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EDITOR'S NEWS & NOTES

BY SHELLEY MATTHEWS, NEWSLETTER EDITOR

These have been **some challenging times** for everyone - especially Porsche owners. We all want to get back to the drives and autocrosses and track days and events. On these beautiful, warm, sunny spring days we are all eager to get out there and catch up with friends before the Texas heat starts! But, as Texas slowly opens up and LHR starts to reschedule events - just use caution. PCA has advised caution and has put some new rules in place (see Zone 5 notes by Chuck Bush). Things may look different at first - no group lunch at the end of the drives - but we will get back to normal at some point in time. In the meantime, we must all continue to be patient, be cautious, and BE KIND!

So excited!!! Our first rescheduled event is planned for a drive to Kerrville and through the Twisted Sisters route on June 13. Things will probably never be back to what we knew as "normal" so we'll have to readjust to the "new normal." Make sure you watch the calendar on the LHR website to see the latest details. Hope to see you there!!

Meet the Longhorn - this is a chance to share your story with the entire membership!! I cannot continue this column without you! If you would like to submit the questionnaire and a couple of pictures for the Meet the Longhorn column, please let me know!

On page 26-27 you'll see a new column called **Porsche Historical Facts**. If you have any historical articles, pictures, facts, etc., and would like to include those please send them to shelley.l.matthews@gmail.com along with the year and description.

Here's a reminder - if you have kids/grandkids/neices/nephews/neighbors that would love to part of the group, any active PCA member can register them for a **PCA Jr membership** for FREE!! They will receive an age appropriate gift and JR ID badge! It just takes a couple of minutes to register them and it's FREE!! See the PCA website under membership for details. <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors>

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of **Lt. Col. James "Jim" Basey** on April 13, 2020. Jim was a member of Longhorn Region. Our condolences go out to his wife, Jo, his children and his family. His obituary can be viewed at <https://www.doepenschmidtfuneralhome.com/obits>.

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Meet the
Longhorn -
Betty Campbell



Miss racing??
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See some LHR
cars among the
Texas
Bluebonnets!

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2020 CALENDAR

LONGHORN REGION EVENTS

2020 EVENTS: *Subject to change*

For full calendar, changes, and addresses go to www.longhornpca.com

All dinner meetings first Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted, begin 6:00, meeting start 7:00.

June:

13 - Cars and Coffee at Fiesta Texas

13 - Drive to Kerrville

July:

2 - Dinner at Pompeii Italian Grill

11 - Cars and Coffee at Fiesta Texas

11 - Track Day - Harris Hill

18 - Drive to Shiner Brewery followed by Ice Cream Social

August:

1 - Tech Day - Jones' Autowerks

6 - Dinner at Chester's Hamburgers

8 - Cars and Coffee at Fiesta Texas

22 - Drive to Salt Lick BBQ

September:

3 - Dinner at Barn Door

5-6 - Boxstoberfest - Fredricksburg

12 - Cars & Coffee at Fiesta Texas

16-20 - Treffen - Greenbrier, WV

19 - Track Day - Harris Hill

26 - Drive to Twisted Sisters/Tree Sisters and Winery

October:

1 - Dinner at Krause's Biergarten & Cafe

10 - Cars and Coffee at Fiesta Texas

10 - German Motor Car Gathering - Boerne

24 - Fall Picnic

24 - Track Day - Harris Hill

November:

5 - Dinner at Pompeii Italian Grill

14 - Cars and Coffee - Fiesta Texas

14 - Drive to Olive Orchard

21 - Alternative Track Day if one cancelled

December:

12 - Christmas Party and Meeting

12 - Autocross - Fiesta Texas

12 - Cars and Coffee - Fiesta Texas



In response to the Coronavirus, many upcoming events have been cancelled or postponed. For up-to-date information on LHR events and meetings, please go to longhornpca.org



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ZONE 5 NOTES



CHUCK BUSH, ZONE 5 REP

Wow- it has been a crazy month. Hope you and your families are well.

I hope you have seen the notes from PCA about PCA's response to the Covid-19 crisis, and the cancellation of National events. It is good that folks are making the best of things with Sim racing, and virtual events. There is a lot of activity on social media as folks try and maintain their close relationships with their fellow PCA members. As the crisis situation appears to be improving folks are looking forward to getting out. If you are using social media to coordinate drives and such, please be clear it is not a PCA drive with PCA insurance. If you want to set up a PCA drive, make sure you are clear about how you are meeting all

state and local guidelines on COVID-19 or your insurance request will not be approved. I am optimistic that we will begin to safely run some events by June. Outdoor events such as drives, concours and autocrosses should be good options with appropriate safety measures. The national DE chair and committee are looking at ways to resume doing DE events in a compliant manner.

As we start to get to a new normal, please be cognizant of the image you are presenting for PCA. We don't want to look like we are flaunting local and state guidelines as well as putting our members at risk. Continue your great work supporting our communities in these difficult times and stay engaged with your PCA friends.

UPDATE: Hope you and your families are doing well. It has been a quiet month in the PCA world with most events in our area still being cancelled. The good news is that as our state's begin to re-open, we are starting to see more events being planned. Hope you get out to enjoy a PCA event soon!

As we start to plan more events, PCA is looking to protect members and event organizers with a communicable disease waiver. This is a new waiver that you will be asked to sign prior to your next PCA event. It covers all PCA events through May 2021. It protects our members by requiring folks to stay home if they are sick, and protects event organizers in the unlikely event that someone attending one of our events gets sick and seeks to place the blame on the organizers. While you might feel the waiver is an inconvenience, it allows us to keep our insurance in these challenging times.

As you are waiting for events to resume, check out the content on PCA.org and the PCAHQ YouTube website. Lots of interesting content in there about Porsches and PCA.

Hope to see you out on the road soon.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Primary members:	475
Affiliate/Family members:	249
Total:	724
Jr PCA members:	12



NEW MEMBERS as of June 1, 2020

Sean Brossia	2006	Boxster S
Luis Bryce	2006	Boxster S
David Calzada	1986	944
Sharon Carroll	2017	718 Cayman
Louis Davila	1999	911 Carrera
Sean Everest	2000	Boxster S
Steve Hurley	2019	Cayenne
Miguel Jimenez	2009	Cayman S
Suzie Kneupper & Bryan Prindle	2015	Macan S
Kevin Phelan	2019	718 Boxster
Lana Reynolds	2010	Boxster (& 2016 Cayenne)

TRANSFERS IN:

John K & John (son) Tyree	1970	911T	From: Carrera
	'70 & 72	914-6 & 914	

TRANSFERS OUT:

Eric Smith	2018	911 GTS	To: Lone Star
Gordon Taylor	2001	Boxster S	To: Appalachian

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Next Track Day - July 11 - watch for registration online!



Fiesta Challenge

Firsta Challenge - LHR's yearly charity event, originally scheduled for April 18-19, has been postponed due to the Coronavirus. Current plans are to reschedule for the fall to coincide with Fiesta - SA's major celebration. More information will be coming.

In the upcoming months, we will be displaying some of the auction items in the Roundup. One of the items will be this 16x20 picture on canvas of Porsche's at Big Bend last year by Mike Matthews. Keep watching here for more auction items throughout the year!



Porsche's at Big Bend - by Mike Matthews
There always has to be one!!



Porsche quilt made by
Sherry Sorbera

Meet the Longhorn... Betty Campbell

Tell us a bit about yourself/family/background?

I was born and raised in San Antonio but moved to Houston after I graduated from Texas A&M in 1974. I worked in the IT industry my entire career, starting as a computer programmer in the age of punch cards and card readers! It's been exciting to experience all the incredible technology advances through the decades, but now I'm happy to let the next generation take over. I retired in 2015 and am now trying to figure out the game of golf.

Kris and I met in Houston and were married in 1991. His job moved us to Denver in 1997. We lived in the foothills west of Denver and loved it - such incredible scenery and I just couldn't get enough of elk roaming around in the open spaces behind our home! We enjoyed 13 wonderful years there, before moving back to Texas to care for Kris' parents.

I honestly had never even heard of PCA nor did I really grasp that Kris was out looking at Porsches until he called one day to tell me he'd found this sweet little Porsche, blah, blah, blah AND it was white with maroon interior. He knew that as an Aggie I couldn't say no to maroon and white, and so we became the proud owners of our first Porsche - a 1985 911 Carrera. A day I've never regretted!

What year did you join PCA?

November 2014 when we bought our first Porsche, although we weren't really active when we first joined. Life kind of got in the way! And I do have to say, that as an Aggie, I did

have a bit of trouble with the idea that we were joining the LONGHORN region ☺

What other regions have you belonged to?

Longhorn is the one and only!



What Porsche(s) do you have you owned?

We still have our 1985 911 Carrera and now we have 2018 911 Carrera too. But Kris has a hankering for a Boxster so who knows...

What's your favorite Porsche memory?

That's a tough question because there are so many. What comes to mind first is Hill Country Treffen in Bastrop April 2017 because that whole event really taught me what Porsche was all about. Being an extreme introvert, going to an event with a lot of people I didn't know talking about things I didn't understand was very intimidating. I hadn't been very involved yet with LHR so I didn't know anybody and I was still trying to figure out Porsche lingo - what IS a Treffen anyway? A concours? A gimmick rally? - it was like trying to learn a foreign language! But once we got there and started meeting people, I realized how true the tagline is "It's not just the cars, it's the people". We made some wonderful friends there from across the continent - all the way from Toronto, Canada to Columbus, OH to Spokane, WA. We continue to meet up with them at Treffen. One of the events was getting to drive the track at COTA. I was white-knuckled the whole time - and I was just the passenger! That Treffen truly opened my eyes to the love of Porsche and the wonderful people who share that love. Since then, I've been as involved as I can be with LHR, and we continue to go to Treffen as often as we can. Yes, definitely the people!



Next is the experience - I've done things I never thought I'd do! Like autocross (thank you, James, for your incredible patience!). Or the Porsche Experience Centers in both Atlanta and Los Angeles. Launch Control was amazing! Seeing a concrete wall looming closer and closer while flooring it is quite an experience! You're supposed to keep it floored until the instructor tells you to hit the brake. Something like "Chicken" with a concrete wall. I kept taking my foot off the gas, so my instructor

made me keep doing it until I got it right. I learned the power not just to go fast but to stop without fishtailing or squealing – these are incredible machines we drive!

What LHR events do you enjoy most?

The picnic, gimmick rallies, tech sessions.

What's your favorite Porsche?

I'd happily take ANY one!

What non-Porsche activities do you enjoy/participate in?

Golf (I am definitely NOT a natural), walking/hiking, reading historical fiction, singing in church choir, quilting/sewing.



What is Sim (e)Racing? - Part 1

PCA is doing it, NASCAR is doing it, even IMSA is doing it! So, what is “it”? Sim racing, using a computer/console, a steering wheel, accelerator, brakes and even a clutch and shifter to race around a virtual track with a lot of other people.



Imagine driving a 911 GT3 RS on Laguna Seca and you're entering the corkscrew. You brake hard, down shift, hit your marks and accelerate, you nailed it. But what happens if you miss your marks or miss your shift? The wall is approaching fast and it is hard! You try to get the car slowed down or get it to turn but it doesn't happen. You hit the wall and total your car! You come out alive and unhurt, but you just wiped out a \$300,000 car! How will you get it fixed in time for the next session? Just push a button and you're on your way again.

This can all be done in a racing sim/simulator. These sims have been here for many years. A racing simulator is a program that runs on a computer/console that simulates the physics of a car, track, tires, weather and more. A user (you) runs the sim on a computer/console and it shows the action on your display(s). The steering for the sim comes from a joystick, game controller, or steering wheel. The system will also have an accelerator, brake, buttons, shifter, and on some systems a clutch. System performance is your friend.



Most sims have many different cars and tracks to choose from. Some of the more popular sims pay for specifications from auto manufacturers on their cars. The sim cars are designed to those specifications. Porsche is one of those manufacturers, but they do limit who can use the information and which cars they provide information for. Some sim companies laser scan the tracks so if the track has a bump, the scanned tracks will have the bump and you will drive over the bump. They also take thousands of pictures of the track and surrounding area. Their goal is to immerse you in as realistic environment as they can.

So how do you get involved in sim racing? Do some research, figure out which sim you want to use. The sim will tell you the minimum computer and graphics specs. Make sure your computer meets these requirements, then buy a controller. Some of the sims are free and some you will pay for. So, based on your research, sign up for the sim that most fits your interests and capabilities.

I use iRacing, Project Cars 2, rFactor 2, and Assetto Corsa sims. Most of the time I use iRacing. iRacing is a multi-player sim where you can select a car, make modifications to the suspension and aero, select a track, the time of day to run, and the weather conditions. Did I say you can make modifications to the

car? You can change everything you can on the manufacturer's car. Need to add some camber? Yep. Need

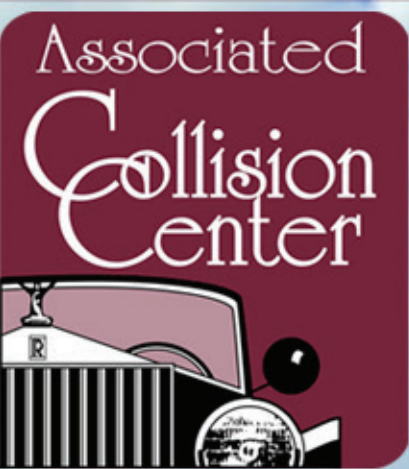


to add some wing? Yep. Change tire pressures? Yep.

So, sign into your sim. Select a session and start with some private practice. I'll select the Cayman GT4. Then select a track, I'll choose COTA, set the time of day to run and allow different weather conditions.

For Part 2, I will talk about selecting the car, track, weather, performing some adjustments, and taking our first lap.





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MOTORSPORT RAMBLINGS

BY JACK MERRELL



Here it is May and all professional motorsports are shut down because of the virus. Likewise, DE's, autocross's, and even drives are curtailed. Even PCA racing is on hold, so what to write about?

Last month we discussed how to get your car ready for the upcoming driving season so I would suggest you re-read that and other previous motorsport rambling articles as well as James Bricken's articles on autocross. Having your car safe and prepared is also a good idea for highway driving.

The question of the month - when was the last time you checked your lug nuts on each wheel?

Why, they were tightened the last time I changed tires you say. Not good enough! With the heating and cooling of wheels and lug nuts as you drive can cause the nuts to loosen. Likewise, the last time the wheels were installed were they torqued to the proper value?



Another question, and this should be obvious if you track or autocross but is equally important for daily driving, when was the last time you looked under the drivers' seat for loose objects? Something as small as a ball point pen or pencil on the floor can easily work its way behind the brake or gas pedal and impede its proper action. Likewise, that small towel you stuffed under the seat can work its way forward and prevent your foot from applying the brake or worse jam the throttle down. And while on the subject of jammed throttles, if you have an earlier 911 with cruise control, when was the last time you checked the linkage in the engine compartment?

Not too many years ago, an experienced driver at a Parade autocross came out of the start in his air cooled 911 with power on. As he approached the first turn and took his foot off the gas pedal the peddle stayed down. His immediate solution was shut the engine down. Yes, he did not finish the run but did get penalized for taking out several cones. No harm no foul and everyone had a good laugh.

Well a short ramble this month as there is not really anything to write about, but there is a light at the end of this tunnel. I have spoken with the good people at Harris Hill and there is better than a fifty percent chance that the complete track re-paving will be done and we will be one of the first groups to drive the re-paved track at our 11 July track day. Keep your fingers crossed that there are no more delays in the contract.

As always, drive safe and enjoy the ride.

Discovering Marfa, TX

There is a mystery to Marfa, Tx, it doesn't explain itself, unapologetically sitting in the middle of the desert in Far West Texas between the Davis Mountains and Big Bend National Park. Hard to get to and harder to explain as the locals like to say, with endless skies and open roads, it's the perfect destination of a road trip.

We started ours early one sunny morning from San Antonio, in a 2009 Porsche Cayman 987.2 named JoJo (IG: @jojo987.2). A New Yorker brought down to San Antonio, this would be our first road trip with JoJo on Texas asphalt, easily done in about 6 hours.

Almost exactly half way between San Antonio and Marfa, where the Texas Hill Country meets the Chihuahuan Desert lie the [Caverns of Sonora](#) where you can make a pit stop for an underground adventure. Designated a "show cave" its beauty cannot be exaggerated even by Texans, (as their website proclaims) and is well worth a visit.

Later as we arrived in Marfa, a fellow Porsche owner asked in disbelief "You drove all the way from San Antonio in your Cayman? 17 inch wheels isn't fair!" The (to today's standards) small looking wheels were more than welcome on a 6 hour drive, being a little more forgiving and comfortable while still allowing for plenty of playfulness on some of the winding roads around the desert town.

Formerly an army base town with a population of 8,000, since the 1940s the population of Marfa has never climbed over 2000. American artist Donald Judd revived Marfa in the 1970s, and it is now a fascinating mix of art scene, high desert vibes, and cowboy hat wearing visitors and residents.

Thirty miles from the Mexican border as the crow flies, the nearest airport of El Paso is a few hours drive away. Marfa is a destination - you don't arrive here by

accident, yet this harsh environment attracts a diverse range of humanity and has an indescribable magic to it.

Houses with broken down fences, scrubby yards and corrugated tin roofs sit alongside art galleries, boutiques and hip hotels. Sun bleached, washed out, with vast wide-open skies this is a town for rich cowboys and hipsters.

Wake up early for a sky on fire sunrise, cruise out of town to view the spectacular blue mountains in the distance, roam around to check out the bohemian art galleries and boutiques, and end your evening viewing the mysterious Marfa lights. We can't wait to go back.

Marfa Mystery Tour: Pull out google before you head to check out these spots. Marfa businesses are notorious for not being open and seem to relish the fact that every business has its own unique opening hours, with the majority being closed during the week. Friday and Saturday are your best bet for finding stores, galleries and restaurants open.



Food & Drink

[The Sentinel](#) for good coffee + cocktails. Not much food but you can bring tacos in from the tiny nameless take out spot next door and don't leave without trying the posole.

[Frama](#) @ Tumbleweed Laundry. Yes this is a coffee shop in a laundromat. A great place to stop in for coffees, smoothies and juices.

[Cochineal](#) for a casual fine dining and flavorful dishes.

[Marfa Burrito](#). Located in the "Burrito Queen's" home, sample handmade tortillas and leave your mark on Marfa by signing your name on the wall. Anthony Bourdain featured Marfa Burrito in one of his final episodes.

[El Camino](#) for a quick bite, burgers etc. A local cowboy told us this was the "best bang for your buck".

[Stellina](#) – sit elbow to elbow with tourists and locals, a great lively dinner spot – you may even get bought a bottle of wine by the couple across the bar. No reservations here so go early or be prepared to wait.

[Lost Horse Saloon](#). A true down and dirty wild west saloon. Pool, live music, good times + local flavor. At the end of the night, Marfa's ranchers, tourists and artists, end up at one place - the Lost Horse.

[Al Campo](#) – a wine garden and rustic bistro where they treat you like family.

[Pizza Foundation](#) - an auto repair shop turned restaurant, even native New Yorkers have given accolades to these pies.

[Food Shark](#) - Lunch-only food truck offering Mediterranean grub, a rustic covered patio & seating in an old bus.

Explore

[El Cosmico](#). RVs and teepees, fun gift shop and an annual trippy music festival.

[Prada Marfa](#) art installation. Located 30 minutes outside of town this is the fashion girls pilgrimage. Modeled after a Prada boutique, the sculpture houses luxury goods from the Prada's Fall 2005 collection of bags and shoes.

Another 30 minutes from Marfa in another direction is Fort Davis where you can visit the [Rattlesnake Museum](#), which is home to the world's largest collection of rattlesnakes and one very cute cat.

[Prude Ranch](#). If galloping through the desert is on your bucket list check out Prude Ranch where all the horses have Texas inspired names like Bucky and Stetson, and you can go on a trail ride through the Chihuahan desert.

[McDonald Observatory](#) is a unique experience, home to the world's second largest telescope and a beautiful 45 minute drive through desert. Far West Texas has a record high level of clear nights and star gazing is a must! The Star parties and Solar viewings are highly popular so book in advance.

[Marfa Lights](#). Attributed to paranormal phenomena such as ghosts or UFOs or who knows what, no trip to Marfa is complete without taking in the mysterious lights yourself. The favorite place from which to view the lights is a widened shoulder on Highway 90 about nine miles east of Marfa.

Shopping

[Marfa Book Store](#) for a highly curated selection of art and poetry books.

[Communitie](#) + [Raba Marfa](#) for high desert vibe apparel.

[Ranch Candy Marfa](#) – vintage clothes, cowboy boots and trinkets.

[Cobra Rock](#) – handmade boots, pricey clothes, perfume that smells like leather and whiskey.

[The Marfa Store](#) for a selection of handmade and high design products local and otherwise.

[The Get Go](#) – your local one stop shop for groceries etc.

Galleries – there are many small galleries around town, most are open on the weekend and you can also get in touch with them directly to schedule a visit.

[Judd Foundation](#) Judd Foundation maintains and preserves Donald Judd's permanently installed living and working spaces, libraries, and archives and offers tours of "the Block," the artist's private residence and several of his downtown workspaces.

[Chinati Foundation](#) is a contemporary art museum based upon the ideas of its founder, Donald Judd, juxtaposing art and the surrounding land. Book a time slot for a guided tour.

[Ballroom Marfa](#) contemporary art and performance space housed in a 1920s-era ballroom.

[Wrong](#) a gallery and store full of unique hand crafted items.

[Ayn Foundation](#) Large-scale projects by major international artists.

Stay

[El Cosmico](#) an 18-acre campground of assorted vintage trailers, tents, and yurts. Enjoy a hammock grove, reading room, outdoor kitchen, and wood-fired hot tubs.

[Thunderbird Inn](#) Located just outside of the Marfa city limits, a minimalist 1950s motel.

[Tumble In RV Park](#) Facilities include restrooms, showers, full kitchen, lounge with laundry, picnic tables and a community fire-pit.

[Hotel St George](#) A new addition, built in 2016. Hotel guest have complimentary access to a spectacular outdoor pool. Bring earplugs as the hotel is located right by the train tracks.

[Hotel Paisano](#) A charming, historic hotel. Stop by to take in the 1930's lobby and the gift shop. Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean once stayed here.

[Faxonia](#) by the Wrong Gallery owners. "Where Johnny Cash would have stayed."



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BLUEBONNETS IN TEXAS



Chuck and Susie Bush's 911



David & Priscilla Lurz' blue Boxster



Steve Bonnett's yellow Boxster



Cars..... Food.....and Rock-n-Roll

Kinda sounds like a song from the *Clash* or the *Sex Pistols*. History is rife with the connection: *Beach Boys*, *Sammy Hagar*, *Rush*, even *Queen* got into the act (*I'm in Love with my Car*). There's a connection between cars and food? Really? You have to ask? Drive-Thrus, Drive-Ins and the ubiquitous cup-holders in both front and back seats say a lot! Man, we are a mobile food-consumption society. If we Americans can eat it, drink it, or listen to it, we do it in our automobiles.

So that got me thinking. OK—not thinking too hard, but at least engaging a few brain cells—that a road trip was in order. Two of the ingredients for the road trip were BBQ, and Austin's South By Southwest (SXSW) music festival; the third one was my 2006 Cayman S. Needing a passenger, notice I did not say co-driver, my older son Nick, filled the bill. He was on Spring Break from college, so he was pressed into service as my partner in crime. No surprise to me, I did not have to push too hard. The tempting combination of BBQ, loud music and a few days in Austin were all it took. He did not even pester me to drive the CS, probably because he still hasn't learned how to drive a stick. Dangling keys in front of him? Not interested. The lure of being the cool dude in a Porsche hasn't caught fire. Then again, he's 6'7" tall and finds it difficult to fit in the driver's seat comfortably. He's tried, but it's hard to drive with your knees splayed on either side of the wheel, pressing into the dash.

We Texans are passionate about our BBQ. But, let's face it, we tend to be passionate about most things in this great state. We love our Q as much as the folks in Kansas City, Memphis or the Carolinas. KC may be about the ribs, Memphis about their meat rubs, and the Carolinas about the difference in sauces. But here in Central Texas, it's ALL about the brisket. Heck, there's even a great debate about sauce or no sauce (drawing out fierce arguments along the lines of whether or not to cook Chili with or without beans). Like I said, we tend to be passionate bunch. Legend has it that the best brisket in the state is located in the Austin area. Our very destination.

And music? Well Austin is said to be the live music capital of the world. And during SXSW, maybe even the galaxy. Two thousand bands in six days! Are we crazy? No. This is Austin after all. Every live-music venue in town is booked, solid. Bands stack on top of each other, a new band every hour, on the hour. Bands line up

outside a club, instruments out of cases, ready to take the stage. Name your favorite music! Rock? Does a 911 have a flat-six motor? Hip-Hop? More than you can shake a stick at! Country and Western? If two-stepping is your thang, you've got it. Norwegian Speed metal? Hmmm, maybe a band or two. There's even a sprinkling of classical and jazz. Every musical base is covered. The food trucks, not wanting to be left out get in on the frenzy, too. They have bands packed onto tiny stages, with a few chairs and tables crowded around their trucks for good measure. I think if people had cleaned out their garages and didn't mind strangers trekking in to use their restrooms, they'd be roped into letting bands perform there too.

I downloaded the SXSW and *Texas Monthly* BBQ apps onto my iPhone and got ready for the trip. The Cayman S had fresh oil and fluids, everything topped up and checked out; even the lug nuts were torqued correctly. All I had to do was gas up. Nick and I packed light, as we'd be staying at a friend's house and didn't need dress clothes for BBQ and Rock & Roll. Besides, we'd have looked out of place and my son would have disowned me. The CS is perfect for such a trip as its two large trunks swallowed our gear; my stuff in the back trunk, Nick's in the front. We piled in and headed south.

Normally I like to stay off Interstate 35, as it's one crazy stretch of road, but we got a late start and needed to get to Taylor TX, about twenty-nine miles NE of Austin, before it got too late. The CS is a capable highway cruiser. Stock HP is 295, but I've done a handful of mods to bump the power up a bit: a racier exhaust, a motorsport intake and an under-drive pulley gives the car a spot over 300 HP. It has plenty of power to pass lumbering trucks or get clear of tightly-packed traffic. At highway speeds it's comfortable and not that loud either, since I removed the previous race exhaust. I must admit, I loved the sound of that race exhaust, at the track. The other 99% of the time? Not so much. You had to shout to your passenger to be heard and playing music? Forgetaboutit!

One more salient feature about driving the CS and, for that matter, the current crop of Porsches, the AC system is awesome. Click the fan speed a couple of clicks and presto, the cabin cools off. Amazing. Especially, as I fondly recall the AC system on my old 930. It blew a tiny whiff of faintly cool breeze on a day when the ambient

temperature was already in the low 70's. Anything hotter than that? Sweat city.

We made it to Taylor by 2:30 and easily found *Louie Mueller BBQ* (206 W. 2nd St Taylor, TX 76574 / 512-352-6506 / www.louiemuellerbbq.com). Many consider this to be the mecca of BBQ in our great state. Walking in the place sure felt like it, the smell of smoking meat was everywhere. The walls were covered in dark brown soot; the business cards tacked to the wall had turned brown and brittle from years in a smoke house. It felt like BBQ. Even though we arrived late, we stood in line twenty minutes to get the Q. When it was our turn, I ordered one pound of brisket and two pounds of pork ribs and three sides. What was I thinking? But you know what? We ate all of it. The meat was moist with a deep pink ring of smoke surrounding the edges. The fat was rendered nicely and it had a deep salt and pepper crust on it. The ribs were tender against the bone and got chewy at the tips; just how I like them. We were transported to BBQ nirvana. We ate ourselves into a BBQ coma.

SXSW started calling to us from twenty-nine miles away. There are so many venues to go to there, you could close your eyes and throw a dart at a street map and easily hit two or three places crammed with bands. My friend, Kelly Knapper, opened a food truck called *Backstage Grill* (79 Rainey St Austin, TX 78701 / www.backstagegrillatx.com). Think tacos, but with a kick-ass rock and roll attitude. He had bands stacked up to play into the evening. So to get there, we went back roads. Smart old Austin 'hand' that I am, I figured my knowledge of the back way in to downtown would come in handy. Problem was all the other old Austin 'hands' figured the same thing. To add insult to injury, all my secret parking spaces were taken. Hmmm, maybe I've been away from Austin too long. Note to self: find new back way to downtown and add a few new secret parking spots.

We loved Kelly's new food truck and stayed to hear two bands, but we wanted more so we walked about twelve blocks to the heart of SXSW, the Sixth Street/Warehouse district. Nick had never been to Sixth Street before and was in for a shock. The street was closed to vehicular traffic and was filled with thousands of people; some just hanging out, but mostly hundreds in lines, all waiting to get into clubs to hear music. For those not wanting to stand in line, there were street musicians galore, from solo acts with an

acoustic guitar, to full bands with battery-powered portable amps. There was something for everybody. We roamed for hours and listened to several bands. I wanted to go hear one of my favorite British bands, *The Kaiser Chiefs*, but was told there was no way we could get in. Fair enough, so we called it a night.

Score: one BBQ restaurant, four tacos and about six bands. Not bad for a first day.

Friday morning, it was cloudy and humid, courtesy of early Spring in Central Texas. Nick and I decided we didn't care. The February issue of *Texas Monthly* featured a story about two BBQ pit masters who had recently opened up new BBQ joints in Austin. One was said to have brisket that was magical. Sweet and spicy at the same time. So tender, if you cut a big bite, it fell off your fork. People stood in line, waiting up to three hours for a taste of the smoky meat. There were whispers that this new kid was special, otherworldly even, the Q was that good. Of course, we had to go.

We motored over to *Franklin BBQ* (900 E. 11th St Austin, TX 78702 / 512-653-1187 / www.franklinbarbeque.com) to see and taste for ourselves. We got there at 10:30 and already the line snaked down the hill through the parking lot. People had started lining up at 8:30. As it got closer to opening time, an employee came out with the unenviable task of finding the 'Last Man Standing'; the last person in line who was assured of getting ribs. The rest of us would at least get brisket, but ribs? Maybe. Some people decided to leave, the line closed up. We were hopeful. The skies opened up for twenty seconds, a few more left, the line closed up some more. We snaked forwards slowly, making friends with those around us, becoming a BBQ community. We waited two hours to get to the front of the line. This time we ordered a brisket plate and a rib plate with coleslaw and beans. We ended up sitting with the folks that we'd been in line with, a high school teacher and her husband, also on Spring Break. We all laughed that we'd waited in line for well over two hours for BBQ. We took that first bite. It got real quiet at our table. Some serious BBQ consumption took over. Somehow two hours didn't seem that long.

There are those who will argue with me, but the brisket from Franklin is the best ever. In fact, I will say it right here and now, best brisket on the planet. The meat had a deep rouge ring of smoke and was seasoned

by a master. The fat was rendered into an almost silky smooth consistency. It was perfect. We each ate the entire slice, even the fat. Every few seconds, I had to lick my fingers just to make sure I did not miss anything. The ribs are my second favorite ever (my favorites are from Arthur Bryant's in KC), but these are great. The first taste is sweet, then a bit of heat sneaks up and hits you, POW!, just when you don't expect it. Incredible. If you go to Austin, go to Franklin BBQ. Yes, you'll wait two to three hours. Trust me, it's worth it.

Funny thing about Austin, it's truly *hipster heaven*. They're everywhere and even more so at SXSW. They aren't hard to spot. Usually pierced and tattooed with funky accessorizing, accompanied by too hip cowboy boots or Converse All Stars, without laces, of course and oversized too hip glasses. As we drove from one venue to another, Nick would say "Hipster Alert," but got tired of saying it after a while. Normally when I drive a Porsche through streets thickly packed with people, I get the occasional thumbs up or approving nod. Not so much in Austin. Now, if we'd been driving a Prius or were on an electric powered scooter, we'd have gotten those approving looks and nods. You've seen it. It's that smug hipster glance that says "We're saving the world, one gallon of gas at a time." But, since Nick and I were in a Porsche, we were decadent. I'd venture, they secretly want one, but their hipness meter might take a dip if they admitted it. Please note that their disapproving glances did not make me think, even for a second, of trading in the CS for a Prius, Leaf or Volt. I'm totally cool with my personal hip factor based on fifty-plus years of experience. And that hip factor includes a Porsche. Just ask my boys. They say I'm pretty cool for an old guy.

We drove the CS to another friend's food truck. Owned by long time Austin restaurateur Hoover Alexander, it's called *Soular Foods* (1110 E. 12th St Austin, TX 78702 / www.hooverscooking.com) and is famous for its Chicken in a Waffle. Don't ask, just order it, you'll be happy. It's also famous for its frozen Margaritas. Thank goodness they're smallish. We listened to a couple of bands before heading out to have dinner with an old friend. My poor son had to endure hours of stories based on a thirty-year plus friendship. Hope it didn't give him any future ammo—just saying.

Score: one BBQ restaurant, two bands and more Tex-Mex. Think I'm gaining weight!

Saturday was a carbon copy of the previous day. Cloudy, looking like rain, but all you felt was the high humidity. This was going to be our two-fer day. Nearby Lockhart features two of the top five BBQ restaurants

in Texas: *Smitty's* and *Kreuz*. So we made our way out to Highway 183 and headed to Lockhart. Because of heavy construction along the way, I couldn't open up the car and let it stretch its legs. Pity.

First up in Lockhart was *Smitty's Market* (208 S. Commerce St Lockhart, TX 78644 / 512-398-9844 / www.smittysmarket.com) and like everywhere we visited so far, we lined up. The line snaked past the open flames feeding the pits. I was wearing shorts and could feel the heat almost singe my bare skin. We got up to the counter and I ordered a half pound of brisket and a half pound of ribs. We'd gotten smarter. We paid for the meat, cash only, and went inside the dining area to get our sides of slaw and beans and drinks. We sat at a bench outside the dining area in the hallway leading to the pits. A few fans tried to blow a cool breeze in the hallway, it was hot but we still chowed down. The brisket was moist, with a deep pink ring of smoke, not as pronounced as *Muellers* and *Franklin*. Still it was very good. The ribs were on the sweet side which was surprising as I expected them to have a bit of kick to them. We liked it, but not like *Franklin's*, which had spoiled us, setting the standard. Still, I could see why people swear by this place. It's that good.

Driving a short distance, we circled under a railway overpass to *Kreuz Market* (619 N. Colorado St Lockhart, TX 78644 / 512-398-2361 / www.kreuzmarket.com). Another BBQ place, same routine: get in line. The line moved a bit slower than *Smitty's* but we made our way to the front in about thirty minutes. We did the same thing, half pound of brisket, half pound of ribs, same sides. Gotta say, we were a bit disappointed in the brisket, it was a little dry and a bit tough. Maybe it was just a subpar slab of brisket. Oh well. But the ribs! They were great! Peppery, with that perfect crunch on the ends. I loved them. On this trip, I ranked them second to *Franklin's*. Then there were the beans. They were heavenly. I could have eaten a quart. If you go to *Kreuz*, order the ribs and beans. You will not be disappointed.

Back in Austin, we ended up going to a taping of *America's Got Talent*. Yeah I thought it was strange too, but my friend got us VIP tickets for the show. Must admit though, after watching the show, I came away with the feeling that America does not have talent, or at least those that tried out for the show didn't. The way I figure it, all the talent was otherwise occupied with SXSW.

We ended our SXSW part of the trip by watching one more concert featuring *Bright Light Social Hour* and one of my favorite bands from the 80's and 90's *The Cult*. Hard to believe but these guys are still going after it, and Ian Astbury did not disappoint, belting out song

after song, even kicking some equipment off the stage for old time's sake. Guitarist Billy Duffy can still wail on that guitar, hitting all the solos, note for note, just like I remembered. Ahh, *Fire Woman*, *I Love the Rain* and *She Sells Sanctuary* never sounded better.

Score: two BBQ Restaurants, one TV Show taping, two bands and a plate of veggies afterwards. I know I'm gaining weight.

Sunday dawned as usual, cloudy and humid. This time, Nick and I stopped by my friend's restaurant *Hoover's Cooking* (2002 Manor Rd Austin, TX 78722 / 512-479-5006 / www.hooverscooking.com). It is mandatory that I stop in to see the Hoov. We go back thirty-three years and he is a very dear friend. His restaurant has taken home cooking to new levels and has been featured on national TV. Breakfast tacos and coffee were perfect and got us ready for the sprint home. We even bought homemade peach and blueberry cobbler to take home to my wife.

OK, you've hung with me this long and surely you must be wondering where the heavy duty Porsche stuff is. Your patience will now be rewarded.

I debated going back roads versus heading up Interstate 35. But after a short time on 35, watching a couple of miles of stupidity, a/k/a people heading north from SXSW, Spring Break and the usual weekend craziness, I decided to take the next exit to get to the back roads. Ahhh, finally it was time to let the CS' legs stretch. We took RM 1431. Its two lanes snake along Lake Travis to Marble Falls. Falling in behind a BMW cycle, we hugged the turns, while checking out the yellow caution road signs telling us to take the corners at 35 mph. Yeah right. The CS was born to take those roads; the more they twist and turn the better. Its suspension geometry and ample brakes are up to the task. Deeply banked turns and extreme dips can come close to bottoming the car but are a blast to hit at speed. All too soon we came on a slow-moving SUV. Why is it always a slow-moving SUV, minivan or camper? A tiny passing zone appeared and both the BMW cycle and the CS hit the throttle almost as one, shooting past the crawler. A Camero had joined our group, but he didn't hit the throttle fast enough to get past the crawler when we did, so he was left behind.

We sprinted until we got to Marble Falls where the BMW went one way and we went another in order to gas up. We then turned north on Highway 281, which is blessedly four lanes and smooth for miles on end. We ended up getting in with a fast-moving bunch and averaged only a few miles over the posted 75mph speed limit. No really! Finally, the four lanes cut down

to two and it was time to play the passing game again. I must admit I am not the most patient person being stuck in line behind a—you guessed it—a slow-moving SUV, minivan or camper. Problem is, stacked up behind the usual suspects, were even more of them and they were not going to make the pass, no way, no how. Fortunately, the road has plenty of passing zones with long sight lines or cut-out lanes, so we did what we had to, taking sometimes five and six cars at a time. We easily put them in our rearview and streaked forward, no doubt as they shouted invectives our way... whatever. The radar detector gave us plenty of warning on those occasions when we went a wee bit over the posted speed limit.

Here the great heart of the Cayman S was in its element. Dropping down to fourth gear and burying the throttle, the flat six shouted that familiar Porsche roar as the car leapt forward, piling on the speed. It was the perfect car for this kind of cut and dice passing. I am respectful of others on the road and will not wind it out to see what it will do, that's what the track is for. But on these kinds of roads, what a great car to be in! Once we hit Interstate 20, I dialed in the cruise control and tuned to the local ESPN station to check the NCAA basketball scores then we headed home. When we arrived, I glanced down at the odometer. We traveled about 740 miles and used less than two tanks of gas. Not bad for a little two-seater with plenty of power.

If you ever have the opportunity to drive to or from Austin, consider taking the roads less travelled. Both Highways 281 and 16 offer great roads, beautiful vistas, cool little towns, each featuring one or two BBQ spots, and less stress than the craziness that is Interstate 35. It took us a little longer, but we had more fun on 281.

If you decide you want to do a BBQ tour of Texas, download the *Texas Monthly* BBQ app. It will help you find those great BBQ joints in little towns you didn't know existed. Oh, and do what the pros do. When visiting multiple BBQ joints, they order two slices of brisket and two ribs and some sides—no more! It simply doesn't get any better than that—other than doing that tour in a Porsche.

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Porsche Fact from 1963: (source: The Classic Motor Hub)

The 911 was born in 1963 but was originally called the 901. When Porsche unveiled the 901 at the 1964 Paris Auto Salon, Peugeot threatened legal action claiming that the number 0 – belonged to them. Since Porsche had already made a large run of the numbers – 9, 0, 1 – a simple fix was to get rid of the 0 and order another batch of the number 1 and renamed it the 911.

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Halloween switch

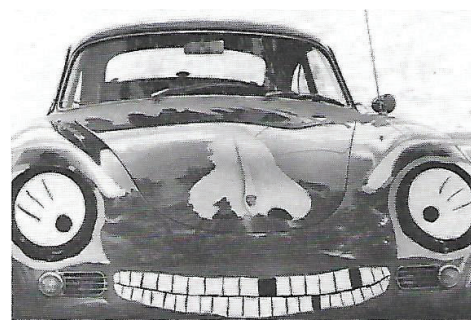
From Keith White, Los Angeles Region—These pictures were taken at a recent Los Angeles Region Halloween party called the “Witches Brew.”

As you can see, we reversed the usual procedure and the Porsche's wore the costumes. Prizes were given for the best costumes with “Bugs Bunny” owned by Dale Boyd taking first place and “The Ghoul” owned by Chuck Fraser winning second.

All cars entered reflected great imagination and hours of planning and hard work.

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Longhorn club decals for inside window(s). Peels off and is transferable. \$2.50 ea.

Sun shades \$9.00

Car Organizers \$10.00

Coolers \$10.00

Hats (shown below) \$9.00 ea.

Colors available: Pink, Cream, Red, Blue, Charcoal, Black



Patch

\$4.00

Window decals

\$2.50



Car Organizer
\$10.00



Coolers
Red, Grey
\$10.00



Sunshades
\$9.00





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