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CLASSIC MOTORING SOCIETY

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Greetings Gals & Pals,

We are quickly approaching the halfway point of winter this next Friday on Groundhog Day February 2<sup>nd</sup>, in just a heartbeat we will be back behind the wheel driving our passion to new adventures. The calendar is filling in with a myriad of events that speak to all the varied interests within the specialty vehicle hobby; tours, rallies, races, shows and meets.

The racing season has started in north America with the SCCA and IMSA visiting Homestead, Sebring and Daytona giving us in the great frozen north some relief from the "Wintry Mix" of dismal gray and brown of the Ohio Valley.

Club Racing kicked off at Homestead with a strong field in mixed wet and dry conditions, at Sebring the SCCA again had large fields with close racing throughout the classes. The TKG Motorsports team from Batavia brought three Spec MX5 Miatas to Sebring, after leading from pole in race #2 Justin Adakonis needed the race to be 500 feet shorter (or employ IMSA officials), finishing second. Adakonis finished Race #1 on the podium, Jack Murchison and Corbin Collins showed speed all weekend, however were out of the podium positions. The streaming of these SCCA races on youtube has brought the competitiveness of club racing to our living rooms.



TKG Motorsports is spearheaded by Sam Paley whom many of us have met through his appearances supporting the Scout 100 Kart Enduros at the MCC Karting facility each autumn. Sam has seats available at events across the country, give him a call, scratch that itch, satisfy your need for speed!

The 24 hours at Daytona took the green on Saturday and a premature checker on Sunday when an official gave the signal to end the race with one and a half minutes to go...probably fatigued from staying up all night watching the races. Two very familiar names were in Victory Lane at the end of the almost twice around the clock contest, Penske and Porsche took the Overall win with a 963 by .086 seconds after a late race battle with the Cadillac. Roger Penske's last overall victory was 1969 with a Lola T70 Coupe with Chevy power driven by Mark Donohue and Chuck Parsons. Porsche is the most frequent of all visitors to victory lane at the 24 hour race, however the last time in the overall victory was 2010 in the Daytona Prototype era.

Wright Motorsports from Batavia contested the GTD category against 23 competitors; after starting 19<sup>th</sup> the Porsche crew brought the car to the finish unscathed in 7<sup>th</sup> place. The last minute IMSA Balance Of Performance adjustments proved difficult to overcome, but the team survived some wild and woolly harum scarum to have a car to race at Sebring in March.



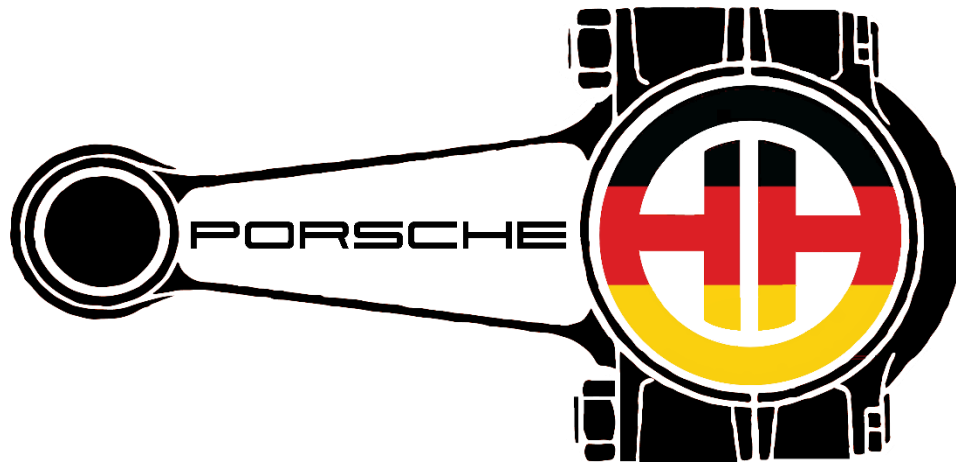
This Saturday February 3 is the best Motorcycle Show on the planet, the Garage Brewed Moto Show at the Rheingeist Brewery at 19<sup>th</sup> and Elm in Over the Rhine. Garage Brewed features Region's best custom and vintage bikes for a judged show in a brewery. A gem in the midst of winter, explore the two wheeled machines, the workmanship and creativity of the builders and restorers.

The Classic Motoring Society gathering for the month will be on February 10 at MetaKraft Coachwerks on Montgomery Rd in Evanston to celebrate 90 laps around the Sun by Dick Weiss! Known for driving his fabulous white Porsche 356 Speedster Carrera EVERYWHERE, Dick is referred to as the 356 Doctor in Porsche circles, he has been instrumental in the maintenance and restoration of my 356s. We celebrate Dick's longevity on this planet, as well as his longevity as a classic car and especially Porsche enthusiast with his history of restoration, racing, rallying, autocrossing, cross country drives, shows and more. An Ace on Corkscrew Hill, Dick has been to Victory Lane twice, 59 years apart! Join the party for birthday cake and coffee starting at 10 am. Mark Schlachter always has a number of cars under restoration in various stages offering a glimpse into the construction of the automobiles.



Dick Weiss and his signature white 356 Porsche Speedster Carrera on the grid at the Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival. Dick started racing the Porsche in the era when you drove your car to the track, raced your car and then drove home.

**We will gather at 10am on Saturday February 10th at the Metalkraft Coachwerks, located at 3421 Montgomery Road,Cincinnati, OH 45207**



Following the February 10<sup>th</sup> shop visit and birthday party the Motoring Society will gather on Thursday February 29, leap day. Only one chance every four years, don't miss this blockbuster day with fellow enthusiasts. Our winter activities will help beat cabin fever back and keep your good car mojo going. After our adventure to see the movie "*Ferrari*" after lunch in January, now we have the birthday party and then leap day-wholly cow the excitement is palpable!

March 14-17 brings us the new car show Auto Expo at the Duke Energy Center, again this year we are organizing the **Enthusiast Alley** for the Greater Cincinnati Auto Dealers. We invite all clubs to join us with information about club activities, membership information, entry information and a car or two to display adding color, pizzazz, excitement and WOW factor to the new cars on display. Presently we have several Alfas and Ferraris, an original Mini, the Cale & Dale Torino committed, contact me directly to add to the fun. The Ferrari, Alfa, And British Car Clubs will be on display with a few others kicking the idea around, again contact me to reserve space for your club. Again this year we will be supporting the GCADA **Safe Travel for Kids!!** Car seat initiative with donations from the Spring Classic Driving Tour April 20.





The British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati is becoming a force at the Cavalcade of Customs winning the Best Club Display again this year. Their signature, iconic British Street Scene with Telephone Box, Union Jacks, Dame Petula and the Abby Rd crosswalk street scene livens the scene, while the cars bring smiles to the crowds. The BCCGC supports the Aubrey Rose Foundation with their annual British Car Day at Village Green Park in Fairfield in late summer. The Aubrey Rose Foundation supports families of chronically sick children, providing monetary and other essential support to assist with the care of the special needs children.



Euroclassics has a selection of MGA parts available left over from restoration projects. Call them for details. Euroclassics also has a number of cars for sale including several Austin Healey 300s, one competition prepared, both are Hill Climb Eligible along with everything else in the showroom!



Saturday April 20 marks the date for the traditional Spring Classic Driving Tour departing New Richmond, supporting several charities chosen by the car clubs. Enjoy the meet up on the Riverfront at New Richmond Ohio with breakfast from our friends at Buck's Riverside Grill and the Wholly Bean Coffee shop included in your entry. Depart on a 100 mile adventure on the backroads of the Ohio valley, traveling through the historic home of ancient civilizations, committed citizens that changed the course of American History and led the country back to unification after a raucous civil war. Enjoy the breathtaking geology as spring vegetation awakens after a long winter's sleep. Drive your passion at your own pace in the Spirited, Leisurely or Super Leisurely groups; enjoy the Amish markets for goods and goodies. Watch this space!

Spring Classic at the Amish Market. Join us for SCDT XII, April 20, 2024





Coming to Corkscrew Hill near Zanesfield Ohio, Saturday August 24, 2024. Celebrating Ohio's Rich Sports Car History. Ohio's longest running public road sports car race dating back to 1953, the Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival is now scheduled to take to Corkscrew Hill for the 28<sup>th</sup> time. Watch this space for joining the action.

Back to the garage, hope to see you on February 10.

*Kurt*



