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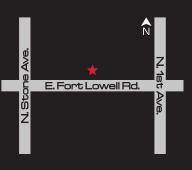
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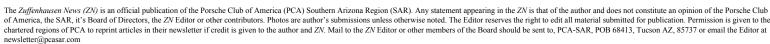
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President's Corner By Pat Norris



Welcome to the New Year and thank you to all the people who have volunteered for positions to help run PCA-SAR and to those who have served and are stepping down this year. We still have more openings - especially for Charity. Darlene Fouts did amazing, but she is stepping down. We need a new charity team; there is a lot of support in SAR for our charities, but we need a few folks to take the lead. Please talk to anyone on the board if you are interested.

Even this early in the new year, there is a lot going on - inside & outside of the club. The Tubac car show is later this month and SAR is always well represented by our members (watch for an email blast with more details coming soon). The Kiwanis are hosting a rally and have invited us to join them (see the ad in this

issue for more info). Debi and I are already planning to give it a try. The Zone 8 awards in Long Beach are coming up - a great reason for a road trip. Don't forget the monthly membership meeting and member breakfast. And it's not too early to start planning for Arroyo Seco at the end of February. If you have an idea for an event, or want to help with any of the committees, contact myself, or anyone on the board.

All these events take a lot of work to put on, and it's great when we are able to invite folks from other organizations to join us, and when we are invited to join others at their events. Not only do we get to meet new friends, support each other's causes, but we may even inspire new members.

Look forward to seeing you at the events this year.



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Editor's Column By Debi Norris

Happy New Year! Can anyone really believe we are in the year 2020? That date still seems like it should be far into the future!

But, the future is now, and with the new year comes fun ways to enjoy your Porsche. A new event we are joining this year is the Kiwanis Rally for the Kids. It should be a fun event to try out. I would love to see Rallies make a comeback in the club and become popular again. Pat and I have been on many rallies over the years and though they may be a bit stressful at points we always end up having a great time. I remember one Parade rally in Portland, Oregon. It had been a particularly stressful one. I was navigating and by the time we hit the final checkpoint I was exhausted! As we pulled away ready to head back to the hotel Pat asked which direction we needed to go. My head buried calculations as I filled out our timecard, I mumbled something about turning left, Oops! I should've said right... Nearly an hour later I realized my mistake as we ended up out near the coast rather than back in Portland! Fortunately, my navigation during the Rally was better and we ended up scoring Second in our class and Third overall.

Registration for the 2020 Parade will be opening soon and this year it is close by in Palm Springs, California. Usually Parades are a chance for us to escape the heat and head to a cooler climate but not so this year! Still, Parade is always a fun event and I encourage you to take advantage of this one being in neighboring California!

Here's to a great 2020 for PCA-SAR!



Here is a picture of the second intrepid group of Adopt-A-Roadway participants who helped beautify Orange Grove Road on November 9, 2019. Thanks again to all who took part in this event!

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Upcoming Events





Local Region events in **BOLD**

January

- 07 Monthly Membership Meeting -
- 18 Breakfast Social Blue Willow on Campbell

18 - Zone 8 Concours and Zone Awards Banquet

- 21 Board Meeting
- 25 Tubac Collector Car Show
- 26 Kiwanis Rally for the Kids

Feburary 04 - Monthly Membership Meeting 18 - Board Meeting 29/01 - Arroyo Seco Driver's Education 29 - Women's Day at the Track - LAR

Guide to other Region abbreviations:	GER - Golden Empire	OCR - Orange Coast
AMR - Arizona Mountain	GGR - Golden Gate	RSR - Riverside
AZR - Arizona	GPX - Grand Prix	SDR - San Diego
CCR - California Central Coast	LAR - Los Angeles	SGR - San Gabriel Valley
CAI - California Inland	LVR - Las Vegas	SBR - Santa Barbara

More information on events can be found at the Zone 8 Website and Facebook page.

Our calendar is subject to change and last minute events for this month may not be represented in this version. Please check our website <u>http://pcasar.com</u> and our <u>PCA-SAR Facebook</u> page for the latest updates and information.



Zone 8 Concours d'Elegance Results- Nov. 2, 2019

Photos and Article by Barb Crowley

There were a total of 39 cars entered in judged classes. Eight were from Tucson and ALL won trophies. SAR member Chuck Croteau entered the Display Class and took away the Best of Display Award. A psychedelic 2020 911 was on display from the Chandler Dealership. Patrick Motorsports brought out four special racecars including a 904 that has raced all over the world.

<u>RESULTS</u> (Summary of cars from Tucson/SAR)

Six 1st Place trophies including three Best of Division awards (in bold) were from Tucson:

C-2 1959 356 Convertible D Meissen Blue	James Clark
C-9 1983 944 Guards Red	Gregory Briggs
S-1 1953 356 Pre-A Coupe Cream Beige	Dennis & Barb Crowley
UG-2 2017 718 Cayman S GT Silver	Dennis Correia
W/S -11 2013 Cayenne Metallic Blue	Kathleen & Jim Kendler
Sp. Cat3 1987 959 Silver	Richard & Leslie Kepner
Sp. Cat3 1987 959 Silver <u>Two 2nd Place awards</u> :	Richard & Leslie Kepner
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Eight Judges from SAR received thank you plaques. They included: Dennis and Barb Crowley, Lee Cuevas, Jim and Kathleen Kendler, Richard Kepner, Peter Beahan and Ken Hollett.



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2019 Holiday Party and Annual Membership Meeting

Photos and Article By Barbara Crowley – Lifetime Member

How lucky are we to live in Tucson? On December 14, while most of the United States was battling snow and ice storms ... and even tornados ... here in Tucson, we enjoyed beautiful 70-degree temperatures and sunny weather. We took advantage of that at our annual Holiday party held at the beautiful Hacienda del Sol Resort by opening all the doors and mingling on the charming patio outside the banquet rooms. Many attendees were happy to have gotten a glimpse of a newlywed bride and groom in the courtyard.

Sixty-five SAR members checked in with Beth and Bob Nurin and then enjoyed cocktails and appetizers during the happy hour. Darlene and Jerry Fouts had organized and presented terrific raffle prizes and a silent auction of many donated items. They were ably assisted by Dave and Pat Shryock. There was a lot of activity to support the club's three charities. The Casa Feliz Room was aglow with a brilliant sunset and equally brilliant smiles of happy party-goers.

The banquet began with a greeting by SAR President, Lee Cuevas. The banquet cuisine was excellent and plentiful. During the entire evening, there was a slide presentation of the SAR events held throughout the year. There were lots of events and many volunteers who made sure our calendar was full of fun things to do in your Porsches. Attendees enjoyed the many unique door prizes. Most of these gifts were sponsored by SAR and/or our dealership, Porsche of Tucson.

Lee continued the festivities by thanking his outgoing board members and event volunteers. He then introduced the 2020 newly elected SAR Officers, including new SAR President, Pat Norris. Lee outlined some of the special events planned for the coming year. He also recognized Amy Olsen for her efforts with our SAR website. He showed off the nice first place National Website award she had won at the National Parade. Congrats to Amy and welcome aboard to her successor, Cindy Lee.

Darlene and Jerry presented the winners of the charity raffles and silent auction. Then the Grand Prize ticket was drawn for a two-night stay at a historic Hotel in Prescott. What a surprise! Dennis and I won it! What fun we will have!

The conclusion of the evening was Lee's presentation of the President's Cup. This is a revered award given at the discretion of the President, to a member who has demonstrated special assistance and support of the president and of the Southern Arizona Region. This year's recipient was Jerry Giordano. Congratulations, Jerry.

The party was a great way to end 2019 ... with our many SAR friends. See you in 2020!







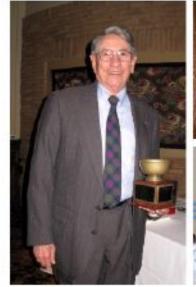


















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Speed Bump - Slow Down For Some Automotive Tales A Monthly Column By Hal Tretbar

In Japan, older people are held in high esteem. While visiting my

daughter Nancy Wheelock in Okinawa I encountered an interesting situation.



We had stopped for lunch at Naomi's Café. Nancy knew about this little, cozy, hide-away place. It is in a small lush ravine just off of a busy thoroughfare.

Naomi's hidden and rustic Café.

Naomi is the delightful owner, cook, waitress, and cashier of this quaint

wooden four-room cafe. From her kitchen she offers a limited menu of Okinawan dishes, but the piece-deresistance is her apple pie.

Nancy is a good friend of Naomi. They are teaching each other their native tongues. So, when we walked in, there was a lot of good morning, *ohayo gozaimasu*, greetings and bowing to each other.

Naomi greeted me with respect, bowing several times with her hands

I'm with grandaughter Megan Burns

together. She graciously asked Nancy my age. She looked with disbelief when Nancy replied, hachi-ju hachi, eighty plus eight.

There were two older ladies and a man at a nearby table who were watching with interest. Naomi introduced us,



The delightful, relaxing interior

again with much bowing for my elderly status. Then Nancy pulls out her cell phone and shows them the video image she had of me driving the Macan on the Musselman Track. There were looks of astonishment all around!

With Naomi making steering wheel motions she said, "Movie star, Movie star." And the ladies all wanted to pat me on the shoulder! What great respect for an elder.

But that is not the end of the story. A few days later we stopped in again. After the formal greetings, Naomi introduced us to her sister-in-law. Again, with



Nancy surprises the ladies with the video of my Porsche Macan on the track

steering wheel motions, she asked for the video. The sisterin-law also had to touch me on the shoulder.

I think it may be embarrassing to go back again.

Sayonara



2017 Porsche Macan at the Musseleman Track

Photos by Hal Tretbar



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CHARITY NEWS By Darlene Fouts

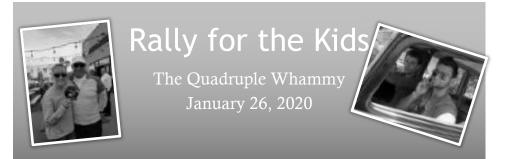
Happy New Year!

 ${
m Hope}$ your holidays were terrific. Is PCA-SAR part of your New Year's Resolutions?

The Porsche Club of America, Southern Arizona Region ended the year with the annual Holiday Party. I wish to thank those who helped with the gathering of donations, setup and selling raffle tickets. A special thanks to Dave and Pat Shryock who coordinated with Porsche of Tucson for donations and helped with the setup and selling raffle tickets at the party.

As a result of your help and generosity, the Holiday Party earned \$1505 for our three charities, Arts Express, Tucson Arthritis Support League, and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. Since August we have raised a total of \$2386. In recognition of all our charity success, Porsche National has awarded us additional funds.

My many thanks to all who helped with the charity drives throughout the year. They say it takes a village, but to be a successful club it takes terrific volunteers. Thank you so much for your help and generosity. *Editor's Note: PCA-SAR would like to thank the Fouts for all their efforts towards our Charity Drives for the past several years. Personal commitments will not allow Darlene to continue as our Charity Chairperson. We are in desperate need of a new person to lead our Charity Committee. Please contact any Board Member if you are interested in taking on this role.*



- 1. QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR KIDS, OR SPOUSE, OR BOTH
- 2. HAVE FUN!
- 3. TROPHIES TO BE WON
- 4. SUPPORT KIWANIS EVENTS LIKE THE RATTLESNAKE RUN AND THE RELAYS
- 5. DID I MENTION FUN?

The Kiwanis Rally is a course approximately 60 miles (three to four hours) long. Teams consist of a driver and one or more navigators. Teams are given a set of instructions that takes them from checkpoint to checkpoint. There will be six to eight checkpoints. The instructions NEVER ask the team to break a traffic law. The course is entirely on pavement.

The team that comes closest to the official time is the winner. The team's time for each leg is compared to the official time for that leg and the variance, plus or minus, is recorded for that team. The team with the smallest total variance wins. There is a maximum variance of five minutes for each leg, so getting lost doesn't necessarily take a team out of contention.

Trophies are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Vehicles are limited to those that can travel 60 miles without breaking down.

Teams are limited to the number of people who can ride safely in their vehicle.

Teams should have, as a minimum, one legal driver and one other person who can read.

This is a fun Rally and official time is cell phone time, no special equipment is required.

Registration fees are tax deductible and help fund Kiwanis service projects for the kids of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

The next RALLY FOR THE KIDS will be January 26th, 2020. For full details and to sign up go to the KiwanisdeAmigos.org website.

Breakfast Social

Saturday, January 17th 8:00 AM

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WOW!!!

TWO WEEKS IN THE LIFE OF A NEW PCA MEMBER

Photos and Article by Greg Briggs

My wife. JoAnne, and I have been PCA members for about 6 months. We became PCA members because we had purchased a beautiful 1983 944; Guards Red with Black Leather Sport Seats and 16" Fuch wheels. We call her "Red," and she is a looker.



Our Guards Red 1983 944 with Black Leather Sport Seats and 16" Fuch wheels

For nearly one year I have been working on making her the best 944 she could be. This involved trips to Porsche and MotorWerks for check-ups and some R&R (Repair & Replace) \$\$\$. Then months and months of tender loving care to make her look as beautiful as possible.

I had a couple of fellow members that looked at Red and said she should be in a Concours d'Elegance. Long story short, there were two coming up – one in San Diego on October 19, and another in Phoenix, the Flight 42 Concours, two weeks later on November 2nd. With some encouragement from fellow members, we decided to enter both events in the Full Concours Division.

We thought we were in for two fun filled weekends with other car people. Little did we know what we were in for with regards to the Concours shows, plus yet another unexpected invite to an event squeezed in between on Thursday, October 31 ... that's right, HALLOWEEN. Must be a joke, right? More about that event later.

JoAnne was able to get off work early Friday the 18th and didn't have to be back 'til Monday morning the 21st. We headed out at 9P.M. on that Friday night so we could be at the "Concours by the Bay" event in San Diego. We needed to be there and ready to unload at 6A.M. Saturday morning. It meant driving all night through the desert and mountains. We arrived right on time as the event was setting up. What a wonderful location they had picked for the event ... in a city park that ran along the waterfront near Harbor Island, the Marina and across from the airport. The weather was sunny and beautiful. Everything seemed to be very well organized. There was a dry parking lot for unloading and a designated area for trucks and trailers that was close and safe. Check-in was easy and by 6:30, cars were already lined up to be staged on a beautiful grassy area overlooking the marina. There was a very good turn-out for the event (almost 160 cars) and lots of varieties of Porsches to behold.



There were about 120 Porsches at the event held in San Diego Bay/ Spanish Landing Park

As I previously mentioned, we had never entered a concours. Everyone connected with the event checked with us to make sure we had a clear understanding of what was to happen. JoAnne and I started to clean and shine our 944. We had a steady line of people who came to look at our car and talk to us about Red and the judging that would take place. Everyone was so free with help and information. Other competitors would give us suggestions on where to clean and what the judges were going to look for. One guy came up and told us how much he liked our car and then said it was perfect except for a misplaced Zip Tie in the engine compartment. He said there should be two black ones instead of one clear one. I said I had no black Zip Ties with me and then his friend said he thought he had some in his truck. He went and got them and my new friend removed the bad one and replaced it with the correct ones. How cool is that? I asked who he was and what he did and he said his name was Tim Comeau of Comeau Racing Enterprise and that 944 professional restorations was his business. He said he was very impressed with our car and the fact that we had come from Tucson to be at the concours. We met so many other nice and supportive people at the San Diego event. (editor's comment: about 35 years ago that very same Tim Comeau came to Pat's rescue when our then recently purchased 914 broke down on the side of the road in San Diego. He helped figure out the problem to get Pat back on the road and told him we should try out a club event. The rest is history!)



At about 3 o'clock, the awards were given out. Red won 1st place in its C-9 Class. What a thrill! We found out that out of the six judge's sheets, our 944 scored perfect on 3 of the 6! We lost only 7 tenths of one point on the other three judged areas combined.

It was time to head home, or find a place to stay for the night. As we were loading up our car, a very nice lady came up and asked if she could take a couple of pictures of our car. We said yes and continued to load up for the trip. (We don't have an

JoAnne, Greg, and "Red" with trophy in San Diego

enclosed trailer. It sure would be nice. We have a really nice 18' flatbed trailer with a dovetail.) A few minutes later as we continued to load, the nice lady came back up to us and asked if we would like to be in a photo shoot with our car in Palm Springs. We looked at each other and asked her when? She said it was on Halloween ... the 31st. We said we didn't know if we could make it to Palm Springs on Thursday, return to Tucson and then go to the Phoenix Flight Concours event on Saturday. She was persistent and said our car was perfect for the shoot and would we please plan to come? We then asked what it was for. She then told us that she was Linda Cobarrubias and she was one of the National chairpeople for PCA and explained that they were having a professional photo shoot of a few chosen Porsches for a national advertising campaign for the Porsche Parade in 2020. What an honor! We said "yes," and shook hands and she said she would email us the information for the shoot. Once loaded, all we wanted to do was head home. As excited as we were, we were just as tired and ready to be back home. Realizing we had an open trailer with a beautiful car on it, we made the decision to head directly home. By the time we got out of San Diego, it was 6:30P.M., exactly 12 hours from when we arrived. And so we headed back across the desert at night only to arrive home about 3A.M. on Sunday morning. What a day! It was hard to comprehend all that happened in little more than a 24 hour period.

Now that we were home we needed to arrange for JoAnne to be off for three more days so she could go with me to Palm Springs for the photo shoot and then on to Phoenix for the Flight 42 Concours. Don't forget to do laundry and start packing for another trip to California and then back to Arizona for a show and then home again. We unloaded the car and tucked her away in the garage, only after we detailed her from the long road trip.

JoAnne went to her job for the next three days while I worked on Red and packed fresh detail supplies and clothing for the next part of our adventure. On Wednesday evening JoAnne got home from work about 6P.M. and packed some things for herself. We got our location instructions for the shoot from Linda and it was a real surprise. We headed off to Palm Springs at 3A.M. Thursday morning and planned to be at our destination by 11A.M. We arrived on time and unloaded the 944 and did a quick detail. The photoshoot was to take place in five locations starting at the La Quinta Resort/ Waldorf Astoria, then on to Indian Wells Golf Course and end up at the Air Museum. The shoot was to run from 1P.M. on Thursday and end about 5P.M. that day. It ran a little long as do most photo shoots. It was a spectacular afternoon of beautiful weather, many beautiful settings, lots of beautiful people and only nine uniquely beautiful Porsche cars. What more could you ask for? (note they said no sharing of any pictures on any social media) This shouldn't violate any agreements we made. Let's hope not



Photo shoot La Quinta

Done with the shoot and all good-byes behind us, we loaded Red up again and started out for Phoenix that evening about 7P.M. Just outside of Phoenix on I-10 at about midnight, we had to make a decision whether to go into Phoenix and find a room or return home where we could shower and catch a few hours of sleep before we headed for Phoenix and Flight 42. We both chose Tucson and our own bed. We arrived in Tucson at about 6a.m. on Friday morning knowing we would have to leave again at 3:30A.M. Saturday morning for the Flight 42 Concours event. It turned out to be the correct decision to drive to Tucson. We both got a good solid eight hours of sleep and prepped for the next day.

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It was really hard to get up early, load the car, and be on the road to Chandler by 3:30A.M., but we made it happen. We arrived on time for check-in and set up for our next Full Concours d'Elegance. We were both so tired and our little red 944 was going to need to be detailed for judging one more time. This was about the time we both started to think to ourselves, "Why did we do this???" It was exhaustion setting in.



Phoenix Flight 42

Then the sun came up and the temperature started to warm. As we had some hot coffee, our blood warmed and energy started to return to our tired old bodies. We knew what we needed to do and set about our task of getting Red ready for judging.

The Arizona Region members in the Phoenix Flight 42 event were very well organized and offered help from the moment we pulled into the parking lot. There was a designated area to unload and keep our truck and trailer on site and safe. There was someone to walk us through our check-in and then they staged all the cars in the designated locations for the show. The judges came around and explained who they were and what their process was. Unfortunately they started with us first. We could have used 30 more minutes to get



Headed for home after Flight 42 awards

Red ready. Funny turn of events ... in San Diego we were last to be judged and now we were 1st. The Tumbleweed Park was a nice venue for the show. Great parking and plenty of room on the grass to give everyone room to work on their cars. We noticed even a few locals showed up to look at all the beautiful cars

At about 3P.M. we arrived at the Hilton for the lunch banquet and awards. We went in and joined the others who were already there. The hotel was beautiful and they were right on time and ready for all of us. Wow, what a wonderful selection of food. This wasn't rubber chicken; this was delicious and fresh food ... something we hadn't had in over a week. Everything in our world for the last week started with FAST and ended with FOOD. This was a real treat.

We were both excited and worried about the awards. How would Red do? We were up against a veteran in Lee Cuevas and his beautiful 944. The C-9 class was announced and we held our breaths and then we heard, "the 1st place winner was a Guards Red 1983 944"... and my name as the owner. What a thrill for my wife and me! It was so special and unexpected to be recognized in this way by fellow Porsche owners and members of PCA.



JoAnne and Greg's 944 won 1st Place in C-9 at Phoenix Flight 42 in Chandler

As we headed for our home in Tucson, we both reflected on the last 14 days – tired to the bone from approximately 2,500 miles of driving – the number of times we loaded and unloaded Red – all the hard work that went into getting Red ready for these three events (which included two broken fingernails, one mashed finger, one torn pair of shorts, and a grease-stained blouse.) We returned home safe, and Red is tucked away in her nice warm and dry garage. There are two 1st Place Concours d'Elegance trophies in our home now. We have pictures of all three events and our memories that we will never ever, forget. WOW!!! Two weeks in the life of a new PCA member. Thanks to everyone in PCA-SAR and Zone 8.

INDE Motorsports Ranch – November 2019

A Great Time was had by All!

Photos by Jim Kendler and 4theriders.com



Porsche and Flying

By Dennis Crowley – SAR Lifetime Member

Porsche, for those who did not know, had a definite connection to the aviation world. In fact, the Porsche Museum has as their "flying ambassador" the Putzer Elster B "magpie." The Magpie was the first German aircraft to be built in any significant numbers after the conclusion of WWII.

This airplane's main Porsche connection is with the type 678 Porsche engine. This engine and airframe dates back to the late 50s. As an aeroengine, the connection to 356 cars of the times is unmistakable.

Porsche followed that entry into aviation with the Porsche PFM 3200. This engine was a 3.2 liter 911 Carrera engine installed into Mooney aircraft in the 80s. Mooneys were like Cadillacs at the time, so a Porsche engine was appropriate. Some Cessnas received it also.



Porsche PFM 3200

As for today and tomorrow, just announced was Porsche's joint venture with Boeing to produce an "air mobility" prototype aircraft. This aircraft is to be an electric powered vertical takeoff and landing vehicle. Now *THIS* does get ones juices flowing! However, I'm fairly certain that for one to become part of the Crowley household, our household would need to be sold. Nice to have ... but I wouldn't want to live in it.

For now, and the foreseeable future, our feeble attempts to join Porsche and flying will have to do with our 356 and a homebuilt Escapade by Just Aircraft.

Before either buying or building an aircraft, one must have a life-long dream of flying ... one would think. Not so in my case. I did grow up around aviation and had great interest in it, but to actually be a pilot? No.

My dad worked in L.A. for North American Aviation as a model man. That is, he made the models to be tested in wind tunnels. Dad started this line of work because he was good with his hands. So good, in fact, that he had won the 1929 *Los Angeles Times* contest for making a model airplane. This was not a kit, but was from scratch. Do I wish I had that plane, or

the trophy? Yup. Do I have



Early 60s, my dad working on a model

'em? Nope. Sorry Dad. He also honed skills by making the "L" train for the original 1933 movie King Kong when he worked for RKO studios. Do I wish I had that? Could get an air mobility vehicle and then some....



So, my first introduction to aviation came from North American. P-51 Mustangs, B-25s, F-86's, F-100s and on through the X-15 rocket ship, XB-70 and eventually my work on the Saturn V rocket and the Apollo space capsules that went to the moon. I was proud of my dad's work and his part in U.S. aviation history.

I worked on the Apollo space capsule in 1968. Reunited in 2016

But, a burning desire to fly found itself going not to me, but to my brother, Gary. Apparently, he wanted to fly from his earliest days. He would go on to become a rather good pilot, and an equally good instructor for the U.S. Navy. A "*Naval Aviator*" as Tom Cruise would put it.

His dream to be an airline pilot would be cut short by two events. As he was hoping to transition from the Navy to the airlines, his ultimate goal, the 70s experienced a slow-down for hiring of new pilots. Kind of a law of supply and demand situation. Oh, he stayed in the reserves and became a Commander (Colonel), but that's another story. The other event that ended his flying was that he died in 1997. Was it a coincidence that my sudden desire to be a 'civilian aviator' was only born in me when it died with Gary?

I can't explain it, but I then needed to "...slip the surly bonds of earth on laughter silvered wings...." Not being content to "yank 'n bank" on Microsoft's Flight Simulator, I signed up for the real deal ground school at Pima College. I had to do it right – real flying knowledge.

FAA in 2005 opened up a new pilot certificate that allowed me to not be limited to computer flying. In 2006 I had my pilot's license in hand; I was a Sport Pilot. With that, I could only fly Light Sport Aircraft. LSAs to rent were not in abundance, so I set out to find something that could be mine, ours. This is where the Escapade came in. It took us three years to build our 'Tube and Fabric" kit plane. We built and painted it in our home garage. I didn't skimp on the Rotax engine or the avionics ... only the best would do. The first flight was in September 2013. I flew it all the way to the Oshkosh Air Venture event in July 2014, where it competed against 44 other homebuilt aircraft and won the highest award in that class ... a Charles A. Lindbergh statue that reads "Progress and Quality are Inseparable." The trophy is a Silver "Lindy." We were thrilled.



Dennis with the "Lindy" award. Barb holding the 2013 Copperstate Fly-In Grand Champion Award



Color scheme of car was replicated on the plane. Southwestern color palette was popular with visitors

Gary made me want to fly. Dad made me want to build the best plane I could. It would become our 356 in the air. So, how do they compare, you ask? Well, their similarities are:

- Both have 4 cylinder horizontally opposed engines
- Both have dual carburation
- Both have 100 HP
- Both go about 100 mph
- Both have 2 doors and 2 seats with small areas in the back for luggage
- Both have air conditioning...when you open the windows (which we can do in flight)
- The plane's side windows are patterned off the 356's "quarter windows"
- The plane's rear window is a split-window homage to an early '49 VW (Porsche design?)
- Because of the 356's popular colors, the scheme was carried over to the plane
- They shared the same garage
- One *is* a 356, the other says *N356AZ* on its tail.

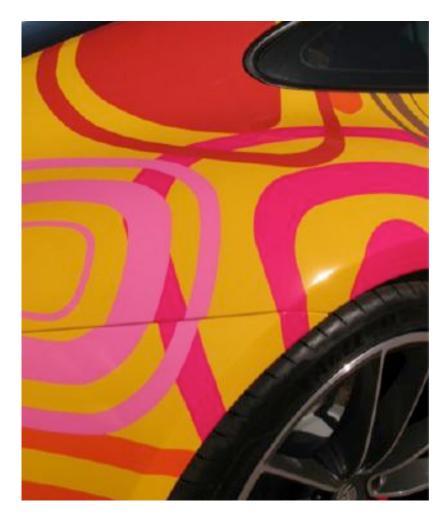
I think Dad and Gary are enjoying these two things as much as Barb and I do. Maybe the plane a little bit more, but that's OK.



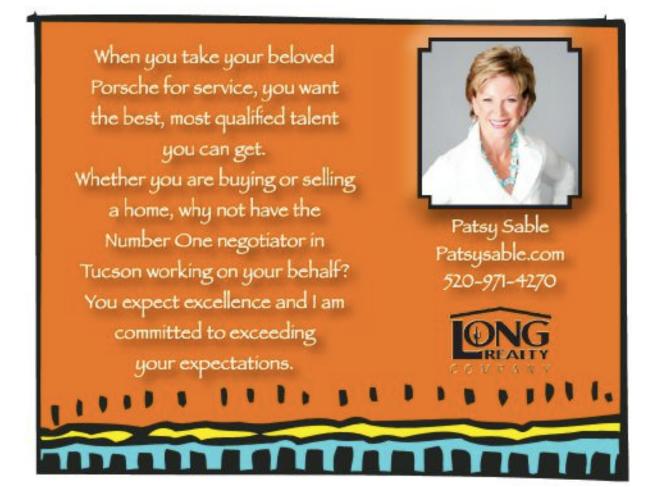
I reserved the "N" number seven years before the build



Barb traced 356 windows for a pattern used on the plane









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