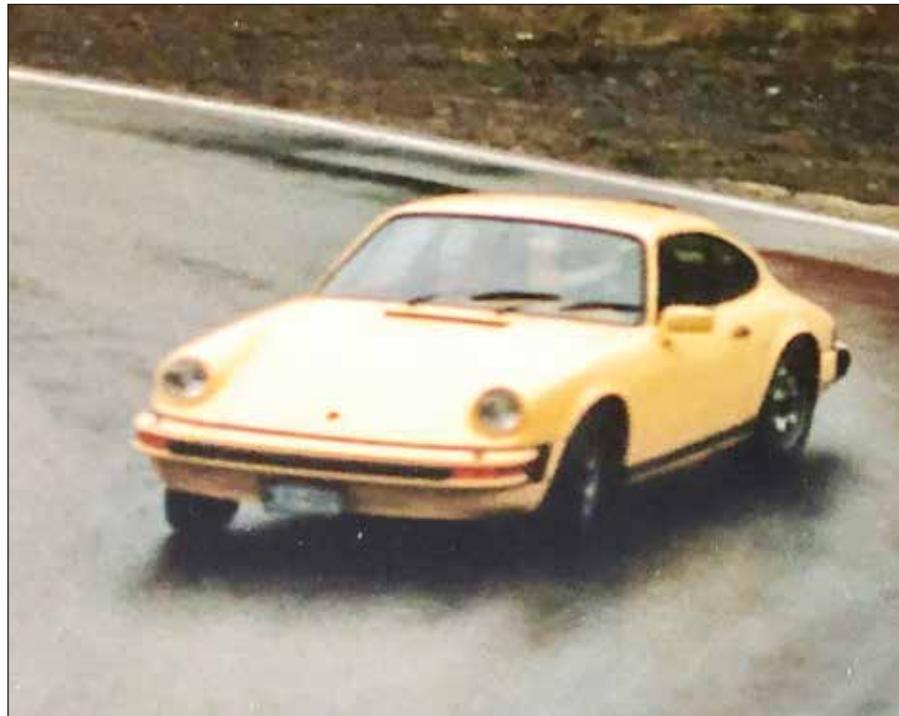
Even better was my father allowing me to drive this car on weekends. As a teenager with lots of testosterone, I drove the Porsche hard. But I never broke it. Thankfully, it wasn't very powerful, like today's Porsches!

About 10 years later, I bought my first Porsche—a used 1976 Sahara Beige 911S coupe. Wow! That car was very powerful, or so I thought at the time.

I immediately joined PCA, and one of my best memories is all the fun I had during many HPDE track days at the Westwood Racetrack for several years. I then traded the used 911S for an almost new 1985 Carrera coupe. Of course, it was bright red!

Sadly, I never took it on the track for fear of hurting it! I sold that car several years later and didn't return to Porsche until 2020. When I bought my 2021 Boxster GTS 4.0, it had to be red of course! And it was thrilling to push it hard at Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit.

Perhaps one day, I'll take it to Area 27. For the moment, I am simply enjoying my bright red Porsche whenever I'm encouraged by dry roads and sunny skies! Smiling from ear to ear!



# ROAD AHEAD

## March

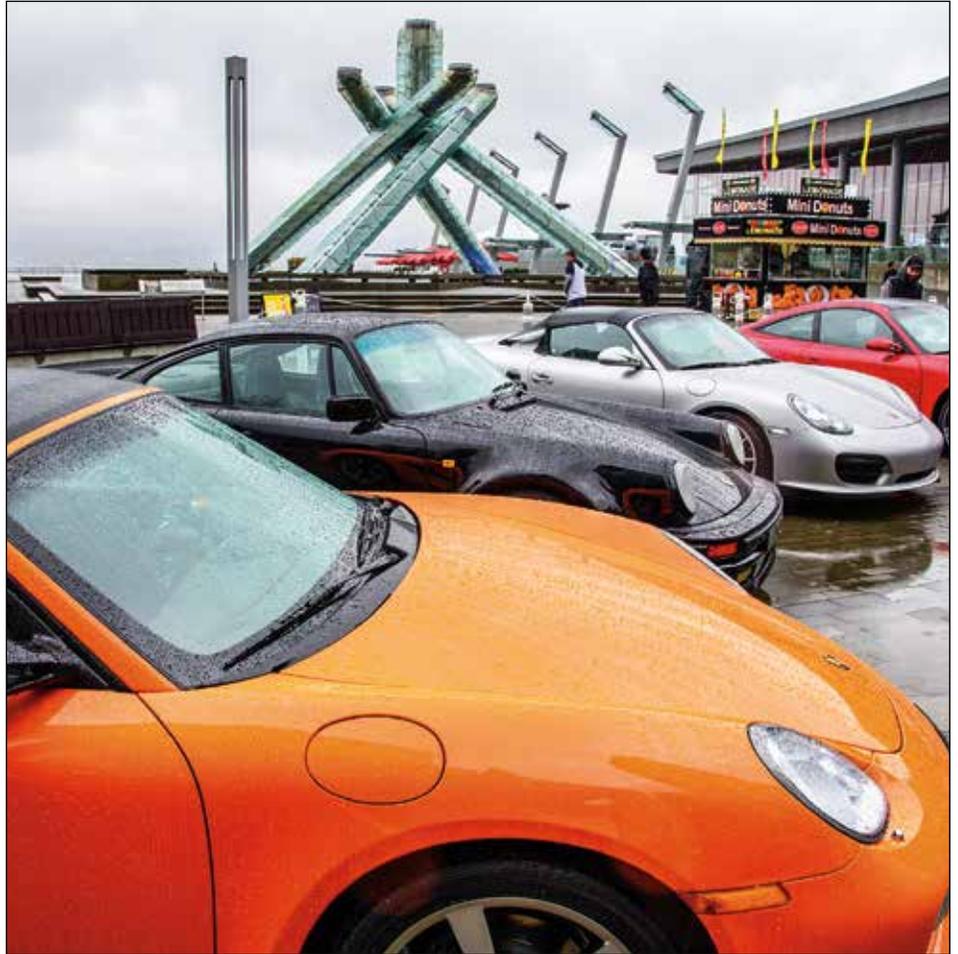
**8**  
Ladies Tech Night



**9**  
Jeff's Coffee & Curves



**17**  
St Patrick's Day Coffee & Curves



**23-24**  
Porsche Platz –  
Vancouver Auto Show

**30**  
More Historical Trails

## April

**6**  
C2SKY Drive

**11**  
Meet Your Neighbours

**12**  
New Members & Volunteers  
Night

**13**  
Coffee & Curves

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

# ROAD AHEAD

## 19 Sunshine Coast Day Tour

19-22  
Ultimate Island Drive



20  
C2SKY Drive

25  
Meet Your Neighbours



28  
Coffee & Curves



## May

4  
C2Sky Drive

5  
Cinco de Mayo Experience



9  
Meet Your Neighbours

10-12  
Black Rock Tofino & Ucluelet



11  
Coffee & Curves

18  
C2Sky Drive

18  
Karl Schon Memorial Drive

21  
Area 27 HPDE Track Day

23-26  
Escape 2024 Wochenende

23  
Meet Your Neighbours

26  
Coffee & Curves





# Night of Dreams

Porsche Canada at the Canadian International Auto Show.

Story and Photos by Gerard Pietrykiewicz

**Night of Dreams was an amazing event held by Porsche Canada at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto. We received early VIP access to a private showing, where some of the finest Porsches were displayed.**

At the entrance to the display hall, I was greeted with a Porsche Lego display and a Porsche Vision Gran Turismo model from a very popular game with the same name. Both brought smiles to everyone's faces and were clearly crowd favourites.

Entering the main hall, a heavily modified 911 Carrera 4S stood proud in offroad hill climbing reenactment. This Porsche broke the record for the highest altitude driven by any car. The Porsche 911 is quite far from an off-roading vehicle; however, with quite a few modifications to the undertray, suspension and safety gear, the car reached 6,734 meters above sea level. Notably, the engine and the gearbox were not modified; moreover, eFuels were used to promote the massive investment that Porsche has made in that sector in recent years.

The only new car on display that was not covered before the event was the new Panamera 4 in an absolutely stunning shade of dark blue. Despite multiple attempts, I couldn't capture the depth and shine of this paint on camera. The new design is more of a refresh than a brand-new design. Nonetheless, the differences will make it easy to distinguish between generations. The new headlamps and very aggressive front bumper looked much better in person, too; photos don't capture the complexity of the

creases, especially on a darker paint; now I understand why Porsche has chosen a gold/orange shade for the global public release.

The ceremony started with Porsche Cars Canada's President and CEO John Cappella unveiling the special livery for the 911 GT3 RS and celebrating the upcoming Porsche Experience Centre (PEC) in Toronto. Designed by Walter Dixon, Exclusive Manufaktur Manager, this one-of-a-kind livery embodied the Canadian flag and colours in a playful and original way. Many little details could be spotted around the car, with small maple leaves at each center wheel cap being my favourite. PEC Toronto is scheduled to open later in the year. However, this car will be auctioned off in spring 2025. If you missed out on a GT3 RS allocation, you could still bid on this vehicle.

But the best was left for last. The new Taycan Turbo S was unveiled alongside the Taycan Cross Turismo. The Taycan is Porsche's most powerful and fastest-accelerating car ever. The new EV is a rocket ship with 938 peak BHP and 2.3 0-60 MPH. The design has been updated, too, and like the new Panamera, it is more of a refresh than a brand-new look.

Notably, the new Macan EV was not on display. Nonetheless, the event was an amazing display of upcoming cars, the warm hospitality of freezing Ontario, and a great opportunity to meet with the local community of Porsche enthusiasts. Let's hope for a similar event in Vancouver soon.

**ABOVE: Porsche Cars Canada's President & CEO, John Cappella, unveiled the new Taycan Turbo S and Taycan Cross Turismo models.**

# Porsche 911 Turbo celebrates 50 years

Since its introduction in 1974, the Porsche 911 Turbo has achieved legendary status.

Story by Edward Quan



**We are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the legendary Porsche Turbo this year.** Since its inception, this Stuttgart-born racing marvel has been synonymous with cutting-edge technology, high-performance capabilities, and a thrilling turbocharged engine that has set new standards in the world of sports cars.

The first generation of the Porsche Turbo debuted in 1975 at the Paris Automobile Show, instantly capturing the hearts of automotive enthusiasts worldwide. With its track-inspired design, horsepower that pushed boundaries, and signature flared rear wing trim, this powerhouse quickly became a symbol of speed and adrenaline.

Porsche introduced the first 911 Turbo with a wide body kit that was 12 mm wider than the standard model. These cars were equipped with a 3-litre flat-six engine that generated 260 horsepower, allowing them to achieve an impressive 0-100 km/h time of 5.5 seconds and a top speed of 246 km/h.

If you visit your local Porsche dealership, you will discover the current 911 Turbo S (type 992) model is equipped with a powerful 640 hp, 3.7-litre engine. This enthusiast car can go from 0 to 100 km/h in just 2.7 seconds, provided it has a PDK gearbox and the Sport Chrono package. Additionally, it can reach a top speed



of 330 km/h, making it an excellent choice for speed demons.

Introducing the Porsche Turbo Cabriolet and S models only added to its allure. This convertible version combined outstanding acceleration with top-speed power and luxury like no other car on the market. It was a true masterpiece that embodied both elegance and raw performance.

Throughout its illustrious history, the Porsche Turbo has continued to evolve and innovate, pushing boundaries with each iteration. From aerodynamic advancements to engine technology enhancements, it has consistently

raised the bar for what a sports car can achieve.

Today we celebrate half a century of this legendary vehicle and pay homage to its remarkable legacy. The Porsche Turbo remains an icon that continues to captivate enthusiasts with its breathtaking design and exhilarating driving experience. Whether on or off the track, it represents the pinnacle of automotive engineering excellence.

Join us as we reflect on five decades filled with unforgettable moments behind the wheel of this extraordinary machine. From exhilarating accelerations to mind-boggling top speeds - let's raise a toast to 50 years of pure Porsche Turbo perfection!



# Porsche Club celebrating Christmas

A time to come together and create unforgettable memories.

Story by Edward Quan | Photos by William Waung



The annual Christmas party for the CWR Porsche Club, held at the Terminal City Club in downtown Vancouver, was especially memorable this year. It was a festive occasion to flaunt your fashion sense, revel in the company of fellow club members, and savour a delicious meal accompanied by exquisite wines.

This year's Christmas party was notable as we honoured the achievements and the retirement of President Matt Stogryn. That evening, he ceremonially passed on the CWR President's steering wheel to incoming President Brad Bushell.

To the delight of everyone present, Nancy Mao, Director at Large, introduced Dr. Anna Vavilova, a Latvian Canadian pianist and fellow club member, who performed a magnificent classical piano concert. She is a recipient of the Kwantlen Polytech University Top 25 Music Alumni Award and the Director and Founder of the World of Music and Art Academy. After her performance, Dr. Vavilova led a lively Christmas carol sing-along with everyone.

At the event, attendees could win one of six prizes, many donated by Peter Wong, General Sales Manager at Porsche Centre Vancouver.

As in previous years, we were treated to exceptional hospitality at the Terminal City Club, featuring exquisite cuisine and outstanding service. This year's CWR Christmas party was a cherished experience as we celebrated with our closest friends and family.





# Don't Just Attend Porsche Parade... ...Be a Part of It!



Porsche Parade offers driving tours in which PCA members and guests meet up at a defined starting location, drive together along an interesting route, and enjoy a unique place or destination – often including a luncheon with PCA friends. Parade is a great time to join a driving tour!

## Phase 2 Registration Opens April 3, 2024



June 9-15, 2024  
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# Porsches brimming with toys

Together, we can spread hope and joy to those who need it the most.

Story by Stella Tang, Chair, Good Works

The 4th annual Christmas Toy Drive had 20 members and a dozen Porsches brimming with toys and clothing for children and teenagers. They drove from Porsche Centre Langley to the Surrey Christmas Bureau last December with the purpose of helping those in need.

Participating club members also volunteered at the Bureau to help parents have a dignified experience 'shopping' for gifts for their children.

All parents had a list of items their children within the age group wanted, and we helped them pick the toys. It was heartening to witness the joy and gratitude expressed by parents who were able to fulfill their children's wishes for toys. This experience allowed the kids to share what they received when they returned to school in the New Year.

Some families had one child, but some had more than three, sometimes five! It was indeed a privilege to help the people in the community all have a wonderful Christmas season and have something to cheer about.

This benevolent initiative aims to support over 2000 families during the weeks leading up to Christmas. In addition to the heartwarming presents, a monetary gift of \$5,200 was presented to augment further the Bureau's efforts to provide food cards to the 2300 families supported to make their Christmas memorable. With the cost of groceries increasing, this monetary gift was very welcomed as the bureau increased the amount granted to the families.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Toy Drive; my heart is so full to know my Porsche club truly has a heart!



**RIGHT: Surrey Christmas Bureau's Executive Director, Lisa Werring**



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# EV? Is it for me?

Tech Talk by Darren Batstone, Technical Chair

It is coincidental that I wrap up this article on the day that Porsche unveils the all-new, all-electric Macan! I have been pondering the idea of buying an EV for the past six months. Back and forth. I decided to write about it this quarter as from speaking to many people. They are in the same debate. So, let's take a look. In this comparison, I am comparing BEVs (Battery Electric Vehicles) only, not including electric Hybrid engines.

The fact is, whether you are for them or against them, they are here. As years go on, they are making ground in the market share. Porsche waded into the waters with the Taycan in 2019. Making a new car, not transforming an existing one. They had an EV for that market to offer but weren't messing with their popular models. This is slowly changing as we now see the Electric Macan. The Boxster is on the horizon. And rumours of at least a Hybrid 911. Other manufacturers say they will be all-electric by a specific date. The fact is, in the next 10-15 years, this is a question you will ask yourself. Chances are a lot sooner than that.





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My number one question six to eight years ago, when we started seeing EVs arrive regularly on the scene, was durability? Not so much range but durability. As a car enthusiast, I like to see cars on the road for an exceptionally long time. When buying a car, I expect to drive that car for a minimum of 10 years. I know no cell phone I have ever had has lasted 10 years. Why? Because of the battery and software. Well, look where we are with cars.

The question about durability is not so much about the car but the battery. How long do I have? We know a battery will not last forever. So, in my research, I dove into this and was pleasantly surprised. HV batteries (high voltage) used in EVs are designed to last 10-15 years or 150,000-200,000 km. Take that with a grain of salt. One explanation I found explains that EV batteries will lose 2.3% of their charge capacity in one year. So, in 10 years, with proper use, you can expect to lose 23% battery life. 34% over 15 years. That is somewhat acceptable to me if true. Realistically, other than your forever car, fun car or classic, which spends more than half its life in a garage, are you going to drive the same car for 15 years? Probably not. No way in heck if your name is Joel Parker! Even an ICE (internal combustion engine) car is going to need some serious tending to at the 10-15-year mark or 200,000+ km.

So, what kind of warranty can I get on an EV? I researched four manufacturers' warranty coverage of HV Batteries, and here is what I found. Sadly, Porsche offered the least. Eight years or 130,000 km, whichever comes first. The biggest player in the EV market offers the best. Eight years or 240,000 km, whichever comes first on their top models. And eight years or 192,000 km on some of their other models. Two other manufacturers, which are popular in the market for everyday middle-of-the-range vehicles, offer the same within 10,000 km of each other. Their plans include eight years or 160,000 km, whichever comes first. So, eight years seems to be a common denominator. When discussing this with each dealership on the phone, there are extensions available for an extra fee, topping out at 10 years, except for one, which can go to 12 years for a very hefty fee. So, 10 years max is what they are covering these for. Guess what. These are almost the exact same numbers you will get on most ICE Vehicles. Cars will not last forever if used as a daily driver. Manufacturers cannot, will not and should not be on the hook past 10 years.

Let us look at the cost. I am excluding the cost of the vehicle, as you can buy an EV for anywhere from

\$40,000 to \$300,000+, as you can buy an ICE vehicle. So, the purchase costs cancel each other out. But let's look at operating costs. Take an example of 10 years and 200,000 km.

#### **ICE Vehicle:**

I estimate that if you spend \$80 on gas each week, you will spend \$41,600 on gas in the next 10 years at current prices. When have gas prices stayed the same over ten years? Let us say that in 10 years, you have done your brakes three times. Roughly \$3,500 depending on the



vehicle. And then let us say an additional \$7,000 for miscellaneous stuff: water pumps, wheel bearings, clutches, suspension, etc. So, over 10 years, you spend roughly \$51,000 maintaining and operating an ICE Vehicle.

#### **EV:**

With owning an EV you will most likely have a charger at home. I have read (I do not own an EV, so I have no experience) that an EV will cost you between \$25-\$50 per month to charge. So, over 10 years, \$6,000 max? An EV has regenerative braking, making your brakes last 3-4 times as long. Reports indicate you might make 150,000 km+ on a set of brakes. But the replacement cost is about the same. As for miscellaneous things, I am not sure what comes up. But one unknown variable is software. I am assuming this may be covered in the warranty. But from these numbers, over a 10-year period, the operating cost of an EV will be about one-fifth of an ICE vehicle.

The big kicker is that the battery will die. So, you are either replacing the car or the battery. The costs of a battery are rumored to be approximately \$20,000. Does the savings on operating costs cover that? We know ICE vehicles can last well beyond 10 years. But factoring in an engine rebuild at some point, especially on a Porsche, you may be looking at \$30,000-\$40,000. If you end up rebuilding an ICE vehicle, you have that cost as well as your previous operating cost. I do believe that manufacturers want the EV market to be a subscription of sorts. Buy one, trade it in. Repeat.

Does it work for you? As for my situation, my wife and I drive a combined 600 km a week to our jobs. The math makes sense to me, but we will see. I have driven a Taycan and three other EV models. I like them. They have some cool things about them that you do not get with an ICE. But you do not have that growl! As for my debate, I still do not know where I am at. It may sound like I'm pushing the EV, but that is not the case. I am merely weighing facts in my ongoing debate.

What I do know is an EV requires an open mindset. In my field of aviation, innovation is constant, and it does make our job easier and safer. So, I welcome innovation. Porsche is expanding into this market, and do not fool yourself; we will see an EV 911 one day! And it may be for you!

Any Comments or questions are welcome via email, as always! If you have a project to share or a topic you would like to hear about, please let me know!



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# Porsche Museum is celebrating its 15th anniversary

On display is an original 1970's Canada West Region grill badge.

Story by Edward Quan

Since opening on January 31, 2009, the Porsche Museum has welcomed almost six million visitors world-wide. The museum underpins the history of Porsche, not just with an impressive collection but also with comprehensive knowledge from the company archive. It is already an essential part of Porsche's history, which is still being written.

Visitors will experience a fascinating journey through Porsche's history and vehicle development at the museum. The collection includes over 700 cars and nearly 200 racing cars, including an original Canada West Region club grill badge from the 1970s.

The Porsche Museum preserves the company's historical values by showcasing them in the present day. Featuring approximately 95 vehicles, this awe-inspiring exhibition presents the sports car manufacturer's history.

On display are some of the world's most renowned automobile racing icons, including the Porsche 356 "No. 1" Roadster, various generations of Porsche 911 models, and examples of both Porsche 550 and 917. You can explore the history of Porsche's production and motorsport cars chronologically.

They frequently participate in national and international historic racing events and classic car rallies with



Photo: Mike Bolt

several vehicles from their museum collection. The museum exhibits are driven, fulfilling the purpose they were originally built. To the joy of Porsche enthusiasts, they actively take their museum's historical cars into the world.

One of the museum's most popular attractions is the workshop, where master artisans, mechanics and trimmers perform restoration and repair work behind a large

window wall.

The workshop is the heart of the Porsche Museum, where they prepare and maintain their collection of nearly 800 classic cars for around 320 events in what is now more than 30 countries.

The museum archive contains 25,000 exhibits, 5 million photos, 1,700 hours of film, and 3 km of documents. Over the past 15 years, the archive has received over 90,000 inquiries.

In 2023, the Porsche Museum broke the 2009 record for the number of visitors. In its opening year, the museum welcomed 511,513 guests; in 2023, there were 535,613 guests.

The 15th Anniversary of the Porsche Museum is expected to break the attendance record this year. Plan your trip to Stuttgart and join their 15th anniversary celebration.



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