



“Such a success is only possible as a team”
-Dr. Wolfgang Porsche

Porsche Parade Stories from Spokane President’s Message-John Meyers

This year’s Parade was the largest attended in the History of the Porsche Club of America over 1000 members attended the weeklong event. This year’s Parade was also a significant Milestone for the Hawaii Region as it was the highest attended in the History of our Region, we had a total of 28 Hawaii Members attend! Even more impressive we had 9 members ship their vehicles round-trip, 3 members who purchased a “New to them” Porsche on the mainland and 3 members who already had a Porsche on the mainland!!! For the other members who attended and did not ship or purchase a vehicle there wasn’t a shortage of opportunities to drive and or ride along with those who had vehicles. On the final evening



at the National Awards Banquet our group received National recognition for our efforts in attending this year’s Parade.

I would like to personally thank each and every one who attended this year!! It was an honor and pleasure to be recognized as a Member of the Hawaii Region this year at Parade. There were so many people who approached me from the National Staff, Porsche Cars of North America, Porsche AG and other PCA Members who were so impressed with the commitment of our group to attend

Parade. Since Parade I have received several emails from all over the country requesting our Aloha Shirts and other requests including advice on how we mobilized so many members not only to attend but to also ship our cars..... to Be Continued Lake of the Ozarks 2018 !!!

A special thanks to the following:

Gerardo Flores, Christy Burke, Doug Buchanan and Gunner & Elli Mench – For all your help and assistance in Cheerleading the group and sparking interest among the membership to attend!!! Thanks Doug and Susie for the lei idea!

Bill & Hellen Lindeman (shipped a Porsche), Ken Kobatake (Shipped a Porsche), Dewayne & Lynne Wesley (Shipped a Porsche), Ted Burke, Syonna Meyers, Brian Tajari (Shipped a Porsche), Allen Novak (Purchased a Porsche), Kris & Ellen Liddle (drove their Porsche), Susan



Sale (Purchased a Porsche), Mike Reich, Mike Anderson (Purchased a NEW Porsche), Matt & Claire Fortier (drove their Porsche), Bernie Pang and Garret Osborne - ALL OF WHOM ATTENDED THEIR 1ST PARADE!!!!

I am so very proud of the Hawaii Region!!!

We have already begun planning for Lake of the Ozarks July 8-14 2018!!

Reflections from Gunner & Elli Mench

I have always believed you make your own luck, but sometimes fate intervenes.

So it goes with the 1980 911 SC we rescued in December. The one-off Green Machine. I took off with the Turbo 944 for Matson in Hilo in June, fully intending to take the comfy, quick, Guards Red, air-conditioned and roomy beast to Parade. No such luck, or maybe the green Targa talked it out of going, and the Turbo 944 developed a real bad oil leak and vibration. Back to the house, and switch cars. What's handy? The green SC Targa.

So, I put the Targa on the boat with the Wesley's car in the same container, and picked it up in Seattle with a dead battery. Brand new. Maybe they left on the lights or ignition. Jump start and go back to the hotel. All OK.

So, we meet up with the crew the next morning and drove to Spokane through Stevens Pass, doing well over the speed limit, north of 100. There is a balance issue with the tires, especially above 70. At 85 it starts to smooth out, so no worries. I take it to the Discount Tire Dealer the next day to have them rebalanced.

What do you mean, you won't rebalance these tires? What steel belts do you see poking through? A silver dollar sized chunk of tread is missing from the inside of the right rear tire. But it still holds air! And the front left is worn through almost to the cords on the inside. So lucky a tire didn't blow over Stevens Pass!

They put 4 new Pirelli Cinturatos on, and balanced them, total was only \$650. Amazing. Now the car runs smooth and straight without vibration. The car goes for safety inspection the night before and fails, because the battery is not held down. Wrong battery. Mike Holzclaw to the rescue! He swaps batteries with me, we clamp it down, and pass inspection.



Next day at the Autocross, which I have never run, I ask for an instructor. They send me a very slow moving and slow talking old man, orange helmet and all. He stays with me for 2 laps which don't count, and I go solo for the last 2.

Ten second improvement, no cones toppled or gates missed!

Just as I finish my last pass of 4 tries, the engine quits as I cross the finish line. Curious. I try to restart a couple of times, it catches, and I drive back to the grid to park, raise both hoods, and shut the car off. Half an hour later, we get the all clear, results are posted, and I see I have the winning time in my class, P 07! I WON FIRST PLACE! It doesn't matter that I was the only male competitor in my class, I completed the race, did not disqualify, and the car held together for the whole event.

That's when serendipity intervened again, and the engine would not restart. Mike Holzclaw pulled through again, as we tried to find a fuel pump relay. Finally found a road-tested unit at European Autohaus, and went back to the car to try it. No luck. Fuel relay and pump were working fine. No spark, though.

So I had the car towed to European Autohaus, where the senior mechanic, Odie, determined that the ECU had gone bad, the coil was fine, and all we had to do was wait a week and \$2,000 for the dealer to get one. None of his local parts sources on the West Coast had one in stock.

George Hussey of Auto Atlanta has saved my skin more than once. He had a unit in stock, certified rebuilt, had it overnighted from Atlanta, and the boys at European Autohaus installed it in a half hour, charged the battery and we were running before noon the next day. Ran better than ever.

That car faced adversity constantly for 2 weeks, but came back to life and health each time in better shape. And she won her class in the Autocross! May all your Porsche events have happy endings like this one!

Stories from Other Hawaii PCA Attendees

It's always about the people for me, whether an international conference, an intimate dinner party or 2016 & 2017 Porsche Parades Having 2500 Porsche enthusiasts (and 1100+ beautiful Porsches) in one place made Parade an extraordinary event to see old friends and make new ones. With the Hawaii region, friends Ted & I made in Anchorage before Parade 2016, and those I met at Jay Peak, I felt at home in Spokane upon arrival. My favorite activities include trying out drag racing at Spokane Co Raceway, driving Gerardo's turbo, and barreling down the winding drive from Schweitzer Mountain. And of course in my usual style I took a few wrong turns, got lost a few

times, and lost my car in the parking garage-oh my! Ted joining me for a few days of Parade made it special overall, and he did fairly well with his job of waving the Porsche flag during Saturday's Parade of Porsches.



I was proud to be a representative of the Hawaii Region and give a big shout out to John for encouraging us to attend, ship our cars, wear matching shirts adorned with

lei and participate in everything! What a blast! – **Christy Burke**

Pick a favorite memory?! So many wonderful adventures, but here's one. There was a Gimmick Rally one day that had a poker flair to it (keeping with a western theme). Several Hawaii folks were lucky enough that we could drive the route together (John, Bill, Brian). What better day than driving and sharing adventures with friends?! We



discovered quaint out of way places, and enjoyed some beautiful scenery along the way. It ended in a town called Wallace, Idaho. Back in the day, it was a silver mining town (largest in the country for silver), but also had a bit of a sorted past. We'll leave that for another time!

After the rally ended in Wallace, we stayed to walk around the town, get some local grinds, and a bit of shopping. After lunch, we shared a huckleberry shake at the Red Light Garage (that's a clue for you). Fun place with license plates from all over hung up on the walls and ceiling. Then we headed back to Spokane to get ready for the evening festivities. Team Meyers ended up placing 34th out of 157 and the highest of the Hawaii folks. Well done!

Looking forward to more adventures and all the fun that Parade has to offer! I know I would have never seen some of the places had it not been for Parade. Come one, come all!- **Ellen Liddle**

My most memorable moment would have to be the drive up Schweitzer Mountain. I was driving our 997 turbo with my dad and the kids in the back seats. All was going great! I was having a blast driving the



switch backs until I heard a scream coming from the back seat. Before I could slow down, the next sound I heard was Jase puking! I pulled over to find that most of the mess landed on his blanket and not the inside of the car! Poor boy had gotten carsick:(With a quick clean up and a lot of "I am sorry" kisses, we slowly made it the rest of the way and had a wonderful afternoon. - **Syonna Meyers**

My jaw (almost) dropped when Ken Kobatake asked me if I'd like to drive his '15 GT3 Thursday and Friday while he was away. I tried to turn him down (not really!), but he insisted that I take it...would you believe?... on the Gimmick Rally and the Schweitzer Mountain tour. (When



he compared the GT3 to a piece of equipment he used in his business, I knew he was serious and accepted.) The next two days of driving were "the most fun I've ever had with my clothes on." (Can I say that?) The last 20 miles going into lunch at the Gimmick Rally, and the last 9 miles up Schweitzer Mountain taught me the difference between my "base" 911 Carrera and a real go-fast car! While it might not be your "daily driver," the GT3 did convince me...as if I needed convincing...that "faster is funner." (Over 100 mph in 4th gear and...was it 9,000 rpm? Really???) I think it's time for me to upgrade! – **Gerrit Osborne**

It is hard to say what my favorite part of Porsche Parade was ... I mean, a full week of Porsche Fun and I have to narrow it down to one favorite moment.



There are so many candidates. For example, this year I tried Autocross for the first time, and that was really exciting: crushing a cone, missing a gate, and well just driving as hard as I could. And the driving tours were amazing, the road to Schweitzer mountain with all its twisty curves and the beautiful lake Coeur

d'alene. Oh, and the gimmick rally was so much fun, the driving, the poker, the floozies.

But I guess the real fun was the people. It was great to see so many Porsche enthusiasts from all over the country, and Canada, and even from across the Atlantic. And getting together with the Alaska people is always great. But, best of all was to see everyone from Hawaii together in one place, we had members from Maui, the Big Island, Oahu, and those who are off island but still call Hawaii their home region. It was great to get together with everyone. Some I was meeting for the first time, some I was seeing again after quite some time, some I was seeing again after just a few days, and yet it felt as if we had all been friends for a while. It felt like Ohana, and that made every event even more fun and enjoyable. – **Gerardo Flores**



My favorite thing about parade was going to the trampoline park with the Porsche kids. - **Caylee Meyers**



My favorite portion of the parade was the concourse prep and the concourse itself. Seeing so many cars that I probably will not ever get to see again until I go to another Porsche parade concourse. The other enjoyment was definitely the camaraderie with my fellow Porsche fanatics. – **Bernie Pang**

