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The Prez's Corner

Joseph Shubitowski • President

I would love to tell you all about how great our first autocross weekend was – with both the Academy and the main AX – but it rained like Noah's flood that weekend, so we wisely postponed both events until later in the summer. Academy is moving to June 13th now, and we have scheduled a makeup date for the lost AX towards the end of the season. So, May 16-17 are our first AX forays for 2026. There are still open slots for Ladies Only AX.....so if you ever wanted to give it a try in a no pressure environment, now is that time!

Our Buttonwillow DE just ended last Friday, and we had 80+ cars/drivers participating. It was a major team effort as DE Chair Bob Bruington was down from back surgery, and while there were definitely some on/off track anomalies, it went as well as can be expected! While San Luis Obispo and environs basked in 60+ degree spring weather, summer had arrived in Buttonwillow and temperatures reached 92 degrees on race day.

We are getting good early registrations for our Laguna Seca DE on June 29th, so don't delay in signing up and driving your Porsche down the Corkscrew!! CCCR is the ONLY PCA region to have a DE date at Laguna Seca so do not miss your chance to experience this iconic venue.

Club Breakfast is back!! Our first breakfast visit to Mulligan's in Saturday May 9th with all Porsches parking on the grass adjacent to the restaurant. There will be an informal Shine-and-Show following breakfast, so make sure your car is nice and shiny!! We have two more dates scheduled at Mulligan's later this summer/fall. Some of us will miss this breakfast as we head for Central Coast School of Wine in Atascadero to learn more about Bordeaux's rich wine heritage.

Everyone should have received the email announcing the next Poker Rally on May 23rd! I will be among seven card dealers spread across southern SLO County ready to deal you four aces and maybe a free lunch at Laguna Grill!! Route planning strategy will be paramount as you and your navigator work out the most efficient roads to obtain all your cards in the least amount of time! It should be great fun!



Hope some/many of you are thinking about participating on a committee or work group to assist with Activities or track events. I know I keep harping on this monthly, but the more ideas and help we get from all of you benefit everyone in the Club! When folks come up to you and thank you for the hard work and for the fun they are having, it makes it worth it.

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Let's Drive!

Joe



At the Dresse



The Editor's Wind

Chuck Jennings

Before Covid hit us in 2020, CCCR had a club breakfast scheduled on the second Saturday of almost every month somewhere in the county. It was considered our monthly “club meeting” and well attended. The epidemic shut down many restaurants, and our club obediently curtailed most of our group events including breakfasts. As we have gradually recovered with an increasing number of social activities, we never rescheduled the monthly breakfasts, until now.

On Saturday, May 9th, we will be offering our first breakfast since 2020. No need to register. Just show up at 8:30 AM at Mulligan’s at the Avila Beach Golf Club. We’ll park on the golf course grass and order off the menu.



If all goes well, we’ll do it again on August 8th and October 24th. Hopefully the CCCR 2027 Activities Calendar will put us back on track for our monthly club breakfasts.

Stay tuned. *Chuck*

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Michael McGray

34 Years

William Smith

35 Years

Jeff Koskie

37 Years

Craig Smith

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CCCR Events Calendar

Activities Directors • Joe Kuntze
<https://ccc.pca.org/calendar/>



May 9 • Club Breakfast • Mulligan's • We will meet for our first **club breakfast** since COVID shut us down in April of 2020. We will meet at 8:30 AM at Mulligan's in the perfect weather of the Avila Beach Golf Resort, and park on the event grass for an unofficial wash and shine Porsche show. We will be seated under an event tent next to our car show, the Blue Herons, and San Luis Obispo Creek. We will order off the menu and be served as dignitaries whilst watching the whales migrate. A menu can be found at: https://www.avilabeachresort.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/8747/2026/01/Mulligans-Menu_081224.pdf

May 9 • Wine School • Central Coast School of Wine welcomes the CCCR Porsche Club for another virtual wine adventure, this time to Bordeaux, France! We'll share the history of this famous region and untangle its various classifications and regional subdivisions while we taste through a flight of five exceptional Bordeaux wines showcasing the left and right banks. Price includes the seminar, wine tasting and a charcuterie box for each participant! \$60 per person. Payment (we'll handle the transactions and keep you informed of registrations — 30 seats available) Reservation Link (prepay): <https://square.link/u/GeZmtQ11>

May 16 • Teststrecke 76 • Autocross at Santa Maria Airport. See pages 14 and 15

May 17 • Ladies Only Autocross • Santa Maria Airport. See pages 14 and 15

May 23 • Poker Rally • It's been a while since we've had a poker rally. This rally will take us through South San Luis Obispo County. Drivers and navigators will depart Porsche SLO with a list of destinations to pickup playing cards. **Access to Google Maps will be essential.** At the Laguna Grill in the Laguna Village shopping Center poker hands will be revealed and winners awarded prizes, including a free lunch. Please RSVP at motorsportreg.com.

May 30 • Cars 'N Coffee • Porsche San Luis Obispo • 8:30 AM

June 6 • Sculpterra Winery and Sculpture Gardens • Paso Robles • Meet at Porsche SLO for a drive to Sculpterra winery for a tour and discussion by winemaker Paul Frankel as to how the magic happens. Food trucks will be available at that event.

June 20 • Second Annual Off Road Tour. This event will include a picnic on the trail.

June 25 • Cars and Coffee at Porsche SLO.

July 25 • Cars and Coffee at Porsche SLO

August 8 • Breakfast at Mulligan's • Avila Beach Golf Resort

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Cars 'n Coffee





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Updated 2026 Autocross Schedule

- Sat - 5/16/2026 ▶ AX 76
- Sun - 5/17/2026 ▶ LADIES ONLY AX
- Sat - 6/13/2026 ▶ AX ACADEMY **RESCHEDULED DATE!**
- Sun - 6/14/2026 ▶ AX 77 **NEW DATE!**
- Sat - 7/18/2026 ▶ AX 78
- Sat - 8/29/2026 ▶ AX 79
- Sat - 10/10/2026 ▶ AX 80 **NEW DATE!**
- Sat - 11/14/2026 ▶ AX 81 **NEW DATE!**



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2026 AX Starts May 16

April threw us a curve ball with a surprise rain forecast for our opening weekend. Both the AX Academy and first AX of the year were canceled, but we've come up with a new 2026 AX Schedule to make up for it. The AX Academy has been rescheduled to June 13. Expect registration to open for PCA members on May 11. The existing October 17 AX has been moved up one week to October 10, and we've added a new November 14 AX.



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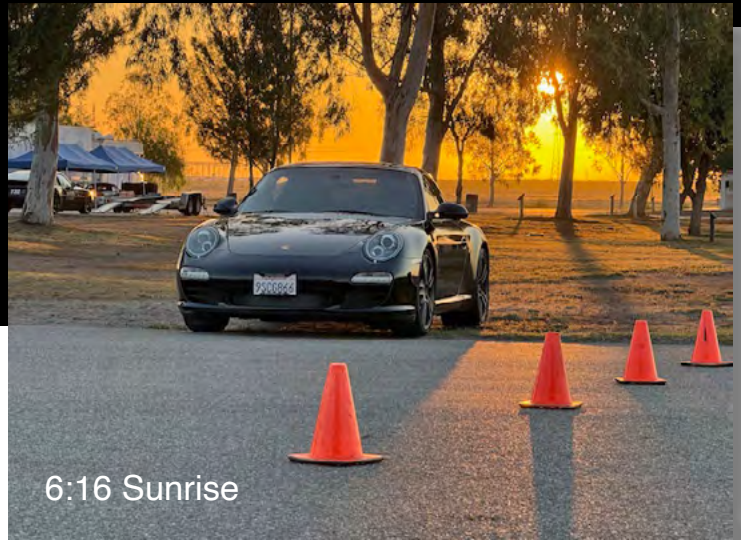
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Drivers Education at Buttonwillow

Bob Bruington • Drivers Education Director • Article



2026



6:16 Sunrise

Buttonwillow Raceway is located just outside the city limits of *Middle-of-Nowhere* on the Lerdo Highway about two miles west of I-5. Fortunately, exhaust noise is not an issue with the nearest neighbors, and there are no decibel limits such as are imposed at Laguna Seca. Buttonwillow Raceway has added a second track which we drove last season. But on Friday, May 1st, eighty-two drivers, eighty cars, eleven students and seventeen instructors, divided into four groups ran counterclockwise on the original “Classic” track. This event had the most participants for any DE in the last four years.

CCCR is reputed to put on a well organized and safe Drivers Education event attracting drivers from as far south as Orange County and as far north as Sacramento. Occasionally, drivers will show up from outside of California. This year we had drivers from Oregon, Arizona and Utah. This draw can be attributed to the successful leadership of Bob Bruington, our DE Director, and his usual crew of faithful volunteers. Unfortunately, Bob had major surgery on his back on April 28th and was unable to attend the event on May 1st. Hence, the event was conducted by a crew consisting of Alfred Abken, Dale Anderson, Jeff Bartel, Johnny Bercerra, Sonny Brown, Scot Burns, Bill Chadwick, Fred Herr, Chuck Jennings, Jon Milledge, Thom Meyer, Bruce Morgenthaler, Joe Shubitowski, and Mark Torcaso. Thanks to all of the volunteers for their time, expertise and efforts. The more people volunteering to help, makes the day go much easier for all.

Please contact Bob Bruington at Aircooled911sc@gmail.com with questions about helping out the track programs. You will have fun and a fantastic sense of accomplishment!

As the event progressed, the burden of leadership fell on Fred Herr who kept us organized and safe despite four delays, one lasting a hundred and twenty minutes, due to oil spills from some leaky engines and a tow. Yes, Porsche were the culprits

Almost all the marques were Porsches, including Boxsters and Caymans to GT3s, GT2s, and GT4s. Exceptions included a Corvette, an Audi, a Kia Stinger and a Mustang. A couple of rare Porsche GT4 RS Club Sports got everyone’s attention.

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Laguna Seca DE June 29th 2026

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/cccr-laguna-seca-de-june-29th-2026-weather-tech-raceway-pca-california-493269>

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Laguna Seca Parade Lap & Track Experience

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/cccr-laguna-seca-parade-lap-track-experience-weather-tech-raceway-pca-889589>

To give the maximum track time to the participants, we have a very tight schedule during the day. Delays change that schedule intensely, especially the very long delays. Delays mean missed time on the track, and no one is happy with less track time. Several groups were shortened by minutes, while others, the whole twenty-five-minute session had to be skipped. Eventually every group had at least three sessions, some even had the full four. This is tremendous work Fred completed, moving around the schedule is extremely difficult. There is the make up time to some groups, removal from others. Instructors and students have to be in consideration. When the new schedule is completed, it is relayed to the corner workers and implemented, and eighty-two drivers have to be informed of the changes. Fred had to change the schedule four times throughout the day. Hurray for Fred! He saved the day for CCCR! CCCR has never had such bad luck in one day. It was *the perfect storm*.

At the drivers' meeting at 8:30 AM, it was 66 degrees with no wind. By 2:00 PM, the Central Valley blessed us with 92 degrees and no cloud cover. Nonetheless, no one was deterred by the heat. In fact, drivers appreciate the heat transferred from the asphalt to the tires for better traction, faster laps and fewer drifts off the course. But there were a few oil spills.

On to the next DE at Laguna Seca on June 29th. Registration is open for the full DE at <https://msreg.com/CCCRBWDE>.

The Parade and Track Experience programs are open at <https://msreg.com/CCCRSLParade>.

Detailed information for the events is included at the registration site. Laguna Seca is a special place, please join us for a fantastic day at the track!



Drivers Education at Buttonwillow



Bruce Morgenthaler

Jon Milledge

6:30 Morning Sun



8:30 Drivers' Meeting



Alfred Abken
"Black Flag Man"



Mark Torcaso

Johnny Bercerra



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Porsche Jet Boat?

by Milos Komnenovic of Guessing Headlights



This is the original Craig Craft 168, a rare and unusual vintage jet boat that earned the nickname *"Porsche Jet Boat"* thanks to its striking resemblance to the Porsche 993, the final air-cooled generation of the legendary 911.

When this boat was built in 1995, the 993 represented the newest and most technologically advanced evolution of the 911 lineup, and its styling clearly served as the design inspiration here. Under the fiberglass shell, however, the Craig Craft 168 is very much its own machine. Power comes from a 4.3-liter V6 sourced from General Motors, sending output through a Berkeley jet drive equipped with a hydraulically operated reverse bucket.

Measuring roughly 16 feet (about 4.88 meters) in length, this compact vintage speedboat also comes with its own single-axle trailer, emphasizing its role as a practical weekend toy rather than a large offshore cruiser.

Very little concrete information exists about the Craig Craft 168 Boss. Enthusiasts know of at least two examples that were built, both featuring styling heavily inspired by the Porsche 993, but it remains unclear whether this design came directly from the factory or if the boats were later modified to achieve the look. What is clear is that the fiberglass bodywork is only a visual homage. There is no indication the project was officially licensed or endorsed by Porsche, and the connection to the brand is purely aesthetic. That has not stopped the boat from attracting attention, particularly among automotive collectors who appreciate unusual crossovers between car culture and marine design.





Much like the car that inspired it, the Craig Craft 168 places its engine at the rear. Instead of a flat six, however, it uses a conventional 4.3-liter GM V6 producing around 200 horsepower. The engine is paired with a Berkeley Jet Drive 12JE system and a Dominator hydraulic reverse bucket, a setup commonly used in performance-oriented jet boats of the era.

Jet drive boats differ from traditional propeller setups by using water thrust rather than an exposed prop. The design improves shallow water usability and reduces the risk of propeller damage, while also delivering quick acceleration that suits watersports like skiing or wakeboarding. While not built for top speed records, the configuration makes the Craig Craft a playful and agile platform for lake use.

Because of its unmistakable 993-inspired shape, this unusual jet boat is likely to appeal especially to Porsche owners, particularly enthusiasts who already own a 993 and want something visually matched for summer recreation. It sits at the intersection of automotive nostalgia and marine novelty, which helps explain why it continues to attract interest despite its obscure origins.

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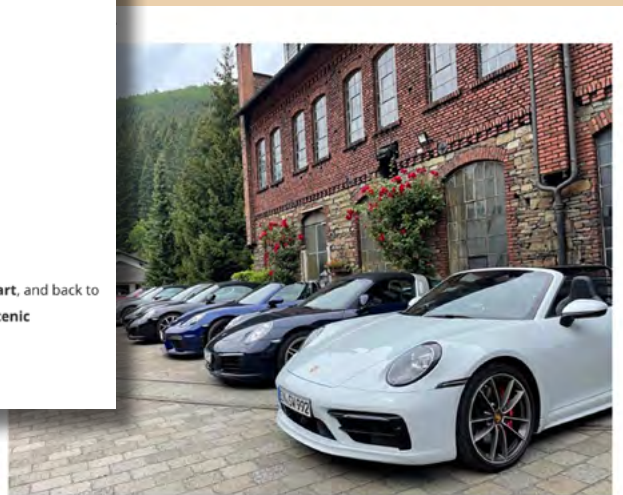
A Milwaukee PCA member and his wife are opening up their annual Germany driving tour to a small group of fellow PCA members this September. Eight days, 900 miles, combining history with driving pleasure and meeting new friends sharing the same passion.



The route runs from Frankfurt through the Black Forest, along Lake Constance, past Neuschwanstein, through Stuttgart, and back to Frankfurt. Local backroads and mountain passes on the driving days, with Autobahn legs specifically selected for scenic landscapes and the famous no-speed-limit sections. 80 mph or 180 mph, your call.

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September 5-12, 2026



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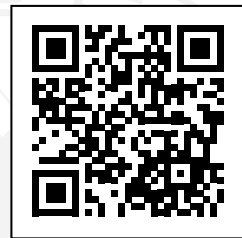
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PEDROSGARAGE: WEIRD NOISES

by Pedro Bonilla



CLUNK is very different from a *tick*, which has nothing to do with a *hiss*, a *click*, a *squeal*, a *knock*, a *pop*, a *rattle*, a *whistle* or a *bang*. In this article we will try to explain the difference between them and how to figure out what they mean.

It's the most common sound and usually comes from the front end. If it happens while driving on bad roads, it's usually a ball joint that's worn. Ball joints are protected with a flexible dust boot.

Usually, the drop links are the first to go, but control arms, trailing arms, steering arms, etc. all have ball joints that wear out with mileage and time.



SQUEAK

I mention squeaking here because it is usually a precursor to clunking. If your car starts squeaking when the suspension is depressed, it may be one or more of the ball joints that has dried out and is letting you know.

When you determine which one it is, check the condition of its dust boot. If the boot is in good shape, try to inject some lubricant (high quality lithium grease) into the boot with a syringe or with an aerosol straw tube.

If it quiets down you know it's living on borrowed time and will need to be replaced soon, but at least it should be quiet for a while.



TICK, TICK, TICK:

So many things can tick!

Generally, ticking sounds are heard coming from the engine itself.

First, check if the ticking varies with engine speed or car speed. That will tell you if it's coming from the engine as you rev it, with the clutch depressed (or in neutral), or if it's coming from the drivetrain as you accelerate.

A shredding poly-ribbed belt can tick as it goes around.

The fuel injectors (all six of them) can tick quite loudly.

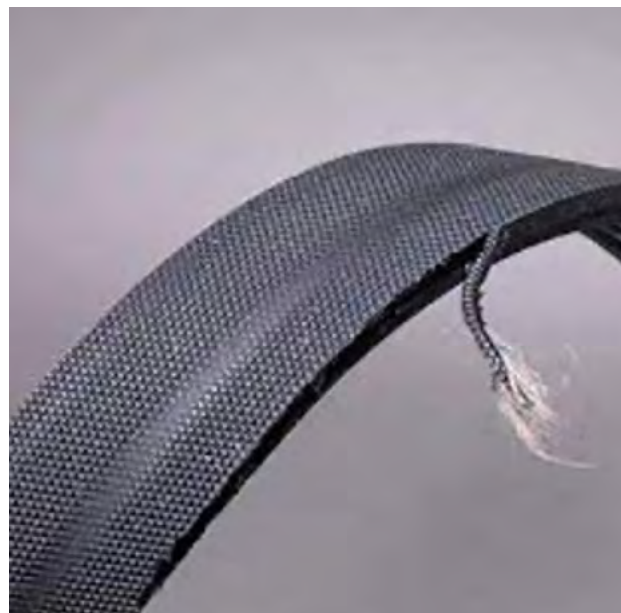
The lifters, especially if the oil level is low can tick, tick, tick.

Rotational in origin: Bad serpentine belt, debris in a brake rotor, a pebble or nail in a tire tread, a dried out CVJ.

Non Rotational: A loud fuel injector, or a sticky lifter.

Believe it or not, a very loud, metallic-sounding tick can also be caused by a loose sparkplug.

If you can get the car on a lift, with the engine running, try to determine the general area where the ticking is coming from. The best listening device for me is a long screwdriver. Place the butt end of handle against your ear and touch with the screwdriver's tip where you want to listen. You'll be surprised what a great stethoscope it is!



KNOCK! KNOCK!

If you can hear knocking sounds from your engine, get it checked out **ASAP**, something could be seriously wrong!

A knowledgeable tech can tell you if its serious or if can be easily fixed.

What's generally called engine knocking really sounds more like clattering and is usually due to using a lower octane grade than recommended. On high compression engines, you need to use high octane gasoline to avoid pre-ignition and knocking which can damage the engine. Fortunately, most modern Porsches have automatic knock sensors that will retard timing to avoid pre-ignition (but you will lose power).



Bang! Pop!

A loud BANG, like a gunshot, is usually a backfire. Backfiring happens when unburnt fuel comes out of the engine and gets ignited in the exhaust pipe.

This could be due to a vacuum or exhaust leak or a problem with one of the catalytic converters.



It can also happen on the intake side, at the throttle body and could indicate an issue with the fuel and or the injection system, caused by a blocked fuel filter, bad spark plugs, or damaged catalytic converter(s).



GRRRind!!

If the grinding happens when shifting, you probably have an issue with a synchro in the transmission, which makes your gears not mesh at a synchronized speed and therefore grind.



A dried-out CV Joint (drive axle) or a failing wheel bearing can also grind quite loudly. If you hear grinding while applying the brakes, your brake pads are probably worn or you may have caught some debris between a brake rotor (disc) and its pad.



HISSSSS!!

A vacuum leak while accelerating makes a loud hiss. A fluid leak dripping on a hot engine surface can also hiss. A hot engine venting steam as well as a punctured tire can hiss.

RATTLE:

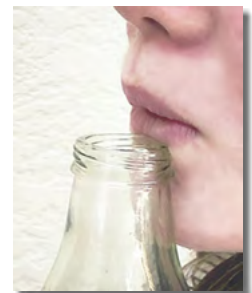
Rattling under the car means that something is loose and making noise as it vibrates. Generally, a heat shield in place over the catalytic converters is one of the most common culprits. They are mounted with hardware that deteriorates in time and allow them to vibrate and create rattling.



WHISTLE:

A very distinct and loud “coke bottle” whistle is most likely the air-oil separator (AOS).

If the inside membrane tears, it can create this unique sound.



Other possible whistlers are:

- The hood and bumper out of alignment
- One or both of the side mirrors
- Side window/door seal

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ROARRR!!

Most of our cars produce a beautiful roar as we accelerate, some call it the symphony in flat-6, but if your exhaust note changes all of the sudden to a loud roar, something happened to the exhaust system.

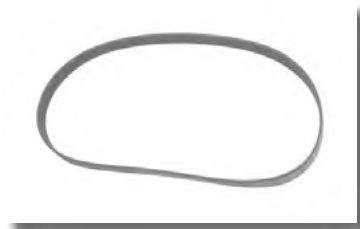


The exhaust manifold may have cracked or one of the gaskets is allowing exhaust to freely escape.

The muffler may be damaged or an exhaust pipe clamp could have rusted out and become loose.

SQUEAL!

A loud squeal when you rev the engine, especially when cold, is one of the earliest to diagnose. The belt is most likely loose and slipping on the pulley. It could be worn and in need of replacement, or the tensioner pulley may have lost its tension.



If the squeal is coming from the wheels without using the brakes, you probably have some debris between a brake rotor and its backing plate. If it happens when applying the brakes, then your brake pads may be worn out



... and, if it's coming from your tires, you may need to back off the gas pedal!

Happy Porsche'ing,

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